



*"The Lord Cometh"*

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## A Man, His Time, and His Contribution!

Maranatha Village Board and all residents wish to express a heartfelt thank you to Bob Barr for his many years of faithful ministry on the Board of Maranatha Village. He turned 95 on September 12, 2015, and felt it was time to move on to other things.

Bob and his wife, Evelyn, moved to Maranatha Village on September 26, 2003. He was appointed to the Village Board on October 17, 2006, became secretary of the Board in 2007, and served in that position until August 15, 2015.

Bob has stayed busy during his years here at Maranatha Village. For a period of three years, he was on the Village Board, the Maranatha Manor Board, and a church deacon. His life and background well qualified him for all these places of service. He showed his love for Maranatha Village by being one of the very first to buy a Charitable Gift Annuity for the Village.

As an **engineering graduate of Michigan State College**, he worked mainly in

research and development at Continental Motors Corporation and John Wood Manufacturing Company in Muskegon, Michigan; General Motors Corporation in LaGrange, Illinois and Cleveland, Ohio; Aerojet-General Corporation in Azusa and Sacramento, California and Cape Canaveral, Florida; The Boeing Atlantic Test Division at Kennedy Space Center, and the A.Y. McDonald Corporation in Dubuque, Iowa.

Involved in the early days of space exploration, he assisted in the design, testing, and launching of the Vanguard rocket and worked on ground support equipment for the Saturn (Moon Rocket) program. He was a member of several professional societies including The Society For Experimental Stress Analysis, The American Rocket Society, The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, The American Ordnance Association, and the Society of Automotive Engineers, where he was on the National re-fueling committee. He was the A.Y. McDonald corporate representative to the National Electric Code division of the American Society for Testing Materials. Plus, Bob holds patents for a Vapor Recovery Service Station Nozzle and an Under Pump Emergency Valve for Service Station Pumps. The last 30 years of his professional life were spent as staff engineer for Sommer and Sons Companies in Elyria, Ohio, where he was involved in sales of manufactured housing, and the development of a 500 home manufactured home park. In

addition, he sold and erected modular housing throughout the northeast Ohio area.

Since his teen years, Bob has been involved in his local church.

He directed church choirs in Michigan, Ohio, California, Iowa, and Florida, and served on the deacon board in several Baptist Churches. From 1950 until his retirement to Florida in 2003, he taught adult Sunday school.

He was a member of the Christian Business Men's Committee, and since 1976, he has been an active member of Gideons International. As a Gideon, Bob held offices in the local camp, as well as state offices in both Ohio and Florida. Presenting the Gideon ministry in various churches was a special part of his ministry. He has also been privileged to serve as a trustee of Western Baptist Bible College, a council member of Baptist Church Planters, and a director of Regular Baptist Fellowship, Inc. (Maranatha Village).

Bob's wife of 60 years, Evelyn, died in September 2007. In October 2009 he married Esther Truax. Bob and Esther reside at 21 Matthew Street. Our Village appreciates so much the valuable contribution Bob has made for the betterment of Maranatha Village. Thank you Bob for a life well lived for the Lord!



**Bob Barr**



**Bob Barr was a Maranatha Village Board member for 8 years and 10 months. [Board Members of 2013]**



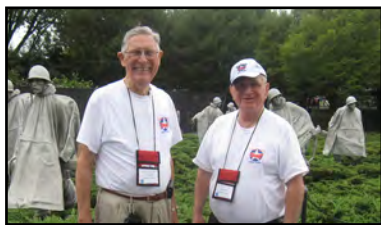


# Vietnam Veterans Memorial

## Maranatha Service Men Honored

by

*Honor Flight Network of Central Florida*



*Al Anger & Harry Schuster*

Two of our residents were recipients of a great honor, a day in Washington, D.C. Both men were members of the United States Air Force during the Korean conflict. On September

12, 2015, Al Anger and Harry Schuster flew with 48 other veterans, 50 guardians, and the Honor Flight Staff via Southwest Airlines to Baltimore, MD. Here is an account of what happened given by Harry Schuster.

We left the Village at 2:15 A.M. in a chauffeured town car, for our flight that left Orlando, at 7:20 A.M. and arrived at the Baltimore Washington International Airport at 9:30 A.M. From that moment on, we were treated like kings. A fire truck spray was given for a farewell when we left Orlando, and a welcome fire truck spray was given when we landed in Baltimore. A large crowd greeted us in Baltimore. Many in this group were military personnel. Cheers, signs of welcome, and many handshakes of thanks were given. We traversed Baltimore and Washington in two large busses with a police escort which was also very exciting. We had a reserved time at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery, for viewing the changing of the guard. Visiting the many military memorials was the thrill of a lifetime. We left Baltimore at 7:30

P.M. and had a rather bumpy ride back to Orlando. When we arrived at the terminal at around 10:30 P.M., a very, very, very large group was there to greet us. A huge amount of American Flags, many welcome signs, a lot of handshakes, and a tremendous amount of thanks were

given from the very large crowd that had gathered to welcome us home. Again, we rode home in our chauffeured town car, arriving in the Village at about 1:00 A.M. It was a very long day but worth every minute of our time.

