

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Presbyterian Women of Bayside Presbyterian Church

Virginia Beach, Virginia

2011

OVERVIEW:

Pastors: The Rev. Dr. David Rollins: Pastor
The Rev. Eleanor Norman: Temporary Supply Associate Pastor (Jan.-Aug.)
The Rev. Jenny McDevitt: Associate Pastor (September-January)

Sunday Worship Services: Traditional: 8:15-9:00 a.m.
Contemporary: 9:15-10:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15-11:100 a.m.
Traditional: 11:15-12:00 noon
Combined Service: 10:15-11:15 a.m. for special events

Presbyterian Women of Bayside works under the leadership of a Coordinating Committee consisting of the officers, program chairs and chairs and co-chairs of the seven circles. PWC activities are coordinated and planned from a September through May time frame; the coordinating team also serves from September through May.

PWC has 109 active members in 7 circles. We have two general gatherings in the fall and spring, and install officers in May. Seventeen women elders were on the session, all of whom headed or served on session committees, along with PWC members who were not currently on session.

PWC is also heavily represented on all of the major standing and ad hoc committees and representatives to other church councils, which attest to the regard in which these women are held by the congregation.

PWC collects and files the weekly bulletins, copies of the weekly newsletter, the monthly newsletters, and all special publications of PWC and Bayside Church. We subscribe to *Horizon* and *Presbyterian Outlook*, contribute the *Journal of Presbyterian History* to the library, and follow the *Horizon's Bible Study Guide* in all circles.

The Coordinating Committee for January, 2011 through May, 2011 was as follows:

Officers:

Moderator	Michele Parker
Vice Moderator	Betsy Davis
Secretary	Angela Marcotte
Treasurer	Suzanne Hanley
Historian	Libby N. Graves

Program Chairs:

Food Pantry	Audre Cannell & Lynne Owen
Spiritual Nurture	Cathleen Ritzo
Ecumenical Missions	Diane Towler

Circle Chairs and Co-Chairs

Circle #2	Judy Crossman & Janet Straddeck
Circle #3	Libby N. Graves & Diane Linkous
Circle #4	Jennifer Costello & Angela Marcotte
Circle #6	Linda Allen & <u>Dana Williamson</u>
Circle #7	Chris Pascuzzi & Ruth Boynewicz
Circle #8	Marie Parr & Paula Jesberg
Circle #10	Diane Towler & Jane Copeland

The Coordinating Committee for September 2011-December 2011 was as follows:

Officers:

Moderator	Michele Parker
Vice Moderator	Betsy Davis
Secretary	Angela Marcotte
Treasurer	Jennifer Costello
Historian	Libby N. Graves

Program Chairs

Food Pantry	Audre Cannell & Lynne Owen
Spiritual Nurture	Cathleen Ritzo
Ecumenical Missions	Chris Pascuzzi

Circle Chairs and Co-Chairs

Circle #2	Judy Crossman & Janet Straddeck
Circle #3	Libby N Graves & Louise Wombolt
Circle #4	Jennifer Costello & Angela Marcotte
Circle #6	Linda Allen & Dana Williamson
Circle #7	Chris Pascuzzi & Ruth Boynewicz
Circle #8	Marie Parr & Paula Jesberg
Circle #10	Jane Copeland, Diane Towler & Rose Ann Wehr

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

Coordinating Team: The coordinating team meets the last Monday of the month, August through April, approximately 2 weeks before the circles meet. It consists of officers, program chairs and circle chairs. The meeting opens with a devotion from the Spiritual Nurture Chairperson. Each officer and program chair gives a report, followed by reports

from the chairs of each circle. The Moderator discusses the responsibilities of each circle for upcoming events and the Treasurer reports on current expenses and contributions. The Secretary keeps the minutes, incorporating the reports of each program and circle chairs, and prepares a monthly newsletter that includes the devotion and all reports and announcements of upcoming events. This is distributed to all circle members at their monthly meetings and is available to all women in the church. The devotion is always timely and sensitive (with some gentle chuckles) that it is often published in the *Bayside Binnacle*, the monthly church newsletter.

