



OCTOBER, 2015

Clergy Appreciation Month

10/12 Columbus Day



10/4 – St. Francis Day

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Autumn is reflected in the following pictures taken by Sam Postlethwait around University Place and the Celery Bog. Thank you, Sam.





OCTOBER 2015 HAPPY DAYS



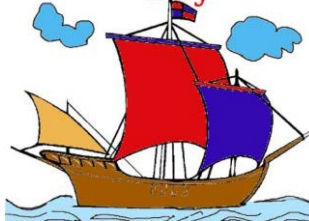
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

02 Janet Blickenstaff
05 Tippen McDaniel
06 Marty Becker
06 Bill Weinhardt
08 Channing Blickenstaff
08 Charlie Hardy
17 Marian Monke
19 Sid Kilsheimer
21 Beth Brumit
21 Nancy Hardy
23 Sandy Pearlman
26 Philip Gelvin

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

01 Ellie & Bernie Zook
12 Bill & Sandra Weinhardt

Happy Columbus Day



Consider making a donation to the UPR Foundation on your friend's or loved one's special day.

Happy Birthday to all AL and HC residents who have birthdays in October!



Contentment is not the fulfillment of what you want, but the realization of how much you already have.



Because the University Place population changes almost daily, if we did not include your happy date, we are sorry and would like to be notified of the omission. Regarding IL & GH call Beth Brumit, 463-0203; for AL & HC call Concierge, 464-5600.

FIRST FLOOR NEWS

IT'S THE AGE THING!

When you're a little kid, you are so excited about getting older that you think in fractions, "How old are you?"

"I'm six and a half." Nobody ever says "I'm 53 1/2." The greatest day of your life is when you BECOME 21. But you TURN 30. It makes you sound like bad milk. Then you are PUSHING 40. It's all slipping away. Then you REACH 50. My dreams are gone. Next you MAKE IT to 60. By then you've built up so much speed that you HIT 70.

After that, it's day by day. You HIT Wednesday. In your 80's, you HIT lunch. In the 90's, you start going backward. "I was just 92."

Then, if you make it over 100, a strange thing happens. You become a kid again. "I'm 104 and a half!"

--Comedian Larry Miller

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was 68 years old when he wrote the following:

"Age is opportunity no less than youth itself."

-- Gene Soderberg

SECOND FLOOR NEWS

On Wednesday September 9th, Philip and Mallory Closson and son Christian from Destin, Florida, and Karen Closson had lunch with BETH BRUMIT. Philip, Captain in the Air Force, wanted Beth to see her great-grandson in person for the first time. Later Beth had an enjoyable afternoon and evening with the family at Jeff and Karen's home. Sunday September 13, Jeff and Karen drove Beth to Thorntown so that she could see her Woody cousins. Twenty-five Woody cousins gathered at the lovely country home of Cliff and Leanna Woody for delicious food, fun and fellowship. Dr. Pat Seiler from near Grand Rapids, MI, and her sister Jan Sawyer from Steam Boat

Springs, CO, came the farthest; the other cousins came from cities in Indiana. Most of these cousins are 30 years younger than Beth as they are children of Beth's 1st cousins. Four generations ranging from 93 down to one month were represented.

September was the month when relatives came to visit BRUCE and JANICE COOKE. A first-cousin-once-removed and his wife came on a Tuesday for lunch; a daughter came the following Thursday for lunch, and the next weekend another daughter, husband and three sons ate two meals with us. Mighty nice to see them all.

Over the Labor Day weekend, DORIS and CLIFF SWENSEN'S grand niece, Sarah Raab Smith, her husband Nate and daughters Emma and Phia flew in from Bend, Oregon. Grandson Paul flew in from New York, Grandson Matthew and wife Caroline drove up from Nashville, Tenn., daughter Lisa Royer drove up from Ky. Combined with daughter Susan from W. Lafayette and grand daughter Karen McCullough, husband Allen and daughters Evie, Charlie and Sylvia and Cliff and me, we were 16 strong. We had a wonderful visit and can't say enough about the way our dining service took care of us. A wonderful weekend!

The Geese Are Restless Tonight

Fall is upon us, with the days getting shorter, the nights cooler and the leaves beginning to show some color. The geese – the hundred or more which graze on the grass in our "north forty," are restless. They're fidgety, honking, quarreling, looking longingly to the southern sky. Deep within them, in their bones, their brains, their wings, their very guts is the inherited instinct to fly – to rally their family and friends and one morning alight,

SECOND FLOOR NEWS (cont'd)

soar aloft and take up the classic vee formation. Thus they would join literally millions of their fellows at the southern feeding grounds. Their deepest instincts are surging, boiling, bubbling, calling them to take wing.

Opposed to these instinctual drives, however, is the advice handed down from gander to gosling countless times here in the Celery Bog country: "Remember where you were hatched. Stay with your family. Help me look after your great grandmother. Have your mate build her nest and lay her eggs where you or she were hatched, beside the bog or in the flower bed." This sort of exchange began decades ago when the first pair of Canada Geese, while flying north or south and experiencing some difficulty remaining aloft, left the protection of the vee and glided down to the waters of the Wabash or of the Celery Bog.

