



Bayview Generations

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Bayview through Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

by Darrell Hughes,
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Welcome to the first edition of *Bayview Generations*, a quarterly publication presented by Bayview Retirement Community. Replacing the previous publication, the *Bayview Quarterly*, this new publication will provide a closer look at the history, personal stories, and joy we see every day at Bayview Retirement Community.

Recently, after being honored with the 2008 *Community Service Award* from Aging Services of Washington, we realized that even with our rich history and experience, many families and community members don't know us as well as they could. *Bayview Generations* will show our community to you in ways that we have not in the past. The ability to talk about yesterday, invite you and your loved ones to visit us today, may in fact change your tomorrow.

As Director of Community Relations, I am delighted to share many wonderful things with you through the accounts and contributions of our residents, staff, and community members.

Each quarter we will present opportunities to you to enjoy Bayview, learn about our family, and show how we support and are supported by you. From community events to volunteerism, Bayview is an integral part of the Queen Anne, Magnolia, Interbay, and Seattle landscape. As you will learn through this publication, many wonderful changes are on the way and we want you to have every opportunity to celebrate with us.

Please accept our invitation to not only read about us but also visit us for an experience that connects the generations of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. ■

"Welcome to Bayview Retirement Community."

More than a thousand residents have heard these words as they made Bayview home since our opening in 1961. In addition to fulltime residents, Bayview has served thousands with our health, fitness, and childcare centers. Bayview is a wonderful home and has been a premier location for events, fun, and community interaction for nearly half a century.



Your home, your community



Successful Living for Older Men

by Rich Tomlinson, CEO

Many older people in America eventually find themselves grappling with the specter of an issue that they have lived with their entire lives – whether, when, and how to retire. As they near the moment of truth when they feel that they might or must get on with it, an even larger question arises: why? In years past, retirement was thought of as a golden easy chair, from which one rose occasionally to do a bit of travel. In today’s world, however, boredom or financial necessity has rendered this vision obsolete. In increasing numbers, people either return to a job that constitutes gainful employment with reduced stress, or they seek an active life with others their own age.

Today’s older men still have slightly different challenges than women in this regard.

They have emerged from a working past when women had fewer employment opportunities, and thus face a different type of transition into retirement than do many women their age. Also, as they enter their 80s, there are fewer men than women available as living role models to help ease the transition of their counterparts. That said, many of these male retirees are going for it!

Whoever first said “age is just a state of mind” got it right. Longevity requires activity and meaningful human interaction. Many older men today are getting both through joining so-called “retirement communities”, where “retirement” means only “no longer working at life’s former career(s).”

At Bayview Retirement Community, 90-year-old Stanley Rosenberg is still going strong. Retired from a career as a professional proofreader, he seeks constant mental stimulation, finding such in classes

and reading on theatre, history, and photography. He is also active in progressive politics and physical exercise classes in Bayview’s Wellness Center. In his spare time, he travels to and from New York, where his older brother, David, conducts the renowned Saint Cecilia Chorus.

One of Stanley’s associates at Bayview is Bob Mitchell, a retired Physics professor. Following retirement, Bob and his wife Jo first traveled extensively, remodeled their house (doing much of the work themselves), and served actively in Habitat for Humanity. Bob continues to expand and catalog a huge collection of photos and slides (providing some for national publication), lectures his neighbors on Astronomy, hosts a monthly sourdough pancake breakfast with his wife,

sings in two choirs and a quartet, co-facilitates a drama group, actively participates in a computer club, exercises regularly and is writing a book. Bob doesn’t spend much time sitting in the golden easy chair!

Retired men also have extensive opportunities to volunteer their services in activities of personal interest. Ninety-four year old Tom Holman is involved

in multiple lead roles at Bayview in safety coordination, Chapel planning and choir, new-resident orientation, and exercise assistance. He says “I’m not old, but I’ve been around for a long time. Be an active participant as long as you can, and life is great! Stay happy!”

