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Fall Flowers at Sherwood Oaks



Photo by Jan Wendt

Gentle Readers:

As the days grow shorter and colder, we might look around and notice how many fellow residents we don't yet know. What can we do to meet and remember them? There is an answer, namely: Wear our name badges when we go to meals in the dining room or the café. One easy way to remember this intention is to attach, using doublesided tape, our meal card to the back of our name tag; then we can flip it to check in at the desk and wear it comfortably for our actual meal. Yes, we know it's a pain. But it's more painful, not to say embarrassing, especially for many older folks, to meet people, learn their names, and then forget them once the meal or the meeting is over.

Please think about it! It's important to make our new residents feel welcome, and learning their names is probably the best first step. Let's make it easy, for ourselves and others. Let's wear our name tags to meals to show that we care!

The Editors



Memorial Donations and Remembrance Cards

Did you know? Donation envelopes and remembrance cards are located on the memorial table in the lobby. The donation envelope lists many options to choose from when contributing in memory of a resident or loved one. Remembrance cards can be filled out and placed in Cubby #346; they will be collected and given to the spouse/family.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

All Saints Day	Nov. 1
Day of the Dead	Nov. 2
End of Daylight Savings Time	Nov. 5
Election Day	Nov. 7
Veterans Day	Nov. 11
National Students Day	Nov. 17
Thanksgiving	Nov. 23

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IN MEMORIAM

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

Charles Gourley September 26, 2023

Karen Mentzer October 5, 2023

Margaret Tolbert October 23, 2023

JOYCE FAKO - #152

By Jean Henderson - #346



Photo by Scott Vogel

It is said that our lives can be defined by the choices we make. That can certainly be said of our new resident, Joyce Fako! (pron. FAY-koh)

From the small town of Addison, where her sister still lives, near Somerset, PA, Joyce chose to go to Medical Secretary School in Hagerstown, MD, and then on to Magee-Women's Hospital as secretary to the head of the OBGYN Department.

She chose as her husband Jim Fako, who worked for Price Waterhouse; his career took them as far away as Brussels for two-and-a-half years. They had a son, a Penn State grad, now in Fox Chapel, also working with Price Waterhouse, and a daughter, a Denison grad with a doctorate in Counseling Education from Northern Colorado, now living in Gibsonia. Joyce enjoys four grandchildren: two boys, one a West Point grad now serving in South Korea, and one a student at Penn State; and two girls, one at Case Western and one at Pine-Richland, now in the Junior Mendelssohn Choir.

Joyce's most poignant choices had to be made when her husband died in the Air Florida plane that crashed in 1982 into a bridge on takeoff in Washington, DC, during a snowstorm. She was 42 at the time, with children aged 16 and 11.

Joyce chose "not to be a widow, but a student." She graduated from Chatham College cum laude, and from Pitt with an M.S.W. degree. She chose to spend time in the winter with her children skiing at Hidden Valley. She also bought a condo in Hilton Head, where the family vacationed for many summers. She chose to travel, taking the kids to England, to Paris, and to Scandinavia; later, she enjoyed traveling with friends to Ireland.

Joyce chose to volunteer, serving on the boards of North Hills Community Outreach, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and Anchorpoint. In 1990, she went to Canyon Ranch, where she began a physical activity regimen that continues to this day with her own physical trainer.

After Jim's death, Joyce attended an event about seeking new possibilities and was encouraged, especially by two ministers. She is now active at St. Paul's Methodist Church on the Care Team.

Finally, after 37 years of living in The Arbors on Duncan Avenue in Hampton, Joyce has chosen to move to Sherwood Oaks, where her old friends, Connie and Gary Brandenberger, reside.

In a word, Joyce chose LIFE – for herself and her children, for her friends, and for her community. Welcome to SO! We're glad you've chosen to join us.



BOB & KATHLEEN MILLWARD - #279

By Jan Wendt - #158



Bob and Kathleen Millward shared their college experiences at Penn State, their careers as educators at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and forty-two years enjoying their small farm just outside of Indiana, PA. In July, they shared a move to Sherwood Oaks, a choice based on the good care extended family members had received here previously.

