

THE CHERRY PIT

OUR STORY

Vivian Leo Wong and Betty Westover Bennard



Vivian's Dad came to the United States when he was 14 years old. His goal was to work and send money back to China. A few years later he returned to China, married, and brought his wife back to the United States. They owned an oyster shop in Portland. This successful business helped them raise seven children.

Betty's Dad was an American who moved to Alberta, Canada. He chose a Canadian born lady as his wife. They had four children and moved the family to Portland, Oregon in 1940. Betty was born in Canada and declared dual citizenship.

Vivian and Betty met while enrolling at Girls Polytechnic High School in 1941. Their school days brought pleasant memories and happiness for a long lasting friendship. Besides our standard high school studies to complete, we could participate in many other activities. Clubs to join were roller and ice skating, Poly Steppers, Thespian (promoting both drama and stage business), Ten Pin Alley, athletics, archery, aviation and Spanish. Metal arts, jewelry, typing and shorthand were also available. This being World War II, under the Red Cross organization, we responded to blood donations, bandaging and food rationing plus First Aid Training. Local businesses called the school during rush season seeking help. Libby's Cannery, Meier & Frank (Friday Surprise) and Ireland's Restaurant were some we worked with. This was a very busy time in our lives. We graduated in 1945 and shared the senior class roster, Vivian as Treasurer and Betty as Secretary. Our friendship continued the next several years through reunions, with thanks going to Vivian for keeping us all informed. The returning of military service men, boy friends, marriage, children and work separated us at times.

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Vivian continued her education and attended business college. She secured a job as secretary for a steamship agent. Later she was employed by the Knutson Steamship Line which carried passengers, cargo and containers to the orient and Australia. She married Terry Wong in 1950 and has two daughters, Debra and Diane.

Retiring from work left Vivian the opportunity to attend Portland Park Bureau classes. She learned pine-needle basketry, needle point and watercolor painting. Vivian moved to CWV three years ago. She has shared her watercolor skills in Brian's Saturday Art Class and is becoming a popular artist.

Our story began again when Vivian found Betty Bennard was listed as a resident. She dialed Betty's phone to verify she used to be Betty Westover. We made a date to meet in the dining room. We never seem to run out of things to reminisce about. Our bodies have changed by adding some pounds, hair is gray and we wear glasses. However, in our eyes, we are still the same good teen-age friends of 78 years ago. We talk and talk as good friends do.

Betty Bennard, Orchards



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.



It's my hope that everyone is having a fabulous summer! We've had a number of exciting things taking place on and around the campus! Now that it is August, we've seen further capital improvements including the Greens carpets, Wynridge skybridge and the Orchards elevator flooring. In light of some of these improvements and innovations we have also updated our point of sale system to a new system called FullCount. Now many of you may be wondering why we made this change

and I would like to take a moment to explain this. We decided to make this change because we want to make living at CherryWood as exciting and pleasurable as possible. With this new change, you will now be able to add charges directly to your apartment after you use up your monthly meal credit. Further, when you forget your purse, you can still go into the café and make purchases and request these be added to your room rent.

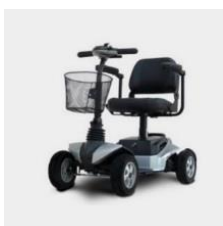
In addition to the above mentioned enhancements, I am thrilled that we will be able to better track how much and what we are selling! This will allow us to better serve you and attempt to not run out of your favorite foods! Now as with any change, I understand there will be challenges, but please give us a chance while we implement this new system. Further, please see me directly if you have any questions related to any of the operations on this campus. As the Senior Director I meet with many people daily and do occasionally forget a few things. That said, it is very helpful if you come meet with me face to face to share with me your wants, needs and questions. Thank you for your continued support and eagerness to share our beautiful mission amongst each other.

Sincerely,
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MEET UP BOARD

The board is currently located on the window of the Marketing office. It is a way to meet new people for activities that are not part of the Vitality schedule. Come check it out today! New stuff has been added recently.



SCOOTERS should not be driven faster than those walking nearby. We've seen a speeder or two.



BOOK REVIEW**THE LAST PALACE**

By Norman Eisen

The author is a former ambassador to Czechoslovakia. The book centers on the building and activities of the Palace, including the Palace grounds before, during, and after World War II. In 1938, the richest and most politically connected Czechoslovakian family abandoned their home, the Tetschek Palace and fled the country.

Several months later there would be the Munich Accords, granting Hitler's occupation of Czechoslovakia in return for peace. By March 1939, German troops had entered Prague. The Petschek Palace, a symbol of the sophistication and optimism of the new country after World War One, would be in later years, depending on leadership, become home to German Generals, American Ambassadors, or Russian Military leaders. Eisen lived in this neoclassicist mansion, Petschek Palace, for three years as a U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic. He tells the turbulent history of a country torn by war, occupation and revolution.

Eisen, now a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, is a meticulous researcher, and his fascinating book brings together new interviews, diaries, letters, archival research and freshly declassified documents. The writer displays knowledge and uses descriptive, colorful language of situations throughout the book as he ties in the personal story of the Jewish family who first built and lived in the unusual mansion.

Lauralee Ware, Orchards.

THE FORUM will be on Monday, July 22nd at 10am in the Boardroom.

The topic will be EDUCATION. The following questions will be addressed:

What is your experience with education?

