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I am excited to announce that there is a new Woodlands initiative intended to honor one of our dear residents and to help ensure that the quality of musical and other entertainment that she has so graciously influenced here, continues well into the future.

As a Woodlands resident, Janice Gold has selflessly given so much of her time and talent back to the community by coordinating and conducting musical performances.

Woodlands Retirement Community would like to honor Janice, and show appreciation for her efforts. The Janice Chandler Gold Activities and Entertainment Fund with an initial goal of \$50,000 has been established to assist with the hiring of musical groups and other entertainment, the upkeep of pianos, audio equipment, and any other entertainment piece that needs assistance. The fund will also help to purchase a piano to be placed at Woodlands in the Hampton Room for all to enjoy.

With your support, Woodlands will be able to purchase the piano and continue the outstanding music and other entertainment at Woodlands. I sincerely appreciate you considering making a donation to Woodlands in honor of Ms. Gold. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or our CFO, Eileen Wheeldon.

Thank you and I wish you a blessed holiday season!

-Jeff Harkins, CEO



# CROQUET SEASON ENDS EXCITING SEASON

The Woodlands Croquet League ended its season that began in June with a final celebration on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The croquet teams experienced frequent interruptions in its regularly scheduled games due to frequent storms that left the court unplayable. However after a hotly contested double's tournament, the final game was finally played on October 24<sup>th</sup> with Janice Gold

and Mel Cummings defeating Jane Fotos and Carolyn Hunter.

The regular nine match season trophy was won by John Lusk's team. John's team consisted of John, Willard Hunter, Mel Cummings, Peggy Pollard, Maudie Karickhoff, Bob Griffis and Elaine Harvey. Wanda Edwards and Phil Corkrean were co-captains of the runner-up team. Joyce Ey and John Fisher served as captains of the other two competing teams.

At the end of the season, several players were presented trophies for their special contribution to the game. Carolyn Hunter was recognized for her hard work and diligent practice and won the trophy as the most improved player. Maudie Karickhoff and Peggy Pollard were cited for their overall contribution to the game through their diligent practice, match attendance and overall support of all team play. Bob Griffis was recognized during the season for his seventeen years of serving as "The Commissioner."

After more than two decades of play on the croquet court that had left it with pitted, uneven, damaged and grassless areas, Jeff Harkins, CEO invited the Greens-keeper from a local country club to analyze and make recommendations to improve the playing surface through fertilizing, rolling and frequent mowing. Players were urged to avoid playing on the court when the ground was wet and soft. The Croquet League players were finally rewarded with a greatly improved surface that provided them with a well groomed and predictable surface for team match play.

Croquet is a popular activity at Woodlands, both to play and to watch. Several new first time players joined the League this year proving that players of all skill level are welcomed to participate. League members are excited about playing again next year and are hopeful that many residents will decide to join in the fun and fellowship and participate in this popular Woodlands' activity!

- Jane Fotos, Croquet League Commissioner

## December Movies in the Hampton Room



12/7: "My Cousin Vinny" 12/14: "U-571"

12/28: "Wrangler"

All movies start at 6:15pm in the Hampton Room.



## November Jackpot Bingo Winners

11/7: Anna Holstein

11/14: Susan D'Aoust & Barbara Graham

11/17: Lorraine Childers

**11/24**: Libby Buffington



Jim Cox, 11/6
Jim McAllister, 11/10



Date	Winners	
10/31	Joan Lerner	
	Ken Guyer	
11/1	Ken Guyer	
	Mary Alice Conaty	
	Libby Buffington	
11/3	Nellie Kirby	
	David Karickhoff	
11/5	Elaine Harvey	
11/7	Mary Childers	
	Irene Long	
11/10	Carolyn Templeton	
	John Palmer	
11/14	Mary Leaberry	
	Ken Guyer	
11/15	David Karickhoff	
11/17	Libby Buffington	
	David Karickhoff	
11/21	Swanson Roberts	
	Irene Long	
11/24	Ken Guyer	
11/25	John Palmer	
11/28	Mary Childers	
	Ken Guyer	



Irene Bazel	2
Betty Hale	4
Ginny Thompson	4
Richard Dunlap	6
Carolyn Emerson	8
Minnie Valentine	9
Grover Hamrick	11
Richard Mobayed	13
Ronald Tickle	14
Nancy Echols	16
Bill Harvey	17
Louie Martin	17
Clara Williams	18
Ann Cruise	19
Robert Gremp	19
Wanda Cummings	21
Bill Stark	21
Helen Harris	22
Barbara Guyer	27
Keith Harrison	29
Betty Fleckenstein	30

