

# Old Stories, New Lessons



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# Introduction

*Old Stories, New Lessons is a collaborative project of Danbury Local Schools, Otterbein Marblehead, and Marblehead Peninsula Branch Library. From February through May of 2023, Mrs. Sampson's Fifth-Grade Language Arts classes prepared questions, conducted two rounds of interviews, organized their research results, and wrote the short profiles you will find in this book.*

**W**hen I first read *Restart* by Gordan Korman, I knew I had stumbled upon a unique book that blended humor, empathy, and the special bond between children and elders. When Mr. Kimmel approached me and wanted to collaborate with our class on a writing project, I knew this book had to be involved in some way. This collaborative, intergenerational project has far exceeded my expectations and I've enjoyed watching it progress over the last few months. I can say without a doubt that everyone involved in this project has learned a valuable lesson about compassion, love, and the power of connection.

**Meghan Sampson  
Danbury Local Schools**

**I** was super excited when Dave approached our residents at Otterbein to be part of this collaborative project. Megan did a remarkable job coordinating the logistics on the school end, and to prepare the kids for the project. Dave did a great job coordinating the project as a whole including helping the kids with questions and other preparations.

The residents of Otterbein were all abuzz for weeks after the first meeting. They talked about the kids in their group with everyone! They

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were very impressed with the young people, their questions and their topics they focused on for the project. Everyone was anxious for the second meeting and now are excited to see the finale

I was personally impressed at how “at ease” the kids were talking to adults. The icing on the cake were all the hugs and smiles when everyone went their separate ways. There was a fun, meaningful collaborative project for all involved.

**Allison Young**  
**Otterbein Marblehead**

I Came to Marblehead Peninsula Branch Library from Ida Rupp Public Library in Port Clinton, where I worked as the Outreach Coordinator. I brought with me an interest in library outreach and an understanding of the real need in our culture for more communication between our elders and our children. When Mrs. Sampson agreed to work with me on some kind of language-arts project (my background is in English teaching at the college level), we stumbled upon a way to blend her class’s reading and the idea of intergeneration collaboration. I am very pleased and impressed with the work the students produced. They took this project seriously and created wonderful profiles of their elder subjects. You can really see the students’ enthusiasm and their respect for their elders. Special thanks to Meghan Sampson and Allison Young for making this happen!

**Dave Kimmel**  
**Marblehead Peninsula Branch Library**

# Worldwide Teaching

By: Bert Ammerman, Carlee Pelfrey, and Liam Griffith

**H**ave you ever thought about trying to teach around the world? Well, a lady named Geri has. Geri taught a lot of students worldwide. Geri loved teaching. Geri got inspired to teach because of her Principal. Her principal asked her to help be a co-principal and she fell in love with it.

One of the most important things in Geri's life was teaching. Geri taught in lots of different places, but she mainly taught in the US. Geri has taught in a total of fifteen states across the US. Geri taught in High Point, North Carolina, where she was from. When Geri taught in High Point she worked at the same school she went to. Geri has also taught in Boston,

Massachusetts. Another state Geri has taught in is San Antonio, Texas.

Her favorite country she taught in was Germany. Geri was asked by a friend to sign a contract to teach in Germany. She ended up saying yes. Her favorite country she taught in was Germany. She had the most fun teaching there. Her class there was so well-behaved, they knew when to be quiet and when and what she needed right when she needed it. The students were in 3rd and 4th grade in the mid-1960s and they showed her exactly why she wanted to be an educator.

During her career, she taught reading. She taught all over the world and taught many students from different cultures. She taught 42 children per class, so she has taught hundreds of kids. All the kids listened well when she taught. The kids were all good at speaking English and other languages.

Over time, Geri has taught in a few different countries and states. She had a great teaching career, once she retired she moved to Marblehead,

**Geri  
Chisholm**



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Ohio. Now she lives in Otterbein, an assisted living home. Geri was a great teacher and had said “I had a fun teaching career”.





# The Jobs are a Part of Barb

Kayden Glovinsky, Jacob MacDonald, and Olliver Overmyer

**T**he most interesting people have the most interesting jobs. Which would make Barb Collins one of the most interesting person in the world. She has done jobs that she didn't do for no good reason. She did them for the experience, the knowledge, and most importantly to make friends. If you want to learn more about her legacy she made a book. Her life events took us by surprise and made us fall in love with her story just like yours can.

