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## Inside View

### Changes Through the Years

Last month, the Tuesday after Memorial Day, I began employment here at the Towers. That was nineteen years ago. In that many years, I have seen countless changes.

When Westminster Towers first opened its doors, there was no beauty shop. It was not until the next year that the beauty shop was added. It was placed in Allison Matthews' office and the two rooms around there. There were three driers, and they used foldup chairs to sit under them.

The beauty shop did not move to its current location until after the Health Center was built. Have you ever wondered why there are only twenty-nine rooms in the Manor? It is because they used room 30 as the new beauty shop. The area that is now the Manor was originally the Health Center. After the Health Center was built and the residents and patients moved into the new building, work started on the beauty shop. While the remodeling took place, the shop was closed.

The shop had one minor update over the years: a new floor was added, and the walls got a new paint job. The paint color on the walls is the same paint that was left over from painting the pool years before. The floor and wall color was picked by one of the residents who happened to be in the shop at the time that they brought in samples. The lobby has been updated a couple of times. In the beginning, there were wine red color curtains. They were taken down and blue green curtains were put up. There was a square table under the chandelier and two couches facing each other with wingback chairs on the ends. One of the things I

loved the most was after dinner, there was a group of residents who would sit in the area. They solved the world's problems and discussed the issues of everyone else. You could hear them laughing from all over the building.

Do you know how the Heritage Hall got its name? Sometime around 2013 or 2014 Heritage Hall was finished. During that same time there was a program started for the staff called "Culture Ambassador." Margaret Harbin, Judy Krepps, and I, along with several others, were the first to be chosen. One of the duties we had was to come up with a name for the new building. We met, made a list and made our choice. A couple of the names were "Fountain Hall" and "Towers Hall." However, we decided on Heritage Hall because we were leaving a "heritage" for the future of Westminster Towers.

I cannot believe it has been nineteen years! I have to admit that over the years I have become a little set in my ways and do not always like change.

However, in looking back I see how all the changes have been for the good. I know that the changes taking place now are a little hard; however, I am excited to see what everything will look like. Who knows, in another nineteen years I may be writing another article about this remodeling!



**Rhonda Watkins**



## Meet your Neighbor



Paul and Billie Talmadge moved to the Towers from Mississippi, but really have deep connections with South Carolina. Billie was born in Anderson and Graduated from Lander College with a degree in Social Work. She worked on staff of Baptist Churches in Columbia and Fort Worth Texas. It was when she was Business Office Manager of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary in Ft. Worth that she met Paul over a cup of coffee. They have been drinking coffee together for over 60 years.



Paul and Billie Talmadge  
Apt 612

After serving in the Air Force for three years, Paul, a native of Birmingham Alabama, attended Samford University majoring in English. He then obtained a Masters and Doctor of Religious Education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Billie and Paul were married 5 months after that first cup of coffee. They have two daughters and five grandchildren.

Paul joined the staff of North Greenville College where he taught Bible and eventually became Academic Dean. After 7 years at North Greenville he joined the faculty of Anderson College as Academic Dean and Vice President. He also served as Interim President on two occasions. During his tenure Anderson was expanding into a four year university.

After nineteen years at Anderson College, Paul returned to North Greenville College to serve as President. Finally retiring from academia they decided to relocate to a condo in Ashville where Paul was on the staff at the Billy Graham Training Center. The mission of the center was the training of lay persons to support the world wide Graham Ministries. Billie worked at the center as a volunteer in hospitality.

Eight years later they were on the move again when they returned to Anderson to be closer to family. When their Presbyterian Minister son-in-law took a pastoral assignment in Jackson, Mississippi, they moved to a retirement facility there. When the Jackson ministry ended they decided it best to relocate near their other daughter who lives in our area. It was time to stay put for a while.

They have been living in unit #612 since May and have enjoyed life at the Towers. Paul likes table games, swimming, reading and lively conversation. Hopefully we can get a respectful and enlightened discussion group up and running in the near future! Take a moment to say "Hello" to this delightful couple. Tell them you are glad that they are here living amongst us.

# Puzzle Page

Answers now on the last page!


## ACROSS

1. Not different, but the
5. To clean thoroughly
6. Our country's symbolic bird
7. Comparative adjective meaning fact
8. Fun gathering, usually with a theme

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## DOWN

1. Winter clothing worn around the neck
2. When we don't agree, we \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Offspring of a donkey and a horse
4. First film critic to win Pulitzer Prize for Criticism



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## Sudoku: How to Play

Sudoku is a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle. The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a single solution.

