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## The Workshop: A Hidden Gem

*Bob Pickering, Chair*

The Workshop is one of the hidden gems at University Commons. The workshop committee encourages all residents who are not familiar with this well-equipped facility to take a look or, better yet, ask one of the committee members to show you around. There is a list of “users” posted in the Workshop. We do encourage first time users to ask one of the committee members to introduce them on their first visit to the safety guidelines and equipment. The committee members are:

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Some of the equipment in the Workshop are as follows:

Radial Arm Saw	Table Saw
Band Saw	Joiner
Powered Hack Saw	Belt Sander
Metal Lathe	Drill Press
Powered Miter Saw	Small Compressor for powered nailer

In addition there are several tools that may be checked out to use outside of the Workshop:

Saws-All	Belt Sander
Saber Saw	Joiner
Detail Sander	Orbital Sander
Joiner	Routers
Battery powered drill	Circular Saws
Electric drills	Large variety of clamps
Various hand tools	

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There is also quite a supply of scrap lumber of various sizes for anyone's use, some of which is stored in the South Storage Room. As you can see, the Workshop can provide the space and/or the equipment to allow residents to perform a wide variety of home repairs or personal projects. Some of the projects recently accomplished through the use of the Workshop tools include: new living room shelves, finishing off a cabinet top, shortening canes, and modifying picture frames. However, complete pieces of furniture have also been built in this well-equipped shop.

If you would like to be added to the Workshop Users List or have a tour of the facility, please email Bob Pickering. We will be scheduling clean-up /fix-up dates in the future to make further improvements to this very useful area.

**AUTUMN!** THE PERIOD FROM AUTUMN EQUINOX TO THE WINTER SEASON; THE WORD IS A LATIN DERIVATIVE OF AUTUMNUS

**FALL!** NO DERIVATION OR REASON FOR THE WORD OTHER THAN IN SOME PARTS OF THE WORLD LEAVES FALL IN AUTUMN AND SO THE TIME IS CALLED "FALL"

*Betty Graham, Nature Reporter*

Many of us remember scuffling through or playing in the fallen leaves. Some remember the fragrance of burning leaves--no longer allowed in most places. Long ago it was said that the hazy sky in autumn was caused by the burning of crops by the Indians in the West.

My professor father-in-law told me that oaks were only growing in the south before the glaciers covered Michigan, and when the ice melted, the acorns were brought

north little by little by birds such as blue jays wanting to plant them for a later lunch. AND SOME OF THEM GREW. But they kept their leaves on the branches longer than other hardwoods.



## Art News at the Commons

*Leonore Gerstein, Chair*

By the time you read this, the new art exhibit in the Woodbridge linking hallways is likely to be up for your enjoyment. This time, we feature our own residents as travel photographers. From eighteen residents+ (that is, including Margaret Stephenson) we have obtained forty works for this show. We hope that everyone stops by to have a look. You may want to come clear through both hallways, north to south, or vice versa, perhaps on a mail errand or on your way to exercise. We thank all participants, not



least Margaret Stephenson, who dreamed up this show's theme and arranged the opening reception.

Another new experience: We are very pleased that the Blums led us to a long-term loan of a mixed media work by Nadine Norman, a Canadian artist, owned by Ann Arborite Thomas Bartlett. You may see *Mythic Fire* in the atrium of Woodbridge North on the north wall between floors two and three. It is hard to miss; you will see why!

Want to know... is the mail here?

Call 222-Mail (222-6245)

You will hear a recording with the day, date, and if the mail is in.

## Program Committee Notes

Sue Kaul, Chair



When fall comes to the Commons, it comes in a rush. Our travelers make their way home, and the schedule ramps up with programs and festivities. We are offering some intriguing topics and stellar speakers for your fall learning enjoyment.

