

The ancient Romans called the hottest, most humid days of summer “diēs caniculārēs” or “dog days.” The name came about because they associated the hottest days of summer with the star Sirius. Sirius was known as the “Dog Star” because it was the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major (Large Dog).

It has nothing to do with the lazy expression of a dog on a hot summer day (see photo on last page).

Centennial International Exhibition – first official world’s fair in America

Held in Philadelphia in 1876 to celebrate the 100TH anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

More than 200 buildings housed exhibitions by 12 nations and 26 states.

About 10 million visitors attended, equal to about 20% of the U.S. population at the time.



The arm and torch of the Statue of Liberty were showcased, and for a fee of 50 cents visitors could climb the ladder to the balcony. The money was used to help fund the pedestal.

Although the event was not profitable to investors, it was credited with improved export/import balances for America.

Consumer products first displayed to the public included the telephone, typewriter, Heinz Ketchup, Wallace-Farmer's precursor to the electric light, Hires Root Beer, and new types of office equipment. Sir William Thomson said Alexander Graham Bell's telephone "was the most wonderful thing he had seen in America." However, according to a description of the exhibition written 90 years later, "One new invention which impressed hardly anybody was Alexander Graham Bell's telephone. It attracted less notice than the packages of magic on sale nearby." (*Dee Brown, The Year of the Century: 1876, 1966 p.133.*)

COUNCIL REPORT FOR JUNE/JULY

Dino Fiabane

Council held its transition meeting on June 20. Council officers Conant Atwood, Joe Jordan and Judy Aley have retired. Council thanks them for their two years of dedicated service and leadership.

New council members are Jackie Manko, Cora Lee Page and John Sherry. Council officers for 2016-2017 are: Dino Fiabane, President; Joanne Thomas, Vice-president; Al Migdal, Secretary. Phil Bodner was appointed Treasurer to Council.

The Lumberton Residents Handbook revisions have been completed and distributed.

Geno Mori has agreed to do our internal financial audit.

The Social Activities Committee request for space improvement in the Community Center was tabled at the committee's request and may be taken up at a later date.

A new 25 mph speed limit sign has been installed at the entrance.

An electronic media board, similar to the one outside the Medford Leas Coffee Shop, will be placed in the lobby of the Community Center.

Additional business was transacted at Council's July 11 meeting.

A donated quilt made by late resident Mary Barth has been turned over to the Art Gallery Subcommittee, which will arrange for its display in the community center.

In future budget and financial reports, the name "Copier Reserve" will be renamed the "Equipment Reserve."

Council sponsors were requested to ask committee chairs to take inventory of all their equipment (items with a useful life of one year or more) belonging to the Residents Association, to calculate replacement costs, and to send such information to the treasurer in time for the

September Council meeting. This inventory could be used in future discussions relating to the Equipment Reserve.

A PIW requesting reimbursement for use of a resident's water by the community gardeners was discussed. Further exploration of administration records related to past practices will be pursued. Other options will be considered if necessary. The PIW remains open for now.

The Lumberton campus components of the cumbersome "New Resident Communication and Action Process" will be consolidated by the new chairman of the Communications Committee, Conant Atwood.

Margaret Eysmans will oversee the Lumberton campus announcement email delivery system. Policies will be fine-tuned at a later date.

The Lumberton Arboretum Task Force of the Arboretum Oversight Committee is gathering information towards clarifying guidelines for residents and contractors regarding landscaping bordering the perimeter path and within the meadow.

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF JUNE 30

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Net Assets</u>
Activities Fund	\$ 7,175
Equipment Reserve	\$500
Community Services Fund.....	<u>\$60</u>
Total	\$ 7,735

MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

text by Barbara Zimmerman

photos by Joyce Koch

Tom and Winnie Lyall moved to Lumberton in April from nearby Medford. Two acres of land with its ensuing (and increasing) responsibilities became more than they wanted. Friends already at

Lumberton were beckoning.

