

# NEWS and VIEWS

## Wearin' of the Green

With the Third Thursday Dessert in March falling near St. Patrick's Day, some of the House Committee ladies really got in the spirit. Pat Zimpelmann is renowned for her holiday decorations and costumes, and shared the fun.

The next Third Thursday Dessert is set for May 19, with a Cinco de Mayo theme. It will be held out by the Gazebo, weather permitting. - See more photos inside, pages 13 and 14.



Sandy Nored, Pat Zimpelmann and Emily Rosen get in the mood at the Third Thursday Dessert in March.



## WHO IS THAT BABY?

Can you guess who this little boy was?

Send in your guesses to Peggy Savage at [savagepj1@gmail.com](mailto: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 next newsletter, along with the name of the first person to guess it right.

Share YOUR baby picture - If you have a photo of yourself as a youngster, we'd love to see it here on this page in the future. Contact Peggy Savage for information.

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

Peggy Bernhard - May 5

Mary Beth Lanier – May 15

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

Many new residents' birthdays are not on our current birthday 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](mailto:savagepj1@gmail.com).

## The Wheels on the Van Go Round and Round....

How our bus/van service works: Sandy, our driver, is available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1 pm to 5 pm for scheduled riders. Residents schedule rides directly with Sandy, 541-619-7771, usually with at least a few hours' notice, preferably a day or two before, or you can schedule a month of appointments in one call. Purchase tickets from the driver: \$2.50 per ride, or \$5 for a round trip. New residents get two Complimentary passes to try it out.

The service is funded by ticket sales, Bargain Corner sales, fund raiser events, and donations. When you schedule a ride, we take you and bring you back - unless you tell us otherwise. We use the most direct routes to take you to and from your destination. It's all about communication. If your plans change mid-trip, please let us know so that the driver is not left waiting.

# Here's the Scoop. . .

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

### Peggy Savage, Committee Chair

The House Committee Meeting was held on April 8, 2022. In attendance were Kathy Skoff, Peggy Savage, Annie Bowers and Pat Zimpelmann.

HC Secretary Pat Zimpelmann recorded minutes of the meeting.

### Gazette Times Subscription

At the May Board Meeting, We asked the Board to resubscribe to the *Gazette Times* newspaper for the library copy. Hopefully, Residents should still have on-line access to the newspaper with the annual "hard-copy" edition. The Board suggested that the House Committee resubscribe and pay the subscription, which would then be reimbursed by the Board at a later date.

### Newsletter

We discussed whether the *News and Views* newsletter will still be delivered by email for those who prefer not to have a hard copy. Anyone who would prefer a digital copy should notify Peggy at [savagepj1@gmail.com](mailto:savagepj1@gmail.com).

We also need birthday updates for the newsletter. Sandy Nored will bring the birthday and contact information from new residents up-to-date.

### Recycling

Annie Bowers spoke about composting kitchen scraps. Nick and Republic Services indicated that we may use the landscaper's bin for food scraps. Annie will continue her recycling reports in every issue. Annie also said that we need a secure locking system on one of the bins near the dining area to prevent theft of recycled cans and bottles.

Nick later agreed to come up with a more secure bin for the bottle and can recycling. The proceeds help fund House Committee projects.

### Free Table coming back

We discussed the use of the Free Table and Clothes Rack. Various house committee members, including Claudia Whiteside have previously organized the table each day. House Committee members discussed whether to move the Free table to the area near the HC clothing donation rack, instead its previous location near the back door to the office building.

Since the meeting, I and Kathy Skoff met with Nick, who volunteered to provide a new table to be placed out near the bike racks. There will be certain rules pertaining to what may be left on the Free table. For example, no food (It attracts vermin).

We noted that the swing cover has been refurbished.

### Third Thursday Desserts

Our April 21st Third Thursday Dessert was again held outdoors, which had a great attendance - lots of residents got a chance to mix and mingle and spend some time visiting. New resident Alison Grossnicklaus won the Fred Meyer Gift Card in the door prize drawing. Weather permitting, the May Dessert may be held by the Gazebo, and will have a Cinco de Mayo theme. CONTINUED, PAGE 5

## HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT, CONT.

We would also like to resume **Wednesday Night at the Movies**. Chris Farrow and Ross Parkerson may still offer to be in charge. Before Covid, Ross held the event each week in the library - we watched old movies and munched on popcorn.

### **Weekly Exercise Program**

We would like to see a chair exercise program restarted, if we can get a physical therapist to donate time for a weekly class. Peggy Savage and Kathy Skoff met with Nick to discuss the possibility. Nick volunteered to try contacting the former teacher to see if she would like to resume the classes.

### **Bingo Anyone?**

Bingo and other games can be scheduled as well. We would like to hold a monthly Bingo Game in the dining room with small prizes.

### **Share your recipes**

We would like to have a monthly recipe page in the newsletter, with recipes coming from the residents and staff. To kick that off, The House Committee members have been encouraged to submit a recipe for our Recipe Page in the May1 issue.

The House Committee will discuss the need for more resident socialization opportunities to the Board.