Circle Meetings: The circles meet once a month-- 4 during the day, 3 in the evening -- from September through May. Five of the circles meet at the church and two meet in circle member homes. Circle #6 has added a second Bible Study group meeting at the Westminster Canterbury Retirement Center on the Wednesday afternoon after their regular Tuesday meeting in order to provide Christian women at the Center and surrounding areas regular access to the spiritual nurture and study that circles provide.

The Horizons Bible Study used for the January-May 2011 period was "Journeys Through Revelations: Apocalyptic Hope for Today" and for the September-December period is "Confessing the Beatitudes," which is engaging us in composing our own creed. The Rev. Eleanor Norman conducted a monthly class for the Bible Study in the Spring for the moderators of each circle and any other members of the congregation who might like to attend; the Education Director, Dan Wiard, assumed that responsibility in September. These are such an important part of our lives that we are very grateful to all of our ministers for sharing their knowledge and insights, which we then bring to our circles. Many PWC members attend other Bible studies as well—Wednesday morning, Wednesday evening, and Sunday between services.

Each circle collects money for the General Fund, the Least Coin contribution, Sunnyside, their individual Sunshine Fund, and whatever special projects they have chosen. Some of

their projects will be described later in this report, and their collective generosity is charted in the financial report, which is audited every year on a pro bono basis by a certified CPA.

PWC Events: Two events that include all circles each year are the Spring Gathering and The Fall Gathering, held in the Fellowship Hall over a delicious brunch in a beautifully decorated setting provided by the Coordinating Committee and under the leadership of the Ecumenical Missions Coordinator. The Spring Gathering ends our PWC year with the installation of officers for the coming year and a small “thank-you” gift for those who served. This year it was held on May 14 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. A special honoree was Cathleen Ritzo, our 2011 recipient of the Woman of Faith Award. She constantly displays the requisite “acts of faithful living and leadership,” through even the most trying of times. Her faith in God’s grace shines through all of her words and deeds and inspires us all. The forty nine women present donated \$498.00 to the Birthday Offering.

The Fall Gathering was held on Wednesday, August 10 at 6:00 pm (All Saturday mornings were booked!!). For this event, we did a “pot luck” which not only pleased the members but also saved PWC funds. The more we save, the more we can give away. Diane Towler provided her usual creative centerpieces, which were given away to those in attendance. Dan Wiard took time out from his doctoral studies to give an overview of “Confessing the Beatitudes,” and members picked up their study books. The forty-one women present donated \$410 to the “Thank Offering”.

Libby N. Graves, Paula Jesberg, and Marie Parr represented Bayside at the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic PW Summer Gathering at the Massanetta Springs Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA on June 9-12. Graves also attended the Leadership Training Session that preceded the Gathering. They found the Bible Study “Confessing the Beatitudes” led by the Rev. Margaret Aymer, author of the Study Guide, to be really helpful and bought several copies of the DVD to accompany the lessons for use by the circles. They had great fun

assembling the boxes for the “Stop Hunger Now Program,” having practiced at the Bayside assembly line earlier in the year.

Libby N. Graves attended the PEVA Spring Gathering at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Norfolk on April 9 and the two regional PEVA Fall Gatherings at Lynnhaven on September 9 session on Leadership Training) and at Jamestown on September 10. The Gathering on the Eastern Shore was canceled.

PWC members work closely with PW women of other churches. For instance, five women from Bayside (Nancy Hamilton, Lynne Owen, Leanne Roche, and Connie Zuidema) and three guests attended the “Living Wholly for God Women’s Conference” at Providence on January 29th. “Sisters in Spirit” includes other Christian women in the area when it meets on Tuesday morning. March 27, the women hosted a choral program by the twenty-six members of Bellesimo, in its Spring series, “Through the Eyes of Women. Many other Bayside activities partner with women from other churches.

PWC Contributions to the Church. The 2011 Woman of Faith award went to Cathleen Ritzo, who provides a model of faith and service to which all Christian women aspire. She was honored at our Spring Gathering. (See addendum on Cathy) The individual and collective activities of PWC attest to their faith and their determination to use their talents in service to others.

