

# THE ACORN

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## *Climate change for all to see: A melting glacier in Alaska*



Photo by Diane Neely  
See page 7

## FROM THE EDITORS

*Gentle Readers:*

*Please keep your eyes and ears attuned to events in your lives, both here at home and in your wider comings and goings.*

*Consider sharing stories in The Acorn. It is, after all, "For the residents, by the residents."*

*This issue brings the second installment of The Bucket List series. Please tell us what you have recently accomplished – something you crossed off your List – or why something you have not yet done nonetheless appeals strongly. Your stories make us, the readers, recall similar experiences, happy memories, or happy hopes. And there always might be several "I never thought of that" moments. Articles can be a few sentences or a full page.*

*Items on Bucket Lists can be places to visit, performances and performers to hear and see, skills longed-for (I have finally learned how to cook haluski!), books to read, songs to sing, collections to complete.*

*This issue also launches another series: names of local places. Why is the parish church down the road named St. Ferdinand? Carolyn Broeren will fill you in. In later issues we travel farther. Jane Lavender will tell us about the Sample School, possibly the Cranberry Municipal Building (It has a history!), and the Comtra Theater. If you are curious about other local places and names, or if you know something the rest of us do not, please share the wealth.*

*The remaining possible series are entirely up to you. Remember Julie Eden's story, "Out of the mouths of babes!" Family and neighborhood observances, habits, observations, mis-pronounced and mis-understood words often become part of family habit. I call it truthful silliness. Do recall and share!*

*P.S.: My high school newspaper's motto was: "All the news that fits, we print."*

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## OCTOBER CALENDAR

Yom Kippur	October 8-9
Columbus Day	October 12
World Food Day	October 16
Halloween	October 31

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Submissions for the November 2019 ACORN must be sent to the Editors no later than **October 15, 2019.**

# Continued Learning

# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		10:30 a.m. <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	10:30 a.m. <b>3</b>	10:30 a.m. <b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		Bill Markus – World News		Graham Hodgetts – Water Well Drilling in Africa	Dr. Rob Klaich–Artistic Dentures & Implants	
<b>6</b>	1:30 p.m. <b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	10:30 a.m. <b>10</b>	10:30 a.m. <b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
	Frank Finley Jr. – Fishing with the Bears in Alaska			Documentary film – Hubble Space Telescope	Laurie Shaffer – Birds of Ecuador	
<b>13</b>	1:30 p.m. <b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	10:30 a.m. <b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
	Stephen Mihaly – Marketing the Presidency			Marcus Rediker – Benjamin Lay & the Struggle against Slavery		
<b>20</b>	1:30 p.m. <b>21</b>	10:30 a.m. <b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	10:30 a.m. <b>24</b>	10:30 a.m. <b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
	Connie Frierson – A Walk in Spain	Bill Markus – World News		Dr. Susan Greenspan – Osteoporosis Study	Mark Houser – Pittsburgh’s Antique Skyscrapers	
<b>27</b>	1:30 p.m. <b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	10:30 a.m. <b>31</b>		
	Bruce Cooper – Solving the Climate Challenge			<i>*Open Opportunity</i>		

\* The *Open Opportunity* date of Oct. 31 is available for residents who wish to present a program of interest. Please contact Kelley Noble (8139), Frank Weiss (8154), or Jason Lyle (8293) with suggestions.

## Debbie Blum

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by Jan Wendt



Photo by Diane Setzenfand

Downsizing from a three-story home and moving to a retirement community two states away is a huge undertaking in anyone's book.

But Debbie Blum took more than one leap of faith in leaving an area she considered home, a church that was central in her life, long-time friends, and an adult son nearby. She married Sherwood Oaks resident Jim Blum last May, and literally began anew.

Debbie is a native West Virginian, and her 88-year-old mother still lives independently in her own home in Point Pleasant, WV, where she cuts her own grass. Debbie's first marriage to a military man took the couple to assignments in Maryland, Germany, Wisconsin, and Virginia. In addition to raising a son and daughter, she taught special education for 25 years, 12 of them in the DC public schools.

When retirement came, Debbie had been divorced for several years, and was living a busy life in Springfield, VA. She continued to teach occasionally in the Alexandria, VA, schools, enjoyed deep involvement in her church, had the company nearby of her son, a contractor, and his family, and visited often with her daughter, a school psychologist, near Cincinnati. She is the grandmother of four.

Somehow, too, there was time for conversation online with Jim Blum, widowed for two years. They eventually planned a face-to-face meeting in Lancaster, PA. "We have a lot in common," she shared, especially their faith. Each knew there could never be serious commitment without that shared centering in Christ.

While they continue to create one household out of two ("We're getting there!"), Debbie is exploring all that Sherwood Oaks has to offer. She finds this a welcoming place, and looks forward to regular participation in exercise class, Tai Chi, and the chorus. She and Jim are attending Dutilh Methodist Church, and make regular trips to Planet Fitness for a variety of exercises. "Jim is a morning person, and I am not," so both find some time to themselves, as well.

Jim and Debbie will travel in November to San Diego for the birth of Jim's grandchild. Creating a blended family with members in so many locations isn't easy, but the new Mrs. Blum seems to take change and challenge in her stride.

Please welcome Debbie to Sherwood Oaks when you meet her on campus!

