



# Lifers' Unlimited Club Newsletter Oregon State Penitentiary

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As your club, please know that we look to serve you, its members. Therefore, we invite your feedback on how we can best do so. Thank you for your feedback.

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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING



### Holiday Package "Thank You" from the Lifers' Unlimited Club

The Lifers' Unlimited Club, its membership and their family and friends would like to extend their appreciation to Brandon Kelly, Tonya Gushard, David Wilson, Captain Bellman, Captain Borden, Captain Wagner, Teresa Olsen and Brianna Elisara for their roles in getting the Union Supply Holiday packages authorized this year. What's been most impressive is witnessing the administration's willingness and determination to make it happen, especially, in the face of a discouraging timeframe and several logistical obstacles. In the past, any one of these obstacles would have been enough to derail the entire proposal. So, for that reason, please know that we recognize and appreciate the effort (and consideration) that was made on our community's behalf. It's easier for AIC to recognize and accept the changes that you're asking from us when we see it reflected within you. ~ Peace ~ (RPL).

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### Reminder: Lifer's Club "Special Election For Treasurer"

Please be advised that the Lifer's Club "Special Election for Treasurer" is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Due to the restrictions placed on the club's activities by the pandemic, the plan is to kill two birds with one stone. When our membership comes up to the Activities Department to pick up their Holiday meal they will be provided with a ballot and an opportunity to vote for one of the nominees for Treasurer. So enjoy your meal and don't forget to vote! As a reminder, and in no specific order, our nominees are (1) Jeffery McCarty; (2) Michael Kell; (3) Shawn Freitag; (4) Justin Link; and (5) Nestor Diaz-Miller. Good luck to you gentleman and may the best nominee win! (RPL).

## **NOTICE: Changes to the ODOC's Legal Library Services**

ODOC Legal Libraries is moving the Operations Division (under Mike Gower, Assistant Director) to the Correctional Services Division (under Nathaline Frener, Assistant Director). The belief is: "Moving to a centrally-supervised structure (under the Correctional Services Division) will greatly assist with service coordination, continuity and consistency across all DOC locations."

ODOC is hiring a Legal Library Manager with a strong preference for a candidate with a Juris Doctorate or Masters in Information Library Services. The ODOC's posting states:

"The Oregon Department of Corrections is recruiting for a Legal Library Manager. This new position will manage the department's Legal Library and Access to Justice services for over 14,700 AICs located in the department's 14 institutions across the state. This position serves a pivotal role as the department brings together, under one structure, the supervision, oversight, management and leadership of our historic legal library services and embeds these services within the framework of Oregon's access to justice lens.

As a member of the department's Correctional Services management team, the successful candidate will excel not only in communication, teamwork, problem-solving and organization, but also perseverance and motivation, negotiation and persuasion, and proven ability to work with individuals who at times present with behaviors, cognitions emotions.

This position will supervise approximately 20 DOC legal library-related support staff positions effective December 1, 2020. To date, legal library staff have been supervised by various management positions as determined by each institution. Moving to a centrally-supervised structure will greatly assist with service coordination, continuity and consistency across all DOC locations.

Although 'stationed' in Salem, this position is approved for 'telework' (working remotely). Frequent travel to DOC's 14 institutions (statewide) and the requirement to work within each DOC facility for extended periods of time is expected, making the daily work setting unpredictable." (RPL).

## **Introducing the Oregon Phoenix Foundation** (by Scott Spencer-Wolff)

There was a movement a couple of years ago towards "Normalization" in the prison system. That means working to bring prison life as close as possible to life outside of the prison. It almost sounds like an impossible task.

One of the dynamics that would help this goal become a reality is the expanded availability of volunteer services and resources for incarcerated folks to use to further their skill sets, art, music, and theater or a host of other opportunities to provide some potential life-changing opportunities. These opportunities, along with education, offer the incarcerated individual a chance to come to a better

understandings of who they are and, more importantly, who they may have the potential to become – rather than defining oneself as a "criminal" or worse a loser.

