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Newsletter

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Steppin' Out Dancers



The Steppin' Out Dancers delighted the Mary Galloway residents with their varied dance routines and spectacular costumes. The familiar tunes had everyone's toes tapping right along with the dancers.

Mission Statement

Our continuing goal is to provide "protection, comfort and support in a harmonious and dignified setting for retirement-aged women with financial needs" - the purpose stated over one hundred years ago.

Spotlight On Our Residents

Martha Walter

by Beverly Williams

Martha Walter, Mary Galloway's resident fashionista, grew up in Millington as one of nine children. Her parents were strict; the only card game they were allowed to play was Old Maid and her father declared that "my daughters aren't going to any honky-tonks." Still, Martha says it was wonderful growing up in such a large family and they always had lots of fun.



Participating in Cotton Carnival

Martha graduated from Millington High School in 1945, where she played in the band and was voted "Cutest Girl" and "Best Dancer." One of her fondest memories was when First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt came to the Navy base. With Mrs. Roosevelt in the audience, Martha was chosen to speak on current events. Martha vividly remembers that Mrs. Roosevelt was wearing her trademark fur piece. She toured Martha's family's farm and even climbed up the ladder to the barn loft. She forbade the photographer from the Press-Scimitar to take her picture on the ladder, but Martha says he did anyway.



Martha's Rules For Living

After graduation, Martha "caught the Greyhound bus to Memphis," rented a room with a family and got a job at Goldsmith's. She loved working in retail and took classes in marketing. Later working at Casual Corner, Julius Lewis and Oak Hall, she helped many customers and met prominent people from Arkansas and Mississippi, as well as Memphis. She says she "has a knack for picking clothes."

She went to church at Bellevue Baptist and said the preacher once caught her smoking and preached a sermon on it the following Sunday. Martha was "so embarrassed."

She met her husband, Henry Grady "Hank" Walter on a blind date.



All Dolled Up

He had been wounded while serving with General Patton in World War II. After they married, their only child, Diane, was born. Hank was general sales manager for Lansky Brothers. They had a wonderful life together and loved to go dancing. When he died in 1980, Martha continued to work, but her daughter and grandson



Martha and Hank Kicking Up Their Heels

"were my life." Daughter Diane remembers Martha's rules for living and made her a poster of "Martha's Rules." Her cheerful philosophy is "you have to give a little and accept a lot" and "it's up to you to make yourself happy."

When she broke her hip while alone at home, she crawled to the door to get help and ended up in the hospital. At that point, she decided she couldn't continue to live alone and moved to Mary Galloway, where she continues to "have a good time." Her daughter, grandson and great-grandchildren visit often and are an important part of her life. Since coming to Mary Galloway, she has met ladies that she waited on during her years in retail, and loves to help other residents pick out things at Dottie's Digs.

Always fashionably dressed and with a cheerful smile, Martha is still a "cutest girl" and a popular Mary Galloway lady.

Story Telling Day



Board member and short story writer, Beverly Williams, treats the residents to several of her fascinating tales. The ladies were enthralled and stayed after the session to share with her some of their own experiences.

Birthday Luncheons



Each month the Mary Galloway Board invites the “birthday girls” - those celebrating their birthdays that month - to join the Board members for lunch and birthday cake. It’s a great chance to spend one-on-one time with the ladies.

Happy Birthday!

August

Madge Hudson (21)

September

Helen Carey (29)

October

Blanche Miller (12)

November

Faye Marsh (80)
Martha Walter (14)
Mardell Marberry (17)

Mary Galloway Welcomes



Faye Marsh

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Faye came to Mary Galloway in March from California. She was born in Altus, Oklahoma. She has one son, one daughter, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was a homemaker and enjoys playing games, watching game shows on TV, sewing and church activities.

Rosemary Slattery

A Memphis native and resident, Rosemary came to Mary Galloway in June. She has two sons, two daughters, six grandchildren and one sister. She was a member of the Ladies of Charity Church Health Altar Society and enjoys painting/drawing, bowling, golf, basketball and old movies.



Rosemary Slattery

Frances Savoie

Frances became a Mary Galloway resident in August. Born in Pontotoc, MS, she had lived in Olive Branch, MS. She has four sons, three daughters, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was an Intensive Care LPN and enjoys travel, reading, tutoring, quilting, cross-stitching, music and theatre.



Frances Savoie

Madge Hudson

Madge came to Mary Galloway in August. Born in Murray City, TN, she lived in Big Sandy, TN. She has one daughter, one son and two grandchildren. She was a homemaker, winning many trophies and blue ribbons for cake baking, cooking and crocheting. She was known as the "Queen of Cakes". She enjoys cards and bingo.



Madge Hudson

In Memoriam

Hilda Dickerson
1935-2013

Helen Reynolds
1926-2013

Mary Ann Newton
1921-2013



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Mardi's Gras



Helen Carey & Marie Cantrell



Martha Walter



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Helen Graham & Millie Todd

The Mary Galloway ladies always enjoy participating in the festive seasonal activities at Trezevant Terrace. Mardi Gras, Luau, Halloween, - you name it - they are always ready to dress the part and share in the fun.



Edith Stevens



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