

# GOGO GAZETTE

December 2019/January 2020  
Edition

God's  
Own  
Generations  
One

Don't miss Bob's special  
interview with Steve Dolfi  
in this edition of the  
Gazette!



Judy and I want to wish you a Joyous Christmas. How fortunate we are as Christians to have a Savior come to earth, and then endure all the sins of man so we could be saved. Amen!

We are so blessed with all he showers us with daily. As you go from day to day through this season may you always be aware that God is with us and all the glitter and lights cannot match his love for us and the magnitude of Jesus' sacrifice.

The New Year 2020 will be very special. We will have a centenarian in our midst. Steve Dolfi becomes 100 on January 2. We will celebrate his birthday on the 11<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone will attend this very special occasion.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

## GOGOs' ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 6:30 pm  
CBC FELLOWSHIP HALL  
\$20 PER PERSON  
Menu choice of beef or turkey

RSVP BY NOV 30 AT [CBCVA.ORG/SENIORS](http://CBCVA.ORG/SENIORS)  
OR CONTACT BOB LEE



# Happy Birthday

## December

- 6-Geoff Shearer
- 9-Reba Schopmeyer
- 15-Keith Damon
- 25-Jack Price
- 30-Nate Whitaker

## January

- 1-Fran Blair
- 2-Steve Dolfi
- 5-Rita Cooper
- 6-Warren Richards
- 10-Martin Olson
- 17-Marie Armstrong
- 20-Jan Pennington
- 21-Bill Armstrong
- 22-Ernest Pearce



## Devotions

### December

9-Jan Tanchek

### January

13-Howard Morton

### February

10-Bob Lee

23-No meeting

27-Ann & Earnie Pearce

24-Sharon Hall

## Refreshments



### December

No meeting

### January

Ann Pearce

### February

Sharon Hall

## Upcoming GOGO Activities:

### December 6: Annual Christmas Dinner

6:30 pm, CBC Fellowship Hall

\$20 per person; Reservations must be made by Saturday, Nov. 30 online at [cbcva.org/seniors](http://cbcva.org/seniors) or call Bob Lee at 571-212-8097

**January 11: Celebrate Steve Dolfi's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Noon, CBC Fellowship Hall  
Sandwiches, drink, and cake—no cost

**January 18: Pizza Party & Rory Clark, Speaker on Elder Law**

Noon, CBC Fellowship Hall  
Sign up online at [cbcva.org/seniors](http://cbcva.org/seniors)  
No cost

**February 15: Valentine's Day Potluck**

Noon, CBC Fellowship Hall

**Upcoming CBC Events**

**December**

- 1 – Community Groups will not meet
- 24 – Christmas Eve Services at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- 29 – Community Groups will not meet

**On Call**

Contact Lucille Morton

**PRAYERS AND PRAISES**

Pray for **Marie Armstrong** – Marie continues to be in and out of the hospital to remove fluid from around her heart. She is very weak. Also keep Bill and the family in your prayers also.

Pray for **Marie Wright** – Marie's recovery from a stroke has not proceeded as fast as the family would like. She is still under care at the rehabilitation center in Herndon and enjoys visitors.

Pray for **Doris Griffing** – Doris anticipates her son coming to live in her home and changes to the home are being made to accommodate him.

Pray for **Don Cherry** – Don is suffering from exhaustion almost daily. All tests that have been run indicate that he is fine. The medicines he takes do cause drowsiness, but the doctor has not wanted to reduce the dosage.

Pray for **Sandy Collins** -- Sandy has been diagnosed with breast cancer in both breasts. They operated on the right breast and had not seen cancer in the left. Sandy had them look at both again after the surgery and they found a 1-centimeter spot in the left. They did further testing with a color test MRI this last week and did not discover any other cancer. She will have surgery on December 12 to remove the cancer. Radiation on the right has been postponed until both breasts can be done together. Please pray for successful surgery on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Pray for **Fran Blair** – Fran has improved to the greatest extent possible at this time. She is walking much better but still has some memory issues. They have a caregiver that comes in for 4 hours each day to free up Tom.

