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“The Spring clad all in gladness



Joe Asin

Doth laugh at Winter’s sadness.”

A FOWL ANNOUNCEMENT

...the ballots have been tallied
.....the results are in
....and the winner, with 7 votes, is

The Great Blue Heron



...In the spirit of the baseball season, his name is HANK HERON!!

Also, in the spirit of full disclosure —

Four votes were cast for the Canada Goose

Three votes for the turkey with suggested names of Turkey Lurkey, Teddy
Cranberry Turkey and Oakie Lokey

One vote each for —

Caca Crow

Linda Goldfinch (Linda is Spanish for lovely)

Cardinal

Mallard Duck

and... "early" bird

Two write-in votes for Mister Buttons—who is hardly a fowl contestant

Further, we are obliged to report that Ms. Flamingo is totally flummoxed that she was not nominated as a candidate after all her years spent gracing our campus during the month of May. She *will*, however, make her appearance on May 1 and sez her presence for the summer months will serve to embarrass us at our lack of loyalty and remind us that she is *not* a fowl-weather-friend.

The Editors



Ed Borrebach

BRUCE STEWART

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Interviewed by Harriet Burress

What a pleasure it is to welcome Bruce Stewart to his new home at #126 and to Sherwood Oaks. With much encouragement from his daughter, he recently moved from McCandless after living there for 41 years. Bruce was born in Lansdowne, PA. His Dad was a pastor in Philadelphia. Bruce attended Swarthmore College for three years, and then graduated with a BA from Geneva College where his uncle was Dean and his aunt, a French Professor. (She actually planned and accompanied tours to France for her students - a little ahead of her time.)

Bruce brought with him to Sherwood Oaks two precious teddy bears. One was given to him when he was five by a lady in his Dad's congregation. She was 80 years old at that time and the bear had been hers as

a girl. "It is at least 160 years old and is in great condition."

"As a boy, I attended our church camp at White Lake, NY, until I went to college... It was at this camp that I met my wife of 61 years, and I miss her very much." In addition to their 4 children, Bruce has 15 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

When Bruce graduated from the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, he accepted a pastorate in Cambridge, MA and continued his education at Harvard Divinity School. Then the family, wife Roselyn and their four children, moved out west; first to Colorado and then to L.A. "The children really grew up in L.A. and we enjoyed it very much". During this time Bruce earned his MA in counseling at California State College.

Pennsylvania beckoned them "home" when Bruce was elected a professor of theology at the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary. Two years later he was elected President and continued in both capacities for 16 years before he retired in '96.

Bruce may be retired but he is surely not retired from an active life. He is still an elder in his church and occasionally fills an empty pulpit. He serves on the Board of his denomination's Home for the Aged and is quite interested in sports. "I am also a philatelist and have been since my Dad, who was on the Foreign Mission Board of our denomination when I was a child, gave me all of the stamps that arrived on his correspondence from other countries."

Bruce's biographical information sheet, concludes, "If there are ways I can be of help to others, I would be happy to serve." Please welcome Bruce to our campus.

SHEDDING SOME LIGHT ON LIGHT BULBS

Q. How many people does it take to change a light bulb?

A. Twelve. Eleven to decide which bulb to buy and one to screw in the bulb.

Recently we've been deluged by new lighting technologies. We are familiar with selecting light bulbs by "watts", a measure of energy used. We think of 40, 60 or 100 watt incandescent bulbs. (Incandescent means that the light is provided by using electricity to heat a thin wire until it glows brightly - as made practical by Mr. Edison back in 1879.) This generates a lot of heat along with the light and uses a lot of electricity to do so. Cost to purchase each bulb is about 50 cents and each lasts about 1000 hours. This "old" type of bulb is being discontinued because bulbs based on other principles use less energy - some use much less - and last much longer.

A sort of compromise technology is still used in many 3-way bulbs - they're called halogen bulbs. They are about 25% more efficient than the incandescent but otherwise have many of the characteristics of the originals.

So far, the best bulbs available of the new breed are LED bulbs (Light Emitting Diodes). They are very efficient, are good in many fixtures, usually work with dimmers and last about 10,000 hours. The main problem is their cost—up to \$25 for one bulb.

So most of us will choose second best: compact fluorescents, or CFL (the curly ones). They use the same principle as fluorescent bulbs familiar to us in most overhead lights—about 3 or 4 feet long, fat, straight glass tubes. A way has been found to make them much, much smaller so that they fit into our familiar lightbulb sockets. These new bulbs last about 8,000 hours and cost from one to

three dollars each. Another thing, CFLs may take one to three minutes to achieve full brightness.