There are many challenges with moving towards a normalization model, not the least of which is the tremendous cultural entrenchment both the incarcerated and correctional staff have in maintaining the status quo. It's safe, familiar, and comfortable. Another significant challenge is resources.

We believe that everyone who "does time" in Oregon's adult correctional system, Adults in Custody or Correctional team members, are of intrinsic value and have unlimited potential to

“make a difference.” Further, we affirm that these individuals want to grow as humans, personally, and professionally and share their skills and gifts. Early last year, a couple of DOC staff folks and I got together and brainstormed a foundation. We expanded our brainstorming to the leadership of The McKenzie River Gathering Foundation, along with the Oregon community Foundation seeking advice and insight on getting this venture up and running. We started a contest for Adults in Custody to suggest a name. After hundreds of submissions from around the State, we collaboratively decided on “The Phoenix Foundation” as most representative of what we wanted to do.

The Phoenix Foundation, modeled on the parks Department Foundation, will solicit

and coordinate contributions of time, materials, and other resources to Oregon’s prison system. We want to create partnerships between Oregon philanthropic and corporate communities – and Adults in Custody and staff, to promote, organize, and fund projects to benefit the prison community.

We’re in the early stages of making this happen. We have Bi-laws and the initial organizational documents ready for filing. We will keep you apprised of our status and what we are doing. If you have specific questions about The Phoenix Foundation, please feel free to contact Scott Spencer-Wolff, 9837 Peppertree Lane, Tigard, OR 97224, [drscottac@iCloud.com](mailto:drscottac@iCloud.com) or my office number at 503-844-9145. (RPL).

## Statement of Michael D. Kell – Nominee for Treasurer Lifers' Unlimited Club

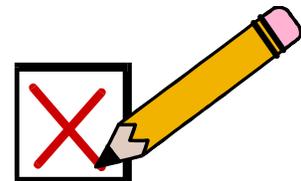
Having been a member of the Lifer’s Unlimited Club for several decades I am relatively familiar with its operation and financial affairs. I pledge to utilize my considerable skills to assist its executive body in maintaining the financial affairs thereof. In performing this duty I see the most important factors being (1) Holding to the Lifers’ Club Mission Statement; and (2) Executing the office in a manner, which legitimizes and promotes the veracity and accountability of the organization.

As a member of the Lifers’ Club you can be assured that your personal financial interests therein will be secured to the highest possible standard; ethically and mathematically.

Thank you for your confidence and your vote.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Kell



**Editor’s note:** Although it’s not disqualifying, the Lifers’ Club members should be aware that Mr. Kell is currently prohibited from using a computer. We’ll notify you if his status changes before the 12/10/2020 election. (RPL).

## After Six Trials and Over 23 Years Since His Arrest, the Charges Against Curtis Flowers, Subject of “In the dark” Podcast, are Finally Dismissed

Twenty-three and a half years after his arrest, and after an unprecedented series of six trials, the prosecution of Curtis Flowers finally came to an end with the dismissal of the murder charges against him in this case from Winona, Mississippi that has garnered nation attention.

Flowers, who was released on bail last December after nearly twenty-three years in prison, was relieved the case is finally over: “Today, I am finally free from the injustice that left me locked in a box for nearly twenty three years,” said Flowers. “I’ve been asked if I ever thought this day would come. I have been blessed with a family that never gave up on me and with them by my side, I knew it would.”

Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch filed a motion to dismiss the charges after lawyers in her office spent several months reviewing the evidence and the history of the case. Fitch's office was appointed after the District Attorney who prosecuted the case since the beginning, Doug Evans, withdrew in January in the face of a motion by Flowers' lawyers to remove him in the light of his documented history of misconduct and his pattern of racial discrimination in jury selection over the six trials. Judge Joseph Loper, who presided over the fifth and sixth trials and who granted bail to flowers last December, granted the Attorney General's motion to dismiss the case.

