

NEWS and VIEWS



Sam Village Board Chairman Joe Heaney visits with Santa (Ross Parkerson) and Margaret Parkerson at last year's Christmas Party.

Photos by Peggy Savage

Got Zucchini Bread?

The fastest selling item at our annual November Faire has always been chef Raul's famous zucchini bread. This year, with Covid-19 still on the rampage, the event was cancelled. But Diane Kinman, chair of the SV bus committee, worked with Raul to come up with a solution.

Based on the popularity of **Raul's Zucchini Bread**, the bus committee is selling the bread as a fundraiser through Saturday, Dec. 5. The committee will pay for the ingredients, take orders and deliver the bread.

The sale ends Dec. 5. Bread will be delivered to you on Friday, Dec. 11. The price for one Large Loaf is \$7.00. Place orders with Diane Kinman, Apt. 30, text or call 206-453-5800, or email dianekinman@msn.com.



Raul holding his youngest son at our annual Christmas party.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

December 2020

Ever worry about giving the right gift to someone? Happens to me and leaves me worrying more about the gift than the person to whom I am giving the gift.

The other day I had a lesson in gift-giving. A woman from whom I have ordered Omaha Steaks twice in my life called me to ask if I wanted to send Christmas gifts. I asked her how she was, and she talked about her father's recent death. She went on to say that her daughter and her husband were going to spend Thanksgiving with his family, and she was feeling lonely. Her father had lived with her in an old bank which had been restored....

I could tell that she was feeling lonely and very sad. I listened for longer than I probably wanted to, but I tried to think of something I could do for her, a stranger, faceless on a phone and obviously hurting. She went on to say that with the virus rules, she really missed hugs. They were her way of being with people.

I suddenly remembered a time many years ago when I was talking with an important person at the church. We were between priests and I was doing a lot of work to help keep things going. I was feeling overwhelmed and that I wasn't doing a good job.

The man speaking talked for a bit and then paused and said in a very gruff voice, "Thanks for the all the good work you're doing. Now put the phone really close to your ear. I am going to send a smile down the line from my phone to you and I want you to feel it. Can you feel it now?" I was thinking that he had gone bonkers and was starting to laugh

when I suddenly felt validated and loved. "Yes," I said, "I can feel it. Thank you."

As I listened to the woman on the phone, I thought of what happened back then. I said, "Can you hear me? I want you to put the phone close to your ear." I could hear the questioning and doubt on the other end of the phone. Reluctantly she agreed to do it. I knew she needed a hug and so I said, "I am sending a hug down the line from my phone to you. A big, tight hug. Can you feel it?" There was a silence and then an incredulous voice said, "Yes. Yes, I can. I don't believe it, but I can. Thank you, thank you. I feel it and I feel so much better."

Gifts come in many different guises. Sometimes we have to open ourselves to receive them. And sometimes we need to be open to giving them.

May you have a blessed time of peace and joy. There are gifts all around. Open your eyes to see them and open your hearts to pass them on.

— Chaplain Peggy Bernhard

Editor's Note

Do you enjoy writing poetry, short stories or free verse? Please do send in your work, so we can publish it in *News and Views*.
- P.S.

A Thanksgiving Story

By Kathleen Dennis

My monster old trike was stolen in early summer. It's a Sears, built in '40's. Rusty, tilts to one side, cherished beyond words.

I searched homeless camps every day for a week. The people I met pinned flyers on their tents and helped spread the word. Eventually the trike was spotted. It had been wrecked and left by the side of the road. Police officers retrieved my trike and returned it to me at Samaritan Village.

I left a message at Safe Camp to say they could call off the search and to thank them all. A gentleman named Shawn Collins, of Unity Shelters, phoned me right back. He'd heard I'd been visiting Safe Camp and Corvallis encampments. He thanked me for approaching people with kindness and sincerity.



And he offered to haul the old trike away. He left it with his friend Betty Tucker, a Corvallis bicycle mechanic.

Today I received a surprising phone call and then a wonderful gift. Today, Betty rode the old trike back to me! She wouldn't take a penny for repairing it. she said it was her pleasure. A Thanksgiving story.

There's still time to order Raul's Zucchini Bread

WHAT: Raul's famous Zucchini Bread for sale

WHEN: Last Day to order bread is Saturday, DEC. 5

PRICE: \$7 per large loaf.

SALE ENDS: Dec. 5.

