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Manor Resident Spotlight Shines on... Georgia Dodson

Georgia Dodson was born in Springfield, MO to Nellie and Charles Miller. She was raised a farmer's daughter in Clever, Mo. She was the baby of five, three brothers and one sister. Georgia said “The oldest sister was a clean freak, and she had to be because of the three boys!” Georgia said she had to be tough growing up with three older brothers. She played basketball in high school and after graduating she moved to California. There she was set up on a blind date by a co-worker with a fella named Don D. Dodson. She was sixteen and he was twenty three. They ended up going back to Springfield and getting married, to which she said “He was approved of by my older brothers. He had to be. If they didn't approve of my boyfriends, they weren't a boyfriend for very long!” Their anniversary is May 2nd, and they were married in a minister's home. Don worked for Cook paint Co. in Springfield. Georgia said “His middle initial was D, Don D. Dodson, so everyone teased him and called him DDD or triple D.” Georgia's husband was previously married to a woman who passed away giving birth to their firstborn daughter. Don's mother took care of the little girl until Don married Georgia, and Georgia then took on the role of motherhood for the young girl. Georgia and Don went on to have three daughters of their own. The youngest of the girls was born eleven years apart. Georgia said “I was

thirty six years old, and when I found out I was pregnant, I thought I was gonna die!” They moved to Republic just before the youngest was born, and Georgia ran a low income housing facility that they owned there. The Dodson's attended Assemblies of God church, and some of Georgia's personal hobbies include reading, raising her family, and she was on a bowling team for many years. Georgia says that her piece of life advice is this, “We were married sixty one years. We each had to give a lot in those sixty one years, but you also got to take a little. That's the way it worked in our house. I thought Don was just wonderful.” As for living at the Manor, she says “The Manor is wonderful. I have never lived in a place like this before, but I don't have any complaints about it.”



Luau Party

The Manor Residents spent a relaxing evening having a Luau themed party. They enjoyed dressing up in lei's and grass skirts, and dancing the hula seemed to come naturally to many of them. We had a delicious punch and Hawaiian fruit skewers to munch on. They got a good laugh watching some of the staff do the limbo, and a few

of the residents did a pretty good job maneuvering it as well. We were able to be silly, relax, enjoy good

island style music, and the hula dancing was contagious!



Fun Times at The Manor



Prom Time at The Manor

We had a great turn out for our senior prom. The ladies were welcomed by some of our volunteers with flowers and compliments. David Curtman started the evening out with some music that



everyone could dance to, then followed with some sweet love songs while refreshments were served. It was a wonderful time to reminisce on the days of

dances and to celebrate being young at heart.



The Manor Presented Ralph Manly with an Award for his Service on D Day



“Young at Heart” Pageant



The Manor at Elfindale held its “Young at Heart” Pageant on July 12, 2013. It was a time to celebrate just a few of the many wonderful ladies we have here at The Manor. The contestants were Shirley Carr, Marjorie Evans, Ruth Turner, Georgia Dodson, Jane Duff and Marie Robertson. After hearing many captivating life stories, our Judges deliberated and a Queen

was chosen. Jane Duff was crowned Ms. Manor. She will go on to participate in the Missouri Health Care Association (MHCA)

District IV pageant on July 24, 2013. The Manor would like to thank the Judges: Jamie Pippin, Suzanne Hyde and Michael Counts, also thanks to Joy Robertson for being the MC at this special event!



The Manor Calendar

ANOTHER YEAR YOUNGER

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Annette Miller
- 6 Jesse Calhoun
- 7 Dixie Lovewell
- 27 Shirley Carr

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 11 Glen Sadden
- 14 Virginia Kissell
- 16 Norman Nibert

- 19 Martin Boone
- 23 Georgia Hunt

WELCOME TO THE MANOR FAMILY

- John Frazier
- Alice Kincaid
- Frank Newman
- Victoray Brown
- Verna Nordstrom
- Richard Ingstrom

The Manor Activity Highlights

JULY

- 22 Volunteer Project C.A.R.E shelter
- 30 The Manor Art Show

AUGUST

- 2 Friends of the Zoo
- 8 Walk n Roll Club goes to the Nature Center
- 9 Volunteer Project- Back to School Backpacks
- 15 National Relaxation Day- Spa Day at Paul Mitchell
- 16 Happy Plunkers Band
- 22 Cardinals Baseball Game
- 26 The Manor Dog Show
- 29 Blue Grass & BBQ

Keep watching the Daily Chronicles for more exciting activities in August!

