



**SO, WHAT'S NEW???***by Pat Duffy*

Since this is my first column, I thought I'd try to capture the essence of a new regime, a new year, a new U.S. President and a new Council. That sounds like we're starting all over... far from it.

First of all I want to thank those folks who are leaving the Council for their dedication to the betterment of us residents this past year.

**Marilyn Baier, Dick Pizzo, Martha O'Keefe** and **Inez Allan** performed their responsibilities with honor and success. To the new Council members, **Karl Snepp, Glenn Rimbey, Paul Gregory** and **Carlos Caguiat**, welcome aboard...we expect enlightened leadership...the residents have put their faith in you. And welcome back to **John Bailey** and **Jean Gallios** as they continue as their committee Chairs and to **Bud Olson** as our new Vice President.

Now then, what might we expect as we look forward to a new year at Emerald Heights? Well, certainly the new AL construction will become an "attention getting" activity. I'm sure that there will be inconveniences associated with the disruptions of our daily lives. However, if we can just remember the reason for the construction, it will be easier to tolerate a little upset. We intend to foster the good communication with the Administration that Marilyn and Grant established last year. The efforts with WACCRA and Residents' Rights will continue to be up front.

I want to remind everyone that the Council is your Council, that the committees are your committees, that the activities are your activities...so let's support one another and participate, participate, participate ... .

If you have questions, comments or suggestions concerning our Association, talk to me or one of the Council members ... don't keep your ideas buried in your heart.

I look forward to serving as your President.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!***by Karl Snepp*

A **BIG THANK YOU!** to all who contributed to the 2016 Employee Appreciation Fund. Gift checks totaling \$108,000 were distributed among 302 Emerald Heights employees (including the dining room and kitchen staff who are employees of Guest Services).

The amount each employee received was based upon hours worked and ranged from \$50 to almost \$700 in amount. Members of the Management Council (department heads and above) aren't eligible to receive Employee Appreciation awards.

The presentation ceremony in the Emerald Room on December 8<sup>th</sup> saw a house packed wall-to-wall with Emerald Heights residents expressing their appreciation and enthusiastic employees grinning with gratitude.

In a surprise performance, the Environmental Services Chorus entertained the crowd with a rousing version of "Feliz Navidad," led by vocalist Erman Chavez and his guitar.

Punch and those *fabulous* Emerald Heights cookies were enjoyed by all following the check presentations.

**EDUCATION FOR ENJOYMENT***by Bob Levin*

Classes will resume on Friday, January 6, 2017.

Classes are held in Avondale/ Sammamish Rooms at 3:00 PM.

This course is on Black Holes, Tides and understanding Gravity.

Please sign up in the 'Here Book' at the front desk.

Thank you, Bob

## A LOOK AT TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

by Sharon Clarke

The year 2017 is the twenty-fifth year since the beginning of Emerald Heights. Do you remember where you were and what you were doing at the beginning in 1992? I do. I was at Boeing writing software.

Most of you will be happy to learn #2 Washington beat #4 Michigan in the Rose Bowl ultimately leading to a national championship with Florida. Staying with the sports theme, Tiger Woods played his first round as a pro and Fred Couples won the Masters. The Redskins beat the Bills 37 to 24 in Super Bowl XXVI.

In January George H. W. Bush fell ill and vomited on the Japanese Prime Minister. In February a healthy George H. W. Bush met with Boris Yeltsin at Camp David and they formally declared the Cold War over.

Now for some events from the entertainment industry. *Silence of the Lambs* won the Oscar for best picture and Anthony Hopkins and Jodie Foster won best actor and best actress respectively for the same picture. In May the last episode of the *Golden Girls* aired, and Johnny Carson made his last appearance on the *Tonight Show*.

For those of you interested in computing, you'll like this one. Microsoft announced Windows 3.1.

Andrew, a category-5 hurricane, one of the most destructive hurricanes ever, hit the coast of Florida.

On the discovery front, David Lewett and Jane Luu discovered a comet "1992 QB1" 64 million from the sun. Seems pretty close in cosmic terms. Also, two skeletons discovered in Yekaterinburg, Russia were identified as Tsar Nicolas II and Tsarina Alexandra.

John Major was elected Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and we just elected a new President of the United States, Bill Clinton.

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## EMERALD LIGHTS POLICY

by Donna Bailey, Senior Editor

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Copies are printed monthly by the school system and an earlier due date during holiday times may be required.

"Be who you are and say what you feel because, those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

*Dr. Seuss*

### 25 Years Ago *Cont. from Col. 1*

That's a very small number of events in 1992. Thought you might enjoy reviewing a few. As you can see, it was quite a year, especially when you include the establishment of Emerald Heights.

