



Community Connections



Summerville • Frampton Hall • Clinton • Columbia • Foothills • Florence

Vol. 28, No. 1 – April 2007

SEVENTEEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

John R. Kelbaugh, who served as President of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina for 17 years, retired effective January 31, 2007. Mr. Kelbaugh joined Presbyterian Home of South Carolina in 1989 as Vice President for Development and was selected to become the third President in 1992 by the Board of Trustees.



John and Ebba Kelbaugh with Peg Taylor at John's retirement drop in.

Having provided strong leadership and dedicated service, Presbyterian Communities was strengthened in many areas during his presidency. Improving the campuses of the five communities was one of the first initiatives begun by Mr. Kelbaugh. During his tenure, the Foothills Retirement Community in Easley was developed and constructed to become the sixth community. The Endowment for Resident Aid increased from \$5.3 million to \$13 million and the annual operating budget increased from \$11.7 million to \$25 million! How far this ministry has come and how much it has grown under his leadership.

While he served as President, Presbyterian Communities received the largest gift ever received - \$6.7 million from the David Purcell Estate! The gift of 88 acres in Conway for a proposed community was given by someone who became a special friend to the Kelbaughs.

Always at President Kelbaugh's side was his wife and partner in mission, Ebba, who quietly served with him

and in her own unique ways. Whether it was creating memorial gardens from flowers and plants given to residents in memory of their spouses, visiting in the healthcare centers or taking residents to appointments, Mrs. Kelbaugh served along side her husband. Together they gave of themselves to a ministry they believed in and loved.

Many residents call John and Ebba their close friends, as do the staff and members of the Board who worked with them. It was with mixed emotions that the Board of Trustees accepted the announcement of John's retirement.

John and Ebba have begun a new and exciting chapter in their own lives. It is with thanksgiving to God that we rejoice with them and express our appreciation to them for the many years of blessed service and the contributions they made on behalf of the older members of our churches in South Carolina.



Don McMillin salutes John Kelbaugh one more time.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Published by

PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITIES OF S.C.

Clinton • Columbia • Florence •
Foothills • Frampton Hall • Summerville

Katherine R. Ligon, *President*

Editor

Penny Arnold

Director of Foundation Services

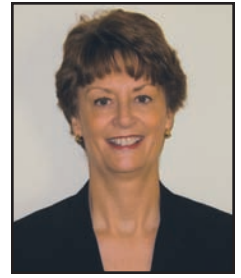
OWNERSHIP Presbyterian Home is owned by the five South Carolina presbyteries as a ministry to older members of the church. The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Home.

LICENSES Presbyterian Home is licensed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and the Department of Consumer Affairs.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

A member of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, the South Carolina Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging and the Presbyterian Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

WORDS FROM THE CEO



Katherine R. Ligon

This is the first of a series of articles based on our Mission Statement, the guiding principle of our faith-based ministry. Our purpose of existence is defined in our Mission Statement.

“Serve with compassion” are the first three words of the Mission Statement of Presbyterian Communities. Since 1958, when the first residents entered what is now called The Village at Summerville, the word compassion has been synonymous with this ministry. When the first Mission Statement was developed, all involved knew that the word “Compassion” must be included.

We learned from our Bible teachings that Jesus served with compassion, and our shared ministry of the Presbyterian Churches (USA) in South Carolina endeavors to serve with “Compassion” the older members of many churches.

“Compassion” has often been associated with healing, caring, sympathy, empathy, generosity and mercy. PCSC is committed to providing these to our residents. For as our staff members give of themselves every time they walk through our doors to work, they seek to serve in a way that uplifts, encourages and comforts people. Residents, in return, show compassion to one another and are committed to the staff.

Together, we all share in our Christian service.

OUR MISSION

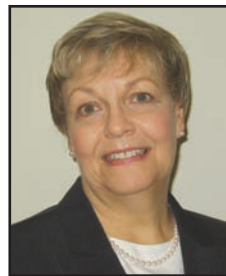
Serve with compassion the physical, social and spiritual needs of older South Carolina Presbyterian Church (USA) members and others

Provide services dedicated to excellence in a culture that witnesses Christian values and love

Provide residential and health care communities at reasonable cost

From The Editor:

The beautiful picture of fruit on the cover of our Mother’s Day card and reproduced on the back page of this issue of Community Connections is taken from a painting by Jo Christie who lives at the Foothills Community in Easley. When I first saw it, I was reminded of the Bible verse about the fruit of the Spirit. In the fifth chapter of Galatians we read, “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” Qualities we might recognize in an individual whose life is lived in Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit.



