

The RESIDENCE FOR SENIOR WOMEN  
**VICTORIAN**  
*at Riverside*

*CELEBRATING 134 YEARS*

**SUMMER  
2020  
NEWSLETTER**



Dear VAR Families and Friends,

As I write this, I am filled with optimism. I know that society is going through some very challenging times right now. However, I look at The Victorian at Riverside and I see nothing but a resilient spirit and an ability to rise to every obstacle we face. Our Ladies are in good spirits. We figured out a way to have family members safely visit and everyone has been so glad to see the loved ones they have missed. We have also been able to have the Ladies come back to the dining room while maintaining social distancing. I am most proud of the fact that we have hit the benchmark in construction of our new wing where we are now under roof, windows have begun to be installed and one does not have to use their imagination to see how amazing our expansion is going to be

The interior of our Victorian building has undergone some sprucing up recently. We have new carpet in the parlor, main hallway and in offices. Our kitchen staff, under the direction of Chef Todd Riek, has continued to serve wonderful meals throughout the pandemic during quarantine, split shifts of meals in the dining room and now happily on a regular meal schedule. We are also back to "Socially Distanced Bingo" twice a week which is a favorite for everyone! Our wonderful hairdresser, Amanda Poe, is back as well, creating lovely hairstyles. Sam, our house cat and official Ambassador, missed the Ladies *and they missed him!* He is so excited to have his friends back on the main floor, again

I sincerely hope that all of our friends and supporters will come pay us a visit when we are able to be hosts in the near future. We are so looking forward to sharing the amazing progress on our new wing with everyone.

Sincerely,

Carrie Van Derzee, CEO

The Victorian at Riverside/

Covington Ladies Home

**EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A MARK  
ON VAR HISTORY BY PURCHASING AN  
ENGRAVED PAVER BRICK THAT WILL BE PLACED  
IN OUR NEW COURTYARD, WITH YOUR NAME,  
THAT OF A LOVED ONE OR THAT OF YOUR  
ORGANIZATION- DETAILS ON LAST PAGE!**

## **STAFF NEWS:**

**HAPPY RETIREMENT TO LONG-TIME EMPLOYEES:  
(COOK) REBECCA KENNEDY AND (NURSE) GEORGE CHITWOOD!**



**THE STAFF ARE HARD AT WORK FOR OUR LADIES!!!**



**NURSING STAFF**



**DINING STAFF**

## LUAU NIGHT AT VAR







**MORE WEEKLY FUN—DANCING AND EATING!!!**





**A SOCIAL-DISTANCE FRIENDLY DRIVING  
TOUR OF CINCINNATI FROM OUR FRIENDS  
AT EXECUTIVE TRANSPORTATION!!!**



**VAR  
ON  
THE  
ROAD**



SOME TASTY TREATS FROM CHEF  
TODD THAT YOU MIGHT LIKE!



### BLUEBERRY CRUMBLE

4 pounds of blueberry pie filling

3 teaspoons lemon juice

3 boxes white cake mix

1 ½ melted margarine

Use large cake pan.

Spread blueberry filling in bottom of pan.

Sprinkle lemon juice over blueberry filling.

In mixer, place white cake mix and melted butter, mixing until crumbly.

Sprinkle cake mix over blueberry filling.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes.



## DELICIOUS CAKE

Temp.: 350°

Time: 45 – 50 minutes

- 1 Devil's food cake mix with pudding (18.25 Ounce)
  - 3 Eggs
  - 1 Tablespoon almond extract
  - 1 Can of cherry pie filling (21 ounce)
  - 1 ½ Cups semisweet chocolate chips
  - 1 Tablespoon butter
  - 2 Tablespoons milk
  - ½ Cup powdered sugar
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- 1 Preheat oven to 350°
  - 2 Mix together: cake mix, beaten eggs, almond extract. Cherry Pie filling and 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips. Stir until just combined. Pour batter into a greased 9 X 13 pan.
  - 3 Bake for 45 to 50 minutes or until a tooth pick inserted in the center comes out clean. Remove cake from oven to cool.
  - 4 To Make Glaze: Heat ½ cup semisweet chocolate chips, butter or margarine, and milk in a saucepan over medium heat. Once chocolate chips are melted and mixture is combined stir in powdered sugar.
  - 5 Spread glaze over cooled cake. Add whipped cream and a cherry.





**Chef Todd and his  
delicious food!!!!**



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# VAR IS ON



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=grm8LFxBm84&t=22s>

## OTHER VAR MEDIA

### FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/CovingtonLadiesHome>

### WEB SITE

<https://victorianatriverside.org/>



*Providing Opportunities in  
Education, Community & the Arts*

The Victorian at Riverside extends a warm thank you to the Elsa Sule Foundation for their generous grant of \$20,000 to purchase new dining room furniture for our expanded addition dining room that will be ready in April 2021! This grant was part of our "Building Our Future Program."

**AN EARLY SUMMER, SOCIAL-DISTANCE FRIENDLY,  
CONCERT FROM THE OUTSTANDING BAND, BROTHER  
SMITH, GOT THE SEASON OFF TO A HAPPY START!**



THE BAND PLAYED BLUE GRASS AND OLD POPULAR FAVORITES FROM OUR PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION ZONE, WHILE THE LADIES CAME OUT, ONE-BY-ONE, AND ENJOYED A PRIVATE CONCERT FROM OUR BALCONY!!! LIKE HAVING A BOX AT THE OPERA!!!





