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SUMMER CRAB FEAST

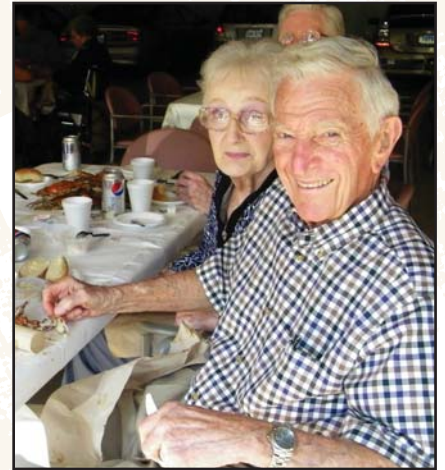
Residents and their guests enjoy steamed crabs and fellowship



Jenn Taylor, L.P.N. and Rita Jenkins



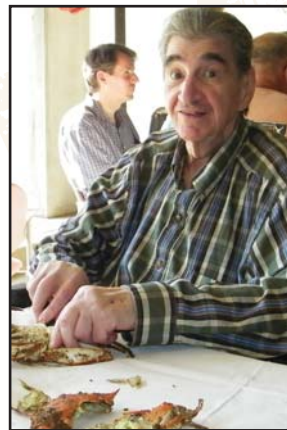
Bill Gross



Alice Kabernagel and Virginia Snyder



Mae Adams



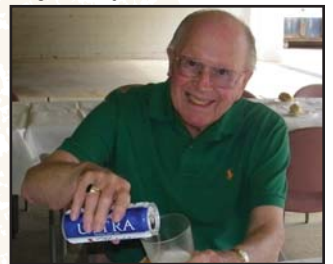
Tom Kent



Virginia Frey



Irene Kronen and Betty Eckenrode



Ray Smith



Jean Smith



Lydia Mwangi, L.P.N., Delores Calo



Kathryn Spero



Marilyn Weisberg

NEW & NOTEWORTHY



Joy Cosby, Director of Housekeeping

On August 8, staff and residents welcomed new Director of Housekeeping, Joy Cosby. She brings over 20 years of experience in environmental services and a passion for working with older adults.

Joy comes to Pickersgill from Frederick Villa Nursing Center, where she served as Director of Housekeeping for six years. Prior to that, she worked at EMS, Inc. for 13 years in Management and Training and was also involved in establishing start up departments and troubleshooting. In addition, Joy has served as a GNA with the state of MD.

"We are very pleased that Joy has joined Pickersgill," said Brant Hart, Executive Director. "She has a wonderful combination of experience and management skills that will be a tremendous benefit to the community."

Joy's phone number is 410-842-0412, internal extension 3024.

The Doctors Are In!

Pickersgill recently implemented a new visiting specialists appointment schedule:

Audiologist- Dr. Tom Coccogna
4th Wednesday of month

Dentist- Dr. John Taylor
Appointments available as needed

Dermatologist-
Last Tuesday of the month

Podiatrist- Dr. David Cohen
2nd, 4th Wednesday of month

Optometrist-
Dr. Deanne Leonard
2nd Friday of the month

Gina Cooper Returns As Administrator

This past spring, Gina Cooper returned to Pickersgill to resume her former position as Healthcare Administrator. She is responsible for supervision of Nursing, Activities and Social Services.

"After working in other communities I can say that there's absolutely no place like Pickersgill," says Gina. "It really is a special place. The saying 'home is where the heart is' is certainly true for me. I have said for years I left my heart at Pickersgill. I feel blessed to be back serving the residents of Pickersgill."

Gina can be reached at 410-842-0401, internal extension 3041.



Lenore D'Adamo, Volunteer Coordinator

Pickersgill Retirement Community's own Lenore D'Adamo has accepted the part time Volunteer Coordinator position.

After a career in teaching, Lenore has been employed at Pickersgill as an Activities Assistant since 2008. She will continue in that role two days a week and, beginning in September, she will also work two days a week as Volunteer Coordinator.

"We're so lucky to have Lenore as the new Volunteer Coordinator! With her knowledge of the residents and their activities, she is uniquely qualified for the position," said Ginny Gullett-Tawes, Director of Marketing and Development.

Lenore's responsibilities in her new role will be to recruit volunteers, provide orientation and make sure that they are acclimated to the community.

Contact Lenore at 410-842-0420, internal extension 3050.

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

On July 20, 2011 volunteers enjoyed a luncheon in honor of their service to the community



Rev. Ernest Smart



Wilma Zimmerman



Olga Wagner



Frida Elonge



Ann Beery



Eddrena Miller and Paul Plevyak



Keynote Speaker, Eddrena Miller



Edna Warwick



Mary Ellen Ensor, Wilma Zimmerman



Ann Mangels



Lynn Hunovice



Mary Plevyak



Ray Smith



Peggy Castagna



Janice Smart



Alice Kabernagel and Marty Lancaster



Mae Adams



Mary Fishbach



Dorothy Hasson



Darlene Diakoulus

A FOND FAREWELL

To two longtime employees in the Housekeeping department



This summer, staff and residents of Pickersgill Retirement Community bid a fond farewell to Laura Owens and Rita Jenkins, two longtime employees in the Housekeeping department.

Laura Owens retired after 40 years of service as Pickersgill's Director of Housekeeping. In fact, she had been an employee at Pickersgill for longer than any other staff member!

Laura began her career at Pickersgill in 1971. A friend who worked at the community suggested that she come and apply

for employment. "The rest is history!" says Laura.