One of the major outreach programs is the Food Pantry, which is run expertly by our Food Pantry Chairs, Audre Cannell and Lynne Owen. They train and coordinate volunteer shoppers to work Monday through Friday throughout the year. These women shop for perishables and items in short supply in the Pantry. This mission is supported by congregational donations of non-perishable items and cash. Each circle makes an additional monthly contribution of those staples not provided by the general congregation. PWC members publicly remind the congregants in our three services of the need for more

donations in these economically difficult time and privately contact an “angel” or two who are willing donors to this mission.

Emma Chapman and Paula Jesberg, two PWC members, serve as the informal "events coordinators" for funerals, weddings, and other special events, as well as the "coordinators of the kitchen." They reap no monetary rewards but have a treasure of humorous and heartwarming stories. PWC members are the first they call on to coordinate and provide refreshments for funerals, church-wide gatherings, and partnerships with community groups.

When the Lenten dinners were scaled back to two preceding the worship services on Ash Wednesday (Potluck) and Maundy Thursday (A Passover Seder), PWC took over the set up and clean up. The circles also rotate the responsibility of tidying, updating, and replacing materials in the pew racks throughout the year. They update and print the PWC brochure every year to place in the pew racks, the boxes at the entrance of the contemporary service, the informational kiosk in the atrium, and the information packet sent to potential church members. Each circle provides a brief description of itself and meeting times and places as well as details on each circle and the unique ways it fulfills the general mission of the PWC. This year some of the circles adopted names of prominent women of the Bible. Others preferred to keep their numbers as an AKA with their Biblical names.

Every September, each circle adopts a first year college student who is a member or friend of Bayside. Our Spiritual Nurture Chairperson, Cathy Ritzo, identifies those students who would like to be contacted and uncovers their addresses with a persistence and accuracy that Homeland Security should envy. Each circle then sends correspondence, small gifts, and words of encouragement to these youth who are away from home, often for the first time. Periodically, Cathy polls all circles for the creative ways they use to maintain contact with these youths, summarizes her findings and distributes them to the circles to use as a

resource. We promised to nurture our youth when they were baptized and this is one time in their lives when they really need our support.

Another activity enjoyed by all the circles is the Angel Tree Gift Tags at Christmas. Each Christmas, our church buys hundreds of gifts for people of all ages who, otherwise, might not receive any. The need was so profound this year that most circles purchased two or more gifts in addition to those that individual members provided. This is why we actively recruit shoppers and women with children who know what all these requests are and how best to meet them.

Any un-or gently-used study guides for 2011, plus the accompanying Horizon Bible Studies were sent to circles at a Presbyterian Church that could ill afford to purchase the current study guides. Because these scriptures and the issues they address do not go out of date, these guides can be used in any year.

PWC offers collective financial support of local, regional, national, and international missions but supplement them with additional benevolences. All circles send memorial gifts to Bayside and to Sunnyside Links, supplement the PWC's group donations to Zuni, Makemie Woods, Keim Center, and The Dwelling Place, as well as providing financial support for a myriad of missions within the church and in the community.

In December, every circle contributed to the cost of a wreath, poinsettia, or scholarship in honor of an outstanding Christian woman. In the Spring they purchase Easter lilies and seasonal plants and flowers for the church beds and took responsible for the care and weeding of these plots. Volunteer labor is part of our innovative solutions to lower operating costs so that we can maintain our mission and outreach programs at higher levels.

Community service and mission outreach is a church-wide commitment, and PWC members contributed as both PWC and church members. A group of PWC members, "Sisters in

Stiches”, have been crocheting both baby blankets and prayer shawls to be given to those in need. A number of the blankets were donated to The Dwelling Place, (an emergency shelter for the homeless) for its fund-raising on-line auction. Donations are made to the Food Pantry on “Souper Bowl” Sunday, Easter Baskets for children at St. Columba’s ministry, Christmas boxes for children around the world, Stop Hunger Now, the Congo Mission Project, youth collections for the Hefer Project, all fun-raising projects for youth mission trips, eye glasses and supplies for medical clinics, school supplies for “School Daze”....and the list goes on.

