

# NEWS and VIEWS

## Third Thursday Desserts - Scrumptious!



Above: Mary Lehman and Doris Peters

Peggy Savage and Lee Sansum

Below: Emily Rosen, Pat Zimpelmann, Margie Burnett, Joyce McGhee. Photos by Sandy Nored.



Left: Bill Stirling and Connie.

Right: Vic Russell, Diane Kinman, Peggy Savage

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

January 2022

**W**E are in the new year, 2022, and it seems like such a happy and joyous time. It's a new beginning, a clean slate and new chances and choices are awaiting us. However, we, as members of the older generation know, we still face the same issues, disappointments and concerns that we faced yesterday. But it shouldn't hold us back from new hopes, new dreams, and new visions. We can make of this year whatever we want.

I taught school long enough to know that the true new year begins in September when fresh faces, new personnel and even a new room, offers the chance for new challenges and possibly new opportunities for the following nine months. Sometimes, when you are given a new assignment (no more math, now deal with beginning science) you have new names and new abilities to welcome and form into a workable class.

Whenever the new year comes, it does give us a chance to mend our ways, see life differently, try new ways to meet the world head on. We may have an idea of what to expect, but there are always surprises. I just sat in the dark for three hours wondering when the electricity would come back on. I should have closed my eyes and taken a nap, but then I would have missed that thrill when the room was suddenly filled with light and I could hear the furnace turn on again. That's always a good surprise.

Of course not all the surprises are good. We have lost friends and relatives this past year and are still making the adjustments to a new world. We may have moved to a new location. For those coming to Samaritan Village, it might have been a big step, but now in the new year, there will be new friends to meet, new activities to keep you busy and new ways to enjoy life. The New Year is a way to celebrate that we continue in life with always new

opportunities to change our attitudes, our goals, our list of activities and our circle of friends. You can remember back to that first day of school when you wondered what it would be like and just like the school year, the new year will bring you good times and not-so-good times, friends, happiness, sadness. Most of all it will bring you new chances to reach out to those around you and be grateful for all the warmth and closeness that they bring.

Happy New Year, whether it starts January 1, September 9, your first day at the Village, or the smile of a new friend, may you be blessed in all you do.

--Deacon Peggy Bernhard



# How I cleaned my closets and found myself

By Debby De Carlo

My spring cleaning, such as it is, has changed over the years. As I tackle closets and files, I become ruthless. Each item I get rid of gives me a sense of freedom. And self.

There was a time when spring cleaning meant moving everything, cleaning, and then putting everything—everything—back. I had all the clothes I'd bought over the years. Some I hated and never wore. Many were just too small. I figured I might drop 20 pounds one day, so I hung on to slacks I couldn't begin to squeeze into.

What was really incredible, however, was the amount of other stuff I had accumulated: knitting needles and yarn even though I hadn't picked them up in years. Crochet hooks even though I'd never crocheted. A piano. Canning equipment. If the day ever came when I felt like learning to play the piano or putting up a harvest of vegetables, I'd be ready!

Sometimes I avoided closets. They were reminders of goals I'd set and hadn't begun to reach--of dresses I wasn't sewing, sweaters I wasn't knitting. I began to realize that perhaps one reason I didn't knit any more was that I designed and made quilts. And I didn't can vegetables because I was out

watching birds or writing a story. As I came to accept who I was, I also came to accept who I wasn't.

That spring years ago, my cleaning became a purge. I called a friend who'd always wanted a piano. "Your piano is in my house," I told her. "Can you come and get it?" She did. I gave the canning equipment to a friend who cans, and the size smalls to Goodwill.

Instead of guilt, I now feel something approaching joy when I get rid of things. Joy that I know who I am, that I know I'm happy making use of the gifts and talents I have. Joy that I'm passing on things to people who can use them. Joy that I make time for the really important things and people in my life, especially my grandson.

This sense of self has brought order to my life. But not too much. Books will always litter my living room. The floors need polishing because I've been out watching migrating sandhill cranes.

My closets are free of knitting needles and crochet hooks, though. My attic is empty. I'm not totally free of illusions, however. I'm hanging on to a couple too-small dresses.

