

**NEW JERSEY TRIVIA**

At age five, Fred Astaire (born Austerlitz) and his sister Adele, first performed in a goofy act in Keyport at a “tryout theater”. The local paper wrote, “the Astaires are the greatest child act in vaudeville.”

Long Branch was the summer home to seven U.S. presidents.

The first drive-in movie theater in the country was opened in 1933 in Camden after Richard Hollingshead conducted outdoor theater tests in his driveway in Riverton. Vineland’s Delsea Drive-in is the only one now left in the state.

There are more horses per square mile than in any other state.

Princeton and Trenton for a short period of time were two of the nine U.S. capitals.

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**COUNCIL REPORT**  
**Geno Mori**

Council met on July 8. Dave Eynon, MLRA President, was welcomed.

With regard to Council’s “Lumberton Campus Handbook” revision project, Janice Saibel mentioned that all sections should continue to be reviewed and modified, and returned to members of the groups for final review.

A paper shredder for the Community Center was requested by a resident, but it was noted that during the recent meeting with Administration, a show of hands only indicated four people with an interest. No further action will be taken at this time since there are other available options for those requiring shredding.

**JULY 2013**



It was noted that committee sponsors and their chairs have been established for the coming year. See the bulletin board for details.

To date, the Medford Leas bus has come twice to Lumberton to take residents to Wegmans. So far, only one person has taken advantage of this service, which will continue and be monitored for ridership.

During a discussion about paper usage, Dave Eynon mentioned that the number of copies of *Medford Leas Life* sent to wait list people will be reduced in the future.

There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be on Monday, September 9, at 1:30 p.m.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR JUNE**

Balance on May 31	\$4426.31
Income	1085.35
Expenses	150.55
Balance on June 30	5361.11

**MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBOR**

**Barbara Lewis**



On April 23, Ann Campbell moved to 124 Woodside Drive. She has already involved herself in community activities. Residents may have seen her walking with her

American Brittany (a rescue) named Owen. He is very friendly and well-mannered.

Ann was born in Buffalo, NY. She earned her B.A. in chemistry from Bryn Mawr College, and a doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Tennessee.

Early in her career, Ann began to use computers to analyze data, and soon found herself writing programs for other scientists as well. This led to positions in the pharmaceutical industry, providing programming support for research laboratories. In 1994 she started her own company, Foxglove Systems, to continue that work as a contractor.

She is semi-retired now, and has transitioned to doing websites for a number of (mostly environmental) nonprofit organizations. One of those is Garden State Gardens Consortium, of which the Barton Arboretum is a member; that's how she learned about Medford Leas. She and Maggie Heine-man (two webmasters) have completed a website for the Barton Arboretum and Nature Preserve. Ann also works with Friends of Great Swamp in Morris County and with the South Jersey Bayshore Coalition, among others.

Ann enjoys classical music and jazz, solving puzzles, and observing nature. She is very happy to be living in an arboretum.

**PROFOUND WORDS**

She was a whiskey maker, but he loved her still!

Two silkworms were in a race, they ended up in a tie!

I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

**Pete's Pick****SURVEYS**

It seems that whenever I am required to use a telephone to communicate with my bank, credit card company, health insurance provider or some other organization to discuss a perceived error on their part, I am asked, in advance, my willingness to participate in a "customer service survey" after the call. This request takes place following the usual litany of electronically-generated preliminary requirements ("press 1 for English," "please provide the last four numbers of your social security number," "please provide your home phone number"... ) before I am transferred to a live human.

The issue of whether or not to agree to participate in such customer service surveys always troubles me from an extremely paranoid perspective. Somehow I suspect that the service representative to whom my call will be routed will become aware of my response if I press 2 for no and that to do so might encourage him to give me an "OK, so now I don't care either" attitude. It has also occurred to me that a service manager who is seeking to boost his department's ratings might be monitoring my responses and on my refusal to participate in his survey, I will be routed to the "rookie" representative who is still learning the ropes and who will prove incapable of giving me clear answers. Hence, contrary to my better wisdom, I usually agree to participate in the survey.

So after choosing the "survey" option and then arguing my complaint with the service representative (invariably I am pro-

ven wrong), and the call is over, I am required to go through an exhausting litany of rating questions:

- "On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest, how well have we answered your inquiry?"
- "Using the same scale, how would you rate the service that you have received today?"
- "Using the same scale, how would you rate the courtesy of the service representative?"...

