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**Thank You Women of Tacoma!**  
Cover Story



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# Frankely, We've Got It!

News, events and opportunities at our community

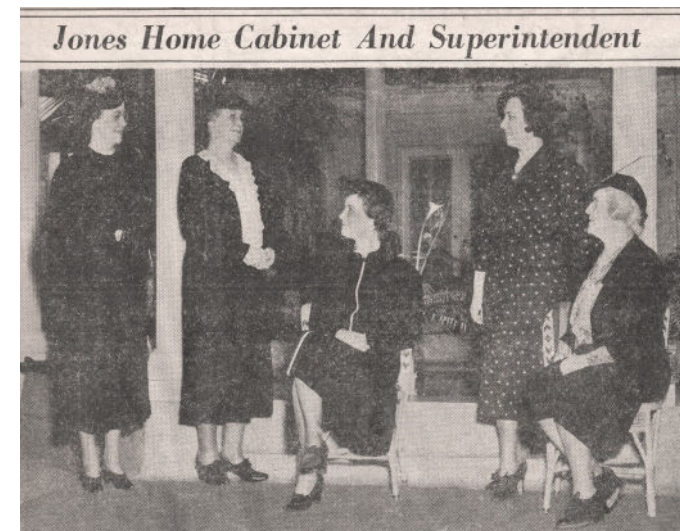
May/June 2024

**100<sup>TH</sup>**  
*Anniversary*  
**2024**

## Thank You Women of Tacoma!!

In the early 1900's in Tacoma there had been talk of the need for a home where men and women in the "sunset slope" might find comfort, company and freedom from anxiety. Leadership to fulfill this need came from Mrs. John Q. Mason, president of P.E.O. Chapter C. Focusing on Philanthropy and Education, this was the first Chapter (group) of an International Organization formed in Tacoma. Fifteen women who had faith and vision were appointed to go forth and lead the way.

Steps were taken in 1922 to incorporate the Old People's Home. An inaugural board which included the Mayor, C.M. Riddell and Mr. H. E. Williams, chairman of the county commissioners, plus 15



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February 5, 1937  
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women leaders from Chapter C of the P.E.O. which was chaired by Mrs. John Q. Mason. They leased a home on D Steet for three years which became "Restholme," and were joined by the late Mrs. J. P. Weyerhaeuser and Mrs. Charles H. Jones. Some \$1,000 checks came in, as did contributions of furnishings and the first 14 residents before Christmas 1922. An endowment fund was formed by Mrs. Jones and others that was used for expenses.

More financial aid was needed, and all over town women's Restholme Circles were founded, prototypes of Orthopedic Guilds, Ladies' Auxiliaries, Junior League and Church Circles. This was an idea attributed to Mrs. W. H. Miller (P.E.O.) to

form Circles of 20 person each, all working towards one objective: raising \$5,000 each year for the Restholme through big annual bazaars and many other fundraising efforts. From 12 Circles in 1922, the Circles grew to 29 and thousands of dollars would be raised for the Franke Tobey Jones Home in the years ahead.

A Cabinet of Circle presidents gathered monthly, meeting in the Tacoma Hotel, YWCA, Broadmoor or University Union Club. Reports were given of fundraising efforts from each Circle president followed by a lunch and usually bridge tables. Circles continued to raise money and meet monthly to hear updates on changes and the needs of the Franke Tobey Jones Home. They helped to

# FTJ Senior University

May/June 2024

### Shakespeare Operas

A series of lectures will be presented on the rich catalog of operas based on Shakespeare. Selections will include operas from a variety of languages and traditions, with familiar favorites and some lesser-known gems. *May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10:00 am, Bristol View 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.*



### How We "Dunnit": Writing and Publishing Murder Mysteries

Three published murder mystery authors will discuss their road to publication after retiring from non-writing careers. Class will include where the stories come from, the writing process and the ups and downs of publication. *May 10, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, Bristol View 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.*



### Challenges and Tips for Downsizing

Local professional Move Manager and Transition Specialist, Tina Baril, will

be discussing the challenges of downsizing your home and will share some tips and provide handouts for future planning. *May 21, 2:00 pm, MJ Wicks Wellness Center*

### Ballet Folklórico

An exploration of Mexican culture through movement, music, and costume. As opposed to being a dance focused workshop, it will be more of a cultural workshop. *Thursday, June 6, 13 and 20, 10:00 am, Bristol View 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

