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AND THE WINNER IS . . .

by Kay Cooley

Those words, made famous by the Oscar Award Ceremony, encapsulate the anticipation and excitement of that March evening on which the year's best in cinematography is revealed and honored. Through the Oscars, excellence in all aspects of movie-making is acknowledged.

Medford Leas employees have a similar March evening, which honors those who have worked three, five, 10, 15, 20, and, this year, even 25 years, and which reaches its climax with the words, "And the Employee of the Year is . . ."

This year, the Employee Service Recognition Dinner was held on March 30 at Charley's Other Brother Restaurant in Mount Holly. In a private dining room, accompanied by two mellow DJ's, employees and their guests, administrative staff, Estaugh Board members, and two residents enjoyed a bountiful meal.

After dinner, **Mike Peasley**, as Master of Ceremonies, introduced **Constance Brookes** of the Estaugh Board and **Kay Cooley** of the Residents Association, each of whom spoke deeply felt words of appreciation to the employees for their outstanding contributions to Medford Leas. Mike then presented service pins to those reaching the anniversary years. **Linda Hicks** of the Health Center topped this year's list with 25 years of service.

Anticipation grew as the names of those who had been voted Employee of the Month during the year 2000 were read:

January: **Tammy Wheeler**, Dining Services
(now a CNA on John Woolman).

February: **Anne DiMartino**, Assisted Living

March: **Shirley Lewis**, Environmental Services

April: **Marcia Stedford**, Nursing, John Estaugh

May: **Debra Halcomb**, Resident Services

June: **Jamie Lowndes**, Landscaping

July: **Marge Sagett**, Administration -
Residency Planning

August: **Nelly Vasquez**, Assisted Living

September: **James Wolosin, Sr.**, Maintenance

October: **Rose Iacona**, Child Day Care

November: **Maurica Steinagle**, Dining Services

December: **Myma Wester**, Nursing,
John Woolman

Next, the 11 members of the Employee Council (one representative from each department) were called to the front. Then, the 16 former Employees of the Year were recognized. And finally, it was time for Mike to reveal the name of the person who had been voted by fellow employees as Employee of the Year for 2000. Although there was no white envelope or orchestral fanfare, the announcement generated as much excitement as the winner of an Oscar. It was **Marcia Stedford**, who works on the day shift in John Estaugh, and who has been a Certified Resident Assistant in the Nursing Department since 1992. Marcia has also worked other shifts in the Nursing and Assisted Living Departments, as needed. To her go the congratulations and best wishes of the entire Medford Leas community.

APRIL FOOLS' EVE CELEBRATION

by Jane Hunter & Hana Stranska

The new Coffee Shop hours provided the occasion for a gala gathering on April Fool's Eve! Anyone was invited to join the pajama-and-robe clad group to assemble for fun and games in the Coffee Shop at 1:30 a.m. **Florence Harvey** was the instigator, organizer, super-hostess, fun-and-games provider, self-styled Queen of Sleepwalkers and Insomniacs. With time set to change at 2 a.m. to Daylight Savings, revelers were urged to set their clocks ahead before leaving for the party so they would arrive at 1:30 by the new time. If this leaves anyone confused, remember it was an April Fools' Party.

Some 25 fun-loving ladies answered the call (men weren't invited) to come to this early morning party, dressed as they normally might be on any April Fools' Eve. They found hot tea, decaf, coffee, hot chocolate, cookies and petit fours, provided and set up by our always cooperative Dining Services, plus some home-made goodies by **Ruth Bonner** and **Kackie Anders**, and some Hershey Miniatures from **Peg Van Name**. All delicious!

Though men weren't invited, **Bill Conte** showed up in a wine-red robe and black hat, and shyly-smiling **Gary Raven** came dressed in a country girl's gown with Goldilocks yellow tresses peeping out from under a white Dutch-girl bonnet. **Inge Raven** came as Jack-Be-Nimble, carrying a lighted candle.

Games were played and prizes, too numerous to mention, were awarded. Others attending, besides those already mentioned, were: **Katherine Aliminosa, Ann Barbey, Peg Caruthers, Ruth DeCou, Mary Hansen, Jane Hunter, Margaret Lawson, Blanche Lippincott, Mae Lundin, Liesel Marcus, Ginny McMichael, Liliane Reynolds, Grace Schaffel, Anne Smith, Dolly Smith, Hana Stranska, Annemarie Walter, and Grace Walton.**

A DEER AT THE FRONT DOOR

by Ellen Stimler

Everyone knows that Medford Leas is a great place but hard to get into. The message has apparently spread to the local deer population. On the evening of March 17, a deer tried to get into the front entrance, in the process bloodying its snout and causing quite a stir among the few residents who happened to be there and watched as the unhappy animal tried to find a way in or out.

