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Sherwood Oaks Flora . . .



Photos by Kathie McCormick

Gentle Readers,

As we come to the end of the 2023-2024 edition of The ACORN, I write to thank you for your articles, reminders, and general support for our staff. I also want you to know that, after five years as the Editor of our newsletter, I am ready to retire. I ask you to continue your support for Jan Wendt (#158; [janicewndt@gmail.com]), as she takes the reins. I will remain on staff to support her for the 2024-2025 year, but you will need to contact her directly when you have questions or articles to share in the future. It's a big job, but also a lot of fun!

Rosemary Coffey

The Acorn has been the beneficiary these past five years of Rosemary's career as a professional editor, and we are grateful. Now I look forward to the stories we will share, together, in the months to come. I am open to change and innovation, so do let me have your ideas over the summer and beyond. And keep your submissions coming! After all, as it says on the cover, The ACORN is "For the Residents, By the Residents."

Jan Wendt

SUMMER CALENDAR

Flag Day	June 14
Father's Day	June 16
Juneteenth	June 19
Summer Solstice	June 20
Midsummer Day	July 1
Independence Day	July 4
National Dog Day	July 26
National Senior Citizens Day	Aug. 18

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Submissions for the September issue must be sent to the Editor no later than

August 15, 2024.

Memorial Donations and Remembrance Cards

Did you know? Donation envelopes and remembrance cards are on the memorial table in the lobby. The donation envelope lists many options to choose from when contributing in memory of a resident or loved one. Remembrance cards can be filled out and placed in Cubby #346; they will be collected and given to the spouse/family.

IN MEMORIAM

Memories are precious possessions that time can never destroy. For it is in happy remembrance that the heart finds its greatest joy.

Gerry Dudley

May 19, 2024

Ruth Fondi

May 21, 2024

NANCY SMITH - # 715 [June 2024]

By Jean Henderson - #346



Photo by Jan Wendt

You're invited to an around-the-world trip with our new resident, Nancy Smith:

CANADA – Nancy grew up in Hamilton, ON, studying at McGill University and the University of British Columbia in Health and Physical Education and Zoology. She met her husband, Bill, from Bellevue, who was in Canada on business; they married in 1965. She taught at the University of Toronto for a short time. Today Nancy holds dual citizenship with Canada and the USA.

EUROPE – Bill and Nancy honeymooned through Europe, loving all the beaches. Bill, who had been an attorney and a land developer, including in Franklin Towne (Philadelphia area), died in 2013 after a long illness.

SPAIN, IRELAND, a long trip through SOUTH AMERICA, KIAWAH, and the sunny CARIBBEAN, especially Anguilla, have been the sites of special travel vacations for Bill and Nancy.

UGANDA – With Christ Church at Grove Farm, Nancy has enjoyed two mission trips there.

WESTERN PA – For 59 years, Nancy lived in Franklin Park, raising 7 boys

YES – SEVEN!! Three were from his first marriage, and four from their marriage to each other: one son now in Naples, FL, another in Salt Lake City, UT, two not far from Cranberry Twp., and three deceased. She adores her three grandchildren.

Teacher certification from Pitt led to her teaching Health and Physical Education at Seneca Valley HS. She retired in 2004, after 16 years.

Her faith journey has led her from Heritage Church to Christ Church, where she sings in the choir, enjoys the exercise class, and has led the Prime Timers in the past. A dozen Sherwood Oaks residents from those two churches are good friends of Nancy's today.

Indeed, Nancy is an active lady! Playing tennis twice a week with old friends and kayaking on Moraine Lake in the morning light remain part of her exercise routine.

AND NOW, SHERWOOD OAKS! Nancy's new home is lovely – she calls it her "Lake House." The light blue walls are covered with stunning water art; her new furniture is blue; and her apartment looks over our lake's hillside.

It's a blessing that Nancy's worldwide journey has placed her here at Sherwood Oaks; she has already joined the Chorus. Do welcome our lovely "Lady by the Lake!"

