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From the CEO Kent Phillips

I would be remiss not to mention how thrilled I am to see the vaccine clinics here at Trezevant so early in this final (we hope) stage of the Pandemic. By the time this edition of Treelines is pub-lished, nearly 98% of our residents will have received one or both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Add to that a significant number of our staff, your service providers, and key contractors. What a wonderful way to transition into Spring 2021 - what a sense of relief, hope, and renewal.

We are far ahead of our peer communities here in Memphis. As I write this, most do not even have clinics scheduled for first doses, much less second. I attribute this accomplishment to our outstanding relationship with the departments of health, our strong performance in annual license surveys, and Paul Martin's leadership on the Mayor's and Governor's Pandemic task forces. While we continue to navigate very difficult waters, we do so at the head of the fleet, keeping a watchful eye on the quality of care and transparency.

Being first is essential right now - first to test, first to develop an isolation unit, first to implement sound contact-tracing procedures, and finally, first to vaccinate. Trezevant checks all these boxes. While we should all be proud of that effort, I am reminded that being first comes with a price. No matter how hard we try to predict them, unintended consequences confound us at every turn. In our vaccine clinics alone, we had to deal with late-arriving serum and ambiguous guidance as to who is eligible for a second dose. While it can be frustrating from our side of the fence, we know how much more so it is on yours.

It is time to ask for a little grace, not so much for me or our leadership team specifically, but for all involved in this Pandemic - and that happens to be everyone. None of us asked for this, but all have a part to play in resolving it. Sometimes the dot of light at the end of the tunnel frustrates as much as it consoles; it reminds us how far we've come and not quite yet reached the end. Perhaps through a little grace, we can afford each other a little patience. Let's focus on the incredible pro-gress we've made and look forward to our steady-state of social engagement and joy. That dot of light is growing faster than we realize!



Stacey Sears

A toast:

"Here is to a new beginning, a new year, and a new day (glasses clinking)."

This is a toast from me to you! With a new year comes a new beginning. A new way of looking at how to do things correctly this year while continuing t to be patient with others. I am not one for resolutions, but I do find myself wishing for better things to take place around me. I want people to be less frightened about the future while looking forward to betters days. That one day we can look back on the struggles and heartache of 2020 and tell children how we survived something we could not even see.

A new year is here and there are so many chances that we cannot waste. Let us view this new year of potential travel, visiting family, or long-distance friends. Dreaming of places to go, people to see, or just dreaming of the hug you have been waiting for for a year. The possibilities are hopeful.

A new day is here. It is today and tomorrow is waiting patiently to take over. Day to day we will take on the issues, struggles, and yes the wonderful blessings of our lives and it is up to us to take advantage of all of them. Take a long walk outside and breathe the crisp winter air while the sun shines on your face, or read another good book by the fireplace. Check on a friend you have not seen in a while and let them know you miss them. Small steps to start the new year. Make it your best year!

The Foundation would like to thank the donors who supported Trezevant's mission in 2020. It was a hard and difficult year, but I know there will be more continued opportunities in 2021. Cheers!



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From the CHAPLAIN

The Rev. Julie McKenna

Spring of 2021 promises all kinds of new life at Trezevant. With vaccines distributed on campus to all levels of care we look with anticipation to resume some sense of normalcy as it is safe to do so. I'd love to say that by Holy Week we'll have full services not limited to 25 with music and Congregational SINGING, but we'll just have to wait and see. Regardless of our exact status, trust we will have some glorious special music during Holy Week, and beautiful flowers on Easter thanks to residents' generosity to our flowers and music fund. We will keep you posted as the exact schedule solidifies.

In the meantime, despite the limitations of the pandemic, thanks to our "in house" pool of well qualified clergy and teachers, we have found ways to bring interesting spiritual programming to Trezevant.

Resident clergy and spiritual leaders have offered their expertise in chaplains' classes, Lectio Divina, Meditation and "Listen and Love story telling" throughout the pandemic. A huge thank you is due to the following residents who have stepped up to share their talents with us:

Anne Carriere, Walter Mischke, Linda Mischke, Ben Bledsoe, Milton Winter, Julie Walton, Dina Smith, Sylvia Adams, and Mary Edith Walker have all taught wonderful courses/ Bible studies throughout the pandemic.

We have discovered a treasure trove right here in our midst!! For this spring Ben Bledsoe will lead us in February with a course called "The Rest of God," Linda Mischke will lead us in March with a course she calls "Letting Go for Lent," and April will be a look at Transitions at Trezevantwhat happens when is it time for a higher level of care? Come fall we should be able to invite outside speakers in again, but we will also continue to make use of our own in-house talent!

