

NEWS and VIEWS



MARGARET PARKERSON AT HOME

Photo by Debby de Carlo

Meet Margaret Parkerson. . .

by Debby de Carlo

It's a fall day and the trees outside Margaret Parkerson's windows are losing their leaves. While the brilliant red and orange leaves are falling to the ground, Margaret notes a benefit to bare branches: she is able to see birds more easily as they dart by. "My mother was a birder," she noted. "It's catching. Both my sons are birders too."

Sitting in a comfortable chair surrounded by books and lovely decor, Margaret talked about her life.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

November 2021

Listened to the rain last night and said, "Thank you." This morning I noticed that the grass has turned green, although covered with leaves. It was brown most of the summer because of the building of a new deck. No matter, I am grateful to the rain for finally coming. Understandably for me, I thank God, but for others, they may thank science, the coming together of weather forces or whatever force, but since I know that I didn't bring the rain, I have to thank someone or something. Saying thank you just seems right.

My generation, and probably yours, was taught to say thank you when we received something, whether a gift, a compliment, a favor, etc. It was like the oil that made all the other parts of society move a bit more smoothly. It was a recognition of the other person and of the deed. Nowadays when "Sup?" substitutes for "Hello. Good to see you. What have you been doing?" it's a pleasure to hear a "Thank you" for whatever is said, offered, or done.

This is the month we think about giving thanks, the acknowledgment that we cannot do everything by ourselves. It reminds us of our responsibility to live graciously in our society recognizing what others do for us and what we can do for others. I now use a cane to get around and have a hand that will be bandaged temporarily, and I am very grateful for people who do something as simple as holding the door open, offering to carry my bag of cat food to the car (it's full of cans as Tiger is very

picky), and those who smile back when I smile at them. It reminds me that I matter in this world.

Saying thank you is so important that our nation has set aside a day for us all to give thanks. Yes, it has become a day of football and parades with Santa as the main figure. It is frequently the day to begin shopping for Christmas, although some large stores are beginning to close on Thursday (to prepare for a gangbusters Friday Sale). It is a day for what you want it to be.

Many will attend a church service, giving thanks in a formal way to God for being there through thick and thin. Many will say grace before they slice the turkey and pass the gravy and cranberry sauce as their way of saying thank you. Some will say a heartfelt thank you to the people who have cooked and served a meal at a shelter.

Some will hug "the cook" and say, "Thanks, Mom. It was super!"

No matter how, for one day, we will be reminded of all the various ways, we can say "Thank you" and how good it feels to hear it and say it. "Thank you" is the way for us to feel relationships with others, to try to overcome the divisions in our society, and a way to make this world a happier place in which to live.

Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for being the kind and loving people you are.

— Chaplain Peggy Bernhard

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"I grew up in Olympia, Washington, when huge ships would come to this Puget Sound port to get lumber." She was aware of the tides, and remembered when her father, a boat builder, would use a great winch to lower the latest boat he'd made into this southern end of the Sound. "There was a wet-wood smell to the Pacific Northwest then," she remembered. "We hung our wet wool coats in the wooden coat room at school, and the wood soaked up the smell."

After leaving the University of Washington, she moved to San Francisco with her first husband. Though she'd studied library science and has retained a love of life-long learning through reading and observation, her passion for design and architecture led her to work with interior designers and architects. Even when she later worked as a librarian, design and architecture remained strong interests.

Those interests, combined with a zest for spending time with interesting people, meant large dinners and parties at her home, where local activists in the 60s and 70s gathered. She indulged still another interest, cooking.

Margaret was working as a librarian in San Raphael, when she met Ross Parkerson who was a planner in Marin County's famous Frank Lloyd Wright building, the storied architect's last project. The two hit it off with their mutual love of architecture and progressive politics. Margaret continued to host parties and wrote about cooking and gardening regularly in area newspapers.

In addition to books, Margaret reads the New York Times, the New Yorker and The Atlantic magazines. "We can learn forever," she noted, "not just from reading, but from experience. Negative judgements can help you make good judgements."

Then it was time for dinner, and Margaret got out fresh broccoli in preparation for Chicken divan.

Tips to protect yourself from Scams

Millions of older adults fall prey to financial scams every year. Use these tips from NCOA and the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement to protect yourself.