... And on and on the survey goes.

I remember that on one rare occasion I actually won a dispute with a credit card company representative. I wanted to give him a superior rating for his concessions, so I rewarded him by pressing 1 for all of the survey questions.

After all, isn't 1 higher than 5?

—Pete McCord

**THANKFULLY, BUSINESS AS USUAL**

**Vince Menzel**

In last month's *Chronicle* article titled "Looking Back" by Herb Heineman, Herb announced that he is passing our community newsletter's editorship gavel to me effective with this issue. I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank Herb for all he has done for the community over the past ten years as *The Chronicle's* editor. As Herb mentioned, for four of those years, he worked alone, until Ruth Gage joined him, thus lightening the load. Doing all the work by himself was a major commitment of time; Herb's dedication kept the issues flowing each month.

I would also like to thank Herb for personally supporting me over the past 2½ years as a member of his team. Like Herb ten years ago, I also did not have relevant experience. Although I had written countless management reports, proposals, strategy and planning papers, technical documents, and the like during 40 years in corporate software development and management roles, the creative process and editing techniques of a newsletter were foreign to me. But Herb made the transition easy by patiently showing me the ropes. After completing two “practice issues,” which were reviewed by Herb and Ruth, I was able to confidently say to myself “I’m ready,” although I knew I would be continually learning.

I would be remiss if I failed to also mention the additional support I have received from Ruth and Lynn Ware.

Ruth, like Herb, has always been there when I needed advice to get the job done. Her previous experience as an editor and writer, and her practical approach to problem solving, have been invaluable.

Lynn has not only kept us well-stocked in wonderful front-page designs and interesting feature photos, but has personally given me sound advice on a number of occasions when I was unsure of the “best way to go.”

Thankfully, Herb will continue working with us – it will thus be business as usual for *The Chronicle*. After 2½ years of fun with the team, I look forward to many more.

I also would like to take the opportunity to ask residents for suggestions on how to make *The Chronicle* even more enjoyable and informative for our readers. All ideas, as well as any submissions on topics of

readership’s likely interest, would be appreciated. The editors’ email addresses are on the last page of every issue – or if preferred, just give one of us a call to discuss. Thanks in advance for your support.

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**LEAS FORUM**  
**Barbara Trought**

Programs will be presented in the Theater on the Medford campus on Saturdays at 11 a.m.

*July 27*

“Forgotten History of the Greatest Thoroughbred Race Track of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.” Local historian Dave Smith will present the story of Helis Stock Farm and its origins as Rancocas Farm, an American thoroughbred horse racing stud farm and racing stable located on Monmouth Road (County Road 537) in the Jobstown section of Springfield Township, Burlington County. In the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, tobacco magnate Pierre Lorillard built his stable into one of the premier thoroughbred breeding and training operations in the United States. Some of the original buildings remain, including an indoor race track. Horses from Jobstown went on to win important races in the U.S. and Europe. Dave’s PowerPoint retells the history.

*August 10*

“Tales of a Park Ranger.” Meet Marilyn Loftus, Dining Services Hostess, as she shares the little-known facts, the adven-

tures, and the funny stories that she knows from her 18 years as a National Park Service Ranger. Her presentation will take us to some of the locations where she served: Independence National Historical Park, Biscayne National Park, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, and more.

*August 24*

“Robert Mills, Quaker Architect.” Attendant Marissa Bozarth peels back the layers of history of the Historic Burlington County Prison Museum located in the heart of Mount Holly. The Burlington County Prison Museum is a National Historic Landmark located in historic Mount Holly. Designed by Robert Mills, one of America’s first native-born and trained architects, the Burlington County Prison was completed in 1811. One of Robert Mills’ first designs as an independent architect, the interior vaulted ceilings of poured concrete and brick and stone construction made the building virtually fireproof. This structure was a fine example of innovative interior planning and the growing notion of social responsibility to rehabilitate criminals.

*September 14*

“The Middle East of Today, from Yesterday.” The Rev. Christopher Doyle, pastor of Union Presbyterian in Carneys Point, NJ, was a missionary in the Middle East from 1992 to 2005. The presentation will focus on some of the major historical events in the Middle East from the dawning of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, to the Holocaust of the 1930s and 1940s and the

Intifada of the late 1980s and 1990s. Discussion will then center on how these events actually tie together and have created the sometimes messy reality that we see in our local newscasts. Mr. Doyle hopes and expects that this will be a discussion instead of a lecture.