At IUP, Bob directed the doctoral program for school superintendents. He had received degrees from California (PA) University and Duquesne University, before completing his doctorate at Penn State. Kathleen taught English composition at Beaver County Community College and then at IUP. She co-authored a leading text on writing, which garnered praise and top sales from educators around the country.

As an instructor, Bob discovered that history was his passion, but he especially relished any experiences “to bring history alive” for his doctoral candidates. Sometimes, that might involve an out-of-classroom experience, such as annual in-

depth tours of the Gettysburg Battlefield with a noted professor from the War College. Or, perhaps, it might mean utilizing prints of paintings by noted Pittsburgh artist Robert Griffing, whose depictions of Native Americans in history really “pulled” students in and brought dates and events alive for them. Bob and the artist connected and remain good friends.

Bob and Kathleen stayed close to home on the farm, though Bob travelled often for work-related conferences. He has also visited Ireland and Kuwait.

But the Millwards genuinely enjoyed the everyday responsibilities of country living, such as tending to a brood of dogs and cats, planting trees, and gardening. Bob found an outlet for handyman skills in rewiring, insulating, and renovating. The barn became a combination woodshed and workout space. Not surprisingly, Bob intends to explore the woodshop here, and enjoys eating in the Café, where new friends can be made. When you see these educators on campus, do offer them a hearty welcome!

A NEW LOOK

TOMORROW – One of the greatest labor-saving devices of today.

YAWN – An honest opinion openly expressed.

WRINKLES – Something other people have ... similar to my character lines.

And ...

The elderly believe everything.

The middle-aged suspect everything.

The young know everything.

CAROL TILLOTSON - #611

By Rosemary Coffey - #113



Photo by Marilyn Nordby (Sarasota, FL)

Carol grew up in the general area, having attended Westview and North Hills high schools; she was, in fact, the editor of her high school yearbook. After her marriage, she and her family moved in 1965 to Lake Manor on Rockdale Rd. in Penn Twp. (Butler County), because her children wanted a place suitable for hosting a horse! They lived there for 47 years. Her two daughters and one son have graced her with one granddaughter and eight grandsons, all of them resident in the general area of Pittsburgh.

Carol's father, Arthur R. Hefren, founded a wealth management firm called "Hefren" in 1948; eventually, her husband, Bill Tillotson, whom she met in 1950 at Allegheny College and married three weeks after graduation, joined the firm, which became known as "Hefren Tillotson." Bill bought the company from his father-in-law in 1965. Recently, the firm

was bought by and integrated into Baird, which noted the smaller company's reputation for "a strong, client-first culture and business model."

Meanwhile, Arthur Hefren moved into Sherwood Oaks in November of 1982; alas, a bout of pneumonia soon afterwards ended his life. Carol's husband, Bill Tillotson, died in 2010, after 57 years of marriage. Along the way, after earning an elementary teaching certificate at college, Carol enjoyed homemaking and sewing draperies and clothes; worked as an interior decorator; played bridge, tennis, and golf; and was even a member of a garden club where she met SO resident Jane Rittelmann. Following a brief real estate career, Carol, along with her family, continues to support numerous philanthropic causes in the area. She knew Dick Zuberbuhler's brother, so she was quite well prepared to move here, which she did at the end of August.

Of course, Carol's move to Sherwood Oaks from Mars was not uneventful. As many of us have experienced, the time involved in getting everything ready in a new abode always seems to take longer than anticipated. Even now, several weeks after her arrival, she and her cheerful white Bichon Frisé, named Tucker, are still dealing with pictures that have not yet been hung, and "stuff" that has not yet been put away where it belongs. Fortunately, "this, too, shall pass."

Carol has been wintering at a villa in Sarasota, FL, since 1985. More recently (2000), she and her husband built a house with a swimming pool there. So if you want to get to know Carol within four months of her move to Sherwood Oaks, do try to get in touch with her before the end of the year!

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

By Jane Lohman - #717, Secretary

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

Data from minutes for the Oct. 3, 2023, monthly board meeting:

SORA Treasurers: Memorial/Special Projects Fund balance is \$33,257.44, with \$19,390.06 in the Employee Appreciation Fund, plus a short-term CD of \$20,000. The SORA operating treasury balance and CD investment come to \$97,434.94. Total Resident Fees collected to-date are \$11,985 toward the approximately \$20,000 projected need to fund committee activities.