Someone called Security and **Todd Jones** rushed to the rescue. Todd said the deer had run down Estaugh Way and was butting his head against the glass panels behind the newspaper boxes as he arrived. The deer then ran up along the outside of Estaugh Mall and from there into Courts 19, 20, 25, and 26, ending up in a corner at **Bob Martin's** apartment, #208. Todd knew that deer can be dangerous when they are excited and confused. He walked around quietly in an effort to steer the deer away from the buildings. Eventually it found its way out and, when last seen, was running off toward the tennis courts. Nobody was hurt, but there were bloodstains and debris from this strange encounter.

LATE NEWS FLASH!!!

At a special meeting of the new MLRA Board on Wednesday evening, April 18, **Sam Howarth** was elected President of MLRA and **Grace Schaffel** was elected Vice-President for the year July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002.

NEWS FROM LUMBERTON LEAS

by Helen Vukasin

April 25, 2001 will be a day to remember at Lumberton Leas. The Activities Committee has planned a potluck supper, coordinated by **Catherine Sommi**. And, much to our surprise and delight, word was received that April 25 will also be the date of the grand opening of the Lumberton Leas Community Pool. It also happens to be the birthday of one of Lumberton Leas' better-known residents. So it should be a bang-up bash!

It is not yet known how many residents have wet suits and may want to try out the pool. The next issue will report on the brave ones. At the very least, everyone can enjoy the incredibly sparkling blue water that has been promised by the purveyors of the new saline water purifying system.

Many residents are gearing up for spring as bulbs begin to bloom and pansies start to appear. The number of walkers has increased significantly. A barn dance at the end of March was a great success. The indomitable **Bartholomews (E. Bart & Colette)** taught new and old steps to familiar tunes in a variety of dance forms. Thanks, again, to the Bartholomews for sharing their energy with Lumberton Leas, and to the folks who came with them from the Medford campus.

The last building unit now has walls and a roof, so Lumberton Leas will soon be promoted from a construction site to a completed project. With the completion of the building, heavy equipment will disappear and the much-needed, long-awaited resurfacing of Woodside Drive can be anticipated.

NEWS FROM WOOLMAN COMMONS

by Nancy Darling

It was a special privilege on April 3 to see the newly completed video, *Quaker Values*, in the Commons Room. The tape, produced by Friends Services for the Aging, was designed to be shown to new employees as a part of their orientation to working in a Quaker facility. Residents recognized many Medford Leas faces in the film, including Woolman Commons' own **Sumi Kobayashi** in a meeting of the Diversity Committee, and **Beverly Kannengieszer** conducting exercise classes.

The monthly movie shown in the Commons Room in April was the 1959 classic, *Some Like It Hot*. The Out-to-Lunch Bunch enjoyed Korean-Japanese food at Il Mee Jung in Mount Laurel.

SOCIAL NEWS

by Kitty Katzell

On Good Friday, April 13, 2001, **Phyllis Maillard**, administrative assistant to the executive director, and **Joseph DiCianni** were married at the Little Church of the West in Las Vegas. The church is the oldest structure on "The Strip" in Las Vegas and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The wedding party included 23 guests, who flew to Nevada for the occasion. From Medford Leas were **Mike & Debra Peasley, Lois & Harry Forrest, Kate Kwiecinski** and her sister, **Mary McGlone, Trudy DeLacy, Debbie Lovenduski, Linda Nims, and Mark Wick**. Phyllis's daughter served as her matron of honor, Joe's son-in-law was best man, and Mark Wick played the organ and also sang as part of the ceremony. Phyllis had won \$50, which she used to pay the minister who conducted the service. She plans to continue working at Medford Leas and will be using her new name, **Phyllis DiCianni**.

WHO'S NEW

by Hana Stranska

Constance (Cox) Bacha, Apt. 561, was born in New York City, but spent most of her life in upstate New York. She has a degree in education from Oneonta State College, but did not find teaching satisfying, so she embarked on a career in nursing. Her late husband, **John Bacha**, worked as an aeronautical specialist, and later owned the Tuxedo Inn, in Tuxedo, NY, and the Homestead Hotel on Route 17-M. In connection with that ownership, he used his ability to translate documents from five languages. John died in 1968. They had two daughters, who have produced five grandchildren for Connie.