Penny Arnold

Then, I thought, you know the Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina bear fruit like this too. Six communities throughout our state have faithfully provided generous services and loving care to our older church members since 1958.

Residents are served with kindness and patience. Joy is shared in celebrating holidays, sightseeing trips, and special events. Being part of a community can bring a renewed sense of life’s goodness and peace of mind. We are truly blessed to have this ministry of compassion in our midst.

Though we don’t often think about it, this ministry, serving 850 residents, is ours, yours and mine. Through the Mother’s Day Offering, we have an opportunity to assist our ministry and make a difference in the lives of those who benefit from our generosity and Christian love.

During 2007, the cost of care for approximately 60 residents who live in our communities and qualify for financial assistance will be approximately \$7,000 a day or nearly \$2.4 million. The Mother’s Day Offering helps defray the cost of providing benevolent assistance. Please join with me and brothers and sisters all over South Carolina in making a generous gift to the Mother’s Day Offering. Thank you.

Please remember Presbyterian Communities and your church in your will.

FIVE NEW TRUSTEES ELECTED TO BOARD FOR 2007

Presbyterian Communities is privileged to announce the election of five new individuals to the Board of Trustees for 2007.

Mr. Jesse "J.C." Dove was elected by the Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery. He is an Elder and member of Dorchester Presbyterian Church in Summerville, a trustee of Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery, and served in leadership positions with Kiwanis, Trident United Way, Chamber of Commerce of Summerville, Council of Coastal Futures and the Alliance of Charleston Cultural Arts. Jesse is the President of Investment Advisory Center, Inc. in Summerville. His wife is Edie.

Mr. Thomas R. Young III was elected by Foothills Presbytery. He is an Elder in First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg where he has served on numerous committees, taught Sunday School and coached the youth basketball team. His community service includes leadership positions with the Rotary Club of Spartanburg, Boy Scouts, Spartanburg Regional Hospital Foundation and the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Young is President of Young's Office Supply in Spartanburg. He is married to Elizabeth.

The Reverend Dr. John Brearley, pastor of John Knox Presbyterian Church in Greenville, has been elected by Foothills Presbytery to fill an unexpired term. Dr. Brearley's father was served by the Columbia Community and his family continues to be strong supporters of PCSC. Dr. Brearley has served on the Eastside YMCA Board of Advisors, Presbyterian College Board of Visitors and Capital Campaign Committee, and as a Board Member of the South Carolina Home at Montreat. His wife is Tammy.

Mr. David H. Gill, Jr. has been elected by Providence Presbytery. Mr. Gill is very familiar with PCSC as he served as the co-chair of the Campaign Committee for building a new community in Rock Hill several years ago. He is an Elder in Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill and has served on the Finance, Stewardship and Evangelism Committees. A retired chemical engineer and plant manager, he is married to Sue.

Dr. Samuel J. "Jack" Marsh has been a pediatric dentist in Columbia for the past 42 years. Elected by Trinity Presbytery, he is an Elder and Deacon at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Dr. Marsh attended Presbyterian College prior to dental school. He has held leadership positions with the Greater Columbia Dental Association and the Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentists. His mother is currently residing in the Columbia Retirement Community. He is married to Tommie.

WOULD YOU PREFER TO RECEIVE YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS BY E-MAIL?

Help us save paper and receive the newsletter in full color electronically by sharing your e-mail address. If interested, please e-mail your name, mailing address and e-mail address to feedback@preshomesc.org.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA

After a seven month national search by a Search Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees, Katherine R. Ligon was selected as the fourth President of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina.

Kathy assumed her responsibilities as President of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina, on February 1, 2007. Her professional career within the Presbyterian Church (USA) began at Trinity Presbytery where she worked for three years before coming to PCSC in 1987. Prior to being elected president, she served as the Director of Development and Vice-President for Presbyterian Communities.