Venturesome as they were, they liked what they found in this part of Indiana and settled in for the rest of the year. Spring brought the usual nesting procedures, and soon six goslings were strutting along between their two parents. Instinct prevailed with four of them, and in due time they joined the annual fall migration south. Two, however, remained with their parents, who now had the arduous task of finding mates for their Indiana-born children. Obviously they were successful; just look around you any evening. Instinct vs. culture – the old conflict which grips us in what we have named AMBIVALENCE. Our water fowl friends do not have a monopoly on ambivalence. There are times when I wish I were back in Virginia; I spent 34 years there, more than 20 on the large

lake where the slaughter of the TV interviewer and camera man dominated the nation's news for a few days. However, to return to Virginia would involve leaving University Place, all my friends among the residents and associates who mean so much to me. So, move over, you noisy geese, you're not the only ones suffering from ambivalence.

--Bruce Cooke

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

In the September UP Beat 2015 issue (page 4), an article submitted by KAREN BOGAN was misprinted and some of her writing was deleted. This is the article she submitted in September as it should have read. Our apologies to Karen from the UP Beat Editor.

Bright and early on the morning of August 5, 2015, KAREN BOGAN and JANET STROUD got into the back seat of a Honda Civic and headed to Crested Butte, Colorado. Alan (affectionately known as "Buck") & Debbie Gossard were the drivers for the long trip west. The focus of the trip was for Buck to run the ascent AND the marathon at Pike's Peak. The trip was a family adventure for everyone involved. David (nicknamed "Butch") & Janie Gossard and their daughter JeanMarie (Tuey) flew from Andover, Massachusetts, to film Buck's adventures, not only his training but his actually completing the runs. The days between August 5th and the 15th were loaded with hikes, laughter, filming and discussing the footage of Buck's training. The discussions covered the "cornfields of Indiana", falling down with the camera on Mt. Shaw in New Hampshire, to practically dive-bombing Buck w/the drone camera because Butch was a novice operator of the drone. The family also discussed that regardless of whether the end film went to

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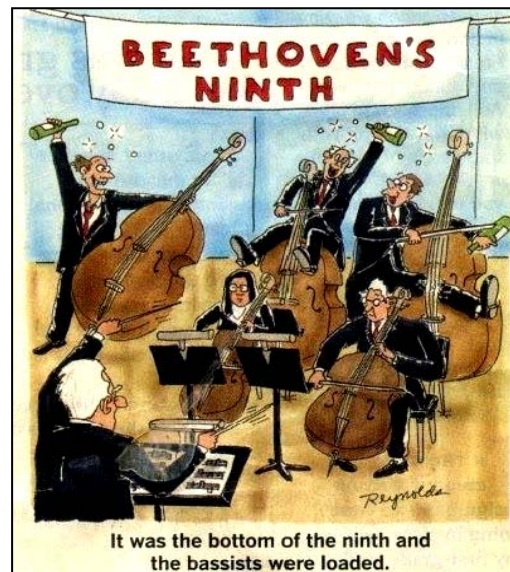
Hollywood or just stayed quietly with family and friends, it was a time that everyone enjoyed. As a special treat, Janet's daughter (Cindy) and her family who live in Crested Butte were able to enjoy the craziness with all in the family who came to where the action was. Two days before the race, Butch, Janie & Tuey left for Manitou Springs to scope out great vantage points for the filming of the ascent and the marathon. While trying to find the best points from which to film, Butch found a building in which he found the roof to be quite the spot. He took it upon himself to ask the proprietor if he could plant Janie and some cameras on top. Deep down, he was sure that the owner would have a few words for him just for asking. Much to his surprise, not only did the owner tell him that he was welcome to film from the top of her building, she also had a second building which he could use if the first one didn't work out. The building worked out well. The day of the ascent was filled with excitement: The man with the loud speaker announcing various people throughout history who had won the races, but letting everyone know ALL of the rules of the races. Buck's goals were to finish the race in the allotted time, have no blood AND finishing with a smile. He was able to reach ALL of the above. He finished the ascent in 4 hours and 52 minutes and some seconds AND the marathon in 9 hours 2 minutes and some seconds. He finished with no blood AND a Smile. ☺

THIRD FLOOR NEWS

Wednesday, September 23rd, was a great day for us. BARBARA and JIM HITTLE'S son, Mark, and his wife, Lynn, visited us from Lowell, IN, and brought their granddaughter Gwen (our great

granddaughter aged 3), with them. The original plan was that the Boilermaker Special would be here, and we could all take a ride. However, the Special did not arrive due to no driver available, so we had to go to Plan B, and that was a trip to Columbian Park. Gwen was thrilled by everything, but especially the zoo. She petted the goats, and was overwhelmed by everything. We also took the train ride in the park. At the end of the day, Barbara and Jim were thoroughly beat, and Mark and Lynn were not far behind, but Gwen was still going strong. After the zoo we returned to UP, and all enjoyed some ice cream. It was a wonderful day, and we had no trouble going to sleep that night.

BERNICE RICHMOND spent the second week of September in Madison, Wisconsin, visiting a son. He works with a cheese merchant who sells 57 kinds of cheese- (not all made in Wisconsin). Madison is an interesting and beautiful city. Yes, I returned with some cheese from "Fromagination".