IRISES VIEWED FROM THE OAK LODGE



Photo by Mike Lynch [son of Dennis Lynch]

CABARET ON JULY 11

By Jno Hunt - #308

We are excited about having the May Brothers come to our auditorium to perform from **4:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Thurs., July 11**. Daniel plays piano at Eddie V's restaurant six nights a week and Benjamin plays double bass. Their performance will be music typical of a dinner/cabaret atmosphere.

Since this is a pre-dinner show, people are encouraged to come and go as they wish; you don't need to arrive at 4 or stay until 5:30. We will have a special seating arrangement for this event. For example, there will be a few rows of chairs for those who just wish to come listen for a while. In addition, there will be several tables for those who would like to bring their own beverages and snacks to relax and enjoy during the performance

CONTINUED LEARNING

Submitted by Jno L. Hunt - #308

We are taking a break during the summer, but we are excited about our series for September, October, and November. We have scheduled a varied list of topics from opera to foreign affairs to travel to art to beekeeping! Specifics will come in the September issue of the *Acorn*.

Shirley Poduslo has decided to resign from our Continued Learning committee. We thank her for her years of service. Please consider joining our committee to help us identify and arrange for speakers of interest to our community.

Meanwhile, we will continue our regular series of programs on Channel 951. Initial airings on Tuesdays are at 10:00 a.m.,

3:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Encore presentations are usually on Thursdays at 10:00 and 3:30.

June

-Tues., June 4: How to Look at and Understand Great Art – Lessons 05 & 06. Encore on Thurs., June 6

-Tues., June 11: Connections – Feedback. Encore on Thurs., June 13

-Tues., June 18: America's Arsenal: How Pittsburgh Powered WWII. Encore on Thurs., June 20

-Tues., June 25: Lost Christianities (11 & 12). Encore on Thurs., June 27

July

-Tues., July 2: Leonard Bernstein – American Musical Comedy. Encore on Thurs., July 4

-Tues., July 9: Connections – What's in a Name? Encore on Thurs., July 11

-Tues., July 16: Journey through Tunisia. Encore on Thurs., July 18

-Tues., July 23: Lost Christianities (13 & 14). Encore on Thurs., July 25

-Tues., July 30: Most Powerful Forces on Earth – Heat Waves. Encore on Thurs., Aug. 1

August

-Tues., Aug. 6: How to Look at and Understand Great Art – Lessons 07 & 08. Encore on Thurs., Aug. 8

-Tues., Aug. 13: Connections – An Invisible Object. Encore on Thurs., Aug. 15

-Tues., Aug. 20: WQED – Wylie Avenue Days – A Celebration of Pittsburgh's Hill District. Encore on Thurs., Aug. 22

-Tues., Aug. 27: Lost Christianities (15 & 16). Encore on Thurs., Aug., 29

SORA OFFICERS AND BOARD NOMINATIONS

To be voted on at the **June 11, 2024**,
Annual Meeting

Submitted by Jno Hunt, Nominating
Committee Chair, #308

*Please note: This article is being reprinted,
as some changes have been made since
the version appearing in the May Acorn.*

President: Jean Henderson, eligible for
1st 1-year term

Vice President: Bruce Cooper, eligible
for 1st 1-year term

Secretary: Rosemary Coffey, eligible for
1st 1-year term

Treasurer: Peter Broeren is in the 3rd
year of a 3-year term; no action needed.

Operating Treasurer: Beth Brown, who
is in the 3rd year of a 3-year term, is eligi-
ble for a 2nd 3-year term.

Directors: The Nominating Committee
has recommended the following resi-
dents to serve on the Board for their 1st
term of two years:

Mary Gail Korsmeyer, Joe Schulties,
George Steffey

The Committee recommends the follow-
ing for re-election to a 2nd two-year term:

Dan Cindric, Kathy McCormick, Peggy
Rubel

The following Board member will be
completing the 2nd year of her 2nd two-
year term; no action needed: Barbara
Scruggs

The following Board members will be
completing the 2nd year of their 1st two-
year terms; no action needed: Lois
Greer, Jno Hunt, Jim Hvidding.