Bread will be delivered to you on Friday, Dec. 11. Place orders with Diane Kinman, Apt. 30, text or call 206-453-5800, or email dianekinman@msn.com.



— *This is a fundraiser for the SV Bus Fund.*

A Happier New Year

By Patricia Smith

*"Life begins at the end of your comfort zone."
- Neale Donald Walsch*

Well, it's New Year's which has always been my favorite holiday in the past because it was all new and I found this exciting. Given all that has occurred this past year I'm now not so excited anticipating the year ahead. I'm more concerned and daunted about what lies ahead in the next three hundred sixty-five days. Although each day will be a 'gift,' who knows of what? Then I picked up a book which takes place in the 1840's and in equally bleak times where one of the characters realizes although he is witnessing the end of an era he was also witnessing the beginning of a new one and a new chapter of history.

"It takes courage to grow up and become who we really are." - E.E. Cummings

The book helped me regain my psychological and emotional equilibrium. Books are often life savers. Another book I read talked about a character who liked the magic of transformation like water into foam, dirty dishes into clean and blank canvases into art: science as magic, a new way of thinking about it.

"The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book waiting to be written." - Melodie Beattie

I'm now less wary and cautious about the blank pages of the year ahead. I made choices and adjustments as did so many of us and we survived. It's important to remember. Maybe a new tradition could be celebrating rocky roads in life with Rocky Road ice cream. Well folks although it's been rough going the old year's a going and a new one's a coming!

My wish for each and every one of us in 2021 is a healthy, safe, and Happier New Year!

"Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering. 'It will be happier.'" - Alfred Lord Tennyson

CALL FOR SAMARITAN VILLAGE VAN SERVICE

Need a ride in Samaritan Village van? Rather than signing up for rides on the sheet in the lobby, **please call** instead. Our driver is Sandy, and her phone number is: **541-619-7771**.

Let Sandy know where you need to go and what day and time you need to be there.

Our normal bus hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1 to 5 pm.

We can also pick up groceries and run errands for you during those hours. If you don't have access to a computer, give Nick your grocery order and schedule pickup for after 1 pm the next day. In other words, call Nick the day before you need your groceries. Also, keep in mind that the office is open 8 am to 1 pm.

It's free! Get your GT newspaper online

You can read the Corvallis Gazette Times online every day. And it won't cost you a dime.

The SV House Committee has opened an e-edition account with the Corvallis Gazette Times, in addition to the current subscription for the paper being delivered to the library each day. The reason we purchased the e-edition? While the Covid-19 pandemic keeps us all pretty much quarantined, residents can't sit in our library to read the free GT newspaper. So many residents have been going without their local news feed.

But, if you have a smartphone or a computer, you can read the entire paper, every day, by e-edition. Here's How: On your smartphone or computer, go to the Corvallis Gazette Times website.

1. Click on the "LOG IN" button at the top right side of the page.
2. Sign in using your Corvallis Gazette Times Account:
 - a. **EMAIL:** gazette4sv@gmail.com
 - b. **PASSWORD:** paper88*
3. The home page opens up. And you can read breaking news to your heart's content.
4. If you want to "leaf through the pages" the same as you'd read a real newspaper, click on the box that reads: **"Today's E-Edition"** (the box is on the top left hand corner of the page).
5. You can also get the e-edition GT delivered to you by email daily. Just click on the box (near the top of the page) that reads: **Get the news you need to know delivered to your inbox**. That takes you to a new page, with lots of choices. At the bottom of the page, click on the box that reads: **e-Edition DAILY - Receive our daily newspaper electronically with the e-Edition email**.

Some residents subscribe to the daily GT newspaper. All their papers are delivered in one bunch to the office front door. A special thanks goes to Vic Russell, who picks up those papers every morning and delivers them to the resident subscribers' front doors.

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Breaking News

OSU football: Gebbia's injury "more serious" than Beavers previously thought

Jarrid Denney

It sounds as though Tristan Gebbia's status is in doubt for the Beavers' upcoming game against Utah on Saturday night.

