

# ODDO GAZETTE

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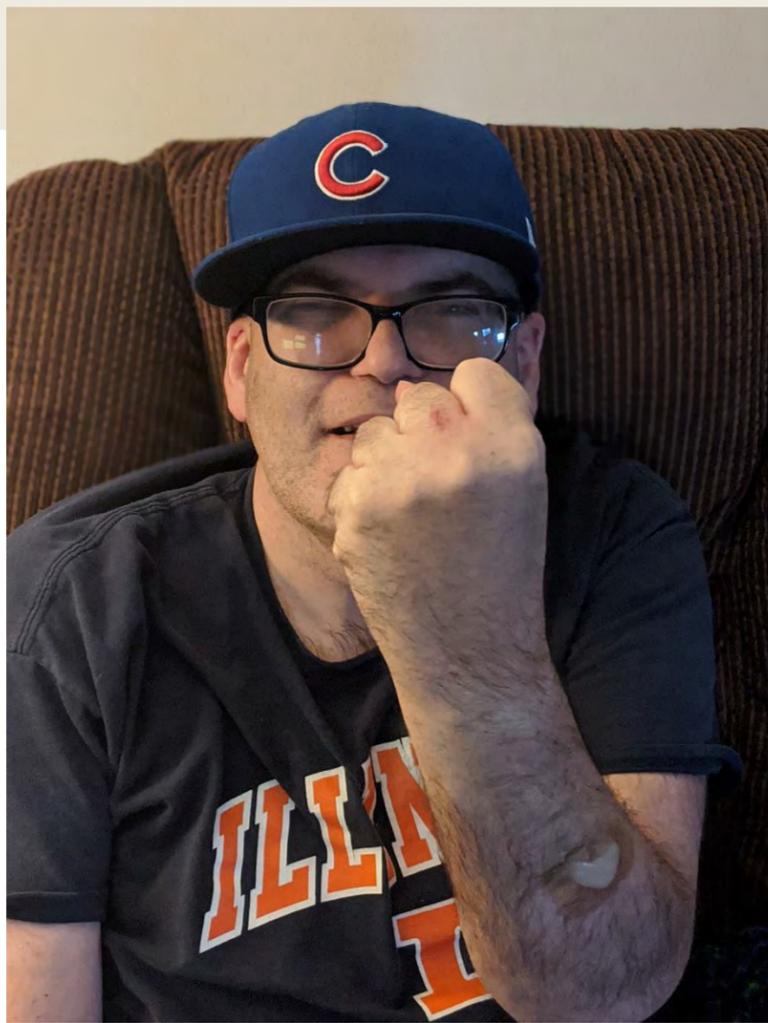
## What if the Cast of 'Days of Our Lives' bought Open Door?

**Robert Henning**  
*contributing writer*

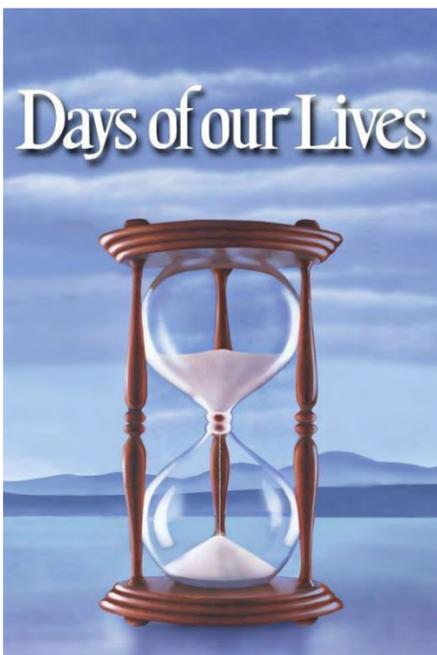
When NBC premiered "Days of Our Lives" in 1965, the same year I was born, what would happen if 54 and a half years later that same network cancelled it? That means that all of the cast members from the soap would be freed up to come to Sandwich from Burbank, California.

Let's say Diedre Hall as our next Executive Director (sorry Rita), or Stacy Haiduk as my next case manager (sorry Debbi). Or maybe Stacy could run my appointments (sorry Ashley) and take me on activities to Aurora, Dekalb, Sandwich and Yorkville.

Maybe Kristen Alfonso could take us on activities like an activity called NBC ODDO Dancers and Lunch at the Fox Valley Mall, on the DuPage County side of Aurora, near the Aurora-Naperville border.



**Rob Henning would show these Hollywood types who's boss real quick!**



Maybe we could do a trip to the Brookfield Zoo and use Kassie DePaiva on the activity. On these activities, as I mentioned, like especially the trips to the zoo and the mall, DePaiva herself would remind us that we go as a group on our trips to Aurora or Brookfield and we stick together at all times.

