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HORIZONS
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On the Horizon



Bill Pond - Administrator

struck me most was the culture and Noble Horizons' deep connection to the community.

Noble as we see it today began as a solution to a need - to provide moderate-priced rental housing for retired, middle-income people over 65 so "that they may be able to live out their lives in comfort and dignity". Funded by a bequest from Sharon resident Ethel G. Noble, and overseen by attorney Tom Wagner and his visionary wife, Fran, the Trust provided for the construction of Noble's original 20 cottages, its first building for congregate living and its community building.

That deep commitment to meeting the needs of our community is infused throughout life on the Noble campus, in the eyes of our volunteers, in the smiles of our residents, in the joy of the many who visit or attend events and in the faces of individuals who give to Noble in countless ways.

For 50 years, generosity has sustained Noble, enhancing its exceptional quality of care and the unique lifestyle on which generations of community members have depended. From donations that funded the construction of our skilled nursing and memory care areas to outright gifts of cottages, transportation vans and even outdoor sculpture, giving has defined our community. Evidence of generosity abounds throughout the Noble campus, on the trails where residents enjoy soothing and

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The Art of Community

Noble's Foundation

Steeped in history, a fierce sense of community and the call to help thy neighbor – are what make small town living so magical and all are the foundation upon which Noble Horizons was founded.

Over fifty years ago Ethel G. Noble, a prominent resident of Sharon CT and NYC, saw the need to support seniors in the community which she and her husband John called home for many years.

Upon John's passing, Ethel created a charitable trust in his honor. Her vision was to offer housing within the reach of retired, middle-income people so "that they might live out their lives in comfort and dignity." Mrs. Noble's attorney, local resident Thomas Wagner, directed one of the Trust's first bequests to Church Homes, Inc. for the purpose of building a senior living community in Salisbury Connecticut. That community is Noble Horizons, named in their honor and after the Noble's home in Sharon – Blue Horizons.

Tom & Fran Wagner

In addition to overseeing the sale of 64 acres of farm land and their development into the Noble campus, Tom and



Fran pictured with Lee Collins from the Salisbury Band who played at the annual community picnic

his wife Fran carried out the philosophy of senior living that was so integral to Mrs. Noble's vision. Fran was the Chair of the Noble Horizons inaugural committee, overseeing the construction of the original 20 cottages and welcoming new residents personally. In 1975, she founded the Noble Horizons

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meditative walks, in resident rooms which will soon be renovated, to wi-fi upgrades, and even a bequest that established an on-campus wellness clinic with a nurse who makes house calls.

All made possible by members of our community, many of whom have never used Noble's services but simply understand the importance of providing for older adults who have contributed so much to our community. We are forever grateful for the numerous acts of generosity that built Noble Horizons and for the community connection that continues to enhance and sustain us.

As we open our doors after 2 long years of isolation – I'm excited to welcome our community family back to campus for picnics, summer music concerts, art shows, and more. Our 50th year celebration isn't about fancy galas, it's about reconnecting with those who helped build and create Noble Horizons. As for the future? I'm confident that as the needs of seniors change, so too will Noble services but with your ongoing support, our community will be with us as they always have.

Thank you for your generosity, your financial support, donations and gifts of time – you have made us who we are today.

Bill Pond

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Auxiliary which is currently chaired by her daughter, Judy McKernon.

Mrs. Wagner was passionate about connecting Noble with the local community, and launched countless programs that brought Noble into the community and community members to Noble. From community picnics, art shows, summer concerts, holiday gatherings, children's program and beyond, Fran and Tom Wagner set the stage for what Noble Horizons is today – a premier senior living community, and one of our area's largest employers. Today, Wagner Terrace, Noble's intermediate senior living building, is named in their honor.

The legacy of giving continues

As the number of older adults living in the area increased and their needs exceeded Noble's capacity, Noble Horizons' Administrator Eileen Mulligan approached the community for help. Funds were donated to expand Noble's services and as mentioned in Bill's message, local residents responded to ensure

that Noble continued to provide our community with the finest senior living and healthcare options. Most of what you see and experience at Noble, from the buildings, the sculptures throughout the beautiful campus, to the myriad of community events are all made possible through the generosity of donors, benefactors and volunteers.

Through a unique symbiotic relationship with our community, Noble Horizons has thrived over the last 50 years, fulfilling and even expanding on Ethel and John Noble's vision. As we begin our next half-century we are filled with gratitude for the contributions of so many before us, and am honored to build upon those friendships as we look to an equally bright future for Noble Horizons.



