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## *Peace on Earth*



Photo by Barbara Dixon

2017 Community Center Tree

## FROM THE EDITOR

I was hoping to be able to publish the photo that Tabby Alford took of all our veterans at the end of the Veterans Day program. Unfortunately, Tabby was only able to get 11 signatures authorizing the publication of the photo. Most of our veterans scampered off before she could catch them! So, in lieu of one large photo, *THE ACORN* is doing a two-page centerfold of some of the military memorabilia displayed by our residents.

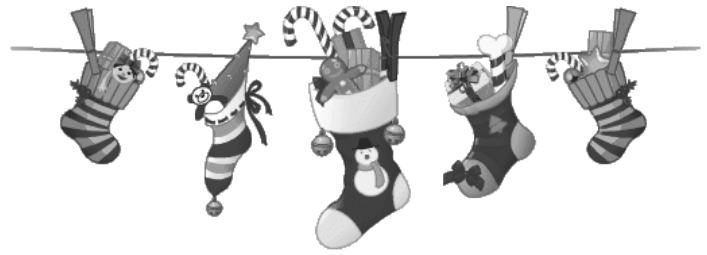
Thank you for sharing your treasures with the rest of us.

Don't forget to refer to page 7 for all the Holiday Happenings. They are listed in chronologic order, which I hope will make the various event dates easier to track.

Another date to keep track of is the deadline for article submission for the January *ACORN*. Due to the publisher's change in printing dates over the holidays, the deadline date has been moved forward from December **15** to December **13**. Contributors for the various committees and activities, mark your calendars so you don't miss that date!

Lastly, the holidays can be a difficult time for many, especially those of us who are frail, ill, or without family. We are so fortunate to live in this wonderful, and caring community. Let there be comfort and joy to all.

Barbara Dixon



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Submissions for the January *ACORN* must be sent to the Editor, or Mike Rose if poetry, no later than **December 13, 2018**.

**BARBARA “BOBBIE” HARLEY  
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Interviewed by Kathleen Schartner



Photo by Mike Mills

Bobbie’s choice of patio homes proved excellent since she now enjoys the sunset every night and the large tree overlooking her sunroom which burst into a magnificent red display of color this fall – a complete surprise!

To become a pediatrician is quite an arduous task. Bobbie was born in New York City but moved as a young child and graduated from New Rochelle High School, Bryn Mawr College, and Harvard Medical School. She completed an internship in pediatrics and a fellowship in pediatric endocrinology at Mass General Hospital. Then onto the University of Colorado to earn an M.S. in Health Administration and finally she completed her required education with a residency at the University of Colorado Children’s Hospital.

Her family joked that she would earn her “Mrs.” degree first and, in fact, she did, just two weeks before her medical school graduation. She and her psychiatrist husband purchased a pop-up camper and headed West, ending up in Boulder, CO. There, they worked at various medical venues while enjoying the beauty of the desert for ten years. Bobbie returned East and held medical positions in Johnstown, Philadelphia, and at Allegheny General Hospital, finally joining a private practice for 20 years in the North Hills. She actually recognized a few of our servers as former patients. That’s 50 years of helping children develop into healthy, adults! She has been retired for five years.

Bobbie is deservedly proud of the passage of the Comprehensive Health Insurance Program for Uninsured Children (CHIP) from birth to 18 (or 26 for special need patients). This was passed during her presidency of the Pennsylvania Academy of Pediatricians. It became the model for all children’s health insurance throughout our country.

Bobbie has a son (a Yale graduate) who lives in New York City and is currently studying wild dolphins. She was married twice, and both former husbands are deceased. She enjoys listening to and participating in music, reading, and attending various Pittsburgh musical programs, particularly singing. She is particularly pleased with Sherwood’s landscaping and library.

Welcome to Sherwood Oaks, Bobbie!

## TIBOR AND KATHY KETZAN 721

Interviewed by Jean Henderson



Photo by Diane Setzenfand

He knew when she walked into the cafeteria at Szeged Medical School in Hungary that she was the one! But he needed a formal introduction. By chance, that soon occurred, and he asked her to go for a coffee ... but she ordered a beer, and he ordered ... orange juice!! Thus, began their relationship that took them halfway across the world and finally to Sewickley.

They married in 1973 in Hungary two weeks after she received her DMD. Because of connections in West Germany, Austria, and the US, they knew that life would be better outside the Iron Curtain, so in 1976, they left Hungary as tourists to visit cousins in Austria. Instead of returning to Hungary, they traveled to Willow Grove, PA outside Philadelphia. Kathy's uncle, who served as their sponsor, had settled there when he left Hungary during the Revolution. Tibor soon passed his exams to practice medicine in the US, and Kathy received a DSD from Temple and did her residency in Pittsburgh.

