

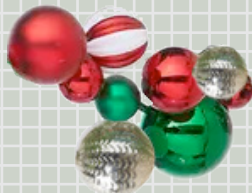
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Ames, Iowa

*Photo credit: the New York Sunday Times, December 2021:
The New York City Ballet dancing Candy Canes from George
Balanchine's "The Nutcracker". The Chimes editor altered the
image for this holiday issue of The Chimes.*



GHRA President's Message

With this last President's Message for 2022, my wishes are that each of you experience a wonderful holiday season with scrumptious meals and family gatherings. It truly is the time to be thankful for our many blessings.

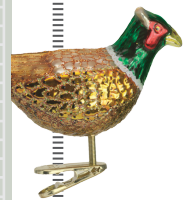
We certainly need to thank our staff for their hard work on our behalf. We do this by contributing to the Employee Appreciation Fund at a level that seems appropriate for the services we have experienced. We don't have tipping at Green Hills, so this is a way to show our appreciation. Our employees serve us competently to the best of their abilities, and always with a smile or pleasant greeting. Please contribute as generously as you feel appropriate.

On campus a variety of items are progressing. The Residence Association had their first potluck in over two years with lots of good food and about 68 residents participating.

The remodeled Spa in Health Care is finished and in daily use. Replacing siding on a Timberland fourplex is ongoing. Our Grounds and Maintenance crews are busy with fall tasks and work orders.

The Oaks windows project has been delayed until next year when the weather is warmer and our windows have been shipped. Supply issues delayed the manufacturing process. In the interim, work will begin on updating the 8th floor hallway. It will start with the washer/dryer room and progress from there. New lighting, railing and surface finishes will be completed. New carpet will be installed after the new windows are in place. The bids on replacing the Oaks roof have been received and a bidder selected.

The architect (A.G.) for the Maples addition will be providing schematics for our review in late December or early January. These schematics will allow us to get up-to-date cost estimates and to determine if marketing can presell the units. *(continued next page)*





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An up-to-date marketing analysis has been performed by LCS to use as a guide in our deliberations. When we have gathered sufficient information Kat will make presentations in January or February prior to asking for a community vote.

In closing, I would like to thank Molly for her excellent work in preparing the Chimes for publication over the last several years. We are still looking for a volunteer replacement that Molly will help train to use the software involved. It takes about 10 hours commitment per month for this task.

Finally, best wishes to all in quest of being the best we can be during this holiday season!

— Jerry Lee Hall, President GHRA



From the Chimes Editor

Since announcing my retirement from editing the Chimes, I have received many compliments — not only words of thanks, but also many heartfelt conversations about the monthly issues I sent to press each month. Truly it has been a fun exercise for me to produce a visually interesting newsletter every month.

The proofreaders and I hope another editor/designer will find this volunteer assignment to be just "down their alley." It's an excellent way to keep up with residents and learn the fascinating stories they have to tell. It's also an excellent way to polish publishing technology skills. Call Kat or me if you could be that person!

Molly Ethridge



Cell Phone Assistance Was Fun for All

Ten Ames High students joined us on a Sunday afternoon to help answer cell phone questions for 20 of our residents. I'm not sure whether the residents or the students had more fun but I think we all agreed it was a good experience.



Our Staff Girls are Trophies!

For Halloween, they spray-painted themselves in sports trophy poses





New Books in our Green Hills Library

Kingsolver, Barbara	<i>Demon Copperhead: A Novel</i>	Fiction— large print
Osman, Richard	<i>The Thursday Murder Club: A Novel</i>	Fiction
Osman, Richard	<i>The Man Who Died Twice: A Thursday Murder Club Mystery</i>	Fiction
Osman, Richard	<i>The Bullet That Missed: A Thursday Murder Club Mystery</i>	Fiction
Totenberg, Nina	<i>Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships</i>	Biography



**WOOD FOR GOOD:
The Green Hills Woodshop
Serves Needy Families and Children**

Not long ago, woodworker Don Dyer spotted several articles with pictures of interest in a woodworking hobby magazine. Depicted were a variety of wood toys for small children. Don was inspired. "We could make those here in the Green Hills woodshop."

Don crafted two prototypes...a car and a locomotive...and showed them to his woodshop colleagues. He proposed making a quantity of them and contributing them to YSS (Youth and Shelter Services). Fellow woodworkers were interested, and Bruce Munson and Vikki Morain agreed to help. Kat Kilbane was supportive; YSS was receptive.

Gathering the needed wood inexpensively was the next order of business. Don and wife Anita went in search of scraps at local home building sites. A foreman was located at one who was willing to help. A week later his scraps...mostly 2x4's...were ready for intrepid Anita to pick up.

The scraps were weathered and soiled, so initially the thought was that the wood would be painted. But Bruce found that a woodworking machine called a planer cleaned them up nicely. Don and his fellow woodworkers made pencil drawings of traditional wood toys on the improved scrap wood and set to work cutting.

For those who don't know, Green Hills Retirement Community has the reputation for having the best equipped, safest communal woodshop in Ames. *(continues next page)*





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For children's safety, no paint is used. Instead, Don found a recipe on You Tube for a mixture of mineral oil and bee's wax that works perfectly. The only problem was that the components had to be mixed in Don and Anita's kitchen! An unexpected benefit of the mixture was its soft texture on the wood when dry.