Enjoy!

## Did You Know?

### This month in 1952:

**Jul 3** Puerto Rico's constitution approved by US Congress

**Jul 7** SS United States cross Atlantic in record 82:40

**Jul 15** 1st transatlantic helicopter flight begins

**Jul 19** XV Summer Olympic Games open in Helsinki, Finland

**Jul 24** US President Harry Truman settles 53-day steel strike

**Jul 24** "High Noon", American Western film directed by Fred Zinnemann, starring Gary Cooper and Thomas Mitchell, is released

**Jul 26** Mickey Mantle hits his 1st grand-slammer

**Jul 29** 1st nonstop transpacific flight by a jet



# *Westminster Towers: A Blast from the Past!*



December 15, 1987: Westminster Towers before the construction



February 1989: Courtyard view



March 1989: Pool under construction



May 1989: Towers Lobby—Who remembers the original red carpet?!



October 1988: Looking at the front and side of the Towers as it was built



The Towers is finished, but do you notice some other things missing?!



# *The Lilies of Landsford Canal*



Lilies in the Catawba River



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Landsford Canal

On June 5th, Westminster Towers residents took a trip to **Landsford Canal** to see the beautiful blooming lilies in the Catawba River! While there, they learned that Landsford canal's construction was completed in 1823, constructed to bypass rapids in the river while transporting goods. During its roughly 15 years of service, Landsford Canal was part of a chain of canals that ran along the Catawba River, moving goods—mostly cotton—from **upper** South Carolina to Charleston that would then be sold to Europe. In its two-mile section, the river falls 34 feet. The canal got its name from the gentleman who owned the original ford's tract of land—Thomas Land—hence "Land's ford." This is the only canal in South Carolina that still remains in its entirety without encroachment.

<sup>5</sup> **These pictures were submitted by Spencer and Lib Anderson.**





Episcopal Communion Services will be held Monday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor lounge. The celebrant will be the Rev. Janey Wilson, Rector Church of Our Savior. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Rev. Wilson has just returned from a mission trip to Ecuador and will relate her experiences during the mission. Please consider attending.

## Cardboard Box Recycling

The Large Green metal recycle container for cardboard and boxes has recently been relocated to the Health Center staging area. Cindy Ashworth, of Environmental Services, asks that residents not discard boxes in the large metal trash box outside the maintenance doors on basement level. Residents can drop off discarded boxes outside her office door in the basement or place them outside their apartment door and call the front desk requesting Housekeeping for removal. Magazines and catalogues can continue to be placed in the blue newspaper boxes located at each floor trash chute. Thanks for your continued efforts at recycling.

Ed FitzGerald



Above: Recycling Containers in Health Center Staging Area

Below: Trash Chute with blue box for magazines, newspapers, and catalogues

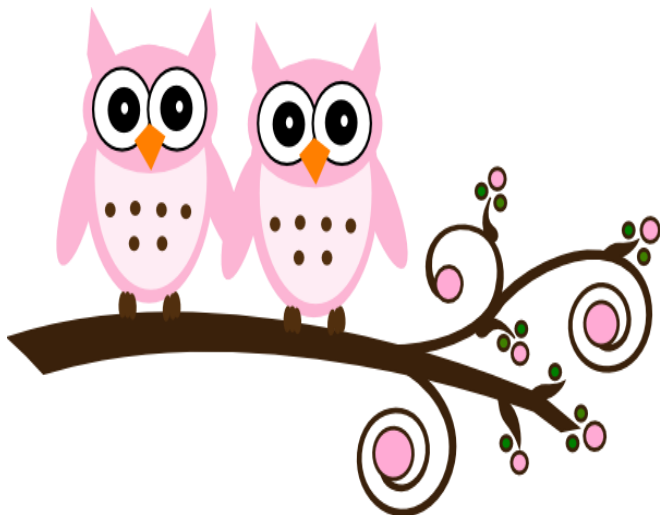




## Twins

By: Marshall Doswell

The boys were always  
More important.  
Our parents said that.  
Society said that.  
And we were girls,  
Just girls.  
But we were twins.  
That was important.  
We were different.  
Girl twins.  
Born together.  
That was a bond  
That held us tightly.  
So we grew up,  
And married,  
And had our children,  
And lived our lives,  
And grew old.  
Then infirmity came  
And took its toll.  
And finally,  
One lovely day in May,  
We were one.