*September 28*

“The Personalities of Great Scientists.” Dr. Daniel Bubb, Professor and Chair, Department of Physics, Rutgers-Camden, will focus on the important ideas that have shaped modern physics and the role that imagination and creativity have played in furthering our understanding of the world. Three scientists, Albert Einstein, Richard Feynman, and Emmy Noether, perceived the world with characteristic economy of thought and followed simple deductions to astonishing conclusions. We will examine their work and discuss what it still means today.

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## **TECH NOTES** **Martin Klaver**

from Martin’s blog [snrtech.org](http://snrtech.org)



*The Tip of the Music Iceberg*

We seniors sometimes see only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the vast resources of internet and post-PC tablets.

This happened to me the other day. I had thrown out most of my old LPs, had kept my favorites, but had not played them in ages. I pulled out a few to play.

My player was not working. It needed a new turntable belt. It was only then that it occurred to me that I might find the music on the internet. It also occurred to me that I might be able to find the music of some old 78s long gone.

I especially remember three or four albums we played at home. We did not have very many and it was a big event when we got one. It would be nice to hear them again. In fact, some of the old 78s are still in my memory so that any other performances don't seem right, such as Artur Schnabel's recording of Beethoven's 2nd piano concerto. I tried the biggest and most underused resource. This is Internet Archive, and it includes a vast wealth of all kinds of media including books and movies. Everything is free.

Sure enough, I found most of the 78 albums from the 1930s. Indeed, I found a huge repository of music recorded in the 1930s, more than I ever dreamed existed, far more than ever appeared in the record stores.

I could actually find many more items from the artists and composers I liked. The sound was better than I expected and in most cases had been cleaned up from 78s. I downloaded a lot for later listening. Then I looked at Amazon and found another wealth of music.

I found some vast collections of the major composers for only a few dollars each and recorded with modern equipment. In addition I was able to home in on the best recordings by reading the comments on Amazon. I had not thought to tap the resources mainly because I had found so much on Spotify.

Then also, there is a vast library of music on YouTube, which I sometimes use.

I put all these resources together and reconstructed a library of the music I like the best plus a lot of music new to me. This now supplements all the good music I have found on Pandora based on my pre-existing likes and dislikes.

I put the new music on an eight-gigabyte USB stick which plugs in to my HD Radio and gives me instant access from a remote without pulling out an old LP at all. I also made the music available on my tablets to listen to anywhere, such as in the fitness room during exercise. My new music library is accessible anywhere on Amazon's cloud player.

I can throw out the rest of the old LPs now as I long ago threw out the moldy old 78s. And I can access any of this music without going to any trouble at all, and without pulling out and loading a scratchy but delicate LP on a fussy player.

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### **PICK-UP DATES**

August trash and recycling pickups will be held on a normal schedule.

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## SPECIAL SECTION

### ANNUAL REPORTS

#### RESIDENTS COUNCIL

The Council has worked throughout the year to ensure that our residents continue to enjoy a harmonious and well-maintained, Lumberton campus and that we meld smoothly with the Medford campus.

When our dear Bill LeConey resigned, we asked Don Kocher to serve out the remainder of Bill's term. Don brought his wisdom and experience to the Council. He revitalized the "Solid as a Rock" tradition of presenting each past president with a paperweight-sized rock with his/her name and years of service on it.

Hurricane Sandy left one side of Woodside Drive without power. However, soon neighbors were helping neighbors and demonstrating once again what a caring community we live in. In the aftermath of the storm a displaced family from Long Beach Island was able to use a vacant home for temporary shelter, and we supported a clothing drive for shore families.

With regret we accepted the resignation of Claire Engle and thanked her for her service. Bill Beitel finished her term and was elected to the 2013-2015 Council along with John Speirs and Barbara Stiles. In addition, Don Kocher and Vince Menzel leave Council, but Vince fortunately will remain as Communications Committee Chair. Vince also led a multi-committee effort to develop a "New Residents Communication Process," which documented the process steps and information flow from the Administration through relevant committees.