Tibor, an MD, physiatrist, has worked in physical medicine and rehabilitation and continues to work part-time in the Heritage Valley Health System. Kathy, now retired, specialized in prosthodontics in her private practice in Sewickley.

Their travels have taken them all over Europe – not just leaving behind communism – but visiting family and friends and usually finishing their European travels back in Hungary. Recently he attended his 45<sup>th</sup> medical school reunion at Szeged, the Princeton of Hungary. For a while, they lived near Lake Balaton, one of the most beautiful resort areas in all of Europe.

The two of them share fluency in several languages, as do their three children. Their daughter, 43, born in Hungary, now lives near Clarion with her husband, a mechanical engineer, and 6-year-old son – who's already enjoyed the pool here at Sherwood with his doting grandparents. Their middle child, a son, 40, lives in Shadyside and uses his five graduate degrees as an accountant. Their third child, 38, a son in London, also has multiple degrees and is working on his Ph.D. in digital humanities. Ask Tibor and Kathy what that's all about!

Their interests (as many as busy doctors can have!) include classical music and reading. She enjoys non-fiction and biographies, and he, world affairs and current events.

Tibor and Kathy are pleased to call Sherwood their home for life! And we are so delighted to welcome them.

## MARTA PETERSON

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Interviewed by Connie Brandenberger



Photo by Mike Mills

Marta Peterson moved to Sherwood Oaks on September 1, but she is already singing the praises of her new home and community. Full of enthusiasm and friendliness, Marta feels the warm and caring attitude of our residents.

Moving from Los Angeles to Cranberry was an easy move because she really loves the changing seasons. Marta was born in Idaho and has lived in Washington, Oregon, Louisiana, and New York. Her latest move, to Sherwood Oaks, was influenced by her desire to be near her sister, Paula, who lives in Bradford Woods. Paula has been visiting Dan Smyers, one of our residents, and others who have lived at Sherwood Oaks for many years. She recommended our community to Marta when she was ready to make a move.

Marta has done a lot of traveling, and the two sisters plan to travel together and enjoy their family members who live in Houston, Texas. Marta and Paula will spend Christmas in Paris this year. Her sister will probably join her here at Sherwood Oaks in the future.

Marta, began her career at USC, working in the field of assisting students in obtaining financial aid. She loved working with young people and gained much satisfaction from her work in helping others. Her job was so satisfying that she decided to make a career in assisting students through both undergraduate and graduate schools. Marta retired after 36 years as Director of Financial Aid, MBA Admissions, at UCLA's Anderson School of Management.

Volunteer work has always been important for her, including the American Cancer Society and the Firemen's Fund. Marta's hobbies include sewing, gardening, design, photography, and making jewelry.

Marta plans to be an active member of our community. She volunteered to help with the annual Bake Sale last month. In January, when her life settles down, she hopes to help with gardening. The beauty of our campus impressed her, and she has also noticed the attitude of residents helping one another.

When asked about coming to Sherwood Oaks at this time in her life, knowing that she is a younger resident, she replied: "I've heard so many residents say they wished they had moved here sooner – SO I DID!" And we are also glad that she did!

Welcome, Marta.

## **WHAT'S NEW WITH SORA? (Sherwood Oaks Residents Association)**

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

Summary of reports and actions for the November 6, 2018, board meeting:

### **Treasurers' Reports**

The current balance of the Memorial/Special Projects Fund is \$82,573. The Employee Appreciation Fund has a balance of \$120,240. The SORA bank balance is \$32,362.12. The \$40.00 voluntary activity fee has been paid by 81% of our residents.

### **Liaison Reports:**

#### Landscape:

Irrigation and hose bibs are being prepared for winter. A meeting is planned re: storm water run-off from the Meeder property. Native trees will be considered for plantings and re-plantings.

#### Maintenance:

Seven units are being prepared for January move-ins. Roofs will be repaired as weather permits. Bids for replacement of the lake gazebo are being considered.

#### Memorial/Special Funds:

The Board approved \$1,589.00 for a window screen for the Oak Grove Center. A new \$700.00 holiday tree for the Center Main Lobby was approved by the committee.

#### New Years Eve:

All is set for the party; cost is \$10.00 at the door or front desk.

### Sherwood Gifts:

Beth Brown is the new treasurer. All donations to Granny's Attic must now be pre-approved by Sherwood Gifts administration.

### Living With Loss:

A program for residents on Dec. 5 at 10:30 AM in the auditorium will focus on Hospice and Palliative Care, led by Jan Wendt.