- Kerry Kelly Novick: *The Fascinating Field of Working with Children in Therapy* (Interesting note - Mrs. Novick is the Daughter of dancer, Gene Kelly.)
- Alyce Sigler (UC Resident) *Swimming: The Early Days of Women in Sports*
- Dr. John Billi: *UM Hospitals – the Future of Lean Practices in Today’s Economic Environment*
- John Reed: (UC Resident) *The Politics of the Judicial Selection*
- Mary Proctor: (UC Resident) *Vietnam and Cambodia*
- Dr. Robert Winfield: *How a Doctor Thinks: The Cognitive Patterns of Physicians*
- Professor John Pedley: A talk on his book about Francis Kelsey, for whom the University of Michigan’s Kelsey Museum is named.

Return performances by Jackie Wright and Paige Kossuth are scheduled so far, and we have several professors in the process of selecting dates for fall concerts.

## From the Community Director

Margaret Stephenson

We often get inquiries and requests for interviews with our founders. From time to time we also have a visit by people interested in retirement communities, or even in starting a community. Certainly ABC News was our most visible interview, but we recently made two new connections. We had a visit from an International Correspondent from Belgian Public Radio. Bert DeVroey was covering the G8/G20 summits in Canada and asked if he could have a tour since he was close enough to add a visit to his itinerary. Brad and Lydia Bates and I walked the grounds and talked about the growing number of retirement communities. Bert said he wasn’t familiar with our kind of community as they do not have them in Europe. He

asked many questions commenting that his listeners would be very interested to know “how it works.” He said he found University Commons “attractive and inspiring.”

The second connection was a call from a University representative interested in starting a community. He asked if someone actively involved in the initial development of University Commons might be willing to talk with him and share information about strategies leading to a successful launch. Al Feuerwerker agreed to speak with him. He later told me that Al was a “hero of mine back in the '60s, when I majored in China studies at Yale and Maryland!” Building these new connections was a very pleasant experience for all involved.

## Library Latest

*Ellen Stross, Chair*

Our library has just received a donation of very recently published fiction! Professor Nicholas Delbanco of the English Department has once again donated boxes of review copies of new books which he no longer needs. The committee will soon process them for addition to our library. Look for them in November.

This is a good time for people to join our committee. If you are interested, do give me a call. I'll be happy to explain what it is we do.

Call Ellen Stross at 761-1436.



## **The Art of Sonia Landy Sheridan Hood Museum of Art – Dartmouth College**

In October last year, the Hood Museum at Dartmouth College presented an exhibition of over sixty works by artist Sonia Landy Sheridan. They chose UC resident Diane M. Kirkpatrick to write the introduction to the catalog and, at the opening reception, to lead the discussion of the artist's work with new forms of technology during Sheridan's time at the Art Institute of Chicago School and as artist in residence at the 3M Company.

Diane Kirkpatrick, Professor Emerita of the History of Art, was the Chair of the department at the University of Michigan, and had the distinction of being requested to return from retirement to again serve as Chair during a critical period of transition. In her second retirement, Diane is active in the UC community while remaining active in academic activities related to the history of art and the literature of Shakespeare. CK

## **Baker's Dozen Book Club**

The UC book club welcomes all residents interested in joining. There is a notice in the mail room about our book for October, Toni Morrison's *Beloved*. For those who want to read ahead, *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese, about two brothers who are conjoined, then later separated, is our choice for November, and *Cloud Atlas* by David Mitchell (a series of related stories) will be discussed in December.

*Thank you to Frieda Morgenstern for providing the above information.*

## **Health Committee Update**

*Mary Bailey, Chair*

The Health Committee welcomes the fall season, and there are plans for future workshops. One is on the proper use of the AED (automatic electric defibrillator). A second workshop is on low vision resources available to individuals and families experiencing this concern. These workshops will become available in the spring. Stay tuned for more information as plans unfold.

University Commons is privileged to welcome Diane Casey, our exercise leader *par excellence*.

Diane is conducting two classes for UC residents. The Functional Fitness for Older Adults began on Wednesday, September 29 and meets in the Fitness Center on Wednesdays 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. This class is open to Diane's former students. On September 29, Diane led an Orientation to the Fitness Center for UC residents. We hope you will take advantage of these wonderful opportunities – opportunities to improve a sense of balance and overall fitness as we age gracefully.

