



# The CHATTER

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Great Blue Heron at The Lodge Pond

Photo by **Will Chapman**

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## THE MAINSTREAM ...

### Notes from Executive Director Karen Main

The year 2023 started out with some rough waters for me personally. We were faced with some major family health concerns and three deaths all within a month. I usually don't start out an article with personal news, but what I am joyful to write about is all that we learn during times of struggle. Every one of us, either has experienced or will face times of major change and loss. Many times, it leaves us dependent on others to help out with some of the simplest tasks we have always taken for granted or maybe even worse when there is nothing anyone can do to reverse the situation. At such a time, we learn we are stronger than we thought or want to be, our patience gets tested (on a daily basis) and our faith helps us trust that all will be well again!



All your prayers, cards, notes, flowers and warm conversation gave me strength when I needed it most!

We are moving closer to a final design for our Slayman Chapel renovation that is scheduled to start this summer. The project is expected to take six months to complete. During that time, worship services will be held in The Lodge Event Center. It will be live-streamed for viewing and recorded to be viewed later on the Homewood APP.

Morrison Living-Compass Group hired Ray Ballard as the Dining Director at The Lodge. Ray will be managing the daily operations of the Bistro, Pub and View along with the members of the Morrison team. Ray's email is Raymondballard@morrisonliving.com. We are excited to partner with him and the team. Join me in welcoming Ray to our campus.

AARP Tax service will be providing FREE tax service to anyone on campus every Tuesday through April 11. This is a wonderful and convenient way to handle your taxes. Sign up at the front desk!

Homewood has been researching a new emergency response system to replace our current Lifeline system. PalCare was on campus in February to meet with a resident committee and members of the Homewood team. A demonstration was provided along with discussion of what options the system offered. Residents and Homewood were encouraged about what was learned. We will be reviewing a contract in the near future.

This month we will spring forward to Daylight Saving Time ... one of my favorite times of year!



Sunday, March 12

*Happy 2023 ... may it get better  
and brighter for all of us!*

*Karen*

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This month, continuing our series on our chapel musicians, we will get to know organist **Dottie Winter**. Dottie grew up in a musical family, and music has always been a part of her life. Her maternal grandmother played the pump organ, her paternal grandfather played flute and other instruments, and her dad played guitar and harmonica, with the family singing along.

When Dottie was ten years old, she began taking piano lessons. Feeling drawn to the organ, at age 15 she started lessons on her church's three-manual Moller pipe organ and began serving as the substitute organist the following year.

Dottie attended Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Virginia and minored in music. There she studied organ under Ruth Weybright Stauffer, a former student of Virgil Fox. Her studies culminated in a 1960 organ recital on the college's three-manual Moller pipe organ. She also accompanied the college's Ladies Quartet and Men's Quartet. These groups toured the eastern and southeastern states, giving religious and secular concerts.

Before having a family, Dottie taught high school very briefly, then worked at part-time music and clerical jobs and taught piano lessons for 15 years. Her career involved working as a computer programmer/analyst on a large database system for Immigration and Naturalization Service. She retired from this profession in 2001 after 20 years. During all this, she found time to serve as organist for several churches and did a lot of substitute organ work. Her most recent organist position was at Brook Hill United Methodist Church in Frederick from 2007 to 2013. She has also taught piano lessons and served as accompanist for many types of performers.

Dottie was attracted to church music from her early childhood when she listened to her grandmother play the pump organ and heard the pipe organ in church services at her home church, Hagerstown Church of the Brethren. Her first organ teacher instilled in her a love of playing and singing hymns, and much of the music she studied was written specifically for church worship. Dottie began playing at Homewood about two years ago at Chaplain Suzanne's request. Her faith has always been a part of her music, and she feels that her mission is "to provide music that might lead the congregants to praise God and to feel the presence of God during worship."

J. S. Bach is Dottie's favorite composer. When she began taking organ lessons, the first piece of music she was assigned was a Bach chorale prelude, a short setting of a Protestant



*Photo by Barbara Kirk*

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER, Cont'd

German chorale (hymn) melody which is used to introduce the congregational singing of the hymn. While she has learned and played many other Bach pieces over the years, that Chorale Prelude, "Jesu, Meine Freude" ("Jesu, Priceless Treasure") has remained her favorite organ piece. The hymn tune is included in the current Methodist hymnal, but it is rarely sung. Dottie says, "Bach's composition is filled with intimate charm, and the words of the hymn tune really speak to my heart. The beginning words are: 'Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, truest friend to me.'"

