



"The Lord Cometh"

The Maranatha Village Trumpet

August - September 2015

Helping One Another Until Jesus Comes

VOL. XXIX 5

A Birthday Surprise!

WORLD

WAR

II

VETERAN

ARMY

Signal Corps

from

1942 - 1945



Tom Williams

Tom Williams celebrated his 94th birthday on May 2, with friends at Maranatha Manor in Sebring.

Williams came from a family of five boys and four girls. All five brothers served in WWII; two in the Navy and three in the Army. Fortunately, all five returned home safely. Of his siblings, only he and one of his sisters are still celebrating birthdays. He rides a stationary bike three days a week for 30 minutes each day, and says he feels good. Williams has two children, three grandchildren, one great-grandson, and another great-grandchild on the way.

Williams moved to Sebring from Virginia when he retired in 1991. He brags openly about Maranatha Manor, having served as chairman of the Deacon Board, and been actively involved in the 2002-2003 renovations. On his birthday, after being sung to and enjoying his slice of cake, Williams got up and greeted each of his guests at the party. He mentioned over and over that



*Leopold - Presentation:
American Legion Riders
Challenge Coin*



Photos by Carissa Marine/Highlands Sun

WWII veteran Tom Williams, on his 94th birthday, with the American Legion Riders of Post 25. Sonny Walker, Irene Walker, Bob Mack, Bob Harrison, Kip Regnier, Debbie Regnier, Matt "Bulldog" Jordan, Robert "Gadget" Leopold, Ramona "Tumbles" Leopold, and John "Metric" Vincent

"an old man like me doesn't deserve such treatment like this," referring to the gathering of more than 50 friends there to celebrate his birthday. Then he received his greatest birthday surprise.

(Cont. Page 2)



Surprise Birthday

(Continued)



**Tom Williams being greeted and thanked:
American Legion Riders of Post 25.**

Maranatha Manor Food Service Manager Ramona Leopold told Williams to look out the window of the dining room. A procession of American Legion Riders was pulling into the parking lot.

Thomas H. Williams, a World War II Army veteran, received an honorary salute by the American Legion Riders. Road Captain Robert “Gadget” Leopold presented Williams with an American Legion Riders Challenge Coin, saying: “On behalf of the American Legion and fellow veterans, we’d like to thank you for your service and wish you a happy birthday.” Williams humbly shook his head and said, “This is too much.”

Williams served in the Signal Corps in the Army from 1942-1945. He received the *Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, and WWII Victory Medal*. As he talked with American Legion Riders and fellow veterans, he spoke of serving our country as an honor.

Matthew “Bulldog” Jordan, Sgt At Arms, said of riding to salute our country’s veterans, “This is what it’s all about.”



Tom and Maranatha Manor Staff



All the guests at Williams’ birthday party enjoyed the ceremony. Evelyn Metzler and Marie Hufhand, two adventurous Maranatha residents, took rides around the neighborhood with Kip Regnier. And as the American



Marie Hufhand

Evelyn Metzler

Legion Riders left the Manor, they rode by several other veterans’ homes honoring their service as well.

Williams said he didn’t know how he would make it through the next day after all his birthday festivities, and was humbly grateful for the honor and salute. ■



American Legion Road Captain Robert “Gadget” Leopold, WWII veteran Tom Williams, and Maranatha Manor Food Service Manager Ramona Leopold. Robert and Ramona were responsible for planning this honor and surprise for Tom on his 94th birthday.

Credit: The above article was originally published by the Highlands Sun on May 7, 2015. Permission to reprint the article was given by Romona Washington, the Publisher and Executive Editor at the News-Sun. It was written by Carissa Marine—Correspondent of the Highlands Sun in Sebring, Florida.

The Importance of Health Care and Decisions



Maren Hogberg, RN

Health care and decisions are vital issues in which you and I should get involved concerning our health. So often we think of the physician as all-knowing, caring, and interested. However, the patient's well-being can be sacrificed and important details missed, if we do not present the correct information and documentations. When looking at someone's care plan, each patient can be looked at as a puzzle. The next step is to look for the possible missing pieces. The carrying of a simple medication card could include the missing piece(s) to the puzzle that would provide optimum health care.

Being an active team player with your health care professionals (from the medics to surgeons) is critical to your health and protecting your financial resources. To meet the ever-changing dynamics of the medical arena, it is important to step up and be involved in your health care and medical issues. Often a person will see not one but many different health care providers where once you saw just your family doctor. We have to remember that with every added health care provider, the chance for communication breakdown increases. You or your advocate need to have your medical information available at every visit to fill in the gaps and make sure that communication between health care professionals is concise and accurate. This will save everyone time and money. This information may prevent unnecessary tests, medications, misdiagnosis, and even life-threatening situations, such as underdose or overdose of medication. This lack of information can lead to harmful side effects or injuries such as falls that may result in cascading events.

