

February Village Foundation News

FEBRUARY FOUNDATION NEWS

This is my magic month when I become Mrs. Ja'net (Jan) Ybarra, yes Robert's wife. Love is in the air and it is electric. I am counting the days and hours and trying to keep my feet on the ground and my mind on my work. Back to the Foundation news~~~we will have the new events ready to announce in March so keep watch. Thank you for all your prayers and special thoughts during this last hospital stay and recuperating time. God is good and He is with me. Remember, if you need financial assistance please come see Dennis or myself.

Blessings to each of you, Jan

A big Thank You to everyone who gave me cards and flowers while I was in the hospital. Also Thank You to those who attended my husband's celebration of life service and gave great sympathy cards. Thank You for the many prayers you prayed for me.

Blessings, Veronica Stai

CREATION VS.EVOLUTION

Saturdays through mid-June at 4PM in The Chapel.

A 16 week series will be shown that explores the problems with evolution
And shows the wonders of God's creation.

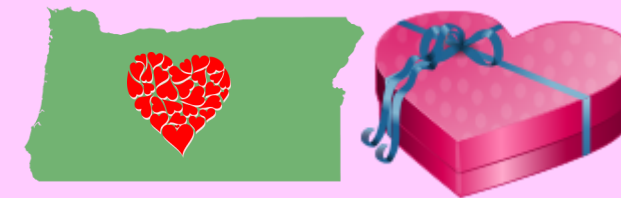
The series will not be shown on the first Saturday of the month due to Vespers.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

Ed Fitzpatrick, born and raised in Portland, is a true Oregonian who loves the state and all it has to offer and its extraordinary beauty. Ed has never had a desire to travel nor to live anywhere else. Except for a couple of siblings, his whole family continues to live in Portland. Staying healthy and physically fit are important to Ed and, for the past 24 years, he has walked 2 miles every day. Ed is a passionate and enthusiastic lover of cars who competed professionally in drag racing, winning six championships in a period of three years. Additionally, he is a licensed NASCAR driver, competed for seven years in the US's Demolition Derby which, as he puts it, is a good way to be rid of frustrations. Ed has also built "hot rods", competed in car shows and won 500 trophies and 150 plaques. Presently, his pride possession is a beautiful 2015 Ford Mustang (I had the pleasure of seeing its model in Ed's display case). During the Viet Nam war, Ed served for 6 years in the Oregon Air National Guard and worked at PDX's Airport Motor Pool - a sure way to remain engaged in his passion for cars. When asked what he likes most about The Village, Ed's quick and unequivocal response was "the quiet and privacy of living independently in a perfectly suitable apartment on beautiful and well maintained grounds."

Alex Marcus

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Happy "PAL-entine" To The Villagers!

Similar to the trend of having "Friendsgiving" as well as the traditional "Thanksgiving," I realized that I have many, many more Pals than Valentines in my life and they should be celebrated. On Thursday February 5th we will gather in the Community Room for a "PAL-entine Social." Please sign up if you can bring a treat and sign up anyway so we know how many to expect; we will have a sweet craft plus some games.

Our "Village Family Feud" surveys have been wonderful and the last ones can be turned in January 30th. Be on the lookout for a sign up sheet on our activity board if you would like to be on a team! We play Village Family Feud the last Tuesday of the month, February 24th.

We are having our annual AARP Smart Driver class in the Community Room—and I will register for it myself—on February 10th and 12th and that has impacted a lot of our scheduling but I am looking forward to a fun sweet month with all of you!

Your Sister in Christ, Jean Black

January Guessing Game

The winner is Veronica Stai who guessed that the jar had 295 pieces of confetti.

The actual number was 324

The February Guessing Game: How many Hershey kisses are in the jar?



Happy Birthday Oregon!!
On February 14th 1859
Oregon was admitted to the
Union as the 33rd State.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

Barbara Radke #303
Ramona Berlein #100



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Nellie Lieberman	17 Renate Matzke
3 Larry Robbins	18 Roberta Cooper
4 Marilyn Belfiore	20 Carolyn Pease
7 Ramona Newman	22 John Andersen
8 CJ Richey	22 Joy Williams
15 Robin Knutson	24 Amanda Stacey
16 Pete Timoteo	26 Star Schell



Happiest of birthdays to all of you!

Administrative Corner

Dear Residents,

February is here. It is a month that we honor our relationships. It has been shown that our friendships and our networks of friends and family are very important to our physical and emotional health. We need each other! It is another plus for us living here at The Village and for the family that it provides to each of you. Thank You for being a part of The Village Family. Be sure to sign up and attend our Village Valentine Dinner. It is another chance to be with friends and enjoy some good food!

Last month, we had a wonderful presentation from Karen Hartmann on dealing with change. I am sorry if you missed it. Remember that she comes every month and meets with residents to help us deal with loss and change on an ongoing basis. She has been a tremendous help to many of us. The group is open for all to join.

