

NEWS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Music Jammers

by Dena Hollod

Music Jammers’ next jam sessions will be on March 8 and 22, at 1:00 p.m. in Woodburn Estates Dining Hall. We'll play for 1 1/2 hours then stop for a coffee break (with snacks), then continue until 4:00 p.m. We had 8 musicians/singers at our last jam session, and it was very entertaining. We had a fairly good size audience but would like to see more people coming out to listen to our music. We're a friendly and fun group. I think you would enjoy it. So, come on out and be a part of our group.

Music Makers

by Dena Hollod

At our February 3 Music Makers meeting, we had a wonderful afternoon of music by Ida and Lon, who presented romantic songs of the past and present. Ida and Dena decorated our tables and brought the goodies. It was another fun afternoon for the Music Makers.

Tuesday, March 3, at 1:00 p.m., will be the date of our next Music Makers meeting to be held at the Woodburn Estates Auditorium. You must come out and hear Joanne Mead sing. She is wonderful! You don't want to miss this meeting. Betty and Judi will be bringing the goodies to go with our coffee. They will also be decorating our tables. Mark your calendars so you don't forget to come! I think you will really enjoy the program!

New Progressive Card Game

by Karen Linton

There is a new group forming to play Progressive Hand & Foot. We will meet the second Tuesday of each month, starting March 10, in the Blue Room from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Any member of Woodburn Estates can participate; however, because the game is fast-paced and more difficult, we ask that only players who can already play basic Hand & Foot participate. We will be borrowing cards and accessories the first game, but will need to purchase said equipment, so anyone desirous of playing will be asked for a pro-rata share of the needed materials.

For questions, call Karen Linton at 830-708-7983.

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submitted by Allan Lindberg

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Clubhouse Restaurant

by Lorrie Cox

“I have owned & lived in my home in the Woodburn Estates since October 2004, 15+ years. I have watched numerous individuals including the HOA attempt to run the restaurant, which ALL resulted in thousands to tens of thousands of dollars lost directly out of the HOAs funds, and members’ pockets. Historically, prior to Renee Hayes taking over the restaurant, it was considered a lost cause and it was a joke in the Woodburn area.

My late Husband, John, and I knew that Country Cottage’s building was being torn out to make room for the 214 interchange. We, and many other HOA members, begged Renee to come over to Woodburn Estates. We also begged the HOA Board to charge the least they could, as all the prior tenants had defaulted their leases and had to be terminated due to their inability to pay their leases to the corporation. Renee lost the customers that came off the freeway due to her sign seen from the freeway and the truckers who had room for their rigs adjacent to the building site. This was a serious loss in revenue that had to be considered as well as the Woodburn Estates’ ongoing reputation of the “vocal minority “ who are always ready with negative input. (You know every family has at least one that you are grateful you only deal with once a year!).

I am grateful that we have a gathering place for family and friends to get together, that has a good atmosphere, that is not so noisy that I can’t hear someone speak. A gathering place for meetings, coffee and so much more. I am also grateful for a dedicated staff who are like a part of my family, who were like sisters to my late husband and always made sure his comfort was their priority. They knew what he liked and as his words became more confused, they knew what he wanted.

I am grateful for Renee and her staff that they take the time to get to know their clientele and often already know what foods you are unable to eat. I am grateful that we have a family restaurant where we can bring our grandchildren, parents, clients, friends, and know it will be clean and with good food. I know that restaurants, especially the Mom and Pop variety (vs big chain) have a failure rate of over 60%. Food, taxes, insurance, employees cost and benefits (which Oregon just made more expensive) products/supply costs, suppliers, transport, marketing, coupons, sponsorships and waste must be watched carefully as changes daily can blow the entire profit margin. I also know that as of 2019, stats say profit margin for restaurants is between 3-5%. With as much sponsorship as Renee gives, I imagine that, like myself, she dips into her own pocket to give back to the community, even when her restaurant is not able to.

I PERSONALLY would like to see EVERYONE who is privileged to walk into the clubhouse to Country Cottage Restaurant, say THANK YOU and even give a HUG to Renee and the staff. They are a HUGE BLESSING to all of us. Let’s all be the VOCAL MAJORITY and bless them for their blessing to our community. Let’s focus on each of us being caring individuals who each work to make our “GOLDEN YEARS” the best for our entire community! REMEMBER: “If you can’t say anything nice, then don’t say anything at all.” [Thumper].

Note: Above the Restaurant exit, on display is a beautiful wooden flag that my late husband, John Cox, made for Renee as a Thank You for her compassionate friendship.

