

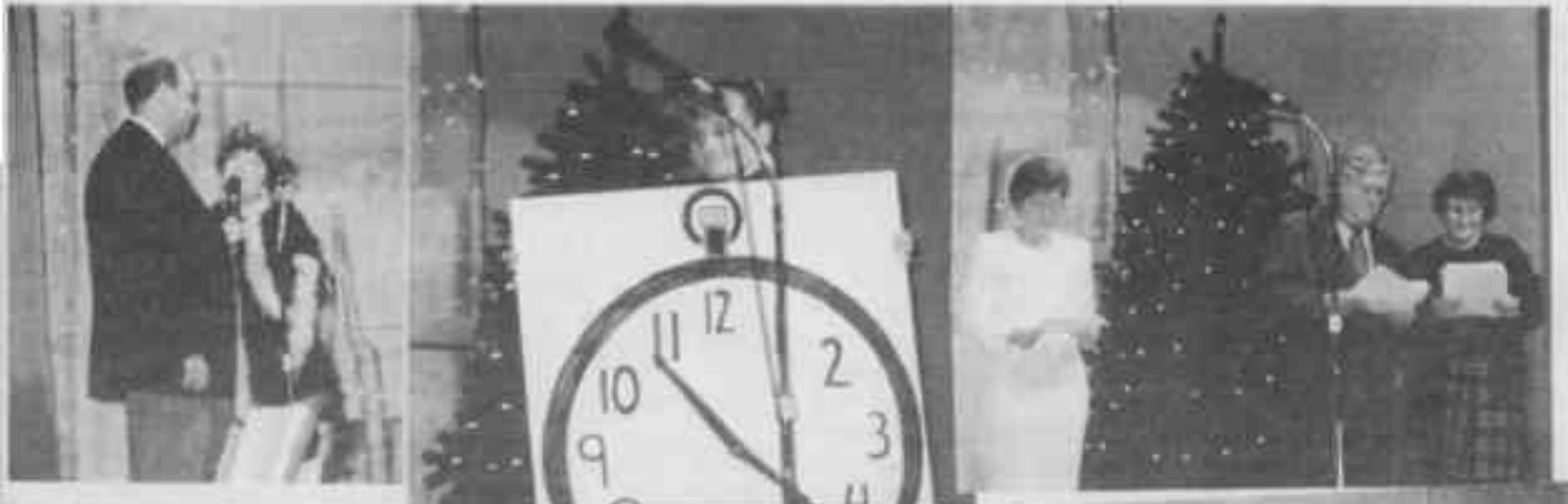


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By 4:00 P.M. on December 2, the Gallery was crowded with people anxious to get good seats for the 4:30 P.M. Employee Show. They were expecting something special and they were not disappointed. This year's show, modeled on TV's "60 Minutes," was witty, fast-moving, and fun to watch. The "60 Minutes" format was used to review the century as experienced by residents. The introduction was videotaped interviews of six residents about their most memorable Christmas. Staff portrayed the stars of the TV program, with **Wendi Ruddy** as Michelle (Mike) Wallace. The show began with **Ed Bradlee (William Hicks)** interviewing Santa and Mrs. Claus, and ended with comments by **Annie & Andy Rooney (Lois & Harry Forrest)**.

The scenery, New York's skyline on a snowy day with decorated Christmas trees, was beautiful and of professional quality. The large cast performed with enthusiasm, and various degrees of individual embellishment and humor, and lovely singing.

There were some star performances. **Bill (Father) Murphy's** singing was less off-tune than usual, but he did not disappoint us. **Gerry Stride**, using her beautiful voice, belted out "I Wanna Be a Baseball Star" in her own inimitable way. **Kate Kwiecinski**, with her gorgeous costume and voice, attempting to vamp the stoic **Tom McKenna** while singing "I Want to Be Cleaned by You," provided a racy

change of pace. **Joe McKenna**, age 7, wowed the audience in the second show by ripping off his jacket and throwing it over his shoulder while performing his Disco dance. **Mark Wick's** initial solo defined the role of toys in the show, and his animated piano accompaniment gave support and structure to every act. **Frank Gentile**, in tuxedo, was a star with his Superb Lounge performance before and after the shows.

