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*Welcome Phyllis Franks, Director of Residential Services*



Photo by Tabby Alford

## FROM THE EDITOR

This month, Annette McPeek and Mike Rose will introduce Phyllis Franks, our new Director of Residential Services. If you didn't meet Phyllis when you moved to Sherwood Oaks, you will gain a little background and knowledge of the qualities that make Phyllis the perfect replacement for Bobbie Cleland. She is already experienced in wearing a number of hats during the more than ten years that she's been here in Marketing.

Also, we are going to look at two of our "unsung hero" departments that serve us at Sherwood Oaks, Housekeeping, and Security and Transportation. Where would we be without them?

*THE ACORN* will begin listing resident's military service in the IN MEMORIAM if that information is available.

Finally, I would like to thank those of you who have contributed to *THE ACORN* in the recent months, be it in the form of articles or photographs. My vision for *THE ACORN* is to have more residents involved. Drop a note in *THE ACORN* mailbox by February 15, telling us WHY you decided to move to Sherwood Oaks. We'll pick some of the best ones to share with everyone in the March issue. Until then, stay warm!

Barbara Dixon



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March issue copy deadline is  
February 15!

## WORDS OF THE MONTH

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Did you know last month's words?  
The definitions are on page 17.

## CAROLYN CORE

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Interviewed by Kathleen Schartner



Carolyn Core, one of our new 600 home residents, joins a small group of former Diamond Run golfers who are now enjoying the absence of steps at Sherwood Oaks. She moved from a home of three stories after 27 years of up and down all day long to just walking around one story. Carolyn grew up in Salem, Ohio, a small town near Youngstown. She and husband Ed met each other at the Youngstown Kitchen Division of American Standard where she worked following graduation from Salem High School.

Carolyn and Ed spent their married life together as business partners as well as husband and wife. Ed, a born entrepreneur, started two companies, Window Systems, Inc. and Core Marketing. Ed managed the growth and developments while Carolyn oversaw all the financial duties. Both of these businesses expanded into national

enterprises. The glass windows used in building our six new residences were supplied by Window Systems.

The Cores have lived in Ohio, Illinois, and PA. While living in Illinois, Carolyn took real estate classes and earned her Illinois Real Estate License. She and Ed sold or invested in many properties including a commercial building which they rented out to other companies. She quickly saw the advantages of computers, took some classes, and now maintains all her accounting work on her computer.

Following Ed's death, Carolyn was left to manage the two businesses with the assistance of their two sons. Their oldest son remains in Boston and continues his high-tech employment. Carolyn also has three grandsons who are 19, 22, and 24.

Aside from her accounting and golfing activities, Carolyn has found time to collect paperweights and continues this hobby with a large, beautiful display. She credits her mother (who had just two) for her interest in paperweights. She regularly attends shows and subscribes to catalogs.

While in Illinois, she served as Crawford County Chairperson for the March of Dimes campaign, using her organizing skills to achieve success in this national fund-raising charity. In the future, Carolyn wants to spend more time reading, listening to the news, and working in the library and computer room, as well as watching non-violent, amusing TV shows. We wish her many years to enjoy Sherwood Oaks, particularly the amazing lack of steps.

## ELEANOR HOOD

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Interviewed by Ruth Becker



If you had moved 18 times since your marriage in 1954, how would you feel about winding up at Sherwood Oaks? "I've liked every place I've lived; I'm content." Ellie's patio home reflects that truth. Family photos put the stamp of possession and contentment on the wall in the living room.

Ellie was the middle child of German immigrant parents who owned a delicatessen in Brooklyn, NY. When Ellie was twelve, the family opened a delicatessen in Ridgewood, NJ, and moved there. She attended Ridgewood schools.

After her graduation from Centenary Junior College in Hackettstown, she married Arch Hood, her high-school sweetheart, a student at Lehigh. He was a Navy pilot who later worked as a metallurgist for ALCOA. Those vocations

occasioned the 18 moves: NJ, PA, FL, TX, VA, MI, IN, CA, NY, OH, TN ... MI and IN three times and FL twice.

In addition to shepherding their three kids during those moves, (Their daughter attended three different high schools!) Ellie had time and energy to volunteer at a local hospital, serving as Cub Scout den mother, and as a Sunday school teacher.