St. Monica’s Circle

by Katie Taylor

What a wonderful celebration of St. Valentine at our February meeting. We had sunshine, red hearts, red flowers and heart-shaped candy displaying the theme of love.


The meeting was called to order by President Becky Butts at 10 a.m. in the Woodburn Estates & Golf Dining Hall. We said the Pledge of Allegiance, Hail Mary and a prayer to St. Monica. We were pleased to have guest, Janice Aiken, attending.

A thank you was received from Angie Smith, the Principal at St. Luke School for our donation. A beautiful picture of the students was included in the card. The family of Anne Woehler sent the prayer card and announcement from her funeral service. Her daughter expressed how much Anne loved being a part of our group.

Church Linen Volunteers: March 1-15 Becky Butts; March 16-31 Rita Girard.

The Fire Department will be starting another C.E.R.T. class soon. Several streets have get-togethers and it is a good time to concentrate on safety for our neighbors in WEG.

After a religious lesson from Rita Girard, we enjoyed our luncheon. We invite you to come to the Dining Hall on Monday, March 2, at 10 a.m. to celebrate St. Patrick with us.



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What Was Lost Has Been Found!



Kathy with Jim Pavelek, the owner of Fazoli's



My missing key fob!

by Kathy Hiller

About six months ago, I misplaced (lost) my key to our 2018 Toyota Highlander. Stan and I looked in every nook and cranny that we could think of in the car and our house ... some areas, two or three times, but to no avail. We checked the lost and found in the WEG office, but no luck there either.

Finally, after a month of “borrowing” one set of keys back and forth, Stan went to Salem Toyota and bought a replacement key. He also went on the internet and purchased a Tile Tracker - a versatile finder that’s easy to attach to everyday things like keys and backpacks. Too bad I didn’t have one before, however, that still wouldn’t have helped. The key was not lost in our house, or anywhere that we often go. Oh, no...

Wednesday evening, February 12, after dining at Country Cottage as we usually do, we arrived home to discover a message on our phone. It was from Jim Pavelek, the owner of Fazoli’s restaurant in Woodburn. He said he had my car key, and that it had been found quite a while before and placed in their safe. Jim came across it, and asked employees if anyone knew whose key it belonged to. No one had any idea, but lucky for me, Jim put on his detective’s hat and because I had a name tag that flashed “Kathy”, and a few rewards cards including Al’s Garden Rewards, he contacted Al’s to see if they could identify whose rewards card was attached to the key. They looked it up and were able to tell him my name and probably my phone number.

He called our house and left a message that he had my key and left his phone number. We immediately dialed his number but had to leave a message. We asked him to call us back on Stan’s cell phone and after several minutes, he called. I was so happy! And so grateful! I LOVE Fazoli’s! And I especially admire Jim, Fazoli’s owner, for “sleuthing” until he found the key’s owner!

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Purpose in Clubs

by Betty Judevine

I believe that a club should be entirely purposeful. For example: Walking Club is just for walking. You wouldn’t want to be disturbed by a roller-skater or somebody on a bike. Biking Club is just for Bikers. Chit-chatting while biking can hold you back. Likewise, Talking Club is for talkers and the Walking Club and Talking Cub have already made that distinction.

Many topics come to Writer’s Club but basically, a Writer’s Club is where one comes to get helpful criticism concerning their writing skills. That must take priority just as other clubs have their priorities.

Religion and politics can damage purposes in all these clubs if allowed to take over the basic premises of the clubs. Even Talker’s Club must be formulated to receive everyone about everything which I’m sure they are able to do. Time can be set for each person, allowances of language agreed by all members, rules can be laid down with agreement between all members.

Subtly, religion and politics may be at the bottom of our most creative efforts. To “knock them out of the ring”, so to speak, would leave us virtually speechless and with a lot of boring and meaningless reading material. Thought must be taken as to how to express ourselves. Thus, the need for clubs with varying purposes, rules and regulations. Hopefully, Clubs at WEG take this observation seriously.