Kathy is a native of South Carolina. She grew up in Greenville, SC, attended First Presbyterian Church, and is an alumnus of Columbia College. Kathy and her husband, Bill, reside in Camden where they attend Bethesda Presbyterian Church and have served as elders. They have two grown children, Will and Kay.

DIRECTOR OF FOUNDATION SERVICES NAMED

Penny Arnold joins Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina as the Director of Foundation Services. Penny is well known in South Carolina. She has been a Development Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation and Director of Church Relations at Presbyterian College before accepting a position with Presbyterian Communities.

As Director of Foundation Services, Penny will work with the Board of Advisors in each presbytery, maintain church relationships, and help expand the financial resources to sustain this ministry to residents in our retirement communities. She will be happy to come to your church or special group and present a program about the services and life at Presbyterian Communities.

Penny and her husband, Alan, moved to South Carolina from Nashville in 1995. Alan is an ordained Presbyterian minister who is currently serving as the General Presbyter and Stated Clerk in Trinity Presbytery. They have three grown children and two grandchildren. Please welcome Penny as she visits your community, presbytery or church.

RETIREMENT OF A FAITHFUL EMPLOYEE

Johnnie Mae Dailey retired in February from the Dietary Department at The Village at Summerville after nearly 39 years of faithful service. Each week she drove from Holly Hill, a round trip of over 50 miles, to arrive for work – that is over half a million miles!!

Another member of the family came to work for us in 1999. Julia Thompson, Johnnie Mae's daughter, is a member of our housekeeping staff.

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina is blessed to have such faithful, committed employees providing nourishing meals and loving care to our residents. Thank you, Johnnie Mae, for being part of our team all those years.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to thy name, O Most High; to declare thy steadfast love in the morning, and thy faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For thou, O LORD, hast made me glad by thy work; at the works of thy hands I sing for joy. Psalm 92:1-4 RSV

FLORENCE COMMUNITY ENHANCES SECURITY AND BEAUTIFIES ITS GROUNDS



Entrance way to Florence Retirement Community

Seasons come and go, technology is upgraded, and now the outside appearance of the Florence Presbyterian Community has changed as well. Residents and community members alike have praised the new look with the addition of a black metal and wrought iron fence that runs along the outside perimeter of our facility. The new addition has added charm and enhanced security to the community.

Controlled access to the community does not hinder visitation of family, friends, and community members. The gates are open throughout the day to allow for easy access for all visitors. In the event that the gates are closed, as they are at night, residents, their families and Presbyterian Communities staff have personalized codes that allow them to open the gates so they may enter.

As the only retirement community in the Florence area that offers enhanced security, the positive remarks and excitement from residents and the community at-large, are a sure sign of future interest in living at the Florence Retirement Community.

Article submitted by Amanda Strickland, Florence Retirement Community.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING WILL ACCEPT CREDIT CARD DONATIONS

The Mother's Day Offering is received each May through the congregations of the South Carolina Presbyterian Churches (USA) and individual giving. All gifts are used to help offset the cost of benevolent care, which is anticipated to be \$2.4 million this year. Last year's Mother's Day Offering was over \$254,000 and we are grateful for each contribution.

Presbyterian Communities can now accept gifts made by credit card for the Mother's Day Offering. Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express are all accepted. If you wish to make a credit card donation, you may do so by mail or by phone call. Our mailing address is:

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina
Post Office Box 210037,
Columbia, SC 29221-0037

Our phone numbers are toll-free 888-842-4855 or locally in Columbia at 772-5885.

Have the following information available at the time of your call:

Credit Card Type: Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Gift Amount: _____

Name on Card: _____

Your continued support strengthens this ministry and preserves our mission to provide financial resources for those South Carolina Presbyterian Church (USA) residents who qualify for benevolent care.

COLUMBIA COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club brightens many spaces with color on the grounds of the Columbia Community. Without their tender loving care the community would not have the following: Flowers at the front gate, the large urns with cedar trees around the fountain, flowers on the front porch all year around, camellia trees and raised flower beds in the courtyard with bulbs and pansies all winter and colorful flowers all year.

