



THE CHERRY PIT

A TRUE PORTLAND GIRL



Betty Case

In interviewing our residents it seems the majority are from “somewhere else” – quite a few from another country and others from various US states. It makes for a good “mosaic” populace.

This month we have a true Portland girl. Betty Case was born right here at the former Adventist Hospital, “Portland San”, which was also the birthplace of her husband and two daughters. She attended Franklin High School and then earned a degree in psychology at Lewis and Clark College.

Betty met her husband Don while attending the youth group at Lincoln St. Methodist Church and they were married in 1954 at the First Congregational Church in downtown Portland.

She worked for Pacific Power and Light for seven years, but when their two daughters were born, she chose to stay home, devoting her time to them. After twelve years, she decided to get her teacher’s certificate and took night classes to accomplish that. She began teaching first grade at North Gresham Grade School and continued there for 20 years, again working night classes into her schedule so she could earn her master’s degree in education.

She appreciates having their two daughters near, one in Estacada and one in Boring. Each daughter has two children – a boy and a girl, so family is all close, kind of a rarity these days, it seems.

Don was an avid fisherman and their vacations mainly followed that interest. They fished at Bandon for twenty years, as well as Yachats, Oregon, and when she and Don retired, they moved to Bandon for ten years. They also ventured farther afield, doing big game fishing in Panama and Costa Rica. **Her BIG catch was a 237-lb tuna which she landed “all by herself”.** They liked to smoke their catches, and they also enjoyed many good barbecues, but this whopper was given away in Costa Rica – half of it to the hospital and half to the orphanage there. What a treat for them!

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When Don became seriously ill, they decided to “come home” to Portland. She lived with a daughter while he was in a care facility until he passed away in 2002. Betty lived at Summer Place for a while and then came to CherryWood, where she moved into Wynridge. While there she participated in folding and distributing the Cherry Pit, but as her personal needs increased, she moved to the Royal Anne in 2016. She says she doesn’t get out much these days, but enjoys having her needs taken care of and is still glad to be home in Portland.

Shirley Eggiman, Greens



BOOK REVIEW

WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING

By Delia Owens

A first novel written by a naturalist who had previously published several well received books on the natural world. This story is about the life of a young girl living in the marshlands of coastal North Carolina. The original survivalist family had gradually left the homestead one by one, leaving her alone to survive by occasionally selling in the nearby village, things she had harvested in the surrounding marshes. She was considered to be a “wild girl” outcast by most of the villagers. But there was a boy in the village who took an interest in her, and they slowly became friends. He taught her to read and write (she had only been to school one disastrous day in her life). This led to her beginning to write about and paint the surrounding marshlands and to eventually publish a series of successful books (the fine descriptions of the marshlands in the novel reflect the expert knowledge of the author).

The rest of the story concerns her life, while still living in her marshland homestead, her occasional forays into regular society, her relationship with two men (one of them being the grown-up childhood friend), and an indictment for murder and subsequent trial and resolution. Very finely written.

Dick Sakurai, Gardens



THE FORUM will be on Monday, August 26th at 10am in the Boardroom. The topic for discussion is “Social Media”.

GFF (Generations Family Foundations)....Connecting giving hearts with those in need. What it means to be a family...."We are so proud of our Generations communities. The people living and working in them have enriched our campuses and created a true family. To help cherish this family of employees and residents, the Generations Family Foundation (GFF) was established to be a resource during unexpected crises and hardships. " Wendell White and Melody Gabriel.

Requests are handled confidentially and are screened for qualifications. Assistance approval is based on crisis and available funds. Please ask Judy Keiper, Anna, or our HR Director Olivia. Funding is supported by employee and resident donations and partner and public contributions.

Judy Keiper, Secretary



MAGICIAN DICK BARRY'S magic class. Join us at 2pm on Monday, August 19th in the Boardroom. Bring paper & pen for notes. OK to come and just watch, just don't tell.



Dear Cherished Residents,

I always look forward to sharing with you the goings-on at CherryWood Village and attempt to over communicate with each of you in our meetings, so as to allow you ample time to develop questions and/or answer your questions in advance. That said, I have attempted to specifically do this at our monthly Town Hall meetings.

During the last Town Hall meeting, I was very disappointed in the hostile conduct that was on display towards a fellow resident and volunteer after I stepped away. I think it is important to know that all the resident committees on this campus essentially are advisory committees based on the genre they represent. Fortunately, CherryWood management utilizes the information gathered from the observations of these committees to make many changes; however, there are many suggestions that don't develop into change, for a myriad of reasons.

The hot topic of this meeting revolved around running out of certain popular food items. We understand that this is frustrating, but please know that we will run out of items, as all restaurants do. Unfortunately, we will never be able to have the exact amount of food needed, and if we don't run out, this will in turn lead to waste, which we try to limit. I have followed up with the Chef regarding some of the desserts that we seem to sell out too soon and asked him to order an extra case and report back to me the total waste. Based on these findings we will scale back our orders. Further, both the Chef and Shadow will be submitting individual reports weekly on what items we did run out of. I believe that this approach will help minimize some of the frustration that some of you are feeling.

