

*The*  
**Lumberton**  
*Campus*  
**Chronicle**

*December 2014*

*Notes from  
Medford Leas  
at Lumberton*

*Happy Holidays  
from Vince, Ruth,  
Lynn, and Herb*



*SEASON'S  
GREETINGS*

**COUNCIL REPORT**

**Judy Aley**

A PIW read at the November 14 MLRA Council meeting concerned smoke detectors on the Lumberton campus. For problems with smoke detectors call Medford Leas.

Peter Cohen, consultant, held a brainstorming session on November 20 with residents of Medford Leas, MLRA board members, and Council President John Speirs. From the results of this session, along with discussions with key staff members and the Estaugh board, as well as the survey, a long-range plan will be developed.

Copies of the Medford Leas Mission Statement were available at the brainstorming session. The statement can be found on pages 1-3 in the Medford Leas Resident Handbook.

The subject of speeding on Woodside Drive was discussed at the December Coffee and a comment was made that commercial vehicles are speeding. Bill Murphy will contact vendors who are found speeding.

The poolside tree was discussed with Ken Hutz, who has agreed to trim the tree to make it safe for people to use the hot tub.

Marc Mostovy and John Welch are trying to obtain a new piano for the Community Center.

A letter received from Sue Kuhn, Social Activities Committee Chair, outlined the need for more room in the Community Center for the many activities held there.

Tammy Gerhart reported that the AARP Safe Driver courses will resume in the spring. A hearing program is being planned as a spring Pathways program.

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**FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER**

Balance on October 31	\$4715.39
Income	160.53
Expenses	1004.25
Balance on November 30	3871.67

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**MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBORS**

**Barbara Zimmerman**

*This month The Chronicle is pleased to welcome new neighbors to two units.*

Elizabeth Corbin (Betsy) Handlan moved to 36 Woodside Drive *twice*, in August and September 2014, from Ormond Beach, FL. "Twice" alludes to the fact that the storage company "lost" many of her belongings, so there had to be a second delivery to Woodside Drive.



On entering Betsy's home one is surrounded by history. Many of the paintings were done by her mother. There are pictures of relatives who lived "way back." There is a family farm north of New Hope, PA, which was built in the 1700s. It was sold 20 years ago for a Bed and Breakfast which was called "EverMay On-the-Delaware" before it was sold. A book, *The Stovers of Tinicum Township*, graces her coffee table and documents much of the family history – and that she is fifth generation. It is a natural that Betsy would have done extensive genealogy. On all walls there is evidence of family dwellings at the farm, in Haddonfield and in Ocean Grove.

Betsy met her late husband, Jay Handlan, while they were both in college – she at Southern Seminary and he at Washington and Lee. They married in 1952, the year of their graduation. She received her BFA and Jay was drafted by both the NBA and the NFL. He didn't accept those offers, but he played semipro ball while working for the Goodyear Company in Akron, OH.

A native of Montclair, NJ, Betsy lived with Jay in Akron, OH, Coral Gables, FL, Decatur, GA, Haddonfield, NJ, and Ormond Beach, FL. While in Georgia, Betsy obtained her real estate license.

She has five children and thirteen grandchildren. She has, in the past, volunteered at the Evergreens in Moorestown and the Bancroft School in Haddonfield, and was a member of the Junior League in Miami.

Betsy is a member of the DAR, the Colonial Dames, and the National Huguenot Society, and has held offices in these organizations. She also co-owned and operated the "Wooden Peg," an antique shop in Haddonfield.

Betsy had "always heard" of Medford Leas: Her daughter and son attended an open house at Lumberton and thought it would be perfect for their mother. She agrees! She loves the helpful friendliness of the community and she feels "out in the country."

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A lovely German accent resonates from both Eric and Hannelore (Strassner) Hahn, who moved into unit 179 in mid-October from Woodcliff Lake, NJ. After they visited this community with its beautiful grounds and open areas respecting nature, they looked no further. They love the fact that Lumberton and Medford Leas are not congested areas and they appreciate the community spirit present here. They are grateful to the previous resident of their home, as many comfortable extras were in place.