"The case against Curtis Flowers never made sense," said Flowers' attorney, Rob McDuff of the Mississippi Center for Justice. "He was 26 years old with no criminal record and nothing in his history to suggest he would commit a crime like this. As time went by, even more evidence emerged to corroborate his innocence. This prosecution was flawed from the beginning and was tainted throughout by racial discrimination. It should never have occurred and lasted far too long, but we are glad it is finally over."

Flowers' defense team expressed appreciation for the Attorney General's thorough review. "Once Attorney General Fitch was given responsibility for the case, her office did the right thing by conducting a thorough review of the evidence, including the significant evidence of innocence, correctly concluding that this case should come to an end," said Tucker Carrington of the Mississippi Innocence project, which has represented Flowers since 2015.

The dismissal at a time when worldwide protests over police killings of Black people have highlighted the role racial discrimination plays in the American system of justice: "Today's dismissal, along with the Supreme Court decision in Curtis Flowers' appeal last year, vindicates one innocent Black American, a gentleman of immense character," said Flowers' co-counsel Henderson Hill of Charlotte NC. "It also adds one more important proof that one hundred and forty five years after the Civil Rights Act of 1875, a recalcitrant demagogue will no longer be able to stop the forces of transformation in Mississippi and nationally, calling for racial equity to replace white supremacy as our justice system's organizing principle."

The case was sparked by the murders of four people at the Tardy Furniture Store in Winona on July 16, 1996. Flowers was arrested approximately six months later.

The six trials for capital murder that Flowers endured is unprecedented in the annals of the American legal system. No one else has ever been tried six times for capital murder.

Each of the convictions and death sentences in the first three trials was overturned by the Mississippi Supreme Court for prosecutorial misconduct, including racial discrimination by the prosecution in jury selection in the third trial. The Fourth and fifth trials ended in hung juries. The conviction and death sentence in the sixth trial also was overturned, this time by the United States Supreme Court in June of 2019, due to what the Supreme Court called Evans' "relentless, determined effort to rid the jury of black individuals" over the course of the various trials.

For those of you who would like to learn more, Flowers' successful *Motion to Dismiss* can be accessed at: <https://tinyurl.com/y2ud8l9> and the Judge's Order can be accessed at: <https://tinyurl.com/yyvw3too> (RPL).

## AIC RESOURCES

Marshall Project Newsletter: Subscribe to the free "News Inside" newsletter published by *The Marshall Project* specifically for incarcerated individuals. Please contact "News Inside" for your printed copy at: 156 West 56<sup>th</sup>, Suite 701, New York City, New York 10019. For any questions you may call: 212-803-5200. (RPL).

PEN Writing Program for Prisoners: This program provides incarcerated people with skilled writing mentors and audiences for their work. Write to them for a free *Handbook for Writers in Prison*. PEN American Center, 588 Broadway, Suite 303, New York, NY 10012. (RPL).

Prison Covid: *Prison Covid* provides a free monthly newsletter with updates on how COVID-19 is impacting people in prison. If you would like some information regarding the spread of the coronavirus in prisons you can write to Prison Covid, P.O. Box 48064, Burien, Washington 98148. (RPL).

Prison Health News: Write to ask for a free subscription to their newsletter, *Prison Health News*. Prison Health News, 4722 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143. (RPL).

National Prisoner Resource Directory: Free 26-page national resource guide for people in prison. It contains contact information for other organizations that can provide free books and information on finding legal help, publications and more. Write to them at Prison Activist Resource Center, P.O. Box 70447, Oakland, California 94612. (RPL).

Partnership For Safety & Justice: *Partnership For Safety & Justice* advocates for reforms in the Oregon criminal justice system, including supporting more treatment options, alternatives to mandatory minimums and prison, and many other efforts to make public safety more effective and just. Write for prisoner support packets, a transitional directory, fact sheets on prisoner rights, and their newsletter, Justice Matters, all free to Oregon prisoners. Partnership For Safety & Justice, 825 NE 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 250, Portland, Oregon 97232. (RPL).

