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Board Column

By Lily Ng

Reflections

December 2019. Time really flies. This is a column marking the end of the year and, in my case, marking the last board column I expect to write. So, I thought I would share some personal reflections on Becketwood in 2019 and of my almost-six-years serving on the Board of Directors.

The Rule of Law

The “rule of law” is a principle under which all persons, institutions, and entities are accountable to laws that are:

- Publicly promulgated
- Equally and fairly applied and enforced
- Independently adjudicated and
- Consistent with international human rights principles.

At Becketwood, the “laws” are what are set forth in the bylaws and the policies contained in the Becketwood Cooperative Policy Manual (the Green Book), which is housed in the Library. Members voted on Bylaws, which committees drafted and the Board of Directors approved. And yet one or another of the “laws/policies” are being regularly violated.

Examples:

- not following the recycling procedure: contaminating recyclable materials with non-recyclable ones, resulting in penalties charged to the cooperative.
- entering and exiting the garage in a dangerous way: “piggy-backing” on entering or exiting; exiting at the entrance; going around another car on exiting, drastically increasing the probability of causing damage to another car, to one’s car, to oneself, or to the garage doors.
- not following the Purchasing and Bidding Procedure Policy: not seeking preapproval by the Board on costly projects; Members seeking outside bids or vendors on projects by themselves with no involvement of a purchasing agent as mandated by the Board.
- violating the Guidelines for Board/Staff/Members Relationships by making specific demands on staff, and verbally and in written form disrespecting staff and other Members.

We have to do better than that to maintain Becketwood’s

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cooperative lifestyle and culture. In the best interests of the Becketwood community and its Members, the “laws of Becketwood” will be “equally and fairly applied and enforced” by the Board.

Pipe Dreams

Definitions of “pipe dream”:

“an illusory or fantastic plan, hope, or story” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

As humans, we all want the best things for ourselves. As an elected body to make decisions, the Board has to consider what is best for the entire Cooperative, not just any interest group. The Board cannot aim at pleasing everyone and cannot give everyone everything they want. As members of the elected Board, the Directors are charged with “maintaining sound financial management.” They are required to “test all decisions (*of spending funds*) for financial responsibility.” (Quotes are from 2016 Strategic Imperatives.) There are currently a number of major projects on Becketwood’s Reserve Repair and Replacement Long-Range Plan. What can be achieved depends on whether Members are willing to pay for it, through monthly operations charges or volunteer donations. Repair and replacement of the infrastructure of Becketwood remain the top priorities in the use of funds.

To ensure a definite course for an expedient and prudent way of prioritizing and planning projects, we have the “Purchasing and Bidding Procedure Policy.” Steps for proposing major projects are clearly delineated.

The guidelines were drafted for the safeguard of the financial responsibility and transparency to the Members of Becketwood. Again, in the best interest of Becketwood, there should not be any

attempt to bypass any of the steps of the procedure.

The Becketwood Think Tank: Preparation for the Future

Since early 2019, the Becketwood Think Tank has been diligently meeting, brainstorming and seeking information from committees and Members. Their first project is considering how climate change will affect Becketwood in future years.

The Think Tank was established by the Board for the following purposes:

- Initiate considerations of long-range projects to the Board
- Improve the flow of information and communication
- Provide a broader and longer-term view of the impact and priority of major issues
- Identify project interdependencies earlier.

The Think Tank serves as an advisory body to the Board for issues and opportunities that affect Becketwood’s long-term success. This group is available to the staff, the Board, and committees as a resource.

Please respond to their requests for information and support them for the future of Becketwood.



Board Actions in November

M/S/C to continue the tradition of collecting cash for a holiday gift to the employees with a deadline of December 18.

M/S/C to not exercise the Board's right to purchase Unit #327.

M/S/C to approve the Non-member Long Term Occupancy Agreement for Susan Gantriis in Unit #404 for the term of one year, and to modify the Agreement form so that a termination date is specified.

M/S/C to approve Dennis and Linda Hunt for Membership in Unit #341.

M/S/C to approve Margo Herman for Membership in Unit #521.

M/S/C to approve Dan and Audrey Bailey for Membership in Unit #602.

M/C to endorse the repair of elevator #1 and approve the expenditure of funds from the Reserve account for the repair.

M/C to approve the transfer of the 2019 revenue over expense to the reserves in December, with the amount to be determined and designated at the next Finance Committee meeting.

**The next Board meeting will be on
Friday, December 27 ~ 1:30 p.m.
Windsor Room**

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Notes from Debbie

By Debbie Richman,
Executive Manager



Happy December!

Although a great majority of people look forward to the holidays, for some this is an extremely challenging time of year. Recent loss, expectations that can't be met, not enough time and just the over-stimulation can be hard to manage.

The holidays present a dizzying array of demands — parties, shopping, baking, cleaning and entertaining, to name just a few.

But with some practical tips, you can minimize the stress that accompanies the holidays. You may even end up enjoying the holidays more than you thought you would.

The article below was written by Mayo Clinic Staff and offers good insight into how you can get yourself through this time of year.

Tips to prevent holiday stress and depression

When stress is at its peak, it's hard to stop and regroup. Try to prevent stress and depression in the first place, especially if the holidays have taken an emotional toll on you in the past.

1. **Acknowledge your feelings.** If someone close to you has recently died or you can't be with loved ones, realize that it's normal to feel sadness and grief. It's OK to take time to cry or express your feelings. You can't force yourself to be happy just because it's the holiday season.
2. **Reach out.** If you feel lonely or

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- isolated, seek out community, religious or other social events. They can offer support and companionship. Volunteering your time to help others also is a good way to lift your spirits and broaden your friendships.
3. **Be realistic.** The holidays don't have to be perfect or just like last year. As families change and grow, traditions and rituals often change as well. Choose a few to hold on to, and be open to creating new ones. For example, if your adult children can't come to your house, find new ways to celebrate together, such as sharing pictures, emails or videos.
 4. **Set aside differences.** Try to accept family members and friends as they are, even if they don't live up to all of your expectations. Set aside grievances until a more appropriate time for discussion. And be understanding if others get upset or distressed when something goes awry. Chances are they're feeling the effects of holiday stress and depression, too.
 5. **Stick to a budget.** Before you go gift and food shopping, decide how much money you can afford to spend. Then stick to your budget. Don't try to buy happiness with an avalanche of gifts. Try these alternatives:
 - Donate to a charity in someone's name.
 - Give homemade gifts.
 - Start a family gift exchange.
 6. **Plan ahead.** Set aside specific days for shopping, baking, visiting friends and other activities. Plan your menus and then make your shopping list. That'll help prevent last-minute scrambling to buy forgotten ingredients. And make sure to line up help for party prep and cleanup.
 7. **Learn to say no.** Saying yes when you should say no can leave you feeling resentful and overwhelmed. Friends and colleagues will understand if you can't participate in every project or activity. If it's not possible to say no when your boss asks you to work overtime, try to remove something else from your agenda to make up for the lost time.
 8. **Don't abandon healthy habits.** Don't let the holidays become a free-for-all. Overindulgence only adds to your stress and guilt. Try these suggestions:
 - Have a healthy snack before holiday parties so that you don't go overboard on sweets, cheese or drinks.
 - Get plenty of sleep.
 - Incorporate regular physical activity into each day.
 9. **Take a breather.** Make some time for yourself. Spending just 15 minutes alone, without distractions, may refresh you enough to handle everything you need to do. Find something that reduces stress by clearing your mind, slowing your breathing and restoring inner calm. Some options may include:
 - Taking a walk at night and stargazing.
 - Listening to soothing music.
 - Getting a massage.
 - Reading a book.
 10. **Seek professional help if you need it.** Despite your best efforts, you may find yourself feeling persistently sad or anxious, plagued by physical complaints, unable to sleep, irritable and hopeless, and unable to face

routine chores. If these feelings last for a while, talk to your doctor or a mental health professional.

