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Sally Donnell
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ACORN Co-editor February, 2013-Summer, 2016

This is the first ACORN which I have prepared without
Sally's input and guidance. Words fail me. *rbb*

The poem below was featured in the February 2015 issue.

Our names as editors first appeared on THE ACORN masthead in the
February 2013 issue. In celebration we offer the following:

ANNIVERSARY ODE TO THE ACORN

Two years ago we took the reins
of these auspicious pages,
'twas a task immense, took hearts courageous
To continue success of previous ages.

Could we two, yoked as sisters,
Avoid falling on our respective keisters,
find outlets for our gifts and humor,
while still being relevant to our intelligent consumers?

It's not the Sherwood Oaks Times—
We're happy with photos and rhymes,
reviews, introductions and postings of functions.
We steer clear of scandal and crimes.

We're glad for your feedback, critiques and complaints,
(thin-skinned editors we certainly ain't)
But we're most often happy with your stories, submissions,
and implore you to send them without restraint.

To our readers, we laud you, appreciate and applaud you,
you make our job a delight,
except when we hound you, abuse and confound you
to submit news when the deadline's in sight.

So thanks for the memories, the joys and the angst
we'll hang on as long as we're able,
but make no mistake, it'd sure give us a break
to have more staff at the table!

WHAT'S NEW WITH SORA?

Reports and actions at the June, July and August SORA Board meetings included:

Treasurer's Report

Gary Brandenberger reported income of \$8,220 to the Memorial/Special Projects Fund. The current balance is \$63,831. The balance in the Employee Appreciation Fund is \$26,188.

Liaison Reports

Maintenance Committee: Over a dozen homes are being/were prepared for move-in. The upper pond is being dredged. Inspection by the PA Health and Life Safety team was positive. Walkway painting is completed.

Trips and Tours: Summer events included Pirates Game (we won!), "Kiss Me Kate," Dutch Village, and "39 Steps." Upcoming trips include Tall Ships in Erie, Polymath Park House and Wooden Angel dinner.

Security and Transportation: Arial Alert System is complete. Two kneeling buses are in use. Security exit gate has been repaired.

Health Affairs: Alzheimers' Caregiver Group meets monthly. Chemicals used on grounds are in regulation compliance. CPR classes will be offered if participation warrants. The Falls Report shows 89 falls Jan-June, 2016.

Special Needs: SNF needs audio books. Use of motorized devices remains a concern. Tornado notification should be campus wide.

Dining Committee: New Dining Room guidelines were received. Farm markets in the Center are appreciated. Full service is now offered on some evenings. Replacement of furniture/flooring is in process.

Management Report - Annette McPeck, Executive Director/CFO: Year-round heavy cleaning is in process. A 10-year PILOT agreement between SO and taxing agencies has been signed. Construction has begun on the new patio homes. Checks totaling \$90,000 in scholarships for 47 employees were distributed. Average age of residents as of August is 84.

By-Laws have been amended and distributed.

Improvements to the farm garden are in progress, funded by the Memorial/Special Projects Committee.

Next SORA Board meeting:
September 6, 2016.

Next SORA Quarterly meeting:
September 13, 2016.

*Jean Henderson,
Reporter*

NEW PATRIOTIC BUNTING AVAILABLE

The Memorial Committee approved the purchase of new patriotic bunting for use as needed by all committees at Sherwood Oaks. They will be used on the stage for the Veterans' Day Program and stored afterward in the Housekeeping Department. Please ask Nancy O'Leary or Chris Coroian for availability.

Harriet Burress, 152

ALMA BUCHER

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Interviewed by Betty Eichler

Alma moved to Sherwood Oaks recently from the Oakland section of Pittsburgh, not far from where she grew up. As a child, she lived in Homewood and graduated from Westinghouse High School. From there, she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in English from Carnegie Tech, now Carnegie Mellon University. While there she met her husband John through the Lutheran Student Association, which included the many colleges and universities in Oakland.

While John attended the Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, Alma taught fourth grade in the William Penn Charter School, a private Quaker school for boys. At the same time, Shirley Kappeler's husband Ed was a student at the same seminary. The two couples became close friends, a friendship that has lasted over many years when the families were miles apart. Alma has been a frequent lunch visitor at Sherwood Oaks for some years.

The Buchers lived for a while in Erie, PA, then for seventeen years in the nearby village of Saegertown. When their sons were in school, Alma attended Edinboro State College and earned her Masters of Education degree in English so that she could teach in public school. She taught in Meadville and later in Pittsburgh's North Side where the family lived for seven years.