Life is great at any age. Enjoy yours. Happy Birthday

## Independent Living Activities



FUMC for Christmas Carrols w/ The Choral Union 12/2 Riverlawn Presbyterian Church Choir 12/2

Out to dinner at Rocco's 12/5

MU Theater Trip 12/7

MU Basketball Game 12/2, 12/10

CK Alumni Band 12/11

Cabell Midland Show Choir 12/10

The Glorifiers – River Cities Community Church 12/8

MU Lifelong Learning Lecture 12/11





Marshall Music 12/12

Dinner at Cracker Barrel 12/13

Employee Gratuity Fund Party 12/14

Met Opera 12/15

Huntington Symphony Orchestra Concert 12/15

Thundertones 12/17

Heart Health Presentation 12/18

Cheddar's & Ashland Christmas Lights 12/19

Bev. Hills UMC for Renaissance 12/20

Birthday dinner entertainment Pianist/Singer, David Brown 12/21

Christmas 12/25

Stolen Moments Jazz Band 12/31

New years Eve 12/31







## **HC** Activity Highlights

Christmas Tree Decorating 12/3

Santa Craft 12/4

Heritage Girls Caroling 12/6

The Glorifiers – River Cities Community Church 12/8

WV Treble Makers Children's Chorus 12/8

Winter Wreaths 12/11 & 12/12

Christmas Carol Singalong & Hot Cocoa 12/13



Cub Scouts Caroling 12/17

Thundertones 12/17

AMERICAN

Santa Treats 12/18

Santa's Visit 12/21

Birthday Dinner with Herb Bell 12/21

Christmas 12/25



New Year's Resolutions & Refreshments 12/27

Stolen Moments Jazz Band 12/31





All matinees will begin at 2pm in the HC Activity Room.

Join us- refreshments will be provided!

12/7: "Daddy's Home 2"

12/28: "Inspector Gadget 2"









On November 9th, the Ebenezer Dental Clinic in Huntington was renamed to the Dr. Leo Fleckenstein Dental Clinic. Leo & Betty both attended an open house and dedication ceremony to celebrate the renaming in honor of Leo. The Fleckenstein's celebrated with family & friends, who also got to tour the clinic.

Congratulations, Leo!



The Woodlands' Knitting Circle worked with Marshall
University's Seniors Warming the Future to create handmade
baby blankets to be given to Lily's Place in Huntington. What a
thoughtful idea! Thanks, ladies, for your hard work.









## -New Move-Ins-

## David & Joyce Robinson, #100

## Please give them a warm welcome to Woodlands!

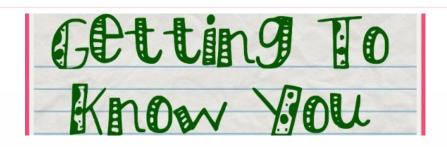






Residents enjoyed a hand drumming class with Founder/Director of "Drum n Fun", Sheila McEntee. What a fun, stress-free afternoon we had!





## **Wylma Skean**

It is a pleasure to welcome another Marshall educated teacher to our midst. Wylma Skean is not only a graduate of Marshall Laboratory School, but also has earned BS and a Masters in Education from Marshall University. The Bachelor degree enabled her to find employment with Pendleton County High School to teach business education, a position she held for seven years.

Wylma was drawn back to Huntington and Marshall University to seek a Masters Degree in Education. Following graduation she was employed by Marshall University



Community and Technical College which became the present Mountwest Community and Technical College. During twenty three years employment at the Community College she taught word processing, desktop publishing, and records management. She retired when her mother's declining health necessitated constant care. Wylma's mother passed on. Wylma chose to continue to live in their house. She spent time with friends, pursued interests and engaged in various community activities. She is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, the church she has attended since baptism. She is a D.A.R. member of Westmoreland Chapter.

Desiring a simple, pleasant, practical retirement, Wylma had no difficulty in choosing a Woodlands life. Before her furniture was entirely moved into her new home, she was "out and about" the community enjoying Woodlands dining and activities. She has found her neighbors and the staff to be especially pleasant and welcoming. Current residents are very pleased with her decision to join us.

