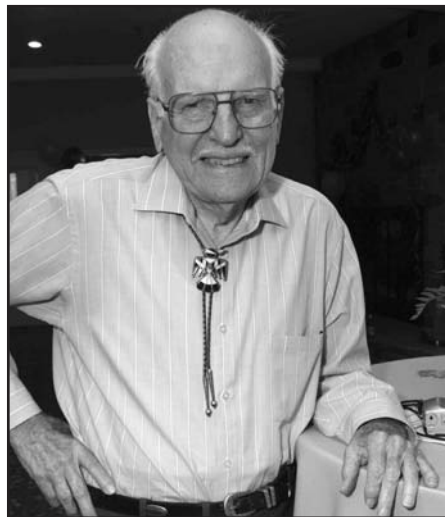


Beal's Apollo 13 Memories Are Real

Strike up a conversation with one of the many interesting residents of the House of the Good Shepherd Continuing Care Retirement Community and you can be pleasantly surprised at what they have accomplished in their lifetime. Beal Moore is one of these colorful people. What could this distinguished looking elderly gentleman have done? What story could he have to tell you?

As it turns out, plenty.

Moore was directly involved with the real-life Apollo 13 drama that later became a major motion picture starring Tom Hanks.



BEAL MOORE

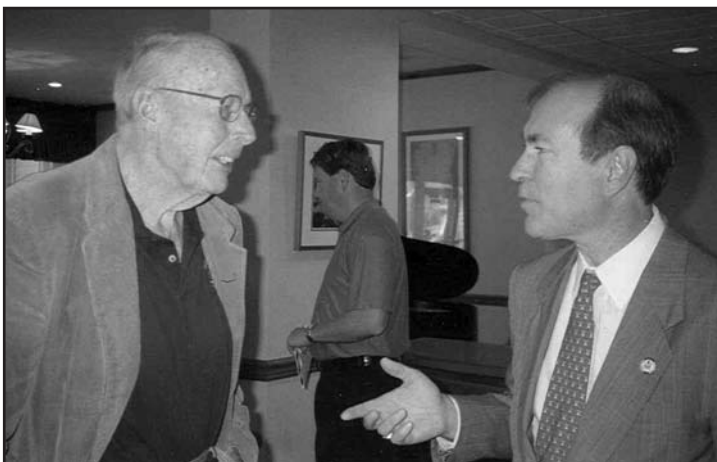
Moore spent a good part of his career as an engineer working in New Jersey but started out born

and raised in Texas. As a graduate engineer, Moore began his new career at a salary of \$27.50 per week! He was also an aircraft pilot and inventor and had many patents that are still considered classified information by the government.

Moore became involved in the space industry during the 1960's and 70's and eventually worked on the Apollo 13 mission as an engineer designing and testing rockets for the various applications. Which propellant was the best to use? What would give the most thrust per pound?

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Congressional Visit To The House



Congressman Scott Garrett recently visited The House of the Good Shepherd Continuing Care Community in Hackettstown to bring residents up to date on what's happening in Washington and to answer any questions.

In this photo, Garrett and resident Earle Holsapple discuss an issue.

Facelift For Skilled Nursing Center

The Skilled Nursing Center at The House of the Good Shepherd Continuing Care Retirement Community will soon undergo a massive facelift.

When the project is completed in the next few months, the dining room and recreation areas will be upgraded and remodeled in bright fresh colors. Resident rooms will also be given a fresh look, with newly redecorated features as well as other amenities.

"The Skilled Nursing Center will have a whole new look," said James McCracken, Executive Director of The House. "Everything will be bright and pleasant."

To learn more about the remodeled Skilled Nursing Center or for general information about the House of the Good Shepherd, call 908-684-5900. You can also learn more about The House by visiting online at www.hotgs.org.

A Common Situation... An Uncommon Response

By Henry F. de Mena
Director of Development

Honoring a loved one, whether a relative or close friend, by means of a Living Memorial is not an everyday occurrence. Yet this form of remembrance is a distinctively meaningful act of paying tribute to someone that is or was truly special to us. This is particularly true when we do so while simultaneously helping a charity of significant interest to that person.

Gifts "in memory of" for a deceased person or "in honor of" for a living being allow us to thoughtfully remember family members and friends who have meant so much. Living Memorials made at times such as births of a child or grandchild, or on a birthday, wedding, anniversary, or other notable occasion (e.g., Mother's Day or Father's Day) can be gifts of love that show very demonstrably

how much we care.

In addition to gifts of cash, memorial gifts may be funded with assets such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds that have increased in value. Not only do we receive regular tax savings, but we also avoid the capital gains tax entirely when using property owned for more than a year. This extra tax benefit is one reason why a growing number of people choose to make memorial gifts by donating property other than cash.

Other means of funding a living legacy in memory of a friend or loved one include:

- Gift included in will or living trust
- Gift of excess retirement funds such as pension plans or Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) may allow us to give more while eliminating taxes that may otherwise largely deplete these assets
- Gift of life insurance that has fulfilled its original purpose may