Another item is music in the courtyard (we say our flowers sing). Holly and crepe myrtle trees off A-wing, iris beds, flower beds between B and C wings, roses on the wooden fence off of C-wing, azaleas on C-wing's entrance and trellises with morning glories blooming all summer. Roses and other shrubs and perennials in our Health Care courtyard as well as many flowers and roses that furnish color all year in our Special Care courtyard. The Garden Club is responsible for pear and plum trees between Health Care and Special Care Units.

The Garden Club spends approximately \$1,000.00 each spring and \$1,000.00 each fall. The funds for flowers and other plantings come from the residents. They contribute to the Birthday Card project, give memorials, and individual gifts to the garden club.

All the gardening is done by the members except for \$400.00 each spring and \$400.00 each fall paid to Heritage Landscape Company for the flowers at our front gate.

We buy a load of black dirt, with fertilizer each year, and also 14 flats of pansies, plants for the front porch, many flats of blue salvia, lantana, vinca, and petunias, pinta, one hundred caladium bulbs, daffodils, anemones, and potting soil. This year for our special project we purchased a wooden swing for our courtyard for \$458.00, and one swing was donated. This is where our money goes!

Article adapted from Columbia Community newsletter, The Golden Pen Sept. 24-30, 2006

SERVICE OF DEDICATION



*Nancy Watts with
Richard and Wesley Wyly.*

Colorful floral arrangements seemed to grace every nook and cranny throughout The Village at Summerville. Family and friends came from near and far filling the chapel on February 18, 2007. The special occasion was the dedication of the completely refurbished progressive care room in the Coleman Healthcare Center in memory of Chaplain John E. Watts, Jr., husband of Nancy L. Watts, Village resident. The interior renovation was made possible through a generous gift from the Kate and Ralston Wyly family.



*Nancy Watts (seated) and
Kate Wyly Stanton enjoy
greeting friends at the
dedication.*

The strong bond between the Watts and Wyly families developed and was nurtured over many years. Kate's son, Wesley Wyly spoke of Chaplain Watts' witness and inspiration in his life and the lives of his three brothers. He told those gathered about humorous experiences and poignant moments shared with Chaplain Watts. Memories of a life shaped by God's call and service to others were recalled.

After the service of dedication, Nancy Watts and Kate Wyly Stanton greeted guests at a reception held in the Lore S. Brown Fellowship Room.

COLUMBIA RESIDENTS KNIT AND ROW IN HONDURAS

High in the mountains of Honduras, where nights can be very cold, small boys and girls have warm coverings for their heads. It came about through collaboration between Rivers of the World (ROW), a young man named Wesley Lawson and his grandparents at Columbia Presbyterian Community.

The Columbia residents were able to view the end results of their handiwork when Wes showed pictures and told of his Mission trip to Honduras, under the auspices of Rivers of the World.



*Ann and Buddy Adams
with grandson, Wesley Lawson.*

As Assistant Dean of Students at Hampden-Sydney College in Farmville, VA, Wes works directly with students and regularly leads them on Mission trips to Third World countries.

“College students need to see more than a nice campus and comfortable study places,” says Wes.

“We take them to remote, undeveloped areas where they witness first-hand people living without basic sanitation or clean water.”

“Honduras is the second-poorest country in Central America (Haiti is first). We travel to remote villages and work on projects for their community, such as helping build churches or roads or medical clinics.”

Rivers of the World was founded by a Presbyterian minister, Ben Mathis, 11 years ago as an ecumenical outreach for Christians.

Wesley is the son of Katherine and Tommy Lawson of Charlotte, and the grandson of Ann and Buddy Adams of Columbia. When the Adams’ learned of Wes’ planned trip to Honduras in February 2007, they organized a volunteer knitting class at Columbia Community. Some were experts at knitting; others had never tried it before. In a few weeks’ time, the group had knitted 77 woolen caps for the Hampden-Sydney group to take to Honduras.

“These children love the caps,” reported Wes. “Also we give them pencils and notebooks for their schooling. It’s a very rewarding week for us all.”

Article submitted by Jackie Perrone, Columbia Retirement Community



Knitters of the Columbia Presbyterian Community wear yellow yarn badges for their service to Rivers of the World.

