



Media Musings

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We are excited to bring you the next newsletter of the AIM Retirement Center, "Media". The reason for the newsletter is to keep you informed on what is happening at Media as well as give information about the missionaries who live here. The 80+ residents and staff represent more than 2,500 years of ministry. We hope this newsletter will help you get to know some of them and what they do at Media. It can also be seen at <https://aimint.org/retirementcenter/newsletters/> The

It was a beautiful sunny day. Would the rain hold off? Yes! At five o'clock on Valentine's Day the people started to gather. It was finally here - the long anticipated wonderful picnic when we would be able to gather together - with safety precautions of course. It had been a long year since our Media folks had been able to enjoy food and fellowship and just be together. We had much for which to praise God. Although there had been a few Covid19 cases all had recovered and now all who wanted to had been vaccinated as well, arranged for by our wonderful staff. It was time to celebrate!

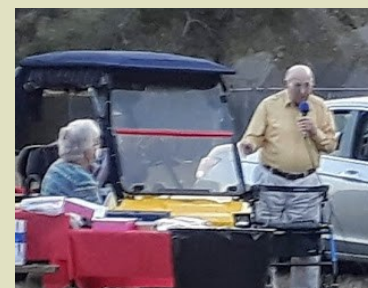


The social committee did a wonderful job organizing an outside picnic which was held in the evening in the back section of the property with a campfire, singing,

telling stories and making s'mores. Individuals brought their own picnic supper and lawn chair. The fixings for the s'mores were provided in individually packed ziplock bags, plus cold water and Valentine cookies. A good number of skewers were shared around to roast the marshmallows. The campfire was hot with coals ready for roasting.



After we prayed and each enjoyed their supper, we were entertained by our own Mark Olander, Linda P and Linda Unger leading us in singing which was so fun !!! Jim Harding asked us to share stories: camping trips in Africa, animal stories or how people showed us that we were loved. We enjoyed each others company and laughing together. As it got dark we all made our way home "happy campers". (Gloria Smethers)



MEDIA EVENTS

A group from a nearby church came to sing Christmas Carols at each home. The Christmas Eve Candlelight service was special with readings by Jill & Ray and a mime presentation by Jan. The Social Committee got all the golf cart owners excited with a fun Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt. Sally and Sandy counted up the scores and Carla's Team of Gloria Orner and Marv & Jan came in first. Mark organized a Corn Hole tournament. Two SOWER couples took 1st & 2nd place with Paul & Phyllis claiming 3rd. The Senior Store (RVA influence) doughnuts, arranged for by Ray and Jill, were enjoyed by all.



BOB AND PAULA HERRMANN

“We served in Congo and Uganda from 1987 to 2006. In Congo we enjoyed working with the church in discipleship and mentoring ministries. With Bob's engineering background, he found a niche in repairing mechanical and electrical devices when he wasn't busy with the hydro-electric project. In Uganda we were involved with a church plant among university students, doing mentoring, discipleship, and leadership training. Upon returning to the US in 2006 we settled in Northern Michigan. Paula has been working as a nurse, most recently with Hospice, and Bob has had a variety of jobs, but most enjoyably substitute teaching at the high school. We moved to Media in 2018 and continue to be snowbirds, spending the summers in MI. There we enjoy gardening and hunting. Here at Media Bob continues to help with repair projects for individuals and Paula enjoys helping with caregiving at the Manor. We are active with a Life Group at the Church at South Lake.”



JUDY KING



“Missouri is my home state and has remained my base, in and around the St. Louis area. I am thankful to have grown up in a Bible church that gave me a good grounding in who I am and who my creator and Savior is. Missionary conference was always a highlight for me.. I went to college at John Brown University (class of '69) preparing to be a teacher (biology and English). Through contacts there, I was introduced to AIM and their MK schools. For the years of 1973-1980 I taught at RVA, was a dorm parent and worked on all sorts of committees and projects.. As an only child, I needed to go home when my father became seriously ill. The rest of my academic career was in public schools as well as a few years at French Camp Academy, a boarding school for kids from troubled homes in Mississippi. I retired from teaching in 2005 so my mother, who now lived with me, and I could travel while she was still well enough. We did. Her last trip to Kenya was at 82 years old. Mom passed away in 2015 at 93. In 2006 I was commissioned as a Lay Pastor in the Missouri Union Presbytery (PCUSA) and actively worked with small churches in rural Missouri. I can confidently say that I have known God's call to all of the places I have worked and served. God's hand was clearly in the events that made me aware of the need here for a resident caregiver and in moving me here quickly. I really am still catching my breath now that things have slowed down for me since moving to unit 58. God has been so good to me in so many ways. Bringing me to Media seems like the icing on the cake. I am so thankful to be here. It is a joy to find many of my RVA colleagues here and seeing my students as they come to visit family.”

MEDIA NEWS

We celebrated the wedding of Arnie Newman and Marion Gibbon. Dave & Elaine Hornberger moved into Scott Manor.



“The first Roy Entwistle Golf Classic at Roy's Ridge, Media was held. Friends and family joined together for a great outing to remember Roy who loved the game of golf but who loved the Lord Jesus and others even more.”



Did you know that some of the folks residing at Media have not actually retired yet. We would like you to meet some of them.

Rod & Lori Kraybill were on Home Assignment the first 4 months they were here (July-October 2018) and then Rod was doing his Leadership and Training assignment through the Int. Office. Lori worked for the Travel Company located in the Northern Region until Covid shut it down. She then started learning her assignment for the Northern Office caring for incoming personnel to that region.. They returned to Africa in January.



Sam & Bonnie Thomas serve as Mission Mobilizer Coordinator and Southeastern Mission Mobilizers. This means that they travel many miles, attend many meetings and make contact with many people. “We mobilize and recruit people for the purpose of reaching unreached African people groups through AIM.” Contacts are made through churches, colleges and conferences. Many hours are spent encouraging, coaching and praying with people from the first initial inquiry through the application process, right up to the time they leave for ministry.



There are some other non-retirees who are active in ministry to local religious groups located close to Media. They spend many hours praying, making contacts and building relationships in order to gain an entrance into the lives of those who serve and worship a different god.

FUN PROJECTS AT MEDIA:

The model train project is almost finished. Thanks to so many who have been involved in this: Dave & Lucille, Beth & Lane, Bob H, Paul, Dar, Dave H, and volunteers Ned & Kathy Moffit.

The woodworking and pottery workshops are being used. Lots of beautiful mugs being made by Jack.



And new wildlife continue to appear in the NFD

We are grateful once again for our Volunteers who help us in so many ways. Washing windows, moving furniture, stripping Spanish Moss from the trees, and much, much more.

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