Take control of the holidays

Don't let the holidays become something you dread. Instead, take steps to prevent the stress and depression that can descend during the holidays. Learn to recognize your holiday triggers, such as financial pressures or personal demands, so you can combat them before they lead to a meltdown. With a little planning and some positive thinking, you can find peace and joy during the holidays.

I wish all of you here a holiday season that is free of stress and offers hope for the New Year.

Debbie

PLEASE NOTE: The Marketing Department has new drop-in hours: **Monday-Friday, 2-4 pm** Outside of these hours, please make appointments by phone or email.

Marketing News

Maura, Kari, and Lynette

May and October, the best-smelling months?

I'll make a case for December: evergreen, frost, wood smoke, cinnamon.

~ Lisa Kleypas



Sales

Two more closings rounded out November for a total of four closings for the month. Denny and Linda Hunt are excited about their purchase of

Sheffield #341, which has its own deck! Margo Herman and Mike Hogan will be making Manchester #521 their permanent residence. Last but not least, Audrey and Dan Bailey are delighted to be purchasing Stratford #602 in early December. Hmm, that last name, Bailey...sound familiar? That is because Dan is current Member Olive Jean Bailey's son! We welcome everyone to this interesting mix of merry souls that we call Becketwood.

Note Cards for Sale

The Marketing Committee is selling Becketwood Note Cards again this year. We are selling the same ones as we did last year. There are six different images showcasing various aspects of Becketwood, including flowers, nature images and quilt details. We will be selling packs of twelve cards for \$8.00 per pack. Look for the sign-up sheet on the ledge.

Holiday Cookie Cart

Once again, we are inviting the Waiting List to join us for Cookie Cart on **Friday, December 20**. Debbie Richman will be providing some lovely piano music for us to enjoy and Becketwood will be all festive and decorated for the holidays. We hope you'll be able to join us in welcoming and mingling with your soon-to-be neighbors!

Reupholster, or Buy New?

What a great question! There is not an easy or definitive answer or a right or wrong answer. Reupholstering can be a great way to give an old piece a new look, or repair a rip or tear in only one cushion. Reupholstering will likely cost more than buying new, so here are some things to think about.

Is it worth it? Furniture built in the last ten years is probably not worth it.

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If it's been around 10-15 years and is still structurally solid it might be worth it.

- Check for wobbles and steadiness.
- Is it constructed of dowels and glue vs. staples, and does it feel heavy for its size?
- Check for coiled springs vs. s-springs or rubber panels.
- If the cushions feel squishy, it's probably low-quality foam.
- Is the piece perfect in every way, or a family heirloom?

Tips To Remember

Upholsterers are used to giving estimates based off an emailed photo and measurements. Take several pictures, especially of problem areas that might need special repair. Here are some more tips:

- Check for worn-out cushions; new upholstery over tired cushions isn't worth the cost.
- Appropriateness of the fabric — durability, UV resistant, or stain resistant.
- Picking a solid fabric will reduce costs, as will fine lines (no skirts, piping, etc.).
- Ask if your piece is in need of re-webbing, new coils/springs, or new foam.
- Remember there are likely hidden costs that aren't known until the upholsterer starts the job.

The Main Takeaway

When buying new, you know exactly what you're getting and exactly how much it will cost. When you reupholster, you really don't know what it will end up to be until the job is finished and the cost can change from the original quoted price.

Member Services

By Deb Rodmyre, LSW
Member Services
Coordinator



MAC Bake Sale

The Member Activities Council (MAC) is sponsoring their annual bake sale on **Monday, December 9** from 10-11:30 am. It will be held in East and West Dining Rooms so there is more room to spread out the delicious goodies for all to see! We are looking for Members who like to bake to donate to the cause. All proceeds will benefit the MAC committee, which oversees nine committees.

Please sign up on the ledge if you would like to donate baked goods. You will receive an instruction sheet and a recommended price list to label your goodies. Donut holes and coffee will be available for purchase so you can visit with friends when you are finished shopping. If you have questions, please contact me. Thank you for your participation!

TOYS FOR TOTS

We will again be collecting toys for children from **December 1-13**. Gifts for teens are especially needed. Please, no used or second-hand items. Place gifts at the tree near the library. Thanks for your spirit of giving! You brighten the holiday for many.

Interim Healthcare Home Care will visit in January for a Question and Answer session about services you can hire if you need them. Afterward, they will offer free balance screens. This session will take place on **Wednesday, January 15** at 1 pm in the East Dining Room. Please sign up on the ledge.

Shopping Trips

If your holiday shopping is not done, take the bus on **Monday, December 2** to Southdale and the Galleria from 12:30-4 pm or go to the Mall of America and Ikea on **Monday, December 9** from 12:30-4 pm. To buy great goodies we will go to Costco on **Monday, December 16** from 10:30 am -1 pm and Trader Joe's on **Tuesday, December 17** at noon. Finally, we go to Highland Village, Minnehaha Mall and the Post Office every Tuesday morning, and Highland Village and the new Cub every Thursday afternoon. Please sign up on the ledge.

OLLI Winter Courses

Classes begin on **Monday, January 6 through Monday, February 17 from 12:30-2 pm**. *Utopia—What Is It?* by Karl Willson. Also, on **Thursdays, January 9-February 6 from 10-11:30 am**, *Understanding Multiple Intelligences* by Launa Ellison. Please sign up on the ledge.

My Christmas Wish:
May you have
Peace in your heart
A kind word to share
Someone to care



The office will be closed on
Christmas Day, December 25
and
New Year's Day, January 1

What's Cookin'

By Chef Brandon
Lenzmeier



Happy Holidays!
Interested in purchasing a meal for a Member here at Becketwood? You can purchase gift cards/coupons for breakfast, lunch and/or dinner to give as a gift or kind gesture to your fellow Becketwood Members. These are available all year long but are especially nice during the holiday season. See Barb Sundberg in the office to purchase!

The Becketwood kitchen will be **closed on Christmas Day, December 25th**. A meal will still be available for those who are interested. Stay tuned for a menu and details.

Exciting dates to mark on your calendar for December 2019:

Annual Holiday Dinner: Thursday, **December 5th** at 5:30 pm (Members only)

Birthday Dinner: Friday, **December 20th** at 5:30 pm

Christmas Eve Buffet Lunch: **December 24th** at 12 pm

Christmas Day: Kitchen Closed; Friday, **December 25th**

New Year's Eve Dinner: Tuesday, **December 31st** at 5:30 pm

Maintenance Corner



The coldest weather of the year is approaching, and Maintenance would like to make a few suggestions about the heating system in your unit.

First: If you use a setback thermostat or just turn your thermostat down at night, remember that it will take a while for the heat to rise back to the daytime comfort level. Maintenance suggests using a 1 or 2 degree setback.

Second: Keep the register flaps open to provide the best airflow over the heating elements. More airflow equals more heat and more comfort.

Third: Operating the fan on low or medium speed will help to eliminate hot and cold areas in your unit. This is especially helpful around or near windows that have not been replaced or have not been rope caulked.