Liaison Reports:

Civic Affairs: Reminder to vote in November election. Information about judges' party affiliations posted on bulletin board.

Dining Committee: Farmers' Market to be held October 11. The fall/winter menu begins in October. Ice cream samples will be limited to new flavors only.

Recycling: TREX has changed the 'bench' program and now will require 1,000 pounds of plastic to be collected in a 12-month period.

Focus on the World and Continued Learning: Speakers for the fall series of in-house presentations have been lined up.

Technology Committee: A presentation on the Sherwood Oaks Application (SOAPP) will be made at the next SORA quarterly meeting in December. In addition to Scott's Monday morning help sessions, Jason Lyle will provide computer

assistance on Wed. mornings in the Computer Center. Training sessions for committee members on A-V operations will be scheduled when the auditorium reopens.

Program Committee: On Oct. 26, four residents will be interviewed for a presentation titled "Life Begins at 90."

Living with Loss: Annual memorial service will be held on Sat., Nov. 18, at 1:30. Relatives of those being remembered will be invited. Flu shot and COVID-19 vaccination clinics will be held in October.

Drama Club: Dinner/theater will be presented on Feb. 15/17, 2024.

Book Club: Will review *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* in October.

Pool, Spa, and Locker Room: Flooring in locker rooms will be replaced with a less slippery surface.

Sherwood Gifts: Joan McBurney and Joni Pun are the new co-managers of the Annex, which will be open Oct. 11 and 25.

Executive Director: Census: IL 193/251 — 2 homes under contract. Marketing events scheduled in November and December. SN 35/43 (5-star CMS rating); PC: 32/42; OGC: 30/30. Auditorium project: Stage lift has been installed; awaiting Cranberry Twp. inspection. One Call Now System: Ken Davies, Security Manager, is working with vendor to operate emergency notification system with the new "press 8" feature, which eliminates robo calls to patio homes and health center. PALA Award: Bethany Martin, an RN in PC/Oak Grove, received the Keystone Award for Outstanding Nurse Caregiver of the Year. The wheelchair van will be out of service until November. The podiatrist, Dr. Gioffre, is on indefinite leave; a replacement is being sought.

Old Business: All committees and activities that use the auditorium A-V system must have member(s) trained to operate the system.

New Business: Financial reviews were completed for the Operating Fund, Employee Appreciation Fund, Memorial and Special Projects Fund, and Gift Shop.

Next Monthly Board Meeting: Tues., Nov. 7, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Card Room. All Residents are welcome.

The SORA Quarterly Meeting scheduled for September 12 was cancelled; the next quarterly meeting will be on Dec. 12 at 7:00 p.m.

THE LIBRARY LOWDOWN

By Anne Hunt - #308

Coming soon! The holiday book cart will make its annual appearance in November. This cart, which contains both paperback and hardcover books with holiday themes, can be found at the front of the library, near the front desk.

We have noticed that book donations have dropped recently. We would love to receive your recently published books, especially bestsellers. Please note that books should be published within the last two years. PLEASE do not drop off boxes of older books for the library staff to sort through. You may place these books, up to ten at a time, on the cart in the hallway, just outside the library door.

Did you know that we have an entire section in the library devoted to large-print books? Currently, we have approximately 940 books available in large print. These can be found on the back wall of the library, where the windows are located.

CURIO CABINETS FOR NOVEMBER

By Janet Desko - #210

Thanks to everyone who brought items for our "Fall Harvest" theme. Your great contributions made Peggy Meister and me think of chilly breezes, pumpkin spice, and hayrides!

Well, the time has arrived for the "**Winter Holiday**" theme. It is hard to believe it is that wonderful time of the year again. So please bring your winter items, Nativity scenes, family holiday photos, Christmas ornaments, Hanukkah décor, and any other merry things you have on hand.