Connie loves classical music and used to play the piano and other instruments. She was also adept at crafts and athletic pursuits. She gave up athletics when she was diagnosed with "terminal cancer" and given "two years to live." That was 20 years ago. Connie was introduced to **Fran Werrell** by a friend, but knew no one else when she came to Medford Leas. She looks forward to meeting people and to settling happily in her new home.

RESIDENT IN THE NEWS

In an article about Alan Craig's retirement as headmaster at Moorestown Friends School in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* (April 19), **Grace Blackburn** was mentioned. It said that Grace "has served at the school for 39 years and is now the dean of the faculty" and quoted her as saying "[t]he feeling that this is a Quaker community has never been stronger."

MAC USERS GROUP

by Wil Britten

Many of those who take advantage of our computer facility here at Medford Leas use the machines generally known as "PC's". Others take advantage of the user-friendly "Macs" at the other end of the room. In fact, the Mac users are an active and dedicated part of the Medford Leas computer scene. Our up-to-date Macs are Internet-connected and have lots of software that can handle many basic word-processing, spreadsheet, and graphics applications.

For beginners, as well as for more advanced users, instruction is available twice a month at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the Computer Room. If you are contemplating a computer purchase or if you simply want to "surf the Web," e-mail friends, or do some basic word processing, check out the Macs and join the users group! If you're interested, or have any questions, call **Bob O'Brien** at 3186.

MEDFORD LEAS TENNIS

by Russell Hill

Resident tennis enthusiasts started playing tennis in April on the two Medford Leas courts, which have been refurbished under the direction of **Bill Murphy**. The loose sand has all been swept away, leaving the surface a bright green. Summer play will be at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

During the unusually long winter, residents played on the indoor courts at RacQuets in Medford Lakes. They were joined by players from Lumberton Leas, where there are also outdoor courts. It is hoped that arrangements can be made for a competition between the two groups.

CRYPTOGRAM

by Russell Hill

Here is the solution to the April Cryptogram:
 "Four be the things I'd been better without:
 Love, curiosity, freckles, and doubt.
 D(orothy) Parker"

Correct solutions were received from: **Miriam Angle, Mary Barth, Ruth Blattenberger, Mort Bregman, Scott Charles, Don Davis, Polly Guthe, Euseba Kaminsky, Betty Preston, Liliane Reynolds, Lucille Ringel, Florence Sawyer, Nickie Stevenson, Eilen Stimier, Eilen Wiener, Marie & John Winton.**

There were some complaints that April's was too easy. The May Cryptogram should be more of a challenge. Here it is:

M L N K M W L T J F Q Z S W K
V L T W P X K, Z X G W L K T J F
J L T W K J U W Q.
M H Y R T R T H K K F L H K

Put solutions in Box 45 by May 15.

IN MEMORIAM

<i>Alice Black</i>	<i>March 24, 2001</i>
<i>Julia Deuell</i>	<i>April 14, 2001</i>
<i>Paul Zelazny</i>	<i>April 16, 2001</i>

THE CHILDREN OF CHABANNES

by Doreen B. Lee

Residents had a unique opportunity to see the documentary film, *The Children of Chabannes*, on April 2. The story is about a school in the tiny town of Chabannes in the southern part of France, unoccupied during WW-II, where some 400 mostly German-Jewish children were sent for safety. They stayed there for some years, protected by the remarkable courage of the townspeople. Devoted teachers tried to teach them French and help them to speak without an accent.

The tale is recounted by survivors in both Europe and the U.S. The dialogue is partly in English and partly in French with English sub-titles. The photography is excellent, with survivors talking on camera interspersed with snapshots of the children in the school. References to concentration camps are handled well by showing shots of gates, barbed wire fencing, and shells of buildings, their meaning quite clear, but without showing the horrors of the camps. To this viewer, one of the most poignant moments was a scene of a train disappearing down the tracks and one survivor (who was eight at the time) saying that was the last time he saw his parents. It brought home something of what the children went through as they watched their lives change forever.

In 1996, when there was a reunion of the survivors of Chabannes, some of the teachers, now aged 86 to 90, were filmed. What dedication! They risked their lives and worked hard to care for the children and give them a good education. The children hid in the woods at times, for safety. Even so, a small number of them were found by the Nazis and, of course, were lost.

The film is the work of **Lisa Gossels**, daughter and niece of two of the survivors who came to the United States. She has done a superb job, and the film justly deserves the rave reviews it has received from all parts of the country. It is difficult

to do justice to this remarkable film in the space available.

