

July 2015



Thoughts

**I walk the lonely streets of my mind
trying to find those left behind
who once were near and dear
but now are faded, unclear
are they forever gone?
or will they someday reappear?
That is my hope.**

– Dale Duffin

Independence Day

COUNCIL REPORT

Alvin Migdal

Council officers met on July 13 with the three newly elected members: Dino Fiabane, Alvin Migdal, and Joanne Thomas.

The 2015-2016 Activities Fund Drive efforts were very successful. As of June 30, \$4,435 was raised, exceeding the hoped-for contributions of \$4,328. An excellent 96% of our residents participated.

Council member Joanne Thomas submitted a report of her contacts with the Lumberton police about traffic on Woodside Drive. The police recommended that residents be reminded of the 25 mph speed limit.

Council will encourage Administration to shed light on the topics regarding the Continuum Process, and the policy concerning renovations at the existing courtyard apartments at an upcoming Coffee with Administration.

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR JUNE

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| Balance on May 31 | \$4928.32 |
| Income | 1353.68 |
| Expenses | 462.07 |
| Balance on June 30 | \$5819.93 |

REMEMBERING MARY BARTH

Barbara Lewis, photo by Dave Bartram

Mary Barth moved in 1992 to New Jersey from Michigan. Born in Nebraska in 1938, she graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in chemistry. She later completed a master's degree in toxicology at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor while working in the research lab at the School of Public Health. She

came to New Jersey to work for Mobil Oil at their research facility near Princeton. Mary retired in 1996 but continued to work part-time for Mobil for a few years. She moved to Lumberton Leas in 2000.



Mary had been interested in botanical research and was active in growing, harvesting, and creating dried flowers. On the Lumberton campus she worked with Miriam Swartz in our meadow learning about New Jersey's botany. She also filled her deck with a multitude of flowers which spilled over into the garden below. She enjoyed long walks on the paths and trails here and was regularly seen by other residents until she became ill.

Mary loved to quilt. She took many lessons after her retirement and continued her skills here. The quilts were a delight to see. She also loved to read and was a faithful member of the Book Club, joining it right from the beginning some 13 or 14 years ago. Her scientific interests had us often reading a book we might not have picked up on our own, but which proved to be both entertaining and enlightening. She was also a regular at the Friday night dominoes group.

A quiet, intelligent, happy person, Mary will be missed by all who knew her.

Pete's Pick**HOWDY!**

For someone new to our community, I suppose it could prove somewhat startling to first encounter the demonstrative friendliness of our residents, which is often communicated by our vigorous waving at passing cars. For me when I first experienced it, I was reminded of the Lionel train set that my childhood buddy, Tommy O'Conner, had in his basement. On the inside of his layout there was a barn with a farmer who would emerge from the door and wave each time the train passed. One day Tommy and I taped the barn door shut to see what would happen. On the first several passes of the train we could see the friendly old farmer frantically trying to push his way out of his barn, but he succeeded in only vibrating the taped door a bit. Then on the fourth or fifth passage he eventually managed to dislodge our taping and was once again able to resume his friendly waving at the passing train.

As one who has studied the waving habits of our residents during the seven years of my habitation in these parts, I have observed that unlike the farmer's stiffly mechanical wave of Tommy's train set, many of our residents fashion their greetings in unique and often quite personalized formats. Some allow the act to take place with total abandonment, with full-armed flapping that often resembles a goose taking off from one of our nearby waterways, although most approach the task with greater modesty. And as much as we tend to eschew any gender generalizations, there are definitely distinctions to be found in our wave habits depending on the sex of the actor. On the male side there is the "Marlboro Man" wave — assuredly a masculine form of greeting in which one hand is hooked over the beltline offering only a subtle, sometimes barely

perceptible, gesture which silently communicates: "Howdy partner." On the other hand, the distaff side tends to offer waves with more feminine poise, often involving coy rotations of the wrist or in-and-out closings of the fingers.