IT'S A REVIEW

In 1999, Dorothy Vedder had a brainchild: To form a theatrical group and present a play for the folks who had lived at the Foothills Retirement Community since its opening in 1998. Beginning in 1999, the Peanut Players have treated residents to a performance each year, always directed by talented Dorothy. Prior to 2006, the annual play was selected from "outside" sources, but this year's script was an original play, written by Dorothy Vedder with help from Ruth Cook, Jo Ford, and Dora Stoecker. The play was presented in the activities room at 7:00 p.m. on November 20, 2006.

"It's a Mystery" is a wonderful comedy about the Happy Haven Home's Annual Mystery Outing, organized by Trendy Tours, Inc. Foothills Retirement Community's residents enjoyed an entertaining evening at the theatre. In her review of last year's play, the late Mary Spann wrote, "The actors and actresses were all perfect for their parts and gave polished performances." This statement could also be applied to performers in "It's a Mystery."

Peanut Players were:

Denton Lindsay (Freddie LaFleur) - a harried conductor. Excellent choice Dorothy!

Dora Stoecker (Gerta Gipps) - a thorn in Denton's side. They clash over who's in charge.

Nell Holcomb (Agnes Nixon) - Denton's other thorn in the side.

Jo Ford (Gracie Gaston) - gets an A for her performance as a slightly scatterbrained, slightly naive passenger.

Dean Ramirez (Vicki Villard) - a passenger who throws Denton for a loop when she arrives with her parrot in a cage.

Davis McGregor (Mac Maloney) - a lawman who arrested and detained all the passengers overnight for questioning.

John Ford (Bugsy Marconi) - the bus driver-imitated engine sounds and his grip of the [imaginary] steering wheel as the "vehicle" lurched, stopped, and started, contributed to the feeling that people in the audience were riding on a real bus.

Inez Tucker and Bob Darling (Myrt and Burt Pickerson) - Bob and Inez were transformed into a quarrelsome, bickering couple. Playing their roles so well they certainly were not the Inez and Bob we know.

Inez deserves special mention. She should receive a "great trouper" award for assuming Ruth Cook's role after Ruth became ill. She protested that she could not act. Inez told Dorothy, "I will do anything to help, but I cannot act." Foothills playgoers know that she was mistaken!

Trendy Tours' planned destination is still a mystery at the end of the play. One would think that this is a trip that has gone sour, but this is not the case with the Happy Haven Homes tour participants. They have had a grand time speculating about the final destination.

Congratulations Dorothy and Peanut Players! Please do another "original" in 2007!

*Article submitted by Virginia Gower,
Foothills Retirement Community*



The Peanut Players - Future nominees for the Academy Awards.

REFLECTIONS

*Written by Rev. Robert H. Brozina, Chaplain
Clinton Retirement Community and Frampton Hall*

One of the many things I have discovered that I miss the most about serving in a local congregation is being able to participate in the sacrament of baptism. Joining together as a church family welcoming and including a child of God into the family of faith, is a sacred moment.

Often during that sacrament the minister will take the child from her parents and carry her down the aisle to be greeted by the church family. In such moments, the church says to that child of God, 'You are never alone. We are your family and from this moment forward, we will help to carry you on your way.'

Recently, in conversation with residents of our Presbyterian Communities here in Clinton I was reminded of this call to be present and carry one another throughout our journeys of life.

As we live in the midst of a cultural revolution of longevity, we as people of faith are called to remember our baptism and ponder such questions as:

Are we able to hold fast to the promise of God and be assured that God will care for us in every season of life and mission? Do we believe that God carries us today in all the changes that we experience?

The prophet Isaiah says to us,

*"Even into older age, I will carry you. I have made and I will bear.
I will carry and save you." Isaiah 46:4*

It occurred to me recently that one of the greatest gifts of ministry for the Presbyterian Communities is the call for us to mutually 'carry one another', 'to care for each other' and thereby fulfill the covenant we enter into at baptism.

As I was reminded by friends here, we are on the way to living out our baptisms and the promise of our God not only when we are young, but each and every day.