### Special Needs:

71 Scooter Survey results were reviewed; 61 reported using some sort of mobility device.

### **Administration Report:**

Bids to repair the spa are being reviewed. Concern was expressed about the length of time involved for the current repair of the spa. Fiscal year financial reports were all positive: audits, actuarial reviews, and funded status. Funded status is up from 104.7% last year to 105.5%. Employee meetings were held on all shifts by the Executive Director.

### Discussion Time:

President Betty Eichler invited suggestions for use of the monies in the Memorial/Special Projects Fund. All residents are invited to contact her with suggestions.

Visitors: Ten were in attendance.

**The next SORA Board meeting is Tuesday, December 4 at 1:30 PM.**

**The next SORA Quarterly Residents meeting is December 11 at 7:15 PM.**

Jean Henderson, Secretary





## RETURNING BIRDS

The word is that we may be seeing an increased number of birds coming down from eastern Canada this winter. This was a poor summer for production of conifer seeds for winter food in Canada. Already there are reports of Red-breasted Nuthatches, Purple Finches, Redpolls and Pine Siskins showing up in unusually high numbers. Evening Grosbeaks could make their strongest showing in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states in nearly two decades. The last time I saw an Evening Grosbeak in Cranberry was, I think, in the winter of 1978 - 79. That was a lone male.

Get out your bird books and your binoculars and be on the lookout.

Good birdwatching!  
Deane Lavender

## SORA WINTERFEST 2019

Be sure to mark your calendars for the SORA Winterfest 2019 on **January 29** from 1 to 3 PM in the Auditorium. This is a very informative program for all residents, but especially for newer residents, to learn of the many SORA committees and activities.

We are a **Resident Driven Community** which depends on the input from our committees and activities. SORA Winterfest will help you identify the one(s) where you believe your contribution would be the most beneficial to the success of Sherwood Oaks.

Ron Ouelette  
Chairperson

## SHERWOOD GIFTS

Have the holidays snuck up on you, and you're trying to think of just the right gift for that certain friend or family member? Be sure to browse in the Sherwood Oaks Gift Shop. You will find Christmas cards, both boxed and singles, beautiful jewelry, gloves, and scarves, glassware, and many knickknacks. The Christmas decorations we have for sale will add just the right touch to your home. We hope to see you soon.

Ladies, If you have jewelry which you no longer wear, please consider donating the pieces to Sherwood Gifts. Just put your items in a plastic bag and drop it off at the Gift Shop.

REMINDER: Please do not take anything to the Annex on your own. All donations to the Annex must be approved by Kelley Noble or Jane Paul. We have limited space in the Annex and must be very selective in what we choose. From experience, we have a good idea of what will sell and what won't. Although your piece may be in good condition, it may not be appropriate for the Annex.

Jane Paul,  
Co-Manager

# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

**Tuesday, December 4**  
**4:30 to 6:00 PM**

**Holiday Dinner** for Oak Grove Center residents and family members.



**Friday, December 7**  
**4:30 to 6.00 PM**  
Lobby, Auditorium, Card Room

The **Eggnog Party** will take place for all residents. The Café will be closed for dinner; however takeout meals will be available at the Café counter from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The Dining room will remain open for dinner after the party. This is a dress up party!



**Saturday, December 8**  
**1:15 PM**  
Auditorium

**Saint Killian Youth Group** will visit for Bingo.

**Wednesday, December 12**  
**7:15 PM**

Auditorium and Card Room

**All IS WELL, the Hand Bells and Chorus Christmas Concert** will feature an assortment of beautiful music of the season. Please Join us and enjoy a joyous evening.

Rosemary Frelke



**Thursday, December 13**  
**11 AM to 3:00 PM**  
Dining Room

The **Employee Holiday Party** will be held in the Dining Room which will be closed for lunch. The Café will remain open, and takeout meals will be available at the counter during normal lunch hours. The Dining Room will be open for dinner.



**Tuesday, December 18**  
**1:15 PM**  
Auditorium

**Kindergarten students** from Rowan Elementary School will perform some holiday songs.





**Thursday, December 20  
4:30 to 6:00 PM**

Lobby, Auditorium, Card Room

The **Resident Holiday Party – A Musical Christmas** – will be announced by invitations sent out in early December. That day, the Dining Room and Café will be closed for dinner. Takeout meals will be available at the Café counter from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.