Any former military personnel residing in the Village should consider applying to take this **all expense paid very special trip**. There are 159 local hubs in the United States. There are 9 hubs in Florida. The Orlando group

makes 2 to 3 trips a year. You can go online at [honor-flight.org](http://honor-flight.org) and get an application. We would certainly recommend this wonderful experience to all former military personnel.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, an estimated 640 World War II veterans die each day. It has been stated that there are 58,803 names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall.



*Koren-Veterans-War-Memorial*



*National-World-War-II-Memorial*



*The Vietnam War Memorial*

# The Importance of Intercessory Prayer

## *A Missionary Account of Protection*



While serving at a small field hospital in Africa, every two weeks I traveled by bicycle through the jungle to a nearby city for supplies. This was a journey of two days and required camping over-

night at the halfway point. On one of these journeys, I arrived in the city where I planned to collect money from a bank, purchase medicine and supplies, and then begin my two-day journey back to the field hospital. Upon arrival in the city, I observed two men fighting, one of whom had been seriously injured. I treated him for his injuries and at the same time witnessed to him of the Lord Jesus Christ. I then traveled two days, camping overnight, and arrived home without incident.

Two weeks later I repeated my journey. Upon arriving in the city, I was approached by the young man I had treated. He told me that he had known I carried money and medicines. He said, "Some friends and I followed you into the jungle, knowing you would camp overnight. We planned to kill you and take your money and drugs. But just as we were about to move into your camp, we saw that you were surrounded by 26 armed guards."

At this I laughed and said that I was certainly all alone out in that jungle campsite. The young man pressed the point, however, and said, "No sir, I was not the only person to see the guards. My five friends also saw them, and we all counted them. It was be-

cause of those guards that we were afraid and left you alone."

At that point in the sermon, one of the men in the congregation jumped to his feet and interrupted the missionary and asked if he could tell him the exact day that this happened. The missionary told the congregation the date, and the man who interrupted told him this story.

"On the night of your incident in Africa, it was morning here, and I was preparing to go play golf. I was about to putt when I felt the urge to pray for you. In fact, the urging of the Lord was so strong, I called men in this church to meet with me here in the sanctuary to pray for you. Would all of those men who met with me on that day stand up?"

The men who had met together that day stood up. The missionary wasn't concerned with who they were – he was too busy counting how many men he saw. There were 26. [ *This story is TRUE!* ] *Copied*

### ***Unction a Necessity***

*"One bright **benison** (blessing) which private prayer brings down upon the ministry is an indescribable and inimitable something -- an unction from the Holy One . . . . If the anointing which we bear come not from the Lord of hosts, we are deceivers, since only in prayer can we obtain it. Let us continue instant constant fervent in supplication. Let your fleece lie on the thrashing floor of supplication till it is wet with the dew of heaven."*

***Charles Haddon Spurgeon***



# An Unusual Office Visitor

## A S-n-a-k-e!



On a warm September afternoon, a three-foot black snake who had been residing in the

landscaping outside the Village office decided to pay the staff a visit. When a resident opened the door to come inside, the snake also took the opportunity.

The staff, either by quickly exiting the room or attempting to shoo



the reptile back out the open door, took quick action. The snake, taking offense to this, slithered its way into the drinking fountain. Believe it or not, there is a snake shaped space in there. Being in a cool, dark location, it took up residence.

Since the ladies refused to go back to work with the serpent in the

room, something had to be done. Tim “the snake charmer” Thorp came to the rescue. He rode in on his white horse (actually on

a golf cart) and took off the front of the fountain. He then encouraged the snake into a waiting trash can.

The snake is now safely living out his days in an undisclosed location in the Village.



## “Black Snakes” — Identification and Ecology

Steve A. Johnson and Monica E. McGarrity

University of Florida



**Black Racer Snake-Southern US**

*How’s your snake recognition – identification? You may find that it is pretty tricky to specifically identify the black species of Florida. Snakes can have many different colors. The following article has been selected so that you can, at least, have a little knowledge about the local visitors that slither in and out of our yards and sometimes into our homes and work areas. Much of the article has been left out because of space. The entire article and other materials can be found at <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/uw251>. **This article was copied.***

### Introduction

The southeastern United States is home to a great diversity of snakes. There are about 50 species of snakes (**only 6 of which are venomous**) that may be found along the Atlantic and Gulf coastal states from Louisiana to North Carolina. These snakes live in a variety of upland and wetland habitats and play important roles in the region’s ecology. They are both predators and prey, and thus form important links in natural food webs.

