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GALLERY NEWS

Each month we bring you news of the Gallery Committee which, under the leadership of **Anna Hibshman**, has done such an excellent job of bringing the works of local artists for month-long exhibitions in our Gallery.

Like the universe, the work of the committee seems to be expanding and, as a result, there are a number of interesting events to report.

The artist whose work will be exhibited in May is **Joyce Gagen** of Indian Mills, NJ. Joyce is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Art, where she majored in illustration. She is primarily a wildlife artist, and the Pine Barrens is the source of much of her work. With her camera she makes picture records for later use. Research enhances her understanding of the details of her subject and the final product is a composite of picture vision plus the background knowledge interpreted as she sees it and then relates it on canvas. Her work has been shown in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, has won many awards, is in two New Jersey governors' collections, and twice has been shown in the U.S. House of Representatives. The official opening and reception will be on Tuesday, May 9, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. We hope all lovers of art and wildlife will join us at that time.

Wednesday, May 3 (rain date - May 4) from 2 to 4 p.m. is set for an Open House Tour of 20th Century Fine Arts. **Ann Farr** is opening her house at 622 Rushmore so that residents can see her collection, which includes a painting by the early 20th century artist, **John Sloan**, as well as an original **Audubon**. Residents are also invited to the home of **Tom & Mary Murakami**, 671 Bridlington, to see their Nakashima furniture. A few years ago, some of us were fortunate enough to visit homes that had individual pieces of this artist's work. To see a home basically furnished with Nakashima's work is certainly something to look forward to. Visitors may also enjoy Murakamis' collection of shells. Transportation to Bridlington and Rushmore will be available at the main entrance for those who need it.

As if all this were not enough work for the Committee, a Browsing Gallery of Art Books has been established. A table with a number of art books is now in the Gallery for residents' viewing. The books, which will be changed periodically, are not to be removed, but there is comfortable seating where they can be enjoyed. The plan is for the current books to be in place for three months. So come, browse, enjoy, and sign the guest book so we know if there's enough interest to extend the time and/or make it a permanent part of our Gallery.

Dorothy Tillman

WHO'S NEW

Liliane (Marshall) Reynolds, Apt. 182, had barely finished Palmyra High School when she married a young man she had met at a local soda fountain. WW-II separated the young couple almost immediately. **Harold Reynolds** served in the Coast Artillery AntiAircraft Division, while Liliane worked in the metal testing lab of the Riverside Metal Company. After the war, they settled in Riverton. A member of the Bricklayers Union, Harold worked on construction projects while Liliane was taking care of their four girls and three boys. Harold built a summer home in Beach Haven for the family, and Liliane lived in that house for three years before moving to Medford Leas. Harold died in 1984. Liliane starts her days doing the puzzles in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and she's one of the first to hand in her solution to the *Medford Leas Life* cryptogram. She likes word games, many types of needlework, rug braiding, and quilting. She still belongs to a bicycle club that takes regular trips in the area, but the trips are getting shorter as the members get older.

Ellen Stimler

Myra (Mintz) Binstock heard about Medford Leas from **Colette & Bart Bartholomew**, friends made through folk-dancing. Myra is temporarily in Apt. 125, until an apartment becomes available in Rushmore. After graduating from Brooklyn College, Myra took a job as office manager for the Family Service Association of America in New York City. She married in 1955, and moved to Bergen County, NJ, where she helped out part-time in her husband's restaurant and also did secretarial work. After a divorce in the '70's, Myra remained in Fairlawn, NJ until her move to Medford Leas. She held various secretarial jobs, last as executive secretary for the Columbia Savings Bank in Fairlawn, retiring in 1998 to help take care of her grandchild. She also participated in activities at the Fair Lawn Senior Citizens Center. Myra has two sons living in North Jersey. She enjoys all kinds of

dancing, as well as gardening, reading mysteries, and doing crossword puzzles.

Ellen Stimler

Entering **Ruth (Dolly) Engle Taylor's** apartment, #274, you're in a craft show of her colorful quilts and hand-painted, glazed and fired china. **Ruth Engle**, Apt. 115, was married to Dolly's twin brother; Dolly is also a close friend of **Ada Foulkes**, whom she met in the Haddonfield Grange. Dolly grew up on a farm in what is now Eagle Plaza near the Ritz Theater in Voorhees, graduated from Haddonfield High School, attended business school in Philadelphia, and worked in the accounting department at Smith Kline & French Labs before she married **Harold Taylor**, from Burlington, NJ, a professional fireman, but a farmer at heart. After serving in the Air Force, he returned to his fireman job at Ft. Dix and later became Fire Chief at McGuire. The Taylors eventually moved to Jacksonville, NJ, where they built a home in the country, raised their four children, and kept a large vegetable garden. Weekends, they went fishing and boating at the shore. Harold died in 1980.

Ellen Stimler

Olga Furner Willis, 67 Woodside Drive (518-8955) graduated from Collingswood High School and then worked for the Philadelphia office of the John Roebing Steel Co. A fellow employee introduced her to **Walter Wetterau**, a Lt. Cmdr. in the Naval Supply Corps, who became her husband. After the war, they settled in Audubon, NJ. When Walter became seriously ill, he encouraged Olga to brush up her business skills. She did, and it helped her land a job with RCA in Moorestown. Walter died in 1970. At RCA she met **Perry Willis**, a widower. They married in 1973 and lived in Cherry Hill. After he retired, they moved to Vincentown, where they enjoyed the rural surroundings when not traveling. Perry died in 1994, and Olga sold the Vincentown property and moved to Leisuretown. Olga's hobby is making and dressing stuffed dolls, and one of

her creations won first prize in the cloth doll division at the Achievement Day of the Federation of Women's Clubs of New Jersey. She also enjoys reading, quilting, and embroidery.