Here's where the many available choices become significant. Watts measure how much electricity is used, not how much light is produced—that is measured in "lumens". What we now call a 100 watt bulb gives off about 1700 lumens of light.

Another decision to be made is "color" or "color temperature". This usually comes in three flavors: Warm or Soft White (2700 to 3000 °K*), Bright White and Cool White (3500 to 4100 K*) and Daylight (5000 to 6500 °K* or more). The higher the color temperature rating, the closer the bulb is to what we are used to and the higher the price. In addition, many of these cannot be used with a dimmer switch and are rarely found as 3-way bulbs.

Thus, if you are looking to replicate, efficiently, the result of a 100 watt incandescent bulb, you might start by looking for a CFL daylight bulb providing 1500-1600 lumens with color temperature in the vicinity of 4000 to 6000 °K*. Be aware that the color response of our eyes differs from one person to another and you may have to adjust your choices somewhat. Try one before buying a dozen.

Just a reminder - if your light fixture with a burned out bulb is attached to the wall or ceiling, maintenance will replace the bulb at their expense.

Good luck.

Tom Risch
Energy Conservation and Recycling
Committee

* *Using the Kelvin temperature scale*

WHAT'S NEW WITH SORA?

April SORA Board report:

Treasurers' Report – Motion carried to keep \$500.00 in the West View account for a few months to handle any remaining "SORA Reserve" transactions. The remainder of the Reserve Fund was transferred to the Sherwood Oaks Subsidy Fund (\$274,029.00) and the Sherwood Oaks Fund (about \$746,000) as approved at the March quarterly meeting.

Liaison Reports

Focus on the World - A Candidates' Night program will be held on May 6. A film on climate change will be shown on May 29 and there will be a display of related resources in the Library.

Audio-Visual Committee - Anticipating the installation of new equipment in the auditorium and card room, the committee urges all people previously trained to operate the present equipment to be retrained on the new equipment. The A-V committee will be happy to train any other volunteers and believes the new equipment will be easier to use once the learning curve has been negotiated.

Energy Conservation and Recycling - The local Battery Giant store is conducting a contest among schools for the collection of most kinds of used batteries. We decided to donate batteries collected at Sherwood Oaks to the Seneca Valley School District; they will be delivered by Andy Moran. Please deposit your used batteries in the box in the gallery/scooter room. Also please note: The new recycling containers near the fireplace in the lobby should **NOT** be used for disposal of trash. **They are meant for recyclables only.**

Maintenance Committee - New door frames for fire doors are being installed at the entrance to Skilled Nursing. New water lines are replacing broken underground lines in some

patio homes. Garage door replacements are ongoing. The issue of heat loss in some patio homes is being investigated.

Management Report

- Annette McPeck, CFO, reported on several initiatives being considered and/or worked on, including 1) a new sound system for the auditorium; 2) purchase of a new bus; 3) a Special Appeal for funds to support the expansion of the Fitness Center to be located in unfinished space on the lower level of the Oak Grove Center, near the Cranberry Lake Grill; 4) completion of a Campus Master Plan to address accessibility issues.

Old Business - The report of the Nominating Committee was received (see page 9 for the full report).

New Business - The SORA Finance Committee reported that it is unable to identify residents who are qualified to perform the audits required by the By-laws. Motion carried that Sherwood Gifts pay a maximum of \$1,000.00 for their annual audit and that the Employee Appreciation Fund, the Operating Treasury and the Memorial/Special Projects Fund each pay a maximum of \$333.34 for their respective annual audits. Sherwood Oaks management has agreed to pay any costs in excess of \$1,000.00 for the Sherwood Gifts audit and that of the other three combined accounts. Motion carried to dissolve the Audit Committee, to hire an auditing firm and to revise the By-laws as required by this motion.

Motion carried to approve the proposal for \$4,000.00 for the North Woods Program which had previously been approved by the Memorial/Special Projects Committee.

Betty Eichler
Reporter

NORTH ALLEGHENY GOLDEN STROLLING STRINGS

The North Allegheny Golden Strolling Strings is now in its 26th year. Organized by Mrs. Christine Loverti, this activity involves all string orchestra students from grades 9-12.