Who should determine the policies/rules for public schools - local/state/federal?

Why are private schools better than public schools - or are they?



ATTENTION RESIDENTS: We have noticed an uptick of fraudulent calls happening. Nearly 1 in 6 Americans have lost money to a phone scam in the last 12 months. Please note that these are the most common phone scams:

- Threatening calls from the IRS ●Social Security calls ●Fake charity appeals
- Lottery scams ●Family members in peril ●Insurance, health care and debt scams
- Bank fraud calls ●Website password requests ●Fake customer requests ●Medicare

If you are called, please say no thank you and hang up. The longer you stay on the phone the more information they are likely to gather. Please talk with each other and help spread the word. Let's all look out for one another.

From President Claudio Lima:

Effective on June 28th, 2019 Bill Winkler resigned his position as President of the Resident Council due to an unforeseen situation. Effectively at that date, as Vice President, I assumed its role and responsibility. There is great honor and confidence in my ability to communicate and represent all of you. I am also delighted, enthusiastic and optimistic to have this unique opportunity.

Being a team player, the outcome of any representation will only be achieved in conjunction with the other Board of Directors Officers and the CWV Administration.

To enhance residents' communication with us, it can be done in person at the **Resident Council Office** (upstairs by the Community Room) with available officers' names and dates posted, or email to CWVResidentcouncil@gmail.com or by calling **503-546-7930**.

If you have the opportunity to see any of us outside the options above, please feel encouraged to voice your comments, suggestions or support. Constructive criticism is always welcome.

In the name of the Board Officers, we wish Bill the very best for all the ventures that life has in store for him.

Enjoy the summer.

**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 – 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, and purchase tickets in advance.

COME AND HAVE FUN!

GETTING OLD GRACEFULLY

After falling backwards while getting into a car, bleeding and going to the hospital for three days, my life has completely changed. I think I am shrinking and dissolving like the wicked Witch of Oz. I don't think I am wicked, maybe just a couple of times, but I had an excuse. My excuse is now old age.

Unfortunately, I can't escape. I am not hooked up to Facebook, or email, or an I-pad. Everything at times seems complicated. As long as I am complaining, I am going to mention the difficulty I have opening bottles with lids that seem to be permanently stuck to the bottle. Oh, but I must remember to take off the tight plastic covering the lid. I have a dandy lid opener, but even that seems to need a wrestlers' strength to be successful.

Oh yes, I forgot, after getting the lid off, you now have to get the pill out of the foil and plastic covering for each and every pill. Sometimes I resort to handy dandy sharp scissors. However, you certainly don't want to stab your hand. One episode I want to forget is when I was going to trim the nail on my big toe. Well, I trimmed it alright, but along with a piece of my toe that bled for two hours. Now I get a monthly pedicure.

I must look on the bright side. I am healthy, and at least I can tell you what day it is, my address and phone number. Hey, what did you just say? "It's Christmas?", you are just kidding me! I hope.

Beverly Tolman, Gardens



CHERRY BLOSSOM MEALS ON WHEELS

Delivery Drivers & Dining room helpers wanted.

Make a difference in a senior's life by volunteering

2 hour commitments - Background check required.

Located in the East Portland Community Center - 740 SE 106th Avenue

Please call 503.953.8104 for more information.

Let them know you saw this in the Cherry Pit.



WOODY'S WISDOM

Do you have nothing to do...but are always busy?

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 September issue is 3pm, Monday, August 26th.

Distribution date for the August issue of Cherry Pit is July 19th.

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.



WANTED – NEW GOLFERS! If you have never played golf (I didn't before I moved here), it is fun and easy to learn. Best part is, it costs you nothing. Our little golf putting course is beautiful and easy to play. We have free clubs and golf balls available for you. If you are new to the game and want to learn, contact resident Dick Barry at 503-719-4413 and he will give you a free lesson.

Weather permitting, we regularly meet at 10am every Friday on the greens near hole 18. Hope to see you there.

SUPER SEAMS, IRIS WERTH – By appointment only, Iris will be here the 3rd Sunday each month but you must make an appointment with her before that day. Her telephone number is 503-674-5262. Business cards are available at the front desk.

SERVICE – Resident magician Dick Barry is also a computer graphic artist. His **MAGIC ART** can restore your old or torn photographs, enlarge them, put in a new background and even take wrinkles or flaws out of your pictures. He also does video interviews and portraits in your own apartment (great memories for your family). Dick's work is reasonable and if not satisfied you don't pay. Contact him for a free estimate.

Dick Barry – 503-719-4413.

CWV T- shirt Spirit Days are August 9th and 23rd

WELCOME, NEW RESIDENTS

Karen Genrick, Royal Anne 106
Lane Wick, Wynridge 407

IN MEMORIAM

Al Sorg, Gardens 207

Long time residents may remember **Homer & Miki Yasui** who lived in The Gardens for many years and had moved to Seattle to be near family. Miki passed away last December. Here is a recent note from Homer: "At long last our family has pinned down a date and place for Miki's memorial service. It will be at the Tabor Heights United Methodist Church at 6161 SE Stark St., Portland, on Saturday, August 24th starting at 11am. Following the service, we will have a group picture-taking and a reception at the church." Anyone needing a ride can call Mike Sands at 503-719-4748.

**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.*