Fourth: Humidity greatly increases comfort and reduces those static discharge events that occur when you touch doorknobs or surfaces that are not at the same electrical charge as you. A good level of humidity to try for is 35%. When the temperature outside is near zero, try for about 25-30%. If you see a lot of condensation on windows and woodwork, decrease the humidity a little.

If Members are interested in obtaining humidifiers for their units, contact Maintenance via a work order and request one to be ordered.

Annual Unit Maintenance has been completed on the 5th and 6th floors and begun on the 4th floor. We will be

taking a break from inspections for the holidays.

The new pumps for the boilers were starting to be installed just before Thanksgiving and should be completed as you are reading this note. The new pumps will increase the flow of heating water through the boilers, which will increase the output heat of each of the boilers. This increase will eliminate the need for the use of electric space heaters in some of the units.

Wishing the best for everyone this holiday season.

Maintenance Staff
Brandt, Rick, Larry, Ziggy, and Andy

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Thursday, January 9, 7:30 pm
Senator John Marty
Discusses Health Care

Excursion
Saturday, January 11
Rosedale AMC Opera



IN REMEMBRANCE

Jim Fitzpatrick, “Fitz,” and his wife of 45 years, Karen, moved to Becketwood in September 2017. Jim, the total Irishman, was born in



Brownsville, Minnesota in 1937, and died at Our Lady of Peace in St. Paul on November 8, 2019. Jim graduated from Caledonia High School, attended St. Mary’s College, Winona, studying for the Catholic priesthood, and received a Master’s Degree in Secondary Education Administration from Catholic University in Washington DC. Jim was ordained a Catholic priest in June 1963, and served several Catholic parishes, including Rochester, Minnesota, where he met Sister Karen. Jim left the priesthood in 1973, and taught adult religious education in Phoenix, Arizona. Jim and Karen, who had left the convent, were married in Minnesota in 1974. They settled in Mahtomedi. Jim pioneered the role of parish administrator, and was lauded for modeling lay ministry, leadership, and accountability, all which became bedrock of the collective mission of the Catholic Church. Jim retired in 2002.

Jim will be remembered for his jovial personality, his engaging church-related stories, the story of his raft trip down the Colorado River, and his adventures as a bicyclist, including his trip from the Canadian border to the Iowa border with two fellow cyclists.

Here at Becketwood, Jim loved to walk the river trails, work in their Member

garden, pick raspberries or strawberries in season, and delighted in inviting friends to share the bounty.

Jim had scores of friends throughout his life and let them know they were loved.

In Remembrance stories are written by Stephanie Gordon.



Question of the Month

Who do I tell when I plan to be away from Becketwood?

When you plan to be away from Becketwood for several days or longer, please let Security know. It is very helpful for staff to know (in case someone is looking for you) **when you are leaving and when you expect to be back**. Leave a spare car key if your car will be here, so it can be moved if necessary. See Robin if you have questions. *Thank you!*

Becketwood Committee News

Program Committee

The three weeks leading up to the Christmas holidays will feature a variety of musical programs, beginning on **Thursday, December 5** with a repeat performance by members of the Minnesota Chorale providing a musical treat as a prelude to the Holiday Dinner at 4:45 pm. Two days later, the annual Service of Lessons and Carols will be presented by the Becketwood Choir at 4:00 p.m. on **Saturday, December 7**.



John Darlington, pianist, will perform an all Gershwin concert, including *Rhapsody in Blue*, on **Thursday, December 12** at 7:30 pm. On **Sunday, December 15**, the St. Joseph School of Music students and faculty will return again this year to offer a program of holiday music at 4:00 pm.

The final program of the year will be on **Wednesday, December 18** at 7:30 pm and feature the Clarinet Trio on a Stick. All December programs will be in the Wellington Room.

The Program Committee thankfully acknowledges the support of the Becketwood community throughout this year: in attending the scheduled programs, in offering suggestions for future programs, and in making memorial donations to the Program Committee. Our gratitude comes with our best wishes for a blessed and delightful holiday season.

Randy Nelson, Co-chair

A Note From the Excursion Committee



December is full of holiday festivities! We start off by attending a sing-along with Dan Chouinard at the Danish American Center on **Monday, December 2**. That should get you in the holiday spirit! Sign up on the ledge.

We will be sending two busses to the Riverview Theater on **Thursday, December 12**, to see *The Farmer's Daughter* hosted by Ingebretsen's. Treats, music and door prizes provided! Sign up on the ledge. The next day, **Friday, December 13**, we are going to the St. Paul Hotel to see *It's a Wonderful Life*—A Live Radio Play and luncheon. Tickets have already been ordered for this event.

You may sign up to tour the Purcell Cutts House on **Saturday, December 14** with Iric. It is decked out for the holidays. The group will dine at Christo's after the tour.

Finally, on **Saturday, December 28**, bus driver Brad will take you on a tour of lights at 7 pm. Besides our routine favorites, we will tour the Schultz family lights, which are coupled with holiday music! Afterwards, holiday refreshments will be served in the West Dining Room. Happy Holidays to all!

Mickey Monsen, Chair

Chapel Committee



The Becketwood Choir will present our version of Lessons and Carols in the Wellington Room on **Saturday, December 7th** at 4:30 pm. There will be date bread and julekukka and coffee/tea following the singing. Besides the choir, there will be group carol singing. In order to allow the choir to have a dress rehearsal, there will be no regular Vespers service on December 4th and the choir will practice then.

Vespers on **December 11th** will be led by Renny and Jeff Kidder. **December 18th** will be led by Susan McKinley. These two services will be in the Windsor Room. We'll be there through February. There will be **no Vespers on December 25th**.

Wayne Tellekson, Chair

Choir News



This month, Becketwood Choir leads the **Service of Lessons and Carols on Saturday, December 7**, at 4:30 pm in the Wellington Room. (Choir warms up at 3:45 pm.) Members, please bring yourselves, your family, and your friends for this time of Advent scriptures, songs, food and fellowship.

On **Thursday, January 9, 2020**, 6:30 pm, Choir resumes rehearsals, ending its holiday hiatus. Please join us!

For the November 27th Thanksgiving Evensong service the choir sang three songs, accompanied by our musically

gifted manager, Debbie Richman. Thank you, Debbie! Earlier that month, many enjoyed Keitha Herron's movie, *The Unfinished Song*, which centered on music's power to foster joy and community in a chorus of elders. It ended with this reminder: "Sometimes it's not so much the quality of the voice, as how far it has travelled."

Holiday Joy!
Jean Geissler, Director

Becketwood Art News

The next exhibit, our 132nd, is the *Watercolor Splashers*. This is a group of artists who get together each Monday to paint together. Some are more experienced than others, but they enjoy each other's company and a chance to get helpful advice. They take classes together and even have a retreat during the year. The exhibit will be **December 6 through February 6** because of the holidays. Sonja Walker is a member of this group.



I hope you have had a chance to see the wood carvings in the art display case. They are by David Brogan, who is the brother-in-law of Becketwood Member Angela Bohmann. He started whittling when he was in fourth grade and now demonstrates and teaches at fairs and other events in his home state of Tennessee. We appreciate his willingness to ship everything to Becketwood for this exhibit.

The next exhibit in the art display care will be Origami ornaments. We do have

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an Origami tree that will be decorated for the holidays, but now you can see some of the ornaments close up. They were created by Becketwood Members many years ago and they are carefully preserved for future use.