## FRANK and CAROLE FOX 136

By Carole Fox and Harriet Burress



Photo by Rabe Marsh

After 28 years away, the Foxes returned to Pittsburgh following 16 years of living near Atlanta, GA. Frank and Carole, who were both raised in the Pittsburgh area and met while in college, were married shortly after Frank was hired by Jones and Laughlin Steel/LTV Steel Corporation in their sales/marketing department.

Corporate life with the steel company involved many transfers in the 1960s and 1970s to other industrial cities in the Midwest. Three of those transfers involved moving back to Pittsburgh. As a result, Frank and Carole have lived in Ross Township, McCandless Township, and, lastly, Bradford Woods. They can remember hearing about Sherwood Oaks Retirement Community in the early '80s, but never dreamed they would someday be residents there. Having read several ACORNS on her computer, Carole sang the praises of this monthly publication as a marketing tool. "It gave us a really good perspective on Sherwood Oaks today."

While Frank spent the remaining years of his career in the LTV Steel offices in Cleveland, Ohio, Carole worked for the Nestle Corporation in Solon, Ohio. In those years, Nestle owned a group of hotels and resorts in the US and the Caribbean. She worked for the Senior Vice President of Food and Beverage of the hotel company that is now known as Renaissance Hotels.

Frank and Carole have two children and four grandchildren. Their daughter lives in nearby Ohio, and their son is a resident of Gorgia.

Frank, who loves planes and flying, calls himself a "sport pilot." Over the past 30 years, he has owned 12 planes, several of which were WWII vintage with open cockpits. Carole took a few lessons, but Frank said, "She was not comfortable being a pilot." Carole replied, "I could take off and level the plane, but landing it terrified me." They are both golfers and have served in various volunteer positions.

The Foxes are greatly enjoying exploring all the changes to the Cranberry area and to this delightful city in general. They recently took the Sherwood Oaks-sponsored river cruise and were amazed to see the expansion and improvements along the banks of the rivers.

All in all, the Foxes agree that it's just great to be back in Pittsburgh and to have found the wonderful community of Sherwood Oaks to call home. Welcome to the Foxes!

*Welcome*

## WHAT'S NEW WITH SORA? (SO Residents Association)

**NOTE: Complete minutes are always available for review on the SORA bulletin board in the mailroom and in the SORA binder in the library.**

Summary of reports and actions for the September 3 monthly board meeting:

Treasurers: Memorial/Special Projects Fund balance is \$105,811.04. The Employee Appreciation Fund balance is \$18,503.13. The SORA bank balance is \$35,018.20.

Swimming Pool: The pool is now open after flooding issues were addressed. Names of all persons in our pool at any time are to be given to the front desk.

Audio: A new video capture device will convert VHS tapes to digital movie files.

Landscape: The Summer House garden path is being made more passable. Irrigation lines are being repaired and replaced. Campus surface water drainage is being addressed.

Civic Affairs: Candidates Night is October 17 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Program: October 24 will feature the Pittsburgh Banjo Club at 7:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

Finance: Audits of the gift shop and three SORA funds have been approved. Audits were completed by residents.

Dining: Box Chef will resume soon. Jesse Komara has produced a training video for new servers. October 23 is Murder Mystery night.

Executive Director: Planning for emergency preparation continues for those in independent living. Our telephone carrier has pledged to develop and implement robo-call protection.

New Business: The new SO app being developed through TOUCH TOWN will start up on November 1. A Launch Party is planned to provide information.

Next Board meeting: October 8 at 1:30 p.m. All residents are welcome to attend.

Current Board members for 2019-2020 are: Officers, Betty Eichler, Frank Finley, Jean Henderson, Peter Broeren, Ray Friedel; Directors, Jane Lavender, Lee Wierman, Mary Lou Fox, Stan Foster, Bob Hines, Frank Weiss, Anne Williams, Elaine Hartswick, Bob Typanski, and Past President Bill Paul and Assistant Treasurer Beth Brown.

Jean Henderson, Secretary



## How did you learn to read?

Remember Burma Shave!

Angels who guard you

When you drive

Usually retire

At sixty-five



## Our Bucket List

Diane and Terry Neely

The Neelys' Bucket List is straightforward: to see the rest of the world.

Diane and Terry have been working together on their List since they married in 1997. They like traveling and camping. They spent their honeymoon in a tent in Yosemite Park. Until 2010, when they bought their RV, they always camped in a tent. One way or another, they have already visited all 50 states as well as Italy and Ecuador.

There is more to the story. From 2003 to 2010, Diane and Terry operated "Hike with a Llama," which offered day trips here in W. PA for hardy souls. The pack animals hauled the food.

Years ago, the Neelys took part in a Road Scholar trip. The information presented about the building of the "Going to the Sun" highway during their first trip to Glacier National Park in Montana proved to Diane and Terry that Road Scholar was the way to go. Thus it is not surprising that they have made a total of 21 trips with Road Scholar, most recently to Alaska. Last year, the Neelys presented a program here about their trip to the Galápagos Islands. This fall, Diane and Terry are aiming for Peru.

Compare the Neelys' List with yours! It includes the Aegean Sea, China (the Great Wall), Japan, Scotland (Where is *your* ancestral homeland?), Ireland, France, Portugal, Spain, Germany, the Netherlands, the west coast of Italy, Greece, Egypt, Kenya, Tanzania, New Zealand, Australia, Costa Rica, and back to Texas to see the whooping cranes. The priority depends on opportunities.

If you have memories and stories of these places to enhance their dreams, do share them with Diane and Terry.