There are also event-inspired wavings — for instance the "mailbox wave" which happens when two residents meet while retrieving their mail and then wave their bills at each other as they retreat into their homes. And for early risers there is the "newspaper wave" in which the morning newspaper is retrieved and then waved at a neighbor while he or she is bending over to retrieve their own

Also, as might be expected in a community of aging seniors with all manner of arthritic and orthopedic conditions, there are various greetings designed to accommodate a particular disability. One resident, his arm in a sling due to a fracture, perfected a wave of his fingers at the point that they emerged from the opening of his cast. And those who must be careful to keep both hands on their walkers have learned to wave and provide greetings with clever head nods.

Greetings to nonresidents tend to be more modest in their offering than to those who are recognized as residents. But with the recent influx of new residents, this has become considerably more difficult for many of our veteran wavers to determine since they often tend to leave their glasses on the kitchen table before going out and about. I recently witnessed one such squinting veteran who generously offers one of the previously mentioned "goose" type waves to those he recognizes as residents, receive "the bird" by an appliance delivery truck driver from Camden whom he apparently mistook for one of our new residents.

Having had nearly seven years to accommodate myself to this uniquely Lumberton phenomenon, I find that I now ra-

ther enjoy the opportunity that our community affords to wave at everyone and everything that passes me by as I walk along our little traveled roadway. It is a pleasant reminder that we are an active and vibrant community of spirited folk always anxious to share our friendship with others even though our gestures may sometimes appear foolish or otherwise prove challenging for others to understand.

—Pete McCord

BOOK CLUB

Barbara Lewis

In the beginning at Lumberton Leas there were two book clubs. One met in the afternoon and one met at night. That lasted about two years. The nighttime group decided to disband, but the afternoon group has carried on ever since. We have enjoyed all kinds of literature over the years. Each year we have tried to do a biography and a classic. The only style of book we have not done is a mystery. That doesn't mean that our group doesn't read and enjoy that genre, it is just that a mystery doesn't suit a book club discussion. After all, everyone knows "Who done it?" by book's end. Our group is very interested in character discussion, along with the author's intent and style of writing, not to forget "Was it interesting?" and/or "Did it get your attention right away?" and so on. The discussions are serious betimes and then also funny. Everyone's opinion is valued.

The Book Club meets on the third Wednesday of the months between October and June. We do skip December since everyone is so busy in that month. Otherwise we meet from 2:00 to 3:00 in the Conference Room at the Community Center. All are welcome to attend. We do not have any male members at this time, but

in the past we have had three or four. Please come at any time. We do not take attendance; we do enjoy discussing the current book. You would be warmly welcomed.

FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC

Sue Kuhn

American flags fluttered on the mantle in the Great Room as seventy residents celebrated Independence Day together. Scrumptious picnic foods were squeezed onto long serving tables while carefully tended meats sizzled on porch grills. A spectacular red, white, and blue-topped cake enticed diners to the area laden with many delicious desserts.

Miriam Bisbing skillfully accompanied attendees confidently led by Conant Atwood in spirited patriotic singing. Dave Bartram had created PowerPoint slides of the songs' stanzas, and he ended the evening with two short scenes of James Cagney dancing and singing to George M. Cohan's famous music. Satisfied community friends returned to their homes looking forward to televised national fireworks.

Please watch foyer mailboxes for invitations to the Social Activities Committee event planned for August.

LUMBERTON CAMPUS POOL RULES

Conant Atwood, photo by Rick Trandahl

We all looked forward to our renovated pool opening. But along with the joy of the pool reopening comes responsibility. Yup, this means rules. They are listed in that yellow handbook which is somewhere in your home. As basic as the rules are, occasionally we pool users need a gentle reminder, and here it is. Please read and heed so we can all enjoy our pool with ease and pleasure.

Here are the rules:

- No diving, jumping or running.
- No food, metal containers, bottles or glassware in the pool enclosure. Plastic bottles may be used for lotions and water.
- Any personal property is your responsibility.
- If you moved something, return it to the original location before you leave.
- No one with an obvious communicable disease or infection should be using the pool. If you are sick, stay home and get well.
- No pets allowed. The exception is grandchildren.

The Lumberton campus pool is open anytime except when scheduled events or classes are in session. Since you are important to the occupancy of the community, please do not swim alone. It's good to have someone with you at the pool to pull you out if necessary. This brings us to an important piece of information: The Medford Leas maintenance staff keeps the pool clean and safe for our use, but *there is no lifeguard*. You and anyone you bring with you are agreeing to use the pool at your own risk.