### **Financial Report:**

The Board has kindly presented the House Committee with a \$400 check to cover the December (Holiday) Third Thursday Dessert costs.

March Third Thursday Dessert income - \$103.65

April Third Thursday Dessert income - \$ 102

Currently, the available **balance in the HC account is \$1,256.11.**

# Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program

If you have a Fred Meyer Rewards account, you can have your reward points allocated (donated) to the Samaritan Village Bus Fund\* via the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. Family and friends can also participate. Just check online at <https://www.fredmeyer.com/hc/help/faqs/communityrewards/general> or ask about the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program at any Fred Meyer Customer Service desk.

**\*Organization to select: NN025 – Samaritan Village Bus Committee**

# Wine Country . . .

The Transportation Committee is once again offering bus trips to local events and places. Here are a few photos of the Wine Tasting trip recently to two wineries - Airlie and Emmerson





## Samaritan Village

# BARGAIN CORNER

Whether you are looking to **downsize** or to **fill up** your apartment, the **Bargain Corner** is here to help. It's a convenient way to donate your extra items or purchase something you need at a bargain price. Either way, **100%** of your purchases and donations go towards the support of the **Samaritan Village Transportation Fund**.

It's easy, too! Just call **Vic Russell at 541-745-8748** or **Diane Kinman at 206-453-5800**. We will pick up or deliver your items.

**If you're looking for something special, let Vic know and he'll keep an eye out for it.**

Items are advertised in the monthly *News and Views* newsletter and posted on the Transportation Committee's bulletin board in the office.

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**Please Note - For those wishing to donate an item, we ask you to consider the following:**

1. We are unable to accept large pieces of furniture like sofas or big dining tables because there is no way to store them.
2. Any donated items should be clean and in good condition, and suitable for apartment living.

# Meet Pam Lazor. . .

By Debby de Carlo

Pam Lazor is a tall woman, completely at home in the studio apartment she moved into at Samaritan Village last August. She has made it a lovely space with treasures, art and furniture she has chosen. After a lifetime of taking care of others, she can sit in her chair, look at the window and "decompress."

Not that she regrets the care-taking. She doesn't. Or the time raising children and working for her husband's business or her time singing in a band. But her new home came at just the right time. "It lifts my soul to be here," Pam said. "It stills me. Everyone is so friendly."



Pam grew up in Cathlamet, a town of 500 people on the Washington side of the Columbia River, between Longview and Astoria. She knew it was a special place but appreciated its unique beauty more after moving away. "My sister and I spent summer in Alaska working while we were in high school, saving money for school. . . We fished with set nets, big, long nets you set out on the beach and waited for the tides to come in with fish to be caught in the nets. We picked the fish out of the nets after the tides went out. I earned enough to go to Western Business College in Portland."

One son lives in Cathlamet, and another here in Corvallis. Her daughter lives in Salem.

The pandemic has meant not only not meeting many people, but also not seeing their faces. "I think not seeing faces is what I miss the most," she says of this masked time. When the threat of infection is mostly gone, she hopes to join groups here with shared interests, including music, reading and crafting. But for now, she is grateful to rest and soak in the beauty around her.

# Blah, Blah, Blah. . .

By Patricia Smith

*An economist is an expert who will know tomorrow why the things he predicted yesterday didn't happen today." - Lawrence J. Peter*

Recently, to my great annoyance, I've been getting all kinds of political pamphlets and advertisements from political candidates of various political parties. They are seeking my votes for various and sundry offices. Amazingly, it seems they are all upright, upstanding, and honest. They all know what's best for Oregon and America and will all take bold steps to uphold the law. Wow!

*"Put the politicians on minimum wage and watch how fast things change." - Author Unknown*

Now, I'm basically a fiction writer and cynical about what passes for *truth*, although truth is often stranger than fiction. What these purveyors of various truths often focus on is economics, so I was toying with the idea of placing all of them on a debate program where instead of the usual long winded and convoluted economic theories they're planning on pontificating on they are surprised by the moderator handing each a five dollar bill and asked to feed a family of four with it. They are informed that the previous year a candidate had accomplished said task. Some might look befuddled and say their people usually shopped for them, others might say their wives or husbands shopped for them, and the rest might shake their heads in disbelief and mutter, "Impossible." Perhaps one might ask, "Where's the Dollar Store?" The moderator would then say, "It's now The Dollar Quarter Store."

I became stuck in how the plot would unfold and called an old writer buddy Mindy. She had me read my plot so far and chuckled, "Clichéd, old friend." She suggested I have unexpected heroes and heroines and 'corrupt' parties unwittingly exploited by special interest groups. I still felt stuck, so she provided me with two examples to prompt me. She said maybe have the candidate with people commandeering store managers as 'his people,' and the Green Party gal used by recycle lobbyists. I'd never considered these possibilities. I said, "I guess I never got past all the usual blah, blah. Friend Mindy suggested I might also be guilty of blah, blahing.

Hmm. Okay, sometimes maybe I get stuck in my own, old clichés, but luckily, I have friends in life and in fiction who continually challenge me. I wish everyone the same.



Something New at Samaritan Village. . .