**Friday, December 21  
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**  
Auditorium

**Holiday Luncheon** for Skilled Nursing and Personal Care residents and family members.



**Monday, December 31  
9 PM to 12:30 AM**  
Auditorium

The **Residents' New Year's Eve Party** will feature games such as Blackjack and Bingo; a band or trio will play dance music; terrific door

prizes will be offered along with snacks and mixers. Alcohol will be BYOB, but a glass of champagne will be offered to everyone to ring in the New Year. Come meet Father Time and Baby New Year who will be interviewed by our Toastmaster. Tickets, only \$10.00, are available at the front desk after December 15. Guests are welcome. Bus transportation is available to your parking lot up until the last minute.

Diane Neely



2018 Caps for Kids tree. The number of resident-made caps and caps donated by staff will be announced in the January *ACORN*.

## HANUKKAH 101

Most of us are more familiar with the symbols of Hanukkah than the actual story behind the holiday. So, here is a recap.

Hanukkah tells the story of Judah the Maccabee leading a small Jewish army against Antiochus and his mighty Syrian Greek forces in the year BCE 164. The Greek Empire spread over much of the Middle East, including what is now Syria and Israel. At the time, the Syrian Greeks did not allow the Jews to practice their religion freely.

Judah the Maccabee was appointed the leader of the revolt against the Syrian Greeks who greatly outnumbered the Jewish force. Judah bravely led his small army in battle and through skill, defeated the Greeks.

According to legend, because the Greeks forbade religious study, the Jews studied in secret and occupied the children by playing Dreidel so they would keep watch and warn the adults when the soldiers were coming.

After the Maccabees triumphed over the Greeks, one of the first tasks was to clean and organize the Holy Temple which had been ruined. When the Maccabees prepared to light the Menorah, which served as an eternal light in the Temple, they only found one small jar of oil, enough for one day. Miraculously the oil lasted for eight days.

There are two major themes in the story of Hanukkah. Some rabbis emphasize the celebration of the Miracle of the Oil, and how because of the faith of the community, the oil lasted for eight days.

Others, looking closer at the Book of Maccabees, highlight the great military victory by the underdogs.

The Miracle of the Oil symbolizes G-d's care for the Jewish people and the Jewish faith in their G-d. The pride in the Maccabee's victory complements this theme by reminding us of the need for bold human action in the face of a challenge. We celebrate the faith in G-d that allowed one day's oil to burn for eight, and we honor the actions of the brave men and women who rescued their fellow Jews during the revolt and returned home to purify the Temple.

Today we light the Menorah each night of the eight-day celebration, eat foods like latkes and donuts that are cooked in oil, and play Dreidel and share Hanukkah gelt (coins) to remind us of the brave and heroic Maccabees.

Julie Eden,  
(some info from the "Breaking Matzo" site)  
Coming in January, Judaism 101.

*Editor's Note: In Jewish tradition, God's name cannot be spelled out in anything that can be discarded.*





## CHRISTMAS ON THE PRAIRIE

My mother, and her three older brothers, grew up on a small prairie farm northwest of Joplin, Missouri. She told me that, as a child, she never realized how poor they had been. Normal for her was that every winter they would have to stuff rags in the cracks where the walls met the floors to keep out the snow. Most of the heat came from the large wood stove in the kitchen although they did have a smaller potbellied wood stove in the parlor.

She and “the boys” walked the classic 2 miles across the prairie to the one-room schoolhouse where everyone would gather around the potbellied stove to thaw out. The school had a small scrawny pine tree inside as did the local church the family attended. Pine trees on the prairie were sparse and no one could afford a Christmas tree in their home.

One winter treat for my mother’s family was what she called snow ice cream. I learned about this first hand when I was young. My mom would hand me a large metal bowl and a big spoon then send me outdoors to fill the bowl with as much clean snow as it could hold. Once inside again, I helped her add sugar, evaporated milk, and a tiny bit of vanilla extract to the snow. Voilà, there it was, snow ice cream! It was really more like mushy soft serve, but I loved it. (Now of course, I would not trust the snow to be clean enough to try that!)

My mom’s childhood Christmas gifts were limited and often homemade. But there were things that my mom received that were especially for Christmas. Oranges, were even harder to come by on the prairie than pine trees, so they were the extra special treat to be found in one’s Christmas stocking along with a handful of nuts to shell and an apple or two. The only other time that my mom received an orange was when she was very sick. To this day I have oranges and apples under my Christmas tree to remind me of my mother’s childhood Christmases.

Times were harder then but, in a way, they were less complicated. As you move into this holiday season, may you, your family and friends find comfort in the gentler memories of times past as well as hope for the coming years. Let all of us be blessed with peace and comfort.