Dottie's favorite hymns are the traditional praise hymns, such as "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," "Now Thank We All Our God," and "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." "I love these hymns because they praise God, encourage us, and lift our spirits," she states.

Many thanks to Dottie for sharing her gift of music with us in worship. We are so glad she is a part of the Homewood Chapel music team!

--Chaplain Shelley Weakly

## SPECIAL OFFERING TO ASSIST EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

We will be receiving funds to help those affected by the recent devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Please make checks payable to **United Church of Christ** and write "**Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief**" in the memo line. Checks can be placed in the offering plate or left at the front desk at Crumland Farms for Chaplain Suzanne no later than March 26.

## POLAR PLUNGE KICKS OFF ALZHEIMER'S FUNDRAISING

Our Polar Plunge this year raised **\$495** to kick off the 2023 fundraising efforts for Alzheimer's Association. Eight stalwart participants braved the FRIGID 58-degree water temperature with air temperature at a nippy 49 degrees!

Thanks to **Margaret Perry, Dave and Sue Chapin** (shown in photo at right), **Margo Stevenson, Janet Davis, Sue Rock, Pat Adkins** and **Pat Mayernik** who were the brave souls who actually made the plunge ... and also their cheering section of spectators who came out to watch all the craziness and donate to a worthy cause.



(Photo courtesy of the Fitness Staff)

# A MESSAGE FROM THE WRRRA PRESIDENT

## *State of the Association*

As the Willow Road Residents Association (WRRRA) comes up to its third anniversary, I am glad to report that we are in a strong financial position, that we have very capable people as chairs of our committees and that our volunteer efforts remain a valuable part of Homewood at Frederick.

**Our Financial Position** – We ended 2022 with assets of \$141,349, an increase of \$38,231. While a portion of these funds are restricted, our unrestricted assets total more than \$46,200 in the bank. Our income for 2022 was up, both from the Catoclin Country Store (net income was \$10,154) and the Yard Sale (net income was \$14,549), our two main sources of funding. Other sources of income were up as well.

Our general expenses, including Committee budgeted expenses, totaled just over \$10,000. We were able to donate \$12,189, which includes \$5,754 from the Woodpeckers and \$3,522 of WRRRA funds, toward the Hearing Loop installation. I want to thank **Ray Green**, Treasurer and **Connie Cranor**, Assistant Treasurer and **Ernie Kessler**, Deputy Treasurer for the Catoclin Country Store for the many hours they have contributed to keeping our financial records.

**Our Committees** – Space does not allow me to detail the various committees of the WRRRA that address many areas of our lives (e.g. travel, food, safety, hospitality) and the efforts of the many residents who participate in those committees. We thank you all for your efforts during 2022 and look forward to benefiting from similar service in 2023. If you have not been involved, most committees are happy to have new members. We especially want to thank the residents who serve as chairs of all these committees because you are the strength of our committee system.

**Our Volunteer Efforts** – Each year Homewood recognizes the number of hours that residents contribute to the betterment of Homewood at Frederick. On behalf of the Association, I want to say “Thank You” as well. I hope that you volunteers have received benefits back as I have. Your efforts make us all stronger. Please consider how you can help in 2023.

--Bill Weller, WRRRA President



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### ***We are WILD about our Volunteers***

Homewood's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, April 19, 2023**. Invitations and details will be mailed out to volunteers who have submitted a timesheet for 2022.

# Join the WOODPECKERS for our sale!

**TUESDAY APRIL 4, 2023, 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.**

**Multi-Purpose Room at Crumland Farms**

***Some of the NEW quality handcrafted items we will have available:***

*Simple Puzzles*

*“Piggy” banks*

*Easter-themed items*

*Stacking puzzles*

*Coasters*

*New scroll saw items*

***We continue to have favorites such as:***

*Lathe-turned pens and wine bottle stoppers*

*Cars and trucks*

*Candle holders, with battery-operated tea lights*

*Simple puzzles*

*Variety of covered boxes*

*Bookmarks*



**Cat and dog figures**



**Stacking squirrels**



**Card and candle holders**

***At this sale we will accept cash, local checks and credit cards***

## WRRRA ELECTIONS INFORMATION



In last month's *Chatter*, upcoming elections for officers of the Willow Road Residents Association Board of Directors were announced and open positions explained. Nominations for these positions began **February 20** when forms and instructions were placed in residents' mailboxes and cubbies. Nominations should be made only with permission of the nominee. And remember, you may nominate yourself for any open position.

