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News & Update from the Board of Trustees— Steve Vincent

Throughout this newsletter you'll find words like activities, growth, action and renovation are all words used to describe today's Turner Retirement Homes. The TRH Board of Trustees and Advisors are also busy this year with many of the same adjectives appropriate for us as well.

Over the past several months a project to paint Davis Hall and the dining room, put a new roof on the dining room, update the landscaping around the central campus and modernize two RCF apartments has been completed. These physical

plant upgrades are important to keep TRH a welcoming home for our residents, those that live here now, and those that will join us in the future.

In past years, the Board has held a retreat in the fall to plan for the coming year. This year, we expanded our retreat activities to three half day Mini Retreats in May, July and October, focusing on reviewing our mission, our current situation, the role of the board, the environment we operate in, trends in retirement living and goal setting.

Through this process we pray that

the next 10 years finds TRH stronger financially, even more relevant in the Christian retirement community and looking forward to many more years of quality service to our Christian friends and families.



Davis Hall Before and After



Residents Active in Rural Community

The Ford Institute Leadership Program

Turner residents Vern & Mary Lou Moore and Dorothea Humphreys and employee Shelley Magnuson along with 20 others from the towns of **Aumsville, Marion & Turner**, ranging in age from high school to retirees, took part in a leadership training program sponsored by the **Ford Family Foundation**. The purpose of the Ford Institute for Community Building is to promote vitality in rural communities. The Institute's programs are based on the belief that vital rural communities develop from—a broad base of knowledgeable, skilled and motivated local leaders, a diversity of effective organizations, & productive collaborations among organizations and communities.

The Institute's primary method for achieving community vitality is through a series of training classes called the Ford Institute Leadership Program. The Institute also provides assistance grants and a variety of other resources. Each class selects a project that they work on together. The project helps focus the course content on a real-world situation. The Institute provides up to a \$5,000 match in support of the project. Participants are expected to volunteer outside the class to complete the project. On page 3 you will see the finished Welcome Signs for the Cascade Community.

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A Word From Bruce

In the last year we have been talking and writing about the upgrades that have been happening here at Turner Retirement Homes. All of them were needed and there are still many things that need to be redone. The board members have spent many hours in planning and discussing the future of TRH and just what is the best way to use the resources that God has given us. And, by the way, the board members are all volunteers who donate their time to this ministry.

It's true that two of the rooms, and the common area of one of the octaplexes have been renovated and they are beautiful! But, it is also true that there are six other rooms in that building that are still waiting to be done and five other octaplexes. It will take a great deal of money to make this happen. If Turner Retirement is to stay a viable option for Christians to retire to, we need to continue making these improvements. Unfortunately, in these economic times monetary resources are in short supply. All of us here are praying that you will catch the vision of what TRH can be with us.



Turner Retirement Homes is not an old folk's home. Yes, we have Residential Care but our largest group of retirees is living independently in our "homes." This is a vibrant community of people who have come together in their retirement years and are still laboring for the Lord. TRH is much like the church in Acts, where the people came together and pooled their resources for the spreading of the Word.

We invite you to come and catch the vision! See what the future holds for Turner Retirement Homes! Give me a call at 503-743-2490

Guest Reporter— Lois Carpenter

What Brought Us to Turner Retirement Homes

Through the years my husband, Olof Carpenter, had always said, "Someday we'll move to Turner Retirement Homes when we get old." However, deciding when to move was not an easy decision. We loved coming to Turner to attend the Oregon Christian Convention, staying in our R.V., but when to move?

