

May 15, 1856 was the birthday of L. Frank Baum, author of THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ — so the date is called “Over the Rainbow Day.” Research reveals an interesting history of the man, as well as obscure facts and theories about the beloved children’s book.

Not only was Baum an incredibly prolific writer, he was frequently involved with the theater. In 1902 he joined a group which produced a musical stage version called “The Wizard of Oz” which had a successful Broadway run. The stage version differed quite a bit from the book, and was aimed primarily at adults. Apparently Baum had little control, and many changes were against his wishes—especially explicit references to President Theodore Roosevelt, Senator Mark Hanna and oil magnate John D. Rockefeller.

There was speculation that the novel was an extended allegory of the politics and characters of the 1890s. However, Baum always maintained that his books were written to please children and generate income for his family.

## ODE TO MAY

What is so sweet and dear  
As a prosperous morn in May,  
The confident prime of the day,  
And the dauntless youth of the year,  
When nothing that asks for bliss,  
Asking aright is denied,  
And half of the world a bridegroom is,  
And half of the world a bride?

~Sir William Watson, 1894

## COUNCIL REPORT

**Geno Mori**

Annual committee reports are due June 1. They should be done electronically, and forwarded to Vince Menzel, committee sponsors, and the president.

The next meeting with Administration is scheduled for June 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

Ken Hutz, arborist, will be on the Lumberton Campus over the next month or so to work on various tasks to improve specimen trees and shrubs.

Recycling for the Memorial Day holiday will be on Tuesday, May 27, and trash will be collected on Wednesday May 28.



Window washing is to be rescheduled. Residents will be notified of the new dates.

The annual *Ann Naulty Diner Walk* is scheduled for May 29 and will begin at the Community Center at 8:30 a.m. before proceeding to the diner. You may walk or ride in the Medford Leas bus all or part of the way, as needed.

The next council meeting will be June 9 at 1:30 p.m.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR APRIL**

Balance on March 31	\$7822.05
Income	893.74
Expenses	5039.88
Balance on April 30	\$3675.91

**MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBORS**

**Barbara Lewis**



Nancy (Ragan) and James McIntyre have lived at 215 Woodside Drive since March 18. They previously lived in Medford for 13 years. Their four-year-old dog, Savannah, accompanied them here.

Nancy was born and raised in Upper Darby, PA. After high school, she entered the business world and had a career as an administrative assistant in the various places that she has lived. She worked in banking, commercial real estate, a major Houston legal firm, and for the New York Times as an editorial assistant in their magazine division, to mention just a few positions.

Jim was born in Scotland, raised in England, and after graduation from school was accepted for pre-sea training at the School of Navigation/Southampton University, followed by a three year, three month apprenticeship with Furness Withy as a deck apprentice. Upon completion of his apprenticeship he sat for his second mate's license. After that, he went back to sea as third and second mate with shell tankers. For a time with Furness, Jim worked on cruise ships where he met Nancy; they were married in 1966.

By this time Jim had obtained his legal resident papers to stay in the US and had worked for the British Government at the UK Mission to the United Nations in New York City. He then decided to return to the shipping industry, working as a tanker broker in New York, as a sales manager for a chemical tanker company in New York and Houston, Texas and finally in Connecticut with Stolt Nielsen, a Norwegian shipowner until retirement in 2001.

For their careers and for fun, Jim and Nancy have traveled the globe: US, Canada, South America, Australia, New Zealand, and most countries in the Far East, including a memorable business trip to China.

Jim and fellow resident, Joe Jordan, travel to Philadelphia regularly as they both are members of the Philadelphia Ship Model Society and participate in manning the Society's Model Shop at the Independence Seaport Museum.

Nancy and Jim are happy with their spacious new home and the acquaintances that are rapidly becoming friends.

**TECH SUPPORT**

Tech Support: What kind of computer do you have?  
 Customer: A white one.

**Pete's Pick****LIFE WITHOUT A WATCH**

The last occasion that I wore a watch was on my final day in a courtroom. The next day I was retired and for the first time in my adult life I found no need for a timepiece.

Courts of law, like most businesses, operate on rather precise schedules. Proceedings start at 9:00 a.m., usually break for coffee at around 10:30, resume at 11:00, and then break for lunch at 12:30. Trials resume at 1:30 p.m. and last until 4:00. Everybody is expected to be on time, and lawyers who deviate face rebuke, if not sanction.

But life in retirement, and certainly life in a village like ours in which most of us are no longer employed, creates a rhythm of its own. Time matters little unless you are obligated to be on time for an appointment or some other scheduled event. And while I no longer find need for a watch, the outside world continues to reflect its adherence to clocks and scheduled precision, and I am frequently reminded of time's passage as the day progresses.