While living in the North Side, Alma was a volunteer with Meals on Wheels, run by the Lutheran Service Society. She

worked as administrator and as a substitute deliverer of meals. Delicious meals were prepared by a cook who was in her eighties. If a client didn't come to the door, a Social Worker called to make sure the person was all right. Clients were very grateful for the food, the friendly visits and the assurance that someone would check on them if necessary. She also volunteered at a walk-in program sponsored by several of the churches in downtown Pittsburgh. Food is donated for this program and the volunteers are there to welcome people, listen to their stories and give them food to take home.

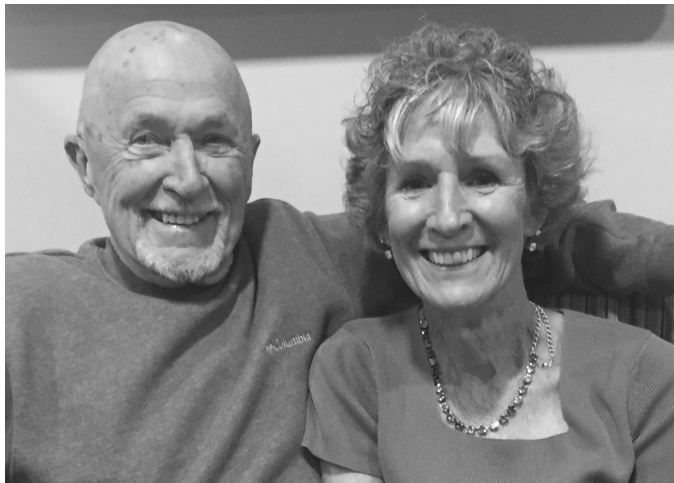
The Buchers raised three sons who now live far away – one each in Maryland, Texas and California. Unfortunately, her only two grandchildren are in the California family; so Alma does not see them as often as she would like. Alma enjoys reading – particularly mysteries and humor, and likes them especially when they are combined. She has enjoyed attending the Pittsburgh Playhouse and CMU's drama series.

When the Buchers retired, they moved into a condominium in Oakland, where they were neighbors of John and Ruth Becker. They were also friends with Bill and Norma Hansmann who are members of First Lutheran Church of Pittsburgh. Alma is happy to rejoin friends here at Sherwood Oaks, where "everyone is so friendly." But she misses her old home and the hustle and bustle of city life. "It's so quiet here." It's a good thing we have the Tuesday bus to downtown Pittsburgh and Oakland, where the hustle and bustle still go on. We welcome Alma as a friend and neighbor in our quieter but friendly community.

NORM AND ANN FERGUSON

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Interviewed by Jean Henderson



Bob Dylan's song may have been written for Norm and Ann Ferguson: "May your hands always be busy...may you stay forever young..."

Ann's busy hands: sewing, quilting, handiwork, thimble collecting, piano playing, golfing, gardening (a Master Gardener of Allegheny County.)

Ann's busy professional life: elementary school teacher for 33 years in Northgate; part time worker with Best Feeds.

Ann's busy childhood: 8 schools in 12 years in at least 6 states following Dad, a chemical engineer, around.

Ann's busy volunteer life: President of Ingomar Garden Club; therapy dog visits with golden Lexie, Meals on Wheels with Norm; Bible Study at church.

Norm's busy hands: swimming, working out, collecting small cars; tending to trees, bushes, shrubs (Hole Diggers of America!), golfer.

Norm's busy professional life: mechanical/process engineer for steel mills and

consultant world-wide. (He's retired three times!) As a young man he served the Army Corps of Engineers — (North Pole, South Pole and Cuban missile crisis).

They've settled at SO for several reasons. They love the green spaces and the style of living here...and Ann's mother, Mary Ann Williamson, is a resident. They are close to their friends in Franklin Park, their home for 17 years after their marriage. Norm, a widower before marrying Ann, has three adult children and four grandchildren in the area. (btw. He was born in the same hospital in Queens, NY, as Don MacLeod.) Their favorite vacation spots include North Myrtle Beach in September and Daytona Beach in November with Ann's mother.

Watch for the Ingomar Garden Club Flower Show (judging – no sales) September 9-10. Ann is Co-Chair.

And stop by Parking Lot E and look for Ann's Blue Bottle tree on the left. It's a hoot! I'm with Dylan: Ann and Norm will stay forever young!



Tabby Alford

JULIE EDEN

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Interviewed by Connie Brandenberger



Not many people can trace their ancestry to the Pre-Revolutionary era. Julie Eden is one of those persons. Julie's great interest in genealogy has led her through many generations of various ancestors and their careers. She can go back as far as Winthrop Fleet in Massachusetts. She has discovered connections to relatives in Allegheny County in 1810 and Fayette Township. She has even written a book annotating the diary of a relative who left the farming life and his family in Illinois to search for gold in California in 1850. He returned almost empty handed! She is enthusiastic about the lives and history of her ancestors. The Internet has been a great source of information. But the most accurate and detailed information for genealogy comes from actual official records, churches or local newspapers.