The inventory has progressed to the first floor! There are about 153 artworks to look at, write up and photograph for our records. Then of course are the stairwells and other as yet unknown places! Perhaps we will have a display of the three-ring binders, two each for loaned work, donated work and unknowns this winter. You may be able to help us identify some pictures that we have labeled “unknowns.”

Helen Grant has graciously accepted the task of locating a musician for the art openings. We are most grateful and looking forward to having nice music for those events.

Happy Holidays to all
The Becketwood Art Committee
Bonnie Porte, Chair



Craft Committee



The money you spend to purchase items from the Craft Center provides funds for needed items. With the raised funds, the following items have been purchased: solarium chairs, wildflowers for Fernwood Glen, a PA system, repair of the Chapel organ, banquet tables for Kensington Square, tuckpointing and repair of the Chapel, a graphics computer, media for Kensington Square, holiday trees, fitness equipment, media in the Wellington Room, the lighting system in the East Dining Room, and much more. The Craft Room was outfitted with a new table, shelving units, and window blinds. **The total contribution for 2004-2016 was \$37,873!**

More recently, the drop-down screen was purchased for the Wellington Room, and new lawn benches for the property.

We have many new Becketwood Members. In addition to purchasing items from the Craft Center, we are always looking for volunteers.

A huge thank you to everyone who provided items for the Arts and Crafts sale. Please join us in the Craft Center on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 - 11:00 (or so) for card making, and on Friday mornings from 10:00 - 11:00 (or so) for whatever kind of sewing we are working on or a project of some kind. We always have a good time — good conversation, humor and coffee.

This year the Arts and Crafts Sale raised \$1,196.00. We had a different setup of the items. We moved the Workshop with their absolutely

wonderful wood carving, glass items, etc. to the Wellington Room (just outside of the East Dining Room). This provided more space for them and made it easier to count their proceeds of \$854.00. The men in the Workshop are very special, make lovely items, and are very much appreciated. They also have a coffee time every weekday at 10 am, and amazing conversation and discussion.

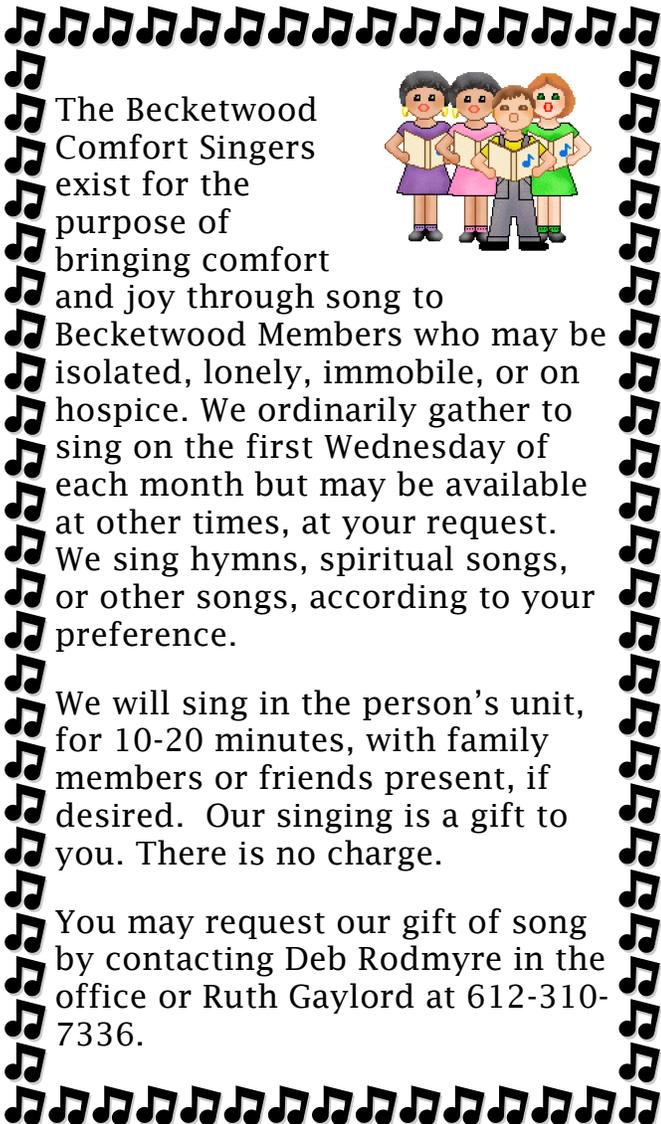
Jacqueline Teisberg, Chair

One Man's Meat is Another Man's Poison?! Using Vinegar as a Laundry Detergent

by Lily Ng

This afternoon I went into the Four East laundry room to put my washed laundry into the dryer. As I approached the laundry room, I could smell the sour odor of vinegar in the hallway. It was very prevalent in the laundry room itself and it was obvious that a load was being washed with vinegar. The odor was coming back out to the room from the washing machine's drain pipe.

If you use vinegar as a laundry detergent, please be sensitive to other Members who use the same laundry room and who would be sensitive to the acetic acid vapor in vinegar. PLEASE USE THE CORRECT AND RECOMMENDED CONCENTRATION. This information can be found on the laundry room bulletin boards.



The Becketwood Comfort Singers exist for the purpose of bringing comfort and joy through song to Becketwood Members who may be isolated, lonely, immobile, or on hospice. We ordinarily gather to sing on the first Wednesday of each month but may be available at other times, at your request. We sing hymns, spiritual songs, or other songs, according to your preference.

We will sing in the person's unit, for 10-20 minutes, with family members or friends present, if desired. Our singing is a gift to you. There is no charge.

You may request our gift of song by contacting Deb Rodmyre in the office or Ruth Gaylord at 612-310-7336.

Coming Events

The Joy of Food - A Film Festival

The Healthy Plate Healthy Planet team is busy curating their 2nd Annual Joy of Food Film Festival. The festival will begin on January 17th and run through January 31, 2020. There will be a total of five films and two fabulous dinners! Both menus have been inspired by two of the films chosen for the festival.

Mark your calendars and look for a completed schedule in January's *Becketwood Times*.

Healthy Plate Healthy Planet
Sponsored by the Food Service Committee

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Our New Year's
Eve Party on
December 31

will involve over 25 volunteers and a delightful variety of celebration activities. New this year will be the Cha Cha Slide dance organized by Peggy Ryden. Tapping into the art hung on all six floors, there will be an art scavenger hunt created by Bonnie Porte. A 15-minute video by Doug Herron titled "Becketwood Rising" will be shown at 11:20 pm and again the next afternoon.

The party starts at 8:45 pm with singing around the piano led by Ruth Gaylord. Not only will there be singing, but the New Year's Eve party will involve dancing, games, crossword puzzles, a bubble wrap stomp and balloons dropping from the ceiling. The traditional count-down ball drop and *Auld Lang Syne* singing will occur at 11 pm (NYC midnight time) so Members can drag off to bed immediately following the cleanup of balloon fragments. Night owls are invited to continue the party in the Windsor Room with Doug's video, a raucous jump into the New Year bubble wrap square prepared by Bob Flink and sweet singing of three inspirational favorites led by Don Besser.

Joy Nelson and Keitha Herron will soon be soliciting for finger sandwiches for the refreshment tables, which open at 8:45 pm. Red and white wine will be provided.

There are many more activities to be announced as soon as the leadership is committed. Be assured more volunteers are needed to ease any



burden on event leaders. Contact Doug Herron in Unit #235 to volunteer to hand out name badges and party hats at 8:30 pm, create an easy ice-breaker exercise so we meet more neighbors, help move chairs, help with one of the five games, or help clean up at 11:05 pm or 12:00 am.

