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*"It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air." - WT Ellis*

A Very Merry Christmas!

As I write my last column for our newsletter after four years, I want to thank our residents for their support and encouraging words over those years. A big thank you to my Board Members, especially Sue Stang for the great special events she came up with prior to all of our COVID protocols. Also, a big thank you to Nancy Veenendaal for all of her input and help to make my columns look professional. Nancy's an unsung hero here in O/V for the many, many things which she does that most of us don't know about. Last my biggest thank you goes to my lovely wife Polly for all of her opinions and help, especially these last two years. Love you girl!

Next month Tom Huss will be doing this job and I ask all residents to give him and his Board your full support.

Because of COVID gaining momentum in our State, we have decided to cancel our Christmas party on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Future events such as January's Association meeting and February's Valentine Breakfast will all be subjected to COVID protocols by the new BOARD. No Bingo in December!

Association dues are due in January. A form will be provided in the January newsletter to pay these. Also, in January, our Residence Fees for 2022 will go into effect. Thanks to the great work from OVI Board, these fees will stay the same at \$535 per month. Ron Lostetter will have a breakdown on our fees within this

newsletter.

I want to take this time to express Polly and my sympathies on the passing of Wes Breunig on October 30 and Jack Hoppman on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Rest in peace. It seems many residents have taken falls within the last month, including myself. To Diane Schultz, Rosemarie Walsh, Jan Hansen, Bill Dille, and Gerald Mueller and anyone else I might have missed. Please be careful; especially now with Winter approaching. Sadly, Gerald is now in Assisted Living in Deforest. Polly and I wish him and Judy the very best going forward.

I would like to take this time to welcome two new residents who moved into our community. First are Tom and Chris Forsterling who moved in to Unit #908, just prior to Thanksgiving. Moving into Unit #812 is Dave Suchomel the first half of December. Dave is already pretty well known around O/V, thanks to Jan Retrum.

With Winter closing in on us fast, now is a great time to check your batteries in your thermostats. If you feel that they need to be replaced, you need two AA batteries and you need to put in a work order and Jim will get the job done. Remember roads and walks can get slippery this time of year. Please all be careful. Our bones aren't what they used to be!

In closing, Polly and I want to wish all of

the residents happy and healthy holidays and continuing all through the coming years. As I part as the Association President, these four years have been an eye opener. The first two years working with Independent Living to keep in the loop of what's going to happen here at O/V. The last two years were spent keeping O/V from being taken away from us. I feel we are stronger and in a better position to face the future than Independent Living was within their last six to seven years prior to their going bankrupt.

Again, to the many residents who have supported me throughout these last four years, my thank-you's. In conclusion, after four years, I'm still standing and so is Olympic Village!

Henry Ruff  
President



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## **Christmas**

**"The only time of the year in which one can sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of socks." - Unknown**

### *Thank You*

Dear Friends,  
Olympic Village is a great place to live! I want to thank all the people who brought food, sent cards, called and offered to help in anyway after my time in the hospital after my fall. (Involving dogs again)  
Thank you all for your friendship and prayers. Blessings to all during the holiday season. ~ Dianne Schultz

#### To the Olympic Village Community

We are very saddened and a little shocked at the loss of Jack. He was doing so well, enjoying his scooter rides with Harley and the sunshine. The morning of November 3, Bayo had called Jeff to inform him that Jack fell when he was getting up in the morning around 6:30 am. Jack was complaining of pain in his hip and thought he might have broken it. He did not break it, but was unable to stand up and be mobile. He did try, but started to decline quickly. Jack was a fighter through his heart conditions for

many years and always, somehow pulled through it.

Jeff and I would like to personally Thank the wonderful Olympic Village Community for welcoming him there. He was reunited with classmates, met new friends, and even tried new adventures. He always enjoyed the socials, dinners, and Bingo! We never thought we would hear Jack Hoppman loved playing Bingo and wish it was every week!

Now for his dog Harley. As soon as this happened, Heather called Jeff and asked if it was ok is she picked up Harley to take care of him which helped us out a lot. When Jeff was at Hospice visiting Jack, Heather did bring Harley to visit. She put him on his bed and told Jack she was caring for Harley. Jack smiled at her, very pleased knowing Harley was with her. When Jack passed, Jeff asked Heather if she would be interested in keeping Harley she broke down and cried and said absolutely! So Harley and Heather are together, it fills our hearts knowing that he will be loved. Heather is a very special young lady and we were so blessed to have her and Bayo as Jack's main caregivers. It helped us out to be able to keep Jack at Olympic Village with his dog as long as possible, those were his wishes.

