

## Celebrating Fathers

The state of Washington celebrated the first Father's Day on June 19, 1910. In 1966, President Johnson issued a proclamation that the third Sunday in June was Father's Day; but not until 1972 did President Nixon recognize the day honoring fathers and fatherhood as an official holiday.

This month we honor fatherhood by celebrating a special father among us, Chris Rocks, and recall lessons learned from our own fathers. Thanks to the 26 residents who shared with us. The top 7 entries have been selected by *The Oak Leaf* Committee to pass along our fathers' timeless wisdom:

- Education is not so much to teach facts, but how to find them. -*Mike Plaut*
- If something is worth doing, it's worth doing right. -*Dick Suttor*
- Think before you speak or act. -*Bill Castine*
- Be trustworthy. -*Carole Zegel*
- Respect all people. -*Pat Kinzie*
- Do the best with what you've got. -*Ted Wasserman*
- He who wants little always has enough. -*Barbara Dockery*



Congratulations to Chris and Rachel Rocks. Proud father Chris holds new arrival Clara Marie and big sister Lillian Jewell. A special Father's Day this year for sure!

-*Sandy Furches, content; Rachel Rocks, photo*



### Memorial Day Picnic

Our culinary team served picnic fare from the fireside room while residents and guests enjoyed dining indoors or outdoors. Did you know that any day you can order from the Grille and be served in Duckworth Gardens? -*Sandy Furches*

## Memorial Day at Oak Hammock



Oak Hammock joined the national moment of remembrance at 3 p.m. on May 27, 2024, honoring the United States military who died while serving in the United States armed forces, giving their lives for our freedom. Gary Langford, Professor Emeritus of Music at UF, played Taps at the Upper Level Commons while The Fallen Soldier's Table was set outside our dining rooms all day for residents to honor, reflect, and remember.

*-Barbara Dockery*



## Bienvenue Claire and Willkommen Stuart

Claire M. Germain and Stuart M. Basefsky are fluent in many languages. In their apartment, you will find a little corner of France, and you will hear both English and French spoken. They met as students in Erlangen, Germany—Claire from Paris, France, and Stuart from Denver, Colorado. She was 17. He was 19. German was their first spoken language together. The rest is history!

Claire spent her career as a professor of law and law librarian at Duke, Cornell, and the UF College of Law, with a focus on comparative & international law and legal research. She has published several books and many articles. She was named Chevalier (Knight) of the French Legion of Honor in 2007. Stuart worked as a Government Documents and Public Policy librarian at Duke University, then a specialist in Workplace Issues at the School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR) at Cornell University, working with the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the European Union (EU).

Claire is known for baking French pastries and is learning Spanish. Stuart does synchronized swimming and water ballet. Both love entertaining and travel (more than 80 countries visited) to discover new cultures. They have a son, Nicolas, in Omaha, NE, who visits in the winter.

Claire and Stuart are so welcoming. They will enjoy other well-traveled Oak Hammock residents. Many good wishes for their life with us here.

*-Margarete R. Ruth*



## Mary Christman and Bob Palmer

New residents Mary and Bob have been Gainesvillians for many years, but Mary grew up in the Philadelphia area and Bob hails from northeast Ohio. Mary earned her BS degree in Biology from the University of Pennsylvania and attended the University of Delaware for her MS in Marine Science. This is where she and Bob crossed paths, riding the bus back and forth between UD campuses. She later earned her PhD in Mathematical Statistics from George Washington.

Mary taught at the University of Florida for several years before opening her own statistical consulting company where she worked on European fisheries, clinical trials for food science at UF, and Gulf of Mexico fisheries management.

Bob earned degrees from Harvard and Northeastern before completing his PhD in Marine Biology from the University of Delaware. He spent a year as a VISTA volunteer and worked as a private detective in Boston before moving to DC in the late 1970's as a science fellow in the US House of Representatives. Bob spent 26 years as Staff Director of the US House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

The couple enjoy golf and outdoor travel trips. Mary enjoys needlework and botanical photography while Bob likes card games. Prior Oak Hammock connections: Mary had taken ILR classes, and Bob played some bridge here. They are settling in nicely and have already filled up their dinner calendar with new friends.

