

The Gables Messenger

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Keeping Busy While Awaiting Spring

As winter starts to slowly recede into longer, warmer days, it's a good time to reflect back on just a few of the ways Gables residents kept busy during the unpredictable seasonal weather:

- In January, the six-piece Onion River Jazz band made their annual visit to The Gables, delighting residents with their toe-tapping tunes.
- Our "Men's Group" launched with a hearty breakfast in The Commons. Eighteen of our twenty male residents (soon to grow further!) attended.
- Residents were treated to a multi-course Valentine's dinner featuring chilled strawberry champagne soup, seafood ceviche, fresh asparagus pancetta puff-pastry bundles, roasted tenderloin of beef, fresh halibut, and red velvet cheesecake.
- Rob Zollman from Hands-On Music took some Gables residents on a fun drums and percussion adventure.

Here's wishing everyone a happy spring! 🏡



New Residents

Welcome to our newest Gables residents! We will profile Bob and Deb Hall in our next newsletter.



Ross & Nancy Stevenson

Ross was born in Canton, China. He was raised in State College, PA, graduated from Westtown School, and majored in biology at Oberlin College in Ohio. He received a PhD in biological sciences from Northwestern and went to the University of Washington for post-doctoral study. Ross taught at Kent State for 39 years. Nancy grew up in Scarsdale, NY, went to a boarding school in MA, and then went to Oberlin. Though they both attended Oberlin, Ross and Nancy met when they were both working at Silver Bay in Lake George during a college summer.

After graduation they married. Nancy was homemaker to their three boys, and when they were older, received a master's in psychology from Kent State and established a psychotherapy practice. Ross and Nancy have two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Interests: *Ross* - Traveling, exploring, hiking, clarinet (played in various bands); *Nancy* - Traveling, exploring, piano (plays every day), reading, music, family.

Bob & Mary Swanson

Background: Bob and Mary moved to The Gables from Springfield, VT. Bob was born and raised in Woodstock, went to Woodstock High, and received a degree in school administration from Keene State in NH. During his college years, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean occupation. Bob's career in education included various teaching and principal positions. Mary was born and raised in Springfield, and after high school, received a degree in education from Castleton State (where she met Bob). Mary taught school in Rutland for three years, took time off to be a stay-at-home mom, and later on worked as a manager at a local credit union until her retirement. Bob and Mary have two children, three grandchildren, and one great-grandson.



Interests: *Bob* - Skiing (he was on the Army Ski Patrol in Japan), reading; *Mary* - Traveling, crossword puzzles, word searches, her Red Hat women's group.



Dean & Connie Crossman

Background: Dean and Connie moved to The Gables from Pittsford, VT. Dean was born in Ira, graduated from West Rutland High, and attended Emmaus Bible College in Iowa. He was a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corp. Dean was pastor of Calvary Bible Church in Rutland for 35 years and owned the Christian Bookstore. Connie was born in Putnam, CT, graduated from high school in Brooklyn, NY and went to Bob Jones University where she studied Christian education. While fulfilling the role of pastor's wife, she was homemaker to their four children. Dean and Connie have been married for 60 years, and have nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Interests: *Dean* - Helping others, puzzles, finances, fixing things, woodworking, watching television, traveling; *Connie* - Reading, nature, children, history, playing piano, writing.