Please pick up your "Fall Harvest" items on **Tues., Nov. 14**, from **10:30 a.m.–noon**, and from **4:30–6:00 p.m.**

Then on **Thurs., Nov. 16**, bring your "**Winter Holiday**" items from **10:30 a.m.–noon** and from **4:30–6:00 p.m.**

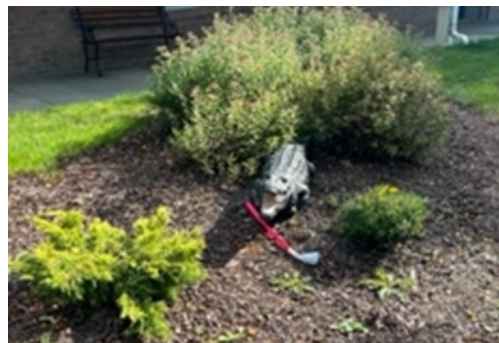
Peggy and I look forward to seeing you in mid-November!

THE LOST ALLIGATOR: UPDATE

By Jim Blum - #135

An alligator belonging to Ellie Hood followed her here to Sherwood Oaks. Then, once it got loose, it went to the Cranberry Highlands golf course, where it absconded with somebody's golf ball and golf club. The alligator must have followed Sherwood Oaks' gopher Xtraordinary – namely, myself – to Patio Home #135, where it now lives.

See the photo below for the alligator, which moved to my home when Ellie Hood moved into Personal Care.



COOPER'S CLIMATE CAPSULE

By Bruce Cooper - #715

In November 1992, some 1600 scientists, including over 100 Nobel Laureates, issued a "World Scientists' Warning to Humanity" that said, in part, "...Our massive tampering with the world's interdependent web of life – coupled with the environmental damage inflicted by deforestation, species loss, and climate change – could trigger widespread adverse effects, including unpredictable collapses of critical biological systems whose interactions and dynamics we only imperfectly understand. ... We the undersigned, senior members of the world's scientific community, hereby warn all humanity of what lies ahead. A great change in our stewardship of the earth and the life on it is required, if vast human misery is to be avoided and our global home on this planet is not to be irretrievably mutilated."

Twenty-five years later, almost 16,000 scientists looked back at the warning and concluded: "(b)y failing to adequately limit population growth, reassess the role of an economy rooted in growth, reduce greenhouse gases, incentivize renewable energy, protect habitat, restore ecosystems, curb pollution, halt defaunation, and constrain invasive alien species, humanity is not taking the urgent steps needed to safeguard our imperiled biosphere."

We must act quickly if we are to save the planet for the next generations.

Watch *The Race is On: Secrets and Solutions of Climate* on Channel 951 on Monday, Nov. 13, at 10:00 a.m., 3:30 p.m., or 7:00 p.m. Encore presentations are on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

By Gary Brandenberger - #602

All residents received a letter in early October asking for a generous donation to the Employee Appreciation Fund. You were reminded in the letter of how the employees are OUR "Village People." They all play an important role in meeting our needs and making our lives as comfortable as possible.

This is our one-time annual opportunity to show them "financially" how much we appreciate them.

If you haven't done so already, please return your check in the envelope attached to the letter. We need to know soon how much we have in hand in order to have time to prepare over 300 checks for distribution at the Employee Christmas luncheon.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this endeavor!

POINSETTIA SALE

By Peggy Rubel - #258

It's fall, and we are all beginning to think about Thanksgiving and Christmas! In that context, the Landscape Committee is again sponsoring a Poinsettia Sale, with the beautiful and long-lasting plants coming from Mussig Florist in Zelienople. We offer three sizes and three colors.

Order forms will be in the residents' cubbyholes on **Wed., Nov. 1**, with payment due by **Fri., Nov. 10**. Delivery will be on **Mon., Dec. 4**; you will be able to pick up your order in the Lobby **between 12 noon and 2 p.m.**

Questions? Contact me (8258) or Jeanne Hvidding (8240). We appreciate your participation and continued support!

TO ALL RESIDENTS!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW
TO CELEBRATE THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN US AND ARE
PRESERVING OUR FREEDOM.**

**"A PATRIOTIC SALUTE TO SHERWOOD OAKS
VETERANS"**

Friday, November 10, 2023

1:30 p.m.

AUDITORIUM

Patriotic Piano Music begins at 1:15 p.m.