Submitted by:
Tom Kelly

No Garden Homes News was sent in this month.



LEW WALLACE **RENAISSANCE MAN**

It is regrettable that only 7 residents were present at 4:30 p.m., September 22, 2015, when Larry Paarlberg, Director of the General Lew Wallace Study and Museum, Crawfordsville, Indiana, spoke in the Education Room for almost fifty minutes about the remarkable General and author. His pedigree was traced to John Paul Jones, and he was related to Daniel Boone. His father became Governor of Indiana. Lew was born in Brookville, IN, but while he was very young, he moved to Covington, Indiana, with his parents. Esther, his mother, died when Lew was seven; Lew and his father did not understand each other and did not get along well. When he was ten, his father married nineteen year old Zerelda and introduced her to Lew as his new mother. Lew was resentful and mean to Zerelda, but after she cared for him during a severe fever, his attitude changed. In school he was often a truant, could do many things except math, and as one brother was a lawyer, he studied with him but failed his bar exam. Next he went into the U.S. Army in Mexico where he served under Henry Lang who became his brother-in-law. Lew met Sarah Elston, daughter of the wealthy founder of Michigan City and Elston, Indiana, at a party; after they became engaged, her parents hoped they would break up. Lew finished his law studies, passed the bar and after a three

year engagement, they married. They had one son, Henry, and as an adult he managed the estate. Lew became a General during his four years of service in the Civil War; his greatest battle was Shiloh; also, he is credited with saving Cincinnati and Washington, D.C., from the Confederacy. After the war, he was a Judge in the Lincoln conspirators and the Andersonville trials. Because he spoke Spanish, he was sent to Mexico in an effort to stop problems caused by Maximilian. He next served as Ambassador to Persia and became a close friend of the Sultan who allowed Lew and Susan to travel all over his empire. Both Lew and Susan authored several books, but millions of dollars were made on “Ben Hur”, a best seller for fifty six years. Lew was working on his autobiography when he died in 1905 at age seventy seven. Larry Paarlberg concluded by saying he plans to return to University Place again to tell another side of Lew Wallace’s life and personality. For information about touring the Lew Wallace Study, phone (765)362-5769 or email study@ben-hur.com





THE BULLETIN BOARD



The Education Committee is pleased to present an 8-week lecture series entitled "Broadway Musicals." Professor Bill Messenger from the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University is a talented pianist, which added to his informative lectures make an engaging combination.

This series begins on Monday October 19, 2015 at 4:00 PM in the Education Room.

--Ellie Zook



The next **Tippecanoe Taizé** will be at 7 pm, on October 20, 2015, at First Baptist Church in Lafayette, Indiana. Sign up at the Concierge's desk for transportation to this inspirational, ecumenical, worship of Scripture, Songs, and Silence.



UPR FOUNDATION

The Board of Directors encourages all residents to attend the reception celebrating the tenth anniversary of the UPR Foundation with a toast on Tuesday, October 13 at 3:30 in the Great Room. You will want to hear about the progress toward "Achieving the Future Story" as well as hearing about Foundation projects in progress.

-- Barbara Hansen



EARLY VOTING AT UNIVERSITY PLACE

On October 14, 2015, early voting will start at 12:00pm (noon) in the Great Room.



The Busy Bees will meet at 1:00pm in the ILCAR Room on October 9th and October 23, 2015.



BISHOP DOHERTY'S LECTURE ON MERCY

On Tuesday, September 1, in a crowded room of UP residents and interested visitors, Bishop Doherty of the Diocese of Lafayette, Indiana, gave a lecture on Mercy, the subject of a recent document from Pope Francis calling for a Year of Mercy.

He started by asking the audience to refrain from trying to understand mercy in their own cultural categories, citing the example of those who consider it only as forgiving criminals.

Quoting Pope Francis' opening statement: "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy," Bishop Doherty said that the mark of a Christian is mercy, "loving kindness at all levels."

After explaining the implications of mercy for Catholics, he shared a number of changes in the Vatican and the Catholic Church that would show mercy to more people.

He then talked about mercy's entailment for all Christians: encountering peoples of all kinds, getting involved in important parts of their lives, finding out what they need, and helping them. Giving mercy encompasses all, not just those we know. It means living out our gospel lives. It is unselfish magnanimous love, not vengeance, even in the political realm. Forgiveness of others is also a part of mercy as is being thankful for God's forgiveness of us.

Pope Francis declared that as a symbol of the extension of mercy to all, several Catholic cathedrals around the world would keep their main door open during this holy year.

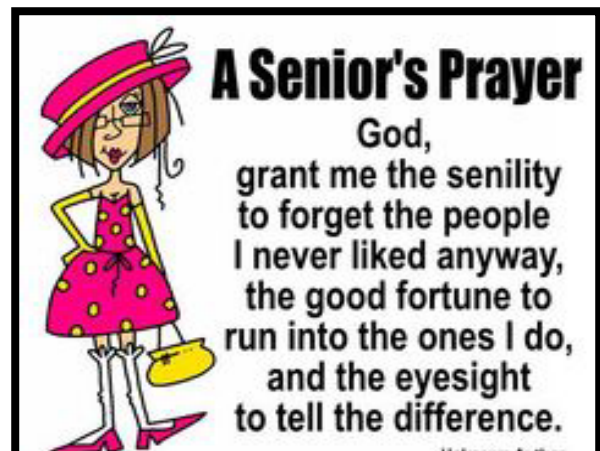
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At the end of the lecture, Bishop Doherty responded to a number of questions and comments.