New worship service in the Terrace

The pandemic meant assisted living residents were cut off from worship at St. Edward and the Little Chapel so Chaplain Barbara began Worship and Holy Communion services for Terrace residents the first week of Advent. This service is held every Monday at 11am in the Activities Room of the Terrace. We started this service in lieu of our Sunday afternoon service led by volunteer clergy in the Little Chapel of Allen Morgan. The new service has been well attended, and really seems to meet an ongoing need for Assisted Living residents. Greg Jones, our organist plays piano for the service. Thanks goes to Barbara, for organizing this and providing this much needed service to Assisted Living Residents, and to Greg for providing all our music for these services!

FAQ: What is Trezevant's relationship to the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee?

I have had numerous people ask me this question during the pandemic, especially since our policies about church services have been a little different than those of the Diocese of West Tennessee. I hope the answer below provides some clarification.

Trezevant was started by Episcopalians, and it has an affiliation with the Episcopal church. 50% of the board must be Episcopalian, and the presiding Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of West Tennessee is a board member, but St. Edward Chapel is not considered an actual Episcopal church.

We do not take in members, fill out reports on attendance, receive any funding from the Episcopal church, or fall under their purview for governance. That doesn't mean we are in opposition to the Diocese. It just means when it comes to specific policies about churches and their response to Covid, we are not under the same guidelines. We do consult the Diocese of West Tennessee Covid policies and have followed their lead on when and how to serve communion, but we also are bound by our license through the Tennessee Department of Health and the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, guidance by the CDC and Shelby County Department of Health, and executive orders issued by the President, Governor and our local Mayors. Paul Martin and the senior leadership team of Trezevant rely on these sources to set policy regarding safe practices during Covid in our particular setting. Given the legal implications of a continuing care retirement community, we adhere to the policies set by our Trezevant leadership.

If we are not an Episcopal church, what are we? St. Edward is a chapel. A chapel, by definition is a church building or room for an institution or facility. Since our population has a strong Episcopal presence, we use the Episcopal liturgy in our formal worship services. However, we are ecumenical in nature, just as Trezevant is ecumenical. Our spiritual care programming for residents and staff encompasses the broader Trezevant community where multiple faith traditions are represented. As chaplains we follow the Association of Professional Chaplains Code of Ethics for Board Certified Chaplains which demands a respect for all traditions. Please feel free to contact me at jmckenna@trezevantmanor.org if you would like more information.

The Job is a Passion.

by Mary Alice Quinn

"Passion" could be her middle name. Her conversation is peppered with it. "You have to have 'passion' for what you do." Annie Wade does just that. "If you have passion for a job, you'll never work a day in your life," she says.



Annie is the manager of environmental services at Trezevant. As such, she is in charge of housekeeping and laundry care for the entire campus. Twenty-eight women, including three supervisors (Rebecca Crawford, Beverly Hill, and Marilyn Thornton), assist her.

Her association with Trezevant came as a result of not imbibing during an important business lunch. She was working as a private duty attendant at the Parkview Hotel (1914 Poplar near Overton Park) A chance encounter with E. H. Little (Trezevant's founder and resident of the Parkview) and his business companion lead to "hellos" and "do you work here?" Little's wife, Suzanne Trezevant, and namesake for the retirement community died before this meeting.

Time passed, Trezevant was built and Little moved from the Parkway to Trezevant. Staff was needed, especially in housekeeping. Little's friend remembered Annie's name, called her, and invited her to lunch. "I remember everyone had wine to drink, but I ordered ice tea. I'll never forget. "I was offered a job in housekeeping. I told Mr. Little I'd give it a try for six months. Here I am, 38 years later. The job is a passion."

Annie's own family includes two sons, three grandsons, four sisters, one 'spoiled' brother, and her mother who turns 90 May 6. Her husband, Doxie, died in 2005. An avid reader, she selects autobiographies and Memphis history. She

and her mother attends New Salem Missionary Baptist Church. "The residents at Trezevant are my top priority. They are my second family. "I've worked for residents, now I'm working for children of these residents. When the grandkids move in, I won't be here. "I joke and tell everyone I at least want a brick when I retire."

Our Stories

by Jack Richbourg

Some say she's called Jet because her little sister couldn't say Jeannette. Others say it's because she's a "jet setter." She's met two presidents and barely missed meeting a third and the king and queen of England. But I say the name comes from her speed, jetting up and down the corridors of Trezevant with her walker.