Hannie and Eric are both native to Germany but did not know each other when they came to the US. Hannie came to this country by herself with a job in administration and translation waiting for her. She worked at that import company for three years. The two met while skiing and were married in 1966 by the mayor of Fairlawn at Eric's parents' house and then went to meet Hannie's parents in Germany.

After a move to Huntsville, AL, Hannie did volunteer work and taught German, Spanish, and French. Back in New Jersey, she taught in both public and private

high schools. She holds degrees from San Jose University, CA, and a PhD in Spanish from Columbia. She has taught at William Paterson University and Upsala College. She subsequently became chair of the Foreign Language Department at the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown, NJ. In addition to teaching and administrative duties, she founded the International Relations and Study Abroad Programs.



Eric came to this country in 1939 with his family to escape the Nazi regime and grew up in Washington Heights in Manhattan, NY. His education includes degrees in physics and mathematics from NYU, Duke, and Stevens Institute of Technology. His military service was performed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. The greater part of his working career was spent at the Bendix Corporation, which later became Honeywell. His primary field of expertise was attitude control of satellites including Skylab, Space Telescope, and Space Station. During his career, he lived ten years in Huntsville working on Skylab with NASA and four years in Sunnyvale working on Space Telescope with Lockheed. He also performed feasibility studies of orbital satellites with aerospace companies around the country, both for NASA and the Defense Department.

Both Hannie and Eric enjoy walking the campus and its trails with Orly, their ten-year-old rescue dog (who really wanted



to be interviewed!). They may become involved with the Trails Committee and expect to enjoy gardening at their new home. Hannie is an avid reader who also enjoys music and opera. She hopes to work with some of the Medford Leas patients. Eric will be investigating duplicate bridge and tennis as they settle into their new community.

*Sadly, the arrivals of our new neighbors were offset by the loss of two of our valued established residents.*

**ALLEN LEWIS**  
Art Hartwig

When you talked with Allen, you knew he was from Massachusetts despite having lived in many other parts of the US. He was my neighbor across the street from the moment we arrived on the Lumberton campus in August 2000. He had arrived in January 2000 and was blessed with the mud and dust the early arrivers endured.

Born on January 31, 1934, Allen was a year older than I, but we shared the same birth month. Long-time Lumberton residents will remember his cheerful support of our activities, such as trail clearing, water volleyball, fitness training, and bridge.



He applied his engineering experience to formulate procedures for the room reservation system used for all the activities at our Community Center.

During travels in the Southwest, Allen developed a strong love for the flowering cacti of the desert and at one time had up to 200 varieties at his home, until they were reduced to 50 for the move to Lumberton.

He never stopped providing tender, loving care for the “keepers,” which rewarded him with brilliant colors in their season.

When mistakenly delivered copies of *Value Line*, an investment newsletter, turned up in my mailbox, I knew Allen possessed another hobby, investing, which he enjoyed until failing health forced him to give it up.

After completing his schooling in Malden, MA, Allen graduated from Northeastern University with a bachelor of science in civil engineering. He was then commissioned as an officer in the US Coast and Geodetic Survey, later to become the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). For the next two years he served onboard ship doing hydrographic surveys in the Aleutian Islands. (I wonder if those were the “warm tropical” islands mentioned by his recruiter.) This was followed by a year of land surveys in Washington, DC, Maryland, Maine, and Illinois.

Throughout this time he managed to keep up an important connection with the sister of a good friend. I can only admire the writing skill that led in 1958 to his marriage to Barbara (Blair), his wife of 56 years.

The NOAA career moved on to positions as assistant city engineer, White Plains, NY; Engineering Department head of Woodbridge, NJ; and finally senior engineer with the NJ Turnpike Authority, from which he retired in 1991.

While at Woodbridge, Allen attended NJ Institute of Technology, received his master’s in civil engineering, and completed the testing that earned him his Professional Engineer license.

During his life, Allen was a very active and supportive member of the Avenel Presbyterian Church and then the Moorestown Presbyterian Church, serving in various capacities, such as trustee, elder, treasurer, and clerk of session.

Allen was a quiet, intelligent, fine man known for keeping his word and completing any commitment he took on.

He leaves behind a loving family: wife Barbara, son Christopher Allen, daughter Marcia, and granddaughter Amelia. He will be missed by them and by all of us.