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1. If you really want to get better at golf, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.
2. The game of golf is 90% mental and 10% mental.
3. Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.
4. When you look up and cause an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you ought to start watching the ball if you ever want to see it again.
5. Any change works for a maximum of three holes and a minimum of not at all.
6. No matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.
7. Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.
8. When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.
9. If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up, or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball halfway there.
10. The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing.
11. The inevitable result of any golf lesson is the instant elimination of the one critical unconscious motion that allowed you to compensate for all your errors.
12. If it ain't broke, try changing your grip.
13. Golfers who claim they don't cheat also lie.
14. Everyone replaces his divot after a perfect approach shot.
15. A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponent's luck.
16. It is surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you are lying 10.
17. Counting on your opponent to inform you when he breaks a rule is like expecting him to make fun of his own haircut.
18. Nonchalant putts count the same as chalant putts.
19. It is not a gimme if you're still away.
20. The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the center of a very large tree.
21. There are two kinds of bounces: unfair bounces, and bounces just the way you meant to play it.
22. You can hit a 2-acre fairway 10% of the time, and a 2-inch branch 90% of the time.
23. Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.
24. If you want to hit a 7-iron as far as Tiger Woods does, simply try to lay up just short of a water hazard.
25. To calculate the speed of a player's downswing, multiply the speed of his back swing by his handicap. Example: back swing 30 mph x handicap 20 = downswing 600 mph.
26. There are two things you can learn by stopping your back swing at the top and checking the position of your hands: a) how many hands you have, and b) which one is wearing the glove.
27. Hazards attract; fairways repel.
28. You can put "draw" on the ball, you can put "fade" on the ball, but no golfer can put "straight" on the ball.
29. A ball you can see in the rough from 50 yards away is not yours.
30. If there is a ball in the fringe and a ball in the bunker, your ball is in the bunker.
31. If both balls are in the bunker, yours is in the footprint.
32. Don't buy a putter until you've had a chance to throw it.

Siphoned Gas

by Sharyn Cornett

Over three nights (Feb. 10, 11, 12) someone has siphoned gasoline from cars on Clackamas Circle. A person with dark clothing, riding a bike, has been seen in the area.

If you see someone in your area who is unfamiliar or does not normally frequent your area, call the police and report it. Too often we hear someone say they thought they should have called but hesitated, and didn't, only later to say they wish they had.

Keep a lookout for yourself and your neighbors. As a safety precaution, keep your outside lights on after dark. If you see someone in your area who does not normally frequent your area, call the police and report it. Woodburn Police non-emergency number is 503-982-2345. Thank you.

Golf Poem

by Anonymous (submitted by Lon Eckdahl)

In my hand I hold a ball, white and dimpled, rather small.
Oh, how bland it does appear, this harmless looking little sphere.
By its size I could not guess, the awesome strength it does possess.
But since I fell beneath its spell, I’ve wandered through the fires of Hell.

My life has not been quite the same, since I chose to play this stupid game.
It rules my mind for hours on end, a fortune it has made me spend.
It has made me yell, curse, and cry. I hate myself and want to die.
It promises a thing called par, if I can hit it straight and far.

To master such a tiny ball, should not be very hard at all.
But my desires the ball refuses and does exactly as it chooses.
It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies, and even disappears before my eyes.
Often it will have a whim to hit a tree or take a swim.

With miles of grass on which to land, it finds a tiny patch of sand.
Then has me offering up my soul, if only it would find the hole.
It made me whimper like a pup and swear that I will give it up.
And take a drink to ease my sorrow, but the ball knows... I’ll be back tomorrow.

*PS. Did you know that the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year?
And, that golfers drink, on average 22 gallons of alcohol a year. Which means,
on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon! Kind of makes you feel like a hybrid!*

Know Your Neighbor

by Karen Linton

Romance novels, movies, even a song talk about two strangers locking eyes across a crowded room and living happily ever after. Right! Sure, you say – only in the movies. But that’s exactly what happened to Vicki and Will Spencer!

Although her friends weren’t around that weekend, Vicki decided to go eat at the NCO Club on the base in Minnesota where she was temporarily living while training for a new civil service position. In walks Will, also alone. He was a civil employee at the base. Their eyes met, he asked her to dance and happily... you know.

Both had been married before and each had 2 grown children. They dated for several months and then... All romances have to have some drama! Vicki was transferred to her new position in North Carolina. After flying the friendly skies and burning up the (expensive back then) long distance wires, they were married 10 months after they met. They settled in Minneapolis where native Minnesotan Will still worked at the base and where all his family lived.

In 1999, after Will had 39 years of service in the Navy and civil service, they retired and moved to Woodburn Estates where Vicki’s family lived nearby. They immediately started volunteering to make their community better.

They spent 20 years in charge of delivery of the *News & Views*, only retiring from that a few weeks ago. They have 20 years of delivering Meals on Wheels three times weekly. Vicki has 20 years making appointments for the Tax Aid at the Woodburn Library. They’re active in their church.

Will’s children still live in Minnesota where his daughter has followed in her dad’s footsteps, becoming a boiler operator. Vicki’s daughters still live near and the family has grown to include 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

The secret to their long marriage might be that when they married, they agreed that Vicki would do the cooking and Will would do dishes. Now Vicki doesn’t cook any more except breakfasts, but Will still does dishes and helps around the house! Romance and shared chores—the secret to happiness!!