PROGRAM: "HONORING OUR VETERANS"

**INCLUDING THE PRESENTATION OF COLORS, GUEST
SPEAKER, SPECIAL MUSIC, AND PATRIOTIC SING-
ALONG**

WE WILL ALSO RECOGNIZE ALL VETERANS:

Service songs and wreaths in memory of and in honor of all
who have served and are serving.

REMEMBRANCE

**There will be display tables for Veterans' Memorabilia
beginning at 10:00 am.**

Grab and Go refreshments will be served afterwards.

A FREE LUNCH FROM "THE NATION'S ATTIC"

By Dennis Lynch - #335

"The Nation's Attic" is what the museums of the Smithsonian Institution are called. Edwards Park, one of the Founding Editors of *The Smithsonian* magazine, was the history editor, and he assigned himself to go out and find someone or something interesting every month to write about. His column, "Around the Mall," was the first thing I read when the magazine arrived. I learned that Mr. Park had been a fighter pilot in the Pacific in WWII, and had written a book about it: specifically, the story of his "love affair" with his feisty aircraft, an Airacobra named "Nanette." I got the book from the library and enjoyed it.



Back in 1984 I was teaching film and TV history and production. That summer I offered a course called "Film in World War Two."

One of my advisees was a young woman of great charm and beauty; she was smart, determined, and assertive. She was also an Army ROTC cadet, while her fiancé was an Air Force ROTC cadet.

She convinced him that a fun way to get a few credits would be to join her in my course. Sit in the dark, hold hands, watch movies ... what's not to like? They both signed up; we three became friends, and they even invited me to their wedding.

I thought that Park's book, *Nanette*, would be a good wedding present: a fun read for her, and maybe instructive for him. But it was out of print, and I couldn't find a copy anywhere.

It occurred to me that Park probably had a couple of boxes of unsold copies down in his

basement. I called DC Information for Edwards Park. After a pregnant pause, I was asked, "Is that a county park or a state park?" We got that straightened out, and then I had his number. I took a deep breath and got him on the line. I told him about my enjoyment of his writing, my two ROTC students, and my inability to locate a copy of *Nanette*. He admitted that he did have copies in his basement and would inscribe one for the couple, and one for me, and ship them off. We agreed on a price; the books duly arrived, nicely inscribed; and the kids got married. They drifted out of my life: my advisee to a base near San Francisco, and her husband, to San Diego. She must be a Brigadier by now, and I hope he is still flying on her wing.

My conversation with Park had been quite pleasant, so, later that summer, when I was going to a convention near DC, I wrote and asked him if I could stand him and his wife a lunch in DC. He graciously agreed, and we made a date.

We met at the back door of the Natural History Museum and went to a nearby restaurant, where we enjoyed a long and gabby lunch, with good food and plentiful drinks. I could tell as we walked in that the restaurant was definitely upscale for a Professor from Akron. But I was not worried: I wanted to talk with them, and have a good lunch, so I was prepared with lots of cash in the form of Traveler's Checks.

When the bill came (close to 300 1984 dollars, as I recall), I was ready. I took out my wallet and pulled out an appropriate number of Checks and prepared to sign them. Park looked over and asked, "What are you doing?" I answered, "Paying the bill," obviously.

"Give me that," he said, and grabbed the bill, producing an Amex card reading *The Smithsonian Institution*. "I haven't been a reporter for forty years without knowing how to get a lunch paid for!" What an afternoon — a fine lunch, good conversation, and the Smithsonian paid for it!

CHAPEL NOTES

By Gary Brandenberger - #602
For the Chapel Committee

Services begin at 2:00 p.m.
in the Card Room.

Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.

Sunday, November 5

Rev. James Benson
Cranberry Community Presbyterian

Sunday, November 12

Rev. Ron Brown
Hope Lutheran – Cranberry

Sunday, November 19

Rev. David Paul
Calvin Presbyterian – Zelienople

Sunday, November 26

Rev. David Gieschen
Sherwood Oaks, Retired

“Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made to God.”

