

# NEWS and VIEWS



Photos by Peggy Savage

## Don't you just love these guys?

A good part of what makes Samaritan Village such a wonderful place to live is the people on our staff who make everything run smoothly. We all know them by their first names, and we know they are always there for us when we need them. I snapped these photos of them last week.

**Top: Raul, Shumi and Dasheng. R: Pete with Pat McKinley, a former SV resident here visiting.)**



# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

## House Committee Officers:

Co-Chair Peggy Savage – treasurer, newsletter and publicity

Co-Chair Kathy Skoff – events organizer

Secretary Pat Zimpelmann

The August 3, 2023 meeting of the House Committee opened at 3:05 PM. In attendance were Kathy Skoff, Peggy Savage, Margie Burnett, Sandy Nored, Martha Wagner and Pat Zimpelmann.

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Peggy gave the Treasurer's Report: We have a standing balance of \$704.65 for the House Committee as of Aug. 3. Cash on hand for games, etc. totals \$39.56. New checks need to be ordered, and Peggy will do that.
- Peggy also deposited a check from Cascade Management for \$900 in the HC savings account which is designated for the Emergency Team. That fund will be used to purchase the backpacks, first aid kits, whistles and blankets approved by the board. Martha Wagner, the Emergency Team leader, will make the purchases and turn in the receipts to Peggy for reimbursement from the fund.

## GENERAL Discussion:

- Peggy announced that Raul will be making a special Mexican lunch on Tuesday, August 8, when a few former SV residents will be coming to visit from Timberhill. Peggy encouraged the House Committee members to join them in the dining room. She is publicizing the event in the newsletter to encourage more residents to join in. (NOTE: The lunch was a social success. Pat McKinley, Dottie Bella and 104-year-old Doris Cox came to visit. The dining room was nearly full of residents who came to enjoy the lunch and meet the ladies from Timberhill. Raul, Shumi and Dasheng were wonderful hosts, and the lunch was fabulous. )
- So many new residents are choosing NOT to have lunch in the dining room, which somewhat defeats the purpose of getting everyone to be socially involved. House Committee members will accompany new residents to the dining room for a few days as well as to any events. Sandy Nored, our new resident liaison, will set that up.
- Peggy also talked with Raul about having a birthday lunch every last Wednesday of the month where we will celebrate those having birthdays in that month. Raul has started doing that. Again, House Committee members are encouraged to attend.
- The By-Laws need to be amended and updated, and Peggy shared a copy of the old by-laws with all of us at the meeting. Since our committee is social, rather than legal, we do not need complex rules.
- Kathy will accompany Peggy to the bank to add her signature to the bank account. Now that Sandy Nored has resigned as treasurer, the committee needs a second signer on the account, and Peggy asked Kathy to do that with her.
- Ayako sent Kathy a letter of thanks for her wonderful birthday celebration, which Kathy shared with the members.
- Martha suggested a "show and tell" in which residents can present their to-go bags and their contents. Nick still needs to meet with our County Emergency official before the residents can have a meeting.

# HERE'S THE SCOOP

## BINGO!

Join the fun on **Saturday, Sept 9** for Bingo, and a chance to win some CASH!

Games are at 3 PM in the Dining Room. Free Snacks and beverages are provided.

Six Games for \$5. Twelve games for \$10, etc. The more people who play, the bigger the cash prizes. All money received goes back out the same day as cash prizes.

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## THIRD THURSDAY DESSERTS

### 3 p.m. Thursday, September 21



**IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM**

**Desserts and beverage - \$5**

**Dessert only - \$3**

Hot coffee, cocoa and tea

*Presented by the House Committee*

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## Non-Denominational Bible Study

**Fridays at 3 pm in the Dining Room**

Laura (Lolly) Day invites everyone to join her group for Bible study on Fridays at **3 pm** in the Dining Room.

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Charley Marvin – Sept. 1

Pat Rolla – Sept. 7

Sarah Hubert – Sept. 11

Sharon McVey – Sept. 14

Mike Ferillo – Sept. 18

Loraine Barnette – Sept. 22

Liz Curran – Sept. 30



## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

If you've moved here within the six months, and want your name included on the birthday list, please contact Peggy Savage at 971-322-6221 or [savagepj1@gmail.com](mailto:savagepj1@gmail.com). We have a new resident form you can fill out if you would like to include your contact information and date of your birthday.

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### COMING EVENTS:

- Beaver Football season is upon us again! We will ask to have the dining room TV set up on home game days. Sept. 9 and 16 are home games.
- **Bingo** will be held on Sept. 9.
- **Third Thursday** falls on Sept. 21.

The meeting closed at 4:10 PM.