## CHRISTMAS/HANUKKAH CONCERT

by Jim Heer

I want to thank all the residents who participated in producing and presenting the Emerald Heights Choir Christmas/Hanukkah Concert on Dec. 2nd. The choir was composed of 19 sopranos, 13 altos, 11 tenors and 13 basses, 56 in all. I thank you deeply for your diligent rehearsals since September and your beautiful, marvelous performance of "Calypso Christmas," "S' Vivon," "O Holy Night," and the "Hallelujah Chorus," the latter along with volunteers from the audience.

The talented Austin Family guest artists added their enjoyable music: Son Patrick with his violin solo, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"; Alison on her Concert Harp playing, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"; and Bill as tenor singing, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy." It was an honor to sing "O Holy Night" with Bill as a duet and choir with harp accompaniment. Guest Hannah Mitchell accompanied the choir again this year and **Dennis Broadbent** filled in as assistant accompanist. My gratitude to both of them.

Since **Phyllis Turay**, Choir Secretary, was unable to serve, **Glad Rimbey** acted as Assistant Choir Secretary and **Glenn Rimbey** served as her assistant. Walter Eck serves as the Choir Librarian. These folks do so much behind the scenes for which I am so grateful. And the following production staff made the event go smoothly: **Hal Gilmour, Rich Lake & Tom Millar** on Sound, Lights & Cameras; **Mark Brody & Dieter Mathes** as Stage Managers; **Don Kindred** and his dozen Ushers; **Hilda Cahn** and her 18 Escorts to assist Corwin residents to attend; Danielle Epp for the beautiful program and publicity; Tech staff, Chad and Kendall; and Set-up staff, Man & Juan. My thanks to you all.

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## OUR BOBCAT

by L'ouise De Butts

TWO SIGHTINGS! **Nina Bygland** and **Andy Kruzich** have seen a beautiful BOBCAT (*Lynx rufus*) cruising the neighborhood. Pretty cocky guy he is, peeking through Andy's window at him....then gone in a flash. Scientists believe that BOBCATS came from Eurasia and during the Pleistocene era (2.6 million years ago) they schlepped across the Bering Land Bridge into North America. They were a form of lynx and then around 20,000 years ago, they evolved into our modern day BOBCAT.

It's the yellow eyes with black pupils that get to you—piercing. The nose is a cute pinkish-red and the fur coat is a furrier's dream...grey and brown, black stripes and dots, splashes of orange. In the past, before enlightenment, this gorgeousness was leading the BOBCAT into extinction. Look at that tail... it is two to eight inches long and all curled up like a corkscrew. Topping it off, the black ear tufts present a truly handsome dude.

He is not a vain creature. Good looks do not deter the BOBCAT from being an excellent hunter. He likes to eat rabbits, rodents, lizards, snakes and carrion. He stalks his prey and with a mighty leap of six feet and sinks his retractable claws into the victim. Dinner.

However, luck sometimes runs out since they in turn can become someone's dinner. Mountain lions, coyotes, foxes, wolves, even large birds do not hesitate when the opportunity presents itself to snatch a colorful meal. This is all done quietly since BOBCATS are quiet animals, except when they mate. Then the atmosphere is filled with growls, snarls, hisses, even screams and isn't that awful?

A pregnancy lasts from 50-70 days. One to six charming kittens are born in some small cave. They start to hunt on their own at five months and are out of the house just before their first birthday. In the wild they can live as long as 13 years.

Look carefully, our BOBCAT is watching you.

## O TANNENBAUM

*by Carol & Bill Furror*

It was very cool and rainy, but that did not deter the enthusiasm of the Emerald Heights residents who gathered on November 28, 2016, to usher in the "Official" start of the Emerald Heights holiday season. The event was highlighted by the lighting of our massive evergreen on Harry Wilson Circle. Standing nearly seventy-five feet high, this conifer, which has the perfect Christmas tree silhouette, clearly calls to be illuminated. After lighting, it becomes a centerpiece of winter beauty with its hundreds of sparkling lights, and welcomes one-and-all.



Chaplain John Waltner reminded us of the wonders of Christmas Day. He also noted the number of ways in which we can keep the spirit of Christmas alive, throughout the year. In closing he asked, "Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas, and if you keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone".



To conclude the event, we enjoyed a performance by the "Emerald Heights Ukulele Band", under the able direction of **David Pratt**, with a sing-a-long. As usual, the band was dressed for the occasion; Santa and reindeer antler hats, blinking lights, and green pigtails. Appropriately, their first selection was "O Tannenbaum". Of course, we ended the evening with the singing of "Silent Night".

