



This is the second newsletter in a series that we wish to use as a means to better acquainted our guest with the history and the people behind Johnson's Inn.

Johnson's Inn was started in 1946 when Hettie Ownby Johnson started renting rooms out of her home. A short time later she and her sister, Lura Ownby Porter would build a cabin and after saving enough money , would build another until by 1950 they had about 12 cabins. In the beginning there was no air conditioners so the guest would catch a cross breeze by opening the windows and the screened door. When television first came to Gatlinburg it was a huge novelty. The only television at the then Johnson's Court was in a rain proof box outside and every evening the guest pulled around lawn chairs and everyone would watch the television like they were at a drive in theater.

Hettie Ownby married Lee Johnson in 1925. They had 4 children, Maxine who died young, Lee Jr. who died in 1964, Jim and Max. Lura never had children. When Hettie and Lura retired in 1981, Max and his wife Jean returned to Gatlinburg to manage the motel. They ran Johnson's Inn for 10 years. Jim managed for a short time after that then they had a series of managers. In 2004, Max bought out Jim's share of the motel and the current manager stayed on until April of 2008 when the family thought that it would be best to take back over the management of the motel. Vickie Johnson Bradshaw is the oldest of Max and Jean's 3 children and is now the General Manager. Max and Jean's other children include Laura, who passed away in 1996 and Brent who is a professor of English at Pacific University in Portland, Oregon.

We have had a beautiful October with crisp, cool nights and warm sunny days. The leaves are really just now beginning to turn so the fall foliage show should continue the first week or two of November. **Our November internet special is a \$10.00 per day discount off any of our rooms excluding the Thanksgiving holiday of November 27-29. In addition we are having a special for the condos - Stay 2 nights and get the third night free excluding the Thanksgiving holiday of November 27-29.** Not good in conjunction with any other discounts or specials.

Gatlinburg Winter Magic kickoff and Chili cookoff is Wednesday November 5th.
http://www.eventsgatlinburg.com/event_detail.aspx?id=11 . **Come stay with us that**

Wednesday evening to enjoy the festivities for the special rate of \$49.95. Make sure you mention the Newsletter special when making your reservations.

We hope that you can come visit us again soon and that you are enjoying our attempts to let you know more about us. But if you prefer to not receive this monthly newsletter, please reply with "Remove me from you mailing list" in the subject line and we will be happy to do so.

Hope to see you soon.

The Johnsons and all the staff at Johnson's Inn