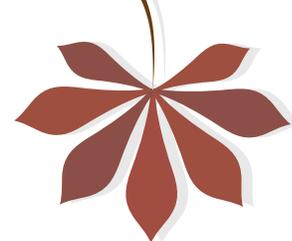




The Village Voice



NEWS OF WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN VILLAGE



OCTOBER 2017



Resident Celebrates 93rd Birthday by Jumping out of an Airplane

By Emily Bird, Marketing Director

The majority of people celebrate their birthday in a low-key fashion . . . they have dinner with family and friends or they may go a little further and have a party to kick-off the upcoming year. But there is a special group of people that like to do things on a larger scale. Many might refer to these people as dare-devils. They find adventure in things most people find terrifying. Resident, June Lowry, is one of those brave, adventure seeking souls! For her 93rd birthday, June jumped out of an airplane.

June half-jokingly told her daughter that she wanted to go skydiving when asked what she wanted to do for her birthday.

“My daughter, Debbie is always pushing me to do things out of my comfort zone,” June said. “I have an idea and she makes it happen!”



June’s family also took part in the skydiving fun! Pictured from left to right; June’s son-in-law Mark, daughter, Debbie, June Lowry, and her son, John.

On the morning of June 24th, June’s wish came true as she was flown 10,000 feet into the air and jumped out of a small plane alongside a professional skydiver.



June takes a moment to prepare before boarding the plane for her big jump.



June making her way back to ground after jumping out of an airplane with a professional skydiver.

Her jump was impressive to not only our Village Family but also the folks at The Columbus Dispatch. They published an article about her jump on July 11th.

The online version of the article included an amazing documentary style video of her day where she described how she’s always wanted to skydive. She even displayed her great sense of humor when she told her tandem skydiver she wasn’t nervous because he appeared to be in good shape.

“That was amazing,” June said when she finally made it back to solid ground. When asked what the best part was, she replied, “The whole thing was the best part!”

When Village staff asked if she would do it again, she didn’t miss a beat with her response, “Of course, I would . . . as long as someone else paid for it. It’s expensive you know.”

We are proud of you, June! Thank you for inspiring us to stay young at heart.



WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS AN EVENING TO THANK OUR STARS

In our society the whole concept of stars and celebrity can get pretty twisted. Here at the Village, we know who the true “stars” are...those who freely give of their time and talents to brighten the lives of the senior adults who choose to call WCV home. Those are the people who are worthy of the term “celebrity!”

Erin Thomas, Volunteer Coordinator, planned the evening to mirror the finest Hollywood award show. When the volunteers arrived for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner they were greeted by fans and paparazzi. They had a chance to be photographed on the “red carpet” and then were invited to partake of some tasty hors d’oeuvres. Once everyone had found their seat, and a word of welcome and a prayer of thanksgiving had been offered up, more than 150 people enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by our Dining Services staff. Department Heads, along with other staff members, were happy to serve the volunteers as a small thank you for all they do.



Volunteers were greeted by fans and paparazzi as they arrived to the dinner. Pictured here: Mary Cowgill, Activity Director for our Health Care Center, Lauren Feyh, Norma Marshall, and Martha Bennett.

Currently we have more than 230 active volunteers and they gave 8,438 hours of their time this past year to our residents. (Those are just the hours that people recorded. There are always more hours and Erin used this opportunity to remind everyone to record their hours!) According to the Bureau of Labor statistics, the recorded hours translate to a value of \$203,693. We know it is difficult to put a dollar value on volunteer time. It isn't about money. To some volunteers it might even seem inappropriate and distasteful to calculate their giving in this way. Is a money value really a fair way to measure the worth of sharing an act of kindness with a resident, or of giving a donation to the Village Benevolent fund so that someone who has depleted his/her life's savings



Many of our Volunteers took a moment to get their picture taken on our red carpet. Pictured left to right: Judy and Lou Ball and Bob and Linda Howe.

can remain here at the Village? To us, the selfless, heartfelt giving of time and talent from each of our volunteers is PRICELESS!

After dinner we took time to recognize our long term volunteers. Erin had a list prepared which showed each volunteer who had reached a special anniversary. She really wanted to read each name and recognize each person, but she knew if we did we would be here all night. We also honored the Trustees and presented The Robert and Mary Cox Award (see the accompanying article).

One of the highlights of every Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is the naming of the Volunteer of the Year. Mary Budd was chosen this year recognizing her many years of service (see the accompanying article).

The program concluded with a prayer and everyone was sent home with an “Oscar Gift Bag” filled with movie-themed goodies. It was wonderful and special evening!

We are so thankful for our volunteer “stars” who give so much of themselves each and every day. God's best blessing to all of you!



