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## Cart Path Project



by Paula Kilgore, Golf & Greens Director

Looking out the Pro Shop window you will notice lots of heavy equipment and trucks. This is the beginning of replacing the aging cart path. You will also notice we have expanded the parking area of the Pro Shop to alleviate the dangerous curve leading to the back of the restaurant area. This is phase one of the cart path project that will be done over the next 3 years.

You as a homeowner have a vested interest in all of the assets here in Woodburn Estates & Golf. The upkeep and repair of all assets is part of your board's fiduciary responsibility and as your Greens Director I am doing just that. Over the last few seasons our cart paths have become in need of not just repair but replacement. The projects ahead of us will remove the old asphalt and rebuild the base to provide a longer wearing path.

Are you wondering where the money comes to do this? All golf cart owners who drive their carts around Woodburn Estates to use the restaurant, the fitness center, the office, the craft room, the billiard room, the auditorium, the golf course, the tunnel under Hwy 214 – must buy a cart sticker for the current year. The cost for golfers is \$50 per cart, per year. All non-golfers pay \$10, due in January. You can pay in the Pro Shop. The fees are placed in the cart path fund under a separate line item. This fund is added to the reserve fund when a cart path project is funded. Keep in mind, the reserve fund is to repair or replace existing assets of which the golf course is our biggest asset.

We are looking forward to the completion of the cart path and the new trees this coming year. Please feel free to contact me with your comments or concerns at: greens@woodburnestatesgolf.com.

### CORRECTIONS

In the December 8 issue of *News & Views* there were two incorrect items.

1. On page 6, the Annual Members Meeting was titled incorrectly: It should have read: MINUTES OF THE WOODBURN ESTATES & GOLF ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING.
2. On page 9, under Members Comments 5). ~~RV parking-on-street-with-transients.~~“Member has been allowing transients to live on his property in RV. Request rules committee/board make changes to prevent this activity.”

## Christmas Clearance

by Kathy Hiller

Because we had so many pages of Board Minutes last issue, I'm hoping today's paper will be more appealing because we are featuring many of our writers and some Christmas items that didn't fit in the December paper. Happy New Year!

## Auditorium Floor Refinishing

by from the Office & the House Committee

The Auditorium's hardwood floor is being refinished. This means that it will be closed to everyone except the flooring contractor from January 8 to January 18.

During this time, there is **Absolutely No Entry! No Exceptions!** Even if you *think* it is okay... **No Exceptions!** Thank you for your patience.

## New Social and Golf Memberships

by Tom Staskiewicz

**Twilight and Weekend Golf Memberships** - Homeowners and associates purchasing the new Twilight or Weekend Golf Memberships are eligible for the Oregon Trails Golf Program with the purchase of a membership in the Woodburn Estates Men's or Women's Clubs. This benefit provides access to 27 other clubs in Oregon and Washington at reduced rates, typically the cost of renting a golf cart, and easily offsetting the cost of the club membership. The new memberships are particularly beneficial for our working homeowners, potential associates and I-5 commuters looking to have access to a private course where an 18 hole round can be played in under 3 ½ hours.

- Twilight membership for homeowners is \$400 annually for the first person and \$300 for the second person.
- Twilight membership for associates is \$625 annually for the first person and \$480 for the second person.
- Weekend/Holiday for homeowners is \$300 annually for the first person and \$230 for the second person.
- Weekend/Holiday for associates is \$575 annually for the first person and \$440 for the second person.
- Twilight hours are any time after 2 pm and weekends/holidays is any time after special events for the day have concluded.

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# NEWS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

## Music Jammers

*by Dena Hollod*

Music Jammers will start again on January 14 at 2 p.m in the Dining Hall. Just a reminder that these Jam sessions are free to everyone but we do have a donation jar on the food counter to help pay for all the paper cups, plates, napkins, creamers and coffee. Tony pays for all of these things out of his pocket. He does so much for us. He sets up and puts away the chairs; sets up the coffee and goodies and does all the cleanup. I have noticed more people are helping him now with the chairs and this is very much appreciated by us all. We can't all help in this manner so we can help by bring in goodies or by donations. The Jams are all run by volunteers and our wonderful musicians. So please help where you can. See you on the 14th! Come and help us welcome in the New Year!

## “Who’s on Third”

*by Trudy Fowlks, Concert Co-ordinator*

Our first "Who's on Third?" concert for 2018 will feature a new group “The Rebecca Hardiman Trio”, featuring Rebecca Hardiman on vocals, Ray Hardiman on piano, and Whitney Moulton on bass. Rebecca’s vocal style is often compared to Ella Fitzgerald, June Christy, and Doris Day. She has been performing on the Oregon jazz scene since the early 1990s. She ventured into a solo career in 2013, and has been performing professionally throughout the state of Oregon (and around the US) since then. This trio regularly performs at the Aurora Vineyards and the Langdon Farms Restaurant on weekends. Rebecca has recorded 6 CDs (which will be on sale at the concert). Her 2017 CD “Honoring Ella: a 100th Birthday Tribute” was named one of the “Best New Recordings of 2017” and was listed in the top 30 new CDs for 2017.