Twenty-five years ago, she took golf lessons. "I was terrible! Couldn't even break 100 for nine holes. I gave up; no more golf for me! I was more into lunch after playing."

In all her moves, Ellie has been befriended by super neighbors. "I was a cook and a good baker. At potlucks I always brought dessert." In TN this past June "When I had a hip replacement, the neighbors showed they cared about me. They had such a great farewell party when I left." Arch, whose work upheld this caring family, died in 2015. The family now numbers 17½: two sons, one daughter, two daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, seven grands, three greats with another on the way.

Ellie and her children decided it was time for her to move near some of the family. She and her Cranberry daughter-in-law (who had moved here recently), checked out several local CCRCs. They chose Sherwood Oaks with delight.

As things settle, Ellie, an avid reader, plans to keep up on her reading and to continue playing canasta. She hopes to stay healthy, to make friends ... and that her western PA kids stay here for a while.

Have dinner with Ellie: you will learn more ... and you will be able to tell your story. She listens well.

## WHAT'S NEW WITH SORA?

Reports and actions at the January 2, 2018, SORA Board meeting included:

### **Treasurers' Reports:**

Gary Brandenberger reported the current balance of the Memorial/Special Projects Fund is \$70,455. The Fund committee welcomes proposals for the use of the funds. The Employee Appreciation Fund raised \$148,664 from residents. Resident participation was 79%. The average gift was \$627. Ray Friedel reported the SORA bank balance is \$28,773.34. Poinsettia sale profit was \$232.89.

### **Liaison Reports:**

Trips and Tours: January 30 is a trip to Mallorca Restaurant.

Library: Atrium [sic] Book Systems has been chosen to computerize the library's collection. Barbara Christy is serving as interim librarian.

Focus on the World: Tony Norman will speak in February.

Chapel: Agnes Peebles retired as chair after 23 years. Gary and Connie Brandenberger are the new chairs.

Continued Learning: March events will include Jason Lyle and Ted Pappas.

**Management Report:** Cranberry Twp. has installed a left turn signal at Norman Dr. and Rochester Road. The dish room replacement project is expected to begin in January. Jeffrey McGaughey has been promoted to Grounds Supervisor. Residents and staff are reminded of the 15 mph speed limit on campus.

**President's Report:** Bill Paul praised the seven special events held during December which provided residents and staff with glorious holiday celebrations: the Egg Nog Party, the Bell Choir and Chorus Concert, the Employees Party with distribution of checks from the Appreciation Fund, the Resident Coffee to introduce management to new residents, Al Schartner's Memorial Service, the Welcoming Dinner for new residents, and the Holiday Party for residents hosted by management. He expressed gratitude to all involved for their service.

**Old Business:** The Board approved a motion that it will no longer require Sherwood Gifts to have an external independent financial review. The officers are developing a special program for new residents to express the spirit and work of SORA.

Next SORA Board meeting:  
February 6 at 1:30 PM.

Jean Henderson, Reporter

### **A REMINDER TO SORA COMMITTEES/ACTIVITIES**

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SORA standing rule voted by the Board  
February 4, 2014.

**WELCOME TO PHYLLIS FRANKS**  
(featured on our cover)

I am pleased to welcome Phyllis Franks to her new role as Director of Residential Services. Working with her for over ten years, I have found her to be knowledgeable, caring, organized, helpful and calm. Personally, she provided me with sound counsel as I navigated the teenage years with my children. She has a wonderful husband, Jim, who she recruited to be part of the Special Services team when he retired. Stop by her “new” office and sneak a peek – I bet there just may be a few pictures of her five delightful grandchildren on display!

Annette McPeck  
Executive Director & CFO



**PHYLLIS FRANKS**  
**DIRECTOR OF RESIDENTIAL**  
**SERVICES**

Sherwood Oaks' new Director of Residential Services, Phyllis Franks, is not new to Sherwood Oaks. Phyllis joined the Sherwood Oaks team in May 2006 as Marketing Coordinator. In this position, she was initially responsible for all clerical duties, record keeping, report preparation, and coordinating 24 marketing events each year. Over time, she gradually progressed into sales and has helped many clients decide to join the Sherwood Oaks community.