This is a Members-only event.

Doug Herron

Landscape and Gardens Committee



Trees and Shrubs

The Twin Cities is losing thousands of trees to an infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and Becketwood is in the process of removing our infected Ash trees as well. We have a plan for removal of the final 57 Ash trees in the next two years, which means a total loss of 96 ash trees from the grounds. There are treatments for EAB, but it costs hundreds of dollars every two years and must be continued for the life of each tree.

Our trees are very special to most Becketwood Members and Wayne Tellekson spoke eloquently to this feature in a November Vespers service. A Becketwood Tree Fund has been set up to accept donations that will help cover the cost of tree replacements. Barb Sundberg is managing that fund. There will be a map on the north Bulletin Board showing the location of the trees being cut down in January/February 2020.

Member Gardens (see *Snowbird Alert* box)

Common Gardens

In our final committee meeting of the year, Landscape and Gardens voted to approve a garden shed for the north and east side of the property. The purpose of the new shed is to provide a more convenient storage area for tools and equipment for gardeners distant from the Member Garden sheds. This area includes Fernwood Glen, the largest single common garden that engages more volunteers throughout the year than all other gardens. All fifteen of the Common Garden Stewards from that area were solicited for their suggestions. General recommendations were it not be located near the building nor in the area where there is heavy water flow, and that the shed be as inconspicuous as possible. The decision was made to locate the shed in Fernwood Glen just off a path, behind a large shrub. We are very grateful to Todd Gulliver who created and presented the design and will do the construction. Installation will occur in 2020.

Also, even though L&G is on vacation over the winter, various members of the committee will be doing some documentation organization and housecleaning, preparing the order for spring annuals, and identifying priorities for the 2020 growing season.

From your Landscape and Garden volunteers, warmest wishes for a beautiful and joyful holiday season and new year!

Bonnie Sample, Chair

Snowbird Alert!

Attention current Member Gardeners and new Becketwood Members who plan to request a Member garden plot in 2020.

Will you be away from Becketwood December 2019 through April 15th of 2020? If so, please inform the Member Gardens committee of your interest in a 2020 garden plot *now*, before you leave for the winter. Snowbird garden plot request forms can be found on the ledge or in the convenience center.

Questions? Contact Jackie Hill, Member Gardens Committee, 612.825.8113

December Tip from the Recycling Team

All those gifts! All those presents! All that WRAPPING PAPER! What should you do with the paper? **Put it in the trash!!!** Aspen, our recycling hauler, says all wrapping paper should be considered **TRASH**. So, unless your gifts were wrapped in last week's newspaper comics, down the trash chute it goes! Don't forget to flatten your boxes, and please don't leave empty boxes in the Convenience Center. Many thanks!

Tech Times

Gee, You Shouldn't Have

Time for the annual "what you don't need for the holidays" article. You know the drill, your family wants to get you one expensive electronic thing for the holidays and you don't know what to tell them. Perhaps we can help.



Desktop computers are pretty much a thing of the past. They require a specific home dedicated just to them. A laptop, on the other hand, can actually sit on your lap—or a table or a desk, your choice. It is portable. It does not require furniture.

Say you already have a laptop but can't get the hang of the keyboard? Separate keyboards can be had and just plugged in. You can get a real mouse too. Doesn't even need a cord to attach to your laptop either. They come cordless.

But then there are tablets, smaller yet. You use your device only for email? You don't even need a computer. You can get by on the smaller, cheaper tablet, easy to use.

Want something even smaller and more useful? Replace your old flip phone with a smart phone. It can take pictures and get your email for you. And you can even *talk* on it like a real phone. Annoyed by all those robocalls? Get a cheap cordless phone. A cordless phone is a good way to get caller ID. In the past, you had to pay the phone company extra for the service. Now, all you need is a cordless phone.

And batteries are always useful. AAA and AA batteries. Do you have a scale that requires those round pellet-like batteries? Ask for some of those, too.

And toilet paper. No, it is not electronic, but it is useful. And it is cheaper in those gazillion roll packages. Let your relatives struggle with that giant package. Heck, they can even put a bow on it. And won't you be glad!

Katherine Richardson and
Carol Delak, Tech Hub Volunteers

Notes from the Interior Design Committee

December is here and it's time for holiday decorations. **Tuesday, December 3, at 11 am** is the day and time to join the holiday decorating team. We will spread decorative joy in the Foyer, Wellington Room, Solarium, Staircase and the Windsor Room.

With all those areas, we need many hands to make light work and also enjoy treats after the tasks are done.

On the next day, **Wednesday, December 4**, the 4th grade math students from Minnehaha Academy will bring Gingerbread Houses they have made for us to display throughout our common spaces. When you see these house-makers, be sure to thank them for their tasty constructions.

The Interior Design Committee members will decorate the elevator lobbies, so you can ride up and down with holiday cheer. No need to help them with that work.

Looking ahead, a team will again be needed to take down the holiday decorations. That will be done on **Tuesday, January 7 at 10 am**. So put that date on your new 2020 calendar.

Barbara Johnson, Marcie Wallace, Mary Theresa Downing, Bonnie Porte, Ken Johnson, Helen Grant, Gail Onan

MAC Committee Corner

The **Wellness Committee** has existed almost since the beginning of Becketwood. Its purpose and goal is “to plan wellness programs and collect information on health resources to ... promote the continual physical and emotional well-being of Members of Becketwood.”

Its duties include encouraging an active lifestyle through the Fitness Center, which equipment it maintains, and through joining one or more of the many exercise groups at Becketwood. We also coordinate the annual Flu shot clinic, and provide monthly articles on health issues in the *Becketwood Times*.

Program presentations through the years have been of a wide variety of topics: balance screening; holistic medicine; drug interactions; sleep issues; preventing dehydration; the “Healthy Brain;” diabetes prevention; drumming; laughter yoga; Becketwood emergency services; CPR and defibrillators; joint health; and dementia. Also programs have related to the law and end-of-life: elder law, long-term care and assisted living, grief, and “Families making sense of death.” In November, we had a presentation on understanding depression in the elderly.

In the new year, we will present a panel of Becketwood women who are survivors of heart attacks. We are also planning to have one or two of our resident medical doctors present programs on their specific areas of practice.

We welcome Members with interest in health issues to join the committee! Contact the current chairperson, Joy Nelson.

Grill Use

If you use the Primo charcoal grill during the freezing months, please remember that in addition to closing the chimney and the air intake, it is important to revisit the grill after the fire is completely out (usually two to four hours) and insert two wood shims. You have to wait until the coals are extinguished but not so long it freezes. The felt edging, which fills with moisture during grilling, will otherwise freeze together and make it truly impossible to open. If you have any questions, or the shims are not there, please contact Joel Mortensen.



Happy Holidays



The cupboards in the Convenience Center get crowded this time of year!



Mail and other deliveries arrive at different times of the day, so remember to check often for packages.

NEW IN THE LIBRARY



FICTION

OLIVE AGAIN by Elizabeth Strout. The Olive of Strout's 2008 Pulitzer-winning novel, *Olive Kitteridge*, is back, now in her 80s and remarried with the same energy and outspoken manner. Told in 13 short stories about people living in Crosby, a small town in coastal Maine, Strout's themes of loneliness and regret mingle with humor and amazement at the changing culture. There is no plot to follow, just the experience of observing an interesting cast of family, friends and neighbors in the life of a fascinating retired school-teacher.