-Beth Paul



## Welcome Phyllis Shalvey

Phyllis Shalvey smiled and laughed often telling the story of her life. Born and educated in Miami, she moved to Gainesville in 1970 and earned a UF Elementary Education degree. She returned briefly to Miami, then settled in Atlanta, GA, teaching 6th grade for 5 years. Phyllis's passion for teaching and children led her to IBM's K-12 Education Division for 30 years.



Her IBM manager, a charming Irish gentleman, shared her interests in the arts, nature, reading, and cooking. Upon his retirement, Jim invited her to dinner. She declined, he returned to Dublin, but he remained interested in Phyllis. She accepted his invitation to visit Dublin, and Jim proposed in Hong Kong. In 1987, they married in Atlanta.

With a leave of absence from IBM, Phyllis enjoyed an idyllic year living near the sea in Dublin. They traveled the British Isles and Europe. Return-

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## Meet Charlie and Frank Martin

Frank from Mart, TX and Charlie from Rule, TX have been married 66 years. A blind date brought them together while they were students at the University of Texas. They just made their shortest move from Gainesville to a Building 2 Juniper. Their family continues to grow by 2's: 2 daughters, 2 grandsons, 2 granddaughters, 2 great grands, and 2 on the way.



Frank's Gulf Oil career began at the Houston corporate offices. His work took them to Pittsburgh (culture shock!), London (exciting city!), back to Houston, Pittsburgh, Houston, and finally Pittsburgh for 17 years. Then Chevron bought Gulf. The Martins avoided a move to California by Frank's retiring at age 49. Their extensive travels began: England, Europe, Egypt, Jordan, Turkey, the Greek Islands, and Russia.

Charlie taught Home Economics, then kindergarten. Tennis, golf, and then bridge (3 bridge groups currently!) captured her attention. During 26 years in

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*(Phyllis, continued from page 3)*

ing to Atlanta, Phyllis resumed her IBM job. Continued wanderlust took them to many exotic destinations.

Jim developed Alzheimer's and passed away in 2003. Phyllis bought a lakeside home in Gainesville, GA. She retired in 2016 and became involved in educational and charitable organizations. Wanting to be near her sister in Mt. Dora and return to her academic roots, Phyllis decided Oak Hammock was right for her. She'll travel to Greece in mid-June, returning to indulge her interests in ILR, volunteer work, book clubs, plays, and concerts. Welcome to the Oak Hammock family, Phyllis!

*-Jan Havre, content;  
Sandy Furches photo*

*(Charlie and Frank, continued from page 3)*

Gainesville, Charlie created an attractive strolling garden in their yard. Now she enjoys gardening by others as viewed from their apartment facing the OH Garden.

Frank's hobby—building themed model railroad—permanent displays—included landscaping, buildings, and characters using his metal and woodworking skills. Frank crafted elaborate model wooden boats and painted miniature metal soldiers.

The friendliness and warmth of people at Oak Hammock are very attractive to them. Frank enjoys ILR lectures. They both find the Fitness Center helpful, Frank for balance and Charlie for back strengthening and stamina. We are delighted they're here!

*-Sandy Furches*

## Neil Bloom

Our culinary team welcomed Sous Chef Neil Bloom in May. Neil, most recently from Broward County, purchased a home in Hawthorne in February where he lives with his partner, a California native. Neil's parents moved from New York to Florida in the 1950s. His son lives in Colorado.

Neil trained at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park. For the last forty plus years, he has worked in senior living, country clubs, residential facilities, and restaurants, most recently in baking. He is very interested in expanding our offerings of "healthy food" and scratch cooking. Neil usually works Friday through Tuesday and hopefully will have an opportunity to get to know residents.

*-Karen Miller, content;  
Sandy Furches, photo*



## Appreciation

The Residents' Council Active Lifestyle Committee pleased a crowd with their Ice Cream Social to show appreciation for our Transportation Department. "We wouldn't go anywhere without our drivers," said Marilyn Crosby. Many expressed appreciation to Ken Curry on the eve of his retirement.