They enjoy the sense of belonging at the Lumberton campus and love the brightness of their sunroom which overlooks the meadow. A *huge* pleasure is watching someone else mow the grass!



Both Winnie and Tom attended Abraham Lincoln High School in Northeast Philadelphia. They met in their senior year and started to date. Later this year they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Winnie continued her education at West Chester University where she earned a BS in education and then received her MA in reading from Temple University. Her career included 29 years of teaching the primary grades, mostly in neighboring Mt. Laurel.

Tom has a degree in accounting from Philadelphia University. This served him well in his career, which he began working as an accountant for the Department of Defense, ending up 39 years later as chief of the accounting branch in the IRS regional mid-Atlantic office. His army time after college took him to the 30th Military Police Battalion stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco, during the Vietnam War era.

Living in San Francisco for a year and a half with the Army ignited a serious love affair with travel for the Lyalls. Last year's trip was a cruise to the Baltics. Both Tom and Winnie's families trace their roots to Glasgow, Scotland, and they have traveled there several times with their children.

An unusual collection of Japanese military saki cups is Tom's special interest. His trips to Japan have allowed an opportunity for learning and purchasing. He has hundreds waiting for display.

The Lyalls have two sons. Tim lives with his family in Mill Neck, Long Island, NY. They have one son. Nate is in Collingswood with his family including two children. Babysitting is a favorite activity for the grandparents.

Their home showcases many cross-stitch pieces done over the years by Winnie. She is active in the Moorestown Presbyterian Church and also volunteers for Urban Promise in Camden. At Lumberton, she is looking forward to the swimming and exercise programs and would like to participate in the Social Activities Committee. Both the Lyalls look forward to enjoying the varied social events on the Lumberton campus.

Pete's Pick

SITTING ON FLAGPOLES AND OTHER ODD BEHAVIORS

Whatever happened to people who sit on flagpoles?

Perhaps, like so many other odd behaviors they've seen their day and have now become part of a nostalgic past. But while I can't say for sure, maybe it also has something to do with the ever-expanding role of government in our lives. Nowadays it seems that you need a license or permission from some government agency to do a lot of things that were once viewed as fun, however foolish they might appear to some. I don't remember this being the case when I was growing up in Philadelphia, "the birthplace of freedom." As kids we followed the newspaper stories and listened to radio reports of those who thrilled us with their peculiar and often

dangerous stunts. It seemed that there was an endless supply of daredevils who went over Niagara Falls in barrels and odd folk who would climb to the top of flagpoles and stay there for extended periods. I remember one guy who spent an entire summer perched on top of a flagpole in Center City. As I recall, he didn't go up there to promote or protest any particular cause, and I don't believe he was doing it for money. He was doing it simply because he wanted to do it. And, importantly, the city government didn't tell him otherwise. That summer I hawked newspapers on the corner of Johnson and Greene Streets, and would drum up sales by calling out, "Read all about it: Flagpole man in his fiftieth day on the flagpole," etc. The newspapers were big sellers and everyone was following the story and wanted to know if he was ever going to come down. They were rooting for him, not because they wanted to do it themselves, but because they enjoyed witnessing another person doing what he wanted to do in a community that didn't try to stop him.

Somewhere along the line those who govern us must have decided that it was their duty to regulate such behaviors and I suspect that in the dusty archives of Philadelphia's city ordinances there is now a law that requires a governmentally approved license to engage in flagpole sitting. Perhaps there is even a well paid bureaucrat or two in City Hall whose job it is to examine all flagpole sitting applications and decide whether to approve or reject each request. All of this I suppose must be quite discouraging to a guy who wakes up one morning and decides he wants to get away from it all and spend a little time on top of a flagpole.