1. DON'T ISOLATE YOURSELF—STAY INVOLVED!

Isolation is a huge risk factor for seniors. Some people self-isolate by withdrawing from the larger community. Others are isolated because they lose the ability to drive, see, or walk on their own. Stay in contact with friends or family. Or contact your local senior center to get involved.

2. TELL SOLICITORS: "I NEVER BUY FROM (OR GIVE TO) ANYONE I'VE NEVER HEARD ABOUT. SEND ME SOMETHING IN WRITING."

Don't buy from an unfamiliar company. Always ask for and wait until you receive written material about any offer or charity. And always take your time in making a decision.

3. NEVER GIVE YOUR CREDIT CARD, BANKING, SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICARE, OR OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE UNLESS YOU INITIATED THE CALL.

Misuse of Medicare dollars is one of the largest scams involving seniors. Common schemes include billing for services never delivered. Be wary of salespeople trying to sell you something they claim will be paid for by Medicare.

Spooktacular!

Pat Zimpelmann knows how to celebrate Halloween. It's always a treat to pass her door in any season. She's always got great decorations for any holiday. But check out her Halloween fun!



Photo by Peggy Savage

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Here's Wishing a Happy Birthday to:

Nov. 21 – Carol Bujwit

Nov. 22 – Barbara Steele

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.

Preserving History with his pen

Architectural drawings of historic Corvallis homes by Ross Parkerson

William L. Cauthorn House

**527 SW 5th St.
Corvallis**

William L. Cauthorn had this Gothic Revival style house built in the 1880s about a mile south of town. He moved the house to its present location in 1911.

In July 1938, his daughter, Mrs. Anna Cauthorn Williamson, was interviewed by the WPA for an article on Corvallis Pioneers. She told this story about family life while living in this house:

In 1865, my grandparents, Alfred and Emily Cauthorn, came with our family from Mexico, Missouri to Oregon. Their children were William L. Cauthorn, (my father), Ben, Jimmy, Fisk, Thomas, Frank, Emily and Fanny. The motive that influenced them most to move was the desire to get away from the unpleasantness arising from the Civil War and the division between brothers.



Father was 30 when we immigrated, and I have heard him say that if he had known the war was going to end so soon, he would not have come.

My parents were Margaret and William L. Cauthorn. Father was a farmer, although he had kept a store in Missouri. We settled about a mile south of Corvallis on land father bought from J.C. Avery. Grandfather was a tailor. In partnership with his sons, he operated a dry goods store for many years at the corner of Second and Adams Streets in Corvallis.

On the journey to Oregon, my father used horses and mules in our train instead of oxen. We had but one brush with the Indians that was serious. They attacked us near the crossing of the

Platte River.

I was six years old when we came west, and I walked much of the way. I could do this because I was strong and healthy, and the train traveled but 12 to 15 miles a day.

I attended the old South School in Corvallis for a time, but most of my schooling was in the elementary department of Corvallis College.

Prof. Emory handled the rod, and he laid it on industriously at times. The low ground west of the College, at Fifth and Jefferson Streets, was covered with water which froze during the cold spells. The boys used to slide on the ice and received a flogging if they were caught doing it.

Here's the Scoop. . .

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Peggy Savage, Committee Chair - October 2021

MEETINGS – We have had House Committee meetings on hold for Sept and Oct because of Covid. But now that we've had our booster shots, we think it's safe to resume meeting indoors.

Our Next Meeting will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4 in the Hideaway.

SV PHONE LIST/DIRECTORY - I updated the phone list that goes out to all residents and distributed them to all residents. I am thinking of asking one of our new committee members to take over updating the phone list - starting with the next one (if needed) March 2022.

PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL - our annual fundraiser is being postponed until the pandemic finally gets under control. Hopefully, we will be able to hold it in in April.

At our Nov. 4 meeting, I'd like to present the idea of holding a monthly DESSERT of the MONTH event- selling wrapped individual servings of pie or cake or some other yummy dessert on one designated day each month. The House committee needs a fundraiser to hold us over, and it might be fun for people to stop by a "booth" here and buy dessert once a month. Perhaps pie from Shari's Restaurant or something similar.

House Committee members are asked to bring any ideas or suggestions to our next meeting Nov. 4.

Get Delivery of free food box at your door

Would you like for a 20-25 pound box of non-perishable food to be left at your door once a month?

The box would contain canned: milk, vegetables, fruit, meat, or tuna; boxed cereal; and a 2 pound brick of processed cheese. You can apply at Linn Benton Food Share by phone, email, or by filling out forms.