MINUS FAMILY GIFT DEDICATED

A generous gift from the children of Paul M. and Mildred S. Minus has provided new exercise equipment for the Brown McCallum Fitness Room. Paul M. Minus, Jr., Ph.D. and Joseph S. Minus, M.D. joined their sister Betty M. Young, for the service of dedication on March 7th at The Village at Summerville.



Minus family members.

Residents, staff, and guests gathered in the fitness room for the reception following the dedication. Many residents shared with the family how much the equipment helps them heal and regain their strength after surgery or a fall. One woman told us that she no longer has to use a walker because of the wonderful physical therapy she received.

Presbyterian Retirement Communities is grateful for the new equipment and all the gifts we receive to assist us in our ministry. Thank you one and all.

C
E
L
E
B
R
A
T
I
N
G
L
I
F
E



Elizabeth Simons (L) shares memories with guest Virginia Vance for 30th Anniversary of Frampton Hall.



Frampton Hall residents enjoy outdoor wellness kick-off.



Florence resident Edna Kirkpatrick enjoys company of Trustee Lola Faye Craig.



Sarah Jowers and her mother, Betty Lou Williams, in costume for the Columbia Halloween Party.



Doug Vaughan shares music talent for Clinton Veteran's Day celebration.



Earl Rambow speaks at Clinton Veterans Day gathering.



Congratulations to Foothills resident Vivian Thompson on her 90th birthday.



John Arnold shares slide show of trip to Greece while visiting with his father, Douglas Arnold at Clinton.



North Carolina group performs at Clinton - a reunion for Dr. Jack Presseau (L) and Carol and Pete Hay.



Norma Fryfogle reads with her young friend at M.S. Bailey Elementary in Clinton.



Clinton resident Grace Johnson holds her namesake great granddaughter.



Presbyterian Travelers enjoy sunny weather on the Mexico trip.



Members of the Molly Rice Art Group at their showing at the Lexington Medical Center. (L to R) Walt Wise, Frank Dieringer, Lily Bradley, Ellen Scoville, Molly Rice and Edna Pugh.



John Lauritsen is thrilled with the menu at The Village at Summerville Christmas party.



Village at Summerville resident Katherine Gittinger checks on her favorite team.



Ellen Scoville (L) and Edna Pugh pointing out their artwork.



Lydia Ropp teaches Ann Adams to crochet at Columbia.



Presbyterian Travelers at the Williard Chapel on the New York Finger Lakes.



Columbia Community staff will do anything for a laugh. Which one is Rudolph?



Mary Douglass checks out the residents' scrapbook at The Village at Summerville.



Rufus Gaddy and Jeannette Jordan share a laugh at Clinton event.



Danyse and Mac McKee share some quiet time in the library at The Village at Summerville.



Newlyweds Reese and Anne McWilliams at the Columbia Christmas Party.



Summerville residents Effie Wilder and Helen Ray enjoy their Christmas desserts.

NOTES OF INTEREST

George Somers, resident at The Village at Summerville and member of Summerville Presbyterian Church, was recently recognized on the *Presbyterians Today* website, October issue. Mr. Somers is now embarking on his fourth career – writer. He puts his storytelling abilities to good use in role plays with children in vacation Bible school and other programs. He contributes articles and movie reviews to his church newsletter, and leads an adult Sunday school class that addresses the theological implications of current events and films. He leads similar classes at The Village at Summerville where he and his wife, Kitty, reside.

We are pleased to welcome **Hannah Brearley**, a Presbyterian College junior majoring in business, as a student intern at the Clinton Retirement Community and Frampton Hall this semester. Hannah is working under the guidance of Presbyterian College Professor of the Year, Norman Scarborough, to complete an internship in marketing at our communities. Hannah's PCSC connections begin close to her heart as her father, Dr. Bill Brearley is currently the Medical Director for the Columbia Retirement Community and her uncle, Rev. Dr. John Brearley serves on the PCSC Board of Trustees.

The Molly Rice Art Group at the Columbia Retirement Community was recently honored with a display of the group's artwork at the Lexington Medical Center cafeteria in Columbia. Members of the group include: Art Wise, Frank Dieringer, Lily Bradley, Molly Rice, Edna Pugh and Ellen Scoville. Carol Frye, Activities Director, took the group to see the display. What a wonderful day for all!