Here's an additional note:

Not all their trips are taken by sea and air. The Neelys' RV sits in Parking Lot I, before and after their road trips (which have also included Terry's volunteering in archeological digs and restoration projects). After Diane and Terry had been here for a while, they invited Sherwood Oaks folks to an Open House – well, not really an Open House, more of an Open RV. Those of us who were curious or just plain nosy had a chance to more than kick the tires ... to see for ourselves that, Yes, you can turn around in the shower, there is room for a small group to sit in comfortable chairs, someone can read with the light on while the other person is sleeping, and even more.

For now, we are enjoying their photos of Alaska, while we await their stories and pictures of Peru!

Ruth Becker



## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

by Carolyn Broeren

Many people know that most Christian churches are named after saints (persons of exceptional holiness), but that is not wholly true about St. Ferdinand Church across Rochester Road from us. When Bishop John Wright in 1961 told Frater Ferdinand Angel, the pastor of St. Alphonsus in Wexford, that he was going to take a portion of it to form a new parish, the pastor told his bishop to "take the north, there is nothing there," and that's what Bishop Wright did.

Bishop Wright then designated the new mission to be named after the saintly King Ferdinand III of Spain. He selected the name as a special recognition of Fr. Ferdinand Angel's thirty years of devotion to priestly duties in this area.

So who was King Ferdinand III, King of Castile? Born in 1198, he was the son of King Alfonso IX and Queen Berengaria. He became King of Castile at age 18 and married Beatrice, a virtuous princess and daughter of the King of Germany, in 1219, at the age of 21. God blessed their union with seven children.

He was known as a great administrator, choosing the wisest men as counselors, and also a man of faith and a just ruler. He often pardoned offenders and did not overburden his subjects with taxation. The aim of his life was the propagation of the faith and the liberation of Spain from the Saracens (Arab Muslims), which took him 27 years of warfare.

He saw the establishment of many churches and monasteries, and also founded the University of Salamanca.

He died on May 20, 1252, a date that later became his feast day. He was buried in the Cathedral of Seville, clothed in the habit of the Third Order Secular of St. Francis. Many miracles took place at his tomb. His body remains incorrupt to this day. Pope (St.) Clement X canonized Ferdinand in 1671.

By the way, St. Ferdinand is one of the largest parishes in the Pittsburgh Diocese, with more than 11,000 members.

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## QUARTERLY FOOD DRIVE

**OCTOBER 13-19, 2019**

The next Gleaners Food Bank collection will be held Sunday, Oct. 13, through Saturday, Oct. 19 (honoring World Food Day on Oct. 16). Boxes for donations will be in the Scooter Room on the benches.

Non-perishable food (be sure the sell-by date has not expired!), paper products, personal hygiene items, and checks are welcome. Please remember that those who receive donations are limited by the total number of bags they are permitted. *Large packages of toilet paper and paper towels, etc., are not adaptable for distribution and restrict the total number of products that can be received.*

Checks, made payable to Gleaners Food Bank, can be deposited in the designated box (made by resident Bernie Buller). Monetary donations are much appreciated, as they are used for items such as milk, fresh produce, and meat.

Thanks in advance for your support! For more information, contact Julie Eden at #8290.

## Sherwood Oaks Resident Honored at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

On Sept. 10, resident Donald Gowan, Robert Cleveland Holland Professor Emeritus of Old Testament, was honored at a celebration on the completion of his manuscript, *The Metallurgical Vocabulary of the Old Testament*. Former colleagues and Kelso Museum staff attended.

The manuscript was edited by Museum docent Peggy Heely, so that it could be printed and bound. It includes mention of every Hebrew and Aramaic word related to types of metals and their use, organized by the various kinds of activities in everyday life such as mining, tools, warfare, jewelry, weights and coins, musical instruments, etc. An alphabetical index of each word makes for easy reference for the reader.

When Don became a faculty member in 1965, Dr. James L. Kelso, former Professor of OT, turned over to him materials on metals that he had been collecting since the 1940s, hoping that Don would complete the project. Fifty years later, retired and with free time, Don decided to prepare the long-delayed vocabulary as a project for the museum. The manuscript has not actually been published, since permission/rights have not been received for all the illustrations. Bound copies are, however, available to peruse in the Museum and in the Barbour Library.

Over the years of Don's residency at Sherwood Oaks, he has taught many classes based on his wealth and depth of Biblical knowledge. Many current residents have sat at his feet during their seminary days as well as here at Sherwood. We join Pittsburgh Seminary in acknowledging his insights, his skill, and his perseverance.

Jean Henderson

## Sherwood Oaks Resident's Art on Display

Joan Pun, a member of the Cranberry Artists Network, will have a one-woman show of oils, watercolors, and batiks at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building during October. The opening day is Saturday, Oct. 5, 2-4 p.m.

Joan has previously had solo shows in Lima, Peru, and in the Museo de Arte in San Juan, Puerto Rico, besides having participated in many collective exhibits in the past. This show, which is Joan's first solo exhibition in the United States, is open during regular hours, namely:

Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.;

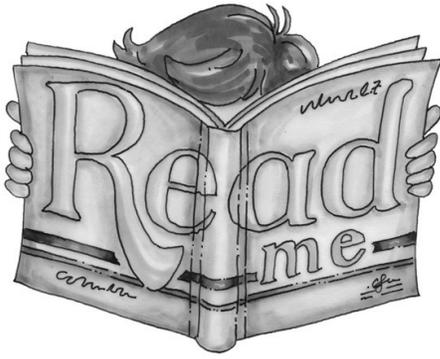
Friday, 10-5;

Saturday, 10-4;

Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

Do stop by and see Joan's work for yourselves!