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME

By Alick Kennedy - #732

We on the Program Committee are won-
dering if a change of name would be
helpful in identifying what we do. There
are so many "programs," but we try only
to entertain. Perhaps the "Entertainment
Committee" would work better?

We are looking for new members with
new ideas and new contacts. If you are
enjoying the groups we are bringing to
you each month, perhaps you would be
willing to join us. The more people on the
alert searching for ideas, the better the
chances of our finding them!

Please contact Jane Lavender (8253) if
you are interested or if you have sugges-
tions for future entertaining programs.

PINE CREEK BAND

By Thea Stover - #606

On **Thurs., Aug. 29, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**,
the Program Committee will present the
Pine Creek Band. It was founded in 1990
with 7 members, including former director
Jeff Chamber. Today, there are over 40
members of the band, with backgrounds
in teaching, engineering, nursing, and
more, as well as professional musicians.

Joe Schulties, a trombonist and Sher-
wood Oaks resident, is a member of this
band. Former members from Sherwood
Oaks include Frank Weiss, Charlie
Brown, and the late Jim Bouwkamp.

The band, which practices twice a month
at Hampton Presbyterian Church, plays
many different types of music. I under-
stand that they are presently practicing
the *1812 Overture* and *We Are the
Champions*, as well as a Cartoon Carni-
val and marches.

I believe this will be a fabulous concert
that should not be missed. Please put the
date on your calendars now!

COOPER'S CLIMATE CAPSULE

By Bruce Cooper - #735

El Niño and La Niña are the names for the upwelling of warm waters and cold waters, respectively, in the equatorial Pacific Ocean. The scientific community has come to realize that, when their occurrence is strong, weather patterns around the globe are affected. It is expected that the El Niño of 2023-2024 will be unusually strong and, combined with already warm water in the Atlantic Ocean, will spawn a high number of strong hurricanes later this year.

According to *Wikipedia*, noticing the effects dates back to Francisco Pizzaro in 1525, when he observed rain in the Peruvian deserts. "A recent study suggests a strong El Niño effect between 1789 and 1793 caused poor crop yields in Europe, which in turn helped touch off the French Revolution. The extreme weather produced by El Niño in 1876-77 gave rise to the most deadly famines of the 19th century. The 1876 famine alone in northern China killed up to 13 million people. . . . An especially intense El Niño event in 1998 caused an estimated 16% of the world's reef systems to die. . . . Since then, mass coral bleaching has become common worldwide, with all regions having suffered 'severe bleaching.'"

Burning fossil fuels makes all of this worse. We simply must stop heating the planet!

Watch *El Niño – Global Destroyer* on Channel 951 on Mon., June 10, at 10:00 a.m., 3:30 p.m., or 7:00 p.m. The encore presentation is on Wed., June 12, at 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.



OUR OLD VHS TAPES

By Joni Pun - #304

Do you have VHS tapes lying around related to family or other important things that you would like to save? It's a fact that VHS tapes start to decompose after 20 years or so. Since I have several tapes of 30 years of my family and clips of my late husband on TV in Peru, I am taking advantage of the setup that Jason Lyle has made in the computer room.

This is how it works: You put the tape into the VHS player, press a few buttons and play, and then transfer the contents to a flash drive that you have purchased from, say, Amazon or Staples. I am in that process at this writing. After all is done, there will be the work of using a video editor to choose only the parts of the tapes that I want. The result can be saved on a flash drive, on a DVD disk, or on YouTube. Hopefully, at least one of these items will be around for our grandchildren and others to view years later. If you are interested, visit with Jason Lyle in the Computer Room on Monday or Wednesday mornings, between 9 a.m. and noon.



BUYING SOUVENIRS

By John Bridges - #125

The summer tourist season is here, and maybe you have some trips planned. If so, you will undoubtedly want to succumb to buying some beautiful trophy, but be prepared and watch out for hucksters' gimmicks.