*- Reminder -  
Flu shots on Wednesday, October 13.  
Check the Mail Room for Sign up.*

# Ramblings From The Oil Patch

Clare Tyler



I entered the oil business in June, 1953 brandishing my shiny new degree in Chemical Engineering realizing that I knew little about what I was getting into. Oh well, this first job would only last a few years and then, on to different challenges. 38 years later I retired from the oil business in September, 1991 wondering where all the time had gone. For all that time I worked for the Standard Oil Company of Ohio (SOHIO) until BP officially gobbled it up in 1989. I soon learned to cherish a dash of malt vinegar on my fish and chips.

Actually BP controlled Sohio long before the official take over. It owned over 50% of the company the day the Alaskan pipeline flowed at full capacity in late 1977.

You may find it interesting to learn that the pipeline bill passed in the US Senate by 1 vote. The unloved Spiro Ted Agnew broke the tie by casting the deciding vote for the only time in his undistinguished tenure. When completed for over 8 billion dollars, the pipeline was the second most expensive construction project in history. Only that of the Aswan High Dam in Egypt exceeded its cost. The pipeline was built with all private money.

BP let us colonists pretend to operate our company until we squandered over 1 billion dollars on a dry hole called Mukluk in the Arctic Ocean. After that blunder, or the reverse battle of Yorktown, British accents ruled the executive suite and the Sohio name was gone. I have never been to Prudhoe Bay or Valdez, but twice in my career I refused the opportunity to manage the Valdez Terminal. 250 inches of snow per year would have been a little too much for this Florida resident.

The Standard Oil Trust was completely broken up by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1911 into 31 variously sized companies, which were forced to compete with each other. Being no fool, John D. Rockefeller stuck with the biggest, Standard Oil of New Jersey, and settled in a great stone pile on Fifth Avenue in New York. From here this notorious skinflint gave a shiny dime to any boy he passed in the street.

The oil industry is organized in two major businesses. The "upstream business" explores finds and produces crude oil and natural gas. Crude oil is a black or brown sticky, stinky mixture of well over 50,000 chemical compounds. Its composition varies widely from place to place. It is usually found with salt water and natural gas. Although mostly carbon and hydrogen, sulfur, nitrogen and other trace elements are often present to complicate the refining process and produce much of the stinkiness. Old hands in the oil patch swear crude oil smells just like money. Unfortunately oil is where you find it, and the easy finds have already occurred. Prices will rise as the difficulty of finding new supplies increases. Indeed some experts believe that current world production of over 80 million barrels per day is a peak and will shortly begin to fall putting further pressure on prices.

The second part of the oil business is the "downstream business" and is where I spent the bulk of my oily career, which concluded as the manager of the BP Refinery outside of Toledo, Ohio. My colleagues and I moved crude oil and refined products through pipelines or on ships and barges, refined crude oil into a variety of useful products and sold the products to as many customers as we could find. We poked and prodded, boiled and cooled over 120,000 barrels of crude oil into an array of useful stuff every day. The reader should know that a barrel contains 42 gallons in the oil business. Crude oil is priced in dollars per barrel and products in dollars per gallon to help confuse the mathematically challenged. Another thing most people don't know is the average product is lighter than crude oil. We sell oil by volume not weight. The careful refiner can coax 105 barrels of product out of 100 barrels of crude oil.

Most of us think of gasoline as the major product coaxed from crude oil and it is. It is sold by over a 100,000 gasoline stations in the US; that's half the number than were active 50 years ago. The two major factors in the price at the pump are the cost of crude and tax. The downstream business contributes less than 50 cents of cost to the price of a gallon of gasoline.