Do you know what social work is and how to do it? Well if you want to get those answers you should just ask Barb Collins. She said "I have done social work, because I didn't know what else to do and it sounded interesting." After quite a bit of time, she realized social work was made for her. Social work taught her to be active, creative, fun, and most importantly social. Social work made her better and like her you can benefit.

People who taught special education are really special. Which would make Barb Collins super special and unique. She was stellar and a very kind person, because of teaching special needs. Barb worked a lot of different jobs. Barb said "I mainly did special education." She is a very happy person.

**Barb  
Collins**

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Barb has a lot of experience with a lot of jobs. Barb was very hard working and smart when she was teaching and that made her great.

Have you ever made friends with your co-workers? If so, you're just like Barb Collins . She's someone who always makes friends with her co-workers. Want to hear some fun facts about Barb Collins? When she said” When I was younger I worked at the patio, on our breaks we would go to the Lakeside pier and I would go swimming with my friends. Barb Collins makes friends with everyone, anywhere, at any time.

Barb Collins somehow did so many jobs in so many different places despite it being a challenge moving a lot but she managed to get it done. She stopped being an actress when she had a kid. But she still continued social work and teaching till the end. Barb Collins is now happily living her best life. She bettered people's lives and they better hers and I hope the people that were bettered by her still remembers what a great person she is. Barb Collins had many jobs and opened many hearts so that is what makes her so interesting.



# Jim The Korean War Veteran

By Zoe Sells, Rylan Rakosky, and Mikael Valdes

**W**hen we walked down the hall, Jim was enjoying his breakfast. When we started talking to him we instantly knew he was an energetic and happy person. Jim has glasses and friendly blue eyes. When we talked to him the first time he had a Korean War veteran hat on. Jim knew from a young age he wanted to be of service. When he was eighteen he went to a boot camp called “Camp Makoi” in Wisconsin. He left boot camp when he was 20-21 years old, Jim was in the military for two-three years non-stop. Read on to learn more about this amazing war veteran.

As a child, Jim always wanted to be in the army. When we interviewed him he told us that he always wanted to be of service. His father was in the military. I believe he looked up to his father. Jim was very active as a child and played various sports such as football, baseball, and hockey. From what he told us, he liked hockey and also loved to ice skate. He told us about the ice rink he learned in, he said that it would play music on some nights. He also liked to dance. He also played army games with his friends.

When Jim went to military training he went to Camp Makoi right out of high school at the age of 18 for boot camp. They trained every day and got

**Jim**  
**Stitchcomb**

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taught basic needs. Jim talked about when he went to boot camp that it “Changes you from a boy to a man”. For example, he said it helps you learn to make food, make your bed, and do the dishes. Jim left boot camp to go to the army at the age of about 20.

When Jim made it into the Army, he was drafted into the Korean War and didn't want to use his weapon because he didn't want to hurt anyone, Also he made it as a sergeant. He had no regrets about joining the army. He was in the Army for about two years. His dad encouraged him to join the military. After his services, he got a couple of metals and started encouraging others to join the Army. While he was in the army they cut his hair short. He thought it was something he wanted to do. Once he left the military he was a salesman and was married for 53 years.

When we finished talking to Jim he told us, “You should live your life in a good way”. Jim lived an amazing, inspiring life that we can all look up to. Jim always dreamed of being in the service and he was able to accomplish that goal because of hard work and dedication. He told us that he took his wife dancing. We will always remember Jim's energetic personality and the life lesson he taught us.





# Judie The Noble Nurse

By Dillon McKinney, Aldyn Ayers, Phoenix Fauver

**D**o you want to know a little story about a very Outspoken, spunky, and brave woman named Judie? Here's some of her story. Some things have changed a lot since she was little. She has a lot of stories from when she was a nurse. She has met many interesting people too. All these short stories tell how she did that.

Have you ever wondered how nursing was back then compared to now? One thing is that there are a lot of things that involve computers, but back then they almost never used computers. One sad thing is that now Judie said 'If she had to start over in nursing in 2023 she wouldn't take up nursing again because there is so much more technology involved.' Another thing that is different is that people are a lot more sanitary, back then they used to wash and reuse needles! Now they throw out each needle after using them.