The first price mentioned will always be higher than the current market price, to allow for the anticipated bargaining process. Don't forget that the advantage will almost always be with the sellers. They may either be the artist or a middleman, but in either case they live there and, if they don't sell today, there will always be a tomorrow. You, on the other hand, probably have to remember that the launch back to the cruise ship leaves in half an hour. Most of the sellers will have a smattering of English, but if you can learn a few words of their language and perhaps throw in some humor, the bargaining will be easier

Whenever possible, an attempt should be made to establish a "rapport" with the seller. This was brought home to me in Nairobi, where I visited the same stall week after week and became friends with a group of sellers of wood carvings. One week, they said to me, "Bwana! We have nothing of interest for you today. The army is in town, and the young soldiers out from England are anxious to send something home. We can sell our damaged or faulty carvings to them."

On another occasion, they told me that they had a special, wonderful carving for me. I was expecting a sumptuous production of a local scene, as I carefully unwrapped the newspaper to reveal a beautifully carved speed rider on a motorbike. Beautiful? Yes! But not exactly what I was looking for!

To me, the species of wood used is important. Is it likely to keep its shape without

splitting? Is the grain sufficiently fine to allow carving of eyes and ears in detail? Do I like the color or pattern of the grain?

Before the establishment of regular airlines, there were crowds of passengers stopping off at Port Said on their way through the Suez Canal between Europe and the Far East. They were experienced souvenir buyers, but they often fell victims to the energetic Gili Gili men famous for selling Dirty Postcards. These were forbidden by both Christian and Muslim religions, but trade was reputedly brisk.

When buying souvenirs in the Sudan, back in 1952, I was surprised by the eagerness to obtain English florins (two-shilling coins), whilst at the same time there was no interest in trading any other English silver coins such as half crowns (two shillings and sixpence) or single shillings. I never found out why this was the case.

In Morocco, tourists must be alert to the energetic antics of the street sellers who will try hard to put something in your hand that they want to sell but that you do not want to buy. Once you have it, they will insist that the sale has been finalized. Try putting your hands in your pockets, even though they will try to slip the item in there. Somehow, give it back to them firmly, but not angrily. Take care! You have been warned.



Photo of local flora by Stephanie Kroll, Staff

PAPERBACK PONDERINGS

By Jean Henderson - #346

Our paperback room is funded totally by your donations, and I'm so grateful! One of our special shelves is "LIVING WITH LOSS" – books that help us through our losses. Here are a few you can borrow:

The Grief Recovery Handbook – moving beyond death, divorce, and other losses.

Remembering with Love – messages of hope for the first year of grieving.

The Eleventh Hour – guide for the hours to minutes before death.

Progressing through Grief – exercises to understand emotions and recover from loss.

The Widower's Toolbox – repairing your life after losing your spouse.

A Good Death – taking more control at the end of your life.

Stay Close and Do Nothing – spiritual and practical guide to caring for the dying at home.

Talking About Death Won't Kill You – guide to end-of-life conversations.

The Year of Magical Thinking – Joan Didion writes about the first year after her husband's sudden death.

CARE NOTES – small pamphlets about loss.

Journeying through Grief – four pamphlets from Stephen Ministry's Kenneth C. Haugk.

On another topic, thanks to resident Don Gowan for 80+ British mystery series books donated to the library: Sayers, Rendell, Innes, Allingham, etc. Great who-done-it reads!!

FOR MY JIM

By Mary Bouwkamp - #601

God gave us to each other,
We vowed our lives together in His name
And found our passion and our peace in
that embrace.

And though my arms are empty now,
I hold you in my heart with that same love

And the certainty that you are in

Our Father's gentle arms

Where, in His perfect time,

I will join you.

Rest in His peace, my love,

Until I come.

FROM YOUR MARY

HAVE YOU SEEN ME?

By Anne Hunt - #308

The following books are missing from the library. If you should find one in your home (or anywhere else, for that matter!), kindly place it in the book return box in the library.