The Manor Employees of the Month

Congratulations to Lou Desmarais, Housekeeping, April Employee of the Month, and Miranda Young, May Employee of the Month.



REMEMBERED FONDLY

- Florence Harrison
- Mr. Hammons
- Harriett Eells

Best wishes to those who have completed their rehab stay at The Manor and returned home:

- Marsha Elmer
- Dr. James Jameson
- Donna Todd

RISING FROM THE ASHES
CREEKSIDE RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON

Mary Ball

Mary has a sparkle in her eye and a knowing in her smile that makes one want to spend more time in her company. She often wears a pin close to her heart that simply says “Jesus”. A powerful statement for such a petite lady, that precious name really sums up the life of quite an extraordinary woman – Jesus over her heart, and an angel on her shoulder.

It might be a bit pretentious to think that one song could even begin to tell a life story. It is possible to hear a song and be reminded of a particular time and place – a feeling – the memory of a face. Mary’s story brought one song to this story teller’s mind repeatedly. James Taylor sings:

“I’ve seen fire and I’ve seen rain – I’ve seen sunny days that I thought would never end” – many can finish this poignant ballad with ease. That being said we will hit the rewind button and start at the beginning.

Mary was born in Vinton, Iowa on the fifth day of September nineteen hundred and twenty two. Her parents emigrated from Sweden in 1917, joining thousands of others who made the trek from faraway lands to Ellis Island with a dream and a promise of a better life. Mary was an only child, so the idea of a large family was something foreign to her. Her early childhood education was in a small grade school in the country. Grades nine through twelve brought her to a larger school in the city. Love brought her to Springfield and seminary at Central Bible College where she married the love of her life, a young service man by the name Richard Ball in 1943. They completed their studies and graduated with degrees in Theology. Mary’s studies were put on hold to welcome their only child GaryLee into the family. The little family began their life at Sunny Vale Assembly of God in Fair Grove where Richard spent several years as pastor.

The little family migrated back to Iowa so Mary could help care for her ailing father. Before his passing he insisted that Mary’s mother go back to Sweden to be with family in their homeland. Mary had the opportunity to travel to Sweden many times, but recalled with clarity the first time she exited the plane to be met by over twenty of her relatives. This only child was overwhelmed and

said for the first time she looked into the faces of multiple people who resembled her. She remembered thinking “They are mine and I am theirs!”

Mary has weathered many storms with grace and abiding faith. In the last few years though, she has experienced trial by fire and water. In early spring 2011, Mary had experience with water from above – not rain but a broken pipe from an upstairs neighbor that went unnoticed for far too long. When the water finally was discovered it was over four feet and had caused considerable damage and

mold. The entire condo had to be gutted and redone. On the heels of that was a devastating fire in August of 2011 that completely destroyed the house of Mary’s dreams. Mary was an avid collector of Precious Moment’s figurines (over 600 plus) they were housed in 27 curio cabinets throughout her home. It is amazing to note that many of the statues survived the devastating fire; however they bore the marks of the flames by carrying a coating of fine soot. The little figurines survived fire twice once in their initial creation and then again in the house fire. Such fragile creations but so resilient – guess Mary and those figures have something in common.



Mary first visited Creekside in the spring of 2011 with the

encouragement of a close friend. Here is where divine intervention plays a huge part. The two friends visited our campus and both agreed that Creekside would be the choice if ever Mary needed to make a move. Well lo and behold that day came sooner than anyone could foresee. Mary came to our campus shortly after the fire, with the clothes on her back and a newly acquired toothbrush and comb. She said she knew what it felt like to be homeless. She may have lost her home and most all her possessions but she never lost faith. When Mary came to our campus to live she remembers that day vividly. “I walked in and everyone was so kind and warm, I can’t say enough about them.” She compared that feeling to an earlier time in her life she said when she came through the Lodge doors she looked at our Creekside family and thought again “They are mine – and I am theirs!” Mary never counts the losses but measures her life by what she has gained, a larger family and a “peace that passeth all understanding.” Wonder where that peace comes from – Ask Mary she will be happy to fill you in and up.