## SPOTLIGHT ON NEW BOOKS THE BOOK SELECTION GROUP

These recently purchased books will be on the New Books shelf in our library. If a book you seek is not there, you can fill out a reserve slip.

*One Good Deed* by David Baldacci. Fiction. It is 1949, and the author introduces a new major character, a WWII veteran. "Insightful and entertaining, Baldacci has captured the time and events perfectly with authenticity, beauty and flawless prose.... Gripping from beginning to end" (*New York Journal of Books*).

*Lady in the Lake* by Laura Lippman. Fiction. The setting is 1960s Baltimore in this mystery about a real-life unsolved drowning that "demonstrates that Lippman, a former Baltimore Sun reporter, is both a skilled journalist and a masterful novelist" (*Washington Post*).

*The Turn of the Key* by Ruth Ware. Fiction. A creepy mystery centering on a nanny who takes a post at a haunted country house. "Truly terrifying!" (*Kirkus Starred Review*).

*Audience of One: Donald Trump, Television, and the Fracturing of America* by James Poniewozik. Nonfiction. The author is the *NY Times* TV critic. "This trenchant, brilliantly witty

critique of the cultural archetypes percolating into American politics is one of the best analyses yet of the Trump era" (*Publishers Weekly Starred Review*).

*The New Girl* by Daniel Silva. Fiction. The author's latest novel featuring Gabriel Allon, art restorer and Israeli intelligent agent. "An irresistible thriller, built on the realpolitik of today's Middle East but deepened by the universality of human tragedy" (*Booklist Online Starred Review*).

*A Better Man* by Louise Penny. Fiction. The 15th novel featuring Chief Insp. Armand Gamache of the Sûreté du Québec. "With an uncompromising eye, Penny explores the depths of human emotion, both horrifying and sublime" (*Publishers Weekly Starred Review*).

*On the Bright Side* by Hendrik Groen. Fiction. The 86-year old main character is a member of "The Old but Not Dead Club" at an elderly care home. The book's "darkness is leavened with moments of hilarity ... thoughtful, entertaining and wise" (*The Virginian Pilot Online*).

*The Bitter Roots* by C. J. Box. Fiction. Known for his popular Joe Pickett series, the author initiates a new series with this novel. "An appealing new heroine, a fast-moving plot, and a memorably night-marish family make this one of Box's best" (*Kirkus Starred Review*).

Tom Fararo

## THE LIBRARY LOWDOWN

Due to the many requests I have received for information on reserving or renewing a book from a home computer, I am repeating those instructions below:

From the search box in your browser, type: sherwoodoaksrc.booksys.net (all small letters and no spaces). Click on *display*. This will take you to the Sherwood Oaks online catalog, a page that is predominantly red and white. If the page that initially comes up has a blue bar at the top, click on the words "Full OPAC" in the lower righthand corner, which will take you to the red and white page.

To see if we have a book in our catalog, type the name of the book in the search field on the top left of the page. This will bring up all books we have with a similar title. If we do have the book you are looking for, you will be able to see on the far right side of that book's listing if the book is currently in or out.

If the book is checked out and you would like to reserve it, click on the book title. A screen will come up with the book's summary. On the right side of that screen, click on the box that says "reserve." Click on "reserve" again on the next screen that is displayed. You will then be asked to enter your user name and password. Enter your Sherwood Oaks ID number in both fields (the same number that is on the ID card you use in the dining room). You will be asked once more if you wish to reserve the item. Press "ok" and you are done.

If you would like to renew a book you have already checked out, follow the above directions to log on to the online catalog and then log on to your account in the upper righthand corner by entering your Sherwood Oaks ID in both boxes. Click on "items out," and the items you have

checked out will be displayed. Click on the box in front of the item you wish to renew and then on the "renew" box on the right side of the screen. That's all there is to it! Please note, if someone else has reserved a book that you currently have checked out, you will not be able to renew it.

In other news, we have received a new low-vision reader. If you would like to try it out, call Anne Hunt (8308) any time or Barbara Christy (8237) after Oct. 12.

As a reminder, when returning items, please do not check them in or reshelve them yourself. Simply place them in the return box to the left of the desk. Thanks!

Anne Hunt, Librarian

## 2019 BAKE SALE UPDATE

**Friday, Oct. 18:** Planning meeting, right after the Resident Get Together.

**Thursday, Nov. 21:** 2019 Bake Sale Set-up from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, Nov. 22:** Bake Sale itself from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Please join other residents to plan for this most enjoyable event. We'll decide on what foods and other items should be included for sale. If we do not have access to the refrigerator, we will not be able to offer such items as soups and baked beans.

In order for the Bake Sale tradition to continue, another chair needs to step forward. The position involves a few busy weeks and a great deal of enjoyment. Please call me at 8189 when you are ready to volunteer to take on the chairmanship!