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Lakeville Journal archives:
20, 30 and 40 year
anniversary celebrations

THE CORNER REAL ESTATE, July 2002

In the Area: Noble Horizons Has Cause to Celebrate

By Cynthia Hochswender

A summer-long 30th-anniversary celebration for Noble Horizons, one of the area's premier retirement communities, kicked off on a windy Saturday in June with the opening of the fourth annual Sculpture and Noble Horizons outdoor group showing. Works by 27 artists from around the United States (just one from Canada) are nestled among the gardens, greenery, ponds and nature trails on the 64-acre property and will remain there until Labor Day weekend.

The opening was attended by several hundred people, including art lovers thoughtfully making check marks in the show catalog of the folk-art pieces, young children nibbling strawberries and conies from a heavily laden buffet table and of course the hoards of crowd, which makes up 65 percent of Salisbury's population of over 4,000 people (including approximately 150 residents at Noble).

The event underscored one of the more remarkable aspects of life at Noble: the overlap between life in town and on the retirement campus. The elderly at Noble, whether they are living independently in the cottages or are in the more assisted care quarters, participate in the life of the town, attending church services and lunching at the local cafes, attending church services and town meetings, enjoying cultural events such as the Chilton & Sullivan opera presented each fall by the Light Opera Company of Salisbury, theater productions at Sharrow's Theatre or concerts and dance performances at Dandelwood in the Berkshires.

Residents of the town frequently visit Noble to see friends, shop for boutique babies at the well-stocked gift shop, see their favorite movies at the on-campus movie theater or to food service and maintenance. National Nurses Week was celebrated in May and several nurses gathered to talk about the pleasures and the challenges of the work they do.

All agreed that most important is maintaining a sense of humor, especially when dealing with older adults suffering from dementia.

"In those situations, you have to remember that it's not their fault," one nurse observed. "And to keep saying, 'I'm not your mother, I'm your daughter,' isn't going to do anything for them. You have to enter their reality. Which can be fun."

Patience is another important tool, the nurses said, and

her husband, she established the trust to benefit individuals young and old. The trust has aided more than 100 organizations, most notably Noble Horizons, which was named after the Nobles and their estate in Sharon, Massachusetts.

Noble Horizons remains a not-for-profit corporation and residents are able to come into the community without payments or buy-ins. There are four levels of care, from one- and two-bedroom cottages (cottages can take advantage of all the village amenities from a fitness center to trained medical staff), to single rooms with private bath in the Cobble, to intermediate care for residents who need help with personal care, to a skilled nursing care center with a special program for Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Noble is also one of the largest employers in the area, providing jobs to 190 area residents in everything from nursing to food service and maintenance. National Nurses Week was celebrated in May and several nurses gathered to talk about the pleasures and the challenges of the work they do.

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Noble Horizons Recounts History of First 20 years

This article is the first of a six-part series on the birth and evolution of the Noble Horizons community. The residential facility for the elderly is commemorating its 20th anniversary with a year-long celebration.

SALISBURY — Noble Horizons, which is owned and operated by Church Homes, Inc., a non-profit and non-denominational corporation in Hartford, is located on 60 acres on Lower Cobble Road in Salisbury.

The manicured lawns, flower beds, and trimmed shrubbery give the facility a park-like appearance as visitors enter the property and approach Noble's main building. Passing a pond, the road leads to Cape Cod-style cottages nestled in wooded settings that extend to the property's rear.

The cottages represent the first phase of Noble's development and symbolize what administrator Eileen Mulligan calls "The first level of care, the cornerstone of Noble, and the entry level of independent living."

In 1969, Ethel Noble of Sharon left a trust reflecting her concern for the plight of elderly residents of Salisbury and Sharon who, in their later years, required a more specialized living environment to meet their changing needs.

Mrs. Noble's attorney and friend Thomas Wagner developed the retirement community. "I want to satisfy the trust's wishes."

Designed to provide an independent living environment for the elderly, construction began on the first 20 cottages by 24 townspeople who would become Noble Horizons' first residents. These residents would later donate their cottages to the facility.

The first 20 cottages were built through the generosity of the Noble Charitable Trust. "Ms. Mulligan said, 'the construction of this independent level was made possible by the generosity of the 24 individuals who donated their cottages.'"

In June 1972, the first 20 cottages were ready for occupancy, and between 1975 and 1986, 24 more cottages were built. The first 20 cottages were built through the generosity of the Noble Charitable Trust.

"Cottages" lead an independent, maintenance-free lifestyle while enjoying the social, cultural and healthcare benefits provided to the Noble Horizons.