Men’s Golf Membership Meeting Minutes

Woodburn Estates& Golf
Men’s Golf Club Membership Meeting
February 5, 2020

President Len Westphal called the Meeting to order at 10 AM in the Dining Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: All Officers & Committee Chairmen/Representatives were present unless otherwise noted in this report. There were 27 members in attendance at today’s Meeting.

New Members Present: None.

President’s Report: President Westphal indicated the Ladies Club requested help from the Men’s Club to help set up for their monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month. Dennis Wichert volunteered to assist Chuck Stein and Len Westphal.

Vice President’s Report: Jerry Biddle indicated he had nothing new to report.

Treasurer’s Report: Mark Jorgenson provided the report prior to today’s Meeting. Secretary Dave Schuur read the Treasurer’s Report in his absence. The Voucher Account as of 01/08/2020 was \$3395.89. Men’s Club Checking as of 01/08/2020 was \$7750.34. Yet to be deposited 2020 dues (3) so far, \$90.00. Outstanding dues to OGA to be billed in March on the 106 members activated so far for 2020 and \$35 per member at \$3745.00.

Handicap: Chairman Russ Krussow indicated the Golf Committee is waiting for the information for the new Course Ratings for each hole and who is going to determine this. They are behind in updating the Courses. Russ believes #2 and #17 will remain PAR 5s.

Greens Committee: Nothing to Report.

Mixed Tournaments: Nothing to Report.

Rules: Nothing to report.

Sunshine: Chuck Johnson discussed the recent passing of Herb Harrison and Jim Worley. We discussed sending cards to Mrs. Mickey Harrison and Mrs. Marie Worley. It was asked how Mark Deller was doing and we were glad to hear he is doing better.

Unfinished Business: Les Westphal indicated we still need a person to lead the 9-Holers. Associates using Golf Carts was brought up and Larry Jones indicated he made a Motion at the Board Meeting which is to be voted on next meeting. He indicated it would be good to provide covers for the Carts in the winter. It was also brought up and discussed about the age limit being lowered to 45 for Associates. Larry indicated he will go to the Rules Committee to address this situation.

New Business: Mark Forrest indicated the plaques in the Golf Lounge should be updated. Another member brought up that the Handicap Sticker Carts need to adhere to the Cart Path Only when posted, the same as anyone else, especially when there are areas of standing water in the fairways. Ron Gripenstraw passed along information that Salem Golf Carts is another option to provide maintenance for our Golf Carts. They will come to Woodburn to pick up Carts but would prefer 3 to 4 Carts signed up at a time to make it economically feasible. Business Cards were made available for anyone interested. Larry Jones brought up the subject that the USGA and European PGA are discussing the fact that today’s golf balls as manufactured and designed are traveling too far for today’s Golf Courses.

Door Prizes: The 50/50 Raffle was held. Total money collected was \$64. Ron Hansen won the drawing taking home \$32.

Closing: President Westphal asked for a motion to adjourn our Meeting, the motion was made, seconded and approved. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Note: Our next General Membership Meeting will be held in the Dining Hall at 10 AM on Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

Submitted by David Schuur Jr., Secretary—Minutes approved by President Len Westphal.



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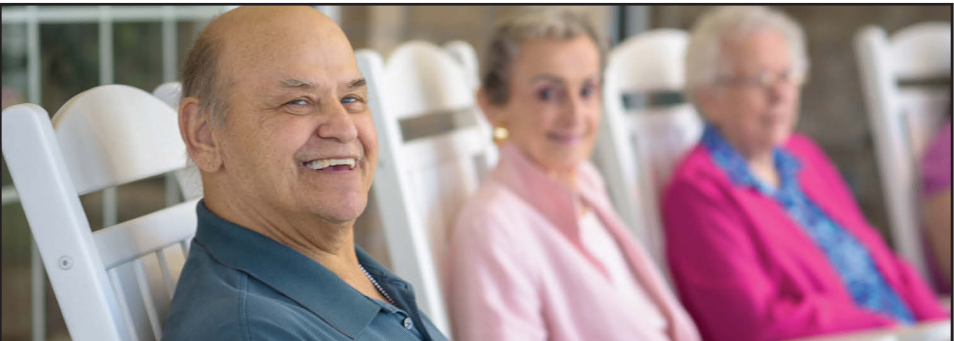
Wisconsin Winter Wonderland



by Dagmar Dettinger

My sister sent me her last Sunday's (February 2) finest- winter-wonderland-Wisconsin style photo. Thought you might like it.

