

THE COVES CELEBRATES 20 YEARS IN MANDARIN!

Jacksonville, FL, December 03, 2014 – The Coves at River Garden, an Independent Living Retirement Community, celebrated its 20th anniversary Wednesday with a festive party. The beautiful dining room was filled with Coves members, along with friends and guests as they enjoyed a delicious array of hors d'oeuvres and were entertained by The Steve Chapman Duo.

The Coves, part of River Garden Senior Services, was added to River Garden's Mandarin campus 20 years ago as it became evident that there was a need in the Jacksonville area for a retirement community where active, vital seniors could live an elegant yet affordable lifestyle.

The Coves was designed to provide active seniors with a vibrant, independent retirement community that would enable them to live life to the fullest without the burden of a buy-in, entrance or community fee. The model has been successful for the past 20 years and continues to this day.

“The Coves was to be a place where members live and interact with each other”, said Dorothy Verstandig, Director Emeritus of The Coves, speaking at the 20th Anniversary event. “It was to become a community where learning takes place, where people are active and engaged, where they have fun.” And so it has. Classes, offered by members and visitors alike, include calligraphy, knitting, basket-weaving, and more. Coves members enjoy music, current events, outings to restaurants, theatre and shopping excursions, Yoga, balance training and many other engaging and stimulating activities.

About The Coves at River Garden

The Coves is an independent living retirement community consisting of 80 garden apartment homes ranging in size from 816 to 1261 square feet. Each spacious apartment has two entrances: one exterior onto a private patio and one leading to an interior air-conditioned corridor.

The community, located at 11501 Old St. Augustine Road in the Mandarin area of Jacksonville, FL, offers comfort, security, fine services and maintenance-free clubhouse living. Located minutes from luxury shopping, historic St. Augustine and beautiful downtown Jacksonville, and with a variety of activities and services, fine dining and friendly staff, The Coves at River Garden provides elegant, yet affordable retirement living for active seniors. With the availability of superior amenities and services, Coves members have access to an enjoyable lifestyle at an affordable price.

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From left: Shirley Bielski, Coves board member; Lois Schlesinger, Coves board president; Sheldon Gendzier, Coves board member; Malcolm Bloom, Coves board member; Jack Price (seated), Coves board past president; Jim Richman, C.O.O., River Garden; Lew Meisel, Coves board past president; Helene Coleman (cutting the cake), Coves board past president; Elliott Palevsky, CEO Emeritus, River Garden; Dot Verstandig, Director Emeritus, The Coves; Margaret Davis, Administrator, The Coves; Marty Goetz, CEO, River Garden

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