A very simple and practical item to have with you all the time is a small card that lists:

- Medications: Name, dosage, frequency
- Allergies if you have any and what they are, or state if you have no allergies
- Immunization and dates for Tetanus, Pneumovax, Zostavax (and others such as Hepatitis A & B)

On the other side of the card it is important to list your:

- Full name with nicknames
- Birthdate
- Primary Care Physician with 10 digit phone number
- A contact friend/relative/ and/or your Power of Attorney with 10 digit phone number

*It is important to keep this card up to date, and it is recommended to keep it behind your driver's license in your wallet. That is one of the first places in an emergency that medics, police, etc. look for identification.

Another recommendation is creating a health journal. A notebook works well to place a cover sheet listing:

- Your address, phone numbers, e-mail and those of your advocate
- List of legal documents and where they are located
- List of diagnosis with dates if possible
- List of surgeries/procedures
- List of medications to which you are allergic
- Medication list and pharmacies that you use for each one

* It is important to keep your cover sheet updated. This alone can save you costly repeat visits and save your health care providers time allowing them to more efficiently assess your needs and follow-up treatment.

FamilyDoctor.org is an excellent reliable source financed by the American Academy of Family Physicians that provides more information on how to create a **health journal**, talk with health care professionals, and become an active member of your health care team.

Better communication can change your entire relationship with your doctor. Learn what questions to ask your doctor and understand how your family doctor can help you navigate the confusing world of specialists, tests, and procedures.

New Village Residents

Ed and Mina Oglesby



Ed and Mina

Ed and Mina Oglesby came to visit their long-time friends,

Joe and Rita Fortna, last December. As they entered Maranatha Boulevard, they were impressed that this beautiful place would become their new home! Within two days, they had met with Dwight and Janet Pfeifer and made arrangements to purchase their mobile home at 211 Timothy Road! It has now become "The Little Blue Castle." They are enjoying getting the inside and outside personalized and meeting and getting acquainted with all the wonderful Maranatha family.

Ed grew up in the Henderson, Kentucky area, and Mina was born and reared in Kansas. They met in Pittsburg, Kansas, where Mina was

a waitress and Ed a traveling salesman. As they like to say, everything you have heard about waitresses and traveling salesmen is true! (Smile) They were married in 1972, have three children, four grandchildren, one great granddaughter, and one more on the way!

While neither was reared in a Christian home, the Lord saved Mina in 1975, after she heard a clear presentation of the Gospel for the first time. Ed came to know the Lord in June of 1980, and the Lord immediately moved them to Chattanooga, Tennessee, to put their three children in school at Tennessee Temple Schools.

After her conversion, Mina yielded her life completely to the Lord as soon as she knew that was His will. In 1978, He began to give her the ability to write songs to and about the Lord and His working in her life. God worked in miraculous ways to open doors for her to sing at the once great Highland Park

Baptist Church. In 1982, a letter came from a pastor in Sanford, North Carolina, inviting her to speak and sing to a group of ladies in the Independent Baptist Church he pastored. This was the beginning of a far-reaching ministry to ladies in Baptist churches all over this country and 16 other countries. Ed began to travel with her, and in 1987, they stepped out by faith... Mina singing and teaching, and Ed (ever the salesman!) selling her recordings and sheet music as well as quality Christian literature. She has recorded 20 CDs and has 11 songbooks of her music. These can be viewed, heard, and purchased on their website, www.minao.com.

Ed and Mina maintain their home in Chattanooga for the times they have blocks of meeting in the north and east. They are hoping that more and more they will be "in residence" at Maranatha Village!

Village Board Announcement

It was decided at the Village board meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, to change the name of Memorial Park to the "**Conway Memorial Park**" in honor of Floyd Conway and his brother, George Conway, and all of the Conway family who worked so hard, and gave so much time and money to start Maranatha Village. This was of the Lord, and all of us who live in the Village today enjoy the fruit of what the Conway families did.

A new sign will replace the present Memorial Park sign, and a proper recognition and appreciation time will be held at the Village dinner on January 21, 2016.

Carl Barton,
Projects Administrator

New Village Resident

Gladys “Maria” Booth



Maria

Ms. Gladys “Maria” Soto-mayor Booth is a graduate of the Canal Zone College in Panama where she was born. She later earned a BS

Degree from the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Florida. Ms. Booth is also a USA veteran who was assigned to the Public Relations Office at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C. She retired from the U.S. Department of Defense after 30 years of civil service and 3 years in the military.