*-Sandy Furches*



## Thomas Carter

Thomas began working in the dining room a few weeks ago and when Nancy Perry discovered he was a graduate of the Education Foundation, she was thrilled. Thomas attended Lofton High School and is now at Sante Fe College studying for his AA in either Youth and Community or Social Work. He is very focused on completing his degree so is careful to balance his Oak Hammock workdays with his class days.

Thomas began working with his Education Foundation mentor (not an Oak Hammock resident) when he was in middle school. His mentor helped him with his study methods and career path. He continues to offer guidance to Thomas and makes sure Thomas is progressing toward his goal.

Thomas has four sisters, and age-wise, he lands right in the middle of all those girls. He says they like to bother him, but I think he loves their attention. He believes his younger sister is also part of the Education Foundation.

Oak Hammock is lucky to have this pleasant young man serving us. Be sure to congratulate him on his steady progress toward his life goals of an AA degree and securing a good job, but also include saving enough money for a cat for which he understands the obligations that come with pet ownership. *-Beth Paul*



## Danny Grant, Plant Operations Assistant

Danny Grant has been at Oak Hammock almost a year, and we are lucky to have him in this critically important role. He was featured in *The Oak Leaf* February 2024 issue but if you have not yet met him, know that Danny is the friendly voice in Maintenance responsible for making sure all our work orders are handled as quickly as possible.

He is a graduate of UF School of Building Construction. Danny spent years in construction and was a math and science teacher then Dean at Littlewood. He is well qualified to understand the maintenance work required, how it should be completed, and how to keep track of it. His two sons are 22 and 9. He leads a track and field club. Say hello to Danny and ask him about the track and field accomplishments of Gainesville athletes.

*-Karen Miller, content; Sandy Furches, photo*



## Tyler Harvey

Tyler Harvey joined our staff in late March from FDOT. He was a maintenance supervisor and worked several years in research and materials testing. Originally from Hot Springs, AR, Tyler moved with his former wife because of her job requirements and as we all know, excellent maintenance workers can easily find work anywhere.

He is now primarily in the Health Pavilion and enjoys interacting with HP residents. Tyler's schedule includes working every other Saturday, giving him time with his eight- and three-year-olds who are with him half time. He enjoys reading and appreciates our pocket libraries in various places. He likes the outdoors, martial arts, and is teaching himself to play the trumpet. Tyler enjoys Oak Hammock due to the variety of tasks and the camaraderie with his co-workers.

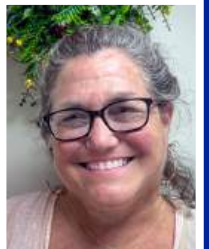
*-Karen Miller, content; Sandy Furches, photo*



## Julie Ann to Return to Teaching

Our loss is definitely St. Patrick Interparish School's gain. Our beloved Julie Ann is going back to her teaching roots and will be returning to the classroom for the 2024-25 school year. We will very much miss her daily presence in OUR classrooms, but rest assured she will still be part of the Oak Hammock family. You may even see her returning to her Oak Hammock roots and working at the front reception desk in the evenings.

*-Katherine Osman, content; Sandy Furches, photo*



## Health Pavilion Security System Upgrade

The safety of our Skilled Nursing and Memory residents is imperative. Patients with dementia-related conditions pose unique challenges, at risk of wandering and getting lost, within and outside the premises.

Traditionally, keeping external doors locked was the solution for this issue. However, this presents its own set of risks and fire hazards. Recognizing the need for a better solution, Oak Hammock is implementing an innovative patient alert system.

The upgraded system uses discreet wearable transmitters worn by residents at risk of wandering. Regular building access remains effortless for staff, visitors, and other residents. If a resident with a transmitter tries to exit through monitored areas, an alert will sound for skilled nursing staff and OH security is notified. This allows prompt and compassionate response, ensuring safety without restraints or physical barriers.

This technology is a significant advancement in the Health Pavilion's response to those at risk of wandering, reducing dangers and providing peace of mind for all. The system is currently being installed with estimated completion in late June or early July.