Completed Nomination Forms should be placed in the appropriate boxes at the Crumland Farms Community Center or the Lodge front desk **no later than March 5**. After nominations are processed and ballots created, **the election period begins March 27 and ends April 9**. New officers assume their respective positions on May 9, the next WRRRA General (Membership) Meeting.

WRRRA officers are residents' representatives for improving living conditions, promoting activities and addressing issues with Homewood management.

Your participation in the nomination and election process is very important and much appreciated. Questions may be addressed to any member of the Nominating Committee:

- ❖ The Lodge neighborhood – **Pat Curchin** and **Jim Spiller**
- ❖ Crumland Farms neighborhood – **Nancy Speck** and **Shirley Erdmanis**
- ❖ Patio Homes neighborhood – **Pam Zusi** and **Don Fox**
- ❖ Chairman – **Bruce Robertson**

--Bruce Robertson and Jim Spiller

## MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULED

The next **quarterly memorial service** will take place on **Wednesday, March 1 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Chapel. We will be celebrating the lives of residents from all levels of living who died between October 1 and December 31, 2022. All are welcome. The service will be broadcast on Channel 970.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**Springtime Free Card Giveaway!**

Includes all-occasion greeting cards and note paper. **Wednesday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, Crumland Farms Multi-Purpose Room. For more information, contact Deb Ehart, 301-835-7904 or Karin Belsheim, 240-409-5082. Donations still being accepted.

## ***ABOUT OUR HOMEWOOD APP ...***



### ***❖ Checked your personal info on the Homewood APP recently?***

Is your profile complete? Is your phone number and address up to date? Want to add a more flattering picture? Do you have a new family member?

Why not take a minute to make sure that the information on your APP profile is up to date.

Just a reminder that it is the responsibility of our residents to make these changes...and other residents need current info on there to be able to contact you! If you need help updating your information, contact Julie Norris or Sarah Clary.

### ***❖ Here's how to find recordings on our APP.***

If you are looking for a recording of a program, speaker, etc., please check under the "RECORDING" section on the Homewood APP. Recordings are listed under headings such as "Dr. Romane" or "ALOHA" or "Caregiver Programs."

Sometimes speakers ask that we not record them, so if you can't find the programs listed there, that may be why. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Norris.

## ***A WORD OF CAUTION WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING ON WILLOW ROAD***

Even though we had high hopes that the newly installed stop sign for southbound traffic on Willowbrook Road would make it safer for our residents exiting the community that way, it has been reported that some southbound drivers are still failing to stop at that intersection. Old habits die hard!

Our Safety and Security Committee recommends that you exercise extra caution when you're making that left turn from Willow Road onto Willowbrook in case other drivers aren't alert.

## ***PARKING GARAGE ETIQUETTE 101***

- When driving OUT of the parking garage under The Lodge, please be sure to use the EXIT lane, not the entrance lane.
- Keep an eye out for pedestrians in the garage! In inclement weather, residents are encouraged to do their exercise walking inside the garage instead of on the sidewalks and pathways outside.



## ALOHA PRESENTS ...

### *John Fieseler: Reflections on 43 Years in Frederick Radio and Tourism*

Please join the Active Ladies of Homewood Association (ALOHA) on March 24 at 2 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Crumland Farms to continue our journey through Frederick's renaissance to become a tourist destination and a welcoming, vibrant place to call home.



John Fieseler's Frederick story begins in 1979 when he began a career in radio at station WFMD. After 18 years in various on-air and management roles at multiple stations, he became the Executive Director of Visit Frederick, a position he held for 23 years. During those years, John was a key player in the design and implementation of Carroll Creek Linear Park. His collaboration with economic development offices to bring new businesses and the development of programs and events have contributed to Frederick having over two million visitors a year.

Ladies of Homewood are invited to a social gathering beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the same location. Dessert and beverages will be provided. **Please sign up on the APP for the social gathering to ensure enough desserts for all attendees.** Questions? Please contact **Jenny Shull**, shulljenny@gmail.com or 240-421-6087.



