

# The VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS OF WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN VILLAGE

OCTOBER 2018

## A Special Evening to Recognize our Volunteers



The ship was in port, the weather was nice, the seas were calm, and the crew was prepared to receive a special group of VIPs. Everyone was ready to welcome our “First Class” passengers...our amazing and wonderful volunteers! There was no doubt in anyone’s mind that our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was cruise-themed from the time the invitations arrived to the moment they boarded “the ship.”

All of our volunteers were greeted at the cruise terminal by Cruise Directors, Katie Pawsey and Lauren Feyh who got them ready for the adventure that was to follow. As with any cruise, you can’t go very far without being asked if you want your picture taken. Cruise photographer, Emily Bird was ready and willing to get that special “welcome aboard” photo.



Volunteers, Charlie and Sherry Breitenbach help with our Assisted Living Sunshine Cart.



Volunteer, John Green and his wife Andrea. John helps in the computer room and Sunday Worship.

No cruise would be complete without some tasty food! As our passengers began to settle in, the announcement came over the speaker that the appetizer buffet was open. There was a wonderful selection of tasty appetizers for everyone to enjoy... including plates piled high with fresh shrimp...a cruise favorite. Dinner, prepared by our ship’s chefs and galley crew, immediately followed with a choice of entrée and a “fancy” dessert for all to enjoy.

After dinner, Erin Thomas, Volunteer Coordinator, took to the podium to kick off the rest of the evening. She took a few moments to explain the purpose for the evening. “This is always a great night as this is our chance for the crew at WCV to thank you for all that you do throughout the year. It just seemed fitting to showcase all of our “First Class” volunteers. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful, dedicated, and caring volunteers that give their time and hearts to brighten the lives of our residents and staff.” Erin continued, “I recently heard a quote about volunteers that I felt was fitting for all of you. ‘The happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.’ This explains why you are so happy when you are at the Village. From all of the crew and residents at the Village we cannot possibly thank you enough for all that you do.”

Erin turned the mic over to Randy Richardson, CEO. While Randy was introduced as the Captain, he immediately conceded his rank and acknowledged who the “real Captain” was. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Erin Thomas, put this whole evening together and faithfully leads our “volunteer ship.”

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## A Special Evening...

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Everyone took a moment to acknowledge Captain Erin and thanked her for her support and encouragement.

Randy took a moment to recognize one group of volunteers...our Trustees. These men and woman serve faithfully to help lead this ministry. Each one was presented with a small token of appreciation.

Randy also presented the Robert and Mary Cox Annual Award. This year this special recognition went to Chuck Hamilton (See the article on page 3).

Erin came back up and presented the much anticipated Volunteer of the Year Award. This year Mary Rikhoff was chosen....a well deserving recipient! (See the article below).

The evening concluded with a prayer of thanksgiving by Floyd Bosher and as our passengers disembarked, each one received a useful gift. It was a wonderful cruise!

Worthington Christian Village is blessed to have more than 240 volunteers who make our home a better place each and every day. Thanks to each and every one!

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

### *And the winner is...*

One much anticipated event at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is the opportunity to recognize one of our volunteers as Volunteer of the Year. This year, that designation went to Mary Rikhoff.

Before Mary's name was revealed, Erin Thomas detailed some highlights of her service to the Village.

"This person was doing things for the Village even before becoming an official volunteer. She not only spends many hours volunteering at the Village but also volunteers a great deal at her church. She is a member of Westerville Christian Church and has been officially volunteering at the Village for almost 12 years. She retired last year and lucky for us, started volunteering even more at the Village. She took over the Creative Writing group which publishes our own Village Writer. She encourages the residents to write articles, puts it all together, and finally binds several hundred copies for distribution to our residents, families, and friends.

She is a substitute in the General Store and helps at times when someone is unavailable to work their shift...even at the last minute. She also is an Auxiliary leader for Westerville Christian Church for our annual craft show. She, and the many wonderful members of the church, make tons of lovely handmade items to sell. Last year, their tables alone brought in \$2,385.50 to the craft show. Her positive personality and dedication to the Village made her the perfect choice for this year."

Congratulations Mary and thanks for ALL you do!



Mary Rikoff accepting her Volunteer award next to Erin Thomas, Volunteer Coordinator.

### *A few facts about our volunteers...*

WCV had 6,747 recorded volunteer hours in 2017.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, those combined hours have a value of \$162,873. Of course to WCV those hours are priceless!

Ever see red hearts on a volunteer nametag? Each heart represents five years of service.

We have seven people who have 35 years or more of continuous service, one with 30 years, five with 25 years, and the list goes on and on.

Would you like to volunteer? Contact Erin Thomas so she can match your interest and talents to the right volunteer opportunity.