Critical Resistance Portland: *Critical Resistance* is a national grassroots organization that works to build an international movement to end mass incarceration in the United States. Through chapters all over the United States, they develop and carry out organizing projects and campaigns covering a wide variety of topics that work towards their goal of dismantling the "prison industrial complex (PIC)." If you're interested, they will provide you with a free subscription to *The Abolitionist*, a newspaper published by *Critical Resistance* 3-4 times a year. Write to them at Critical Resistance Portland, P.O. Box 11055, 14 NE Killingsworth Street, Portland, Oregon 97211. (RPL).

## Sidelines...

- Over the past 50 years, the number of prisoners serving life sentences has grown to exceed the entire prison population of 1970. As of February 2020, the United States' lifer population numbered 206,268, while the entire United States' prison population in 1970 was 197,245, according to *The Sentencing Project*. (*Prison Legal News*, Sept. 2020 at p. 50).
- The rate of wrongful convictions in the United States is between 2% and 10%. With a United States prison population of 2.3 million, that comes to between 46,000 and 230,000 people. (*Coalition For Prisoner Rights Newsletter*, Vol. 45-B, No. 8, August 2020 at p. 1).
- In Mississippi: 86 prisoners are serving life-without-parole (LWOP) for nonviolent offenses. Prisoners convicted of two previous felonies, if one was a violent crime, can be sentenced to LWOP. The violent crime does not have to be against a person; for instance, the state classifies residential burglary as a crime of violence. (*Prison Legal News*, Sept. 2020 at p. 54).
- In an odd bit of news, two strangers made an "Earth sandwich" by placing a slice of bread at opposite sides of the planet. Student Etienne Naude, 19, put his slice at Bucklands Beach, New Zealand. On the other side of the world was Spanish chef Angel Sierra, 34, who positioned his slice of bread near Malaga. (Sun, Metro, 1/22/2020). (RPL).

## Brain Teaser

Your sock drawer contains 24 white socks and 30 black socks. The lights in your room are off, so you cannot see the color of the socks. How many socks must you grab to ensure to have at least one matching pair? (Answer on p. 12).

### **MORE PEOPLE ARE DYING IN AMERICAN PRISONS – HERE’S HOW THEY FACE THE END OF THEIR LIVES (Martha Hurley – Professor and director of Criminal Justice Studies – University of Dayton)**

Outbreaks of coronavirus have hit prison populations particularly hard – but for many inmates in the U.S., illness and the prospect of dying behind bars already existed. Advocacy groups have flagged concerns about disease transmission, lack of medical care and deaths in custody as a result of COVID-19. But deaths in custody are not a new phenomena and the process of dying with dignity while incarcerated is complicated.

I have spent a significant amount of time examining correctional health care practices and believe the process of dying in prison is one in which human dignity can be lost. Prisoners grow old faster and become sick earlier. By 2030 some experts believe that one in three prisoners will be over the age of 55, increasing the likely population of prisoners diagnosed with conditions such as cancer, heart disease, liver and kidney disease, high blood pressure and diabetes. A recent Bureau of Justice Statistics report revealed a startling increase in state prisoner mortality. Between 2006 and 2016, the last year for which the study provided data, there were more than 53,000 deaths in custody. More than half of the 3,739 deaths in custody in 2016 resulted from just two illnesses – cancer (30%) and heart disease (28%). The proportion of prisoners requiring end-of-life care is twice as high as the general population.

Outside prison walls, a diagnosis of a terminal illness often means gathering friends and family

to repair and restore relationships and thinking about end-of-life options. The coronavirus has, of course, affected who can be present in someone’s last moments, but the terminally ill still have options over their medical care, pain management, who to tell and how, and getting affairs in order. For prisoners, such choices are constrained by state regulation. Prisons are not well-equipped to provide human dignity at the end of life. Terminally ill prisoners have two options: compassionate release or end-of-life care behind bars.