For our concert, Rebecca plans on performing many of the favorites from the Great American Songbook; and songs associated with Ella Fitzgerald, which will include "A Tisket A Tasket", “Cheek To Cheek”, “Almost Like Being In Love”, “Someone To Watch Over Me” and “At Last”.

The “Who’s on Third?” concert series is held monthly (on the third Sunday) of each month from Sept. - May. It is a community concert offering for all of the Woodburn area folks. The concerts are held at Woodburn United Methodist Church, 700 N. Cascade Dr. (just south of the Cascade Park Retirement complex). All concerts are supported by a freewill offering to cover all concert expenses and include a mid-concert intermission with refreshments. Once again Country Meadows will provide fresh baked cookies and Cascade Park will prepare cheese and cracker trays. We certainly appreciate their continued support of these concerts.

Remember to mark your calendars for Sunday, January 21, 3 - 4:30 p.m., and come enjoy this fun afternoon of wonderful music with your friends and neighbors. Invite a friend to come enjoy the afternoon with you. This is an excellent opportunity to share what an amazing community event this is for the folks in and around Woodburn. Hope to see you there.



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# Activities Committee Annual Report

*by Malena Turner*

The Activities Committee is proud to be part of Woodburn Estates, and spends time each year to honor and uphold the basic tenants of our association. As stated in the Articles of Incorporation, it is the primary committee responsible for implementing those activities outside of the golf chair. This includes promoting activities designed to meet our physical and social needs. Many of these events help provide materials and activities for our members that do not come out of their annual dues.

2017 was a busy year with a varied activity schedule. Some events were for our members only and some were open to the public. We started the year with a February Chili Feed followed the next day with a potluck and big screen debut in the auditorium with a Super Bowl Party. Our Woodburn Police and Fire Departments were invited to attend and participate in the Chili Feed which fed about 155 people.

2017 Events included a Potato Bash with comedy film on the big screen; a spring and fall Pancake Breakfast; a Community Garage Sale and a Health Faire. Although our committee does not actively plan some of the events, many of our members volunteer in associated events like the Car Show, Family Golf Days, and the Craft and Book Sale.

Information and handouts for the wider Woodburn community, including signups for CERT training and calendars and coupons for the local businesses, are presented at least twice a month, along with 51 weeks of entertainment or public speakers for Coffee Hour.

A Blood Drive and Flu Shot Clinic was provided on-site with both events well attended. National Night out in September was moved from outside to inside the Auditorium due to the extreme heat. This will also be a planned event for 2018, for those members who want to participate but may not be able to host their own event.

This year your activity committee has donated or assisted in several items for our community and public. Below is a partial list. Thank you to our committee and our community who have helped through participation in our events.

1. Payment in conjunction with the Marketing Committee for purchase of digital screens located in 4 areas of the association.
  2. Provided payment for instruction of pool once a week along with care of the tables.
  3. Provided sponsorship, along with the Marketing Committee for Music in the Park at the Woodburn Library.
  4. Donated \$750.00 to the Woodburn Fire Department to buy helmets for bicycle riding.
  5. Provided Check-in forms for Bingo.
  6. Provided a net and stand for the volleyball group in the pool.
  7. Reimbursed purchases for submitted receipts for equipment replaced for the exercise groups.
  8. Donated 100s of pounds of food to the local food bank, as well as check donations for the Food Bank’s direct purchase.
  9. Donated money to the High School Music program.
- And more.

At the end of the year motions were made by the activity committee to set aside money for the Gazebo project and the exercise room expansion, which the committee has been working on for several years.

Thank you, I have enjoyed my time on the board.

## Crafters Are Awesome!

*by Chris Daley*

Thanks to those wonderful folks who went out and got donations of door prizes and cookies, our craft show made more money than we usually make. After all expenses, we made a profit of \$836.25! That means we have extra money this year to donate to a worthy cause. Come to the next meeting and help decide where this money should go. Mark your calendars for all the upcoming 2018 meetings:

- Crafters After-Sale Meeting**  
Friday, January 19, at 10:30 a.m., Dining Hall  
Decide where to donate our profits
- Crafters Sign-Up Meeting**  
Friday, August 24, at 10:30 a.m., Dining Hall  
Sign up for your 2018 craft table(s) and volunteer for committees
- Crafters Committee Meeting**  
Friday, September 21, at 10:30 a.m., Dining Hall  
Updates on how things are coming along, where we need help
- Crafters Committee Meeting**  
Friday, November 2, at 10:30 a.m., Dining Hall  
Last-minute chores and issues
- Craft Fair & Book Sale set-up**  
Friday, November 16, 2-4:00 p.m., Dining Hall & Auditorium  
Bring all your goodies and set up your table(s)
- Woodburn Estates Craft & Book Sale**  
Saturday, November 17, 8 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Dining Hall & Auditorium  
Sell, sell, sell!  
Keep crafting, and we'll see you all in January!