## Resident Association News

Spencer Anderson has been named to serve as Vice

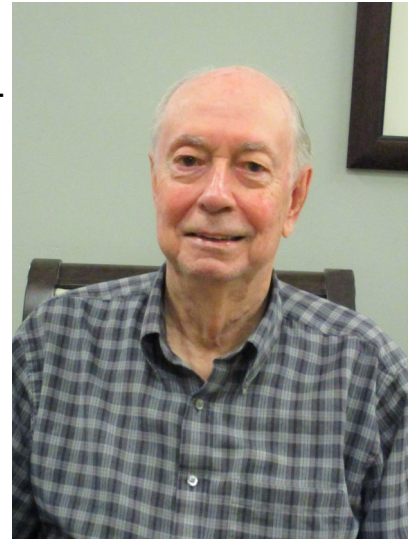
President of the Residents Association, following the resignation of Nancy McDuffie.

Spencer and his wife, Lib, moved into Westminster

Towers in February of 2017;

and they have been actively involved in all areas of life here

ever since. Spencer was appointed by the Resident Association executive committee, which met on June 13.



Nancy McDuffie recently resigned as Vice President of the Residents Association,

a position she held for one year. Nancy and her husband, Robert, moved into Westminster Towers in January of 2015. One of the duties of the Vice President is to be responsible for a devotional moment at the beginning of the quarterly meetings.



Nancy's service in this office was excellent, and is greatly appreciated by the Resident Association members.



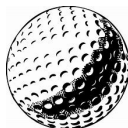
# Putt Putt Tournament



Our Putt Putt Tournament Participants: Ed Fitzgerald, Ron Weisburg, Charles Ives, Pinky Funderburk, Don Hunt, Ann Geier



Pinky Funderburk sinking his final putt to win the tournament!



Ron Weisburg (Left) and Don Hunt (Right) concentrating on their next putt.



Charles Ives sinking a hole-in-one putt!



# Brandy, The Marvelous Mini Horse



Brandy posing with Arlene Jenkins

**Did you know....**  
Some mini horses  
are trained as service  
animals to guide the  
blind!



Brandy and Sarah Goforth



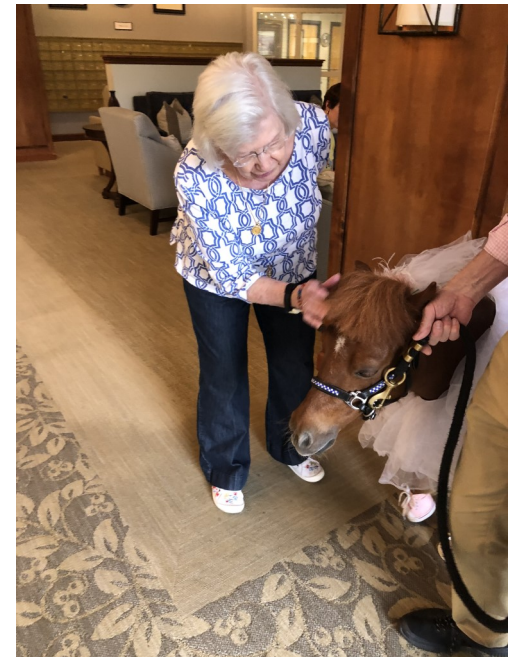
Nancy and Wendell Anderson  
stopped to see Brandy, the June  
bride also!

**Did you know....**  
The Guinness World  
Record for smallest  
adult mini horse is  
17.5 inches tall!



Barbara Ingelse even got some  
kisses from Brandy!

**Did you know....**  
Some mini horses  
were used to pull  
carts in coal mines!



Donna Eubanks loving on Brandy!

# Roads

By Janet Yocum

In 1916 an obscure poet names Robert Frost published a poem called “The Road Not Taken.” Robert Frost is considered the greatest American Poet of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and was the recipient of four Pulitzer prizes for his poetry. “A Road Not Taken” was a complex poem and had many meanings to many people. But today, we are going to explore the many “Roads Taken” by the residents of Westminster Towers. It will be a wonderful journey.