Phyllis, a native of Erie, PA, graduated from Muskingum College with a degree in Psychology. She and her husband Jim have been married for 39 years and have two daughters and five grandchildren. Phyllis was a stay-at-home mom until her children grew-up and left home. One evening a resident of Sherwood Oaks invited Phyllis and Jim for dinner at Sherwood Oaks and suggested that she might be interested in a job here, and the rest is history. Upon retiring a few years ago from his job as a banker, Jim also joined the Sherwood Oaks team as a driver in Special Services.

Phyllis is excited about her new position as Director of Residential Services but says that “succeeding Bobbie Cleland is a bit scary, although it will be gratifying to help new residents get settled and comfortable at Sherwood Oaks.” In her new position, Phyllis knows she has “big shoes to fill” but, based on her past performance at Sherwood Oaks, we residents know that Phyllis can do it easily.

Mike Rose



## HOUSEKEEPING DEPARTMENT



Photo by Mike Mills

There are two full-time Housekeeping supervisors, Chris Coroian and me, Nancy O'Leary. We have a combined 57 years of experience here at Sherwood Oaks. The Housekeeping staff is a team of 23 full time, one part-time and five casual employees with a combined 298 years of experience here.

The Housekeeping Department is responsible for a variety of things. Our laundry department washes all the table linens, all non-resident owned linen from the Skilled Nursing Unit, the Personal Care Unit, and the Oak Grove Center, and offers a flat linen (resident owned) service to all outside apartments. In 2017 the laundry staff did 624,684 pounds of laundry!

Each week the housekeepers clean approximately 238 independent living apartments, so that is about 12,376 apartments a year. Our staff also cleans the Oak Grove Center, the Personal Care Unit, the Skilled Nursing Unit, and the Community Center. They work at this seven days and nights a week.

The Housekeeping Department is also responsible for all the common areas and setups. We receive notification of special events and reservations via the computer. Chris and I watch all the common rooms for changes and setups. We also take care of ten Oak Lodge rooms and the Summer House.

All these responsibilities make for a very busy Housekeeping Department. But, it is a rewarding experience for all of us to serve the great residents who live here.

Nancy O'Leary  
Housekeeping Supervisor



## SECURITY AND TRANSPORTATION



Photo by Ed Borrebach

The Sherwood Oaks Security and Transportation Department consists of a Director, a Supervisor and 13 Officers. Sherwood Oaks is a unique Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC), and the Security Department has an individual who is armed and has arrest powers for the campus.

Security provides access control to the Sherwood Oaks campus 24 hours a day. They respond to all emergency calls, duress alarms, fire alarms, breaches of the peace, and they conduct investigations, security checks, and routine interior and exterior patrols.

The Security Department also provides transportation for Sherwood Oaks residents. Some of those are free weekly runs to the local Cranberry Township area, both Passavant hospitals, and once a week trips to Pittsburgh. Security also provides medical and recreation transportation services for a fee.

The Security Department can be contacted at 8155 or 724-776-8155, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Michael Mills  
Director of Security and Transportation



Photo by Diane Setzenfand



# Continued Learning

Spring is in the air, and so it is that Continued Learning will begin presenting programs Monday, March 5, 2018. Look for the calendar of events in your mailbox.

**Monday, March 5, 10:30-11:30 AM – Sharon D. Castle, Ph.D.**, will discuss, “Telling Your Family Story.” Shari is the daughter of resident, Ellie Castle, and has written a book on the Castle family history. She will talk about researching genealogical data and the writing process to transform it into a family history.

**Thursday, March 8, 1:00-3:00 PM – Residents Frank and Joanne Weiss**, will introduce “Wine Making 101.” Frank will display equipment that he uses and discuss HIS method of making wine. At the conclusion, we hope you will have the opportunity to try a very small taste of his “Three Weiss Men” wines.

**Friday, March 9, 1:30-3:00 PM - Ben Holland**, Butler County Controller

**Monday, March 12, 1:30-3:00 PM – Ted Pappas, retiring Director of the Pittsburgh Public Theater**, will discuss his nearly 20-year tenure here in Pittsburgh where he not only directed the company but “developed my skills as a director of classical work.”

**Thursday, March 15, 10:30-11:30 AM – Lynne Williams, M.D.**, will speak about Jeremiah’s Place, the Pittsburgh area’s only crisis nursery. They provide emergency care for children 0-6, focusing on keeping them safe.

**Monday, March 19, 1:30-3:00 PM – Resident, Jason Lyle**, will talk about his career in professional audio, from being a recording studio engineer to a 23-year career as a broadcast audio engineer with TV shopping channel QVC, where he mixed live music performances for over 350 national and worldwide music artists.