## **DIAGNOSING, TREATING DEMENTIA PRESENTATION SCHEDULED**

Frederick neurologist Dr. Raya Massoud will be our special guest in the Multi-Purpose Room at Crumland Farms on **Monday, March 20, at 1:00 p.m.** Sponsored by Homewood's Caregivers Support Group, this special session will focus on how the various forms of dementia, including Alzheimer's Disease, are diagnosed and treated. This is not a medical clinic but an hour-long informational presentation that will include time for questions from those present.

Those who know Dr. Massoud hold her in high regard, noting that she consistently receives accolades from local colleagues and the families of her patients. A graduate of Lebanese University School of Medicine, Dr. Massoud did her residency in Neurology at Johns Hopkins from 2007 to 2010.

Residents of the Homewood community and their family members are invited to visit the Caregivers Support Group on Tuesday, March 7, 11:00 a.m. in The Lodge's Classroom B and/or to gather for Dr. Massoud's special presentation on March 20 at Crumland Farms.

**--Fred Wenner**

# SCENES AROUND CAMPUS



## Clockwise from upper right:

**1.** Forty-five residents enjoyed our ping pong and darts event put on by the Fitness Department in the recently reopened Wooden Nichol Pub. Shown left to right are **Morris and Connie Cranor** and **Lynn and Will Chapman**. *(Photo by the Fitness Staff)*

**2.** **Maxine French** and **Pat Curchin** were two of the residents making scarves with the Homewood Crafters group to give to loved ones and also donate to the local cold weather shelter. *(Photo by Nancy Hamstead)*

**3.** Last month we told you about the beavers building their new home on our campus. Here's a sample of the "site work" they're doing before construction of their residence. They certainly don't clean up their construction debris very well! *(Photo by Jesse Dubin)*

**4.** **Marghee Beatty** stops to admire the colorful orchid display in the Crumland Farms hallway between the apartments and the community center. These blooming beauties belong to **Ardine Gorden** and **Leah MacMillan**. *(Photo by Nancy Hamstead)*

## COMING SOON TO CRUMLAND FARMS: The Homewood Collection of Curated Photographic Art



In June 2023, an exhibition of fine photographic art will make its inaugural appearance in the Woodlands main corridor serving residents of the Assisted Living apartments. It will be created and refreshed annually through a competition open to photographers throughout Maryland and beyond, including Homewood residents. A public call for entries was announced in February for the 2023 competition, with a theme of “What I Saw on My Way.”

Eminent photographer and experienced judge Martin Heavner will select 24 images to be produced as large, gallery-wrapped canvas prints. After their introduction at a gala Lodge event in June (date to be announced) the prints will hang in their Woodlands Gallery for one year. The large prints will show well in the wide, bright gallery space, and the perspectives of multiple photographers are sure to offer opportunities for thoughtful contemplation, stirring memories and provoking intuitions “worth a thousand words.”

In 2024, a new competition will refresh the Woodlands Gallery and the 2023 prints will be offered for sale, with the proceeds helping to sustain the continuity of the project. The accumulation of images year-by-year, hence known as “The Homewood Collection,” will be displayed as a digital gallery on the Homewood at Frederick Web site.

The team of **Will Chapman**, **Skip Stewart** and **Bruce Wilson** have been at work on this photography project for a year, investigating options and refining details. You can see a full description of the project’s purpose, as well as the competition entry rules and guidelines on the Homewood at Frederick Web site, <https://homewoodfrederick.com/>. Click on Resources, then Homewood Collection; it’s all there. You can also find the call for entries on the Homewood at Frederick Facebook page.

--Bruce Wilson

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## Look what a leprechaun left in the Crumland Farms DVD collection. (No gold though!!!)



- ❖ *Driving Miss Daisy* – Academy Award-winning comedy-drama
- ❖ *The Neverending Story* – German fantasy
- ❖ *About Schmidt* – Comedy
- ❖ *Chariots of Fire* – Academy Award-winning drama
- ❖ *The Producers* – 2005 Comedy
- ❖ *The Fifth Element* – Science Fiction-Action

## **WE OFFER A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR ALMOST EVERYONE'S MUSICAL TASTE**

It seems we always have some sort of live musical event scheduled right here on campus. And there's a wide range of genres to choose from!