*-Robert Stott and Bill Zegel*

## UF Wind Tunnel Experience

With hurricane season around the corner, the Natural History Society invited Dr. Jennifer Bridge, a UF associate professor of Civil and Coastal Engineering and director of the Powell Family Structure and Materials Lab on UF's East campus, to talk about research conducted at the wind tunnel. For hurricanes and other wind events, the lab faculty and staff gather data from the field in real time, measuring wind speed and direction throughout the event. They can then replicate wind conditions and determine structural loads on various parts of a modeled structure back in the wind tunnel.

After this talk, a trip to the wind tunnel on May 23 began with lunch at Satchel's. Due to popularity, a May 31 trip followed for a second group. We saw the huge fans that generate the wind, the 319 flow modulators that simulate sporadic severe wind, and the scale-size structures connected to data points that record structural loads. In total, 36 Oak Hammock residents experienced a simulated wind event, wind-blown hair and all!

*-Judy Gire*



Twenty-one Building 2 Second Floor neighbors and friends gathered in the Multi-Purpose Room for a Ladies Luncheon and Tea to welcome new neighbors, Mary Christman and Mary Feiber. Meeting rooms are available to reserve for special gatherings like this one with Kathy Subak.

*-Sandy Furches*

## 20th Anniversary: Origin of the Oak Hammock Dream

*Note: This is the first in a series on our development over the years.*



**Oak Hammock**  
at the University of Florida

Oak Hammock (OH) should not exist; nevertheless, it does. The

odds of its creation were impossibly long. Like the Iowa baseball field in Kevin Costner's 1989 movie, *Field of Dreams*, OH was a labor of love with the mantra "If we build it, they will come." OH is the product of extraordinary vision, generosity, dedication, and hard work of a few key people and many they inspired.

A most important player in this story is **Leslie Bram**, former UF Foundation Associate VP; current OH resident; and creator, then member, of the OH Board of Directors. Bram knew and loved the senior healthcare industry, having grown up in a nursing home her father owned. Other primary players were **John Lombardi**, UF President 1990-1999, and **Bruce Delaney**, OH construction manager and UF Foundation staff member responsible for real estate donations.

In 1991, Lombardi rejected a proposal for a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) and conference hotel on the site of the current 34<sup>th</sup> Street Hilton Hotel. He did not agree with combining the two concepts but was open to considering a UF-connected CCRC. Subsequently, **Gordon Streib**, noted gerontologist, UF Institute on Aging professor, and future OH resident, promoted the idea of a UF retirement community.

About 1995, Lombardi and UF VP for Development and Alumni Affairs **Paul Robell** (current OH resident) visited UF alum, benefactor, and retired



Pfizer executive, **Frank Duckworth**. Duckworth urged that UF proceed and donated \$300,000 for a feasibility study. Lombardi approved moving forward but mandated that a UF-affiliated CCRC be (1) first-class and (2) self-sustaining with its own governance and funding. Lombardi believed it should be closely linked with UF including access to UF expertise and donors. Bram viewed Lombardi as "entrepreneurial" and supportive but says his two requirements "still give me a headache."

With Lombardi's approval and Robell's support, Bram and Delaney drove the CCRC concept forward in 1996. Bram assembled a large board of directors, with local businessperson and major UF Shands donor, **Davis Rembert**, as President and Bram as Executive VP. The board included numerous UF faculty, deans, and donors, along with local business people. Initially, medical doctors were involved, but lost interest, realizing they could not make money on a CCRC. The feasibility study was not encouraging with questions about having sufficient buyers, but the new board pressed on. According to Bram, the problem was they had "no history, no credit, and no money" but needed \$5 million seed money to generate 80% pre-sales required to close on bond financing.

Bram and Robell approached **Jerry Davis**, software firm founder and UF Foundation board member. They proposed Davis sign a \$5 million bank loan guarantee. Within 10 minutes he agreed if Bram would oversee the project. Bram considered this a "miracle" and Davis "one of the most wonderful people I have ever known." Bram is recognized on a plaque outside the Oak Room for leading OH from conceptual planning through development to occupancy.

-Neill Hollenshead



Leslie Bram and Paul Robell  
outside the entrance to the Oak Room.

## Art News

As hot weather has driven us inside, the Monday morning Open Studio is "picking up steam" with 2 to 3 participants each week. Artists are welcome to use the art studio anytime, alone or in a group, except when an activity is scheduled. The Art League's monthly meetings/programs on the 4th Tuesday of the month will resume in September.