I haven't researched what Lumberton's regulations might be or, for that matter, what role Burlington County or the State of New Jersey might have in the matter of

public flagpole sitting. But one of the benefits of living on the Lumberton campus is that we tolerate—perhaps even enjoy—each other's peculiarities. And although I have yet to find anyone here who wants to sit on top of a flagpole (or the roof of the Community Center since we lack a flagpole), I suspect that should one ever appear, we would treat him courteously, perhaps even calling out to him on our way to the pool or tennis courts: "Hey, how's the weather up there?" And maybe from time to time we would tie a piece of pie to a string and send him up a treat. Perhaps a Committee would be formed to assure that he receives copies of *The Chronicle* as well as his billing when it comes due. And, for sure, we would save him a place at our next community supper should he ever decide to come down and join us.

—Pete McCord

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LCRA COUNCIL

The Lumberton Campus Residents Association (LCRA) Council and committees provide informal stewardship of the Lumberton campus and coordinate resident activities. All residents of the Lumberton campus are members of the LCRA and are encouraged to join committees.

The 2015-16 Council term saw committee leadership shakeups as "pioneers" and other long-time residents moved to the Medford campus or died. Seven of the nine named formal committees, along with the majority of subcommittees, will have changed chairs between June 2015 and July 2016. Among them is Campus Mail Subcommittee chair, Charlie Morrow, who has set aside his mail pouch after sixteen years as he moves to the Medford campus.

We've also seen changes in the Com-

munity Center and communications. Room reservations are now handled by the main campus, and bulletin boards have been reorganized. Community Center mezzanine space has been reworked to create an open meeting area by removing obsolete computer equipment and putting a laptop computer next to the copier.

Lumberton campus residents not only contribute time and effort to our lives here, but we also contribute financially through four major fund drives. Our spring 2016-17 LCRA Activities Fund Drive, which provides monies needed by our committees through-out the year, has already exceeded its goal. Our winter Community Services Fund Drive supported the Lumberton EMT Squad, the Lumberton Fire Department, the Lumberton Police Department Canine Fund and the Burlington County Library Bookmobile. Lumberton Campus residents also significantly contributed to the MLRA Activities Fund Drive, whose funds provide for the activities we take advantage of on the main campus, and to the Employee Appreciation Fund, which provides holiday bonuses for Medford Leas employees.

Our bi-monthly Coffee with Administration gave us a chance to hear from CEO Jeremy Vickers and several of his direct reports. His discussion of the Continuum Process was of particular interest.

Outside the normal cycle of activities, Council participated in discussing how the purchase of the 119 Creek Road property by Legacy Treatment Services might impact our campus. After an impromptu Council meeting, arranged by Jeremy Vickers with the CEO of Legacy Treatment Services, the resulting Q & A Statement summaries helped allay our concerns.

We continue to connect with high schools. Rancocas Valley Regional High School singers caroled us along Woodside

Drive in December, and Shawnee High School held a Day of Service for us in May.

Our May annual general meeting saw the election of Jackie Manko, Cora Lee Page and John Sherry to serve on Council for two years. They take the place of Judy Aley, Joe Jordan and me as we retire. They will be joining holdover Council members Dino Fiabane, Al Migdal and Joanne Thomas for the 2016-17 term.

I am personally grateful for the support and efforts of Council members, committees and each of you. Being your president has been an honor (if not always a pleasure!) and I would heartily recommend the experience to all.

Conant Atwood, Outgoing President

COMMUNICATIONS

Following 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. To improve communications, we have added emails sent by Margaret Eysmans to all Lumberton campus residents on our list. This could be especially useful in emergency situations such as road closings or ice accumulations.