Our weather has been cold and dry lately, but the weather has not been severe for us. We are thankful for that, yet we must remain prepared for whatever may come our way. Please remember that the safest place to be when it is really cold or the sidewalks are slippery is in your own apartment. Please let us know of your needs so that we can help you.

We are enjoying our new sidewalk from the building to the area by #105. We are hoping to do more sidewalk work when the weather gets warmer. We are working at apartments #320 this month and #301 in the coming months.

I wanted to let everyone know that we have some storage lockers available for rent in the 300's. They are about 32 inches deep by 42 inches wide. They rent for \$20 per month. If you need a place to store some extra things, this is a great way to do it to keep your apartment neat at the same time. It is much easier and less expensive than finding storage at a storage facility. Please contact the office if you are interested.

There have been many reports of power chairs and scooters going way too fast on campus. Although 10 mph is the speed on the roadways, that is way too fast for sidewalks. I know that most chairs and scooters do not have speedometers, so an actual speed limit may not be helpful. Please slow down and be careful! Especially when anyone might be close by.

Please remember to do your part by recycling as much as is practical for you. If you need help getting the recyclables to the recycling center, please contact the office.

I have included with this newsletter a separate letter that addresses the parking issues that we are facing here at The Village. I hope we can all work together to make it easier for all of us. Please read it carefully.

This month our Thankfulness Wall asks the question: "What have you done for someone else that made you feel good inside?" Giving of ourselves brings us the most joy in life. Share some of that joy that you have experienced. Stop by and share and see what others have written. Have a wonderful February!

Dennis

Quote for the Month:

"The older you get the more you realize how precious life is. You have no desire for drama, conflict or stress. You just want good friends, a cozy home, food on the table and people who make you happy"
~~~~~Shaquille O'Neal

## Village Weekly Events

### EXERCISE CLASSES

Monday, Wednesday,  
Fridays at 9:30  
Community Room

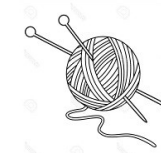
Come and join your  
neighbors and get moving and  
get your heart  
pumping!



### KNITTERS & MORE

MONDAYS at 2:00 pm  
Community Room

Join us **every** Monday to learn,  
share and visit! You do not have  
to knit to join us. Feel Free to  
bring your own  
project to work on.



### MENS GROUP

Tuesday  
February 10 and 24th  
10:00am ~ Meeting Rm

Contact:  
Kurt Matzke & Don Schell.  
Our goal is to cultivate  
meaningful connections for men  
with a focus on camaraderie &  
mutual support. Where men can  
encourage one another, share  
their experience & foster  
genuine friendships.

### BALANCE AND STRENGTH CLASS

WEDNESDAYS  
2:20 & 3:00 Community Room  
2:20: Movement and strength  
3:00 Better balance  
Excellent opportunity to  
Become stronger  
And more flexible!

### FRIENDS HOUR

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
9:00-10:00 AM ~ Café  
Gather & socialize with old  
friends and meet new ones.  
June will have coffee, tea and  
breakfast goodies available for  
purchase.

### CHIME CHOIR

WEDNESDAYS  
2:30 ~ Meeting Rm  
Resumes January 14th

Come learn to play chimes  
in a friendly  
environment!

### OPEN Wii BOWLING

MONDAYS at 4PM  
WEDNESDAYS at 10:30  
FRIDAYS 2:30  
Community Room  
Come bowl with friends and neighbors



### Women's Bible Study

Mondays at 10:00  
meeting room.  
Ramona leads women through scripture  
and prayer



### GAMES, GAMES, GAMES!

SUNDAYS 2-4 ~ Community Room.  
Come play Games in the Community  
Room. Meet new people & make new  
friends! We have dozens of games in our  
game cabinet or bring your favorite!

### GROCERY SHOPPING

Concierge shopping is available on  
Thursdays. Grocery lists must be in by  
2:00 pm Wednesdays. Please keep lists to  
20 items or less.

The grocery bus makes a weekly trip to  
Winco and Fred Meyer, Fridays @ 8:30.  
Please sign up at the volunteer desk.

*A SPECIAL FEBRUARY DINNER*

*Thursday February 19th 12 Noon*

*Please purchase tickets (resident \$13, guest \$15) by Noon, Tuesday February 10th. All tickets will increase to \$17 after that date.*

*Menu:*



*Caesar Salad*

*Garlic Bread*

*Stuffed Manicotti with Marinara  
(Chicken or Beyond Italian Sausage)*

*Parmesan Crusted Roma Tomatoes*

*Layered Red Velvet Cake*



**REFLECTIVE THOUGHTS**

Dear Village Community,

I hope this month finds you with healthy and strong spirits. In February we can celebrate some of our presidents and give thanks to God for His grace and mercy that he has shown our country throughout our history. Of course we also celebrate Valentine's Day. Of all the topics that are covered in the Bible, the love of God is most prominent. We all need love and we need to love so let's look again at what the Word of God says about love.

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16*

*Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10*

*Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:15-16*

Of course there are many many more verses that we can believe in and live with love for all.  
In Christ's love, Pastor Bob

**COLORING CONTEST**

Pick up the page to color at the sign up table. Use markers, pens or even crayons to color. Turn in at the front office by February 12th. Vote for your favorite by February 18th. Winners will be announced at our Special Dinner on February 19th.

Congratulations to the January Winners!

First place: Carolyn Wagler who wins a café meal!

Second: Nancy Thomas wins a café dessert!

Third Place: A tie between Marilyn Cooper and Larry Giltz who both win a café dessert!

**The Village offers many different worship choices here on Campus:**

- Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 4:00 pm.
- The Village Adventist congregation meets on Saturday mornings at 10:00 am.
- The Village Community Church group meets Sundays at 4:00 pm.
- Vespers Service the first Saturday of the month at 4:00pm.



**All are welcomed and encouraged to attend any or all of the meetings!**

**WEDDING BELLS WILL BE RINGING!!**

Robert Ybarra and Jan Johnson

Request the pleasure of your company at their wedding.

Sunday February 15th, 2026 at 1:00PM  
in the Village Chapel.

Reception to follow with light refreshments.

Cards for well wishes are welcome. Please no gifts!

**Speakers And Presentations in February**

**Monday February 2nd 12:45PM:**

Spotlight: John and Ruth Silvestri

**Monday February 9th 11AM:**

Armchair Travel: The Arctic

**Tuesday February 10th 8:45-12:00 Noon:**

AARP Smart Driver Course Part I

**Thursday February 12th 8:45-12:00 Noon**

AARP Smart Driver Course Part II

THE VILLAGE OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY  
FEBRUARY 16th  
IN RECOGNITION  
OF PRESIDENT'S DAY

# Activities

## SPOTLIGHT:

John and Ruth Silvestri  
Monday February 2nd 12:45

Have a cookie and learn more about John and Ruth!



## PONG

Tuesday February 3rd 11AM  
We have the new and improved Cup and backdrop for Pong!



## BINGO

Tuesday February 3rd 1PM



## We're having a "PAL-entine" Social to celebrate the friendships we have at The Village

Thursday February 5th 10:00AM

We'll make a sweet craft and play some games.

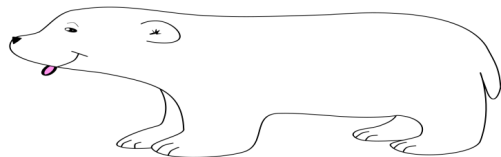
"Digit Fidget" is a game requiring movement and thinking  
"Broken Hearts" will require teamwork.

Please sign up to bring treats and sign up for a head count.

## Dinner at Polar King

Thursday February 5th 4PM  
Polar King in Gresham is under new management,  
With expanded seating and An expanded menu!

Sign up required,  
\$2 (does not include meal)



## ARMCHAIR TRAVEL:

The ARCTIC  
Monday February 9th 11AM  
Video, history,  
And myth-busting

## CRAFT WITH CHRISSY

Monday February 9th 1:00

Chrissy has a special Valentine craft  
And she provides all you need  
Including great friendship!



# Activities

## AARP SMART DRIVER

Tuesday February 10th AND  
Thursday February 12th  
8:45-12 Noon

Must be present both days; check with your insurer if this course can reduce your monthly premiums.

Sign up at the office, payment due in cash or check on first day of class. No credit cards! \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for non-member

## Dinner at La Carreta

Tuesday February 10th  
4:00PM

Voted by The Gresham Outlook  
"The best Mexican restaurant" 12 years in a row!

Sign up required  
\$2 for transportation  
(does not include meal)

## GRIEF SUPPORT,

Monday February 16th 1:00.

Grief can be felt for many kinds of loss; possessions, independence, expectations and for people we have loved.

## BINGO

Thursday February 12th 2:00

## BREAKFAST AT ELMER'S AND A TRIP TO THE CANDY BASKET!!

Tuesday February 17th 8:30 AM

If your sweet tooth was not satisfied on Valentine's Day we can fix that at the Candy Basket  
Sign up required~~~ \$2 for transportation, does not include meal or purchases

## ACTIVITY MEETING

Tuesday February 17th 1:00 PM.  
Let's choose Spring activities!

## SPECIAL DINNER

Thursday February 19th 12PM  
Turn the page for details!

Popcorn? Check. Soda? Check.  
Red Vines? Check.

Sounds like MOVIE NIGHT!!  
Thursday February 19th 3PM

"Sabrina" starring  
Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart, and William Holden

## VILLAGE FAMILY FEUD

Tuesday February 24th 1:00

Team Sign-up begins February 15th  
If you are not on a team please come be part of the audience!!

## BUNCO!!

Thursday February 26th 1PM

We'll have some prizes for the most Buncos, the most games won, and the most games lost!

Sign up required