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From the CEO

Kent Phillips

I find myself once again writing about the Coronavirus Pandemic. Resistance against infection remains our first objective and to ignore it would be disingenuous.

I want you to know that our infection control team continues to function well keeping you, your family and our staff safe from virus spread. This team, hastily assembled out of necessity, has performed amazingly well in the midst of continuing uncertainty. As I write this, we are in our 19th week of daily focus on the prevention and mitigation of the virus.

I am immensely proud of this team. In the daily work of interpreting the unending stream of guidance from authorities, executive orders, procedural adaptations, questions from families and a continual reassessment of our efforts, we are able to laugh, cry, argue and commiserate with each other. In all this work, there is an undeniable joy – the joy of serving you. You, our residents, have been amazingly receptive to our requests and our temporary programmatic changes, however controversial some have turned out to be. For that, I thank you.

A quick note about our infection control team leader – Paul Martin: Paul is simply the right guy in the right place at the right time. His background in public health policy established him perfectly to lead Trezevant's fight against the virus within a facility that has earned quality awards and a five-star rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. In recognition of his work, Paul is honored with the 2020 Professional Services Award from the Tennessee Health Care Association. Judges take into consideration how the individual displays leadership and a high standard of ethical behavior; contributes to the well-being of residents and the overall success of the facility; takes initiative; and has a positive attitude that boosts staff morale.

We should all be thankful for such a dedicated team keeping us all safe, and that Paul agreed to lead the effort against the Coronavirus. Please join me in congratulating him!



From the FOUNDATION

Stacey Sears

Dear Friends and Supporters of Trezevant Foundation,

It is a Hot Summer today! What a perfect theme for this edition of *TreeLines*. I would like to send a kind thank you to all those who supported the Foundation this quarter.

While working here at the Foundation, I am able to speak to many of our residents on a daily basis. Conversations can range from COVID-19 discussions, reliving the good days or just listening to someone speak about their family and missing them. We are all going through a hard time of face masks, temperature checks, and missing those we love the most. Let us hope that our families are safe and healthy and this pandemic becomes something of the past.

"Charity tends to be a short-term, emotional, immediate response, focused primarily on rescue and relief, whereas philanthropy is much more long-term, more strategic, focused on rebuilding. There is charity, which is good, and then there is a problem-solving charity, which is called philanthropy. **Charity is giving ... philanthropy is doing,**" a quote from Matthew Smith. The difference between charity and philanthropy is one we can all define if we take a little effort to make the distinction. The difference between charity and philanthropy can be you.

The Foundation is a non-profit that provides resources not only to the residents but also to the staff of Trezevant. Like other non-profits, in the community, we rely on generous support not only from our residents, the Board of Directors, and Trustees but also from the community. This includes current and past families of Trezevant.

I am very thankful to the families of loved ones who have passed and left Trezevant as a donor designation in their obituaries. The foundation is here during good and hard times. We appreciate your kindness and generous nature.

In our current situation, Charity is short term to help someone or a situation whereas Philanthropy is a long term commitment.

I hope you will consider giving to the Trezevant Foundation.

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From the CHAPLAIN

The Rev. Julie McKenna

Greetings all!

We are adjusting to the new normal, and our two services each Sunday at 10:00 and 11:00 seem to be working well. Only 25 people are allowed to each service and the chairs are set 6 feet apart. All participants are required to wear masks. All sermons and prayer lists are sent out to residents via email each week as well.

Taped services are broadcast each week on 991 at 10:30 and 3:00 pm: Broadcasts of the previous week's service are viewable at 10:30 am and 3:00 pm each Sunday.

Monthly Chaplains' Classes: In August, Linda Mischke will lead us in a 4 week study of the mysteries of prayer. For September, Ben Bledsoe will lead us in a study of Psalms (5 weeks). Each month two sessions will be offered, one on Tuesday at 2:00 pm, and one on Wed. at 3:00pm.

