



Residents In the Spotlight

Joan Burns



Written by Barbara Kellar

Do you remember when the U.S. entered into WWII? Maybe you heard of it on the radio that Sunday morning December 7th, 1941 that Japanese planes flew over the U.S. Navy base on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in a surprise bombing attack. The next day, December 8th, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt formally declared war on the Empire of Japan. But, did you know that Hawaii was only a U.S. Territory, like Puerto Rico or Guam, until August 21, 1959. This is significant.

Our new resident, Joan Burns, a descendent of five generations born and raised in the islands (eight main islands plus atoll, reefs, and shoals totaling 137) was born in Hawaii where her dad was a plantation manager. Her mom had gone to the islands to teach school and the pair met, married and started their family on the island of Kauai. Hoping for a boy after two daughters, they planned to name their child after the baby's father, John Mortimer Lydgate III. However, daughter number three arrived to be named Joan Mortimer Lydgate! Sadly, her father died of pneumonia when Joan was only three years old.

Five years after her husband died, Joan's mother went to Spokane, Washington to visit her family, leaving her three girls with extended family in Hawaii. Then Pearl Harbor was bombed and war was declared on Japan. Mom wasn't allowed to come after her children nor were the girls allowed to leave the islands because Hawaii was only a U.S. Territory at the time, (loosely "run" by business men) and the U.S. immediately imposed martial law, partly due to so many Japanese residents, this law held for three years. Her mother frantically tried to bring her girls to her in Spokane, with many telegrams and pleas going back and forth. To make the situation more complicated, all communications were heavily monitored. Finally, after three months, the children were put on a former luxury liner ("Lurine") which had been re-modeled into a troop ship, Joan, (age nine) at the time, remembers "her" ship being surrounded by military ships as escorts, with gunneries on each deck. But child as she was, she also remembers many candy and soda machines, which especially delighted her.

Landing in San Diego, the Red Cross helped re-unite the family, and even advised her mom on the best hotels.

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Management Team

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Maintenance Director

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Housekeeping Supervisor

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Activities Director

April Resident Birthdays

4/7 **Sophia Johnson**

4/17 **Clarence Twenhafel**

4/18 **Barbara Usher**

4/19 **Pat Ekman**

4/22 **Larry Adams**

4/23 **Julie Brown**

4/24 **Barbara Dascomb**

4/24 **Roger Ensrud**

4/24 **Janice Sticka**



Cornell Connections

Dear Cornell Estates Residents,

Happy April! First of all, I want to thank everyone for the birthday wishes! I had a great day with delicious cake!!! I even had more cake waiting for me when I got home.

We spoke about some things in the town hall meeting on 3/17 that should be gone over again

INTERCOM SYSTEM

It has been decided that we will not repair/replace the intercom system. We understand that many residents liked it for many different reasons. Due to the nature of the system, we don't know if it can be fixed, and a replacement system is not an option.

As far as fire safety is concerned, if the alarm sounds, assume it is a fire. If you are in your room, stay there! If you are not in your room, make your way to a common area such as the dining room or the party room. Please do not go through any fire doors. Remain in your room or the common area until the alarm is silenced which indicates "ALL CLEAR". Staff or firefighters will go room to room if an area needs to be evacuated.

PARKING

Please get a new parking pass from Gabby, she will ask your license plate number and make/color. If you do not drive your car very often, please do not park in the handicapped spots. We will start towing because it appears that the people who live in the apartments are still parking over here. I spoken with the bank and I think they are following our guidelines.

WASHING MACHINES

The new washing machine for the 2nd floor has arrived and just needs to be installed. We are evaluating the washing machines on the 1st floor and will replace them if necessary. Unfortunately, we are unable to install any more washing machines or dryers on the 3rd floor at this time. As I'm sure you all know, the laundry room was a resident room and does not have the proper electrical or plumbing hook ups. We will revisit this at another time.

