



## **SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF COLUMBIA**

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### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

**Hello, Shepherd's Center members!**

A board meeting was held on Monday, Sept. 14. To be careful, we met in the church sanctuary so we could socially distance. We discussed the questionnaire you were kind enough to send us. Thank you! Several instructors said they were interested in teaching zoom classes. Some members said they would be willing to attend in-person classes if less than 10 would be in attendance. We'll need to check with the church to learn what we can offer and when and will let you know the details. Life is so nebulous right now. We hope and pray for a successful Covid vaccine in the near future. We miss our time at Shepherd's Center but are still apprehensive about returning. Believe me, the board is concerned, too! We need to consider as many possible options as may be available. We'll keep you informed. Please keep in touch. We have a group of members who are checking in on other members. You may want to do this as well. Please stay healthy and safe!

Betsy Siemers

### **INTERESTED IN A FREE ZOOM "GET-TOGETHER" HOSTED BY RICHARD MCLEOD?**

You will have the opportunity to share what's going on in your life and learn what others are doing to keep their sanity during this difficult time. Richard says that it could end up being a virtual party! The number will be limited so if you are interested, call or email (at left) us so you can be on the list. We'll be in touch.

**ATTENTION ALL VOTERS!** It is very simple to request an ABSENTEE BALLOT application. Just call 803 576-2240. If you prefer to send an email request, the address is: [rcelectionsinfo@richlandcounty.sc.gov](mailto:rcelectionsinfo@richlandcounty.sc.gov). Don't put it off so you can make sure your vote is counted.

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO DOWNLOAD EBOOKS AND EAUDIOBOOKS?**

Morgan Ryan, Richland County librarian, is offering to teach a zoom class through the library that would be absolutely free to Shepherd's Center members. You can also take advantage of their Personalized Recommendation service that matches readers with their next great book. If you are interested, please call or email (at left) the office so we can let Morgan know.

**We deeply regret to announce that our former custodian and friend, Ty Dantzer, passed away on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Ty had been fighting lung cancer and had recently suffered a stroke. Not a day goes by that we haven't missed seeing Ty and will be forever grateful that he was a major part of Shepherd's Center for 13 years. May he rest in peace. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his mother, Mrs. Nancy Dantzer 212 W. Miriam Ave., Columbia, SC 29203. Memorials may be made in memory of Ty to: Epworth Children's Home, 2900 Millwood Ave., Columbia, SC 29205.**



This photo of a **PAINTED BUNTING** was taken several years ago in South Texas. However, this beautiful bird is also a native of South Carolina and a common coastal resident. In South Carolina it appears up to the fall line. Columbia is about the northern interior range of the painted bunting. They range all the way up into North Carolina along the coast. Painted buntings are most numerous in the dense shrub thickets along the coast and inland. While the greatest numbers are along the coast, they are also numerous up to the Saint Matthews area, areas around Santee Cooper and anywhere south of Columbia near water. My friend that lives near Swansea has a dozen or so at his feeders each spring and early summer. By mid-October, most have migrated back to their wintering grounds in Central and South America. A few can sometimes be seen in South Carolina after mid-October into the winter months.

Their first eggs are usually laid in mid- May and up to three broods are common in the coastal areas. The further north into the state, the fewer clutches. The female lays three or four eggs and incubation typically takes about eleven days. After hatching, the young stay in the nest about 11 days before fledging. The female builds the nest, incubates the eggs and takes care of the young while in the nest. As soon as the first brood fledges, the female builds another nest. The male that has been absent for about a month, shows back up and starts courting the female. And the saga begins again.

Birding and photography are my hobbies. I love watching birds and taking photos of birds. I am fortunate to have two hobbies that closely relate.

Jim Kelly

### ENJOY THIS RIDDLE!

You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed. On your right side is a sharp drop-off. On your left side is an elephant traveling at the same speed as you. Directly in front of you is a galloping kangaroo and your horse is unable to overtake it. Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the kangaroo. What must you do to get out of this highly dangerous situation?