Wheels and axels for moveable toys had to be purchased, but were readily available. All other component shaping took shape with wood-

shop equipment. The making of charming spin tops decorated with colored ink pens were made in Vikki's shop.



The first of December is the group's goal for turning the completed project over to YSS for distribution to needy children area-wide.



Book Report

The Paris Library

by Janet Skeslien Charles



This book tells the story of the American Library in Paris before and during the Nazi occupation. It is a work of historical fiction, based on a true story that the author heard when she worked at the library. The library personnel, who are featured in the novel, were real people. The main character, Odile, narrates the time in Paris while a secondary narrator, Lily, is coming of age in a small Montana town where Odile is a lonely, aging widow.

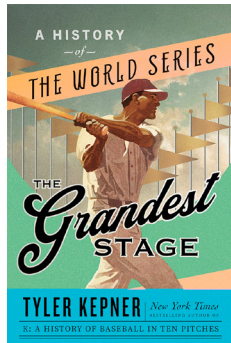
Due to the author's skill, we readers learn how the library operated during the war years and we gain an appreciation of how few Parisians recognized the looming threat of war. The Nazis are soon in Paris and that affects how the library operates in regard to its Jewish subscribers. During this time Odile is torn between her loyalty to the library and the forces in her personal life.

When the story shifts 40 years to the town in Montana we see a lonely, isolated Odile and Lily, an awkward, curious teen being drawn together because of Lily's interest in France. Their relationship becomes a bond as Odile sees her younger self in Lily.

This novel has all the elements of "a good read". It highlights courage, the importance of intellectual curiosity, and the meaning and value of friendship.

Book Report by Anne Durland

Book Report: The Grandest Stage by Tyler Kepner



Priscilla and Charles Sage's nephew, Tyler Kepner, a national columnist for the New York Times, recently had a book published, "The Grandest Stage." In seven witty chapters he digs deep for essential tales dating back to the 1903 World Series. He brings to light insights from Hall of Famers like Reggie Jackson, Mike Schmidt, Jim Palmer, Dennis Eckersley, and many others who have thrived and/or failed when it mattered most. If you are a "baseball nut," you will love this book. This is Tyler's second book about baseball. The first was a New York Times bestseller about pitching and was lauded by Newsday as being "like Michelangelo explaining the brush strokes on the Sistine Chapel."

—Report by Priscilla Sage



From the Green Hills Library Committee:

Christmas seems to be a time when many people here receive books as gifts. The Library Committee knows you will read these, but perhaps after you have read them, consider donating your new books to our Green Hills Library. Of course, that would probably be after other members in your family get to read them. We like to receive the books that you have read and enjoyed so we could share them with others.

We encourage new and all residents to enjoy our Library. We have a good selection of new and popular books. Committee members work in the library from 1-2 pm on Mondays and from 11-12 am on Wednesdays. Ames Public Library books are also on loan in our library at those times. Do ask one of our members for assistance when you are there.

—Joyce Mercier

Reception for Dedication of New Vitrine in Memory of Art Gallery Committee Member David Gradwohl

A small sampling of Hanna & David Gradwohl's vast collection of artifacts from their travels is now on display in two vitrines in the lobby area. Hanna spoke briefly and thanked the committee and residents for their appreciation of David's love of all things indigenous!



December in the Art Gallery

Watch for the annual competition and display of art by children and grandchildren of our employees. The winning design will be used by Green Hills as its digital seasonal greeting card.

Also check out art glass created by GH resident John Rundle. While his main job was making laboratory glass at ISU, John was also very involved with the Iowa State Gaffers Guild and with blowing his own beautiful art glass. The Art Gallery vitrines will show off a portion of his glass.



Happy Holidays from
the Cartoon Elf
who keeps you looking
for his monthly jest
in The Green Hills Chimes.



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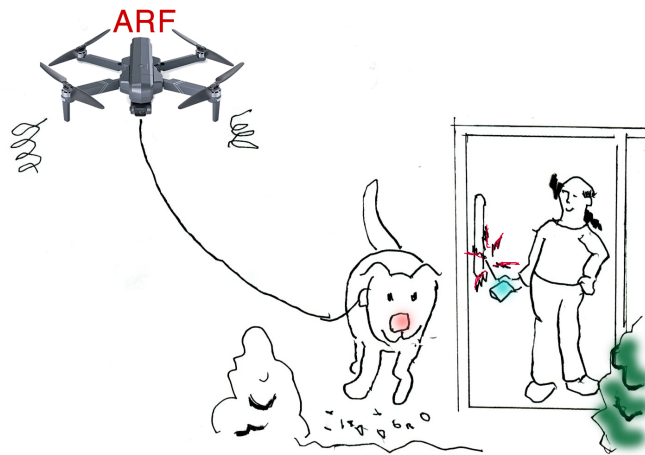
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Ed's Cartoon Corner

Resident explores the possibility of using a drone, called an Aerial Running Facilitator (ARF), to exercise his dog on the coldest winter days.

