

Park View Village

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PROGRAM CALENDAR

“Western Lunatic Asylum (an illustrated look-back)”

Our **Wednesday, Feb. 10**, 7 p.m., program in the Park View Mennonite Church Fireplace Room will look at the architecture and history of the “Western Lunatic Asylum,” established in Staunton (1828) and now known as Western State Hospital. Greg Versen (PVV member, WMRA “Professah Blues” host, JMU Social Work Professor Emeritus and noted local photographer) will display his photos and tell the institution’s story.



Ed Bontrager (at upper left) organized and led our lively holiday program in his final duty as chair of Park View Village’s Program Committee. A dessert potluck was followed by childhood memory-sharing, a “Name That Christmas Tune” game, and carol singing.

– Photos by Greg Versen.

BOARD PRESIDENT UPDATE:

I hope your New Year is off to a good start. Just a quick reminder as winter storms arrive: Snow shoveling is hard work, so be careful and please call for help if needed. Fortunately we have neighborhood young people who appreciate an opportunity to earn a few dollars.

As we closed 2015, Park View Village said goodbye to some of our hard working board members: **Ed Bontrager, Chris Edwards, Cliff Lind, Anne Miller and Arlene Wiens.**

Ed let our Events and Program Committee, planned many interesting programs and arranged tours for Village members. Chris serves on the Movie Committee and edits our bimonthly newsletter. (We are thankful that Chris continues to serve in these roles in 2016.) Cliff updated the Village volunteer program, working with administrative assistant Denise Sauder. Anne served in administration by helping membership renewals. Arlene worked on a plan for neighborhood leaders, and helped make the Village more responsive to member needs and the needs of aging in general. We are very thankful for the investment each made to the Park View Village.

The Village needs some new board members...two for the Events and Program Committees, one to work with volunteers and one or two to help members find some assistance around the house. Please get in touch with a board member or me (540-383-9771) if you have interest in helping.

Be safe and stay warm.

Keith Gnagey, President



VENDOR SPOTLIGHT

House Cleaning

Teresa Nesselrodt has assisted my wife, Virginia, with her house cleaning for the past 10 years. She is thorough, trustworthy and efficient. She is employed at EMU. (Evelyn King is her supervisor.) Teresa can be contacted at **540-578-4160**.

--John Spicher, PVV Vendor Services Chair

PVV BEGINS CONVERSATION WITH VMRC

At the beginning of the New Year the PVV Board is exploring additional options for strengthening the services available to our members. An Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Evelyn Driver, Nancy Gunden, Paul Yoder and John Spicher has been tasked to begin

conversations with the Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community to define areas where PVV and VMRC could benefit each other through collaboration. VMRC has graciously extended an invitation to PVV members to use the Park Place Theatre for occasions when the PVV Movie Group needs a larger facility. We are presently using John and Mary Ann Heatwole's facility, which is very adequate and greatly appreciated. VMRC has also agreed to make its monthly newsletter, "Life at VMRC," available to PVV members. VMRC members, in turn, will be informed of ways they may access our newsletter.

Opportunities will become available for PVV and VMRC members to engage in each other's scheduled social events, which are announced in the respective newsletters. PVV members who are also VMRC "Priority" members have access to the Wellness Center at a discounted rate, as do PVV members who become VMRC "volunteers" and offer 12 hours per month of service.

Conversations are expected to continue, and we will keep you informed.

-John Spicher

MOVIES:

THE PVV MOVIE COMMITTEE shows films in John and Mary Heatwole's home theater at 7pm one Friday per month. Seating is limited, so please register on the PVV website to attend:

www.parkviewillageva.org. (And please don't let "cyber-phobia" scare you away! It's not that hard. You'll find an illustrated guide under "Tutorials" at the bottom of the webpage. Contact Evelyn Driver for help if needed: evelynjd@goshen.edu or 540-432-1505.) Attractions coming soon:

Roxanne, Feb. 12: A romantic comedy for the Valentine season, based on the play "Cyrano de Bergerac." Large-nosed C.D. Bales falls for beautiful Roxanne; she falls for his personality but another man's looks.
Cold Mountain, March 11: Near the end of the American Civil War, a wounded soldier embarks on a perilous journey home to Cold Mountain, NC to reunite with his sweetheart.