Offering early release or parole to prisoners diagnosed with debilitating, serious and often terminal illnesses is considered compassionate release. Many in the medical profession consider compassionate release a constitutionally protected right as incarceration of prisoners with debilitating illness undermines medical care and human dignity. Others see compassionate release as a way to reduce correction health care costs for a population posing little risk to the public. Iowa is the only state without a compassionate release law.

The process of qualifying for compassionate release is complex and statistics on how many succeed are hard to obtain, although we know the numbers are small. Prisoner’s medical conditions, age and time served determine eligibility. But exclusion criteria are extensive. For example, prisoners committing the most crime are excluded. Most states allow stakeholders such as

victims, police and court professionals an opportunity to say no.

For the terminally ill, release is often dependent on one's "death clock" – how many months a medical professional certifies that you likely have before dying. In some states like Kansas and Louisiana, death must be imminent – within 30 to 60 days. In others like Massachusetts and Rhode Island, prisoners with as long as 18 months to live may be released. Applying for compassionate release can be daunting for someone with only months to live. Sadly, some die before they can complete the process. Even if an inmate does get out, their family may be ill equipped to deal with the challenges of caring for dying loved one. In these cases, release may result in transition from one restrictive, isolated, institutional setting to another with care provided by unfamiliar medical professionals.

States must provide medical care to prisoners even though they are being punished for a crime. But the quality of such care is often inadequate. The prisoner does not get to select medical options; care is determined by the state. Death could mean dying alone in a prison cell, in an infirmary with only periodic check-ins from a nurse and prison volunteers or in a hospice unit managed by the state. Pain management may be restricted by correctional policy and by staff who are reluctant to administer narcotics, such as morphine, to ease suffering out of concern that it could be sold or used illicitly. A recent report in the American Society of Clinical Oncology Post discussed how inadequate care caused unnecessary pain and suffering in prison and concluded: *No one in a wealthy and socially*

*advanced county like the United States should suffer from untreated pain, especially at the end of life.* While families are allowed to visit terminally ill prisoners, notification of the illness rests with the prisoner – a daunting task if the prisoner has lost touch with relatives over the years of incarceration. State prisoners are often confined far from home, so even family members who would like to visit may be hampered by distance and cost. Another challenge for families is the bureaucratic process of prison admission. It is correctional staff at the gates rather than the medical professionals determining who gets to visit on any given day.

Access to mainstream faith leaders and last rites are provided when available. But it is not uncommon to find spiritual practices for the dying prisoners carried out by fellow prisoners.

For terminally ill prisoners "getting one's affairs in order" includes trying to identify someone in the community willing to take responsibility for their body after death and ownership of personal effects gathered during incarceration. Even if the prisoner identifies a relative willing to take responsibility, there are no guarantees. A relative may be disqualified from handling prisoner affairs. In Ohio, for example, if the prisoner's loved one is unable to accept the body within two days after notification, the relative may be disqualified. If no one comes forward, then the prisoner will be buried in an indigent grave and prison officials will dispose of the prisoner's belongings and monies remaining in prisoner accounts.

(RPL).

## OCE Safety Information

For safety issues at Oregon Correctional Enterprise (OCE), the chain of command is: (1) Shop Production Coordinator; (2) Shop Production Manager; and (3) Shop General Manager. If, for any reason, AICs don't want to go through OCE, they can reach out to: Bob Adams, Safety Program Manager and/or Captain Bellman, Operations Captain. (RPL, CML).

## The Prestidigitator: 'Thoughts On Sight' Magic Card Trick

Greeting to all lovers of mystery and mayhem! If you are the sort that enjoys magic, and in this case, specifically "close-up card magic," then what follows may peek your interest. For the Card Effect (card trick) that follows, I have removed all of the troublesome sleight-of-hand maneuvers (which, the proper use of requires hours of practice) and reworked an effect so that it might be easier to learn and present to an audience.

Materials needed: One standard deck of 52 playing cards, an ink pen and a slip of paper.