Usually I rise at first light. For me it seems to be a reasonable hour to get out of bed. It is the favored time for birdlife, and you may sometimes find me wandering about on our perimeter paths with my binoculars. And no, I am not peering in your windows, although at dawn I sometimes watch great horned owls perched on the roofs of your houses, along with other birds that use the peaks at this time of year to stake out their territories with early morning vocalizations.

At 6:15 Geri, our faithful deliverer of journals arrives, throwing your morning reading material from the window of her car onto your driveway. My Wall Street Journal arrives in a red sleeve. A neigh-

bor's New York Times is tossed in a blue sleeve, while the Philadelphia Inquirer is delivered in see-through opaque. Is she making a political statement? Who knows? But I always receive my preferred journal.

Each Tuesday (except when a holiday falls on the Monday or Tuesday before at which point it gets somewhat confusing) the Lumberton trash truck comes at 7:30 a.m. Its arrival is noisy, and I wonder how those who are still in bed manage to sleep through it. For those who have not witnessed the procedure, a large claw like device emerges from the side of an orange truck and embraces your green trash receptacle, thrusting it upward into the bowels of the truck before it is returned to the curb. When I first moved here the trucks were designed or programmed so that they returned the receptacle's lid in a closed position. But in the last year this has not been happening. I suppose that for residents who manage to sleep though the procedure the "lid open" return might be preferred to signal to them when they awaken that their trash has been collected. But I prefer the "lid closed" return since when it rains and the lid is open my cart often becomes filled with water before I have opportunity to roll it back into the garage. Did we ever vote on that? Perhaps this is a matter that Council should take up with the Township Committee.

My first "people sightings" usually occur around 7:00 a.m., when two-legged neighbors accompany their four-legged companions to attend to the morning's necessities. If it is raining or cold outside, my resolve to never burden myself in this manner becomes renewed, although I will admit that I enjoy the company of Sadie, my grandchildren's dog, when she stays with me while her family is away.

At 9:00 a.m. the Fed Ex man arrives, stopping at the houses of those who have made e-commerce purchases. Unlike the

UPS guy, who arrives at 9:30 a.m., the Fed Ex man never runs to my door. But I suppose that if I, like the UPS guy, were made to drive around in a brown truck and dress in a brown uniform to deliver brown boxes, I wouldn't want to make myself too visible. Also noteworthy is that the UPS driver always (company policy) shuts off the truck motor when he stops. And then there is that trademark sliding sound when he rolls the door open and scampers out with my package – returning to the truck, slamming the sliding door, and starting it up again with that unmistakable grinding sound that only UPS ignitions make.

The first real signs of “life” around these parts, at least on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, are the parade of cars at 8:25 a.m. transporting their occupants to the Community Center for exercise class. Why do residents, including me, usually drive to the Community Center to get “fit?”

Burt Lao, our faithful mail carrier, arrives around 11:00 a.m., except on his day off, which is Wednesday, when the substitute arrives later in the afternoon. He still comes on Saturdays, but if we insist on emailing each other, we may not see him until Monday.

And thus my days here at Lumberton Leas unfold with patterned sights and sounds to remind me of time's passing without necessity for the wristwatch that once governed my days.

So how, you might ask, have I chronicled all of the times that have become subject to today's “Pick?” Yes, there is a clock in my sun porch. And as I now glance at it I see that it is 5:00 p.m. So I must beg your indulgence and excuse myself since I am reminded that the awaited hour for sipping a bourbon cocktail has finally arrived.

## DO YOU RECOGNIZE ANYONE?



*Answers later in this issue*

## BOOK CLUB

**Barbara Lewis**

On Wednesday, April 16, the Book Club met to share members' interesting latest reading experiences or long-ago favorites as we have encountered them in our reading lives.

Book Club members presented a wide variety of literature including novels, biographies, descriptions of recent events, exposés revealed by investigative reporting, poetry, mysteries and short stories. We were fascinated by the discussion of such a wide range of interests within our group. One of the books was about Hillary Clinton's travels in the Middle East while Secretary of State; another about the experiences of Ann Morrow Lindberg as *The Aviator's Wife*. One of our group follows articles by a particular writer for *The Philadelphia Inquirer* newspaper and recommended them to the rest of us.

We heard about an interesting biographical novel about early women abolitionists who were in the forefront of the movement and the struggles they encountered in *The Invention of Wings*.

Another fascinating read on that topic was *The Good Lord Bird* about John Brown. Then there are the always interesting country tales of Flannery O'Connor and Alan Alda's story of his own early life with vaudeville parents.