Ellen Stimler

Allen & Barbara (Blair) Lewis, 99 Woodside Drive (518-7420) conducted much of their courtship by mail. Allen, a friend of Barbara's brother, was criss-crossing the oceans as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. Allen got a degree in civil engineering from Northeastern University and a master's degree from the NJ Institute of Technology. After their marriage in 1958, they lived in White Plains, NY, later moving to Colonia, NJ, when Allen took a position as head of the engineering department of Woodbridge Township. After ten years there, he went to work in the engineering department of the NJ Turnpike Authority, until he retired in 1991. Barbara graduated from Salem State College with a B.S. in education and later taught kindergarten through 8th grade in the Edison school system for 34 years. Both Allen and Barbara enjoy gardening and reading, and both have been involved in activities sponsored by the Presbyterian Church. Allen also enjoys working on his computer and pursuing his interests in investing and photography.

Ellen Stimler

Helen (MacLachlan) Flynn, Apt. 277, moved to Medford Leas from Leisuretowne and quickly became an active Medford Leas resident. Moving in on March 23, she soon contacted the Art Studio and was invited to exhibit some of her paintings in their Spring Art Show in May. She has also volunteered to help new residents decide what furniture to bring with them and to draw up floor plans for them.

Helen's parents came to the U.S. from Scotland as newlyweds in 1906, and she is proud of her Scottish ancestry. Born in Norwalk, CT, Helen married her college classmate, **George Flynn**, during WW-II. After the war they lived for a time in Briarcliff Manor, NY, and then in Westport, CT, before moving to Vero Beach, FL, when George retired. They were welcomed to Florida by Hurricane David, which left their ocean front condo one of only four units out of 234 which were livable.

In Florida, Helen was active in the Community Theatre, where she performed, worked the box office, and painted scenery. She also started painting again and continued to paint when she and George moved to New Jersey in 1990 to be near family. Now widowed, Helen enjoys painting and time with her two daughters and three granddaughters.

Maggie Woodard

Rev. William & Lucia (Ridgway) LeConey, 88 Woodside Dr. (518-0157) met at Moorestown High School. She went to Westchester State Teachers College, he to Lafayette University. Bill attended Princeton Theological Seminary, then became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bordentown, NJ, where **Anna Burr** was a member of his congregation. Principal of the Clara Barton School, she invited him to be a substitute teacher, igniting his interest in education as a career. He taught at the Peddie School in Hightstown, then became an administrator in the East Windsor Public School system, followed by pastorates in Linwood, NJ, and West Hartford, CT. He eventually became Director of Camps and Conferences for the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey and an Area Minister. He's a golfer and likes gardening and walking.

After their five children were all in school, Lucia became an instructional aide in math for the Moorestown and Cinnaminson schools;

secretary-receptionist in the mental health center in Linwood; and secretary in the West Hartford church office. At age 60, she went back to school and acquired a license as a practical nurse, performing service as a companion to the elderly and handicapped. She enjoys gardening, jogging, and birding.

Bill and Lucia are active in the First Baptist Church of Moorestown and spend a great deal of time visiting their children and grandchildren.

Barbara Nelson

RESIDENTS IN THE NEWS

Floss Brudon was written up, with her picture, in the New Jersey Section of the *Philadelphia Inquirer* on March 21. The column carried the title, in bold: **Moorestown Friends archivist's name is now in the books.** The article reported on Floss's award for her contributions to the Moorestown Friends School by the International Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Reporter **Phil Joyce** featured **Grayce Uyehara** in his April 5 "Senior Life" column in the New Jersey Section of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. The article included a picture of Grayce, reflected in a mirror. The column was titled "After winning a landmark redress and learning to ski, she isn't resting" and included a marginal note saying "Grayce K. Uyehara, 80, continues to speak out on issues involving Asian Americans."

Jim & Sally Eynon were pictured with an article in the *Coriell Institute Newsletter*. The article, "The Heart of Philanthropy" noted that the Eynons "have included generous bequests to the Coriell Institute in their wills."

At the April 12 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner of the New Jersey Superior Court of Burlington

County, **Elwood Cronk** of Woolman Commons received the Outstanding Service Award. For the past 4½ years, he has served as a volunteer mediator in the Court's Child Custody/Visitation Mediation program. He received a certification of Recognition of Outstanding Volunteer Service, and his name will be engraved on a plaque in the Court lobby in Mount Holly.

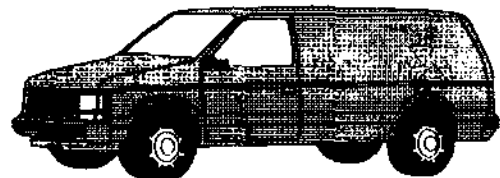
Kitty Katzell

GETTING TO NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA

(and transportation bargains for seniors.)