Philippians 4-6

CONTINUED LEARNING

Submitted by Jno L. Hunt - #308

We have scheduled a regular series of programs on Channel 951. Initial airings on Tuesdays are at 10:00 a.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Encore presentations are usually on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 7: Leonard Bernstein – The World of Jazz. Encore on **Thurs., Nov. 9.**

Tues., Nov. 14: Inventions (19 & 20). Encore on **Thurs., Nov. 16.**

Tues., Nov. 21: Japan – Islands of Extremes. Encore on **Thurs., Nov. 23.**

Tues., Nov. 28: Comparative Religions (21 & 22). Encore on **Thurs., Nov. 30.**

AN EVENING WITH ANNA

By Jane Lavender - #253

The Program Committee anticipates a delightful evening of song starring Anna Singer. The date: **Nov. 7**; the time: **7:00 p.m.**, the place: the auditorium or the card room.

Anna Singer is a radio host for the classical music radio station WQED-FM – the Voice of the Arts in Western Pennsylvania. She loves being able to program the music for the station and continues to learn about classical music repertoire. As an accomplished opera singer, she has sung several times with the New York City Opera and with our own Pittsburgh Opera.

Anna has come to Sherwood before and has entertained us with her gift of music and her keen sense of humor. We look forward to having her back for a most enjoyable evening.

ERRATUM

In our last issue (p. 19), we ran an article by Julie Eden titled “The Afternoon I Met Joan Baez.” In the second column was the following sentence: “These ballads, hymns, and fiddle tunes were *not* (italics added) heard in my home on Olive St. in Eugene, OR.” The sentence *should* have read: “These ballads, hymns, and fiddle tunes were *also* heard in my home....” We apologize to Julie for the unintended error!

WORTH A LOOK

BOOKS NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

By Barbara Christy - #237

The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime and a Dangerous Obsession by Michael Finkel. Non-fiction. Generally, priceless art is stolen to be sold illegally to a private buyer. But, consumed by his insatiable hunger to own great art, over a ten-year period Stéphane Breitwieser and his girlfriend Anne-Catherine carried out more than 200 daring thefts in European churches and museums. Aided by knowledge gained as a museum guard, a temporary job in the locks department of a hardware store, and exhaustive research in libraries prior to a burglary, Stéphane filled a secret attic room with art of immense value. The detailed descriptions of how he was able to do that and how he got caught make for fascinating reading. 364.16 FIN

Battle of Ink and Ice by Darrell Hartman. Non-fiction. Robert Peary and Frederick Cook, American explorers, both claimed to have discovered the North Pole. As their 1909 rivalry escalated, the *New York Herald* and the *New York Times* newspapers chose sides and exploited public interest to generate sales, while unwittingly influencing the future of global journalism. Sometimes accidentally and sometimes deliberately obscuring the truth, both papers sensationalized the explorers' stories for more than four months. This is a volume for armchair adventure-seekers, lovers of great feats in human history, and critical observers of the public media. 910.92 HAR

The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder by David Grann. Non-fiction. Lovers of the work of Patrick O'Brien will find this book absorbing. It is the true story of the HMS Wager, a man-of-war assigned to seek out and capture a Spanish galleon departing Cartagena for Spain, loaded with virgin silver and thousands of silver coins. With an extra-large crew of press-ganged men needed for the assaults on Spanish

ports, the Wager faced dangers from ship-borne disease, dangerously poor morale, and vicious storms, as it traversed Cape Horn. Two years later, a leaky, patched wooden boat washed up on the coast of Brazil. The thirty half-starved men aboard told an incredible tale of survival after being shipwrecked in Patagonia. They returned to England, hailed as heroes – until six months later, when another boat in even worse condition landed in Chile. Their survival story contradicted that of the first crew, and thus began an extended battle, including a life-or-death court martial, over who was telling the truth. 910.91 GRA

Lucky Red by Claudia Craven. Fiction. Dodge City, spring of 1877. Red-haired, sixteen-year-old Bridget is a smart, lively country beauty, but she is immediately challenged with finding a means of survival. She's recruited to work at the Buffalo Queen, the only brothel in town run by women. Bridget appreciates the good food, good pay, and good friendships she forms with her fellow "sporting women," and thinks she's found stability. But, as winter approaches, Bridget learns just how fleeting stability can be. With the arrival of some ominous and downright menacing strangers, tensions in Dodge City begin to run high. Romantic tensions arrive as well, when a legendary female gunfighter rides into Dodge City – and into Bridget's heart. When the Buffalo Queen's peace and stability are threatened, Bridget must decide what she owes to the people she loves and what it looks like to claim her own destiny. F CRA