1) To begin, hand over the cards and request that the spectator shuffle them. Once they feel that the cards are well and truly mixed, have them remove the jokers and then ask if they know how many cards are in a deck. Hopefully they say "52." If they don't, help them. Then ask how many of these cards are red. Hopefully they say "26." Next ask how many black cards there are. Again, hopefully they say "26."

2) Now say something like: "For this little experiment will you please deal all of the black cards one-at-a-time, face-up into my left hand. This will allow us to know for sure how many cards there are."

Hold out your left hand, palm up, to receive the cards. When the first black card is dealt, remember it but don't give it any undue attention. When the black cards are exhausted, say: "Now, if you would please deal the red cards, one-at-a-time, face-down, into my right hand."

3) As the dealing process concludes, turn the black cards face-down in the left hand. Allow the top card, the card you've been remembering, to lay askew on the other 25. Help it ride a bit to the right if necessary.

4) Turn the red cards in the right hand face up, and say: "We have all 26 black cards face-down here in my left hand," (wiggle your left hand fingers) "and all 26 cards in my right." So saying, turn the red right hand cards face up and use both hands to spread them for a brief viewing. Once the red cards have been seen, close up the spread, pushing it against the left and secretly add the top (remembered) black card to the bottom of the face-up red cards.

5) Hand the face-down black cards to the spectator and request that they mix them up. Set the face-up red cards squared on the table (the remembered black card will be face-down on the bottom.)

6) Pick up the slip of paper and ink pen and say: "Please notice, a clean slip of paper and an ordinary ink pen. With said instruments I will write down a prediction about a card you have yet to choose."

So saying, write the name of the remembered card down. Fold up the prediction and place it inside the card box. Rattle the box for good measure and place it in front of the spectator.

7) Have the spectator spread the black cards face down on the table and touch one. Once this is done, pick it up, sight unseen, and place it on the top of the face-up red cards.

Then say: "We will place your selection with the red cards for safe keeping." Then cut the red cards, placing their selected black card near the middle of the red cards. This also serves to place the remembered card (your "prediction") above the selected card.

8) Say: "Prior to you selecting an unseen card and placing it here with the red cards, I hazard a guess about what

that card would be, and placed my prediction there inside the card box. Will you now pick up the box and remove the prediction inside?"

While this is going on, gather up the black cards, turn them face up, and set them in a loose heap before you, but well away from the red cards.

9) Then say: "Right now there is one black card sitting in the middle of the red cards, It is a card that you placed there all on your own. Would you agree? Please read the prediction for us." After it is read, pick up the red cards and slowly fan them. Once you reach the face-down card (the prediction), raise the portion of the red cards and simultaneously push over the

face-down card, thus revealing a correct prediction. Since the hand is nearly palm down, set the packet in your hand onto the loose heap of black cards. This will place the other unknown black card back where it belongs, and you end cleanly.

Collect up the remaining red cards and drop them face down on the other cards, then split the deck for a shuffle.

If the above effect has hooked you, and you would like an opportunity to explore some advance card magic, please feel free to approach me (outside of work). I have an abundance of time to give to any lovers of the art that is "close-up card magic." (By David L. Simonsen).

## Facial Recognition (by Jeremy Kahn)

Sometimes it's nice to be recognized. Sometimes it's not. But pretty soon almost wherever you go, it's possible that someone will know who you are. Facial recognition technology is improving rapidly and spreading even faster. Its uses include mundane conveniences such as unlocking your smartphone or speeding your journey through passport control. But its also at the core of a vast system of surveillance China is imposing on its citizenry, most intensely on disfavored ethnic groups and dissidents. What China has shown is already possible is scaring even companies working on what comes next. Voices calling for regulation include Microsoft Corp., which has warned against companies enabling abuse in a scramble for business, and Amazon.com Inc. But the measures privacy advocates are calling for go far beyond what tech companies seem willing to support.