## IN THE BEGINNING

*by Walta McCarly*

In the beginning - the Residents' Association Council decided to have a 'yard sale' in the spring of 1994 as a means of raising money for the Benevolence Fund (from Council minutes of 1993). The yard sales were held at Redmond High School. Many volunteers took all their items to the school. This included clothes, furniture, you name it. **Don** and **Marge Young** were the chairs.

This continued until so many items were donated that the items were divided into the Thrift Shop and Christmas. New apartments were added to Emerald Heights around 2000. In time, the Thrift Shop divided the items between themselves and the Furniture Sale.

The Christmas Boutique was an outgrowth of the yard sales and eventually the Thrift Shop. With the realization that many Christmas items were being donated, it was decided to take those items and sell them in a Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale. **LaReine Camp** priced and kept the Christmas items in her cottage and a storage building behind her cottage. She would spend many hours bringing all the items to the old Emerald Room for the sale. The Thrift Shop provided workers for the event.

In 2010, the event was given to the Craft Ladies when LaReine was no longer able to do the work. In 2010 and 2011, the Bazaar continued to be held in the old Emerald Room. The event is now called the Holiday Bazaar.



The Craft Ladies did the pricing and storing of items and with the help of many volunteers, set up the new Emerald Room for the Bazaar. **Walta McCarley** was the chair for the first 3 years, **Martha O'Keefe** chaired in 2014 and brought new ideas which were incorporated and for the past 2 years **Shirley Doyle** and Walta co-chaired. This year, we set up during 2 partial days. There were 65 volunteers this year.

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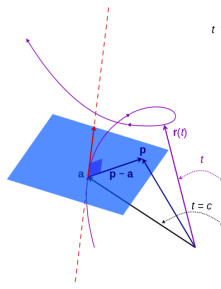
by Sylvia Jones

In early November, the "Education for Enjoyment" class on "Espionage" gathered in the Avondale/Sammamish rooms, some 40 strong. The screen scrolled the professor's name and credentials. We settled back anticipating an hour of intrigue (do spies really hide tape recorders in the heels of their shoes?). The screen then showed instructions on installing the tape. We waited and the professor spoke. The tape instructions continued on screen. We waited and the professor continued speaking. More installation instructions. We waited. It became apparent that the 'Espionage' had gone undercover! No video! Most of the class silently exited.

The next week a new class started "Black Holes, Tides and Curved Spacetime: Understanding Gravity" commenced. Energy! Light! Gravity! Did you know light bends? Do you know if the gravitational pull of the moon controls tides? Have you heard that a feather and a lead ball, in a vacuum, will fall at the same speed? Deep? Yes and no.

A mix of science, history and astounding current discoveries tempered with a touch of humor! Oh yes, there are algebraic equations, numbers in the millions and terms such as thermal, potential and kinetic energy. You will be able to understand how it is possible for a rocket weighing hundreds of tons can be sent out of our gravitational pull by thermal energy to reach the potential energy available which will carry it onward!

Just in the past year, scientists have heard a wave of gravity which originated in a black hole millions of years ago! Gravity generated sound waves were predicted by Einstein in 1919. It took 97 years to develop instruments sensitive enough to hear the wave as it passed earth!



If you plan to keep up with the younger generations, this is the class for you! Newton, with his apple, Descartes' theory of atomic matter, Einstein and relativity; most of us have heard of the early scientists; this is current. This series will lead you into the future via the past and present!

No snoozing in this class! Give it a try. Don't be kept in the dark; get those grey cells clicking If you want to be "in the loop", this is the class for you! Classes resume at 3 pm on January 6.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*From the Emerald Lights Staff*

### Beginning ...cont. from Page 5, Col. 2

Here are the amounts raised by the Tuesday Craft Ladies since we became the group responsible for hosting this wonderful, fun yearly event.

2010	\$3,000
2011	\$5,002
2012	\$6,007
2013	\$6,716
2014	\$6,296
2015	\$7,734
2016	\$8,111.60
Total	\$42,86.60 (2010-2016)

We could not do this without your donations, participation and well wishes. We thank everyone who donated items to the Craft Room, worked on the event and purchased many lovely items. The \$2 bag sale went very well.

We thank you so very much. Happy 2017 from the Tuesday Craft Ladies: **Walta McCarley, Shirley Doyle, Tish Nolan, Barbara Hughes, Marge Hansen, Julianna Caguiat, Miriam Sommer, Janny Lehmann and Nancy Lamb.**

## THE SPORTING LIFE

by Bruce Johnson

The competitive, friendly sport activities at Emerald Heights have ended for the year. This partly due to the inclement weather, but a few hardy golfers, such as **Bob Brett**, continue to play on Monday mornings. The table pool players completed the final round of the Fall Pool Table Tournament and like good soldiers, they will be preparing for the next "battle" at a new tournament starting in January.