In their culinary capacity, all circles contributed snacks or covered dishes whenever requested for receptions, funerals, farewell and welcome celebrations, meals for the homeless, and all manner of congregational gatherings. Each circle has a "kitchen contact person" so that members can respond quickly to requests from our church ministries. We are noted for our efficiency as well as for our helpfulness. A list of all of these events will take up much too much space, but the cakes that each circle donated for the “cake walk” for the summer picnic were so numerous, that additional “walks” had to be added. Then there were the “farewell” and “welcome” receptions for our entering and exiting pastors, (a great “pounding” for Jenny DeWitt where all donated “a pound” of non-perishable food to the pantry of the new associate pastor as she moved in), community recycle projects, the welcome-back picnic for the congregation and community groups who meet in the church, the Virginia Children’s Choir spring concert, meals for our “Winter Shelter” for the homeless, quarterly dinners for the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center, etc. We seldom enter the church without a “dish”.

Our youth are a vital segment of the Bayside family and PWC is very active in nurturing them in their Christian growth. Over twenty churchwomen served as Church School teachers and advisors throughout the year; even more orchestrated our successful summer Family Bible School and volunteered in our nursery. Three PWC accompanied the youth

on a Kentucky mission in the fall and five joined the mission team to continue building the church Fuente de Aqua Viva in Ticul, Mexico.

Often, individual circles call on other circles to provide support for those who are home-bound or in hospital, providing meals, transportation, errand running, and just plain visiting. One new activity is to recruit people who are able to drive their elderly neighbors to church services and activities. Circles also form the core of the newly-established "Bereavement Team" to help when a death occurs in the church family. A long tradition of "womaning" the reception desk for the office has allowed Bayside to present a very friendly and affordable face to the congregation and visitors alike.

Other times, PW spearheads a program and a church committee or ministry join in to help. Cathy Rizto was unsuccessful in finding partners among our established committees to provide aid to families of deployed military, but she did create a pool of workers from the congregation and community who could be called on. She was more successful in her joint venture with the Ministry of Community Care to create a bulletin board with photos and brief bios of those deployed whom we could pray for.

Each circle also assumes responsibility for individual projects, many of which pass "under the radar". One circle oversees the operation of the church library, scheduling volunteers, updating computers, creating library procedures, soliciting donations of books and journals, and providing general upkeep. Another keeps the PWC bulletin board current, with notices of future events and photos of past events. Members of Circle #6 help Em Chapman assemble the monthly church newsletter; Circle #10 has purchased educational equipment and supplies for the preschool at the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center and sponsored a patient for for "Operation Smile". Some, such as Circle #2, send money to help victims of disasters both at home and abroad as well as purchasing new pens for the pew racks; others join Circle #3 in underwriting landscaping costs. Circle #4 sends toys to "Toys for

Tots" every year; Circle #7 members provide volunteers twice a month to conduct Bible studies and spiritual sessions for an elder-care program run by a local hospital.

The clear success of PWC at outreach and mission efforts is due partially to the fact that the circles also make time to socialize and connect spiritually with each other at lunches, dinners, retreats, and other outings, both throughout the year and during the summer. Some use these opportunities to formulate officer and circle goals for the year and then to evaluate how well they were met. In most cases, individuals and circles exceeded their expectations and felt enriched by the introspection the process required. They also have lots of fun!

We have many members of Presbyterian Women in our church who are nurturing and effective leaders in all of the ministries of Bayside. One member from Presbyterian Women each year serves on the Search Committee for new elders. Seventeen are on session and others serve as chairs and members of congregational committees. They are listed at the end of the report. Many other individual women quietly fill the niches and needs that allow Bayside to function smoothly in its internal and external missions that have not been mentioned above—all Presbyterian women; none seeking earthly acknowledgement or acclaim.