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## Help Needed for 2018

*by Vicki Spencer*

Here it is 2018 already. Who would have thunk? My goodness! It’s a perfect opportunity to thank all the delivery people who have been so diligent in getting this paper to the residents in a timely fashion and with a smile on their faces. There aren't enough words to express our gratitude.

Tony Polinsky and Linda Martin, you have been my saving grace so many times, delivering to routes that need subs. Thanks to Kathy and Stan Hiller for being there when we couldn't be here to do our job. They were always ready and able to do it for us.

I hate goodbyes; especially to dear friends. Don and Jeanne Hofstetter have been delivering News & Views longer than I have been coordinating the distribution. They will be sorely missed, but all good things come to an end. These two are moving on to Country Meadows - a completely different life style. They truly will get to retire, unless Don comes up with some way to volunteer at Country Meadows.

So I have a big route - 53 papers (Astor, Camellia, and Mulberry) that I need coverage for. Anyone interested in this route, call me. It’s a cool way to meet your neighbors. Please call me if you can take this route. Vicki 503-982-2027 or 503-757-9550.

We also need alternates...always. I really appreciate the ones we have; they have been fantastic but they also have decreased in numbers so I would appreciate more on our stand-by list. Knowing they are there makes it so much easier. Thanks again for 2017, and blessings from the Spencer's in 2018!

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# Women's Golf Club Officers 2018



(L-R) Vickie Hibberd, Bernadine Bourne, Gloria Bourne, Karen Ewing, Nancy Reed

by Paula Kilgore

The new officers for the 2018 Golf Season are:

- President: Vickie Hibberd
- Vice President: Bernadine Bourne
- Secretary: Karen Ewing
- Back Up Secretary: Gloria Bourne
- Treasurer: Nancy Reed

The new season will begin in March. Membership dues are \$52.00 and due by February 1st, 2018. After that date the dues will be \$ 57.00 including the late fee.

Please make sure you place your check in an envelope. Be sure to tell Marge Epling what group you will be playing with, 9-hole or 18-hole. Drop your envelope in the Women's Club Mail Slot in the hallway by the bulletin boards of the main clubhouse.

Red tees are open for play. Check out the Golf Fees for 2018. We are currently running a promotion for bringing in new associate golfers. Remember ladies, we would like to build our membership so please make friends with anyone new this coming year.

Last of all, I would like to say I have enjoyed the last 3 years as one of the Women's Club Officers and look forward to working with the upcoming board next year.



## Women's Golf General Meeting Minutes

### Woodburn Estates Women's Golf General Meeting December 18, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Paula Kilgore and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Janice Aiken moved to approve the minutes for the November 20, 2017 meeting. Motion was seconded by Sandy Blaylock and approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Nancy Reed

Balance 10/31/2017	\$2,331.88
Deposits	\$ 750.00
Expenses	\$ 262.11
Voucher Fund	\$3,272.36
Balance 11/30/2017	\$6,092.13

**VP**–Marlene Johnson: Marlene presented Paula with a gift from the Women's Golf. Thanks, Paula.

**Membership & Books**–Marge Epling & Lois Scheidegger: 2018 Dues are \$52.00, need to pay by February 1, or additional late fee of \$5 added. There will be no increase this year.

**Social**–Louise Davidson: January, we will have Enchiladas, Rice, Salad and Dessert. Need your \$9.00 by January 9, 2018.

**Handicap**–Sally Carter: Gift Cards were given to Diana Lindberg and Kathy Johnson for being most improved golfers in 2017.

**Greens Committee Report**: Paula read the December 11 Greens report. It will be reported in the Board Minutes and not recorded in the Women's Golf Minutes.

**Sunshine**–Jeanne Hutchinson: Cards were sent to: Pam Mathews, Arlene Langendoerfer and Lynda Mickey.

**Mixed Tournaments**: Paula notified the Ladies that Fred Bourne will take over Mixed Tournaments next year due to Len's health. Bob and Sharon Price have also volunteered to help Fred out.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Review needed chair women for 2018**: Reviewed what positions are still needed.

**18-Hole Team Captains (2)** – still need two Ladies. Rosa Nichols brought up the idea of having the ladies rotate a different 18-hole golfer each month. The games have already been determined. Payouts weekly would need to be decided. We are hoping for volunteers so that we don't have to ask ladies to do the task.

**Back up Secretary for Karen Ewing**: Gloria Bourne volunteered to be Karen's back up. Thank you, Gloria.

**OGA Chair and 18-hole Eclectic**: Paula also announced that Susan Gsell will not be back next year to be the OGA Chair and 18-hole Eclectic. If anyone is interested, please get in touch with Paula or Vickie.