**Tuesday, March 20, 10:30-11:30 AM – Thomas E. Smithgall, Ph.D.**, son-in-law of resident, Bernard Buller, will discuss the path leading to a career in basic science research and the reasons for the lengthy time involved in developing new drugs for human use.

**Monday, March 26, 10:30-11:30 AM – Jaime J. Halaszynski**, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, will speak about Veteran Services.

## FOCUS ON THE WORLD AN EVENING WITH TONY NORMAN



One of Pittsburgh's most popular journalists is Tony Norman, whose twice-a-week columns at the top of page two of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* bring thoughts on diverse subjects ranging from unidentified flying objects to opioids. We will all have a rare opportunity to hear this unusually gifted writer speak at Sherwood Oaks on Thursday evening, February 22, in a program sponsored by Focus on the World. Come prepared to hear his thoughts on various subjects, and perhaps to ask him your questions.

If you are one of his devoted fans, in recent weeks you have seen many sides of his personality in columns. In October there was the soft side as he wrote about his beloved grandmother, Jessie Simpson, who broke her promise to live until she reached the age of 103, when she passed away, a decade short of the promised age.

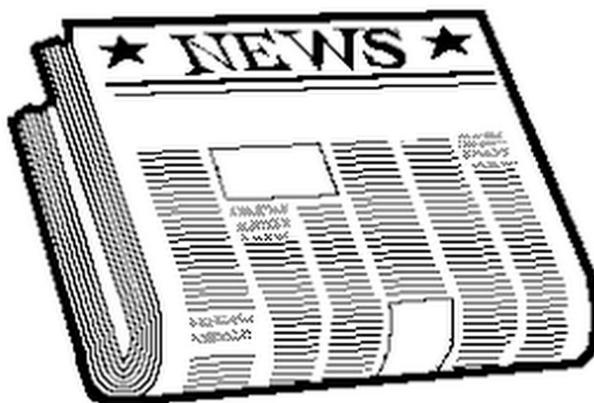
More recently there was his sharper side, as Mr. Norman reacted to Michael

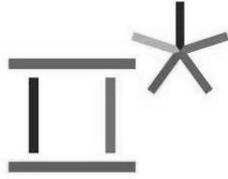
Wolff's book "Fire and Fury," reflecting on the relative size of the nuclear buttons controlled by two unpredictable world leaders. In that column, Tony wondered if perhaps we are all "slouching down the road toward nuclear Armageddon."

Or, there is his whimsical side, as he writes about unidentified flying objects, for which the federal government set aside \$22 million per year from 2007 to 2012. Mr. Norman suggests that, since the project eventually became a victim of budgetary neglect, perhaps that is what has become of the Childhood Health Insurance Program (CHIPS), too.

Whatever journalistic mood he is in, Tony Norman keeps readers abreast of many of the latest developments, both local and worldwide, with a flair for colorful vocabulary and a unique literary style. You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear one of America's most entertaining speakers! The program begins at 7:15 PM in the Auditorium.

Olive Tiller





PyeongChang 2018™



## LET THE WINTER GAMES BEGIN:

Full disclosure: I am really a Summer Olympics gal. They have sports I can identify with: track and field, soccer, volleyball, swimming, etc. and they take place in cities I have heard of and been to: Tokyo, London, Los Angeles, Barcelona, Sydney, and Paris.

But every four years I change gears and get interested in sports called curling, luge, biathlon, skeleton, Alpine skiing, Nordic combined, and bobsleigh. I suddenly pay attention to inside and outside edges, double and triple axles, skiing downhill between poles and gates, and a snowboarder who can land a back-to-back 1080.

I do remember, between the Games, that my knees HURT each time a skier took a run on a steep, heavily moguled course. Mogul skiing is NOT my cup of tea. (A mogul is a series of bumps on a course where snow has been pushed into mounds.)

Quiet little villages and a few larger towns on three continents and in eleven different countries have hosted the Winter Games. But the sites may or may not be household names: Garmisch-Partenkirchen (Germany), St. Moritz, Lillehammer, Chamonix, Antwerp Cortina d'Ampezzo and Turin (Italy), Innsbruck, Grenoble, Nagano

and Sapporo (Japan). Ok, I do admit I have heard of the US cities hosting the Games: Lake Placid, Salt Lake City, and Squaw Valley.