--Janice Lauer Rice

UNIVERSITY PLACE GARDENS





GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR



Virginia “Ginny” Kilcoyne Wood moved into IL 131 in early September from her West Lafayette home of the past twenty five years on Salisbury Street. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, as her parents’ fifth child; she had two older brothers, two older sisters and two younger sisters. One brother served in the U. S. Navy during World War II; the other is a priest in Cleveland. Their parents had both come to the U.S. from Ireland, and her mother became a governess in New York City. When her employers moved to Cleveland, Ohio, she continued to work for them there until she married a lad she had met at an Irish picnic. Ginny’s father died when she was sixteen. She had attended St. Ignatius School and Lourdes Academy in Cleveland, and her high school business skills enabled her to become a Section Head of the Legal Department at Prudential Insurance Company. Ginny became engaged to a young man whose best friend was Arthur Wood; Arthur also was engaged. The two couples often double-dated. Later both engagements were broken, and Arthur sought out Ginny. Arthur had served in the U.S.

Navy during World War II; he was on the first ship that docked in Tokyo Bay when the war ended. He became a left-handed pitcher for the Cleveland Indians during baseball season and a Mechanical Engineering student at Notre Dame in the winter. Thus he needed six winters to graduate from Notre Dame. Art and Ginny were married in 1953 in Middleburg Heights, Ohio. After baseball, Art was employed by Alcoa and was transferred by Alcoa about thirty years ago to Lafayette, Indiana. In Lafayette Ginny enjoyed her two years as a member of the YWCA Newcomers Club and after it, the YWCA Cosmopolitan Club. She especially enjoyed golf and “serious Bridge”. She and Art became the parents of seven children: three boys and four girls, and their family dog, Sarge, was a gentle black Labrador mix who lived seventeen years. After they had lived in Lafayette for ten years, Art died suddenly of a heart attack. Ginny went to work at the Sears Credit Department Merchants’ Accounts. In this position she worked 9 am to 2 pm which enabled her to be at home as the children left for school and when they returned. Some of Ginny’s children attended Purdue, Indiana, Indiana State and Ball State Universities, and now most of them live in Indiana with one in Texas and one in Florida. She has seventeen grandchildren scattered in many states and has been looking forward to seeing many of her family soon at a granddaughter’s wedding in Colorado. She is happy with her new home, the lovely view from her living room windows and the good food. Ginny, your new neighbors are happy that you are here and heartily say, “Welcome”!

Book Discussion Luncheon

On Wednesday, September 9, about 25 residents gathered in the Four Seasons Room to have a delicious lunch and hear a discussion by Brian K Morris about his book *Santastein*. Book discussions are held on the second Wednesday, every other month, so residents can hear about new and interesting books, usually from other residents. This time, the book's author was speaking.

Who is Brian K Morris? Mel Brutsman told me about him—he is the husband of Carol Morris, one of our cooks. Brian knew he was a writer since he was in seventh grade, and after publishing newspaper stories, ad copy, webpage content, stage plays, short stories and pop culture articles, he has now began publishing books. His publisher is Amazon, and he can be found through the Amazon website.

He discussed the procedure to do your own publishing through Amazon and also read the first chapter of his book *Santastein*. A takeoff of the Frankenstein story but with a Christmas flavor (Santa), it is a “tale of holiday horror told with much inappropriate humor.”

Brian is a fun speaker, enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and personable. The book is in the library, so residents can find out what Santa was up to in this funny book of “holiday horror.”

--Barbara Becker

Pie Eating Contest

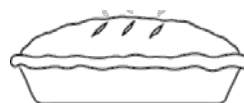
The five purple-hued balloons with lettering about the Walk for Alzheimer's on September 27, floated above the long table.

It was indeed a (whole!) Chocolate-Mousse-pie eating contest, on Thursday, September 3, 2015, in the UP lobby with

Nancy Eberhard emceeing the event. She stated that no hands could be used, and the first to eat the whole pie would be the winner. She explained the voting system, then introduced the four contestants - Whitney, David, Umberto, and Katie - all seated at a long cloth-covered table with more cloths underneath to protect the carpet. Whitney and Katie each wore a bib, David had shed his tie, and Umberto was just ready. The gals were more delicate in their approach, whereas the fellas just dove in, each ending up with pie all over thier faces. Umberto had a specific plan of attack; David, however, needing to clean his face, just reached over and rubbed it on Umberto's handy sleeve, accompanied by howls of laughter from the large audience. Then things heated up - Umberto was declared the winner, and his whipped cream and chocolate pie remains suddenly flew to David's face! Not to be outdone, David reciprocated, and their pie remnants seemed to take flight between them. The audience roared with laughter but was starting to run for cover! Was this planned or a spontaneous move??? Everything was quickly cleaned up - table, floor, faces - and Nancy announced the results of the voting and cash raised for Alzheimer's: Umberto ate his pie the fastest; there were 29 votes for Whitney, 28 for David, 80 for Umberto, and 25 for Katie.