**KARL LAUER**  
Jean Lauer

One of the condolence cards that particularly resonates with me says, "He was a great husband." And he was, for 58 years, until felled by a hemorrhagic stroke last month.

He accomplished a great deal in his lifetime before the first of a series of strokes slowed him. He provided the funds and the labor to open the second floor of the Burlington City Library for exhibits. For this effort he received the Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year award.



He worked tirelessly for the Burlington Rotary and became a Paul Harris Fellow and a Rotarian of the Year.

He was a member of the Riverton Country Club board and captain of its bridge team for the Philadelphia Bridge League.

But his proudest achievement was our four children, all of whom became very successful in their chosen careers.

In Karl's honor a donation of \$5,000 was made by the Rotary Club to the Library Company of Burlington to purchase a children's circulation desk.

*Editor's Note – Speaking to me of her husband, Jean lamented the fact that members of our community never had a chance to know him before he had the strokes. His disability was painfully obvious. One cannot help but feel the loss of the friendship and contributions he would have brought to us.*

**Pete's Pick**

**CAN ANGELS SING?**

As I write these thoughts, I am sitting in the darkness of my sunporch, now illumined by the twinkling lights of my Christmas tree, which casts a warming glow throughout the room. Across the way, the lights of a neighbor's tree shimmer through the cold night and light the surrounding meadow. For me it is the first time that I have decorated in the three years since . . . But it is OK now – I think. Time has a way of salving the pain of love's loss, and the comfort of memory has finally found its place in the greater scheme of life.

My XM radio is tuned to the classical Christmas music channel and a marvelous choral group sings their celebration of a miraculous birth. And on that I can certainly agree. Ethan, the latest gift to the McCord family, came to us on the second day of our season of Advent. And he has become a shining beacon of hope and renewal. As with all new life, he is indeed a miracle. For me, the more the years pass, the more it seems that I have become awed by the miracle of birth, life, and matters that bind our shared humanity.

But now, with their next offering, the voices that sing to me over the airwaves and through my radio are suggesting something a bit different:

*Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing . . .*

Can this really be true? Do angels truly sing? The literal world in which we live seems to belie such a fanciful notion. And while in the past I have avoided thinking about such matters, tonight it seems to have become worth pondering as I sit in the illumined darkness listening to the singing voices. Could it be that the skepticism that we so often bring to such matters speaks

more of our own weakness and vulnerability than it does of something that seems to defy our logical thinking?

And now in the sleepy quiet of the night, my mind drifts off and back to a time six years ago, when, new to the community, I attended my first holiday party and sat next to an elderly yet very wise, kind and thoughtful resident who suggested that although I then knew very few in the community, I would soon become fond of many. He is no longer with us, having passed away earlier this year, as have many who were there on that first holiday celebration in my new community. But he was right, and he and they are truly missed. And I now reflect on how heavy-hearted and saddened their families must be during this seasonal time of joy and celebration. So perhaps if we think of angels that sing and lights that are never extinguished, there comes through such miracles a comforting peace in our belief and faith. Maybe Thomas Hardy said it best in the closing lines of his beautiful seasonal poem, *The Oxen*:

*So fair a fancy few would weave  
In these years! Yet, I feel,  
If someone said on Christmas Eve,  
"Come; see the oxen kneel*

*In the lonely barton by yonder coomb  
Our childhood used to know,"  
I should go with him in the gloom,  
Hoping it might be so.*

So tonight, if you are to ask me if angels can sing, I will tell you that yes, they most certainly can and do. For alone in a darkness that is now illumined, I have heard their voices throughout our village – both living and past. And tonight they sing the comforting peace that human kindness, love and community bring to us all.

—Pete McCord

## ART GALLERY

Helen Vukasin and Joyce Sichel

### *From Calligraphy to Burma and Beyond*

The December reception for the Philadelphia Calligraphy Society's 15<sup>th</sup> year of Medford Leas exhibits was both enjoyable and well attended. We were honored by the presence of the regional calligraphy's founder, our own Harry Forrest. Artists in the Society are now drawn from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, although the artists showing here were all from New Jersey. The society's chair, Maureen Peters of Woodbury, NJ, gave the guests a good overview of "beautiful writing," accomplished with a variety of techniques, tools, and in many cases additional artwork. Maureen and Veti Vasilion from nearby Marlton generously personalized complimentary gift tags with their flowing script.