And if you had not heard of Sochi, Russia, before 2014, you know it now. This was the first time Russia hosted the Winter Olympic Games. There were over 2800 athletes from 88 countries in 98 events.

This year the Winter Olympic Games are in PyeongChang, South Korea. Now, I cannot even pronounce that city's name, let alone find it on a map. But by the time the two weeks of events are over, I assume I will be able to. And, I'll no doubt know well the names of the US athletes who win or participate. Right now, they are unknown names and talents to me.

For the first time, starting February 8, you and I will have access to live coverage of the Games instead of watching a delayed replay. There will be a variety of TV channels, or you can watch online.

I will re-learn sports unfamiliar to me. I hope I'll forget about the costs of the Games, security concerns for athletes, doping, and political issues. I'll lose sleep watching those on skis, sleds, skates and those sliding stones or pucks on a sheet of ice. I'll try to forget I am really a Summer Olympic fan and relish in winter sports. After all, these athletes only come together every four years. It's the least I can do.

Julie Eden

## ANOTHER TIME AROUND

Sammy Cahn wrote the lyrics, "Love is lovelier the second time around." I would say that each love is distinct, special in its own way. So it has proven for several couples who have met here at Sherwood Oaks, fallen in love, married and continued their lives together.

Lila Cornell and the late Dick Baker were one such couple. Lila has been kind enough to share their story with us. "Dick Baker and I became acquainted by having lunch together at Sherwood Oaks with our friends that we saw regularly. We realized that we had many interests in common: church, theater, Chatham Baroque music, ballet, opera, and museums. We had both traveled and participated in a number of Elderhostels.

"In October of 2004, we married each other under the care of Pittsburgh Monthly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends. For twelve years we supported each other, enjoyed being together and with our friends at S.O., as well as many other places."

Olive Tiller and Ed Alo, Leslie Crawford and Bill Matlack, and Jean and Fred Parsons are three other couples that found love and marriage here at Sherwood Oaks.

And, as we know, there are other couples who have met here and are enjoying companionships that make their lives much richer.

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

The Editor



## ON MURRAY AVENUE

Sitting in Bruggers, I pass time.  
Pencil in hand, I doodle,  
pass time 'til I must pick you up.  
My pencil is short, the coffee cold.  
Traffic outside sets a rhythm  
my lines try to repeat.  
I listen. I look. I scribble.  
I waste time. I write.  
Beside me a white-haired lady slurps.  
Her table glistens, reflects her wet chin.

Outside the fall sky darkens, turns grey.  
A child stomps in. His mother follows.  
Both add a new beat to the rhythm I  
seek.  
Chairs screech. A couple rise,  
toss remnants of lunch aside  
and glide outside, moving to a music  
only they seem to hear.  
The traffic picks up. Rain starts again.  
Wheels on the avenue's slick road sing,  
play the tune I have been seeking.  
I finish my coffee, pack up my scribbles,  
step outside in the rain. Listen.  
"Time to pick up your man,"  
sing the wheels on the street.  
Time to start our own music has come.

Jean Kabbert

## SHERWOOD GIFTS

**DID YOU KNOW** ... your gift shop is staffed entirely by volunteers? In addition to the volunteers you see at the cash register when you enter the shop, there are four department managers who are responsible for purchasing and stocking the shelves with greeting cards, candy, sundries, and jewelry. There is another manager who is responsible for Granny's Attic, the department that accepts donated items. The smaller items are sold in the gift shop, and the furniture is sold in the Annex (unit 156). There are also several financial wizards who keep the books and make sure all the bills and taxes are paid. Proceeds from the sales are for the benefit of SORA's Memorial and Special Projects Fund.

New volunteers are always welcome, and the only qualifications are a smile and a willingness to give back to this wonderful community we call home.

Jane Paul  
Co-Manager

### LOOK! A FLOCK OF LIONS!

You know that's wrong, don't you? Lions don't come in flocks; they come in prides. Sheep come in flocks, as do, I suppose, shepherds. Words like "pride" to name a group of animals are called "Terms of Venerly," or "Nouns of Assembly," or "Nouns of Collection." The usage comes from English hunting practice of the late Middle Ages. My dictionary gives the second use of "venerly" as 'the act, art, or sport of hunting.'