Julie became a resident of Sherwood Oaks on July 1 and feels comfortable

with the friendly atmosphere. Her interest in reading is confirmed by surrounding herself with a number of bookcases filled with reading material from around the world. Before she moved, she donated 450 books to Better World Books.

She came to Sherwood Oaks from southern New Jersey although she considers Oregon "home." Her daughter and family live in Wexford. She is glad to be near them and to spend time with her two grandsons. Her son and daughter-in-law live in New Jersey with their three children.

Julie actually found Sherwood Oaks by searching the internet for a CCRC. When she and her daughter drove into the Sherwood Oaks campus and discovered the many amenities and saw the friendly atmosphere, she said this was where she wanted to be.

Earning a degree in journalism, she attended the University of Oregon and Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. After reading a copy of the ACORN and talking about the publication, she is very much interested in working in this area. Julie also has done freelance work in feature writing and photography. She makes notecards using her pictures.

Julie worked for Colonial Life Insurance for 32 years and retired three years ago but has not slowed down at all. Although she is not familiar with the Pittsburgh and Cranberry area, as long as she is on Rt. 19 she can go anywhere and gets directions using Rt.19 as a guide.

We welcome Julie and look forward to her participation in the many opportunities for fun and service.

SHERWOOD GIFTS

At the end of the fiscal year in June, manager Juanita Manley retired after four years heading our shop. We are grateful that she has agreed to continue as manager of Jewelry and Scarves.

New managers are Peggy Meister and Kelley Noble, but Kelley was off in Maine all summer. We have stumbled along without her but plan to get her working as soon as we see her!

The shop has continued to operate with the help of super volunteer cashiers and substitutes. We hope that we can find volunteers to re-open the shop on Sundays soon.

The main thrust of my summer has been to find a solution to the crowding in our office-supply room. The treasurer and assistants need a new work space and space is not readily available. Annette McPeck has been weighing options that will alleviate crowding. Two possibilities are under consideration now. With any luck, by the time you get this, Treasurer Judy Batson and her assistants will be in a new environment.

Ken Mundell has been training Judy for the past year and is easing out of the position, but we value his advisory help. We won't let him retire! He has served gallantly for four years and we need his help on matters that come up that we haven't seen before.

A new resident of Sherwood Oaks, Andy Briskar, has joined our ranks as a CPA. He has been most helpful to our

Treasurer. He works many hours from his home; so you may not see him often, but we greatly appreciate his help.

Keep on shopping!

Peggy Meister
Co-Manager of Sherwood Gifts

GREENHOUSE

The purpose of the Greenhouse — in loving memory of Henry Smyth — is to provide a safe, clean and high quality environment for the plants of interested residents during the months of October through May.

For those residents who want to keep plants in the greenhouse during the summer months, it will be open, but the care of the plants will be your responsibility.

Debby Jacoby
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FLOWER SHOW

The Ingomar Garden Club will hold a Flower Show in the Auditorium and Card Room on September 9 and 10. The theme is "Ocean Treasures and Pleasure." Categories are all beach-related. Entries will be judged by certified Flower Show judges on Friday, September 9.

Show hours:
1 – 7:00 PM, Friday
9:00 AM- 1:00 PM, Saturday

The main entrance as well as the curio cabinets will illustrate our theme. Club members look forward to sharing this event with us.

Ann Ferguson
Co-chair, 269

THE ACORN began in January, 1982, originally as a "supplement" to THE OAK LOG. Beginning in 1979, THE LOG tracked progress of the construction (buildings, roads, utilities) on the Sherwood Oaks property as well as marketing the Retirement Community to prospective residents.

We look forward to publishing a look-back at our early years with snippets from THE LOG and THE ACORN. scd

A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

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SHERWOOD OAKS IS OPEN

On September 1, 1982, Sherwood Oaks officially opened. On that date it already had 53 persons living in 39 apartments. Although "open", Sherwood Oaks is not completed. Construction continues on the residences and the Health Center and many items remain to be finished. The bank is preparing to open, as is the beauty/barber shop. Furniture is still arriving for Sherwood Center and drapes are waiting to be hung. All of these structural and material items will be completed in good time. However, a whole area of Sherwood Oaks remains to be developed - residential life. It is up to you, the current and future residents of Sherwood Oaks, to plan and develop the life of the community. The Administration will provide much in the way of space, materials, manpower and support but your input is essential in determining the best use of what is provided. We also look to residents to contribute their talents, time and experience to enhance what is available.

Life at Sherwood Oaks is yours to create and develop. Enjoy the experience.