One gross story is when a coworker was being unsanitary by eating on the patient's bed! She even bought new shoes but she had to throw them out. A funny story is when she stepped off a stool into a bucket with wheels and started rolling around the room, at top speed. But now sadly, Judie is retired from nursing.

Have you ever worked or helped someone interesting? Well Judie has. One interesting story she told us was when a 21 year old man was farming and he got his arm stuck in a manure spreader! When he got to the hospital the doctor used "all the red cross blood in Ohio!" It turns out that they needed a little more blood. Luckily Judie had the same blood type as him and, so the man lived! One sad story was when one of her patients

**Judie  
Sagendorf**

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wanted to commit suicide. Getting away from the sad stuff. One time Judie helped a friend when she got hurt by cutting her hand.

In conclusion, Judie has a lot of silly, goofy, and sad stories. She lived a long and fulfilling life. Now she is retired at Otterbein retirement home. We loved learning about her and her life. We also know Judie is very kind because she always gives us gifts of chocolates.



# Raccoon Rampage: Crazy Pets

By Jayden Ihnat, Natalie Fox and Alex Porter

**W**e were interviewing a kind woman named Karen and she had a lot of crazy pets! Karen has been around animals her whole life! She has worked with horses, had many pets, and some crazy pets too. Here are some pets that she had.

Karen had lots of pets! One of the animals she owned was a Dachshund, this guy was a lazy one. He slept a lot and was not active whatsoever, when rats got in their basement! Then, they put him down there and he killed the rats. That was the main thing she remembered but they also had cats and dogs.

**Karen  
Williamson**

Those are some regular pets but that was not all the pets she had. Have you met someone with a raccoon? Well Karen had three raccoons! Her and her family heard dove noises coming from their attic (that is what they thought). They checked the attic and found 3 raccoons! Since they were baby raccoons, they kept them and took care of them.

Karen got the raccoons at a young age! If you think it would be easy to raise them, you would be definitely wrong. Raccoons are hard to live with, especially trying to potty train them. I remember Karen told us “One of the raccoons pooped in a power outlet”! No need to fear, she eventually found out that she could train them to go in a litter box. The raccoons are very crazy and they really love shiny things. Karen said that “The raccoons got



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into all my family's pots and pans". I remember that the raccoons went into her mom's purse and grabbed her lipstick. Karen also said she had an artistic sister but she is not alive today but when the raccoons pass away or If they are already. I bet they are having a ton of fun in heaven.

To sum it all up, she didn't have just normal pets, she also had a raccoon! Raccoons are crazy pets and they are not supposed to be house pets, that is what makes it so cool. They had challenges and had struggles. Although her family had such a unique life, she is still an Amazing person!



# The Journey to Motherhood

By: Kaleb Franks, Graham Bartzen, and Aubrey Johannsen

**L**inda Dubbert is an amazing woman who has overcome many obstacles throughout her life. Her inspirational, sad, and happy adulthood will be told today. You will also learn about her childhood too. She has amazing qualities and interests. Some of those interests are fishing, swimming, and bird watching.

Do you remember being a child? Well, this is Linda Dubbert's childhood. Linda at a young age loved the water and the lake. When Linda was seven she joined Girl Scouts, one of her favorite things to do. She was a manager scout in Girl Scouts and led her troop. When Linda went to school she did not have kindergarten as a kid. When Linda was a teenager she started to fall in love with ice skating, and bowling, then she made it to a bowling tournament.

Linda became a young adult and didn't go to college. She met her future husband at Zellers Beach, they became very close on October 6th, 1962 when they got married. She loved to go to parties and ice skating and rollerblading.

Linda's husband, unfortunately, could not have kids. They could not have a baby because, "he had hepatitis and had double pneumonia". They were very devastated because they could not have a child. Although Linda

**Linda  
Dubbert**

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could not have a child she tried to ignore that and focus on bird watching and fishing.

This is what adopting a child was like for Linda. Linda was 4 , v  
bnwhen she adopted a child, she named her adopted child Susan. When Susan was 4 years old. Before she adopted Susan, Susan would visit Linda's house for the weekend. The reason why she adopted a child was that she could not have a child because her husband was at war and her husband had double pneumonia.

Linda is an amazing woman. She is so nice and kind. She had a great story to tell like when she could not have a child. She also had great stories about ice skating and the lake. She had an inspirational life to tell us about and to learn about. She made our days amazing. We all are so lucky to be able to meet this amazing, wonderful, caring, and extraordinary woman. We all wish you could meet her too.



