

Park View Village

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PROGRAM CALENDAR

An Evening on the VMRC Farm at Willow Run, Sept. 21

Friday, September 21, 6:00-8:00, the VMRC Farm at Willow Run will host “neighbor” groups, including ours, for dessert, live music, fellowship, lawn games and sunset-watching. An invitation with more information is scheduled to go out soon.

PVV Fall Potluck and Annual Meeting, Sept. 27

Park View Village’s Fall potluck and annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 27, 5:30-7:30 pm in the Village Hall at VMRC (same site as our banquet last December). The evening features good fellowship, delicious food, and exciting new initiatives. Mark your calendar and invite friends and neighbors to attend and join.

- Keith Gnagey, Board President



Ed Yoder’s happy face (at center) hints that the rain on our annual June picnic did not dampen the fellowship (or food). More photos on pages 4 and 5.

MOVIE NIGHTS TO RETURN



*Movie nights will return this Fall by popular demand, **one Friday a month, now at 7 pm, still in VMRC's Park Place Cinema Room. Free; no registration; guests welcome ... and the Cinema has a brand-new screen!***

Sept. 28: The Hundred-Foot Journey. At first, a French chef (Helen Mirren) clashes with a neighbor from India (Manish Dayal) when he opens his new restaurant just 100 feet from hers.

Oct. 19: The Post. Steven Spielberg's historic "thriller," starring Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks, depicts the struggles at the Washington Post over publication of the "Pentagon Papers" in 1971.

Nov. 16: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn. Adapted from the novel by Betty Smith, this 1945 film shows young "Francie" (Peggy Ann Garner) coming of age in a time of hardships and hopes.

Dec. 21: The Zookeeper's Wife. A Resistance couple in occupied Poland, 1939, use a vacant zoo to save human lives. Adapted from Diane Ackerman's nonfiction book.

BOARD PRESIDENT UPDATE

The Board met July 30 to review the educational initiative, developed by the National Council on Aging, known as the Aging Mastery Program.

Chris Edwards has served as editor of the Park View Village Newsletter for five years and has done an outstanding job. She wishes to step down now (though she and Robin plan to remain active members). Please let me know if you would be interested in serving as editor. For details, see Chris's note on p. 6.

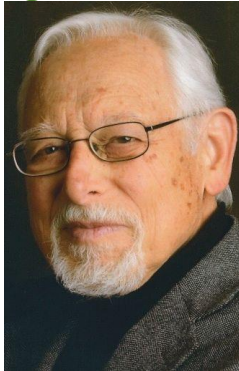
I hope you can attend our annual meeting with potluck on Sept. 27, and evening at the VMRC Farm in Willow Run on Sept. 21. (See p. 1 for details.)

I look forward to starting a new program year in September. Look for a new line-up of programs to be announced soon.

- Keith Gnagey, Board President

IN MEMORY: Two of our former members celebrated and missed

Ray Gingerich



Ray Gingerich died from cancer on June 17, 2018, at 84. He and Wilma, his wife of 61 years, were PVV members before their recent move to a retirement community. Serving on the EMU faculty for 27 years, Ray was instrumental in forging EMU's justice and peacebuilding programs and vision. Yet from warm tributes by friends and members of his

extended family (including four sons and eight grandchildren) at the memorial service in Community Mennonite Church, we learned he had been equally at home, and adept, at farming in the Iowa Amish community where he grew up, and later, at backyard remodeling jobs on long-lived family vehicles.

In the Augusta Free Press, a former EMU graduate recalled that Prof. Gingerich witnessed to the Gospels as being "about speaking truth to power and advocacy on behalf of the poor and oppressed."

For a full obituary, see:
http://www.dnronline.com/obituaries/ray-gingerich/article_81caca54-7369-11e8-a527-33bf1baca94.html

Marijke Kyler



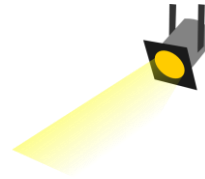
Marijke Kyler died in her sleep on June 30, at 86, survived by three sons and seven grandchildren. Born in Amsterdam, she assisted Mennonite Central Committee relief work in 1953 following the North Sea flood in the Netherlands. She studied and worked on both sides of the Atlantic, teaching languages at schools including EMU. After emigrating to the U.S., she met her

husband, the late Rinehart Kyler, in Ohio.