The Book of Two Ways by Jodi Picoult

The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans & their Quest for Gold – Large print edition, by Daniel Brown

Three Days to Live by James Patterson

The Nantucket Inn by Pamela Kelley

The Lifeboat by Charlotte Rogan

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

Maid in Manhattan – DVD

The Beautiful Mystery by Louise Penny

FAREWELL PARTY FOR CEO ANNETTE McPEEK
Tuesday, May 14, 2024



Photos by Jesse Komara & Roberta Breninghouse

NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

By Dan Cindric - #107

Civic Affairs Committee Chair

Please remember that **Oct. 21** is the last day to register to vote before the November 5 general election. Moreover, **Oct. 29** is the last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot.

This year we will choose a President, Vice President, U.S. Senator, U.S. House Representative, PA State Senator, PA House Representative, and PA Attorney General, Auditor General, and Treasurer. Much of the news coverage will be on the “horse race” – stories that focus on campaign stops, the latest candidate attacks on one another, or who is winning or losing in the polls. Horse race coverage has been shown to exacerbate the extreme partisanship we see today, leading to distrust of both news outlets and politicians. Regardless of your political affiliation, the bedrock of an informed electorate is an educated voter who seeks out trusted election reporting.

There are ways of empowering your vote: find trusted guides about candidates’ biographies and professional careers; learn how elections in Pennsylvania are run, including how to properly cast a ballot, how to get involved in the process, and how to protect yourself against misinformation and other purposeful efforts to peddle falsehoods or sow confusion.

After the 2020 presidential election and in the years since, Pennsylvania’s voting process, especially the mail voting law, has come under intense scrutiny and attack. Some of these activities have advanced false or misleading claims, and voters need to separate the noise from the facts. Instead of chasing down every false claim, voters need to educate and empower themselves to better recognize those efforts and guard against them.

HEALTH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE DOINGS

By Warren Howe, Chair - #337

At its regular bimonthly meeting on Fri., May 17, the Health Affairs Committee considered several issues of importance and interest to the community.

Now that literature racks have been installed in the Medical Office, the Committee will start subscriptions to the Harvard Health Letter and the Mayo Clinic Health Letter. The monthly issues will be made available for residents to read in those new literature racks and in the library. Such publications provide reliable current information on health topics applicable to our residents, and the Committee wants to see them more widely available. If any residents have a personal subscription to any such health letter, and wish to share their copies after reading them, the Health Affairs Committee will accept them with gratitude and see that they are kept in circulation.

Meanwhile, Health Affairs is expanding its presence on Channel 951. Video presentations about dementia, hearing, fall prevention, and nutrition have been shown several times already, and subjects such as neuropathy, urology, cardiology, arthritis, and sleep are planned for the near future. The schedule is not firm at this point, but we hope that these showings will be helpful and informative when residents find them being broadcast, and that all residents will check out the offerings.

Be on the lookout for a survey from the Health Affairs Committee. We want to assess the level of interest of our residents in such things as CPR training for residents, a Senior AAA Driver Review Course, the presence of Alcoholics Anonymous on campus, desire for information about medical cannabis (marijuana) for seniors, and similar matters. Please help the Health Affairs Committee reflect the needs of our community in its activities by sharing your thoughts via the survey.

From FOCUS ON THE WORLD

By Bruce Cooper - #715

Since the horrific attack by Hamas last October 7 on innocent civilians in Israel, resulting in a war that has killed thousands of Muslims in the Gaza Strip, acts of antisemitism in this country have sharply increased, while demonstrations to 'Free Palestine' have erupted on college campuses across the U.S.

On **June 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium**, Reverend Liddy Barlow, Executive Minister of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania, and Rabbi Jamie Gibson, Rabbi (Emeritus) of Temple Israel in Pittsburgh, will be making a presentation on antisemitism.

Following this presentation, the Focus on the World (FOTW) activities will be going on an extended hiatus. I want to thank the many residents who have been members of the activity over the years and have provided many hours of effort to bring thought-provoking topics to our attention, calling us to action to make southwestern Pennsylvania, and the world, a better place to live.

The quarterly food bank drives that benefit the Lighthouse Foundation will continue, as will the climate crisis videos that are featured on Channel 951 on the second Monday of each month.