Sincerely,  
Jeff and Carrie Hoppman

### ***Remember Me - an Invitation***

Please join me for donuts and coffee on Friday, December 3rd from 9:30 - 11:00. The song, "Remember Me" was sung at Wes' funeral. It gave me the idea to invite our OVI friends and neighbors to come and share memories of Wes' life.

~ Marilyn Breunig



There was no OVI Board Mtg. this month. Please see the attached 2022 Budget prepared by Ron Lostetter.



***Sue's News***

Well, here we go again. This is not what I wanted to do, but we, a number of the incoming and outgoing committee officers, think it is in the best health interest of our residents to forgo the Holiday Dinner.

The club house will be a very lonely and quiet place this month. I think the Christmas decorating of the club house should be reduced to only the indoor front entrance and, weather permitting, the outdoor front entrance. The time and date will remain the same. December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. If we have a good turnout, maybe we can also get the storage closet in order for Sally Carpenter and crew to begin their new adventures.

Speaking of the coming year(s) for Sally, I really hope folks will step up and help in any way they can. I'm sure Sally will welcome the help whether it's ideas, setting up for events, and "what goes up, must come down". Sally has been our Social Director in the past and did a great job then. I know she has been thinking up ideas for things to do and places to go. Let's hope these things can be carried out as planned. As we know, things can be changed without much notice.

I really want to thank the ladies that were on the Social Committee. The veterans that were on before Carolyn Riley and I took that leap were, Donna Bodner who passed while everything had come to stop during Covid - RIP, Rose Meffert, Connie Disrud, Donna Tamboli. Karen Mullins joined us soon after and we were lucky that she brought her husband, Mike, along. I also want to thank my husband, Bill Dille, for helping me and the committee.

Hank Ruff and Nancy Veenendaal were a big part of the Activity functions.

Nancy and her husband Dave kept me on the straight and narrow with what went in the newsletters. Hank and his wife, Polly, were always a sounding board with ideas and menu selections. Hank has been in charge of the cards, the ladies' Valentines breakfast (which includes lining up cooks, candy gifts and the flowers). He also was bartender for some of the parties. We even got him grilling for the cookout. He makes sure that the small refrigerator is stocked with liquid refreshments.

Thanks to all.....

**Happy Holidays!**

### **2022 Social Committee News:**

From Sally Carpenter to Sue Stang; I must bow to you for your selfless hard work in bringing Joy to the OV residents. We have enjoyed many get togethers because of your giving heart.

But now on to 2022.

Due to the world we are living in now, planning will be a little different in how we carry through the ups and downs, but each and every time we come together it will be a celebration.

SO, we will need an active committee for planning and carrying out events throughout the year. We encourage anyone (guys and gals) with any ideas or anyone that just wants to help out to sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Club

house. We will plan a meeting in mid-December to discuss future events and how each committee member can bring their expertise to the events in the 2022.

If anyone has any questions feel free to call Sally at (608) 837-8252.

We are looking forward to many get togethers (Covid restrictions permitting) for the new year.

Sally Carpenter and Barry Strauss



**Grands'**

**Grins**

"What's Istanbul the capital of? he asked.

Hinting at Turkey, I said: "We eat a lot of it at Christmas."

"Greece," he replied.

So much for our cooking, then.



Dear Friends,

Since being a bachelor and living alone, laundry seems to be the biggest problem that I have. Here are a few tips from the Huffington Post:

- Using long cycles for the washer and dryer just wears out your clothes.
- Put cleaning agents in the washer first.
- Use less detergent. It gets caught in your clothes and in the machine.
- Clean your washing machine. Fill to the highest level with hot water and put in 1 cup of bleach. Let it sit for 1 hour, then run the cycle. Then fill it again with hot water and 1 quart of white distilled vinegar. Let it sit for another hour and then run the cycle. (Do not mix the bleach and vinegar!)

~ Submitted by Pat Fowler



*Just for Fun*

The recent announcement that Donner and Blitzen have elected to take the early reindeer retirement package has triggered a good deal of concern about whether they will be replaced, and about other restructuring decisions at the North Pole.

Streamlining is due to the North Pole's loss of dominance of the season's gift

distribution business. Home shopping channels and mail order catalogues have diminished Santa's market share. He could not sit idly by and permit further erosion of the profit picture.

The reindeer downsizing was made possible through the purchase of a late model Japanese sled for the CEO's annual trip. Improved productivity from Dasher and Dancer, who summered at the Harvard Business School, is anticipated. Reduction in reindeer will also lessen airborne environmental emissions for which the North Pole has received unfavorable press.

I am pleased to inform you that Rudolph's role will not be disturbed. Tradition still counts for something at the North Pole.



*Last Words*

"Find out where joy resides, and give it a voice far beyond singing. For to miss the joy is to miss it all." Robert Louis Stevenson

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