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#### RICHLAND CENTER BREAKS WORLD RECORD

Residents and staff of the Schmitt Woodland Hills Retirement Community helped the city of Richland Center set a new Guinness World Record for the most pumpkins carved in a continuous line. The rules stipulated that the pumpkins all had to touch the next one in the line and that each pumpkin had to have a traditional carving of two eyes and two eyebrows, a nose and a mouth.

On Thursday a group of Schmitt Woodland Hills staff members and community volunteers gathered in the building that until recently housed the Ocooch Mountain Humane Society's cat adoption center and began to clean out the pumpkins. From there, the cleaned pumpkins were distributed throughout the campus to be carved by residents, staff and volunteers. Pumpkins were carved in the Westview dining room, the 1st and 2nd floor dining rooms of the health center and in the 2nd floor RCAC dining room.

When the dust had settled, or maybe that should be pumpkin seeds had settled, SWH was able to deliver 51 carved pumpkins to the Krouskop Park site to assist with the effort to break the record.

Not only did this town of 5,080 break a world record Sunday, it shattered it, thanks to the community pulling together and carving nearly 4,000 pumpkins. Residents of Richland Center carved nearly 4,000 pumpkins, giving each one two eyebrows, two eyes, a nose and a mouth. The pumpkins were then placed in a line almost 3,100 feet long. (continued on page 2)

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Organizers spent nearly a week preparing for the carving. The major carving effort started Wednesday, culminating with an all-day carving event in the park Saturday. The Community turned out in huge numbers to carve. People who were there said it was amazing to see so many families out in the park to help with the effort. They actually ran out of pumpkins at 10:30 a.m.

The local Walmart store had initially donated 3,200 pumpkins. The store's manager, Don Fieldhouse, gave volunteers his last 100 pumpkins Saturday. The recordseekers then learned about a giant pumpkin patch at nearby Huebsch Hill Farm, where they picked about 500 pumpkins that took eight trucks to transport.

Hundreds of people gathered in Krouskop Park to greet Guinness World Records judge Jimmy Coggins, who arrived from Madison by helicopter. Coggins set upon his task, methodically walking the line of pumpkins that snaked through the park, making sure each was carved in a "traditional Halloween manner" with eyes, a nose, a mouth and, yes, eyebrows.

The final number of pumpkins in the line was 3,975. A group in Japan held the previous record for setting 2,015 carved pumpkins in a line last Halloween. The Schmitt Woodland Hills carving group had a great day and were pleased to be able to participate in a Community effort that ended in a new World Record.

#### **LUCY MARKIN MEMORIAL**

You may have noticed the memorial bench which was recently placed at the front entrance. This bench was placed in memory of Lucy Markin who worked in our Environmental Services department from 5/24/2004 until 5/27/2014. She left us way too soon after a three-year battle with cancer.

Lucy will be remembered as a hard-working, pleasant and caring member of the Schmitt Woodland Hills Team. When talking to coworkers and others who knew her they remembered her as someone who was dedicated to her job and as someone who always went the extra mile. They also remembered her

waiting at the entrance for a ride home from work. We felt that it would only be fitting to place a bench at the entry so others will have a place to rest while they wait.



Rest in peace Lucy and thank you for your contributions to Schmitt Woodland Hills.

#### **RESIDENTS HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Thanks again to Carol Stevenson and her friends for supplying Halloween costumes for our residents. They love dressing up and participating in the activities.



#### RESIDENTS VOTE ON STAFF COSTUMES

Residents participated in the staff Halloween costume contest by picking the top three winners.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Eric Rynes

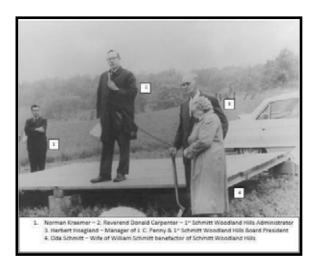


**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Sharon Moore



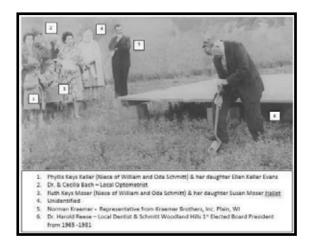
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Brian Alvin & Eric Rynes

#### CAN YOU HELP US?



We are in the process of developing our "History Corner" here at Schmitt Woodland Hills. We will be displaying a few of the more noteworthy artifacts of our over 50 year history. These items of interest will be displayed in an area just off the lobby and in the area of the employees break room.

It has been fun to look for things that would be interesting for our visitors to see and would also be significant to our history. We have found the original ground breaking shovel from 1964 and that is the first item which went on display. We also found several photos of the original ground breaking ceremony. Unfortunately, we have discovered that there is a mystery woman in one of these photos. Although we have identified almost everyone who is pictured in the photos, there is one woman who remains unidentified and a mystery.