**Wednesday golf day**: Golf Chair Paula discussed with the ladies that we need to keep our Wednesday golf day. If we can't get enough ladies to play 18-holes on Wednesday, there's the fear we will lose the day. Suggestions are needed for what we could do to keep Wednesdays: 18-hole ladies 9-hole ladies playing from the Gold Tees. They could intermix with the 18-Hole. Moving the Yellow Tees to Wednesday after – around 2 pm so that Social People signing up for golf could use the yellow tees.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Installation of 2018 officers. Paula installed next year's 2018 Officers

- Vickie Hibberd – President
- Bernie Bourne – Vice President
- Karen Ewing – Secretary; Gloria Bourne – back up
- Nancy Reed – Treasurer

**50/50 and Badge Drawing**–Sharon Price: 50/50 winner \$11.00 Sally Carter; Badge winner \$.25 Linda Eaton.

Janet Ray moved to close the Women's Golf General Meeting and was seconded by Carol Bettendorff. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Vickie Hibberd, Secretary



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## Men's Golf General Meeting Minutes

### Woodburn Estates Men's Golf General Meeting January 3, 2018

President Ken Bourne called the Meeting to order at 10 a.m. in the Dining Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** All Officers & Committee Chairmen/Representatives were present with one exception as noted later in these Minutes. 34 members attended the Meeting.

**President's Report:** President Bourne welcomed all in attendance and stated that the format for Thursday Play for January has been posted. He then welcomed our Head Golf Pro, Jason Hoth, to our Meeting.

**Head Golf Pro:** Jason Hoth reported that cart path repair on holes 3, 6, and 12 as well as replacement of the cart path on hole 1 is in the process of being completed. He discussed the need to replace the mats at the Driving Range. He will work with the Golf Director to work out the purchase.

**Vice President's Report:** VP Mike Dykes stated that he appreciated members' participation in the 50-50 raffle. In addition to drawing for a cash payout today, there will also be a drawing for a free round of golf with cart at Heron Lakes. Mike then stated that the Men's 9-Hole Group playing on Tuesday will play the same weekly format as the 18-Hole Group that plays each Thursday.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Allan Lindberg provided the following report: Opening Balance...\$5,730.58...Total Expenses...\$4,155.27...Ending Balance...\$1,575.31. Allan verified that the Men's Golf Club Annual Dues for 2018 is \$45.00.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Chuck Johnson had nothing to report.

#### Committee Reports:

**Greens:** Representative Dean Lambert stated the Committee met in December and the focus was on making our golf course more playable year round. Drainage, proper cart paths, firming up areas near the green where carts can move from the fairway back to the cart path, aeration, were issues discussed that will achieve this goal.

**Handicap:** Co-Chair Russ Krussow had nothing to report.

**Mixed:** Len Westphal reported that he is stepping aside and that Fred Bourne will Chair the Mixed Tournaments, assisted by his Committee consisting of Bernadine Bourne, Bob Price, and Sharon Price. Len will work with Fred to ensure a smooth transition.

**Rules:** Chairman Jim Hutchinson stated that according to the USGA there will be no new rules in 2018. All new rules previously discussed do not become effective until 2019.

**Publicity:** Chairman Allan Lindberg reported that the creation of new annual golf packages should lead to more membership at our Golf Course. Marketing is now under the direction of the HOA General Manager.

**Sunshine:** Chairman Ron Gripenstraw was absent with notice. President Bourne will contact Ron upon his return regarding the members discussed who need to have appropriate cards sent to them (Gene Stiles, Vern Hamilton, Lon Reed, and Jerry Marvin).

**OGA:** Chairman Paul Eaton reported that the OGA Passport Program for 2018 is now available. An annual fee of \$135 will allow members to play approximately 70 golf courses with a discounted green fee. Paul also reported that the OGA Pro Shop is having a sale on Nike products (45% off) and Antiqua products (50% off).

**Membership:** Chairman Stan Hiller stated that he was pleased with the overall total membership for 2017. When compared with the total membership in 2016, we experienced an increase of 9 members. He is preparing Bag Tags in an orange color which is also the color of the 2018 cart sticker.

**Unfinished Business:** Russ Krussow reported that the rake holders in the traps will be changed to ensure that the rake handles do not actually touch the sand.

**New Business:** Allan Lindberg, the Director in charge of Communication/Publication requested that the Minutes of our Meetings be limited to 900 words as space for publication in the News & Views is also limited. Secretary Johnson stated he would be happy to comply as it would lessen his work load.

**Closing Comments:** Larry Kemper voiced concern regarding our new security system not allowing members into or even out of common areas. President Bourne stated that the system is still a work in progress that he will follow up on. Jim Carter stated that it would be nice to have a coffee pot located in the golf lounge again. Alton Sharrow brought up the issue of providing handicap flags for the less able golfers. Due to past violations, the Pro Shop is against issuing handicap flags. Dean Lambert stated that by making proper access from the fairway to the cart path near the greens should help the less able golfer.

**Door Prizes:** The 50-50 Raffle drawing was then conducted by VP Mike Dykes. The total money collected from members for today's raffle was \$74.00. Member Ray Ewing had the winning ticket and split the pot, winning \$37.00. A second raffle drawing was made for the free round of golf with cart at the Heron Lakes Golf Course. Member Ron Hansen won the free round of golf.