## All in the Family at UC

**Frieda Morgenstern's son, Dr. Lewis Morgenstern, was noted** in *The University Record Week of September 7, 2010*. "Phil Hanlon, in one of his first acts as provost on July 1, tapped three faculty leaders to spend the next year helping him mold the strategic vision that will position U-M's academic enterprise to achieve continued excellence in the decades to come. Under Hanlon's leadership, W. W. Bishop Professor of Information John King will focus on major issues and directions in higher education; Stephen M. Ross School of Business Dean Bob Dolan will assist the Office of the Provost office in developing a strategic vision; and Medical School Professor Lewis Morgenstern will study best practices at top-ranked peer universities. Morgenstern, who holds faculty appointments in the Medical School and School of Public Health, has returned to the provost's office on a half-time basis as special counselor to the provost on strategy to prepare a report that analyzes priorities and important innovations at the top-ranked universities with whom U-M competes. The work coincides with projects he engaged in during the past year, when he spent a sabbatical leave in the offices of the chief financial officer and the provost, and will be used as a learning tool in the university's strategic planning."

**Bill and Mary Kinley's son, Tyler Kinley, is co-captain** of the Ultimate Frisbee 'Sockeye Salmon' Team out of Seattle, WA. As national finalists, they were invited to the International Games in Prague in July, 2010. Their team came in second in the world -- the silver medal! Amazingly, there was a hook-up to the international TV that showed the games, and Bill and Mary were able to watch the final game, in 'real time.'

*Tyler Kinley shown on right.*



**Lenore and Art Blum, son Joel and his wife Cindy** are hosting a family reunion over Thanksgiving weekend in Ann Arbor. Attending will be relatives from the West Coast, Colorado, New York City, and Australia! The older generation started out in Seattle.

### **Congratulations to:**

**Claude and Ann Morehouse** on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They celebrated at their son's home in August. Guests came from New York, Florida, Colorado, and California.

### **Condolences to:**

**The family and loved-ones of Ed Thomas**, UC resident and friend.

### **Welcome Newcomers:**

**Joan and Richard Westphal**, # 301.

## **An Alert from the UCA Board**

*Brad Bates, for the Board*

**Smoke Alarms:** The smoke alarms installed at University Commons have a rated life of 10 years. We have already had units fail. The Board has decided that all of the units must be replaced. During the fall, when furnace filters are checked and smoke alarm batteries are replaced, the installed alarms will also be replaced. Each unit owner will receive a bill from Kramer-Triad for the cost of the smoke alarms installed in their unit (\$9.00 per smoke alarm).

**Washing Machine Hoses:** Washing machine hoses have a limited lifetime. The hoses supplied with washing machines are particularly vulnerable to failure. We have already had failures at University Commons that have caused significant water damage. The Board has decided that all of the washing machine hoses must be upgraded to premium hoses that include a wire braided construction to help minimize the possibility of failure. Some hoses have already been replaced, but staff will check your unit to verify if it is appropriate to replace your hoses. Each unit owner will receive a bill from Kramer-Triad for the cost of the hoses installed in their unit (\$20.00 per set of hoses).

## Mini Profile of Frances W. Weeks

Frieda Morgenstern, Special Features Editor



First and foremost, kudos to Fran, who is one of our awe-inspiring builders, architects, visionaries (call it what you will)--the plaque on the wall at the entrance to Houghton Hall will attest to how University Commons came into being. Following her husband's passing, she welcomed the invitation to join the committee to work on the project of putting the idea of UC into action. She says, "There were lots of disappointments, but we had a vision that never changed. Many hours of time went into it until it materialized, and I have never regretted it. This is a wonderful place!"

Life for Fran began on January 28, 1919 in the small town of Canton, Illinois. Her father was superintendent of schools, her mother a teacher until she decided to spend more time with her own brood. Fran was the youngest of

four diverse achievers at the time: Willard Wirtz became Secretary of Labor under the Kennedy and Johnson administrations; Robert a teacher and inventor; Marian a professor of Special Education at Northern University; later there was Kathryn, a realtor.

Graduating with a B.S. from Iowa State College with a major in textiles, Fran worked for the Chicago Welfare Board, seeing to clothes for welfare clients, then for the CPA during WWII in the textile section of the Bureau of Standards. Joining the Navy as a WAVE she became an accountant, then trained for Midshipman School at Smith College (where she was subsequently put on the staff), then to Harvard where she learned the Navy accounting system, then on to the University of Michigan where she was a supply and dispensing officer. "It was a very memorable experience," she recounts. Many of you may remember the creative assessment she and Bea McLogan did of their wartime remembrances at a 5 o'clock talk they gave here a few years ago.