# THIRD THURSDAY DESSERTS!

## 3 p.m. Thursday, May 19

On the Third Thursday of each month, a variety of desserts served with coffee or tea will be offered in the walkway near shuffleboard court.

Home-baked Dessert with coffee, cocoa or tea - \$5

Dessert only - \$3



Chairs will be available for those who'd like to sit and enjoy dessert with friends - Desserts will be individually wrapped

Presented by the House Committee to raise funds for future activities

**BARGAIN CORNER - May 2022**



Dusty Rose Ottoman, 19" dia. x 18" high; \$10



Bentwood desk chair; \$20



Round black & white side table;  
18" dia. top, 24" high; \$15



Set of two dining chairs; \$30

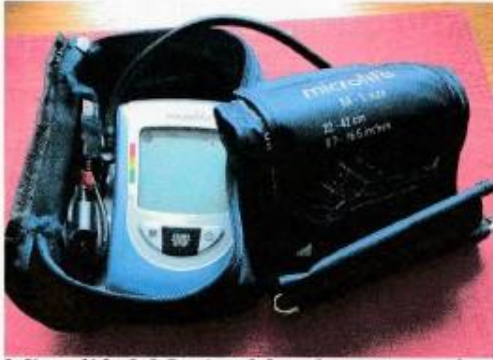


TV tray, 15" x 21" top; \$6



Wooden End Table; \$6

Items available on a first-come first-served basis. 100% of all proceeds are donated to the Samaritan Village Transportation Fund. To donate or purchase, please contact Vic Russell at 541-745-8748 or Diane Kinman at 206-453-5800.



Microlife M-L size blood pressure for arm; \$10



Blue lite filter glasses - protect eyes from harmful blue light; brand new; \$7



Wooden wall décor display box - or use it to store socks? Hang it on the wall or stand it on the table; 18" long x 7-1/2" wide x 3" deep; \$6

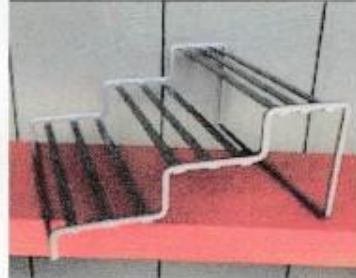


Toaster Oven, like new, w/ instruction book \$12



Vintage Duncan Pyfe rocking chair. Carved wood back with needle-point seat. In good condition \$30

Shelf space saver; \$3  
Bike Lock w/ key; \$10



Decorator plate - hang on wall or Place on countertop; \$5

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Wind Chimes or Metallic Cow Birdhouse, your choice; \$3 each



Rosy Decorated Accent Table, hand-painted top. 15" dia. x 25" high; \$12



Chair, wicker and wood. Needs some TLC and a coat of paint. \$7



Rosy comforter set, full/queen size, pillow shams & bed skirt. Clean, good condition. \$10



Metal plant stand; \$7



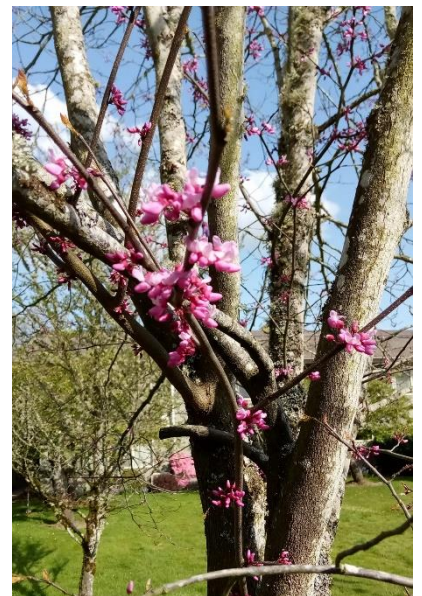
White lamp shade; \$5

# Third Thursday Desserts . . .





Can you name all those trees and flowering shrubs here at Samaritan Village?



- Photos by Kathy Skoff

# TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

## March 2022 Financial Recap:

Income: \$900.50

Expenses: \$11.00

Net Profit: \$889.50

## Highlights:

- Ticket sales were better than February • Daily trips were also better with more tickets used - Need a ride: Contact driver Sandy at 541-619-7771
- Due to Covid, the bus has not been available for outings, but it was put back in service in April 2022 - Watch for notices about upcoming outings
- Six (6) Bargain Corner Sales - to Buy or Donate Items: Contact Vic 541-745-8748 or Diane 206-453-5800 - Available items are in the Newsletter and posted on the office bulletin board
- Payments from Cascade for bus advertising for February and March were received • The March invoice for our driver was not received



## A PINK PEARL

We all look forward to the flowering Rhododendrons and Azaleas in our SV landscaping – but the queen of them all are the two giant Pink Pearl Rhododendrons that burst into luxurious bloom every year in April near the elevator.

- Photo by Kathy Skoff

### PAGE 15 ANSWERS TO FLOWERING PLANTS AND TREES

1. The “Unique” yellow Rhododendron.
2. Flowering plum?? Crabapple??
3. The “Pride of Mobile” Pink Azalea
4. The “Purple Splendor” Azalea.
5. An Eastern Redbud Tree.