This could be an annual event perhaps, but Thursday's contest would be a hard one to follow. Nancy expressed thanks to the participants and to those who donated to the Alzheimer's association.

--Deb Lindenlaub

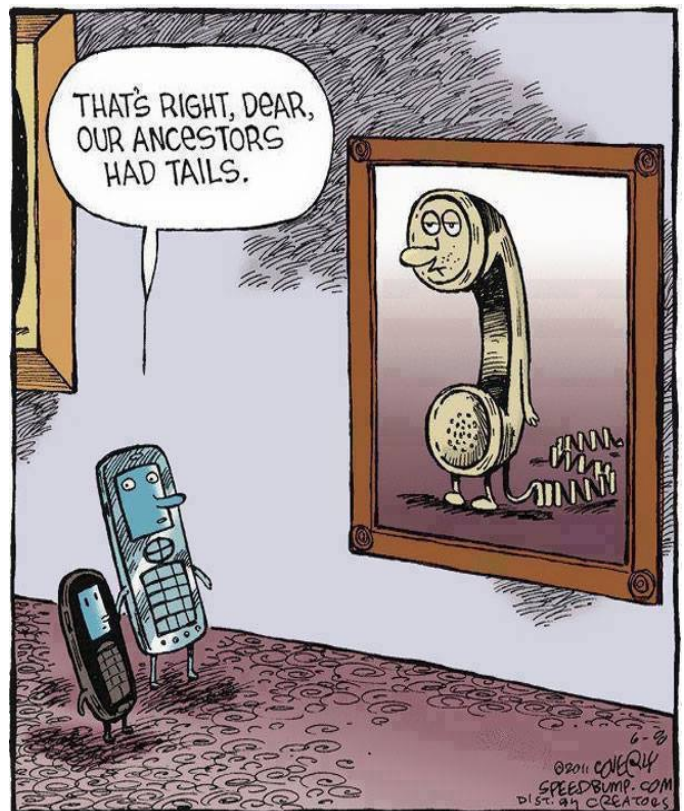


THINGS MY POLISH MOTHER TOLD ME AND OTHER MYTHS



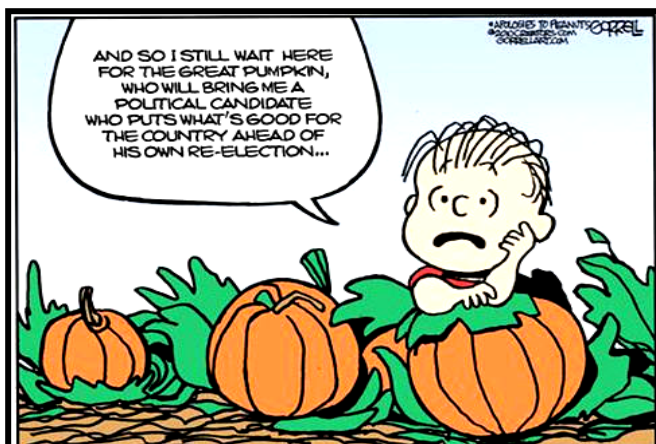
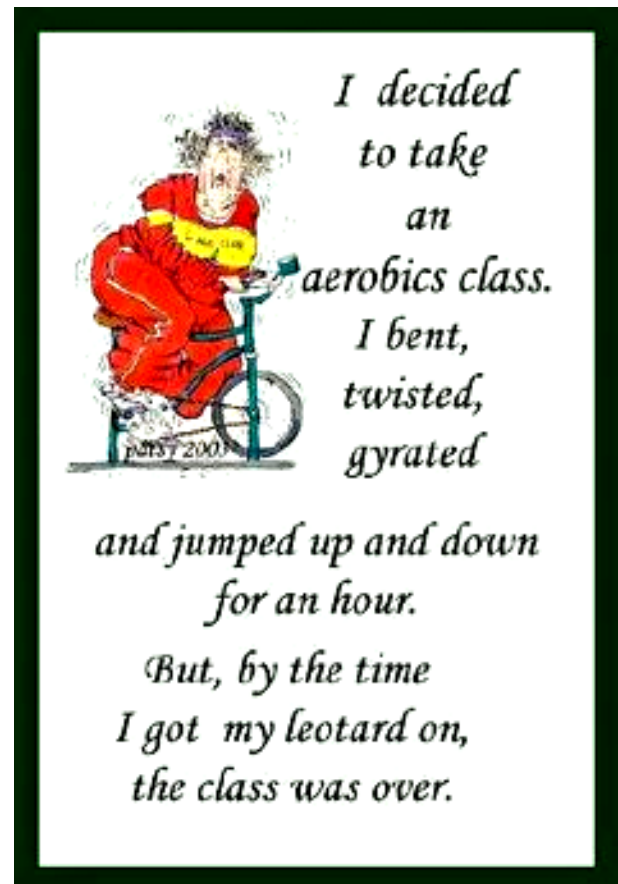
Wellness Committee Chairman Richard Shoemaker, M.D., introduced Mary A. Sadowski, Professor of Computer Graphics at Purdue University, to 45 UP residents and guests on September 8, 2015, in the Education Room. Mary graduated from Bowling Green University, earned a Master's Degree at Ohio State University and a Ph.D. at Purdue. She is second generation Polish, the 5th child of Polish parents, and titled her 15 minute talk "Things My Polish Mother Told Me and Other Myths". Her talk is the result of Mary's invitation to speak at a Y luncheon near the Christmas holidays and to include topics on family, holidays, and health. As laughter is the "best medicine", her humorous presentation of many health warnings we heard from our mothers and repeated to our children fulfilled the Y's request. She gave us a number of True or False quizzes. Although she said younger audiences do less well on the quizzes, we

