

## Charlie Carper from Wesselman Park Presents Program

On February 23, 2012, Charlie Carper, a Wesselman Nature Center animal docent and volunteer from Wesselman Park, provided a very interesting program on raptors, which are birds of prey. On the right he is pictured with Artie, a red tailed hawk. Below he is pictured with Luna, a barred owl.

Wesselman Nature Center is the home of six birds of prey, including Artie and Luna. The others are Artemis, a red tailed hawk, Skylar, an American kestrel, Hattie, a great horned owl, Banshee, a barn owl, and Basil, a turkey vulture.



Photos by Charles Goldman

## Fat Tuesday



Roz Marver, Pat Kixmiller, Janette Wells, and Jim Wells celebrated Fat Tuesday at Solarbron Pointe on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. Fat Tuesday is the traditional name for the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. It is more commonly known as Mardi Gras, which is simply Fat Tuesday in French. It gets its name from the custom, in many Catholic countries, of marking the day with feasting before the fasting season of Lent begins.

## Dakota Visits Pointe



Photos by Charles Goldman

On Wednesday, March 21, 2012, Pointe Activity Coordinator, Jan Grigsby, brought Dakota, her boxer, for a visit with residents.

Dakota is shown here visiting with Pointe resident, Miriam Wheatley.

Jan is a certified docent for The Humane Society and usually brings dogs in on a monthly basis to visit with both Pointe and Terrace residents.

Dakota was a big hit, as are most of the visiting canines. Pets are such a big part of our lives and are often used in "pet therapy."

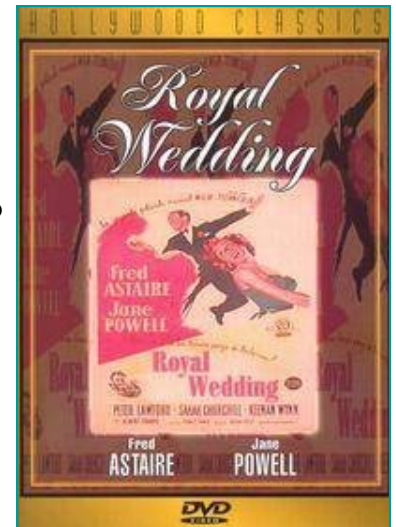
## New Program Features “Old” Movies

Several residents came to the Chatter Box on Thursday, March 16, to see an old movie, “Royal Wedding”, with Fred Astaire and Jane Powell. Jan provided popcorn and soft drinks.

This was Charles Goldman’s brainchild and the activity will continue to be offered every other Thursday in the Chatter Box.



The next two movies for April are “Til the Clouds Roll By” on April 12 at 3:00 in the Chatter Box, and “Doll Face” on April 26 at 3:00.



## New Library Books

Zero Day

by David Balducci

Kill Alex Cross

by Patterson

"V" is for Vengeance

by Grafton

The Dressmaker

by Alcott

More Than Words Can Say

by Burclay

Wild Flower Hill

by Edwards

The Christmas Wedding

by Patterson

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## NCAA Basketball Tournament

There is always high interest in the NCAA Men's basketball tournament games at Solarbron Pointe. Some people enjoy watching various schools. Others just enjoy a good basketball game and they may know the coaches or the players and they think are good. Then there are those who are very partial to an alma mater or to a school they particularly want to win.

It is not unusual for game times and the TV stations to be dinner conversation. Also, it is not uncommon for someone to wear his/her school's colors the day of their games.

The Sweet 16, Elite Eight, Final Four, and Championship games will conclude on Monday, April 2 during a party held in the Chatter Box area at 7 p.m. Jan Grigsby has a pool going and names will be drawn for winners.

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## Jeanne's Humor by Jeannie Wiggers

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'



## Bird of The Month: by Dorothy Raymond



The Barred Owl is a North American bird found in Canada, the eastern United States, and Mexico. It has more names than any other bird. Some of these are Eight Hooter, Hoot Owl, Wood Owl, Rain Owl, Striped Owl, Northeastern Owl, Crazy Owl, Swamp Owl, Laughing Owl, Round Head Owl, Black Eyed Owl and names of

states like Florida Owl. It is a large bird about two feet long with a long tail that has seven light brown bands. The body is gray-brown with horizontal stripes on the chest and vertical stripes (bars) on the belly. Probably the most distinguishing feature is the eyes. They are brown with dark rings around them. The beak is yellow and the head round with no ear tufts. The ears are just holes in the head, but one ear is higher than the other enabling it to tell whether sounds are coming from above or below.

Barred Owls eat a wide variety of mammals from mice, frogs, squirrels, moles, small birds, etc. Like all owls they swallow their food whole. The Barred Owl, though, will take a large animal and tear it apart with its very sharp beak. Because they swallow their food whole, they regurgitate the bones and fur.

Barred Owls mate for life. Since they don't migrate they tend to remain in the same territory and even use the same nest cavity from year to year. They don't make a nest. They just use an available hole. They lay two to four white round eggs that hatch in four weeks. Then it takes four more weeks before they can fly. In the meanwhile, they crawl out onto branches and sit. At this stage in their life they are called 'branchers.'

The call of the Barred OWL is eight hoots--Who cooks for you. Who cooks for you'all.