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# New Year's Plans

By Patricia Smith

*"He who fails to plan is planning to fail."* – Benjamin Franklin

New Year's has always been my favorite holiday. This year is one I'm particularly looking forward to as it finally dawned on me why my resolutions went so quickly from resolve to dissolve. I had no actual plan and no designated goal date. A prime example was a vague watch on my spending. Now it's a certain clothes budget for a day and only bringing a certain amount. If I save

– yeah; if something is more, then I'll put the item back. What my friend Mindy said, "You know you can't have a backup plan if you don't have a plan to back up from." I thought this didn't make sense till she said, "I would loan you money, but only for something specific."

New Year's approaching and a goal I had was getting rid of what's old. Then I realized that was too vague so the plan is now at least one item tossed by the end of the first week of each month. I'm excited at my plans.

May you discover plans throughout the coming year.

*"And now let us welcome the new year, full of things that have never been."*

— Rainer Maria Rilke



**Snow - Oh No!** This was the scene from my porch on Jackson Street. Clancy and I ventured out at early a.m. so he could go potty. All went well until about a block away, when I noticed he was walking funny. Upon investigating, I found his legs and belly were covered with snowballs! --Diane Kinman



Join in the fun at Samaritan Village. . .

# **THIRD THURSDAY DESSERTS!**

## **3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20**

**On the Third Thursday of each month, a variety of desserts served with coffee or tea will be offered in the Fireside Room**

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

**Dessert only - \$3**



**Desserts will be individually wrapped**

**Presented by the SV House Committee**

**to raise funds for future activities**

## Raul's Holiday Zucchini Bread Fundraising Success!



We sold over 75 loaves of zucchini bread and raised over \$550! A huge “hats off” to Mary Beth and Diane, who delivered them on December 10 to a long list of customers. Just in time for Christmas giving - and eating! Thank you to Jane Callahan for the labels and the posters. And a special thanks to Raul for the many extra hours he spent creating this delicacy! The ingredients were donated by First Alternative Co-Op, Fred Meyer, Trader Joe's, and Market of Choice (gift card for Raul).

Samaritan Village in the snow!



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

## Here's Wishing a Happy Birthday to:

**Jan. 13 - Sandy Nored**

**Jan. 18 - Diane Kinman**

**Jan. 26 - Peggy Savage**

**Jan. 28 - Helene Winward**



## 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).

# Recycling News By Annie Bowers

I recently attended the Master Recycler's Fall Event on Zoom. The speaker was Kenny Larson, Municipal Administrator/Recycling Coordinator, Republic Services. The theme for the meeting was, **"Where Oregon recycling is today and how it will affect things going forward"**. If you would like the link to watch the presentation for yourself, email me at [annellenbowers@gmail.com](mailto:annellenbowers@gmail.com) and I will send it to you.

A new Oregon law starts January 1st, called the "Plastic Pollution and Modernization Act, Senate Bill 582". The first thing we will notice is a universal master list for what Oregonians can and cannot recycle (what we recycle in Portland will be the same as what we recycle in Corvallis). In the coming years the law is designed to hold the manufacturer responsible for the cost of recycling or disposing of packaging. Another piece of legislation that didn't pass, but is expected to pass in the next session is the "Truth in Labeling" law. The cost of recycling or sending to the Landfill will be written on the label when it is approved.

## Some other points of interest discussed in the meeting

The chasing arrow symbol with a number in it on packaging is not an indicator that something can be recycled; instead it refers to the type of plastic the item is. Recyclers everywhere hate this symbol as it causes confusion.

Always put your recyclables in the Recycle Bin without bagging. Of course, never in a plastic bag.

The Sustainability groups in Corvallis are working on a "Green Dining Initiative" to allow the containers sent home from restaurants to be truly recyclable. As of now you **cannot** put clam shells, cups, or any other container sent home from a restaurant in the Recycle bins. *This includes the paper containers we get from Samaritan Village Kitchen* by the way.

Environmentally friendly thinking is now focusing on reducing consumption and packaging. The material being recycled may actually use up more resources and energy than it's worth to make it into something useful again. Reducing consumption and packaging will do more for the planet than any recycling effort.