These students play music of many styles: classical, folk, popular and dance. They have traveled to Florida, Georgia, New York, Virginia Beach and Chicago.

One of the key factors for their professionalism and stage appearance is their formal attire. The men wear tuxedos and the women wear long black skirts, gold sashes and white blouses. On the evening of Thursday, May 1, they will be entertaining all of us in the auditorium at 7:15 PM.



NORTH HILLS CONCERT CHORALE

The North Hills Concert Chorale will be presenting a spring program on Thursday evening, May 22. Three of our residents, Elaine Hartswick, Peggy Meister and Barb Rankin, sing with this group. Come to the auditorium at 7:15 PM and discover the talent we have at Sherwood Oaks and enjoy these wonderful voices.

Helen Haberlein,
Program Committee



Sally Donnell

SPRING FLOWER SALE ...plus

Don't forget the date for the Hanging Basket Sale sponsored by the Landscape Committee: Friday, May 16, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM on the patio outside the scooter room. In case of rain, sale will be in the auditorium.

In addition to the baskets of flowers listed in the April Acorn, we will be offering large tomato plants in 10-inch pots with a cage. We will also have lettuce bowl gardens with several varieties of lettuce. Both the tomatoes and lettuce can be grown on your patio, perhaps with a small herb garden. You will want to protect these plants from rabbits, deer and other wild "nibblers". You will be able to walk out your door and pick fresh fixings for a very tasty salad!

Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase plants for various gardens and landscape beds throughout the campus. Your purchase will not only provide colorful beauty and a tasty salad at your own home but beautiful flowers in other areas as well.

Betty Eichler
Landscape Committee

Bob the Builder, Episode VIII

Gardens are in...



Sod ready to go...



Photos by Sally Donnell

...ON MOVING HERE

Aren't' we lucky not to live with our kids
We moved to S.O. when we hit the skids.
Our children don't worry. They don't have
to fuss,
Watching and worrying over old us.
We're safe and protected. Very secure
We're happy to be here. Our kids can be
sure.
This was the right answer. There is no
confusion.
Our move to S.O. was the perfect solution.

*Found on the bulletin board in the mail
room - when asked, Ed Borrebach admit-
ted authorship.*

GIFT SHOP NEWS

An Easter Stroll

Strolling, walking, browsing—relaxing, pleasant pastimes. Strolling into the Gift Shop at Easter was a pleasure! You probably noticed the spray of lilacs behind the Easter and Passover cards right away; the tea cart drew a favorable comment. Did you turn the pages of the photo album? A slipper chair or two, trellis bed frame, oval glass-topped coffee table! And all the matched jewelry sets, the scarves, the handbags—Easter eggs, spring and summer colors. Bargain prices, too! Now, right or left, it was a feast for the eyes—crystal champagne flutes, Thai art, paper art Easter eggs and an entire *étagère* of Mikasa dinner ware! Then your eye caught the Easter baskets and Russell Stover boxed candy; was there another box of Merci French chocolates? Gorgeous cards by Jane Vidt? Did you purchase lemon scented soap, a white coffee carafe at half price or two botanical prints from our art display? “Delightful shop,” you mused, “must return for the Mother’s Day Tea Table!”

*Bob and Carole Fletcher
Granny’s Attic*



Trillium banner is out. Walk in and enjoy!



CLEAN WATER ACT PROTECTIONS

The Environmental Protection Agency has proposed a rule to restore Clean Water Act protections to hundreds of Pennsylvania waterways and wetlands and the 8 million Pennsylvanians who get their drinking water from these sources.

The EPA is asking for public input on the plan in the next few months. Some of the nation's biggest polluters are lining up to stop any changes in the loopholes in laws that benefit them. These loopholes have left nearly half of our state's streams and acres of wetlands at risk of unchecked pollution. Without protection a disaster can occur in Pennsylvania like the alarming ones we've read about in other states.

You can send your comments in now to the EPA letting it know of your support. E-mail: <http://bit.ly/ALLPA> Waterways or mail: PennEnvironment Research and Policy Center, 1831 Murray Ave., Suite 219, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

Nancy Paul
Energy Conservation and Recycling
Committee

YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

Conservation and recycling tips:

Conserve! Don't let water run when it's not being used; for example, when washing hands: wet hands, turn off tap, lather, turn on tap, rinse. When brushing teeth: wet toothbrush, turn off tap, apply toothpaste, brush, rinse. When shampooing: wet hair, turn off tap, shampoo, rinse.

