

Hearthstone Happenings

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*Merry
Christmas*

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NEWS AROUND HEARTHSTONE

Christmas Trees and Wreaths

Per a State Law, Hearthstone is not allowed to have Fresh Greens in our building. We ask that you not put up a fresh tree in your apartment or a fresh wreath on your door. We hope this does not cause any inconvenience. Artificial trees or greens are very welcome!! Thank you.

Hearthstone of Beaverton

November 26, 2018

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Christmas is most generally thought of as a beautiful, almost magical, time of year filled with joy and remembrances of years gone by. For many, a time of reflection on the birth of Jesus, the promised Messiah.



Christmas can be a difficult time for some, especially as we age, and life demands that we accept change. To be content is not always easy.

The Apostle Paul sent words of encouragement to the Philippian church...a challenge to adopt a fresh mind-set that we too can embrace, not only at Christmas-time, but throughout the coming year.

Paul wrote, "...brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." (Phil 4:8)

My dear wife, Faye, and I wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas, filled with His Blessings.

Chaplain Bob

MEET CAROL SMITHSON



Carol Smithson may be small in stature, but her personality is big and her heart even bigger. She also has lots of good stories to tell!

Most of you at Hearthstone who know Carol would probably like to hear the one about how she met her handsome husband, Jack. Carol was working as an RN in Minot, North Dakota, when she agreed to go out on a blind date with a friend and two young Air Force Airmen. Carol's friend and Jack sat in the front seat of the car. When Carol told the group she worked as a RN, she says "Jack turned around with his big brown eyes, and eyelashes about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long and said, 'You mean registered nut.'" The next day he called her and asked her out to the movies. He gave her a ring on Valentine's Day, along with a valentine from "Gess Who?" Carol says she told Jack, "I knew it must be from you because you're the only one who spells like that!" Carol and Jack have been married for 62 years.

Carol was born on a farm in Fairfield, Idaho on August 5, 1934. A midwife delivered her and since they didn't have a baby scale, they used a turkey scale. "That's why I'm such a turkey," Carol jokes. Her Dad got a job on Fort Peck Dam in Montana. Her mother tried to keep the farm going with a brother but, as Carol explains, "It was during the Depression and Dad's brother did not pay the taxes so they had to auction off the farm." Carol's dad had died when she was 20 months old from pneumonia caused by breathing in dirt while he was in a cave-in. Carol's mother moved with Carol and her sister to Sidney, Montana and went to work at the County Courthouse. "My mom is my hero," Carol says, "along with Jack." In the summers she visited her grandfather, a Norwegian who had emigrated to the U.S. and ran a big farm of over 160 acres in North Dakota. "I got to roam everywhere," she says. "I was a total tomboy. But my grandfather would not let me climb the windmill!"

When Carol turned eighteen, she attended the Trinity Hospital School of Nursing in Minot. "By the time I was 19 years old, I'd had 14 people die during the night. My mom said I'd changed -- I wasn't a young girl anymore -- and I said she was right. But I loved being a nurse." Carol continued nursing throughout her career, eventually retiring in 1999.

Carol and Jack moved to Oregon in 1957 so Jack could attend Oregon State University. Their first child, Sandra, was born during winter finals of Jack's first year. They later had two more children, Sharry (born in 1961) and John (born in 1966). The family moved to McMinnville upon Jack's graduation, and later bought a house in Beaverton where they lived for over 50 years. The pair now have six grandchildren -- five girls and one boy (the youngest).

Carol says her "greatest joy in life is, if I can make people laugh." She must get a lot of joy out of life, because her stories pack a punch line guaranteed to make you smile.

HEARTHSTONE PHOTOS



Thelma and Virgil planting bulbs in the Hearthstone garden



The Hearthstone Christmas Tree



Fran dressed up on Halloween



Bev Ecker hand painting our windows for the holidays



Pat and Bert dressed up on Halloween



Sue showing off her painted rock



Mary Ann dressed up on Halloween



Florence showing off her painted rock



Don with his medals after our Veterans Day Celebration



Jean receiving her challenge coin at the Veterans



Art receiving his challenge coin at the Veterans Day Celebration

ACTIVITIES

Christmas

Door Decorating Contest

Let's get into the Christmas Spirit! Let's have a door decorating contest. Decorate your apartment door or your "outside area" in any fashion you wish—families and friends can help! Think how festive this will be as we prowl the halls of Hearthstone...

On December 20th, we will announce the winners! Three prizes given—first second and third!



Special Evening for our Hearthstone Residents, Families and Friends

December 13th at 5:00pm, **Hearthstone Residents and Families** will gather for our Christmas dinner program. **Please call and RSVP or sign up at the front desk.** This will be a special evening with candlelight, singing, a program for the season, good food and surrounded by the warmth of Christmas. We invite you to come, and be part of this special annual event.



Upcoming in December:

Dec 2 at 2:00pm — Piano Recital in Dining Room

Dec 6 at 4:45pm — Outing to McGrath's for dinner

Dec 7 at 3:00pm — Hot Chocolate Party with Steve West and Santa

Dec 8 — Caroling at 12:00pm and 6:00pm

Dec 9 at 5:45 — Outing to Brass Holiday Concert at St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Dec 11 at 6:00 — Outing Bev and Tom's Open House

Dec 13 at 5:00pm — Resident Christmas Party in Dining Room

Dec 20 at 3:00pm — Happy Hour and Cheese Tasting

Dec 20 at 6:00pm — Outing to see Christmas Lights

Dec 22 at 2:30pm — Dance Entertainment in Dining Room



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exciting events, people,
and news about
Hearthstone of Beaverton.

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Pat was born in Seattle, Washington and she worked in the Education field. Pat enjoys poetry, writing, bingo, art, classical music and games.



Rita was born in Syracuse, New York and she also lived in Binghamton before relocating to Oregon. She worked as a Registered Nurse and has three children. Rita enjoys Pinochle, Bingo and Blazer Games.



Pepper was born in Fremont, Nebraska and also lived in La Grange, Illinois before moving to Oregon. Pepper worked as an occupational therapist and has three children.

In Loving Memory



Kathi Holm

Born November 17, 1949 — Passed November 21, 2018

*Kathi moved to Hearthstone June of 2018.
We will remember the love she had for others,
especially her grandchildren.*



Mildred Rasmussen

Born March 12, 1928 — Passed November 29, 2018

*Mildred lived at Hearthstone for over 3 years.
We enjoyed all of her stories, her sense of humor,
and all of her hats.*

December Birthdays

2nd — Bert Schmidt

4th — Donald Bills

4th — Jean Neely

8th — Daxton King 🎉

13th — Cliff Wise

17th — Robert Hodson

19th — Ramona Smith

21st — Mel Baliton 🎉

25th — Sabrina Spinn 🎉

28th — Virgil DeHaan