## My own thoughts after the meeting

I want to try to do more Bulk Food Buying. Grocery stores that sell Bulk foods generally don't allow you to bring your own containers, but they do supply plastic bags and tags to mark the bin number the food comes from. The plastic bags can be recycled in the grocery store bins, usually near the entrance doors.

I checked the Grocery stores in Corvallis and here is what I found out about their Bulk Foods:

--Fred Meyer - Lots of bulk foods.

--WINCO - Lots of bulk foods.

--Safeway - No Bulk foods.

--Market of Choice - Lots of Bulk foods. They have allowed customers to bring their own containers in the past, but now due to Covid restrictions they are not. But they do supply their own bags and tags.

--First Alternative Co-Op - Lots of Bulk things other stores don't have; skin and hair care products, detergents, supplements. Lots of shoppers in their Bulk Food Section. Since they seemed to be the busiest, they probably have the freshest products, locally sourced and Organic as much as possible.

# Here's the Scoop



## HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Peggy Savage, Committee Chair - December 2, 2021

### Staff Gratuity Fund

Samaritan Village residents donated \$1,576.00 to the gratuity fund for our staff. The donations were divided amongst the staff in appreciation for all they have done for us during this difficult year. We received a thank you note from Raul and his family wishing us a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### Third Thursday Dessert

What a wonderful celebration on December 16 at the Third Thursday Dessert. (See photo below.) Residents enjoyed the Christmas decorations, visiting with friends and the delicious desserts provided by the House Committee. Peggy Savage estimates we served 80 bags of cookies, brownies and candy and “gallons of hot cocoa, coffee and tea.”

### Bottle Drop Update

Thank you Annie Bowers, Samaritan Village recycling expert, for collecting returnable bottles and cans to the Bottle Drop. House Committee bottle drop balance is \$45.20. Bottle Drop requirements:

- Discard the bottle caps;
- Rinse out the cans and bottles;
- Leave labels on cans and bottles;
- Put cans and bottles in the blue container in the dining room closet.

The next Third Thursday Dessert will be **January 20, 2022**. See the flier for more information.





**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**Income and Expenses November 2021**

<b>11/01/21</b>	<b>BEGINNING BALANCE - Checking Account</b>	<b>8,693.29</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
	Bus Ticket Sales	120.00
	Daily Trips - Cash+ 41 tickets used	35.50
	Outings (0)	0.00
	Advertising on Bus (October)	350.00
	Donations (1)	30.00
	Bargain Corner Sales (6)	78.00
	<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>613.50</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
	Bus Driver (Diocese)	<b>466.65</b>
	Upload to Travel Debit Card	<b>350.00</b>
	DMV Registration Renewal for Bus	<b>114.00</b>
	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b><u>930.65</u></b>
	<b>Net Income Less Expenses:</b>	<b>(317.15)</b>
<b>11/30/21</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE - Checking Account</b>	<b>8,376.14</b>
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<b>11/01/21</b>	<b>BEG BALANCE - Debit Card Account</b>	<b>448.38</b>
	Inc: Transfer from Reg Checking Acct	350.00
	Exp: Maintenance on Van, Gas et al	<b>341.49</b>
<b>11/30/21</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE - Debit Card Account</b>	<b>456.89</b>
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<b>11/30/21</b>	<b>OTHER ACCOUNT BALANCES:</b>	
	Operational Money Market (Dividend: 0.37)	<b>8,895.09</b>
	New Bus Fund (Dividend: 0.07)	<b>1,803.04</b>
	Business Savings Member Account	<b><u>5.00</u></b>
	<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS:</b>	<b><u>19,536.16</u></b>

**Summary:**

Covid-19 restrictions continue. Ticket sales were about the same as Sep & Oct; daily trips were up from Oct; and continued no outings. Cascade's payment for October was received; however, the November payment is believed to have been fraudulently taken and will be replaced. There were six (6) Bargain Corner Sales. One resident made a generous donation. The November invoice from the Diocese was received and paid. Funds were transferred to the travel debit card to cover van maintenance. Bottomline, October ended with a net loss. The Zucchini Bread Sale was very successful; 4 stores were generous with their donations. Details will be in the December report. The Debit Card (Van/Bus expenses) included a maintenance invoice for the van (oil & transmission oil replacement, air & cabin air filters, wipers, inspection).

