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Valentines Day

Board members treated the Mary Galloway ladies to a Valentines party with refreshments and roses. Resident Liaison Beth Carson entertained at the piano and led a sing along.

Spotlight On Our Residents

Charlene Youree

by Beverly Williams



Charlene, great-grandson Patrick, grandson Brian, son Ernie, great-granddaughter Alana.

Born in Wingo, Kentucky, Charlene Gravette Youree was the oldest child in her family, with two younger brothers. When she was very young, her family moved to Detroit so her father could get a better job, but they eventually came back to Kentucky. They lived far out in the country where the children attended a one room school. Although Charlene was in the fourth grade, the little school had no fourth grade, so she had to be put back to the third grade.

She finished high school in Kentucky and went to work for Montgomery Ward, for the huge salary of twenty-five cents an hour. Always smart and ambitious, Charlene was quickly promoted to the time payment department, with a raise to thirty-five cents an hour. When World War II broke out, she moved to Detroit and worked in an assembly plant, starting at \$1.05 an hour. With the men off to war, many young women worked in factories during that time. Although she was young and single, she says “there were no men to date.” Charlene and the other girls at the plant stuck together, often going to movies late at night.



Downtown Memphis in 1947

After the war, Charlene went to beauty school. She met her husband, William, on a blind date, arranged by the owner of the beauty shop where she worked. There were six of them, all on blind dates and they went to dinner at Boyette’s Restaurant on Reelfoot Lake. Charlene admits she “wasn’t too impressed” with William at first. He then dated a girl she worked with, but eventually “decided he was with the wrong girl,” and he and Charlene began dating and married after about a year. They came to Memphis on their honeymoon, traveling in a 1936 Ford. After their marriage, they lived in William’s home town of Hickman, Kentucky, where they owned a grocery store. Their only child, Ernie, was born in 1951.

After the grocery store closed, they moved to Memphis, and lived on Freeman Street in northeast Memphis. William worked as a contract painter. When he retired in 1981, they went on family vacations and reunions with his World War II buddies every two years. Their son, Ernie, and his wife, Diane, have one son and two grandsons. After William died, Charlene lived alone until health problems made a move to assisted living necessary.



Charlene & William celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary

She is happy that she has found a second home at Mary Galloway. She likes to read and is still active in her church, Highland Heights Methodist, where she was voted Woman of the Year by her church circle. This lively and attractive lady is definitely an asset to The Mary Galloway Home.



Charlene & William's wedding photo



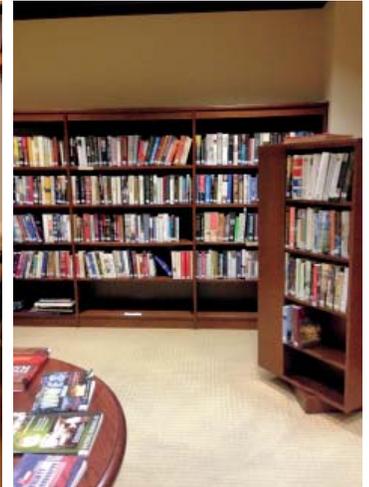
William kisses Ernie on his way to work

Trezevant Library

Among the many amenities that Trezevant provides for its residents, the James M. Robinson Memorial Library is a favorite. Operating on an honor system, residents can check out books 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The extensive collection includes large print, hard back and paper editions, videos and books on tape. An Apple computer and printer are available, as well as Wi-Fi. The pleasant reading room contains daily newspapers, both local and national.



Mary Nell Hardy can frequently be found in the library catching up on the latest news



New Members of the Board of Directors



Jane Wills

Jane Wills grew up in Jackson, Tennessee, and moved to Memphis in the seventies. She has been involved in real estate and is a member of the DAR, the Suburban Garden Club and Les Passes. She has a daughter in Charleston, South Carolina, and a son in Germantown.



Cheryl Stegbauer

Cheryl Stegbauer is Professor Emeritus of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, College of Nursing. She holds a doctorate in nursing practice and has a long and distinguished career of developing programs in advanced nursing and mentoring students. She has been awarded many honors in her profession.



Susan Hurley

Susan is a native Memphian. She grew up in Midtown and attended Little Flower school, which was right across the street from her family's house, and graduated from Immaculate Conception. She worked for the Baptist Brotherhood Commission for sixteen years and later owned a furniture store with her husband. She has five children and seven grandchildren.

Ensemble des Amis

The Ensemble des Amis is a string quartet. The violinist is Sissy Jones, a Mississippian, Rhodes College alumna and now resident at Trezevant and aunt of Mary Galloway resident liaison Beth Carson. The harpist, Dot Stout, is the Ensemble member with the longest degree of training and experience. She began piano at age 6 and then in 1986 discovered the harp. She has played professionally but is having too much fun being retired and now enjoys just playing with the Ensemble. Cellist Barbara Williams, also a Trezevant resident, began piano lessons at age four but “retired” from the piano at age 14. Her mother then decided to enroll her in a summer music program for anything but the piano. The orchestra director decided that the cello was the appropriate instrument. Barbara played in school orchestras in junior high, senior high and college. Fifty-three years later she was convinced to return “home” to the cello. Ron Canipe, the Ensemble’s arranger, conductor and pianist and transporter of all heavy instruments and equipment, has more certifications and degrees behind his name than the few letters in his name. The Mary Galloway ladies were treated to a program by this group of extremely accomplished musicians.



Embury United Methodist Women

Eight ladies from Shelby Forest’s Embury United Methodist Women’s group paid a visit to Mary Galloway. They had morning coffee and refreshments. Liaison Beth Carson led a sing along. Afterwards, the Mary Galloway ladies exchanged stories of their pasts. The church ladies were very interested in knowing what Helen Carey’s secret was to living 102 years. She told them it was staying up on current affairs and actively discussing them to learn others opinion and to challenge her mind. When someone joked that it might be the Friday evening wine parties, Helen replied that they are on Wednesdays, too. The Mary Galloway ladies are looking forward to a return visit from their new friends.



Embury UMW members (left to right) - Marcia Harmon, Patty Carver, Martha Jo Young, Patsy Caldwell, Sharon Cox, Irene Carver, Arlene Handerson & Cindy Pritchard visit with The Mary Galloway ladies - pictured (left to right) Rosemary Slattery, Karen Canale, Argeline Brower, JoAnne Keith.

Happy Birthday!

May

Betty Berger (31)

June

July

Polly Rowe (10)
Mary Nell Hardy (24)

August

Frances Perry (15)
Madge Hudson (21)

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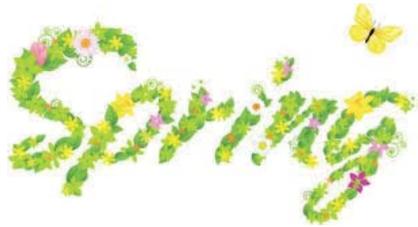


Betty Johnson

Betty Johnson is our newest Mary Galloway lady. She was born in Sumner, Mississippi but has lived in Tennessee for many years. She majored in English at Blue Mountain College and taught school in Millington and at Rosemark Academy. A member of Bellevue Baptist Church, she enjoys crafts, games and Bible study.

Mission Statement

Our continuing goal is to provide “protection, comfort and support in a harmonious and dignified setting for retirement-aged women with financial needs” - the purpose stated over one hundred years ago.



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