

# Directions

A Biannual Newsletter of The Hickman

Fall 2018/Winter 2019

## Treasured Memories of West Chester

At The Hickman, we always say, “When you’re here, you’re home.” That’s especially true for the many Hickman residents who moved here from within the Borough of West Chester. Whether they were born in West Chester, moved here with their families as children, or chose this community as adults, their presence at The Hickman now is a further enrichment of their—and our—deep roots in this community.

Shirley Shoffner, for example, raised her family in the oldest block of homes still standing in West



From left to right: Caroline, Shirley & Blondie.

Chester, Simon Barnard Row, which was built in 1856 to house manufacturing laborers. She loved both the history of her home and its convenient location between downtown and The Hickman. She could take the



Red Arrow Line (trolley) along West Chester Pike into Philadelphia for shopping, or she could just walk over to West Chester’s vibrant mid-century downtown, full of national and independent retail stores.

Shirley’s location also enabled her to serve her community in many ways. She was a wonderful neighbor to The Hickman, bringing her children along to walk the halls and attend to resident requests. She was always busy on Election Day, driving residents to the polls or working in the precinct.

She also got involved in the preservation of West Chester’s history and quality of life as the President of the North Central Neighborhood Association, serving on the University Area Neighborhood Task Force and the planning commission that developed the West Chester Comprehensive Plan. In that capacity, her support of the overpass that connects the Mary Taylor House to the Hickman building was crucial to its construction.

Blondie Morrell also has a long history in and around West Chester. She grew up overlooking Graystone Hall and the Sharpless/Jerrehan property, and her father was a plumber for the local mushroom cannery at High Street and Greenhill Road. Families from the neighborhood and the borough would walk to Sharpless Lake for fishing and swimming, and the fields and woods served as walking paths and playgrounds for Blondie, her siblings and her neighbors.

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## 2019 Art of Caring

The Hickman is excited to host Art of Caring: *Passport to Art* on March 30th at Oakbourne Mansion. This year’s gala-like event will include the following artists creating pieces live that evening:

Watercolorist and fine ink artist, **Kris Berlin** of Kris Berlin Art; mixed media artist, **Sarah Bourne Rafferty** of Atwater Designs; mosaic artist, **Amy Bruckner** of Piece of Mind Mosaics; folk artist, **Eunice LaFate** of LaFate Gallery; jewelry designer, **Pamela M. Levin** of Nivell Jewelry; and pottery and textile artist, **Nancy R. Salamon** of Clay Born Pottery & Textiles.

Their pieces, along with other works of art and fine items, will be in the silent and live auctions. Proceeds from the

event support The Hickman’s Resident Assistance Fund, which provides assistance to residents who are facing financial hardships and are no longer able to cover their room and board, and/or additional personal care services.

For more information about Art of Caring or to purchase tickets and/or sponsor the event, visit [www.thehickman.org](http://www.thehickman.org) or call 484.760.6300.

The Hickman thanks the 2019 sponsors (as of January 8, 2019):

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2018 Art of Caring event guests.

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## Newsletter Team

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## Dine Around West Chester

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The Hickman hosted the first Dine Around West Chester event on Tuesday, October 23rd. For that one day, Barnabys West Chester, The Mediterranean Restaurant & Bakery, Rams Head Bar & Grill, Side Bar & Restaurant, and Spence Cafe donated 25% of their food sales to The Hickman.

Funds raised through Dine Around West Chester supported The Hickman's Resident Assistance Fund. The Fund provides assistance to residents who have depleted their financial resources, allowing them to remain in their home with their friends and The Hickman's caring staff. For 127 years, no resident has had to leave The Hickman due to a financial situation.

The Hickman thanks the five restaurants, Bruce Donohoe, O'Rourke & Sons, Inc. and everyone who participated.



*Guests enjoying a night out in support of Dine Around West Chester.*

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## The Commitment to Caring Award

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In December we had the opportunity to publicly express our appreciation to Mark J. Snyder and Kenneth M. Witek, two board members who, together, have given of 24 years of service to The Hickman. In bestowing our Commitment to Caring Award, the citation reads ... "This award honors an individual or organization that has developed a meaningful connection or relationship to The Hickman ... and has demonstrated significant support of The Hickman mission to provide affordable and caring services that meet the needs of our area seniors. The Commitment to Caring Award is presented when there are clear candidates who merit the honor."

We can think of no better and more deserving persons.

Thank you, Mark and Ken.



*Left: Mark Snyder and  
Right: Ken Witek*

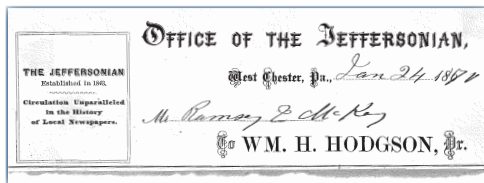
Pamela Leland, PhD, *Executive Director*

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Blondie attended West Chester High School, located at North Church and Lafayette Streets, a block from The Hickman. She and her brothers walked the 3 miles to and from school each day. After completing high school, she worked for an insurance company on High Street, then became a comptometer operator. Upon her marriage, she was able to buy some of the farmland near her childhood home, where she lived for the next 60 years. Her son grew up to become the borough's arborist—he knew every tree in West Chester.

Caroline Thomas is also a lifelong resident of the area. Her family farmed mushrooms and other products. She attended West Chester borough schools-- her junior high is now the Washington Square Apartments-- and she was a member of the last class to graduate from the borough's high school before it burned down. After graduation, she worked at Wyeth Labs, which manufactured penicillin and other pharmaceuticals in the borough from 1944-2004.

Caroline married into a West Chester institution—the *Daily Local News*. Her husband's great-grandfather, William Hodgson, founded its predecessor, *The Jeffersonian*, in 1855. After the war, the name was changed, but the offices remained at 12 North High Street from 1855 until 1970 as it expanded to serve the whole county. Caroline's husband's family retained ownership of the paper until 1990, and still treasures bound volumes from as far back as the 1880s.



Like many others, these three residents have been part of West Chester's change and growth for many years. By choosing The Hickman, they are still home.

Photos courtesy of the Chester County Historical Society.

### The Hickman Art of Caring 2019 Sponsors (from page 1)

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## Help Us Welcome Our Newest Team Members!



### Kellie Andersen Human Resources Manager

Kellie Andersen joined The Hickman in July as the HR Manager for our community. Kellie worked for A. Duie Pyle, Inc., a transportation company, for 20 years in a variety of areas including human resources. Kellie continues to enjoy learning about the senior living field and adores working with the residents and staff.



### Renee Adams Memory Care Program Manager

We welcomed Renee to The Hickman in August as the new Memory Care Program Manager. Renee previously worked for 15 years in an adult day care center where she served individuals with Alzheimer's and dementia as well as adults with intellectual disabilities. Renee is excited to work in a residential senior community.



### Jamia "Mia" Harvey Nurse Manager

Mia Harvey, LPN joined The Hickman team in July and is the new Nurse Manager. Prior to The Hickman, Mia spent six years working in a rehabilitation unit in a skilled nursing facility. She loves the welcoming and supportive community at The Hickman where everyone helps each other. Mia is enjoying getting to know each resident.



### Toni Kelly Director of Resident Services

In July, Toni Kelly, LPN, PCHA joined The Hickman as the Director of Resident Services. She comes to us from Delaware County with over 25 years' of experience in geriatric nursing. A Certified Dementia Practitioner Trainer, Toni previously owned and operated an Adult Day Care Center for 14 years.



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# Art of Caring

Passport to Art

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