**Closing:** President Bourne asked for a motion to adjourn the Meeting, motion made, seconded, approved, and the Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

**NOTE: OUR NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE DINING HALL AT 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018.**

Submitted by Chuck Johnson, Secretary – Minutes approved by President Ken Bourne

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# A Correct Assumption

*Submitted by Ken Carr*

A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car!"

# Ruby

*by Maxine Guerry*

Sometimes I miss riding the bus to and from work in Portland. My favorite character on the bus ride to work was a cute, petite lady. I guessed her to be in her eighties. She was wearing hot pink, knee-high patent leather boots, purple tights, hot pink shorts, red satin blouse, fur jacket, tightly curled and dyed red hair peeking out from beneath a jaunty red beret, hot pink lipstick and matching rouge, a heavy coat of black mascara on a fringe of false lashes, and lots and lots of rhinestone jewelry. If she were plugged into the nearest electrical socket she'd light up like a Christmas tree.

Every so often, she would do this little wiggle, which was probably a nervous tic - or perhaps a slight shiver in anticipation of a rendezvous. I preferred to believe the latter. I think “Ruby” was taking her love to town.

# Old Man and a Bucket of Shrimp

*Submitted by “Rosebud”*

It happened every Friday evening, almost without fail, when the sun resembled a giant orange and was starting to dip into the blue ocean. Old Ed came strolling along the beach to his favorite pier. Clutched in his bony hand was a bucket of shrimp. Ed walks out to the end of the pier, where it seems he almost has the world to himself. The glow of the sun is a golden bronze now.

Everybody's gone, except for a few joggers on the beach. Standing out on the end of the pier, Ed is alone with his thoughts...and his bucket of shrimp. Before long, however, he is no longer alone. Up in the sky a thousand white dots come screeching and squawking, winging their way toward that lanky frame standing there on the end of the pier.

Before long, dozens of seagulls have enveloped him, their wings fluttering and flapping wildly. Ed stands there tossing shrimp to the hungry birds. As he does, if you listen closely, you can hear him say with a smile, "Thank you. Thank you."

In a few short minutes the bucket is empty. But Ed doesn't leave. He stands there lost in thought, as though transported to another time and place. When he finally turns around and begins to walk back toward the beach, a few of the birds hop along the pier with him until he gets to the stairs, and then they, too, fly away. And old Ed quietly makes his way down to the end of the beach and on home.

If you were sitting there on the pier with your fishing line in the water, Ed might seem like 'a funny old duck,' as my dad used to say. Or, to onlookers, he's just another old codger, lost in his own weird world, feeding the seagulls with a bucket full of shrimp.

To the onlooker, rituals can look either very strange or very empty. They can seem altogether unimportant ....maybe even a lot of nonsense. Old folks often do strange things, at least in the eyes of Boomers and Busters. Most of them would probably write Old Ed off, down there in Florida. That's too bad. They'd do well to know him better.

His full name: Eddie Rickenbacker. He was a famous hero in World War I, and then he was in WWII. On one of his flying missions across the Pacific, he and his seven-member crew went down. Miraculously, all of the men survived, crawled out of their plane, and climbed into a life raft.

Captain Rickenbacker and his crew floated for days on the rough waters of the Pacific. They fought the sun. They fought sharks. Most of all, they fought hunger and thirst. By the eighth day their rations ran out. No food. No water. They were hundreds of miles from land and no one knew where they were or even if they were alive.

Every day across America, millions wondered and prayed that Eddie Rickenbacker might somehow be found alive. The men adrift needed a miracle. That afternoon they had a simple devotional service and prayed for a miracle. They tried to nap. Eddie leaned back and pulled his military cap over his nose. Time dragged on. All he could hear was the slap of the waves against the raft. Suddenly Eddie felt something land on the top of his cap. It was a seagull!

Old Ed would later describe how he sat perfectly still, planning his next move. With a flash of his hand and a squawk from the gull, he managed to grab it and wring its neck. He tore the feathers off, and he and his starving crew made a meal of it - a very slight meal for eight men. Then they used the intestines for bait. With it, they caught fish, which gave them food and more bait and the cycle continued. With that simple survival technique, they were able to endure the rigors of the sea until they were found and rescued after 24 days at sea.

Eddie Rickenbacker lived many years beyond that ordeal, but he never forgot the sacrifice of that first life-saving seagull... And he never stopped saying, "Thank you." That's why almost every Friday night he would walk to the end of the pier with a bucket full of shrimp and a heart full of gratitude.

*Reference: (Max Lucado, "In the Eye of the Storm", pp...221, 225-226)*

PS: Eddie Rickenbacker was the founder of Eastern Airlines. Before WWI he was a race car driver. In WWI he was a pilot and became America's first ace. In WWII he was an instructor and military adviser, and he flew missions with the combat pilots. Eddie Rickenbacker is a true American hero. And now you know another story about the trials and sacrifices that brave men have endured for your freedom. It is a great story that many don't know. You've got to be careful with old guys, you just never know what they have done during their lifetime.