FOTW will coordinate with the Continued Learning Committee to bring the occasional video or in-house presentation to Sherwood Oaks. Be sure to watch for announcements in the Mailroom.

I just read a book about marriage that recommends treating your wife like you treated her on your first date. So tonight after dinner I'm dropping her off at her parents' house.

CHAPEL NOTES

By Gary Brandenberger - #602
For the Chapel Committee

Services begin at 2:00 p.m.
in the Card Room.

Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.

Sunday, June 2

Rev. John Guest
Christ Church at Grove Farm
Sewickley

Sunday June 9

Rev. Graham Standish
Samaritan Counseling Center

Sunday, June 16

Rev. Bob Cummings
Christ Church at Grove Farm
Sewickley

Sunday, June 23

Rev James Shoucair
Christ Episcopal, Ross Township

"In quietness and trust is your strength."

Isaiah 30:15

GOLDFINCH ON FEEDER



Photo by Jim Mauch

WHAT'S NEW WITH SORA?

(SO Residents Association)

By Jane Lohman, Secretary - #717

NOTE: Complete minutes are always available for review on the SORA bulletin board in the mailroom and in the SORA binder in the library.

Data from minutes for the May 7, 2024, monthly board meeting:

SORA Treasurers: Memorial/Special Projects Fund balance is \$37,131.97, with \$15,420.31 in the Employee Appreciation Fund, plus a short-term CD of \$20,000. The SORA operating treasury balance and CD investment amounts to \$93,797.80. The Finance Committee is reviewing other committee budget requests for next year; the final budget will be presented at the June meeting.

Liaison Reports:

Dining Committee: Spring/summer menu begins **May 12**. Starting **July 2**, all take-out meals will involve a container charge.

Sherwood Gifts: Sales increased by 18% over the previous month. The Annex is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00-2:30, or by appointment.

Program Committee: Will present Tom Roberts, a jazz pianist, performing accompaniment during a silent movie, "The Tramp," on May 23.

Woodshop: John Bridges is holding a class to assist those who signed up to construct a nesting birdhouse.

Landscaping: If your area needs attention, please submit a work order.

Curio Cabinets: June/July theme is "Celebrating Dads!"

Focus on the World: Lighthouse Foundation food drive took in \$1,135 in cash donations and over 200 pounds of food.

There will be a presentation on antisemitism on **June 20**, after which FOTW will end activity for the foreseeable future. Quarterly food drives will continue, and climate crisis videos will be shown each month.

Executive Director: Census: IL 191/247 – 4 homes under contract. SN 30/43 (5-star CMS rating); PC: 27/42; OGC: 26/30.

Housekeeping: Cranberry Lake Grill and Oak Lodge Rooms/Patio Home Suites available for resident gatherings beginning in May. Reservations to be made through Tabby Alford.

Community Nursing: New full-time community nurse hired, beginning May 20.

Summerhouse: Work beginning on construction of pavilion and pickleball court.

Lineage Logistics Refrigeration: Rooftop noise-reducing screen now in place.

Armstrong Cable Upgrade: Next step is to get new adapters in every home and transition to new wiring.

Old Business: Funding approved for Summerhouse renovation; awaiting bids for some parts of project. Motions were passed to establish a one-year position of Assistant Treasurer, since Peter Broeren is going into his final year term as Treasurer; Patsy Grant was approved to fill this position.

New Business: Committee chairs asked to update Committee and Activity rosters before June transition meeting. Kathie McCormick will replace Frank Finley as the person responsible for updating the roster.

Next Monthly Board Meeting: **Tues., June 4, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Card Room. The SORA Association Annual Meeting is **Tues., June 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Auditorium.

