

Whitinsville Retirement Society celebrates 50 years



Resident, Alma Chase (center) and family playing washers.

The Whitinsville Retirement Society Inc. (WRSI) continued its yearlong 50th Anniversary "Golden Jubilee" with a Summer Cookout last month. Residents, families and friends of the two WRSI properties, their Whitinsville Retirement Home and their Elderly Apartments, celebrated with staff and society members! Under sunny skies, the lawn between the two buildings was crowded with nearly 150 people enjoying the fellowship of family and friends while the aroma of

hamburgers and hot dogs being grilled by board members filled the air. People played lawn games, enjoyed face painting, a photo booth, entertainment music by Polka Paul, browsing through the Light-house thrift store and more. Amanda Hellyar, District Director for the Office of State Senator Ryan C. Fattman (Worcester-Hampden District), presented WRSI a congratulatory "Official Citation" from the Massachusetts Senate in recognition of "The auspicious celebration of your 50th Golden Anniversary and serving the senior community of the Blackstone Valley" and extending best wishes for continued success. WRSI is grateful for this anniversary's opportunity to honor our past, celebrate our present and focus on our future- meeting the needs of aging family and friends of the Blackstone Valley with renewed commitment and dedication.

Fifty years ago on February 21, 1975 WRSI was formed by local church patrons to provide independent, congregate living for the well-elderly in a loving and caring Christian environment. The Whitinsville Retirement Home is located in the John C. Whitin Mansion, affectionately known as the "Mason Home." This homelike setting has 17 private rooms with baths, along with several common social areas, which allows for carefree living and companionship of singles and married couples. Home-cooked meals, laundry, housekeeping, social events and more are provided. The Whitinsville Elderly Apartments include 24 one and two bedroom units and offer individuals secure, comfortable living in a pleasant environment at a very reasonable rent which even has a

community room for informal gatherings and special occasions. Residents of both the home and the apartments enjoy the beautifully manicured lawns on 9 wooded acres nestled away in the quiet residential neighborhood of Chestnut Street.

For more information about the home, apartments or becoming a society member, see our website at www.whitinsvilleretirement.com or call WRSI at 508-234-6381 anytime.



Phyllis Masso and Gaye McCrae (residents) enjoying the day