

*Bridgeway Pointe News* is published monthly for the residents and families of Bridgeway Pointe, a tight-knit assisted living community located in Hartwell, 165 West Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45216. Telephone: 513-418-4370.  
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## JANUARY Calendar

- Jan. 13     Scrabble  
3 p.m. | Club Room
- Jan. 14     Hearing for Health  
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. | 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Apt. 317
- Jan. 15     Art with Sarah  
10:30 a.m. | Art Room
- Jan. 16     Memories in the Making  
10:30 a.m. | Art Room
- Jan. 19     MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR. DAY
- Jan. 20     Sweet and Lows, Acapella Duo  
2 p.m. | Club Room
- Jan. 21     Niki Pappas  
3 p.m. | Club Room
- Jan. 23     “Are You Smarter than a Second  
Grader?” with Hartwell Schools  
1 p.m. | Club Room
- Jan. 26     Brown Bag Lecture & Lunch at Cincinnati  
Museum Center  
10:30 a.m. | Meet at Flag Pole
- Jan. 27     Nature Nook  
10:30 a.m. | Nature Group
- Jan. 28     CCM Entertainer Performs  
2 p.m. | Club Room

## Resident Spotlight

### *Ralphine Harper*



Ralphine Harper was born in Tuskegee, Alabama, just east of the state’s capital, Birmingham. When she was only four months old her mother passed away, which left her father to take care of her. Her father and mother’s family owned 600 acres of land and built their own houses on the land. Relatives still live in Ralphine’s grandfather’s house today, and she was able to visit them a few years ago. She said they did quite well for themselves in Alabama.

Ralphine’s father thought it would be best if her aunt and uncle raised her, so she moved in with their family. She went to school in their small town, where she enjoyed reading and learning, she says. Her family never had any problem with segregation or racism because it was predominately a Native American and African-American community.

Her favorite thing to do when she was a child was to swing on the swing set and make herself go higher and higher.

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## Resident Spotlight *(Continued)*

One day, she was swinging with her friends and she went so high that she fell off and landed on her chin. She needed a few stitches, and still has a scar today that acts as a reminder of her childhood.

One day when Ralphine was in her late teens, an aunt came to visit from Chicago, and ended up bringing Ralphine back to the windy city to live with her. She did not like the big city because it did not feel like home. She attended one year of school there and then headed back home to Alabama.

She lived in Geneva, Alabama for a while, but felt like she needed a fresh start. Ralphine moved north to Cincinnati in 1948 with her aunt Adele. She worked as a typist during the day, and attended school at night to become a nurse. She had become an assistant aide at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and other local hospitals, but she quit school so she never became a nurse, but that was okay with her.

In July 1955 she married Edwin Harper and moved to Dana Avenue by Xavier University, where they lived for 47 years with their four daughters. Edwin was drafted into the army for a few years, and then worked at General Electric as a professional welder for 30 years. Over the years they went on vacations and cruises to places like Alaska and the Panama Canal.

They had a great life together. Edwin was a great cook, too. Her favorite meal that he prepared was pork chops. Once, she was cooking for him and he was trying to tell her what to do so she had to kick him out of the kitchen!

Edwin became ill and was undergoing rehabilitation here at the Drake Center and that is how Ralphine found out about Bridgeway Pointe. In 2006 Edwin passed, and eventually after seven years of living alone in the apartment they shared, Ralphine finally decided she needed to live in a retirement home or an assisted living home.

After living in other assisted living communities, Ralphine moved into Bridgeway Pointe in August 2014, and has had a wonderful time here. She likes the view from her front-facing room, enjoys playing chair volleyball, and taking walks around the grounds of Bridgeway.

She misses the Norwood Kroger where she shopped for over 40 years, so she still takes trips there and says she always runs into somebody she knows. Two of her daughters live relatively close, so Ralphine sees them frequently and goes out to see her grandchildren play basketball.

## Christmas Flower Arranging and Annual Tree Trimming

Last month, residents of Bridgeway Pointe spent the afternoon in the Christmas Spirit with a holiday flower decorating session. Residents spread the holiday cheer by creating flower arrangements for the rooms and halls of Bridgeway Pointe. After this event, residents spent the rest of the afternoon getting into the holiday spirit and decorating the trees.



# January Birthdays!

Carolyn Keppel	Jan. 7
Majorie Fitzgerald	Jan. 8
Renda Ashley	Jan. 9
Dorothy Simmons	Jan. 20
Betty "B.K." Hutchinson	Jan. 23
Bill Lawrence	Jan. 30

**Happy Birthday to All!**

## **New Year's Eve Celebration**

The residents of Bridgeway closed 2014 with a celebration and music by Frank. The residents snacked on popcorn and had a sparkling cider toast to ring in 2015. The residents shared the many good memories of 2014.



Happy New Year!  
**2015**



*Welcome to Bridgeway Pointe!*

Evelyn Duvall

## **Christmas Tea with Niki Pappas**

The residents of Bridgeway Pointe had a chance to relax and enjoy the company of family and friends on a December Afternoon with a Christmas Tea. The residents enjoyed munching on cookies and sipping on tea while listening to the classical music performance of Niki Pappas. It was a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season!



# Bridgeway Pointe's Christmas Party



## *We Remember...* Phyllis Eveleigh

### Baby Boomer Outing to the Christmas Ranch

The Baby Boomer Group braved the cold to travel to the Christmas Ranch. The residents enjoyed tasty holiday treats and shopping. During this time residents got to enjoy the amazing display of lights around the ranch. Any Baby Boomer is welcome to join us next month.



## IT PAYS TO REFER



Don't forget:  
Residents who refer a family member or friend to Bridgeway Pointe will receive a one-time discount of \$1,000 off a month's rent...and the referred new resident will receive the same discount!

See Kris Collins in the front office for specific details. \*Some exclusions apply.