Jeannette Hollenberg Birge Thompson, the daughter of a dealer in organs and pianos, began her life in Little Rock, but her family's Memphis connections ran deep. They had a similar business here before moving to Arkansas, where trouble brewed for the Hollenbergs. Her father was diagnosed with Spinal Tuberculosis forcing her parents to relocate to Denver for treatment.

Jet, age 6, stayed in Little Rock with her grandparents during the school year but lived in Denver with her parents each summer. After spending 9 months in a body mold to repair his spine, her father fully recovered, but it had been a seminal time in Jet's young life.

"My father taught me that hardship is temporary. It can be endured, and it will end. This really helped me later on," she recalled.

The family eventually moved back to Memphis where her father obtained the Hammond Organ franchise, later adding Steinway, Kimball, Wurlitzer, and other pianos, while operating as Hollenberg Music Company.

Her senior year, Jet entered Lausanne, which was then located in a beautiful Victorian mansion at the corner of Central and Rozelle. There were only 16 girls in the class of 1939. That fall she enrolled in Bennett Junior College in Dutchess County, New York, where she met Hilda Lehman, the governor of New York's daughter who asked her to lunch one day.

"I couldn't go because I had a role in Hansel and Gretel. I couldn't miss rehearsal!" So, Hilda and a few other friends went without her.

"After rehearsal, I tried to find them," she said, "They were gone all afternoon. When they finally came back, I asked what took so long only to find out they had had lunch at Hyde Park with Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt along with King George VI and Queen Elizabeth of England! And I missed it over a bit part in Hansel and Gretel!"

After Bennett, Jet enrolled at Southwestern. She'd kept up with her friends in Little Rock and looked forward to the debutante balls there. That's where she met Art Birge, six-five with movie star good looks, stationed at Camp Robinson.

"He asked me out the next time I was in town in mid-December, and I said, 'yes." The next morning, she went to the country club for Sunday brunch that fateful day, December 7, 1941. By the time Jet arrived back in Memphis, Art Birge was training in California, and there was no mid-December date.

"He wrote to apologize, and we started corresponding. He attended my graduation from Southwestern on his way to Ft. Benning. There, he hopped military junkets to Memphis. I think he was afraid I was going to marry a doctor, and I might have, too. He took me to St. Louis to meet his family, and after some persuasion, my father agreed to our marriage at Calvary Episcopal Church on September 21, 1943 before Art shipped out to Europe."

Captain Birge landed at Omaha Beach on Independence Day, 1944. He faced heavy fighting at Normandy, the Battle for the

Brest Peninsula and the Battle of Hürtgen Forest. At war's end, he became military governor of the German Ruhr region and was given a handmade American flag by the local population which is now preserved at the World War II Museum in New Orleans.

Ironically, nearby, on the Elbe River, a young Canadian Air Force officer, David Thompson, who would play a major role in Jet's later life, had been shot down and held as a POW.

After VE day, Art came home and worked with Jet's father in the music business. Over the years, Jet and Art raised three daughters, Marion, Jeannette and Barbara. In 1953, the ever-sociable Jet met Ronald Reagan at the Junior League Conference in San Diego, and later in Little Rock, she conversed with Bill Clinton in the buffet line at the country club. Jet got a job at Southwestern producing their alumni magazine and later was secretary to District Judge Robert McRae.

Those were controversial days. McRae had received death threats because of his bussing decision. Jet remembers a voice on the phone saying, "Lady, you'd better clear out of there because I'm coming over with my shotgun!"



"I wasn't scared because the Marshall's office was right under mine," Jet explained, and who was the Marshall? None other than Cato Ellis, Frankie Wade's father. Jet retired when Art died in 1982 and moved to Trezevant when she turned 80 in 2001. Oh, and remember that Canadian Air Force officer? Lawson Maury called her one day. "A friend of mine is going to pick you up and bring you to my house for cocktails with dinner following at the Tap Room." Soon, David Thompson, that former POW, knocked on her door. Six months later, they were married.

