



Celebrating 25 years of Learning, Growing, and Contributing

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TWO CELEBRATIONS

The character of any community is determined by the priorities of its people. At Carol Woods, the priorities were shaped by our early founders 25 years ago and are reflected in the theme the residents and staff chose for the 25th anniversary: Celebrating 25 Years of Learning, Growing, and Contributing. Started by a diverse group of local professionals in the early 1970's, this year Carol Woods came together as a community of residents, board members, and employees to plan and partake in a meaningful anniversary celebration true to our history and with an eye to our future.

A steering committee of three residents, four employees, and one board member was given the task of planning events. The first one, on October 1st started in the morning with a look into Carol Woods' past with help from two former executive directors who came into town especially for the event. The beautiful 25th anniversary quilt, created by residents, volunteers, family, and staff, was unveiled at this ceremony and is now showcased at the main entrance to Carol Woods by the gift shop. Before lunch and with the blessing and help of the Grounds and Landscaping Department, 25 new trees were planted on campus. The final tree was planted by three generations of a Carol Woods' family: a great grandmother and grandmother who live at Carol Woods, and great grandson who is enrolled at the Carol Woods Children's Center. There followed a special luncheon honoring all 14 residents who moved in during Carol Woods' first year of operation and who still call Carol Woods home, and also the seven employees who celebrate 25 years of service to Carol Woods this year.

A mid-afternoon catered champagne reception prepared by an outside caterer gave everyone, including the dining staff that usually have to work

at such events, the opportunity for fellowship. The day was capped off by an evening program of live music from the 30's, 40's and 50's.

Two weeks after the "home" party events for residents and staff, approximately 250 members of the Priority List arrived to celebrate and visit the campus. A State Representative, the Mayor of Chapel Hill, members of the County Commissioners, Town Council, and Board of Aldermen were in attendance helping everyone to celebrate. Governor Mike Easley sent a letter of congratulations.

The people who developed Carol Woods made certain that the heart of Carol Woods was grounded in the Chapel Hill community – a tradition that continues today. Residents embrace the opportunity to enrich their lives and the lives of others by volunteering in many local organizations and by enjoying the variety of cultural opportunities in the Triangle area. On our 25th anniversary we celebrate that rich legacy and look ahead to our bright future!

Jennifer Gill

On October 5th, 2004, the Governors Advisory Council for Persons With Disabilities notified Carol Woods that it is the recipient of the North Carolina Advocacy Network's statewide BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD. We were chosen from among a host of state-wide nominees by a selection committee made up of advocate leaders representing all the major disability organizations from across the state. The citation for the award reads:

"In recognition of their humanity and vision as an organization whose hiring, business and social practices deeply reflect and promote the values of equity, inclusion, individual achievement and growth, and community-building."

CAROL WOODS 25th ANNIVERSARY PARTY



Karen Daniels welcomes everyone to the 25th Anniversary Party

Priority list members filled the Assembly Hall



Barbara Clyde and Dot Lineberger entertained with selections from *My Fair Lady*



After the program ended guests moved on to the Champagne Reception in the Social Lounge



FOR PRIORITY MEMBERS AND GUESTS



Everyone received a nice Carol Woods bag to carry home



There was plenty of food to eat and a beautiful ice sculpture vase with real flowers to enjoy



Kevin Foy, Mayor of Chapel Hill, had time to chat with Mary Ann Gross, a CW resident



Jean Joseph showed off the new lighting in the Library to priority list members

MERRY CHESTNUT

Merry was the busy wife (of Jack Chestnut), mother of two daughters, an avid gardener and cross-stitcher when she came to work part-time in the Accounting Department of Carol Woods in January of 1980. She proudly explains that her bills in those days were written entirely by hand and unfailingly on schedule, causing one resident to exclaim, "Everything around here is late, but the darned bills always come out on time!"

Now that accounting is assisted by computers, one of Merry's tasks is to meet with new employees, get them onto the payroll, and share with them the friendly flavor of Carol Woods. Twice monthly she delights residents of Building Five with freshly-baked cookies, coffee, tea, and conversation. Merry says the event sometimes runs a bit overtime when "Somebody needs a few extra minutes to be listened to."

Jane Berryman

THE ASSOCIATION OF CAROL WOODS RESIDENTS, INC.

Summary of the Meeting of October 12, 2004

The October Meeting of the Association began with **Betty Grant** introducing **June** and **Bob Bratcher** and **Gisela** and **Jai Nayar**, the newest members of Carol Woods.

Muriel Easterling presented the Treasurer's Report and **Charles Paddock** reviewed the activities of the Council for the past month.

Art Hawley, as Uncle Sam, invited all the residents to an Election Night Party on Nov. 2 from 6:30 to Midnight. It will be a Come-and-Go Party with participants furnishing their own snacks and drinks.

Lew Woodham presented a report on the proposed 2007 improvements to Weaver Dairy Rd. and indicated that a traffic light has been planned for the entrance to Carol Woods.

Muriel Easterling, Chair of the Sewing Room Committee, gave Pat Sprigg a check for \$2,500.00 for the Staff Development Fund, the results of 500 hrs sewing by residents for residents.

Rod Gorham announced the greenhouse was open for the winter storage of plants. **Dan Okun** announced the new Art Show and Reception on October 15.

Diane Henderson reminded the residents about the 2003 CW Board Resolution on Political Activities at Carol Woods.

Pat Sprigg announced that there were 20 new Stars for the staff this year. The Stars provide leadership models for new staff. The 25th Anniversary Party on October 1 for the residents was a smashing success. The Companion Corp was commended for their efforts in helping all handicapped residents to attend every event. All residents and staff will receive their flu shots this year.

(Ross McKinney)

JONNIE SHARPE

Jonnie is one of the "originals" on the staff at Carol Woods, having begun work in the Housekeeping Department in December, 1979.

She remembers the sea of red mud, carrying her bucket of cleaning tools and linen supplies before the golf carts were purchased. Once she was attacked by a bird who got tangled in her hair until a resident came to her rescue.

Before Carol Woods, Jonnie worked for the New Hope Rescue Squad. She also painted billboards advertising events like the famous pancake breakfasts at the New Hope Fire Station. Married for 43 years, she has two children and five grand-children. As time permits she continues working on crafts, painting, and decorating.

After fifteen years in Housekeeping, she moved on to become an RA, earned a med-tech certificate and has spent ten years working in Assisted Living. Carol Woods is a wonderful place to work but she's looking ahead to retirement in four years.

Wednesday Evening Concerts

- 12/8 The Four Most, Piano Four hands
- 12/15 Carol Woods Woodsmens Chorus

Thursday Evening Lectures

- 12/2 Peter Coclans, Out-Sourcing
- 12/9 Farnum Brown, Socially Responsible Investing
- 12/16 Chris Brown, Life in Space

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