The MLRA Hospitality Committee is offering a pamphlet outlining ways to get to New York and Philadelphia using public transportation. It tells locations of train and bus stations and parking areas, how to get discount tickets, and hours when reduced rates apply. It also explains how to get discount tickets for bridge tolls for those who drive to Philadelphia. **Beth Wray** suggested the need for the pamphlet, and **Maggie Woodard** compiled the information. Intended for new residents, it will be available at the Front Desk for anyone who wants a copy.

Maggie Woodard



MAUNDERINGS

Three events, or non-events, have impressed me at Medford Leas in the last month. Not that happenings at Medford Leas have not impressed me in the past, but these have been special.

First, I was impressed by the stalwart introduction to Medford Leas, on April 3, of the new Executive Director, **Mr. D. Michael (Mike) Peasley**. He won't be coming until June 12, but for me he made an attractive appearance. He said the right things and appeared to be comfortable with people, and it seemed as if people were going to be comfortable with him. I think we have been spoiled by **Lois Forrest**, much to our benefit, but it looks as though we, the residents and the staff, are going to get along well with Mr. Peasley.

Second, I was impressed by the piano concert April 13 by **Frederick Moyer**. And I think the whole Medford Leas Auditorium audience was impressed. I'm sorry that more Medford Leas residents were not there. Those who were gave Mr. Moyer a standing ovation at the end of his concert, and on my way back to my apartment, many residents who spoke to me raved about the performance. His concert consisted of selections by Haydn, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Tchaikovsky, Rubinstein (Anton), and Rachmaninoff. Mr. Moyer did something no other musical performer has done, in my memory, in the 17 years I have been here. He commented before the beginning of his performance that we have a beautiful piano. Clearly, he had practiced before the concert. Also, he was a salesman. He brought along CDs and tapes of his recordings and made them available in the Gallery at the end of his concert. I hope the Music Committee invites him again.

Third, I have been impressed by the patience shown by the Maintenance and Dietary staffs and by the attitude of the residents, at the seeming long delay in the rehabilitation of the

two dining rooms. I understand that **Bill Murphy**, in Maintenance, refused to go ahead until all the paperwork and details were settled and clear, because he does not want the work to be interrupted by some unforeseen factor. At any rate, we have now learned that the work will start in the Garden Room on May 15 and is to be finished there by June 16. During the construction, there will be dining in the Colonial Room and the Coffee Shop, changes in meal times, and color-coded tickets for dinner. Detailed information will be distributed soon, and I'm sure we'll all survive.

Matt Rodermund

NEW DIRECTOR MEETS RESIDENTS

"Mike" Peasley, who succeeds **Lois Forrest** as Executive Director in July, spent April 3 at Medford Leas. During the course of the day, he and his wife, **Debra**, met many (if not most) residents at events in the Commons Room at Woolman Commons, the Activities Room and Auditorium on the Medford campus, and a reception and tea in the Lounge and Atrium.

In his three meetings with residents, and a separate meeting with staff, Mike spoke of his background, education, and experience which had prepared him for his new position. He and his wife are looking forward to being part of Medford Leas. At the end of each session, Lois Forrest, Mike and Debra formed a receiving line to greet those in attendance.

It was a long day for them, starting before breakfast at Woolman Commons and ending with the long drive back to Virginia, but they bore up nobly and graciously through it all. We look forward to their return.

Kitty Katzell

SPORTS DAY

Monday, May 29, Memorial Day, will be the first Sports Day of 2000. As usual, it will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the area of the putting green. Residents may gather on either the upstairs or downstairs patios, both of which are barrier-free, and refreshments will be served in both areas.

The usual games will be available: bocci, putting, croquet, and shuffleboard. The Medford String Band will perform at 10:00 a.m. So come out and enjoy the activities with you friends and neighbors.

Bill Stoll

MLRA BOARD ELECTIONS

Kay Cooley, a resident of Woolman Commons, was elected President of the Medford Leas Residents Association for the year beginning July 1, 2000. **Wil Britten**, from the Bridlington area of the Medford campus, was elected Vice President. The election of officers took place on April 19, two days after the new Board members were elected at the April 17 MLRA monthly membership meeting. Residents elected to serve two years on the Board were: **Harry Harrison, Harold Haskins, Sam Howarth, Grace Schaffel, and Ellen Stimler**. The continuing members of the Board, aside from Kay Cooley and Wil Britten, are: **Betty Macpherson, Arabelle Pennypacker, Bob Stebbins, and Ed Young**. Arabelle was appointed during the year to serve out eight months of the unexpired term of **Harold Wright**, who had resigned; she was then nominated and elected for a full two-year term.

Ellen Stimler

BOOKS RECENT & REMEMBERED

One Across, Two Down, by **Ruth Rendell** (1977, 331 pgs. Large Print.) In her polished way, Rendell does her own thing: no murder, no detective, but mounting suspense. A setup for a murder, with a triangle of Vera, the family prop and martyr; Maud, her mother, a jealous, tyrannical invalid; and Stanley, a nasty, grasping, exploitative chap, with a talent for crossword puzzles. So two "accidental" deaths occur. It's Rendell's triumph that we identify with Stanley in his mounting desperation. She presents keen depiction of lower middle-class gentility, too.