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Toward a Weedless Future

Robert "Tuck" Cunningham, president of the Salisbury Bank and Trust Company presents a check for \$1000 from the bank to Walter Shannon. The money will be used toward the new weed harrow for Lake Wonomoosic. The machine, which cost \$75,000, is already operating. Shannon and the Lake Wonomoosic Association have raised \$47,000 and hope to end up with \$53,000, giving the Association a small cushion for maintenance costs.

The Art of Community

In honor of Noble's 50th anniversary, we've uncovered some treasures from the archives. Community has always been and always will be an important part of Noble Living.



Above: Community member for Pet Fair with Noble residents

Right: Residents and community members enjoying a hayride around campus



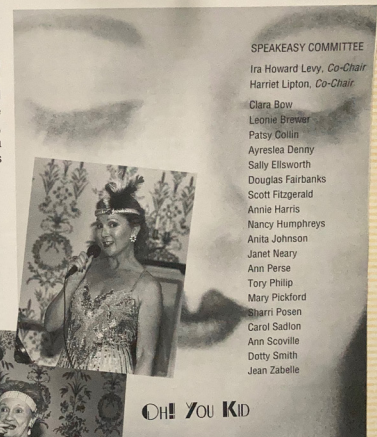
Wanda Houston performing at a Noble Event



Above: Intergenerational connections - Salisbury School children and Noble Horizons residents work together to build gardens. Pictured on far right is Noreen Driscoll Breslauer, whose mother later moved to Noble Horizons.

The Black Bottom Speakeasy

Noble Horizon's first Capital Campaign was launched in November 1993 with the first of a series of events celebrating significant periods of time in our residents' lives. Flappers and dandies arrived at the smoky **Black Bottom Speakeasy** where the beat of Zip Zantay's jazz band, cocktails served in teacups, portraits of Noble Horizons residents during the twenties and a Keystone Cop raid set the stage for an evening we will always remember.



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1920's themed Gala
The Black Bottom Speakeasy

The Art of Giving

Benefactors, Tino and Susan Galluzzo, Spread Joy Through Art

For five decades, art has been integral to life at Noble Horizons. Whether creating or viewing it, art elicits joy and inspires the mind and soul; it also has a way of bringing people and communities together. Regular art classes, art exhibits and art displays throughout the campus have been prominent features of Noble since its founding 50 years ago.

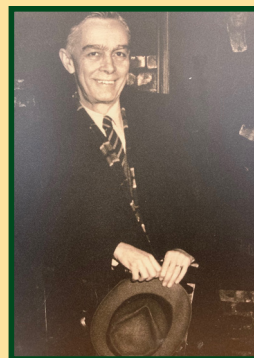
some retirement, we had quite a few pieces of art that joined our personal collection and we both knew it was time to reach out to Noble and bring some joy to their residents and leave a legacy for the community.”

Tino and Susan felt that spark of giving when they were going through their gallery inventory and came upon a beautiful Andrew Wyeth lithograph.

Susan knew immediately the piece belonged at Noble and it prompted them to donate many others in their collection to Noble Horizons.

“Art is like medicine in so many ways – it has a healing effect on those who appreciate it,” says Tino. “We are thrilled the art from the White Gallery and our private collection will be staying in our hometown. Many of the artists are local and leaving our legacy to our community, knowing it will be enjoyed and appreciated by so many for years to come is special.”

Susan went on to say “Life isn’t over when you transition to a community like Noble Horizons – in fact it can be an amazing starting point. Life isn’t meant to be generic – it isn’t corridors it should be enriching and fulfilling just as it was when you were younger. Noble has that history and culture, and we are both very glad to be a part of it. We hope our contribution brings joy to not only the residents of Noble but to the community for years to come.”



Art is displayed throughout Noble Horizons, much of it donated by renowned artist Ralph McLellan and his wife, who were cottage residents in the 1970s.

Noble Horizons has added to its art collection over the years, and is grateful

for the many gifts of art donated by generous artists and donors. For many years, our 110-acre campus was the site of annual outdoor sculpture shows, several pieces of which grace the Noble grounds.



Thanks to recent donations from longtime gallery owners Tino and Susan Galluzzo, Noble’s extensive art collection has been generously enhanced. “The art shows at Noble Horizons have always been sensational,” says Susan who with her husband Tino, owned Lakeville’s White Gallery for 20 years. “For years we wanted to collaborate and do a show at Noble with the gallery, but time got away from us and we never did. After we closed the gallery in 2019 to enjoy



Noble Gallery Opening
Join us May 6, 2022 from 5-7 pm

Meet Tino and Susan Galluzzo and view the exhibit of art they donated to Noble Horizons.

