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News and Events from

Waterman Village
Retirement Community
– Mount Dora, FL –



From Hollywood to Waterman Village

Walk into most people's homes and we typically spot photos of friends and family perched atop bookshelves and tables. When guests walk into the home of Catherine and Steven (above right), they often do a double-take.

If the photos resemble Barbara Stanwyck, Heather Locklear, Joan Collins, Michael Caine, Marlon Brando, Charlton Heston and hosts of other stars, it's because they really are!

Catherine and Steven's floor-to-ceiling photo gallery displays 60 pictures of film and television artists. Many worked with Catherine, some with Steven, over their decades-long careers in the entertainment business.

How husband and wife came together is a movie in itself.

Catherine, an Assistant Director (AD) and Production Manager, was one of the first women in the film industry to be accepted into the Directors Guild of America. While at Barnard College she tried her hand at film acting. "I was too shy and quickly found I was more comfortable behind the camera," Catherine recalls. Moving to Los Angeles she began her career as a production assistant and worked her way up.

Steven, a Vietnam veteran, had a more unconventional entry into the business: trained as a fireman and paramedic, he then joined a carnival touring the West. As fate would have it, director Joseph Sargent was shooting

"Freedom" and cast Steven for a bit part as a carnie ride operator, playing himself.

"Show the AD how you do this stuff," Joseph told Steven.

The AD happened to be Catherine. Carnie man met the Barnard girl, and it was love at first sight.

By the time the film wrapped Steven had proposed marriage. Catherine had already booked a Club Med vacation in Mexico and asked him to come along. He again proposed, and this time Catherine accepted. Before you could say 'mariachi band,' the whole village found out and staged a surprise reception.

"The Ballet Folklorico appeared on horseback, and there were dancers and revelers everywhere," Steven says. "It felt like we were on a film set!" Catherine adds.

Their wedding was just the beginning of decades of outrageous adventures as they traveled on location all over the world. Steven became a set builder master carpenter as he and Catherine worked on TV series such as "Dynasty," "Melrose Place," and "Vega\$," plus films such as "Streets of Laredo," "Bound For Glory," "The Italian Job" and "Mandela and de Klerk."

Catherine now spends her days mentoring a UCF film student, while Steven helps inspect homes for the arrival of new Waterman Village residents.

"We've never felt more welcome and treated like family anywhere we've lived," Catherine says of Waterman. "After so many years of travel," Steven adds, "it's nice to call this home."



Waterman Village staff rose to the occasion, helping with post-storm clean up....



... and delivering meals to the Residential Living homes during the power outage after Irma.

After a Visit from Irma!

Following Hurricane Harvey, the residents and staff of Waterman Village collected just over \$12,500 for relief efforts. Waterman Village matched this amount for a total of OVER \$25,000 that was sent to the Salvation Army!

Then, just a few days later, we found ourselves in the path of Hurricane Irma. Afterward, we later received this very nice email from the family of residents:

My parents, Gil and Kathleen, felt confident in remaining at Waterman Village during Hurricane Irma, based on the sincere concern they continually receive from your staff. They appreciated the ongoing communication regarding facility and resident plans, available services and schedules during the hurricane. Although four, very concerned adult children watched from the north, we knew they were in good hands. I am sure that members of your staff had concerns for the safety and well-being of their own families and property, and I have deep admiration for those who remained on the job during this stressful time. Thank you again for all you do to enrich my parent's lives with genuine care and concern. May God bless all of you!

- Joan

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September: Food, Fun and Fellowship!

- The Lunch Bunch visited Tibby's in Altamonte Springs where they enjoyed the flavors of Louisiana and visual experience of both Bourbon Street and the Bayou!
- Dinner Bunch went to the Blackwater Inn in Astor.
- We had a Labor Day BBQ for residents
- The Bistro prepared a special 5-course meal, complete with wine pairings
- Residents enjoyed a viola and piano recital by David Pedraza
- A group went to the Ice House Theatre in Mount Dora to enjoy "The Odd Couple"
- Residents took a day trip to the Grand Oaks Carriage Museum in Weirsdale with lunch at Eaton's Beach Sandbar & Grill
- Residents rocked around the clock at the Fabulous '50s Happy Hour Party, with music provided by Barry Davidson
- Friday night at the Flicks – Waterman's very own drive-in theater (below) in the Lodge parking lot – featured "Going in Style."



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