Eric Hahn, Outgoing Chair

Campus Mail

There has been a major change in the intercampus mail system with Charlie Morrow having left for the Medford campus after 15 years of dedicated service. Mail now is delivered by Medford Leas to the Lumberton campus Monday

thru Friday in the morning and Friday afternoon if necessary. Posters which have expired are left to be recycled. The mail is placed in resident boxes by our committee, which consists of Lefty Alderfer, Davis Henderson, Conant Atwood and me based on a weekly rotation

Bob Rosvold, Chair

Chronicle

The Chronicle, almost as old as the Lumberton campus itself, continues to serve the community not only as a newsletter but also with entertaining reading. Lynn Ware's imaginative cover designs guarantee that no issue looks like any other. The contents cover a wide spectrum: summaries of the monthly Council meetings, notices and reports of events, welcomes to new residents, farewells to those we've lost, columns, poems, humor, cartoons and puzzles.

We are now in our fourth year of electronic publishing, and the number of subscribers continues to rise. As of the newest count, 67 (more than half) addresses on the Lumberton Campus and 26 at Medford are receiving *The Chronicle* by email, availing themselves of speed and color while saving the cost of printing. All residents, especially new ones, are urged to contact any of the editors by email to receive theirs.

Painful staffing problems dogged us during a good part the year. When our former editor relocated to the Medford campus, I was called out of retirement (a stopgap measure, I assure you!). There followed the prolonged incapacity of one of our associates. Luckily new talent was on hand. Even though the necessary training slowed down operations, hard work and enthusiasm, always the hallmark of *Chronicle* editors, helped us over the rough times, and we have continued to publish

without interruption—twelve issues this year like all others.

We now look ahead with great optimism as Joanne Thomas takes the helm as editor. She's a pleasure to work with and brings talent, high spirits, and youth. Let's hope she stays a long time!

Herb Heineman, Outgoing Chair

Clusters

Cluster leaders stepped up to help new residents adjust to their new homes and to become integrated into the community.

One of the primary initiations for our new residents is to be introduced in many different ways. They are welcomed as they are introduced at a Medford Leas Residents Association meeting, Lumberton campus coffee with administration, the potluck dinners, Social Activities Committee annual brunch (all the newbies from the last twelve months are invited) and, lastly the Lumberton Campus Resident Association annual meeting.

Our new residents have joined into many of the tasks and activities that keep our community strong and interesting. We have new proofreaders, writers, Social Activities Committee members, artists, trails devotees, bird watchers, cluster leaders and people who are willing to roll up their sleeves and help out in any number of ways.

And we love the cluster parties that are held during the year. Many cherished friends were given a farewell and we hope to see them on the Medford campus. Cluster 7 has been particularly busy as they celebrated having all their units reoccupied. It has been a very busy year for the residents.

Judy Atwood, Cluster Coordinator

Resident Directory

The “Meet Our New Neighbors” columns in *The Lumberton Campus Chronicle* (text by Barbara Zimmerman, photos by Joyce Koch) continue to be the basis for the directory. After publication, the data is copied and pasted into the directory format by Lynn Ware, who prints a page with color photo for the Community Center Committee master directory. One hundred ten copies are then made on the community copier for distribution to all of the units.

Directories were originally produced by Staples (for around \$200!) and available to residents at prices ranging from \$6 to \$12 each. In late 2008, Council decided to provide a Resident Directory for each unit with the proviso “This book is the property of Unit _____. Please ensure that it remains on the kitchen counter if you relocate.” This access to the backgrounds and interests of new neighbors carries the responsibility of keeping their unit’s directory up to date by promptly inserting all new pages when received.

Mary Noll, Chair

COMMUNITY CENTER

During the building audit, the ongoing subject of the lack of storage space was discussed, leading to possible changes in allocation of Community Center space. Potential solutions included converting the current Conference Room into a storage room with the addition of double doors and making the mezzanine an open conference room area, or converting part of the mezzanine into a storage area. However, given that either change would impact the use and appearance of the Community Center, the topic needs consensus among Residents and Administration and will be a continuing

item of discussion for the 2016–2017 Council. Another idea was discussed to place decorations in the basement of residents with available space.