The needs of all residents, including those in Medical, were given careful consideration. Invitations were delivered the day before Thanksgiving so those for whom the holiday may be lonely would have something to look forward to. Santa (**Walt George**, electrician) and Mrs. Santa (**Ann Nolte**), wearing their warm and heavy costumes, left the show after their initial interview to visit residents on the Medical floor who could not attend the shows.

The important feelings present all through the performances were warmth, giving, fun. Not only did the residents see a memorable performance, they felt the gift of giving as they watched.

P.S. Videos of the show are available at the Front Desk. They can be checked out and played at home or in the Activities Room. Copies of the Program and Show Songs are also available at the Front Desk.

### WINTER ICE TEA

Since the last tea, which was held in October, 14 new residents have moved into the many parts of Medford Leas. Won't you join us on Tuesday, Feb. 8, in the Atrium and Lounge between 2:30 and 4:00 p.m. to welcome the newcomers and renew old friendships at the Winter Ice Tea.

**Kackie Anders**

### WEAVERS & WOULD-BES

The South Jersey Guild of Spinners and Weavers invites residents to attend their Weaver's Study Group on the fourth Wednesday of the month in Parlor 28. At the January 26th meeting, at 7:30 p.m. the group will be exchanging their surplus yarns and equipment.

**Euseba Kamensky**

## WHO'S NEW

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**Henry & Mary Ann (Kraft) Metzger**, 53 Woodside Drive (261-3261) were classmates in grammar school in Chicago but didn't get to know each other until they met at a Chicago Cubs game about five years after graduation. Both are avid sports fans. After serving in the Marines during the Korean war, Henry started working for a Chicago firm, which soon transferred him to South Jersey. Later, he became vice-president of Church Brick Co. in Bordentown, NJ. The couple purchased a home in Willingboro, and Henry became active in local politics, progressing from member of the Willingboro Township Council to Mayor of Willingboro to Burlington County Freeholder for 14 years, and County Sheriff for six. During his years as Freeholder, Henry was instrumental in getting the County to purchase the historic Smithville Mansion with Green Acres funds, and he organized the Friends of the Mansion to maintain the property and interpret its historical significance to the community. Right now, he is looking for some good people to train as docents.

Meanwhile, Mary Ann became a volunteer Braille transcriber for the Associated Services to the Blind and, in that connection, became friends with **Peg Caruthers**. Even after 23 years of teaching her skill and transcribing textbooks into Braille, Mary Ann is still passionately committed to it.

Ellen Stimler

It's a good thing the tennis courts at Lumberton Leas were finished by the time **Donald & Joan (Lathbury) Kocher** moved into 195 Woodside Drive (265-9188), because tennis is one of their favorite pastimes. They lived in Moorestown for 28 years adjacent to Stokes Sledding Hill.

Don grew up in Haddon Heights. His parents were members of the Camden Friends Meeting. After graduating from Fairleigh-Dickinson with a degree in hotel management, he worked for 20 years for Aramark Corporation; he then purchased a building service maintenance company. After running the business for 20 years, he sold it but stayed on as Regional Manager, while Joan took on the position of Human Resources.

Don is past-president of the Moorestown Rotary Club. From 1959 to 1971, the Kochers owned and operated the Country Fair Dining Rooms on the ground floor of the Old Grange Hall, a building owned by **Helen Biddle Porter**, who had a gift shop on the first floor. Moorestownians will remember the candlelight suppers on Wednesday evenings and Saturday night buffets with the copper carving cart.

Joan grew up in Philadelphia and had a career in banking before settling down to raise three daughters. They now have three grandsons.

