

Settling In at Overlook

By CHARLES "BUCKY" BUCHANAN

APPROXIMATELY one year ago, illustrious **Wallace J. Bennett** and illustrious **H. Richard Cornwell**, along with their wives, moved from their homes in Framingham, Massachusetts to the Overlook, a new independent living complex at the Masonic Health Center in Charlton, MA. They said the move was a chance to enter the golden years of retirement where they "would be independent and worry free in this retirement community." Most of all, they would not be a future burden to their families.

Although they were apprehensive of this major change in their lifestyle, their fears were soon overcome by the friendly atmosphere created by the Overlook residents and the ever-present and efficient Overlook staff who made the transition easier.

After settling in, they have all been active in the community and have enjoyed the many amenities of Overlook. This new complex offers a variety of amenities and services to enhance an independent lifestyle, including a performing arts center, an elegant restaurant and four dining areas, a health and fitness club, heated swimming pool, library, tennis court, walking trails, gardening, and if that wasn't enough, they even have on-site banking, a salon and barber shops, a convenience store, postal areas, a creative arts studio and a new dog park.

Both couples have served on a number of committees, as well as displaying some of their special talents – Jack is the campus photographer and Dick is busy arranging off-campus functions and weekend get-away trips. **Beth** and **Shirley** sing in the Overlook Chorus.

It is apparent that the Bennetts and the Cornwells have adjusted to their new lifestyle and have nothing but praise for the Overlook staff and community. In fact, they all agree it has exceeded their expectations.

Editor's note: The author of this article, Charles "Bucky" Buchanan, is himself a new member of the Overlook community. He also has adjusted well to his new lifestyle and is a contributor to Overlooks media as well as continuing to write articles for the Aleppo News.



Dick lines up a shot in the Overlook game-room as Jack, Shirley and Beth look on.




THE CORNWELLS and Bennetts relax and have a drink in the bar lounge at the Overlook.



Shirley and Dick Cornwell, in the company of Beth and Jack Bennett are ready to be served in one of the four dining areas of the beautiful Acacia Restaurant at Overlook.



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