Recycle! The tops of our new take-out soup containers are recyclable and BPA free; so they are microwaveable.

Let's be responsible stewards of our beautiful planet.

Nancy Paul

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Next deadline is May 15.

REPORT OF THE SORA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The SORA Nominating Committee has nominated the following persons to fill the vacant positions:

President: Peter Broeren
Vice-President: Bill Paul
Secretary: Betty Eichler
Operating Treasurer: Bette Cecil

Six persons have also been nominated to serve as Directors. They are:

Betty Budney
Charles Cullen
Loretta Lippert
Jean McLaughlin
David Moon
Ron Ouellette

The slate of SORA officers and directors will be presented and voted on at the Annual meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2014.

According to the Sherwood Oaks Residents Association By-laws, further nominations can be made at the annual meeting "by 10 or more residents, who shall, at least 10 days before the annual meeting, submit to the Secretary the written nomination accompanied by the written consent of the proposed nominee(s) to serve. The Secretary shall include these nominations on a ballot clearly differentiating them from the committee's nominees."

Bill Paul
Chair



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Each year approximately forty scholarships are awarded to qualified employees to further their education at colleges and professional schools. These funds are sent directly to the institutions and used only for tuition.

Employees with one year or more of service may submit applications by June 1st. The applications of all eligible employees are reviewed and in July an announcement is made of those people who will receive a scholarship of up to \$1000 for the coming school year. Many who benefit from these scholarships are dining room wait-staff.

We urge your participation in this valuable program which has been a Sherwood Oaks tradition for some 15 years or more. Your contributions are needed to replenish the scholarship fund each year. These contributions are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to The Sherwood Oaks Fund, memo Scholarship Fund. Address the envelope to Tabby Alford and give it to the receptionist.

Thank you for your generous support of this worthwhile program.

Al Schartner
Scholarship Committee

JULY 1991

by Ralph Peabody

I am confused, was that yesterday, or a long time ago? I do remember I was young. Of course that is in Sherwood Oaks time; 62 is young here. Too young, many of my friends thought to be going to Sherwood Oaks. I guess they thought it was "an old folk's home". Would they be surprised.

It was a Friday that Del and I moved into #188. Some man, I thought to be elderly, stopped me in the parking lot and inquired which patio home we were to live in. When I told him #188, he exclaimed, "Oh, wonderful, that one has such good vibes."

We had been making frequent trips out to Sherwood Oaks bringing boxes and unpacking them each trip. So the kitchen was almost settled before we officially moved in and the garage held so many boxes we couldn't get the car in until New Year's Day, 1992. In the clutter of settling, there was a knock on the door. A very nice lady presented herself and introduced herself as the "Sticky Bun Lady." Later I found out she was Jean Wallace, a very nice neighbor. We were ready for a break; so a visit was most appreciated. The danish (not sticky buns) were most appreciated at breakfast the next day. Bobbie Cleland came calling to see if everything was OK. We checked and had the garbage disposal we had purchased. But the fence we purchased to go around the heat pump hadn't been installed. The slate we had put in the foyer looked great as did the parquet floors we had purchased. We were also visited by Roberta from Marketing. These were short visits and were a welcome relief from our chores. Ruth Meyer also came and that

wasn't quite as short a visit as those of you who remember her can appreciate. She had heard I taught summers at Illinois State Normal. She had many Special Education friends there whom I knew. This was the first of the many strings that connect, it seems, everyone at Sherwood Oaks to someone else. Dinner was delivered and we felt we had such a warm welcome we couldn't sleep for reviewing all that had happened and recalling all those we had met. Del and I had moved several times, but never have we felt so welcome and felt such warmth from new neighbors. Day One: we knew then that we were home.

Prior to our moving in, Roberta from Marketing had arranged for us to have lunch with Leonora and Wallace Cayard. They were, at that time, trying to start a Continued Education Program and attempted to recruit us. We had, on another occasion, lunch with Leo and Harriett Filar. Almost immediately, Sally Stewart found us; she had been telling some rather exaggerated reports about our musical abilities.