Selected by Julie Eden

PRESERVING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Sponsored by Focus on the World
Thursday, September 15
7:15 PM, Auditorium

Larry Schweiger, President and CEO of Penn Future, the statewide environmental advocacy organization, will speak here. The title of his presentation is "The Nature of Tomorrow: Our Legacy."

Mr. Schweiger grew up in western Pennsylvania, where he developed a love of nature and the outdoors. He is a former Executive Director of the National Wildlife Federation, America's largest conservation organization, and a former CEO of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. His book "Last Chance: Preserving Life on Earth" won the Next Generation Indie book award for non-fiction. He has won numerous other awards, including the Conservation Service Award from the Christian Environmental Association.

He does not see clean energy, natural resource protection and a safe environment as political issues, but rather as subjects that touch us all.

You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear a discussion of a timely topic. There will be a time for questions and answers following Mr. Schweiger's presentation.

*Olive Tiller,
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AARP DRIVER REFRESHER COURSES

The four-hour Smart Drivers Refresher Course, sponsored by AARP, will be held in the Auditorium on Thursday, October 13 from 1:30 to 5:30 PM.

The course, taught by AARP Zone 3 instructor R. Richard Molinari, covers driving strategies and key driving situations which could be a challenge to the elder driver. It emphasizes driving habits which could cause fatalities.

The course is restricted to licensed drivers who completed the eight-hour driving class in 2012. The deadline to register is October 7. The fee for AARP members is \$15, \$20 for those who are not members of AARP. Payment by check only, payable to AARP, is to be placed in box 621 in the mailroom.

Attention Sherwood Oaks residents who did not take the eight-hour AARP course in 2012: The course is scheduled to be repeated Thursday-Friday, September 22-23 here on campus. Additional information about this course will be posted in the mailroom.

Griff Griffin
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UNEXPECTED EXPERIENCES THAT ENRICH OUR LIVES

We invite you to contribute to a new feature about the unexpected experiences that add humor and insight to our lives. These chance encounters often enrich or alter our lives in unanticipated ways. Perhaps you found yourself laughing at something surprising. Or someone offered illuminating comments that enhanced your own awareness. Please share your own uplifting encounter or surprising experience for a future issue of THE ACORN. Send a brief description to me: dianetmarsh@me.com or place it in box 187.

Diane Marsh

THE FORTUNE COOKIE

Recently, John and I celebrated our 58th wedding anniversary in our customary low-key manner: we enjoyed Chinese take out. The meal was tasty, comforting and relaxed.

John reached for a fortune cookie first, snapped it open and read the message aloud. *"It could be better, but it's good enough."*

We both laughed out loud. Then it was my turn: *"Keep on keeping on."*

So much for realism and encouragement.

Ruth Becker



As the nights lengthen, the morning dew turns to frost and the trees become more colorful, our days are brightened because we know it's time for more Continued Learning programs. This year our programs will be conducted over a two month period. October programs will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings; November programs will be held on Wednesday mornings. This change is in response to a suggestion that attendance might be better if the programs were presented on a less intense schedule.

The Heinz History Center will provide several speakers for the October sessions and several residents will discuss their life experiences. Political Science specialist, Bill Markus, will return for two sessions in November.

Watch your resident boxes and see the October ACORN for a detailed program schedule.

Jim Miller
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**THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE
PRESENTS
DOUBLE PLAY FLUTE AND TUBA**
Monday, September 26
7:15 PM, Auditorium

Double Play Flute and Tuba has been a touring ensemble since 1989. This married couple is classically trained and is celebrating their 27th anniversary as the world's only full time Flute and Tuba Duo.

Performances include music from Bach to Broadway and their unique arrangements of many classical standards.

We welcome them back after appearing here several years ago.

Tom Gregory
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GRAB AND GO BOOK CLUB

I hope that all had a good summer and found some time for the most pleasurable of activities, sitting down with a good book. If time did not allow, September is approaching and the first meeting of the Grab and Go Book Club will be Tuesday, September 13 at 3:00 PM in the Conference Room. This will be the only meeting at 3:00 PM. All subsequent meetings will be at our usual 4:00 PM on the second Tuesday of every month. In the Grab and Go Book Club, the Butler Library system lends us a book bag of 12 copies of our choice of book. Selections are made from a list that can be found at www.butlerlibrary.info.

Our first book is **The Orphan Train** by Kristina Baker Kline. The discussion will be led by Bev Sanker. Bev, in her enthusiasm over the book, looks forward to reading it for a second time. We are therefore looking forward to lively conversations. The book is based upon a movement in our history when hundreds of orphans were sent west to hopefully be accepted into a foster home. If you are interested in joining, call me or Barbara Christie (237); or feel free to just come to a meeting.