Kelley Noble, Chair  
SORA Bake Sale

**COLETTA MCKENRY LIBRARY ACCESSIONS**  
**FICTION, INCLUDING LARGE TYPE AND DVDs**

<i>Anne Boleyn: A King's Obsession</i>	Weir, Alison	©2017	F WEI
<i>At Face Value</i>	Fleiss, Ocieanna	©2018	F FLE
<i>Back on Blossom Street</i>	Macomber, Debbie	©2007	F MAC L.T.
<i>Backlash</i>	Thor, Brad	©2019	F THO
<i>Blessing in Disguise</i>	Steel, Danielle	©2019	F STE STE
<i>Bride Flight</i>	Van der Pol, Marieke	©2011	F BRI DVD
<i>Bridge Over Troubled Waters</i>	Thompson, Janice A.	©2018	F THO
<i>Broken</i>	Drake, J. L.	©2015	F BRO DVD
<i>Conviction</i>	Mina, Denise	©2019	F MIN
<i>The 18th Abduction</i>	Patterson, James	©2019	F PAT
<i>The Extra Man</i>	Ames, Jonathan	©2010	F EXT DVD
<i>The Flight Portfolio</i>	Orringer, Julie	©2019	F ORR
<i>The Gift</i>	Roberts, Nora	©2004	F ROB
<i>The Great Santini</i>	Conroy, Pat	©1999	F GRE DVD
<i>The Guest Book</i>	Blake, Sarah	©2019	F BLA
<i>Harbour Street</i>	Cleeves, Ann	©2015	F CLE
<i>The House Next Door</i>	Patterson, James	©2019	F PAT p.b.
<i>If She Wakes</i>	Koryta, Michael	©2019	F KOR
<i>Impossible Saints</i>	Harwood, Clarissa	©2018	F HAR
<i>The Innkeepers' Conundrum</i>	Sawyer, Kim Vogel	©2018	F SAW
<i>The Innocents Abroad</i>	Twain, Mark	©1911	F TWA
<i>The Island of Sea Women</i>	See, Lisa	©2019	F SEE
<i>The Jewel in the Crown</i>	Scott, Paul	©2008	F JEW DVD
<i>The Kremlin Strike</i>	Brown, Dale	©2019	F BRO
<i>The Last Watchman of Old Cairo</i>	Lukas, Michael David	©2018	F LUK
<i>Little Sparrows</i>	Lacy, Al	©2011	F LIT DVD
<i>Lone Wolf in Jerusalem</i>	Diskin, Ehud	©2018	F DIS p.b.
<i>Miracle Creek</i>	Kim, Angie	©2019	F KIM
<i>Moonlit Shadows</i>	Melby, Becky	©2018	F MEL
<i>Mrs. Everything</i>	Weiner, Jennifer	©2019	F WEI
<i>Murder at the Dolphin Inn</i>	Challinor, C. S.	©2012	F CHA L.T.
<i>Never the Twain Shall Meet</i>	Adams, Beth	©2018	F ADA
<i>No Place I'd Rather Be</i>	Lamb, Cathy	©2017	F LAM p.b.
<i>Oath of Office</i>	Cameron, Marc	©2018	F CAM
<i>The Paris Diversion</i>	Pavone, Chris	©2019	F PAV
<i>Queen Bee</i>	Frank, Dorothea Benton	©2019	F FRA
<i>A Quilt for Christmas</i>	Dallas, Sandra	©2014	F DAL
<i>Recursion</i>	Crouch, Blake	©2019	F CRO
<i>Resistance Women</i>	Chiaverini, Jennifer	©2019	F CHI
<i>Safe Harbor</i>	Rice, Luanne	©2002	F RIC L.T.
<i>Scones and Scoundrels</i>	MacRae, Molly	©2018	F MAC p.b.
<i>A Seedy Development</i>	Penney, Elizabeth	©2019	F PEN
<i>Severe Clear</i>	Woods, Stuart	©2012	F WOO

<i>The Shakespeare Requirement</i>	Schumacher, Julie	©2018	F SCH
<i>Skin Game</i>	Woods, Stuart	©2019	F WOO
<i>Smoke on the Water</i>	Adams, Beth	©2018	F ADA
<i>The Stone Circle</i>	Griffiths, Elly	©2019	F GRI
<i>Summer of '69</i>	Hilderbrand, Elin	©2019	F HIL L.T.
<i>Summer of '69</i>	Hilderbrand, Elin	©2019	F HIL
<i>Sunset Beach</i>	Andrews, Mary Kay	©2019	F AND
<i>The Sunshine Sisters</i>	Green, Jane	©2017	F GRE
<i>Surfside Sisters</i>	Thayer, Nancy	©2019	F THA
<i>Swept Away</i>	Herne, Ruth Logan	©2018	F HER
<i>Tangerine</i>	Mangan, Christine	©2018	F MAN
<i>The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane</i>	See, Lisa	©2017	F SEE
<i>Tender Mercies</i>	Brown, Rosellen	©1994	F TEN DVD
<i>Thicker than Water</i>	Dodson, DeAnna Julie	©2018	F DOD
<i>Thorn to Secrecy</i>	Smith, Virginia	©2019	F SMI
<i>Tom Clancy: Enemy Contact</i>	Maden, Mike	©2019	F MAD
<i>Triple Jeopardy</i>	Perry, Anne	©2019	F PER
<i>Unbroken Threads</i>	Klepper, Jennifer	©2018	F KLE p.b.
<i>Under Currents</i>	Roberts, Nora	©2019	F ROB
<i>Weeds of Doubt</i>	Orchard, Sandra	©2019	F ORC
<i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i>	Owens, Delia	©2018	F OWE L.T. p.b.
<i>Wild Card</i>	Woods, Stuart	©2019	F WOO
<i>Wild Oats</i>	Rinaldi, Robin	©2016	F WIL DVD
<i>The Winter Sea</i>	Kearsley, Susanna	©2010	F KEA p.b.
<i>The Woman in the Blue Cloak</i>	Meyer, Deon	©2019	F MEY
<i>The Woman in the White Kimono</i>	Johns, Ana	©2019	F JOH