BASKETBALL
OSU women's basketball: Beavers get contributions up and down the roster
Steve Gress | Updated 2 hrs ago
Oregon State freshman Sasha Goforth picked off

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BUS COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

Income and Expenses October 2020

10/01/20	Beginning Balance - Checking Account	6,339.44
INCOME:		
	Bus Ticket Sales	135.00
	Daily Trips - Cash+32 tickets used	47.50
	Outings - None	0.00
	Advertising on Bus	350.00
	Donation from Residents	20.00
	Bargain Sales	<u>10.00</u>
	TOTAL INCOME:	562.50
EXPENSES:		
	Bus Driver (Diocese of Oregon)	405.84
	Travel Card Reload + Fee	153.00
	Insurance (April, not billed by Ins)	<u>7.00</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>565.84</u>
	NET INCOME LESS EXPENSES:	<u>(3.34)</u>
10/31/20	Ending Balance - Checking Account	<u>6,336.10</u>
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10/31/20	Other Account Balances:	
	Operational Money Market (Dividend: 0.38)	8,890.24
	New Bus Fund (Dvidend: 0.08)	1,802.06
	Business Savings Member Account	<u>5.00</u>
	TOTAL ALL FUNDS:	<u><u>17,033.40</u></u>

Summary:

Due to ongoing Coronavirus restrictions*, van ticket sales and daily trips are low but the best since February; there are no outings. There were 2 donations and one Bargain Sale in October. Expenses were for our driver, reloading the prepaid Travel Card (gas, etc), and a small insurance payment for April 2020 for which the insurance company had not billed us.

** Due to the Coronavirus and ongoing restrictions implemented by SV management as well as Federal and Oregon...the bus continues to be out of use and the van is used for essential trips only. A plan for van usage, including safety/health protocols as well as direct phone access to our driver (Sandy, 541-619-7771) for residents to schedule a ride, has been implemented and communicated to residents. Duration of these restrictions is based on how long the virus is active locally and nationally, with an unknown end date under current guidelines.*



WHO IS THAT BABY?

Can you guess who this cute little boy is?

Send in your guesses to Peggy Savage at savagepj1@gmail.com or call me at 971-322-6221, or leave a note in my door clip #45. The answer will be published in the November newsletter, along with the name of the first person to guess it right.

OUR NOVEMBER BABY WAS LIZ CURRAN.

The first person to guess her identity correctly was Nick Reynders.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Here's wishing a very



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Allen Hales

Susan Melton, Dec. 7

Marian Ely, Dec 12

Mary Nunery, Dec. 23

Lynn Taylor, Dec. 26

Editor's Note: Some new residents' birthdays are not on our current birthday list. The only way we can add your names to our list is for you to contact me and ask to be added. The same goes for releasing your name, phone, and email to the House Committee for inclusion in the HC phone list.

If you've moved here within the past year, and want your name included, please contact Peggy Savage at 971-322-6221 or savagepj1@gmail.com.

DECEMBER SPECIAL DAYS 2020

Contributed by Patricia Smith

December 7 - Pearl Harbor Day- Commemorates the Japanese attack on U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor causing U.S. to enter WW II. On this day, U.S. flags are flown at half-staff.

“Many Hawaiian Japanese suffered. Citizens wounded as well. Please remember all the victims.” - Akira Matsumoto - survivor who lost her sons.

December 10 - Human Rights Day - The United Nations General Assembly created the first Human Rights Day, December 10, 1948.

“No man is above the law and no man below it.” - Theodore Roosevelt

December 10 - Hanukkah (sometimes spelled Chanukah) is an 8-day Jewish holiday. This year it starts on the 10th and ends on the 18th. It's the festival of lights, a time of prayer & thanks.

“We light candles in testament that faith makes miracles possible.” Nachum Braverman

December 15 - Bill of Rights Day - Commemorates the ratification of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

“The Bill of Rights is a remarkable document because it weaves into the fabric of our democracy the idea that government has a responsibility to protect individual liberty.” - Ted Lieu

December 21 - Winter Solstice - The first day of winter and the shortest day of the year.

“I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields that it kisses so gently. And then covers them up snug with a white quilt and perhaps it says, ‘Go to sleep darling till the summer comes again.’” - Lewis Carroll

December 25 - CHRISTMAS! - Christmas is the biggest holiday of the year and celebrated in most countries around the world. It is the annual Christian celebration of Christ's birth. Christmas has both strong religious and traditional meanings.

“What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future.” - Agnes M. Pahro

December 26, 2020 to January 1, 2021 - Kwanzaa. It's a week-long celebration honoring African-American culture with feasting and gift-giving.