Judy Batson
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A BAKE SALE POESY

November 16 is months away
But time speeds past, day after day.
Please start now to plan your baking
For all of the goodies you will be making.

Breads, biscuits, muffins,
Cakes, pies, brownies,
Spicy, flavorful, delicious all!

Cupcakes, coffeecakes, tortes,
Cookies, biscotti, pizzelles,
Sweet, tasty, delicious all!

Soups, stews, chili, beans,
Hearty, healthy, delicious all!

Peanut brittle, fudge, jelly, jam,
Decadent, delightful, delicious all!

PS - You might want to donate cook-
books, baking supplies and such. They
may be already used, but we need them
so much.

Kelley Noble, 189
SORA Bake Sale Committee

SISTERS CIRCLE

A group of Sherwood Oaks women have created a Women's Club called Sisters Circle. The goal of the club is for all women of Sherwood Oaks to come together for "fun and companionship." Elections were held; the co-chairs are Betty Tolbert and Martha King, both residing on the Skilled Nursing Unit.

If you have questions regarding joining this club, please contact me. The club will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Skilled Nursing Unit. We hope to see you there.

Betty Tolbert, 409

DRAMA CLUB

The Drama Club will begin meeting again on Tuesday, September 20 at 1:30 PM in the Oak Lodge Great Room. We meet regularly on the third Tuesday of the month. We invite you to come and join us for a time of reading plays and enjoying the drama and humor. No need for past experience, only a willingness to participate. We have a very enjoyable time reading and laughing together. If you have questions please contact me.

Dick Baker, 338

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**The next ACORN deadline is
Thursday, September 15.**

All submissions to the editors,
preferably online, at the above
email addresses.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SKILLED NURSING CARE @ SHERWOOD OAKS

I was able to spend some time this summer in the Skilled Nursing Unit while recovering from a shoulder replacement. I know many of you have never been there; so I want to tell you about how great it was to be there.

The way I and others were treated was wonderful, caring and just top of the line. I don't know who does the hiring, but I know they picked the nicest, caring people I have ever seen in one place. I watched the young people who work there comfort some really ill people in such a caring way, it made me sit up and take notice.

I would like to thank all of them from the bottom of my heart.

*Thanks,
Charlie Brown*

MEMORIES

After reading the Summer ACORN, I thought of my husband's experience with his stained glass hobby.

When he retired, mowing the grass on our Somerset farm was soon not enough for him to do. His first project was wood carving with his friends. That went well; he enjoyed it, but soon we were over-supplied with carved ducks and birds.

We heard of a class in stained glass in a nearby town. We visited and talked to the instructor. Two women were the

only students. One was making church windows; the other was working on a Tiffany style lamp. The lamp captured my husband's attention. "I want to make one of those lamps."

Twice a week he went to class. He was disappointed when he had to make small items first to learn how to handle the glass. Soon we were buying expensive equipment and ornate glass.

He did enjoy that hobby. Being a retired surgeon, working with his hands and handling fragile, intricate pieces of glass was a satisfying accomplishment for him. We have beautiful memories of his work. My children and I have different sizes of lamps, clocks, large sun-catchers, angels, windows, cupboard doors and more (plus a lot of carved wooden ducks).

Louise McKee

CURIO CABINETS

Hopefully, the icy wonder of the crystal exhibit is keeping us cool this summer. It will continue through August, followed by another summertime indulgence - "Ocean Pleasures and Treasures."

Pick up of Crystal Objects :
10 AM -12 PM and 4-5 PM
Tuesday, September 6.

Contributions of Ocean Treasures:
10 AM and 4-5 PM
Thursday, September 8.

Gussie Dimmick
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**COLETTA MCKENRY LIBRARY
ACCESSIONS**

FICTION INCLUDING LARGE TYPE

The 14th Colony

Steve Berry © 2016.F/BER

14th Deadly Sin

James Patterson © 2015.F/PAT

Alert

James Patterson © 2015.F/PAT

***Before the Fall**

Noah Hawley © 2016.F/HAW

Black Rabbit Hall

Eve Chase © 2016.F/CHA

The Bullet

Mary Louise Kelly © 2015.F/KEL

Can't Find My Way Home

Carlene Thompson © 2014.F/THO

Capital Dames: The Civil War & Women of Washington, 1848-1868

Cokie Roberts © 2015.973.7/ROB/L.T.

