



The Campus Voice

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Providing Support to Help End Alzheimer's

VHRC is supporting Alzheimer's Association this fall three different ways. We are inviting staff to dress comfy and show their support for fighting to end Alzheimer's. Last Friday and again on Friday, Oct. 2, staff donated \$5 for the opportunity to wear casual clothes to work.

Today, you received a flyer promoting a popcorn fundraiser which will help support the Alzheimer's Association. You can enjoy delicious gourmet popcorn, with the added bonus of knowing that 50% of the funds will go directly to the Alzheimer's Association.

In place of this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's, we are planning an on-campus walk for residents and staff. Stay tuned for more details!

Marketing Director Stephanie Lawrence, together with Antionette Doublin, The Sylvestery Administrator, are heading



Kimberly Moore, Sylvestery concierge, shows off her casual look at last week's Casual for a Cause fundraiser.

up VHRC's support for the Alzheimer's Association. "It is important for people in our community who have a loved one with Alzheimer's to know that we not only provide services to support individuals with Alzheimer's, but that we also financially support the Alzheimer's Association, which is working to find a cure for this disease," said Stephanie.

Be a Pal — a Pen Pal!

Are you interested in being a pen pal? Are you also interested in helping a local Girl Scout earn her Gold Award, the Girl Scout's highest achievable rank? If either or both of these ideas appeal to you, we've got a deal for you!

Gabrielle Park, a senior at Trinity Christian School, is connecting area students with seniors in a pen-pal program. Gabrielle's

goal for this project is to help the students develop important communication skills while at the same time providing some engagement and perhaps entertainment for seniors.

If you are interested in this project, please sign up on the sheet in the Vinson Hall Lobby or call Michelle Crone at ext. 3068.



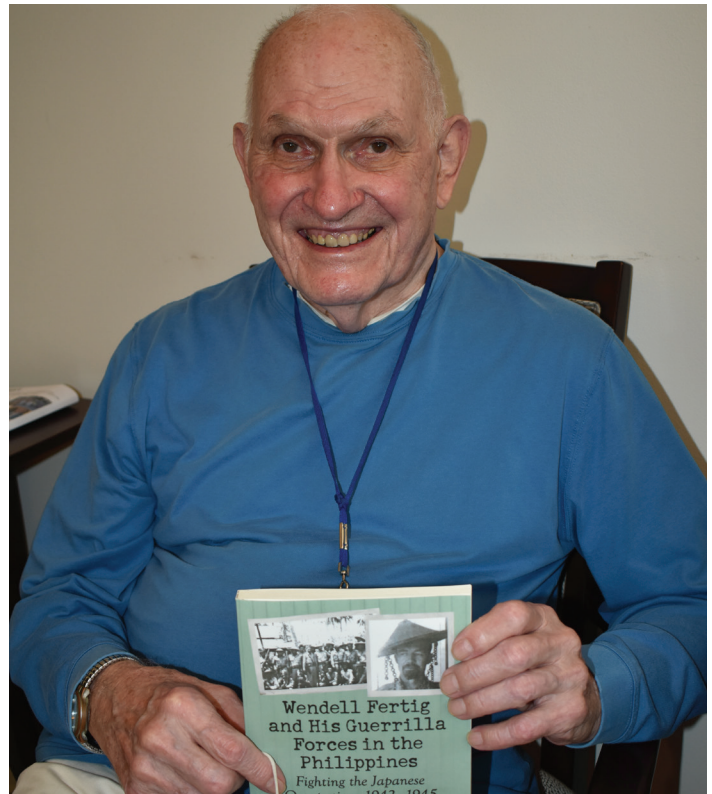
Please See Other Side for More Good News!

Author Shares a Guerrilla Leader's Story

When Kent Holmes' wife, Virginia, wanted to write a book about her family's struggle to survive during World War II, he was happy to help. "She was 7, living on Mindanao in the Philippines, when the Japanese invaded," he explains. "Her father, who was an American businessman in mining, had refused to surrender. He and her brothers joined the guerrilla movement," while Virginia and her mother and sister went into hiding.

While helping his wife do research for her memoir, Kent became fascinated with the remarkable leadership of Colonel Wendell Fertig, the commander of the Mindanao guerrilla divisions that helped the U.S. liberate the island in 1945. "My father-in-law served under Fertig. I had word-of-mouth histories from the family, so later I wrote my own book about him." In 2015, *Wendell Fertig and His Guerrilla Forces in the Philippines* was published.

Kent and Virginia's own story began when he was a young naval officer from California stationed at Pearl Harbor and she was a flight attendant for Philippine Airlines. "I met her on a blind date. Then after we married, our first assignment was the Philippines." After four years in the Navy, Kent's 25-year career in the CIA sent him all over the world, including Indonesia, Australia and Laos, where he ran paramilitary operations. Before retiring in the 1960s, he served as the CIA's representative to CINCEUR (Commander in Chief, European Command) in Stuttgart. Will any of these experiences lead to a



Kent Holmes holds a copy of his book about Wendell Fertig.

second book? Maybe, says Kent, who wrote an article about his life in Laos for VHRC's *Campus News & Views* last winter. "That may be the basis for another book."

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