Although we present no formal awards to them, we are very grateful for our Pastors, the Rev. Dr. David Rollins, the Rev. Eleanor Norman, and the Rev. Jenny McDevitt for their leadership. We could never have done our work this year without the creative and dedicated leadership of Mr. Daniel Wiard of Educational Ministries and Ms. Katie Grant and her Music Ministry. Ms. Linda Godoy has shouldered many responsibilities beyond those of Administrator and done so with good humor and great efficiency.

YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT: 2010

January, 2010 Beginning Balance		\$4,036.90
I. General Offerings		\$1,634.32
Least Coin	\$174.56	
Thank Offering	\$410.00	
Sunnyside Links	\$ 76.76	
Birthday Offering	\$498.00	
Mission Pledge	\$475.00	
II. Benevolences		\$1,200.00
Rural Family Development--Migrant Ministry	\$120.00	
Presbyterian Home of the Highlands	\$120.00	
Zuni Presbyterian Training Center	\$120.00	
Virginia Beach Church Women United	\$120.00	
Edmarc Hospice for Children	\$120.00	
Makemie Woods	\$120.00	
Keim Center for Pregnancy Crises	\$120.00	
BPC Youth Mission Account	\$120.00	
Minister's Benevolent Fund	\$120.00	
The Dwelling Place	\$120.00	
III. Operating Expenses		\$42.25
Study books for ministers	\$16.00	
Spring Gathering materials	\$26.25	
	\$8.80	
Bank Service Fee		
Bank Deposit Slips		
Life Membership		
December 31, 2008 Ending Balance		\$4,538.42

SESSION LEADERSHIP: 8 officers: 11 members [+16 members not on current session]

Officers

- Treasurer..... Tracy Davis
- Assistant Treasurer..... Luanne Wong
- Trustee..... Lynne Chewing
- Commissioner to PEVA meetings.. Amanda Long

Committees

- Administrative Support....Moderator: Amanda Long
Members: Janet Baker, Brenda Reid
- Christian Education.....
Members: Anne Baker, Madeline Colthorpe
- Community Service.....Moderator: Carolyn Griffiths (to Dec..)
Members: Lynne Owen, Jacqueline Peters,
- Congregational Care.....
Member: Marie Parr.
- Evangelism.....Moderator: Paula Jesberg
Member: Peggy Damuth
- Stewardship.....
Member: Helen Spore
- Witness.....
Member: Terri Dannemann
- Worship.....Moderator: Martha Sorensen
Member: Michele Parker

PWC CURRENT ELDERS (17)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class of</u>
Anne Baker	2012
Janet Baker	2011
Madeline Colthorpe	2013

Peggy Damuth	2013
Terri Dannemann	2013
Carolyn Griffiths	2012 (until Dec.)
Paula Jesberg	2011
Amanda Long	2012
Michelle Parker	2011
Marie Parr	2012
Jacqueline Peters	2013
Peggy Reed	2011
Brenda Reid	2011
Martha Sorensen	2012
Helen Spore	2011
Luanne Wong	2011

PWC MEMBERS OF NON-SESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES

Churchwide Nominating Committee (2)

Janet Baker

Ashley McLeod

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (4)

Amy Colthorpe

Rachel Eddowes

Ernestine Middleton

Nancy Pouliquen

Music Ministries:

Director: Catherine M. Grant

WOMAN OF FAITH AWARD FOR 2011

Cathleen Ritzo

Cathy was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, had a “typical childhood,” and entered California State University to study speech communication and have as much fun partying as any other young coed. There she met John. After graduation, the college sweethearts married and began a 25-year-long spiritual journey in the footsteps of Jesus, whom they celebrated as their savior. Cathy has continued on this journey alone, after John suddenly died of a brain tumor three years ago as she shepherded their three sons along their Christian path. Much of the Ritzo journey occurred within the Bayside family which they joined in 1985. Everyone was drawn by Cathy’s warm and serene approach to all of her volunteer work, and then inspired by her quiet strength in dealing with the tragedy of loss and the responsibility of raising her sons alone. She continues to rely on God’s grace, joyful for His blessing and grateful that He has given her the talents, will, and faith to continue on her Christian course.