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# Cross Country

by Victoria Cummings

Our skis are knives slicing the chrysalis  
steam bursts of silvered breath escape,  
winter's dragon smoke.

Ants on a sugar hill  
we climb the ridge,  
skis slip on butter-frosting powder.

Timberline trees meet us  
snow clothes sit on the branches,  
dumplings plopped on a stew.

Gray jays swoop-dip-fly tree-to-tree  
obsidian buttons following us,  
inviting themselves to lunch.

A flurry spreads the ivory tablecloth  
diners savor peanut-butter sandwiches,  
cooling water on thirsty throats.

We glide easier back the once-traveled path  
crystal feathers fall behind us,  
filling the ski signatures.

The woods are new.

# You Can Make It Happen

by Don Hofstetter

You can make it happen.  
It's up to you, you know.  
For attitude creates ability  
To make a project go.

So set your course to your highest goal  
And work towards that end.  
Do not forget to ask God's help,  
For help, He'll surely send.

Tho' the hill may be steep, to top it  
You know, is clearly up to you.  
But, remember friends, from the very top  
Is an oft exciting view.

So hold yourself high as you go through life,  
And separate bad from good.  
For you can make it happen,  
And really, friend, you should!

# The Moment

by Peggy Busby (Oregon State Fair entry 2017)

Alone though in a crowd, I never hurt out loud;  
And no one seemed to see, the sadness deep inside of me.  
How well I played my part, they never saw my broken heart.  
I searched for all I'd lost; I knew what love could cost.

Then at last my eyes saw, what I'd missed before;  
Hidden right before my eyes, the one that I'd searched for.  
Swiftly, and with certainty, I knew you'd be the one,  
With gentle hands, to mend the heart, that others had undone.

The first time that you held me, your heart next to mine,  
It seemed to me in that moment, God stopped the hands of time;  
Then they softly melded together, the future and the past.  
Our search for each other now over; we were together at last.

You knew what I needed, when I couldn't say a word;  
Because you didn't just listen, you also truly heard.  
You looked deep into my heart, and you saw who I was;  
Then I took my first breath; it was the moment we became us.

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(FR)=former resident

- Bacon, Dorothy – July 10, 2017
- Baggarley, Charles (Chuck) – October 22, 2017
- Bechtold, Sharon – February 3, 2017 (FR)
- Blaylock, Don – August 9, 2107
- Bong, Janice (Jan) – December 21, 2016
- Burton, Mike – August 10, 2017
- Deinhardt, Emma – January 10, 2017 (FR)
- Frogge, Donna – January 9, 2017
- Getman, Daniel – January 11, 2017
- Gillett, Gregory – January 1, 2017
- Green, Leslie – June 10, 2017
- Jensen, Anna – March 8, 2017
- Jinings, Hank – February 13, 2017 (FR)
- Johnson, Mary Katherine (Kay) – December 30, 2016
- Jones, Genevieve – February 18, 2017 (FR)
- Kleve, Harold – January 15, 2017
- Lang, Christine – April 3, 2017
- Locke, David – February 8, 2017
- Lord, Edelene (Addy) – August 28, 2017
- Mathews, Glen – June 15, 2017
- Melton, Harold Raymond – September 24, 2017
- Merris, Ralph – April 2, 2017
- Miller, Addie – February 3, 2017 (FR)
- Mitchoff, Jack (J.D.) - March 18, 2017
- Polinsky, Corrine (Connie) – January 23, 2017
- Schweda, James – August 19, 2017
- Sealy, Penny – September 9, 2017
- Strong, Donald O. – January 4, 2017
- Susee, Emil – March 28, 2017
- VanVeen, Jan – February 9, 2017
- Wallace, Carolyn – January 25, 2017 (FR)
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# Holiday Wishes

by Ryllis Lindsay

This is my first Christmas without you, and it saddens me at a time when everyone else is partying and enjoying the holiday season. Without you, I am lost, lonely, and lamenting. Maybe I am selfish, when I know you are in a better place. The years I shared with you are another chapter in my life. I do have some sentimental memories but I am still lonely. We had a special kind of love.

We were loyal friends, not asking for much, but enjoying the company we had every day we were together. It didn’t matter to you what I cooked, you always ate heartily. You especially liked mashed potatoes and gravy next to pot roast or hamburger. You waited patiently while I baked cookies, watching me as I lifted them out of the oven. After they cooled, you earned the privilege of tasting the first cookie. Kidding, I would say, “If it doesn’t kill you, it won’t kill me.” I watched you chew, not silently, but coveting every crumb. That was a compliment to me.

In the winter, when it was cold, you liked sitting outdoors on the patio watching the birds, bunnies, or golfers playing nearby. After a while, when you got cold, you would come in and I would hug you and warm you up. Those were precious moments. I wish I could put my arms around you and cuddle you right now.