[Thank you, Dagmar! It looks beautiful. I always enjoy looking at winter photos because they never make me cold! Editor]



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Slow Dance

by David L. Weatherford

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round?
Or listened to the rain slapping on the ground?
Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight?
Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?
You better slow down. Don't dance so fast.
Time is short. The music won't last.

Do you run through each day on the fly?
When you ask, "How are you?" Do you hear the reply?
When the day is done, do you lie in your bed,
With the next hundred chores running through your head?
You better slow down. Don't dance so fast.
Time is short. The music won't last.

Ever told your child, we'll do it tomorrow?
And in your haste, not see his sorrow?
Ever lost touch, let a good friendship die,
Because you never had time to call and say, "Hi."
You better slow down. Don't dance so fast.
Time is short. The music won't last.

When you run so fast to get somewhere,
You miss half the fun of getting there.
When you worry and hurry through your day,
It is like an unopened gift...thrown away.
Life is not a race. Do take it slower
Hear the music before the song is over.

Nama Was Not Pleased

by Rick A. Wehler

Our son Andy called Cora, early evening, to report that his wifey, Kristin, is having labor pains, and they're heading to the hospital. So, Nama Cora invited the grandsons, 10-year-old Grasynd and 4-year-old Lucas, to stay with us overnight.

After dinner, we boys ate stuff we weren't supposed to eat: Brach's candy corn, Kemps peppermint bon bon ice cream, Oreos, Lay's potato chips, and homemade sugar cookies; downing all with chocolate milk.

Nama was not pleased.

We played chase games, raced sandbox-dump trucks across the living room carpet, tuned the radio to loud Grunge music, battled with garage-sale boxing gloves, and invented super hero names such as Firefly, Squitoman and Boogerboy. And we stayed up way past my bedtime.

Nama was not pleased.

Nama convened a late-night family meeting to discuss sleeping arrangements and impose bedtime. I had planned a "campout" on our upstairs loft, utilizing a tent, sleeping bags, air mattresses, flashlights and battery-operated lanterns, treat bags, rude noises, and scary stories.

No. She wasn't.

My double-crossing grandsons had their own plans. Grasynd claimed the queen-size bed in the guestroom, all to himself. Lucas favored the soft carpeting on the guestroom floor, his selection of blankets, and the personal pillow that he'd brought along from home. Both chose to read books, privately, by flashlight and lantern light.

So here am I, jammies on, brushing my teeth over the bathroom sink, no tent, no sleeping bag, no air mattress, no flashlight or lantern, no treat bag, plenty of rude noises, no scary stories, no grandsons, and no wife. She insisted on sleeping upstairs, without my company, (I'm a bad influence and she's no fun at all) to watch over the grandsons. I'll be braving the 14-below-zero winter's night in our bed...by myself.

As I stare into the mirror above the sink, reflecting on the evening, toothpaste dribbling onto my jammies, I wonder, "Why is the word 'Offline' that's stenciled on my jammie shirt backwards in the mirror? Is my shirt inside out?" My telepathic reflection answered, "Just take your weary mind and body to bed old man, and camp out on Cora's side."

The following morning, Andy called to say that Kristin's labor pains were a false alarm...no baby yet.

Nama was not pleased.

FRANCO'S PAINTBRUSH

by Tracy Sutton-Prior

This is a story I wrote many years ago after my husband Andy died. I don't talk about Andy often because he was - well he was the love of my life.

He was a gifted artist. Some of his paintings still hang on my walls - others sit in my locker room - I can't bring myself to sell them. It's kind of hard to describe him because he was a whirling dervish of emotion and eccentricity. I think he thought that his art gave him license to behave badly at times - but he was never unkind or careless with others - only with himself.

He had a blonde ferret named Stella. I, in turn, came home with a kitten named Franco. Stella was a delight. Franco was this little black and white cartoon-faced character with an attitude that matched Andy's. Andy and Franco fell in love. When Andy painted, so did Franco. He'd dip his paw into paint cans and crawl all over Andy's canvasses. When a painting was just about ready, Franco would immediately step into an ashtray, jump up and put his paw print on the canvas. His signature.

The four of us were inseparable. Andy and I would take Stella and Franco out on leashes and walk around the city of Toronto just to enjoy the day. People would take pictures of us. We all went camping together, driving up to Andy's cottage on Damn Lake (I swear, that's what it's called). The four of us all in a canoe, fishing. At night we'd stare at the stars and tell stories about white ghost mice in the outhouse. It was crazy and silly and, oh, so much fun. We'd drive back after one of those trips and Franco would sit on Andy's lap, helping him steer. Stella would snore in the back.