Additional items discussed during the audit on building maintenance include ice buildup on walkways, concrete chipping, painting requirements, malfunctioning shades, worn door gaskets, dust accumulation as well as pest control. Maintenance has installed railings at the Community Center steps and replaced a chipped section of a walkway. Details of the building audit can be found in “Lumberton Campus Community Center Building Audit Summary April 21, 2016 ” It was suggested that a semiannual building audit would be desirable.

The Community Center continues as the place to be for various reasons: social events, library books, games, fitness, and Pathways programs. In addition to the monthly events, coordinated by our Social Activities Committee, we continue to host resident-sponsored groups, including Friendship Force International, the Cub and Boy Scouts, the Rancocas Conservancy, the Mystery Book Club and the Natural Sciences Club. Thank you to Debbie Lux of the Medford Leas Landscaping Department for the hanging flower baskets on our front porch and to all those who perform plant care during the summer months. All residents are invited to water the plants if they deem it necessary. Special thanks to Bob Rosvold and his committee, who do a great job of delivering and sorting our mail under the new system. We will all miss our faithful mailman, Charlie Morrow, who has relocated to the Medford campus. This year a major change has been made in the bulletin boards. All reservations for the Conference Room, mezzanine, and Great Room are now made electronically through the “ASURESPACE” meeting room manager. The bulletin board that

previously held the monthly calendars is now reserved for Lumberton campus news.

Hannie and Eric Hahn, Co-chairs

Art Gallery

The purpose of the Art Gallery Subcommittee is to enhance the Community Center with fine art by residents and local artists. The hallway leading to the fitness center has been established as a gallery along with the community room upstairs. Artwork on loan and donated has been hung in other areas of the Center.

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

November 2015 through January 2016: Paintings by Marilyn Flagler.

February through April: Photographs by Joe Costanza.

May through July: Paintings by Pat Heller-Dow.

August, September: Paintings by artists from both campuses.

Eve Robinson, Chair

LIBRARY

The Lumberton Library is a well-used resource for our community. The collection is now available for searching through the on-line catalog. A list of new titles added to the collection each month is posted on the bulletin board in the library.

Collection: 1404 titles, 227 of which are nonfiction.

New additions: 180 new titles were donated and catalogued.

Titles culled: 230 titles published in 2005 or earlier were pulled and donated to The Burlington County Library for their book sale.

Circulation: 670+ titles were checked out by Lumberton campus residents.

Thanks to the Library Committee—Judy Aley, Jody Cardona, Sue Kuhn, Jackie Manko, Shirley Morrow, Jean Ricketts and Marilyn Tillman—for keeping the library organized. I would particularly like to recognize Jean for regularly taking culled books to the Burlington County Library.

Margaret Eysmans, Chair

Book Club

The Book Club at Lumberton meets in the Conference Room of the Community Center on the third Wednesday at 2 p.m. from October through June. All are welcome to read the book(s) and join our discussions.

The year started in October 2015, reading *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony

Doerr. The writing was splendid and the story line was captivating. (People are still reading this book after more than two years!) This book was reviewed in the November *Chronicle*.

November found us reading *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. New York City had many orphans in the early 1900s. It is a novel based on the true story of NYC's orphan trains. It was reviewed in the January *Chronicle*.

We skip December since it is such a busy month.

January 2016 had a great read by David McCullough, which detailed the trials and tribulations of *The Wright Brothers*. We were fascinated by the ingenuity they showed while learning how to fly. This book was reviewed in the January *Chronicle*.

In February, author Liane Moriarty brought us right back to modern days with *Big Little Lies*. Child and adult abuse

and home violence are involved in this very readable book. Our attendees were helpful in understanding the characters and their emotions in this book, as discussed in the March *Chronicle*.

In March, we chose two of Frank Gilbreth's stories: *Cheaper by the Dozen* and the sequel, *Belles on Their Toes*. The stories are quite dated, but the lessons learned along the way were interesting. Both of these books were reviewed in the March *Chronicle*.

