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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

****Please continue to check our website for the most up-to-date information on events taking place****

- March 1 Winterfest Dance, Allendale High School
- March 6-8 High School Musical The Little Mermaid
- March 10 Allendale Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Board Room
- March 12 & 13 Half Day, Young Fives - 12th Grade, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- March 14 No School Young 5 - 12th Grade
- March 24 Allendale Board of Education Work Session, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Board Room
- March 25 Evergreen Fine Arts Fair, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Evergreen Elementary
- March 31 Oakwood Fine Arts Fair, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM, Oakwood Intermediate

Allendale High School Presents...



Tickets on sale!

Visit Allendalefinearts.ludus.com

Performances:

Thursday, March 6 (7 PM)

Friday, March 7 (7 PM)

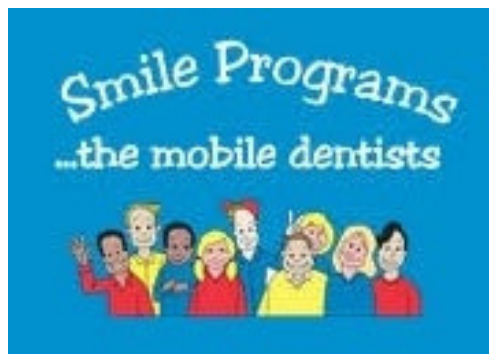
Saturday, March 8 (2 PM & 7 PM)

BEAT THE
Blahs
MARCH 3RD-7TH

APS is bringing a week of fun to Beat the Blahs! of winter. From March 3-March 7 we will have Spirit Days and activities around taking care of our mental health and focusing a culture of belonging to our students. It's just one way to keep us having fun during the longer days of winter.

Check your buildings Facebook page or Newsletter for more information.





March 5, 19 and April 23

Dear parent or guardian,

Great News! Our school district partners with Smile Programs...the mobile dentists to offer dental care at school.





Best of all, in most cases there is no cost to you if your child is insured with Medicaid or CHIP! Private insurance and affordable self-pay options are also available.

Easy & Convenient

Having your child seen by the in-school dentist saves you valuable time. Top quality care is provided by local, licensed dentists right in the familiar surroundings of your child's school. Dental care includes a complete exam, x-rays, cleaning, fluoride and sealants when necessary. Restorative care, such as fillings, may also be provided.

Keep Your Child Healthy

By having your child see the in-school dentist, you can help reduce the risk of:

-  Early tooth loss due to dental decay
-  Gum disease
-  Heart disease
-  Impaired speech development

Taking care of your child's teeth is an important part of keeping them healthy!

Sign up today!

Look for a permission form from school. They were sent home at the beginning of the school year. They are also available in the school offices.

OR

Click [HERE](#) to sign up online.

Thank you!



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Reminder if your child is currently enrolled in preschool and moving to young 5's or kindergarten you **DO** need to complete registration and provide all required paperwork.

If your child is currently enrolled in young 5's or kindergarten at Allendale Public Schools you do **NOT** need to register.

Please register on our website by clicking ENROLL at the top of any APS web page.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR



If you do not live in the Allendale Public School district you must first submit a school of choice/non resident form (available on the enrollment page of our website). Your child must first be approved to attend prior to completing online registration.

INVESTING IN ALLENDALE'S FUTURE

BOND PROPOSAL | MAY 6, 2025

Allendale Public Schools is dedicated to creating a safe, modern, and engaging learning environment for all students. The May 6 bond proposal would allow us to invest in essential improvements with zero expected increase in the current tax rate.