Ellen Stimler

## SOME JANUARY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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| 1 - New Year's Day Festivities                 | 14 - Cane & Walker Clinic   |
| 2 - Friends Meeting for Worship                | 15 - Leas Forum: <u>Being Red in Philadelphia</u> , Dr. <b>Sherman Labovitz</b> |
| 2 - Vespers                                    | 16 - Usual Sunday Services (see Jan.2)  |
| 3 - Movie: <u>The Tuskegee Airmen</u>          | 17 - Martin Luther King Day observed  |
| 4 - Gallery Reception for <b>Joyce McAlfee</b> | 17 - MLRA Business Meeting  |
| 5 - FITNESS DAY - All Day                      | 18 - Bus to Chamber Music, Phila.   |
| 5 - Knitting & Sewing Room Reopens             | 21 - Balancing the Diabetic Diet  |
| 6 - Vid-U (Also Jan. 13)                       | 23 - Usual Sunday Services (see Jan.2)  |
| 6 - "What You Should Know about Diabetes"      | 23 - Concert: <b>William &amp; Nancy Stokking</b> , Cello & Piano               |
| 6 - Folk & Line Dancing                        | 28 - Bus to Philadelphia Orchestra  |
| 7 - Cane & Walker Clinic                       | 28 - Balancing the Diabetic Diet  |
| 7 - Bus to Philadelphia Orchestra              | 29 - Leas Forum: <u>Antique Farm Machinery</u> , by <b>Coles Roberts</b>        |
| 8 - Winter Ice Tea                             | 30 - Usual Sunday Services (see Jan.2)  |
| 9 - Usual Sunday Services (see Jan.2)          |   |

**WHO'S NEW**

**William A., Jr. & Ethel (Brown) Angus (Apt. 195)**, lived in Moorestown for many years before moving to Medford Leas. Right now, Bill said, his main focus is to help Ethel regain the use of her left leg, which sustained severe nerve damage as a result of which she is currently in Woolman.

Bill graduated from the Moore School of Electrical Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania and immediately went into the Navy, where he led an air-sea rescue team and was an engineering officer on a destroyer in the Western Pacific theater. Determined not to be a desk engineer, he joined the sales force of the 3M Company and soon became Eastern regional sales manager for the department handling industrial adhesives, sealants and compounds. Next he went into business for himself, running a sales-marketing company that distributed and sold engineering services and electronics to industry. After five years, he sold his company and became active in New Jersey politics, running for governor in the Republican primary at the beginning of Brendan Byrne's second term. After losing that bid, he decided to work on Moorestown problems. His activism got him on the committee that recommended a change in government from the township committee to the council-manager format. He became a member of the new council and later served six terms as mayor. Since then, he has done occasional consulting and worked with some new ventures and startup companies.

Bill and Ethel have three children and six grandchildren.

**Ellen Stimler**

**GREAT DECISIONS RETURNS**

Problems and issues confronting the United States in dealing with and relating to the rest of the world will again be discussed in eight Great Decisions programs. Starting Feb. 24, and following on the next seven Thursdays, the programs will be held in the Auditorium at 11:00 A.M.

As usual, the topics to be discussed were selected by the Foreign Policy Association. The discussion will be based on papers that were prepared by experts in each field, commissioned by the Association and made available in book form. The books will be offered for sale to residents in January, but it is not necessary to have read the book to enjoy the programs or participate in the discussions. Each program will consist of a formal presentation by one or more residents qualified by interest and knowledge or experience to discuss the topic, followed by audience discussion.

The dates, topics, and speakers are:

Feb. 24: Africa: Prospects for the Future, **Bob Anderson**.

Mar. 2: Defining Humanitarian Intervention, **Susan Pettiss & Joe Wray**.

Mar. 9: U.S. Interests in the World: Time for Redefinition, **Walter Zwarg**.

Mar. 16: The Euro's Challenge to the Dollar, **Bob Stebbins & Wil Britten**.

Mar. 23: Russia: Report Card on Survival, **Chuck Woodard**.

Mar. 30: Middle East Realignment: New Directions for the Next Millennium? **Gary Raven**.

Apr. 6: The Military: What Role in U.S. Foreign Policy? **Panel**.

Apr. 13: Indonesia in Aftershock, **Karel Pennink**.

**Chuck Woodard**

**SPORTS NOTICE**

Word has been received that the winners of the Pool Tournament were **Barbara and Wil Britten**. Nice going!

The pioneers of Lumberton Leas gathered on Sunday, December 12, for a pot-luck supper and get-acquainted event. Of the 51 who will be in residence by the end of 1999, 42 were able to attend.

Thanks to the many gourmet cooks around the oval, the food was both outstanding and bountiful. Medford Leas graciously provided tables and chairs for a sit-down dinner with proper linens and silver. With seasonal center pieces created by **Harry & Doris Harrison, Louise Tompkins'** unit was transformed into a temporary community center for the gala occasion. The party was initiated by **Don & Joan Kocher, Louise Tompkins,** and **Helen Vukasin,** with assistance from **Barbara Zimmerman** and the rest of the residents.