In April, the subject was slavery and abolition. *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd was a stirring tale primarily of two lives from 1805 through Civil War times. This book is the novelized true story of Sarah and Angelina Grimke, leaders in the fight for abolition and women's rights.

The meeting in May is usually when members share items of what they read over the last year that piqued their interest. These have been books from childhood, poetry, or a newspaper article.

Our topic in June revolved around a small town in West Virginia during the Depression. *The Truth According to Us* by Annie Barrows is about a young girl who has an insatiable need to know about her father and her family, which was formerly one of the "important families" of West Virginia.

Come join us in October! There are lots of interesting books to discuss next year and we'd love to see you.

Barbara Lewis, Chair

POOL AND FITNESS

Fitness is a key component in life here at Lumberton and we continue to search for new ways to increase resident participation. A fitness questionnaire was distributed in November 2015. The large response by residents has resulted in a second Smart Start class at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday offering a less stressful level of exercise.

Since balance is critical in daily life, that component has been added to our Smart Start classes. The twice-weekly yoga classes have had strong support and a pilot tai chi class was also offered.

A new piece of cardio equipment was added in the fitness center and residents continue to discover and use this state-of-the-art facility, rarely seen in CCRC communities.

We have been encouraged to attend the many fitness programs offered on the main campus in addition to our programs here. Our renovated pool was widely used by residents of both campuses for scheduled classes and water volleyball, as well as individual recreation. New pool furniture is in place this year and the traditional Polar Bear Dips have been replaced by a more popular Grizzly Bear Plunge in early June.

Staffing issues in the Fitness Department due to illness temporarily curtailed certain popular programs, but these have been resolved and we have returned to our regular routine.

John Speirs, 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 themes each month that would encourage high participation.

Colorful inviting reservation notices appeared in mailboxes to advertise the theme of the dinners. Innovative decorations were designed for the tables. The Great Room mantel always celebrated

the theme with imagination. At midday, the whole committee gathered to transform the room into an appealing beautiful site for the evening. 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.

These themes included summer patriotic picnics, a 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 played by Geno Mori wisely quipping, celebrating Saint Patrick's Day and enjoying spring with a Holly Room brunch.

A recent community survey demonstrated that 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 Welcome and Kitchen Subcommittee and with the bridge and pinochle groups. In December the committee purchased a new Christmas tree for the Great Room.

Judy Atwood, 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.

Resident groups and events that were supported included monthly social events, cluster parties, movie nights, and the CEO's bimonthly conversations.

Outside groups which were supported include, among others: Boy Scouts, Friendship Force, Mount Holly Garden Club, Burlington County Natural Sciences Club, West Jersey Rose Society and Rancocas Conservancy.

After many years of dedicated service to Lumberton technology, Dave Bartram will be moving to the Medford campus. However, he has graciously agreed to be part of the new committee forming who will be responsible for supporting equipment and functions. To this date, volunteers include Joyce Koch, Dino Fiabane, Phil Bodner, Ann Campbell and me. All interested residents are invited to join.

Eric Hahn, Acting 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. Cracks and other unevenness in our

courts were repaired by an outside contractor to enable improved play.

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 SITES

The 19 continuing members are Conant and Judy Atwood, Joe Costanza, Don Davis, Dino Fiabane, Eric and Hannie Hahn, Art Hartwig, Maggie Heineman, Davis Henderson, Bob Koch, Pete McCord, Judy Norcross, Pat Potts, Bill and Marty Smith, John Speirs, Miriam Swartz and Ava van Baaren.

The meadow is in its third year of redevelopment. 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 semiannual cleanup of Powell's Mill Creek, keeping it clear for canoes and kayaks. Bill and Marty Smith are leading trail walks for residents of both campuses and explaining the flora and fauna of the Lumberton woods. It is hoped that these guided walks encourage residents to use the trails on their own. Please watch for announcements of future trail walks. The perimeter and meadow walks are in good shape, but all residents are encouraged to remove possibly hazardous small obstacles such as branches.