All I had to do was look into your big, brown eyes, and we understood each other. No matter what I did, you were never angry or annoyed. You were never greedy nor gullible, only happy and fun to be with. You always made me feel needed and you accepted my affection without rejection. Ours was a special companionship.

Now, I don’t have you and I’m missing you very much. Tuffy, my sweet dog, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love, Ryllis

# I’ve Become My Own Friend

Submitted by JoAnn Means

As I’ve aged I’ve become kinder to myself and less critical of myself. I’ve become my own friend.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon, before they understood the great freedom that comes with age.

Whose business is it if I choose or read, or play on the computer until 4 a.m., or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50s, 60s and 70s and if at the same time I wish to weep over a lost love, I WILL.

I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body and will dive into the waves with abandon, if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They too will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again some of life is just as well forgotten. I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody’s beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed and so many have died before their hair could turn silver

As you get older it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I do not question myself anymore. I have even earned the right to be wrong.

I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever but while I am still here I will not waste time lamenting what could have been or worrying about what will be. I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).



# Mama's Mama

*Submitted by Betty May*

Mama’s mama, on a winter’s day,  
Milked the cows and fed them hay.  
Slopped the hogs, saddled the mule,  
And got the children off to school.  
Did a washing, mopped the floors,  
Washed the windows and did some chores.  
Cooked a dish of home-dried fruit,  
Pressed her husband’ Sunday suit.  
Swept the parlor, made the bed,  
Baked a dozen loaves of bread.  
Split some wood and lugged it in,  
Enough to fill the kitchen bin.  
Cleaned the lamps and put in oil,  
Stewed some apples she thought might spoil.  
Churned the butter, baked a cake,  
Then exclaimed, “For goodness sake!  
The calves have got out of the pen!”  
Went out and chased them in again.  
Gathered the eggs and locked the stable,  
Returned to the house and set the table.  
Cooked a supper that was delicious,  
And afterward washed all the dishes,  
Fed the cat, sprinkled the clothes,  
Mended a basket full of hose.  
Then opened the organ and began to play,  
“When You Come to the End of a Perfect Day.”  
Author unknown

# Advice for My Daughters

*by Kristine Alcorn (Larry & Karen Jones’ daughter)*

1. Travel light through life, keep only what you need.
2. Never settle for less that you are capable of.
3. It’s okay to cry when you are hurt, but wash your face and get up off the floor when you’re done. You don’t belong down there.
4. Seek out people and places that resonate with your soul.
5. Just because you can, doesn’t mean you should.
6. Happiness is not a permanent state, wholeness is. Don’t confuse these.
7. Can’t is a cop-out. “Don’t want to” is perfectly acceptable.
8. Never lie to yourself.
9. Your body; your rules.
10. Never walk through an alley.
11. If you have an opinion, you better know why.
12. Study your curiosities and practice your passions.
13. Ask for what you want.
14. Look at stars, see the glorious world we live in.
15. Say *please*, *thank you* and *pardon me*, whenever the situation warrants it.
16. Naps are for grown-ups too.
17. Lower your expectations. Nothing (and no one) is perfect.
18. Lift up your eyes and take off your headphones.
19. Be thankful.
20. If you are stuck or lost, or are happy and want to share, I am always here for you.

# Hand & Foot Cards

*by Shirley Bishop*

There was a great time last Saturday night at Hand & Foot Cards in the Blue Room. There were 6 tables of 4 players each. You could hear the laughter and feel the enjoyment of all who were there. There was a spontaneous singing of the National Anthem. Oh, we do LOVE our country.  
If you would like to come, have some fun, and enjoy the company of other folks, join us on most Saturday nights at 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.. We would love to have you join us.

# Needle Nook

*by Alice Tvetan*

Knit two, purl two. Most of you reading this recognize these terms belonging to a knitting project. Did you know knitting has been around since the Middle Ages, when women sheared sheep, carded wool and spun it into yarn in order to make warm clothing for their family?

Crochet is another craft that has a shorter history - only since the early 1800’s. Most historians credit France for promoting this hand craft.

These days, people knit or crochet more for pleasure than necessity. So whether you knit, crochet, do cross stich, or needle point, or any other hand craft, you are invited to join a group of like-minded ladies on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. until noon. We meet in the card room next to the kitchen.

These activities have been credited with strengthening the mind helping prevent Alzheimer’s or dementia, strengthening the immune system, and reducing depression and stress among other benefits.

Don’t know how? Well, come and someone will teach you. It’s a good way to meet new friends and share ideas. We visit while crafting, share patterns and skills and laugh a lot, which is an additional health benefit. Gents are also invited if this is your thing. If you can’t spare the full 2 hours come when you can and leave when you need to. Hope you will join us!



