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Do we know how to party, or what?



Clockwise from top left:
Egg Nog Party (2011), July 4 (2007), Resident Christmas party (2016), Breakfast in bed, (2008) Luau (2006)

ELSIE LHOTA

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Interviewed by Jean Henderson



Elsie Rausch Lhota (LOW-tah) is a lovely lady with a lovely name! Elsie loves her family, along with getting out for travel. Her parents came to the U.S. from Austria-Hungary. Her husband, Chuck, a WWII vet, came from Bohemian lineage. Chuck died in March 2014 after a long illness. They both enjoyed traveling – both domestically and in Europe. Austria and Switzerland were special favorites.

Elsie's life began on the North Side and Troy Hill. Her father worked at the Heinz Plant. He enjoyed walking the children up and down Troy Hill Road. Oliver High School is her alma mater. Elsie and Chuck married and lived in the North Hills for 52 years. Elsie has a daughter residing in Zelienople and a son living in San Antonio. She has two grandsons. Elsie's daughter is a regular visitor to Sherwood Oaks.

Elsie's first out of state trip was to NYC for their honeymoon in 1948. It was an awesome place to visit for her first time out of Pittsburgh. At Radio City Music Hall, a TV crew asked them for a honeymoon kiss before the camera – so they did! Elsie and Chuck first met at Reliance Life Insurance Company. Chuck's profession led him to a career at Mellon Bank. After his retirement, they both were very active with the BNY Volunteer Professionals. Elsie also volunteered at St. Ferdinand's Church. She also enjoyed working in food service at St. Sebastian's School.

Elsie's hobby list is extensive! Reading, coloring, gardening, cooking, games, watching movies, and listening to music. She LOVES staying busy!! So look for Elsie everywhere you go! You'll see a lovely lady with a welcoming smile and a lovely name.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

7:00 PM, Auditorium

MAY 6 – La La Land 2016
(PG 13) 2hr 8 min
16 Oscar Nominations,
Won 6 minor wins.

MAY 13 – Rear Window 1954
(PG) 1hr 52 min

MAY 20 – Blazing Saddles 1974
(R) 1hr 33 min

MAY 27 – Patton 1970
(PG) 2hr 49 min
Memorial Day

Dave Moon
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ROBERT AND JANET TYPANSKI

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Interviewed by Harriet Burress



As we welcome Janet and Bob Typanski to Sherwood Oaks, Chester Ludwicki can be thanked for introducing this talented and interesting couple to our community. Both Jan and Bob are Pittsburgh natives who lived in the city, on the border with Munhall, for 52 years. They had not heard of Sherwood Oaks but are very grateful to Chester for encouraging them to visit him often.

Memories - Aren't we thankful for that gift as we recall the events of life - the first job, our family, interests and hobbies, travels! Bob's first job was a tradesman as a printer. He was married and he and Jan had started their family. He participated in the first automation of typesetting equipment and realized that the printing industry was declining in Pittsburgh. He decided to enroll in the University of Pittsburgh for his BS in business administration, a career change. "Working a full time job and going to school at night was difficult - not only for me, but also for Jan," Bob said. In appreciation he commented, "Behind every successful man is a dedicated woman." And he was successful - He retired as Manager of Bayer's computer center handling many

innovations, new technologies, data warehousing, etc. While still there, he also lectured at Duquesne University on Neural Networks and Artificial Intelligence.

Jan remembered a sweet incident with her son which convinced her that she'd rather be an "at home Mom" than a dental assistant. On rainy days, she would drive him around his paper route, but on one such day when she returned home from the office, he met her with "Mom, you weren't here." He had two sisters and when the younger went to college, Jan wanted to do something for herself. She decided to take bridge lessons and is today a Ruby Life Master with 1500 plus master points. She also played a lot of bridge on the computer until "I realized that was time I should spend with Bob and I quit." "We enjoy each other's company," he replied.

Bob spent six years with the Air National Guard. He recalls their ALMOST being activated during the second Berlin Crisis, but the main responsibility of the 171st was defending Pittsburgh - a prime target because of the steel industry. "Remember the 'black' snow?"