-Lois Wallace, December 2018

## **Ernest & Virginia Thompson**

It may sound like the plot from an old Hollywood movie, but it really happened! A young woman graduated from Louisa High School and found employment with C&P Telephone Company which required a bus trip to the place of work. Virginia, the young woman, a Logan resident, and one of a family of ten children, often waited inside Lawrence Drug Store for the bus to arrive. A kindly employee befriended her, recognized her as an unusually fine young lady, and introduced Virginia to her only child, Ernest, a Marshall student. It worked! Ginny and Ernie were married three months later and will celebrate their 65th anniversary in June 2019.

Ernest, a Wayne County resident, graduated Marshall University, BBA and immediately found a teaching position in Gilbert, WV. Another job opportunity for Ernie arose shortly thereafter and found the couple moving to Fort Gay. He was employed by Common-



wealth Insurance Company for seven years, was promoted and transferred to Ashland then on to Huntington. He next was employed by 3M Co. until he resigned to own and manage a hardware store in Louisa KY, Ernie's True Value Hardware Store.

Ginny spent most of her early married life as a housewife and mother. The couple have two daughters and a son. Daughter Mary is wed to Danny Glass, lives in Cartersville, GA and has two children, a daughter and a son. Mary has an Herb Store there. Son Shannon lives in Lucasville, Ohio and is employed with a uranium enrichment plant. His PhD is in nuclear environmental engineering. Shannon and his wife Beth have three sons. Daughter Becky is a Registered Nurse with St. Mary's Hospital. She and husband Fred Davis live in West Pea Ridge and have three children, two girls and a boy.

Ginny worked for a time with Marshall University Alumni Association, but spent much more time as a sales person at their hardware store. Later Ernie began to have health issues and could no longer manage the store. They closed, sold the store and retired in 2001.

The couple were active in The First Methodist Church of Louisa KY. Ginny served as President of the United Methodist Women for 17 years. They now attend The Community of Grace United Methodist Church with daughter Becky.

Ginny enjoys constructing quilt tops, embroidery and reading. Ernie loves the outdoors. He was a hunter and enjoyed his houseboat but they decided the time was right to downsize and enjoy a pleasant, simpler way of life. Their daughter helped them in their search for the best place to live. Woodlands was the obvious choice. They are settling in, making new friends and enjoying the many Woodlands activities. We are very happy to welcome Ginny and Ernest Thompson to our community.

Hello everyone: It is certainly that time of year. Time to decorate. Time to bake special treats. Time to spend quality time with family & friends. And, time for scammers to go into overdrive. The holidays are a time of heightened scamming attempts. Some of the scams going around our area are:



- <u>Microsoft calling</u>. This scam involves a representative from Microsoft (or possibly another tech company) to tell you that you have a virus on your computer and that they'll need access in order to fix it. DO NOT give them access to your computer. They will install tracking software and steal personal information. Microsoft will never call you at home. If in doubt, you should call whoever provides support for your computer to come check it out.
- <u>The Grandma/Grandpa scam</u>. This scam involves a caller identifying themselves as your grandchild (or other relative). They may also pose as a law enforcement official telling you that your grandchild is in jail and you need to send money to get them out. DO NOT give any personal information to these people. If in doubt, call your relatives to check on their status.
- <u>The IRS scam</u>. In this scam the caller states they are form the IRS and have noticed irregularities with your taxes, and they are calling to help you with them. Have you ever known the IRS to he that helpful? Don't fall for it.
- <u>The Warrant scam</u>. This scam involves a person from law enforcement calling to let you know there is a warrant for your arrest. They further state that they will be coming to arrest you unless you pay the fine. They will then allow you to pay via money transfer or credit card. Law enforcement will never call you about a warrant. They'll just show up.

Unfortunately, there are many more. Some tips for dealing with phone scams:

- Hang up the phone immediately! If you aren't sure whether the claim is legitimate, hang up and call the company or agency directly.
- If you receive a phone call from an unknown number, don't call it back without researching the number. It could be a scam!
- Never give your personal information to someone you do not know.
  - File a complaint with the FTC. If you think you might have been a victim of a phone scam, file a complaint with the FTC 877-382-4357.
  - One other thing to note is that scammers use a technique called "Spoofing" that mimics an actual phone number (usually with a local area code). Many people choose to screen their calls by letting them go to voice mail & they call back (scammers don't usually leave voice messages). It's not a good idea to block local numbers of scammers because you may be blocking a legitimate phone number. I look the number up on <a href="www.whitepages.com">www.whitepages.com</a> to see if I know the number before blocking.