The major effort of the Trails Committee has been the woods trails. The fragile nature of many trees, combined with wind storms, brought down large trees several times, which blocked the trails. These

obstacles were removed by Medford Leas Maintenance and Michaels Landscaping. Where possible, the trunks were positioned as a guide to the trails. Residents have removed smaller obstacles and invasive growth to keep the trails as open as possible. Smaller logs, when available, have been positioned along the trails to serve as a guide in addition to the trail signs.

The bridges along the trails were installed by the pioneers with the help of the Boy Scouts and Medford Leas. Although all are passable, for ease of crossing a work order for repairs has been issued.

Dino Fiabane, with the help of Robert Koch, has done a great amount of work on the boards of the Soggy Bottom trails. Chicken wire for improved traction has been nailed over many boards, and some have been rerouted over flatter terrain and additional rebars installed to improve board stability. However, due to occasional flooding, the walkway is still prone to shifting. A work order request for some bridge repair has been sent and that request should be brought up at the next Arboretum Committee meeting.

Eric Hahn Chair

WOODSHOP

The woodshop has continued to be helpful for the residents. Projects included expert knife sharpening, lamp rewiring, chair repairs, table repairs, support shelf construction and installation. It is with great regret we report the move of Jack Osborn to the main campus, as he devoted many hours to supporting the needs of the Lumberton residents. However, I am able to report that Brian

Schultz has stepped in to fill the large hole left by Jack's move.

This year we have continued the rearrangement of the layout of the equipment and workbenches in order to create more workspace and improve access to all of the equipment. This included moving the clamp section to the wall by the two lathes and constructing a frame to support a photo gallery of our past activities.

Planning is proceeding for a workshop "Open House" and bowl turning demonstration in May/June to acquaint our new residents at Lumberton with what the shop has to offer.

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 37 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 and work projects) included continuing support of the Residents Assistance Fund at Medford Leas and this year the Lumberton Activities Fund.

Art Hartwig, Chair

FOURTH OF JULY POTLUCK

Hannie Hahn

On July 1 Maintenance set up tables and chairs for the event, and John Speirs, Judy Norcross (mantel committee), and Hannie Hahn took care of decorating the mantel area. The committee for the fourth of July potluck consisted of Hannie Hahn (chair), Nancy Griffenberg, Rumiko Sinunu and Ava van Baaren. Tables were

decorated with fresh flowers in the colors of the flag, together with small flags, colorful napkins, and the typed history of the Fourth of July, in celebration of its 240th anniversary.

The Social Activities Committee provided a festive touch, and our new member, Kathy Riley, had created a beautiful poster of the National Parks since we also celebrated the centennial of the parks.

The guests were greeted with Sousa marches and a colorful display of succulent salads. A video of Yosemite National Park, in honor of the centennial of the parks, was shown after delectable desserts.

We also thank Bill Rohmer and John Griffenberg for being our grill masters, and Eric Hahn for setting up the music and the video.

LEAS FORUM

Dorothy Cebula

In August, Leas Forum is very proud to announce programs by two remarkable women whose memorable experiences will inform and inspire. Both programs are scheduled for the Medford Leas Theater and will start at 11:00 a.m.

August 13

Experiences of a Medical Missionary Around the World

Sr. Patricia Travaline is a member of the Medical Mission Sisters who worked in health services as a midwife and nurse educator in South Asia before serving in East and West Africa. She assisted hospice patients, jail inmates, homeless people and those with HIV/AIDS.

August 27

Believing in a Better World

Nelly Toll will explain her perspective on

the world. Dr. Toll, an internationally recognized artist and Holocaust speaker, will share stories of her life as a Jewish child in Nazi Germany. She is a lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania on Holocaust literature and was recently honored by Angela Merkel during an exhibit in Berlin on Holocaust Art.

