



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/>



Our Media celebration of our country's 250th Birthday began days ahead with the flag flying; Carol showed off the red, white, and blue stars that Beth Flack painted on the front lawn and Anne put together the beautiful centerpieces. When the actual day arrived, our creative golf cart and scooter owners took part in a parade organized by Carolyn Cummings. They each represented various areas they were from. Olanders started with Miss Liberty, Smiths (Texas), Raychards (New England), Anne (scooter), Barnetts (Pennsylvania Amish area), Morads (Michigan), Hermanns (hunting in No. Michigan), Peggy/Judy (Florida), Namcy (scooter) and Elaine (tricycle). Paul & Julie were part of the large group of spectators.



After a picnic lunch came the program organized by Marv with a variety of participants giving USA History; musical numbers (cello Mary Ann & duet Jan O. and Linda and singing patriotic songs

led by Jan O. We concluded with the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Kevin & Peggy and a beautiful birthday cake. HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!



MEDIA EVENTS

We enjoyed an "Amateur Hour" evening with a number of our folks taking part and showing their talent. Some of them were Elaine, Carolyn C, Joyce and Jean with various fun stories, skits, art and songs. A group (Paul S., Marv, Carolyn C, Jan S., Bbi and MaryAnn) sang and acted a song "All God's creatures got a place in the choir; some sing low And some sing higher". Dave & Lucille Rondeau celebrated their 60th Wedding anniversary with many friends and family; Our Social Committee gave us an Ice Cream Sundae time which of course was enjoyed by all, especially Scott and Paul & Phyllis. Carolyn shared some Ice Cream Trivia



MEDIA NEWS, VISITORS AND CELEBRATIONS

Volunteers Mike & Kim Kunkel were here for a few months and Dorothy Hruby is back taking care of Scott Inn. We welcomed Gary and Marty Crawford who took over as Manor CareGivers and said farewell to Bambi & Eric as they move on to their final months before serving overseas. We are grateful for all of them. Bobbi moved to Lakeland to be closer to her daughter. Carol Halvorsen and Lanny & Carla Arensen are our newest residents. WELCOME!





Esther Baker was born in Toronto, Ontario Canada and now lives here at Media. She served at RVA in various administrative positions and married Chuck Baker who served as a Wood Shop teacher. God called Chuck home in 2020. She enjoys her 2 stepchildren and 4 grandchildren and was able to visit them in New Zealand last year. Esther shares her love and care as the Morning Care Giver at Scott Manor. She attends The Grove church and her favorite Bible verses are Proverbs 3:5,6.

Scott Hampton was born in Wilmington DE and now lives in Groveland. He is happily married to Susie and they have three children. Scott & Susie were involved in various outreach ministries with TIMO among the Datooga in Tanzania, Borana and Gabba in Kenya, as well as personnel trainer at TIMO headquarters. Scott & Susie came to Media as a call from Jesus to serve the saints - which he definitely does! Scott is Media's Director and attends the First Baptist Church in Groveland. "I enjoy hiking, traveling and reading military history when I'm not serving at Media or my local church." His favorite verse is 2 Cor 5:21



Gloria Smethers, an MK, was born in Nairobi, Kenya. She is a Registered Nurse and has served in Rethy, Zaire (Congo), Media (Scott Home Manager), Zaire again until another evacuation, Kalacha, Kenya, RVA and Media. In all her many places her main contribution was nursing in various opportunities and positions. She came to Media to live in 2013 to fill the need for a second nurse and has been lovingly serving the folks here since then. She attends the Living Hope Church and her favorite verse is Lamentations 3:22-26

Carol Walker was born in Kingston, Jamaica and now lives in Clermont. She has 2 children (1 deceased) and 6 grandchildren. She has been a Chef at Disney World along with other Food Service positions. She came to Media as a cook shortly before COVID through Scott Hampton who is a member of her church, First Baptist of Groveland. "It is my pleasure serving the wonderful residents at the Manor. I do it with love, pride and dedication. You guys are like family to me." Her favorite verse is Romans 8:28.