Just the word "Travel" brought about many memories of favorite trips worldwide. "Mine was the Amazon; China was Bob's," Jan said. "Well, we both liked China. It was such a different culture, but in the three weeks we were there, we determined that it was a very family-oriented society. Children as well as the elders were revered, and education was so important that the children went to school after school." Ask Bob and Jan about the school kids singing "Jingle Bells" for them... or, on that other trip, about walking through the jungle... You will certainly enjoy meeting Jan and Bob.

WHAT'S NEW WITH SORA?

REMINDER!! You can find SORA news on the SORA bulletin board in the Mail Room near the Scooter Room and also in the Library in a binder near the windows are meeting minutes, lists of committees and activities, etc.

Reports and actions at the April 2017 SORA Board meeting included:

Finances: Gary Brandenberger reported a current balance in the Memorial/Special Projects Fund of \$67,805. The current balance for the Employee Appreciation Fund is \$21,887. Ray Friedel reported a SORA closing balance of \$10,146. Bank balance is \$25,411. The Board approved the motion to close the Lake Fund line item and transfer \$1,750 to the Landscape Committee for Lake beautification.

Trips and Tours: Several upcoming restaurant trips are posted. May 5 is the Wellsburg, WV, trip with the Wallaces. A 2-day trip to Gettysburg is planned for May 8-10.

Landscape: Flower Basket Sale will be May 19. Outdoor maintenance employees' picnic will be July 18 in the Lodge. New rock walls are being constructed and drainage issues addressed.

Chapel: Olive Tiller has resigned after decades of dedicated service. In addition, a painting was donated to the chapel.

Security and Transportation: Children are to be accompanied by adults at the Lake. Staff and residents are reminded to follow the 15 MPH speed limit.

Library: Volunteers' Luncheon is May 11 in the Cranberry Lake Grill. Anne Williams is the new chair of the Library Committee.

Outdoor Games: Camp fires at the Summer House will be 7:15-8:30 PM first and third Wednesdays, June through September.

Memorial/Special Projects Committee: The Board granted \$7,000.00 for the North Woods Phase 6 proposal. It will include entrance area work, new plantings and information kiosks.

Annette McPeck reported that new lobby carpet and café wall art have been ordered. New mikes have been purchased and will be used for the drama presentations.

President Bill Paul reported on Sherwood Oak's work with five other CCRCs. The slate for new officers and directors will be presented for vote at the June 13 quarterly residents meeting. See article on page 5.

Next SORA Board meeting: Tuesday, May 2 at 1:30 PM in the Auditorium. Visitors are welcome!

Jean Henderson, 611
Secretary





Joe Asin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHERMAN AND OAKLEY

Sherman and Oakley turn 2 years old on May 15. Information about the celebration will be posted in an FYI closer to their birthdays.

Tabby Alford

EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Letters asking for contributions to the annual Employee Scholarship Fund were distributed to residents in mid-April. This year's goal is to award each qualifying employee \$2,000 to be used toward tuition. In 2016, 47 staff members were awarded the full tuition amount.

Contributions may be made by a check payable to *The Sherwood Oaks Fund* with Scholarship Fund on the memo line. Checks should be placed in an envelope addressed to Tabby Alford and given to the receptionist.

Your contributions are tax deductible and will supplement the endowment fund from which monies can be withdrawn to cover any shortfall in current year donations.

*Al Schartner, 218
Scholarship Committee Chair*

NOMINEES FOR BOARD POSITIONS TO BE FILLED IN 2017-2018

Election to be held June 13, at the SORA Resident Meeting.

President: Bill Paul: 1-year term

Vice President: Betty Eichler
1-year term

Secretary: Jean Henderson
1-year term

Operating Treasurer: Ray Friedel
3-year term

Directors' positions:

Winnie Dietz - 2 years

Bob Fletcher - 2 years

Elaine Hartswick - 2 years

Sally Hollister - 2 years

Alick Kennedy - 2 years

Jane Lavender - 2 years

Anne Williams - 2 years

Respectfully submitted:

The SORA nominating Committee

Gary Brandenberger, Chair

Dave Florentine

Loretta Lippert

Linda Mamaux

Kathleen Schartner

REMINDER

Because the ACORN is not published in July and August, the SUMMER ACORN will appear in your mailbox the second week of June. Events that are scheduled for the summer months will be posted in the SUMMER ACORN.