The **Florence Retirement Community** was delighted at Christmas time when members of **Celebrations Presbyterian Church** of North Myrtle Beach distributed quilts to all **healthcare residents**. What a wonderful gesture of kindness! Thank you to all who participated at Celebrations.

The Reverend Dr. Jeri Parris Perkins of First Presbyterian Church in Hartsville was the speaker again this year for the **Richardson Lecture Series** at The Village at Summerville held April 22nd – 24th.

Foothills resident, **Adam Dixon**, is known around Easley as "The Can Man". He walks around the Foothills Retirement Community campus several times a day for his exercise while helping to raise money for the community's future healthcare wing by collecting aluminum cans. So far, he has raised close to \$1,000 through his collection efforts. He also helps bundle papers and plastics at the Foothills Community for the City of Easley recycling collection.

COLUMBIA CHAPEL

Donations to honor or memorialize friends and family are being received prior to construction of the chapel at Columbia. Donation amounts for pews, windows and chandeliers will be available in the near future. Please call Kathy Ligon or Penny Arnold toll-free at 888-842-4855 if interested. Gifts of chapel items will be noted with appropriate plaques.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE BECOMES A MEMORY COOKBOOK

Frances (Fran) Barnard, a.k.a. “The Cookie Lady,” resident of The Village at Summerville was surprised by her family on her 90th birthday last spring. Her three sons and two “daughters-in-love” used the special celebration to unveil a poster that was to become the front cover of “The Sellers Sisters Cookbook.” Fran’s sons had the bright idea and she was excited with the prospect of compiling favorite recipes that she and her three sisters “loved to cook.”

Fran said, “I enjoyed every moment, for it brought back so many memories of my three beloved sisters, Tedie, Dot, and Kitty, and our brother Bach.” The nostalgic photos of her parents and other family members are why many people tell her they want the book. “Oh, what happy moments I had,” she recalls, “as I sorted through recipes that we had exchanged over a period of fifty years.”

She also had a “keep-it” box for sayings, poems, clippings and photos, and she wanted those things in her cookbook, too. Some people tell her they read it like a novel because it has all those tidbits of wisdom and little thoughts.

During our conversation, Fran asked if I would express her deep appreciation for the support and encouragement of residents George and Kitty Somers. She said, “From the very beginning of the project, they encouraged me and supported me. I can’t tell you how much that meant as I worked to put the cookbook together.” There is nothing like good friends, is there.

Rave reviews are coming in from far and near. A fine restaurant in Vermont is now using Fran’s recipe for Peach Champagne Soup and her Apple Cranberry Casserole is being used by a Beaufort caterer. The Sellers Sisters Cookbook can be purchased at Time Well Spent in Summerville and at Mary Nell’s in Orangeburg. You can also get a copy from the office of The Village at Summerville. Profits from the cookbook are given to several funds at The Village including the 2007 Employees Christmas Fund, Library Fund, Flower Fund, and Framp’s Store.

Thank you, Fran, for a wonderful cookbook and for sharing so generously with others.



Fran Barnard

FOOTHILLS RESIDENTS VISIT THE CIRCUS

On the morning of Saturday, February 3, independent, assisted living and health care center residents of the Foothills Community faced the windy, bitter cold of the outdoors, and loaded up in three vehicles headed to Greenville. Thirty minutes later, this caravan unloaded downtown at the Bi-Lo Center for the “Greatest Show on Earth.” The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey’s Circus was quite a treat for everyone! They saw a dozen tigers do a dozen tricks. There were clowns that could dance and do flips. They saw a dog ride a scooter and elephants climb on one another’s backs. There were beautiful acrobatics and daring trapeze acts. Circus goers even saw two people get shot out of an enormous cannon! It seemed that just as quickly as the excitement began, it ended; though really a few hours had passed. The day at the circus was truly a spectacular one that we will remember.

Article submitted by Ellen Cook, Foothills Retirement Community

I will sing of thy steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth
I will proclaim thy faithfulness to all generations. For thy steadfast love was
established forever, thy faithfulness is firm as the heavens. Psalm 89:1-2 RSV

SHE MADE EIGHT GOVERNORS LOOK GOOD



Top Row (L to R): Jim Hodges, Robert McNair, and David Beasley.
Bottom Row (L to R): James Edwards, Katherine Dunlap and Richard Riley.