Upon her retirement, she became a certified Miami-Dade county instructor (K-12) and worked as a substitute teacher in Miami from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2010.

Since then, she has dedicated her life to traveling to different countries around the world sharing with them the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Plan of Salvation.

Maria has two children and three grandchildren and lives in Kendall, Florida. She was a member of Ambassador Baptist Church and most recently, Wayside Baptist Church, both in Kendall. She is also a member of the Christian Coalition of South Florida, Concerned Women of America, World Vision, Chris-

tians United for Israel (CUFI) and the American Legion. She recently founded a non-profit organization called “*Cry of the Lost Ministries*” to support different mission projects both in our country and abroad.

A published Christian writer, she has written three books: “*When You Hear the Cry of the Lost*,” “*Cuando Se Oye el Clamor de los Perdidos*” (the Spanish translation) and “*From the Comfort Zone to the War Zone*.”

By Ms. Booth’s own admission, her greatest accomplishment in life occurred in 1983 when she surrendered to Jesus Christ and became His humble servant.

A Bit of History With Maria Booth’s Testimony

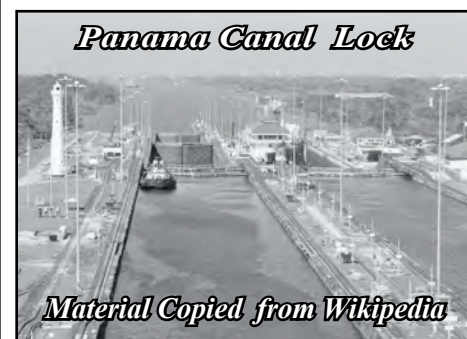


“**The Panama Canal Zone** (Spanish: Zona del Canal de Panamá) was an unorganized territory of the United States from 1903 to 1979, centered around the Panama Canal in the Republic of Panama. The zone consisted of the canal and an area generally extending five miles (8.0 km) on each side of the centerline, excluding Panama City and Colón, which otherwise would have been partly within the limits of the Zone. Its border spanned two of Panama’s provinces. When reservoirs were created to assure a steady supply of water for the locks, those lakes

were included within the Zone.

On February 26, 1904, the Isthmian Canal Convention was proclaimed. In it, the Republic of Panama granted to the United States in perpetuity the use, occupation, and control of a zone of land and land under water for the construction, maintenance, operation, sanitation, and protection of the canal. From 1903 to 1979 the territory was controlled by the United States, which had built the canal and financed its construction. The Canal Zone was abolished on October 1, 1979, as a term of the Torrijos–Carter Treaties

of 1977; *the canal itself was under joint U.S. – Panamanian control from 1979 until it was fully turned over to Panama on December 31, 1999.*”



Panama Canal Lock

Material Copied from Wikipedia

Miniature Golf Fund Begins

It appears there is some interest in adding a miniature golf course as an activity that would help our residents get exercise and fresh air. Because of unsolicited gifts of a little over \$1,400.00 for such a project, a fund for the construction of a miniature golf course in Memorial Park has been started. Adding a miniature golf course had a high priority on the questionnaire put out by the Village manager.

We do have a perfect location for the miniature golf course, which is close to the Fogle Pavilion. Some preliminary research has been done by looking at and

talking with Buttonwood Bay about their miniature golf course. What they have would seem to fit our situation. One of the things we learned was that the cost for a new miniature golf course would be about \$1,000.00 per hole.

This is something about which we can think and pray.

Carl Barton,
Projects Administrator



Cook's Korner

HOMESTEADERS' FOUR BEAN CASSEROLE

- 8 bacon slices
- 3 medium onions, cut into rings and separated
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1 (15 oz.) can kidney beans, **drained**
- 1 (15 oz.) can lima beans, **drained** (You may use any kind of beans you desire. I used 1 can of chili beans instead of lima beans.)
- 1 (16 oz.) can butter beans, **drained** or (1 can navy beans, 1 can light red kidney beans.)
- 1 (16 oz.) can baked beans, **UNdrained**

1. Fry bacon in a large skillet over medium-high heat until crisp. Remove and drain on paper towels; crumble and set aside.

2. Add onions, brown sugar, garlic powder and dry mustard to pan drippings. Reduce heat to medium and add vinegar slowly, taking care because hot steam will rise. Cover and cook 20 minutes, watching that the mixture does not stick.

3. Preheat oven to 350⁰ - Grease a 3-quart casserole dish or a 9 x13 inch pan.

4. Add beans to pan. Stir in onion mixture and bacon; mix well. Cover and bake 45 minutes. Remove from oven, uncover, and let stand 20-25 minutes before serving. Serves 12.