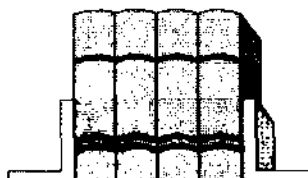
The Price of a Child, A Novel, by **Lorene Cary** (1995, 318 pgs.) and *A Long Way from Home*, by **Connie Briscoe** (1999, 347 pgs.) These are novels of the experience of slavery and some women's drive for freedom. Cary's heroine, Mercy, an unwilling concubine of a plantation owner, escapes with two of her children in Philadelphia and is forced to leave the youngest behind as a hostage. She is harbored by the Quick family, freed blacks, slum landlords, caterers, teachers, and Underground Railway workers. Eventually she becomes an effective abolitionist speaker. Philadelphia itself, with the tangled society of freedmen, is a character as much as the members of this volatile articulate family.

Briscoe's tale begins on the plantation of Dolly and James Madison, with distinctions between the house slaves and field hands. Susan is sold to a Richmond family to serve as a nursemaid. The life of whites and blacks during the Civil War is depicted.

The whites, whether owners or abolitionists, come off badly in both books as seen through black eyes, while the blacks themselves are brave, confused, corrupt, and selfless.

Errata: The author of *The Fifth Business*, **Robertson Davies**, was erroneously dubbed "Robinson" in the March Books.

Leah Levinger



NEW TALKING BOOKS

Non-Fiction

Bryson, B. *The Mother Tongue*
 Glenn, J. *A Memoir*
 Grunwald, H. *Twilight*
 MacLean, J. *Fire on the Mountain*
 McMurtry, L. *Crazy Horse*
 Sobel, D. *Galileo's Daughter*
 Watson, J. *The Double Helix*

Fiction

Braun, L. *The Cat Who Robbed a Bank*
 Brown, S. *The Alibi*
 Christie, A. *Nemesis*
 Cussler, C. *Atlantic Found*
 Davidson, D. *Tough Cookie*
 DeMille, N. *The Lion's Game*
 Higgins, J. *Day of Reckoning*
 Quick, A. *I Thee Wed*
 Sayers, D. *Strong Poison*
 Scottoline, L. *Moment of Truth*
 Steel D. *Bittersweet*

Elaine Heinzelmann

HOSPITALITY TABLES A SUCCESS

On the first anniversary of the Hospitality Tables in the Colonial and Garden Dining Rooms, **Berenice Finkelstone**, chair of this program, believes that the experiment is meeting its goal of providing an enjoyable experience for new residents and those without a dinner companion that evening.

On a recent Sunday, two residents from Woolman Commons came for Sunday dinner after church when they found themselves "all dressed up with no place to go." After dining at the Hospitality Table, they wrote a note of appreciation for the "absolute delight" of sharing good company and delicious food. On another occasion, two residents who hadn't seen each other since school days, **Liliane Reynolds** and **May Painter**, met at the Hospitality Table and discovered they had been classmates at Westfield Friends School in Cinnaminson but hadn't recognized each other at Medford Leas. Others who have met at the tables have formed friendships and started their own tables.

In the Colonial Room, Tables 1 and 2 are Hospitality Tables Monday through Friday, and Table 29 on Sundays. Hosts are usually there at those times to make everyone feel welcome and included in conversation. Sign-up sheets to volunteer to host will be at the Front Desk where residents can sign up to serve on a particular day of the week for one month at a time. In the Garden Room, the Hospitality Table is No. 55 on Monday through Friday only, and, for the present, there are no hosts.

Residents wishing to sit at the Hospitality Table are asked to speak to the staff hostess at the dining room door. Comments on the operation of the tables should be put in Box 134.

Ellen Stimler

A CULINARY FEAST

On March 23, 68 people enjoyed a special Vegetarian Dinner in the Coffee Shop. Arranged by Dining Services to give interested residents a better understanding of, and appreciation for, vegetarian meals, it was held in March in recognition of National Nutrition Month.

The menu, planned by **Lorraine La Pollo**, Food Services Director, and **Brad Mauger**, Executive Chef, included VEGAN, which focuses on fruits, vegetables, nuts and other plant based foods; OVO, which includes the foods in VEGAN plus eggs; and LACTO OVO, which adds dairy products. Each group was presented at a separate buffet table and each incorporated an ethnic theme: Oriental, French, and Italian, respectively. A decorated 2-page menu, explaining the meal and describing the various dishes, was at each diner's place. Diners served themselves from the 16 dishes among the three cuisines, with many trying all 16 and many going back for seconds. For those who had resisted trying vegetarian entrees, the meal turned out to be a pleasant surprise. A petition, requesting that the dining rooms offer a vegetarian entree once a week, was quickly filled and delivered to Lorraine, who said she will discuss with her staff the possibility of offering vegetarian items as a Center Table Special. She added that they plan to offer different foods occasionally, with "Seafood Night" as one possibility. One of the Vegan dishes served at the meal appears on the next page.

Five members of the Dining Services staff worked many hours to provide the outstanding meal and excellent service: **Lorraine**, **Brad** (who spent two days preparing the food), **Helen Smith**, **Velma Aldores**, and **Donna Coonley** (who helped with organization and presentation). There were also four wait staff.

