# J DOWN IN THE ALLEY J Herb Heineman

This tough guy bowls with joyous clout,
Straight in the gutter, straight back out.
Across the alley, bounce back in.
He jumps in glee; just see him grin.
Meanwhile the pins await their fate.
How many will be hit? Four? Eight?
The ball slows down, unsure, and then
Rolls to the side, missing all ten!
Our guy still wins le plus grand prix
For bowling when he's just turned three.

31st Annual
Whitesbog
Blueberry Festival
June 28
Browns Mills, NJ

### COUNCIL REPORT Geno Mori

Officers and committee sponsors for 2014-2015 were named:

## Officers:

President	John Speirs
Vice President	Bill Beitel
Secretary	Judy Aley

### Committee sponsors:

Community Center	Barbara Stiles
Communications	Judy Aley
Library	Conant Atwood
Pool & Fitness	John Speirs
Social Activities	Bill Beitel
Technology	Jane Bartram
Tennis	John Speirs
Trails & Site	Joe Jordan
Troop Coordinator	Bill Beitel
Woodshop	John Speirs
Technology Tennis Trails & Site Troop Coordinator	Jane Bartram John Speirs Joe Jordan Bill Beitel

Jane Bartram reported that 128 residents have contributed \$2,947.00 to the Activities Fund to date. Reminders will be sent to those not yet contributing so that all residents may participate.

New Council member Conant Atwood has been added to the list of names required for signing checks over \$100.00.

Updated Council Handbook sheets will be provided to new Council members by Janice Saibel.

The Council Corner photograph will be updated to include 2014-2015 members, and the current photograph will be filed in the photo album kept on the coffee table in the Great Room.

Janice Saibel was applauded by all in attendance for her tireless efforts during her time as Council President. Janice will now transfer all her material to John Speirs, including the box of "Rocks," one of which is inscribed and given to the outgoing Council president each year.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR APRIL

Balance on April 30*	\$3175.91
Income	2517.78
Expenses	1461.13
Balance on May 31	\$4232.56

\*The April balance is \$500 less than originally reported. With Council's approval \$500 was transferred from the checking account into a copier fund.

### ANNUAL RESIDENTS MEETING Geno Mori

Janice Saibel thanked the 2014-2016 Council Nominating Committee of Lefty Alderfer, Sue Kuhn, and Vince Menzel, and presented the nominees: Judy Aley, Conant Atwood, and Joe Jordan. There being no nominations from the floor, the above nominees were elected by voice vote.

Janice briefly talked about the early days of the Lumberton community, and asked for a show of hands of anyone who was here "at the beginning." Those responding were acknowledged by applause.

Janice also thanked the current Council members, as well as committee and subcommittee chairs. Each chair was recognized and given a turn at the microphone to explain their committee's activities in the past year.

Jane Bartram presented the proposed budget for 2014-2015, as well as the rationale and calculations for the Activities Fund to justify it. The budget calls for a request of \$25.00 per resident, a slight increase from the prior year's \$22.00. The budget was approved.

Jane also made a wonderful presentation of the "Building of Medford Leas at Lumberton" from its inception to completion, which was warmly received by all.

A few announcements were made, including one by Conant Atwood on the re-

sponsibilities of persons using the pool and one by Ann Naulty explaining the purpose of the "Diner Walk" scheduled for May 29.

Lefty Alderfer, chair of the Tennis Committee, explained the rules and regulations for participating in tennis on our campus. He stated that tennis here is not a contest but rather an activity, and encouraged everyone who was interested to come out on the days scheduled.

Jim Suplee, Council Vice President, presented Janice Saibel with her "rock," which each outgoing council president now receives at the Annual Residents Meeting. The inscription on the rock was graciously provided by Barbara Zimmerman.

### OUR FRIEND, LORI Eleanor Hill

Our long-time friend, Lori Haworth, left us so unexpectedly that our minds can hardly grasp that she is gone. The past year since our last really good time together, on a Scandinavian cruise, has been spent trying to keep her spirits up as she battled to get well – all the while hoping against hope that she and Walt could spend part of next winter with us in Florida. That was not to be, but we take solace in remembering the good times we have shared over nearly three decades of friendship.