### I Do: Marriage Customs Through the Ages

The simple stealing of women to get a mate eventually evolved into the often-complex rituals of marriage. Walk down the wedding aisle and learn where many of our most-cherished customs originated. Bring a copy of your own wedding portrait to share on a communal viewing table if you wish. *June 6, 4:00 pm, MJ Wicks Wellness Center*



**For all classes you must register with Jana at [jwennstrom@franketobeyjones.com](mailto:jwennstrom@franketobeyjones.com) or 253-756-6219. Go to [www.FrankeTobeyJones.com](http://www.FrankeTobeyJones.com) for a full class schedule.**



# Featured Apartments

## Featured Apartment— Independent Living Garden Apartment #101



This one bedroom, one bathroom apartment with southern exposure has a wonderful patio, full kitchen and is on the main floor close to all the activities. Monthly rent is \$4,370 (buy in \$55K) and includes:

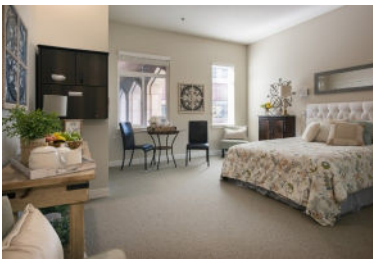
- ◆ Continental breakfast three days a week
- ◆ Happy Hour weekly

- ◆ Housekeeping twice monthly
- ◆ Activities and fitness classes, fitness machines and personal trainers
- ◆ FTJ Senior University
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ In-apartment stackable washer and dryer
- ◆ Fire, burglary, emergency services monitored on-site.
- ◆ Secured building
- ◆ Electricity (including A/C), gas, water, sewer, garbage, stand-ard cable television, property taxes and building insurance
- ◆ One free covered parking space per apartment



### Tobey Jones #265 Independent Living w/Services

This one bedroom, one bathroom apartment is on the main level close to dining and activities, and has a convenient kitchenette. The monthly rent of \$4,515 (no buy in) includes: three chef prepared meals daily, weekly housekeeping, transportation, weekly happy hours, activities, fitness, emergency call alert system, woodshop, craft room and salon.



### Memory Care

FTJ Memory Care has nearly all private suites with private bathrooms. We specialize in seniors with Alzheimer's Disease and dementia. Our unique approach to memory care, including Montessori—Inspired Programming, features a small group of residents who live together in a home-like setting with secured outside courtyards, many gathering spaces, 24 hour supervision and support.

**Your needs are always a priority to us. For more information, or to see availability and apartment videos go to [franketobeyjones.com/availability-and-videos/](http://franketobeyjones.com/availability-and-videos/) or call us at 253-752-6621.**



## Meet Dick and Kay Coulter

Kay was born in Portland, Oregon and attended the University of Oregon's nursing school. Dick grew up in New York where he attended college, joined the ROTC program and then joined the Air Force after graduating from college. He served as a supply officer in both Missouri and Libya. While in Missouri he met Kay's brother, but he hadn't met Kay yet! After the Air Force, Dick attended Cornell and earned a degree from the School of Hotel Management. While Kay was attending a summer program in Colorado, she met Dick because Kay's brother suggested he look up Kay as he traveled across country before returning to school in 1968. Kay said it was love at first sight. Dick isn't quite so sure about that, but since they have now been married 54 years, we can safely say... there were some sparks for sure!

Dick returned to New York in 1969, and Kay joined him there while he finished his degree at Cornell. A year later they were married and moved to Seattle so Kay could attend graduate school at the University of Washington. Upon finishing their degrees they lived in Bellevue where Kay pursued her career as a Psychiatric Nurse. Dick was managing the well-known Mannings Cafeteria but he knew he didn't want to do this the rest of his life, so he returned to earn a Masters Degree in Hospitality from Cornell's School of Hotel Management. While in Bellevue they also adopted their daughter, only a week old, and she is the love of their life!

After living in Bellevue for 13 years they moved to Tacoma where they settled on G Street for 34 years. Kay continued her psychiatric nursing career, and Dick held several positions in food management, dietary management, and for 15 years in administration at Seattle Community College.

Dick and Kay both love to read, and they spent many years with their daughter cycling, cross country skiing, kayaking and camping. Kay also loves to knit and garden, and she facilitates a support group for family members living with someone with dementia. Dick also finds a lot of satisfaction helping others and giving back.