Maggie Woodard

VEGETABLE-TOFU STIR-FRY

(Vegan recipe supplied by **Brad Mauger**, Executive Chef)

- 1 cup water
- ¼ cup dry sherry or dry white wine
- 2 Tbsp. soy sauce
- 4 tsps. cornstarch
- ½ tsp. sugar
- 1 Tbsp. cooking oil
- 2 tsps. grated gingerroot
- 1 lb. fresh asparagus or broccoli
cut into small pieces
- 1 small yellow squash
halved lengthwise and sliced
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 1 10-oz. package extra firm tofu
cut into ½" cubes
- ½ cup pine nuts or chopped almonds, toasted
- 2 cups hot cooked brown rice

Sauce: Stir together water, sherry or wine, soy sauce, cornstarch, and sugar. Set aside.

Pour the cooking oil into a wok (or large skillet). Preheat wok over medium-high heat. Stir-fry the gingerroot for 15 seconds. Add asparagus (or broccoli) and squash; stir-fry about 3 minutes. Add onions; stir-fry about 1½ minutes more, or until asparagus is crisp tender. Remove vegetables from wok.

Add tofu to the hot wok. Carefully stir-fry for 2-3 minutes, until lightly browned. Remove from the wok. Stir sauce that was set aside, and add to the wok. Cook the sauce until thickened and bubbly. Return cooked vegetables and tofu to the wok. Stir ingredients together to coat with the sauce. Cover and cook about 1 minute more, until heated through. Stir in nuts. Serve over rice.

[Makes 4 servings. Nutritional information: 412 calories, 22g protein, 38g carbohydrate, 21g fat (3g saturated), 0mg cholesterol, 541 mg sodium, 576 mg potassium.]

A BRUSH WITH THE MOUNTBATTENS

In 1946, we were invited to dinner at the home of friends meet Lady Edwina and Lord Louis Mountbatten, who were in New York for Lady Edwina to accept an award for her work with the Red Cross. What should I wear? And how should I curtsy? When we arrived, the door opened, and out they came with "Hello" and hands outstretched. Gone was the curtsy.

During dinner, our host mentioned that he had just purchased a new Westinghouse washing machine. Such an item had not yet reached private households in England. There were many questions, and they could hardly wait for a demonstration. We all dashed to the basement and spent the evening washing all the soiled clothing. Then we attacked towels in the linen closet, so Lord Louis could have another run.

Much laughter and much fun, and an evening not to be forgotten.

Beaver Abramson

CAN YOU BEAR THIS?

At the dinner table one night, the conversation turned to encounters with bears! Up in north-western New Jersey, where **Hap Haskins** used to live, it apparently could happen any time or any place. For instance, one day a family came home from a day trip and heard a great racket in their kitchen. There they found a mother bear and two cubs ransacking the room, presumably trying to find the food that might ordinarily have been put outside for them earlier in the day.

Then there was a lady on her way home from the market whose path was blocked by a huge bear standing in the road. She reached into her market bag, found a large acorn squash, and threw it at him. To her surprise, he deftly fielded and ate it. After several more squash were hurled at him with the same result, the bear finally turned and slowly walked away.

Barbara Nelson

NEWS FROM WOOLMAN COMMONS

April brought two distinguished visitors to the Commons Room on Brainerd Street. On April 3, neighbors from Lumberton Leas joined Woolman Commoners for the first of several receptions for **Mike Peasley**, incoming Executive Director of Medford Leas, and his wife, **Debra**. After speaking informally to the group, the Peasleys took time to greet residents individually as they were introduced by **Lois Forrest**. Formalities were followed by a delicious breakfast provided by Dining Services. There was general agreement that the Search Committee had done its job well.

The next day, April 4, **E. "Bart" Bartholomew**, president of MLRA, attended the Woolman Commons monthly business meeting. He spoke briefly about the MLRA Board and MLRA activities and updated information on the Lumberton Airport expansion, then answered questions from the floor. Afterwards, he stayed to chat with residents and help them dispatch leftovers from the previous day's reception.

Greeting our visitors was the fresh, bright look of the grounds. Recently all the flower beds had been cleaned out and renewed with rich new mulch. With its trimly-cut grass and flowering shrubs, Woolman Commons is a haven of spring beauty in the middle of Mount Holly.

Kay Cooley

MARCH EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Shirley Lewis works in Environmental Services, but those who know her say she is "more than just a housekeeper." She seems to go out of her way to be helpful. Shirley has worked at Medford Leas since December, 1996. When you see her, be sure to say "Thanks, and congratulations."

Kitty Katzell

LUMBERTON LEAS ADOPTS GUIDELINES

On April 5, 58 residents of Lumberton Leas met to hear **Bill Murphy** report on the plans for the community center and swimming pool and to adopt guidelines for managing the facilities. Murphy reported that 90 of the 110 units of this \$20 million project have been contracted. The present focus of his staff is helping new people move in and settle. He also reminded residents that they have one year from the date of residency to bring to his attention problems attributable to the builder.

Prior to the meeting, residents had received a draft of Guidelines for Operating Lumberton Leas Common Areas, prepared by the Liaison Group: **Harry Harrison, Don Kocher, Charles Morrow, Ben Paradee, Helen Vukasin, Barbara Zimmerman, and Milt Zimmerman.** Under the Guidelines, a Council of six members will convene committees to manage five areas: Community Center, Tennis Courts, Swimming Pool, Trails and other site matters, Resident Relations (welcoming newcomers, assistance with illness or incapacity, recreational activities, etc.) The committees will draft rules and regulations for each area and oversee observance of the regulations.

Residents enthusiastically signed up to help in areas of special interest to them, after which coffee and dessert provided an opportunity to get acquainted.