### **NON-FICTION, INCLUDING BIOGRAPHIES**

<i>Dare to Dream</i>	O'Brien, Jim	©1996	796.332 OBR
<i>D-Day Girls</i>	Rose, Sarah	©2019	940.54 ROS
<i>Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee</i>	Cep, Casey N.	©2019	364.152 CEP
<i>Give Me a Fast Ship</i>	McGrath, Tim	©2014	973.3 MCG
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## **How to Spend your Money Twice**

The SORA Memorial/Special Projects Committee receives and distributes funds for projects that benefit the Sherwood Oaks community. Projects funded in recent years include improvements on the East Bank of our lake (visible from the dining room), a new Christmas tree for the Center lobby, magnifying readers for the Library, and many others.

Some of the Memorial/Special Projects funds come from undesignated donations given in memory or in honor of residents. However, most of the funds come from the profits earned by Sherwood Gifts, and that's how you can spend your money twice. This is your money. You already spent it for items at Sherwood Gifts that you needed or wanted. Now you can make a proposal for using some of these funds for something you think would be a great addition to the Sherwood Oaks landscape, the Nursing Center, or some other aspect of our community life. This is an opportunity for residents to suggest what we think will enhance our community. The fund currently has close to \$100,000.

Proposals for expenditure of funds may be initiated by a committee or an activity, a resident, or a staff member. All must have the approval of the Administration and the support of a SORA committee or activity. Applications are available at the reception desk. When completed, the proposal should be submitted to Bill Paul, chair of the Memorial/Special Projects Committee, or to Betty Eichler, SORA President.

The Memorial/Special Projects Committee is composed of past presidents of

SORA, the SORA Treasurer, representatives of Sherwood Gifts, and residents appointed by the President and the Committee Chair.

Give some thought to what you would like to add to Sherwood Oaks. You may come up with a fresh idea that has not occurred to anyone else! You can definitely make a difference.

Betty Eichler, SORA President

## **CANDIDATES NIGHT ALERT**

Please mark your calendars for THURSDAY, October 17, 2019, at 7:15 p.m., as the date and time for Candidates Night. All candidates listed on our ballot who are running for public office in the November election will be invited to present their positions. All residents of Sherwood Oaks are invited to meet the candidates, hear their reasons for seeking office, and ask pertinent questions.

Sponsored by the Civic Affairs Committee, this is a non-partisan event for residents only. Reporters and photographers are not permitted. A list of candidates who agreed to attend will be made available at the meeting, along with a prototype of the ballot as it will appear on the voting machines.

Watch the weekly bulletins or Channel 900 for additional information regarding absentee ballots. Bus sign-up sheets will be available in the mail room for those voting at the Municipal Building.

Sherwood Oaks residents have a reputation for being civic-minded. Please vote!

Richard Pospistle on behalf of  
Civic Affairs Committee



## A WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, 2019

On Saturday, Sept. 14, several of us took a one-mile walk at Butler Community College. We were there to support the work that is being done to find a cure for Alzheimer's dementia and to support caring for those dealing with the disease. Alzheimer's is currently the sixth leading cause of death nationally.

It was a fair day, without sun but also without rain. The campus was decorated with signs and large inflatable balloons, and several people cheered us on as we walked. Each participant was given a whirl-a-gig flower on a long stem. The orange ones were for supporters, the yellow ones for caregivers, and the purple ones for those who have had family members with the disease.

At the end of the walk, the flowers were planted together in one area to make a garden. Lori Greer from Personal Care brought most of ours back to Sherwood. You may have seen them planted in front of the Oak Grove Center.

An estimated 300 walkers took part in the walk, and more than \$33,000 was committed to the cause that day. Panera's Restaurant and a local orchard donated bagels, muffins, and coffee cake, apples and tangerines and respectively, to the marchers.

We hope that more of our residents will join the Sherwood Oaks walkers next year. This disease has come very close to all of us, and we truly realize the need for supporting the on-going efforts to combat Alzheimer's Disease.

Jane Lavender

## SHERWOOD OAKS BOOK CLUB

For our next discussion, the Book Club chose the novel, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Members are responsible for getting their own copy, whether from a library, via an e-reader, by buying it online (there are used paperback copies available), or by sharing with others.

The story begins in 1922, when Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal and sentenced to house arrest in a grand hotel in Moscow. He is destined to spend some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history living in an attic. He can't leave this hotel. *You won't want to.*

"Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose." (Amazon)

The next Book Club meeting will be on Tuesday, October 8, beginning at 4 p.m. in the Chapel. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions or need to share a book, please contact Barbara Scruggs at #8317.

Julie Eden

## Communication

We assume that our communication skills will improve as we get older and spend more time together. It is not so, as illustrated by the following story.

I told my husband, Bob, that I had an appointment to see a gastrointestinal doctor.

“I will take you,” he said. “That parking lot is very difficult.”

I questioned that in my mind, because the office is at the Cranberry Passavant Hospital. I nevertheless learned long ago not to question such statements.

The appointed day came and went well, until Bob passed the road leading to the hospital and headed down the ramp to Rte. 79.

“Where are you going?”

“I’m taking you to the doctor up on the hill.”