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.



Nice Desk Chair in great shape. Comfortable mesh seat. \$20

Three Wire Wisks, various sizes, \$1.00 each



Storage Ottoman, 17" square, dark brown w/hinged lid; \$10\$



Norway Christmas Plate Collectible \$5



Waterpik Kit - \$10

Large crockpot, \$5

Not shown: 13" dia. Aluminum Bowl; \$2



# 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



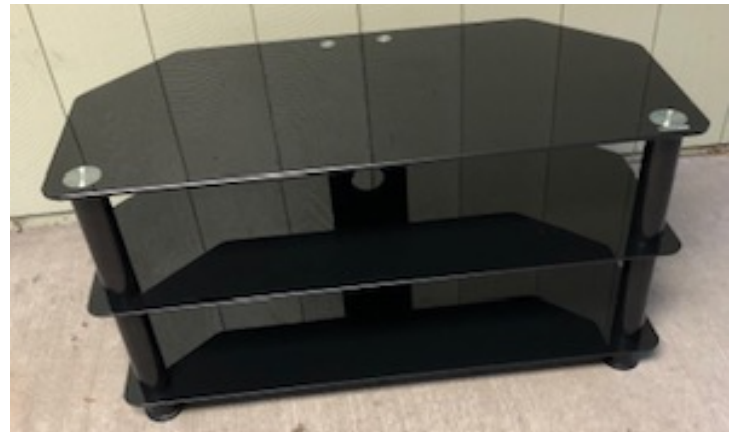
Tupperware, 3 pieces with lids; \$2 each



Microwave Bacon Rack; \$5



Wicker laundry basket; \$5



Black glass shelves; \$15

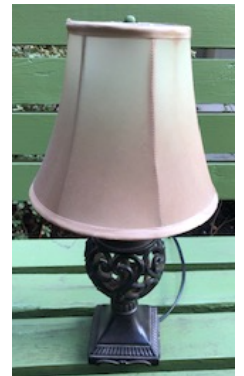


Scrubbers - pot scrubbers - handmade; \$2 each.



Toaster Oven; \$15

Small Table Lamp with Shade, - \$10





Guardian Air Cleaning System \$10. Has both HEPA and charcoal filters for improved air quality.

## BARGAIN CORNER

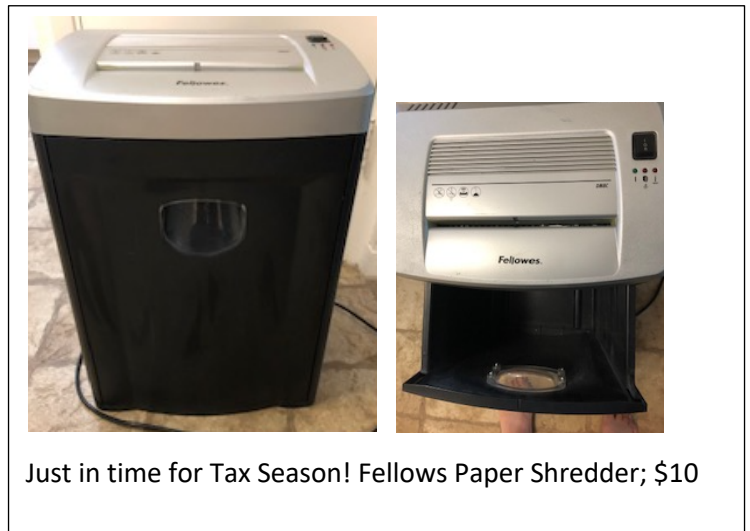
### HANDCRAFTED HOLIDAY TABLECLOTHS



- Right Top: 30x42 unlined \$3
- Right Middle: 32x32 unlined \$3
- Right Bottom: 30x30 lined/reversible \$5



Lap blanket in ivory, approximately 48x48 - \$7



Just in time for Tax Season! Fellowes Paper Shredder; \$10