Helen Vukasin

THE SAGA OF THE BLUEBIRDS

Most of us are familiar with the eastern bluebird, a little smaller than a robin. Males have a deep blue back and sides, with a red breast; females are somewhat grayer on the back. There are also western and mountain bluebirds in the far west and Rocky Mountains, but the eastern variety is the one seen on our campus.

In past years, after decimation from DDT, bluebird populations plummeted. To help them recover, about 10 years ago, our Bird Club bought poles and lumber, and **Alice Jones** constructed bluebird boxes using Audubon Society specifications. We also got boxes from the prison system; prisoners are also bluebird house architects. About 30 boxes were posted, mostly in the meadow north of Bridlington. The Bird Club cleans the boxes each year, since other species, such as tree swallows, house wrens, and house finches, also find the boxes desirable homes. Where there are no boxes, the birds use tree cavities for nesting. About five years ago, a pair built a nest in a box on the edge of Bridlington, but the success rate has been low. Bluebirds are picky about their terrain. Our meadow appears to have too few trees for perching; also, bluebirds prefer that the grass be cut, the better to spot insects.

But hope springs eternal. Early in March, **Arthur Steitz** spotted a bluebird on his daily walk. They have also been seen by **Howard Kriebel** and reported at Lumberton Leas by the **Thorps**. In late March, one apparently hit **Dale & Grace Blackburn's** picture window and was stunned. Dale took its picture, first on the cement patio and again when it recovered and flew into a tree. **Arthur Steitz, Wayne Marshall** and the **Kriebels** have seen a pair in the meadow, the female going in and out of the box, and the male watching from a nearby shrub. So we are still hopeful that a pair will use one of our boxes again. This would bring us true happiness -- as bluebirds are meant to do.

Gertrude Marshall

A WALK IN THE WOODS

Spring is almost everyone's favorite season, at least until the wheel of the year turns and brings autumn in all its gold and russet glory onto center stage. In early April, as we walk in Medford Leas' woods, we are sure that nothing can be lovelier than this.

On the red trail, near the pump house, we are greeted by a carpet of spring beauties and wood anemones, not individually spectacular but making a lovely sight in the aggregate. Suddenly a few splashes of yellow appear amidst the pink and white of these flowers, and we realize that here is a small array of yellow trout lilies with their distinctive mottled leaves.

Farther along on our walk we come to a secondary path beside Pebble Run. A few paces along this path we are rewarded with one of the most spectacular sights of the spring -- a large clump of snow-white grandiflora trillium. But this is not the only treat in store for us along this segment of our walk. On the opposite side of the path is a small specimen of Virginia bluebell, appropriately named, for its flowers are bell-shaped and as blue as the sky on a summer's day. Just as we think we have seen enough riches on one path, still another awaits us. Hugging the bank of Pebble Run is a large dense stand of lesser celandine. If you didn't know its name, you might guess that this was a buttercup because of its waxy yellow petals, and you would be right, for the lesser celandine is a member of the buttercup family, a more elegant member than its humble cousin, the field buttercup, but there is a distinct family resemblance.

All this, and it's only mid-April, with the rest of the month and all of May before the spring extravaganza comes to an end.

Helen Louise Liversidge

FIFTH ANNUAL OLYMPICS

A parade of decorated electric carts will again mark the opening of the Medford Leas Olympics, our Fifth Annual. The date is May 1 (rain date, May 8). The Medford-Leas style baseball game will also be played, with the blue and red teams competing. It will be a fun evening, not to be missed.

On registration day, April 12, 207 residents signed up for a total of 455 participations in 19 different contests. Besides the parade and ball game, there will be the sports events: croquet, shuffleboard, tennis, golf, ping pong, billiards, bowling, water volleyball, swimming, biking, walking and the fitness center; plus intellectual events: spelling bee, bridge, scrabble, chess, and a nature contest. Each contestant will be wearing a special Medford Leas lanyard during the month. Some events will have final playoffs on the Memorial Day Sports Day.

Colette Bartholomew

SPRING LILAC TEA

The Spring Lilac Tea, will be held on Tuesday, May 23, from 2:30 to 4 P.M. in the Lounge and the Atrium. All residents are invited to attend to meet old friends and make new ones. If you've never been to one of the teas, you don't know what you're missing! If you have been to others, you'll want to go to this one, too.

Kitty Katzell

P.T. NEWS

Congratulations to physical therapist **Vicki Bersch**. Siena College in Albany, NY, has named a scholar-athlete award for her. The award is to be given annually to a girl who excels both in the classroom and on the basketball court. Vicki, who graduated from Siena in 1982 as a pre-med student, was invited to present the award to this year's recipient at the college in April. Congratulations also to Therapy's program manager, **Vicki Cann, OT**. Her son **William Stephen** was born on Jan. 13.

In April, **Mary Loeilo, PT**, attended the mid-Atlantic Conference on Osteoporosis at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, along with **Wendi Ruddy** and **Janet Rumble**.

The department has two new members: **Vickie Pierman, OT**, full-time, and **Kathleen Green, PTA**, part-time. Other staff you might meet in the Therapy Department are **Ashley Gryskiewicz**, Speech Therapist, and **Anna Ocasio**, the aide who runs the office.