The final pool match of the season was between **Don Taves**, winner of the Consolation Bracket, and **Wes Eckert**, winner of the Championship Bracket. In several closely fought matches between the two combatants, the ultimate winner was **Don Taves**. Both he and Eckert should be congratulated as they had to defeat many good opponents to reach the finals. Well done, Don and Wes!



At the year end, we would like to acknowledge the winners of the various sporting events for 2016. We might call it **The Emerald Lights Hall of Fame** unless that sounds too pompous. But these Champions listed below deserve special recognition for overcoming stiff competition with their fellow residents. Listed below are the champions of the various sporting activities for the past year who represent the First Class in our Hall of Fame. A trophy or some kind of memento would be appropriate for these honorees: but, alas, a shortage of funds prevent such recognition. However, a congratulatory hand shake or other acknowledgement such as "well done, friend" will have to do for now.

**Golf:** Men's Putting-**Dean Haugen**; Men's Pitch & Putt-**Dean Haugen**; Women's Putting; **Nancy Quickstad**; The Annual

Smedley Golf Tournament-**Don Bowman** (low net); **Dean Haugen** (low gross).

**Table Pool:** Winter Singles Tournament-**Wes Eckert**; Summer Doubles Tournament- **Al Waterman & Hugh Knapp**; Fall Singles Tournament-**Don Taves**.

**Lawn Bowling:** Singles Tournament-**Marvin Elbon**; Doubles Tournament-**Dean Nelson & Martha Sampson**.

There are continual competitive sporting events throughout the year and we acknowledge all the residents who participate in making these games fun. We also would like to give credit to the Staff of the Fitness Center who plan and organize the 'Fun & Games' program in the summer. Many residents participate in this week-long activity and benefit immensely from this program. Let us all resolve to participate in an exercise class or an activity in the new year. It is not only fun but can improve our health and energy. The social aspect is also important.



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## CHRISTMAS/HANUKKAH CONCERT

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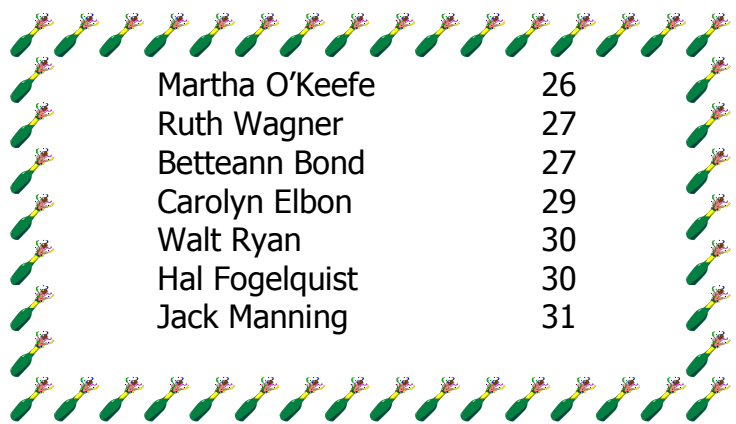
What would a concert be without an audience? I want to express my appreciation to all of you who attended: including the choir on stage, there were over 350 people packed in the Emerald Room. Your singing in the "Sing-a-long" was fabulous. Thank you all for initiating a grand holiday season!


**JANUARY 2017 BIRTHDAYS**

Sally Christman	01
Elaine Smith	01
Lee Miller	02
Betty Viehmann	03
Darleen Johnson	05
Larry Turnbull	06
Dick Allyn	08
Phil Sawchuk	08
Christine Thorson	08
Bill Aiken	11
Mike Coie	11
Gene Hall	11
Jan Stoebe	11
Sherry Whitmore	12
Tony Lu	12
Mary Murphy	12
Marj Rowley	12
Gwen Ross	12
Dick Swope	13
Eathel Allyn	13
Dennis Durden	13
Andy Kruzich	13
Sue Bowman	13
Anthea Kjerulff	14
Don Carlyle	16
Wes Eckert	16
Jeanne Holder	16
Harris McCarley	16
Georgie Nicholson	16
Ted Elder	17
Sue Hill	18
Donna Bailey	18
Irene Schmidt	20
Adele Martz	20
Marie May	21
Virginia Andersen	22
Gordon Lindblom	22
Carlos Caguiat	23
Bill Furrer	24
Karen Brody	24
Jim Heer	26
Pearl Legler	26
Irene Menghini	26

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Ruth Wagner	27
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Carolyn Elbon	29
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