Individuals on the waiting list may participate in aquatic programs as space allows. It is hoped they will be wildly enchanted and choose to immediately move into the community.

We enjoy guests, *but a resident host must be with them at all times*. We know your guests always behave with decorum and propriety, but just in case they don't, the community wants to know whom to hold responsible. Please sign your guest into the logbook when you sign in yourself.

An important reminder: In case of emergency call 911. The phone is on the fence

by the hot tub. Remember, all injuries, no matter how slight, must be reported to the Medford Campus Reception Desk, 654-3000.

And most important of all: Have a safe and enjoyable summer!



The Grizzly Bear Pool Opening on June 8

CLUSTERS

Trish and Geno Mori

On June 24, seventeen members of **Cluster 2** enjoyed a luncheon at Ginger Asian Cuisine Restaurant in Medford.

Conversations included current campus interests and a review of cluster activities from the past two years.

It was announced that Gini and Jack Mutschler are set to begin their second go-around as cluster leaders on July 1.

LEAS FORUM

Dorothy Cebula

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

July 25

"The Boy Who Said No: An Escape to Freedom by Patti Sheehy"

Author **Patti Sheehy** will discuss her riveting tale of love, friendship and adventure based on one man's experiences in

Castro’s Cuba. Based on a true story, it chronicles the life of Frank Mederos, who grew up under the Castro regime, was drafted into the army, promoted into the Special Forces, and defected to join his girlfriend who left Cuba with her family and went to the United States.

August 8

“Meet Madame C.J., Walker, Entrepreneur, Philanthropist and Social Activist”

Sarah Breedlove was born free in 1867 down in the Delta. She always wanted to help herself and others. As a result of her hair falling out, she mixed various ingredients that resulted in hair growth after about three months. She was a natural-born sales woman and sold her hair products. By 1917 she earned over \$1,000,000 as owner of one of the largest companies owned by a black person. Thus she became the first black female millionaire. She also made significant donations to schools, colleges, and civic organizations.

PICKUP DATES – AUGUST

Recycling: August 3, 17, 31
Trash: August 4, 11, 18, 25

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LCRA COUNCIL

Medford Leas at Lumberton has flourished in the past year keeping your elected Council busy.

For the first time in recent memory we have 100% occupancy with a waiting list, thanks to marketing and an improved economy.

We had 18 residents join the community while 9 residents moved to the Medford

Leas campus. Sadly, 8 residents passed away.

With the influx of new people our Great Room is not so great.

More people are attending our Social Committee suppers filling the room to capacity, making it necessary to have a wait list.

Attendance at the morning fitness classes is better than it has been in years, now including yoga twice weekly as part of the program.

In order to seek assistance from the Administration, a task force of residents was formed to come up with suggestions to alleviate the situation. A recommendation has been made to repurpose the Conference Room and mezzanine to make better use of the space.

Jane Bartram, our treasurer, is appreciative of your support for a successful Lumberton Community Service campaign benefiting the Lumberton EMS Squad, Lumberton Fire Department, Lumberton Police, and the Burlington County Bookmobile.

The important Activities Fund which supports our Lumberton committees is currently underway and has achieved our goal. In the fall Lumberton residents will be asked to support the Employees Appreciation Fund, which thanks the staff for their efforts on our behalf, as tipping is not permitted at Medford Leas.

Last fall renovations began on our wonderful pool. Plans were changed, so the pool opened June 8, marking the opening with the *Grizzly Bear Plunge*.

And our mugwort-ridden meadow has been recreated with the help of Weaner Landscape Associates, specialists in creating beautiful spaces, and many Lumberton residents who planted the new plants. Patience is the watchword here as it takes time to create their vision as well as eliminate the mugwort.

Ken Hutz, the local arborist, has been engaged to care for our trees and shrubs in the front of our residences. His presence on the campus is encouraging.

And Bill Murphy's team is gradually replacing our tired decks.

Bimonthly Coffee with Administration meetings were held this year in which our CEO Jeremy Vickers and Bill Murphy discussed matters of interest to the Community. Three new Council members have been elected. Joanne Thomas, Dino Fiabane and Alvin Migdal join Conant Atwood, Judy Aley and Joe Jordan.