A SINGLE THREAD by Tracy Chevalier. In 1932, Violet Speedwell is a "surplus woman" doomed to a life of spinsterhood after the Great War killed so many young men. Determined to have a life, she moves to Winchester, finds a typing job and a room in a boarding house and discovers the broderers, women who embroider kneelers for the Cathedral. Here she also finds support and friendship as another war approaches. A timeless story of friendship, love, and a woman crafting her own life.

THE DUTCH HOUSE by Ann Patchett. This amazing novel explores bonds between siblings, and the consequence of a surprise gift — a mansion — on a woman who is dedicated to helping the poor. A step-family enters the picture, as the story tracks three generations of inheritance, love, rage and forgiveness.

MYSTERIES

DOWN THE RIVER UNTO THE SEA by Walter Mosley. Joe King Oliver is a former NYC cop who was framed for assault. Now a private investigator, he

is determined to clear his name. He also is trying to clear the name of a black journalist falsely accused of killing two corrupt cops. An Edgar Award winner, this is a gritty example of noir fiction.

THE GUARDIANS by John Grisham. A former priest, now a lawyer with Guardian Ministries, works to help anyone wrongly imprisoned. His client, a black man, sentenced to 22 years for murder, claims he is innocent. The investigation leads to a suspenseful thriller showing how a false arrest can prejudice the legal system.

THE SATAPUR MOONSTONE by Sujata Massey. In this second book of a series set in early 1920s India, Perveen Mistry, a female lawyer from Bombay, is sent to a remote princely state to help a royal family determine where the maharajah, who is only 10 years old, should be educated. She encounters much more, an unwelcoming palace environment, two earlier possible murders, and an attempt to poison her - and that's not all.

NON-FICTION

DAD'S MAYBE BOOK by Tim O'Brien. Tim O'Brien, as an older father, worries he may not get to share his memories and thoughts with his two young sons. Here he shares wisdom learned in wartime with the challenges, humor and rewards of raising two sons.

THE WATER DANCER by Ta-Nehisi Coates plays with meanings of memory and history to craft a memorable portrait of Hiram Walker. The son of a Tasked (enslaved) mother and a plantation owner father, he wrestles with both his legacy and his powers of "conduction" which enable him to transport enslaved people to freedom

via the Underground Railroad, much like the "Moses" of the movement, Harriet Tubman. Challenging and imaginative, this is Coates at his provocative best.

NO STOPPING US NOW: The Adventures of Women in American History by Gail Collins. Collins' book shows that attitudes toward "older" women (sometimes defined as over 30) has vacillated from colonial times to the present. It's a well-researched look at eras of progress (the early 1900s) and decline (the 1950s). Suffragists, political activists, actresses, first ladies, the beauty and fashion industries—all are treated with lively examples and quotations. Like her *New York Times* columns, Collins' book is both witty and wise.

Reviewers: Jane Bergstrom, Pat Cummings, Gloria Delano, Gretchen Flynn, Randy Nelson, Cathie Nicholl, Meg Sorensen, Ingrid Stocking, Sue Zuriff.



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For more information call
At Home Services
612-543-8850.

Library Committee

A large collection of DVDs is another *Hidden Treasure* in our Library.



There are movies, TV shows, documentaries on a variety of subjects, including environment, art, and health, and films for children. The films have been donated to Becketwood and may be borrowed. Look for them on shelves opposite the reference books and near the puzzles. Check-out is on the honor system. Sign the sheet found on the shelf. Cross your name off when you return the film. These might be good for entertaining holiday visitors.

Mary Heltsley

BLOOD PRESSURE

With a Nurse



**Tuesday,
December 3
1:00 pm
SOLARIUM**

Sponsored by
Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors

Beyond Becketwood

I disappear from Becketwood two mornings a week to volunteer at Galtier Elementary School in St. Paul. The school is in the Midway neighborhood, two blocks north of the Midway Target.



I coordinate the volunteers, who read with and to the kids, tutor them in math, or help them with writing. This year I am working with the second grade classes, and am often there when the children try their hands and minds at writing. Writing is very challenging for little kids and it can be a very SLOW process.

This school has an interesting history. It used to be where problem kids were sent from the whole St. Paul school system. When enrollment went down, it became financially difficult to keep the school open. School board members met with the parents to discuss the problem. The parents were clear they wanted to keep the school open.

The Board voted on the issue with a 3-3 weigh-in. The seventh member of the Board, a man of color, said, "I cannot in good conscience close this school." So Galtier Elementary stayed open and soon was made into a neighborhood school.

Things have changed dramatically over the years. Target rehabbed the building and made it both beautiful and functional. And the change in the student body was significant — more diversity and better parenting.

Last year I was assigned to work with the kindergarten class, which is located close to the entrance of the building. I could hear visitors comment on the

racial diversity of the school. The kindergarten teacher would say, "We are all different colors and we get along." The kids know it is true. End of discussion.

I look forward to my time there every week. If you are curious or have questions about the school, or would like to talk about possibly volunteering there, just ask me!

Jane Wells

What special experience with a community activity beyond Becketwood are you having? You are invited to share your human interest story in about 250 words by sending a copy to Susan Greene or Deb Rodmyre by the 20th of the month. You may also recommend the names of other Becketwood Members whose stories would be of interest.



Have you read the latest blog on the Becketwood website?

It changes often! Go to becketwood.com.

See Carol Masters to submit your own blog or idea: cmasters@bitstream.net or drop in #474 mailbox.

Life in a Rear View Mirror



Work Shop Memories 2007-2019

I remember about twelve years ago (that was our first year in the Castle known as Becketwood), I went down to the basement, and quietly went in to the workshop to see what coffee hour would be like here at our new home. I immediately was greeted as a new friend by the older and long-time shop "keepers." Howard Bergstrom, who probably spoke of a Board action affecting the shop's duties for that month. Jim Delano, a large bear of a man, who said, "come on and sit down, have a cuppa." Ernie Haemig, the unofficial shop foreman, said "Before you use any tools, be sure you are trained to use them, and maybe someday you can get a key to the shop door." I was impressed.

The next day I returned to the tool sanctuary, and learned they were to build the gazebo behind the building on the north lawn. I thought to myself, "I think I could help with that, having redone our cabin, including the electrical work." They declared that we would meet at the building site at 1:30 pm the next day. Well, I put on my work clothes and work belt, and whistled my way out the back door only to find not one shop person there. Hmm. I thought: Well, they had changed to a time the next morning, but had forgotten to let the greenhorn, being me, know about the change. I got ready once again, and walked out the back door and—guess what? Nobody there again. I could not help but be a bit discouraged.

I soon learned they all meant so well, but they had their routine, and I was

not in that routine yet. But it was not long before I was comfortable with such shop stalwarts such as Ted Erickson, Chuck Graham, Jim Hofrenning, George Vavoulis, Roger Moerke, Altie Kramer, Paul Kramer, Phil Momont, Carl Jensen, Alan Grant, Jerry Nordstrom, Jim Carlson, Bob Benjamin, and a host of many others who have moved on. (Sorry if I missed anyone.)