I think it was Day Two we attended our first of many patio-home cocktail parties prior to the group having dinner together. These parties were very frequent as many of the residents entertained in their homes before dinner. We were delightfully overwhelmed with the friendliness we experienced. Dinner was the social event of the day. Lunch was less than adequate as the "Strawberry Room" hadn't been built as yet. So dinner was crowded. There were always some people waiting for the second seating, usually those of us who had partied. Dinner time also included two other traditions. Following dinner, many residents made the rounds of the Skilled Nursing Unit, visiting friends who were there. The other tradition was a visit to the Gift Shop. I soon learned

not to carry any money as Del always saw something she "needed". The gift shop was a bit more primitive than now without its nice counters, shelves and other accouterments. Much to my dismay, Del quickly learned of "due bills", so she was a regular contributor. The ladies who ran the shop at that time were very conscientious and attended all the gift shows and chose very appropriate items. Many were selected as gifts to give. Sally Dewees built a big business in greeting cards. The shop was crowded and very social.

Very shortly after we moved in, we had another visitor whom we enjoyed so much I think she stayed most the morning. That was the Welcome Wagon Lady. Oh yes, I think I do recall her name... it was Jane Lavender.

It wasn't very long before Roberta told us of the tradition of Sherwood Oaks giving a party for new residents to invite 12 or 15 outside friends to dinner and to see the facilities. I believe the restrictions were that the guests must never have previously visited Sherwood Oaks and if it wasn't a restriction, it was quite obvious that they were to be, shall we say, age-eligible. We had in those days, in the Center Building, a very lovely, private formal dining room for such occasions. I recall we furnished the floral centerpiece since I didn't like the artificial one they had. We had cocktails in our patio home. Sherwood Oaks sent over all the snacks and a server who was also skilled at mixing drinks. When we returned from the dinner, we found the place cleaned up from the party and everything immaculate. At the dinner, Marketing presented us with a door knocker with our name on it.

From Day Two, Del started swimming every morning and I walked, usually 8

miles for 2 hours. Frequently on those walks, I would run into Lila Cornell, also walking. We both had our plastic bags picking up litter along the perimeter road. I heard that Alice Conger remarked to friends that she saw me every morning streaking by. I had to let her know that at that time "streaking" had more than one meaning. For years during those walks most every morning, Scott Dickinson would honk his horn, stop and ask me if I wanted a ride. Another friendly neighbor.

Day Two also meant we were to put our check in the box on the door to the administrative offices. No way was I putting the largest check I had ever written into a wooden box. We paraded into the CEO's office and made a presentation of the check to Bob Morrow. We had a wonderful visit and connected with him—a person I enjoy to this day. I guess after such a friendly reception, I still barge into the CEO's office and enjoy the visit—although today, it is Mark Bondi.

We met far too many people to remember all the names, but no one was bothered by that. They were in the same situation. We became involved in numerous activities. We also, shortly after moving in, took our motor home to an Elderhostel and were gone for a couple weeks. Upon our return, we were driving around the perimeter road and Margaret McCoy was there taking a walk. As we got closer, she waved and called out, welcoming us home. Del choked and teared up and said, "No one —wherever we have previously lived — would have done that. WE ARE HOME. "

According to Bobbie Cleland, In July 1991, 282 people occupied 219 patio homes.

Thanks to Archivist Carole Fletcher for asking Ralph to tell this story.



Worth the Time
By Ed Vidt

The Tower, the Zoo and the Tortoise
J. Stuart (F Stu)

The Tower of London is the locale, but the plot is mostly with the Zoo that the Tower unofficially becomes, when it is decided to house the gifts of living animals to the British royal family on Tower property! Who takes care of them, how they are housed and displayed and what eventually becomes of them, are all fascinating questions. The answers of course are bound up with the poor Tower's bureaucratic staff of warders. A fun read.

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet

Jamie Ford (F For) L.T.

As the title implies, much of this wonderful story takes place in a bitter kind of location: the camps that people of Japanese ancestry were interned in make up the bitterness. The way the people coped with that bitterness makes up the sweet parts. The story starts in 1940 and switches back and forth between the forties and 1986. It ends in 1986, with the main characters reunited. The woman who lives the most poignant parts of the story is born in the U.S. of Japanese parents. Her best friend is a young Chinese man also born in the U.S. Their efforts to find a way through man's inhumanity to man is the story.



Sally Donnell

Early spring is a naked lady
who teased me yesterday,
dancing briefly at play
slightly hidden behind a wintry wind.

It was only a tentative visit, I know,
she did not mean to stay.
Because she saw me looking
she demurred and turned and ran away.

But not too far;
and then she coyly stopped to blush
and hint of things to come,
and hint of things to come.