Just before we finished, we talked about next year. It was suggested that over the summer we all reread (maybe read for the first time) *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell. All in attendance agreed to this. It will be our classic for the 2014-2015 year.

A Reminder: The June meeting is on June 18 – not the date on your calendar for the Book Club year. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING**

Single stream recycling will begin September 1.

Many of you have already ordered a second cart for single stream recycling. If so, then your extra cart should be delivered sometime between mid-August and late September. More specific delivery details will be provided later this summer.

If your current paper cart won't be enough to hold paper and cardboard, plus your bottles and cans when single stream begins in September, then you do have until June 30 to order an extra one.

If you need more information or wish to order an additional cart, please email [recycle@co.burlington.nj.us](mailto:recycle@co.burlington.nj.us) or call 609-499-1001 weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Before ordering, please check the size of your current cart. The first two numbers of the cart's serial number, found on the front of the cart, indicate its size.

For more information, please visit the county website, [www.co.burlington.nj.us](http://www.co.burlington.nj.us).

## **ART GALLERY NEWS**

**Helen Vukasin**

"June is busting out all over" and our galleries are full of new and interesting paintings.

Gianna Constantine, a college student at Vassar, will be showing her work in the Lumberton campus art gallery for the months of May, June and July. She creates large and small environmental paintings based on ordinary objects, dreams, and early Italian Renaissance painting.

The Wine and Cheese reception to open the exhibit will be held on Friday, May 23, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Gallery. Gianna will speak about her work during the reception. Her background is interesting, and she brings a spark of youth to the Lumberton gallery.

In the Medford Leas Gallery in the lobby of the theater, Mary Ann Nordal's work is displayed until the end of June. Mary Ann is New Jersey born and raised. She has studied in New Jersey and in New York City. She focused on interior design for a career. Her husband's career took them to eleven states, which gave her the opportunity to paint in diverse lights. Her choice of media is watercolor.

In July and August the work of Carmella Deficcio-Ziegler will be shown. Carmella lives in Hammonton and will bring with her watercolors her unique collection of mounted dried flowers and greens.

Be sure not to miss the new Art Studio exhibit on the ground floor of the Arts and Social Wing that opened in April.

## **WHAT DO YOU KNOW?**

**Helen Vukasin**

What do you know about your hearing aids? In May, an audiologist visited Medford Leas to help test the hearing loop technology installed in the Linden Room.

We expect to offer help to Medford Leas residents to identify the potential of their hearing aids to take advantage of this technology that is in the process of being installed in various other rooms at Medford Leas. We will soon announce a date when someone will be available pro bono on campus to assist residents.

This technology is not new. It has been available in European theaters, senior facilities, museums, and restaurants for many years. However, it is only recently being introduced in the United States. Essentially, it takes the voice of a speaker or the music of a live orchestra directly to an individual's listening device without interference or buzzes. The clarity is remarkable.

The new joint committee on Low Vision and Hearing Loss will soon be surveying residents to get an informed picture of how many residents with hearing loss can be helped with educational programs and which programs might be useful. Please help us by filling out the form and returning it so we can help you.

**LAKE LUMBERTON**  
**Pete Obbard**

On Wednesday, April 30, the Philadelphia area received over five inches of rain. The Lumberton meadow is designed as a retention basin. In heavy rains, the water in the meadow backs up, as it is gradually fed through a small pipe at the lower end, eventually going to the mighty Rancocas. The backup of the water has been called Lake Lumberton. Wednesday's rain was so great and so fast that it overwhelmed its capacity and reached an unheard of level, as shown in the photo below.

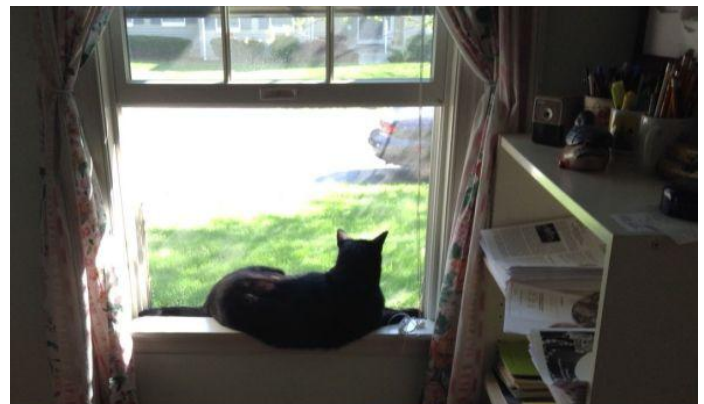
Fortunately, two of our intrepid residents who have cleaned up our woods, trails, and the creek in the past were equal to the

task on this occasion as well, as demonstrated by the additional photo.



