

the Fountains of Westminster Place



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Westminster Place Q & A

I really want to move on with retirement, but the thought of selling my house just has me stymied. Any ideas?

Oh, yes! We now provide a professional service that helps with all the details of a home sale, at no cost to you. Our executive relocation company handles every step of the process – they'll assess your needs and provide you with two market analyses, and work with you to study local market conditions and trends. They will make sure the best agent is working for you, and then advise you through the closing process. Our goal is to provide you with the peace of mind that comes from knowing you have someone on your side looking out for your best interests. To find out more, call LaVerne at 847-492-4802.

If you missed our Gift of a Plan event featuring Randalynn Kaye, author of "Your Formula for Success: A Practical Guide for Making Your Senior Housing Decisions," come hear her speak at our Open House on Saturday, March 26 at 1:30 p.m. RSVP to Kay at 847-492-2976.

A long-term plan works out...fast!

When Wilmette residents Lois and Roland Abrahamson joined the Westminster Place Future Residents' List, they didn't plan to move for at least two years.

"But as things turned out, our long-range plans became short-term when the apartment of our dreams came available after two months," says Roland. "So we put our home and our business on the market, and moved ahead with our plans."

After 46 years in their Wilmette home, Lois and Roland knew they had a lot to do to prepare to sell. "That's when LaVerne stepped in with moving assistance pros," Lois adds. They gave us suggestions on what would fit in our new home, and they guided that process for us. Then they packed and unpacked us. By 6 p.m. on the day we moved in, even every dish was put away."

The Abrahamsons found that they fit right in at Westminster Place. "We knew we'd be happy here," Lois explains. "The day we finalized our plans, we saw a resident with a



Lois and Roland Abrahamson with morning coffee in the Westminster Place living room: "Moving here has meant a new lease on life for us. Now we feel revitalized and secure," says Lois.

motorcycle helmet under his arm. We took that as a sign that this was a group that had a lot of life!"

"We looked at 11 retirement communities and frankly, we liked Westminster Place best," Roland says. "It was the most comfortable, with all the amenities already well-established and in place. And LaVerne and her staff were such a help – what a gift!"

Even when people are just beginning to plan, we're happy to work with them," says LaVerne Zimmerman, director of marketing. "We have a whole list of things to offer. Just call us at 847-492-4802 to get started."

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

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Clark Weber and Ronnie Rice to appear!

Don't be square! "If rock and roll of the 60's was part of your growing up, have we got a party for you," says Westminster Place resident Clark Weber. On Friday evening, May 13, he and Ronnie Rice

of Chicago's New Colony Six will appear "live and in person" at

Westminster Place. Clark says, "Ronnie rocks to songs like *Johnny Be Good* and *I Confess*, and his Elvis impression will have you on your feet!

Be there or be square!"

RSVP to Kay at 847-492-2976.



New CEO now on board at Presbyterian Homes

Todd F. Swortzel has been named President and CEO of Presbyterian Homes, owner of Westminster Place. He joined us in January after the death of longtime CEO Peter Mulvey. Previously, Mr. Swortzel was President and CEO of Baptist Homes Society, Inc. in Pittsburgh,

Pennsylvania. "My goal, like the rest of the Presbyterian Homes team members, is to help residents retain their freedom and control over their affairs, while helping them prepare for the unexpected," he says. "It is very important to me that those who join one of our communities will be in a stronger position to continue the lifestyle and interests that keep them engaged with the world and the activities they enjoy."

"The entire team is ready to offer creative solutions to serve you now and for the significant number of years that lie ahead," he continues. "You'll find Westminster Place adds a substantial measure of certainty to your plan for the future."

Enjoying retirement her way at The Highlands of Evanston

There are as many kinds of retirement at Westminster Place as there are residents. For instance, Highlands of Evanston resident B.J. Wagner, PhD, focuses on making a difference through her first love, education. Her involvements include working with two organizations in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood: the New Foundation of Hope after-school tutoring program and the Youth Empowerment Solutions program for dropouts. She raises funds to support a student from Iraq to study at DePaul University through the Iraqi Student Project (iraquidepaul.org), and to support Seraj (serajlibrary.org), which works with Palestinian groups to build libraries where children drop in to read after-school. Dr. Wagner is just as busy as she wants to be. And when she needs it, she has The Highlands' professionals available. "The staff is here to support me," she says. "And that makes such a difference."