Later she would visit me for tea,
a proper lady dressed in greenery.
And we would talk and laugh and know
our early love could only ever be
a sweet memory made more exquisite
now by its inaccessibility.

This poem was shared by a mutual friend. It was written by Bruce, a friend of his. After Bruce's sudden death in 1989 at age 53, Bruce's widow showed some poems to our friend Richard. When he forwarded this poem to us, Richard added: "One never knows what gifts lie hidden within a person we think we know. Thank you, Bruce."

How true we find this to be here at Sherwood, Oaks too.

rbb and scd

BOOK REVIEW

Tatiana

By Martin Cruz Smith

This novelist has produced a series of books featuring Russian police detective Arkady Renko. The first was the 1981 best seller *Gorky Park* that took place in the USSR. *Tatiana*, the most recent in the series, is a tautly written crime novel with characters and events that reflect the real situation in Russia today. This review, therefore, will treat both reality and fiction.

By 1985, if the Soviet Union could have spoken it would have said, "I am tired." Reform therapy for the ailing system was initiated that year by Gorbachev. But after some stunning political events in the early 1990s, Gorbachev resigned and the USSR dissolved. Boris Yeltsin became the first president of the Russian Federation. A bold and impatient leader, he initiated a policy of "shock therapy," a rapid transformation to capitalism. In the Soviet economy, state factories were hubs of both production and social services. But privatization left millions of workers without social supports and then, with the onset of a depression greater than the Great Depression, without jobs. Criminal networks led by ruthless gangsters emerged. Yet a small group of politically connected men did very well by having sufficient funds to buy state oil and gas companies at bargain prices and make billions from them. These oligarchs, together with gangsters and officials, were the new power elite. In 2000 Yeltsin, by then an ailing man, turned over the presidency to Vladimir Putin. His recovery strategy included deals that brought compliant oligarchs and their companies under Kremlin control. The economy grew as Russia became a petro-state, reliant on strong revenues from energy exports. The improved economic situation plus shrewd appeals to religious and patriotic

symbolism have helped earn high approval ratings for Putin. But authoritarianism has its costs: only token political opposition is tolerated; courts are under political control; corruption is widespread. And there is more...which takes us to the novel.

The story begins with news that Tatiana, a leading investigative journalist, has fallen to her death from her high-rise apartment balcony. Is it really suicide, as officials claim? The intrepid Arkady Renko, whose experience has made him skeptical of official pronouncements, launches an investigation leading him into a network of gangsters, oligarchs and corrupt officials. Despite warnings to back off, Renko doggedly persists in his pursuit of the truth, which is eventually discovered.

The details of the plot are fictional, but Tatiana is modeled on an investigative journalist and human rights activist, Anna Politkovskaya who, in 2004, made this chilling statement in **The Guardian**:

We are hurtling back into a Soviet abyss, into an information vacuum that spells death from our own ignorance. All we have left is the internet, where information is still freely available. For the rest, if you want to go on working as a journalist, it's total servility to Putin. Otherwise, it can be death, the bullet, poison, or trial—whatever our Special Services, Putin's guard dogs, see fit.

Two years later, she was murdered. It clearly was a contract killing, but was it perpetrated by Putin's "guard dogs" as many people assumed? A jury trial of several suspects produced an acquittal that was later reversed by a higher court that ordered a new trial, now underway. A journalist keeping watch on the case concluded his recent update with this assessment: *The new trial may establish who pulled the trigger; it is unlikely to reveal who ordered Ms. Politkovskaya dead.*

Tom Fararo

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FICTION INCLUDING LARGE TYPE:

Between the Lines

Elizabeth Adams © 2013.F/ADA

Deadline

Sandra Brown © 2013.F/BRO/L.T.

The Gods of Guilt

Michael Connelly © 2013.F/CON/L.T.

Corsair

Clive Cussler © 2009.F/CUS

Trieste

Dasa Drndic © 2012.F/DRN

Takedown Twenty

Janet Evanovich © 2013.F/EVA/L.T.

Fear Nothing

Lisa Gardner © 2014.F/GAR

Shadow Dance

Julie Garwood © 2007.F/GAR

The Conspiracy Club

Jonathan Kellerman © 1903.F/KEL/L.T.

Killer

Jonathan Kellerman © 2014.F/KEL

Redeployment

Phil Klay © 2014.F/KLA

Private L.A.