Carolina Gold

Dorothy Love © 2013.F/LOV

The Charm Bracelet

Viola Shipman © 2016.F/SHI

Cross Justice

James Patterson © 2015.F /PAT

Devonshire Scream

Laura Childs © 2016.F/CHI

Dishonorable Intentions

Stuart Woods © 2016.F/WOO

The End Game

Catherine Coulter © 2015.F/COU

***The Excellent Lombards**

Jane Hamilton © 2016.F/HAM

The Expatriates

Janice Y.K. Lee © 2016.F/LEE

Extreme Prey

John Sandford © 2016.F/SAN

Flawless

Heather Graham © 2016.F/GRA

Flight Patterns

Karen White © 2016.F/WHI

Fool Me Once

Harlan Coben © 2016.F/COB

Heat & Light

Jennifer Haigh © 2016.F/HAI

***A Hero of France**

Alan Furst © 2016.F/FUR

Hide Away

Iris Johansen © 2016.F/JOH

High Dive

Jonathan Lee © 2015.F/LEE

***I Let You Go**

Clare Mackintosh © 2014.F/MAC

In a Dark, Dark Wood

Ruth Ware © 2015.F/WAR

In for a Penny

Kelsey Browning © 2013.F/BRO/L.T.

The Lake House

Kate Morton © 2015.F/MOR

Lilac Girls

Martha Hall Kelly © 2016.F/KEL

Midnight Sun

Jo Nesbo © 2016.F/NES

Mr. Churchill's Secretary

Susan Elia MacNeal © 2012.F/MAC/L.T.

The Murder House

James Patterson © 2015.F/PAT

The Nest

Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney © 2016.F/SWE

Night Night, Sleep Tight

Hallie Ephron © 2015.F/EPH

No One Knows

J.T. Ellison © 2016.F/ELL

NYPD Red 4

James Patterson © 2016.F/PAT

The Obsession

Nora Roberts © 2016.F/ROB

Oil and Marble

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Orhan's Inheritance

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Pegasus

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The Queen of the Tearling

Erika Johansen © 2014.F/JOH

A Quiet Strength

Janette Oke © 1999.F/OKE/L.T.

The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend

Katarina Bivald © 2013.F/BIV/L.T.

River Road

Carol Goodman © 2016.F/GOO

Robert Parkers's Cheap Shot

Ace Atkins © 2014.F/ATK

Rock With Wings

Anne Hillerman © 2015.F/HIL

***The Second Life of Nick Mason**

Steve Hamilton © 2016.F/HAM

Sight Unseen

Iris & Roy Johansen © 2014.F/JOH

Spider Woman's Daughter

Anne Hillerman © 2013.F/ HIL

The Summer Before the War

Helen Simonson © 2016.F/SIM/L.T.

Summit Lake

Charlie Donlea © 2016.F/DON

The Truth According to Us

Annie Barrows © 2015.F/BAR/L.T.

Truth or Die

James Patterson © 2015.F/PAT

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Mary Kay Andrews © 2016.F/AND

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Alison Gaylin © 2016.F/GAY

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Laura Lippman © 2016.F/LIP

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After Hitler: The Last Ten Days of WWII in Europe

Michael Jones © 2015.940.53/JON

Aging Backwards

Miranda Esmonde-White © 2014

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***American Rhapsody**

Claudia Roth Pierpont © 2016.810.9/PIE

Conviction: The Untold Story...Jodi**Arias Behind Bars**

Juan Martinez © 2016.364.3/MAR

The Genius of Birds

Jennifer Ackerman © 2016.598.2/ACK

No Holding Back: Operation..., Normandy, 1944

Brian A. Reid © 2009.940.54/REI

Office 2013

Elaine Marmel © 2013.004/MAR

***Secondhand Time: The Last of the Soviets**

Svetlana Alexievich © 2016. 947.2/ALE

Strings Attached

Joanne Lipman © 2013.371.2/LIP

What Bugged the Dinosaurs?

George & Roberta Poinar © 2008

560.45/POI

When Women Win: Emily's List and ... in American Politics

Ellen R. Malcolm © 2016.320.08/MAL

*See Spotlight

**MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS.
PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOOKSHELF:**

- ♦ Sue Grafton, X (a novel)
- ♦ Peter Robinson, In the Dark Places (a novel)
- ♦ Theresa Brown, The Shift (nonfiction - by nurse)

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW BOOKS

The Book Selection Committee
Tom Fararo, Chair

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

The 36-Hour Day, 5th ed., by Nancy Mace & Peter Rabins, M.D. Nonfiction. A respected care guide for those with a loved one with a form of dementia.

Secondhand Time: The Last of the Soviets by Svetlana Alexievich. Nonfiction. A revelation of how a variety of ordinary people reacted to the collapse of the USSR. Based on recorded conversations.

American Rhapsody by Claudia Roth Pierpont. Nonfiction. A celebration of the “American spirit” in the arts. It treats Gershwin, Fitzgerald, Welles and Brando, among others.

