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Pam was born in Eureka , CA on May 4, 1962. She had one sister, Laura who passed away when she was 14. Pam was shy as a child. She spent a lot of time with her father hunting and doing other out door activities. Pam graduated from Eureka High School.

Pam has 4 children, Robert (33), Justine (32), Jeremy (31) and Stacey (27). Pam wanted to get away from the city so moved to Amador county 6 years ago. She met her life partner Wayne while working in a restaurant in Flag City. He drives truck nights and is home every morning.

They like to go to Stock car races and spend time with their family. They also like to attend baseball and football games.

Pam has 8 grandchildren. She also has 4 dogs and a cat. 3 of the dogs were inherited from family members who either passed away or could no longer keep them.

Pam would like to have a home for veterans one day. Her Dad would help any veteran who needed it. There was always someone staying with him that had become homeless. All of her children with the exception of Stacey still live in the area. Stacey lives in LA.

Pam is a valued member of our staff . Her willingness to help wherever needed is greatly appreciated!



*March Birthdays*

### **Residents**

Pat - March 16th

Mark - March 20th

### **Staff**

Fatima - March 3rd

Sharon - March 28th

Leonard - March 30th

# AssistCare Communities of Amador County Journal

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**March 2016**

This month we would like to acknowledge and thank Mike Rolf for his Gift of Song which he brings to us every month without fail. Mike has been visiting all four AssistCare Communities on a monthly basis for about 4 years now. In addition to singing for us, he also plays at Kit Carson, Sutter Amador Hospital and a retirement home in Hayward.

Mike has loved singing forever. He bought a guitar 30 years ago. He would take it out every year or so, try to learn to play for 2-3 weeks and then put it back in the closet. When he was about 3 years away from retiring, he put some thought into what he would like to do to "give back". He decided to use his love of music for that purpose. He got his guitar out and learned the major chords. After that it was a matter of working out the process of what to sing for the audience he has chosen to play for. He got hooked and we have been the beneficiaries ever since. Sometimes his music brings a tear to someone's eye. He knows that these are times when the music has brought back a wonderful memory from years gone by. Mike is a favorite visitor whom we hope keeps coming for years to come!



## **Meet Your Staff**

Pam Bloyd has been with us about a year. She is a jack of all trades working mainly in Housekeeping, but filling in as Care Giver and in dietary as needed. She likes our residents, saying this is one of the best parts of working here. She cleans rooms, does laundry, dusts, vacuums takes out the garbage and generally keeps everything clean and tidy.



## Resident of the Month



George Smith (some of his relatives spell it Smithe, but we don't talk about that branch of the family:) was born in Whitewater, Wisconsin on July 25, 1925. He had a younger brother Paul (deceased). His grandparents lived on their Dairy Farm in Whitewater. George spent his summers with them for years. George grew up near by in La Crosse which is located on the Mississippi river. George and his family moved to Detroit Michigan when he was 14. He liked to ice skate in the winter and roller skate in the summer. George attended an industrial high school. He would have been a licensed pilot and aeronautical engineer when he graduated but the war intervened. All of his instructors were drafted and the school closed. He was advised to attend the local high school but it

was a year and a half behind him so he went to work inspecting the wing sections of F4U-5NL Corsairs instead. After the war ended he was released and he started working with a man designing structural steel in buildings. George's Dad ran an Apartment Hotel. He met his first wife Charlotte who was an operator there. He moved to California to get married. They had one child.

George and his second wife Hilda (deceased) were married for 25 years and had 3 children. George and his third wife Jeanne (deceased) were married for 10 years. George has 6 granddaughters, 3 grand sons and one great granddaughter who is a year old.

George worked for UPS for 37 years. He worked in various positions starting in the Automotive Department, eventually working under the Controller. He was also a part time minister during these years.

After he retired, George started volunteering accumulating 16,000 hours of volunteer work. He volunteered in County, State and Federal parks becoming an expert in Native American Cultures. He also volunteered at the Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens leading hikes and teaching 4th grade classes all around the county. He was also invited to be a guest lecturer in Native American Cultures at both San Luis Obispo and Cuesta College.

George also traveled during his retirement taking 19 bus trips all around the west. He moved to Amador County 11 years ago to be closer to his daughter who lives here. George is a bonsai enthusiast. At one time he had 65 bonsai trees!

We welcome George to Oak Manor and hope he will be with us for a long time to come!



*Happy St. Patrick's Day the Luck O' the Irish to you!*