Fran met her husband-to-be in the U of M cafeteria where they were introduced by a mutual friend. He had returned from the army and was a professor in the Humanities Department of the Engineering School. During the course of their marriage her husband was given three Fulbrights, which had them living twice in Graz, Austria, (where he taught English to university students), and Veliko, Turnovo in Bulgaria.

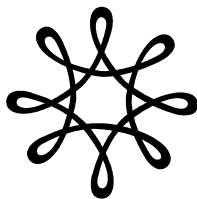
Fran's children are Thomas, who does poverty law in Ohio; Jane, an oncologist at Harvard; Sarah, who writes children's and young adult books as well as teaches at the New School in New York City. There are four grandsons and one step-great-grandbaby.

Her honors were inclusion in Mortar Board and an award in Home Economics. When the children were young she was active in the Democratic Women's Club in Ann Arbor, serving as treasurer. For two years Fran was on the City Council and also on the Board of the Housing Bureau for Seniors.

She has spent almost 50 summers on Beaver Island, where she enjoys making jewelry and furniture parts out of rocks.

Fran's hobbies include Sudoku, computer games, crossword puzzles, and reading. At UC she was the first chairman of the Fitness Committee and has been active with the stock, bridge and mahjong groups.

Summing it all up, she states enthusiastically, "I've had a good life." Productive, intertwined with fellow human beings, what could be better?



## Detroit: Sketches of History

Agnes Hannahs gathered the following information and quotes to share. She writes, "I think it is valuable for all of us who have anything to do with Detroit, whether it is by proximity or having lived/worked there, to have the long view of this distressed city along with the glimmers of hope for 'rising from the ashes'. There is much more history: facts, people, and ambiance, of course, that is not included in the brief sketch."

We thank Agnes for contributing this interesting historical review. Editor

**"Detroit is huge, encompassing an area the size of San Francisco, Boston, and Manhattan together. . ."** (Quote from Matthaei Botanical Gardens on a project interns are involved with about *Greening of Detroit*.)

Thinking this couldn't be so, Agnes checked with the Ann Arbor district reference librarian who looked it up, and this is what she found: (The following includes the city size, not suburbs.)

Detroit: 143 square miles

San Francisco: 46.7 square miles

Manhattan: 22.7 square miles (that's all!)

Boston: 89.6 square miles

The actual square mileage of combined three is 157. Detroit's 143 does not quite encompass the other three.

## The British did not let go of Detroit until well into the 19th century. Here are some time lines.

●1701: The French (Cadillac was the commander) land and establish Fort Pontchartrain du Detroit. Enclosed within the palisades is a roughhewn Ste. Anne Parish. Cadillac describes what he found: "Especially attractive was the region that lies south of the pear-like lake to which they gave the name of Ste. Clair, and the country bordering upon that deep, clear river, a quarter of a league broad, known as Le Detroit. On both sides of this strait lie fine, open plains where the deer roam in graceful herds, where bears, by no means fierce and exceedingly good to eat are to be found, as are also the savoury *poules l'Indies* (wild duck) and other varieties of game. The islands are covered with trees; chestnuts, walnuts, apples and plums abound; and, in season, the wild vines are heavy with grapes. Le Detroit is the real center of the lake country -- the gateway to the West. It is from there that we can best hold the English in check."

●1703: Village of Detroit first appears on a map.

●1760 - 1762: France surrenders Canada to British. Fort Pontchartrain surrendered to British. The French stay and intermingle with the English. One resident commented, "Detroit's French did demonstrate an unmatched zest for life, and élan evident in the dances, horse races and other social activities that helped break up the monotony . . . in the winter months that could surpass the French for parties, balls, and merry-makings!"

Population 2000, fort and town: 300 dwellings, 372 ft. by 600 ft. British send a commander to Detroit.

●1779: Fort Lernoult, behind Pontchartrain, erected to defend British ground. Detroit continues to be ruled by a British commander.

●1782: More than 13,750 acres of land in cultivation near Detroit.