A Hero of France: A Novel by Alan Furst. Fiction. WWII Nazi-occupied France is the setting of this suspense novel by one of the genre’s great writers.

LaRose: A Novel by Louise Erdrich. An accidental shooting on a Native American reservation leads to grief ...and much more.

The Excellent Lombards by Jane Hamilton. Fiction. A coming-of-age story by the author of the acclaimed novel **Maps of the World**.

The Second Life of Nick Mason by Steve Hamilton. Fiction. A crime novel

that reviewers praise as “gripping” with a “terrific” hero.

Wilde Lake: A Novel by Laura Lippman. Reviewers say this is one of the very best of the many crime novels by this well-known author.

The Weekenders by Mary Kay Andrews. Fiction. The popular author’s new “beach” novel is said to be “easy to read ... and easy to enjoy.”

Before the Fall by Noah Hawley. Fiction. “One of the year’s best suspense novels” (NY Times). Characters include a media mogul and a Wall Street power player.

I Let You Go by Clare Mackintosh. Fiction. A widely-praised British police procedural that starts with a hit-and-run event.

Just Arrived: Five Novels

1. **Black Widow** by Daniel Silva. The latest by the master spy novelist.

2. **Seven Days Dead** by John Farrow. Sequel to **The Storm Murders**.

3. **Journey to Munich** by Jacqueline Winspear. Maisie is back and on a secret mission in Nazi Germany.

4. **Fate and Furies** by Lauren Groff. Critics loved this story of love, marriage and ... think **Gone Girl**.

5. **Grace** by Natasha Deon. A moving story of escape from slavery in the antebellum South.



Worth the Time
by Ed Vidt

Leaving Berlin

Joseph Kanon (F KAN-Mystery)

WW II is over. The Russians have blocked off access by ground transit to Berlin; so the Allies are flying in food and coal to keep their sectors alive! American “reds” are moving into the Russian sector to live in consort with fellow “believers.” What a mess!! This very realistic novel will keep you on the edge of your seat following Alex Meier, a returning author who left Germany in ’33 because he is Jewish. His new life is most interesting.

The Wright Brothers

David McCullough (913.04 McC)

Sure, you know what they are going to do! But how it all comes about, and why they are able to finally get those fragile winged things to do what is needed is a great story. David McCullough has done it again. He knows just how to keep you reading about something you thought you knew all about, but really did not. Their first public flight is at Le Mans in France. Then they go on to circle the Eiffel Tower with their partner, the Comte de Lambert. Next comes the Statue of Liberty a few months later. Now perhaps you can understand why this book is so interesting.

Gorbachev: On My Country and My World

M. S. Gorbachev (947.085 Gor)

This is a history book, not an autobiography. It starts with the "October Revolution" in 1917. Lenin and the Bolsheviks take over Russia's government. The way Stalin eventually and tragically takes over is detailed in very dense prose. Then of course Gorbachev describes how Khrushchev, et al, began reform. The book's thesis, the "transition to a new form of political existence," is explained in much detail, — but not HOW to achieve such a transition. Gorbachev describes what must happen; "a genuine renewal of the life of the entire world community." Now all we need is to follow his advice, but that is, in my view, most unlikely. Nevertheless, this history book is quite interesting.



SATURDAY NIGHT MOVIES

7:15 PM in the Auditorium

Sept. 3 - CINEMA PARADISO
(PG13) 1hr 30 min

Sept. 10 - CITIZEN KANE
(PG) 2hr - Short introduction
by Dr. Dennis Lynch

Sept. 17 - LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP
(PG) 1hr 30 min

Sept. 24 - HOW GREEN WAS MY
VALLEY (NR) 2 hr

Dave Moon, 127

CHAPEL NOTES

In September churches relinquish the relaxed summer schedule and pastors are back to full days and weeks of activity. We are grateful to the following ministers who will be with us for chapel services at 2:00 PM every Sunday in the auditorium.

September 4 - The Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre from the Church of the Holy Cross, Episcopal, in Homewood. Dr. McIntyre was with us earlier this year, and we welcome her back.

September 11 - The Rev. Jeffrey Arnold, First Presbyterian Church in Beaver, will lead the service.

September 18 - The Rev. Dr. Charles Partee, a resident of Sherwood Oaks and a former professor at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will be the preacher.

September 25 - We conclude the month with the Rev. Derek Marotta, pastor of Plains Presbyterian Church in Cranberry Township. Often he brings members of his choir or his communicants' class to lead the service.

The Chapel Committee will be meeting in September to plan for the last three months of the year and to begin planning for 2017. If your pastor is not now on our list and you would like us to invite him/her, give the name and contact information to Gary Brandenberger (602) or me.