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**SORA PROGRAM COMMITTEE
PRESENTS:**

The North Allegheny Strolling Strings
Thursday May 25
7:15 PM
Auditorium

The Strolling Strings, 9th to 12th graders in the North Allegheny school system, will be making their 3rd trip here.

Organized in 1988, they have performed throughout the United States and extensively in Western Pennsylvania.

Performing in tuxedos and black skirts, they will stroll among the audience playing classical, folk, and popular tunes.

Tom Gregory
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**CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
CANDIDATES' NIGHT**

Tuesday, May 2
7:00 PM
Auditorium

The spring primary election will be held on May 16. The Civic Affairs Committee has invited all the candidates listed on the ballot to speak to us. We hope many of them or their representatives will be with us. We will be voting to fill three state judicial offices, four Butler County offices, and three Cranberry Township offices. You will have received information from the committee in your in-house mail.

Agnes Peebles
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SHERWOOD OAKS SUBSIDY FUND

It is Sherwood Oaks' stated policy and practice not to discharge residents for inability to pay. Sherwood Oaks is committed to subsidizing residents in need to the extent possible without impairing the ability of Sherwood Oaks to operate. Residents are permitted to retain up to \$40,000 in assets for an individual and \$60,000 per couple for eligibility purposes only. Depletion of assets toward these levels will be required. For planning purposes, it is recommended that residents contact me when assets approach \$100,000 to begin the application process.

A confidential application (no names) is provided to the six-person Subsidy Committee for consideration. This committee is comprised of three PLCC Board members and three Sherwood Oaks residents. When approved, a resident would be asked to sign a subsidy agreement. Subsidy can be renewed annually.

Subsidy payments are posted to the monthly resident statement. Such payments are made from the Sherwood Oaks Subsidy Fund which is comprised of donor-restricted contributions made to Sherwood Oaks for such purpose. The Subsidy Fund is administered by the Executive Director/CFO and donations invested in accordance with the Sherwood Oaks investment policy.

Currently Sherwood Oaks is subsidizing five residents.

Annette McPeck



JAZZ FROM SENECA VALLEY

Tuesday, May 9
7:15 PM
Auditorium

The Seneca Valley Jazz Ensemble ONE will be here to entertain us. Director, Robert Matchett, took over the instrumental program at Seneca Valley in 1999 when his father retired from the same position.

He has taken this group to jazz festivals and adjudications throughout the United States where they have consistently been awarded "I" and "Superior" ratings. They have been invited to perform at the PMEA All-State Conference on three separate occasions

Jazz is an important part of the instrumental music curriculum at Seneca Valley. For the past 23 years, the school district has supported two high school level jazz ensembles. Both groups rehearse three periods a week during the school day. SV Jazz One is comprised of auditioned students in grades 9 –12.

Yes, jazz is alive and well in the Seneca Valley School District and will be with us at Sherwood Oaks in May.

*Jane Lavender, 253
Program Committee*

SPRING CONCERT

May 10, 7:15 PM
Auditorium

The spring concert of the Bell Choir and Chorus celebrates the long-awaited spring with some happy songs we've been practicing since January. The theme this year: "Just a Simple Melody." We're hoping you'll enjoy the songs as much as we do.

LaVonne McCandlish
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A NEW SONG FOR OUR 35th YEAR

Also at the Spring Concert, a new choral song in honor of the 35th anniversary of the founding of Sherwood Oaks will have its premiere. The setting includes the mixed voices of the Chorus and the Bell Choir, directed by Lyn Marsh, the audience, with piano accompaniment and special guest soloist Stephen Schall, baritone soloist with the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh.

I think that the Sherwood Oaks Community needs its own song, not unlike an Alma Mater. The first two stanzas and the refrain are a compilation of suggestions by Sherwood residents Ellen Brierly, Ruth Becker and me. The third stanza is written by another resident, Tom Horan.