**Harry Harrison, Don Kocher,** and **Helen Vukasin** were recruited to serve on an Interim Liaison Committee to communicate with Medford Leas and begin the process of providing a voice for the residents of Lumberton Leas.  
**Helen Vukasin**

**EMPLOYEES OF NOVEMBER & DECEMBER**

November's Employee of the Month was **Julie Jones.** Julie has worked in Dining Services since 1990. She is the person behind Bake Shop Day in the Coffee Shop as well as the cookies that residents so enjoy. When Medford Leas was asked to bake cakes for the 300th anniversary celebration at Bartram Gardens, Julie designed, baked and decorated one of the two cakes. She also baked the second cake, but another employee decorated it. We're proud of Julie, and we all love the cookies she bakes for us.

The December Employee of the Month was **Judy Linton,** a Certified Resident Assistant who works in the Woolman unit. Judy has been at Medford Leas since 1993. Outside of working hours, she is an evening LPN student at the Burlington County Institute of Technology, with financial assistance from the Employee Scholarship Funds provided by residents. Congratulations, Judy, and thanks for all you do.

**NEW TALKING BOOKS**

Fiction

- Binchy, M. Tara Road
- Crichton, M. Timeline
- Fitch, J. White Oleander
- Francis, D. Second Wind
- Grafton, S. "O" for Outlaw
- Hemingway, E. True at First Light
- Shreve, A. The Pilot's Wife
- Steel, D. Irresistible Forces

Non-Fiction

- Albom, M. Tuesdays with Morrie
- Beattie, M. Playing it by Heart
- Berg, A. S. Lindbergh
- Dalai Lama. The Art of Happiness
- Morris, E. Dutch
- Schwartz, M. Morris in His Own Words

DONATED BOOKS (Thank you)

Fiction

- Cook, R. Chromosome 6
- Ludlum, R. Matoresse Countdown
- Mills, K. Rising Phoenix
- Palmer, M. Extreme Measures
- Preston, R. The Cuba Event

Non-Fiction

- Berend, J. Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil
  - King, L. Powerful Prayer
  - O. Henry: A Celebration
- Elaine Heinzelmann, Librarian**

**CONGRATULATIONS, FLOSS BRUDON!**

The International Council for the Advancement and Support of Education each year recognizes an individual who has distinguished himself or herself as "a dedicated, supportive member of an independent school's advancement team." Judges consider length of service, level of responsibility, and impact on the school. **Floss Brudon** will be one of four individuals honored in January at the CASE Independent Schools Conference in San Francisco. She was nominated by the Moorestown Friends School, where she has continued to volunteer since she retired from teaching and coaching in 1983. Their nominating letter was a single-spaced letter detailing the many ways in which Floss has contributed.

Homocysteine, a substance discovered 30 years ago, is now believed to be the real culprit causing the initial damage leading to hardening of the arteries and risk of stroke and heart attack. Although much research during this period focused on cholesterol, it was never proven that cholesterol itself does the initial damage, and it was found that most heart attacks happen to people with "normal levels" of cholesterol. More recently, the results of some of the long-term research on heart disease and 80 other studies in this field have suggested that elevated homocysteine levels are associated with hardening or blockage of blood vessels. Many experiments have shown that it damages cells and the vascular lining, interferes with dilation of blood vessels, and promotes blood clotting. That damage leads to hardening of the arteries. Deposits of fat and cholesterol in the damaged arteries are often the last step in heart disease. Homocysteine is produced by a Vitamin B deficiency and by an amino acid abundant in meat and dairy products. The currently available tests for homocysteine are fast and affordable. (Discover, December, by Karen Wright.)