Maggie and Judy to the rescue!

**GOT IT MADE!**



Contributed by Maggie Heineman

**SIGN UP, SIGN OUT, UPDATE**

**Maggie Heineman**

The bulletin board by the side door has been rearranged and updated, including an updated map showing who-lives-where on Woodside Drive. Take-home copies are below. Thanks, Dave Bartram.

Prominent in the center of the board is a new sign-up sheet for anyone who is interested in becoming familiar with the trails. Joan, who cuts my hair at Medford Leas, had a great time on our walk together, and I loved the chance to show off our trail system. There are at least half a dozen people in our group who are ready and willing to take people on walks.

There is also a new sign-out sheet for canoeing, along with tide charts and safety checklists. Have fun and be safe.

Birders information is along the right side of the bulletin board. The announcement of workshop hours has been moved to the upper left section where Council and committee information is located.

**POLAR BEAR DIP**

**Rick Trandahl**



On April 29 the Polar Bear Dip started off in typical fashion (with more spectators than dippers). Unfortunately, it was extremely cold and windy: 44 degrees with a wind chill factor of 30° F. Only nine brave souls got into the water that day, but we

had a total of 35 people in attendance to provide encouragement and support. Everyone enjoyed themselves at this popular annual event.

Special thanks are extended to all who brought food and helped with the buttons and the setup. Next year will be an extra special one because of the resurfacing of the pool, which is scheduled for later in the year.

I look forward to seeing you all for many events and on many occasions at our newly-refurbished pool.

**PICKUP DATES – JUNE**

*Recycling:* June 9, 23

*Trash:* June 3, 10, 17, 24

**TECH NOTES**

**Vince Menzel**

*Then and Now*

Maybe if you take a look at the following photo from 2008, you will have a better chance of identifying at least one person in the photo on page 4.



The bushy beards and big hair are gone, replaced with receding hairlines and streaks of gray. By now, some readers have probably identified Bill Gates in the

lower left of both photos. The first photo is an iconic one from 1978 of eleven of Microsoft's original twelve employees. In addition to Gates, the only other possible person who might be identified is Paul Allen in the lower right of both photos. Allen, who founded the company with boyhood friend Gates, is the current owner of two sports teams – the Seattle Seahawks of the NFL, and the Portland Trailblazers of the NBA. While Gates is currently the world's richest person, Allen is estimated to be “only” the 51<sup>st</sup> richest.

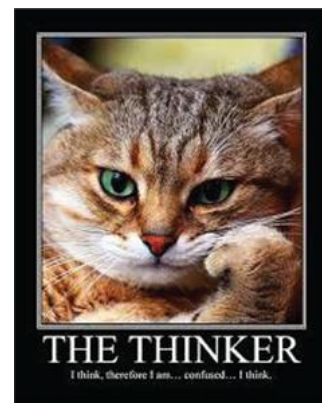
The 2008 photo shoot was the first time in thirty years that the survivors from the original twelve got together for a recreation of the famous photo. The eagle-eyed among you might also ask why there are two women in the first photo, yet three in the second. The third woman in the middle of the 2008 photo is the original receptionist, Mary Lubow, who missed the 1978 photo shoot due to a snowstorm in Albuquerque, the birthplace of Microsoft, and its home from 1975 to 1978. One of the twelve original employees, Bob Wallace, is missing from the second photo; Wallace passed away in 2002 at age 53. Interestingly, Microsoft moved from Albuquerque to Seattle (the company is now in Redmond, WA) because they couldn't find anyone willing to move to New Mexico.

Receptionist Mary Lubow was hired by Steve Woods while Gates was away. She is retired and actively involved in many projects, including an autobiography. “One morning in comes this kid, sneakers and blue jeans and hair disheveled, and I'm thinking this kid doesn't belong here, what is he doing?” Lubow recounted to many laughs from her old colleagues. “He runs by my office and goes into the computer room that Steve said “Nobody should go in there; it's private. Don't let anybody in there.” She quickly went to tell Wood. I said, “Look Steve, this kid runs in

there, and he's in that room, and he's working like he owns this place, and Steve says, “Well, you know what, he does. He's your boss. He's the president.”

As to what happened to the others, that's a story for another day.