# **VAR MAKING HISTORY**

**AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup> MARKED THE 100<sup>TH</sup> YEAR SINCE PASSAGE OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION GIVING WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE—AND OUR FOUNDER, ELLEN BATTELLE DIETRICK, PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART!!!!!!!!!!**



**Ellen was the Founding Vice President of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, which became the Kentucky League of Women Voters. She also was one of the Chairs of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. Ellen's commitment to serving the dignity of women is found in her legacy of The Victorian at Riverside, where every woman counts! Our Board Member and Immediate Past President, Becky Smith Jones, is leading a new Northern Kentucky Chapter of the League of Women Voters, Ellen would be proud!!!**

## **CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR UPDATES**

OUR NEW WING IS QUICKLY ON ITS WAY!!! OVER THE SUMMER, THE ROOFING AND EXTERIOR WORK GAVE US A PRE-VIEW OF WHAT THE FINISHED SHAPE WILL LOOK LIKE AT OUR GRAND OPENING, NEXT APRIL



TO ENHANCE THE HISTORIC PORTION OF OUR CAMPUS, WE HAVE UPDATED THE CARPETING IN THE OFFICES, MAIN HALL AND OUR PARLOR





## Memorial Donations to VAK, So Far, in 2020

Donations made in memory of:

THOMAS ALVIN KONOP-

FROM- DR. VICTORIA BERLING, LAURIE HAGAR, BECKY JONES, KRIS AND BRUCE MIRRIELEES, CHERYL JOHNSON AND GERALD RAPIEN

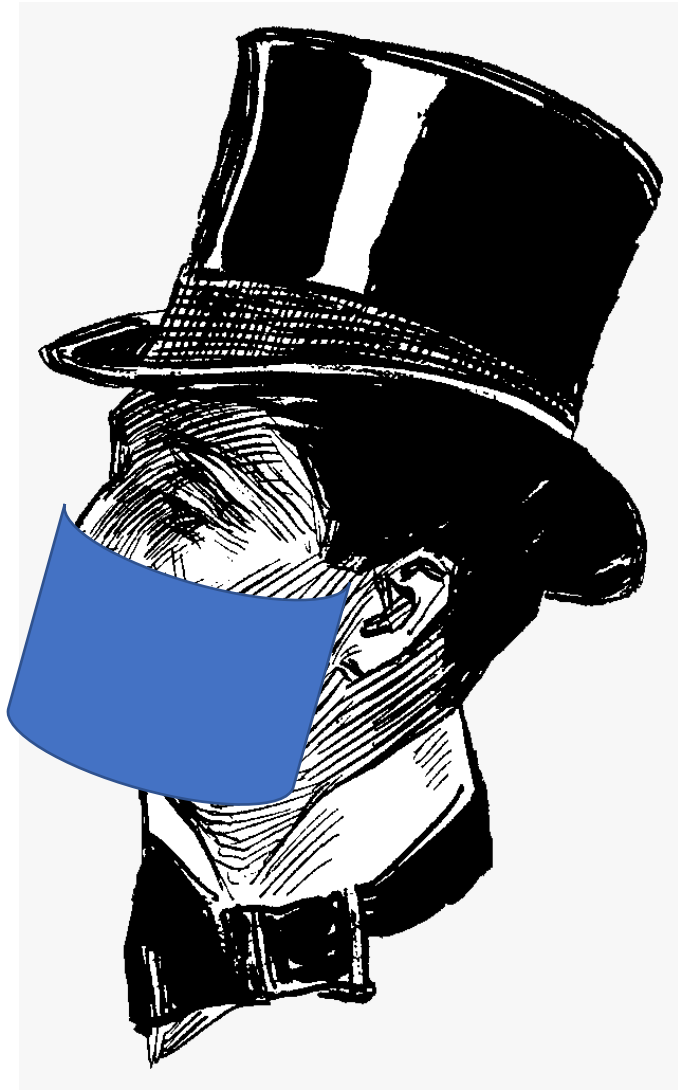
DIXIE HESTER -

FROM- C. BROUILLETTE AND MELANIE HESTER





# OUR GALA RESCHEDULED



NEW DATE:  
APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>,  
2021

MARK THE DATE



**DUE TO HEALTH RESTRICTIONS IN RECENT MONTHS ON LARGE GATHERINGS, WE HAVE DECIDED TO RESCHEDULE OUR IMPORTANT ANNUAL FUNDRAISER UNTIL SPRING!**

***MORE INFORMATION WILL BE IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS, MAILINGS AND OUR WEB!***

***BE A PART OF VAR HISTORY—  
ENGRAVED PAVER FUNDRAISER!***



The Victorian at Riverside is offering its extended family, friends and community supporters an opportunity to make a permanent, personalized mark on the history of our campus and to help us financially, at the same time.

For \$250. each, special brick pavers, engraved by the highly respected firm of Lewin Monument, will be available for carrying your name, that of a loved one, an “in memory of,” or the name of your business. These will be placed in a special border within our new addition’s courtyard and visible for generations to come!

Each purchaser of an engraved brick paver will also receive a special certificate, commemorating their paver and noting what name appears on it, as a nice keepsake. Each paver has engravable space for 3 lines of text with up to 14 characters per line. Engraving will take place on-site at VAR and will be finished in the upcoming months as weather and the finishing of construction allow. We currently have only space for 100 of these commemorative pavers and they will go fast, so call us at 859-431-6913 and ask to be added to the order list, now!!!