For men such as these, life is clearly what you make of it, by embracing abundant, ongoing opportunities for growth, challenge, and happiness. ■

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**- Tom Holman,
Bayview resident**

From The Seattle Times, 1971:

BAYSHORE MANOR:

Chance Encounter Led to Church Home

By LANE SMITH
Religion Editor, The Times

The \$4,000,000 Bayshore Manor Methodist home for retired people at the foot of Queen Anne Hill was made possible because of a friendship between a minister and a man who was not a member of his church.

The home is one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken by a single church congregation.

The two men involved were the Rev. Dr. Cyrus E. Albertson, retiring minister of the First Methodist Church, sponsor of the home, and the late Charles A. Kinnear, who willed his beloved home and property to the church.

"EVERY TREE on the property had been planted and named for a relative of the Kinnears," Dr. Albertson said. "And each tree we had to remove during construction went down hard. We heard about each one from somebody."

Dr. Albertson said Mr. Kinnear wrote him a warm letter about Dr. Albertson's radio sermons soon after the minister came here in the spring of 1919.

"It was such a nice letter that I remembered it," Dr. Albertson said. "Not long after I read that Mr. Kinnear had been hospitalized after an automobile accident. He had been nice to me so I returned the compliment by visiting him. That was the beginning of our friendship."

DR. ALBERTSON told how he and his wife visited Mr. and Mrs. Kinnear many times after that in their living quarters on the second floor of the old home.

The home was built in 1887 by Mr. Kinnear's father, Capt. George Kinnear. Charles A. Kinnear lived there from boyhood to his death at the age of 88 in 1956.

"Charles could remember in detail the happenings of his childhood, including the time he was lost in the forests between his home and Green Lake," Dr. Albertson said.

Dr. Albertson related that one day in 1954, "just out of the sky, as we sat talking on a sofa Charles said: 'I am going to leave this property to the First Methodist Church.'"

"He said no more about it."

DR. ALBERTSON said that when he went to the house after Kinnear's death, Mrs.



DR. ALBERTSON MR. KINNEAR

Kinnear (now living in Texas) confirmed the bequest. The will suggested the property be used as an "old people's home."

After forming a nonprofit corporation to handle the development, the church broke ground for the home in August, 1959.

The gleaming ten-story home with a spectacular view of Elliott Bay has room for about 250 persons. It already has a waiting list.

The home, with a long mortgage, is not a charity operation. A single unit costs from \$8,750 to \$9,350; a double costs \$17,200. There also is a monthly fee of \$112 a person.

"THIS HOME IS the result of gifts of many who for a while will live here," Dr. Albertson said. "No one will make a profit and not a dollar will be channeled into the church. It is a Christian enterprise."

Dr. Albertson said he has only one regret—that the planners could not make use of a spring on the property that for many years provided the water supply of the Kinnears.

Great things start with something small

Countless thousands of people have walked through the doors of Bayview over the past 48 years. They are residents and prospective residents, family members of residents, round-the-clock staff, short-stay rehab patients from the outside community, wellness fitness center members from the outside community, children and parents enrolled in the Intergenerational Children's Center and a host of volunteers for resident and children's programming, as well as the managing Board of Trustees. All are welcome and find that no matter their age or background, Bayview truly is the example of a great interactive community, rich in history and philanthropy.

This great community started from one simple heartfelt letter some 60 years ago. The lasting impression of that letter then led to a chance encounter between Charles Kinnear and Dr. Cyrus Albertson. The relationship that then ensued developed into a gift no one could ever imagine. It is a gift that continues to give today and well into the future. ■

Original Kinnear Mansion



Keep an eye out in future editions of *Bayview Generations* for stories of generational families currently living at Bayview.

When I am Old I Shall Wear a Chicken Hat

(with apologies to Jenny Joseph)

Why did the chicken cross the road?