Katherine Stallings Dunlap has had more than her share of interesting experiences and glory, since she served as a special assistant in the office of the South Carolina Governor through the terms of no less than eight governors.

At age 99, she was photographed recently with 3 of the 4 living governors she served: McNair, Edwards and Riley, along with two later ones, Beasley and Hodges. Governor Hollings was not able to be present for the occasion, which was a panel discussion telecast on SCETV in March.

According to Mrs. Dunlap, every governor she served was her favorite. It was Jimmy Byrnes who drafted her to move from her home town of Spartanburg to Columbia to assist him in the office in 1950. He was followed by George Bell Timmerman, Ernest "Fritz" Hollings, Donald Russell, Robert McNair, John West, James Edwards and Richard Riley. Three of these governors presented her with South Carolina's highest honor, the Order of the Palmetto, and upon her retirement at the conclusion of the Riley term, she was invited to address the state legislature.

She has said, "I found my niche serving the people of South Carolina. I felt that everything we did, even though it might be small, was important to someone."

Mrs. Dunlap has been a resident of the Columbia Retirement Community since 1993.

Article submitted by Jackie Perrone, Columbia Retirement Community

NOTED AUTHOR RESIDES AT THE VILLAGE AT SUMMERVILLE

Mrs. Effie Wilder moved to The Village at Summerville in 1987. She kept a journal of stories she would hear around The Village and, in her own words, "I was a journal keeper and eavesdropper extraordinaire." At age 85, she wrote her first book "Out To Pasture," using the stories she had written in her journal. It was published by Peachtree Publishing in Atlanta. What a great success!!! Since the publishing of her first book she has written and published four other books: "Over What Hill," "Older But Wilder," "Oh, My Goodness," and "One More Time."



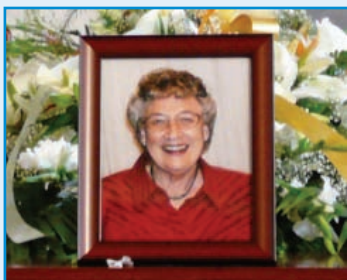
Books by Effie Wilder.

This past fall, Mrs. Wilder's first book, "Out To Pasture" was made into a play by The Lawton Public Library in Lawton, Oklahoma. Now at the age of 96, her stories will be performed on stage. What a great honor this has been for her! The residents in The Village at Summerville feel honored to have her living among them. Congratulations, Mrs. Effie.

Her books are available in most book stores and also in the Frampton Library at The Village at Summerville.

Article submitted by Maree Strobel, The Village at Summerville

IN MEMORIAM LOIS CRAWFORD ANDERSON AND ZELDA ANDERSON WHITE



Lois Anderson

Lois Anderson, retired missionary, and member of First Presbyterian Church in Clinton, and her daughter, Zelda White, were killed in Nairobi, Kenya, on January 27. Lois and her husband Bill served 49 years in missionary service together in Africa, and served as Missionaries in Residence at Presbyterian College during the 2001-2002 year. In recent years, they resided in our Frampton Hall Community in Clinton. They were in Kenya for a family reunion with their daughters who live and work in Kenya. Please remember the Anderson and White families in this time of grief.

Article printed in Foothills Presbytery Newsletter February 7, 2007. Poem below was written for the burial service in Kenya.

We're Free

Don't grieve for us, for now we are free. We have followed the path that God has laid for us. We took God's hand when we heard Him call. We turned our back and left it all. We could not stop another day to laugh, to work or play. Task left undone must stay that way. We found peace at the close of the day. If our parting has left a void then fill it up with remembered joys. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss. Oh yes, these things, we too, will miss. Perhaps our time seemed all too brief. Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with us. God wanted us now. God set us free.



MOTHER'S DAY CARD – 2007

ARTIST: MRS. JO CHRISTIE, FOOTHILLS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY



Management Services
Presbyterian Communities of S.C.
P.O. Box 210037
Columbia, SC 29221-0037
803-772-5885

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Columbia, SC
Permit No. 496