WORTH A LOOK

BOOKS NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

By Barbara Christy - #237

The River We Remember by William Kent Krueger. Fiction. It's mid-20th century in Jewel, Minnesota, and the town has gathered to honor the sacrifices of its war veterans. The body of a wealthy local landowner is discovered in the nearby river and Brody, a highly decorated WWII vet and the local sheriff, begins his investigation while trying to quell rapidly escalating rumors that the killer is a Dakota tribesman and Pacific War veteran named Noah Bluestone. Despite the fact that the victim, Jimmy Quinn, was known to be abusive, greedy and generally unlikable, he is supported by the townspeople because he is "one of our own." Local prejudices about Native Americans are compounded in Noah's case, because he had brought home a Japanese war bride. Brody starts out defending Noah, but is forced to reconsider when a bloody tarp is found in Noah's barn and he learns that Noah's family's land was stolen from them by Jimmy in years past. F KRU

To Die Beautiful by Buzz Jackson. Fiction. This fictionalized story of real-life WWII heroine Hannie Schaft is full of action, intrigue, and human dilemmas in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam. Hannie, a nineteen-year-old law student, is awakened to the dangers the Third Reich presents to two Jewish friends and joins the Resistance, becoming a decoy, assassin, and bomb thrower. Known to Hitler as "the girl with red hair," she becomes a target and must use all her skills to stay alive. F JAC

The Stolen Hours by Allen Eskens. Fiction. Lila Nash is a recovering rape victim and suicide survivor, now a law school graduate practicing as a law clerk until her bar exam results come through. She works in Minneapolis for the Hennepin County attorney in a job she hopes will become her dream job. Newly assigned to a high-achieving, demanding boss in Sex Crimes and Homicide, Lila is challenged to perform, even as she discovers that her new boss recognizes her talent for scoping out the strengths and weaknesses of a case. When a drugged sexual assault victim is pulled from the river, nearly dead, she remembers enough to lead the police to a suspect, a serial killer who prides himself on committing perfect crimes. Lila, now being mentored and encouraged, is assigned to be the prosecutor in this case. F ESK

The Hunting Party by Lucy Foley. Fiction. A decade after attending university, a group of friends meets for its annual New Year's get-together in a remote luxury resort in the Scottish Highlands. Ill at ease out of their urban setting, the friends struggle to maintain both their friendships and their enjoyment of the locale. Past resentments surface along with old romantic ties to compete with current troubles – infertility, drug abuse, infidelity, and guilt over insider trading. When, in the midst of an isolating snowstorm, Miranda is found strangled, the resort manager and her groundskeeper Doug work to unravel the mystery. Unlike many novels based on this premise, after the murderer is identified, the story continues, as the author explores themes of friendship and personal evolution, making it something more than a standard beach read. F FOL

Fourteen Days by the Authors Guild of America. Fiction. This collaborative novel has 36 authors, each writing about a different character, all of whom are sequestered in a New York City apartment building during the first days of the COVID pandemic. They meet each evening on the roof, at first maintaining their edgy isolation and privacy. But, as the days progress, they begin to open up and tell their stories. Major literary figures contributing chapters include Celeste NG, Diana Galbadon, John Grisham, Scott Turow, Nora Roberts, and Margaret Atwood. This collaboration is an extraordinary literary event unlike any other. F ATW

Great Expectations by Vinson Cunningham. Fiction. This is a fictional, but also autobiographical, novel about the author's eighteen months working on Barack Obama's Presidential campaign. A young, black college dropout, David is recruited to work on the campaign, first as an event planner and fundraiser, later as a state organizer. David has many occasions to observe the inner workings of a political campaign. He finds himself both awed and skeptical, intrigued and revolted, by the realities of Presidential politics, as he navigates the Obama-world. But, even more, this exposure causes him to evaluate his own life, his culture, and his values, as he grows up on the job. F CUN

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO START A GARDEN

By Jane Lavender - #253

On **June 27 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Auditorium, the Program Committee will present Doug Oster, Master Gardener and host of the popular radio show, "The Organic Gardener." He is also an

Emmy Award-winning television host. Doug truly believes that "It's never too late to start a garden."

Doug will be focusing mainly on container gardening. Surely each of us has one more place for a bit of beauty around the home. It could be a whole patio area or just a spot of color to view from a window, perhaps some flowering plants for others to enjoy as they walk by, or maybe a flower box on the balcony. Vegetables qualify, too, and can be fun as well as good for you.