The Refrain sung by everyone after each stanza:

*Sherwood Oaks, this place that's now our
home,
A campus of beauty, acres we can roam.
With lake and fountain, swans are living
there.
We're Sherwood Oaks with friendly neigh-
bors who care.*

John Becker
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SHERWOOD GIFTS

May is here and spring and summer items are appearing in Sherwood Gifts. There is an assortment of beautiful colored scarves as well as lightweight shrugs to wear on a cool summer evening. The jewelry case has a display of new summer jewelry, and with the end of school approaching, some of these items would make lovely graduation gifts. Around the end of May look for an announcement of a mini-jewelry sale of new jewelry in the open glass case. Signs will be posted to announce the sale. Sherwood Gifts carries a large selection of greeting cards for all occasions, and the candy shelves always carry something to satisfy your sweet tooth. The sundries area displays a variety of items: everything from pencils, to toothpaste, to shoestrings, to envelopes, and more. If you cannot find what you are looking for ask one of the cashiers. A request form will be filled out and in a few days the item will arrive for you.

The Granny's Attic area is a fun place to browse. You never know what treasure can be found in this area. It is not surprising to see anything from lovely crystal and china to antiques, puzzles, kitchen ware, picture frames, umbrellas, and lamps on the shelves. Don't forget to check the Annex at Unit 156 where the larger items of furniture are displayed.

Due to the cost of service, as soon as our current supply of stamps is sold, Sherwood Gifts will no longer sell U.S. Postage Stamps. Stamps can still be purchased at the front desk, or an envelope can be obtained from the front

desk and filled out to order stamps. The envelope, along with payment, can be placed in your U.S. mail box or left at the desk for pick up. The mail person will return the envelope with the stamps to either your U.S mailbox or the front desk.

Juanita Manley
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FOCUS ON THE WORLD

Thursday, May 18

7:15 PM

Auditorium

MAPS MATTER!

"Maps Matter! Let's End Gerrymandering!" is the title of the May Focus on the World program. Sue Broughton will give a presentation about the impact of extreme gerrymandering in Pennsylvania and the effort to create an independent citizens' commission to reform the redistricting process. Ms. Broughton is a member of the League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh and of the Fair Districts Speakers Team. The concern of both groups is that legislative and congressional district maps are drawn in a fair and transparent way so that voters choose their legislators, rather than party leaders choosing voters to advantage their party. Join us for this important and challenging presentation.

Agnes Peebles
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Photo by Stuart Knoop

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The construction site has a new addition – a construction trailer complete with a safety railing on the steps! Gravel has been delivered for staging trucks into the fenced site. Colored flags and stakes adorn the ground. Stay tuned.

Annette McPeck

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THOSE WERE THE DAYS MY FRIENDS...

FOR THE SUMMER ACORN, we want to hear about a summer, part time or even full-time job you had when you were young.

Email or write out your story and send it to the editors of the ACORN or give to a staff member. We can edit if necessary, so don't be shy...

THANKS FOR THE TRIP DOWN
MEMORY LANE...

Julie Eden
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CORRECTIONS

APRIL ACORN

Page 10 - The woman in the center of the Caps for Kids picture was misidentified. She is Eloise MacQueen.

Page 15 - The Rev. Matthew Kail's name should have appeared with one "L". He is pastor of Muddy Creek and Unionville Presbyterian Churches.

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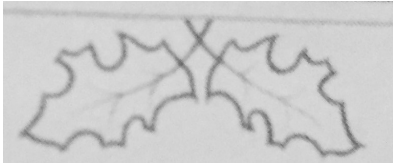
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**Copy for the Summer ACORN
is due by Wednesday, May 24.**

All submissions to the 3 Editors,
preferably by email.

From Dream... installment 5



This month we look back at HOLIDAYS and PARTIES at Sherwood Oaks which can run hot and cold depending on the season...but fun is always here for residents, especially when food is included.