Going forward if you have a complaint about this specific topic or anything else, please come speak with me, Elizabeth Reining or any of the members of the Resident Council. Please remember that during a meeting we should not be raising our voices at one another, especially at council members and committee chairs, as they have limited involvement in these types of issues. Raising voices, insulting and interrupting one another is not in line with our mission and this type of behavior will not be tolerated. It is expected at the Town Hall meetings that we will all treat each other with respect and dignity. If you cannot follow this, then you will be asked not to attend future meetings. Further if you have a question during the meeting, please raise your hand and wait to be called upon. We will take as many questions as the agenda and time allows. If there is something that you are feeling frustrated about then again, come see me, Elizabeth Reining or any of the Resident Council members. This type of a forum is not meant to be a complaint session, but rather an information session and it is important that we protect this fragile ecosystem together.

We look forward to continuing to exceed your expectations and partnering with each of you.

Sincerely
Ole Lindbo
Senior Executive Director

Northwest 50 Plus is the Northwest's oldest and largest publications for older adults. I happened upon the publication one day while I was waiting for a ride to an appointment. You can find it in the second basket of publications in the outer waiting area at the VSG entrance. It has amazing information that could be helpful for many of our residents. You can find great buys and other unique Oregon treasures. July featured "5 answers to Alzheimer's." Look for your copy today!

Judy Keiper, Secretary.

GFF...Most of you know by now about what GFF stands for. (**Generations Family Foundations**) However, for those who have recently moved in, here is some information. "At the heart of our company is family. Our roots are the family company of Wendell's grandparents. Nevertheless, our definition of family is so much greater. When we say "family" we draw in every single member of our community villages, employee and resident. As our motto goes, "we are a family caring for families. This is it in action." -- Rebecca Stayner, Board Member.

Residents can find more information from Anna at the Front Desk; Judy Keiper, Resident Council Secretary or Olivia in the Human Resources office, located on the second floor of VSG. Donations can be a one-time gift, making the check out to CherryWood Village and taken to the HR office, or you can have the money added to your monthly rent account.



CASINO FUN RETURNS TO CHERRYWOOD

Last year's casino night supporting the Employee Appreciation Fund returns this year even better. It will be held Sunday, September 15, from 2 to 5pm in the Board Room. It will feature four 21 (blackjack) tables as well as craps and roulette.

Casino money can be purchased at the event as well as the day before, September 14, in The Vault next to the dining room from 11am to 1pm and again from 5 to 7pm. \$10 purchases \$20 in casino money, \$20 purchases \$50 in casino money and \$50 purchases \$150 in casino money. Each win will earn you chips which can be turned in for raffle tickets. Every resident will receive one coupon for one free play at any game.

In addition to the many raffle prizes, there will be a silent auction for a basketball signed by all the Portland Trailblazer players. Minimum bid will be set at \$100 with increases of at least \$5.

September 15 promises to be a fun event benefitting our hard-working staff members. Invite your friends and family, purchase tickets in advance.

COME AND HAVE FUN.

From the President's Desk:

Recently the CWV Board of Directors experienced changes when the president for unforeseen reasons quit and left our community. Changes can be scary but one should not allow fear to stop you from growing, evolving, and progressing. It is my intention to discharge the Presidency duties to the fullest of my abilities to benefit our entire village. Your help is necessary to achieve this goal. There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.

August is like the Sunday of summer. It can be a bittersweet time of year. The warmest days of the year are winding down, but the autumn is approaching. Some say summer should get a speeding ticket. As summer draws to a close, the officers of CWV Board of Directors are excited about the adventure that is about to take place, the Casino Fun Event scheduled for September 15th. We envision it as a time when residents, family, friends and staff can spend fun and quality time together enjoying one another. Enticing raffles will be available and all the profits will benefit the Employee Appreciation Fund that is distributed annually to all our dedicated staff. We count on your support to make this event a great success.

The Board of Directors officers and I want to emphasize to all residents our availability to hear your ideas, criticisms and concerns to improve the quality of life in our surroundings. Claudio Lima



BIBLE STUDIES: Helen Stanley, AJ and Gerry Milligan invite you to a coffee on Tuesday, September 3 at 1pm in the Board Room. We would like to introduce you to the Bible Studies which are available. We will discuss upcoming studies for both men and women. Come join us to get your questions answered and have some coffee and cookies.

CHOIR PRACTICE resumed on August 20 at 7pm in the chapel. New members are welcome. Contact Chaplain Mick at 503- 706- 0612. Practices are at 7pm Tuesdays. We are practicing for our secular concert in October.

Norma Harrington, Royal Anne 144, has some personal letters written in the Danish language. Is there anyone who could read the letters to her in English? 503-255-4434 for more information.