# Mary's 37 Jobs

By Caden Ohm and Landon Lucas

**H**ave you ever worked more than 30 jobs? Well Mary has actually worked 37 jobs. Mary started working at the age nine and is still working today. She has always been a hard worker. She greeted us cheerfully and made us feel welcome. She told us about her and then she asked about us.

What were your first jobs? Mary's first job was babysitting. Then she was a lifeguard. She told us a scary about lifeguarding. Back then, people were asked to put all of their things into a bin such as their jewelry, wallets, etc. Someone didn't follow the rules and they snuck a razor blade into their teeth and ended up cutting someone! Mary told us that, "there were gangs in her neighborhood" and this is probably why that happened. Mary rang bells for the Salvation Army. Not only did she have a scary situation happen during lifeguarding, but she also had another scary thing happen while ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. When she was ringing the bell, someone put a knife to her and tried to steal the money from the Salvation Army. But, Mary was so brave and she hit them with the bell and "screamed bloody murder"! She also cleaned toilets in college for lunch money. Mary worked in the cafeteria in college too.

How many adulthood jobs have you had? Mary's first adulthood job was when she worked at Oscar drugs. She worked as a substitute teacher too. She also taught college classes which was her favorite job. Another job was at the classified ad department. Mary said that one time, they misspelled a

**Mary  
Manter**

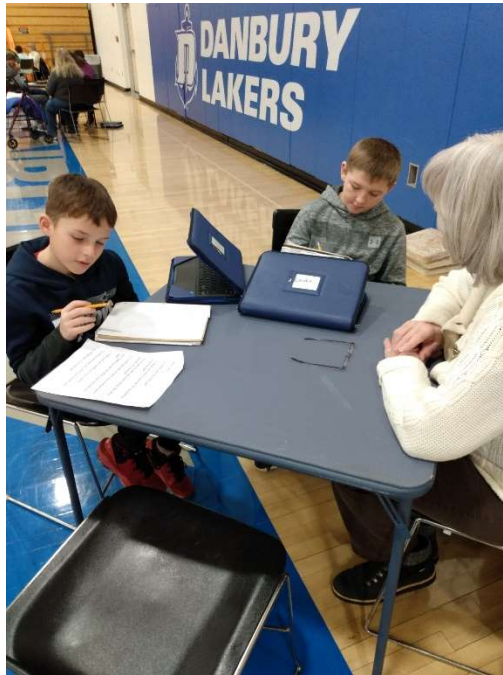


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word and they went to go fix it but the printer overheated and papers were shooting out everywhere!

Mary is a very Christian person and is the kindest person we have met. She wasn't always a Christian. She once met a lady named Pearl that got her into church. She would drive her and taught her to be a Christian by taking her to bible study. Pearl also knew that she couldn't afford a bible, so she purchased one for her. She worked as a children's pastor. She is a Christian minister and is the priest's wife. After all of these interesting jobs, she now she makes some of the best art we've ever seen. When we were chatting with Mary, she took us to the hallway area of Otterbein and showed us three different painting and we thought they were so cool! Then, she told us that she painted them! Some of her work is even for sale!

Mary is a kind, hard worker. "I want to be remembered as a kind person" said Mary. She can do anything she puts her mind to. She taught us a bunch of lessons that we'll use in our lives. Mary influenced us to be hard workers. We are glad we met Mary and can't wait to see her again.



# The “Oh My Gorsh” Lady

By Grayson Oglesbee, Caleb Taylor, and Kenzie Quine

**D**id you know that pharmacies in the 1930's usually had men work there? This is our friend Joyce who has been through quite a lot in her lifetime. She is now 88 years old and is happily living in her home at Otterbein. Let us tell you about our friend Joyce, like her pharmacy job and many more! You are about to read some exciting things so please prepare for the journey of a lifetime!

Have you ever been sick and needed medicine? If so, you had to go to a pharmacy to get medicine. Joyce was a pharmacist for years. Joyce's favorite part of her job was seeing and talking to people. Joyce knew right away when she started college that she wanted to be a pharmacist. She has helped so many people in her lifetime.