When asked to come to Sherwood Oaks, he responded with, "Oh, this will be such fun!" Please come and be inspired by this nationally famous Gardening Guru.

THE LIBRARY LOWDOWN

By Barbara Christy - #237

Thanks to donor Ruth Becker, a new book titled *Mayo Clinic on Healthy Aging: An Easy and Comprehensive Guide to Keeping Your Body Young, Your Mind Sharp and Your Spirit Fulfilled* has been placed in the medical office waiting room. It is for browsing while you wait, not to be checked out. We hope you will benefit from having available the most recent information on maintaining your health!

If you dropped something when you were younger, you just picked it up. When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for just a bit, contemplating if you actually still need it.

I like to make lists. I also like to leave them lying on the kitchen counter and then guess what's there when I'm at the store.

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FICTION, INCLUDING LARGE TYPE AND DVDs

The #1 Lawyer	Patterson, James	c. 2024	F PAT
Birnam Wood	Catton, Eleanor	c. 2023	F CAT
The Blueprint	Rashad, Rae Giana	c. 2024	F RAS
Fourteen Days	Atwood, Margaret	c. 2024	F ATW
Great Expectations	Cunningham, Vinson	c. 2024	F CUN
The Hunting Party	Foley, Lucy	c. 2019	F FOL
Lost Birds	Hillerman, Anne	c. 2024	F HIL
Murder in the Tea Leaves	Childs, Laura	c. 2024	F CHI
The Stolen Hours	Eskens, Allen	c. 2021	F ESK
Toxic Prey	Sandford, John	c. 2024	F SAN
Until August	García Márquez, Gabriel	c. 2024	F GAR

NONFICTION, INCLUDING BIOGRAPHIES

Path Lit by Lightning: The Life of Jim Thorpe	Maraniss, David	c. 2022	BIO THO
The Bomber Mafia	Gladwell, Malcolm	c. 2021	940.54 GLA
David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants	Gladwell, Malcolm	c. 2013	155.24 GLA L.T.
Everyone Who is Gone is Here	Blitzer, Jonathan	c. 2024	305.9 BLI
The Lincoln Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill America's 16th President	Meltzer, Brad	c. 2020	973.70 MEL
Rodale's Successful Organic Gardening: Trees, Shrubs and Vines	Appleton, Bonnie Lee	c. 1993	635.9 APP
Somehow: Thoughts on Love	Lamott, Anne	c. 2024	814.54 LAM
Still Me: Accepting Alzheimer's without Losing Yourself	Chopp, Rebecca S.	c. 2024	362.19 CHO p.b.
Valiant Women: The Extraordinary American Service-women Who Helped Win World War II	Andrews, Lena S.	c. 2023	940.53 AND

MOST POPULAR FIRST NAMES AT SHERWOOD OAKS

By Rosemary Coffey – #113

Have you ever wondered which might be the most popular names among our residents? Well, even if you haven't, here they are, as of May 1, 2024:

Women's Names:

Jan/Janice/Jane/Janie/Janet	15
Eliz(s)abeth/Beth/Betty	11
Barbara	10
Catherine/Katherine/Kathleen/	
Cathy/Kathy/Kate	10
Joan/Joanne	10

Jean/Jeanne/Jean Anne/Jeannette	8
Nancy	8
Patricia/Patsy/Patty	8
Ann/Anne	7
Carol/e	7

Men's Names:

Richard/Dick	11
James/Jim	10
John/Jno	8
Robert/Bob	7
Joseph/Joe	6

In another ten years or so, it may be interesting to see how the numbers have changed!

... and "Fawna"

**OUTSIDE MY PATIO HOME,
SLEEPING THE AFTERNOON AWAY**



Photo by Shirley Poduslo

**DEEP IN THE SHERWOOD OAKS
WOODLAND**



Photo by Betty Wright, OGC Staff

MOTHER AND BABY



Photo by Monica Dalrymple