# Chaplain's Corner

By

Chaplain Michelle Cornwell



This summer, smoke from nearby wildfires darken Oregon skies even as news of the tragedy in Maui continues to pepper the headlines. It is easy to feel overwhelmed by climate change, or to succumb to despair after listening to a typical day's evening news. I was therefore encouraged and uplifted by a short article in the BBC about a young man saved by his high school teacher in Lahaina. Apparently, he reversed direction upon seeing her in traffic and later hitched a ride to safety. The incident reminded me of other times when hope arises in the midst of harrowing circumstances, like the friendly yellow frog frolicking in the shallows of the Willamette River on one of the smokiest August days. If we are alert to God's presence, we may be surprised to find joy, hope, and healing in surprising ways, including "chance" encounters, shared stories, or silent moments in nature. The apostle Luke seems to make this point when writing his gospel, for he begins chapters two and three by contrasting world events with God's purpose and actions. Many of us are familiar with Luke 2, which begins with the decree of Caesar Augustus to enact a census of the entire Roman world. As a result, Joseph must travel to Bethlehem with his pregnant wife Mary, and Jesus is born in the city of David according to an ancient prophecy. Chapter three opens with a long list of powerful rulers followed by a declaration of God's intervention: "In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, *the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.*" These passages provide the historical context for Jesus' birth and ministry, but Luke's juxtaposition of seemingly trivial events with those of political and historical importance emphasizes the humble locations where God is at work. Essentially, he is saying to his readers, "Pay attention! God is active where you may least expect it!" While our own perspective is severely limited, God's encompasses all time and all places. So, when you next read the newspaper, look carefully at the empty spaces between the lines. That's often where God is busy! And every once in a while, we are made aware of it.

# Good Friends

## Getting together again

Photos by Peggy Savage



L: Liz Curran visits with former resident Dottie Bella. Above: Mary Lehman with her dear friend Doris Cox, 104 years old. R: Pat McKinley playing piano before lunch, just like she used to. L: Pat McKinley visits with Anne Hiler. Below: Diane Kinman, Pat Rolla and Dottie. Pat with Dasheng. Raul with Dottie Bella. **More Photos Page 7**





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Top: Raul sharing pictures of his sons with Doris Cox.  
Top R: Diane Kinman, Pat McKinley and Pat Rolla.  
R: Pamela Tennity with Doris.

Below: Doris Cox, Jan Hanger, Raul and Mary Lehman enjoying Raul's "Mexican Lunch."  
R: Shumi with Dottie Bella. Raul with Diane and Pat.



# From the SV Residents

## Emergency Preparedness Team

### Wildfires, extreme weather, climate change... what can we do?

It's been hard to ignore the impacts of an overheated planet this summer if you read or listen to the news: sustained heat waves in the southwest, 100-degree ocean temperatures in Florida, record flooding in the northeast, catastrophic fires on Maui, a record-breaking wildfire season all across Canada with smoke drifting south from those fires, darkening skies and impacting air quality over much of the US. You don't have to live in "fire country" to have your health impacted by fires burning near or far away.



Did you know that smoke affects people with pre-existing conditions the hardest, especially older people? Maybe you've personally experienced this.

Want to know if it's safe for your health to open your windows or spend time outdoors today? Get an air quality app for your smart phone such as one by AirNow.gov. It's possible that one of the apps offers an option to be notified by text message to your phone.

Not all extreme weather events can be attributed to climate change. Weather patterns like El Niño may also aggravate weather extremes fueled by the burning of fossil fuels, which are increasingly acknowledged as the principal cause of global warming although not everyone agrees on that point!

### What can we as individuals do about a hotter world?

At Samaritan Village we can feel good about having efficient heat pumps and solar panels. We have transportation options for getting around without a car if we choose. We have space to grow some food and flowers. We have multiple collection bins for our recycling efforts, although not all residents may be familiar with the guidelines for their use. Some of us have also made dietary changes, like eating less beef and more of a plant-based diet, with our health and that of the planet in mind.

**A tip about our recycling bins:** In Corvallis, we're fortunate to live in a community where our recycling service includes composting of food scraps. Outside the enclosure on the alley for garbage, cardboard, glass and mixed recyclables, are three bins for yard waste and three bins marked Commercial Food Scrap Recycling meant to be used for food scraps. The top of the bin lists which scraps are acceptable –almost everything except for liquids. **A small amount of paper is ok, including coffee filters, but no plastic of any kind. The clamshell style meal boxes used by the SV kitchen should not be put in the Food Scrap bins or any of the recycling bins although this may change.** (Clean plastic bags can be placed in a collection area on your right as you enter the dining room.)