found ourselves giving wrong answers surprisingly often regarding catching colds or flu; the necessity of 8 glasses of water daily; why eating seems to make us drowsy; if eating at night makes us fat; is breakfast the most important meal of the day; which are the most nutritious: fresh or frozen foods; which beverage has the most caffeine; best hangover cures; outdated First Aid remedies; the most dangerous days to drive a car; and many more truths or myths. Mary was vivacious and interesting; her final quote from her Polish mother; "If wishes were horses, beggars would ride", an English language proverb and nursery rhyme originating in the 16th century which is usually used to suggest that it is useless to wish and that better results will be achieved through action.



MUSIC PROGRAM

On September 17, 2015, Paul Feiman and his wife Jan presented a program on Rag, Jazz, and Dixieland: Hoosier style. He discussed the origin of Jazz (spelled Jass in the earlier years) and the origin is really unknown. It was felt, not written. It was heard in California, New Orleans, New York, and in between. He talked about many artists and composers from Indiana. They came from Indianapolis, Rensselaer, Goodland, Bloomington, and Terre Haute. He included the information that Stardust was first played as a Jazz piece. He gave some background about the composers, and then we listened to some of their music. He asked if anyone had heard of Eddie Condon? Audrey Roberts said, "Yes, he had a Jazz club in mid-Manhattan, and we used to go there to listen to Jazz." The Roberts lived in Brooklyn as did Paul Feiman. They knew the same streets, schools, etc. It was a fun exchange. After the program Ron Stroup informed our guest host about our own Harley Frey. He told of his musical ability and knowledge; and that he had composed some Rag. It was an enjoyable program. It was well attended by an interested audience. --Doris Swensen



Happy
Halloween 

HERBAL MEDICINE- HISTORY and APPLICATIONS

A presentation on Herbal Medicine through the ages was presented in the Education Room at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 24, by Glory June Greif. She is a self-professed expert on this subject and brought eleven (11) different samples of herbs which she grew in her garden. Up until the turn of this century 90% of all medications used herbs in their chemistry. Today, only 35% are derived from herbs. Today, even common over-the-counter medications like Aspirin utilize a herb derived from willow bark called Quinac Malaric. At one time, pupil dilation for eye exams used Bella Donna as the med. It was interesting to note that common herbs like clovers, lambs quarters, daisies and dandelions are rich in Vitamins A, C and E and were all imported to the U.S. from Europe originally. The Egyptians used common bread mold as an antibiotic and today, Penicillin is a derivative of bread mold. The early Greeks & Romans used Garlic for treating fever and respiratory ailments. Early Christians and Monastaries kept herbal medicine alive like the Yule log and holly which upheld early Pagan traditions. St. Johns Wort was used to treat light mental depression. Hepatica for liver ailments and Bloodroot and Ginseng for blood cleansing treatments for fever. Thomas Jefferson wrote about botany in the colony of Virginia as treatments for various ailments. Homeopathic medicine is in common use today in this country. There are two Homeopathic hospitals in the U.S.

After the History lesson, Glory then discussed the eleven (11) herb samples in glass jars she had brought to show at this meeting. She passed around samples of four herbs for us to see, feel, smell & touch. The samples are listed here with some typical healing qualities:

- 1) Sage – Said to add to your virility, a blood purifier, helps to treat colds and relieves indigestion.
- 2) Garlic – In the onion family, for fevers & respiratory system.
- 3) Yarrow – The tea of this herb is a blood purifier and prevents colds.
- 4) Lemon – Rich in Vitamin C and good for throat health.
- 5) Honey – Natural Bee's honey is an excellent antiseptic.
- 6) Alfalfa – Rich in Vitamins A,E,C,E & B9, treats rheumatism & arthritis and is good for the kidneys, coughs, headaches and nausea.
- 7) Mint – Both Spearmint and Peppermint are an excellent digestive aid.
- 8) ,9 ,10 & 11) Holly, Mistletoe, Sassafras, Rosemary, & Thyme (used in Vicks) are all good to treat colds and headaches.

Glory Greif will return to U.P. for a poetry presentation in October. If possible, please attend. Unfortunately, only nine (9) residents were in attendance at this herbal medicine session. No bulletins were posted, and the meeting was only listed on our monthly calendars.

Submitted by: Ron Stroup

RONALD and NANCY REAGAN **PROGRAM**

On Monday morning, September 28th, 2015, we were fortunate to have two lovely impersonators of Ronald Reagan and Nancy Davis Reagan greet us here at University Place. They told us the highlights of the lives of our 40th President and of his First Lady.