During the year the Community Center and the Arboretum trails have hosted Pathways Programs, bringing friends, old and new, to our campus.

At the bi-monthly meetings with Administration, Jeremy Vickers, CEO, discussed the various living options at Medford Leas and, receptive to our need to know, explained the Lumberton Township tax increase. Together with Bill Murphy, he showed us the plans for expansion of the Haddon and Estaugh Buildings.

During the holiday season we again collected items for Crossroads, a Burlington County program targeting at-risk youth; we also supported the Employee Appreciation Fund for all Medford Leas employees. Our Lumberton Community Services Fund Drive supported local community services vital to us all.

Recently, committees were asked to submit requests for funds for the coming year. The Treasurer consolidated these requests into a 2013-2014 budget, which was approved by Council, and then by the membership at the Annual Meeting. To cover the budget, an activity fee per resident is generated. The current fee is less than in previous years due mainly due to decreased expenses for *The Chronicle*.

Council and resident volunteers have started work to consolidate the small yellow Lumberton Campus Handbook, last updated in 2006, and the Council's background/policy papers into one document. It will be in notebook format – more accessible and easily updated.

My personal thanks to each member of Council, each committee chair, and all committee members for their dedication to their duties. We look forward to the new year with enthusiasm.

Janice Saibel, President

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Below are reports from chairs of three of our subcommittees. I would like to thank the three chairs, as well as Charlie Morrow, Campus Mail Subcommittee chair, and

their teams for a terrific job throughout the year. If Charlie were to write a report, I suspect it might begin with “Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow. . . ” Many thanks to all!

Vince Menzel, Chair

### *Chronicle Subcommittee*

The most important event in the past year was the introduction of an electronic edition of *The Chronicle*, which made its debut in January 2013. As an alternative to print copy it has found increasing favor among readers. Approximately half of Lumberton campus households, as well as a number of off-campus readers, are now on our mailing list. The number grows steadily as new residents move in and established residents convert. E-recipients enjoy many advantages: speed (beating print copy by up to a week), home delivery, and color. The printing costs saved add up to a sizable reduction in *The Chronicle's* budget: \$1413 for 2012-2013, \$810 for 2013-2014. Readers may, of course, sign up for an electronic copy at any time, and we urge all to consider doing so.

I have stepped back after exactly ten years as editor of *The Lumberton Campus Chronicle* (originally *Lumberton Leas News*) and passed the editorship to Vince Menzel. However, I'm too attached to the newsletter and my team members to let go altogether, so I'll continue to edit four issues per year. More detail can be found in the article “Looking Back” in the June issue.

With love and gratitude to all who make *The Chronicle* so much fun to produce,

Herb Heineman, Outgoing Editor

P.S. I'd list Vince Menzel, Ruth Gage, and Lynn Ware as co-authors of this report, but I prefer to dedicate it to them.

### *Clusters Subcommittee*

Our campus is divided into eight clusters. The cluster leader takes on the fun task of initiating cluster social events, sharing information about neighbors, and helping new residents with questions as they move

Last October, Hurricane Sandy revealed how important the cluster system is for gathering and sharing information. The Medford Leas staff did a wonderful job making sure that both campuses were safe, and residents who did not want to stay in their homes had a safe place to stay. But by the end of the storm Lumberton residents learned that many of their neighbors were without electricity and PSE&G stated it would be for a week. The cluster leaders wanted to help. The whole community became involved very quickly. Since odd-numbered homes did not lose power, those neighbors willingly made available their guest rooms, showers, and other electricity-dependent comforts. Several neighbors held dinners the first night for their even-numbered neighbors. Electricity was restored after an outage of about 20 hours. Creative solutions were developed to help residents share electricity and save freezers full of fruits and vegetables from the recent summer's bounty.

During the rest of the year, our leaders socialized in ways that worked for their respective clusters. Some events introduced new neighbors into the community and said farewell to moving residents. But best of all, the cluster leaders and the eight cluster neighborhoods kept the community spirit going strong.

Judy Atwood, Cluster Coordinator

### *Resident Directory Subcommittee*

Our process has worked well over the past year. Six “new resident” items were



prepared for *The Chronicle* – bios by Barbara Lewis and photos by Barbara Degler, which were then forwarded to Lynn Ware for formatting for the Resident Directory template. A color page was printed for the Master Directory, which resides in the Community Center.