Barbara Stiles, Bill Beitel and I leave the Council knowing that the new council will handle the challenges head-on.

My thanks to each member of the community for your friendship and support during my year as Council president.

John Speirs, Outgoing President

COMMUNICATIONS

Below are reports from the other three chairs of our subcommittees and me. I would like to thank each of them and all the members of the respective subcommittees for their efforts in seeing that information flows properly to ensure residents are kept abreast of happenings in our community. It has been rewarding to work with such dedicated and cheerful people.

Effective July 1, since I have moved to the Medford campus, Eric Hahn has assumed the Communication Committee Chairmanship. Best wishes to Eric and thanks to him for volunteering.

Vince Menzel, Outgoing Chair

Campus Mail Subcommittee

This year we tried to reduce the amount of paper we use and also copying costs. The weekly and monthly calendars are now available on the Medford Leas web

site. For residents who are not on the internet or need a printed copy, they can obtain copies from the plastic holders located next to the mailboxes. Bob Rosvold serves as my substitute. Hannie and Eric Hahn in January assumed the responsibility of maintaining the bulletin board and changing the borders monthly.

Charlie Morrow, Chair

Chronicle Subcommittee

This past year was my second as editor of our community's newsletter, which was so ably led by Herb Heineman for the previous ten years. Thankfully and fortunately, Herb and Ruth Gage have continued to share the work with me as associate editors, while Lynn Ware has also continued providing interesting front pages, photos, and articles.

The Chronicle's electronic version (available for the past 2 ½ years) continues to be emailed to approximately half of Lumberton campus households as well as a number of Medford campus readers. The number has been growing as new residents move in and established residents opt to convert. E-recipients enjoy benefits such as speed (beating print copy by up to a week) and color. Also, due to the email distribution, significant printing cost savings in our community's budget continue to be realized. Readers may sign up for an electronic copy at any time, so please consider doing so. If you would like to receive the latest copy by email just to see if you might like it delivered that way, simply contact Herb, Ruth, or me. Note to new residents: the smiley face stickers on our internal mailboxes indicate those households receiving electronic copies. They facilitate distribution of the newsletter to those preferring a print copy.

Since I have moved to the Medford campus, I will no longer be serving as editor of

The Chronicle. More details will follow on the editorship going forward. I have enjoyed being a member of *The Chronicle* staff the past 4 ½ years and will continue supporting the team in some to-be-determined capacity. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting me and *The Chronicle* team over the years; it's been a great experience — and a lot of fun.

Vince Menzel, Outgoing Editor

Clusters Subcommittee

The cluster concept was initiated in the early years of Lumberton Leas by Barbara Lewis with help from Carol Ferraro who wisely realized the new community needed a way for people to meet each other and feel welcomed. The concept proved very successful and Lumberton campus clusters still have social events to enjoy each other's company, visit nearby places of interest, as well as to help new neighbors move in. This year the clusters were kept busy welcoming the most new residents since the opening of the campus as our occupancy reached 100%, a good sign of the improved economy.

In the last year, cluster leaders were busy welcoming 18 new residents and saying farewell to 9 residents who moved to the main campus. And though not technically a resident, one death on our campus was very hard for all of us. Fuller, Kay Roberts' service dog, who had brought joy and pleasure to all of us, died last fall. I personally will miss his soulful eyes, his presence at community events, and his allowing me to have my doggy fix when he wasn't wearing his harness. Among his many fine qualities was his love of cuddling.

Move-ins and farewell to residents moving to the Medford main campus were acknowledged by clusters with parties to

greet new residents and parties to wish friends moving to the main campus all the best.

There were many of the annual celebrations: holiday parties, a winter doldrums celebration, as well as cocktail get-togethers, trips to local museums and the Grounds for Sculpture. And the good news is that many of our new residents have felt welcomed enough to roll up their sleeves and take on the job of cluster leaders for the coming year to help keep this great arrangement an active community function.