## The 2018 Robert and Mary Cox Award

Another highlight of our Annual Volunteer Dinner is the presentation of the Robert and Mary Cox Award. This award was established in 1989 when a plaque was given to Robert and Mary to commemorate their service. Today it is presented to an individual who has selflessly given of their time, talents and resources to strengthen the work of Worthington Christian Village. This year the honor went to Chuck Hamilton.

Chuck was involved with Worthington Christian Village from the very beginning so we went to Bob Richardson, our first Executive Director, for some background.

*It was a phone call in 1979 to my office in San Bernardino, California, that started an amazing journey. The voice on the other end of the line said that I had been recommended to lead a new and ambitious project called Worthington Christian Village. The voice on the line was Chuck Hamilton... one of the early Trustees. Chuck would end up leading me through a series of interviews which led to my becoming the first Executive Director.*

*There were many very busy days that followed. Being a Trustee, Chuck was invaluable in a leadership role and eventually was elected to be President of the Board. Chuck and I met with the lead architect and planned every square inch of the building. This was not an easy job. You could say, Chuck's fingerprints are everywhere in this building. His talents, commitment and dedication gave assurance to me and all the other Trustees.*

*So many people were involved in the early days of the Village but Chuck was a key person who God used to bring this project to the finish line. Thirty-two years later we continue to enjoy this place of ministry...a well built and designed building... a home we all can be proud of...Worthington Christian Village.*



Pictured from left to right, Randy Richardson, Executive Director/CEO and award recipient, Chuck Hamilton.

Chuck's plaque read:

**Robert and Mary Cox  
ANNUAL AWARD  
2018**

Presented to

**Chuck Hamilton**

For your many years of faithful service to the mission, purpose and ministry of Worthington Christian Village.

Our residents' lives have been enriched and the Village is a better place because of your hard work, caring spirit, and the love you have demonstrated.

Please accept this token of our thanks from a grateful part of the family of God.

**Board of Trustees  
Worthington Christian Village  
April 19, 2018**

Congratulations Chuck and thank you for your service to Worthington Christian Village!



# WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN VILLAGE

The Village is approaching its 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary next month and we thought it was a good time to remind our friends, old and new, about all the wonderful lifestyle options and services the Village has to offer! We hope you will take a minute to review our information and encourage those who haven't visited in a while to reach out to schedule a tour or call with questions. We hope to hear from you soon!

## *Independent Living Cottages*

A great alternative to purchasing a condo, our Independent Living Cottages offer residents the freedom and privacy of their own home, the added comfort of a secure environment, all the benefits of a social lifestyle, and future access to higher levels of care. Our 24 Colonial style homes are available in three floor plans. Each style includes two bedrooms, two full baths, a spacious kitchen, dining area, great room, utility room, four-season solarium, outdoor patio and a single car garage.



## *Independent Living Apartments*



The Village's Independent Living Apartments are perfect for those who are seeking a lifestyle free from the upkeep and expense of a house and who find comfort and security that comes with living in a complete retirement community.

Residents have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of programs, meet new people, and make lasting friendships. In addition to our many amenities, activities and comfortable atmosphere, residents also benefit from onsite medical services. The Village offers a variety of one-bedroom apartment styles and spacious studio living options.





## *Assisted Living Apartments*

Our Assisted Living Apartments are designed for those who will benefit from 24-hour onsite staff support among the comfort of their favorite furnishings. Assisted Living includes its own nursing staff, lounge, programs, and dining room all in one location. This option offers personalized assistance in activities of daily living ranging from medication management, laundry, housekeeping and meals, to bathing and dressing.

## *Skilled Nursing and Long-Term Care*

Our Health Care Center has an excellent reputation for quality care with staffing numbers that exceed state requirements and staff who exceed expectations. The licensed, state-certified Health Care Center was developed to provide residents in our Independent Living and Assisted Living areas with onsite continuing care. Though our current residents have priority placement, members of the outside community are also welcome to experience the exceptional care and services the Health Care Center provides for rehabilitation, known as skilled nursing care, or long-term residency. We are a Medicare and Medicaid-certified Health Care Center.

## *Community Amenities*

- Programs and activities
- Beauty and barber shop
- Postal services
- Banking services (Heartland Bank)
- Restaurant-style dining room
- Private Dining Room
- Computer lounge
- Fitness room
- Library
- General store
- Scheduled outings
- Medical transportation
- Chapel and Worship services
- Billiards Room
- Putting green
- Gardening plots
- 24-hour security
- Medical director and other visiting physicians
- Licensed Dietitian
- Licensed Social Workers
- Maintenance
- Housekeeping
- Laundry facilities