During her retirement, Laura is looking forward to spending time with her family. Eventually, she plans to move to North Carolina to be closer to them. However until then, she promises she will visit when she can and maybe volunteer a day or two a week.

Rita Jenkins provided 15 years of tireless service in the Housekeeping department. In addition to her regular duties, she could often be found helping out at special events and

parties or assisting one of the residents.

While Rita is no longer a Pickersgill employee, fortunately she can still be found around the community on most days. She now works as a companion for several residents.

The entire Pickersgill community appreciates Laura's and Rita's loyalty, their tremendous work ethic and the compassionate care they showed the residents. Good luck and thank you for your service! You will be greatly missed.

SUMMER FUN AT THE HAWAIIAN LUAU

Traditional Hawaiian music and hula dancing were featured at the Luau in July



Paki Allen



Eliana Pangelina



Agnes Law



Jim Steele



Margaret Beatty



Mae Koch, Jo Toole and Linda Waldron



Christina Beltran and Jim Donahue



Olga Wagner



Irene Kronen



Margaret Carroll

ANNUAL APPEAL GIFTS BENEFIT RESIDENTS



The 2011 Annual Appeal is now underway and friends of Pickersgill will begin receiving the Annual Appeal letter in the mail by mid-September. Development Chair Valerie Smitheman-Brown would like to thank everyone for contributing in whatever way they can.

“The past few years have been tough for charities because of the economy. However, please remember that every little bit

helps! As a nonprofit organization we depend on donations from all the friends of Pickersgill. If everyone gives a little, we will go a long way in ensuring the ongoing security and permanence of Pickersgill. Donor support is enormously important to our residents,” says Smitheman-Brown.

All gifts received by December 31, 2011 will be acknowledged in the next annual report. Annual Appeal donors may direct their gifts to any of the following funds:

- 1) **Annual Fund** supports general operations and resident activities
- 2) **Benevolent Care Fund** provides for residents who have outlived their assets

3) **Named Fund for the Endowment** gifts keep Pickersgill financially independent and strong to be able to provide benevolent care and other critical services.

There are also two very special groups of contributors at Pickersgill. The **Heritage Society** is made up of contributors who have included Pickersgill in their wills or estate plans. (See *article below.*) And leadership gifts of \$1,000 or more qualifies donors for membership in the **Mary Pickersgill Society**. Smitheman-Brown says that last year there were 33 members giving at this level. “We hope to exceed that this year, but we are so grateful for all gifts—regardless of size.”

LEAVING A LEGACY GIFT



Many gifts come to Pickersgill in the form of a bequest. A bequest is a gift created through a will expressing your wishes for family, friends and the charities you support.

By including Pickersgill Retirement Community in your will, you are joining a wonderful group of people whose thoughtful planning is helping to ensure that future older adults will continue to have the opportunity to enjoy living at Pickersgill.

Your gift may be a fixed amount, a percentage of the estate, or all or part of the estate residue. Your estate will receive a charitable tax deduction, after your death, when

the gift is made. Contact your legal advisor for appropriate language for use in your will.

Please let us know if you have included Pickersgill in your estate plans. We would like to include you as a member of our Heritage Society to recognize your generosity and vision. Contact Ginny Gullett-Tawes, 410-842-0421 or email dev_pickersgill@comcast.net.

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Mission Statement

Pickersgill is a nonprofit retirement community with a strong heritage of benevolent purpose. Begun in 1802 by a small group of caring women, Pickersgill is dedicated to helping each person achieve, with dignity, the proper balance between independence and assistance. We take pride in our blend of traditional values with contemporary living. We provide a comfortable home and high-quality care at a reasonable cost, and promote each resident's vitality of spirit.

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NEW MEMBERS JOIN BOARD



Mrs. Carolyn Marshall

"Pickersgill is very fortunate to have two energetic new members join the Board this year," says Faye Tully, member of the Board Recruitment Committee.

Mrs. Carolyn Marshall, learned about Pickersgill Retirement Community when her mother lived here several years ago. Now that she has retired from her real estate career with WHC Wilson and Coldwell Banker and has time to volunteer, joining the Board of Pickersgill seemed like a natural fit.

Carolyn has a wide range of interests. Besides her dogs pictured with her above, she has also run an antiques business and at one point managed a sheep farm. Carolyn is a graduate of Hannah Moore School and Stratford College and earned her degree in Art and Art History.



Ms. Amy Millin

Ms. Amy Millin is very active in the community. She serves as First Vice President of the Park School Parent Association, coaches girls basketball and lacrosse and is active in her church, Church of the Holy Redeemer.

Amy is married to an Emergency Room physician and they have two sons, both in middle school.

Amy was trained as a social worker and is particularly interested in elder care. She chose to volunteer her time to Pickersgill because she was impressed with its mission, *to provide a comfortable home and high-quality care at a reasonable cost and promote each resident's vitality of spirit.*

"Both women are wonderful additions to our Board," said Faye. "We look forward to working with them!"



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Annual Country Fair

Saturday, October 1
10 am - 2 pm

Free and fun for the
whole family!

The bluegrass music of
The Satyr Hill Band
and
the Barbershop Quartet
Port of Call

- Free health screenings
- Pony rides
- Petting zoo
- Flea Market
- White Elephant Sale
- Antique Cars

Rain or shine!

For more information or to
reserve a space for the Flea
Market call Ginny Gullett-
Tawes 410-842-0421



Photos from previous years' Annual Country Fair