



Media Musings

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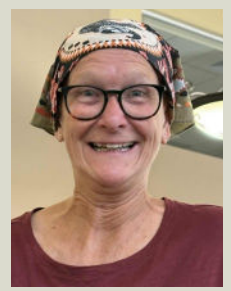
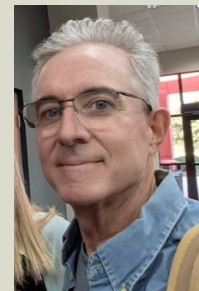
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We are excited to bring you the next newsletter of the AIM Retirement Center, "Media". The reason for the newsletter is to keep you informed on what is happening at Media as well as give information about the missionaries who live here. The 80+ residents 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/>



We would like to introduce you to the wonderful Media Staff. Yep, they are the ones who have the "authority" over us but each one has a caring, encouraging, loving, helpful - and much more - spirit. Bottom line - we are all fellow servants of God seeking to show God's light to those around us. We count our blessings every day!

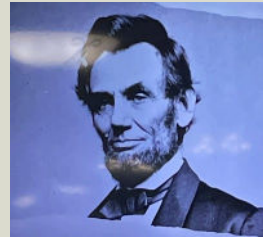
Scott (Director), Lori (Admin Asst), Steve, Richard, Dave, (Maintenance), Gretchen (Manor Caregiver), Beth, Gloria (nurses), Tiffany, Cheryl, Garry, Carol (Scott Manor kitchen/meal providers). Each one is unique in their own field and we are grateful for them.



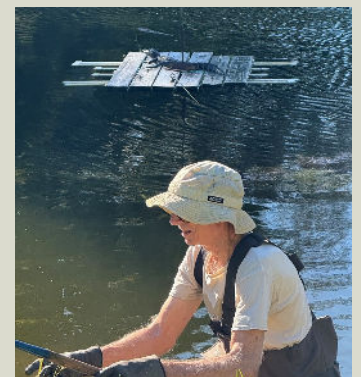
Hebrews 6:10 reads: "For God is not unjust to forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have ministered to the saints and continue to do so."

MEDIA EVENTS

We were so blessed by MaryAnn and her friend, Carolyn Rogers, who gave us a special cello concert. The Social Committee provided us with Ice Cream Sundaes followed with games. July 4th was celebrated with an Indoor Picnic. A program was led by Ray based on Abraham Lincoln's 2nd Inaugural Speech and reminding us of our freedom in the USA. Dick took part as well, Jack led us in singing patriotic songs, Anne did the table decorations and the kitchen staff provided a great picnic meal.



Some folks ask us, **“What exciting things happen at Media?”** so we thought we would share just a few from the last two months. Life is definitely not “dull”. We had an evening visit by two horses from someone’s farm, running all over the place, grazing on the grass, frustrating those trying to catch them. Finally, at 11pm they got them into a covered trailer. Found out their names were Bonnie & Clyde! Did they see “Retirement Center” on the sign and figured it was a great place??? Then there was the boat that suddenly appeared in the lake across the road and just stayed and stayed. Much speculation: a Chinese Spy boat; did someone run out of gas; is someone in trouble—turns out it belongs to a friend of one of the volunteers! Randy always brings excitement when he wades into the pond to clean things up. Do you see what is behind him? If not, check out the picture at the bottom. Visitors from countries where we served are always welcome of course (Fabian & Dionysius). There was a really large group of volunteers from Lakeside Church and they were so helpful and cheerful—and had such a good time they want to come again! Yes, we do have exciting days !



MEET SOME OF THE MISSIONARIES

Steve & Nancy Peifer

Nancy was born in Nashville and after a stint in Richmond, VA moved to Arlington Heights, Illinois when she was 8. Steve was born in Illinois and moved to Arlington when he was 8. They met at the town library where they both worked. Nancy was so taken by Steve that ten years later they reconnected in Texas and married.



They had two sons and were active in their church. After going away for a weekend to celebrate a recent promotion, they discovered that they were pregnant. Shock gave way to gratitude, and then we discovered the baby had Trisomy 13, which is always fatal. Stephen Wrigley lived for eight days, and we were very grateful for the time we had with him. But we knew that we needed to make a change.

Tim and Becky McDonald were old friends working at RVA. On a furlough, they encouraged us to work at RVA for a year. Nancy had always wanted to be a missionary; Steve never did. But losing a son changes everything. We lost Stephen in 1998 and came to RVA in 1999. After a year back in the states, we made a commitment to long term service. Nancy worked in the library and ended up teaching French. We were dorm parents for 4 years, and Marv's son Michael was in our dorm. Steve became the college counselor, and a number of students were accepted to Harvard, Yale, Princeton, MIT and Stanford, among other schools.

Steve and Nancy adopted Ben and Katie in Kenya, and the legal adoption day was Stephen's birthday, which we knew was a sign from the father.



In 2002 we began Kenya Kids Can, a ministry to provide school lunches, because the drop-out rate in our area was 50% and most kids only ate one meal a day. We started with one school. Last year KKC served four million lunches. We began to build solar computer centers, utilizing used shipping containers. Today, there are 20 computer centers at local schools, taught by the KKC Kenyan staff. KKC was recognized by CNN for their work in Africa and Steve was named one of the first CNN Heros in 2007.

We moved back to the states in 2013 and moved to Media in 2024. Nancy and Steve both volunteer at different local schools. Steve enjoys learning banjo, but he is a slow learner. Nancy has joined the chaplaincy team. We have two beautiful grandchildren. We are members of Living Message Church.

MEDIA NEWS & CELEBRATIONS

Art & MaryEllen celebrated their 60th anniversary. Joan Mitchel came to be Scott Manor Caregiver for a month. Tim and Jill Reber visited and Tim brought us up to date on matters at Peachtree Headquarters. Randy retired from his great organizing and leading of our weekly Frutchee Fellowship meetings. Evelyn moved to heaven. Gretchen came to take over as Scott Manor caregiver for a few months. Geri moved to heaven. Esther is now "retired" staff but still spends weekday mornings as Caregiver at the Manor.



Did you know?

That a new carport is being put in at the back of the Manor and just waiting for the covering now; That a new roof was put on the porch of the Manor; That Beth is the Sunflower Queen with all her work on the side garden of the Manor; That MaryAnne wrote a Bible Study book called, "The Bible in 3: A devotional guide through the Bible in 3 years"; That we have a group called ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out); That Judy is all ready for hurricane season and has "room" for someone to join her; That Manor people (Anne) are very creative in getting their things moved into the Manor; That Carolyn Dewey is involved with a children's group in Kenya.