Although common for animals (a "murder" of crows, a "cry" of cats, a "parliament" of owls, *et cetera*) nouns of collection are more rare when applied to other things, like plants, food, or humans. But I think they are fun to find or just make up. For example: a bench of judges, a mucilage of congressmen (what is the PC term for "women in Congress"?), a concussion of Steelers ...

But there is a need right here at Sherwood Oaks. Thus,

### OUR FIRST CONTEST!

*THE ACORN* is starting a contest for the most creative nouns of collection for the following words which we feel require attention. The judges of the contest will be the editorial staff of *THE ACORN*, and their decision is final (as could be expected in a retirement community). There will be Prizes for the best collective noun for each of the three words below; and a Grand Prize for the most ingenious overall. The prizes will be a year's subscription to *THE ACORN!!*

Drop your nouns of collection for each of these words into *THE ACORN* mailbox by February 15 (legibly written, mind!):

Dennis Lynch

#### ACORN NOUNS OF COLLECTION CONTEST

a/an \_\_\_\_\_ of ROLLATORS

a/an \_\_\_\_\_ of SCOOTERS

a/an \_\_\_\_\_ of GRANDCHILDREN

## SORA PROGRAM COMMITTEE YOUNG MUSICAL PRODIGIES



On Thursday, February 15, at 7:15 PM in the Auditorium, the SORA Program Committee will present a musical program by two brothers, Ariel and Ben Chamis, that is sure to entertain you and brighten a cold winter evening.

The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh writes of them: "Fifteen-year-old twin brothers Ariel and Ben Chamis have had contact with music since an early age. ... Both of their parents are musicians. With their family, they spent the year of 2012 in Brazil, where they ... learned Brazilian Jazz with local professional musicians.

"Ariel started on guitar when he was seven and presently has three teachers. Ben, the younger of the two by 13 minutes, currently has three piano teachers. ... His performance of a Mozart Piano Concerto on the Brazilian PBS can be seen on YouTube. ...

"Despite their young age, Ariel and Ben have played numerous concerts, among them the Latin American Festival, where they have been performing yearly since 2013, (and) the Carnegie Library Sunday Afternoon Concert Series, the

Pittsburgh Symphony Fiddlesticks, Piano Day Pittsburgh, ... the Andy Warhol Museum, several fundraisers for the Pittsburgh Symphony, as well as multiple presentations in retirement and nursing homes. Some of their performances can be found on [www.facebook.com/Ariel and Ben.](http://www.facebook.com/ArielandBen)"

Fred Parsons

## CURIO CABINETS

Currently on display are a combination of Anri and Hummel figurines. The Anri are hand carved wooden figures, very unusual. These may be viewed until February 27. Owners may then retrieve them from 10 AM -12 PM and from 4:30 - 5:30 PM that day.

On March 1, we will celebrate those hardy descendants of the dinosaurs - The Birds. Please bring items for display between 10 AM -12 PM and 4:30 - 5:30 PM. Water birds will be especially welcome, especially swans!

Gussie Dimmick



## ANOTHER SCAM REPORT

Those who want your money, or information to get your money, are becoming inventive. Here's a new wave of come-ons:

**From:** ImageBank  
<kevinmc@dwebco.com>  
**Subject:** Rabemarsh You  
have damaged images If  
**Date:** October 12, 2017 at  
6:03:26 PM EDT  
**To:** "rabemarsh@mac.com"  
<rabemarsh@mac.com>

Hi, **You have damaged images.**

[DSC\\_26495.jpg](#)

I knew this enticement was bogus because I have never posted photos on the internet. I didn't bite, so they tried a different approach – one that they were sure would catch my attention:

**From:** AppleCare<[post@top30.com](mailto:post@top30.com)>  
**Date:** October 5, 2017 at 1:08:01  
PM EDT  
**To:** Undisclosed recipients ;  
**Subject:** AppleCare



Your account has been locked for security reasons.  
Before we set you loose, we thought you might want to know:  
Your account has been locked for security reasons.  
To unlock your account, please login and follow instructions.

**LOG IN**

If you click on the right spot in the address, you will get big red WARNING that this is a scam. But you should already know that Apple does not send emails like this, and that if you click on the "LOG IN" button, you stand the chance of disabling your computer or losing money.

