

Resident Spotlight

Roberta Jean Clevenger was born on August 7, 1927 in Crab Orchard, KY to Owen and Clara. She was one of five children and was raised during the depression. Times were tough, so Owen decided to move his family to Lockland, Ohio. Bertie (as many called her) attended Lockland school all through High School. After graduation, her parents felt she should attend beauty school. After beauty school graduation, Roberta worked as a beautician, which was until the Toni Home Permanents came on the market. After that many salons closed and Roberta decided to move into a different field. After working a couple of jobs, she decided to join the Navy and see the world...and that's what she did.

After turning 21, Bertie went off to boot camp in the Great Lakes, North of Chicago. While in boot camp Roberta was qualified and joined the drill team. This team traveled all over the United States to perform in different parades. This allowed Bertie to see the world. After boot camp, she was sent to school at the Naval Air Stations in the Intro to Air Division in Memphis, TN. Since Roberta had done a lot of sewing and she knew

how to operate a sewing machine, this experience helped her go to the "Rigger" school in Lakehurst, NJ. This qualified her for the WAVES Department (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) Graduation included a parachute jump using a "chute" that she packed and it worked...she is still here!! Roberta was the 2nd WAVE ever to jump and complete that task.

The next three year she maintained and repaired all survival equipment which included parachutes, emergency rafts, masks, seat belts and shoulder harnesses. In the spring of 1950, the military decided that more women should be in this program, so they did a story on Roberta. For an entire month Newsreel featured a story about Roberta and her role as a parachute rigger. This played on every theater all over the United States for an entire month.

The military allowed her to travel all over the U.S., but it was in San Francisco that she met and married her husband Richard. After she became pregnant with their first child, she had to leave the military.

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Richard continued to travel for the Navy; sometimes with the family, but most times the family stayed home. Richard and Roberta had 2 children. After the divorce, Roberta and the children returned to Lockland to be near her family.

Roberta began working at Merrell/Dow Pharmacy and continued to work there for 25 years. After retiring, she felt she still would like to do some work and decided to volunteer at the VA hospital in Cincinnati. She volunteered there 22 years and was still volunteering there for her first 2 years of living here at CVMH.

In the 1960's, Roberta attended a tent meeting on the grounds of CVMH, but the facility was not here yet. She made that determination on that day that she would live here when the time came. So in 2013 Roberta moved here.

Roberta has had such a colorful life, but really enjoyed her time in the military. She was able to accomplish things that most women were unable to accomplish at that time. Her time there allowed her to see the world and meet many wonderful people. If you would like to know more about Roberta's military time, stop by and talk to her...she has many pictures and scrapbooks of all of her adventures.

Bingo Does What?

By Shannon Bryant

When most people think of retirement-village activities, they think of Bingo; it's a favorite activity with a majority of the senior communities. I've learned over the years that, unless you have a very important reason, you never cancel Bingo—ever! We might laugh at that statement, but Bingo is actually a very useful activity. It uses many of the senses that people tend to lose over time.

Playing Bingo requires an enormous amount of concentration; if you get distracted for a moment, you've missed a number that could possibly have helped you win that game. Bingo requires careful use of sight and hearing. As you listen for the numbers, you must quickly check your card or even cards. Bingo also helps with fine motor skills as you use your fingers to cover the numbers. By using all these senses, Bingo helps keep your mind sharp.

The statement is true that, if you don't use it, you will lose it. It's important to exercise these senses and your brain as well. If you want to keep your mind active, Bingo is a good activity to participate in. Sure, it brings out the competitiveness in people, but we still have fun. So just remember: every Tuesday and Thursday at 2 pm, come and exercise your brain in a game of Bingo.



Vaccine Update

The first dose of the Pfizer vaccine was a success. Walgreens pharmacy and the clinical team here at CVMH did a great job getting everyone through quickly. The 2nd dose of the vaccine is scheduled on Wednesday February 3rd. More details are to come.



Grandmother's Strawberry Jam

Ingredients

4-6 pints ripe strawberries

3 cups sugar

2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice

Instructions

Wash, dry and hull the berries. If berries are large, halve them; lightly crush about 1/3 of the berries. Place the berries into a large non-aluminum pot and gently fold in the sugar and the lemon juice. Cover and set aside to macerate in a cool place for several hours, or overnight.

Bring the mixture to a boil over medium-high heat; then reduce heat to low and simmer for 9-15 minutes, stirring often with a stainless steel spoon, until jam just begins to thicken.

Remove from heat and let jam come to room temperature, about 1 hour, then cover and cool in the refrigerator for 2-3 hours.

Simmer again for 9-15 minutes, stirring often, until jam is thickened.

Working quickly, pour the mixture into 8 8-ounce prepared and sterilized canning jars. Fill the jars to within 1/2 inch of the top. Wipe the rim with a clean damp cloth and seal them with 1/4 inch of melted paraffin. Cool jars overnight. Wipe and seal again if necessary. Store in a cool, dark place.



Celebrations & Birthdays



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

This information is for
The Christian Village at
Mt Healthy residents.

Upcoming Events

Mini Mart

February 5th 1:30-3pm and February 19th 1:30-3pm in the RCC.

Shabby Chic Boutique Sale

Enjoy some shopping at the Shabby Chic Boutique Sale from February 8th-12th in the LE Office.

Valentine's Bingo

February 11th at 2pm in the RCC/Chapel or tune into Channel 3.

Valentine's Day Parade

Don't miss the parade on February 12th at 2pm.

Cincinnati Coney Day

February 24th from 2-3pm Coney's will be delivered room to room.

Jeopardy

Join us for a game of Jeopardy on February 26th at 10am in the chapel, RCC, or tune in on Channel 3.



Upcoming COVID-19 Survey

Lizz Stephens
VP Marketing & Business Strategy

Residents or their responsible party will soon be invited to participate in a survey being conducted on behalf of Christian Village Communities by Holleran, an independent research firm. This study focuses on our handling of and responsiveness to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is critical to our continuous improvement process and will provide a "benchmark" for future studies.

- In early February, surveys will be mailed to residents or their responsible party.
- Once the survey is completed it will be mailed directly to Holleran using the pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope that comes with the survey. Holleran will also provide their toll-free telephone number in the event there are questions. Please direct all questions to Holleran.
- Your participation is voluntary, and your responses will be held in strict confidence by Holleran. A summary of the data will be returned in a report format for Christian Village Communities to review. While individual surveys and the names of respondents will not be shared with us, all comments will be reported. We encourage constructive feedback but ask that you refrain from including any identifying information in your comments.

Our goal with this survey is to assess our handling of the epidemic by providing our residents or their responsible party with an opportunity to voice their opinions and ideas. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.



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