Weekly Spiritual Care offerings in Independent Living: Lectio Divina meets every Monday afternoon at 2:00 pm in St. Edward Chapel. Lectio Divina is a unique way to pray the scriptures. Rev. Anne Carriere will lead in this activity. It is a worthwhile endeavor that makes worship Sunday more meaningful.

Mindfulness Meditation: Linda Mischke leads us in guided meditation at 3:00 pm on Mondays in the Chapel each week.

Online Devotionals: Each Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 am on 991 the chaplains lead an online devotional that is available to all residents across the campus with access to 991.

“Listen and Learn”: Short stories with Sylvia Adams at 3:00 pm on Thursdays in the Chapel.

Knit, Pray, Love: Knitters are making scarves for the homeless and donating them along with clothing to Calvary's knitter's mission project at 4:00 pm in the Music Room.

The Terrace and Allen Morgan are offering the following programs:

•**Mondays at 2:30 pm-** Chaplain Barbara leads a short Bible study “Tea and Testaments” with Allen Morgan residents, followed by coffee and/or tea with residents.

•**Tuesday at 10:30 am-** Devotional and hymnsing in Allen Morgan Little Chapel (Julie and Barbara)

•**Tuesday at 11:15 am-** Devotional and hymnsing on the Memory Unit (Julie and Barbara)

•**Wednesday at 11:00 am-** Chaplain Barbara leads a Bible Study/ Devotional in the Mary Galloway parlor for Terrece residents.

•**Fridays at 10:30 am-** “Praying with Colors” Terrece residents join Chaplain Barbara in coloring while listening to relaxing music and visiting together (Terrace Activity Room).

Zoom Support Group: Monthly zoom meeting for family members of residents with dementia. Contact me at the email or phone number below so you can be added to the invitation list.

God's peace be with all of you.

A Fond Farewell.

by Mary Alice Quinn

If your boss told you you were like a brother to him, that you were his right arm, wouldn't you think work was copacetic?

Those are some of the thoughts of Barry J. Bowen, Trezevant Security Director, about Rick Hazelgrove upon Rick's retirement from Trezevant last month.

Rick was Barry's first hire after Barry came to Trezevant as a security director. Barry was hired in April 1998 and Rick came on board the next month.

“I liked Rick from the start,” said Barry. “He's easy to talk to, learns quickly, and is willing to learn. He goes above and beyond what you ask for. He never complains. His peers really like him and the residents love him,” said Barry.

Rick retired as lead officer for the day's second shift (3 to 11 p.m.) at the end of July.

Life has been good for Rick and his four siblings. He grew up in the Pinch historic district of the city (area near the Pyramid, bounded by Mill, Auction, Commerce, Market, and Main). His father owed a record shop, so music became a major part of Rick's childhood. The family attended Winchester Baptist Church located near St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral. He attended the historic Christine School. Playtime saw the children at the Neighborhood House (Jewish Community Center), attending Scout meetings, Bible school and the Young People's League.

A childhood milestone was his eighth Christmas when Santa brought him a Magnus Choral Organ.

“The rest is history,” he says with a laugh.”

He taught himself to read music and at 13 started playing at the family church.

“What a patient congregation!”

A church deacon introduced Rick to Thomas P. Lane, minister of music at Bellevue Baptist



Church. Lane was so impressed with the 13-year-old that he offered him a choir scholarship to study piano at Southwestern (now Rhodes College) Music Conservatory. The next 40 years have seen Rick at either piano or organ at many Memphis churches on Sunday mornings.

Graduation from Tech High opened doors to real life called WORK. His first job was working at S. Fargatstein and Sons Wholesale Jewelry store where he worked in most departments. He worked Monday – Friday at the store, then became janitor on Saturdays and organist on Sundays.

At Fargatstein's he found true pleasure, beyond jewelry: his lifelong girlfriend, Linda.

“We tell people that we live in our own houses and that's the way we like it.”

Other jobs included working for Designer Optical and Colthanp Piano World where he sold pianos and organs and taught beginning piano and adult piano improvisation. Teaching was always on his laundry list of work. He taught Sunday school and English and handwriting to Vietnamese and Americans for International Friends.