Creekside Resident Celebrates 100th Birthday

On May 22, Nova Babb celebrated his 100th birthday with family and friends. He was asked several times if there was anything special that he was planning or wished to do for his birthday. His reply was always “No, there is nothing”. Nova is one of our Bridge players, so our gift

to Nova was a new card table donated in his honor!



Creekside Employees of the Month

Congratulations to Richard Davis, Maintenance, May Employee of the Month, and Nancy Smith, Cook, June Employee of the Month.



Japanese High School Students from our Sister City visit Creekside

Creekside at Elfindale was proud to host over 30 Japanese High School students from our sister city Isesaki, Japan on Wednesday, May 29, 2013.

These students were part of a Global Leadership Academy Program through the



English Language Institute at MSU. The students were age 16-17 and had mixed English skills. All of these bright and inquisitive students have been learning English in the classroom for years, but for many, this trip is the first time the students could put their skills into practice. Both resident and student alike enjoyed the interaction. The students asked particular questions as they related to aging in our culture and then in turn our residents asked the students questions of their choice.

Our groups focus was “Population”. We helped them understand issues of health and aging on our campus as it pertained to our particular senior demographic. The entire concept of “Independent Living Retirement Community” was not clear to them at first, but after touring the campus and spending quality time with our residents the message became abundantly clear.... No matter where you come from... Love is the universal language will all can speak and understand.



Welcome DJ Halley

She will drive you far and near
She will give you hugs my dear.
She will exercise with flair
She always takes time to care.

Sound a bit like SEUSS? Well that is something that D.J. is crazy for. Ask her about her collection of everything Seuss. Her favorite character is the Grinch, but that gentleman is the total opposite of our D.J.



Donetta Halley, D.J. to her friends at Creekside, is a ray of sunshine to all who know her. Her infectious laughter and boundless energy make her the perfect person to round out the Life Enrichment Team. D.J. graduated from MSU and taught first grade for 25 years in the Ozark school district. She shares her home with a sweet dappled pup named Maggie and one son Matthew. Tanner is the last addition to the happy family.

D.J.'s love of travel has taken her to Europe twice. She has taken communion at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and at Notre Dame. Her favorite place is Italy. She loves Sinatra and all his "Rat Pack" friends. Micheal Buble is her crooner of choice. We are happy and blessed to have D.J. as part of our Creekside family.

Welcome Michelle Alexander

Creekside at Elfindale would like to welcome Michelle as the Hospitality Specialist Coordinator. Michelle moved to Willard Missouri from Oxnard California at the early age of three with her mother and five brothers and two sisters. Michelle has three children Christy, Chris and Earl, eight grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.



Michelle has been employed in the Health Care industry for the past nineteen years, most of those years in a management position. She started her career as a CNA, then as a Life Enrichment coordinator before coming to Creekside she was a manager of a housekeeping team with the Christian Health Care Organization.

A few years ago Michelle decided to go to OTC to further her education in, two years into her education her youngest son was severely injured in a motorcycle wreck and is now a paraplegic, if Michelle isn't at work she is helping him live as independently as possible. Michelle hopes to one day finish her education.

We are thrilled to have Michelle as a part of our Team!

Creekside Calendar

RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS — JULY

- 1 Doris Hurd #69
- 1 Mike McElhaney #38
- 5 Kathryn Green #28
- 5 Carolyn Sauerbrei #58
- 6 Marcie Redpath #209
- 6 Betty Turley #108
- 8 Clara Campbell #111
- 8 Randy Holden #126
- 9 Lola Given #120
- 10 Martha Kastner #45
- 12 Cindy Meredith Villa
- 13 Joan Cooney #201
- 13 Josie Gallinger #32
- 14 Sue Wise #54
- 15 Theda Hazen #48
- 16 Jessie Calhoun HH
- 17 Paul Pflasterer #71
- 17 Maxine Hunt Villa
- 18 Jerry Cooney #201
- 18 Dan Graham #70
- 21 VerDella Mikulecky #222
- 21 Gene Marie Villa
- 23 Barry Knaisch #68