## Thinkers' Corner



## Cartoons

This month's cartoon:



Write your caption:

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”



Last month's cartoon:



Last month's captions:

*"You can just send on my computer, my guitar, my tennis racquet, and my skis."*

*"Don't worry; when I make it big, you'll be able to write a book about me."*

*"I am running late to catch a plane for Moscow; I'll make my bed and clean my room when I get back in a few months."*

*"Please don't sell or give away the rest of my belongings; I was only sentenced to twenty years."*

## For the Eagle-Eyed

Last Month's Challenge:

Can you find ten differences?



Answers:

1. Hole in tree
2. Third from left mountain top
3. Top pocket on side of backpack
4. Hair on left side of boy's head
5. Pocket on boy's shorts
6. Top of nut in squirrel's hand
7. Indentation on stump
8. Tip of boy's left shoe
9. Position of flowers at base of stump
10. Artist's initials at bottom of drawing

This Month's Challenge:

Can you find twelve differences?



Answers next month

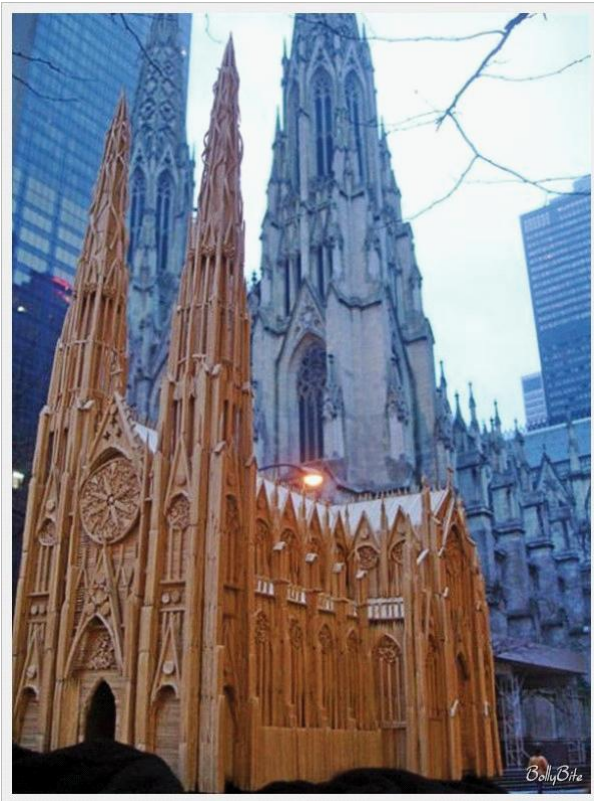
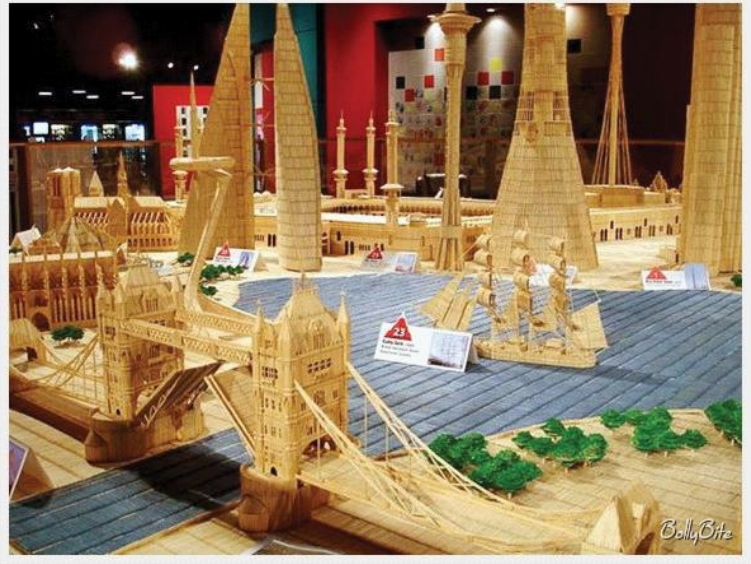
**Found on the Internet**  
Lynn Ware  
***Breeze & Buttons***

Hours after birth, Breeze was found stumbling around by a farmer after being abandoned by his mother. The farmer took him to Devon-based Mare and Foal Sanctuary, and one of the staff put a 4-foot giant Teddy Bear in with Breeze. The bear's name is Buttons, and Breeze quickly warmed up to him. Without his mother, Breeze had found a replacement. The two have been inseparable and they expect Breeze to be just fine.



## *A Photo from Lynn's Friends*

A man who works at the works at the Museum of Science & Technology in Syracuse, NY creates these amazing artworks, including a miniature city made out of millions of toothpicks. It took six years to build this city, using 6 million toothpicks and 170 litres of glue. He can spend six months creating a building, each to 1:164 scale.



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