The Only One Left by Riley Sager. Fiction. A true Gothic novel that will make your head spin with the twists and turns of the narrative. Kit McDeere, professional home care nurse, accepts her first assignment after six months suspension without pay, during which Kit has been grieving the death of her mother, Kathleen, who was also Kit's last patient. Told that her new patient is Lenora Hope, Kit is unable to

refuse, even though she recognizes the name as that of a notorious local legend whose reputation includes murdering her entire family in October of 1929. The plot thickens.... F SAG

Where the Forest Meets the Stars by Glandy Vanderah. Fiction. Breast-cancer survivor Jo is living in a cabin in rural Illinois and finishing her research on birds, when she realizes she has attracted a seemingly homeless, scruffy, and bruised young girl. Trying to track her parents, Jo is startled when the girl claims to come from the constellation Ursa Major, begins to recite Shakespeare, and says she can't go home until she has seen five miracles. Enlisting the aid of her socially distant neighbor Gabriel, Jo searches missing person websites daily but inexplicably avoids contacting the police. When Ursa is recognized at the local pizza hangout, she is tracked by "the bad men" to Jo's mountain cabin, where a gun battle ensues, leading both Gabe and Jo to face up to the challenges Ursa presents. F VAN

All the Sinners Bleed by S. A. Cosby. Fiction. Titus Crown is a black ex-FBI agent who returns to Charon County, Virginia, to care for his father and to become the county's first black sheriff. Although Titus knows there is a history of violence in his county, most of the residents prefer to pretend otherwise. Then a school shooting occurs with only a teacher killed. The black man who shot him appears, still holding the gun. Two white deputies kill him, despite knowing of his mental health issues. Titus is horrified by the racial attitudes that surface, and his hopes of reforming the criminal justice system in Charon County are badly shaken. When it becomes known that the dead teacher was a serial rapist and killer of black children, long-buried secrets begin to surface and violent neo-Confederate groups become involved to "protect" the community. Using his past training from the FBI and navigating through institutionalized racism, Titus works to find answers to crimes without losing himself. F COS

Somebody's Fool by Richard Russo. Fiction. North Bath, blue-collar town and site of two of Russo's previous novels, is going through upheavals due to the death of a prominent citizen, annexation by wealthy, trendy Schuyler Springs, and the merger of their two police departments. As the citizens struggle to cope with the havoc of the 2010 recession and the loss of "their" town, "Sully" Sullivan's sons and former lovers deal with the legacy of a powerful father and his impact on their own parenting. When an unidentified body is discovered in a motel outside of town, the new police chief, Charice Bond, must work together with Doug Raymer, her ex-lover and former boss, awakening long-dormant feelings in both. When a long-estranged member of the Sullivan family shows up in town, forcing family members to confront their own thorny relationships, the stage is set for yet another comic novel by this master storyteller. F RUS

Dandelion Wine by Ray Bradbury. Fiction. For a twelve-year-old boy in the summer in Illinois, making dandelion wine captures the essence of life – the balm of sunshine, the bright yellow of a farm field, the fragrance of newly-mown hay. It's being alive. Douglas Spaulding craves a new pair of cream-sponge, ultralight sneakers, making new discoveries, sitting with Grandpa on the newly hung porch swing, and watching Charlie Chaplin movies. The summer of '28 was a magical, timeless spell in the life of a growing boy. F BRA

"To get back to my youth I would do anything in the world, except exercise, get up early, or be respectable." – Oscar Wilde

"The older we get the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for." – Will Rogers

"At my age, flowers scare me." – George Burns

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNED

By Jean Henderson - #346

The Living with Loss team will offer its yearly memorial service to honor all residents and staff who have died since Sept. 2022, on **Sat., Nov. 18, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Auditorium. For the first time since the pandemic, family and friends of those being remembered will be invited.

The service includes readings, Scripture, and a brief message, with LWL team members participating. Appropriate music is part of the ceremony, with Roberta Breninghouse as musician and soloist.

Near the end of the program, the names of those lost will be read aloud and a rose in their memory added to a bouquet, which will then be on display in the lobby.