Judy Atwood, Cluster Coordinator

Resident Directory Subcommittee

Resident Directory activity increased considerably with the turnover of about a dozen Lumberton units this past year. Interviews with new residents by Barbara Zimmerman or Barbara Lewis and photos by Barbara Degler or Joyce Koch were published in *The Lumberton Campus Chronicle*. After the biographies were published in *The Chronicle*, the Directory's technical producer, Lynn Ware, formatted them in the Directory template she designed. Resident pages with color photos were inserted in the Master Directory in the Community Center, and black and white copies duplicated and distributed to all site residents for their units' Directories.

Residents may publish an updated bio and/or photo by emailing their item(s) to Lynn at 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 included in those issued to new residents.

In February, Council approved an offer by residents Margaret Eysmans and Joyce Koch to update the Resident Directory by assisting residents to modify or update

their biographical information and by taking new photos. At last report, 12 individuals were interested in availing themselves of this assistance — and Lynn advises that about half of the pages have been completed and provided for reformatting.

Mary Noll, Chair

COMMUNITY CENTER

June is bustin' out all over —
All over the Center that we love!

We scramble to find places
When there's few remaining spaces,
And often Push becomes a gentle Shove!
[with apologies to Oscar Hammerstein II]

Yes, our seams are stretched! In response to numerous requests, a task force was formed this year to liaison with the Administration, to determine actions that could help our overcrowding and storage issues in the near future. As of this writing, proposals have been developed and presented to the Administration, and we await their action.

The Community Center continues as *the* place to be for all kinds of reasons: social events, library books, games, fitness, Pathways programs — you name it, you'll find it here! In addition to the monthly events coordinated by our Social Activities Committee, we continue to host resident-sponsored groups, including Friendship Force International, the Boy Scouts and Cubbies, the Rancocas Conservancy, the Mystery Book Club, the Natural Sciences Club, and our latest addition, ACBL-Sanctioned Bridge.

The spring and fall audits of the Community Center have resulted in actions to be addressed by the Administration, Environmental Services, and Maintenance Departments, with emergency and safety issues being handled promptly and major items added to the capital budget for coming years.

Thank you to Debbie Lux of the Medford Leas Landscaping Department for the hanging flower baskets on our front porch, and to Ethel Cebra and Hannie Hahn for plant care during the summer months.

Special thanks to Charlie Morrow and Bob Rosvold, our intercampus “mailmen,” who do a great job of delivering and sorting our internal communications. Thanks also to Bob Rosvold and his team for their fine work in keeping the calendars organized. After many years of decorating and maintaining the bulletin boards, Charlie and Shirley Morrow have passed the torch to Hannie Hahn. Thank you to everyone who helps to keep the mailbox area uncluttered and to the many unnamed residents who take time to neaten our facility — thank you for caring.

Beginning July 1, the Community Center Committee will be chaired by Eric and Hannie Hahn.

Linda Gaylord and Janice Saibel,
Outgoing Co-chairs

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 and donated has also been hung in other areas of the Center.

During the past year, the following exhibits have been mounted in the gallery:

August-October 2014: Paintings by Mary Ann Nordal.

November-January: Residents of both Medford and Lumberton campuses.

February-April: Paper artist Alice Kelly.

May-July: Calligrapher and resident Harry Forrest.

August-October 2015: Photographs by Joanna Patterson will be displayed.

Eve Robinson, Chair

LIBRARY

It was a busy, productive year for the Library Committee. Under Margaret Eysmans' direction, the collection was entered into Library Thing, a computer app, making it accessible to residents from their home computers. Nonfiction was reorganized and the entire collection was culled of titles ten years old or older. This is done yearly to keep the titles current and to provide space for the continuous donations from residents. Donations are accepted with copyright dates beginning with 2006. All deleted books are donated to the Burlington County Library.

Jean Ricketts, Outgoing Chair

Book Club Subcommittee

On the third Wednesday of May each year we spend time together sharing books we've read before that we found interesting, hilarious, or surprising. At any rate they are books we talk about and everyone chimes in. It is a very special meeting. Here are this year's results.

The *Wolf Hall* series by Hilary Mantel was Lynn Immendorf's sharing. Ms. Mantel has reimagined the darkly historic time of Henry VIII's life. Yes, Anne Boleyn was in this one. Many other wives came later. Some of us have been watching the BBC series being shown on public television during this season — an intriguing series, for sure.