**The Road to Russia: Moscow, St. Petersburg, and Estonia: Steve and Bobbie Ellsworth:** Steve was a native of Kansas and graduated from the University of Kansas in engineering. He and Bobbie were both widowed and met through mutual friends in the early ‘90s and married. Bobbie Ellsworth was a true Renaissance woman. She was a faithful supporter and benefactor of the performing arts here in Rock Hill and the Arts Council of York County, and Steve was the beneficiary of all the wonderful things she did. The most wonderful was a trip she planned to Russia. In **Moscow:** They saw Red Square, home of the Kremlin, and Lenin’s tomb, and beautiful St. Basil’s Cathedral. Best of all they enjoyed Russian ballet and opera. In **St. Petersburg:** They saw the Hermitage Museum, one of the most beautiful museums in the world, and in **Estonia:** They saw state sponsored (almost free) wonderful operas. They enjoyed many years of happiness until she passed away February 15, 2019.

**The Road to France: Dwight “Buzz” and Alma “Amy” Benson:** Buzz was an American Air Force pilot flying C-119s, large personnel and equipment carriers, into Dreux Air Base, Dreux, France. There he met a beautiful young American

school teacher from Indiana named Alma Anderson, who was teaching at the base school. Love blossomed and they courted on the Avenue Champs Elysees, the Arc de Triomphe on the Place de la Concorde and other wonderful places in Paris. Paris in the springtime, winter, and fall – it didn’t get more memorable. They married in France and honeymooned on the French Riviera. After a year or so they were joined by a new French citizen, a daughter, Elizabeth “Beth” Benson and later a son, Mark. Buzz lost his beloved Amy on March 20, 2018.

**The Road to Taiwan: Chaplain Gene and Blair Craven:** Gene, a Presbyterian minister, and his wife, Blair, were called to world missions in 1954. His first two years of mission service were at language school, where he learned Mandarin Chinese as they, along with their two children, would serve as missionaries in Taiwan. Only about 2% of the people of Taiwan were Christians. They would serve there for 10 years and were joined by two more children. Their son, Mark, who was born there always joked he was “Made in Taiwan.” Taiwan is about half the size of South Carolina and had 9 million residents at that time. He had the privilege of returning two years ago, and it is now home to 20 million residents. One of his first missions there was to work high in the mountains at a leper colony. During his tenure, China became communist and President and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, along with his army, took control of Taiwan. Chiang Kai-Shek and his wife were Christians. She was educated in the United States at Mercer College in Macon Georgia, a Christian school. The government of Chiang Kai-Shek welcomed Christians to Taiwan. After returning to the United States, Gene and Blair served in many pastoral capacities, and he now serves us as Chaplain in a very active ministry here at Westminster. Gene lost his beloved helpmate, Blair, who was so active in his work, on April 22, 2011.



### **The Road to South America: Chile and Colombia: James “Jim” and Virginia Pinochet:**

Jim was born in Santiago, the capitol of Chile. The Pinochets first settled in Chile from France in the late 1600s.

The country of Chile, located in Southwestern South America, has a most unusual territorial shape. It borders the Pacific ocean on the west and the Andes mountains on the east. Its coastline is 2,600 miles long and only 110 miles wide at the widest spot. The upper third of the country is desert and sparsely populated. The southern third is colder and has many beautiful lakes from melting snow from the Andes. Jim said there was only one main highway and one main railroad running north and south.

Jim’s native language was Spanish; but his mother went to an American school and learned English and his father was fluent in many languages, so Jim spoke English as well. He moved to the United States in 1945 at 14 years of age and became a citizen. He graduated from Georgia Tech as an industrial engineer and met his wife, Virginia. They married and had three daughters, two of whom live in this area. Jim was offered a job in Rock Hill with Celanese. He was sent to their plant in Colombia, South America, living in Cali for three years and loved the climate. He did not live again in Chile but returned to visit family. He spent most of his life in South Carolina, loves it here, and retired from Celanese after 33 years. Jim lost his beloved Virginia in 2011.