ART GALLERY NEWS

Joyce Linda Sichel

Late summer will bring a new art show to the Lumberton Community Center gallery space. A group of residents who work in the Art Studio on the Medford campus will be showing works in a variety of media: watercolor, oil, colored pencil, and ink. Gini Mutschler, Eileen McConville, Barbara Lassen, Chuck Lassen, and Joyce Linda Sichel from the



Lumberton campus and Dorothy Cebula and Janet deVry from Rushmore will be participating in this group show. The show will not begin with a formal reception, but come in early August to see your neighbors' and friends' beautiful and interesting artwork. The show will continue through October.

At the Main Gallery outside the Theater on the Medford campus you have another new show to see this summer. Colorful paintings, primarily watercolors, by artist Joyce McAfee are on display for

July and August. Her subjects are varied. She paints local landscapes, seascapes, still lifes and miniature watercolor pictures. She is a member of the "Hanging Together Group," a collective of local women artists dedicated to painting scenes of historical interest so that schoolchildren and others can appreciate what southern New Jersey has been like in the past. The watercolor painting shown here is titled "Dr. Still's Homestead." Her art will be on view for us until the end of August.

Don't forget that more residents' art and photography are still on display throughout the summer on the lower level of the Medford campus Arts and Social Wing.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP COMING HERE

Joyce Linda Sichel

A new free service is on the drawing board for the autumn. Here on the Lumberton campus in the Community Center Conference Room (the room saved from dedication to storage), we hope to be able to offer a new weekly group. It is intended for those experiencing bereavement and loss to have help from a professional leader and other group members to lift the burden of solitary grief. It will be a confidential place to connect, vent feelings, and get new ideas and perspectives.

The Visiting Nurse Service (VNA) of Moorestown, a not-for-profit agency, offers such groups on their premises and, when approached by us, has expressed interest in leading one on our campus. It would be open to people in the local community as well as our residents. Some of you may already be familiar with the VNA, which is long-established, highly respected organization that is one of those recommended through our Health Center when hospice is needed.

A steering committee comprised of Dr. James D’Amico, Cathy Martin (the Leas’ Social Worker), residents Elaine Eldred, Ruth Gage and me have been laying the groundwork this summer. More details will be coming in the next issue of *The Chronicle* as we approach September.

PICKUP DATES – AUGUST

Recycling: August 1, 15, 29

Trash: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Thinker’s Corner



Cartoons:

Last month’s cartoon:



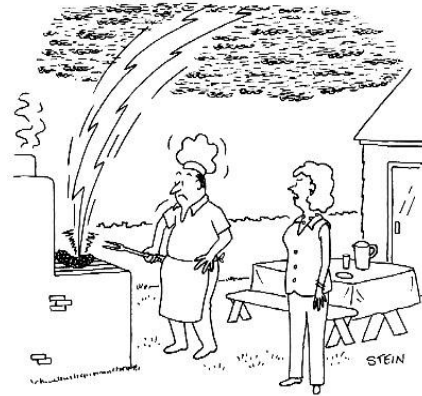
Last month’s captions:

“So this is what the world has come to.”

“Evolution right under our eyes.”

“Well, nothing surprises me anymore.”

This month’s cartoon:



Last Month Brain Bashers

1. Name an ancient invention, which is still used in some parts of the world today that allows people to see through walls.

A window

2. What is it that the person who makes it doesn’t need it for themselves and the person who uses it doesn’t know it?

A coffin

3. I went on a trip last week. The traffic was moderate and the journey took two and a half hours. On the return journey, the traffic was similar, but I made it back in 150 minutes. Why?

It is the same time.

4. According to the American Constitution, in order to become President of the United States there are only five pre-requisites. The candidate must:

1. be at least 35 years old
2. be a citizen of the U. S.
3. have resided in the U. S. for at least 14 years
4. have been born in the U.S.

What is the fifth requirement?

He must be elected.

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