

The Gables Messenger

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'Tis the Season to Celebrate at The Gables

The spirit of the holiday season has certainly been evident at The Gables.

It was kicked off with a delightful in-house production of *A Christmas Carol*, which was performed at both The Gables and The Meadows.

Then, on Friday, December 21, residents gathered for their annual holiday party. Music was provided by Betty Clark on piano and David Klock on clarinet. Carol Freeman and Jane McKean reprised their rolls as resident-elves, selecting presents for every Gables resident.

On Christmas Day, residents were treated to a buffet featuring roast prime rib of beef and Vermont ham.

Next up, a New Year's eve party in The Commons. A perfect way to close out 2018 and welcome in the new year! 🏠



Wishing you a happy and healthy 2019!



New Residents

In 2018, 19 new residents (seven individuals and six couples) chose to call The Gables their new home. In addition to the residents highlighted below, we also recently welcomed, Ross and Nancy Stevenson, Bob and Deb Hall, and Dean and Connie Crossman to The Gables—all of whom will be profiled in our next newsletter.



Elaine Levinson

Background: Elaine was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. She attended Olney High School and then trained to be a medical technician. She held various positions in medical offices, with two notable jobs being her 29 years as a personnel officer for a community mental health center, and serving as an office manager/receptionist for a midwife. Elaine has a daughter, Shari, and two grandchildren (a grandson and granddaughter) who attend Woodstock High School. Elaine moved to The Gables from Philly along with her cat, Itzy.

Interests: Making jewelry (beading), assorted crafts, gardening, and reading.

Barbara and Paul Tracy

Background: Barbara was born in Gardner, MA and raised in Windsor, VT. After graduating from Windsor High School, she attended Castleton College and received her degree in education. Barbara worked at Rutland Town School as a reading specialist for 23 years. Paul grew up in Northfield, VT. He also attended Castleton College and majored in education. Paul and Barbara met as fellow students, both working in the dish room, and they have been married for 53 years. Paul worked in education for 45 years as a teacher, administrator, principal and superintendent. Barbara and Paul raised three children. They moved to Culpepper, VA to help their son and his wife who had triplets, and have returned to VT with their Tibetan terrier, Holly.



Interests: *Barbara* - Genealogy (she'd like to help other residents), scrapbooking, and reading. *Paul* - Golf, reading, and adjusting to retirement (he hopes to volunteer).



Fern Kiorpes

Background: Fern was born and raised in Rutland, VT. After graduating from Rutland High, she attended the Mary Fletcher Hospital School of Nursing in Burlington to become an RN. During training, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and she went into the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. After stops at Fort Devons, MA and a base near San Francisco, Fern was deployed to Manila and then New Guinea. Fern married her husband Charles (whom she met at a dance in Burlington during his Army officer's training) in the South Pacific before they returned home. While Charles finished his degree in engineering at Columbia College in NYC,

Fern worked as an emergency nurse for Commercial Investment Trust. Fern then stayed home to raise a family. When Charles started a job with Ford Motor Co., they moved all over the country. Fern eventually retired to Florida, and then moved to VT. Fern has three children (two sons and a daughter) and six grandchildren. She is the sister of resident Peg Johnson.

Interests: Overall sports-enthusiast (Fern played tennis—until the age of 88—and golf), walking, traveling, and music (she continues to play the piano).