Barbara Nelson

MAY'S WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Friday, May 19: "Food Safety and Sanitation,"
2-3 PM, Wellness Center

Friday, May 26: "Food Safety and Sanitation,"
2-3 PM, Wellness Center

To sign up for either of these, call 3777.

A REMINDER

Don't forget: Friday, May 5, from 9 AM to 3 PM
The Bone Connection,
Osteoporosis Education Day.

9:00 AM: Kick-off walk

9:00 - 10:30 AM: Foot checks

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Tables and Booths open

10:00 - 11:00 AM: Posture Screening

10:00 AM - noon: What shoes are best?

11:00 - 11:30 AM: Mini-exercise session

Mid-day: Coffee Shop for lunch or snack

1:00 - 2:00 PM: Balance Screening

2:00 - 2:30 PM: Mini-exercise session

2:00 - 3:00 PM: Prevention, diagnosis, &
treatment of Osteoporosis

Wendi Ruddy

RACE, ANTI-SEMITISM, AND THE HOLOCAUST

On Friday, May 19, at 11 AM in the Auditorium, **Leon Bass** will speak on the above topic, under the sponsorship of the Diversity Committee. Mr. Bass served in a segregated division of the U.S. Army in WW-II. After going through the Battle of the Bulge, his division was sent to liberate Buchenwald, an experience that had a great effect on him. He has lectured extensively since that time on race and anti-semitism and what it means to us today. A former teacher in the Philadelphia school system, Mr. Bass also taught at the George School and is currently a resident of Pennswood. His talk is sure to be of interest to all, as well as educational and inspirational.

Dorothy Tillman

CRYPTOGRAM

Here is the solution to the April Cryptogram:

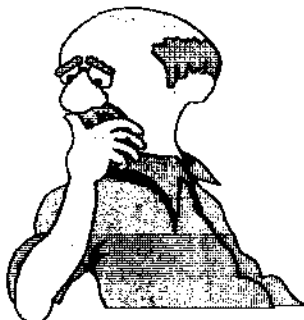
"Why do holders of high office so often act
contrary to enlightened self-interest?
B. Tuchman"

Correct solutions were received from: **Lydia
Andrews, Mort Bregman, Scott Charles, Jane
Hunter, Liliane Reynolds, Lucille Ringel, and
Doris Salati.**

Last month we failed to acknowledge that **Jane
Hunter** had correctly solved the March puzzle.
Now, here's the May Cryptogram:

"URD UFBBS WRY QS JU
YHZDDJDN Z XZD BD UFQS
BL WBBS-Z-SBBS-SBBS
PBW UFBBS BP QS ZDT LJU
WRORWRDS BVVJYQS.
B. DZUL"

Put solutions in Box 624 by May 15.
Russell Hill



MARY C. MORRISON AT FORUM

The Mental Health Committee and the Leas Forum Committee are sponsoring a talk by **Mary Morrison**, author of *Let Evening Come*, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 3, in the Auditorium. The author of three books and six Pendle Hill pamphlets, for many years she led discussion groups at Pendle Hill in Wallingford, PA. Now, at age 90, she resides at Kendal at Longwood. In her lecture, "Reflections on Aging," she will share her thoughts about this passage of life along which we are all traveling.

Beth Wray

NIGHTMARE IN MANHATTAN

When **Grayce & Hiro Uyehara** started their journey to New York last December, they had no idea of the drama that would unfold in the next 12 hours. They drove to the New Jersey Transit station in Trenton and parked their car. After arriving at Penn Station, they took a taxi to the residence of the Japanese Consul General to attend the Bestowal Award ceremony for the Acting Consul General of Philadelphia.

Following the ceremony, they got a ride to the newly refurbished Grand Central Station. After admiring the beautiful ceilings and new marble staircase, Hiro said: "Let's eat, I'm tired and hungry." Walking at her usual breakneck speed, Grayce went through a revolving door to 40th Street. When she looked around, Hiro was not there. Grayce retraced her steps -- no Hiro. She panicked. He had had a mild stroke following heart surgery recently. Another stroke? Another heart attack? Had he fainted?

At about 1:30 p.m., she went to the Station Master's office and, at his suggestion, used the station microphone to page Hiro. "This is Grayce. Hiro, if you are looking for me, I'm at

the Station Master's office." This was repeated several times, but no response. She continued searching and, at around 3:00 p.m., noticed some police. They directed her to the Station Police Department on the lower level, where she got the police to call the emergency rooms of three nearby hospitals. She also had Hiro paged at Penn Station, all to no avail.

About 3:30 p.m., she called Medford Leas, talked to **Trudy DeLacy**, and left the Police Department's phone number. In the Atrium, Trudy saw **Tak Moriuchi**, who is Hiro's brother-in-law. Tak phoned Grayce and told her his daughter and grandson were near where she was and he would call them.

As it turned out, Hiro had gone out to Lexington Avenue and 40th Street, probably through a different door, and had not seen Grayce. He stayed "cool." He knew she had the train tickets and that they were to return to Trenton and their car. After looking for Grayce and not finding her, he gave up and walked to Penn Station, stopping for lunch on the way. He waited until nearly 5:00 p.m., bought a ticket, went on to Trenton, and asked that Grayce be paged there.

The Security Police in Grand Central called Trenton Security; they found Hiro around 7:30 p.m. Meantime, Tak's relatives had found Grayce and urged her to stay with them. She refused. The police and Tak's grandson went with her to Penn Station. The grandson went on with Grayce to Trenton, where they found Hiro at about 10:00 p.m. The grandson drove them to Medford Leas. A happy ending to a harrowing day!