ZERO TAX RATE INCREASE
(over the 2024 levy)



\$88.135 MILLION
For district-wide improvements



VOTE BY
May 6, 2025



REGISTER TO VOTE

KEY PROJECTS INCLUDE

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY & FINE ARTS UPGRADES

Improved spaces for career & trade skills and creative arts education

NEW MULTI-PURPOSE FIELDHOUSE

A space for athletics and community events

ROBOTICS & STEM BUILDING

Expanding hands-on learning opportunities in science and technology

ENHANCED SECURITY MEASURES

Upgraded safety features across all schools

CLASSROOM EXPANSIONS & UPGRADED TECHNOLOGY

Modernized learning spaces at every grade level

ATHLETIC FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS

Updates to fields, courts, and training areas

PLAYGROUND & CAFETERIA RENOVATIONS

Creating more inclusive and functional spaces

HVAC, PARKING & ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Ensuring comfort, safety, and ease of access for all



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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

- ▶ Security Enhancements
- ▶ HVAC Enhancements
- ▶ Accessible Playground Surfacing and ADA Equipment
- ▶ Parking Expansions
- ▶ Bus Pickup/Dropoff Expansion
- ▶ Building Expansions
 - ▶ New Classroom Wing
 - ▶ Kitchen/Dining Expansion
 - ▶ Main Office Expansion
 - ▶ Media Center Expansion
 - ▶ New Multi-Purpose Room



EVERGREEN ELEMENTARY

- ▶ Security Enhancements
- ▶ Boiler/HVAC/Temp Controls Systems Upgrades
- ▶ Accessible Playground Surfacing and ADA Equipment
- ▶ Replace Shingled Roofing
- ▶ Replace Select Areas of Bus Loop and Entry Parking
- ▶ Renovate Second-Floor Boys' Bathrooms



OAKWOOD INTERMEDIATE/ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

- ▶ Security Enhancements
- ▶ HVAC/Controls Systems Upgrades
- ▶ Lighting Controls Replacement
- ▶ Replace Shingled Roof
- ▶ Replace Selected Parking Areas
- ▶ New Playground Surfacing and ADA Equipment



MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ▶ Security Enhancements
- ▶ HVAC/Temp Controls Systems Upgrades
- ▶ New ADA Playground Equipment
- ▶ Lighting Controls Replacement
- ▶ Bus Loop and Parking Replacement
- ▶ New Soccer Bleachers, Concessions Service Counter and HVAC Equipment



MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD HOUSE

- ▶ Year-round indoor space for educational, athletic, music and community programming
- ▶ Walking Track
- ▶ Turf All-Sports Field
- ▶ Collaboration Space
- ▶ Locker Room/Team Area
- ▶ Weight Training Room
- ▶ Storage
- ▶ New Parking Area



HIGH SCHOOL

- ▶ Security Enhancements
- ▶ Cafeteria Renovation and Expansion
- ▶ Service Entry and Dock Expansion
- ▶ Food Lab Renovation
- ▶ Industrial Technology/Skilled Trades Addition
- ▶ Lighting Controls Update
- ▶ Galvanized Piping Replacement
- ▶ Industrial Arts Remodeled to Red Zone, Music and Concessions
- ▶ Exterior and Interior Door Replacements
- ▶ Boilers, HVAC and Control Systems Replacements
- ▶ Roofing Replacement
- ▶ Entry and Dining Outdoor Areas Remodeled



CEGLAREK FINE ARTS CENTER

- ▶ Replace HVAC Cooling Systems
- ▶ Replace Dimmer Racks, Theatrical and House Lighting Systems
- ▶ Replace Life Safety Generator
- ▶ Parking Expansion
- ▶ Extend Snowmelt and Add Sidewalks
- ▶ Storage Area Expansion
- ▶ Add Maintenance Building



STADIUM & FIELD PROJECTS

- ▶ Enhanced Football Stadium Entry
- ▶ New Concessions and Ticket Booth
- ▶ New Visitor and Home Team Rooms
- ▶ New Turf Football Field
- ▶ New Stadium Lights, Sound System and Scoreboard
- ▶ New Tennis/Pickleball Courts (10) and Parking Area
- ▶ New and/or Renovated Baseball and Softball Fields



TRANSPORTATION/MAINTENANCE

- ▶ Enhanced Security
- ▶ Office Renovation
- ▶ Fuel Pump Canopy
- ▶ Parking Lot Expansion