Following issuance of *The Chronicle*, copies of the Resident Directory page were copied for distribution to all residents, using our copier's lighten/darken feature to achieve the best possible overall photo/text quality.

Residents can publish an updated bio and/or photo by emailing the item(s) to Lynn Ware at [lynnandridge@verizon.net](mailto:lynnandridge@verizon.net). Requests will be handled on a best-effort basis – first come, first served. The new page will be inserted in the “Master Directory” and in those issued to new residents.

Mary Noll, Chair

## COMMUNITY CENTER

The Community Center continues to be an invaluable asset for our residents, as we enjoy social contact, fitness, small group meetings, cluster parties, movies, seminars, and residents' private events.

Our foyer and bulletin boards have been looking quite “spiffy.” Special thanks to Charlie and Shirley Morrow, who do a fine job of maintaining the bulletin boards.

The Reservations Subcommittee is kept busy coordinating the calendar, as we welcome outside groups, including Friendship Force International, Boy Scouts, Cubbies, the Mount Holly Garden Club, the Ranocas Conservancy, the Mystery Book Club, and the Natural Sciences Club. Medford Leas Administration uses the Community Center for conducting occasional programs for Pathways. Thank you to Tom Krainik and his team for their excellent work in keeping the calendars organized.

Following the fall and spring building audits, Medford Leas Administration provided additional folding chairs and card tables and buffed the Great Room floor. Interior touchup painting was also completed. The exterior staining of the building has been delayed until this season, and Bill Murphy, Director of Operations, has told us that a contractor has been selected. New flooring in the storage area adjacent to the kitchen has just been completed, and minor alterations are expected to make better use of that space.

Special thanks this year go to Dave Swartz, former Community Center chair, who continues to be active with this committee. Thanks also to Phyllis Pere as kitchen coordinator, and to Ethel Cebra for taking care of the hanging flower baskets in the summer and fall months.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Community Center chair this year; during the 2013-2014 year, Jane Bartram will join me as co-chair.

Linda Gaylord, Chair

## Art Gallery Subcommittee

The purpose of the Art Gallery Committee is to enhance the Community Center with fine art by residents and other local artists. The hallway leading to the Fitness Center has been established as a gallery. Artwork on loan has been hung in other areas of the center. During the past year, the following exhibits have been mounted in the gallery:

November-January: acrylics by Ruth Skowronek.

February-April: five different artists with a variety of mediums by “The Philly Five.”

May-July: nature photos by Joe Costanza.

Eve Robinson, Chair

## LIBRARY

The Lumberton Campus Library, functioning since the year 2000, is a popular asset for our residents. To borrow a book, a resident need only indicate the title, date, and his/her house number. When returning the book, a check mark must be placed next to the title to show that it has been returned; and the book must be left on the small shelf between the two large bookcases. Our committee members divide up the days of the week, each claiming one day to be responsible for checking in and shelving the returned books.

Residents who wish to donate a book are asked to leave it on the small shelf so it can be recorded on a special donation page and properly shelved. Both hardcover and paperback books may be donated. During the past year 129 books were donated.

Our shelves have filled up quite a bit. In mid-July we will have our annual "culling day" to slim them down. We will probably choose a publication date of 2005 or 2006 as cutoff for further donations, to be decided definitely at the time of our meeting. Books pulled from the shelves will be donated to the Medford Leas book sale in the fall and to the AAUW.

Joan Alderfer suggested several months ago that we allow residents to donate and take older or current issues of magazines. She has placed one basket under the back bulletin board of the lobby and another upstairs near the elevator. Anyone should feel free to keep any of the magazines.

There is also a variety of jigsaw puzzles to be borrowed or adopted; they can be found under the copier table upstairs in the library.

We thank all our volunteers for their faithful work in keeping our library a well-functioning part of our community.

The Library Committee requested no money for the coming year's budget,

although we will probably make a small request for the following year.

Lori Haworth, Chair

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### *Book Club Subcommittee*

The Book Club is open to all residents. We are a casual group. If you miss one or more meetings, that's no problem.

In October we read *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson. It covers 1932-1936 in Germany. An American ambassador and his family go to Germany at the behest of President Roosevelt. (No one else wants to go during the Nazi party's rise to power.)