Our paths crossed originally when our children were attending the youth group at the Unitarian Universalist church in Cherry Hill. Our connections deepened when, as empty nesters, the Hills and the Haworths were invit-

ed to become members of an extended family group at church, started mainly through the efforts of Diane Seely, our mutual friend

and former Lumberton neighbor. The group was designed to give members of all ages opportunities to interact informally as a large "family" unit, celebrating holidays, birthdays, picnics, weddings – and, yes, the passing of many members over the years.

Lori and I discovered early on that we were very similar in our outlook on life – politically, religiously, socially, culturally, environmentally. We passionately discussed our belief systems with each other, thoroughly enjoying having someone with whom to share our deeply held convictions. I shall miss my "sister/soulmate/friend," but I shall be forever grateful that she was such a large part of my life. She was smart, caring, loving, devoted to helping others, always sharing through her teaching abilities in language and music. She was a genuinely nice person.

### Pete's Pick

### LIVING IN DARKNESS

One by one my light bulbs burned out. And when I went to the basement for replacements I discovered that my supply of the old incandescent bulbs had been depleted. As many of you may have already discovered, the Energy and Security Act of 2007 has now made the manufacture of the familiar light bulbs that Thomas Edison invented disappear, and for an old conservative such as I this has created problems. What, I ask, was ever wrong with that which has worked so well and has been a reliable source of light for over a century?

Purchasing light bulbs used to be easy. I would simply go to the ShopRite and buy a six-pack – of bulbs, that is – for \$2 or \$3 and be done with it. But in 2014, as I was soon to discover, the purchase of illumination requires a lot of forethought, if not a degree in electrical engineering and a thick wallet.

And so I ventured forth to Lowe's to examine our new sources for illumination and to seek a bit of advice for what I had been told would involve difficult decisions. A pert young salesgirl was eager to offer her assistance. "How many lumens," she inquired, "do you need?"

"Lumens," I retorted, "Who's he, and what has he ever contributed to mankind? Whatever happened to Watts?" I then proceeded to lecture the young lady about the Industrial Revolution and how James Watt helped launch us from an agrarian economy into the modern industrial world. She didn't seem too interested, and then asked me what "kind" of light I needed.

This question really puzzled me. But after I thought about it for a while I said I thought I needed several of the "reading kind of light" and maybe "a few of the kind to go to the bathroom with," since several of the vanity lights in my bathroom had recently burned out.

"No," she replied, "What I am talking about is whether you want soft light or maybe light with a colored hue." I told her that I hadn't given that part of my needs much thought. "After all," I posited, "Isn't light really just a substitute for darkness?"

Our discussion, I could see, was getting a bit too metaphysical for the young lady, and she proceeded to show me what she called an "LED" light bulb. This, for the uninformed who might wish to avoid embarrassing themselves in the future, is pronounced by speaking each letter, L - E - D, rather than pronouncing it as "lead," which is how I read the package. Nonetheless, on examining her "LED" product I saw that its base (the portion above the threaded screwin part) was fashioned out of a ceramic material and was - pardon the expression -"butt-ugly" and would look quite out of place alongside the old incandescent bulbs in my bathroom that had yet to burn out. "Don't you," I inquired. "have any bulbs with attractive bottoms?"

"No," the young lady replied. "This is how things are made these days."

Thus startled into 21st century reality, there was little more that I could say and so I shrugged my shoulders and remarked: "I guess things change." I then asked her for a six-pack of her LED's, since, as I reasoned, "perhaps I should have a few to spare since all the other bulbs in my bathroom will probably blow out soon."

The young lady, still effusive in kindness and understanding of whom she was dealing with, then quietly said: "Sir, you might want to reconsider. Each of these LED bulbs costs \$10.99."

With that I did reconsider, and when I opened my wallet I discovered that I only had a single \$20 bill remaining. And besides the six-pack of bulbs I had thought of purchasing, I had also planned on securing a six-pack of calming beverage.

I then recalled that someone in my circle of acquaintances had once told me that the Energy and Security Act merely prevents the *manufacture* of incandescent bulbs, and that Dollar Stores had ample supplies of the old ones. And so I graciously thanked the young lady for all her help and good counsel and drove up the highway to the Dollar Store, where I purchased two sixpacks, one of 60-watters and another of 75s. And yes, I still had enough from my \$20 for that other essential six-pack.