This course is filled with both learning and service, from teaching lessons and music to pre-schoolers in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for decades, to mission trips, to joining in the Living Nativity at Christmas, to expanding her knowledge and refreshing her spirit in adult Bible Studies, to creating a prayer board of those deployed in military service as well as performing all those supportive duties that ensure the health of a Christian community.

Bayside women are particularly grateful to Cathy for her work with PWC, has awarded her a life-time membership, and is proud to select her as our “Woman of Faith” award She has served as moderator for two circles, Vice Moderator for PWC for 4 years, Moderator for 2 years and Spiritual Nurture Chair for over 10 years. In this capacity, she has offered devotions are so relevant, down-to-earth and yet uplifting that they are worthy of publication. They do appear in the PW and church monthly newsletter. Cathy tunes in to those speakers on the daily broadcast of “Focus on the Family” who speak freely about both the good and the bad in God’s world even as their celebrate His grace.. Cathy does the same as a role model for PWC.

NECROLOGY 2011

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Death Date</u>	<u>Bayside Presbyterian Church</u>
Ferne R. Behrens	1917	10/27/2011	
<p>Ferne was born in Minonk, Ill.. followed her husband, Lt. Cmdr. Walter G. Behrens Sr, to Virginia Beach and worked as head librarian at Little Creek Amphibious Base for over twenty years. During this time she was very active in all aspects of congregational life at Bayside. She leaves behind two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren.</p>			
Shirley Cottrell	10/28/1935	3/08/2011	
<p>Shirley was born in Bedford, VA and moved to the Tidewater from Texas, where she had served as church secretary. An early riser, she regularly worshiped at the early service, but volunteered for many activities, no matter what the time. She had numerous friends and “adopted” daughters who now care for her beloved cat, Topaz.</p>			
Helen G. Fisher	12/31/1921	1/16/2011	
<p>Helen was born in Norfolk, married Forrest, raised a family, and retired from Sears as one of The company’s first female senior executives. She led a very active life, with profession, family, volunteer work with the Princess Anne Women’s Club, Eastern Star, and Kings Daughter’s Sunrise Circle, even as she earned the rank of life master in the American Contract Bridge League. She brought her friendly, positive, and enthusiastic nature to all of her volunteer work at Bayside, along side of her friends and fellow Christians.</p>			
Leona Brown Turner Flood	9/16/1930	1/15/2011	
<p>Leona Brown was born into a Norfolk family which had been here for three generations, graduated from Maury High School, trained in both dancing and business schools. She was a professional dancer during World War II, on ships, at USO lounges and nightclubs, working with the Fred Waring, Olson and Johnson and Tommmy Gwaltney bands. She was married Cleaton Turner for 35 years, as they raised two boys and she pursued her career as a professional mortgage underwriter and auditor and, after he died, for 18 years to Fred Flood. During her career, she won many awards and much acclaim for her work in business and related</p>			

professional organizations. She still found time to be active in the charitable work of the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine Club and Eastern Star and made time for volunteer activities at Bayside, where she Worshipped regularly.

Carolyn Davis Graham 7/14/1931 6/14/2011

Caroline lived most of her life in Arkansas, where she raised her three children and was an active member of the Mt. Holly Presbyterian church, serving several terms as an Elder and as Clerk of the Session. She moved to Virginia Beach in January 2005 after her husband, Freddie, died, to be with her daughter, Amanda Long, and the east coast branch of her family. She became just as active at Bayside, serving as an Elder, teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, working with the youth, leading studies for the “elderly” at Sentara Bayside Hospital, working on the Evangelism ministry, and generally filling in wherever she was needed. She told her children that we had a choice every day in how we lived. and she chose to celebrate the beautiful things of life with literature, song, dance, and piano music. She was an accomplished seamstress and cooked with equal skill. Her daughter, Amanda Long, and grandsons agree that Carolyn’s greatest joy was caring for her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and living as a true child of God.

Barbara Beatty Hardie c. 1934 5/16/2011

Although not an official member of Bayside, Barbara was an integral part of our church family, especially the countless children at Bayside Preschool where she worked for almost 20 years. She was predeceased by her first husband, Donald Beatty and is survived by her husband, Charles W. Hardy, her son and daughter, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A plaque commemorating her work and influence was placed in the wing by all who loved her.