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Heritage Society members have invested in the future of Noble Horizons with gift planning. They have expressed their generous and loyal support through either a realized or planned gift, such as a bequest or by naming Noble Horizons as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy ensuring that their investment will enhance the residents' quality of life and inspire the support of others.

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Right: Auxiliary members at Noble's Country Store.

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The Art of Gratitude

Len Stewart: Noble Volunteer, Philanthropist, and Advocate



Len pictured with former Administrator Eileen Mulligan at her retirement party in 2017

Everyone at Noble Horizons has a story about Len Stewart and his partner Ken Frederick. For over 40 years they volunteered at Noble, charming residents and staff with their contagious joy, endearing humor, and infectious, positive outlook. Once residents of England, they followed jobs to the Northwest Corner of Connecticut where they were widely known for their many contributions to local non-profits.

Ken passed away in 2016, but Len continued to volunteer at Noble, with a particular devotion to the chapel program. Shortly after Len's death in 2021, Noble Horizons received notification of his remarkable bequest benefiting the chapel program and Employee Scholarship Fund. Through his bequest, Len has ensured that Noble residents long into the future can count on a flourishing chapel program, while Noble team members can find the financial support needed to expand

their education, augment their careers and enhance their care of Noble residents.

It all began with a request

Len came to Noble's campus as a volunteer via Eileen Mulligan, Noble Horizons' first administrator, hired in 1973. They met at St. Mary's church in Lakeville, struck up a conversation about Noble's St. Luke's Chapel and the need for eucharistic minister volunteers – Len, a devout Roman Catholic, said yes to Eileen's request and the rest, as we say, is history.

The Chapel at Noble became Len's passion and mission – he made sure the

clergy clothing and linens were just right, the hymnals were just so and that everything ran like clockwork. "For Len and his partner, the chapel was all about bringing people together, to celebrate life," says Danielle Bailey, member of Noble Horizons' recreation and Pastoral Care Departments. "Len was very particular and passionate about the chapel and wanted to make sure the services and programs were the best of the best – right down to the tiniest detail."

Len enjoyed anything musical and had a special relationship with Deidre Broderick, the chapel organist. "He always enjoyed the musical productions, bell choir, Songs for Smiles, the Sheffield Singers, and our annual visiting cellist," said Deidre. "We would do shows in the community room – our favorite by far was the Wizard Oz. We enticed him to be the Mayor of Munchkinland. Of course, he agreed and took his role seriously. He went the whole 9 yards by curling his hair and dying it with food coloring

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Ken Frederick, Nancy Hodgkins, and Len Stewart in St. Luke's Chapel

Len Stewart (continued)

for the part – he was the star of the production!”

After his partner’s passing in 2016, Deidre and Danielle took it upon themselves to watch over Len. They would sneak off campus to the Boat-house Restaurant in Lakeville for lively lunches that often included singing with the wait staff. At least once a year, Len would take his sassy red sports car – a 1930’s MG, out for a stroll. “He loved that car, and it was a treat and privilege to get a ride in it,” said Deidre. “We would put sunglasses on, act like movie stars and stroll around town – it was magical and so much fun!”

“Beyond passion for the Chapel, Len deeply cared for the staff and became quite close with many of them,” said Mary Ellen Baldwin who worked as a nurse at Noble for 40 years and is a current Chapel volunteer and also sits on the Employee Scholarship Committee. “Len was always encouraging staff members to go back to school to further their education and follow their dreams. It was no surprise to me that he remembered the Employee Scholarship Fund in his legacy gift to Noble – he was such a generous and caring man and we will see the impact of that generosity for years to come.”

Danielle, Deidre and Mary Ellen are especially grateful that Len’s gift allows them to touch resident and staff lives in the same way that he did. They are united in their will to extend the legacy of his warm spirit, irresistible cheer and deep commitment to improving lives around him and we are honored to be able to carry on his rich legacy.

Noble Through the Ages



The humble beginnings of Whitridge, home to Noble’s memory care.

One of the many art exhibits held on Noble’s campus over the years.



Pet therapy with our favorite llama!

Mrs. Francis Wagner, Noble Horizons most active volunteer, joins a group of ladies from the Riga Building in an afternoon of Bridge in one of the lounges.