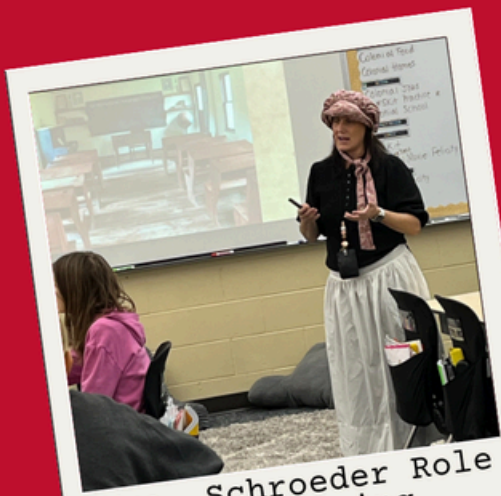
ROBOTICS & STEM CENTER

- ▶ Innovative Space for Growing K-12 Robotics Team
- ▶ Storage
- ▶ Parking Lot
- ▶ Multi-Purpose Space for Hands-On Learning Opportunities for K-12 Students

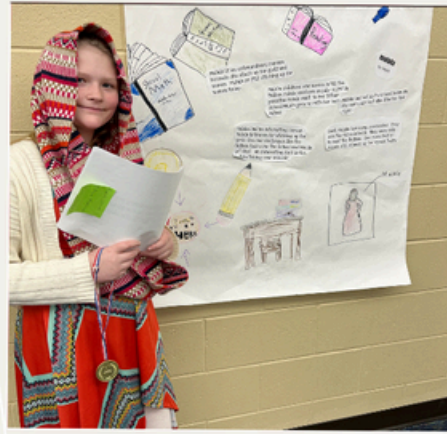
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ROBOTICS & STEM CENTER



Mrs. Schroeder Role Plays During Colonial America Day



Famous People Wax Museum Day - Kayla Shared Malala's Story

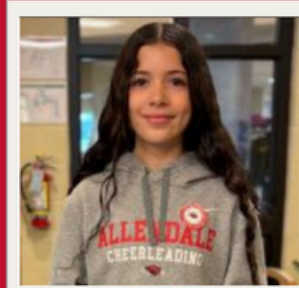


GVSU Math Students Partner with Mrs. Brose's Class



5th Grade Students Wrote YELP Reviews and Jets Pizza Responded

Oakwood March '25



Communitarian



Fun with Friends at Lunch - 5th Grade



Some of the Toppings Mrs. Luban and Ms. Mendes Ate Were Pretty Good ...



Items Students Brought In For Raising More Than \$100 for the PTO No-Fuss Fundraiser (Not pictured: Red Chili Pepper Oysters)



...But Not All of Them Tasted Good!



OAKWOOD: WE BELONG HERE

High School Happenings

Earlier in February we honored several seniors who have committed to athletics at the college level! Congrats to each of these students on all you have accomplished and we wish you success in all areas of your college career!



High School Happenings continued

Allendale Wrestling earned a District Title! Congrats to each of these hard working, talented athletes and best of luck to those of you who are headed to the State Tournament!



High School Happenings continued

Rhonen Fyneweaver, AHS Sophomore, scored a 150 with 24 Xs at the Michigan S3DA Indoor Target State Tournament. What an accomplishment! We are proud to see our Falcons working hard to perfect their talents in so many different ways! Proud of you, Rhonen!



High School Happenings continued

Science Olympiad Frankenmuth invitational: This group of talented students represented AHS with Falcon P.R.I.D.E! Let's Go Falcons!!



2025 SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

Violet DeHaan

Silver Key- 2nd highest Regional Award

What the Warp?