“I’m not going to the doctor up on the hill.”

“Where are you going?”

“To Passavant Hospital.”

“Grr, mutter, rrr, brg, brgh.”

Off we went at a speed far surpassing that of law-abiding citizens, aiming for the Wexford exit. We turned around and headed north again. Bob exited at Warrendale. I thought to myself that it would be better to stay on Rte. 79 until Cranberry, but again I did not question.

When we intersected Rte. 19, he turned right to go south. I knew this was not good.

“Where are you going?”

“I’m taking you to Passavant Hospital.”

“Not *that* Passavant. It’s *Cranberry* Passavant.”

“Grr, mutter, mutter, brg, brgh.”

A hasty turn-around brought us back north, and we arrived at the doctor’s office just two or three minutes late.

I took full responsibility for the fiasco – first, because I was guilty, and second, because I knew it was the only thing Bob would agree that I had done right all afternoon.

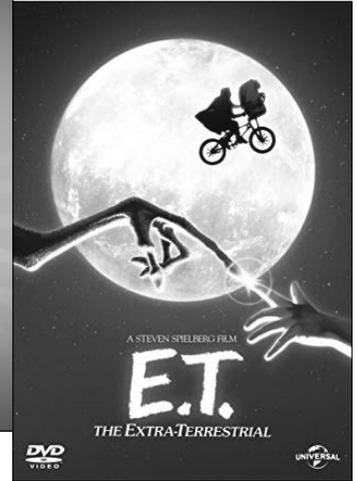
Ellen Brierly

## “How ‘bout them Stillers?!”

Ask Patty Ritter (Unit 298) about her collection of Steelers memorabilia. If you walk by her patio home, you will see some of it right outside.



## OCTOBER MOVIES



**October 5**  
**OVERBOARD (1987)**  
**(PG) 1 hr 46 min**

### COMEDY ROMANCE

A beautiful but cruel heiress mocks and cheats a hired carpenter. When she suffers amnesia after an accident, he decides to introduce her to regular life by convincing her they are husband and wife. **RATED PG** for frequent mild profanities (no f-bombs), crude humor, and brief partial nudity.

**October 12**  
**WILD ROSE (2019)**  
**(R) 1 hr 41 min**

### DRAMA MUSIC

A troubled young Glaswegian woman dreams of becoming a Nashville country music star. **(IMDb) RATED R** for profanity throughout (including f-bombs), some sexuality (but no nudity), and brief drug usage.

**October 19**  
**FANTASTIC MR. FOX (2009)**  
**(PG) 1 hr 27 min**

### ANIMATION ADVENTURE COMEDY

An urbane fox cannot resist returning to his farm-raiding ways and then must help his community survive the farmer's retaliation. **(IMDb) RATED PG** for action, smoking, and slang humor (no profanity).

**October 26**  
**E. T. (1982)**  
**(PG) 1 hr 55 min**

### FAMILY SCI-FI

A troubled boy summons the courage to help a friendly alien to escape Earth and return to his home world. **(IMDb) RATED PG** for language (no f-bombs), and mild thematic elements.

Jason Lyle

## **MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE**

From the moment our Sherwood Oaks group entered the Manchester Bidwell Corporation's two-story, sun-filled lobby, graced with objects of beauty made by students and visiting artists, comments of "inspiring," "impressive," and "amazing" were made repeatedly as we toured the education center on the North Side of Pittsburgh in September. The trip was sponsored by Trips & Tours and Focus on the World.

The Center was born out of a life-changing encounter between founder Bill Strickland, doing poorly in high school and in life, and Frank Ross, an art teacher who, when he uncovered Bill's interest and talent in ceramics, encouraged and mentored him through high school and college. Feeling that his life had been saved through Ross's influence, Strickland vowed to spend his life helping others in his community succeed. Begun as an after-school program, Manchester Craftsmen's Guild later merged with neighboring Bidwell Training Center to become a powerful influence in our community and beyond. The center recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The Craftsmen's Guild runs an arts program for up to 500 teens a year at no cost to them. Students participate in classes in Ceramics, Design Arts, Digital Arts, and Photography. Our group viewed several impressive state-of-the-art labs, one of which contained a number of 3D printers. This year 95% of the high school seniors graduated on time. Also, students received nearly \$400,000 in cash prizes and scholarships.

Bidwell Training Center provides training and professional development for qualified local adults, 18 and over, at no cost. With a graduation rate of 73% and a job placement rate of 85%, the programs are completed in 13 months. Diplomas are awarded in fields such as culinary, medical, horticulture, and others requiring technical assistants.

After lunching in the cafeteria on tasty food prepared by culinary staff and school trainees, we continued our tour with a visit to the famous MCG jazz center, ending our day with a stop at the nearby horticulture center. There again we were awed by vast greenhouse spaces filled with pre-season poinsettias, hydrangeas, herbs, and the well-known orchids, all of which are cared for by staff and trainees.

As our bus pulled away from the curb, we all strongly agreed that more of us at Sherwood Oaks need to go see the place where making the impossible possible happens.

Nancy Paul, Focus on the World



**Manchester Bidwell Corporation's 50th Anniversary celebration**

## CHAPEL NOTES

Leading Chapel Services during October:

*Sunday, October 6*

The Rev. Jean Henderson,  
Retired Sherwood Oaks.  
Communion will be celebrated.