If you want to know how and why your e-mail sent from Medford gets to any place in the world in about seven seconds, you can find out in a thoroughly researched yet lighthearted article in the New Yorker (December 6, by Michael Specter). He started his research project to find out why one of his e-mails "got lost" in cyberspace. He had to abandon his search, but in the process he learned everything there is to know about the transmission of e-mail. Among his findings: currently there are some 400,000,000 e-mail users, with millions more joining every month; each user needs an "Internet server" to transmit messages, and there are about 6,500 of them in the U.S.; one such server, AT&T, needs only a small room filled with wires, cables, and computers to store between seven and ten million pieces of mail each day; each piece of e-mail is "chopped" into pieces or "packets" to speed through crowded phone lines and then reassembled before delivery; e-mail is routed by "a kind of electronic recipe," called SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol). An e-mail guru's final word: "/e-mail/ is not supposed to replace human relationships...just ...make them easier."

**Fitness Day Wednesday, January 12**  
**The Social Event of the Winter Season**



8:30-noon	Literature Table	Atrium
9:30-10:30	Water Volley Ball Game	Pool
10:30-noon	Fitness Room Open House	Fitness Room
11:00-11:45	Posture/Back Class	ActivitiesRoom
12:30-1:30	<b>Fitness Luncheon</b> <i>Be sure to sign up</i>	ColonialRoom



2:00-2:45	<b>Fitness Follies</b> <i>Don't miss this unique show!</i>	Auditorium
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Sponsored by the Fitness Committee

**WELLNESS CENTER PROGRAMS**

The following is a schedule of Wellness Center programs scheduled for January and February.

Thursday, January 6: **Mary Gebbia, RN**, Diabetic Educator, will speak in the Auditorium from 11:00 A.M. to noon on "Diabetes Mellitus: What you should know."

January 7 & 14: There will be a cane and walker clinic from noon to 2 p.m. in the Wellness Center. (Bring your cane or walker to get it adjusted, repaired, or overhauled, and to get a refresher on correct use of the device.)

There will be a 6-week course on **Diabetes Mellitus** on Fridays from 2:00 to 3:00 P.M. in the Wellness Center on the following topics:

January 21: Balancing the Diet, Part 1

January 28: Balancing the Diet, Part 2

February 4: Managing medications and use of the glucometer

February 11: Avoiding chronic complications

February 18: Shopping for the diabetic, Part 1

February 25: Shopping for the diabetic, Part 2

Call 3777 to sign up for the diabetic course. Leave your name and the dates of the sessions you will attend.

**BIRD CENSUS ALERT**

The 12th annual Medford Leas Bird Census will take place on Wednesday, January 5, 2000, rain, snow, or shine. Residents are asked to watch their feeders and patios and report the largest number of each species seen that day.

Gertrude Marshall

**NEW YORK NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM TRIP**

On March 21, MLRA will sponsor a day trip to the New York Museum of Natural History at 79th Street and Central Park West. In addition to the magnificent permanent collections at the Museum, there will be two very special exhibits. One is the New York Times Capsule, in which artifacts from the 20th century will be preserved until the year 3000. The winner of the capsule design contest was a Spanish artist/scientist, whose origami-like module, and its contents, will be on display, together with the many other "container" ideas submitted from all over the world. The other special exhibit, titled "Body Art Marks of Identity," combines art and anthropology in depicting the diverse types of forms, shapes, and colors that are applied directly to hair and body parts to symbolize class, status, wealth, and power.

The Museum also has a new Planetarium featuring the latest technology, which is demonstrated during a 30-minute show for which an extra charge of \$13.00 is made. Any residents who wish to attend this Planetarium show **must** request tickets immediately and place a check for \$13.00, payable to "Musuem of Natural History," in Box 116 by February 8. A flyer announcing the trip, which will cost about \$25.00 without the Planetarium, will be distributed in early February.

Ellen Stimler

**MACKIE'S MASTERPIECE**

Before January 5, when holiday decorations vanish, be sure to see the complete "Twelve Days of Christmas," which **Mackie (Maxine Prewitt)** created in elegant cross-stitching. It's on the wall near the door to the women's rest room, opposite the coat room.

Leah Levinger

BEHIND THE SCENES - THE EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY SHOW

As one can imagine, a tremendous amount of work goes on behind the scenes to produce a show of the high caliber of the Employee Holiday Show without interfering with the everyday work of the staff. Enormous recognition goes to **Mary McGlone**, Director of Human Resources, who started these shows in 1974 and who directs and helps write them. The seven writers this year deserve great credit: **Lorraine LaPollo**, Director of Dining Services; **Jamie McCloskey**, Assistant Director of Resident Services; **Mary McGlone**; **Dolores Redner**, Director of Nursing; **Gerry Stride**, Director of Assisted Living; **Renee Visco**, RN, Assisted Living; and **Lisa Warrick**, friend, humorist, and writer extraordinaire. Each worked some 80-100 hours, mostly on their own time.