(See the answer on the next page.)

### **CAN'T GET PAST THE FRONT DOOR**

**That crazy door, full of cracks  
Sounds like a scary person  
Spewing creaks and fracks,  
groans and moans**

**When I reach for the knob  
glinting gold in the moonlight  
I hear a cry, a shrieking sob  
and shiver in fear**

**The glass panes weep  
crazy rivulets of tears  
that trickle and creep  
sliding through the cracks**

**I catch sight of a pale face  
wild-eyed and haunted which  
scares me quite in place  
until it hits me**

**A squeak erupts in the night  
Oh! that came from me  
I gave myself such a fright  
that I cannot open that crazy door.**

**Debbie Whittemore**

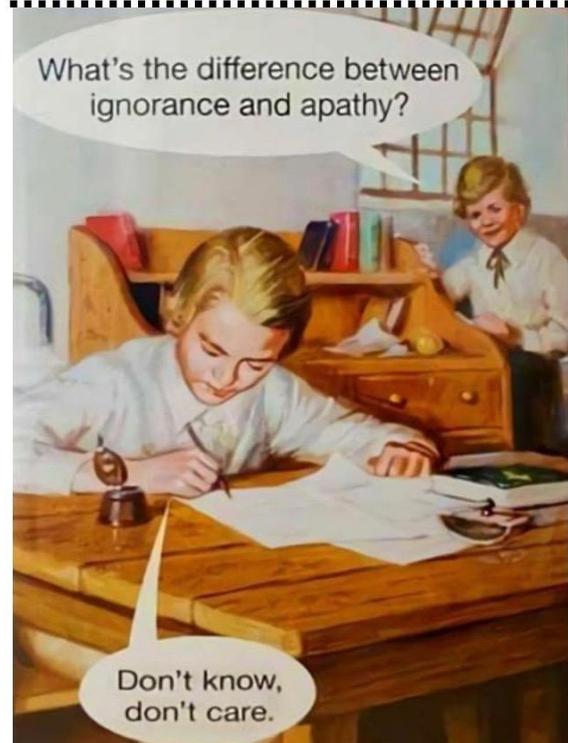
## TINY TALES

Email us an original little story of approximately 100 words. It might just appear in one of our newsletters!

### MY FIRST CAREER

As far back as I can remember, I was the quarterback on our neighborhood football team. By the time I was 13, I was coming home black and blue, with skinned arms and swollen fingers. My mother sat me down and said, "Your football career is over, my dear. You are too old to be playing on a boy's team. You will be seriously hurt! Repeat after me, I am a girl." I was broken hearted! Either I obeyed my mother or found another family to take me in. But who would put up with me? What choice did I have but to become the "world's most avid football fan" – for a female, that is? That holds true till this day! How many women do you know who read the sports section before they read the news? **Geaux Tigers (LSU of course)!**

Eunice Sabo



### FROM THE LOURIE CENTER:

The Lourie Center will host our annual Fall Festival on October 30, from 9:00-1:00, and we want you to be a part of the fun! For the first time ever, our Fall Festival will be an outdoor, DRIVE-THRU experience. The plan is to have festival guests slowly drive their cars through a carefully guided, designated area in our upper parking lot, which will be set with awesome music, festive décor, and plenty of business banners and signs. You will remain in your car, so it is a contact-free event. For more details, email [stephanie@louriecentersc.com](mailto:stephanie@louriecentersc.com).

**DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT!**

**IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER!**

I complimented my neighbor for being on our state's "Best Doctors" list in a recent magazine. He explained to me how it was decided which doctors were worthy to be included. "It was easy; they just asked our mothers."

... Dr. Ahava Podhorcer

**Usefulness should not be based on youthfulness!**

### ANSWER TO RIDDLE

Get off the merry-go-round and go home; you've had enough excitement for one day!