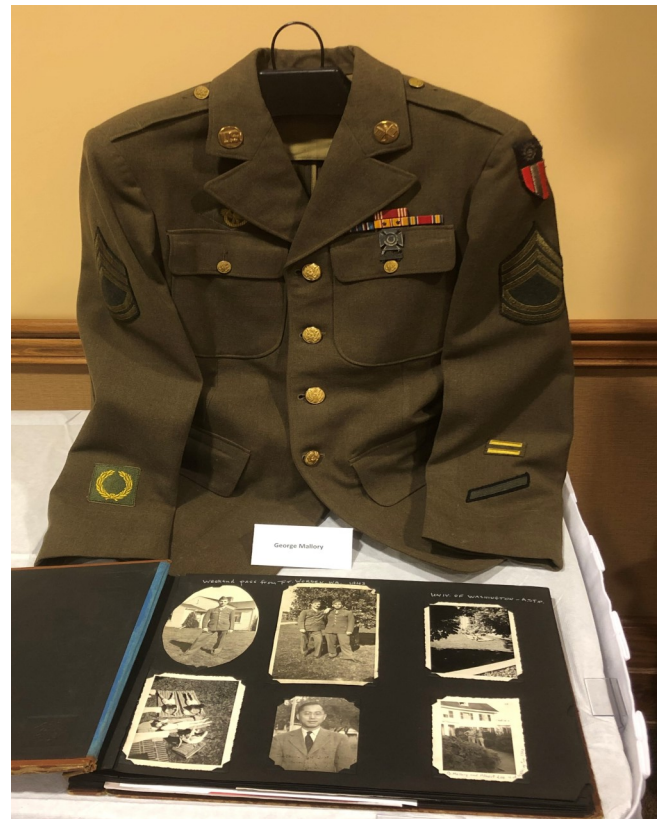
Barbara Dixon





# Memorabilia that was on display for the Veteran's Day Program held on November 9, 2018.

All Photos by Tabby Alford







A rose for every Veteran resident we lost in 2017.

Our MIA table.

## DOCTORS ANYONE?

When I was a child, we had a wonderful family doctor. His name was Dr. Dunne. He stitched up open wounds, delivered babies, and made house calls. He dispensed medicines, right from the office, for ulcers, constipation, heartburn (we hadn't heard of acid reflux), liver, heart, kidney, and numerous other maladies. He was the doctor. \$

As I age, I have acquired numerous physical complaints. The first was pain in my lower back. This necessitated a visit to my personal care physician \$\$ who referred me to an orthopedic neurologist. \$\$\$\$. He ordered an MRI. \$\$\$\$. A diagnosis was pronounced, and I was sent to a physiatrist. \$\$\$\$. I still do not know what a physiatrist does, in spite of asking. The explanation was vague. However, he did suggest physical therapy, \$\$\$ which I gladly accepted.

It helped, but I opted for injections into the back for more relief. This required a special injection doctor whose primary pursuit seems to be to travel from one office to another plying his trade, \$\$\$\$. I have never seen this man's face. I lie face down on the table. He enters and greets me, carries out his assigned task and leaves. He has brown shoes.

While visiting the physiatrist for a routine follow up of my back, I took off a shoe and mentioned that I had pain in my foot. "I don't want to see your foot," he said. "You need to see a foot doctor."

When our grandson was in an accident and broke his hand, the hand doctor cared for it right up to the wrist. An orthopedic doctor was required to treat the wrist.

Will we have, or do we already have, special doctors for the big toe, the pinky finger, the left ankle versus the right ankle?

Thank you, Dr. Dunne. Indeed, there is much to say about modern medicine, and I am glad I live in this century, but you offered good care, and I am here today to tell about it.

By the way, my back and feet still hurt.

Ellen Brierly



## CURIO CABINETS

The Holiday display covers three major events — Christmas, Hanukkah, and we're including Thanksgiving this year. It will be followed by something to take our minds off winter — "Celebrating Cats." This is by request, but it was already on our agenda. We are more than eager to give our cat friends the same recognition than we gave our canine pals. Please pick up items from the Holiday display on Tuesday, January 8 from 10 to 12 AM and 4:30 to 5:30 PM. Bring items for "Celebrating Cats" on Thursday, January 10 from 10 to 12 AM and 4:30 to 5:30 PM.

Gussie Dimmick



## LIVING WITH LOSS PROGRAMS

An hour-long educational program will be presented on Wednesday, December 5 at 10:30 AM in the auditorium. Resident Jan Wendt, a retired hospice nurse, will speak on "Hospice and Palliative Care: What's the Difference?" It's always best to be fully informed before the need arises. Come with your questions, your concerns, and ... bring your friends!

A "Service of Hope" will be held on 'the longest day,' Saturday, December 22, from 1:30 to 2:30 PM in the auditorium. This is a traditional service which is Christian-based but can be of help to all of us facing the holidays with heavy hearts for a variety of reasons.