The mystery woman is shown in the photo on the right and is identified with the number 4. If anyone can help us figure out who this woman might be, we would greatly appreciate it. If you would like to set up a time to come in and take a closer look or have us send you a larger copy of the original photograph, please contact Bill Bartlett by telephone or email at 608-647-8931 or swhdev@mwt.net.

We have also found the original design sketches for the stained glass windows in the chapel which were designed by Glenda Ferguson from Raindrops and Roses here in Richland Center. Anyone who has information to share about the design, construction or installation of these stained glass panels is also encouraged to contact us and share whatever information you may have with us.

#### INSPIRATION by Rev. Craig Peach

Each December, millions of people around the world watch Frank Capra's 1946 film "It's a Wonderful Life." Although it wasn't a hit when it debuted, it has become a Christmas classic

In a *Time* magazine essay, Roger Rosenblatt pondered the film's continuing appeal. He concluded that the story is really about friendship. That helps to explain why we often feel choked up as we watch George Bailey's family and friends rally around him in his time of greatest need. Rosenblatt said, "Just when George thinks he's alone in the world, the world shows up to declare its love for him."

That sentence seems to capture the essence of our celebration of the birth of Jesus. Just when we thought

we were alone in the world, Christ came to declare God's love for us. Not only did God send His son into the world at exactly the right time, but He also demonstrated His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. That's the message of Christmas that opens the door to a wonderful life – the joy of knowing Christ and living in His love.

Have you received the gift of eternal life that He offers to you? If not, do so today.

"When the right time came, God sent His son, born of a woman" Galatians 4:4.

A wonderful life is yours when you know the Christ of Christmas.

#### IT FEELS LIKE CHRISTMAS

Last year we sponsored a special series of Christmas vignettes on WRCO radio. The programing was intended to bring back fond memories of Christmases from our childhood. The programming is also intended to help us slow down and

remember the true meaning of Christmas; of being kind and helpful to those around us.

The reaction to this series was very positive and we have decided to bring it back again this year. We hope that first time listeners will enjoy the programming and that those who enjoyed it last year will embrace the true meaning of Christmas and help spread the joy that is the season.

Barb Harvey, who is part of the Development Department at Schmitt Woodland Hills remembered hearing

this program while living in Canada. She recalled the individual stories and the warm Holiday spirit they promoted. We contacted the producers of the program in Vancouver, Canada and arranged to bring it here.

Below is a biography of the narrator and creator of "It

Feels Like Christmas".

Gipp Forster lived what he called a 'multi-faceted' life. Born in 1937 in Ottawa, Canada, he was raised by an aunt and uncle in Greenville, South Carolina until 1944. He journeyed back and forth between Ottawa and Greenville every summer and developed a lifelong love of travel.

An ordained pastor who love the poor, Gipp worked on the streets of Victoria, British Columbia, serving people who were vulnerable and marginalized. He helped found the Mustard Seed Church and food bank, which later gave birth to the Mustard Seed ministries in Calgary and Edmonton.

"He was helping people that nobody else would approach," said former radio CFAX announcer Barry Bowman. "He was one of the most humble, self-effacing men you'd ever meet and he was constantly surprised at the attention he received...He had almost a child-like wonder of what was going on in life."

He later became well known as a radio broadcaster,

author, humorist and poet throughout Canada & the United States. His 'Ramblings' radio vignettes which originated on Victoria's CFAX radio have been broadcast across North America.

Looking rather like Santa Claus and loving Christmas to the point where he played Christmas music year round and went to extraordinary lengths to decorate his home, Gipp broadcast many Christmas vignettes. 'It Feels Like Christmas', a series of minute long stories about the Christmas spirit, charmed listeners in more than 75

cities each year.

Gipp met his wife Donna when she volunteered at the Mustard Seed food bank. They were married for 23 years. She describes him as "probably the most gentle man I ever knew. He was supportive — he let me fly."

Gipp Forster passed away Monday April 15, 2013 – his birthday – at the age of 76. He had been suffering from cancer of the esophagus.

We hope you all have a chance to hear this wonderful and touching program. We hope to make it an annual tradition and our Christmas gift to the community.

Gipp Forster





Town and Country Presbyterian Church "The church in the chapel"

- Sunday, December 18th, 10:30 a.m.
- ~ Multi-generational Christmas Pageant In the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor activity room
- Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m.
  - ~ Traditional Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols
- ❖ Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.
  - ~ Worship Service/Hymn Sing

#### **#GIVINGTUESDAY**

#GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration.

Occurring this year on November 29, #GivingTuesday is held annually on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black

Friday and Cyber Monday, #Giving Tuesday kicks off the holiday giving season and inspires people to collaborate in improving their local communities and to give back in impactful ways to the charities and causes they support.