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## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

### August 2022

Financial Recap:      Income: \$852.50      Expenses: \$822.95      Net Profit: \$29.55

#### Highlights:

- Ticket sales and tickets used were significantly higher than July
- Daily rides were higher in August (43 in August vs 29 in July)
  - *Need a ride: Contact driver Sandy at 541-619-7771*
- The bus was used for two (2) trips in August
  - Compton Family Wines and Softstar Shoes plus Eats & Treats
  - *Watch for notices about upcoming outings*
  - *Have an idea for a day trip/outing?? Let Diane or any member of the Transportation Committee know*
- Bargain Corner Sales – there were three (3) items sold in August (\$495.00) including a donated motorized scooter (\$450)
  - *Buy or Donate Items: Contact Vic 541-745-8748 or Diane 206-453-5800*
  - *Available items are in the Newsletter & posted on the office bulletin board*
- The August payment for bus advertising was not received
- The August invoice for our driver was received & paid in August
- The 2-yr registration renewal for the van was paid to the Oregon DMV
- There were two reimbursements in August

#### **Emergency: Continued from page 8**

Why compost food scraps? When food waste goes to landfills it contributes to greenhouse gas. According to a Republic Services spokesperson, when your scraps go to the local composting facility, they may end up in commercial compost headed to local farms or to companies producing brand-name compost. - Martha Wagner

#### **An Update from the Residents Emergency Preparedness Team**

To recap information from earlier newsletters, a small group of residents formed Samaritan Village's Emergency Preparedness Team in 2022 to assist residents in getting more informed about and better prepared for emergencies (earthquakes, wildfires, floods, etc.) The team applied in spring 2022 for a Neighborhood Empowerment Grant from the City of Corvallis and succeeded in obtaining it to help pay for purchase of several preparedness items for all residents. More recently the Emergency Preparedness Team asked the Samaritan Village Board to supplement the city grant with a donation that would allow the team to purchase more items and the Board agreed. The team is working out details on how and when to deliver supplies to residents when the items arrive. There are also plans for another informative presentation on emergency preparedness this fall. Current members of the Emergency Preparedness Team are Martha Wagner, Emily Rosen and Patricia Zimpelmann. Anyone interested in helping the group should contact Martha at (503) 319-3353 or [wordbizpdx@gmail.com](mailto:wordbizpdx@gmail.com).

# Chaplain Services

## Updates and Reminders

**A**ll are always welcome to join the weekly gatherings:

- Bible Study, Wednesdays at 1 PM, SV library
  - Currently, we study the previous Sunday's gospel reading in various translations and share our thoughts with one another.
  - *No study on Sept. 20th*
- Morning Prayer Service, Thursdays at 11 AM, fireside room
  - Episcopal service of morning prayer
  - *No service on Sept. 7th or 21st*

### Reminders/Updates:

- If you would like the SV chaplain to be informed in case of hospitalization or rehabilitation, please sign the waiver on the outside bulletin board and return it to mailbox #2 next to the office.
- Chaplain visits are available by appointment most weekday afternoons, except Mondays.
- Starting in September, Michelle begins a new chaplaincy training program and will be seeking **volunteers** to participate in one-one-one conversations about faith, life's challenges, prayer, or whatever topic you'd like to discuss. If you are interested, leave a note in mailbox #2 or call/text Michelle. A staff member can give you her phone number if you need it.
- **From September 16-23 and October 13-16, Michelle will be absent** but will remain available by phone.



Table-top ironing Board \$4



Wooden folding chair. \$7



Dansk dishes – 3 dinner plates and 3 salad plates, 1 mug; \$12

Items available on a first-come first-served basis. 100% of proceeds donated to Sam Village Transportation Fund. To donate or purchase, call Vic Russell, 541-745-8748 or Diane Kinman at 206-453-5800. If you need something specific, call Vic.

Pillows Pillows Pillows \$2 each



Rustic metal vase,  
8" wide x 9" high; \$5



Four-drawer chest, 30" x 16" x 32" high; \$20



If you just moved in and find you have too much "stuff" – the Bargain Corner is looking for suitable donated items to sell! All proceeds support our van/bus service.



Unique table lamp;  
tiered base with beaded  
shade. 22" tall. \$15



Five utensil set  
w/ wooden handles  
\$5

Mayfield Parrish  
framed glass print  
24"x30"; \$5



10" stainless steel pan  
With lid; \$5



Vegetable steamer basket; \$2



Food Chopper \$2



1-qt Farberware or Revere-  
Ware pans w/lids; \$5 each



2-qt aluminum pan  
w/lid; \$4



5-qt RevereWare stockpot  
w/lid; \$5



Lakewood Portable Heater  
\$10



Solid wood side chair  
w/wicker seat. \$15



Square cotton tablecloth; \$4

