



The Village Voice

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Westminster Village Resident Spotlight



"I have lived at Westminster Village for nine years. While taking care of my husband, Charlie, at home, we knew that we needed to make a change. We weren't sure that we could afford to live at Westminster, we always heard it was expensive, but as we looked into the cost, our financial adviser said that, yes, we could afford it. I love my apartment. It's on the first floor and overlooks the pond. I have a flower box and bird feeder out of my living room window. It is a joy to look at them and then at the lovely grounds. I find my view is so beautiful. After Charlie passed away, I considered downsizing to a smaller apartment but I am able to use the second bedroom as an office and I have my organ in there too. A two bedroom apartment suits me perfectly. I enjoy visiting with the residents. I always have a smile on my face, even behind my mask, and speak to everyone. I hope that maybe I am helping to give them a better day than they had before. Living at Westminster, I can stay as busy as I want. I love to play Hand & Foot card game, I am on the Library Committee and the Food Committee. I look forward to when we can have the music programs again and I always enjoyed Danny Russel as he performed his Abraham Lincoln and Daniel Boone characters. The Westminster staff is terrific and they help us out on anything that we need. I am very fortunate to have family living close by and I love living at Westminster!" – **Mary Faust** was born in Ft. Wayne and graduated from Ft. Wayne Southside High School. She attended Ball State and received her B.S. in Elementary Education. She also received a Library degree from IU and a Specialist in Education degree from Ball State. Mary worked at the Ball State Bracken Library until retiring in 1999. When she was a student at Ball State she met Charlie Faust while on a blind date. They dated for several years before he left for Korea with the Army. Once Charlie returned, they dated two more years before they married and they were married over 60 years. They have three children, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Senior Moment Been There...Done That

Hans Hotter, the bass baritone who, in 1937 began playing his most famous

role, Wotan, the German god, in Wagner's opera *Die Valkure*, was getting ready to make his grand



entrance in Act III one evening. He absentmindedly grabbed his cloak from his dressing room, flung it around his shoulders, and strode onto the stage,

whereupon the audience began to snicker.

Sticking out of the back of the cloak was the coat hanger that it had been hanging on. Even worse, the hanger was a padded pink one!



Charles Dickens and “A Christmas Carol”

Charles Dickens was born on February 7, 1812, in Portsmouth, England, the second of 8 children. Dickens’ literary



success began with the 1836 serial publication of *The Pickwick Papers*. *A Christmas Carol*, was published in 1843, not long after the

widespread use of Christmas trees (1841) and the first Christmas card (1843). The original title of the book was: *A Christmas Carol in Prose: Being a Ghost Story of Christmas*. While best known for *A Christmas Carol*,

Charles Dickens penned four other books about Christmas: *The Chimes*, *The Cricket on the Hearth*, *The Battle of Life*, and *The Haunted Man and the Ghost’s Bargain*. These five Christmas books were published



between 1843-1848. Charles Dickens passed away June 9, 1870. He wished to be buried, without fanfare, in a small cemetery in Rochester, but the British nation would not allow it. He was laid to rest in Poet’s Corner, Westminster Abbey. *A Christmas Carol* remains popular today and continues to inspire adaptations in every artistic genre.



Be Safe & Warm This Winter!

If staying alone in your home during the long, cold winter doesn’t sound like something you want to do this

year, Westminster has an idea for you! Come and spend the winter in a comfortable, furnished



apartment. You can participate in any of the activities, exercise in the Wellness Center, join our residents in the dining room for your meals, get your hair done in the Beauty Salon, and join in all the reindeer games!

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