Regrettably, populations of many species of snakes are declining not only throughout the southeastern United States but also worldwide. These declines are largely due to habitat loss and degradation, high mortality on roads and pollution associated with development, agriculture and other human activities. In addition, introduction of invasive species, disease, parasitism and even climate

change may exert negative effects on snake populations. Many species of snakes must also withstand pressures caused by unsustainable collection for the pet trade as well as persecution by humans as a result of misinformation or lack of knowledge regarding snakes.

### Black-Colored Snakes in the Southeast

Individuals of some snake species look quite similar and may be difficult for those inexperienced with snakes to confidently identify. Among these are several species of southeastern snakes commonly called “black snakes” because of their primarily black coloration. These include the **Black Swampsnake, Black Ratsnake, Ring-necked Snake, Red-bellied Mudsnake, Black Pinesnake, Eastern Indigo Snake and the Southern Black Racer**. The latter two – Eastern Indigo and Black Racer – are the species most often referred to as “black snakes”.

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## *New Village Resident — Mrs. Dorothy Sollenne*

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*Dorothy Sollenne*

In the early 1900's, my parents immigrated from Italy. At the time, they had only one son, but would later add another son and five daughters to the family. My dad got work at the Republic Steel Corporation of Cleveland, Ohio, and later had his own construction business.

While in high school, I was working in a drug store at the soda fountain area when I met Al, for whom I made special milk shakes. After a couple years of dating, we married. During the 63 years of marriage, Al worked

for the Cleveland Plain Dealer in the promotional position and as chauffeur for the editor, Mr. Vail. He was also responsible for putting commercials on one of Cleveland's TV stations. The Lord blessed us with two daughters who are now teachers in Florida.

I come from a Catholic background. I was saved at a crusade meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. The speaker was T. W. Wilson who later went to work for Billy Graham. We were invited to attend the crusade by a friend with whom my husband worked, and we both were saved the same night on November 21, 1952.

After retiring, we moved to Winter Haven in 1988, where we lived for 27 years and attended Faith Baptist Church.

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### ***"Black Snakes"*** continued from page 4

In addition to those listed above, individuals of several species of water snakes, the ***Eastern Hog-nosed Snake*** and the venomous ***Cottonmouth Moccasin*** may be black-colored to a great extent, depending on the age of the individual and the habitat in which it is found. The following is a list of black-colored snakes found in the southeastern U.S., the habitats they occur in and some identifying features. The Eastern Indigo Snake and Southern Black Racer are given special consideration....

#### ***Southern Black Racer (Coluber constrictor priapus)***

Black Racers, also known as Eastern Racers, are a group of closely related subspecies that are similar in appearance and range across the eastern half of the U.S. The Southern Black Racer, along with several other subspecies of racers, is the true black snake of the southeastern U.S. These snakes are long and slender; the largest reaching up to six feet (most are less than four feet long). They have smooth scales and range from jet black to dark gray on their backs and bellies, with chins and throats that are lighter or white in color.

Young Black Racers, though thin like the adults, have an overall ap-

pearance much different than adults. Juvenile Black Racers have a series of reddish to brown colored blotches down the middle of their backs on a background color of gray. They also have abundant small, dark specks on their sides and bellies. Because of these middorsal blotches, juveniles are sometimes confused with the venomous Pygmy Rattlesnake (*Sistrurus miliarius*), which also has blotches down the center of its back. However, Pygmy Rattlesnakes are much thicker and have blocky heads with a dark band from the eye to the corner of the jaw.

Despite their scientific name (*Coluber constrictor*), Black Racers do not always constrict their prey, but rather use their speed to chase down a prey animal, grab it with their strong jaws and swallow it alive. Racers are harmless to people and generally attempt to make a speedy escape when approached. However, if they feel threatened and are unable to flee, they may vigorously shake their tail (making a rattling sound on dry leaves), defecate on their captor or even bite if handled.

Black Racers inhabit a great variety of natural habitats, ranging from pine forests to the Florida Everglades. They are active during the day and are one of the most commonly encountered snakes in suburban yards and

parks. As their name implies, they are swift and agile. They spend most of their lives on the ground, yet are excellent climbers and may be found in shrubs and small trees. Black Racers eat a variety of prey items including frogs, lizards, mice, rats, small snakes and even birds' eggs.