Recently Rick added cooking to his list of hobbies. When asked his favorite recipe he quickly said chicken stew with fresh sage.

And he's a walking book of early Memphis history.

His days at Trezevant brought “friendships and memories that will last forever.”

From “I Would Be True” (found in a Protestant hymnal), he parted ways:

“I would be friend of all the foe, the friendless
I would be giving and forget the gift
I would be humble, for I know my weakness
I would look up, and laugh and love and lift.” (lift spirits)

We love you Rick; you'll always have a place in our hearts.

Our Stories

by Jack Richbourg

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, . . .” begins Dickens’ classic, *A Tale of Two Cities*. It is an apt introduction to Elinor F. Reed because her life is a tale of two careers spanning both the worst and the best of times.

She had two identities. One was Colonel Elinor F. Reed, United States Air Force Reserves, Retired. The other was Elinor F. Reed, BSN, MSN, Ed.S. For the uninitiated, that is a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, A Master of Science in Nursing, and an Educational Specialist Post-master’s degree.

Her father was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army through his college ROTC program. When World War II broke out, John Reed served in the Pacific theater delivering supplies to the Nationalist Chinese Army. China awarded him their highest military decoration for his efforts, and he retired with the rank of full colonel after serving on the staff of the Supreme Commander in the Pacific, General Douglas MacArthur.

Growing up in a military family, it is easy to understand how Elinor was drawn to military service in addition to her civilian nursing career.

“I wanted to be a nurse, and I wanted to help young people become nurses, too,” and that she did. Two of those young people are now residents at Trezevant Manor. Madge Saba and Marilyn Dunavant were both schooled in the art of nursing at the feet of Professor Reed.

With a BSN from Florida State, Elinor worked for two years in Jacksonville, Florida as a staff nurse at Baptist Memorial Hospital, before moving on to public health nursing at the Duval County Health Department two years later.

There, she heard about jobs with the Air National Guard (ANG). One of her friends told her about it. Her friend wasn’t interested because she was married with children, but Elinor was single. She applied and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Florida Air National Guard, thus beginning her second career. Meanwhile, her first career as a civilian nurse was progressing nicely. In 1960, She was recruited by Crawford Long Hospital School of Nursing in Atlanta, Georgia, her very first teaching job.

“I told them I had no experience teaching, but they said, ‘You can observe an experienced teacher for a year and learn as you go.’ That put me at ease, and so I took the job.”

On her first day, she observed her mentor teach a class on basic nursing. Thirty minutes later, her mentor collapsed in mid-lecture. She survived but never returned to teaching leaving Elinor to “sink or swim” as the brand-new basic nursing professor, with 30 minutes training!

“I stayed up past midnight reading a chapter ahead of the students to prepare for each class, but it was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.” At year’s end, the students presented her with a black onyx pen and pencil desk set she cherishes with a gold plaque reading, “With admiration from your first class 1960.”

In Georgia, she transferred to the Georgia ANG in Dobbins and was chosen to attend Flight Nurse Training in San Antonio, Texas. This was a singular moment in her life, “because getting my wings was the turning point of my military career.”



In 1962, she resigned from Crawford Long when she was awarded a Rockefeller Scholarship toward a much wanted master’s degree in nursing at Duke University. But six weeks later, Duke summarily terminated the program. Now, poor Elinor had no school, no scholarship, no master’s degree, and no job.

She landed on her feet at the University of Florida teaching nursing. Without a master’s degree, it was only a one-year appointment, but she leapt at the opportunity to teach at the university level. Nearing the end of that year, she accepted a position at Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Memphis, only to learn a few days later that Florida was extending her appointment.

“Well, that’s wonderful,” she told her boss, “but I’m going to Memphis.”

Two years later, the University of Tennessee School of Nursing conscripted her to their faculty where she remained until her retirement in 1989. Transferring to the Tennessee Air National Guard, she became the chief flight nurse for the 155th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron where she was one of two nurses from Tennessee selected to go to the Pacific to evacuate wounded soldiers from Vietnam.



Flying out of the Philippines one injured soldier asked her where she was from. “I’m from Memphis,” she replied.