For example, during the last weekend in January we had a packed house on Friday night at



The Lodge for a toe-tapping bluegrass concert by Jeff Taulton and three of his musical cohorts who collectively performed as Weverton Station. Jeff is a well-known local guitarist and singer, and that evening he was joined by Matt Pickman (banjo), Pat White (mandolin and fiddle) and Ed Barney (guitar). These

latter three musicians have extensive experience from national tours and recording sessions with various bands.

This was followed the next day by a violin concert by Zhenya Zianouka, a frequent performer at Homewood, who delighted the audience with classical selections and some melodies from Broadway musicals and the Great American Songbook.



This month we're looking forward to Duffy and Ro Kane and their program of American guitar standards on **Saturday, March 4 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Room at Crumland Farms.

On **Saturday, March 18** the Showcase Singers will be performing at The Lodge Event Center at **6:30 p.m.** Also over at The Lodge this month we'll have the Market Street Big Band on **Friday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m.** Rounding out the month, pianist Solomon Eichner, always a crowd-pleaser, will be in concert at The Lodge on **Friday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m.**

Some of these performances will be broadcast over Channel 970, but we will be offering a shuttle for those who want to enjoy the music in person. We're so fortunate to have such a wide range of musical talent come right to our campus to perform! Come out and enjoy!

*(Photos by Barbara Kirk)*

**--Barbara Kirk**

## HERE'S HOW WE CELEBRATED GROUNDHOG DAY!

While Punxsutawney Phil was busy prognosticating six more weeks of winter weather (for the 100th time no less!) by seeing his shadow as he emerged from his tree stump at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, our own **Joyce Smith** who was born in that town was busy carrying on her own "Groundhog Day" tradition here at Homewood.

Residents attending the Sittercise Class in the Fitness Center at The Lodge on February 2, could not help but notice Joyce sitting in her usual spot in the first chair in the front row sporting a brown, furry groundhog cap (see photo at right) as she methodically followed Gretchen's exercise commands. And



that was not all! After class, the celebration continued as Joyce grabbed her ceramic cookie jar and plastic tongs and began dispersing ... you guessed it ... homemade ginger groundhog cookies with a single currant for his eye. Naturally, this event had to be documented with a photo. Happy Groundhog Day!

Note: And if you happen to be passing through the Lodge, you will immediately know where the Smiths reside, as a replica of Punxsutawney Phil stands beside their door looking quite dapper in his knitted red scarf and hat that his friend **Maxine French** custom-made just for him.

--Nancy Hamstead

## GARDENERS PREPARE FOR GROWING SEASON

Recently, the Community Garden Plotters Club met to assign the spaces for the upcoming planting season. Homewood's garden plots are located in a fenced area behind the Healthcare Center, near the dog park.

Leader **Ed Chaney** welcomed the 21 gardeners in attendance. He announced that there were 23 plots available; each is approximately 8 feet by 12 feet in size. As customary, priority



was given to those who had worked a plot last year and wished to retain it. Several plots will be shared by two residents. It is anticipated that the plots will be rototilled in April. Water is available at the site as well as a wide selection of garden tools which are stored in a shed nearby.

The goal of the club is to offer Homewood residents an opportunity to engage in outdoor vegetable or flower gardening. There may be some plots still available. For more information, contact Ed Chaney, [eechaney36@aol.com](mailto:eechaney36@aol.com) or 301-228-9026.

--Dick Rohe

# A TRIP TO THE STARS AT AUSERMAN PLANETARIUM

Frederick has many unique attractions, not the least of which is our very own planetarium. On February 7, we paid a visit to see a special showing on black holes, which was followed by a presentation on the constellations seen above Frederick this time of year. As we sat back in our comfortable seats specially positioned for gazing up at the stars, we first learned about how black holes are formed and their location in the universe.

The second presentation was about the constellations that, without light pollution, would be visible to us during the winter. A Brownie troop in the audience came well prepared and it was fun to hear them enthusiastically identify each constellation as it appeared on the domed ceiling.



Auserman Planetarium is just one of the features located in the Earth and Space Science Lab. Other attractions include an arboretum, a small zoo of reptiles, amphibians, and fish, and a mineral exhibit.

We are very lucky to have this amazing and unique facility right here in our own city.

--Sue Snay

Above: **Walter Binnix** poses at a display showing the position of the stars that make up the constellation Aquarius. Coincidentally, Walter was born under the sign of Aquarius, too!