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# Travel Report



by Stan & Kathy Hiller

We traveled to Panama from November 29 through December 7 on a tour by OregonWest Excursions. We have traveled with them several times before and they always do a great job. This time was no exception. We saw the locks of the Panama Canal from aboard a ship, from a nearby viewing area, and finally the newest locks – where we went through a museum that was opened for just our group of 33. We explored the Old Panama ruins and learned about the history from our wonderful guide, Hernan Araúz Torres. He had many interesting stories; and he told us his mother was an anthropologist and quite famous in Panama.

Hernan took us to a village in the Gamboa rainforest. Our tour group was ferried there in two dugouts that were powered by outboard motors. We were served a very nice lunch of battered and fried tilapia served with pineapple in a banana leaf. There was an interpreter who questioned the village chief and translated his responses. His daughter was present as well, and everyone was friendly. They were happy to have us look at and buy their crafts – mostly jewelry, carvings, weavings, masks, scarves, and more. One little boy (about 3 or 4) hung around Kathy and willingly sat on her lap for a photo.

We visited a Catholic church. When we asked for the restrooms there, we were shown a building behind the church for men and women, but each had only one toilet available. We used a bucket to scoop up a pail of water from a big barrel so we could flush. On our last days in Panama, we traveled north by tour bus to Portobelo on the Caribbean coast. This city is about 2 hours from Panama City, which is on the coastline of the Pacific Ocean. We saw many small towns along the highway. Being away from the metropolitan areas, we could see the poverty in the outlying areas. Scattered along the highway we would see small dumpsters that had been full of trash, but had been sorted through and strewn around, leaving a mess that the garbage men would have to scoop up with their pitchforks. We were warned not to walk in many urban areas.

Over all, this trip left us with many memories. We are looking forward to our next trip to New Zealand and Australia in 2018.

# Help Me Wrap This Box!

by Angie Brady

When, and if, I get rich, I'll never wrap another box for mailing. Why? I fear becoming immobile, encased in packaging tape. Furthermore, it is a laborious job for me to attempt. I spend valuable TV watching hours hunting for the perfect size box – not to mention gathering bubble wrap, plastic peanuts and a roll of super-strength packaging tape.

That is when the trouble really begins. I attempt to close the box with one hand and tape it with the other. Four of my ten fingers become entangled in tape. Those clumsy six fingers remaining are not equal to the task. I fantasize a third hand.

With great effort, I disengage from the tape. Undaunted, I go back to square one only to find the tape has stuck against itself. I pry the stubborn tape with fingernail and knife. It, like a fly on flypaper, is bonded.

In my frustration, I throw the offending spool of tape in the wastebasket – the same treatment as I've given countless rolls of plastic kitchen wrap.

Seething with fury, I stumble to my trusty neighbor. She, a minor miracle worker, pours me a calming cup of coffee. In minutes, she wraps the package, ready to mail. No need to worry about becoming rich; as long as I have my great neighbor, I have great wealth.

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MYTH #2: Your heirs will inherit your debt.

False! Your family members will not be liable for the debt\*

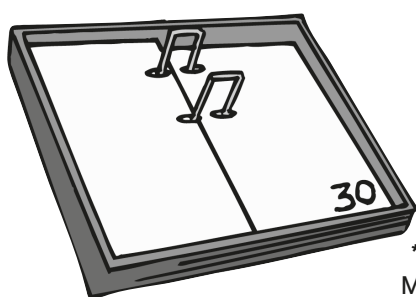
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\*As long as you live in your home and continue to pay your taxes, insurance, and any property charges, as well as keep your home well maintained, your name will remain on title.



<div><div><h1>Activities Calendar</h1><p>* Any change of date, time, activity, or place MUST be made with the office 503-982-1776.</p></div></div>		<div><h2>Monday, January 15</h2><div>8:00a Water Exercise – Swimming Pool 8:30a Estates Quilters – Craft Room 8:30a Walking Club – Aud 9:00a Ladies Pool – Billiard Room 9:00a Talking Club Mtg – Blue Room 9:30a Yoga – Aud 10:00a Women's Club Exec Meeting – Conf Room 10:10a Easy Bridge – Blue Room 10:15a Zumba – Aud 11:30a Women's Golf Club Luncheon – DH/Kit 1:00p Swiss Pairs Bridge – Blue Room 6:30p Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool 7:00p Golden Squares – Aud/Kit</div></div>		<div><h2>Tuesday, January 16</h2><div>8:00a Water Exercise – Swimming Pool 8:30a Ping Pong – DH 9:30a Tai Chi – Aud 10:00a Bike Club – by Flag Pole 10:00a Needle Work – Card Room 10:00a Tai Chi – DH 11:00a WE Ukulele Strummers (Beginners) – Craft Room 12:30p WE Ukulele Strummers (Intermediate &amp; Advanced) – Craft Room 12:30p Tuesday Bridge – Blue Room 3:00p Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool 5:00p Poker Night – Card Room 6:00p Beginning Line Dancing – Aud 7:00p Intermediate Line Dancing – Aud</div></div>	
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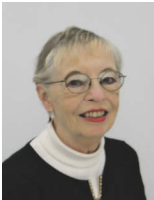
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