#### ***Summary***

In spite of great variation in body size, habitat use, diet and behavior, the lack of bold, readily apparent distinguishing marks can make identification of southeastern "black snakes" a daunting task for those inexperienced with snakes. Nonetheless, an informed observer can readily recognize the bright orange belly of the Black Swamp Snake or the namesake ringed neck of the Ring-necked Snake, and may quickly learn to distinguish between the smooth, glossy sheen of the Eastern Indigo or Black Racer and the keeled, somewhat dull look of the Black Pine and Black Rat Snakes. These snakes may seem nondescript at first glance, though knowledge of these and other more subtle, yet tell-tale characteristics will assist in the rewarding task of becoming familiar with the "black snakes" of the southeastern U.S.



# Cook's Korner

## Pumpkin Bread or Muffins

*Mrs. Marie Moore*

3 cups sugar  
1 cup oil  
4 eggs  
1 teaspoon nutmeg  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1-½ teaspoon salt  
2 cups pumpkin  
2/3 cup water  
1 teaspoon soda  
½ teaspoon baking powder  
3 cups flour  
Combine sugar, oil, eggs, nutmeg, cinnamon, and salt.  
Beat well. Add remaining ingredients and mix well.  
Optional: Add pecans and /or raisins.  
Makes two loaves. Bake at 350° for 1 hour **Or** makes  
3 dozen Muffins. Bake at 350° for 25-28 minutes.

## Baked Corn Pudding

*Mrs. Marie Moore*

2 cups whole kernel corn  
2 eggs, beaten  
2 tablespoons sugar  
2 tablespoons flour  
1 cup milk  
2 tablespoons butter  
½ teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
Optional: yellow coloring

Add seasonings to corn with butter. Heat. Beat eggs & mix with corn. Mix flour, sugar, and milk. Add to mix. Pour into greased baking dish. Place dish in pan of hot water. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.

## Spinach Balls

*Mrs. Grace Betz—Ruth Watterson*

2 packages frozen chopped spinach. Cook according to directions. Squeeze out moisture.

Mix the spinach together with  
½ cup Parmesan cheese  
1 large finely chopped onion  
2 cups Pepperidge Farm herbal stuffing mix  
4 eggs beaten with a fork  
¾ cup melted butter or margarine  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
a dash of salt

Mix together all ingredients and chill. Make about 1 inch (or to your liking) balls from the mixture and roll in crushed corn flakes crumbs. Place on ungreased cookie sheet to bake. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes.

## Tuna Fish Spread

*Mrs. Grace Betz—Ruth Watterson*

1 can tuna in water (drained)  
1 cake (8 oz.) Philadelphia cream cheese at room temperature  
1 teaspoon Morton's seasoned salt  
1 teaspoon minced onion or onion flakes

Mix well.  
Refrigerate over night.

Optional: This can be rolled in crushed walnut meats. Serve on Triscuits or Wheat Thins, or your choice of crackers.







***Tampa Bay Rays vs Boston Red Sox – Rays Won!! 8 - 4 – Forty Three Attended the Game.***

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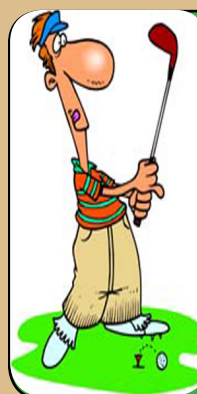
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**CHRISTMAS**  
*in HIS*  
**PRESENCE**

**December Christmas Musical**  
**Friday 12/11/2015      7:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday 12/13/2015      6:00 p.m.**

*The Timeless Story of His Coming*  
*Created by Marty Hamby and Deborah Craig-Claar*  
*Arranged for Choir & Orchestra by Marty Hamby*



**Miniature Golf Project**

Goal is: .....\$20,000.00  
 Donations as of 9/21/2015.....\$4,485.00

Thank you to those who have given.

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

## *Y'all Come!*



David Harris

Each month Maranatha Village arranges to have an evening dinner in Hamman Hall with a special program. These dinners are a time for good fellowship and a time to enjoy the delicious meals that have been prepared by the different attendees for that hour. The Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. After each meal, a special program has been arranged for everyone's enjoyment.

On October 15th, *The "Off Key Five"* will be presented with *Lorraine Harris at the piano* and *Dr. Amazing with his Arithmatricks*. Everyone is invited to come and join in this delightful evening of fun and fellowship.

## *Christmas Music Mike and Sue Filisky*

On Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 p.m. a special treat is planned for Maranatha Village residents.

The **Grace Harmony Christian Music** Ministry of Mike and Sue Filisky will do a one hour presentation of mostly Christmas songs in the Conway Memorial Park under the Fogle Pavilion.

Bring lawn chairs, come in your golf cart or sit at the picnic tables and enjoy this special open air Christmas package of music. A love offering will be taken.

Carl Barton,  
Projects Administrator