So now the lights are back on at home in all their incandescent brilliance. And I am likewise well lit up by the other six-pack. Thus happily re-illumined in all respects, it occurs to me that it might now be timely to consult an actuarial table and try to determine how many more six-packs of incandescent bulbs I would need to carry me through to the end and then go back to the Dollar Store and make the purchase while they still have supplies.

On the other hand, perhaps the time has come that I should resign myself to the "butt-ugly" way things have become and make an effort to change my habits. The other night a learned paleontologist on a nature show I was watching suggested that dinosaurs became extinct because of their inability to adapt. We don't want that happening at 79 Woodside Drive.

—Pete McCord

### ART GALLERY Helen L. Vukasin

New on the scene in July will be an exhibit featuring Carmela DeFiccio-Ziegler. Ms. DeFiccio-Ziegler creates landscapes and still life paintings in oils and pastels. Her "Botanical Art," displaying dried flowers, has won awards in New Jersey and Florida. She has commissioned pieces in Europe and America and was selected as the Hammonton 2013 Artist of the Year.

Her work will be on display in the Medford Leas Art Gallery for the months of July and August.

In the Lumberton gallery, Gianna Constantine, a college student at Vassar, will be showing her work during June and July. Her large and small environmental paintings are based on ordinary objects, dreams, and early Italian Renaissance painting.

The Art Studio exhibit on the ground floor of the Arts and Social Wing that opened in April, continues through the summer.

### LEAS FORUM Barbara Trought

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

## June 28

"The Life & Times of William Augustus Newell of NJ"

**Christian Johnson,** noted re-enactor, will portray William Newell, surgeon, U.S.

representative, NJ governor, and friend of Abe Lincoln. In 1848 Congressman Newell had an act passed creating the United States Life Saving Service along the Coast of Monmouth County. Today this organization is better known as the U.S. Coast Guard. Mr. Johnson will demonstrate the use of the Lyle gun innovative technology of the 19th century for saving the lives of shipwreck victims.

## July 12

"The Murals of Philadelphia"

Philadelphia's mural making began in 1930 with the Works Progress Administration and others painting colorful scenes on city walls. The Mural Arts Program organized 30 years ago continues this acclaimed tradition. A guide from the Program will cover its history, show and describe murals and how they are made, and tell about upcoming projects.

## July 26

"Rwanda"

### Laurie Anne Woodill

For details call MaryLou Morrow #3632.

# CLUSTER 3 GOES "DOWN THE SHORE" Pete McCord

A hearty group of 14 Cluster 3 members left gray skies in Lumberton and traveled Route 72 through the Pine Barrens for a day "down the shore" and potluck lunch at the Beitels' High Bar Harbor home on Long Beach Island.

Bill and Maryann greeted all at their wisteria-covered entrance and flowered front yard and then welcomed us into their lovely bayfront cottage. And much to our delight, their neighbors Kay Roberts and Vince Menzel stopped in as lunch was in progress.



The sun shone brightly as we sat on their back deck drinking in the view and sipping our adult beverages. And thus it turned out to be a day of delight, good food, and good company.

But as all good things must end, we left the island sun, only to meet clouds and rain the moment we crossed the bridge. Nonetheless Cluster 3 had once again proven that they know how to choose their days and venues!

Thank you, Bill and Maryann, for a wonderful day!

### MUGWORT POLICE Maggie Heineman

I am looking for two or three volunteers to join Miriam Swartz, Judy Norcross, and me on the Mugwort Swat Team (MST).

After July 4 we will begin dealing with the mugwort in residents' gardens and along the perimeter path. Depending on the neighboring vegetation we will spray or clip plants so that they do not go to seed. Meadow consultant Larry Weaner will take care of what's in the meadow.

Prior to July 4 I will notify residents with mugwort in their gardens and ask whether they will need assistance from the MST in removing the weed.

# ON THE OCCASION OF A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Sarah Beitel (age 11)

Oh, my dear, oh Grandma dear, Now, your 80th birthday's here. Oh, how years, so many years Come and go so quickly now. I wish you a special day. Now, 8 decades have gone by. Many memories we share, And it's been much fun for Me, me, me, me.