Facial recognition technology was first developed in the mid-1960s with funding from U.S. intelligence agencies and the military. It advanced rapidly after 2012, as images from higher-quality cameras, vast new databases of faces, more computers, and new kinds of algorithms made it possible to hone the artificial intelligence programs at the software's core. In a study conducted in 2017, facial recognition programs outperformed all but the very best human experts. The software measures a variety of facial attributes – for instance, the distance between a person's eyes or the angle of the chin – and turns that data into an individual template it can recognize even when the face is presented at different angles. The more advanced systems measure faces in three dimensions, meaning a photograph can't fool them, as happened in China when a prominent businesswoman was issued an automated ticket for jaywalking, although police cameras had actually captured her picture from an ad on the side of a bus.

Proponents of the technology say it will make life more convenient and safer. Who wouldn't want a system that could find wanted criminals or lost children? China cites the threat of terrorism to justify the intense surveillance of members of ethnic minorities in its western province Xinjiang, where human rights officials say as many as 1 million Uighurs are now in internment camps. Other arguments for regulation stem from research finding that the systems are less accurate when processing the faces of members of minority groups, which has led to fears of unjustified arrests or harassment. Microsoft has responded by taking steps to makes its programs more precise, while Amazon has disputed the research. International Business Machines Corp. developed a "Diversity in Faces Dataset" – only to face criticism that it had lifted images from sources such as Flickr photo-

sharing accounts without obtaining permission. The tech giants have responded to the growing debate in different ways. Microsoft says it turned down a request for its software from a law enforcement agency that wanted to scan the faces of everyone its officers pulled over, while Amazon has pitched its Rekognition software to police agencies and federal immigration officials. Google says it's chosen not to offer general purpose facial recognition programs until "important technology and policy questions" are resolved. (RPL).

## Dear Lifers' Club Members:

On December 10<sup>th</sup> the Lifers' Unlimited Club intends to hold its year-end Holiday Meal on the Activities Floor. The menu that's been submitted for approval is a healthy portion of food from Papa Johns with a specialty dessert and a soda. The projected cost of each meal is \$14.00. And, although the meal is free to all Lifers' Club members, we would like to ask for your donations to help offset the costs of this event. Therefore, if you who would like to assist us with this event send your CD-28 to the Lifers' Club. Also, it doesn't matter how big or small your donation is, please do what you can and know that your generosity is appreciated. Thank you. (RPL).

### LIFERS' UNLIMITED CLUB

**Smoky Midnight, Dark Roast**  
An intensely dark roast with a robust body and smoky finish

**Rich Satin, Dark Roast**  
A dark roast with a bold body and rich finish

**True Dusk**  
A dark roast with a delightful taste of complex dark coffee.

\$7.00 per 10.3 oz Container

*McCafe:*  
Premium Blend

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Breakfast Blend

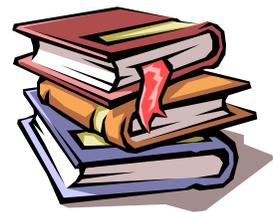
\$10.00 per 12 oz Bag



Please submit separate cd-28s for each Fundraiser to Lifers' #2430

"The limitations I place on the dreams of others are the same limitations I place on myself." – Kat Lehmann

"Once one starts looking outside of oneself for that which should be within oneself, that one is on the way to being dominated by fortune." – Seneca (adapted)



Counting Down the 100 Books to Read Before You Die: Trust book recommendations from real people, not robots...

### 100. *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë

Emily Brontë's only novel is a staggering tour de force: a violent, gothic tragedy about the passionate, tempestuous affair between Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff — and the havoc that it threatens to wreak upon the moors.

### 99. *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

It was a dark and stormy night... when Mrs. Whatsit walks through the door of 13-year old Meg Murry's house, shortly followed by Mrs. Who and Mrs. Which.

**98. *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by Frank L. Baum**

Dorothy and friends go on an adventure, and who knows what awaits them at the end of the Yellow Brick Road? Frank L. Baum's treasured classic was famously adapted into the first color film ever made, which is befitting of this whimsical, charmingly bright story.