The "Blossoming Artists" studio show is now open. The "Journeying Artists" show for students who have participated in workshops for Acrylics, Watercolors, Drawing, Collage, Colored Pencil and Color Theory will start July 15, reception July 28, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Oak Hammock Resident and Staff show reception is Sunday, July 21, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Upper Commons. The current "repurposed art" exhibit will come down July 6 and the new exhibit will be installed July 7.

Enjoy! *-Nancy Dickson*



## Bonsai Festival

The annual Bonsai Festival in the Oak Room May 18 and 19 featured the talents of the Oak Hammock and Gainesville Bonsai Clubs. Demonstrations, door prizes, and the opportunity to stroll through these green works of art accompanied by soft music was a relaxing experience. If you missed it, you have a second chance thanks to Dick Martin: <https://youtu.be/3xsC3eangk0>.

*-Sandy Furches, content; David Brumbaugh and Sandy Furches, photos*



From left: In the Building 1 atrium (*Water Wynn*); Beautiful Passion Vine, a favorite host plant for the Zebra Longwing (our state butterfly) and the Gulf Fritillary butterflies (*Janice Malkoff*); A doe in the morning (*Michael Plaut*)



## Chamber Players Spring Concert

Oak Hammock's Chamber Players and Conductor R. Gary Langford, Professor of Music Emeritus at UF, delighted their Friday afternoon audience. Thirteen selections including works by Bach, Bernstein, and Handel were topped off with an encore of Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Oak Hammock! The program included "Nimrod" by Elgar in Memory of Bob Graham and a clarinet and piano duet by Mike Plaut and Linda Blessing in memory of flautist Belle Sutton. Belle, a beloved member of the group since 2016, died of a sudden illness just days before the concert. A white rose graced her empty chair in the center of the group. Thanks to Dick Martin, you can still enjoy the concert at the following link: <https://youtu.be/KVtYil4OGtM>. -Sandy Furches



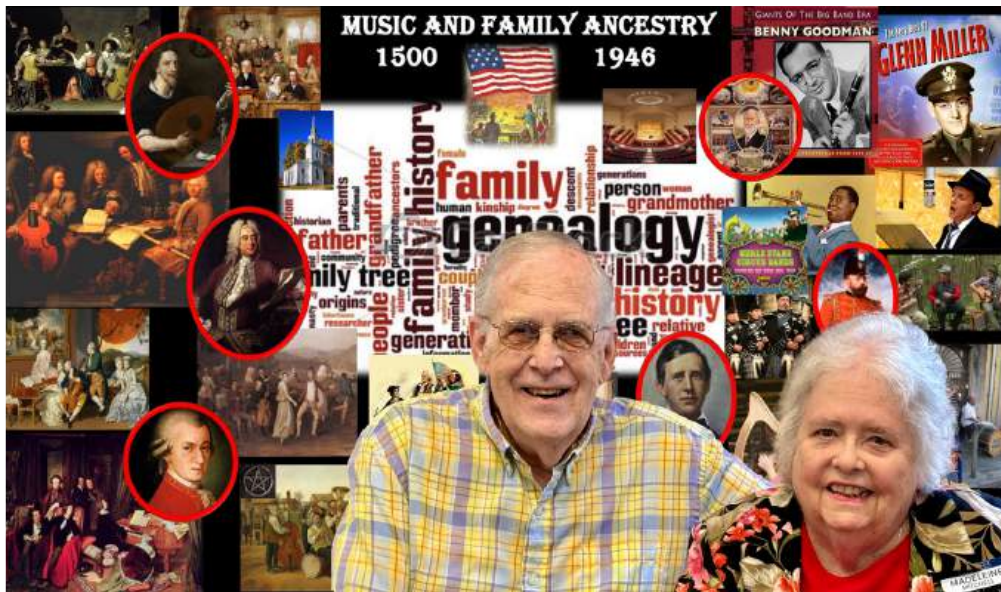
## Music and Our Family Ancestors

Who among us hasn't wondered from time to time about our family's history? Madeleine Mitchell has, and she went further, embarking on a study of Genealogy. When she came to Oak Hammock, she shared what she had learned with others. Soon some of our residents joined her Genealogy Interest Group, Don McGlothlin among them. Along the way, Madeleine guided group members through the often-painstaking process of tracking down relatives who had lived in centuries past.