Joyce Sichel talked about the new novel by Anne Tyler called *A Spool of Blue Thread*. To quote her, "This story is alive with quirky family issues." Others chimed in remembering other Tyler books such as

Dinner at a Homesick Restaurant and *the Accidental Tourist*. I remember Judy Obbard telling me how many Anne Tyler books she had read — a very popular author.

Ghost Boy by author Alan Pistorius is a true story of a 9-year-old who could not move at all by himself and was unable to communicate in any way for the next 20 years. A caregiver noticed that he seemed to be following people with his eyes and he was taken to be studied. Anne Naulty was saddened by the severity of the problems he had and the struggles that he experienced. Not an easy read, but inspiring. She also mentioned *Carla's Voice* by Arthur Fleishman concerning autism.

Eileen McConville wanted us to know about a book called *The Girl on the Train*, a mystery by Paula Hawkins. A young woman, traveling on a train each morning and night, becomes interested in the people she sees as the train passes by housing so close to the tracks. It becomes an obsession with her, and ultimately she becomes totally involved with one of the families. This is a story that pulls you in emotionally.

Two books were brought to our attention by Peggy Fiabane. *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr focuses on a blind child in Paris. It has wonderful writing. Secondly, British author Rowan Cowan has great characterizations. *The Day We Met* is a story about early-onset Alzheimer's. In Great Britain the title is *The Memory Book*, certainly a descriptive title.

Barbara Lewis mentioned *Orphan Train* by Cristina Baker Kline. It is the novelized true story of New York City orphans being brought to the midwest part of our country between 1860 and 1929 to find families for them. Even today families contact New York City to try to learn more about where their parents/grandparents came from and what their backgrounds were.

Flannery O'Connor is a favorite author of Corinne Thompson. She is a very southern author who writes mainly short stories which always have a twist at the end. The *Complete Stories* always include much information about the country people among whom the author lived in the state of Georgia.

Race relations, so often in today's headlines, was the topic of the book called *Mudbound* by Hilary Jordan. Another book was called *Kitchen House*. The books told in effect how to grow up black. Phyllis Pere said the books were ones that could change your mind about things that were written earlier on — about life growing up in the United States.

Hannie Hahn spoke of two books, both in foreign languages, but which also exist in English. They were *Passions* by Javier Marías. This is a murder mystery which involved passionate writing as well as political intrigue. The second book is *Chronicle of a Death Foretold* by Gabriel García Márquez, also a mystery.

I asked the Brushes, both former active book club members, what they were reading right now. I met them in the waiting room at the Wellness Clinic. They were quick to pull out their books and show me what they were reading.

It won't surprise you to learn that Stanley's current book of choice was called *On Becoming a Mountain* by Stephen Alter. It is the story of a man working his way through the Himalayan Mountains learning, through spiritual ways, how to 'become' a mountain.

On the other hand, Beverly's book, *The Girl with the Braided Hair* by Margaret Coel, took place in the southwest part of our country. According to the Denver Post, the author merges her firm grasp of contemporary American Indian history with the mystery genre. Other people feel that she has succeeded Tony Hillerman as the next best writer of Indian culture. (I have

recently read a different book by Ms. Coel and heartily agree.)

Our Book Club is open to all residents. Because we all come from different places before Lumberton, our conversations are lively and filled with opinions. What a great way to spend an hour on the third Wednesday of the months from October through June! I give thanks to all who love to read and then come and share.

Barbara Lewis, Chair

POOL AND FITNESS

Both the outdoor pool and fitness areas continued to experience significant activity throughout 2014-15, reflecting our nearly full occupancy and additional classes.

POOL: Pool classes in 2014 had steady attendance. Monday classes with Mark were well-received, and we enjoyed the differing training styles of Dana, Steve, and Rick on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as Ann Naulty's spontaneous Saturday classes. Outdoor water volleyball had players from both campuses on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer. Major pool renovation occurred over the winter, with a reopening held in June.

FITNESS: The three-day-a-week fitness classes have seen attendance increase to the point that the Great Room becomes crowded. The fall of 2014 saw two yoga classes which have had a loyal following and are expected to continue. Finally, residents of both campuses participated in the 8th annual Ann Naulty Diner Walk, with part of the proceeds going to the Residents Assistance Fund.