Schmitt Woodland Hills will be supporting #GivingTuesday by sponsoring a food drive within the community which will benefit the Richland Center Food Pantry. Board Members and employees of Schmitt Woodland Hills will be collecting non-perishable food items or cash donations from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday November 29th at the lobby entrance on Seminary Street. Just pull under the portico, drop off your donation and leave with a hot apple cider.

If you wish to come in and visit when you drop off your donation, just park your car and come on in, the door is always open.

As a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization, Schmitt Woodland Hills is grateful for the many gifts and

community support we receive throughout the year. The generosity of our community allows us to fulfill our mission to the senior citizens of Richland County throughout the year. This food drive is our way of saying thank you and to give

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

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something back to the community who gives so much.

Please join us on #GivingTuesday and help make this Holiday Season a bit brighter for everyone.

If you would like to participate in this effort and cannot drop a food item off at Schmitt Woodland Hills, please feel free to send a check to Schmitt Woodland Hills with RC Food Pantry in the memo line anytime between now and December 25th and we will see that your gift is passed on to the Food Pantry.



### PLANNED GIVING

#### "Your Legacy Matters"

Gifts given to the Schmitt Woodland Hills Retirement Community come in a variety of sizes and for a variety of reasons.

We want to stress that each and every gift matters. We are profoundly grateful for each and every act of kindness our partners-in-mission make when they give. These gifts make all the difference in the lives of our residents and out-patient clients who rely on us to be here when they need us.

A will is your opportunity to help the people and organizations that mean the most to you. It's the most important opportunity you'll get in your life to tell the world what you want and how you want it done.

The four best reasons to remember Schmitt Woodland Hills in your will:

- First, people give because of their desire to give back to an organization that has touched their lives in some way. We may have provided a safe home and assistance to a parent thus relieving the children of the responsibilities and anxiety that often accompany caring for an aging parent.
- Second, gifts are given because the donor recognizes the importance of the work that is done here at Schmitt Woodland Hills and they recognize the hardships that would ensue if the services and care we provided were no longer available in the community.
- Third, a bequest allows the donor to determine exactly how their assets will be distributed, preventing conflicts between loved ones and the possibility of state government making those decisions for them.
- Fourth, the gift will be in the form they prefer. It can be for a specific amount, for a percentage of an estate, or for a portion of what is left over after the needs of loved ones have been addressed (the "residuum"). It can also be a life insurance benefit or an IRA account.

A Bequest just takes a simple designation in your will or trust and costs nothing during your lifetime. They are easy and revocable if situation changes.

Schmitt Woodland Hills exists to fulfill our mission of offering people a wide range of quality services and facilities through good stewardship and a Christian philosophy. As a not-for-profit we are committed to our mission of providing high-quality care and services to the senior citizens and those in need of rehabilitation

services in Richland County. Not-for-profit institutions exist for the sake of their mission. They exist to make a difference in society and in the life of the individual.

#### What Others Have Said...

"Dad has gained weight, his color is back and he is still here. God has blessed us with this place for my Dad to stay during this season of his life. I can't say enough about Schmitt Woodland Hills. The staff are so caring and always on top of his care. What a blessing!"

- Peggy Vinik

"Please convey our deep gratitude to the staff. We are most appreciative of the care our mother received while at Schmitt Woodland Hills. All of the services were of the highest quality. We couldn't have asked for more in regard to her nursing, rehabilitation, prescription administration, dining, maintenance, and cleaning."

- The Irma McCauley Family

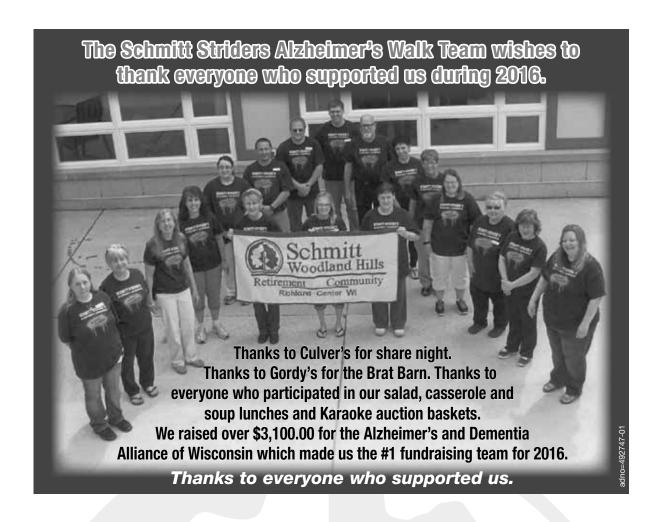
"...my mother spent almost 10 years in your care and I must say that almost all of her time there, was very professional and positive. In a world full of nursing home scandals, your staff and facility raise the bar, and hope, for those of us who will need to use a facility such as Schmitt Woodland Hills, in our own futures."

