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OPEN HOUSE AT CAROL WOODS

On the afternoon of October 14th, over 200 future residents & their families gathered to get re-acquainted with Carol Woods' 120-acre campus. The occasion was a community-wide open house, where residents opened their doors to give visitors the opportunity to see how 20 residences have been transformed into personal, very individualized, homes.

Guests visited with residents living in our newly expanded central apartments, as well as those living in the "historic district", where several cottages included sunroom and screened porch additions. The duplex cottages experienced a steady flow of visitors, as well as apartments occupied by residents in Assisted Living and the Health Center. Three hostesses who have each lived at Carol Woods for over 25 years were eager to share their stories of the early years, and newer residents shared the challenges, but ultimate relief, of downsizing!

Since living at Carol Woods means that your home extends beyond your apartment or cottage, future residents were encouraged to visit the recently renovated library with its shelves of over 5,500 books, as well as the craft shop, pool and computer room.

The Children's Center was open for those who wished to observe some of the activities enjoyed by the 64 children who are here every weekday. A resident was on hand to talk about the many opportunities for residents to interact with the children, and a staff representative explained the value of on-site daycare for staff.

At the end of the day, one visitor expressed the feeling of many when he said "Every time I visit, it feels more like I'm coming home!" And that feeling is the true measure of a successful afternoon!

Karen Daniel



CAROL WOODS HELPS BUILD A HOUSE

Many residents of Carol Woods are long-time supporters of *Habitat for Humanity*. It was not surprising, therefore, when someone suggested that instead of simply contributing, we actually construct a house. A large group responded when a first meeting was convened to gage the interest.

Because of the consistent generous support of Habitat by residents **Henry** and **Blanche Clark**, the group unanimously agreed to call themselves *The Henry and Blanche Clark Habitat Volunteers at Carol Woods*. The Clarks have motivated extensive support within the Episcopal Church and also with the fraternities and sororities on the UNC campus.

Carol Woods entered into a partnership in the Fall of 2004 with students from the various health-related schools of the University and agreed to raise \$30,000 to match the \$5,000 to be raised by students. Under the capable guidance of **Audrey Booth**, a Finance Committee topped our goal with a total of \$36,000!

The site for the house is on Rogers Road, only minutes away from the Carol Woods campus. With **Lew Woodham** as Chair, everything moved forward ahead of schedule with weekly work crews from students and Carol Woods residents all of whom enjoyed the lunches prepared by Carol Woods volunteers. By late spring the project was complete, and the house was dedicated for occupancy by the Jauregui Family, a new Latino family in Chapel Hill. *The Henry and Blanche Clark Volunteers* at Carol Woods hope to build another house in the future.

Robert Seymour



WHAT'S GOING ON HERE

During a *one week campaign*, \$29,000 was contributed by residents and staff plus an additional \$10,000 donated by Carol Woods corporation to the Red Cross Hurricane Katrina relief. This does not include individual donations made directly to the Red Cross or to other relief funds.

Among the welcome and wonderful new features of the remodeled Memorial Hall at UNC is a ladies room sponsored by Carol Woods.

A dog census recently conducted informs us that there are 18 dogs on campus ranging in age from .5 years to 13.5 years so the average age is 6.7. Each dog year being equal to 7 human years we get 46.9. Does that lower the average age of the Carol Woods population? When we finish herding the cats, we'll give you their statistics.

Our woodland creatures continue to surprise us. A snow white fawn emerged from the woods the first week in July and now, near Building Three, we have a spunky little squirrel finding acorns and climbing trees, seemingly unbothered by navigating on three legs with a contorted hind leg waving above him.



STUFFED TOYS MAKE HAPPY CHILDREN

Carol Woods has many important activities that keep residents alert and involved in the neighboring community – but the most fun group here has to be the ladies who volunteer their time every Wednesday morning to make stuffed toys for children in transition. These women are a diverse bunch who carry on a tradition started by **Gladys Holmes** in 1999. When Gladys came to Carol Woods she was missing her former volunteer activities at Pinehurst, where she had been making stuffed toys for tots in the local hospital. She gathered together interested women here who began to cut, stitch and sew small toy animals for County Social Services and the Police Department. (Gladys insisted that the toys would never be sold.)

Hundreds of cats, dogs, bears, clowns and rabbits find their way to children in turmoil and are greatly appreciated. Most of the materials for making toys are given by residents; cash donations help pay for stuffing, ribbons, etc. A small label bearing the message *Made with love by Volunteers at Carol Woods* is attached to each toy.