And another thing, DePaiva keeps the money! No change, nothing! Then you complain and take it out on her and say "Ms. DePaiva, I'm independent and I go out on my own and you got to give the 30 dollars to me!" Then she yells back, "Hey Mr. Henning, come back here with that money or I get your case manager on you!" Then I yell back at her, "No, jerk!" Then I show her my middle finger.

When I get back to work, my case manager, Stacy Haiduk won't be a happy camper with me after the way I treated Kassie DePaiva, with what happened in in Aurora and Brookfield. Remember, if the "Days of Our Lives" cast bought Open Door out, we treat them with courtesy and a lot of respect too.

Open Door would be riddled with drama with the cast of "Days of our Lives" and they would all have jobs here in Sandwich. I would show them all lots of courtesy and respect and they would lay down the law of the new look of Open Door for all the clients here.

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**...And there's vacation stories too!**

**KEYWORD**

# The Forbidden City; The 500 Year Old Secret City in China

**Adam Ferge**

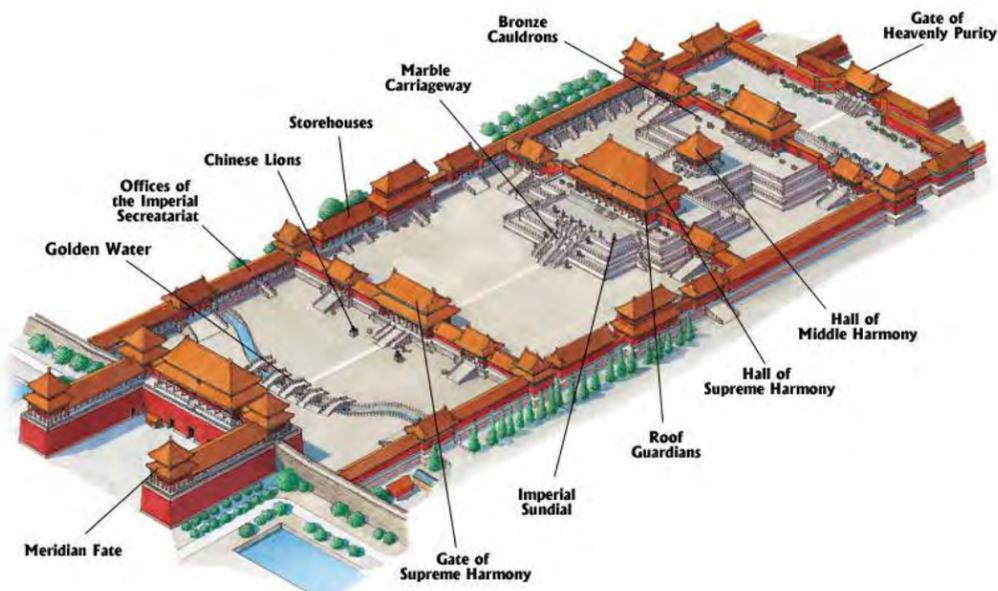
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The 'Secret City of China' also known as the 'Forbidden City' is a palace complex in central Beijing, China. It houses the palace museum and was the former Chinese imperial palace from the Ming Dynasty to the end of the Qing Dynasty from 1420 to 1912.

It served as the home of emperors and the households. This was also the ceremonial and political centre of the Chinese government for almost 500 years. It consists of 980 buildings.

And beware, because the gates close at 5 daily because of a supposed ghost that haunts the confines.

The Forbidden City sees more than 16 million visitors annually. It covers nearly 200 acres of perfectly maintained architecture and nature respectively.



**KEYWORD**

## *Just wanted to let you know...*

**Evelyn Sypien**

*Contributing writer*

I loved seeing Daniel and his little girl's picture in The Voice.

