

The Village Voice

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Event Spotlight



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Eliza Doolittle and Henry Higgins Entertained at *My Fair Lady* Celebration

On May 19th, the ladies and gentlemen of Bradford Village gathered to celebrate a classic beloved musical, *My Fair Lady*. We were joined by two very special guests, Miss Eliza Doolittle and Professor Henry Higgins! The duo posed for photos with residents and guests and entertained during the meal. They sang several well-known selections including "Wouldn't It Be Lovely" and "I Could Have Dance all Night." *My Fair Lady* is a Tony Award Win-

ning Show by Lerner and Loewe, adapted from George Bernard Shaw's play, *Pygmalion*. The musical won 5 Tony's in 1957: Best Conductor and Musical Director, Best Direction, Best Musical, Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role (Rex Harrison), and Best Scenic Design. It received seven other nominations.

Our guest performers were Jennifer Teel and Don Taylor. Jennifer has performed all around the state of Oklahoma at theatres such as The Pol-
lard, Lyric, Jewel Box, and others. Jen-



Carmelita Walters and Anne Plyler stop for a photo with Eliza and Professor Higgins before going in to dinner.

nifer is the founder, owner, and artistic director of Forever After Parties. The theatre company is made up of princes, princesses, and super heroes that brings joy and magic to children of all ages. Don has also performed extensively in Oklahoma, and is a cast member of Forever After Parties. 80 people, including seven guests, enjoyed the evening. See page 6 for more photos!



Eliza shares a bite of Jerry Biby's carrot.

Did You Know...? History in June

- 1 Superman Comic is published. (1938)
- 5 Bobby Kennedy is assassinated. (1968)
- 8 "The Milton Berle Show" premieres on NBC TV. (1948)
- 17 The Statute of Liberty arrives in New York City. (1885)
- 30 French acrobat 'Blondin' crosses over Niagara Falls on a tightrope. (1859)

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WELCOME, NEW NEIGHBORS!

Suzie Parks

Suzie Parks, 215 Hadwiger Lane, was born and raised in Ft. Worth, went to Texas Tech, marrying her junior year, but finishing college. Jerry Parks, her husband, was a news and/or sportscaster for ABC for 54 years. Many of us remember him when he was at Channel 5. Their three children went through Edmond schools.



Suzie earned a doctorate from OSU in Special Education in 1989, during which time the family fostered a foreign exchange student attending UCO and cared for aging parents. Upon Jerry's retirement from Channel 5 and ABC in 2000, they traveled in a motor home to different parts of the U.S. They especially came to love the Glacier National Park area, where they made a home in 2011. It was hard for Suzie to leave Kalispell, Montana, but she has returned to live in Edmond, after Jerry's death in 2013.

We anticipate seeing Suzie's beautiful grin often, and welcome her back to Edmond.

Don & Edna Klierer

Don and Edna Klierer met in high school; both were attending Oklahoma Bible Academy in Meno, a town north of Enid, Oklahoma. They dated for two years and, upon graduation, went separate ways. Don worked on the farm for four years, eventually opting to join the U.S. Navy. Edna moved to Omaha, Nebraska to attend Grace College, where she was in a work-study program. Her work as a nursing assistant awakened her desire to be a nurse; she eventually earned her B.S. in nursing and went on to work in a hospital in Beatrice, Nebraska. When Don got out of the Navy, he looked her up and they were married a year later in July 1958.



Edna worked for Baptist Hospital (which later became Integris) in Oklahoma City for 38 years as an oncology nurse. Don worked as a meat cutter at Safeway in OKC for three years, and then became a U.S.D.A. Meat Inspector for 24 years.

They had two children; Mike was born in 1959, went to OSU and earned a PhD, leading to a career as a research scientist. Sadly, he died three years ago of brain cancer. Greg, their other son, also attended OSU, earning degrees in Civil and Mechanical Engineering. He is married to the Don Findleys' daughter, Stacia. They have three children: Kristen, Kaitlin, and Caleb. Ask either the Findleys or the Klierers, they'd love to tell you all about their grandchildren!

Quips and Quotes

Why is it that our memory is good enough to retain the least triviality that happens to us and yet not good enough to recollect how often we have told it to the same person?

– Francois de La Rochefoucauld, French author of maxims and memoirs

Bill and Clara Adel

Bill was born in South Dakota, Clara in Wisconsin. Bill's family moved to Wisconsin, due, in part, to the 1940 dust storms in South Dakota.

We met at Lutheran High School in Racine, Wisconsin and became high school sweethearts. We married in 1958. Bill began a career in manufacturing and stayed in the industry for 43 years until his retirement. Clara enjoyed being a stay at home mom.



In 1975, Bill accepted a job as a manager of Autoquip in Guthrie, and that was our move to Oklahoma.

We are blessed with three children and ten grandchildren, three of whom are married and have children of their own.

Our family has come full circle, in a way, as Bill's grandfather, J.C. Adel, was a circuit preacher in Oklahoma in the late 1920s.