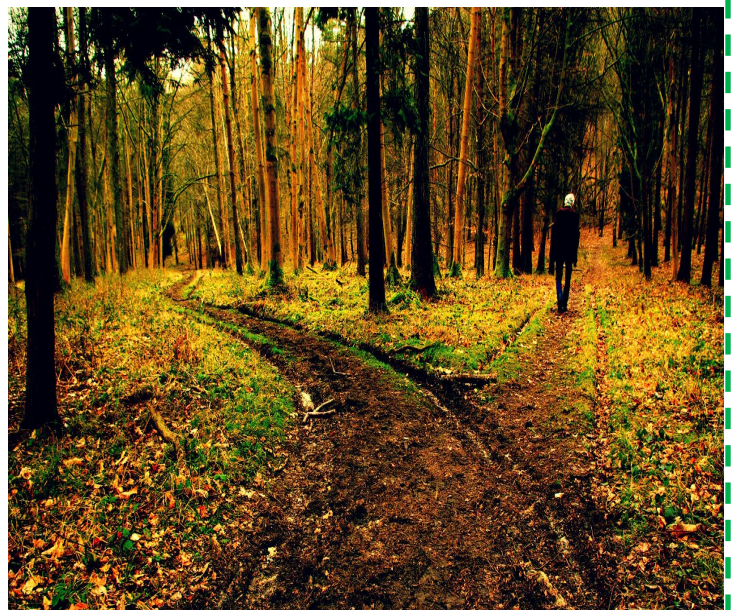
### **The Road to England: John and Janet Yocum:**

John, a nuclear engineer, was a consultant to the Royal Navy in submarine warfare. Janet and her 14-year-old daughter were invited to accompany him to England. The men worked and we and other wives were guests of Navy wives who graciously showed us beautiful England. First was Winchester Cathedral, nearly 1,000 years old. We learned that all straight roads in England were built on old Roman roads

and places containing the name “chester” meant a place where the Romans lived. Going to Scotland for sea trials in the North Sea, we stopped in a small village named Canonbie. As we strolled by the Esk River, we met the villagers and learned that they were all named Armstrong, and that this was the ancestral home of Neil Armstrong who landed on the moon. We passed Loch Loman, took the high road to Loch Ness; but we did not see Nessie, though we looked! We returned to London, staying in St. John’s Woods. The team met with the Admiralty, and we were invited to enjoy an afternoon hike with wives and children for about 8 miles. They prepared scotch eggs for sustenance – hard boiled eggs wrapped in sausage and fried. Delicious! I commented to my daughter that walking must be healthy for I had not seen an overweight person in England. She said, “Well she had,” and I inquired who? She replied “you and that lady who came with us.” End of trip! Janet lost her dear John on November 21, 2012.

I hoped to interview 3 more families but was limited to space. I look forward to their stories in the future. Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to get to know you better.

**Janet Yocum**





# Manor Message



Shirley Frank, Barbara Quinn, Marj Cook working on the tangram activity



Zumba Exercise with Courtney



Children from The Church of Christ in Fort Mill performing for the residents

This summer, the Manor is participating in a “Manor Summer School,” where we are exploring various activities, speakers, and field trips based upon the subject of the week. For example, the first week of June was “Math Week.” We had a tangram activity, where the residents matched shapes to patterns; a guest speaker come in to talk about coin collecting, a guess the number of bingo pennies game, and a color by numbers page towards the end of the week. June had four subjects: math, music, literature, and science, with activities based around those particular subjects. The Manor will enjoy a week each of history, physical education., learning about the moon, geography, and English in July. The program will finish up in August!



Betty Martin celebrating National Red Nose Day





Barbara Quinn, Louise Lesslie, and Marj Cook with Brandy the Marvelous Mini Horse



Rosaline Cook and Marj Cook loving on Brandy: our June Bride!



Louise Pettus making a new friend with Brandy the Marvelous Mini Horse



Who doesn't love their picture with a June Bride mini horse?! Helen Benson didn't want to miss the chance!



# Activities July Dates to Note!

**July 1<sup>st</sup>** Do you have good “Dad Joke” or a family friendly joke you’d like to share? Join us for Community Room Comedy Open Mic as we celebrate National Joke Day. And if you don’t have a joke to share don’t worry we’ll have plenty of Laffy Taffy to inspire you. - 3:30 in the Community Room.

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>** Wellness presents the US National Soccer Match and Social. Enjoy Soccer themed treats while we watch highlights of the US National Soccer Tournament. And we might even try our “feet” at a little “chair soccer!”

**July 5<sup>th</sup>** We will be hosting a small 30th anniversary celebration for Westminster Towers while we anxiously await the completion of the dining room renovations with “A Day at the Beach.” Kona ice will be on hand to pass out snow cones and the staff will entertain you with a Bathing Suit Fashion Show. – 2:30 in the Community Room

**July 6<sup>th</sup>** An outing to see the Rock Hill Community Theater’s production of the musical “Bye, Bye Birdie” at Westminster Catawba Christian Academy. Inspired by the phenomenon of popular singer Elvis Presley and his draft notice into the Army in 1957, rock singer Conrad Birdie travels to a small Ohio town to make his “Farewell” television performance and kiss his biggest fan before he is drafted. Bus departs at 1:15pm.