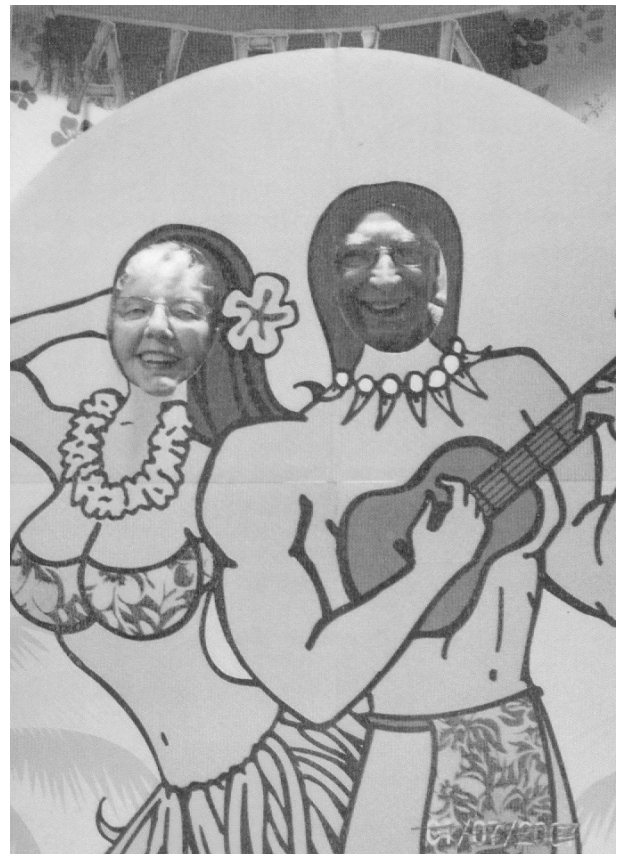
A very creative and energetic committee put together a 4th of July "Blast" in 1994 that I am sure was not soon forgotten. Events included:

- * calliope music circling the grounds;
- * a "Sports Fantasia Invitational" with competitions on the putting green and Wimbledon Court; Bocce and Shuffleboard were also played;
- * soft drinks, beer, and pretzels were served by the greens and at the Summer House;
- * picnic fare was served at noon and a pig roast followed for the evening meal!!
- * an afternoon gala party with punch, soft drinks, and snack food in the auditorium featured taped patriotic music and resident Bob Freedman at the piano.

In the September 2007 issue of the Acorn (celebrating our 25th anniversary) Margaret McCoy wrote of a bitter cold 1983 Christmas Eve with temps down to 17 degrees below zero when all of the power at Sherwood Oaks went out!! A buffet style dinner was served by candlelight and kept warm by cans of Sterno. Later, residents sang carols in the auditorium, kept warm by a propane heater. Others played bridge while snuggling in their coats. The outage, caused by a car hitting a transformer, made life interesting until 2:00 AM.

* Favorite parties over the years are centered around food, glorious food — just consider:

Hawaiian and Polynesian Luaus with grilled shrimp, sweet & sour chicken, and mango sorbet;



Ginny and Bob Anguish

The State Fair theme with hot dogs, pulled pork and strawberry pie — that takes you back years!!

* and who can forget the Fabulous Fifties with fast food, TV dinners, Marilyn Monroe, Elvis and rock and roll, celebrated a few times with cheeseburgers, root beer floats and milkshakes;



* one jungle-themed party seemed especially imaginative with Chilled African Purple Potato Soup, Congo River Grilled Tiger Shrimp, Witch Doctor's Lamb and Cardamom, and a dessert of Speared Fire-Grilled Pineapple over ice cream;



— now what is better than ice sculptures and costumed residents and staff? They seem to come out in force for the fall and Halloween. There have been Apple Harvests, a Monster Mash, Foodservice Nightmares, and Mad Hatter's Halloween themed meals where residents dined on Whole Body Baked Trout, Liver and Onions, March Hare's fluffy whipped potatoes and desserts like White Rabbit's Carrot bar cakes;



* and guess what — there will be more parties this year too, starting with Cinco de Mayo on May 5.

It is hard to know what the dining staff has in store for us!!

Julie Eden
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Thanks to archivists Peg and Joe Rychcik for their research and ideas and to Jesse Komara for use of his scrapbook photos recording the events he has coordinated in the past.



RAMADAN

The holy month of Ramadan is one of the twelve months of the Arabic calendar, which is 10 days shorter than the standard Gregorian calendar. Therefore, it is not always at the same time of year and can fall in any month of the year. Also, some years it is 30 days in duration but most years it is only 29 days long. In 2017 Ramadan begins on the evening of Friday, May 26, and concludes Sunday evening, June 25.

The correct pronunciation is *Ra-ma-zon* in Arabic.