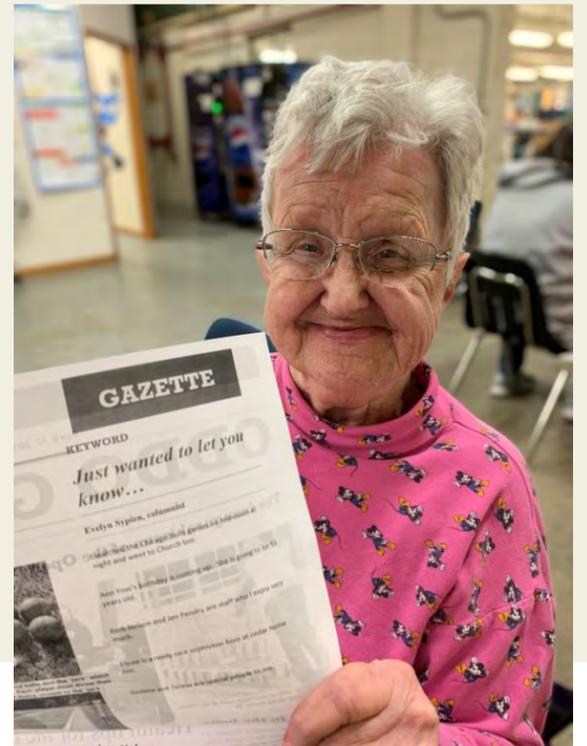
Randi does a great job at my house. I love her.

I keep a 'naughty' and a 'nice' list with me.

I hope you all make the 'nice' list for Santa.

I love Christmas time.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year too!



**KEYWORD**

## All I Want for Christmas...

**Kyle VanHise**

*Contributing writer*

Tech stuff like a new phone, a new iPad charger. Some new pants and new shirts, socks and a new scarf, like the kind you put around your neck. I want a new stereo, alarm clock. And some new DVD's like 'ER' seasons I haven't seen yet. And some new cologne, the kind you spray. I want some new gloves for winter and some new boots and shoes and new sheets because the ones I have are getting beat up. And some new video games like cop things and some new cups for drinking. And some new shampoo for my shower and I think that's it.

## Giving Thanks For All That We Are Given

**Susan Way**

*Contributing writer*

Giving thanks is not something you do just once a year, you need to give thanks all year round.

I am thankful for my religion, I am thankful that Jesus is my Savior and all that I am provided by Him.

I am thankful for my husband and all that he provides me. I am thankful that we get along so great.

I am thankful for my community. On October 17, 2019 we had a fundraiser at Culvers and I am thankful for everyone who participated and ate food there that day. I am thankful that I was able



to be involved in serving customers there. I was proud to be able to help and proud that I am a part of a great team like Open Door Rehabilitation Center.

I am thankful for my family. I love them very much and am thankful for them being by my side through all the good and the bad.

I am thankful for my work. I am thankful that I am able to work at Open Door to help pay the bills. I am lucky to be at Open Door. I like working with the Birdcrafters and I am thankful for the chance to be a part of it and learn lots of new skills.



**Valerie Nelson, shown above, working hard at the ODW building.**

### KEYWORD

## Val Nelson, a Cut Above the Rest *Celebrating a great staff member*

**Beth Martini**

*Contributing writer*

Valerie is very special to me. Every Monday through Friday when I come to work, I go see her and she puts me to work. She has special stickers that I give her during work hours. I told her that I want to be with her all the time. I told her that I love her and appreciate all that she does for me. Every time I get upset and I tell her about what is wrong, she makes me very happy with the way she helps me deal with what ever is upsetting me.

She has special bracelets that I made her and she has a jewelry box too. She always tells me that she loves me too. She is very special to me and I wanted to make sure she knew that.

### KEYWORD

## My Trip to Ashville, North Carolina

**Brian Hensley**

*Contributing writer*

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, I headed out on board Air Force One from Ohare International Airport bound for Asheville, North Carolina to see my grandmother for a week. She is 96 years young. Then I went on my way aboard Marine One to visit with my cousin for a week before her wedding day on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We had so much fun together.

I saw the Great Smokey Mountains National Park. This was my 8<sup>th</sup> time flying on my own out of town from OHare Internationl Airport.

On the first day we got to celebrate my

grandmothers 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. We had cake and lots of fun.

We went to Gaitlinburg TN after that to help my Dad's neice in their restaurant called Little House of Pancakes. I was busboy, doing dishes and helping the waitresses out and keeping very busy.

There were some family issues in the middle of the night after a long shift which left one of my family members in the hospital. We spent a good portion of our time in the waiting room and then running back and forth between hospitals. It was crazy. All is well as of now!

Overall it was a great trip. Always great to see family.



# Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

## Letter from the Editor

*Contributing writer*

We want to thank all of you for your continued reading of The ODDO Gazette. We want to apologize for the slow release of this issue as there was a lot of great content to sort through and lots of busy holiday schedules to find time for all of our staff to meet together. We are very thankful for our new computer lab and lounge that we will be able to use in 2020!

Our staff at The ODDO Gazette want to wish you all a very happy New Year and hope your Thanksgiving was filling as ever and your Christmas stockings were filled with Christmas joy. Hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Beth M, Susan W and Brian H enjoying the new computer lab.



**Thanks for reading another issue of the ODDO Gazette!**