You know how you have one of those idyllic, surreal, no one else is in the world but you things? That was ours. We didn't have any money to speak of. I'd left my life as a bond trader and Andy was trying to sell paintings. One Christmas we didn't buy each other gifts, but Franco bought Andy a silk-tipped paintbrush, just for the hell of it.

One night, after dinner, Andy kissed me on the forehead and went into the washroom. I guess it was some ten minutes later when Franco came up to me and put his paw on my hand. Actually, his claws were out, and he dragged me over to the washroom, and started scratching at the door. Andy had suffered a major heart attack. I called the paramedics. I called my daughter. No one could revive him. He was only 42-years-old.

What happened then, even after all these years is still a bit of a blur. My brother was in Europe at the time, my mother was in Florida. So there I was, stuck with Andy's extremely religious family (he had five brothers, all of whom were a little "eccentric" in their own way) and his parents, who had just come from an audience in Poland with the Pope. I kid you not.

I had Stella and Franco. And my daughter Shannon, thank god. Somehow she dragged me through the whole thing. Fed me, got clothes for Andy to be buried in. Took me to the viewing of the open casket before the funeral. Made sure Stella had food. Pet poor Franco, who kept waiting at the door for Andy to come home.

We get to the viewing and all kinds of people were there, mostly the friends of Andy's parents. I sat at the back with my daughter, couldn't look at the casket. When all of the crazy brothers said their handwritten praises and the crowd dispersed I just wanted to go home. Shannon made me stay. "Mom, you have to go and see him. I put something in your pocket that you have to give him."

We walked up to the casket. Andy was wearing one of my shirts because it was the only one I could find, and he had on a suit way too big for him. And he was holding a rose.

"Geeze, Shan," I said, "don't they know that he's allergic to roses!"

"Mom, shut up. Just reach into your pocket and put it in the casket. No one is looking right now."

So I reached into my pocket. And pulled out the silk-tipped paintbrush that Franco had given Andy for Christmas.

"You see Mom?" Shan said. "Okay, his shirt isn't all that great and his suit is too big and he'd hate that haircut they just gave him. And the rose... Oh well. But now he has the paintbrush. Remember he said that he'd never gotten a present from a cat before? So now when you see a double rainbow or a particularly spectacular sunrise or a shy full moon hiding behind the clouds, you'll know that Andy is painting that for you. With Franco's Paintbrush."

It was only then that I smiled. Shan and I went home where Franco was waiting by the door, always waiting. I picked him up and hugged him. Franco saved me that day.

After the funeral everything kind of changed. Stella got sick and we had to put her down. Shannon found a little kitten in a birdcage and brought her home for Franco, so he'd have someone to play with. We named her Rocky. It took a while for Franco to stop waiting at the door for Andy.

Fourteen years later, well a lot has happened. I had to put Rocky to sleep a few months ago. Franco has grown into a thirty-pound bruiser, still loves sitting outside with me on my balcony looking at stars and I quietly tell him stories about white mice in the outhouse (so the neighbors don't hear me). He still dips his paw into my ashtray and signs drafts of my stories. I love him.

A couple of days ago he started to get a little lethargic, not his normal, bratty ebullient self. I thought maybe he was just having a bad day. Honestly, I hadn't taken him to a vet since I had him neutered, he's been so bloody healthy, so I wasn't all that worried.

Yesterday, I wake up and his fur has started to peel off of his right forepaw and under his neck. His eyes look kind of dark. Now I'm worried. So Shan and I took him to the vet. They told me that it's probably just mites or maybe fleas

or perhaps he's diabetic, maybe it's stress from losing Rocky. They want to run some blood tests, but because he's so large they're having trouble finding a vein and can I leave him there for a couple of hours and pick him up later?

I'm home for half an hour and the vet calls, tells me that the blood tests came back clear, so they were stymied. They start feeling under his belly and find a mass. I'm thinking that maybe it's because he hasn't pooped for a day or something. But no, they did an x-ray and my Franco has cancer. It's in his stomach and it has spread. They can't do anything for him. He has a week, maybe a month at most.

I ask if he's in pain. They say no, if anything he's probably just itchy from the fur loss. As long as he's still eating and walking around, his quality of life hasn't changed, but they recommend euthanasia so I won't have to come home one day and find him dead.

Silly, stupid me. I tell them I'm bringing him home. I just couldn't leave him there. It's too sudden, too soon, not just for me but for him. So Shan and I went and got him and brought him back home. He's been eating and drinking and sitting in his favorite spot on my lawn chair on the balcony, looking at the stars.