*Sunday, October 13*

The Rev. Jeff Sterling  
St. Paul's United Methodist Church

*Sunday, October 20*

The Rev. Don Ewing  
Oakmont Presbyterian Church

*Sunday, October 27*

The Rev. Charles Partee,  
Retired Sherwood Oaks

All services begin at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium.  
Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend!

**The start of an argument is like the first  
break in a dam; stop it before it goes any  
further. Proverbs, 17:14.**

Gary Brandenberger (602)  
Chapel Committee

## ACTIVITIES IN THE CHAPEL

Women's Bible Study  
First and third Monday of the month  
Promptly at 10:45 – noon

Men's Bible Study  
Weekly, Wednesdays  
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Holy Communion, Episcopal Rite  
Second Monday of the month  
11:00 a.m.

Rosary – Led by Chester Ludwicki  
First, Second, and Third Fridays  
9:30 a.m.

Quaker Meeting for Worship  
Fourth Sunday  
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

## *IN MEMORIAM*

*Memories are precious possessions that  
time can never destroy. For it is in  
happy remembrance that the heart  
finds its greatest joy.*

*Frances Taylor  
August 22, 2019*

*Margot Eby  
August 24, 2019*

*Elaine Haynie  
August 25, 2019*

*Dorothy Meister  
August 30, 2019*

*Antoinette McCulley  
September 1, 2019*

*James Franks Sr.  
September 18, 2019*

*Elizabeth Rhule  
September 21, 2019*

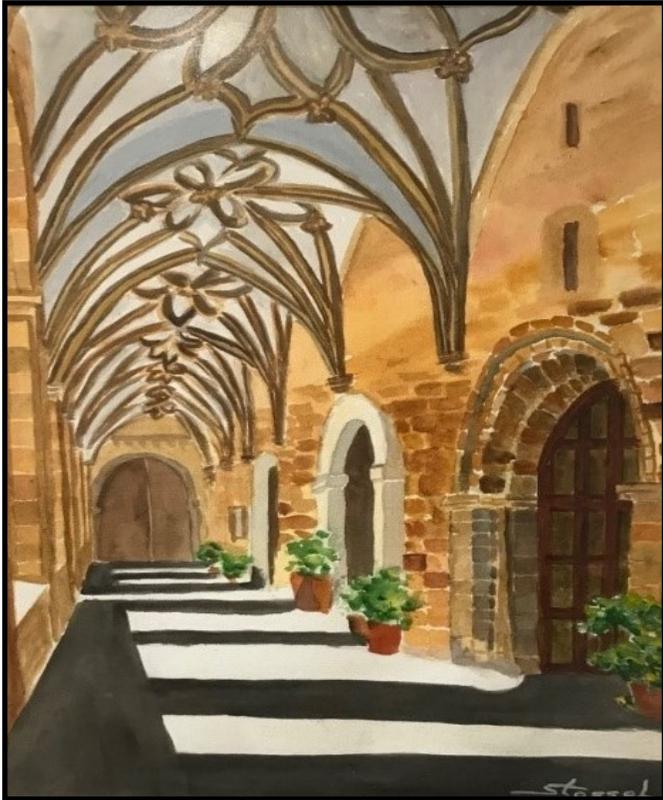
## **My Child**

*My child  
You are never alone  
when the sting of death comes  
to take one of My children home*

*My child  
I Am your comfort  
I Am your healing  
I Am your peace  
Rest in Me ... my child  
You are never alone*

John W. Hoscheid  
[S. O. Maintenance Dept.]

Four of Joan Pun's Paintings at Cranberry Municipal Building Art Show



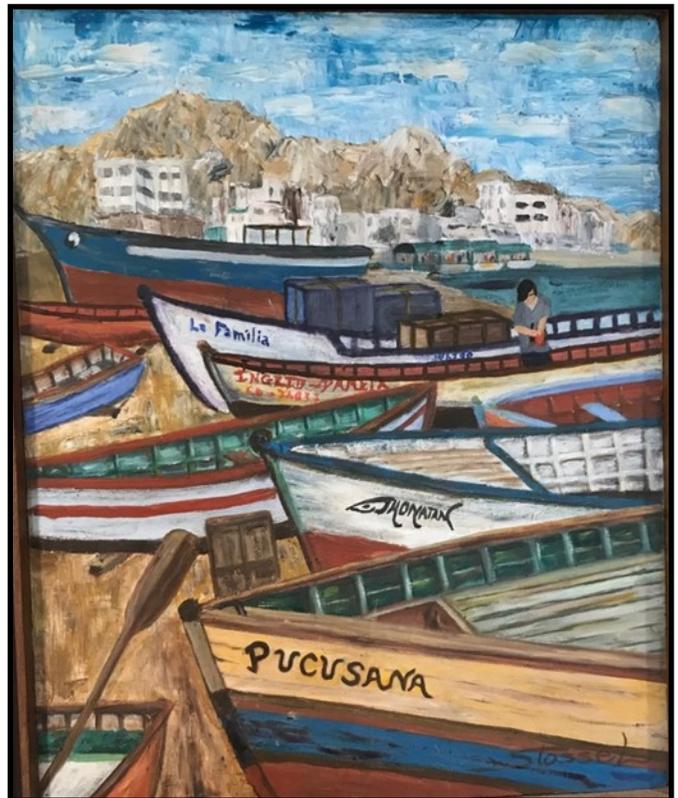
Leon Cloister



Paso Peruano y Marinera



Flower Market in Aix-en-Provence



Winter Maintenance Pucusana