**Joyce  
Bremyer**

Have you ever wondered what it was like being a female pharmacist in the 1930's? The chance of a woman getting a pharmacy job in the 1930's was very slim. Being a female pharmacist was close to impossible because it was rare for a woman to get into college for pharmacy. Back then, many women usually only went to college to be a teacher or a nurse, but Joyce also had to be a mom and go to college at the same time which was very difficult for her. Joyce was lucky enough to be a pharmacist, but she was rejected to prescribe medication to others because she was a female. Also she would get robbed for the drugs in the pharmacy very frequently and couldn't do anything about it. Lastly, Joyce had a very hard time with prescribing the medication to people because they didn't know what their

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medication was called and just asked for white pills, but over 60% of medication in the world are white pills!

Another thing that we chatted with Joyce about was how things have changed in the pharmacy world. When Joyce worked in the field, they didn't have many women back then. Women had very little success getting a pharmacy job, but nowadays women work in pharmacies all the time. Back then in pharmacy's people who came in as pharmacy workers did not know what they needed all they said was I need white pills. Nowadays we have technology and pharmacy workers now know what they need and they can save lives by knowing what they need. Back then there were not a lot of pharmacies and maybe about one in a small town and maybe about three in a city. But nowadays there are a lot of pharmacies in the world. Joyce told us an amazing story about when she was in pharmacy school. Joyce was busy doing her laundry when she heard that Martin Luther King Jr. was speaking at her college. She decided instead of doing her laundry she would go see him speak! Joyce was one of the lucky few to see him speak before he was assassinated.

These are some of the events that have happened in our friend Joyce's lifetime! She worked hard to graduate college and to dedicate her life to helping others. Our favorite funny thing about Joyce is that she says "Oh my gorsh" a lot! We really enjoyed our project at Otterbein. Our group is so happy we got to meet Joyce and become her friend. She is one of the nicest people we have ever met!





# Hardworking, Loving Mary

By Ashler Paul and Landon Livas

**W**hen we took the first look at Mary we could automatically see what type of person we were going to be interviewing. We could see that she was going to be a joy to learn more about just because when we met her she gave us a smile and a hello. We enjoyed talking about her techniques and where she traveled for certain reasons for her amazing family business, and we will tell you more about those topics later. On Mary's behalf I will even tell you about her amazing personality.

Mary was involved in the family business because her father had a business with his two cousins. When her father quit the business, he started a second-hand business with his family. This business was called TNMOLAS and Sons. She sold furniture and designs. Mary's workers had gone off to the army bases to help fight in WWII. You can tell Mary is a hard worker because she carries a tape measure to make sure her furniture fits perfectly.

From interviewing Mary I now know that Mary loved people more than she loved herself as every person should. She was always talking about how her favorite part of working in a business was meeting new people and listening to their stories. I know this because she told me that she took the information and learned what her customers told her and applied it to her furniture. Mary was mainly in charge of the financial part of the business which means that her family had plenty of trust in Mary to make the right

Mary  
Lacy

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decisions and calculate correctly. Just like I said Mary was mainly responsible for the finances but Mary and her two brothers had a system for who worked at which station in the business.

Mary's family not only had to manage a business at the place they laid the foundation in Chicago but they had to travel. Mary's family had to travel to other states for their business situation. You might be wondering why and where she traveled and I will tell you why. First of all, she and her family traveled to different places for showrooms. But for the people who don't know what showrooms are, they are places you can go to pick out furniture and take the furniture that other people offer and sell it at your own furniture store, or you could just take the furniture home and relax in it. They did travel to North Carolina for their showrooms and they had to stay at other people's homes but to her, it was not exactly what you would call five Star.

In conclusion, the thing we all can take away from learning about Mary is that she is very kind and caring to everybody. We know this because, in a direct quote, it states that she "hopes people remember she enjoyed people." We can also find out that Mary is a hard worker because she says that she wants people "to work to the best of their ability." One more way we know that Mary is kind is because every time we saw her she always greeted us with a smile and even a hug. In short, something we learned about Mary is that if we had more people like Mary, a hard-working, respectful, and kind lady like her, the world would be a way better place.



# The Amazing Elder

By Bryson Murphy, Lane Hirt, and Anna Zywiec

**H**ave you ever been hiking? Well, Gerri, an amazing elder has! Gerri is a very kind person and a big helper, she has done super cool things in the past. She has seen extraordinary animals with her favorite animal being the Giraffe. She also saw a glacier and walked on it! She also had a job at a young age that is what we call a very interesting childhood.