You do not need to show any proof of income, because you already qualify by living here. The food is not low sugar nor low salt. You would have to accept the full box, and it's your decision what to do with the contents.

There are seven open slots. Call Susan James at 541-760-6390. Be prepared to leave her a phone message with your name and phone number. This is guaranteed to **not** interfere with any other type of eligibility, and you are not expected to have a relationship nor to have contact with the delivery person.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

Income and Expenses September 2021

09/01/21	BEGINNING BALANCE - Checking Account	8,966.11
INCOME:		
	Bus Ticket Sales	115.00
	Daily Trips - Cash+ 35 tickets used	62.50
	Outings (0)	0.00
	Advertising on Bus (September)	350.00
	Donations (2)	503.00
	Bargain Corner Sales (11)	95.00
	Total Income:	1,125.50
EXPENSES:		
	Bus Driver (Diocese)	0.00
	Total Expenses:	0.00
	Net Income Less Expenses:	1,125.50
09/30/21	ENDING BALANCE - Checking Account	10,091.61
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09/01/21	BEG BALANCE - Debit Card Account	387.92
	Inc: Transfer from Reg Checking Acct	0.00
	Exp: Gas for Van	55.54
	Exp: Wash for Van	9.00
09/30/21	ENDING BALANCE - Debit Cart Account	323.38
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09/30/21	OTHER ACCOUNT BALANCES:	
	Operational Money Market (Dividend: 0.37)	8,894.34
	New Bus Fund (Dividend: 0.07)	1,802.89
	Business Savings Member Account	5.00
	TOTAL ALL FUNDS:	21,117.22

Summary:

Note: We are now called the SV Transportation Committee. Covid-19 restrictions continue. Ticket sales and daily trips were improved; no outings. Our driver returned from leave in September. We received Cascade's payment for September. There were eleven (11) Bargain Corner Sales...thank you to SV residents (and others) for their contributions and to Diane & Vic for all their hard work. A big "thank you" to an SV resident for the big donation!! The September invoice from the Diocese was not received. Bottomline, September ended with a net profit. Due to Covid-19, the November Faire has been cancelled again in 2021 but, with Raul's much-appreciated assistance, there will be a Zucchini Bread Sale for the residents and the church community. Advertising and order-taking will begin in early November with deliveries on or about December 10. The Debit Card account had some activity in September. Vehicle insurance will come due November 1 and is in review.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

(Bus Committee)

MEETING MINUTES - October 6, 2021

Attendees:

Diane Kinman, Jane Callahan, Sandy Nored, Kriss Krahn

Vic Russell, Mary Beth Lanier and Claudia Whiteside

Transportation Committee: The Committee stated an overwhelming preference to be called the Transportation Committee instead of Bus Committee. The name is hereby changed.

Insurance Annual Bill: Reduced from \$2,226 in 2020 to \$1,736 due November 1, 2021. The reduction of \$490 was caused by the insurer grouping the vehicles instead of insuring each separately for Personal Injury Protection.

Bargain Corner: Liz shared a spreadsheet of income for 2019, 2020, and 2021. The 2020 sales total was \$420; 2021 through September total is \$805 and might reach \$1,000 for the year. Vic explained that we missed out on some sales because we didn't have enough storage; two attendees offered their storage units. The success of the Bargain Corner is attributed to resident move-in/move-out, selling items that are in good shape at a great price, and advertising them in the Newsletter. All sales contributed to the Transportation Committee's Operating Fund.

November Faire Replaced by Raul's Famous Holiday Zucchini Bread Sale: We'll start taking orders when the Newsletter comes out, through November 25. Delivery date is December 10. Collect on delivery.

Sandy Nored mentioned that we might get ingredients donated by Fred Meyer, Trader Joes, or Market of Choice. [*Raul says to ask grocery stores for these ingredients: zucchini, seedless dates, flour, and sugar.*]

Last year, we sold 60 loaves; this year, *Raul says to limit sales to 100.* [*Preliminary pricing is \$8.00/loaf or two loaves for \$15.*]

Sandy Nored offered to ask a store or restaurant about donating a gift card or certificate for Raul for his work on the bread.

Jane created a poster to advertise the sale, and committee asked for a few changes. When revised, it will be posted in the office, on the bulletin board outside, in the elevator, in the laundry room, and at the church. She will be doing stickers for the packaging of the bread as well.