For the past 10 years they have participated in the FTJ Wellness Program which they really enjoy and have met many nice people in the classes. "We love the FTJ Senior University program and Holistic Wellness," says Kay, "and also FTJ's spacious, walkable campus located next to Point Defiance Park. It sounds so cliché, but it really does feel like a family here. When we first moved in, several Duplex ladies even hosted a welcome tea. FTJ maintenance has been very supportive and responsive, and all the staff are just so nice and helpful."

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provide laundry facilities and a new refrigerator when needed. A Motor Squad committee was set up to provide needed rides. A granddaughters' group was formed that brought visits and activities to the residents. Teens from Stadium High school also interacted with residents. Decorating a Christmas tree and providing gifts became an annual project for the Circles.

Over about a 20-year time span, the Circles contributed to the operating expenses of the Home a total sum of approximately \$60,000 (nearly \$1.1 million in 2024 purchasing power). The residents, staff and Board members were always deeply grateful for the dedication of Tacoma's women to Franke Tobey Jones, and, indeed, their financial support was relied upon for years to help keep the Home financially sound. As the years rolled by and the Circle members grew older, and as other means of support became available, the number of Circles dwindled until in 1950 there were only five Circles left averaging 12 members. The work that was started by P.E.O. sisters on faith and love and carried forth by many women in Tacoma who were active in Circles is now reflected in the growth, beauty and care provided at Franke Tobey Jones.

Front cover photo caption: *Beloved among Tacoma organizations is the Franke Tobey Jones Home, made possible through the affectionate regard of the late Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Ada Gibson, the first and only superintendent of this place, which has always held the devoted support of a large group of Northwest-erners. Since its inception, the home has been a main object to a group of Tacoma women who have interested many others to form Circles to serve its welfare. These Circles center their work in a cabinet, which has just elected officers for the new term. The camera caught these leaders at the Home this week picturing them with Mrs. Gibson (extreme right). Mrs. A. W. Wormwood, vice president, was kept at home by illness and other officers absent were Mrs. C. J. Allgood, Mrs. A. E. Cromwell and Mrs. Harold Bird. Pictured (left to right) are Mrs. W. L. Brown, treasurer; Mrs. E. C. Cornell, chairman of t finance; Mrs. L. L. Thompson, organizer; Mrs. Clifford Spike, president, and Mrs. Gibson. Photography by J.R. Eyerman.*

## 1924 Tacoma Facts

*Continued from March/April newsletter*

- ⇒ September 15: William Jennings Bryan addresses an audience at the First Methodist Church.
- ⇒ September 18: Classes begin at the new location of the Annie Wright Seminary on Tacoma Avenue North.
- ⇒ September 25: All schools in Tacoma were ordered closed due to an outbreak of polio that would last for the next three weeks.
- ⇒ October 18: USS Shenandoah, first American dirigible based on the German Zeppelin, stops at Camp Lewis. The same day, Babe Ruth makes a whirlwind visit to Tacoma culminating in a exhibition game at the Stadium Bowl.
- ⇒ December 14: H.C. Weaver Productions opens a motion picture studio on 5.5 acres at Titlow Beach. Three silent films were shot there, including *Eyes of the Totem*.



*Annie Wright Seminary 1920s.  
Tacoma News Tribune*



## Centennial Spring Tea

*To be held May 22, 2024*

Spring Tea, a beloved and anticipated annual Franke Tobey Jones celebration since 1922, is hosted for the residents in honor of founder Mrs. Franke Tobey Jones' birthday. This year will be a special occasion kicking off our three month Centennial celebration. Since 1925, the Tea has been hosted in the Tobey Jones building solarium, with lovely decorations, delicious food, background music and using the nearly original sterling silver tea service.

This year, the main hallway leading to the Solarium will be filled with special displays of historic stories, photos and news clippings.

Because of space constraints, this event is only open to Franke Tobey Jones residents.

*Above Photo  
Tacoma News Tribune, May 1940*

*Photo Caption:  
Plan Birthday Tea—Members of the Jones Home cabinet and past presidents are to be the hostesses at the tea, next Thursday, which according to the annual custom, will mark the birthday of the late Mrs. Franke Tobey Jones, one of whose gifts to the community was the beautiful home for old people on North Bristol street. In the entrance to the Home are, left to right, Mrs. Frederick Pease, vice president of the Jones Home cabinet; Mrs. Ada Gibson, who has been the superintendent of the home since its foundation; Mrs. C. Wilson March, chairman of the tea service; Mrs. Walter Lesnick, president of the cabinet; Mrs. Howard Killworth, in charge of decorations; and Mrs. Wallace Macpherson, past president and chairman of the program. Photograph by J.R. Eyerman.*