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** is National Video Game Day so let’s all practice our video game skills with a little Wii bowling, tennis or baseball. 3:30 in the Community Room.

**July 9<sup>th</sup>** Special shopping trip to locations on Dave Lyle Blvd. Including: Hobby Lobby, Kohl’s, Academy Sports and Outdoors.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** Story Teller Rodger Ellingwood. Rodger is a professional story teller. He’ll arrive early to meet and talk with our residents and then decide what story to tell. Community Room at 4:00pm

**July 12<sup>th</sup>** R.O.M.E.O – An outing to Kings Mountain National Military Park to watch the 26 minute film “Battle for Kings Mountain” and visit the museum home to many artifacts that tell the story of the battle and the people involved. To be followed by lunch in Clover, SC. Departs at 9:30am

**July 17<sup>th</sup>** J.U.L.I.E.T.S – An outing to Rivergate Shopping Center and lunch at Zoe’s Kitchen. Featured stores at Rivergate are Super Target, Khols, Marshalls, Ulta, Tuesday Morning, Old Navy. Departing at 11:00am

**July 17<sup>th</sup>** Life Long Learning Lectures presents Dr. Macular Degeneration with Dr. Nasi Samiy. Dr. Samiy attended medical school at Boston University where he received the Hewlett-Packard Award for "top medical graduate." Dr. Samiy went into private practice and in 2001 founded Retina Institute of the Carolinas.

**July 18<sup>th</sup>** Rideabout to The Peach Stand in honor of National Peach Ice Cream Day where they make some of the best soft serve peach ice cream around using fresh Springs Farms peaches. Depart at 3:34pm

**July 24<sup>th</sup>** Dinner outing to a fan favorite restaurant Trios in Charlotte. June specials include Fried Green Tomato BLT, Waldorf Salad, Flat Iron Pork Steak and Corvina Sea Bass with shrimp and crab meat. Yum. Departing at 5:00pm

**July 26<sup>th</sup>** At day trip to McLeod Farms in McBee, SC. Visit their Antique Museum, shop their wide selection of fresh and canned produce, lunch at Big Meats and More right next store and of course have peach ice cream or pie. Depart at 9:30am

**July 30<sup>th</sup>** Rideabout to Gauden Monument in Rock Hill, SC. Take a tour of the facility and learn how custom monuments are designed and crafted. Depart at 2:30pm.

**July 31<sup>st</sup>** Join us as we Explore Jaars in Waxhaw, NC with an in-depth tour of their facility to learn more about their mission to translate the Bible to roughly 5,000 languages and share God’s Word across the planet. Depart 10:00am

**July 31<sup>st</sup>** Maxine German and AJ from PAWS will speak to us about Rooming with “Man’s Best Friend.” The things to think about when adopting a pet. – Community Room at 2:00pm





## Have You Considered....

### Getting on with the Journey

By: Dr. French O'Shields

"I want to thank you for the support and comfort you have given me on the painful journey of acceptance." This is what a lady whose husband had died suddenly of a heart attack wrote to me.

I was fascinated by the phrase she used to describe what she had been experiencing, "*the painful journey of acceptance.*" It is so very descriptive of a venture none choose, but many have to take.

There is Ellen whose husband deserted her and their two small daughters. Eight years have passed and he continues to live with another woman, but Ellen still lives in the expectation of his return.

Also, Glenn, a rising young executive, whose life and career are altered by a progressively crippling disease.

How can I ever forget standing beside Pat's bed. Her husband, Bill, and I had to tell her their son, to whom she had just given birth, had Downs Syndrome. Or, the pain I felt with Rick and Charlotte as we heard the doctor say of their first born, "He is blind and there is nothing we can do."

An outstanding college football player signs a professional contract. Just days before he is to report to training camp, an auto accident leaves him paralyzed from the waist down.

I, too, know something of the "*painful journey of acceptance.*" The impairment of my voice, for which no medical cure is known, forced me at 53 to give up being a church pastor. I had invested nine years of education beyond high school and preached for 30 years. It had been my life.

Many of you have struggled with a

circumstance in your life, of a greater or lesser degree, that you neither caused nor wanted.

Though what we have to accept may differ, our responses are very much alike.