Painstaking perhaps, but the tedium of combing through family trees is often rewarded with fascinating glimpses of history which add context and texture to the lives of departed ancestors. Don, with his extensive knowledge of music, incorporated it into the process, creating a musical memory lane through which group members could wander as they discovered famous musicians and cultures of different countries existing at the times their ancestors lived.

The result: a kaleidoscopic program on May 16 which enlightened and intrigued the audience, with audio and visual examples forming a rich tapestry of life as we have experienced it and as our ancestors knew it before us.

Thank you, Don and Maddy!  
-Jan Havre, content;  
Sandy Furches, photo



### Ireland

The program (presented to a full house) started with a movie about Ireland by Phil Morrison. Then Charles Sidman shared his and wife Margi's personal experiences living in Ireland. His presentation included lovely Irish music. He closed with a surprise tribute to his wife "Maggie" and received a standing ovation.  
*-Patsy (Flanagan) Nelms*



The Sidman Family



### Rep. Hinson Returned to Oak Hammock

Florida State Representative Yvonne Hayes Hinson came to Oak Hammock on Wednesday, May 29, as FLiCRA's guest of honor. She returned after appearing here as our guest two years ago. Her talk covered her career as an educator and the projects she has undertaken to benefit the people of Gainesville, both as a city commissioner and as our state representative. She has been very active in sponsoring legislation that is of importance to her constituents. She devoted much of her talk to giving the background and objectives of the bills she had sponsored. The audience vigorously applauded her as being "a true public servant."

*-Tom Gire, content;  
 Bill Castine, photo*



### Calling Bridge Players for Alzheimer's Fund Raising

The Gainesville Bridge Club is holding its annual drive to support Alzheimer's Research. Bridge games will begin in the Oak Room on Sunday, June 23, at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. All bridge players are invited but need to come with a partner. The cost of each game is \$10. Anyone wishing to contribute to Alzheimer's Research, please make your check payable to the Alzheimer's Association or see Beth Paul for more information. [Bpaul2@aol.com](mailto:Bpaul2@aol.com)



*-Beth Paul*

A “last call of the season” Street Party was enjoyed in the Outback on May 18. Two residents brought their dogs on leashes to sing “Auld Lang Syne.” Street Parties will resume in October.

-Jacki Challoner and Patsy Nelms



### By the Numbers June 1 Independent Living

	Total	Sold	Available
Houses	57	56	1
Apartments	212	207	5

### Health Pavilion

	Total	Occu- pied	Available
Assist- ed	51	50	1
Memory	12	11	1
Skilled	73	70	3

- Andrew Davey and  
Nadia Luna



From left: The new patio by the lake (Janice Malkoff); Cherokee Bean Flowers (Jack Spencer); Red Shouldered Hawk (Karen Arola)

The Hippodrome’s summer musical, *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, had a familiar face. Was Sonda Dawes “#83” a plant in the audience or was her debut spontaneous? Well done!

-Bob Virnstein



## A Sweet Treat Day at Oak Hammock

June 7<sup>th</sup> was “National Doughnut Day” and “Bookmobile Returns to Oak Hammock Day”! What could be sweeter? Covid stopped the twice a month service to Oak Hammock’s eager readers. Monthly records prior to Covid indicate 37 visitors checked out 64 items at one OH bookmobile stop. Welcome back!

No library card? No problem. Your photo on your driver’s license or passport will get you a card. Your birth year is your security code! The card’s “homebound service” classification can be used at the downtown Alachua County Library or any of their eleven branches. Your library card’s number opens the door to check out or reserve printed books, DVDs, movies, eBooks, and more online. Items can be picked up and returned at the OH bookmobile stops. Questions? Call the main library at (352) 334-3950.

Shine up your specs, grab a cool lemonade, and get ready to enjoy the long-hot-summer with plenty of entertainment from the TWICE a month bookmobile stops at Oak Hammock.