EASTERN MENNONITE SEMINARY is sponsoring a weekly film series, "**ACROSS CULTURES: Profiles in Courage and Resilience,**" which began in mid-January and continues into late April. All films are shown on Wednesdays, 7PM in Room 123 of the EMU Seminary Building. Admission is free and open to the public. Local experts on each theme will respond to questions. (Moderator Bob Bersion, Visiting Jewish Scholar at the Center for Interfaith Engagement, drew PVV "regulars" for the Seminary's series last year on Israeli-Palestinian issues.)

Following are titles coming soon:

Jan. 27, *Water*

Feb. 3, *Mother Teresa: In the Name of God's Poor*

Feb. 10, *The Lady* (Burmese democracy movement leader Aung San Suu Kyi)

Feb. 17, *The Imam and the Pastor* and *An African Answer*

Feb. 24, *Of Gods and Men*

For full schedule and descriptions, see: <http://emu.edu/now/news/2016/01/emu-center-for-interfaith-engagement-presents-free-film-series-featuring-social-justice-leaders-from-around-the-world/>

NOTES:



A quilt show by PVV's Anne Miller is on display in VMRC's Park Gables corridor from Jan. 21-Feb. 19. One of Anne's creations is pictured above. To see many of her colorful quilts and quilted wall hangings, enter from the portico at the Park Gables entrance of VMRC.

Our condolences to the family of Viola Stahl, an active PVV participant who passed away on Nov. 30, 2015. Viola, a retired nurse and daycare provider, served MCC with her late husband Milo in Jamaica. At home, she led in many community activities, continuing after an accident left her in a wheelchair. Viola's family suggests memorial contributions to Valley Associates for Independent Living; www.govail.org. Her obituary, posted on the McMullen Funeral Home site (www.mcmullenfh.com), reads in part, "Viola was a wife, mother, friend and sage and her love and care lives on."

JMU Lifelong Learning Institute's Spring term starts soon, offering seniors (actually, anyone) inexpensive (and sometimes free) choices among many learning opportunities in the arts, sciences, history (including local history), world events, dance, crafts, cooking, health; more. See <http://www.jmu.edu/outreach/programs/all/lli>, or call 568-4253 for a printed catalog.

THE PARK VIEW VILLAGE BOARD

Evelyn Driver – Vice President
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Nancy Gunden – Treasurer
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John Spicher – Vendor Services Chair
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Note: The board needs new members!
Please see President Keith's update on pages 1-2, and contact him (540-383-9771), or any board member, if you would like to serve or recommend a fellow-member!

To contact Park View Village:
540-705-0432;
website, <http://parkviewvillageva.org/>

Deadline is **March 21** for submissions to the **March-April** issue of **PVV's bimonthly newsletter**. Send items to **Chris Edwards, editor, 434-0457;**
chrisedwardshburg@gmail.com.

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Happy birthday, PVV members!



Upcoming birthdays

February - Kenton Brubaker, Dorothy Jantzi, C. Norman Kraus, Omar Showalter, Sam Weaver, Janet Wenger, David Wiens

March - Vernon Jantzi, Mary S. Kauffman, Edie Bontrager, Ruth Stauffer, Janet Weaver, Arlene Wiens, Clara Yoder, Karen Moshier-Shenk



PVV "rack card": The Member Recruitment Committee, headed by Paul Yoder, recently created and published an attractive, informative new "rack card." (Side 1 is shown above.) The cards are available at our events and in local businesses for potential new members to pick up.

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Dust of Snow

BY ROBERT FROST

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.