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SHEPHERD'S CENTER NEWS

Due to the latest rise in the number of Covid cases, we decided to survey our membership to learn your feelings about opening for our February session. We will have the results of the survey on Jan. 10 and will let you know the decision via email shortly after. We have been looking forward to seeing all of you but also want to do what is best for as many as possible.

IN MEMORIAM

SUZANNE ROBERTS



Nothing is worth more than this day! Goethe

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art. Eleanor Roosevelt

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. Henry Ford

Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Frank Crane

There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love.

Sophia Loren

If you get to my age in life and nobody loves you, I don't care how big your bank account is, your life is a disaster. Warren Buffett



BRRRR....CAROL FORE IN ICELAND

TINY TALES

WHATEVER WORKS!

We had lived in CT only 2 years when my husband Steve was transferred back to Pittsburgh. Since 3 months were left in the school year, we decided that he should go ahead of us and begin looking for a suitable home. Things were going fairly smoothly in New Haven until one Saturday morning I went down into the basement to get my golf clubs. I heard a hissing sound. I looked all around, trying to find where the sound was coming from. Finally, I found the source – our hot water heater, which had sprung a leak on the side of the tank. With no husband there to handle the problem, I did what any female golfer would do. I found a hammer in my husband's tool chest, took a golf tee from my bag, and hammered it into the tank and closed the hole. Worked like a charm! Before Steve returned, our hot water heater was sporting 8 golf tees!

EUNICE SABO

A WINTER DAY IN OHIO

It was a cold, sunny Sunday and I decided to visit my parents on their farm about 20 miles away. My husband John said in a firm voice that I shouldn't go because it was going to snow. Did I listen? Of course not! I packed up our two small children and set out for the farm. Oh, boy, did it snow! On my way home the road was a sheet of ice and I couldn't make even the first hill! Of course, there were no cell phones in the late fifties, so I walked to a nearby home. John came to the rescue with a chain and hooked the car to his truck, but he was not his usual kind, gentle self. The ride could have been smoother, but we made it home safely. A year or two later John's car broke down. Guess who came with a chain? Well, there was no reason for payback. After all, God was watching over us. We were married for 49 wonderful years! By the way, I did listen to him on occasion.

DELORIS MARTIN



LET'S SMILE A WHILE...

Just because I'm awake doesn't mean I'm ready to do things.

The three hardest things to say are "I was wrong," "I need help," and "Worcestershire sauce."

Ninety percent of being married is yelling "What?" from other rooms.

It's weird being the same age as old people.

I sometimes wonder what happened to people who have asked me for directions.

When everything seems to be coming your way, you're in the wrong lane!

Did you know that the guy who invented the door knocker got a No-bell prize?

I once knew a boy who had to put cardboard inside his shoes when the soles wore out. The bottom of one read "Cream of Wheat" and the other, "This Side Up."



IT ALL BEGAN WITH AN IDEA...

THE STORY OF SHEPHERD'S CENTER

BY LORENE MCGUIRE

The year was 1971 and the city was Kansas City. It was the home of a young man by the name of Elbert Cole, pastor of a large urban church who conceived the idea of a nonprofit, voluntary organization devoted to assisting older adults to remain living independently in their homes as an alternative to institutional care.

What began as a simple idea grew into a movement that has indeed shaped the quality of life for older Americans throughout this country. The Shepherd's Center grew because of the idea of not just doing something for older people...but of encouraging their active involvement in the center.

The time is now 1986. A newly formed Shepherd's Center under the leadership of members of Trenholm Rd. United Methodist Church was just getting organized. The center had found a home at St. John's Episcopal Church on Wheat St. in Columbia, but discovered very quickly that they had already outgrown the space. During this time, not far away, Trenholm Road's Associate Pastor, Rev. Bill Evans, was a leading force in organizing the new Shepherd's Center at St. John's and invited the center to move to one of the new classrooms at Trenholm Rd. The first order of the day was to appoint an Executive Director for the infant Shepherd's Center, which was accomplished by selecting Bessie Boykin with her signature red-framed eye glasses, who quickly put into place Trenholm Road member Geneva Hines, who directed the class choices. Many other individuals offered their talents and time, such as Bill Braswell, who wrote a computer program specific to the center, which is still being used today in the accounting department.

Over the years there have been many talented and gifted individuals who have passed through the doors of the center and taught classes, volunteered for many jobs, and could always be counted on to "get the job done." There was, to name a few, Charlie Fetner, Board President for two different terms; Jule Breland, also a Board President; Allen and Betty Layson, and the list goes on.

Bessie remained Executive Director until she retired for health reasons. The role was quickly filled by Carol Spivey, followed by Dorcas Giles, and then by the current Executive Director Eunice Sabo.

Over the years, the center has maintained a membership of over 200 active members. The schedule of classes each session read like a list of college courses and received rave reviews by the members. All was well until that fateful date in the spring of 2020 when something called Covid 19 descended upon the world and quickly put an end to many opportunities, including almost all Shepherd's Center activities. Only Zoom classes were offered in two different sessions. However, plans are currently being made to hopefully begin in-person classes as soon as February, 2022.

To learn more about Shepherd's Center, go to our website: www.shepherdscentercolumbia.org