



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/>

MEMORIES OF JOY FROM CHRISTMAS

Christmas is always special at Media. Special decorations on the Ehmann and Morad lawns as well as lighted trees and other decorations brought JOY. The Social Committee planned a Christmas Gala with beautiful decorations, wonderful food and being together with friends brought even more JOY. Jim Harding hosted the program and the SonDay4 Quartet brought blessing and JOY to our hearts. (Thanks, Ray & Jill for the pics) And Beth Flack got to go to The Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Atlanta and had the JOY of seeing hundreds of boxes move on to special children.



MEDIA EVENTS

A whole African village appeared in the NFD (thanks Bob). A number of folks enjoyed Corn Hole tournaments sponsored by Mark Olander—complete with new Boards and “Senior Store” doughnuts. Another Golf tournament was held at Roy’s Ridge Golf Course. A wonderful Bonfire Picnic with singing was led by Linda and Jan and Mark, grilling with Jim and Jill and animal stories (including Carla’s python story) was enjoyed by all. And our wonderful volunteers started arriving and got right into many projects: Larry Moos made the new corn hole boards and he and Doc Fader sanded, painted and varnished all the cracked and weathered Unit signs for each house. It’s wonderful to have “Chuck Baker’s Woodshop” to work in. The Ladies got busy with washing windows. Thanks to everyone for their kindness in making life so pleasant here at Media.



Precious Memories Evening at Scott Manor. The Rocking Chair ladies took us on a humorous look back over 2021; and we especially remember five of our number who were promoted to Heaven. Thanks to the Social Committee for a wonderful evening.



Meet some of the Missionaries

Linda Sue Unger

I grew up in central Illinois and later moved to the Chicago suburbs. I received a B.S. in Elementary Education, with emphasis in Special Education and a minor in Music Education with an emphasis in general and instrumental music from Western Illinois University. While on the field, I later received an M.A. in International Development, with specialization in Global Civilization from William Carey International University. Before going to the field, I worked for numerous IT companies and was very active in my church.



In 2002 I joined AIM and moved to Nairobi, Kenya for a 2-year term to work in the computer department of International Services. The nationals on the team repaired computers while I provided “end user” support for the missionaries. At the end of the 2-year commitment I was granted full time status and served at IS through 2009. I was also very involved in worship ministry with young adults through various events such as our monthly First Friday Praise and Worship and a monthly meeting to train Christian artists in their craft and their walk with the Lord.

In 2009, the Lord granted me a transfer to Eastern Region where the ministry involved worship and discipleship training with young adults, university students, worship teams, Christian artists, and pastors. I also provided language and culture orientation support for our new missionaries with a wonderful team of nationals. We were able to develop a 6 Bible Story Curriculum in Swahili, home school curriculum, assessment program, and various modules for our missionaries. The national team continues to provide these services today. In 2019, the Lord called me to return to the US where I now reside at Media. I love volunteering at the Manor and I am very involved in my local church.

MEDIA NEWS

Lib Marsh moved to Clermont Rehab Center; Sam & Bonnie Thomas “officially” retired; Arnie Egeler was promoted to heaven.

Les Harris was presented with the Trinity College Alumni Salt and Light award by Sam Thomas.



Dorothy Egeler relocated to Tennessee to be near family.

Dave Tindol joined the maintenance staff part time.



SCOTT MANOR—PLACE OF BLESSING, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

We thought we'd introduce you to some of the many people who are part of Media's Scott Manor. Residents: Judy Newman, Paul & Julie Zimmerman, Gloria Orner, Bobbi Kinzer; Dan & Jean Olsen; Virginia Andersen; Dave & Elaine Hornberger and the Caregivers, Wayne & Joyce Raychard.



There are lots of extra activities that take place just for the Manor folks. Recently "Sweet Melissa, the cook (or shall we say, chef?) here at AIM Retirement Center, treated the residents, staff and volunteers to a movie night, complete with popcorn, candy, and entertainment! (Mainly her in her Christmas Jammies!). She's a sweetheart! She's a New Yorker!! She keeps everyone in line, and keeps it light around here. She loves these residents like they are her own... and truly they are."



There was also a fun Valentine Party with a number of volunteers who also help at the Manor. They also enjoy spiritual fellowship together in morning devotions and in a Sunday service and they are a blessing to all. While they would like to be able to live independently, the Manor has become home. and is a good "fit" for now.