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## FOREIGN LANGUAGES AT CAROL WOODS

It should come as no surprise to anyone who knows Carol Woods that we have a sizeable number of people who master foreign languages, either because they are native speakers or because of earlier opportunities to immerse themselves in numerous experiences.

What better way to maintain fluency than by informal chatting occasions! About fifteen years ago this started with Spanish, followed by French, German and Italian. There was an aborted effort to start Portuguese, which lies dormant, waiting only for the right enterprising soul to give it a push.

Each group has its own ambience and *modus operandi*. The French group is perhaps the most highbrow, working with arcane textual material. They meet weekly, whereas the others get together twice a month, the Italian group for a joint meal. The German group, consistently the largest, is the one most purely chatty, where members produce and comment upon personal materials. Grammar is not high on any of the agendas. Departing from the current languages, a group working on Latin has started and is now in its second semester.

The greatest innovation is a multilingual Scrabble game whose players meet weekly. Such an effort holds the seeds of considerable controversy. To avoid this undesirable problem, the rules are kept simple: foreign terms, from Afghani to Zambezi, are never challenged. English words are frequently challenged with a dictionary serving as arbiter.

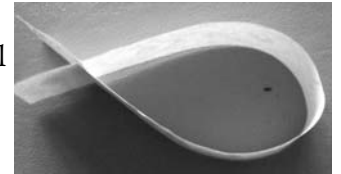
What language will it be next?

*Eliska Chanlett*

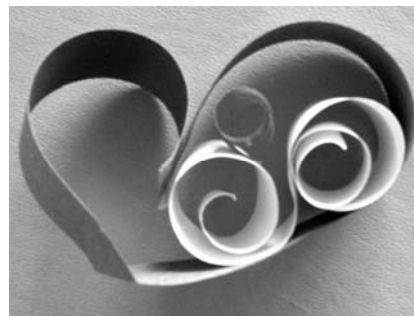
## ART FROM PAPER

Last February, **Dottie Hall** led a fast-moving class in making small works of art out of extremely simple materials. A “flying fish” was a single strip of paper with slits in each end, bent into the shape of the metal fish you sometimes see on the backs of cars. When dropped, it flew spinning to the floor.

Dottie kindly prepared all the materials we would need, which left us free to be as creative as we could be—or imitate the model she provided as best we could.



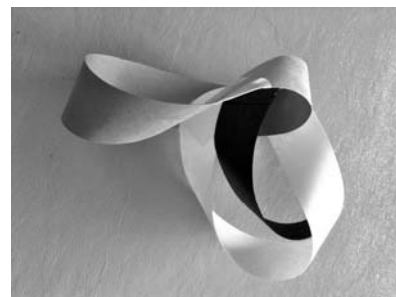
The level of ability of students in the class varied, as did their prior crafting experience. I hadn't touched construction paper since fourth grade. The most accomplished among us participate in art shows and study art at UNC.



One part of the class provided the basics for three more classes: Dottie showed us techniques for working with paper, tape, glue, crayons, staples, and two tubes

of glitter that landed on glue, or fell to the plate beneath, from whence it returned to the container for another round.

*Vanna Condax*



## A YEMEN EXPERIENCE

Traveling through the biblical-like country of Yemen during our two-year (1982-1984) stay, we were fascinated to see women in interesting colorful cottons worn with or without head covering or veils mingled with others dressed like any foreigner from Europe or the U.S. Native men uniformly dressed in white robes with the traditional *jambiya* at the waist. This is a curved sword in a sheath, once a battle weapon but now only a symbol.

I was teaching English at The Defense Language Institute, a school sponsored and administered by the U.S. government to prepare select Yemeni soldiers and airmen for advanced military training. The curriculum, designed to bring a native of any country to the level of fluency necessary for study in our country, required classes for two years, five hours a day, five days a week. This intensive program, plus motivated students, produced remarkable results. My group, about twenty men in their 20s and 30s and a few teen-agers, had been in the program about a year and were beginning to speak and write understandably. I struggled to sort them all out, as there were multiple Husseins, Hassans, Abduls, and Alis, but each had a distinctive personality and I soon learned who was shy, or a tease, or a serious student.



The students buzzed around me at every break, initially asking, “How old are you?” “Are you married?” “How many children do you have?” When they learned we had five boys, they chattered excitedly

among themselves in Arabic, and individually asked the same question again and again with more looks of wonder and awe. For them, having one son insured there would be someone to look after them in old age. But to have five! What good fortune!

I was totally unprepared for the surprise farewell party they gave me when they learned we were leaving Yemen. After tea and sweets and much talk about who had enough money to buy a bride or who had heard from a relative in Detroit or whose wife had just had a baby, they presented me with gifts that they had pooled their resources to buy. First was a beautiful gold necklace I didn’t think they could afford. But then they presented me with the ultimate gift—a *jambiya*. It was the highest honor they could give; they had accepted me as one of them. It was hard to hold back tears as I said goodbye.

*Anna Mary Maddy*

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## FEATHERED FRIENDS

According to watchers here, more than 35 bird varieties make their homes in our midst or like to drop by occasionally. Some of the rare visitors seen include a bald eagle, screech owl, pileated woodpecker and quail. Our campus has become more urbanized in the last ten years, but bird enthusiasts have been able to add the red-shouldered hawk, red-tailed hawk and rose-breasted grosbeak to the local count.

The birds are lovely to look at with their funny antics and cheery songs. And here is some good news: hummingbirds are now migrating to Chapel Hill. Mid-April is a fine time to have your feeder in place.