November found us reading a classic, *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather. Two young French priests leave Paris and travel to the American Southwest to become missionaries.

*The Pride of Baghdad* is a modern graphic novel by Brian K. Vaughan. "Graphic" means the story is told in picture and word form, similar to comic books.

*A Crack in the Edge of the World* by Simon Winchester was February's choice. The subtitle is *America and the Great Earthquake of 1906*. This is an amazing book of geological information.

Jodi Picoult is the author of many books. Our March choice was *Lone Wolf*, the story of a man who became like a wolf in order to understand and communicate with them.

In April we reprised *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen, which we had read in 2008. It is the story of a circus train set in the 1930s.

May's selection was Geraldine Brooks' *People of the Book*. A young woman from Australia is asked to conserve an ancient Jewish Haggadah.

Our final book for this year was *The Memory of Running* by Ron McLarty. This

was a surprising book in which many lives were changed by the man who was “running” across the country on his bike.

You can tell from the above report that we read a wide variety of books, and have a good time doing it. You are welcome to join us the third Wednesday of the month from October to June at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Center conference room.

Barbara Lewis, Chair

## **POOL AND FITNESS**

This has been a good year for this committee without significant problems. Attendance has been consistently good with a standout month in May of 1,048 attendees for all activities. Events during the year were the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Bear Dip and the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Ann Naulty Diner Walk. About fifteen actually went into the pool on a cool cloudy day for the Polar Bear Dip, but many more were there to enjoy the festivities and food. The Ann Naulty Diner Walk was attended by about forty people from both campuses. Part of the proceeds from this event goes to the Reserve Fund. Since this has been a cool and rainy spring, attendance at the pool classes has been less than last year, but those attending have been consistent. New this year has been the walking stick program on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. This has been suspended until cooler weather in the fall.

Please remember to sign in to whatever events or area you are using as these numbers justify the costs to Medford Leas.

Barbara Degler, Chair

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Festive July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic...exciting Olympic Games finale potluck...Busy as Bees event publicizing committee's themes for the coming months...authentic Oktoberfest din-

ing...Rancocas Valley Chorale singing holiday music for a splendid, festive cocktail party...clever and hilarious Pretty Aprons and Ugly Ties dinner...a Bingo evening with eager Girl Scouts and steaming soup...talented, professional flute and guitar duo for Saint Patrick's Day celebration...annual, delicious Spring Brunch in the Holly Room on the Medford campus...glorious indoor Memorial Day picnic.

Charged with developing enticing opportunities for community interaction, the committee relishes the challenge by creating informal dinners ten months of the year, such as those listed above for the past season. Each month a small subcommittee of two or three members chooses a theme, designs clever invitations and an eye-catching poster, decides beautiful decorations for the Great Room or Holly Room, designates a floor plan for food and guest tables to efficiently move 60 to 99 people about the room, and plans a program for the event.

Past community surveys indicate residents enjoy hearing about one another's life experiences. Potluck dinners are the favorites, probably due to the delicious varieties of food generously shared by everyone.

Twenty-five residents compose the committee, and we are always eager to add new members who bring helping hands, useful talents, and myriads of experiences to incorporate. Come join us!

The Social Activities Committee shares a \$1,500 budget with the Welcome Subcommittee and Bridge Groups. Biodegradable cups, bowls, and plates continue to be purchased for our events. Bill Murphy sends the Medford Leas work crew to set up and take down furniture at no cost to the committee.

Sue Kuhn, Chair

## TECHNOLOGY

The Technology Committee continued to provide support for electronic equipment at the Community Center for residents and outside groups. Included are copier, fax, computer, printer, audiovisual equipment (including projector), and low vision equipment. Resident groups and events that were provided help included monthly Social Activities Committee events, cluster parties and movie nights, and the CEO's bi-monthly conversations.

Outside groups who received assistance include, among others, Friendship Force, Mount Holly Garden Club, Burlington County Natural Sciences Club, West Jersey Rose Society, and Rancocas Conservancy.

Dave Bartram, Chair

## TENNIS

The Lumberton campus tennis players joined forces with the Medford campus players for an active indoor winter season at Arrowhead Tennis Club in Medford. Sign-up emails were sent monthly to tennis players on both campuses. Some 30 players expressed interest; however, due to travel and other priorities, we only had between one and three courts on Tuesdays and Thursdays from November through March. The integrated program provided tennis players from the two campuses the opportunity to become better acquainted with each other.