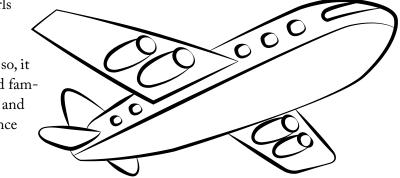
"In your eighties, you can't waste time with lengthy courtships," Jet said. David introduced her to his children. David, Jr. said, "You've got three girls and with us three guys, it'll be like the Brady Bunch!" And so, it was. The two melded families grew very close and have remained so since

and David Noel Thompson

David's death in 2006. David's son, John, would have lunch with Jet every Thursday in the Bistro before the pandemic, and she was asked to write a letter to David's grandson to be opened with other family correspondence after six months at sea on a nuclear submarine.

Jet Thompson, in her hundredth year of life, is one tough lady. She has survived debilitating family illness, a world war, death threats, and the loss of two husbands, but as her father taught her, "Hardship is temporary. It can be endured, and it will end."

So, whatever you do, please, please, be careful turning corners in the Manor. You just might run into a Jet, taxing toward take-off, on her 8th floor runway!



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~ WELCOME JULIE ~



Legacy Giving: Jimmye Pidgeon

Jimmye has been at Trezevant for ten years. She is pictured with her late pet, Einstein. On a beautiful afternoon, Jimmye and I were speaking about Legacy giving. Here is a part of our conversation about her involvement with the E.H. Little Society here at Trezevant.

How would you personally define the importance of leaving your legacy?

"Two of my answers will be selfish, It says in First Peter III in the Bible, that charity covers a multitude of sins and I have done a lot of sinning," she said laughing. "Second, it makes you feel good inside, and lastly, it is the right thing to do. I will have someone to take care of me in my old age."

What kind of legacy will you be leaving?

"I would like to name my legacy "Recklessly Joyful." I am very happy living at Trezevant. I am very fond of the residents and staff that live and work here. I am assured Trezevant will be here for future generations.

What has it meant to you to join the E.H. Little Society?

"Being a part of a group that consists of all ages and stages of senior living, whose purpose is to leave a gift to Trezevant for future generations of residents, has meant the world to me."

f you were to speak to someone about the E.H. Little Society, what would you tell them?

"I would tell them that is an honor to be a member of the Little Society because it means that you care for others as you wish to be cared for. You are leaving your legacy for future residents. It is a continuum thing from my parents to me-to the next generation."

How to leave your legacy at Trezevant:

Leaving the Foundation in your will or trust or designating a portion of your refund. I will be happy to discuss ways to give back to Trezevant and become a member of the E. H. Little Society.

Manager position here at Trezevant. I have marked my 6 weeks since starting this position and I am enjoying myself tremendously. It is such a privilege to follow Robin Swanson's footsteps. Robin

Thank you for welcoming me into the Retail

was such a hard worker as well as creative and will miss seeing her daily. Robin and I worked closely together when she came into Superloo and I worked in the floral department. She was always a breath of fresh air. I want to tell everyone a little bit about who I am and what I like to do for fun. I have worked in



the film industry as a production assistant, visual

CHOOSE JOY

"Choose it like a child chooses the shoe to put on the right foot, the crayon to paint a sky. Choose it at first consciously, effortfully, pressing against the weight of the world heavy with reasons for sorrow, restless with a need for action. Feel the sorrow, take the action, but keep pressing the weight of joy against it all, until it becomes mindless, automated, like gravity pulling the stream down its course; until it becomes an inner law of nature. Those little joys, so often, become the slender threads of which we weave the lifeline that saves us."

Maria Popova

Ben Thinking

"Are there any among us willing to be confronted by another with whom you have deeply held differences to engage in a civil discussion about it?"



Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Chaplain Barbara

merchandiser, and florist. I graduated from Memphis College of Art in the 80's. I love to paint and be creative. I am married to a wonder-

> ful man and have 2 dogs and 4 cats that are all rescues. I have a very close relationship with my 87 year old mother, June and she is also an artist. I am so grateful for this opportunity. I have some exciting plans for Dottie's Digs and the Little Store. I have already started to implement the fresh flowers, live plants, and other items into the Little Store. I look forward to meeting all the residents and making an impact here at Trezevant.

Come by and say "Hi" and I hope to see you soon!

With gratitude, Julie Cooper-Hoyman Retail Manager





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A. Robin Swanson, Retail Manager, says her Goodbyes to her friends at Trezevant

C. Robin Swanson "Swansong" on last mannequin for Dottie's Digs

D. Faye and Donn Southern Celebrating Halloween

E. Outside Yoga in Hopes Garden

F. Maggie Hollabaugh receiving first COVID-19 Moderna Vaccine

G. Terrie Palmore, Dir. of Nursing Allen Morgan, receiving first Moderna Vaccine

B. Pumkin Carving Contest entry



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