Tip: The onion mixture may harden when added to the beans, but will break down during the baking process.

Mrs. Maribeth Smith





The Manager's Perspective

The Inevitable Destiny in Life! *Plan Now!*

By Allen Lowe

Benjamin Franklin wrote in a letter, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." Even though none of us enjoys paying taxes in the grocery store or gas station, death is a paradox for Christians. We can rejoice at the home going of a loved one who is now in glory, but still grieve at our loss. It is inevitable that we will die, but it is important that each of us makes plans for the day we will pass from this life.

A little time and effort now can save your family from dealing with much red tape in the future. Here are some terms that you may come across when planning for your estate:

Estate – Everything that you own when you die. Your estate is cash, bank accounts, property, vehicles, personal effects, stock, bonds, collections - everything.

Will – A list of instructions to your personal representative, telling him or her what you want to have done with your estate. You write a will yourself. The benefit of talking with a professional is that they are trained to ask the right questions for you to have the correct plan. It must meet the requirements for a will in the state where you are a resident.

Trust – Think of it as a box into which you put everything you own. You no longer own your "stuff" because it belongs to the trust. There is a trustee, which could be you, who makes the decisions about how to use the things in the box. There are also beneficiaries, those who will benefit from what is in the trust; again that could be you. A trust is used to avoid probate, protect assets in a large estate, and provide for the future of someone with a disability.

Personal Representative – the individual that you choose to carry out your wishes in your will. This can be a family member or a trusted, close friend.

Living Will - In this document you specify what medical actions should be taken in the event you are unable to make them. Depending on your state, you may be able to list those specific actions or appoint someone to make those decisions for you.

Here are ten things that you can do for your family. Do not

say, "I don't have anything, so it doesn't matter." You do have affairs that need to be set in order.

1. Make a list of bank and retirement accounts and insurance policy numbers. If your family cannot find these, they cannot collect the money.

2. Put all your important papers in one place. This includes your will, trust, deeds, titles, insurance policies, banking information. Let someone know where these papers are and go through them with your family.

3. Let the church and Maranatha Village office know who to contact in the event of your death. Both have forms that you can easily fill out.

4. Make arrangements for your burial. Most funeral homes will let you choose a casket, vault, etc. and pay for it in advance.

5. Plan your funeral. Who do you want to speak or sing? What Scripture or songs should be used? Do you have a preference for pall bearers?

6. Give some thought to individuals and groups that you would like to receive something upon your death.

7. Talk to your family about which of your personal effects each of them would like to have. This could save hard feelings later. The will or trust can take care of this.

8. Draft a Living Will or whatever it may be called in your state.

9. Have a Power of Attorney. The Durable Power of Attorney is a document that eliminates the need for court control over your assets, if you were to become mentally incapacitated. It is a substitute for a court appointed conservator.

10. Make sure the beneficiaries on life insurance policies and retirement accounts are correct. You may want to change beneficiaries because of a death, remarriage, or other life-changing event.

You will not be doing any of these things for yourself. They are all for the benefit of your children and grandchildren. Before your death, you will be pleased that you had all of this in order.

Maranatha Village

11 MARANATHA BOULEVARD
SEBRING, FL 33870-6817

863-385-7897

fax 863-385-7954

john316@maranathavillage.org

maranathavillage.churchpage.us



**“Believe on the
Lord Jesus Christ
and you will be saved.”**

Trumpet Welcomes Coeditor



Bob Watterson

Maranatha Village bimonthly paper, *The Trumpet*, is happy to announce that Village resident, Bob Watterson, is going to take on the added responsibility of being coeditor. As coeditor, he will be able to receive articles directly and better monitor the production of *The Trumpet*.

Bob took over the graphic and design work for *The Trumpet* when Dot Selstad moved from the Village because of health needs. Bob brings to our paper years of experience as editor and graphic artist for the Baptist Mid-Missions' TIME Department. He was responsible for the production of the periodical – “*It's About Time*.”

Village residents and friends of the Village enjoy *The Trumpet* with its news and announcements and will appreciate Bob Watterson's contribution as coeditor.

Welcome aboard, Bob!

Carl Barton,

Coeditor, Projects Administrator

Mary Schuster Receives Awards!

The Lake Placid Country Fair was held during the beginning of February 2015.

Mary Schuster, having entered some of her art, received a first place ribbon for her oil painting of a



Mary Schuster

lighthouse. She also received second place ribbons for a mixed media painting and a poem titled “Georgia in the Springtime.” She has received a number of awards in years past at the Country Fair that is held each year in Lake Placid.

*“This World is but a canvas to our imagination.”
Henry David Thoreau*