Opening in January, Joanna Patterson will present a show of her photography entitled "Contemporary Burma at a Crossroads." She is a world traveler whose trips have touched on all seven continents. She visited Burma (Myanmar) at the end of 2013, traveled internally by air while there, and took a very large number of photographs of the country. Ms. Patterson will tell us how struck she was by the graciousness and generosity of the Burmese people. Her photographs are also expected to convey her fondness for those she met and for their culture. In both her photographs and her talk, to be given at the opening reception on January 6, from



3:00 to 4:30 pm, she will share her observations and insights about changes taking place as Burma has moved since 2010 from dictatorship toward democracy.

Ms. Patterson will switch out some of the Burmese photographs after about two weeks of the exhibit, replacing them with other photos from her wide travels. Many of our residents may also have taken trips to the places she will feature, so this will be a dynamic month in the main Medford Leas Gallery.

At the Lumberton Campus Art Gallery, the exhibit of our Art Studio artists continues until the end of January. Check out the work of friends and neighbors, as well as some very talented newcomers to Medford Leas.

Catch new work of Art Studio resident artists while it is still mounted on the ground floor of the Arts and Social Wing. Do not overlook the photographic section of the show down the hall from the Fitness Center. The whole exhibit will be there until spring, when it will be replaced by these artists' most recent work.

We offer a rich artistic winter for all tastes, so don't let winter go by without checking out the galleries!

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

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

January 10

*"Timbuctoo"*

Historian **Paul W. Schopp** retells the Timbuctoo (NJ) story from its earliest development in the mid-1820s through 1863 and the Emancipation Proclamation, when Timbuctoo served as a secluded haven for runaway slaves who had escaped Southern

servitude to forge a new life in freedom in New Jersey. It was the site of the Battle of Pine Swamp, as residents and nearby farmers defeated slave catchers. This outstanding historian tells the story of the antebellum fugitive slave enclave located in Westampton Township, Burlington County, and other similar villages in the area.

January 24

*"A New Middle East: a View from Lebanon"*

**Leila Barclay** was born and raised in Beirut and comes from a Palestinian/Iraqi background. In her talk, she will describe Lebanon's ethnic diversity and the effects of the wars in Iraq, Syria, and Yemen on Lebanon's people and culture. There are now more than a million and a half Syrian refugees in Lebanon; how well is its government dealing with this crisis? Has Lebanon's political leadership dealt effectively with its many complex problems? Has there been a lack of international leadership in this region?

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**A BETTER PIANO NEEDED**  
**Marc Mostovoy**

I'm trying to help John Welch locate a good upright or digital piano for the Great Room of our Community Center. It would be wonderful if a resident of one of the Medford Leas campuses donated an acceptable instrument.

The piano in the Community Center is used for many different events. For instance, the Social Activities Committee is planning a musical variety show for February 10. However, the present piano has numerous problems. I won't go into the gory details, but I can assure you that it is old and not in very good shape. The cost to bring it up to snuff would probably be more



than it's worth, and once repaired it would still be an inferior instrument.

I've suggested replacing the present one with a good acoustic upright or a newer digital piano. From a purely artistic standpoint, a grand piano is preferable, but space considerations would preclude that. However, a nicely performing upright or electric piano at the Community Center would be just fine. I believe it would be an asset to the social life of the Lumberton community since there are a number of musicians here, and that it could provide an additional incentive and place for people to gather and meet informally. Incidentally, we are fortunate that John Welch knows quite a bit about pianos and could tune and maintain our future instrument, whatever kind that might be.

Thanks for giving this serious thought.

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**PICKUP DATES – JANUARY**

*Recycling:* January 5, 19

*Trash:* January 6, 13, 20, 27

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**NEED MORE HOLIDAY IDEAS?**

Check this website:

[phillyfunguide.com/holiday/  
Christmas-spectacular](http://phillyfunguide.com/holiday/Christmas-spectacular)

Save it for next year!

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**HOLIDAY COCKTAIL PARTY**

**Carol Ferraro, Eve Robinson, and Jane Bartram**

On December 9, friends and neighbors gathered at our beautifully decorated Community Center to "Herald in the Holidays."