The sure way to tell if the email is from a fraudulent source is to examine the sender's email address. As you can see from the examples, the addresses are private, not from the company they purport to be from. "ImageBank" is from Kevin's private address, [kevinnc@dwebvco.com](mailto:kevinnc@dwebvco.com).

Similarly, "AppleCare" does not have an email address at "[post@top30.com](mailto:post@top30.com)". It is [@apple.com](mailto:@apple.com).

These rascals not only try to impersonate Apple, but they will try to deceive you by claiming the email comes from any other service you think is safe.

### Users Support

Important notification 37-  
5887

To: Rabe Marsh

Google | Notification Service

Sophie Hussain, Google Team:

Also bogus. If you click on "Users Support," you will see that Sophie's real email address is [day@rdcomputerworks.com](mailto:day@rdcomputerworks.com), a private email address, and that she is not from the Google Team, In this internet world of thieves, you must keep alert.

Rabe Marsh



## February Movie Schedule

### February 3 - Brad's Status (2017) R 1hr 42 min

When Brad Sloan (Ben Stiller), accompanies his college-bound son to the East Coast, the visit triggers a crisis of confidence in Brad's status. Brad has a satisfying career and a comfortable life. Showing his son around Boston, where Brad went to university, he can't help comparing his life with those of his four best college friends. As he imagines their wealthy, glamorous lives, he wonders if this is all he will ever amount to. But when circumstances force him to reconnect with his former friends, Brad begins to question whether he has really failed or is, in some ways at least, been the most successful of them all.

### February 10 - LBJ (2017) R 1hr 38 min

After powerful Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson (Woody Harrelson) loses the 1960 Democratic presidential nomination to Senator John F. Kennedy, he agrees to be his young rival's running mate. But once they win the election, despite his extensive legislative experience and shrewd political instincts, Johnson finds himself sidelined in the role of vice president. That all changes on Nov. 22, 1963, when Kennedy is assassinated, and Johnson is suddenly thrust into the

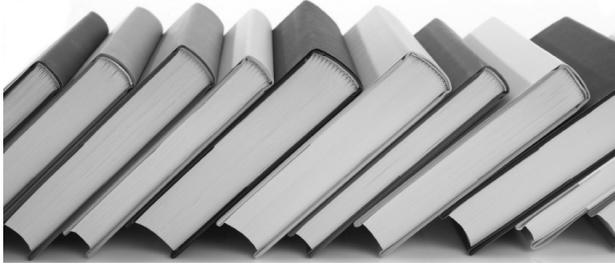
presidency. As the nation mourns, Johnson must contend with longtime adversary, Attorney General Bobby Kennedy, and one-time mentor, Georgia Senator Richard Russell, as he seeks to honor JFK's legacy by championing the historic Civil Rights Act of 1964. The film is rated R due to LBJ's potty mouth.

### February 17 - Wonder (2017) PG 1Hr 53 min

Based on the New York Times bestseller, *WONDER* tells the inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman. Born with facial differences, (Treacher Collins Syndrome) that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade. Like his family, his new classmates and the larger community all struggle to find their compassion and acceptance, Auggie's extraordinary journey will unite them all and prove you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.

### February 24 - Murder on the Orient Express (2017) PG - 13, 1hr 54 min

What starts out as a lavish train ride through Europe quickly unfolds into one of the most stylish, suspenseful and thrilling mysteries ever told. From the novel by Agatha Christie, *Murder on the Orient Express* tells the tale of thirteen strangers stranded on a train, where everyone's a suspect. One man must race against time to solve the puzzle before the murderer strikes again. Kenneth Branagh directs and leads an all-star cast including Penélope Cruz, Willem Dafoe, Judi Dench, Johnny Depp, Michelle Pfeiffer, Daisy Ridley and Josh Gad.



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May, Peter © 2013.F/MAY

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Smith, Alexander McCall © 2017.F/SMI

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Dolan, Harry © 2017.F/DOL

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Atkinson, Kate © 2006.F/ATK

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**Past Perfect**

Steel, Danielle © 2017.F/STE

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Berg, Elizabeth © 2017.F/BER

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Green, John © 2017.F/GRE

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**\*Hank and Jim**

Eyman, Scott ©2017. Bio/FON

**J. Edgar Hoover**

Gentry, Curt ©1991. Bio/HOO

**Killing England**

O'Reilly, Bill (Dugard, Martin) ©2017. 973.3/  
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**A Pope and a President**

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**LAST MONTH'S  
WORDS OF THE MONTH**

Mesonoxian – “Of or relating to midnight.”