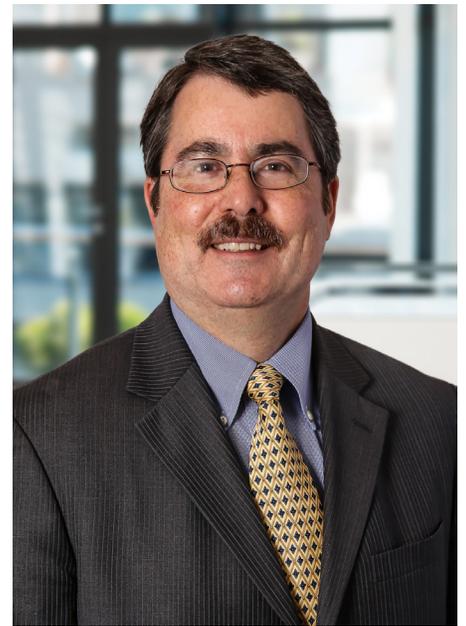
## Everything You Wanted to Know About Memory Loss ... But Forgot to Ask!

More than 100 people gathered in our multi-purpose room to learn the very latest on memory research from a world renowned expert in the area of cognitive disorders. Dr. Douglas Scharre, MD, Neurologist, is the Director of the Memory Disorders Research Center at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Dr. Scharre's appearance was sponsored by the James W. Pyle Memorial Education Program.

Dr. Scharre talked about knowing the difference between normal aging and mild cognitive impairment and gave several examples of circumstances that may differentiate the two. He also educated residents on the latest updates in Alzheimer's research and the current treatments that are available. The bad news he shared is that there is still no cure, but the good news was that he felt we were getting closer to a cure and that substantial progress was being made.

One area Dr. Scharre spent more time on was the importance of early detection and the screening of memory problems. He, along with his research staff, have developed a written test which helps to determine a person's cognitive state. Toward the end of his talk, he invited everyone in attendance to take the test which was then "graded" by his staff and research assistants. Everyone that participated came away with some useful and practical information.

We hope to have him back next year with more good news regarding memory disorders research.



Dr. Douglas Scharre, MD Neurologist and Director of Memory Disorders Research Center at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.



## *Celebrating a Job Well Done* ✂️

It was just after the Village opened in 1985 that Anita Penhorwood heard Worthington Christian Village was looking for someone to come in and manage the Beauty Salon/Barber Shop. She came in, interviewed with Bob Richardson, and within a few days was offered the opportunity to run the shop. What followed was almost 33 years of service to the residents and staff of the Village.

Throughout that time, Anita brought in several different people to work alongside her. Each one reflected Anita's big heart, positive attitude, caring spirit, work ethic, and most importantly, a genuine love for those they had the opportunity to serve. We were so blessed by each and every one!

A few weeks ago, life circumstances for Anita and her staff brought her to the decision that it was time to retire from the shop. Anita, Connie, and Terrie, worked very hard to keep things going despite some difficult personal issues, while we looked for the next manager. When Anita and Connie had to step away early, Terrie Fulk did her very best to take care of as many people as she could. (Thanks for the extra effort Terrie!)

On Friday, September 20th, we hosted a retirement party to say "thank you" to Anita and her team. We also had a chance to introduce our new Salon operator, PS Salons and Spa.

Anita, Connie, and Terrie....God's best blessings to you and your families as you begin a new life adventure. We are going to miss you!



Pictured from left to right: Terrie Fulk and Anita Penhorwood at their well attended retirement party.



# Memorials & Honor Gifts

If you would like to give a memorial or an honor gift for a loved one, and/or special occasion, please send your gift to Worthington Christian Village, 165 Highbluffs Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43235.

Thank you!

Gifts to August 31, 2018

**Mary Bauman**

Sarah Clark  
Carol Leininger  
Mark & Anita Raus  
Patty Tanner  
Cheryl & Basil  
Wankewycz

**Roger Bower**

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Tracy Benjamin  
Jennifer Schneid

**Carol Chervenak**

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**Wayne Dray**

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Barb Cellar  
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**Jan Love Gallucci**

Bob & Joan McKenzie

**Charles Hildebrand**

Dee Boden

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**Okey Tolley**

Judy Tolley

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Sally Blatt

**Honor of Jane**

**Waggoner**

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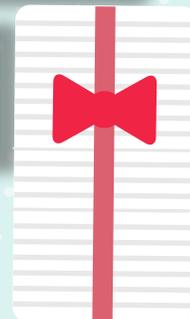
*Plan to join us for our Auxiliary's ...*

# Holiday Craft *and* Gift Show

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- A wonderful selection of handmade crafts & gifts  
*Some new vendors this year!*
- Delicious Homemade Baked Goods
- Kick-off to our Annual Nuts and Candy Sale  
*(We are able to accept credit cards for the nut & candy sale)*
- Don't forget to visit our Lunch Counter



Invite your friends! As always, there is no charge for admission.

All proceeds from the Holiday Craft and Gift Show will go toward projects to benefit the residents of Worthington Christian Village