Dorcus Lowery c. 1921 1/30/2011

Dorcus Pollock Lowery was born in Trenton, NC, married Stonewall Lowery, and moved to Norfolk to raise their family. There she joined Glenwood Park Presbyterian Church where she was active in PW, taught Sunday School, and led the Youth Groups. When she moved to Virginia Beach in the early 1970, she became just as active at Bayside as a Circle Moderator, Elder, and volunteer for a myriad of activities, especially those involving her grandchildren. She often was teased for her preference for the color red and her predilection for chocolate in any

form. In the early 1990's, she moved to Westminster Canterbury and transferred her attention to brightening up the dining room for the residents. She always, though, would watch from her eleventh floor window to see her grandchildren pass by on their way to school. They have added this to their other fond memories of the one they call a "truly Great Lady."

Kitty Inez Newsome c. 1908 2/22/2011

Kitty was a charter member of Bayside and a great "nursemaid" as it was growing up. She even sewed the first choir robes for singers in "the little church." She was a long time active member of Circle #6 and PWC members really missed her when she moved to Florida. They remember her as the epitome of a "true Christian woman", sharing her kindness, compassion love and beautiful smile with all. Kitty's many passions included gardening, cooking, painting, sewing, knitting, but she was always ready to play a good game of "10,000" or "Chickenfoot." Her sailor husband, Harold "Elmo" Newsome, as well as five brothers, two sisters and two grandchildren predeceased her. She leaves behind two sisters, three sons, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Barbara Palmer 7/4/1924 10/21/2011

Barbara was born at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, in Illinois. She graduated from James Madison University, where she was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma. She served in a supervisory position in the Civilian Personnel Office, Department of the Navy until her retirement in 1979. She had been active in Roster Presbyterian Church in Norfolk, before moving to Bayside and even more Christian service. . She also was a member of the Elizabeth River Women's Club, Chrysler Museum and several bridge clubs. Her Husband Paul Hogan, one niece, two children and their families.

Elizabeth Jones Pierce 1927 2/20/2011

Libby Pierce was born in Winston-Salem, NC in 1927, moved to Norfolk during World War II, graduated from Broad Creek High School in 1944, and worked as a machine operator at the Naval Supply Center in Norfolk. She met and married Ed, an engineer for IBM, in 1953 and retired to work at home and raise her two children. They joined Bayside in 1963 and remained an active member, even after medication for her lupus caused her to become legally blind and

curtailed her activities. She loved her yard work, travel, shopping with friends and attending sporting event with her son and granddaughter.

Frances Wilroy Speight 1922 1/11/2011

Frances was born in Suffolk, but moved to Virginia Beach and became one of the early worshipers at Bayside. She was very active in Circle #6, serving as moderator and attending meetings even after moving to a nursing and weakened by cancer. She also belonged to the Thalia Homemakers Club. Her husband, Charles, predeceased her, as did a sister and son. A brother, two daughters, one son, three grandchildren and five great grandchild remain to celebrate her life.

Leona Brandt Tredway 10/04/1910 8/17/2011

Leona was born in Farmville, Virginia, moved to Richmond at an early age and married Chelsey Tredway. She was very active in the Virginia Federation of Women’s Clubs, and served as president of the Lee District. An avid golfer, she was a regular at the Hermitage Country Club, and continued playing through age ninety on several courses in Virginia Beach after she moved to the area and joined Bayside. She was predeceased by her husband of 58 years, and is survived by two sons, four grandchild and ten great grandchildren.

Recipients of Life Memberships as of December 2011

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| Ellen Bell | Cathy Ritzo |
| Catherine Cook | Wanda Smith |
| Peggy Damuth | Linda Wallace |
| Louise Gordon | Carolyn Walsh |
| Debra O’Connell | Rose Anne Wehr |
| Peggy Reed | |

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth [Libby] Nybakken Graves, Historian, 30 January 2012