Gerri had an interesting childhood and I bet you would love to hear all about it. Gerri was born in Sandusky, Ohio in 1940. Gerri is a (very young) 82-year-old woman! She had two sisters. Her first (job) was folding napkins at her parent's restaurant. She was married for 47 years to her late husband. Gerri has hobbies like embroidery and art. She has a son and a daughter.

Gerri has seen a bunch of cool sightings of animals, she loves almost every single one. Gerri has an unusual favorite kind of bird, the Hummingbird, the one she loves most and the main one she talks about. Gerri also has another unusual favorite animal. The Giraffe is interesting to me but it could be weird to others knowing that it is not a very common favorite animal. She also has a funny, and cool pet name for her dog, Jellybean.

Have you ever wanted to walk on a glacier? Well if you wanted to know anything about it just ask Gerri. She walked on a glacier while she was in Alaska. Gerri said that the water was “crystal clear” while she was hiking on the glacier with her close friends and late husband. She also said that “I got

**Gerri  
Gill**

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to go super close to the edge of the glacier.” I wish I could walk on a glacier and be as cool as Gerri.

All in all, Gerri has done lots of cool things, like walking on a glacier and seeing tons of awesome animals plus her childhood was really interesting. She has been an awesome person to everyone she has met and certainly to me. She is the most interesting, fun, and kind-hearted person I have ever met. We would not be here so proud to write this paper if it weren't for Gerri. If you ever meet her your life will never be the same. I know ours wasn't.



# The World-Wide Traveler

By: Eli Lucas, Matthu Brown, Lexi Sheppard

**T**his is our friend, Ed Brown, he loves to travel the world. He is very kind to people, likes to help people, and he is very tidy. Read on to learn about how he's traveled the world!

The places he has been to are Ireland, Hawaii, Australia, and Germany. His favorite place is Ireland. He showed us so many beautiful pictures of the cliffs and sunsets in Ireland. Ed enjoyed Ireland because the people who live there are very kind. He told us that if he looked confused and didn't know

where he was going, they would stop and help him find where he needed to go. His least favorite place he has been is Honolulu Hawaii. He is now planning a trip to Scotland to make more memories. He hopes to go to Mexico and Greece someday soon with his wife.

Once Ed retired from his insurance company, he started to travel! Things Ed likes to do while traveling are going camping. He also likes to watch the sunset. He loves to see new things in places he has not been. He likes to hike and he plays pickleball! Another thing they enjoy doing while traveling is to go to sporting events like football, and baseball. He's a big fan of the Steelers. In his free time, he likes to read. Ed and his wife really enjoy trying new foods in different countries that have foreign foods. Lastly, he loved to spend time with his family!

The family and his wife liked the people in the places he has been to. Ed really enjoyed traveling and making memories with his family. They all enjoyed hiking together!

**Ed  
Brown**



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In the end, Ed loves traveling with family and friends and sometimes by himself but mostly with family. He is a very kind and loving person. We learned about where he visited and that he is a loving guy. He also cares a lot about family and people he doesn't even know. Ed worked hard for many years at an insurance company and now enjoys adventures with family and friends. We enjoyed learning about Ed and his traveling stories! Ed told us that, “when I pass away I want people to remember that I was a nice guy.” We learned that about Ed and also that when you travel, you should always snap a picture so you have that moment as a memory forever!



# The Badazilling Bowler

By: Valo Lewis, Hayden Shepherd, Aiden Reaper, Jacob Cabler

**H**ave you ever tried to be a better person? Peggy always wanted to. Peggy was always a compassionate person helping others and wanting to help. Peggy said she hopes that people will remember as a kind and sweet person and I hope people will remember her as that. Peggy said, “I hope people will remember me as a fun and loveable person”.

Peggy started to bowl because she wanted to encourage people to start bowling as well as a hobby too. But it wasn't so easy due to the fact that she's a woman and it wasn't so famous because of the low number of people playing it at the time. Also due to the fact that she's a woman and not many people would listen to her because women were not as respected back then as much as men. And not everybody will just play a game because someone is trying to persuade you to.

Peggy was an amazing bowler with many trophies. Peggy won a ton of awards. Peggy got many pin awards a pin award is a pin you get for a certain amount of games you played or a certain score. Some examples of them are a 650 bowl, a 600 Club Pin and many more. She went to Columbus, Ohio for the state tournament where she got second place at championship. She went to Rio, Nevada for an out of state game.