Many believe that grief and sadness are best confronted in the company of others. The service involves music, candle-lighting, prayers, and holy readings. A small gift of hope will be given to all who attend. Jean Henderson, Ann Ferguson, and Peggy Meister will serve as leaders.

Jean Henderson



## Helpful Health Updates from the Sherwood Oaks Health Affairs Committee

All too often, patients can arrive at an emergency room unable to communicate their name and other important information. Did you know there is an app on your iPhone or Android device that can store your vital medical data, and that EMS and hospital staff can access it without a password? It's called Medical ID, and once you have set it up, first responders have only to tap "Emergency" on your phone's locked home screen.

The app contains your name, emergency contact, allergies, medical conditions, medications, and organ donor status. Access to this information saves precious minutes that can save lives.

If you need help downloading the app, you can find it from library staff here at Sherwood Oaks, or in our medical office.

Check your shelves for paint stripping products containing methylene chloride. Products such as Goof-off, Strypeze, Klean Strip and Jasco will be banned soon, but some may still own these products and not be aware of their danger. Death is caused by inhaling the fumes from such products. Retailers soon expect to be selling products that are as effective a methylene chloride without the risk.

If you haven't gotten your flu shot yet, it's not too late! Flu season extends another three to four months. It takes about two weeks after the injection for the vaccine to become fully effective. And as always, be vigilant about washing your hands or using hand sanitizer. It makes a difference.

Jan Wendt



## **GOLF COURSE ENCOUNTERS OR THE INDIFFERENT GOLFER**

### **First Encounter**

I can't believe I sliced that ball  
and hit another tree.  
Let me see if I can find it.  
But wait, did that tree admonish me?

**If you hit us one more time,  
we might get angry with you.**

I really didn't mean to do it.  
In fact, it was the last thing  
that I would want to do.

**But you still did it.**

**I think you really don't care.  
While we are in this place,  
you run around us  
as if in your own race.**

**Even when one of us  
gets to stand alone,  
you curse and abuse it  
and wish it was not there.**

Of course, that would happen.

You should stay far away  
so, we can play our games  
and not have to think  
about you and how you feel.

**Don't you remember that others  
were here before you came?  
And others brought against their will  
because you thought it useful.**

**We are now in many places  
but you never see our faces.  
We are something to be abused,  
eliminated or at least just used.**

Of course, we push you away.  
You aren't doing anything productive.

All you do is stand all day  
and wave in the breeze.  
While we do wonderful things  
like building ... golf courses.

Keep quiet and let me play,  
so, I can get away from you  
and do my game today.  
I really don't want to look at you anyway.

I am just trying to be civil.

**Yes, yes, I can see that.  
You feel that we are worthless.  
Something to be tolerated  
or maybe even feared.**

Feared! HAH!  
Where did you get that idea?

**You are afraid of what we could be.**

**We have value and could contribute.  
But if you see what you fail to use  
You might get unsettled and  
won't believe what you can lose.**

The only thing that I can lose  
around you is my ball.

**More than that  
you have already lost ...**

THERE, I made my shot!  
Now I'll be on my way.  
Maybe I'll listen to you on another day.

Robert Typanski



## **GOLF COURSE ENCOUNTERS OR THE INDIFFERENT GOLFER**

### **Second Encounter**

Now where did that ball go?  
There it is in the grass!  
No, it's not right!  
It's only half a ball.

The grass cutter must have done that.  
Too bad, it was a really good one.  
But now, it has no value.

**What do you mean I have no value!  
Don't you remember how far I would fly?**

Yes, that is true.  
But what is left is not really you.

**I know that my best times are gone.  
But I can give you a chance to be a  
better you.**

How is that?

**Did you ever think what will happen  
when you're half you once were?**

**Will others provide a place for you  
or just say that you are done?  
There was a time when you could fly.  
There was a time when you were fun.**

**Keep me close where you can see,  
near your trophies of life and memory.  
It's good to remember your  
achievements.  
But life is more than that.**

**Remember those who did you right.  
Remember those who helped you fight.  
When they can no longer set the course.  
When they no longer provide the force.**

I see what you are saying to me.  
But it's so easy to just let you lay there.  
To ignore you when you are of no use.

You had your chance to shine.  
Now the time is mine.

Goodbye old friend,  
I must move on.  
You had your day.  
I am on my way.