After retiring, Olof from the ministry and I from teaching, we sold our home near Ashland and went to Kenya, Africa on a water project. On our return we became homeless wanderers in a lovely '33 RV trailer, roaming from Oregon to Arizona and back. After a year of this, we returned to Culver, OR where Olof had ministered in the 60's. We loved the country and the people. We bought five acres of juniper and sagebrush on the side of Juniper Butte, with a nice home on which Olof did much improving. The side hill, off the patio, at the back was covered with sagebrush, which I cleared and planted evergreen shrubs and flowers. We had a beautiful view, it was peaceful living, and I wouldn't have traded it for any bright lights of the world. We overlooked the lush irrigated farm land with Mt. Jefferson standing big and beautiful to the west. I had told Olof, "When I can no longer climb up the side hill off my patio to keep it weeded and nice, we'll have to move." I called it "daisy hill", as the daisy's had spread and taken over.

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Olof & Lois at the summer Luau and Olof gives it a "thumbs up".



Lamb Festival Parade June 4th



TRH In Action— There is no stopping us!

The Residents at Turner Retirement Homes are involved in many activities. Some have been involved in local government and schools, food bank, pre-school, interim ministries, or serve in locals churches as elders, deacons, deaconess', and music ministry. Mary Lou Moore was elected to the Turner City Council, Gary Tiffin has been on the Turner Fire Board, others have served on the city police board and Alger Fitch served South Seas Christian Ministries many years as teacher and preacher. The Summer Reading Program that is held in our Activity Room has been a great success, with residents helping kids with their reading skills. TRH Retirees don't just retire to rocking chairs. As Christians they retire but keep on moving... moving on to what God has planned!

Easter Egg Fun with Students



Summer Concert in Gary Johnson Park and a trip to Week of Missions at Winema Christian Camp



Welcome Sign Project—The TRH Connection

Resident Ray Telfer volunteered to clear the brush & blackberries from the site where the Turner sign was placed and residents Mary Lou & Vern Moore, Dorothea Humphreys and Activity Director Shelley Magnuson helped with the fund raising, design and implementation along with others in their leadership class. They are very happy to welcome people to our fine community.

Annual Open House was held June 30th—Fellowship— Tours—Information—Cake—Music





Meet Our Newest Residents

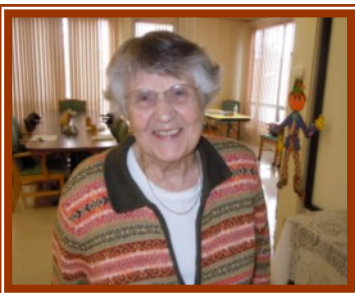
Howard and Carolyn Coulter have moved into a Mill Creek Court duplex to be near Howard's mother and stepfather, Losina and Dallas Meserve. Howard was born in Portland, OR. He grew up with one brother, Keith and one sister, Carol in Ontario, OR. Their father was a chiropractor and their mother worked for Malheur County Juvenile Department. Howard's family attended Ontario Christian Church and it was there he was baptized. After high school Howard attended Portland

Community College and received an Admin. of Justice degree. He worked as a police officer, detective and sergeant for Beaverton, OR. He also worked as security manager of United Grocers until fishing, golf and grandkids became a higher priority. Carolyn's childhood was filled with family (11 siblings), sports and great summers on her grandparent's farm near Potsdam, NY. After high school she went to night school and became a drug counselor. Carolyn worked at St Lawrence College and then retired from working at the Venetian-Palazzo Resorts in Las Vegas. It was in Las Vegas she met Howard and they were married in 2008. The marriage brought together a wonderful family of 4 children and 16 grandchildren. While in Las Vegas they attended Canyon Ridge Christian Church and helped where they could.