#### TECH CORNER CONTINUED

On a personal note I'd like to extend warmest wishes for a great Holiday Season & a prosperous New Year. I have been here 5 years now and love it. Thank you for opening your home to me and allowing me to be a part of the Woodlands family.

Stay safe & warm, and may you have the best Holiday season ever!

Rick

BTAS, MCSE, MCP, MOS, A+, Network +, CIW-MD/CI, IC3 2003 & GS3-AI, UCA

## -CHH Woodlands Primary Care Clinic-

CHH Woodlands Primary Care Clinic is open Monday through Friday, 8am-4:30pm, except for Tuesday when the clinic opens at 9am due to weekly office meeting. We will be happy for you to stop by or call (304)781-0241 for an appointment. Dr. Pinson has office hours on Wednesdays. Suzanne Celdron, Nurse Practitioner has office hours on Fridays. Kathy Morrison, LPN, is at the clinic daily, and she is in contact with Dr. Pinson and Suzanne about patient care issues. Dr. Pinson or Suzanne make visits to Health Care to take care of patient care issues on Tuesday,

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## A NOTE FROM THE FOOD COMMITTEE

Hello from the Food Committee! This month the compost cookie won as the favorite cookie with the chocolate chip as a close second. Thank you to all who voted. From the votes that were cast, it is obvious we all enjoy the cookies. I'd like to compliment the kitchen staff and servers for providing a wonderful Thanksgiving meal. The food was delicious and the service was excellent. It was a tremendous task to prepare such a meal for all the residents and a large number of guests. We are fortunate, indeed, to have such a dedicated and hardworking food staff. I would like to welcome four new members to the Food Committee beginning in 2019. They are Wanda Edwards, Joyce Ey, Mary Margaret King and Hazel Palmer who will chair the committee. It has been a pleasure for me to serve on the committee for the last several years. Thank you for allowing me the privilege.

Till we eat again!

Charla Hardy, outgoing chairperson



In the spirit of giving, Martha Bird Bidal arranged to have 12 dozen Paula Vega cupcakes delivered to Woodlands residents and staff.

Martha, who grew up in Huntington and now lives in New Mexico, is a friend of Mary Alice Conaty

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and Cynthia Beal. She enlisted them to be her "Christmas elves" and help

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distribute the cupcakes. Martha wanted to support a local business and do something for Woodlands.

THANK YOU. MARTHA!



The Employee Gratuity Fund Party Will be Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> In the Third Dining Room at 2:00 PM.

Please come and join us for the celebration!

The last day that the Business Office will be accepting contributions to this year's fund is December 5<sup>th</sup>. Any contributions received after that day will be added to next year's fund.

## Wellness Warriors

These folks stepped up to the plate and filled up an entire wellness punch card! Wellness cards are available from Shane or in the fitness room. Keep punching those cards!! If you did not notice your name on the list last month, I put your name in the drawing for this month two times. You all have done an amazing job!!!

Nancy Sturgeon	Barbara Walton	
Lee Kyger	Opal Jones	
Barbara Haptonstall	Charla Hardy	
John Anderson	Barbara Graham	
Frances Midkiff	Hazel Palmer	
Shawn Duesterhause	Betty Anne Hale	
Ann Galyean	Larry Bumgardner	
Marilyn Cohen	Don Cliff	

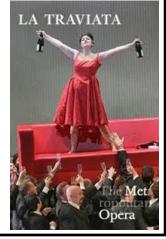
The winner of the raffle drawing is **Charla Hardy**You will be contacted to receive your prize!

**Charla Hardy** has 29 punches making her our punch card leader!



The opera that is simulcast from the Met on December 15, is the world famous "La Traviata". The title translates to "The Fallen Woman". The female star Violetta, is dying, but finds true love in the male star, Alfredo. The last scene is the final tragedy. The music, however, is breathtaking. Come, join us with a trip to the Mall Cinemark. A sign up sheet will be in the mail room.

We will leave at 12:15





-New Year's Resolution Walk
-Woodlands' Quilt Show
-DAR Event

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Please Join Us for a Dessert and Learn, Wednesday, December 5, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Representatives from Citizens Deposit Bank will be on hand to discuss banking accounts and services, demonstrate the convenience of Online Banking and answer your questions about financial matters.

## Please Join Us!





(304) 399 - 1330

Please note, the Citizens Deposit Bank event will be in the Hampton Room.