Work on the show began in September and involved many staff members, many working on their own time. **Linda Schultz**, Activities, coordinated and helped conceptualize the scenery. She also made the 60-Minute clock and the Y2K Bug costumes. **Ron Kleer** made the scenery. **Sheldon Millard** videotaped the performances and coordinated the showing of the antique toy slides with **Mark Wick's** "March of the Toys." Each performer made or secured his or her costume, some at their own expense.

**Lorraine LaPollo** and her staff provided food and service in the Lounge, the two dinners, food in the Coffee Shop for employees between shows, and even managed to put out the boxes of cookies (made by employees for residents) before the end of each performance, after serving in the Lounge and the two dining rooms.

The hardest challenge, taking part of a day, was to provide the 60-Minute clock tick. First, the tick was taped off a TV show, but it wasn't loud enough to be heard. Then staff tried, taping their kitchen timers; not loud enough. Finally, **Mary Cabrey**, major league go-fer for this production but also in charge of Central Supply, went to the Internet and found a suitable sound. A series of 12-second ticks was carefully taped.

The last week before the performance was crucial. A week ahead, **Mary McGlone** handed out typewritten manuscripts with stage directions and tapes of each song (made by her and **Mark Wick**) to department heads. The departments rehearsed on their own and met for two scheduled 5-10 minute rehearsals with Mary and Mark, where she went through details of where to stand, how to hold scripts, etc., and he guided the music.

The employees have fun, work together cooperatively, and get to know people in other departments. Some do not participate in the show to make it possible for others to do so. Almost every staff member contributes something: secretaries put labels on boxes, decorated invitations, etc. **Phyllis Maillard**, Administrative Assistant to the Director, created the handsome invitations on the computer. **Pat Webster & Shirley Fletcher** of Accounting helped with Accounting business during the times that Mark was so involved with rehearsals.

From all the residents, a big **THANK YOU** to all the employees!

**Maggie Woodard**

IN MEMORIAM

Louise White	November 19, 1999
Anna Zelazny	November 26, 1999
Mary Convy	November 28, 1999
Bertha McLeod	December 3, 1999
James Hull	December 15, 1999
Janet Fox	December 16, 1999

CRYPTOGRAM

BOOKS RECENT AND REMEMBERED

Dogs That Know When Their Masters Are Coming Home and Other Unexplained Powers of Animals by **Robert Sheldrake** (1999, 317 pgs). The title conjures up images of uncanny, even spooky animal yarns, and Sheldrake's tales of such animal prowess as the precognition of disasters, the ability to return home from afar, and sensitivity to a distant loved one's illness reinforce the impression that animals possess unexplained powers. But Sheldrake provides scientific data that such powers belong to animals. Mainly about dogs, the book covers cats and other animals, too.

Fooling with Words, a Celebration of Poets and Their Craft by **Bill Moyers** (1999, 225 pgs). This little book is a marvel, surpassing Moyer's earlier one on poetry, The Language of Life. It focuses more on the creative process than on the personal struggles of poets. Moyers interviewed and quotes amply from 11 poets with a wide range of fame, background, and styles. Ninety-three-year-old **Stanley Kunitz** lightly recounts his growing understanding of poetry. Poet Laureate **Robert Pinsky** says, "The poet's challenge is to find something in culture that isn't already defined as poetic and make it poetic." If you buy just one book of poetry this year, make it this one, and do follow Pinsky's advice to read the poems aloud.

Eleanor Roosevelt, Vol. 2, 1933-1938 by **Blanche Weissen Cook** (1999, 576 pgs). This volume covers only five years from the beginning of the New Deal to the prelude to WW-II. Cook is a passionate feminist. She sees Eleanor as a hero, often putting her husband Franklin in a bad light in the continual tension between Eleanor's idealism and Franklin's political realism. Cook acknowledges some occasions when Eleanor compromised her idealism, such as her silence over America's handling of the Jews' plight under Hitler. But this doesn't mar her brilliant portrayal of Eleanor's courage and integrity.