All of us ask, "Why me?" To do so is only human, but usually futile.

Some may do so privately, others openly, but all forced to take the "*painful journey of acceptance,*" at some point rebel against God, shake their fist in the face of heaven, and shout, "God, why did you let this happen?"

If you have, don't be too hard on yourself. To rebel against our lot, and admit that we don't understand may be clear and necessary steps on the way to finding reality. The end result can be an encounter and relationship with God far greater than we have ever experienced before.

The *journey of acceptance* is never easy and often long. We grow weary and tired. But, we must keep on keeping on. To give up is the only way we can fall.

To folks like us, the Psalmist shares what he did in his struggle. "And so I walk in the presence of the Lord in the world of the living. I keep on believing, even when I said, 'I am completely crushed.'" (Psalm 116:9-10 TEV)

Some have successfully completed "*The painful journey of acceptance.*" They have accepted their lot, viewed it as a challenge, and discovered a meaningful life that exceeded their imagination or hope.

You and I can too. So, give me your hand, and let's both take Jesus' Hand, and get on with the journey of our own life.







# Happenings Around the Towers!



Residents enjoying the Veterans' Breakfast! Thank you to those who served our country!



Lib Anderson with her first tomato from the garden!



**On June 25th, Harry and Madeline Hazen celebrated 71 years of marriage! Their son and his family joined the Westminster staff in celebrating with them! What a wonderful reason to celebrate and eat cake!**





# Two Guys and a Gal



Enjoying the show!



Helen Bennett isn't worried about the sun with her shades on!



This crowd braved the sun to enjoy Two Guys and a Gal!



Listening from above. Thank you Pinky Funderburk for these views from above!



17 Another view from above of the performance. Thank you Pinky Funderburk for capturing these!



Hello,

My name is Ricquell Cooper and I am pleased to join the Marketing team here at Westminster Towers! I have been working in Senior Living for 11 years and it is a true passion of mine. I have operated in an array of capacities to serve seniors. I have been a: Certified Nursing Assistant, Senior Living Sales Advisor and a Director of Memory Care. Through all of these experiences I have learned that compassion and understanding goes a long way. I look forward to working with each and every one of you! I would also like to thank you all for the warm welcome it is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Ricquell Cooper



**Can you help us help the homeless?**

**The Wellness Department is sponsoring a sock drive for *Renew Our Community*, a Rock Hill based organization that provides services for the homeless in our area.**

**Please help us by donating a new pair of socks through the month of July! Look for the collection bin by the main bulletin board!**

Let's make a difference in our community!

### *A Note from the Resident Association Treasurer*

*Recently you may have received a letter asking you to, once again, join the Resident Association. The letter went to those residents who have not joined for 2019. Your Resident Association fee is \$5 per year per resident. Take a moment and place cash or check in the small manila envelope that was attached to the letter. We are shooting for 100% participation by residents. We are close but not there yet.*

*Here are some projects funded by the Resident Association:*

- + *Purchased dining room dessert trolley.*
- + *Provided new directional signs for apartments on all floors.*
- + *Mailed greeting cards to residents for special occasions.*
- + *Purchased US and SC flags for Heritage Hall.*
- + *Purchased globe in library and several card tables.*
- + *Fixed sound bar over TV in movie theatre.*

*Ed FitzGerald, Association Treasurer*





## **Tom Pinky Funderburk Receives French Medal**

On Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Pinky Funderburk will be appointed a Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honor, by order of the President of the Republic of France. The award and medal will be presented to Pinky by local Congressman Ralph Norman. The ceremony will be held in Heritage Hall at 2 PM, followed by a reception. All residents are invited. The announcement of the award states: "With endless respect and affection, in recognition of your noble contribution during World War II and remembrance of those who sacrificed their lives for the cause, you are to be awarded the Legion of Honor." This award was established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte and has been retained by all French governments and regimes.

Pinky, a 12 year resident of the Towers, was a B-17 pilot flying out of English bases as a member of the Mighty 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force. He flew 17 missions and retired as a Major with 20 years of combined service, active duty and reserves. Prior to joining the Army Air Corps he attended The Citadel and graduated from Wake Forest, attending on the GI Bill.