Colette Bartholomew worked in a similar Chateau for two years, and was invited to attend the 1996 reunion. Residents of Medford Leas are indebted to her for making the film available. Perhaps another showing could be arranged at a future date, for this is a story that bears repeating many times over.

Many who have seen it say that *The Children of Chabannes* should be shown in high schools and junior highs. Any resident who has connections that might make such showings possible is encouraged to phone Colette (3638).

SPRING STROLL

by Barbara Ballou

A bird called me out with a merry tune,
So I took a stroll that afternoon.
To Rushmore I walked from Bridlington,
Enjoying a breeze and the warmth of the sun.

'Twas the height of spring and that little fellow
Sang of spring colors, especially yellow.
Predominant color of course is green,
In grass, bush, and tree it can be seen.

But in tulip, forsythia, and dandelion
Bright yellow glows in a manner fine,
And most of all my spirit thrills
To the saucy smile of the daffodils.

A REMINDER

The deadline for submission
of materials for *Medford Leas Life*
is the 15th of the month
preceding publication.

CHANGE AT THE BIRD CLUB

by Gertrude Marshall

Some 13 years ago, **Wayne Marshall** started (or restarted) the Medford Leas Bird Club. (Early in Medford Leas history, former resident **Barbara Kitchens** kept records of birds seen.) The club has been meeting monthly except in the summer. Its meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Activities Room. It has wonderful bird videos which it shows; it sets up trips to good birding spots; and it maintains a monthly list of birds seen on the campus. The Club also sponsors an annual bird census early in January and has prepared a checklist of birds seen on the campus.

Wayne has been anxious for new leadership and, at the club's March meeting, he and his committee prevailed on **Miriam & David Swartz** to be the new leaders. The Swartzes, coming from Lumberton Leas (L.L.), provide "fresh young blood!" They immediately produced a schedule of forthcoming outings, a portion of which is reproduced below.

May 2: Tinicum Wildlife Refuge - 8:30 a.m. at M.L. Nature Center; sign up; bring lunch.

May 7: Bear Swamp - 7:30 a.m. at M.L. Nature Center; sign up.

May 9: Lumberton Leas - 7:00 a.m. at L.L. Community Center.

May 14: Medford Leas - 7:00 a.m. at M.L. Nature Center.

May 16: Lumberton Leas - 7:00 a.m. at L.L. Community Center.

May 21: Medford Leas - 7:00 a.m. at M.L. Nature Center

May 23: Reed's Beach - 7:30 a.m. at M.L. Nature Center; sign up; bring lunch.

May 28: Medford Leas - 7:00 a.m. at M.L. Nature Center

May 30: Lumberton Leas - 7:00 a.m. at L.L. Community Center.

Rain Date is the following day. Sign up on the sheet at the Front Desk in Medford or on the Lumberton Leas Community Bulletin Board. Questions? Call Miriam or Dave Swartz (702-5735) or Louise Tompkins (267-5574).

Sincere thanks are due to Wayne for his leadership and enthusiasm over the year, as well as heartfelt gratitude to the Swartzes for agreeing to carry on this important and enjoyable activity.

SPORTS DAY

by Wil Britten

"SPORTS DAY," our annual gala celebration of Memorial Day, will be held this year on Monday, May 28, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Events will include, as usual, Shuffleboard, Croquet, Bocce, and Putting. Each event will be open to all who wish to play. No sign-up is required, and the play will be casual and most informal.

Refreshments (punch and cookies) will be served on the downstairs patio where ample seating will be available for those who prefer to view the events rather than participate.

Since this is an outdoor event, it will not be held if the weather does not cooperate. But . . . we are confident that the sun will shine . . . so come on out that morning and loosen up those winter-weary muscles!!!

IN THE GALLERY

by Dorothy Tillman

The Gallery's artist for the month of May is **Sandy Sandy** -- "a singular artist with a double name."

Sandy, who can't remember a time she wasn't drawing, graduated from Moore College of Art in Philadelphia with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

And she is still studying. At Moore, she studied watercolor with Ranulph Bye, whose training stemmed from the Brandywine tradition of art, which includes such artists as the Wyeths -- N.C., Andrew, and Jamie.

After 16 years as owner/director of Alpha 1 Studio, Sandy now runs Sandarosa Studio from her Pine Barrens home, which she shares with her husband and co-worker, Jerry Farley, as well as her cats and horses and a variety of critters who visit daily.

Her exhibit will include impressionistic watercolors interpreting the essence of nature, landscapes, wild life, florals, and case art. Originals and signed limited edition prints will be available for purchase.