I won't let him suffer if he's in pain, but I was reassured by two vets that he isn't. He'll probably die here and I'll bury him in the backyard. And when I look at the stars or a particularly spectacular sunset or a shy full moon with the signature paintbrush, there is no doubt in my mind that it will have a smudge of a paw print.

[Tracy Sutton-Prior died a few months ago. She lived in Toronto. She was a dear friend that I met through the Dr. Phil message boards. We met in person several years ago at Niagara Falls and kept in touch through Facebook. I wanted to share some of her writings with all of you. – Editor]

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A 3-Year-Old Tells All

by Shannon Popkin

My little guy, Cade, is quite a talker. He loves to communicate and does it quite well. He talks to people constantly, whether we're in the library, the grocery store or at a drive-thru window. People often comment on how clearly he speaks for a just-turned-3-year-old. And you never have to ask him to turn up the volume. It's always fully cranked. There have been several embarrassing times that I've wished the meaning of his words would have been masked by a not-so-audible voice, but never have I wished this more than last week at Costco.

Halfway through our shopping trip nature called, so I took Cade with me into the restroom. If you had been one of the ladies in the restroom that evening, this is what you would have heard coming from the second to the last stall:

“Mommy, are you gonna go potty? Oh! Why are you putting toiwet paper on the potty, Mommy? Oh! You gonna sit down on da toiwet paper now? Mommy, what are you doing? Mommy, are you gonna go stinkies on the potty?” At this point I started mentally counting how many women had been in the bathroom when I walked in. Several stalls were full ... 4? 5? Maybe we could wait until they all left before I had to make my debut out of this stall and reveal my identity. Cade continued, “Mommy, you ARE going stinkies aren't you? Oh, dats a good girl, Mommy! Are you gonna get some candy for going stinkies on the potty? Let me see doze stinkies, Mommy! Oh... Mommy! I'm trying to see in dere. Oh! I see dem. Dat is a very good girl, Mommy. You are gonna get some candy!”

I heard a few faint chuckles coming from the stalls on either side of me. Where is a screaming newborn when you need her? Good grief! This was really getting embarrassing. I was definitely waiting a long time before exiting. Trying to divert him, I said, “Why don't you look in Mommy's purse and see if you can find some candy? We'll both have some!”

“No, I'm trying to see doze more stinkies. Oh! Mommy!” He started to gag at this point. “Uh oh, Mommy. I fink I'm gonna frow up. Mommy, doze stinkies are making me frow up! Dat is so gross!”

As the gags became louder, so did the chuckles outside my stall. I quickly flushed the toilet in hopes of changing the subject. I began to reason with myself: Okay. There are four other toilets. If I count four flushes, I can be reasonably assured that those who overheard this embarrassing monologue will be long gone.

“Mommy! Would you get off the potty, now? I want you to be done going stinkies! Get up! Get up!” He grunted as he tried to pull me off. Now I could hear full-blown laughter. I bent down to count the feet outside my door. “Oh, are you wooking under dere, Mommy? You wooking under da door? What were you wooking at, Mommy? You wooking at the wady's feet?” More laughter. I stood inside the locked door and tried to assess the situation. “Mommy, it's time to wash our hands, now. We have to go out now, Mommy.” He started pounding on the door. “Mommy, don't you want to wash your hands? I want to go out!”

I saw that my 'wait 'em out' plan was unraveling. I sheepishly opened the door, and found standing outside my stall, twenty to thirty ladies crowded around the stall, all smiling and starting to applaud. My first thought was complete embarrassment, then I thought, “Where's the fine print on the 'motherhood contract' where I signed away every bit of my dignity and privacy?” But as my little boy gave me a big, cheeky grin while he rubbed bubbly soap between his chubby little hands, I thought, I'd sign it all away again, just to be known as Mommy to this little fellow.

(Shannon Popkin is a freelance writer and mother of three. She lives with her family in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she no longer uses public restrooms.)

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**CHANGE OF
DIRECTORS**

by Kathy Hiller

Director Kristi St.Amant has resigned from the BOD because she will be moving away. Allan Lindberg has been appointed to take her place on the Board.

Thank you, Kristi, for your service to WEG and best wishes in your new endeavors. You will be missed.

Amazing Story

from the Internet



Best buds (Picture: TV Globo) Today’s most heartwarming story is brought to you from a beach in Brazil. It’s the story of a South American Magellanic penguin who swims 5,000 miles each year to be reunited with the man who saved his life. Retired bricklayer and part time fisherman Joao Pereira de Souza, 71, who lives in an island village just outside Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, found the tiny penguin, covered in oil and close to death, lying on rocks on his local beach in 2011. Joao cleaned the oil off the penguin’s feathers and fed him a daily diet of fish to build his strength. He named him Dindim.



