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THE BRANCHLANDS TIMES



Resident Spotlight - Shirley Forde

Shirley Forde was born and raised in Chicago and has led a very moving life. In fact- coming to Branchlands marked the 24th move of her life! She attended Luther College in Iowa, and met her husband there; Norman had served in WWII and stayed in the Army reserve while attending college and seminary. After his ordination, they moved to Fort Worth, Texas where he started a new church. Their children, Linda and Michael, were born in Fort Worth. Next they moved to Baltimore where Norman served in Episcopal churches before going back to active duty as a chaplain.

After their children were in college, Norman was stationed in Germany for two tours, accompanied by Shirley. They enjoyed traveling together around the country and the rest of Europe. They lived in Berlin when the city was divided; the West, under control of the Allied powers, was flower-filled and bustling but surrounded by the forbidding wall the Russians had built to keep their population from escaping. From some places on the western side, one could see the stark contrast with the drabness of the East. Shirley describes it as "the difference between black-and-white photos and Technicolor". The wall felt ominous, especially when East Germans were shot at while trying to escape over the wall.

A stay-home mother while her children were young, Shirley later worked for the federal government, retiring after 36 years. In Berlin she was with the Army Intelligence Agency and she ended her career with the Army Corps of Engineers in Washington DC. She and Norman enjoyed a well-deserved retirement in Williamsburg, where Norman died in 2009.

With Shirley's move to Branchlands there are four generations of the family in Charlottesville- Linda and husband Charlie, daughter Caroline, and Caroline's children, Mae and Brendan. Linda's son Alex lives in Indianapolis. Shirley's son Michael and his girlfriend Michelle live in Florida as does his son Michael; his daughter Nora and her husband Bryce are in Chesapeake Virginia.

Shirley is active in the Church of Our Savior and the Retired Federal Employees Association. She takes exercise classes at Atlantic Rehab, knits blankets for an organization that provides them to children in distress, and has been taking OLLI classes at UVA. A favorite memory is sitting in lawn chairs with Norman on the Capitol grounds in Washington, watching the refurbished Statue of Freedom being lowered by helicopter to its place atop the dome.

By Mary Rodriguez

GRANDFATHER'S FARM

by Jean Baker

Paternal grandfather,
Arthur Sebastian Smith,
had a farm
fifty-two acres of wheat
and a big barn
three horses, chickens, a dog
and at my request, a cat
which wasn't very popular
with this establishment.
Poor Marco Polo was always
running some where
and had to be hunted out
a chore which the farm
was never about!

There were cherries,
currants, pears & apples
which playmates and I,
forbidden, loved to sample
because still green
sometimes resulted in
stomach aches quite obscene.

The farm had a copious house
with a big front porch
where I loved to dance
to tunes of an old phonograph
while neighbor children would laugh!
It didn't take twice
to think this was not nice
after all, they were guests
and I was doing my best
to be a great hostess!

*Happy Birthday
to...*



Douglas Baker - Nov 6
Stewart Bowers - Nov 13
Lou Charlton - Nov 15
Pat Ellena-Conway - Nov 15
John Adams - Nov 16
Marilyn Likness - Nov 19

GRANDMOM'S BIRDBATH

by Betty Kollar

In the early morning hours when the sun turns big and bright,
Birds and beasts leave their nests to wash away the night.
They peek out from the bushes; they jump from tree to tree.
They fly up on the rooftops to see what they can see.

Ah! There it sits upon a stump with water clear and cool.
It's Grandmom's granite birdbath, sparkling like a jewel.
The Bluebird jumps in first and shakes each glassy feather.
What fun he has, to wash away the dust from wind and weather.

Next come two bushy, playful squirrels that live up in her tree.
They race each other to the bath and watch the Bluebird flee.
Like little imps they jump and splash in Grandmom's water bowl.
While Blackbirds, cawing loudly, holler and cajole.