- Bill Burnham

# WILLIAM & ODA SCHMITT LEGACY SOCIETY

If you have included a bequest to Schmitt Woodland Hills as part of your estate plan please let us know by contacting Bill Bartlett at 608-647-8931 or email swhdev@mwt.net. We value such a profound commitment to our mission and would appreciate the opportunity to thank you in your lifetime.





#### We share our energy, passion and time

to be part of making a difference......Please help us!

Please return to the attention of Bill Bartlett, Development Director

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## What makes Schmitt Woodland Hills Retirement Community Different?

Well, that is easily answered. Schmitt Woodland Hills is the only Retirement Community in Richland County that has a complete continuum of care. We have programs that enable us to follow your loved one from giving aid to them in their own homes to helping them and their families cope with end of life decisions by providing comfort to the entire family. Schmitt Woodland Hills does this not only by providing quality of care and quality of life but also by providing a spiritual and faith-based environment.

If you start out with the Schmitt Woodland Hills family from the beginning, your journey would start in one of two ways. It might start out with Short Term Rehabilitation where your loved one needs skilled care due to a surgery, injury, or illness. This is the kind of care given that provides a healing environment for your loved one to recover and to be able to go back home again and thrive. The services that we offer for short term rehabilitation are Respiratory Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Restorative Therapy, and activities to stimulate the healing process.

It might also start out with the Schmitt Family providing services in your home through our House Calls program. This program is where our caring staff come into your loved ones home and provide services for them there. This allows loved ones to stay in their homes longer and maintain a better quality of life doing so. Schmitt Woodland Hills has been providing these in home support services for many years in Richland Center and the surrounding communities. It is truly a blessing to know that we played a part in your loved ones being able to maintain their status in their home. Our House Calls staff can provide needed services such as cooking, cleaning, medication monitoring, restorative exercises, shopping and errands, laundry, bathing, or simply providing companionship. We are there to ensure that your loved one has their needs met while still being able to remain in their own home.

The next step on your journey with the Schmitt Family would likely be our apartments. We have 35 independent apartments where your loved one can have the security of having help nearby but they can also remain as independent as they wish to or can be. Our apartment residents can have up to three meals per day provided to them at a cost. They can also have many other services

that are similar to what our House Calls clients have available to them. There are call lights in every apartment for safety and peace of mind. The sense of community is one of the many intangible benefits of apartment living, along with the warm welcome from the entire staff to the safe, secure and convenient environment. Our apartment residents have a wide range of onsite

benefits available to them from participating in all social, educational, and fitness programs that are provided within the facility to Salon and Barber Services to Shopping in our Handy Shop for needed items to enjoying beautiful outdoor gardens to On-site Church services in our Chapel.

The next step on your journey is when your loved one can no longer care for themselves without having someone available for help with personal care assistance. This setting is still a home-like setting where at least one staff member is on duty 24/7. Independence is still encouraged to the point of the ability of your loved one. This assisted living setting offers a range of services from Community Dining to personal care to whirlpool bathes to wellness programs to religious services to activity programs and so on. All rooms are private rooms with private bathrooms so it is still like being at home.

Finally, when your loved one needs 24/7 nursing and CNA care, they would advance to the Skilled Nursing Facility which we call the Health Center. The Health Center is brand new and is a beautiful home-like setting. All rooms there are private with private bathrooms as well. In our Long Term Care setting, we provide services that include 24/7 nursing and personal cares, infusion management dietary needs, private visiting areas for families, hospice and comfort care services, wound care, and spiritual care. This is all done in a home-like setting to make our long term residents feel at home.

So as you can see our complete Retirement Community and the range of services we provide is what makes Schmitt Woodland Hills truly different than any other Retirement Community in the area. We pride ourselves in providing quality of care and helping each person that we come into contact with to have a better quality of life because we were able to help them in some way to do things that they otherwise would not be able to perform. We are proud to be of service to the elderly and others in need in Richland Center and all of the surrounding communities. We welcome those you want to become part of the Schmitt family with open arms.





**2016 SCHMITT WOODLAND HILLS VETERANS:** 

**Pictured:** (Back Row L to R) Don Goplin, Fred Mohrmann, Rolland Sherriff, Fuzz Spangler, John Albrecht (Front Row L to R) Henry Schaub, Herbert Moore, Wilburt Schmudde

Not Pictured: Gerald Annear, Milton Knoble, Eric Rynes, Colleen Wilson, Erin Witt



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Memorial and Honor Lights can be purchased for \$5 each  Names of honorees and donors will be published in our Annual Report	

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Please make checks payable to SWH. Thank you for your support.

Donations \$5.00 per light.

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