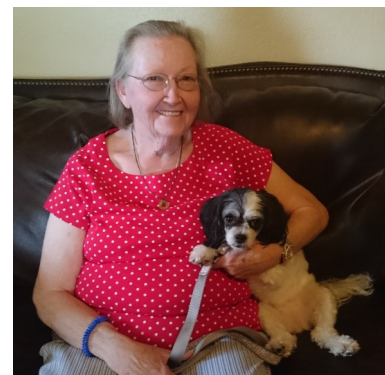
By: Clara Adel

Kathy Merkel

Kathy Merkel is one of our newest residents, living at 220 Hadwiger Lane. An only child, Kathy was raised in Oklahoma City. She attended OU for two years, then married her husband, Bill, whom she met while at OU. Bill and Kathy had four children; two of them live in the Oklahoma City area, one in Phoenix, and one in Las Vegas. "I wanted to get married and have kids," Kathy reported.

Kathy and Bill moved often during his career as a petroleum engineer, but they were pleased to return to Edmond about twenty years ago. They were married for 57 years, until Bill died last October.

Working in her beautiful garden and quilting kept Kathy busy. She learned to sew as a young child and went on to make most of her children's clothing. She is enjoying life at Bradford Village with



Chaplain's Corner

"Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about it." Philippians 4:8 (TLB)

Our greatest achievement are those that benefit others. ~ Jim Davidson

Jack and Cecilia Parkey

Cecilia Parkey describes herself as a "real Okie from Muskogee," having lived there until spending a year at the University of Arkansas, where she earned a degree from OU in mathematics and education. She taught several years at various places in the Midwest. Traci, her daughter, was born in Columbia, Missouri, while her son, Jeff, was born in Evansville, Indiana. After a couple of more moves, they settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, where her children grew up.

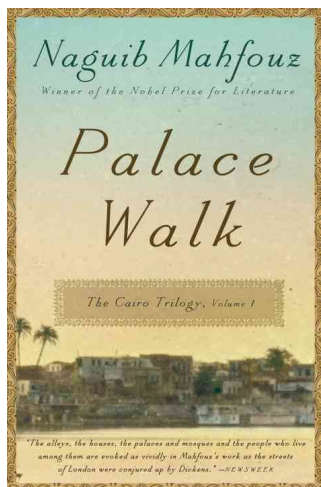


Memphis, Tennessee was her next home, where she managed a jewelry store before embarking on a 14 year long real estate career. Memphis was also where she met Jack Parkey, at their church. They were married in 1999, living in Memphis until coming to OKC to live close to her mother in 2007. Jack was born and educated in Bluefield, West Virginia. He worked in a greenhouse managed by his father until teaching high school history for 3 years. In 1965, he became a Special Agent for Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), traveling across America; he also spent 6 months on an aircraft carrier. He retired from NCIS in 1997. He has a daughter living in Memphis who has his 3 grandchildren; he visits them often.

June Book Club: Palace Walk by Naguib Mahfouz

Palace Walk is the first novel in Nobel Prize-winner Naguib Mahfouz's magnificent Cairo Trilogy, an epic family saga of colonial Egypt that is considered his masterwork.

The novels of the Cairo Trilogy trace three generations of the family of tyrannical patriarch al-Sayyid Ahmad Abd al-Jawad, who rules his household with a strict hand while living a secret life of self-indulgence. *Palace Walk* introduces us to his gentle, oppressed wife, Amina, his cloistered daughters, Aisha and Khadija, and his three sons—the tragic and idealistic Fahmy, the dissolute hedonist Yasin, and the soul-searching intellectual Kamal. The family's trials mirror those of their turbulent country during the years spanning the two world wars, as change comes to a society that has resisted it for centuries.



The Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the library. Please join us!

Cover: Volume I of the masterful Cairo Trilogy. A national best-seller in both hardcover and paperback, it introduces the engrossing saga of a Muslim family in

Walmart

Bradford Village provides transportation to and from Walmart every Thursday. A driver will pick you up and drop you off at your home. Each trip lasts about 90 minutes, including travel time to and from the store. If you'd like to take advantage of this convenient service, please contact Caitlin at 341.0810 ext. 2284.



Around The Village

Landscaping

The landscapers have been busy in our neighborhood. They have planted 10 trees and are awaiting shipping for 14 more. They cleaned the winter "mess" from several areas, including the newly updated gazebo on Spence Ct. Enjoy the results of their efforts!



L: Workers touch up the gazebo.

R: Landscapers plant a new tree at the Assisted Living building.



Need maintenance? Use a work order!

- ◇ They work on a priority system
- ◇ Staffing and yearly funding are based on records of work orders
- ◇ Oral reporting may be forgotten or misunderstood
- ◇ It's fairer to your neighbors when work orders can be answered in the order they were submitted

Work orders can be found in the library on the checkout table.

A Memorial Day Tribute

As we pause on Memorial Day to remember and honor those who served our country in time of war or peace to protect our God-given freedoms, let us also remember those who stayed at home and prayed for them.

On Memorial Day, I always remember "Miss Ida," a lady in our neighborhood whose son never returned from WWII. "Miss Ida" was never the same and her sacrifice is worth remembering.

We all know parents who have lost sons or daughters in conflicts, large and small. Their sons and daughters gave their lives for our freedom; let us never forget those lost lives and the families they left behind.

Freedom in never free!

by: Jim Davidson

Save the Date: 4th of July Block Party

Bradford Village will hold its 2nd annual community 4th of July Block Party. Look for information about the event—including entry tickets and sign-up sheets—in early June.



Take a Look!

Check out all the fun we had in May! We visited the Oklahoma Railway Museum, Celebrated *My Fair Lady*, enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Major Phredd Evans for Armed Forces Day, and kicked off the Memorial Day Weekend with a potluck. Thanks for the great memories, everyone!