“Oh,” he said, “My wife is going to nursing school in Memphis. Would you know her?” Elinor quickly looked at the name on his wrist band.

“I do know your wife,” she replied. “I was her nursing instructor in her junior year at UT.” Her eyes welled with tears as she realized she was nursing her student’s husband, now wounded in battle.

On another flight, a young Second Lieutenant, asked if he could talk awhile.

“Of course,” she said. The Lieutenant had been a student at Wake Forest University ROTC program. Elinor’s father had been a professor of military science there.

“Did you know my father,” she asked, “Col. John Reed?” “Ma’am,” he smiled, “your father pinned on my Lieutenant’s bars at my commissioning!”

The story became national news and was picked up by the *Air Force Times*. Later, Governor Buford Ellington awarded Elinor the

Tennessee Distinguished Service Medal for nursing those wounded boys coming home from Vietnam.

In the meantime, she finally got that coveted MSN degree from the University of Alabama and went on to obtain a post-masters Educational Specialist degree. When promoted to full colonel, her father pinned on her eagles. She retired from the United States Air Force Reserves after 30 years of service to our country.

Oh, and the University of Tennessee created the Elinor F. Reed Distinguished Professorship in Nursing in her honor. Every year, a nursing scholar from across the nation is selected to fill that chair.

Now, she lives a quiet life with Molly Frances, her dog, at Trezevant Manor. You would never dream a lady could pack so much into one life. Most folks have trouble finding success in one career, much less two, but Elinor F. Reed, Colonel, United States Air Force Reserves, Retired, BSN, MSN, Ed.S is a tale of two careers.

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JOYFUL LIVING

Just this month the Little Store volunteers are back at the register. We are again open for business on Saturdays. The store is disinfected daily, Plexiglas is in place on the counter, gloves and hand sanitizer are available for workers, customers are limited to 5 at a time and social distance markers are on the floor as reminders. Charging to resi- dent accounts will continue until the bank returns to campus. The shelves are stocked 2-3 times weekly in order to provide necessary staples. At this time, masks, hand sanitizer, bacteria killing cleaning supplies and hand soap are available for purchase. In addition to ample supplies of toilet paper and paper towels!

The wheels of Dottie’s Digs are slowly starting to move. Look for news of the next sale in late August. This will be a Trezevant staff and independent living resident only sale. It will also be a timed and ticketed event so stay tuned for details.

It’s easy for me to get caught up in the chaos of the world news and equally easy to isolate and lose touch. On my way from the parking lot to the employee check-in entrance one recent morning, I was reminded of what finding the sacred in the ordinary looks like.

There in the flower bed was a gardener tending to the beauty of the earth. She was ever so carefully choosing a bloom, cutting it and gently laying it down with others chosen for the intended project. I was witnessing an act of worship and praise in the middle of a mess. I had to catch the reminder in a picture.

Joyful living continues at Trezevant. It’s a choice and I chose JOY.

Retail Robin

Ben Thinking

*“Wisdom is Life knowing it is living.”
One way to know you are living is to tell your story
and listen to the stories of others.
Our lives, our stories, matter; so listen to them and
tell them like they do . . . and be wise.*



Did you Know? By John Gillespie, Grant Coordinator

Three facts you didn’t know about E.H. Little, the founder of Trezevant

- 1. E.H. Little was close personal friends with President Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- 2. In 1953, Mr. Little became President and CEO of Colgate-Palmolive company, where he raised profits from \$1,000,000 to over \$600,000,000.
- 3. Mr. Little’s then Girlfriend, Suzanne Trezevant, moved with him to the desert in 1908 because he was diagnosed with tuberculosis. This caused quite the scandal.





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A. Our beautiful gardens

B. Putt-Putt by the Terrace

C. Beautiful Bench dedication to Anita Falls Pharr from her family.

D. Opera Memphis by the fountain.

E. Carol Jones bush dedication by her friends.

F. PAC Update Crew thanks to the generosity of Emile Bizot in dedication to his late wife, Carole.

G. Security Guard Rick and resident Richard Williams.



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