Soon Robins dunk their rosy breasts to take their morning shower,
While Catbirds scolding mightily, dance on their leafy bower.
Then Blue Jays, noisier than all, swoop down in threes and fours,
To claim the crystal water, their reflections to adore.

Soon, in among the Marigolds, they spread their fresh washed wings
And warm them in the morning sun, while all of Nature sings.
Grandmom's birdbath is the host to Wrens and Chickadees,
To Humming Birds with bright green wings, and even Buzzy Bees.

Her garden is a perfect place and gives the greatest pleasure
To all God's creatures, big and small, and even me to treasure.
When I grow up and have a yard, I'll place a birdbath there.
When birds and beasts come to bathe, I'll know God heard my
prayer.

*A Warm Welcome to our new
residents coming in November:*

Marjorie & Hugh Wolfrey S-3D
Bonnie & Miles Vance S-3E
Linda Smith S-1C
Irma Kaplan H-1G

Music in October



Me & Martha – 10-20-17

Encore performance as the residents thoroughly enjoy their style of music and storytelling.



Jane & Tom Hanson 10-24-17

First time performers that the residents enjoyed as they were able to pick the songs and sing along to the music. A definite thumbs up to bring them back again.

Halloween – October 31, 2017



Fran, Sandy, Kia, Dru, Norma, Bud, Jean, Terry & Barbara Pat

Kia and Anna

Residents and staff alike enjoyed getting into the Halloween spirit.

After all, you are only as old as you feel.

Thankful For...

Find and circle all words. The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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 P Y A M D N A R G L V O L U N T E E R S S R
 S E S S A L G E Y E D E H E A R I N G C E A
 R S E R A L C W D E S I S T E R S N H T S A
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ACTS OF KINDNESS
 A PLACE TO LIVE
 BEACHES
 BEAUTIFUL NATURE
 BLESSINGS
 BOOKS
 BROTHERS
 CARE GIVERS
 CHILDREN
 CHRISTMAS
 CLEAN WATER
 CLOTHING
 COMPUTERS

ELECTRICITY
 EYEGLASSES
 EYESIGHT
 FAITH
 FAMILY
 FLOWERS
 FOOD
 FREEDOM
 FRESH AIR
 FRIENDS
 FUN
 GOOD HEALTH
 GRANDMA

GRANDPA
 HAPPY MEMORIES
 HEARING
 HOLIDAYS
 HUMOR
 INTERNET
 LAUGHTER
 LIFE
 LOVE
 MUSIC
 NURSES
 PARENTS
 PEACE

PETS
 RAINBOWS
 SCHOOL
 SINGING
 SISTERS
 SMART PHONES
 SMILES
 SUNSHINE
 TEACHERS
 TELEVISION
 VOLUNTEERS
 WARM SHOWERS

Construction Tidbits

They are finishing up putting on the red roof. Then the crane will be back to put the heating/air units on the roof.

The brick on the outside walls is being completed. The scaffolding on the south side of the building should be coming down in the next couple of weeks.

The plan is to be able to repave the parking lot in front of the Manor House (the loop off Branchlands Drive) by the middle of November. The parking lot off of Incarnation Drive will not be paved at this time. That will probably be repaved sometime in late February early March once they are close to construction completion.

Stay tuned for more updates at the next monthly Resident Meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for Dec 20th at 2:30pm in the Langman Room.



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BRANCHLANDS PROPERTIES

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Coming Attractions in December

Charlottesville Municipal Band Concert – Dec 10, 3:30pm MLK Performing Arts Center at the C'ville High School. Dinner to follow at the *Red Lobster* (Approx 5:15pm) Maximum 14 people. Sign-up sheet will be available on December 1st.

Holiday Party – Dec 16, 3:00pm Langman Room.

“Me and Martha” will be providing the entertainment. More details to come.

Resident Secret Santa – Dec 21st. Details will be provided by your Resident Council.

It's hard to believe we are approaching the end of another year. Where did it GO?