TEMPERATURE

We understand and feel badly that it feels cold in the

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Mother and daughters then moved on to Seattle, Washington where Joan attended school through high school and two years at the University of Washington, moving on to meet and marry her first husband with whom she had three children. However, they divorced after twelve years. She then met and married Matthew Burns. When he proposed, she said “yes”, but stated that she wanted to move back to Hawaii, where her two sisters still lived. Matt agreed and was “very popular” and a “peace maker” to all. He worked in sales and Joan, too, was a sales person. For ten years she booked helicopter tours a for Papillion Helicopters.

The couple moved back to the Pacific Northwest for retirement (Matt claimed “cabin fever” on an island), yet they settled on

Whidby Island, Washington, where they lived for 20 years. Matt even built a two-seater airplane “from scratch”. He had wanted to turn 94 before he died, and he did so one month later. They had been married for 46 years when Matt passed away four years ago.

Joan has one son and one daughter from her first marriage. Her daughter still lives in New York after many years there, but her son, Steve and wife Jean had moved to Hillsboro 30 years ago, and are parents to Joan’s two granddaughters, therefore, the transition for Joan was easy. She’s lived at Cornell Estates for four months now, getting acquainted with people and activities, and likes it here.



April Employee Birthdays

4/14 Alex Contreras

4/14 Rechelle Wickham



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dining room. We have added heaters, but please make sure they are on when you sit down! Dining staff can check them to make sure they are turned on, but residents who are sitting near the space heater also need to check them. To improve the heating in the dining room is a big project! The walls would have to be opened, and part of the dining room would be partitioned off. Last but definitely not least, a project like this would take a long time, and we can't ignore the fact that it would be very expensive!

Jen Gray, Administrator





April Shopping Trips

4/1 1:30pm **Fred Meyer***
4/8 1:30pm **Dollar Tree***
4/15 1:30pm **Walmart***
4/22 1:30pm **Bi-Mart***

**Remember your money for these outings!*



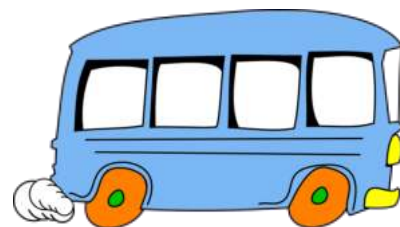
April Outings



4/3 10:00am **Brookwood Library ML**
4/10 10:40am **Lunch at Applebees* ML**
4/17 10:45am **Lunch at Happy Garden Chinese Restaurant* ML**
4/17 2:00pm **Trip to Kohl's & Home Goods* ML**
4/24 10:00am **Scenic Drive**
4/29 1:30pm **Trip to Goodwill* ML**

About Shopping Trips and Outings

- Sign up for shopping trips & outings at the front desk.
- Cancel if you are not able to attend.
- Please arrive 10-15 minutes before bus departure time.
- Please **empty your walker** so it can be folded up on bus trips.



Welcome to Cornell Estates Our New Residents

Etta Barner
Fred Holmes
Billie Hudspeth
Bess Carlson
Jim Butterfield
Harriet Lembke



March Employee of the Month

Shea Witten, *Night Shift Med-Tech & Caregiver*

Shea is an employee that shows great work ethic, dependability, and compassion with the residents here at Cornell Estates.

Dylan Ferguson, RCC



Thank you!

Resident Council Members:

Lois Ashe, Jeanette Weverka, Roger Ensrud,
John Van De Graaf & Marcia Harrington

Playing the Piano: Patti Hart

Taking Care of Cornell Estates' Gardens:

Arden Sheets, Shirley Osborne, Shirley Van Dyke,
David Cliffe, Sharyl MacDonald,
Roger Ensrud & Lazaro Pichardo

Reading to the Residents: Anne Cliffe

Sunday Worship Service: David & Anne Cliffe

Spanish Through the Arts: Cyndi Turtledove

Taking Care of Cornell Estates Library:

Debbie Pentkowski

Taking Care of Cornell Estates Sewing Room:

Mary White

Writing the Residents Spotlight: Barbara Kellar

Birthday Bell Ringer: Carol Digman

For Being so Helpful: Jeanette Weverka,
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