Qualtagh – “The first person encountered outside one’s home on New Year’s Day.”

## SPOTLIGHT ON NEW BOOKS THE BOOK SELECTION COMMITTEE

These recently purchased library books are on display on a shelf labeled “New Books.” If a book you seek is not there, fill out a reserve slip.

***The House of Unexpected Sisters*** by Alexander McCall Smith. Fiction. We are back in Botswana with the No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency in the 18<sup>th</sup> book in this highly popular series at Sherwood Oaks. “One of the author’s most charming books” (*Washington Times*).

***The Story of Arthur Truluv*** by Elizabeth Berg. Fiction. An elderly man is the key character in this acclaimed short novel. “Filter out the endless stream of politics and bad news, and focus, just for a moment, on the sweetness and light in life and in your neighbors” (*Chicago Tribune*).

***The Last Ballad*** by Wiley Cash. Fiction. The novel revisits a deadly textile union strike in North Carolina in 1929 led by Ella May Wiggins, a union organizer celebrated in a Pete Seeger ballad. The author makes history come to life as he “vividly blends the archival with the imaginative” (*New York Times*).

***A Hundred Small Lessons*** by Ashley Hay. Fiction. A portrait of two women living in Brisbane, Australia: one in her 90’s recently relocated to an assisted-living facility, the other in her 30’s. Both “are finely and sympathetically drawn,

and their lives highlight issues that affect many women” (*Kirkus*). “Lyrically written” (*BookPage*).

***Bluebird, Bluebird*** by Attica Locke. Fiction. “A deftly plotted whodunit” (*Kirkus Starred Review*). With a black Texas Ranger at its center, this is a crime novel that is also a story of race and justice in present-day America.

***The Man in the Crooked Hat*** by Harry Dolan. Fiction. An ex-cop searches for the man who killed his wife. “Superior prose, plotting, and characterization put Dolan in the top rank of crime novelists” (*Publishers Weekly Starred Review*).

***Hank and Jim: The Fifty-Year Friendship of Henry Fonda and James Stewart*** by Scott Eyman. A dual biography that is “engrossing [and] compelling” (*Kirkus Starred Review*).

Tom Fararo



## CHAPEL NOTES

Leading Chapel Services during the month of February will be the following:

February 4 - The Rev. Tracy Cox,  
Coraopolis United Methodist Church

February 11 - The Rev. Tom Parkinson,  
Dutilh United Methodist Church

February 18 - The Rev. Donna Giver-  
Johnson, Community Presbyterian  
Church

February 25 - The Rev. Sarah  
Heppenstall, Retired Presbyterian  
Minister

Agnes Peebles has chaired the Chapel Committee for 23 years! She will be stepping down as chair, but thankfully she will remain on the committee. A future *ACORN* will feature the history of Agnes and Olive Tiller making the Chapel Committee such an important part of our community for these many years.

Several folks have asked why we do not take up a collection at the Chapel services. We do receive occasional donations to help fund our modest expenses, including brunch for pastors, paying visiting musicians, postage, copying, etc. Anyone wishing to help with these expenses, simply make out your check to: Sherwood Oaks, adding Chapel Committee to the memo line and give to a committee member.

Gary Brandenberger  
Chapel Committee

### *IN MEMORIAM*

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

*Edward Ekas*

*Unites States Air Force*

*January 7, 2018*

*Kenneth Meyer*

*Unites States Air Force*

*January 8, 2018*

*Mary Dorsch*

*January 22, 2018*

## ACTIVITIES IN THE CHAPEL

Women's Bible Study  
First and Third Mondays  
10:45 – 11:45 AM

Men's Bible Study  
Weekly, Wednesdays  
10:00 – 11:00 AM

Holy Communion, Episcopal Rite  
Second Monday of the month  
11:00 AM

Rosary – Led by Chester Ludwicki  
First, Second, and Third Fridays  
9:30 AM

Quaker Meeting for Worship  
Fourth Sunday  
10:30 – 11:30 AM

*"Love is a canvas furnished by Nature and embroidered  
by imagination."*

*--Voltaire*



Photo by Abby Eden, Julie Eden's granddaughter