Steve and Carol Leith-Ross are also Losina and Dallas' family. Carol is Howard Coulter's sister. Steve and Carol moved to Turner Retirement Homes first and highly suggested that Howard and Carolyn come also. After high school Carol attended Warner Pacific College before entering the US Army in 1974 where she served for 4 years. She also continued her education where she could on military bases and finally finished at Troy State in Alabama. On New Year's Eve 1980 Carol married Steve Leith-Ross and is proud to say she inherited 2 great kids Stephanie and Tyler. On their 10th anniversary they were living in Hawaii and said she received a double stroller and two foster babies. Carol and Steve were able to adopt one, Cami. Steve was born in Hillsboro, OR and was raised on a farm in the Tualatin area. His family spent some time in Alaska and then moved to southern Oregon where he graduated from high school. He received a BA from Museum Art School in Portland, OR and in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Portland. Steve, Carol and Cami have lived in many places and served where they could. Volunteering at Faith Academy in Manila, Philippines, Sunday school teacher at Pearl City, HI, deacon at First Christian Church in Kaufman, TX and helped start a Soup & Scriptures Bible study. Now that they are living in Turner they have stepped up to volunteer as the managers of the TRH Gift Shop. Carol has also volunteers in the Gift Shop.



Myrleen Christensen came to us from Oakland, OR, but she started her life in Tillamook, OR. Myrleen's father came to the US from Sweden when he was 12 and her mother was from a family that owned a famous Jersey Dairy Farm in the Tillamook area. Her maternal grandparents were charter members of the Tillamook Christian Church and she can remember their stories of going to the Turner Tabernacle in horse and buggy to represent Tillamook at the convention and camp meeting. When Myrleen finished at Tillamook High School, she attended the University of Oregon for two years. In 1949 she married Willard Christensen whose family was a big part of the Tillamook Cheese Factory. After their fifth child was born, Willard went back to school and received his education degree. He served in schools in Scio, Lakeview and Bandon, OR as a counselor, vice principal and principal. Myrleen worked for 7 years for Public Welfare in Lake County and also was a candy dipper for the famous Cranberry Candy Shop in Bandon, OR. They raised six children together and were married for 41 years when Willard died in 1990. In 1991 Myrleen starting doing some mission work, 2 years in Japan teaching English as a second language, 2 summers in Mongolia doing the same, followed by 4 months in Flagstaff with the Navaho and she spent another four months working in the Philippines.





Tuesday, December 20, 2011 has been set aside as the day TRH residents and staff will celebrate Christmas together with Christmas Carols and a lovely dinner. Following the noon meal, Santa will visit to distribute gifts that come from TRH's many supporters. If you would like to join others in providing some of the items listed below, please deliver them **unwrapped** to the Olds Administrative Office or the kitchen in the Dining Room by Thursday, **December 15**. This will give our helpers time to get them ready for the residents. In all areas, gifts of money are appreciated to fulfill many needs. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. ***You are appreciated!***

Items for Santa Bags December 20th:

Individually Packaged Christmas Ornaments (good source is Oriental Trading)	Travel Size Kleenex
Individually Packaged Snack Crackers (like peanut butter or cheese)	Candy
ChapStick, Blistex or other lip balm	Toothbrushes
	Small Note Pads

Items for Residents: Many residents stay at TRH for Christmas so each one will have a **Christmas stocking and gifts** on Christmas morning.

Cookies in Tins	Boxes of Tea	Microwave Popcorn
Boxes of Chocolates & Other Candy (also sugar free)		
All Occasion Greeting Cards	Oranges or Tangerines	
Denture Cleaner & Toothpaste	Boxes of Kleenex	
Emery Boards & Nail Clippers	Mesh Laundry Bags	
Shampoo & Conditioners	Liquid Soap & Hand Sanitizer	
Hand Lotion, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, Body Powder		



Items for Sickafoose, the Activity Building:

Masking & Scotch Tape	Pencils
Crossword & Word Search Books	



Care Giving:

Large Golf-Style Umbrellas	Two Umbrellas Holders
Sit Down Chair Scale: \$1,500 (Suitable for group purchases)	



Maintenance and Housekeeping:

Long Handled Pruning Clippers	Small Cordless Drill
Twin Sheet Sets & Twin Plastic Mattress Covers	
Shower Curtains	Laundry Baskets
AAA, AA & 9 Volt batteries	



Kitchen Needs:

Electric Deep Fry Pan	Food Processor	Industrial Can Opener
Progressive International GPC-4000 Fruit and Vegetable Chopper		
Presto Professional EverSharp Three-Stage Electric Knife Sharpener		
OXO Good Grips Mandolin Slicer	Wide Masking Tape	





Called Home

Earl Lyda April 27, 1927 – April 26, 2011

Earl Harvey Lyda was born near Kuna, ID to Tallie Joe & Mary Frances Lyda. The Lydas raised their 3 sons and 2 daughters on the family farm, instilling in Earl the value of hard work and a love of the land. Earl married Betty Ann Burlile on May 21, 1948. In 1950 Earl was ordained into the Christian ministry and went on to serve churches in Kuna and Star Idaho and Turner Oregon. After pastoring at Turner for 19 years, he served as Administrator for Turner Retirement Homes before retiring in 1990. He was instrumental in the expansion of the Homes, overseeing the construction of the duplexes at Mill Creek Court and on Elgin Street. He is survived

by his wife Betty, daughters, Carol Wright, Jo Koenig, Gayle Olds, Nancy Nelson and Kaye Weaver, and his brothers Glen and Don both residents of TRH as well as 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

R.C. (Richard Cary) Royston January 6, 1911 – May 21, 2011

When you asked R.C. about his heritage he would say he was Texan. His family established a town in Fisher County, Texas where he was born in 1911. R.C. loved family, numerous activities and the Church. It was through his involvement in church and Christian Endeavor that he met Eunice Friezzell and they were married on September 10, 1937. He and Eunice raised two daughters Charla and Ruahama and two sons Cary and Fritz. R.C. worked in bookkeeping and accounting and during WW2 was employed in ship building. He had many interests, gardening, oil painting, working with the Boy Scouts & the Eugene Gleeman Singers, bird watching, photography and singing. He served his church as Sunday school teacher, choir member, deacon, elder, chairman of the board and twice as Finance Committee chair. Family was very important to R.C. and through the years he and Eunice enjoyed family reunions, getting to know and love 13 grandchildren and many more great-grandchildren.



John "Jack" Craig, Sr. January 13, 1920 – June 2, 2011

Jack Craig moved to Turner Retirement Homes August 10, 2006 to be closer to his son John who lives in Salem. Jack Craig was born John Craig to Don and Grace (Albrecht) Craig on January 13, 1920 in Davenport, Iowa. Three years later the family moved to Salem, OR.

Jack and his wife Aneta raised three boys. The greater part of his life was farming in the Willamette Valley near Jefferson, OR. He is survived by his wife Aneta, and sons, John Jr. of Salem, OR, Jerrold of Vancouver, WA and Jay of Seattle, WA.



Ray Renzema October 12, 1924 – July 10, 2011

Raymond Rudolph Renzema was a man of many talents and was loved by many. He was born in Springfield, South Dakota and had three sisters and three brothers. After the family moved to Oregon, Ray graduated from Ashland High School in 1942 and he joined the US Navy and served as a Pharmacist's Mate 2nd Class until 1945 where he served 19 months on Guadalcanal. Returning to civilian life Ray attended Northwest Christian College in Eugene, Oregon graduating in 1950. It was at NCC that he met and married Irene Neal August 21, 1948. Irene and Ray served churches in Oregon and in Washington as their family grew to include two daughters Ruby Ann and Laura. In 1961 they moved to Seattle where Ray was the Professor of Music and Dean of Men at Puget Sound College of the Bible. He established a traveling music group called "The Soundwaves", spreading the Gospel in song and encouraging young people to become Christian leaders. From 1974-78 he was Director of Public Relations. Ray Renzema touched many lives through his work at the college and his many years in the preaching ministry. In 1991 he and Irene moved to Turner Retirement Homes. Preceding him in death are Irene, his wife of 54 years, his parents, two grandchildren and three brothers. He is survived by daughters Rudy Ann Poulson, Laura Rae Concord, six grand children, two great-grandchildren and three sisters.