●1783: American Revolution completed. U.S. Ordinance of 1787: Detroit is included in territory to U.S. (Treaty of Paris). "Americans are bound by agreement to compensate exiled British for property losses."

Failing to do so, the British withhold surrender of Detroit (and other western forts) which remains in control of Canadian government (to 1796). Michigan continues to be administered as part of the Quebec province. British continue to send commanders to Detroit.

●1787: Michigan included in Northwest Territory (U.S). Area is still held by the British.

●1788: Canadian authority creates judicial district of Hesse and includes Detroit, which remains under British law and Canadian courts despite U.S. Ordinance of 1787.

●1791: Detroit and Michigan incorporated by Britain into Upper Canada.

- 1792: First election in Michigan history! BUT it is "held to select members to provincial assembly of Upper Canada. British institute trial by jury, court system, English civil law in Lower and Upper Canada (including Detroit)."
- 1795: U.S. Congress ratifies Jay's Treaty: agreement provides for British surrender of American posts.
- 1796: British evacuate Detroit and turn it over to U.S. U.S. Col. John Hamtramck arrives in Detroit to take command. Detroit consists of wharf, fort and citadel: about 100 houses, shops, taverns, and Ste. Anne's Church crowded behind stockade. 500 people within stockade, 2,100 on nearby farms. Ribbon farms, first created by Cadillac, extend from St. Clair River to Rouge River, 200 - to 300 ft wide fronting the river and extending up to 3 miles inland.

### One Man Makes a Difference: Father Gabriel Richard

- 1802: Detroit incorporated as a town: Town of Detroit with specified boundaries, governing board of trustees. Ordinances include fire code: "chimneys swept regularly; all citizens turn out to fight a fire" and "no horse racing in the streets".
- 1804: Father Gabriel Richard (arrived 1798, Ste. Anne's Church) starts a preparatory school for boys.
- 1805: Detroit is destroyed by fire. Father Gabriel then said, "We hope for better things; it will arise from the ashes." This has become Detroit's official motto.
- 1806: City of Detroit incorporated.
- 1808: Father Gabriel establishes common school (below Detroit) for education of American Indian and white children. He produces a spelling book for students from his printing press. The next year he issues Michigan's first newspaper.
- 1812: War of 1812: Detroit population: 800. Governor Hull surrenders Detroit to British.
- 1813: Detroit is reclaimed from British.
- 1817: Cornerstone laid for *Catholepistemiad* (origin of University of Michigan) with Father Gabriel as vice president.
- 1820: Wave of Germans settling in/near Detroit and on farmlands in the mid-west.
- 1822: Greek settlers begin to come to Detroit (Greek war of independence).
- 1823: Father Gabriel is elected a U.S. Congressman.
- 1830: Irish immigration to Detroit begins. Corktown neighborhood established.
- 1832: Father Gabriel contracts cholera and dies while ministering to the poor. A park named for him is at the foot of the bridge to Belle Isle.
- 1837: Michigan admitted to Union (26th state).
- 1886: Ste. Anne's Parish relocated (for the 8th time) to current location (Howard St. near Ambassador Bridge). Its mission: "the priests and people of Ste. Anne's established the city's first schools, oversaw the first feeding programs for the poor, established the first orphanage, and gave sanctuary to those immigrants seeking refuge." The church became a point of entry for waves of Catholic immigrants from Germany, Belgium, and Ireland.

*Agnes notes: "Currently Ste. Anne Parish is healthy, strong, and mindful of its historic mission to the people of Detroit. It has withstood church closings and a serious attempt (1966) to tear it down. Congregation is now 75% Hispanic."*

A description in the 1880's by a visitor from Illinois: "Detroit is the handsomest city in the world. Its handsome boulevards, bordered with broad green grass plots fringed with beautiful flowers and canopied with the foliage of contiguous trees, its electric towers with their silver light; its broad, deep river, its charming suburbs and numerous retreats for pleasure and recreation, and above all the spirit and disposition of its people combine to make it an attractive and desirable place of residence or for business."