Muslims fast from one and a half hours before sunrise until a half-hour after sunset. Fasting consists of no eating, no drinking and no smoking during these hours. The purpose of fasting is to feel the hunger of those who are less fortunate and less able to feed themselves and their families. Preferably you should give your lunch meal to the poor. At the end of the month you give money – as much as you can afford – to centers that feed the poor, much like a food bank. The amount you give should reflect the number of people in your family. People who are either too young (below 9 for girls, 14 for boys) or too old or sick (e.g. diabetic) or who would get sick from fasting are exempt from observing the fast during Ramadan. However, at the end of the month these individuals need to

pay twice as much in donation to the local food bank so that God will give good health to each member of the family.

We pray to God each evening to forgive our sins. We know that one of the biggest sins (according to the Koran) is breaking another person's heart; so during this month we should face this person and ask them for forgiveness directly for whatever we have done to them.

This is the real story about the Muslim's fasting month of Ramadan.

Neptune Bazmi

WHY?

The young ask "Why?"

Why do nations fight for "face"
 Risking our entire race?
 Why can't people live in peace?
 Why can't war and turmoil cease?

Why do some get rich and some stay poor?
 Why do those who have fight for more?
 Why do people hate their brother?
 Why not learn to trust each other?

Why do we waste nature's grants
 To improve our circumstance?
 Why do cities rot from blight?
 Why can't mankind do it right?

The young ask "Why?"
 Until they're old ... and die.

Mike Rose
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CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

For those of you who enjoy live theatre, let me tell you about some of the aids that are available to help you if you are "hearing-impaired" like me. Barbara and I enjoy going to City Theatre on the South Side, and Sherwood Oaks provides bus transport there.

City specializes in new plays, developing playwrights, and theatre that is a bit "edgy." You will never see "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" there. But the next season boasts a show with the glorious title: "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Gynecologic-Oncology Unit at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center of New York City."

The 2016-2017 season has been a particularly good one, in my opinion. Remember Sheri Lewis and her cute hand puppet Lambchop? The hand puppet in the season opener, "Hand to God," would have eaten Lambchop for lunch. That show was followed by an autobiographical one-woman story about growing up in an apartment over a New York City public library. Next, "The Royale," one of the best plays I've seen in years, told the story of a black boxer challenging the white world heavyweight champ. It was dynamic, vibrant, rhythmic, and engrossing—and not a punch was thrown. And we recently returned from "The Guard," a play about art, time, and death, focused on Rembrandt's painting "Aristotle Contemplating the Bust of Homer."

Reader, I wish you would join us on the bus to these delights!

This year Barbara was tired of me asking "What was it about?" on the way home; so she gathered some information about hearing assistance. The key was running into Kristen Link, Director of Education and Accessibility.

NOTE: Assistive listening devices

(sound amplifiers) are available for every performance (They are available in most theaters.) Ask an usher, a house manager or see the box office. During special **open captioned performances** all dialog and sound effects are presented in real time on a three-foot LED screen adjacent to the stage. And a service I find very helpful: print copies of the **scripts** may be requested in advance of the performance by emailing Kristen at klinck@citytheatrecompany.org. She will email you PDF copies.

Many other handicap services are available. Go to www.citytheatrecompany.org, click "visit," then "accessibility." Subscribe for the season while you are there and join us on the bus!

Dennis Lynch
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CURIO CABINETS

The masterfully painted china by Winnie Dietz will remain on display through Friday, May 5. This will be followed by "International Dolls," such as the types of dolls that are collected by travelers.

We suggest that dolls be brought between 10 AM-12 PM and 4:30-5:30 PM on Tuesday, May 9.

Gussie Dimmick
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SPAMMERS AND SCAMMERS

Do you receive annoying calls on your cell or apartment phone offering you wonderful vacations, entertainment, or financial rewards? Have you tried to avoid these annoying calls by registering your telephone number on the “Do-Not-Call” list maintained by the Federal Trade Commission? Having done this, did you think that you would no longer be bothered? Did it work? Not very well.

Spammers are telemarketers trying to sell you something. **Scammers** are thieves after your money or personal information. The spammers and scammers seem to have no worry that the government will curtail their operations; so they just keep on calling.

At the beginning of this century, Congress passed a series of laws aimed at preventing the spammer and scammer abuses. The “Telemarketing And Consumer Fraud And Abuse Prevention” law recited Congressional findings that:

Our Nation's elderly are too frequently the victims of violent crime, property crime, and consumer and telemarketing fraud.