*Agnes Peebles, 324
Chapel Committee*

DECISION AMERICA TOUR

Thursday, September 15
11:45 AM - 1:00 PM
Auditorium

Billy Graham's son, Franklin, is touring the country, going to every state capitol to lead a prayer rally from the steps of the capitol building. He has already held rallies in 39 states with several thousand people attending in each state. He speaks from 12 noon to 1:00 PM so that people can attend on their lunch hour. His Pennsylvania gathering will be shown *LIVE from Harrisburg* on our big screen in the Auditorium on Thursday, Sept 15.

Bishop John Rogers will open the session in prayer at 11:45 PM.

Please join us as we pray for our country in this difficult election year.

*Rita Pinyot
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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

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



IN MEMORIAM

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

*Gertrude Stewart
June 9, 2016*

*Patricia Wassum
June 12, 2016*

*Harold Huckestein
June 14, 2016*

*Robert Rhule
June 14, 2016*

*Emil Wasniewski
June 17, 2016*

*Hana Romovacek
June 18, 2016*

*Margaret Matz
June 23, 2016*

*Irene Sesack
June 25, 2016*

*Elizabeth Renckly
July 2, 2016*

*Elizabeth Stout
July 2, 2016*

*Laura Gaut
July 3, 2016*

*Jacqueline Teapole
July 7, 2016*

*Donald Teapole
July 20, 2016*

*Sara "Sally" Donnell
July 20, 2016*

*Mary Jane Klein
July 22, 2016*

*Thaddeus Osial
July 24, 2016*

COOK FOREST AT DUSK

Trees hide in the mist.
Only the slow drumbeat
of droplets on the leafy canopy
betrays their presence.
The deer ballet
normally performed at this hour
is nowhere to be seen.
The ubiquitous bird chorus
is stilled.
Chipmunks and squirrels hide.
The crickets stop and listen.
I stand frozen on the trail
Lest I destroy
this beautiful silence.

Mike Rose

DREDGING THE POND IS KEEPING OUR LAKE BEAUTIFUL

Dredging the sediment from the upper pond, which is located 27 feet above our lake, is necessary in order to keep our lake healthy and beautiful. The fish will continue to survive, multiply and our swans can entertain us as they gracefully float by. Unfortunately, the dredging has caused the swans to temporarily migrate to the upper creek, but we expect them to return to the lake when the dredging is complete.

As rain water from the hill flows into the pond it carries with it fine sand, clay and other materials that deposit as sediment on the bottom of the pond. This "silt" has built up to a depth of 3 feet and it is ready to seep into the lake through a large overflow drainage pipe that connects the pond to the lake.

To remove this silt, a small, flat boat on the pond uses high-gravity suction to pump this sediment/slurry through a 6 inch diameter flexible pipe into a large geo-fabric bag that is placed on level ground about 150 feet above the pond. This bag is 30 feet wide by 100 feet long. After the silt settles to the bottom of the bag the clear water on top is pumped out and pumped back into the pond. More of this watery sediment is added to the bag. This process continues until the silt is removed from the pond. After 4 or 5 months, the sediment in the bag will have dried. The bag is then cut open and its contents spread over the hillside next to our path. The hillside is then seeded with grass.

Resident Tom Manley calculated that the pond is 1/3 acre, the lake is 3.3 acres.

Our lake contains a lighted fountain, together with two docks and a gazebo, wonderful observation areas. Resident, Jim Blum, an avid fisherman, said the lake contains numerous fish including: blue gill, large and small mouth bass, perch, carp, crappie, catfish and koi, to say nothing of large snapping turtles.

Encircling the lake is a wide grassy path. A leisurely walk around the lake takes about 20 minutes and if you travel it 2 ½ times you will have walked a mile. This stroll allows you to enjoy the quiet and serene woodsy surroundings and admire the East Bank Memorial located on the right side of the lake behind the dock. This area consists of trees, azaleas, daffodils, flowers, euonymus, pine trees and crown vetch, many of which were donated to Sherwood Oaks in memory of loved ones. You will also get a closer look at our one year old white swans, brothers Sherman and Oakley. Bill Burtner, our Wellness and Health Promotion Manager, says, "A walk around the lake is also a fun way to exercise!" More adventure-some, enthusiastic walkers may prefer to hike up the hill that meanders through the woods on the right side of the lake along the fence line and wind up huffing and puffing, climbing the steep hill that winds up near the North Woods Wild Flower Garden.

Dredging the silt-laden upper pond will let us continue to enjoy the many benefits our beautiful lake has to offer; it is one of our greatest assets.

Phil Stebler

** We recommend that you borrow an ariel alert pendant from the reception desk when you walk in these areas. rbb*

Dredging - it's a messy job but someone's gotta do it...