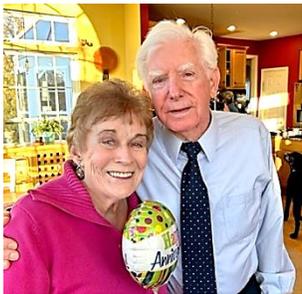
Left: **Will Chapman, Rich Snay and Lynn Chapman** prepare to enjoy the show.

Right: The GOTO Chronos starball projector used to create the production on the domed ceiling.



(Photos by *Jacque Janss and Sue Snay*)

## MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS



**W.R. and LINDA BRYANT** became part of our Homewood community in January 2023 when they moved into one of the West Cottages from their previous residence of 46 years in Middletown, Maryland. Joining them on campus was their cat, Joey.

W.R., an Army veteran, is originally from Portsmouth, Virginia. He received a B.S. degree from Frederick College in Portsmouth before beginning his 42-year career with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, first as an investigator and then as the senior recall officer in FDA headquarters. After retirement from FDA, W.R. enjoyed working part-time work as a recall consultant to the food, pharmaceutical and medical device industries. In his spare time, W.R. enjoys sports with their children and grandchildren.

Linda, who hails from Norfolk, Virginia, received her registered nurse diploma from Portsmouth General Hospital School of Nursing. Linda's early nursing career was in the emergency room, operating room and nursery. Later she worked about seven years as a preceptor for new volunteers as well as new nurses in the American Red Cross blood mobile program. Another interesting job was teaching new parents how to use SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) monitors.

Linda's volunteer work included teaching a fibromyalgia self-help course for the Arthritis Foundation, teaching Sunday School and Bible School at her church and, with W.R., doing pre-marital training for engaged couples. She also enjoys traveling and coloring.

The Bryants have two children and four grandchildren.

--Barbara Kirk

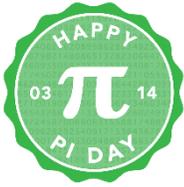
## PROPHETIC VOICES EVENT REUNITES OLD FRIENDS



Long-time friends, Homewood residents **Rev. Thomas "Tom" Starnes** (seated left) and **Rev. William "Bill" Holmes** (seated right) greeted each other warmly on February 20 for the first time since before the pandemic. Bill had shared his wisdom that day concerning Dietrich Bonhoeffer's ethics at the "Prophetic Voices" event. Both Tom and Bill are retired ministers of the United Methodist Church (UMC). Bill was pastor for many years at the UMC's National Church, Metropolitan Memorial, in Washington, D.C. Tom variously served as pastor of UMC congregations in the DC area, as a District Superintendent, and as Conference Council Director.

**Jerry Fuss** (standing at the rear) is convener of the Retired Clergy of Homewood, sponsor of the "Prophetic Voices" series.

*(Photo by Suzanne Schmidt Davis)*



## LET'S CELEBRATE NATIONAL PI DAY...3.14!

Pi is an amazing invention, worthy of celebration particularly in the scientific and mathematical fields. Pi value has broken the mysteries of various things in this physical world and is celebrated to pay respect to its inventor, Archimedes, because it has led to the discovery of many other scientific principles. Pi Day is observed on **March 14** (3/14 in the month/day format) since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant digits of  $\pi$ .

The earliest known official or large-scale celebration of Pi Day was organized in 1988 by Larry Shaw, a physicist at the San Francisco Exploratorium. This first celebration consisted of the staff and public marching around one of their circular spaces, then consuming fruit pies! They have supposedly kept this tradition going in the years since. In 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives even passed a non-binding resolution (111 H. Res. 224), recognizing March 14, 2009 as National Pi Day.

So what do you say we keep the tradition going? Grab a piece of **pie** with your lunch or dinner on March 14 and raise a glass, or cup of Joe, in tribute to ol' Archimedes. Oh, by the way, March 14 is also Albert Einstein's birthday!

*--Information courtesy of Wikipedia*

### IRISH BLESSING

"May flowers always line your path and sunshine light your day.

May songbirds serenade your every step along the way.

May a rainbow run beside you in a sky that's always blue.

And may happiness fill your heart each day your whole life through."

### HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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**Newsletter Committee Meeting:** the second Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m.  
in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor library at Crumland Farms.