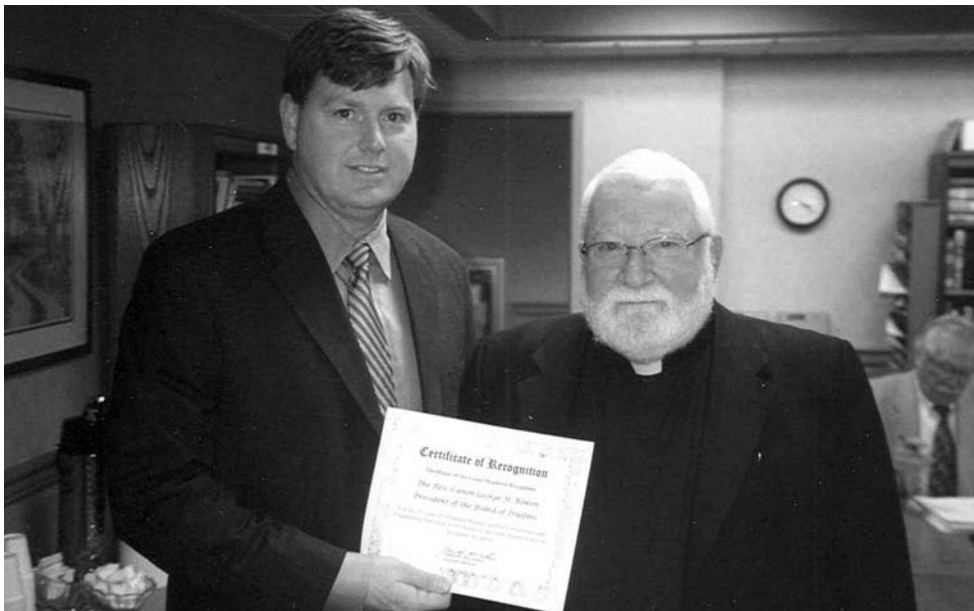
offer excellent tax benefits, e.g., policies that were purchased to protect a loved one who no longer needs that protection

- Gifts that provide an income can be a tax-effective way to provide us and/or someone else with regular payments for life or a specified period of time.

- To summarize, at least three parties will benefit from your gracious act of love:

- The person who is honored or the family of the person memorialized
- The donor who receives the emotional benefits of his/her generosity as well as the tax benefits
- The deserving charity through whom the memorial is established.

May I respectfully ask you to consider The House of the Good Shepherd to be that deserving charity! If you are interested, please call me at your convenience, 908-684-5900.



50 Years and Counting

James McCracken, Executive Director of The House, presents Rev. Canon George H. Bowen, President of the retirement community's Board of Directors, with a certificate of honor for his 50 years of service to the Episcopal Church.

The House of the Good Shepherd 'celebrates' as event nets over \$14,000

As it turned out, there was plenty to celebrate at the first annual "Celebrate the House" fundraiser for The House of the Good Shepherd Continuing Care Retirement Community.

The event, held in the fall, raised over \$14,000 for resident programs and special resident projects

Claudia Conway, Vice President of Skylands Community Bank, was the guest of honor and received the "Distinguished Friend of the House" award.

The House, which has been located in Hackettstown since the mid 1960s, capped its year-long

Photo by Cathy Miller

Claudia Conway (second from left) was the honored guest at the House of the Good Shepherd's First Annual Celebrate the House fundraiser event. Presenting her with a gift of appreciation are, L-R, board member Dave Sullivan, Executive Director James McCracken, and former Executive Director Fred Heleine.



celebration of its 125th anniversary with the fundraiser which drew nearly 200 people.

"The turnout, both financially and in person, was wonderful," said James McCracken, Executive

Director of The House. "This was our first major fundraiser and the response was incredible.

Everyone is already looking forward to our second annual 'Celebrate the House' event."

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These were the questions for Moore to answer. Another duty of his was to collect the medical data from the astronauts each day that monitored their health in space. No one really knew the effects of space travel on the human body so each day the three men of Apollo 13 would send back the data they collected such as their blood pressure, pulse rate, the amount of fluids they took in and the amount that came out. Doctors analyzed the information to insure their healthy return to earth.

Apollo 13 launched on April 11, 1970. Two days later the unthinkable happened. Moore noted that based on his long-term analysis and reliability tests, he figured that 1 in 10,000 flights may have some type of flaw. Apollo 13 was that flight.

An electrical short in the oxygen heating system caused one of the oxygen tanks to explode, damaging the Service Module and its control systems. This left the astronauts with only half the oxygen supply necessary for the return mission.

Moore revealed that one of the three men made the decision to only breathe the cabin air, hoping there would be enough exhaled oxygen from the other two to sustain his life on the four and one half day trip back to Earth. To this day his name has not been released to the public. Even Moore admits that he does not know which astronaut "volunteered to basically commit suicide." But we do know the story had a happy ending and all three safely made it home.

Moore is all for the continuation of the space program. In fact, he doesn't hesitate in pointing out its importance.

"An observatory on the back side of the moon would tell us a great deal more about other planets and what resources could be available to us," he said. "New elements and combinations of elements are out there for us to discover. Better communication systems from satellites are a must. Space offers all these opportunities to us and more."

What kind of advice does he have for young engineers today: "Good data gives you good results. Learn to do research."

Makes perfect sense coming from a man who has written over 6000 test reports in his lifetime.



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Gregg named Director of Dining Services At The House of Good Shepherd

Former restaurateur Linda Gregg has been named the Director of Dining Services at The House of the Good Shepherd Continuing Care Retirement Community in Hackettstown.

Gregg, who had owned The Publick House Restaurant and Inn in Chester, as well as other fine dining establishments, joined The House in late December.

“Linda’s experience in the restaurant industry is a win-win for us,” said James McCracken, Executive Director of The House. “Between her experience with dining and her plans for new menu items, the residents are very happy.”

During the past couple of years Gregg was a regular substitute teacher following a long tenure with the Publick House, one of the region’s top restaurants.

“It’s a very unique experience at The House,” said Gregg. “I am very excited to be here. I have a great staff that is very helpful and has made the transition very smooth.”

To learn more about The House of the Good Shepherd, visit www.hotgs.org or call 908-684-5900.

The House of the Good Shepherd is a continuing care retirement community, founded in 1882 by five Episcopal congregations in the Oranges. The Our House newsletter is published 3 times per year.