Cheryl Grech was born in Jasper, Alabama and currently lives in Leesburg. She has 3 children and 8 grandchildren. Before coming to Media she worked for 30 years in the outdoor Power Equipment business (chainsaws, lawnmowers) working both indoor and outdoor retail sales with STIHL, Husqvarna, Echo..."I can fell a tree!" After God shut the door to her life work she had a desire to volunteer and made it known in her small group at her church, The Grove. Annisia Kraybill told her that Media was always looking for volunteers and now she cheerfully serves in the Media kitchen. "I am extremely grateful to our loving God for blessing me with the opportunity to serve His children who dedicated their lives to teaching and sharing the Good News of Jesus." Her favorite Scripture is Colossians 3:12-14..

Steve & Beth Pugh were both born in Wisconsin. They have been married 39 yrs and have two daughters and 5 granddaughters. Steve worked for John Deere Co. for 30 yrs and Beth worked as an RN in ICU for 25 yrs and then Cardiac Rehab for 15 yrs. They lived in six different States. After retiring, they were active in short term Missions through their church and served at RVA for 2 years. They joined SOWERS and that brought them to Media and they remained when they heard of the need for a nurse and maintenance man. They joyfully give of their time and energy in these areas. They live at Media and attend Real Life Church. Steve's favorite verse is Jer. 29:11 and Beth's life chapter is Psalm 103.



Tiffany Blackburn Toews was born in Sacramento, CA and now lives in Astatula. Tiffany and her husband, Frank, served with AIMAir in Kenya until God promoted Frank to heaven. After returning to the USA with her four children she served as Media Manor cook, back to as Uganda Team Leader, then USA at Bible Camps and a Gourmet Butter Shop until she was asked to return to Media and the Manor and she was thrilled to come back as Kitchen Manager and serve God in this way. She has one grandchild. Her favorite verse is John 8:12

Lori Kraybill, an MK, was born at Rethy, DRC and now lives in Minneola with her husband Rod. They have three children and one granddaughter. She and Rod last served AIM overseas in Italy - Lori in the Northern Region office as the Personnel Officer to bring new short and full term members to N. Africa. When she and Rod returned to the USA she needed a new role and preferred an "in person" one rather than "online". She is now Admin. Asst in the Media Office. They attend Trinity Hill church. Her favorite verse is Eph 3:14-19. "I love to have residents visit me in the office don't be afraid to come and see me"



Dave Tndol lives in Clermont with his wife, Renee and two children. They attend Real Life Church. Dave's relationship began with Media a number of years ago while working as a subcontractor for Richard so he was familiar with the work here. When Lane, and then Richard, retired, Scott asked Dave to consider coming on staff to help fill the gaps - which he did about 3 years ago. Thank you!!!

This and That, Here and There

Randy is still “playing” in the pond (seriously he works hard!); a bolt of lightning struck a tree near Dan & Joi’s house which made many “jump”, the tree shredded and had to be removed. Patti & Tim spent time on the Mercy Ship near Madagascar and then enjoyed the RVA graduation of their grandson; Steve & Nancy visited a number of countries in Europe (Switzerland, Germany, France, Netherlands)-which included a Rhine Cruise; Rod & Lori traveled to Kenya to be part of the ABO team. Doug & Lisa moved into their newly renovated home. We were grateful for two groups who volunteered - Redemption Hill Church and Woodridge Baptist, Youth Mission Trip (Texas). Carolyn Dewey coordinated their work projects.



The GOBeyond group, led by Sonya Dilworth, met here at Media and we so enjoyed getting to know and pray for these young people as they spent a week training, 3 weeks overseas (Nairobi, Madagascar, Comores) and then a week back for “debriefing. We certainly will continue to pray for them.



Throwback a few years. Who are these people? Hint - RVA staff & student; an MK; Travelers; a kid lover