“If you have a purpose in which you believe, there is no end to the things you can accomplish.” - Marian Anderson

December 31 - New Year's Eve

“Never underestimate the power you have to take your life in a new direction.” - Germany Kent

Preserving History with his pen

Architectural drawings of historic Corvallis homes by Ross Parkerson



GEORGE WHITESIDE House and Garage

320 SW 5th St. Corvallis

Constructed in 1925, this was the home of George Whiteside, whose father and brother owned and operated the Whiteside Theater in downtown Corvallis. The theater, under renovation, is still open and operated today.

The house, with its intact design, is architecturally significant as the best example of a house with Prairie style architecture in the Corvallis area. The house was built using stone tile, a building material which was new to the Corvallis area in the mid-1920's, and as such is one of the only houses to incorporate this material for construction in the survey area. Prairie Style influence is evident in the house's horizontal emphasis, lack of ornamentation, stucco siding, gently pitched hipped roof, and the wide, slightly flaring eaves.

SAMARITAN VILLAGE

BARGAIN CORNER

Items available on a first-come, first-served basis. 100% of all proceeds are donated to the Samaritan Village Bus Fund.

To either donate or to purchase an item, please contact Vic Russell at 541-745-8748 or Diane Kinman at 206-453-5800.

Well-cared-for wooden corner hutch - \$25



NEW:

Dark bronze floor lamp with cream color shade, \$15



Full-length Wood Frame Mirror, 24"x28"
Looks new, \$10



Gevalia
Hot Water Pot - \$7



**Costco
Juicer**

Like-new Juicer from Costco, originally \$100, plus all attachments and directions - \$25



- Juicer, a full juicer from Costco, originally \$100, plus all attachments and directions; \$25
- Gevalia Coffee Maker with glass pot, \$7
- Humidifier, Holmes, runs up to 24 hrs., \$7
- Oreck vacuum cleaner, \$15
- Full-length Wood Frame Mirror, 24"x28"
Looks new, \$10
- Crock pot, large, lightly used, \$8
- Dark bronze floor lamp with cream color shade, \$15

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

NOVEMBER 2020

Peggy Savage, Committee Chair

Financials:

10/30 Debit - \$22.70 for new resident gift bag expense

9/11 Check - \$100 - to SV office for annual printing and paper costs (newsletters, phone list)

The current checking account balance is \$878.01.

Gazette Times subscription

I've been in contact with Joe Heaney and the board about the House Committee renewing the annual GT subscription as a digital e-edition newspaper, since residents can't read the free daily paper in the library, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. When things finally get back to normal, we can renew the "real newspaper" subscription and resume getting the library copy of the GT delivered too. Joe said he prefers that the House Committee handle the GT subscription costs and control the account. He said that once we renew the "real" newspaper delivery for the library, the Board can step in with extra funds, should the costs become too great for the house committee budget. Right now, for the e-edition subscription, the House Committee pays only \$5 for 5 months. After the five months are up, the subscription cost will be \$9.99 per month for e-edition. The annual subscription for the "real" newspaper is about \$274.



New Resident Welcome Gifts

The House Committee has resumed delivery of welcome gift bags for all new residents. Sandy Nored, our treasurer, fills and delivers the bags, which include the usual small-item welcome gifts. It seems to be something the new residents appreciate, and it give us a chance to get to know them a little and introduce them to SV life.

News and Views newsletter

I'm trying to keep each issue of *News and Views* filled with SV news, and I appreciate any news item submissions or ideas, submitted photos, art, writings, etc. that residents want to send me. I've designed and laid out many of the pages in color, but if this runs up too big a printing bill for the office, the HC could pay for any over-the-top expenses that using color might produce. (Or we could use fewer color photos.) The House Committee (Me and a couple of volunteers) staple the pages and deliver them each month after Nick and Amy print the pages in the office. A special thanks to Sandy Nored, Annie Bowers and Diane Kinman for their help.

December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 NATIONAL PIE DAY	2	3	4	5 LAST DAY TO ORDER RAUL'S ZUCCHINI BREAD
6 SAINT NICHOLAS DAY	7 NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY	8	9	10 CHANUKAH BEGINS	11	12
13	14	15	16 NATIONAL CHOCOLATE- COVERED ANYTHING DAY	17	18	19 NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY
20	21 WINTER SOLSTICE	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26
27	28	29	30	31  NEW YEARS EVE		