Donations: \$500 from Bill Stirling #7. We can't thank Bill enough!

Next meeting: November 3, 2021 at 4:00 pm

Ask Annie

Annie Bowers is our Recycling Guru here at Samaritan Village. Take your recycling questions to Annie at Apt 13 or email annellenbowers@gmail.com. She will answer them in this column.

Can I Recycle This?

YES

Cardboard, paper,
plastic bottles, and cans.



Clean Paper & Cardboard

NO

Plastic bags, food waste,
glass, or Styrofoam™.



Coated Paper Containers



Empty Plastic Bottles & Jugs



Other Plastics & Styrofoam™



Empty Aluminum & Steel Cans



All Glass, Food & Yard Waste



DO NOT
bag items!

KEEP IT CLEAN! All items
must be free of food & liquids.

Questions? Call customer service at (801) 363-9995, visit www.acedisposal.com, or email recycle@acedisposal.com

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

By Patricia Smith

Holidays and stress, just like in the “good old days” before COVID is upon us. Many of my old friends have begun almost happily stressing out about dinner invites, cards and who to buy gifts for, delighting in the relaxing of COVID restrictions. It got me to thinking about concepts of being Thankful and Grateful.

We can get almost sappy about what, and who we’re thankful for. But alas, who might be grateful for us? Are we thankful for ourselves and our company? If we aren’t pleased with ourselves then that might be worth stressing about.

An old friend and mentor of mine used to say, *“If you don’t appreciate yourself then why should anyone else?”*

Although holidays are amazing and even feel magical, especially after COVID, how delighted in our company are others? What do we feel we add to the mix? We’ve had lots of time to concentrate on our navels and other body parts.

I was watching a movie about Bucket Lists and was talking to some friends about theirs and was most surprised. We learned quite a lot that we didn’t know about each other. I was surprised that I revealed my desire– to go to Kentucky for the Kentucky Derby. Another friend confessed to wanting to go to Vegas to gamble and see an all-male strip act! She used to be a nun and we never knew she harbored this wish. Two of us, out of the goodness of our hearts, offered to accompany her.

Then someone suggested we say what we would buy ourselves for Christmas. Some of us balked at the idea of treating ourselves, but eventually we all said something.

I mention these experiences as they seem helpful as starting points of more authentic exchanges.

COVID, although awful, is still a valuable instrument in learning and discerning who we really are. *And I am grateful.*

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.



Old 1864 cup, stamped 195 on bottom;
\$10



Waterpik
Kit - \$10



Fellowes Paper Shredder - \$10



Two wine
glasses
with dark
blue stems;
\$5



BARGAIN CORNER



1. Bissel Featherweight bagless stick vacuum...
\$12 (new \$28-\$35)



2. Bissel Clean View, gently used; \$20



Adjustable desk lamp with fluorescent lighting, Provides lots of light! \$8



Wooden chair, \$12.



Mirror with wood frame, 21"W x 25"H;



Wicker laundry basket; \$5



Black glass shelves; \$15

Scrubbers - pot scrubbers - handmade; \$2 each.

Coffee table, 19"x38"; \$15

Small Table Lamp with Shade, - \$10



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON NOV. 7

Clocks will “fall back” one hour at **2 a.m. on Nov. 7**, so remember to roll back the clocks in your home to standard time. Your smartphone and computer should automatically adjust their clocks, so no worries there. . .



2021 Benton County Thanksgiving Gift Cards

Linn Benton Food Share is serving as a clearinghouse for **Low Income Benton County people** who wish to receive a Thanksgiving Food Gift Card. Your name will be released to the community group preparing the gift cards.

Sign up online at <https://form.jotform.com/212716967375164>

Gift Cards will be mailed out this year.

If you are experiencing homelessness you can choose a pick up location when you sign up.

Sign ups end 11/10/21

Cards mailed out by 11/15/21



Don't miss out on
the upcoming sale of:

Raul's Holiday Zucchini Bread



\$8.00 per loaf

OR
2 for \$15.00

Baked in our Samaritan Village Kitchen &
wrapped for the convenience of freezing

Order by November 25th

Delivery to your door will be on
December 10th

Payment due upon delivery
(Cash or Check)

Contact:

Diane Kinman - Apt #30
(206) 453-6800
dianekinman@msn.com



YUM!

Your purchase & contributions help support the Transportation Committee Operations Fund
We thank you for keeping the bus & van up and running!