Conant Atwood, Chair

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Creating once-a-month informal dinners which provide lots of social interaction for the community can be a challenging task but an exciting commitment too. Ten

months of this past year, three committee members volunteered to organize an evening event. Care was taken to offer different venues each month that would encourage high participation within the community.

Colorful, inviting reservation notices appeared in mailboxes to advertise the theme of the dinner. Innovative decorations were designed for the tables. The Great Room mantle always celebrated the theme with imagination. Midday, the whole committee gathered to transform the room into an appealing site for the evening. Afterward, committee members cleaned and returned the Great Room to order for the next day's uses.

Three community residents, not members of the committee, have greatly enhanced this year's events. Carol Suplee skillfully directed the outstanding *Tuesday Night Live* February event featuring talented residents performing to a packed Great Room. Lynn Ware artistically devised eye-catching invitations for four monthly evenings which delighted and provoked greater attendance. Dave Bartram creatively crafted many photo montages throughout the year to embellish the evenings' interesting themes.

Summer patriotic picnics...a whooping Wild West potluck...reminiscing with photos of treasured summer vacations...dressing-up for Halloween... Moorestown Music Makers bringing holiday cheer to our festive cocktail party...Mark Twain (Geno Mori) wisely quipping after delicious potluck foods...celebrating Saint Patrick's Day...enjoying Spring with a Holly Room Brunch.... A recent community survey demonstrated residents enjoy the committee's endeavors. Potluck and cocktail party events are favored most of all.

Twenty-six residents comprise the committee which meets monthly. Each person brings helping hands, useful talents, and

past experiences to incorporate into future events. Come join us!

The Social Activities Committee has shared a \$1550 budget with the Welcoming Committee and Games, Bridge, and Pinochle Groups. In December the committee purchased a new Christmas tree for the Great Room. Bill Murphy sends the Medford Leas work crew to set up and take down furniture at no cost to the committee.

Sue Kuhn, Outgoing Chair

TECHNOLOGY

The Technology Committee continued to provide support for electronic equipment at the Community Center for residents and outside groups. Equipment includes copier, computer, printer, audiovisual equipment (including projector), and low vision equipment.

This year saw the installation of an Apple TV device connected to the ceiling mounted projector. The main reason for this was to allow CEO Jeremy Vickers to use it with either his iPad or iPhone for his bimonthly Coffee with Administration meetings. Due to security regulations, Medford Leas staff members are no longer permitted to transport files on USB memory sticks, so it had become cumbersome for Jeremy to show his PowerPoint presentations on our equipment. In addition to Jeremy, we have used the Apple TV input to show slideshows and the words to music for sing-alongs at the monthly potluck dinners.

Resident groups and events that were provided help included monthly Social Activities Committee events, cluster parties, movie nights, and the CEO's bimonthly conversations.

Outside groups which received assistance include, among others: Boy Scouts, Friendship Force, Mount Holly Garden Club, Burlington County Natural Sciences

Club, West Jersey Rose Society, and Ran-cocas Conservancy.

Dave Bartram, Chair

TENNIS

As usual, the Lumberton campus tennis players joined forces with the Medford campus players for an active indoor winter season at Arrowhead Tennis Club in Medford. Signup emails were sent monthly to tennis players on both campuses for scheduling purposes; we had one or two courts filled on Tuesdays and Thursdays from November through April. The integrated program provided players from the two campuses the opportunity to become better acquainted with each other.

In May we began outdoor play at Lumberton on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:30 a.m. We continue to look forward to a good turnout from both campuses. New players are welcome to join us.

Lefty Alderfer, Chair

TRAILS AND SITE

This year 6 new members joined the Trails and Site Committee: Ava Van Baaren, Bob Koch, Eric and Hannie Hahn, and Bill and Marty Smith. The 14 long-time members are Joyce Akerboom, Conant Atwood, Judy Atwood, Joe Costanza, Don Davis, Dino Fiabane, Art Hartwig, Maggie Heineman, Davis Henderson, Pete McCord, Judy Norcross, Pat Potts, John Speirs, and Miriam Swartz.