All residents would be wise to decide ahead of time what they would do in a similar situation. They might agree to each call Medford Leas. **Lois Forrest** reminded residents that if they need help in such circumstances, they should call 1-609-654-3666 at all times.

Maggie Woodard

APRIL CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 - Opening of Olympics
- 2 - "Science, Religion, and Frogs" - **MacGiven**
- 2 - Game Night (every other Tuesday)
- 3 - **Farr** and **Murakami** Open Houses
- 4 - Spring Plant Sale
- 4 - Vid-U (every Thursday)
- 4 - Line & Folk Dancing
- 5 - The Bone Connection
- 5 - "Race, Anti-Semitism, and the Holocaust,"
Leon Bass
- 6 - Wildflower walk (every Saturday)
- 6 - Movie: "The Comic"
- 7 - Friends Meeting for Worship (every Sunday)
- 7 - Vespers (every Sunday)
- 8 - Low Vision Group
- 8 - Movie: "Waking Ned Devine"
- 9 - Armoire
- 9 - "Questioning Technology and Continuing
Revelation," **Max & Lissa Carter**
- 9 - Artist's Reception, **Joyce Gagen**
- 13 - Movie: "Fiddler on the Roof" (Part 1)
- 14 - Mothers' Day
- 15 - MLRA Business Meeting
- 16 - "Poets' Perceptions of Science and
Technology," **Peter Bien**
- 17 - Knitting & Sewing Open House
- 19 - "Food Safety and Sanitation," **Pat Richards**
- 20 - Movie: "Fiddler on the Roof" (Part 2)
- 20 - Concert: Harp & Flute, **Sparx duo**
- 23 - "Quakers' Nature: John Bartram to Friends
Committee on Unity with Nature"
- 23 - Lilac Tea
- 26 - "Food Safety and Sanitation," **Pat Richards**
- 27 - Movie: "Cocoon, the Return"
- 29 - Sports Day
- 30 - Memorial Day
- 30 - "An Anthropologists' Perspective on Aging."

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Fiction

- Boyle, R. C. *The Collected Stories*
 Briscoe, E. *A Long Way from Home*
 Clarke, A. C. (jt.) *The Light of Other Days*
 Huth, A. *Wives of the Fisherman*
 Lattany, K. *Do Unto Others*
 Robard, K. *Ghost Moon*
 Shelley, M. *Frankenstein or the Modern Prometheus*
 Steel, D. *Irresistible Forces*
 Vreeland, S. *Girl in Hyacinth Blue*
 White, B. *Quite A Year for Plums*

Mystery

- Baldacci, D. *Saving Faith*
 Bradley, J. *Wrack*
 Brown, S. *Standoff*
 Braun, L. J. *The Cat Who Robbed A Bank*
 Carter, C. *Coq au Vin*
 Davis, P. *The Passenger*
 DeMille, N. *The Lion's Game*
 Fielding, H. *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason*
 Gabriel, M. *The Seventh Moon*
 Gilman, D. *Mrs. Pollifax Unveiled*
 Kellerman, F. *Prayers for the Dead*
 Kellogg, M. *Birthday Party*
 Makine, A. *The Crime of Olga Arbyelina*
 McBain, E. *The Last Dance*
 Mason, R. *The Drowning People*
 Pearson, R. *The First Victim*
 Roberts, N. *Carolina Moon*
 Smith, B. *Celebration in Purple Sage*

Biography

- Bayley, J. *Iris and Her Friends*
 Gleich, J. *Genius: the Life of Richard Feynman*
 Graham, F. *Rebel with a Cause: an autobiography* (son of Billy Graham)
 People Books. *Unforgettable Women of the Century*
 Roberts, C. *From this Day Forward*
 Spoto, D. *Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis*
 Strouse, J. *Morgan, American Financier*

Non-Fiction

- Among Friends: Earlham School of Religion*
 Apt, J. *Orbit: NASA Astronauts Photograph the Earth*
 Bacon, M. H. *The Quiet Rebels (1999)*
 Bryson, B. *I'm A Stranger Here Myself*
 Buchholz, M. T. (ed.) *Shore Chronicles*
 Calkins, W. (jt.ed.) *Best Way to Care for Older People*
 Cooper, W. A. *Growing Up Plain*
 Darling, B. *Shakespeare in Love*
 Frazier, I. *On the Rez*
 Ingle, H. L. *Quakers in Conflict: the Hicksite Reformation*
 Janson, M. *The Vitamin Revolution*
 Null, G. *Be Kind to Yourself*
 Ornish, D. *Eat More, Weigh Less*
 Schmitt, H. A. *Quakers and Nazis*
 Shagner, W. *Star Trek Memories*
 Singer, P. *Practical Ethics (2nd ed.)*
 Steere, D. V. *Quaker Spirituality*
 Torricelli, R. *In Our Own Words*
 Trefel, J. *Other Worlds: Images of the Cosmos*

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 National Geographic Society. *Atlas of the World (7th ed.) - 1999*



IN MEMORIAM

Chandler Yarnall	April 14, 2000
William Marshall	April 15, 2000
Rosalie Just	April 16, 2000
Samuel Merrick	April 17, 2000

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