Mark your calendar now! – **1<sup>st</sup> Friday (2-5 p.m.)** and **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (4-6 p.m.)**

*-Barbara Dockery, content; Bev Cone and Barbara Dockery, photo composite*



## Calling All Resident Tech Volunteers for HEAT or E-Team

There are two resident volunteer opportunities that make a positive impact on our community. Whether you have a knack for technology or a passion for effective communication, we invite you to become a resident tech volunteer:

The **HEAT** (Hammock Electronics Assistance Team) is all volunteers dedicated to ensuring technological devices within Oak Hammock function seamlessly. If you love technology and enjoy helping others navigate their tech challenges, HEAT is your calling.

**Responsibilities:** You will help residents with technology-related needs, focusing on software within the Apple ecosystem and some Windows operating systems and applications. You may help residents set up devices, understand and use their smartphones, tablets, and computers more effectively, and organize tech-related events and workshops.

**Benefits:** You share your technological skills and help fellow residents enjoy a seamless tech experience.

The **E-Team** manages and distributes important email notices throughout Oak Hammock. Your strong organizational skills and commitment to keeping the community informed makes this ideal for you.

**Responsibilities:** You will manage and distribute community-wide email notices from management, individual residents, or resident groups. These include announcements, reminders of activities, and scheduling information for meeting spaces.

**Benefits:** You contribute to the efficient flow of information within our community, helping residents stay up-to-date and connected.

Both opportunities are cost-effective essential support services reducing the need for additional staff.

**Get Involved:** Contact Bill Castine at [bill.castine@gmail.com](mailto:bill.castine@gmail.com) or Bill Zegel at [wzege@gmail.com](mailto:wzege@gmail.com).

