

The Gables Messenger

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A busy fall leads into the holiday season

This fall, Gables residents had many opportunities to socialize and be entertained. From a Halloween party to music from guitarists, pianists, bands and singers, there was a lot to enjoy.

Of special note was Onion River Jazz Band's always-outstanding visit to The Gables; our men's group trip to see the stunning Orozco Mural at Dartmouth; a Judy Garland retrospective by American music specialist Robert Wyatt; and a first-time visit by comedian Randy Riggie.

As the holiday season arrived, a variety of musicians and carolers stopped by The Gables. Then, on Friday, December 20, residents gathered for their annual holiday party. Music was provided by resident Betty Clark on piano.

On Christmas day, residents will be treated to a sure-to-please buffet featuring reverse-seared prime rib with au jus, pumpkin ravioli with a hazelnut crème sauce and many delicious sides.

To wrap up 2019, resident Arlene Zivitz will host her annual New Year's Eve party to celebrate the arrival of 2020! 🏠



Wishing you a happy and healthy 2020!



New Residents

In 2019, 17 new residents (nine individuals and four couples) chose to call The Gables their new home. In addition to the residents highlighted below, we also recently welcomed Susan Walker to The Gables (she will be profiled in our next newsletter).



Jack and Alice Blount

Background: Jack was born and raised in Cedar Grove, NJ, attended Bloomfield High School, and then went to Antioch College in Yellow Springs, OH for a Bachelor of Science in chemistry. Grad school followed at the University of Wisconsin (Madison), where Jack obtained a PhD in physical chemistry. After graduating, he went to Sydney, Australia for two years of post-doctoral training at the University of Sydney. Jack came back to the states for a job search.

Alice was raised in Carbondale, IL, attended high school there, and then earned a bachelor's in geology at the University of Missouri and a PhD in mineralogy from the University of Wisconsin. Jack and Alice met at Madison after Jack returned from Sydney and Alice was a graduate student. They moved to New Jersey when Jack received a job offer to be a scientist at Hoffmann-La Roche, a pharmaceutical company. Over his 27 year career with

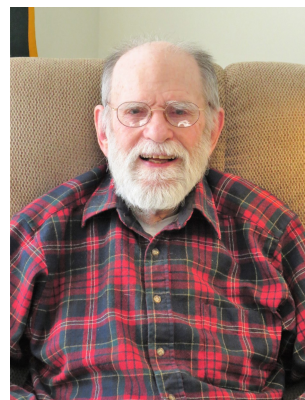
Roche, Jack worked his way up to director of physical chemistry. Alice was a curator of earth science at the Newark Museum.

Jack and Alice moved to Vermont the Christmas of 1995. Alice had consulted with Omya in Vermont prior to that time, and a subsequent job offer prompted the move. She was a mineralogist for Omya and organized their annual quarry open house in Middlebury. In Vermont, Jack was a tax aide for AARP.

Robert "Bob" Perkins

Background: Bob was born and raised in Rutland, VT. After graduating from Rutland High, he joined the Navy. Following his stint, Bob came back to Vermont and attended the University of Vermont where he earned a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering and he married his wife Thelma. He then went on to receive a master's in mathematics at the University of Michigan. A fellowship at the university introduced Bob to the evolving computer industry. Bob and Thelma moved to Los Angeles so Bob could work in the computer department of Ramo-Woolridge, an aerospace company. After more than seven years with Ramo, Bob took a position programming computers with IBM in their San Jose office, eventually moving to their Charlotte, NC office. He worked for IBM for almost 30 years. Upon retirement, he and Thelma moved back to Vermont. Bob has four children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Interests: Volunteering (Rutland Historical Society, Green Mountain Club, Osher Learning Series), hiking, snowshoeing



Richard "Dick" Bruce

Background: Dick was born in Cortland, NY, raised mostly in Albany, and graduated from Milne High School. He attended what is now SUNY Albany, receiving a bachelor's and then a master's in political science. Before finishing his degrees, Dick served more than three years in the Air Force, stationed state-side and in Europe, where he maintained nuclear weapons. After graduating, Dick taught history in public high schools in Ravenna, NY and in Nyack. Dick was president of his teachers' union and then he worked for the NY state teachers' union in Utica. After retiring in 1997, Dick moved full-time to Vermont to live near his life-long partner, Maria.

Interests: Genealogy, travel