The original group of Toymaker included founder **Gladys, Jane Gwyer, Dee Brown, and Stella Lyons** (legally blind, she loves to stuff the critters). After Gladys retired, the group enlarged to include **Jean Gregory, Caroline Miller, Janet Davis, Jane Berryman** and **Sue Schwartz**. Distribution outlets now include: Orange Co. Sheriff's Department, Social Services, Interfaith Council's Project Homestart, the Outreach Program of the Health Department, Social Services Hispanic Liaison of Chatham County, and other county agencies.

Jokes, laughter and caring are sewn into every colorful toy on Wednesday mornings from 10-12 in the busy Lower Level room.

Jane Gwyer



WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Wendell and Mary Johnson (Apt. 127) After fourteen years in Chapel Hill the Johnsons moved to Carol Woods in mid-summer. Wendell is a native of Wichita, Kansas and took his higher education at Phillips (BS), University of Michigan (MS), and Syracuse University (PhD). He had a long, successful career in higher education as Professor Mathematics at Hiram College in Ohio. In addition to teaching, he made significant contributions as an administrator while at Hiram. His favorite interest now are growing things and reading.

Mary grew up in Ann Arbor, Michigan where she also went to college. She earned an MS in Library Science from Kent State and worked for many years as a County Librarian before retiring. Her current interests include reading and painting.

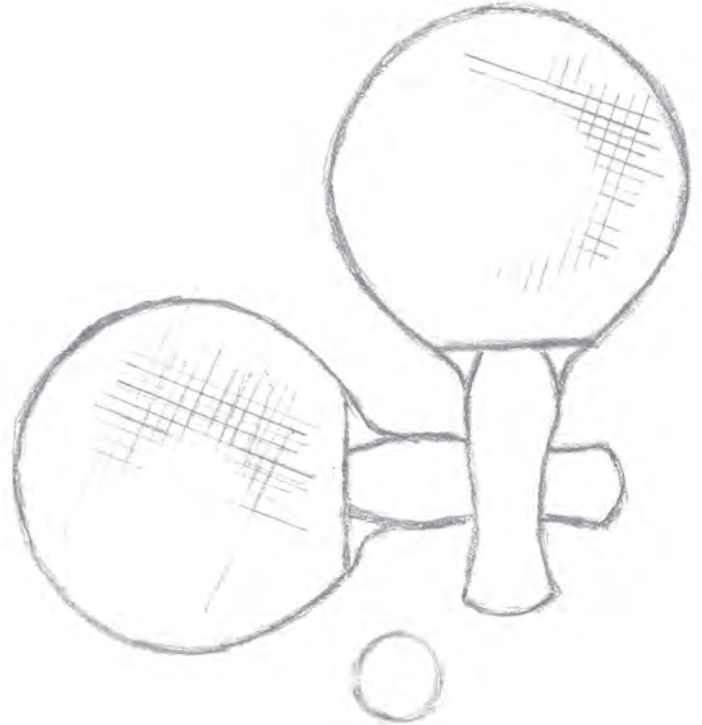
They have four daughters. They lived in Europe when Wendell was a visiting professor and have traveled extensively in many other parts of the world. Throughout the years, even after retirement, they were avid campers all over the United States. In Chapel Hill they have been active in the Friends Meeting, volunteers at at CROP WALK, and Interfaith Council (IFC) In addition to being a counselor, desk receptionist, food stocker, kitchen food prep at the Homeless Shelter, Wendell also served on the IFC Board.

Mack Ivey

PING! PONG!

Early on these mornings I seek
 Clarity about the fierce battles just ahead,
 Recite aloud, almost mantra-like, the truths
 That will save me. Space feet wide apart,
 Paddle's tip aimed at net and wait.
 Watch how the server strokes the ball.
 See it come in – all the way in, fast or slow,
 Short or deep. Turn to meet it. Block it,
 Spin it or hit it hard, but keep the ball low.
 Then quickly move back, set feet wide again.
 When it's my turn to serve,
 use guile, disguise it, make them guess.
 Anything – anything to win.

Mack Ivey



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CONCERTS AND LECTURES

Tuesday Concerts

- Oct. 25 – Hsiao Mei Ku, violin
- Nov. 1 – Kent Lyman, piano
- Nov. 8 – Piatagorsky Foundation
performers: clarinet and
piano
- Nov. 16 (**Wednesday**) – UNC Women's
Glee Club

Thursday Lectures

- Nov. 3 – Richard Whisnant,
Sustainability
- Nov. 10 – TROSA – Tough Love Rehab
Program
- Nov. 17 – NC Symphony at Memorial
Hall, no lecture at CW

STAFF: Natalie Fiess, Chair; Jane Berryman, Russell Graves, Ray Mack, Nancy Martin, and Mary Scroggs. Ann Kendall drawing

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