*"Leafy avenues and orderly neighborhoods gave Detroit its first national identity – The Paris of the West."*

Information and quotes from *Detroit Across Three Centuries; Detroit in Its World Setting, 1701-2001; Echoes of Detroit: A 300-Year History*. All are in libraries.

## Social Committee News

Mary Kinley, Chair

The Social Committee announces a Fall Party that will highlight all the committees and fun activities available to you at University Commons. Watch your mail slots for an invitation!

What are you doing NEW YEAR'S EVE? Grab your neighbors and have some fun putting together this annual event. It is pretty simple, since everyone brings food and drink -- you can put your 'stamp' on something special! Former hosts include Clelia S, Mary B, Karen G, Agnes H, Diane K -- ask them for more details, or call Mary Kinley at 222-0707.

### UC Photo Gallery: Summer Picnic Memories



L-R: Grace and Irving Borowitz; Jeff and Ellen Stross; Lou Maccini and granddaughter



L-R: Gail Sugar; Alan Sugar; Marjorie McMahon; Frank Joyce, Jr. and daughters



L-R: Frieda Morgenstern and Family; Alyce Sigler and Sue Kaul; Susie Carter and family with Chuck Kelly  
Photographs courtesy of Audrey Curtis and Karen Stutz

### Hat Day at Common Time



L-R: Molly Tyler; Jean Greenfield; Stefan Fajans; and Anneliese Bowlby

Photographs courtesy of Brad Bates

## From the Editor

Karen Stutz



I ought to be used to it; it happens every time I begin preparations for the “next” newsletter. The theme or featured topic is the easy part. We send out the request for your input; from committee chairs, our regular contributors, Margaret and Tracy, and UCA Board leadership we seek articles and photographs. I’ll also approach neighbors with a particular area of expertise or pastime that might provide an appealing read. Then, about a week before the “deadline” - I can’t help it - doubts abound and I wonder if there’ll be enough copy AND if it will stand up to the quality to which we’ve become accustomed. (The bar seems to get higher and higher with each issue of *The Common Times*.) When the week of the deadline approaches, not only do I receive great stuff from residents along with useful updates from committees and staff, I also get stopped in the hall, emailed, or telephoned with requests for space. On top of that, our local photographers graciously share photos to pair with the content. And *voila!* Once again, we get the full package and then some!

So, we hope you enjoy this Autumn Edition. When I receive compliments about what WE produce, my response always is “it’s only as good as those who provide the material.” My most recent tally shows that within the past 12 months nearly 80 members of the UC community, including our Kramer-Triad/UC staff, have contributed in some manner to the newsletter. That is remarkable! I wish to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation to you all.

New residents - please know you are welcome to jump in and join the throng. We want your news and your involvement. Please stop me, call me, email me, or put a note in our box!

The Winter Edition will come out in January, 2011. Be sure to save up your news, writings, and photographs! We’ll contact you shortly after the winter holidays.

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## A Spot of Humor

Mary Bailey passed on a page from the *Notre Dame Alumni Newsletter* and suggested that we share some of these “deep thoughts” to ponder in your spare time. Thank you Mary!

### In Memoriam

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which almost went unnoticed last week. Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote *The Hokey Pokey*, died peacefully at 93. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in. And then the trouble started.

### Some Short Stuff

In just two days from now, tomorrow will be yesterday.

The statement below is true.  
The statement above is false.

Corduroy pillows are making headlines.

My short-term memory is not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my short-term memory’s not as sharp as it used to be.

# Gathering Leaves

*by Robert Frost*

Spades take up leaves  
No better than spoons,  
And bags full of leaves  
Are light as balloons.  
I make a great noise  
Of rustling all day  
Like rabbit and deer  
Running away.  
• But the mountains I raise  
• Elude my embrace,  
Flowing over my arms  
And into my face.  
I may load and unload  
Again and again  
Till I fill the whole shed,  
And what have I then?  
Next to nothing for weight,  
And since they grew duller  
From contact with earth,  
Next to nothing for color.  
Next to nothing for use.  
But a crop is a crop,  
And who's to say where  
The harvest shall stop?