To get to Bayview's Annual Wacky Tacky Chicken Party, of course! Bayview served up plenty of chicken off the menu as their Resident Party Committee got cracking with its crazy chicken party. That's right, we had lots of resident chickens joined by staff chickens, a CEO chicken, and chicken nuggets from our Children's Center, who all got together in good fun to celebrate "Dance Like A Chicken Day." In classic Bayview fashion, everyone "got their chicken on," told many a chicken joke, and grooved to The Chicken Dance. All our chickens also enjoyed yummy "chicken" cake, while making

original chicken feather costumes and playing some old fashioned barnyard bingo for fun prizes. As luck would have it, Marion Watanabe, our own Resident Council President, took the prize for best original homemade chicken hat. No doubt this is the first of many Chicken Parties to come. Our party committee says there are lots of fun parties planned for the rest of the year, including an Ice Cream Soda party to celebrate National Ice Cream Soda Day in June and a Hawaiian Luau party in August, complete with Elvis sing "Blue Hawaii", Hula lessons, and much more. ■



The Tree of Life

More than a year ago, Bayview, its residents, and the outside community embarked on an aggressive plan to transform the forty-seven year old chapel and community center into an environment that would expand its current influence and become a focal point for community engagement for Bayview, Seattle, and beyond. On May 25, 2009, Bayview commissioned the creation of a new and significant piece of art following the theme of *The Tree of Life*. The sculpture wall will be a 10'x 30' Roclair glass screen that is being funded through philanthropy and created by Ms. Keiko Miura of Seattle's sister city Kobe, Japan. Ms. Miura is an internationally renowned artist with completed works in many countries and extraordinary venues such as Olympic site Nagano Sports Park, Hakuainosono Welfare center, and Kyoto Hotel Okura.

Following the receipt of an \$110,000 gift designated for the *Tree of Life* from a single non-resident donor, contracts have been signed, and work has begun.

The dedication ceremonies will follow an expected installation in early 2010. While here and following placement, Ms. Miura will be facilitating educational discussions and presenting the art to local residents, city officials, and the art community.

Bayview envisions an ongoing relationship with the greater Seattle art community and local residents through tours, discussions, and art walks. ■



Tomorrow

Celebrate with Bayview!

With the arrival of summer quickly upon us, things are really starting to heat up at Bayview. In addition to a host of summer programs, we have great parties we don't want anyone to miss.



Ice Cream Soda Party

Nothing beats cooling down with an old fashioned ice cream soda. Join friends and family on Tuesday June 30th and build your own at our Ice Cream Soda Party. Choose from a selection of ice creams, syrups, and sodas to create your own spectacular treat. Win prizes for your creation. We'll have great music going, contests galore, and many more surprises.

Wine Social

If a laid back event is more your style, we welcome you to attend our next wine social on Friday, June 26th. Cabaret singer Cheri Adams will perform live at 4:00 pm in our Main Lobby. Wine is \$4.00 per glass. Nonalcoholic beverages are also available at no charge.



Safari Extravaganza Garden Party

Get out your binoculars and safari hats and get ready for a Safari Blast at Bayview. That's right, Bayview's annual garden party is going safari this summer. Mark your calendars on Thursday July 30th for our Safari Extravaganza. Fantastic food, live music, dancing, and so much more. If you haven't been to one of our summer garden parties, you're in for a real treat.

Hawaiian Party

But we haven't finished partying yet. On Friday, August 21st Bayview is hosting our own Hawaiian Party in honor of Hawaii Day. So pack up your safari clothes, don those Hawaiian shirts and muumuus, and join the party. Word has it there might be an Elvis sighting, so if you hear Blue Hawaii, don't be surprised!



We've only listed a few upcoming events here. There are so many more!

If you're interested in finding out more about upcoming programs and events, please email Nancy Weinbeck at nweinbeck@bayviewmanor.org, or call 206-281-5759.

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Silver Tea 2009



Images from the recent Silver Tea at Bayview – entertainment, tea, and cake – fun was had by all.

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