William and Sue Wills did an excellent job of presenting both the personal side of events in the lives of the Reagans as well as news of those days when Ronald was President. Will did all of the research on this famous couple while Sue did the editing and designing of costumes.

The following is a portion of the lives of Nancy and Ronald as told by William and Sue:

Ronald Wilson Reagan was born in Tampico, Illinois, on February 6, 1911. Ronald's mother was a teacher, and his father was a salesman. In 1920, the family moved to Dixon, Illinois, where Ronald lived until he became a radio reporter. He enjoyed reporting play-by-play activity of the Cubs baseball games. Later he visited Los Angeles where he had a movie screen test and did not hear anything from that so he returned home to Illinois, and shortly thereafter he was called back to Los Angeles to play Knute Rockne and then the next year to play Custer in the movies.

In 1940 Ronald Reagan married Jane Wyman, and they were divorced in 1949. In 1952 Ronald married Nancy Davis, and later they had a daughter that they named Patty and later a son.

In 1954 Ronald became security host of GE Theatre. In this job he went all over the U.S. to GE plants giving pep talks and speeches for eight years. Ronnie was later

brought to the forefront in politics when he was working and talking for Barry Goldwater. This launched Ronald's political career--so much so that he later won the Governor of CA race. Then they moved into the Governor's mansion. Nancy stated it was called a mansion, but in reality it was in very poor condition. Later they purchased their own home. Also while they were living in CA, Ronald purchased a ranch.

In 1980 Ronald Reagan became President of the United States of America and served for two terms. Reagan became known as the Great Communicator. He took office when he was just short of seventy years old. While they were living in the White House Congress allocated \$70,000 for renovation of this beautiful building.

Many tax bills and Social Security reforms were passed with Bi-Partisan votes. Many important historical events happened during the terms of Reagan's presidency such as the Berlin Wall was torn down, 167 U.S. citizens captured by Iran were released, the spaceship, "Challenger" exploded, and Nancy's program that she started called "Just Say No to Drugs," was successful.

Nancy nursed Ronald while he recovered from a serious gunshot wound inflicted by a would-be assassin in 1981, and he stood by Nancy when she underwent a mastectomy for breast cancer in 1987.

Shortly after leaving office Reagan was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and Nancy took care of him until his death in 2004 at age of 93.

Editor's Note: Nancy celebrated her 94th birthday on July 6, 2015.

-- Betty Wade

THOSE ROADSTERS OF YESTERYEAR

“What a sight,” said one goose to his mate, as they glided overhead midday on Sunday, September 20th at University Place. “A veritable swirl of color,” she replied: “black, tan, maroon, blue, teal, maroon, light green, cream, silver, gray, red, green, red, even brighter red, green, maroon, yellow, teal green, yellow and blue-green –and that’s going clockwise.”

Lacking the geese’s gift of flight, many residents and their friends walked around the oval. They conversed with the owners, and some reclined on their folding chairs. As they walked, were wheeled or in one instance “scooted,” they found Cadillacs, a Reo, two Packards, a Ford Model A, three Chevrolets including one Corvette, a Pontiac GTO, an ancient Mercury, a ’28 Ford coupe with a rumble seat, among the convertibles two Fords, a Pontiac and a VW, a 1947 KBZ, and a ’29 or ’30 Ford pickup.

The year 1927 was perhaps the earliest date posted on these beautifully restored cars. Where were you in 1927? What kind of automobile was your father driving? Some of us can remember when some brands of autos were no longer manufactured. Were you aware there was pending trouble on Wall Street? However you answer these questions, this great display surely brings back many memories.

It also arouses deep admiration for the folks who have restored them. As you chat with them, you learn how they restored the exterior shells, where they found the panels and the doors and the challenge of matching paint colors. You

probably learned that the supplying of parts for antique cars has become a new and thriving business. The engines are a different matter, and you will hear, for example, that at one point in the latter years Packard of Canada was installing Chevrolet engines in their products. I found that every restorer is a talker, “Fred” Frederickson included, and I’m grateful for all of ‘em.

--BRUCE COOKE, of
Flint, Michigan, Buick and Chevrolet
Fame.





Columbus

We all know that Columbus believed the world was round when others believed it was flat and that if you traveled far enough you would go over the edge. We also know that Columbus reached what we now know as America. While there are still a few who believe Columbus returned to Spain and told Queen Isabella that he discovered a new world, most believe he had told her he had reached India.

Recently documents written by Queen Isabella's official scribe were uncovered revealing what Columbus actually said on returning from his first voyage. His first words were, "I'll bet I'm the first man who ever got nineteen hundred miles on a galleon."

OBSERVATIONS

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.

Old age is when you have stopped growing at both ends, and have begun to grow in the middle.

You're getting old when you don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.

Old age is when it takes longer to rest than to get tired.

Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave your house.

DIAGNOSTICS

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?" "Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub; then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup

and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup." "No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

RIDDLE FOR SENIORS

Here is the situation: You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed. On your right side is a sharp drop-off. On your left side is an elephant traveling at the same speed as you. Directly in front of you is a galloping kangaroo, and your horse is unable to overtake it. Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the kangaroo. What must you do to get out of this highly dangerous situation? Think logically before you track down for the answer below:

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Quietly get off the merry-go-round and go home.