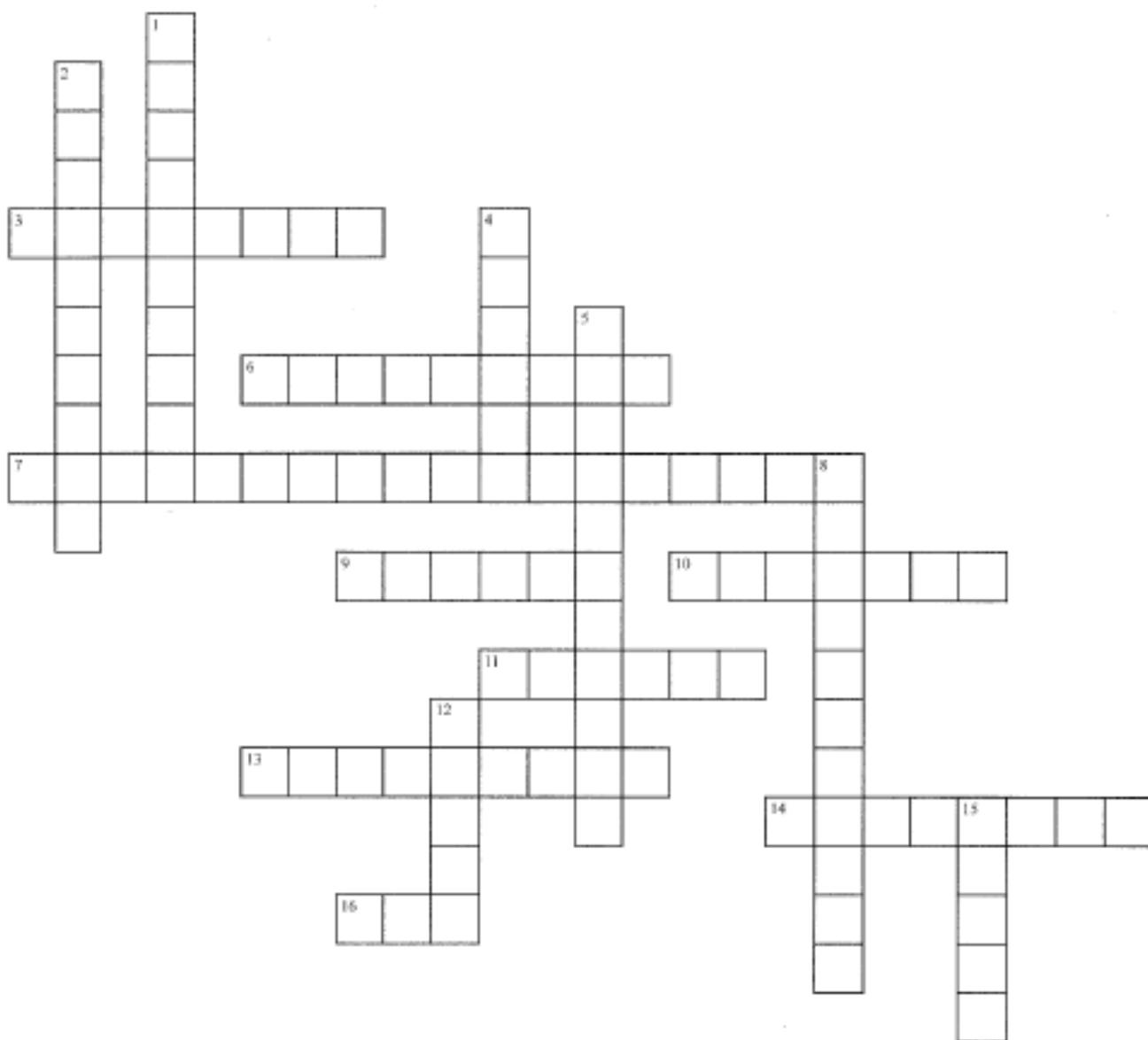
As the years pass on, I still meet so many really interesting guys. I will not even try to mention names now as there are way too many to do that. These "shop guys" are so very special to me and to Becketwood. They repair, remodel, build new, and very seldom turn down any request or job.

I write this "Rear View" article to thank this wonderful bunch of men from myself, as well a thanks from all of us Members who have, and will, benefit from the help and assistance of the shop workers in the future.

A Thousand Thanks! Dick Juhl



A BECKETWOOD CROSSWORD



Across

- 3 Special January Dinner
- 6 4:30 Friday
- 7 John's Films
- 9 Our Hair Stylist
- 10 Keitha's Films
- 11 Silver the Ranger Left Behind
- 13 Travelers, Woodshop, and Finance Leaders
- 14 Former Architect Steve
- 16 First to Dinner

Down

- 1 Jacqueline's Films
- 2 1964 Beatles Appeared on the Show
- 4 Paul and Marcie's Dog
- 5 She Has a Beautiful Alto Voice
- 8 New Auto Fuel
- 12 Fresh Coffee is Now Ready!
- 15 A Dance Under a Pole We Will Not Do on NYE

—Submitted By Doug Herron

B~WOOD DOIN'S

by John Fenn



MEMBER KUDOS

The Becketwood excursion program, as we are all aware, is the crown jewel of our entertainment-prone, gregarious

and outgoing Members' activities. There are over 100 excursions a year. The energetic and indefatigable **Mickey Monsen** has, for eight years, been the



chairperson of the 13 active Members on the committee responsible for the Herculean task of organizing all this activity. **Mickey** herself goes on 99 percent of all these excursions.

The trips include performances at theaters, museums and musical venues. Excursions to local eateries are coordinated too.

Kudos to the Excursion Committee!

MASTERPIECE THEATRE

As is our annual custom, we will celebrate the glorious Yuletide season with the film presentation of *A Christmas Carol* starring **George C. Scott**. You will never see a better Scrooge. Interestingly Scott's son is



now playing Scrooge in a Broadway Production of the Dickens classic.

The reformed Scrooge said, "We will discuss your affairs this very afternoon over a bowl of Christmas Smoking Bishop, Bob!" And so shall we, every one, enjoy an authentic Dickensonian bowl of Christmas Smoking Bishop, provided by **Brandon or Angela**. For the less adventurous, wine will also be forthcoming.

Be sure to join us on Friday, December 20 in the **Wellington** Cineplex, 7:30 pm.

This column appears monthly in the Becketwood Times. Drop a word or two about your delights, accomplishments, or just a gentle event from your chronologically enriched lives. My unit is #441, telephone 612-306-4727, or e-me at john@johnfenn.net with any ideas or corrections.



Support Groups

AA, Al Anon, ACA: Every Thursday
4:30 pm ~ 4th Floor Conference Room

Support Group: Every Monday
1 pm ~ 4th Floor Conference Room

Parkinson's: Third Thursday
11 am ~ 4th Floor Conference Room

Exercise Corner

Mark your calendars!

Chair Exercise: Th, Sat at 9 am
in the Game Room.

**Episcopal Homes Therapy Pool and
Fitness Center:** W. Bus leaves at
10 am. Sign up on the ledge.
No bus 12/25.

Exercise: M, Th, Sat at 8 am in the
Windsor Room unless noted.

**T'ai Chi Chih with Carol, Vanjie,
Mary and Terry:**
M at 11 am, Beginners
T at 8:30 am, W at 11 am
Windsor Room

Pilates with Terry and Lois:
T, Th at 9:30 am, Windsor
Room.

Meditation: T at 4 pm; F at 8 am,
Windsor Room

Qigong: F at 11 am, Windsor Room.

Yoga: M, W, F at 9:30 am in the
Windsor Room unless noted.

Silver Sneakers: M, Th at 4 pm
in the Windsor Room.