**Congratulations Pinky !!!**



Ed FitzGerald

*Join us:  
Friday, August  
2nd at 2:00pm  
in Heritage  
Hall when  
Pinky  
Funderburk  
receives this  
award*



# *What are some of the traditions you and your family does or did on July 4th to celebrate Independence Day?*

My family (24 of us) gather at a house on Lake Murray. We have all our favorites—something grilled and many side dishes brought by my brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews. We watch by boat a big fireworks show put on by the Lake Association, then go back to the house and shoot our own fireworks and eat home-churned ice cream. ~ **Barbara Gladden**

John, the children, and I usually spent the week of July 4th at Fripp Island located off the coast of Beaufort, South Carolina. Island activities on the 4th included a decorated golf cart parade, sand art on the beach, craft show, and fireworks to end the day. ~ **Anonymous**

When Wendell and I were pastoring a church in northern Wisconsin, we would go to Duluth, Minnesota to watch the fireworks over Lake Superior. There would be boats in the harbor sending off small fireworks right along with the big ones. There were also parachuters landing in a parking area near the harbor. A spectacular display! ~ **Nancy Anderson**

“We’re gonna cut a watermelon!” When Dad came home with 1 or 2, we were so happy—chilled was best, so we put a tub of water with a block of ice and ate ‘til we almost popped! Then we had fireworks!! ~ **Pinky Funderburk**

Cooked out with neighbors and go watch fireworks! ~ **Polly Schuerg**

A picnic, of course, with potato salad, watermelon, and iced tea! ~ **Anonymous**

Hudson’s Fireworks on the Detroit River barges viewed from the Windsor, Ontario side of the river with downtown Detroit as the background. Awesome! Also, some years on the sandy beach at the tip of the lower Michigan thumb with a bonfire with “some mores” and a panorama of stars, especially the big dipper and shooting stars. ~ **Ron Weisburg**

Nothing special to eat—BUT ALWAYS the strings of small firecrackers and some large ones handled only by my Dad! ~ **Ed McPoland**

*Thank you for your submissions! Look for the next question coming out soon, and we look forward to hearing from more residents in August!*



## INDEPENDENCE DAY (U.S.)

The Fourth of July commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by delegates from the 13 colonies in 1776. The Declaration of Independence is America's revolutionary Charter of Freedom and the document upon which the nation's founding principles were established.

The Second Continental Congress actually made its decree for freedom on July 2, 1776, signing the Lee Resolution. Two days later, on July 4, Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence and the alarm for freedom was sounded at Independence Hall with the Liberty Bell. It was on August 4, 1776, after delegates of the Continental Congress had signed the document, that the Declaration of Independence was made official.

John Adams's famous letters to his wife, Abigail, on the 3rd of July, 1776, capture the spirit of the time. Writing from Philadelphia, he said, "Yesterday the greatest Question was decided, which ever was debated in America, and a greater perhaps, never was or will be decided among Men.

"A Resolution was passed without one dissenting Colony 'that these united Colonies, are, and of right ought to be free and independent States, and as such, they have, and of Right ought to have full Power to make War, conclude Peace, establish Commerce, and to do all the other Acts and Things, which other States may rightfully do.' . . . I am apt to believe [this day] will be celebrated by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary Festival.

"It ought to be commemorated, as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp, shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of the continent to the other, from this time forward forever."

Let us end this brief history of Independence Day (U.S.) with text from the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be

self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

**Famous Last Words**

On July 4, 1826, exactly 50 years after the Declaration of Independence first asserted American sovereignty, former presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both passed away. Jefferson desired to live until July 4 so "that he might breathe the air of the Fiftieth Anniversary." His last words, spoken the night before his death in the early afternoon of July 4, are traditionally given as some variation of "Is it the Fourth?" Adams died in the early evening, hours after Jefferson. According to tradition, Adams uttered the final words, "Thomas Jefferson survives," unaware of the fact that his longtime friend had just passed away.



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Do you like to **write**?  
Do you have a **great idea** for an article?  
Do you have a passion for **photography**?

We could use your help to boost our newsletter and take  
it to new heights!

Entries may be submitted directly to Jennifer Allen or Linda Lenz.  
Deadline for entries for August is July 22nd.



# This Month's Answers

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## PUZZLE # 1

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## Special Saturday BREAKFAST



JULY 13, 2019  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

OMELET BAR

FRESH FRUIT & YOGURT BAR

BREAKFAST BUFFET OF:

SCRAMBLED EGGS  
BACON & SAUSAGE LINKS  
GRITS  
BISCUITS & CHIPPED BEEF

ASSORTED JUICES, COFFEE, AND MILK

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