Pray for **Joe Cooper** -- Joe continues to have good days and bad days.

Pray for **Sharon Hall and her father**—Sharon's father is in the same condition, but they have a caregiver that comes in for 4 hours a day which gives Sharon some time to do other things.

Please be in prayer for **Jay Bee Collins' mother** who is 97, failing rapidly, and not close by in Kentucky,



Praise God for his blessings as **Angie Bacon** does not have the problem she thought and is back to being able to get out and around.

Praise God for **Mary Crockett's** recovery.

Praise God for **Jay Bee Collins'** successful surgery to replace his aortic valve. All went well, the valve was the perfect size and is working normally. The doctor has released him to drive and get exercise by walking daily.

Praise God for successful cataract removal on both of **Lucille Morton's** eyes.

## ADOPT-A-MISSIONARY

Ministry Update: Alice Banas

Because of your Partnership.....

I bring greetings with Love, Grace, Joy, Faith in Christ Jesus to my ever faithful GOGO partners.

I always thank God every time I remember you because of your PARTNERSHIP in the Gospel.

Because of your partnership - MAP workers provided health care education and health aid/treatment and shared the Good News of Salvation to 6,486 from different tribes such as: Ayangan, Dumagat, and Ilocano in Northern Luzon, Iraya, Bangon/Buhid, Mangyan; Molbog in Southern part of the Philippines and urban poor dwellers in Metro Manila.



Alice teaching good health and nutrition to the Mangyan Tribe

Because of your partnership – about 20 churches were trained in Cross-cultural Mission, Primary Health Care, Herbal Medicine, Discipleship and Leadership. Today, these churches are integrating primary health care in their evangelism and mission program in serving the urban poor, marginalized and disadvantaged.

Because of your partnership - the Gospel of Salvation was heard by 1,677 people; 423 received Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We conducted Home Bible Studies to 18 families and have a Children's ministry – "Bible and Play" with 30 children.

Because of your partnership - 90 children with tuberculosis and 70 malnourished were undergoing treatment and rehabilitation.

Because of your partnership - we pressed on in providing wholistic ministry. Recently, we adopted three unreached/least reached people groups namely, the Molbog Tribe in Balabac Palawan, the Bangon/Buhid in Bongabong, Mindoro and the Filipino Muslims - undocumented migrants and run away from Mindanao.

In behalf of my MAP co-workers we are so pleased and blessed to have the beautiful GOGOs in partnering with us in accomplishing the unfinished task of Jesus Christ in the Philippines and beyond. The Bible says, "And this Gospel of the Kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world as a testimony to all nations and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14 ESV)

Alice



Alice speaking at a conference, wearing an Ifuago costume.

## MARIO “STEVE” DOLFI

Interviewed by Bob Lee



It is rare that we get to know a centenarian, someone 100 years old. I had never heard of the word before. Life expectancy for someone who was born in the early 1920s was 59 years. Yet in a few short weeks Steve Dolfi will be the first GOGO to turn 100. I hope you can come and celebrate Steve's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at CBC on January 11, 2020.

Steve Dolfi was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on January 2, 1920. Shortly after he was born, his family moved to Clover, Pennsylvania, where jobs were available in the coal mines. Steve attended grammar school there until he was 11 years old and then his father moved back to Wilkes-Barre, where Steve finished grammar school and went through 9<sup>th</sup> grade in high school. Steve's first job was in a clothing factory where he moved clothing between stations and repaired sewing machines, especially the belts. He had other clothing factory jobs before entering the Army. He worked in the Army Air Corps, which later became the Air Force.

While stationed in Westover, Massachusetts, he married Eve. They had a daughter, Joyce, living in Raleigh, and a son, Richard, who passed away in 2010. Steve has two grandchildren, a boy and a girl living in Houston, Texas. He also has one great granddaughter in Houston.