Robert Typanski

## **YOU MIGHT LIKE ...**

One of the gems here at Sherwood Oaks is surely our library. I use it a lot, as I suppose many of you do. And since I have had a library card for over 70 years, when I saw a review of a book called *The Library Book*, by Susan Orlean, I rushed to borrow it from the Cranberry Library. It is an engrossing tale of libraries and librarians structured around the story of the fire in 1986 that destroyed much of the collection at the Los Angeles Public Library: 400,000 volumes lost to the flames and 700,000 damaged by water. Was it arson? Who was responsible? If you like books and the people who care for them, you will enjoy this story.

Meanwhile, here's a quote: "In Senegal, the polite expression for saying someone died is to say his or her library has burned. When I first heard the phrase, I didn't understand it, but over time I came to realize it was perfect. Our minds and souls contain volumes inscribed by our experiences and emotions ... a collection of memories we've cataloged and stored inside us, a private library of a life lived."

Dennis Lynch

## MY MARIGOLDS

Joanne S. Weiss, November 2018

My marigolds are long gone now,  
Chill winds chased them away.

I raised them from those tiny seeds,  
A gift on move-in day.

I watered and nurtured them,  
And watched them sprout and grow.

I thought they'd be a friendly sight,  
There on our patio.

They bonded in golden glory there,  
A welcome summer guest.

Outside our door and by the stone,  
Where Mom and Dad now rest.

They were for me the living proof,  
You never really know.

That when you shine a ray of hope,  
How far the light will go.



## DECEMBER MOVIE SCHEDULE



**DECEMBER 1 - Mamma Mia! - Here We Go Again (2018)**  
**PG-13 1 hr 54 min**

### MUSICAL COMEDY ROMANCE

Five years after the events of Mamma Mia, Sophie learns of her mother's past while pregnant herself. (*IMDb*)

Rated PG-13 for some sexually suggestive material and mild language.

**DECEMBER 8 - The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society (2018)**  
**TV-14 2 hr 4 min**

### DRAMA HISTORY ROMANCE

In the aftermath of World War II, a writer forms an unexpected bond with the residents of Guernsey Island when she decides to write a book about their experiences during the war. (*IMDb*)

Rated TV-14 for mature themes. No harsh language or nudity.

**DECEMBER 15 - Hearts Beat Loud (2018)**  
**PG-13 1 hr 37 min**

### MUSICAL DRAMA

A father and a daughter form an unlikely songwriting duo in the summer before she leaves for college. (*IMDb*)

Rated PG-13 for very mild brief language and some drug references.

**DECEMBER 22 - A Christmas Carol (1938)**  
**Not Rated 1 hr 9 min**

### HOLIDAY

On Christmas Eve, Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by three ghosts of Christmas, warning him to change his mean and miserly ways, or face the consequences in the afterlife. (*IMDb*)

Not Rated. No profanity. No sex. No violence.

**DECEMBER 29 - The Hudsucker Proxy (1994)**  
**PG 1 hr 51 min**

### COMEDY

A naive business graduate is installed as president of a manufacturing company as part of a stock scam. However, his innocent idea for a new toy creates unexpected profits which threaten the plot. (*IMDb*)

Rated PG for mild language and thematic elements. No sex. No nudity.

Jason Lyle



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| Lost Christianities: Christian Scriptures and the Battles Over Authentication     | Ehrman, Bart D.         | ©2002 | 296 EHR     |
| The Spy and the Traitor: the Greatest Espionage Story of the Cold War             | Macintyre, Ben          | ©2018 | 327.12 MAC  |
| Mayo Clinic A to Z Health Guide   |                         | ©2015 | 613 MAY     |
| Given: New Poems  | Berry, Wendell          | ©2005 | 811.54 BER  |
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| The Last Palace: Europe's Turbulent Century in Five Lives and One Legendary House | Eisen, Norman L.        | ©2018 | 943.71 EIS  |
| These Truths: A History of the United States                                      | Lepore, Jill            | ©2018 | 973 LEP     |
| God in the White House  | Balmer, Randall Herbert | ©2008 | 973.09 BAL  |
| Valley Forge  | Drury, Bob              | ©2018 | 973.3 DRU   |
| Daughter of the Cold War  | Warnecke, Grace Kennan  | ©2018 | 973.92 WAR  |
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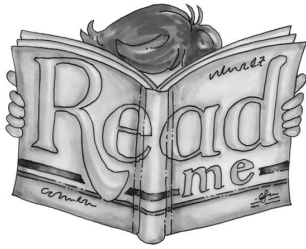
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Thank you to whoever returned *The President is Missing*. Now we are missing the new John McCain book, *The Restless Wave: Good Times, Just Causes, Great Fights and other Appreciations*. We would appreciate your help in finding it.