*Janet F. Campbell*



## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS



**Betty Klauber** (Apt. 3212) grew up by the sea six months of the year at Fire Island, NY. As a child she rode the waves, played in the sand, and learned to read in a one-room island schoolhouse. In the winter she learned to ice skate from her father, a figure-skating teacher.

Betty left New York when she married Dr. Samuel Klauber, a physician she met in Provincetown, MA. They lived in Cambridge and Newton. Betty graduated from Goddard College in Vermont and received a Masters degree from Wheelock College in Boston. Her career included teaching nursery school children and teachers. After working in the Boston Children's Hospital Pediatric AIDs Program, she developed the Building Healthy Foundations Program for Planned Parenthood of Boston.

Betty and Sam moved to Chapel Hill ten years ago to be near their daughter, Dr. Nancy DeMore, her husband Ed, and granddaughter Natalie. Son Eric is a pilot who lives in Florida. Sam recently passed away two weeks shy of his 102nd birthday.

Betty was twenty-four years younger than Sam. She writes, does Qi Gong, swims, reads, and plans to attend plays, concerts, and lectures. She hopes to be active at Carol Woods and at the Ethical Humanist Society of the Triangle, and to continue writing Sam's and her memoirs.



**Rita and Bob Weimer**  
(Apt. T-131)

Rita was born and raised in St. Paul, MN and holds a BA in sociology from the University of Minnesota. She worked for the National Security Agency, programming the world's most powerful computer. Bob is from Wheeling, WV. He holds an SB from MIT and a PhD from UC-Berkeley, both in chemical engineering, followed by US Army service.

Rita and Bob married in Washington, DC in 1966 and soon moved to Allentown, PA. For 31 years Bob worked in engineering R&D for Air Products, while Rita held various computer and management positions in business and education. In 1973, they adopted a Korean infant who now lives in Albuquerque, NM. During his preschool years, Rita earned an MBA from Lehigh University. Her last position was at Albright College directing a personal computer training program.

In 1998 they retired early and moved to Chapel Hill. Bob worked as a part-time consultant and as an NC State adjunct professor.

Both joined DILR, Duke's nationally known learning-in-retirement program. Rita was president of DILR's board when a million-dollar endowment changed the name to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). Bob has chaired OLLI's Technology Committee and is currently head of the Computer Class Curriculum Subcommittee.

Rita has tutored for and is a past president of the Orange County Literacy Council. Bob is currently OCLC treasurer.

Both enjoy reading and travel. Bob is interested in history and Rita follows current events. They will be gardening at Carol Woods.



**Ina and Bill Groves** (Apt. 188) lived in Chapel Hill for 24 years before moving to Carol Woods in February.

Ina was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and trained at Glasgow University as a tissue culture, cancer research technician. She spent a year at the University of Illinois, helping establish a similar laboratory in the biochemistry department. There she met Bill, a graduate student.

Bill spent his early years in DeKalb, IL, moving to Dallas, TX, at age 12. After graduation from Southern Methodist University with a BS in chemistry, he received his PhD in biochemistry at UI, then did post-doctoral research with Nirenberg on the genetic code at the National Institutes of Health.

In 1962 Ina and Bill were married at Ina's home church in Rutherglen, Scotland. They have two daughters and a son. Ina was a stay-at-home mom until she obtained her BSN at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston (MUSC). After moving to Chapel Hill, she worked for ten years at UNC Hospitals, caring for premature babies.

After several years of research, Bill became interested in computers, oversaw the computerization of the clinical laboratories at MUSC, and obtained an MS in computer science at the University of South Carolina. In 1986 he came to UNC as Director of Academic Computing, retired from that position in 1997, and since has continued to provide computer support daily at East Chapel Hill High School.

Ina and Bill love to walk and have taken walking tours in England, Ireland, Austria, and Italy. They also both enjoy reading, gardening, and their five grandchildren.

### COMING EVENTS

#### Concerts – Wednesday Evenings – 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 13 – Vincent van Gelder, piano  
Apr. 20 – Nancy Green, cello, and Larry Todd, piano

#### Lectures – Thursday Evenings – 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 14 – Pam Silberman, NC Institute of Medicine,  
Health Care Reform  
Apr. 21 – Suzy Barile, Undaunted Heart: the True Story  
of a Southern Belle and a Yankee General  
May 19 – Jim Dunlap, NC DOT, Weaver Dairy Road  
widening

#### Special Programs – The Assembly Hall

Sat. Apr. 23 – 3:30, piano recital, students of Aliyah  
Sanders  
Mon. Apr. 25 – 7:30, VocalMotion variety show, SAS  
singers  
Sun. May 1 – 1:00, piano students of Misako Toda  
Tues. May 3 – 7:00, piano students of Robin Snyder  
Fri. May 13 – 7:00, cello students of Jane Salemson  
Sat. May 14 – 3:00, piano students of Randy Shepherd

### UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB AT CAROL WOODS

March 3, 2011, was proclaimed "Thelma Boyd Recognition Day" by the past presidents of the University Women's Club at a Carol Woods' luncheon. Seven of the twenty-four members present at the luncheon are residents of Carol Woods.

**Thelma Boyd**, a former member of the Carol Woods Board, is the first past president of the UWC to be recognized in this way. Her numerous avenues of work and service to the community include garden club, church, UWC, Carol Woods, and others.



The University Women's Club is composed of

*L to R: Dot Blyth, Dot Cansler, Lallie Godschalk, Thelma Boyd, Betty Caldwell, Phyllis Sockwell, Sally Vilas*

some 250 wives, faculty and staff of UNC. The club provides social, educational, and volunteer opportunities for the women associated with UNC. We honor these women in all they do.

*Dot Cansler*

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