Since Peggy bowled for a while, she made many friends along the way. When she went to an out of state game in Columbus, she met a really good team that was very hard to beat. She also stated that they were very friendly and they didn't make fun of her because she was a woman. When she was

**Peggy  
Bauman**



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bowling for the Port Clinton Redskins, she met a person on her team who she said stood out from the rest. She said the person was really good and funny and they became good friends.

Have you ever been discriminated against for your gender? Well Peggy did as a bowler. When she was a bowling coach and a bowler, times were hard for a woman back then. Even though she was a woman she didn't let anyone stop her. She wasn't treated with much respect as a woman but was still a great bowler and a great human all around. Peggy met many great people, but also rude and mean people who made fun of her and discriminated against her. People told her she wasn't good enough to be a bowler or a bowling coach but little did they know that she was a breathtaking bowler and a sublime human. People told her it couldn't be done but she swept them off their feet. She was a considerate human being wanting to help and to be the best she could possibly be and I think she broke the kindness barrier. She worked hard to be as warm-hearted as can be and as accommodating.

In closing, Peggy lived a very interesting life and always wanted to cheer up everyone around her whether it was in bowling or just with her friends and family. Peggy was an accomplished bowler and won many awards. She influenced many people to become a bowler and a better person. People may have doubted her because she was a woman but she persevered and showed them that even though she was a woman she was as good as them. Peggy taught us that times may get tough, but never give up!



# Racing Adventures

By Trevor Oglesbee, Samantha Lee, and Kaydence Herbert

**G**inny was awesome at racing but she didn't start that way. Ginny didn't have a good childhood with only her dad. Unfortunately, her mom and younger brother passed away when she was at a young age. She lived mostly with her neighbor helping her with her kids and chores, who she got along with great, because her dad had to work for enough money. Later in her life she found a better thing she liked doing. Like you Ginny has something she loves doing. When we first ever saw Ginny she was wearing a biker jacket, so we maybe had an idea of what she could be, and we were in the right area but not exactly a biker. She enjoyed racing cars ever since she saw them. She started racing at age fifty because she couldn't start earlier because she needed to work for the money. She enjoyed racing cars but helped other people also enjoy watching racing or wanting to race too.

**Ginny  
Gibbons**

Ginny raced for a couple of amazing years. Ginny started racing cars by watching other people race at Put-In-Bay, Ohio. She would make her friend watch the races with her even though her friend didn't want to watch them. She met a lot of friends racing in total but met her best friend by racing with her, but they were both also doctors.

While she was watching right before her first-ever race she saw a racer get into a bad car crash into a pole. Her husband, after seeing that, did not want her to go race, but as everyone should, she faced her fear and went

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racing to start her big career. She had a great time starting racing, which led to her whole racing career.

Ginny liked to be creative, but especially with making cars. Ginny's car broke down in the beginning of summer, so she and her husband's friend helped fix it. Ginny and her husband's friend started fixing the car, it took the whole summer to fix it. She had to replace her motor, speedometer, and even more counting repainting the car her favorite color, red. After finishing, she raced in it for the rest of her career. She said that "The car was a lot better than the old car she used" and she also said "It was the best car she had ever seen". She worked hard but in the end she was very happy that she took the time to make her new car.

Ginny loved her career of racing. Ginny raced a MG, a British car brand, all around the world. She loved to race but especially in Canada where she had a nice cabin with her husband. Almost every medal she ever won she would give to little girls in the stands watching her race. She picked number forty two for her car because when she started 42# was available and it was Jackie Robinson's number when he was at his pro time in baseball. Her worst crash in her career was when she was racing on a swervy track and it was raining, and went very fast on the curve and slid right into a pole because of the slippery mud. Luckily, she only got a bruise on the arm and no broken bones or anything else.



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Ginny loved racing, it was her life. She never gave her career up because of people discouraging her. Since the first time we talked to her we knew she was a great person but never expected for her to be a star racer also! In the end, Ginny loved her racing career and will never forget the good times she had and the good friends she met. She didn't take the medals and brag about them to the other racers, she always enjoyed the medals or gave them away to people that would like them even more. No matter who it was, she always made sure everyone was happy even if she beat them or lost to them. She had a great racing career and will never be forgotten in our hearts and anyone else's that knows her.