*Please check the weekly calendar or
the easel by the mailboxes for any
last-minute room changes.*

Schwan's Delivery

Schwan's will be here every other
Monday, December 2 and 16
at 3 pm in the Coffee Shop.
It is best to pre-order online or
by calling 1-888-724-9267.



Member Birthdays

- 1 Dorothy Stuhlfeier
- 2 Ken Johnson
- 6 Susan DeVries
- 6 Ingrid Stocking
- 6 Vanjie Bratt
- 7 Elaine Churchill
- 12 John Arneson
- 12 Fred Morrison
- 17 Neal Luebke
- 17 Marlene Marble
- 18 Bill Cavanaugh
- 20 Jim Amundsen
- 20 Iric Nathanson
- 21 Jean Geissler
- 25 Clarice Nygaard
- 26 Mary Weddle
- 27 Jane Johnson
- 29 Chuck Maddux
- 30 Mary Hilgert

Please contact Susan in the office if you do
not want your name to appear on the
Birthday List or if there are corrections.



November Birthday Dinner:
Friday, December 20
5:30 pm ~ Wellington Room
Redeem your birthday coupon!

ASK THE NURSE

A nurse from Episcopal Home
Care and Services will be here on
the second Thursday to discuss
any of your concerns or check
your blood pressure.

Thursday, December 12
10 am — 12 noon, Solarium

Movie Schedule

Alternative Cinema

Friday, December 6

7:30 pm, Wellington Room

Disney's *A Christmas Carol*

Enjoy a little holiday treat and join us to experience the classic Charles Dickens' story of personal discovery and redemption. This beautifully animated Disney film stars the voices of Jim Carey (cantankerous Scrooge), Colin Firth, and Gary Oldman. (2009, Rated PG: Animation, Drama, Family)
Presented by The Rydens

A Film From Russia

Sunday, December 8

7 pm, Wellington Room

The Happy People: A Year in the Taiga

This documentary follows a way of life in Siberia that is untouched by modernity. For me, this film also allows me to imagine the pioneers on the Gunflint Trail, near Grand Marais, Minnesota, building their lodges and homes and raising their families a hundred years ago.

Presented by Keitha Herron

Masterpiece Theater

Friday, December 20

7:30 pm, Wellington Room

A Christmas Carol

Starring George C. Scott as Scrooge.

Presented by John Fenn

All Sponsored by the Program Committee

Movie Night

Sunday, December 29

7 pm, Wellington Room

Frida

Biopic about Mexican artist and icon **Frida** Kahlo. Starring Salma Hayek, Alfred Molina, and Geoffrey Rush.

Presented by Jacqueline Teisberg

Sponsored by the Program Committee

Socrates Café

3:30—4:45 pm ~ West Dining Room

The Socrates Café will meet only once in December, on December 10.

Tuesday, December 10

What is success?

Everyone welcome!

Contact Randy Nelson with questions.



Take the Becketwood bus to the **Episcopal Homes therapy pool and fitness center**. No cost.

Wednesdays

10 am to 12:30 pm
Sign up on the ledge.

(No bus on
December 25.)



If it is your first time, pre-register by calling Julie at 651-272-4953.

Meal Prices

(Effective January 1, 2020)

Dinner Prices:

Member	\$12.75
Guest/Employee	\$14.85
Wait List Member	\$14.85
Child (age 4-11)	\$ 9.50

Premium Meal Prices:

Member	\$15.50
Guest/Employee	\$17.80
Wait List Member	\$17.80
Child (age 4-11)	\$12.25

Wednesday Lunch: and Saturday meals

Member	\$10.25
Guest/Employee	\$12.15
Wait List	\$12.15
Child (age 4-11)	\$ 8.75

Other Charges

(Effective January 1, 2020)

Monthly Parking:

Housekeeping	\$28.00 per hour	Single Space	\$65.00
Maintenance	\$60.00 per hour	Tandem Double	\$97.50
Second Person Charge/Dining Room Fee:	\$65.00	North Lot	\$20.00

Room Rentals:	Guest Rooms A & B	\$70.00 per night
	Unit Guest Rooms	Varies

Rollaway Beds: \$20 per reservation

Excursions for December

Sponsored by Excursion Committee unless otherwise noted.

EXCURSION	DATE and TIME	DESCRIPTION
Danish American Center	Monday, December 2 Depart at 6:30 pm Return at 9 pm	Sing along with Dan
Riverview Theater	Thursday, December 12 Depart at 6:30 pm Return at 9:30 pm	<i>The Farmer's Daughter</i> hosted by Ingebretsen's
St. Paul Hotel	Friday, December 13 Depart at 12 noon Return at 4:30 pm	Lunch and live radio play <i>It's a Wonderful Life</i>
Purcell Cutts House	Saturday, December 14 Depart at 10 am Return at 2 pm	Tour house decorated for the holidays and have lunch at Christo's
Holiday Lights Tour	Saturday, December 28 Depart at 7 pm Return at 8:30 pm	Tour followed by hot cider and holiday treats in West Dining Room

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Art	Wednesday, Dec. 11	9 am	CR
Board of Directors	Friday, Dec. 27	1:30 pm	WR
Buildings & Grounds	Thursday, Dec. 12	2 pm	WDR
Chapel	Tuesday, Dec. 3	3 pm	CHP
Communications	Wednesday, Jan. 8	2:30 pm	CR
Environment	No Meeting		
Excursion	Wednesday, Dec. 11	1 pm	CC
Finance	Thursday, Dec. 19	2:30 pm	WDR
Food Service	Tuesday, Dec. 17	10:30 am	WDR
Investment	No Meeting		
Landscape & Gardens	No Meeting		
Library	Monday, Dec. 2	9 am	WDR
MAC	No Meeting		
Marketing	Tuesday, Dec. 10	12:30 pm	WDR
Program	Friday, Dec. 6	9 am	EDR
Wellness	No Meeting		

Location Key
Chapel - CHP
Coffee Shop - CS
Conf. Room - CR
Craft Center - CC
E. Dining Rm-EDR
Fitness Center - FC
Game Room - GR
Kensington Sq - KS
Solarium - SOL
Wellington Rm - DR
W. Dining Rm-WDR
Windsor Room-WR

December Programs at Becketwood

Sponsored by Program Committee unless otherwise noted.

Minnesota Chorale	Thursday December 5 4:45 pm	Wellington Room	Performing before the Member Only Holiday Dinner
Alternative Cinema	Friday December 6 7 pm	Wellington Room	Disney's <i>A Christmas Carol</i>
Lessons and Carols	Saturday December 7 4:30 pm	Wellington Room	Performed by the Becketwood Choir
A Film from Russia	Sunday December 8 7 pm	Wellington Room	<i>The Happy People: A Year in the Taiga</i>
John Darlington	Thursday December 12 7:30 pm	Wellington Room	All Gershwin classical piano
St. Joseph's School of Music	Sunday December 15 4 pm	Wellington Room	Students and faculty with a program of holiday music
Clarinet Trio on a Stick	Wednesday December 18 7:30 pm	Wellington Room	
Masterpiece Theater	Friday December 20 7:30 pm	Wellington Room	<i>A Christmas Carol</i> starring George C. Scott
Christmas Caroling	Friday December 27 7 pm	Windsor Room	Meet in the Windsor Room and carol in the halls
Movie Night	Sunday December 29 7 pm	Wellington Room	<i>Frida</i> . Biopic about icon Frida Kahlo. Starring Salma Hayek
New Year's Eve Party	Tuesday December 31 7:30 pm	Wellington Room	More information on page 14