Acrylic on board



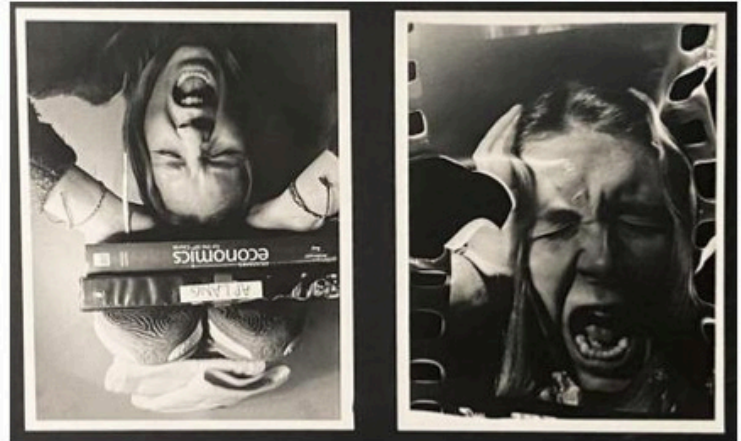
2025 SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

Sophie Zarnosky

Gold Key- Highest Regional Award, this piece will now be entered in the national Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Competition

Under Pressure

Black & White Film Photography



2025 SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

Wayne Forest

Honorable Mention

If I Designed Wikipedia Pages

Design

CTC Graphic Design Program



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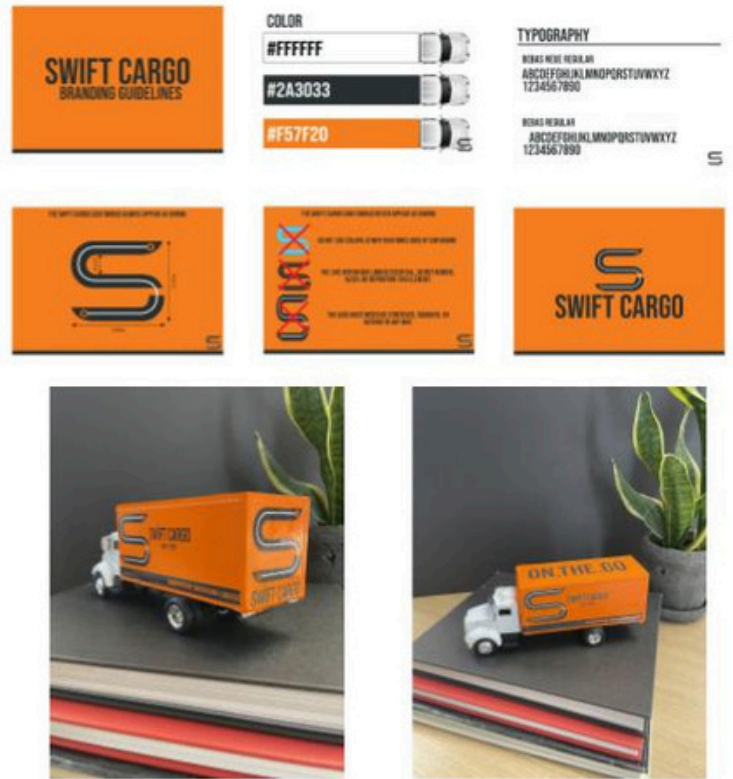


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Awards Ceremony

The Regional Art Awards celebration will be held on **March 29th, 2025** in the **Dalton Center Recital Hall on Western Michigan University's main campus** from **11:00-2:00**.

Gold Key winners will be recognized at the ceremony.

Dalton Center Recital Hall
1300 Theatre Dr, Kalamazoo, MI 49008



Scholastic Art & Writing Awards



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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FALCON OPEN

THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH

Pigeon Creek Golf Course

10195 120th Ave, West Olive, MI

REGISTRATION 8 AM

SHOTGUN START 9 AM

4 PERSON
SCRAMBLE

\$500.00 a team

Includes:

GREEN FEES, CART,
PRACTICE RANGE,
MEAL, & PRIZES

CLICK ON THE QR
BELOW TO REGISTER:



GOLF WITH A
CELEBRITY

Featuring Legendary
Detroit Tiger's
Pitcher, Dave Rozema



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Sponsorships Opportunities

<i>Falcon Open Event Sponsorship</i>	\$2000.00
<i>Dinner Sponsor</i>	\$1500.00
<i>Lunch Sponsor</i>	\$1000.00
<i>Breakfast Sponsor</i>	\$300.00
<i>Golf Cart Sponsor</i>	\$300.00
<i>Driving Range/Putting Sponsor</i>	\$250.00
<i>Golf Hole Sponsors</i>	\$250.00
<i>Golf Cart Goodie Bags Sponsor</i>	\$200.00
<i>Sponsor an APS Student Team</i>	\$500.00
<i>Sponsor a Celebrity: Dave Rozema</i>	\$600.00

For more information and to sign up, click on the QR Code:



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THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH
PIGEON CREEK GOLF CLUB

REGISTRATION 8 AM
SHOTGUN START 9 AM

APS STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Special Education



Allison Justice

School Psychologist

- Ms. Justice has been with APS for 1 year.
- You could not tell that this is Ms. Justice's first school psychologist position. Ms. Justice is very knowledgeable, hard working, collaborative, and highly skilled. She is enthusiastic and shows parents that she cares by asking questions and ensuring the parents understand and feel part of the process. Ms. Justice has quickly become a leader and is well respected by the staff who work with her. We could not have asked for a more complete and skilled school psychologist. Ms. Justice has been an all-star since day one and we are excited to continue to have her share thoughts and ideas on how to improve our processes and procedures. Thank you Ms. Justice for all you have already done. You are appreciated!
- Ms. Justice loves reading on her family's pontoon in the summer. She recently rescued a 10 month old Cane Corso named Mac, who is extremely spoiled. Ms. Justice donated bone marrow last year. She can quote almost every Gilmore Girls episode.

APS STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Special Education



Special Education Paraprofessionals

Kristin Harris: 6th school year at Allendale.

Fun fact: She started her job here because she has a child with autism and wanted to learn more. Her child is now 16 and in high school. Mrs. Harris has been able to support her so much more with what she has been able to learn. In her spare time and summer she also does respite for another child who has Autism.

Traci Szelkowski: 4th school year at Allendale Middle School.

Fun Fact: Mrs. Szelkowski has 3 kids that attend Allendale in 3rd, 5th and 7th grade. In her spare time she loves making memories with her kids, baking and watching F1 racing. Mrs. Szelkowski's birthday is on Valentine's Day and she has a twin brother.

Jennifer Luurtsema: 10 years at APS

Fun Fact: She began working in the cafeteria in September 2014. In 2017, she started her current role as a middle school resource room para, working in the accommodations lab. Mrs. Luurtsema loves working outside on her flower and vegetable gardens. She has been raising honey bees for the past 8 years. She loves flamingos and gnomes!

The Middle School Special Education Paraprofessionals work very hard each day to support students in need. They are versatile and help wherever is needed. This paraprofessional team provides assistance to students in crisis, students who need more support academically or emotionally, providing accommodations, or providing compassion and care. Their work has supported many students' successes. The patience, care, collaboration, knowledge, and communication are key factors this team possesses and utilizes to support the Middle School students. Kristin, Traci, and Jen all go above and beyond to support the classrooms they work in and the students they work with. It is a difficult job but they do it and do it well. Thank you all for the work you have done.

APS STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Allendale Early Childhood Center



Amy Campbell

Wrap Around Caregiver

- Ms. Campbell has been with APS for 1 Year.
- Ms. Campbell is a dedicated member of the AECC and our Wrap Around Program. This is Ms. Campbell's first year working in APS, and she has already proven to be a valuable member of our team. Ms. Campbell always has a big smile on her face, as she works with a calm and loving demeanor. Her students love to interact with her, as she truly cares about them, and their learning while at the AECC. We are blessed to have such a wonderful person working with our "littlest falcons" on a daily basis here in our Wrap Around Program, and the AECC!

