The naming of the "Jane Martin Roberts Wellness Center" honors the memory of a noted Westminster Canterbury leader, former resident and volunteer. Jane and husband John W. Roberts generously supported Westminster Canterbury’s charitable endeavors over the years. They were particularly interested in the provision of excellent resident health services. John continues to champion health service excellence with this major gift in Jane’s memory.

"This gift to Westminster Canterbury Foundation reflects Jane’s caring and concern," he said. “Jane, together with others, for the last 30 years has had a vision of what Westminster Canterbury’s involvement in wellness could be for all residents. She was a great admirer of the staff and also was so strong in her feeling of staff dedication to the mission.”

Jane Martin Roberts exemplified Westminster Canterbury Richmond’s vision, “Improving the lives of those we serve every day.” She served terms as a trustee of Westminster Canterbury Management Corporation and of Westminster Canterbury Foundation, then continued service as a non-board member of the Admissions Committee.

Because of her high sense of purpose and priorities, in 1998 Jane Roberts was awarded the Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award for distinguished volunteer leadership service, Westminster Canterbury’s highest honor for volunteer leadership.

The Roberts’s love story began when they met as students at Swarthmore College. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at Westminster Canterbury. Jane made her life one of devotion to family and volunteer service to others. Her community volunteer involvement was widespread and had great impact.

Westminster Canterbury was among many boards on which she served including Retreat Hospital and Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. Jane Roberts was a visionary and often served in leadership positions uncharacteristic for women at the time. She was active in public affairs and co-chaired a study of the pros and cons of jury duty for women, which resulted in enactment of the right for Virginia women to serve on juries.

The Jane Martin Roberts Wellness Center includes the clinic, pharmacy, physician services and rehabilitation therapy departments and programs. A Westminster Canterbury Foundation endowment has been established in her memory to provide annual support for enhancements in Wellness Center departments and programs.

H. Scott November

Gallery

Water
through September

Artists: David Freed, Jim Valentine, Kathy Hoppe and Marsden Williams

Quarterly exhibitions are made possible by donations to Westminster Canterbury Foundation.

Downsizing Smart Tips

1. Begin now. Attics, basements and garages are good places to start.

2. Be realistic about your lifestyle to help you plan for your new residence. How much space do you really need? How much entertaining will you do? How often will you have overnight guests?

3. Your new spaces should be a comfortable, functional blend of your current home. Use furniture in new ways.

4. Everything should have a place. Begin giving family heirlooms to relatives. Take one third or less of kitchen, china, crystal, decorative items, clothing, linens, books, photographs and papers.

5. Sell, donate or dispose of any remaining items to ease the move process.
Edward E. Lane Learning Center

Westminster Canterbury Foundation announces a generous commitment from resident Jean W. Lane, her sons Greg Lane, a Foundation Trustee, and Ed Lane, and their families. With this gift, the classroom in the Center for Creative Living has been named The Edward E. Lane Learning Center in memory of Jean’s husband and Greg and Ed’s dad. The Lane family’s generous donation will go to the Health Services Staff Training Fund for equipment and programming.

In addition to the programs supported by Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and the Lane family, Westminster Canterbury Foundation currently is funding or seeking to fund a number of initiatives related to Resident Health Services such as staff training, staffing enhancements, and technology. For more information, please contact Ginny Purcell (264-6202) or Kelly Merricks (264-6702) in the Foundation.

Mary and Ed Lane; Jean Lane, Greg and Kristi.

“We all have a stake in healthcare—either through loved ones, or as candidates ourselves—and we have a role in making it the best it can be. That means training staff not only to be the best skilled, but the most compassionate.”

Staff training of all sorts takes place in the Edward E. Lane Learning Center from New Employee Orientation to management classes. Staff are specially trained to provide exceptional customer service known as TWCW, “The Westminster Canterbury Way.” All staff members have access to a wide variety of free professional and self-development courses taught on campus.

Innovative Nurse Aide Certification Program

The Lane family’s gift made possible Westminster Canterbury’s intensive 10-week nurse aide course designed to help students prepare for the state nurse aide certification exam. Six students received a combination of classroom and clinical training, dementia training, with skills development in the Mary Morton Parsons Health Center, and certification in CPR and First Aid. Westminster Canterbury is licensed by the Virginia Department of Nursing as a Nurse Aide Education Program provider.

A portion of the Lane gift was used to acquire an interactive training manikin, Sal “Save A Life” W. Canter. The manikin’s internal computer systems simulate a heart attack, a cold and a multitude of other physical symptoms found in the average patient, allowing students to practice advanced life-saving skills. Sal will assist with a wide range of medical and physical training classes for Westminster Canterbury’s direct care staff.

Long before the Cabaret hit renovations

“never met a stranger,” was born in a West Virginia railroad town during the Great Depression. “We moved to Richmond in late 1929 because my father was looking for work,” she said. The oldest of five children, Jo Ann remembers a busy, happy, noisy home. After graduation from John Marshall High School and Smithideal-Massey Business College, she worked at Reynolds Metals for 15 years.

In 1964, she married a widower with three children and moved to Arlington. Jo Ann loved being a homemaker with a “ready-made” family. The family had a cottage on the Rappahannock as a vacation home. The O’Haras moved to Richmond when her husband retired.

Jo Ann came to Westminster Canterbury in 2004 and was delighted to find many friends. Her life-long interest in photography led to her first volunteer job as a photographer for Westminster Canterbury’s television station, TV970. Along with exhibitions in the Resident Art Gallery, Jo Ann’s photographs are featured in many Westminster Canterbury publications, including The Lamp.

In 2005, Jo Ann joined the Resident Health Services Visitation Committee and sees assigned friends in the Mary Morton Parsons Health Center. She writes resident profiles for The Westminster Canterbury Tales and The Lamp, knits for the Salvation Army Cap and Mitten Tree and encourages other knitters. She also helps new residents get acclimated. In 2007, Jo Ann earned a Laurel Award for significant volunteer contributions.

Jo Ann’s community interests include The Woman’s Club of Richmond, Daughters of the American Revolution and the St. Paul’s Lenten Lunch team.

“I am a positive thinker. I look for the humor in everyday life and the good in people,” she says. “I think Westminster Canterbury is a great place. I’m thankful and blessed to be here.”

- story by Ormonde Wilkinson, CVA,
photo “Magnolia Miracle” by Jo Ann O’Hara

Resident Lifestyles

Jo Ann O’Hara, who

earned an undergraduate degree in Finance and Economics and Master’s degree in Finance. He and wife Elaine had a happy marriage and reared three children. His son is a pediatrician in Indianapolis and daughter is a clinical psychologist at MCV. His wife is president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Jack has five grandchildren.

In 1954, Jack founded Harberstadt Financial Consultants, Inc., which he sold eleven years ago. He wrote a weekly newspaper column and hosted a radio call-in advisory show—all about finance.

During World War II, Jack enlisted in the Navy. After his discharge he attended University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business and worked for their savings and the children received My Money workbooks from the Federal Reserve. Mr. Jack enjoys teaching future generations why money makes the world go ‘round.

- by Jo Ann O’Hara, Resident

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please call 261-5201 or visit www.wescanric.org.