The Federal Trade Commission, charged with enforcing this law, has created the Do-Not-Call list to carry out this purpose. When your telephone number is on this list, you are not to receive unsolicited calls (with some exceptions, such as charities, political groups, debt collectors and surveys.) However, Congress did not make abusive telemarketing itself a crime justifying fines or imprisonment. It just gave the FTC power to slap the

wrists of telemarketers by issuing orders to cease deceptive operations and by bringing criminal contempt actions against telemarketers who do not comply. You can view the many civil actions brought against offending telemarketers by going to the FTC webpage at ftc.gov, subsections “Enforcement” and “Cases and Proceedings.” The webpage also provides SCAM ALERTS describing various schemes used by the thieves.

Despite the government's efforts, the spammers and scammers just keep on calling, some by electronic “robots” and some by live persons. So how do you protect yourself? It is easy when you see that the caller is a robot. You can listen to the robot if you wish, and then hang up. But if a live person calls you, it is my personal rule not to engage this person in conversation. Some people want to scold the caller and point out that their telephone is on the “Do-Not-Call” list. This is a waste of time and breath. The caller knows this or does not care. Such is the nature of lawbreakers. The **risk** of speaking to these lawbreakers is that some are recording your voice, so that when you say “yes,” they will use that recorded sound when scamming a business into thinking that you are agreeing to whatever rip off is being negotiated in your name and on your account. My rule is that when the caller is identified as a spammer or scammer (and this should happen very quickly), just hang up. That is being no ruder than the caller was by calling you. And why do these arrogant people think that anyone would want to deal with a law-breaker?

There are several methods of self-help in reducing this threat and annoyance. On your apartment telephone you can install a recording machine, and request that the caller leave a message that you will respond to. Set the number of rings, before the message begins, to one ring. You will be surprised at how many calls you get where no message is left (Guess who is calling?)

On your mobile cellphone (iPhone and the like), there are “apps” that can filter out the lawbreakers. On my iPhone, I use “MrNumber” which is free and maintains a database of abusing phone numbers. When one shows up on your device, MrNumber tells you, and you can simply dismiss the call without answering.

There is another “app” called “Nomorobo” that filters out robot calls. This service costs about \$20 a year, and it really works! If you need further information, visit the FTC webpage or go to the Sherwood Oaks Computer Lab on the Lower Level of the Center during its weekday hours and someone there will be glad to help you.

Rabe Marsh
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DIGITAL TIDBITS DID YOU KNOW?

You can sing most Emily Dickinson poems to the tune of “The Yellow Rose of Texas”?

Hugh Downing
125₁₅

TICK TOCK

The Grandfather clock stands in the hall
Tick-tock, tick-tock.
The Grandfather clock stands straight
and tall.
Tick-tock, tick-tock.
Hands of the Grandfather clock in the
hall
Go round and round with only this sound,
Tick-tock, tick-tock.

The Grandmother clock placed on the
wall,
Tick-tock, tick-tock,
On the kitchen shelf next to the hall.
Grandmother’s clock is so round and
white.
Granny sits sewing all through the night.
The clock goes round with only this
sound,
Tick-tock, tick-tock.

The baby’s clock that’s shaped like the
moon
Sits very quietly lending its tune
To baby’s crib that rocks in the room.
Tick-tock, tick-tock.
The hands of the clock go round and
round
Shh–shh–shh making only this sound.
Tick-tock, tick-tock.

The hands of time quickly fly through life,
Tick-tock, tick-tock.
We eat our dinner with fork and knife
Tick-tock, tick-tock.
Grandfather clock that stands in the hall.
Grandfather clock stands straight and
tall, goes
Tick-tock, tick-tock.

Jean Wasniewski
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Worth the Time
by Ed Vidt

Three Days in January

Bret Baier (Bai)

What a strange book!! It contains a final chapter titled "The Last Word." This chapter is all about Trump as our President-elect, and details his first visit to the White House to meet with Obama. But the book's main subject is a detailed review of Eisenhower's final address to the nation as he was leaving the presidency!! The two subjects interact because Trump is almost totally at odds with Eisenhower's advice to future presidents. It is disturbing to read the very, very good advice Eisenhower provides and compare it with Trump's really mixed up understanding of how things ought to be changed in how our government works. Read this at your peril.