Leah Levinger

"(The) stamina and valour of our fighter pilots remained unconquerable and supreme. W.S.C."

Correct solutions were received from: **Edith Ellis, Liliane Reynolds** (waiting list), **Lucille Ringel, Bob Stebbins, John Winton, and Marie Winton.**

Here is the January cryptogram:

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Put solutions in Box 624 by Jan. 15.  
Russell Hill

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

On Wednesday, January 19, Medford Leas will celebrate Martin Luther King Day with a program featuring two speakers who will review aspects of King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech, to project what needs to be done to bring about King's vision of equal opportunity, social justice, and an end to racial prejudice. The speakers will be **Antje Mattheus**, a lecturer at Swarthmore College and president of a company specializing in system change and diversity work; and **Sunni Green Tolbert**, Associate Dean and Director of Multicultural Affairs at Haverford College. **Rev. Barbara Davis**, of Extended Hand Ministry in Mt. Holly, will give the invocation and benediction. The Leas Singers will enhance the program with some of King's favorite songs.

Ellen Stimler

**MY CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH A FIRST LADY (of Pennsylvania)**  
by Sumiko Kobayashi

**Muriel Matzkin Shapp** is not a household name, but many will recognize the name of her late husband, **Milton Shapp**, two-term governor of Pennsylvania, 1971-78. His widow died July 10, 1999.

Muriel Shapp and I share a piece of history: we both lived for a few years in a Japanese Relocation Center in Utah, she, voluntarily, I, involuntarily by order of the U.S. government. As a newly minted biology teacher, she needed a job. She learned from a friend that the government was looking for teachers. She applied, and this city girl, born and reared in Brooklyn, found herself on a train headed for a remote artificial town of 8,000 in the middle of the western desert.

Being young and adventurous, she adapted well to the unfamiliar conditions. She had been trained to teach biology, but when she arrived at Topaz Relocation Center, the high school needed a physical education teacher, so she was drafted to fill that position; later she was able to teach the subject for which she had been trained. She got along well with her students, who were almost all Japanese-Americans -- there were a few Caucasians, children of the Center staff. She recalled that one of her biology students brought a young rattlesnake to class. He named it Long Walk, because he had found it on a long walk.

Although we were both at Topaz, we did not meet until many years later. I had already finished high school and never had her as a teacher.

When the camps were closed in 1945, she found a job with the War Relocation Authority in Washington, DC. On one of her train trips between Washington and New York, where her family lived, she met Milton Shapp. Romance bloomed, and Muriel Matzkin became Mrs. Milton Shapp. She became Pennsylvania's First Lady in 1970 when he was elected Governor.

Muriel Shapp was a down-to-earth person who liked people. I met her only a few times, but I remember her as a warm, engaging person whom anyone would be proud to call a friend. Columnist Tom Ferrick, Jr. (Philadelphia Inquirer, July 14, 1999) said of

her, "As first lady, she eschewed ceremonial duties. Instead, she got a degree in marriage counseling and worked at that job while her husband was governor. She also hated the governor's official residence -- a neo-Georgian mansion along the Susquehanna River in Harrisburg -- because it was too formal for her tastes. When the mansion was flooded in 1972, the Shapps used it as an excuse to flee to a rancher in the suburbs." Later, after they returned to their home in Merion, she worked for the Child Guidance Clinic near Children's Hospital in Philadelphia.

I became acquainted with her when I interviewed her at The Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies about her experiences as a teacher at Topaz High School. She had donated photographs and shell jewelry made at the camp to The Balch. We met a few times after that. The last time was June, 1998, when one of her former students, Paul Bell, a retired teacher at Penn State, wanted to interview her. They included me in the videotape interview and we gathered at her home in Merion. Paul Bell and his siblings attended the Topaz schools. His father was director of agriculture for Topaz. Muriel and I were going to get together for lunch afterward, but fate intervened.

She said in the interview that her time at the camp was one of the most meaningful experiences of her life. She made lifelong friends, including Nisei (Japanese-Americans). She recalled that the Caucasian staff divided into two groups: those who saw the evacuees in their charge as individuals caught in an unfortunate situation through no fault of their own, and those who looked upon the camp internees as enemy aliens who deserved no sympathy.