Volunteers, Mike and Vicki Foster take a moment to pose for their close-up!

Volunteer of the Year goes to...

Erin Thomas carried through the theme of the evening as she announced this year's Volunteer of the Year. Here was her masterful introduction...

"It is such an honor giving this award and I wish that I could give out multiple awards as there are so many deserving people. We always try to keep this top secret so that the person receiving the honor will truly be surprised.

Our awardee has worked tirelessly in the background for many years. She has been very active since the early days of Worthington Christian Village. She is a member of Beechwold Christian Church and has been volunteering at the Village for 26 years. She and her husband would come in with members of Beechwold Christian Church and help with the Assisted Living monthly birthday parties. Her husband, Harley, helped with the sunshine cart. She would work in the small kitchen in the back of the old Multi-Purpose room helping with different Auxiliary events before there was the nice big kitchen and this MPR that we are enjoying this evening. She is the only person that has ever audited the volunteer hours which she has been doing since 1991. She has a true talent for reading people's handwriting! She always said that she was going to retire when Marilyn Redden did, but thankfully she reneged on



Mary Budd embracing and congratulating Marilyn Redden at the 2016 Volunteer Dinner.



Worthington Christian Village's Volunteer of the Year, Mary Budd receiving her well deserved award!

that. She has had some health issues the last couple of months and I have been auditing the volunteer hours until she feels up for it again and it gives me a whole new appreciation for what she does. It takes hours to track and log the volunteer hours each month and she is always so precise. It must be due to her accounting background. And now for the winner...Randy may I have the envelope? I am happy to announce that our winner for Volunteer of the Year is... Mary Budd."

It was so good to have this time to recognize Mary in this special way and many people gathered to congratulate Mary as the evening festivities wrapped up. Mary's happy face and her faithful giving spirit encouraged all of us!

It was just a few days later that we were told that Mary had gone home to be with the Lord. While selfishly we wished for more time with Mary, we are thankful that in Christ, one day we all will share eternity together.

Mary loved the Village and that love was faithfully demonstrated through the giving of her time, talents, treasure, and most importantly, her heart. The Village is a better place because of Mary...and we are all eternally grateful.

The Robert & Mary Cox Annual Award

Since we have started handling most of the Annual Meeting business through the mail, we have moved the presentation of The Robert and Mary Cox Annual Award to our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. This award was started in 1989 when a plaque was given to Robert and Mary Cox to commemorate their service and to establish this annual honor.

This year The Robert and Mary Cox Annual Award recipient was Judy Tolley. Judy was the second employee hired before the Village was constructed and the office was located at Worthington Christian Church. Judy continues to support the Village and uses her many talents to bless our residents.

Bob Richardson, the Former Executive Director and first employee of the Village wrote the following:

I am sitting in my office thinking about Judy Tolley and the contribution she made to the Village. Judy worked for Worthington Christian Church when my office was in a classroom. Judy started working part-time for the church and part-time for me. She then became full-time at the Village.

Judy was quietly efficient. She was a person of integrity...which means honesty and sincerity. You could always count on Judy to start a project and to finish it. In those early days all kinds of decisions were being made in the office like speaking three times



Voluneteer, Judy Tolley showing off her Robert and Mary Cox Award

a week, raising funds, meeting with architects, flying to Washington DC, and to a thousand other things.

Judy was right in the middle of it all! She put out the newsletter and kept me going. Judy's name will always be there on the finished product... Worthington Christian Village.

Hi Judy...congratulations! You more than deserve this award.

A huge thank you goes out to Judy for her service to Worthington Christian Village.

We freshened up our decor, now it's time to update our logo!

If you've been to the Village recently you've likely noticed we've made a lot of changes to our decor! We've received a lot of positive feedback and in light of that change we thought it would be a great opportunity to change our logo. While the original logo served us well, we wanted something that conveyed a more "homelike", "warm", and "friendly image." We also wanted the logo to reflect our great location.

We recently shared our new logo on our Facebook page and we received a lot of positive comments. We also asked several of our residents for their opinion and everyone who was asked preferred the new image over the old one. We are excited to share it with you and hope that you enjoy our new look!



Memorials and Honor Gifts

Gifts to September 30, 2017

If you would like to give a memorial or honor gift for a loved one, and/or special occasion, please send your gift to Worthington Christian Village,
165 Highbluffs Blvd., Columbus, OH 43235.

Thank you for your contribution!

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Our goal is to provide an attractive and comfortable living environment; to promote spiritual growth, physical well being, heartfelt satisfaction, social awareness and a feeling of security.

Our aim is to produce an atmosphere of caring and sharing in all activities conducive to self-worth supporting the highest quality of life.



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