The prodigal penguin returns (Picture: TV Globo) After a week, he tried to release the penguin back into the sea, but the bird wouldn’t leave. “He stayed with me for 11 months and then, just after he changed his coat with new feathers, he disappeared,” Joao recalls. And, just a few months later, Dindim was back. He spotted the fisherman on the beach one day and followed him home.



Look who’s back (Picture: TV Globo) For the past five years, Dindim has spent eight months of the year with Joao and is believed to spend the rest of the time breeding off the coast of Argentina and Chile. It’s thought he swims up to 5,000 miles each year to be reunited with the man who saved his life.



(Picture: Rio de Janeiro Federal University) “I love the penguin like it’s my own child and I believe the penguin loves me,” Joao told Globo TV. “No one else is allowed to touch him. He pecks them if they do. He lays on my lap, lets me give him showers, and allows me to feed him sardines and to pick him up.”



(Picture: Rio de Janeiro Federal University) Biologist Professor Krajewski, who interviewed the fisherman for Globo TV, told *The Independent*, “I have never seen anything like this before. I think the penguin believes Joao is part of his family and probably a penguin as well. When he sees him he wags his tail like a dog and honks with delight.” And, just like that, the world seems a kinder place again.



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Money Matters

Part 2: Cash Flow

by Don Knight

A more expansive definition is: Cash flow is the net amount of cash that an entity receives and disburses during a period of time. A positive level of cash flow must be maintained for an entity to remain in business. Cash flow is tracked usually in a standard reporting period, such as a month, quarter, or year.

Whether consciously or not, we all practice Cash Flow planning. We know that our income may come from a variety of sources, such as Social Security, employment, investments or other places, and we usually know about how much we have available to spend every month. Likewise, we know what bills will likely come due in the month. There are recurring monthly bills such as water and electricity as well as bills that may come on a quarterly, semi-annual and annual basis. These may be insurance premiums, quarterly tax payments and property taxes.

The amount of money one has does not alleviate the need to plan ahead. We have all seen or heard of someone who has won a very large lottery prize, taken it as a lump sum and two or three years later has to file for bankruptcy protection. This is where a Projected Cash Flow Report comes in.

A business, such as Woodburn Estates & Golf, uses a Projected Cash Flow Report to plan for revenues and expenditures in the future. Because they have

prepared a budget, the Accounting Department has a fairly good idea what income and expenses can be expected and what the projected cash flow report should contain. As we all know, life happens and the unexpected expense can occur. If an unexpected bill comes in and isn't due until the following month, it should be included in the report. If several of these come in over the course of the year, it can have a significant impact upon on the actual flow of the business, especially if they come late in the year.

This is what appears to have happened last year and was the reason why the Property Tax bill was only partially paid. In running a projected cash flow for the remainder of 2019 and beginning of 2020, it was determined that we would not have an adequate amount of money plus a reserve to meet all of our ongoing obligations.

Going forward, the new Treasurer has promised increased and more financial reports available to members. With the establishment of a budget review committee to review the monthly and year to date results, and the Projected Cash Flow report, and looking forward to any possible new expenditures not budgeted for, they may make recommendations to the Board of Directors to attempt to prevent any repeat of 2019.

Under the prototype for the new Woodburn Estates & Golf website, there is a section for Financial Reports. Reports that should be included in this section would be the Balance Sheet, the monthly Statement of Revenue & Expenditures with monthly and year-to-date figures, (showing revenue or expense for each line, what the budget is for that line and under/over budget for that line). Both the Current Year Budget and the Working Capital Budget should also be here.

Bucket List Travel

by Connie Cobb

Recently, I had the opportunity to check off a few places from my bucket list. On one stop in Vietnam, we enjoyed a scenic drive through the green countryside to get to a beautiful Buddhist Temple on top of a hill. The gleaming spires of the temple shimmered in the sunlight as each turn in the winding road which offered a glimpse of our destination.

Upon arrival, my new friends and I were not disappointed. The huge white marble "Reclining Buddha" was surrounded by ancient, well-cared for bonsais and flowers, and the temple grounds were swept and peaceful.

A few passive dogs roamed the grounds and we were told they had been brought in to keep the monkeys from stealing the offerings of fruit and food that believers left. Huh – who knew? It was another day of seeing something new and exciting!

The Bucket List Travel Club meets the first Monday each month at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. We share ideas and information through respectful conversation and laughter. Please join us on March 2. Have a cookie, make a friend, get inspired.

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