Residents have commented that this service is an important part of helping to honor and remember those residents no longer with us.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE SLATED

By Jan Wendt - #158

The Winter Solstice, and the onset of nature's dark season, is often a difficult time for many. On **Thurs., Dec. 21, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Auditorium, Living with Loss will offer its annual Longest Night Service.

This non-denominational gathering is an opportunity to embrace both light and dark. The service will include readings, prayers, music, and a gift stone. Many residents have found this offering to be a bright spot, as we begin the long days of winter.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

By James Mauch - #263

On our travels, we always enjoyed attending church, with special admiration for the great cathedrals. One Sunday we decided to go to the Cathedral in Coventry. We arrived early, found a seat, and admired the work of the architect. Among the many cathedrals we had attended, only this one was new. The building began to fill up to overflowing, an unusual experience in England in the 1970s.

We could see the crowd coming, some in wheelchairs, some missing limbs, poppies in their lapels, greeting one another as they entered. Later we learned about Poppy Day. It was the day for remembrance of the veterans of the wars. At that time, there were veterans from WWI and WWII. The day is still celebrated annually on Nov. 11, although we in the US call it Veterans Day.

After church, we walked around and visited the ruins of the 14th-century cathedral, destroyed by the bombing of Coventry in WWII. Some of the flying buttresses were still there, a silent memorial of war. The 14th-century high altar remained, supporting a largely destroyed wooden cross. After the war, England kept the site and the ruins as they were. A new cathedral was built next to the old, a lasting memorial of the horrors of war.

How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.

I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.

My friends and I have named our band 'Duvet'. It's a cover band.

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All the Sinners Bleed	Cosby, S. A.	c. 2023	F COS
Dandelion Wine	Bradbury, Ray	c. 2002	F BRA
A Death in Live Oak	Grippando, James	c. 2018	F GRI L.T. p.b.
Honey Drop Dead	Childs, Laura	c. 2023	F CHI
In the Midst of Winter	Allende, Isabel	c. 2017	F ALL L.T. p.b.
The Last Animal	Ausubel, Ramona	c. 2023	F AUS
Lion & Lamb	Patterson, James	c. 2023	F PAT
Lucky Red	Cravens, Claudia	c. 2023	F CRA
The Only One Left	Sager, Riley	c. 2023	F SAG
Romantic Comedy	Sittenfeld, Curtis	c. 2023	F SIT
Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club	Stradal, J. Ryan	c. 2023	F STR
Somebody's Fool	Russo, Richard	c. 2023	F RUS
The Three of Us	Agbaje-Williams, Ore	c. 2023	F AGB
Where the Forest Meets the Stars	Vanderah, Glendy	c. 2019	F VAN

NONFICTION, INCLUDING BIOGRAPHIES

The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime and a Dangerous Obsession	Finkel, Michael	c. 2023	364.16 FIN
Battle of Ink and Ice	Hartman, Darrell	c. 2023	910.92 HAR
The Cat's Meow	Losos, Jonathan B.	c. 2023	636.8 LOS
The Farmer's Lawyer	Vogel, Sarah	c. 2021	343.7 VOG
Sing, Memory	Eyre, Makana	c. 2023	780.89 EYR
Sleeping With the Ancestors	McGill, Joseph	c. 2023	306.36 MCG
The Soldier's Truth	Chrisinger, David	c. 2023	940.54 CHR
The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder	Grann, David	c. 2023	910.91 GRA

OUR HEROES!

By Robert Typanski - #190

There was a time when we lived in fear,
while strolling along the lake so near.
Each step was filled with apprehension
lest our foot make indentation
on some vile substance lying there,
left by creatures without a care.
Then there arrived our heroes strong.
They took control and, ere too long,
they rid our lake of those vile creatures,
sending them off, away to the bleachers.
Now they only sit and pout,
While their calls they used to flout.

Sherman and Oakley . . .

You are each a hero!

We love you . . .

and keep those geese at zero!



With thanks again to Art Sommer

More Autumn Scenes at Sherwood



Rainbow over the lake – Kathie McCormick



Planter by side door – Rosemary Coffey



Fern – Ann Ferguson



Turning Leaves – Kathie McCormick