People have asked about memorial book donations. If you would like assistance in choosing a book that reflects the interests of the person being memorialized, the library staff may be able to help. The new computer system can recall the history of library patrons borrowing patterns. Alternatively, you could ask the Book Selection Committee what books are currently being contemplated for purchase or simply purchase a book to donate to the library. We paste a memorial bookplate in these books.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON NEW BOOKS THE BOOK SELECTION COMMITTEE

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**Transcription** by Kate Atkinson. Fiction. A young woman is drawn into an anti-fascist spy operation in Britain during WWII. “Another beautifully crafted book from an author of great intelligence and empathy” (*Kirkus Starred Review*).

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**Unsheltered** by Barbara Kingsolver. Fiction. In the state of America today, the novel “examines the personal and social shocks that ensue when people’s assumptions about the world and their place in it are challenged” (*Kirkus Starred Review*).

**The Fox** by Frederick Forsyth. Fiction. One of the great thriller writers of all time is back with this “terrifically entertaining spy thriller” (*Publishers Weekly*).

**Dark Sacred Night** by Michael Connelly. Fiction. Harry Bosch and

LAPD detective Renee Ballard take on cold cases in this “outstanding, complex police procedural” (*Publishers Weekly*).

**Past Tense: A Jack Reacher Novel** by Lee Child. Fiction. After a slow start, the novel becomes “tense and exciting” (*Chicago Sun-Times*).

**The Mystery of Three Quarters: A Hercule Poirot Mystery** by Sophie Hannah. Fiction. An unusual mystery leads to an Agatha Christie type of ending that is “absolutely riveting” (*Book Reporter*).

**The Spy and the Traitor: The Greatest Espionage Story of the Cold War** by Ben Macintyre. Nonfiction. The author of *Operation Mincemeat* tells the story of a Russian colonel spying for Britain’s MI6. “It’s not too far-fetched to say that we all owe him our lives” (*TheGuardian*).

**These Truths: A History of the United States** by Jill Lepore. Nonfiction. “A splendid rendering—filled with triumph, tragedy, and hope” (*Kirkus Starred Review*).

**The Last Palace: Europe’s Turbulent Century in Five Lives and One Legendary House** by Norman Eisen. Nonfiction. “An action-packed yet lyrically written page-turner” (*Publishers Weekly Starred Review*).

**Valley Forge** by Bob Drury and Tom Clavin. Nonfiction. A central episode in the American Revolution is treated in a “fluent readable story” (*Kirkus Review*).

Tom Fararo



## CHAPEL NOTES

Leading Chapel Services during December will be the following. (All services at 2 PM in the Auditorium.)

December 2 - The Rev. Derek Marotta,  
Plains Presbyterian Church

December 9 - The Rev. Ron Hoellein,  
Retired, St. Paul's UMC

December 16 - The Rev. William Dam-  
bach, North Hills United Presbyterian

December 23 - The Rev. John Rodgers,  
Retired, Sherwood Oaks

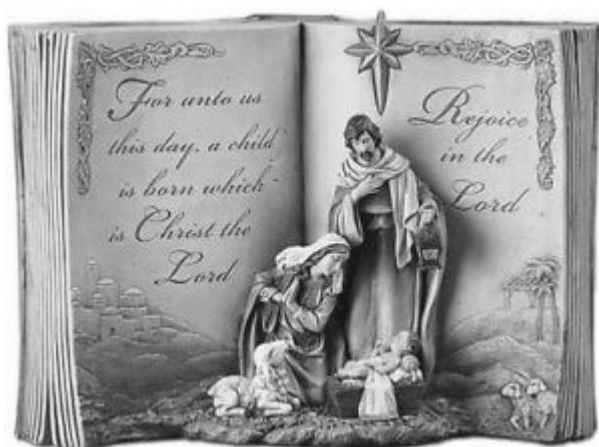
December 30 - Service led by In-House

This is always a very busy time of the year for ministers, so please be sure to thank them for their service.

Also, during this time of the year, be sure to pause and thank God for HIS greatest gift to us!

***"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." (Ps. 23, v. 1)***

Gary Brandenberger  
Chapel Committee



### *IN MEMORIAM*

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

*Hugh Downing*

*October 30, 2018*

*Loleta Perry*

*November 8, 2018*

*Edward Yager*

*November 17, 2018*

### ACTIVITIES IN THE CHAPEL

Women's Bible Study  
First and third Monday of the month  
Promptly at 10:45 – 12 noon

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

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

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

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

*Hanukkah begins the evening of Sunday, December 2  
and ends the evening of Monday, December 10, 2018.*



*Celebrating with lighting the Menorah, playing the Dreidel game  
and eating jelly donuts.*