In April we began outdoor play at Lumberton on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. With the cool weather, we began play at 1:00 p.m. In May, we began at 9:00 a.m.; and earlier now in the summer months. We continue to look forward to the usual good turnout from both campuses.

Lefty Alderfer, Chair

## TRAILS AND SITE

I joined the Trails and Site Committee last July. Louise Tompkins and Alan Gaylord had resigned. There were plenty of good workers, but none willing to chair. So here I am; I love the job, which mostly consists of keeping track of what the good workers are doing – and there is a lot to be done! I contact Jim Wolosin about what we need from Medford Leas.

During the course of the past year our committee has worked along the perimeter path and clipped back and painted aggressive weeds with herbicide. Huge poison ivy vines at the end of the Rancocas Trail were felled with an axe. We walk all the trails picking up litter.

Don Davis and Art Hartwig will be taking a chainsaw to the trunks of fallen trees that now obstruct paths. Twenty-five wooden rails arrived from Medford Leas just one day after Jim Suplee had placed the order. They will be put into place ASAP. Judy Norcross is back in town and is ready to resume work on the trail signs.

*Since the August 30 meeting.* A message from Louise Tompkins about end-of-season garden cleanup was forwarded to the gardeners. Miriam and Bob Wells of the Morris Arboretum completed the identification of all the street trees on Woodside Drive. Soon an order will be placed with Medford Leas for signs. The meadow was mowed and members pulled weeds and sprayed whatever invasives around the perimeter path could be reached.

The Rancocas Conservancy's annual meeting was held here and a few of their members went on trail walks led by group members.

In August 2012 and April 2013 Judy Norcross led creek-cleaning trips. A photo of the April 20 expedition appeared in the May issue of *The Chronicle*.

So now it's June 2013. The fence has new

rails and posts; the patch of weeds next to the farm has been replaced with grass; and Ken Hutz, a marvelous arborist, now takes care of the pruning. Our street trees will be identified with signs like those on the main campus – but not on every tree. Because of the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Group, led by Dave Bartram, eventually all the trees in the landscaped areas of this campus will have tags with unique IDs which will be identified through the GIS system.

Some jobs just go on, year after year. There's trail maintenance, weeding the bank behind the Community Center, battles against Asian bittersweet and ailanthus, and bridge repair.

We didn't do any planning for resident trail walks last August, or at any time since. It seems to me that "how do we get residents to come?" onto our wonderful trails might well be our top priority for 2013-2014.

Maggie Heineman, Chair

### *Meadow Subcommittee*

Dear Interested Meadow People,

As you know, two sprayings took place last summer and fall. About 80% of the mugwort is gone from the meadow. The Arboretum Committee has authorized two additional sprayings for this summer to get rid of the rest of this plant. Mr. O'Brien, who sprayed last year, will do it again. His timetable for the first spray will be late July/early August, and the second will be three weeks later. Next year will see a significant difference!!! Hopefully the 20% will be gone. The good news is the Arboretum Committee is committed to the improvement of our meadow.

Miriam Swartz, Chair

## **TROOP COORDINATOR**

As Scoutmaster of Troop 22 and Advisor of Crew 22, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lumberton campus community and Medford Leas for allowing us use of their facility throughout the year. We are sincerely grateful to have a good working relationship with the community.

Troop 22 and Venture Crew 22 have been involved in various activities this past year. Both the Troop and the Crew participated in both social and service activities. Below is a summary of these activities. With your support and use of the Lumberton Community Center, we have been able to hold numerous functions.

In addition to the weekly meetings, three Courts of Honor were held in recognition of those boys who attained the rank of Eagle Scout. The Medford Leas community benefited from one of these Eagle Scouts' project. He enhanced the safety of residents by repairing and building walkways on the walking trails in Medford Leas.

The Troop and the Crew participated in many service activities with numerous local organizations.

The Troop and Crew are looking forward to an ongoing positive partnership with Medford Leas and the Lumberton campus community, continuing to provide support as needed. It has been a pleasure to be involved with your fine organization.

Dr. Bill Green, Scoutmaster

## **WOODSHOP**

The Woodshop has continued to be a busy place. Nine projects for residents were completed between June 2012 and May 2013, generating deposits of \$103. These projects included expert knife sharpening, lamp rewiring, chair and table repairs, and support shelf construction and installation.