We have shared so many days, Playing great games down the shore. Scattergories, dominos, Left right center, let's play more. Euchre's always fun with you. Taboo still needs a little work, But, no fear I will help you. Happy Birthday, I love you!!!



# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO SURVIVED!

It's a cause of minor trepidation for some, but for others Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> means altering daily routines, and in some extreme cases refusing to leave the house or even get out of bed.

Paraskevidekatriaphobia affects people in many parts of the world, and some say it's the most widespread superstition in the United States today. According to the psychotherapist who coined the word, the number affected may be as high as 21 million.

A 1993 study published in the *British Medical Journal* aimed to map the relation between health, behavior, and superstition surrounding Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> in the United Kingdom. It compared the ratio of traffic volume to the number of auto accidents on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> with Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> over a period of years.

Amazingly, they found that in the region sampled, while consistently fewer people drove their cars on the 13<sup>th</sup>, the number of hospital admissions due to vehicular accidents was significantly higher than on "normal" Fridays.

However, it's always possible that these statistics teach us more about human psychology than the ill-fatedness of any particular date on the calendar.

### SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Single stream recycling will begin September 1, 2014.

Many of you have already ordered a second cart for single stream recycling. If so, your new 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 hold paper and cardboard in addition to your bottles and cans, you 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

or call 609-499-1001 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Before ordering, please check the size of your current cart. The first two digits of the cart's serial number, found on the front of the cart, indicate its size (48, 64, or 96).

For more information, please visit Burlington County's website:

www.co.burlington.nj.us.

### PICKUP DATES - JULY

Recycling: July 7, 21

Trash: July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

# Thinkers' Corner



# Cartoons

This month's cartoon:



Write your caption:

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# Last month's cartoon:



# Last month's captions:

"He needs to use the bathroom."

"The last point I want to make is . . . "

"My friend here is very sharp-witted."

"Unicorn here to see you. Says he's in no mood to be kept waiting."

"I see your point."

"It opens up into an umbrella."

# For the Eagle-eyed

# This month's pair:





Can you find 12 differences?

## Last month's pair:





### Differences:

Cat's whisker
Fire truck door handle
Top of axe blade
Buckle on coat

Bottom rung of ladder Top of ladder Knothole on tree branch Position of mouse Stripe on left sleeve Length of cat's tail Top flap of carton Handle on net

# A MESSAGE IN ENGLISH FROM YOUR FRIENDLY HOTEL IN A FOREIGN LAND courtesy Lynn Ware

### Getting There:

Our representative will make you wait at the airport. The bus to the hotel runs along the lake shore. Soon you will feel pleasure in passing water. You will know that you are getting near the hotel, because you will go round the bend. The manager will await you in the entrance hall. He always tries to have intercourse with all new guests.

#### The Hotel:

This is a family hotel, so children are very welcome. We of course are always pleased to accept adultery. Highly skilled nurses are available in the evenings to put down your children. Guests are invited to conjugate in the bar and expose themselves to others. But please note that ladies are not allowed to have babies in the bar. We organize social games, so no guest is ever left alone to play with them self.

### The Restaurant:

Our menus have been carefully chosen to be

ordinary and unexciting. At dinner, our quartet will circulate from table to table, and fiddle with vou.

#### Your Room:

Every room has excellent facilities for your private parts. In winter, every room is on heat. Each room has a balcony offering views of outstanding obscenity! ... You will not be disturbed by traffic noise, since the road between the hotel and the lake is used only by pederasts.

#### Your Bed:

Your bed has been made in accordance with local tradition. If you have any other ideas please ring for the chambermaid. Please take advantage of her. She will be very pleased to squash your shirts, blouses and underwear. If asked, she will also squeeze your trousers.

#### Above All:

When you leave us at the end of your holiday, you will have no hope. You will struggle to forget it.

# A Photo from Lynn's Friends



The circuit tester

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Janice Saibel, President The Lumberton Campus Chronicle is a monthly publication featuring articles, poems, and other works by residents of Medford Leas at Lumberton and other writers. 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 submission deadline is Friday, July 18. All residents and other interested parties are encouraged to contribute.

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