James Patterson © 2014.F/PAT

Loss of Innocence

Richard North Patterson © 2014.F/PAT/L.T.

Bleeding Edge

Thomas Pynchon © 2013.F/PYN

Burning Lamp

Amanda Quick © 2010.F/QUI

Select Editions 2014/1

Reader's Digest © 2014.F/REA/L.T.

Select Editions - 2014/2

Reader's Digest © 2014.F/REA/L. T.

Storm Front

John Sanford © 04/07/2014.F/SAN/L.T.

Dominion

C.J. Sansom © 2012.F/SAN

The Cairo Affair

Olen Steinhauer © 2014.F/STE

An Expert in Murder

Nicola Upson © 2008.F/UPS

Been Here a Thousand Years

Mariolina Venezia © 2009.F/VEN

Shut Your Eyes Tight

John Verdon © 201.F/VER

The Martian

Andy Weir © 2014.F/WEI

NON-FICTION, INCLUDING BIOGRAPHIES:

Another Lousy Day in Paradise

John Gierach ©1997. 799.1/GIE

Code Name: Johnny Walker

Johnny Walker ©2014. 956.7044/WAL

The Fly Fisher's Reader

Wright, Leonard M. ©1990. 799.1/WRI

Foods That Harm, Foods That Heal

Reader's Digest ©1997. 664/REA

Garden Tales: Classic Stories from

Favorite Writers

©1990. 808.83/GAR

The Heavenly Man

Brother Yun ©2002. Bio/YUN

In One Era and Out the Other

Patricia Prattis Jennings ©2013. 808.4/JEN

Inside the Vatican

Bart McDowell ©1991. 945.6/McD

Lincoln's Boys

Joshua Zeitz ©2014. 973.92/Ze

The Most of Nora Ephron

Nora Ephron ©2013. 814.54/EPH

Nobel: A Century of Prize Winners

Michael Worek ©2010. 920/WOR

The Perfect Theory:

**A Century of Geniuses & the Battle
over General Relativity**

Pedro G. Ferreira ©2014. 530.11/FER

San Juan River Chronicle

Steven J. Meyers ©1994. 799.1/MEY

The Sixth Extinction

Elizabeth Kolbert ©2014. 576.8/KOL

Storms of My Grandchildren

James Hansen ©2009. 551.5/HAN

Thank You for Your Service

David Finkel ©2013. 362.86/FIN

This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage

Ann Patchett ©2013. 808.4/PAT

Windfall

McKenzie Funk ©2014. 338.7/FUN



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
First Tuesday of the month
11:00 AM

Quaker Meeting for Worship
Fourth Sunday of the month
10:30-11:30 AM

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CHAPEL NOTES

At the time I am writing this, spring is trying to get a foothold. Certainly, by the time you are reading this we will be surrounded with flowers and green trees! Sharing our worship services during May will be the following ministers:

May 4 - The Rev. Mark Boyd,
Park Presbyterian Church, Beaver

May 11 - The Rev. Matthew Kail,
Unionville and Muddy Creek Presbyter-
ian Churches, Butler

May 18 - The Rev. Mark Plumb,
Fountain Park Presbyterian Church,
Cranberry Township

May 25 - The Rev. William Pugliese,
retired, St. Brendan's Episcopal Church,
Franklin Park

June 1 - The Rev. Scott Bryte,
Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church,
Ross Twp.

We invite all of you to join us at 2:00 PM each Sunday in the auditorium.

Agnes Peebles

CANDIDATES NIGHT

There's a Primary Election scheduled for this month. Are you ready? This is the day we choose our party's nominees for the November General Election. To help you prepare, the night of Tuesday, May 6, has been set aside for Candidates Night, when persons whose names are on the ballot have been invited to come and introduce themselves to Sherwood Oaks residents. Plan to come at 7:15 PM to meet and greet the hopefuls.

In the meantime, remember these dates:

May 13 - Last date to apply for an
absentee ballot

May 20 - Voting Day

Applications for absentee ballots can be obtained at the receptionist's desk.

Olive Tiller

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Pennsylvania 6-5000

Do-Re-Mi

This Joyful Day

Moon River

June is Bustin' Out All Over

South Pacific

Moonlight Serenade

Hey Good Lookin'

My Funny Valentine

Side By Side

The Surrey With the Fringe on Top

I Whistle a Happy Tune

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There is Nothin' Like a
Dame

Dry Bones

Joshua Fit The Battle of Jericho