The meadow is in its second year of re-development. Miriam Swartz is our meadow liaison to Medford Leas and will continue to coordinate the volunteer effort when it is needed. Don Davis and Pete McCord are the coordinators for the Community Garden. Judy Norcross organizes the semi-annual cleanup of Powell's Mill Creek, keeping it clear for canoes and kayaks. Other members of the committee

work on trail maintenance, bridge repair, the perimeter path, and fighting invasives.

Bill and Marty Smith are going to start leading trail walks for Lumberton residents – watch for announcements.

In April the committee made a presentation to a well-attended meeting in the Community Center. In May the Shawnee High School Day of Service brought 15 students to the campus. They did a great job with residents in their gardens and with committee members in the woodlands and along the perimeter path.

My third year as chairperson ended on June 30. Eric Hahn has volunteered to be the next chair.

Maggie Heineman, Outgoing Chair

WOODSHOP

The woodshop has continued to be helpful for the residents. These projects included expert knife sharpening, lamp rewiring, chair repairs, table repairs, support shelf construction and installation.

The highlight activity was the construction of a large amount of shelving using materials provided by Jack Akerboom. This allowed us to organize the assorted wood/plywood samples so that the space allows the samples to be easier to see. Most of the plywood is against the outer wall, with solid wood on the shelves.

We also completed a movable support table for use when cutting large or long pieces. In the coming year (this summer) we will be extending the dust system to pick up at the table saw blade area which should greatly reduce the amount of sawdust getting on the floor.

This year we have been continuing the rearrangement of the layout of the equipment and workbenches in order to create more work space and improve the access to all of the equipment.

There is planning proceeding for a workshop "Open House" in June/July to ac-

quaint our new residents at Lumberton of what the shop has to offer. More participation is always welcome.

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

In addition, we have supported the activities at Kirby's Mill including demonstrations on the large wheel lathe and shaving horse techniques during Country Day at the Mill.

The Holiday Craft Fair was supported by the construction of wooden bowls, cutting boards, spreaders for dips, business card and napkin/letter holders, wine-cork trivets, serving trays and side/end tables.

It is worth noting that about forty-five 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 used on the bridges.

Our donation activities (funded primarily through craft item sales) included continuing support of the Residents Assistance Fund at Medford Leas and this year the Lumberton Activities Fund.

Art Hartwig, Chair

NEW JERSEY TRIVIA

The United States Golf Association Museum in Far Hills is home to the world's premier collection of golf artifacts and memorabilia.

Hudson County has almost the same population as Alaska.

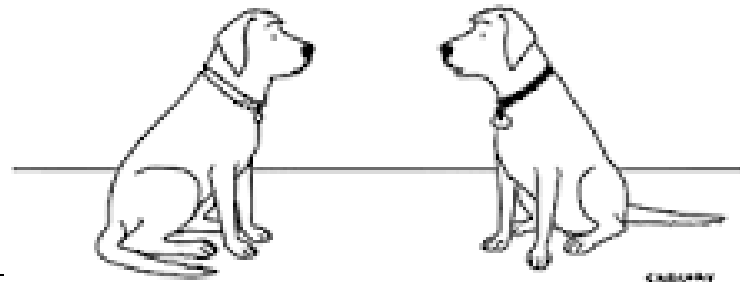
The oldest and largest rodeo on the East Coast is "Cowtown" in Woodstown, NJ.

Thinker's Corner



Cartoons

This month's cartoon:



Write your caption:

“ _____ ”

Last month's cartoon:



Last month's captions:

"I wish I was The Beav!"

"Is this high fence to keep us from their lawns or to keep them from our sidewalk?"

"I'm spending the summer at the beach, texting from sunrise to sunset. How about you?"

"Do you think we'll be friends when we're 100?"

Rebus Puzzles

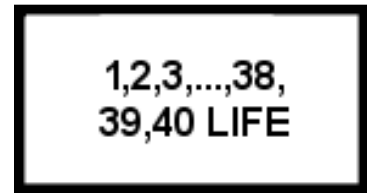
This month's puzzles:



Last month's puzzles:



In between jobs



Life After 40

Do You Know?

What animal can last longer without water than a camel?

What food is more efficient in waking you up in the morning than caffeine?

What insect tastes with its feet?

What book is most stolen from public libraries?

Answers next month

A Photo from Lynn's Friends



Abandoned Subway Beneath City Hall, New York City

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