- 24 Jean Threadgill #129
- 24 Ken Tebbe #118
- 25 Mary Doggett #35
- 26 Roy Lewis #36
- 27 Randy Meredith Villa
- 28 John Richmond #5

RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS — AUGUST

- 4 Robert Souter #19
- 4 Bettye Lord R-8B
- 7 Raymond Clauson #41
- 9 Clem Ritchey Q
- 12 Bettie Heatherly X
- 13 JoAnn Bevier V-4A
- 13 Ruth Schroeder #202
- 15 Velma Ramey #201
- 17 Dorothy Thrall #V-3C
- 18 Catherine Ferrell #15
- 20 Marilee Schanuel #21
- 22 Susan Havens #9
- 22 Louise Schrader R-4B
- 22 Nancy Shelton #109
- 27 Norma Cox V-5A
- 27 Theresa Stafford #116
- 31 Bessie Bartley #228
- 31 Helene Goheen E

RESIDENT ANNIVERSARIES JULY

- 2 Bonnie & Sam Pusateri . . . R-9B
- 20 Bev & John Richmond #5
- 25 Helen & Tom Lewis R-12A
- 31 Peggy & Max Jenkins #7

RESIDENT ANNIVERSARIES AUGUST

- 7 Barbara & George Jones . . . V-3A
- 26 Marianne & Victor Hinch . R-10A

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS — JULY

- 13 Reta Cagle
- 20 Amy Roufs
- 21 Denice Gage

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS — AUGUST

- 16 Jamie McGuingan
- 17 Doug Glendenning
- 21 Karen Preis

Creekside Activity Highlights

JULY

- 24 3:30 Wine & Cheese in the Activity Room
- 26 10:30 "Legal" Medical Minutes with Mandy
- 27 2:30 Music by David Curtman
6:30 Game Night at the Club House
- 29 2:00 Mini Manicures with Julie and Mandy
- 30 1:30 Backyard Birds Presented by the Conversation Dept.
- 31 10:30 Red Hat Luncheon
5:15 Lindberg's Jazz Night

AUGUST

- 5 1:00 Medical Profiles with New York Life
- 6 8:45 Guided Tour of House and Museum at Laura Ingalls Wilder Lunch at Roosters
- 6 10:00 Medical Profiles with New York Life
- 7 10:00 Medical Profiles with New York Life
- 8 5:45 Springfield Cardinals Game
- 9 10:00 Dennis Bowen- Country Cross Music
- 12 8:30 Downstream Casino with DJ and Kim
- 20 10:15 National Radio Day "Who's on First" Sho
- 22 4:45 Crazy Lady Pottery
- 26 1:00 "Let's Make Puppy Chow" National Dog Day
- 29 1:30 Bessie's 100th Birthday Party
- 30 6:45 Play at Laura Ingalls's Wilder Outdoor Theatre

Resident of the Month for May

Paul is our Creekside Resident of the month, and has been a "handy asset" since coming to our campus; Paul helps keep our patios and sidewalks clean and tidy. Thank you Paul for always lending a helping hand and broom!



Resident of the Month for June

Mark Rufenacht is our Creekside resident of the month for June; Mark has an eye for detail and a memory to match. He keeps us on track and on time. He helps keep our

campus beautiful and healthy by watering our plants and feeding our fish. Thanks Mark for all you do!

We PAWS to recognize our Maintenance Team

Oh where Oh where has my little dog gone...oh where oh where can she be? That is the question we were all asking after Tootsie ran away from her owner Leora Simmons. Hats off to our Maintenance Team who came to Tootsie's rescue. The little scamp had been hiding out under a duplex at the Crossings for almost a week. We are happy to report both dog and owner are doing well.



LET US KNOW

Please call 417-831-3828 to let us know what sort of information you would like to see in future issues!

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Built on a reputation of quality, Creekside at Elfindale offers independent living choices with our cottages and lodge apartments. Our homes are well designed, our grounds are well maintained, our food is the best and our activities are second to none.

The Manor at Elfindale is located on the western edge of our campus providing 24/7 skilled nursing care. Well known for its high caliber of care, The Manor's all private rooms allow for Medicare rehabilitation, long term care and secure memory support for those in need.



Creekside at Elfindale Main Dining Room

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