Pittsburgh, Then and Now

W. C. Kidney (Kid)

I was born in Pittsburgh 89 years ago! I grew up there. This picture book is chock full of memories for anyone who lived in Pittsburgh like me. The Block House and how it was resurrected. The Wabash Railroad bridge and Terminal. Hornes, Kaufmanns, Frank & Seders, Gimbels, Rosenbaums, etc. The Cathedral of Learning (i.e., the heights of ignorance). The Hill and how it was destroyed, Pitt Stadium, The Civic Arena, The Nixon. Photos of all of these and much more. I loved it.

German Pittsburgh

M. R. Shaughnessy (Sha)

All about the people who worked hard and the places where they worked in Pittsburgh: in the Steel (and Beer) business in the last century. Not the big names (Carnegie, Jones, etc.) but names like Eberhardt and Heinz and Wohleber. My mother (who was born in Germany) is in the photo on page 105, with her German girlfriends from the Evangelical Church on Smithfield St. How the workers and the singers and the beer drinkers all socialized with and eventually blended in with the other folks prior to WWII is well displayed in this little gem of a book.

HOW'S THAT OLD SPARE TIRE?
(The one in the car.)

A little while ago I was going down the PA turnpike when I heard a loud "pop." I had blown the left rear tire. When I came to a stop the tire was in three pieces. I called AAA. When the guy arrived we discovered that there was no air in the spare. Fortunately, the service man had a compressor in his truck; so he pumped up the tire and I was on my way. Moral of the story? When you get your car serviced, make sure your dealer checks the spare tire pressure.

One more thing, when you buy a new car, some dealers, instead of supplying a spare, give you an "Emergency Tire Repair Kit." In my circumstance, the kit would have been useless. Check this out when you buy a new car.

Wint Meister
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Say Nothing by Brad Parks. Fiction. A judge is about to make an important ruling when his 6-year-old twins are kidnapped. This “big, ambitious, sometimes troubling, always suspenseful new novel, portrays an American family besieged by evil” (*Washington Post*).

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High Noon: The Hollywood Blacklist and the Making of an American Classic by Glenn Frankel. Nonfiction. Most of us have forgotten — if we ever knew — how controversial this film was in its time. Blacklisted during filming, the producer had little support in the town, that is, Hollywood. He later said, “I became the Gary Cooper character.” “A breathless style makes for compelling reading.” (*Publishers Weekly*).

The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate — Discoveries from a Secret World by Peter Wohlleben. Nonfiction. A forest is a social network of trees that “talk” to each other. This is the theme of “this fascinating book [that] will intrigue readers who love a walk through the woods” (*Kirkus*). The author is a German career forest ranger who draws upon his experience and on science.

Age of Anger: A History of the Present by Pankaj Mishra. Nonfiction. A Kirkus starred review describes this idea-packed book as “a probing, well-informed investigation of global unrest calling for ‘truly transformative thinking’ about humanity’s future.”

A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline. Fiction. A woman in a famous painting is given a fictional life in this novel that “delivers a character portrait that is painterly, sensuous, and sympathetic” (*Kirkus*). (The painting is *Christina’s World* by Andrew Wyeth.)

CHAPEL NOTES

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

May 7 – The Rev. Connie Frierson,
Pastor, Calvin Presbyterian Church,
Zelienople.

May 14 – The Rev. Moni McIntyre,
Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh.

May 21 – The Rev. Scott Bryte, Pastor,
Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church.

May 28 – The Rev. Jamie Kendrew,
Pastor, Christ Church at Grove Farm,
Sewickley.

We encourage folks to bring a friend to these meaningful services. We like to have a large congregation for the ministers who give freely of their time to help us honor the Sabbath.

The Chapel Committee is always looking for resident pianists who can help at chapel services on Sunday at 2:00. We have four loyal pianists at this time, but to lighten their load we would like a couple more.

The music part of the service consists of a 20 minute Prelude, 2 Hymns, and a 5 minute Postlude — about one hour total and once every 4-6 weeks. If you can help, please call Agnes Peebles (8324) or me.

Gary Brandenberger
(724-591-5385)



IN MEMORIAM

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

Rita Kasunic

March 27, 2017

Louis Emanuel

April 11, 2017

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
1st, 2nd and 3rd Fridays
9:30 AM

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

Recognize anyone?



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