2021-2022

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Auxiliary News

In September of 1975 at the first meeting of the Noble Horizons Auxiliary, the interim constitution stated that the Auxiliary would foster interest in Noble Horizons and render financial aid and volunteer services. At that first meeting the assembled members then agreed to purchase a subscription to the New York Times for the residents, one of the many contributions the Auxiliary continues to make more than forty-five years later! Enhancing the experience of life at Noble by providing “extras” through financial support and providing volunteer services remains our mission.

Due to safety issues our ability to fund raise has been severely restricted in the past two years, but the Auxiliary remains active at Noble. Noble’s library has been open for most of the past year, managed by two Auxiliary board members who volunteer many hours to keep residents supplied with good books, and “the bookies”, Noble’s popular book club, has been meeting all along.

The Country Store has also been open, with new, carefully selected merchandise on the shelves, and with Auxiliary members and volunteers on staff, making it possible for residents to have a happy shopping experience even in the midst of the pandemic restrictions. Recreation programs, special activities, funds (i.e. pet therapy fund, employee scholarship fund, residents’ supplementary fund) to which we contribute annually have been continued throughout the year.

Board members wanted to do something at Noble for the holidays even though our usually well attended

Holiday Fair and Festival of Trees were not possible. With the blessing of administration, and the creative energies of board members, we were able to present a holiday basket raffle, the traditional “loving tree”, and a mini Festival of Trees silent auction in the reception area at Noble in late November. It brought some holiday spirit to the residents and staff at Noble, and gave the Auxiliary a chance to shine.

Our best chance to shine this past year has been the decision to provide a \$25,000 gift to Noble to help support their WiFi upgrade. For those who live and work at Noble and those who have a family member or special friend in residence, the WiFi upgrade has been and will continue to be a huge benefit.

This year Noble is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its founding in 1975. The Auxiliary was established just three years later! At its first meeting plans were made to have a November 15th bazaar, a fundraising activity we have carried out every year, but one, since that time. The Auxiliary has been involved with and supported the residents of Noble all these years since its beginning.

Thanks to the loyal and wonderful people on our Board, and the many friends, volunteers, and supporters of the Auxiliary who make it possible for us to continue our mission. Please come and join us - go to the Noble website for information about the Auxiliary and how to join.

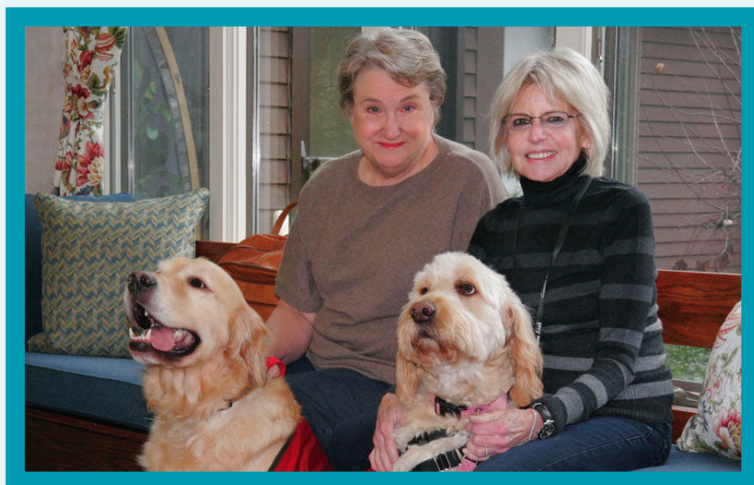
Judy McKernon
Noble Horizons Auxiliary,
Board President

Giving of their time and talents - Noble Volunteers

Since its founding, volunteers have been an integral part of Noble Horizons. They have touched lives in countless ways and their contributions enrich the Noble community daily. We can thank Auxiliary volunteers for the Festival of Trees and Holiday Fair among many other cherished events; others offer art programs, perform concerts, or play games and read with residents. Volunteering is one of Noble's proudest traditions and we thank our dedicated volunteers for the indelible imprint they have on life at Noble Horizons.



Above: Nicky Noble and the beginning of Pet Therapy here at Noble Horizons.



Left: Noble's Pet Therapy volunteers Mary Fordyce and Rae Schwarz



Above: Noble Auxilliary Festival of Trees Holiday Cast



Left: Pearl Replogle and Mary Barton at an annual dinner for volunteers



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50 Years of Volunteers A Recognition Event

Date: April 28, 2022

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For 50 years, volunteers have brought kindness, friendship and special talents to Noble Horizons. In recognition of the exceptional impact they have had on life at Noble, we invite all volunteers over the last half century to join us for a special recognition event on April 28 at 5 pm.

Please RSVP at 860-435-9851