One further connection with Medford Leas: **William Marutani**, who moved to Lumberton Leas with his wife **Vickie** on October 9, was first appointed by Milton Shapp in 1975 to fill a vacancy on the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia. He remembers being interviewed by Governor Shapp. Judge Marutani was later elected to a full 10-year term.

The Medford Leas bus provides many opportunities for full service residents who no longer own cars to shop, obtain services, and socialize. Partial service residents may use the bus on a "space available" basis, for a charge of \$3.

On a recent sunny day, I went on the Thursday afternoon run to Medford, Ironstone Village, and Murphy's Market with 14 other residents. Most went to Murphy's (a 45-minute stop), but there were dropoffs at Gullo's (haircut), Davidson's (watch repair), Spotts Hardware, the liquor store, and the Medford Lakes Post Office. Other choices available were Binkley's 5&10, a dry-cleaner, Ironstone Village PNC Branch, and Main Street in Medford Village.

On other days, there are other ways to use the bus creatively. At the Moorestown Mall, one can have shoes repaired while you wait. On certain days and times, you can be dropped off at the Trailways or Academy bus stations, with advance notice. (In the latter case, you will need to hire a private driver to meet you on your return.) On Wednesday only, the bus goes to Echelon Mall and the High Speed Line. With advance notice, a Medford Leas driver will pick you up between 3:30 and 4:00p.m. at the High Speed Line, at no charge. A stop at Carl's Shoe Store is possible on the morning trip to the town of Moorestown on the 3rd Thursday of the month. On the morning trip to the Medford Acme Market, one woman goes immediately to the Jasmine Oriental Restaurant, orders food, shops at Acme, then picks up her order at Jasmine before boarding the bus. Another person sees the optician in that mall.

The driver who makes all this possible is **Audrey Todd**, a treasure. On the day I went, she wrote down the name and destination of each person who

boarded the bus. After the last stop, she returned to Murphy's and waited there until the designated time. As people boarded the bus, she crossed off their names and helped them with packages, as needed. She then drove back to pick up the others. On the return trip to Medford Leas, she took the scenic route past some of the remaining farms in the area.

Audrey is not only the driver, she is also an enthusiastic tour guide! As we passed one of the farms, she called out to a passenger, "Are you on the left side of the bus so you can see the cows?" She suggested to me that people should take the trips to the various malls because she drives on back roads that are scenic. Even if they don't need to go shopping, it gives them a chance to see the world beyond Medford Leas. Once in the Malls, they can have something to eat or just walk around. Audrey also does some shopping (slips, hosiery, etc.) for Assisted Living or Estaugh residents who are unable to go out. (Medford Leas charges \$1.00 for this service.)

The weekly bus schedule is printed on the back of the monthly calendar. It is also posted on the bulletin board on the wall of the entrance to the Atrium.

Another transportation resource is the Burlington County Transportation System (BCTS), which offers free non-emergency curb-to-curb transportation for seniors 60 years and older. In addition to trips to local shopping centers and malls, service is provided to dentists, podiatrists, and chiropractors. One week's reservation is necessary. Preliminary registration is required, so call 265-5109 for forms. A notice giving further information is posted on the bulletin board opposite the elevators on Ground Floor Haddon.

**Maggie Woodard**

**THANK YOU!**

**TIBETAN ART EXHIBIT TRIP**

The Meditation Group organized a trip to the Newark Museum to see the special Tibetan Buddhist Art exhibit. The 65 galleries of the museum include art from all parts of the world, as well as an outstanding collection of American portraits and landscapes, but the Tibetan collection is reputed to be the largest in the world. For the current exhibit, numerous artifacts that are normally in storage were being displayed.

Thanks to all who helped with decorating Medford Leas for the Holidays. Special appreciation to **Lillian Goldenberg** for help with the Hanukkah display; to **Lester**, from Landscaping, who cut and delivered all the greens used in the hanging arrangements; and to **Bill Conte**, from Maintenance, for his ever-cheerful help. The support of the MLRA Board, Medford Leas Administration, Dining Services, and Maintenance personnel, plus many residents and others outside of Medford Leas, made this "end of the century" effort a Special Event.

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