FREE FOR ALL is coming

It's time for Fall cleaning, downsizing, etc. Drop off ANY of your unwanted treasures (those in good and presentable condition) at CherryWood's Community Room on: SEPTEMBER 23rd (Monday) from 9am to 2pm

On SEPTEMBER 24th (Tuesday) from 9am to 1pm

RESIDENTS CAN RETURN to the Community Room with a sack, browse and take home some of the treasures left by your neighbors the day before. (Employees are welcome from noon to 1pm)

Questions? Call Dean Knox 971-319-6227



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER - How about some church humor? In a little Southern Baptist church in the back country of Georgia, a couple was being baptized one Sunday. It was one of those cozy arrangements where the pulpit had to be moved and the floorboards lifted to expose the baptistry. Sheets were hung over wires to form a "dressing room" on each side of the baptismal tank. The husband had been baptized and returned to change his clothes, when his overweight wife descended the rickety stairs to the water. But the last step cracked and collapsed on her. She lunged forward, staggering past the pastor, her arms wildly thrashing for something to grab onto. She caught the sheet on the opposite side and tore it down, exposing her shocked husband to the entire congregation. As he stood there in the buff, he made a quick and stunning decision. Diving headfirst into the baptistry, he disappeared from sight. How many hymns they had to sing to bring the congregation back into line after that performance, I can only imagine.

Chaplain Mick



WOODY'S WISDOM

Today is the oldest you've ever been,
Yet the youngest you'll ever be.

CLASSIFIED ADS

NEEDED – Items for the Cherry Pit. Poetry and prose pieces written by residents are encouraged. Hand them in at the Front Desk and ask that they be placed in the Cherry Pit wall file. B.J. Nichols wants the original drawings and Martha McMinn can use book reviews. Leave classified ads, stories under 400 words, letters, brief recipes, jokes, puzzles, etc. for Joan Walborn.

Deadline for ads for the October issue is 3pm Monday, September 26th.

Distribution date for the September issue of Cherry Pit is August 30th.

ITEMS NEEDED BY PACS (Portland Adventist Community Service)

Toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap
and cartons for 12 or 18 eggs.

Contributions may be left outside Chaplain Mick's office door.

BINGO

14	29	38	52	74
4	18	33	46	62
7	16	★	60	71
9	27	44	51	67
12	23	35	47	73

Needed: Bingo players. Wednesday evening from 6:30 pm till 7:30 pm.

\$1 for four (4) cards.

Also needed: Part time bingo callers, for once a week, month or more often, many options available. Call Karl Brower for more info 503-477-5589.



Needed: Pool players, amateur or pro or anything in between. We have two 9 foot tables and need more players. Scheduled game is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1pm till 3pm. No fee. Call Karl for more info.

ELECTRIC SCOOTER: Through the FREE FOR ALL the residents at CherryWood acquired an electric scooter from resident Owen Miller. I'm striving to have the residents make optimal use of it, instead of letting it go to one person's ownership. I haven't found an effective way in which residents can use it efficiently, yet. I am open to suggestions. My thought is to allow any one individual two weeks' use (open to negotiation if no one else requests it at the time.) Because of limited space at the present I will park it in the Free For All storage room.

Reluctantly, I will supervise the use of it.

Dean Knox

CWV T- shirt Spirit Days are September 10th and 25th

WELCOME, NEW RESIDENTS

Pam Cogswell, Gardens 101
 Dolores DeMars, Royal Anne 143
 Hendrika Groenveld, Wynridge 507
 Mary Lindsley, Royal Anne 128
 Chris Maack, Orchards 213
 Kathy Park, Royal Anne 147
 Lois Pharis, Cottage 1412B
 Fred Sakaguchi, Royal Anne 127
 Marian Wong, Greens 406

IN MEMORIAM

Kathleen McAreavy, Royal Anne 250
 Linda Phelps, Orchards 307
 Barbara Ramsby, Wynridge 507

**CHERRY PIT
Staff**

Joan Walborn, Editor
 Karen Arendt, Proofreader
 Shirley Eggiman, Reporter
 Martha McMinn, Book Reviewer
 B.J. Nichols, Art Editor

The purpose of the Cherry Pit
 is to get news to the residents,
 furnish some entertainment,
 provide little-known facts of
 CherryWood, and have fun.

Deadline for ads for next issue is
 3pm on 4th Monday of the month.

*The pit is the heart
 of the cherry.*

Effective at the end of the year,
 our Cherry Pit art editor, BJ
 Nichols, has decided to retire
 after many years of preparing
 original art for The Cherry Pit.
 She is the last remaining original
 staff member. Thank you, BJ,
 for your wonderful stack of
 artwork and years of service.

Is there a resident out there
 who would like to join the team
 with YOUR ideas and original
 art? Leave a note for Joan at
 the front desk.