Her obituary reads, in part, "Her life was filled with curiosity and deep connection to family, to friends, to music (especially Wagner), to books, to her cats, to her garden, to spinning and knitting, and to everyone and everything she loved."

The family hosted her memorial at the EMU Discipleship Center. "She was active until the very end," the obituary noted. See

https://www.meaningfulfunerals.net/?action=obituaries.obit_view&CFID=97821fe4-2d11-49db-bbed-71d40c8abd35&CFTOKEN=0&o_id=4953351&fh_id=14433



VENDOR SPOTLIGHT:
Handy man, general contractor

Need a handy man who is also a general contractor? Contact **Timothy Godshall**. Daryl Peifer is pleased to advocate for Tim, and is recommending that he be added to our Park View Village Vendor's list.

Phone number- 540-408-8194

E-mail timgodshall@gmail.com

John Spicher
Vendor Services Chair

PICNIC MEMORIES (this page and next, continued from p. 1): On June 1, at our annual picnic in Morrison Park, we made the best of conditions brought by a quick summer downpour – accompanied by a few young bystanders who joined us by invitation. At least we had no shortage of excellent food! *All photos by Greg Versen*





WANT TO EXPLORE THE WIDER “VILLAGE MOVEMENT”?

The Village-to-Village movement (of which our Park View Village is one among about 350 nationwide, with more internationally) will hold its **National Village Gathering 2018 on Oct. 7-10 in San Diego, CA**. The theme: “Models for Living: Today and Tomorrow.” Members of all Villages are welcome. For details, see the website below; if you’re interested in attending, speak with any PVV board member.

On the site, you’ll also find a link to a July 7 article that is well worth a read: “Article in Boston Globe touts Village Model.” An excerpt:

The village movement got its start in 2002, when 11 friends and neighbors formed Beacon Hill Village as a mutual support network. Back then, the expectation was that “when you’re 65, you check your brain and let other people take care of you,” said cofounder Susan McWhinney-Morse. “We didn’t want to do that, and we didn’t want to go [move] anywhere.”

<http://www.vtvnetwork.org/#>

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***** OPPORTUNITY: *****
Newsletter editor wanted

I'm planning to cease editing the PVV newsletter at the end of this calendar year (Dec. 31), or sooner if possible. I have served as editor since the Sept.-Oct. 2013 issue (5 years). Lately, I often feel I have taken on too many responsibilities, that I'm scrambling to catch up, and it just seems time to give someone else this opportunity.

Here's one thought: The job could be divided between two (or more) people, perhaps someone to gather the materials, choose photos, and edit (and at times write part of) the content; and someone else to complete the layout and wrangle software issues. (This would call for a mix of skills. I feel comfortable with, and enjoy, editing, but struggle with computer tasks. There are 13-year-olds who could handle them better. :-)

Another thought: Does PVV still need a newsletter? I'm not sure, but if there is a need, I'm confident that a way will be found!

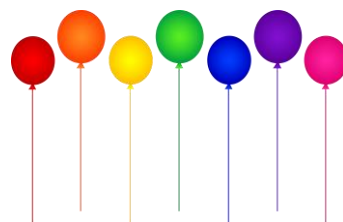
If you're interested in taking on these tasks, please contact PVV president Keith Gnagey. Also, I would be glad to answer questions and help whoever steps forward with getting started.

Robin and I expect to remain active in Park View Village. Being a mostly-retired reporter who has often done this newsletter's write-ups of PVV events, I would be happy to make such contributions when asked, schedule permitting.

I appreciate all the contributions and other help that everyone has given me for the newsletter over these 5 years.

Chris

PS -- *Deadline is **Sept. 25** for submissions to the September-October newsletter. Unless new instructions arrive, send items to **Chris Edwards, editor, 434-0457; chrisedwardshburg@gmail.com***



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PVV MEMBERS!

August Julia Alleman, Myron Augsburg, Peggy Landis, Hope Lind, LaVerne Schirch, Rosemary King, Mary Ann Heatwole, Betsy Dintaman

September Henry Brunk, Jay Landis, Chris Edwards, John Spicher, Lois Wenger