Steve spent 26 years in the Air Force and retired as a Senior Master Sergeant. He arrived in Normandy five days after the initial invasion to install runways for the planes. He can still remember the Battle of the Bulge and working to assure the B47s could take off and land. Steve was stationed in Guam during the

Korean War. There they extended the runways so that they could be used by the B52s and were still in use during the Vietnam War.

In 1969 Steve met Betty but it wasn't until 1978 that they were married. Steve grew up in the Catholic Church but joined the Baptist Church in 1994. Steve attributes his youthfulness to playing golf. He played daily until he was 83. He says he was happiest when winning a golf match. He had a handicap of six, something many of us could only wish for. Aside from being with family and friends, golf is the thing he enjoyed most.

I asked Steve what technology is the most amazing to him. He indicated transportation had changed so much during his lifetime. From the Model T to the modern automobile – airplanes and rockets. He attributes his health to the service, keeping good records and providing him with preventative health care, although they determined he was allergic to the flu vaccine. He said he was fortunate to be healthy.

Steve's advice for the youth today is to serve your country and put your trust in God.

### **BLUEGRASS MUSIC WITH THE MOORES**

On September 15, we traveled to the Moores' club house in Warrenton, Virginia to hear bluegrass gospel music from the group "Sing For Him." We sat out on the lawn in our lawn chairs and listened to them perform. Charlie and Nancy provided cookies, snacks and lemonade or iced tea for refreshments. It made for a great afternoon!





## **IDENTITY THEFT TECHNIQUES AND TIPS**

On October 28, at our evening meeting Mark Hillis presented the GOGOs with techniques and tips associated with identity theft. He covered techniques of phishing, spoofing, skimming, stalkerware, robo calls and standard scams. He then presented tips for better security such as password protection, Not using public Wi-Fi, being careful with what is shared on social media, antivirus protection, reviewing accounts and credit, data storage, and more. Anyone wishing to get a copy of the flyer or to talk further to Mark should contact him at [carisi1@icloud.com](mailto:carisi1@icloud.com)

## **GRAVES MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL – SYRIA, VIRGINIA**



On a beautiful Saturday morning twelve GOGOs headed out to the festival at Graves Mountain Resort in Syria, Virginia.

The weather was beautiful. Sometimes the clouds would cover the sun and we knew it was a crisp fall day. The leaves had begun to change and were a beautiful backdrop of many splendid colors.

We all enjoyed the bluegrass music and tasted the variety of fall foods available—homemade barbeque, apple pie, and Brunswick stew. And of course, apples and cider. Some folks got a supply of different kinds of kettle corn.



After lunch and bluegrass music several of the crowd ventured out to shop at the many vendors there. There was an array of all kinds of crafts.



Finally, we boarded the bus back home and had an enjoyable time talking about the trip. We also got to learn something about each other. The fellowship was great. It was a very memorable day.



Last, but not least, hooray, hooray, and thanks to our awesome bus driver, Howard!

## GOGOs CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING

*Lenore Blackburn*

It was ten days before the date that the nation recognizes this annual festive holiday. However, over 30 GOGO's gathered in the Fellowship Hall to share our home cooked dishes on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The tables were set with holiday fare and held beautiful centerpieces.

President Bob Lee said the blessing and invited us to the food laden buffet table. We also enjoyed a dessert table and a beverage table.

After the meal, Octavia and Kathy introduced a fun contest where the best *'twist dancer'* would win the prize. Our own President, Bob Lee was the grand winner.

Thanks to Kathy Gugliuzza and Octavia Madison for an enjoyable pre-holiday gathering.

We appreciate the Mortons, Howard and Lucille, on kitchen duty with some help from Jodi Danko. Our roving photographer, Charles Moore, documented all the fun.



**December/January**

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