**97. *The Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins**

A young and distressed woman dressed entirely in white one day appears to Walter Hartright, kicking off the plot in what has been described as one of the finest mystery novels written.

**96. *Winnie the Pooh* by A.A. Milne**

Haven't you read *Winnie the Pooh* yet? Think, think, think! No? Gosh, you really haven't? Oh, bother! Well, don't worry, there's still time to fix that catastrophic error by picking up this cornerstone of children's literature and joining Winnie, Piglet, and friends on the journey of a lifetime.

**95. *Watership Down* by Richard Adams**

Hazel, Fiver, Blackberry, and crew are the hardiest band of adventurers that you'll ever meet, with one caveat: they're rabbits. And they're on the escape, looking for a new warren to call home. *Watership Down* is a classic for children and adults alike.

**94. *War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy**

Up there as one of the greatest works ever written, *War and Peace* is Tolstoy's epic account of two young men and one young woman, as they stand amidst the swirling spectra of Napoleon's invasion of Russia in 1812.

**93. *Ulysses* by James Joyce**

Controversial and magnificent, *Ulysses* is James Joyce's answer to the modernist movement: a puzzlingly sweeping novel that centers on the day of one Leopold Bloom in Dublin.

**92. *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson**

Buried gold is the name and pirates are the game in this 1883 story by Robert Louis Stevenson, which became the definitive adventure book for many generations of readers.

**91. *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee**

Scout Finch is an ordinary girl living with her brother and father in Alabama when the arrest of a black man, Tom Robinson, upends everyone's lives. A coming-of-age in the South becomes a gripping courtroom thriller in this Pulitzer Prize-winning book that may rank up there as one of the most beloved books of all time.

**90. *The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas**

In this classic novel of adventure, d'Artagnan is a young man in search of his destiny when he joins the Musketeers of the Guard. But his life intertwines inextricably with another's journey when he meets Athos, Porthos, and Aramis: the King's most elite Musketeers. (To be continued...) (RPL).

A Little Humor: A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?" "Yep," the wife replied. "In-laws." (RPL).

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**December 10<sup>th</sup> event:** Lifers' Club Holiday Meal – and – Special Election for Treasurer. Come and vote for your candidate and grab your meal. **Location:** Activities Floor.

Answer to Brain Teaser from p. 6: Three. In the worst case, the first two socks you take out will consist of one black sock and one white sock. The next sock you take out is guaranteed to match one or the other.

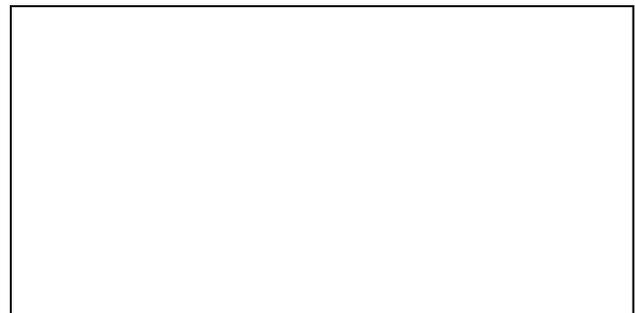
Just a reminder the Lifers' Pop-up BBQs will return in April 2021. If you have any ideas and/or suggestions on ways to improve these events please send them to the Lifers' Club. Thank you.



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**Lifers' Unlimited Club Executive Body**

President:	Robert Kelley
Vice President:	Marty Wendt
Secretary:	Juan Solis
Treasurer:	Open
Facilitator:	Stephen Weavill



Mission Statement

The purpose of the Lifer's Unlimited Club is to unite the incarcerated men of OSP with a goal of improving the quality of life for those inside and outside of these walls. The club will work with charity programs, informational services, youth speaking panels and other positive programs. We cannot change the past, however, we believe through rehabilitation and pro-social behavior we can create a more productive future.