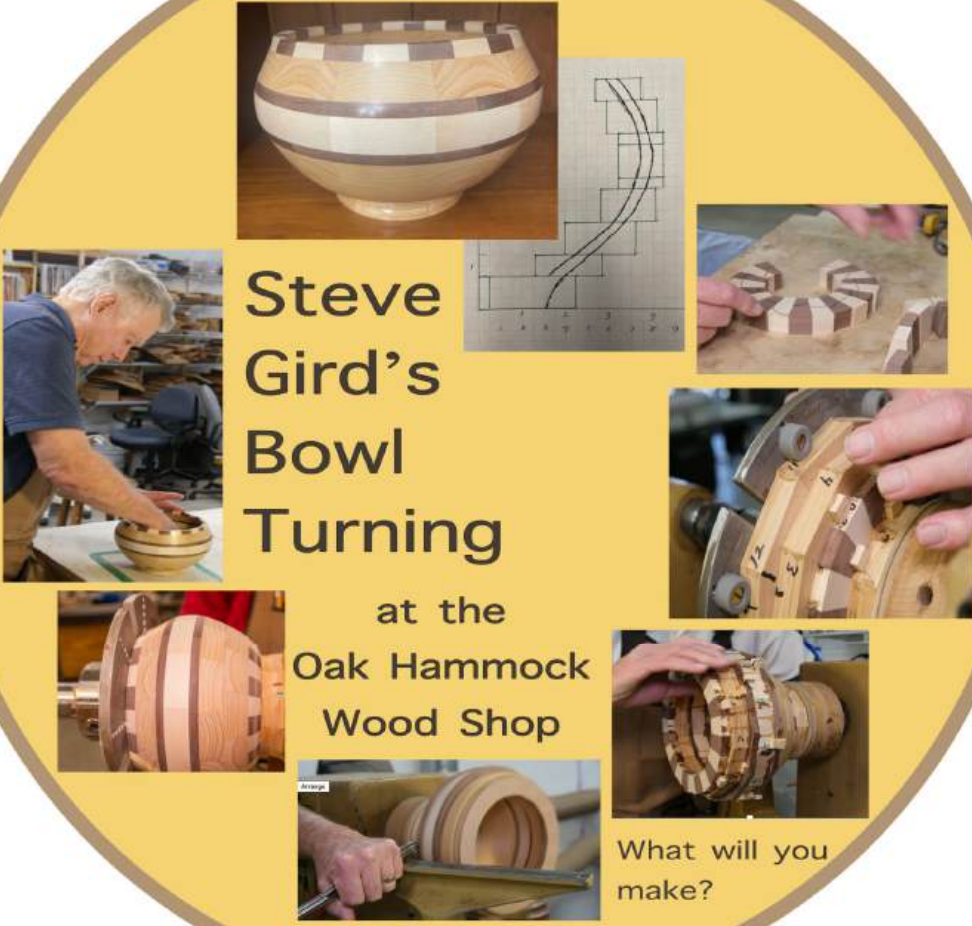
*-Bill Castine and Bill Zegel*

## New Opportunity for Low Hearing Residents

The OH Low Hearing Group held its inaugural meeting on May 28. Dr. Ryan Baker, Audiology by Accent audiologist, offered a fascinating presentation on the causes of hearing loss and possible solutions. Over 30 residents, about half from AL, half from IL, and one from SN gathered in the beautiful Wisteria Commons. The Low Hearing Group will meet monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Wisteria Commons. All residents are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

*-Nancy Dickson*





Steve Gird's Bowl Turning

at the Oak Hammock Wood Shop

What will you make?

*-David Brumbaugh, photos*

## A Very Creative and Entertaining Student Recital!

One of the most loved pieces in the classical music repertoire is *Carnival of the Animals* by French composer Camille Saint-Saëns. Each movement of this delightful piece represents a particular animal, bird, or other creature (even fossils!). Mika Fujita brought several of her very talented and very well-prepared students over a wide age range to the Oak Room to perform this piece, each selection performed by two students at the piano. Two sisters played "Le cygne" (The Swan) on cello and piano. One of the students read a very entertaining narration of the piece between each section. Even the concert poster was designed by some of Mika's students! It was clearly an enjoyable evening for the students, many of their parents, and those who attended.

-Mike Plaut



Residents previously visiting the Montbrook fossil dig in Williston had a follow up visit to Dickinson Hall at UF touring through collections, research programs, and their storage warehouse. Vertebrate and invertebrate finds over 5 million years old were amazing. The public can visit the Florida Museum of Natural History in Powell Hall at the UF Cultural Plaza, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This is our state natural history museum, one of the largest in the nation.

-Sandy Furches



A beautiful Mother's Day buffet was enjoyed by everyone!  
 - Bill Castine

### The Benevolent Fund

A total of \$30,212.00 was received in memory of Leon Glaze, Bob Graham, and Jack Polk and in honor of Pat Liston.

- Johnathon Mann



### The Oak Leaf Archives



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### Edgar the Great

Edgar, a Blue Roan English Cocker Spaniel, lives next door to me and is special. He owns Dave and Marie Brumbaugh and is taking the dog world by storm. Every show he enters, he comes away a winner.

He is affectionately called Eddie, even though his registered name is Grand Champion Winfree's Living Legacy. Eddie's life began in Merritt Island. His breeder is a dog show handler and has taken Eddie to shows in Wisconsin, Indiana, Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina. He continues to win ribbons for Best of Breed. His latest victory was an Award of Merit where he competed against 85 dogs, and, of course, came home with the ribbon and a pewter bowl. He will relax at home for a while and just be a regular old dog, but Marie soon plans to work with him on scent training as well as bird flushing. An unknown fact to me is that the term cock means to flush out the birds, thus a cocker spaniel is bred for hunting birds.

Marie explains the features that make Eddie a champion: his back is straight, his body is square, his teeth are good, and his movements are smooth and silky. Before he is bred, he will be x-rayed, tested for all diseases, and given an echocardiogram. This is big business when you own a champion dog. But most of all, Eddie is a sweetheart of a companion.



-Beth Paul

### PET REMINDER

Pets are to be leashed at all times while outside of your home and/or the dog park and are not be on furniture or anywhere food is being served. Service dogs, however, are allowed to accompany their person (whether a resident or resident-accompanied guest) to our dining facilities.



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JOIN US ON THE

*Oak Hammock Bourbon Trail*

A 20th Anniversary Event

**Friday, July 26 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

The Oak Room and Upper Level Commons

Taste Your Choice of 20 Different Bourbons  
 Food \* Bar \* DJ \* Line Dance and Lessons  
**Best Boots Contest and Other Prizes!**

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