There were also special projects like the plaque honoring past Council presidents, a "Council Rock" holder shelf, and a case and shelf for the gift clock presented by the Muslim group we hosted for a trail walk. A new large easel was also constructed to support a poster for the photo note cards offered by the Gift Shop on the main campus; this easel is multi-use and can be borrowed.

The local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts have utilized our equipment and skills for cutting out racecar patterns for some of their activities. We used the power tools most of the time, except where the age and maturity of the child, as well as parental permission, allowed them to use the band-saw (with very close supervision by us).

In addition, we have supported the continuing renovations at Kirby's Mill.

The Holiday Craft Fair was supported by the rebuilding of the original twenty poster holders and the construction of twenty new holders for the signs seen just prior to the event. We also supported the Fair by the construction of many useful and artistic objects. It is worth noting that about thirty large bags of turnings and shavings were spread over the walking trails to retard weed growth and avoid adding them to the local landfill. The Medford Leas Woodshop has also provided support for our trails by pointing handrail posts.

Our donation activities, funded primarily through craft item sales, included continuing support of the Reserve Fund at Medford Leas. To date, through the Holiday Craft Fair, over \$7500 has been given to this Fund.

Art Hartwig, Chair

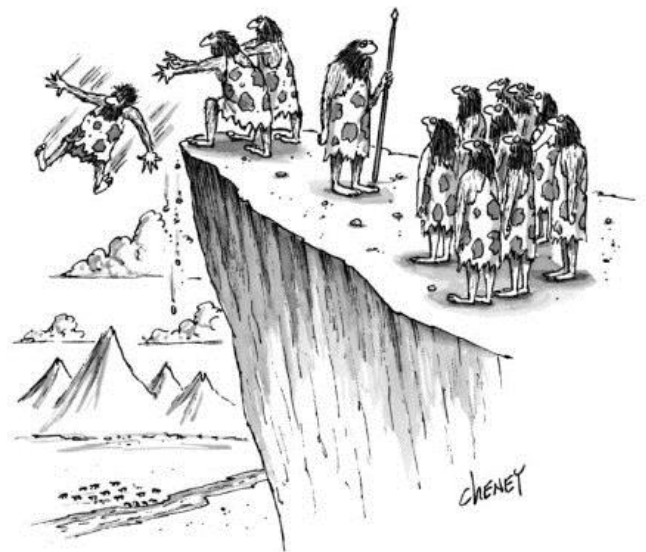
**END OF SPECIAL SECTION**

*Thinkers' Corner*



*Cartoons*

This month's cartoon:



Write your caption:

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

Last month's cartoon:



Last month's captions:

*“Actually, Mama and Momma are getting divorced. I’d love to set you up on a date with Momma – you’d be a great couple.”*

*“I am well aware of where to put my apostrophe, but thanks for asking.”*

*“No, it **is** true that my Mom has green hair.”*

*“But I have two moms.”*

*“Dad keeps on bringing new moms home.”*

## For the Eagle-Eyed

How many differences can you spot between these pictures (from the June issue)?



Differences:

- number of trees
- presence of sun
- number of birds
- surfboard design
- vendor's shirt
- vendor's dog in left arm
- vendor's patch on right arm
- car grill design
- car hood ornament
- car bumper ornament or horn
- **one more difference TBD.** If a reader can find and report it to one of the editors, you will be recognized in the next issue as “Eagle-eyed Resident of the Month”.

## Riddles

What English word has three consecutive double letters?

Write your answer:

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

*I drive men mad for love of me; I am easily beaten, but never free.*

Write your answer:

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

## *A Photo from Lynn's Friends*



*Hello there! Is anyone home?*

*The Lumberton Campus Chronicle* is a monthly publication featuring articles, poems, and other works by residents of Medford Leas at Lumberton and others. Subject matter is not limited to our community; it only needs to make good reading for our residents. The date of each issue is timed to include the report of the Council meeting, which is held on the second Monday of the month. Next deadline for submissions is Friday, August 16. Email your submissions to the editors: vince267@gmail.com, hsheineman@gmail.com, and ruthbgpersonal@comcast.net. **We cannot accept handwritten, typed, faxed, or printed copy.**

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