Appetizers and desserts were varied, plentiful, and delicious! Conversations flowed from one table to another and, of course, in the food lines. After dinner, the Moorestown Music Makers, all current or past employees of Lockheed Martin, led by Karen Ferraro, performed a wonderful selection of holiday music. The glowing comments after the performance reflected the feelings of those who attended – a wonderful evening all around!

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*Carolers outside one of many Lumberton homes*



# Thinker's Corner



## Cartoons

This month's cartoon:



Write your caption:

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

Last month's cartoon:



Last month's captions:

*"I'm only stopping for a quick one on my way to Mexico."*

*"Some people drink to escape; I escape to drink."*

*"Make it quick! The bloodhounds are getting closer!"*

*"Just send the tab to the warden."*

*"You could make up a nice package to go."*

*"You got a long hose for my buddies in solitary?"*

*"My heist for a beer."*

*"I'll pay for the hole soon as I knock over another bank."*

# Name the Queens!

(Questions in November issue)

*First queen in recorded history:*

Himiko of Yamataikoku, Wa (now Japan)

*Queen who visited Solomon:*

Queen of Sheba

*Female "emperor" of China:*

Wu

*Celtic queen battling Romans:*

Budica (Boadicea)

*Egyptian monotheistic queen:*

Nefertiti

*Queen of the Amazons:*

Hippolyta

*Last queen of Ptolemaic dynasty:*

Cleopatra VII (Yes, that Cleopatra)

*Queen who went on a crusade:*

Eleanor of Aquitaine

*Empress of all the Russias:*

Catherine the Great

*Only female Habsburg queen:*

Maria Theresa

*Queen who sponsored Columbus:*

Isabella I

*Longest-reigning Western queen:*

Victoria

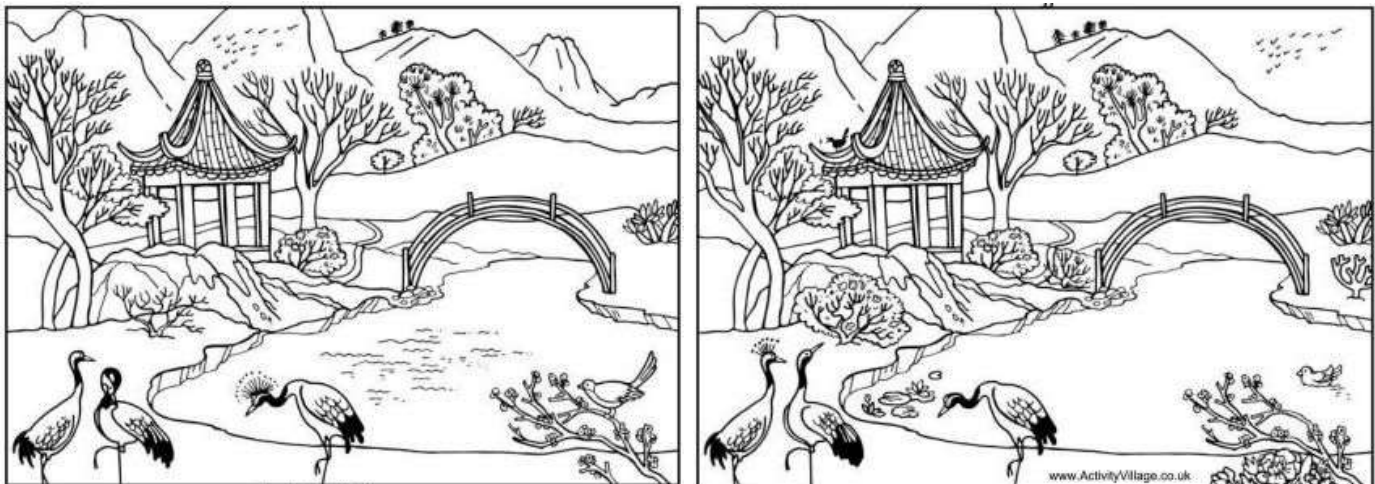
*Island queen defeating Spanish Armada:*

Elizabeth I

# For the Eagle-eyed

(This one really doesn't require eagle eyesight.)

Find 12 differences:



*A Photo from Lynn's Friends*



*Untitled*

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