



the Fountains

of Westminster Place

Never let go of your zest for life • Autumn 2011 • Presbyterian Homes

Our strong tradition

"We want to make sure that the residents of Presbyterian Homes can have it all," says John Burns, our organization's chief operating officer. "To me, that means creating communities where they feel comfortable, safe and cared about, while they enjoy exceptional value in the areas of hospitality, housing and healthcare security." Mr. Burns was named to his post in July. Previously he served as vice president and executive director of Westminster Place.

Keith Stohlgren, who was named vice president and executive director of Westminster Place in July, adds, "We encourage people to check out our track record. We have a 108-year tradition that has withstood depression, World Wars, inflation and recession. **This means we weather short-term challenges in the economy, and we continue to be here, strong and stable,** for our residents. That's why retirement at Westminster Place is about living, not working or worrying."

Find out about our special moving assistance programs, home sales contingency plan and low interim-financing rates by phoning LaVerne at 847-492-4802.

Find tours of our campus, virtual floor plans, resident testimonials and more online at www.RetireNothing.org

Resident's memorable action featured in bestseller, *Unbroken*

Byrone Kinney is a prime example of someone living the Westminster Place motto – *Never give up your zest for life.* And like so many of our residents, his life story is a fascinating one.

A B-29 pilot in WWII, Byron and his bomber crew had a different kind of mission on September 2, 1945 when they flew low over a Japanese prisoner of war camp to drop 4,000 lbs. of rations for 700 starving, tortured Americans and Australians.

That heroic mission is described in *The New York Times* number one bestseller *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand, who also wrote *Seabiscuit*. The book is a testament to the resilience of the human mind, body, and spirit as it recounts the story of 1936 Olympic runner Louis Zamperini, his survival of brutal treatment in POW camps and how he eventually found peace. The book quotes Byron on his fly-over: "We could almost hear their cheers as we passed over ... It touched my heart. I felt perhaps we were the hand of Providence reaching out to those men."



*Byron Kinney with Louis Zamperini, whose story – including the day Byron dropped food for Louis and his fellow prisoners at a Japanese POW camp – is told in the current bestseller **Unbroken.***

"Our campus is filled with people whose fascinating life stories spring from their zest for life," notes LaVerne Zimmerman, director of marketing at Westminster Place. "The Presbyterian Homes' strong, stable history of a century of service just naturally draws optimists and achievers like Mr. Kinney. It's no wonder we have such a vibrant, spirited, upbeat community."

Thanks to Bill Pool for references from his story "Byron Kinney's Mission of Mercy" to be published in a future issue of the Westminster Place "Chimes," the award-winning magazine produced by residents.

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Free admission!

**Come to the
Old-Fashioned
Halloween
Festival**

**Saturday, Oct. 29
1 to 4 pm
at One Calvin Circle**

Parking shuttle provided.

Costumes encouraged. It's FREE!

Bring the kids and grandkids!

Join us for some old-fashioned fun!

Bring the kids, ages 2 to 10, to join residents and neighbors at the Westminster Place Old-Fashioned Halloween Festival!

These free festivities are from 1:00 to 4:00 pm on Saturday, October 29:

- Safe trick-or-treating indoors – *costumes encouraged!*
- Hayrides
- Pumpkin decorating
- Carnival games
- Temporary tattoos
- Petting zoo (outside!) starring a llama
- Seasonal refreshments

Bring the kids, grandkids and great-grandkids! **Children ages 2 to 10 must be accompanied by an adult.** For more information, phone Carol at 847-866-1615. We'll see you then! *Boo!*

A hands-on workshop: Is this the right decision for me?

**“Is This the Right Decision for Me?” with Randalynn Kaye
on Thursday, November 10 at noon.**

Join us to hear nationally recognized speaker Randalynn Kaye, author of *Your Formula for Success: A Practical Guide for Making Your Senior Housing Decisions*. You'll hear practical information that's well worth your time and receive a copy of *Your Formula for Success*.

You'll leave this session with a wealth of information, including checklists and detailed, how-to guidance to help you determine what's most important to you as you make your senior housing decisions.

Our program will begin after lunch. Please phone Kay at 800-896-9095 to RSVP.



Here on the Westminster Place campus, our friendly staff members are on hand to take care of everything – including, of course, clearing snow and ice. Our moving assistance program can get you on the campus before the snow flies!