To my children:

Never make fun of having to help me with the computer. I am the one that taught you how to use a spoon.

The King Family Musician



On September 10, 2015, the King family came from Monticello, Illinois, to entertain University Place residents with American bluegrass, gospel and country music. The band has been performing for 14 years and consists of nine family members, with children ranging from ages 12 to 27 years.

The third son, Kendall King, was the lead singer, guitarist, and m. c. He is a graduate student in accounting at the University of Illinois and told us that he just got a job with a company in Nashville, Tennessee. We were fortunate to experience his remarkable musical talents.

Rachel, the lead female vocalist, violinist and guitarist and her husband, a professional guitarist, brought their 13 months old daughter, Adriana, who nearly stole the show, pleasantly wandering around barefoot during the concert.

The 50 year old mother, also a talented violinist, managed the sound and her tiny granddaughter. The father played the bass viol expertly through the entire program. He doubles as the bus-driver.

One of the King daughters is a junior in nursing at the University of Illinois. She has a lovely singing voice and played the guitar and violin. The two younger daughters played violin and banjo and sang in marvelous harmony.

After playing and singing "Happy Birthday" to John Lindenlaub, the lively program ended with some old favorites; "Just a Closer Walk With Thee," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and "I'll Fly Away." The King Band was quite talented and well organized.

-- Maralee Baumgardner



Columbian Park Zoo

On September 15th, 2015, MacKenzie brought four animals from the Zoo to UP. This was her first visit to UP. She chose to bring a representative of an amphibian, a mammal, a bird and a reptile. The audience of residents was much smaller than on a normal monthly zoo visit but was very appreciative of MacKenzie's effort.

The first animal she showed was Hut, a CANE TOAD, also known as a Marine Toad. The toad she brought was very large, but she said they get even bigger, and that this species is the largest toad in the world. Originally from South America, cane toads were introduced to Australia with the intent that they eat beetles that were attacking sugar cane. The idea did not work because the beetle lived high up in the cane or in trees, and the toads could not climb. Instead the cane toads became an invasive pest spreading rapidly and eating many types of local animals. To dissuade any potential predators they have poisonous pits and have the ability to greatly expand their bodies and throats. Their bodies also contain an organ used to store water that they can use to hydrate themselves during dry periods. When danger threatens, that organ can also be used to spray predators.

Next we met Dexter, a very cute little Sugar Glider. They are a marsupial from Australia. The females have a pouch where the babies reside since they are only partially developed when they are born. Sugar Gliders eat fruits, vegetables, and nectar. They have a flap of skin between their front and hind legs that allows them to jump from high in a tree and glide for up to 150 feet in distance. They have a distinctive musky odor, especially the males, that can detract predators. They have a long, prehensile tail and are nocturnal. They can make a loud chattering noise to warn others of predators. Dexter was originally someone's pet. They gave it to the zoo when they could no longer take care of it.

The bird MacKenzie brought was a domestic chicken, one of 13 free range chickens that roam the zoo. While there are 60 types of chickens, this was a bantam chicken with a short, amber colored beak. The hens at the zoo do lay eggs, but the majority are removed so they don't have an over population of chickens. They also limit the number of roosters in the zoo population.

The final animal presented was Izod, an AMERICAN ALLIGATOR. He is five to six years old and still small in size. Eventually he could grow to over ten feet in length but would have to be moved to another facility that could handle an alligator of that size. They are native to warm southern states where they live in warm, fresh water. They are camouflaged to match that dark swamp water. Izod's white cross bands will disappear when he grows older. Alligators have built in swim goggles. They have webbed, clawed feet to give them traction in their environment.

MacKenzie thanked us for being a great audience who asked good questions, and we thanked her for her presentation.

--Karl Zollner





WE WISH TO EXTEND
OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO
THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF

HOMER J. ROSE

Homer J. Rose, a University Place resident, was born June 10, 1923, in Sewickley, PA, and died September 6, 2015, in St. Elizabeth East Hospital, Lafayette, IN. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945 and graduated from Princeton University and University of Virginia Law School. Homer was married to Elizabeth Brown in 1951 in West Chester, PA. He managed human resources for several manufacturing companies and served as an advisor to many small businesses after he retired. Homer is survived by son Richard and daughter Lucy, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents, wife Elizabeth and two sisters.



LEONARD TRACER

Leonard Allen "Trace" Tracer, a University Place resident, was born February 16, 1933, in Princeton, IN, and died September 10, 2015, at University Place. He grew up in Oakland City, IN, and graduated from high school there. He graduated from Purdue University with a teaching degree in Physical Education and earned a Physical Therapy degree from the University of Pennsylvania. At graduation he was drafted, but the Korean War was ending, so Trace returned to Coatesville, PA, to work at the Veterans' Administration Hospital. Trace and Mary Lou were married in 1958. In 1962 the Tracers moved to Muncie, IN, where he served as Director of Physical Therapy at Ball Memorial Hospital for 4 years. He then served for 25 years as Director of Physical Therapy at Home Hospital in Lafayette followed by work in Home Care Units, Regency, Heritage and Crawfordsville care facilities until retiring in 2011. Trace is survived by Mary Lou, sons Mitch and Scott and four grandchildren.



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