APS STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Allendale Early Childhood Center



Robin Dolce

AECC Media Specialist

- Mrs. Dolce has been with APS for 9 years.
- Mrs. Dolce is a dedicated member of the AECC, as she has an important job of getting our "Littlest Falcons" to fall in love with reading. Mrs. Dolce started at APS working in our ECSE classroom for two years, before transitioning to her current placement as our Library Media Specialist for the last seven years. Each week, Mrs. Dolce will read exciting stories to her students, along with assisting them to take home some great books to read at home with their families. Mrs. Dolce also does a "March Book Madness Tournament", which excites our students here at the AECC in the month of March, captivating the school on which book will be crowned "Champion of the AECC"! We are blessed to have someone who can get our students excited about reading, and get them to fall in love with books!
- Mrs. Dolce has a "library mascot", Truman the Tortoise, who brings joy to the students of the AECC!

APS STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Evergreen Elementary



Lisa Johnson

2nd Grade Teacher

- Mrs. Johnson has been with APS 26 years.
- Mrs. Johnson has been a strong teacher-leader throughout her career. She has positively impacted hundreds of students in her role as classroom teacher. Additionally, Mrs. Johnson has served the teaching profession through mentoring new teachers. She has sought out opportunities, over her career, to contribute to committees, including the selection of curriculum and the development of report cards. Mrs. Johnson goes above and beyond to not only support her students' growth but also to support APS's continual improvement efforts. We are grateful for the impact that Mrs. Johnson continues to have on Allendale's students.
- Mrs. Johnson's family loves to hike, especially out west. Her favorite hike was a 3-day trip to Havasu Falls in the Grand Canyon. Mrs. Johnson was Mrs. Koning's 2nd grade teacher.

APS STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Oakwood Intermediate



Erica Modderman
5th Grade Teacher

- Mrs. Modderman has been with APS 3 years.
- Mrs. Modderman has only been with the Oakwood team for three years, but she has jumped right in and is doing great things. Mrs. Modderman brings some other real world experience to her 5th grade teaching role. She is a strong advocate for her students - doing all she can to help make them be as successful as they can be! Her self-proclaimed passion is teaching ELA. She loves analyzing texts and exploring the background knowledge with students. She believes learning more about a topic gives them the motivation to read and learn more.
Mrs. Modderman went into teaching because she wants to have an impact in shaping future generations. She truly enjoys learning herself and wants to share that enthusiasm and joy with others. Her personal favorite part is the breakthrough moment when students finally grasp a concept!
- Over the summer, Mrs. Modderman and her family went to Germany for a month to visit her husband during his military deployment. They also went to France and the Bavarian Alps. While there, they went on the tallest mountain in Germany! They hope to go back someday to see more.

APS STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Allendale Middle School



Shelley Jourdan

6th Grade Social Studies Teacher

- Mrs. Jourdan has been with APS for 29 years.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Shelley Jourden, our Teacher of the Month! Mrs. Jourden has been a dedicated 6th grade Social Studies teacher at AMS for nearly 30 years, shaping the lives of countless students with her hard work, flexibility, and caring nature. She serves as a motherly figure to her students, always offering support, encouragement, and a warm smile. Mrs. Jourden continuously seeks new and exciting ways to make learning engaging and fun. Mrs. Jourden is also a proud mom of two AHS graduates. We are so grateful for her passion and commitment!
- Mrs. Jourden and her husband love taking trips on their motorcycles in the summer.

APS STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Allendale High School



Sue Gioia

English Teacher

- Mrs. Gioia has been with APS 18 years.
- Sue is our February Falcon winner. She is an advisor for NHS, the Union Vice President for secondary teachers, an advisor for Gaming Club, an assistant with some Science Olympiad writing events, a willing collaborator and team player, and friend. She does all this while being a wife, mother, and new grandma. Mrs. Gioia teaches because of the students- she has been overheard saying, "because she was a kid who got missed in school, she won't let a kid get missed in her class". She inspires by the staggering power of her care and concern. She remembers details about kids favorite sports teams, songs, family members, writing ability- and uses it to strike up a conversation. She deserves our gratitude and awe. Please join me in celebrating Sue Gioia this month.