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50th Anniversary Celebration

Over 200 friends of Fellowship Square gathered on Sunday evening, November 14, 2010, in the social hall of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Herndon, VA, to celebrate their organization's half century of achievement. As they renewed friendships and made new acquaintances, the guests also admired the autumnal table decorations made by the Lake Anne Fellowship House craft group, savored Capital Cuisine's entrees and desserts, and tapped their feet to the tunes of old-time string band *Feel the Wag*. Emblematic of Fellowship Square's continued strong ties with the local Lutheran community was the presence, as special guests, of LCMS Southeastern District President Jon T. Diefenthaler and Barbara Topel of the ELCA's Metropolitan Washington, DC Synod staff.



Members of Feel the Wag

Radio personality Dan Scanlan served as master of ceremonies for the after-dinner program, which featured a video presentation, "A 50-Year Journey," produced by the Rev. Phil Carl and son Matt. Executive Director James Garrett and Board President Charles Wortman assured the guests that the vision cast by Fellowship Square's founders continued to guide the organization into the future. Lake Anne Administrator Louneta Beckles and Largo Landing resident Corrine Roach recounted their experiences of daily life at a Fellowship House. Fairfax County Supervisor Catherine Hudgins presented Fellowship Square with a certificate of appreciation from that jurisdiction. A gift of \$1,000 from Fellowship Square's parent organization, Lutheran Lay Fellowship, was announced by LLF President Robert Sargeant. The 50th anniversary fund grew by an additional \$500

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William and Clara McGunigal. Clara is the daughter of our founder, Dr. John Scherzer.



Executive Director Jim Garrett greets Fairfax County Supervisor Hudgins.



Guests include the young and old – celebrating our anniversary.



Rev. Jon T. Diefenthaler and a guest



Radio personality Dan Scanlan



Charles R. Wortman



Save the Date
Fellowship Square
Foundation
Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 14, 2011
9am-noon

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House News

Hunters Woods Fellowship House Winter Party

*A local grocery store gifted the residents
with colorful reusable bags.*



*Langston Hughes Middle School
students donated the gingerbread
houses that they had made as a Family
and Consumer Science class project.*



Largo Landing Fellowship House Holiday Events

*Washington Redskins linebackers
H. B. Blades (#54) and Perry Riley
(#56) pause for a picture with resident
Alice Scott before distributing
Thanksgiving turkey baskets to the
residents.*



*Dressed in holiday finery, the residents
are ready to enjoy their annual
Christmas party.*

Lake Ridge Fellowship House Holiday Events



*Students from Woodbridge High
School's Leadership Council supplied
food, door prizes, crafts, and
entertainment at the annual
Christmas party.*



*Residents enjoy the "All-Night
New Year's Eve Bingo" event.*



*Santa and his elves—staff members
David Harvin, Linda Williams,
Lynda Thomas, and Angela Jones—
entertain with a rousing holiday song.*



Lake Anne Fellowship House MLK Birthday Event

*For the January birthday anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a string
quartet from South Lakes High School's orchestra perform in the social hall.*



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when high bidders Jorn Dalboe and Sarah Leonard won the silent auction: a week's vacation time share donated by LLF member Betty Fredericks.

The festivities began and ended with heartfelt prayers of thanks, offered by Board Vice President, Rev. Larry Schmidt, and Fellowship Square Chaplain, Rev. David Berg. ■



Chaplain David Berg greets our guests.



FSF staff thank volunteers.

Fellowship Square's Public Relations and Resource Development Committee planned the 50th anniversary celebration under the chairmanship of Dr. Myra Niemeier, and with the assistance of central office staff members Rev. Faye Coddling, James Garrett, Kelly Amarin, Sanda Voicescu, and James Johnston.



Ms. Louneta Beckles, Lake Anne Fellowship House Administrator, shares stories of our mission.



Listening to the speakers



Board President Chuck Wortman receives a certificate of appreciation from Supervisor Hudgins.



Board Member Rev. Larry Schmidt leads us in prayer.

Bob Sargeant, President of Lutheran Lay Fellowship, presents a \$1,000 gift for the 50th anniversary fund.



Ms. Corrine Roach, a Largo Landing Fellowship House resident, shares her personal story.

From the Executive Director James Garrett Housing and Hope

This is the description of what we provide every day to our elderly and disabled residents.

In this issue of Prime Times, we're celebrating our 50th year of successfully living out the dream of our founder, the Rev. Dr. John A. Scherzer, and his like-minded colleagues. There are residents in each Fellowship House who have been with us for much of this journey. Our longest residing individual, who lives at Hunters Woods, has been with us for 32 years. Some residents in the other Fellowship Houses have lived with us between 25 and 28 years. These longevity numbers point to the importance of our housing ministry and the remarkable success of our programs.

When Fellowship Square was incorporated in 1960, our founders made a commitment to care for the elderly and disabled. Contracts were signed with federal and local officials with the promise that Fellowship Square would provide affordable

housing—an essential component of their “social safety net.” Fellowship Square has expanded over the years into Maryland and other Virginia locations. Everywhere that we at Fellowship Square have built, we have found government agencies and community organizations eager to partner with us in caring for our more than 800 residents. Supported by our many volunteers and by donors of funds to our programs, we have enlarged our promise to provide our residents with housing, connections to the community, and support in times of crisis.

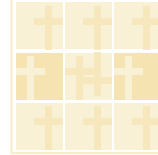
We have much to be thankful for and many to thank for this half century of growth. Now we embark upon our next 50 years of continuing to care for our residents. With your help, we will find and use new and innovative methods to collaborate with governments and local communities in offering more and better supportive programs.

In the years ahead, we will need to keep the promise we made to our residents. Fellowship Square's work is never done. Our 50th anniversary gives us a chance to stop for a minute and say “job well done”—and that said, move forward with “housing and hope.” ■



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Housing and Future Hope for Seniors

Fred Rabel came to the United States in his youth as an emigrant from Germany in 1939. Perhaps that experience helped him to realize that he “couldn’t take it with him.”

Some years ago, Fred set up a Memorial Endowment Fund with the ELCA Foundation, to be funded by his trust and the sale of his house in Bethesda, MD. Fred died in December 2009, but his memory lives on.

The Frederick K. and Harriet L. Rabel Memorial Endowment Fund will provide an ongoing annual gift to Fellowship Square and several other Lutheran ministries that were important to Fred and his beloved wife.

The Rabels’ legacy will give much needed financial continuity for Fellowship Square’s programs in the years to come.

How do you want to be remembered? Perhaps there is something you too can do that will provide an ongoing source of housing and hope for seniors and disabled persons through a gift to Fellowship Square Foundation. Please contact Alice Benson at **202-549-3458** or **alice.benson@elca.org** to learn of ways that might fit your situation. ■



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