Betty Fitch September 29, 1923 – July 18, 2011

Betty was born to Henry and Clara Chitwood near Madras, OR. Betty had one sister Dolores. When she was in the 5th grade (age 9) the family moved to the St Johns area of Portland, OR and then in the 8th grade they moved to Stayton, OR. After High School, Betty attended Northwest Christian College in Eugene for two years ('41-'42) and on December 21, 1942 she married Alger Fitch. All through Alger's career as preacher, college professor and missionary, she worked beside him using her talents in Sunday School, VBS, music, etc. In 1958 she attended Portland State University and in 1962 she returned to NCC and graduated with a B-TH, all the while raising their three children. Musically, she played the piano, organ, clarinet, violin and Hawaiian guitar. She was also a wonderful painter using oil and water colors. In February of 1994 she and Alger retired to Turner Retirement Homes but that did not mean they retired from the ministry. She kept busy typing Alger's 26 books and traveled with him a great deal on his speaking engagements and missionary & teaching works. Alger and Betty enjoyed 68 years and were blessed with a great family and many, many friends. Betty is survived by Alger, their two daughters Luana Hendrickson and Marcia McKee, son David and 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 5 great-greats with one on the way.

Memorials—Gifts given to Turner Retirement Homes

Jack Craig

Ward & Margaret Hill

Bill Dugan

Jerry Rudberg

Betty Fitch

Doris Parrot

Gertrude Hanson

Ward & Margaret Hill

Earl Lyda

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Doris Meyers

Doris Parrot

Ressie Patton

Everett & Mary Jane Chapman

Ray & Louise Pulsifer

Dorothy Grover

Ray Renzema

Thomas & Patricia De Rush

Orris & Jean Doty

Faye Filby

Ward & Margaret Hill

Yvonne Isom

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Dave & Marlene Nolte

Jerry Rudberg

Mollie Storey

Elsie Tiffin

R.C. Royston

Orris & Jean Doty

Faye Filby

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Lavonne Lundgren

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Everett & Mary Jane Chapman

Beth Warner

Orris & Jean Doty

Norlene Payne

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In Recognition Those Still Living

In Gratitude of Bruce Reed

Ralph Holcomb

In Honor of Jerry & Marcia Carter

Jerry Rudberg

Guest Reporter (cont. from page 2)

The summer of 2003 I decided I was getting too old for “the hill”. We sold our place and December 1st headed for Arizona in our motor home, as was our yearly trip for the winter. With everything in storage, our new home was being built at Turner and was ready for us when we returned from Arizona in March of 2004. Our new manufactured home was lovely to come back to, and I now look out at the Tabernacle on the Oregon Christian Convention grounds instead of Mt. Jefferson. The Tabernacle is a symbol of man’s love for the Lord and Mt. Jefferson is a beautiful symbol of His love.

We don’t look back as we love our life and neighbors in Turner. There are many activities that keep us busy. Between Turner Retirement Homes and the nearby Christian Church, we are sometimes hard put to find time for a doctor’s appointment. We would have enjoyed being here sooner, but are glad to be here now. God has perfect timing if we open ourselves to Him. I have heard some who live here say, “I love it here. It is next best thing to heaven.” We have a caring staff and a Board of Trustees that do their best to make a loving home and a vision for the future. We are in independent living now but we know there is a wonderful residential care facility when we are in need of additional services. We are thankful to be here as we take one day at a time, trusting the Lord for His love and care.—Lois Carpenter

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- I would like to have someone present TRH to our Church or Organization
- Send me the Reporter by Email: _____



TRH Web Site Renovation

A new look is coming to www.trhhomes.org

Yes, more renovation is happening at Turner Retirement Homes. We have started a “revolution in renovation”! First steps were the updates to the kitchen and dining room, then the remodel of the residence of Patterson, the landscaping around many of the buildings and the new paint on Davis and Judith Turner Halls.

Join the Revolution—Pray for the continued strength of the Ministry at Turner Retirement Homes.

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