Come to her reception on Tuesday, May 1, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. You can call her by her first name -- or last -- as you wish.

THE BONE CONNECTION

by Wendi Ruddy

The Bone Connection is an event for learning about osteoporosis prevention and treatment. Remember the fun it was last year at The Bone Connection out in the main driveway? It was a beautiful day! This year, the event will be held on Thursday, May 10. Again, it will be in front of the Community Building from 9:00 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. To make it easier for everyone to participate, the Medford Leas Bus will be making a loop to Lumberton Leas and Woolman Commons for the big event. The morning's activities will include:

-- The kick-off walk. Join neighbors and staff as **Mike Peasley** officially starts the walk to the silo. Sign in and get a ribbon. Meet at 8:30 to begin walking at 9:00 a.m. Wheelchairs and walkers are welcome.

-- Morning stretch for flexibility, beginning at 10 a.m. under the large Bone Connection banner.

-- Carl's Shoes. Learn from shoe experts what shoe is best for you.

-- Foot screening. Podiatrist **Dr. Jack Bondi** will be present to give advice on keeping your feet healthy.

-- Consult the Dietitian. Learn about high calcium foods and calcium supplements. Stop by to take the milk challenge, pick up a calcium supplement and recipe, and check your risk for osteoporosis.

-- Therapy. Have your posture and balance checked by a physical or occupational therapist.

-- Milk Mustache Photo Booth. Get your picture taken with a milk mustache.

-- Information table. Get a pamphlet on osteoporosis.

-- Games.
Drop off the bone you get in the mail to win a door prize.

Match up a bone drawn from a box to win a \$25 gift certificate to either Carl's or Wallach's shoes.

Win at the bone toss and get a free ice cream.

-- Food. Popcorn and ice cream. The Coffee Shop will be featuring calcium-rich foods.

HELP WANTED!

Leas Lit needs typists to type manuscripts onto floppy disks. Work must be done on a PC in the Computer Room. If you can help, call Barbara Britten (3682).

HEALTH INFORMATION

by **Wendi Ruddy**

Your health care team is always trying to keep you up to date on the latest information available. They stress education, Education, EDUCATION -- in order to help you keep yourself well. In future, you will be seeing even more information coming your way. Each month, the Health Center will feature a specific health-related topic. The bulletin board in the Health Center waiting room will identify the topic for the month and printed information will be available both in the Wellness Center and in the wall pamphlet rack in the Health Center. Some months, the information may be something that will be helpful for everyone, in which case it will be distributed to residents' mailboxes. It is hoped that all residents will take advantage of this new opportunity.

CAN YOUR PET COUNT ON YOU?

by **Dorothy Tillman**

Did you know that --

-- New Jersey has a State law that says domesticated pet ownership cannot be prohibited in Senior Citizen Housing?

-- According to the *New York Times*, \$28.5 billion (yes, "billion") is spent on pet care, exceeding the value of all toys sold in the U.S.?

-- 63 million U.S. households own pets? 84% consider pets their children? 83% would risk their lives for their pets?

-- Medford Leas' office has a record of 32 pets in Medford Leas, Lumberton Leas, and Woolman Commons? 32?

We believe -- with no statistical back-up or verification -- that close to 100% of Leas' pet owners consider their pets as children and would risk their lives for them. But are there only 32? Is your pet registered? We all know that our Health Department is determined to keep us all living until we reach 105 -- or 110. But the best laid plans, etc. etc. etc.

If you should become ill, does Resident Services know that there is an animal that must be cared for? If you should die, do they have the name and address of your friend or relative who has agreed to adopt your pet? Do they have the information about the local vet or kennel you use so that they may contact them in an emergency? Has your pet had the shots required by law? Is he/she licensed?

As you can see, it is important for the safety and future welfare of your pet that he/she should be registered with Medford Leas. Registration forms and a statement of policy regarding pets are available at the Front Desk.

If you don't have a friend or relative who is willing and able to assume care of your pet, the Associated Humane Societies, Inc., will, for a fee, care for your pet for the duration of its natural life: The Humane Way @ Lacey Road, P.O. Box 43, Forked River, NJ 08731. Phone: 609-693-1900. Arrangements, obviously, must be made in advance. Think how much more easily you'll sleep now that that is taken care of.

In addition, a number of residents have agreed to "Share the Care." That is, feed your cat or dog if you are away for a few days. Your thanks can be that you will care for their pet when they are away. Call **Anita Este** (3266) or **Dorothy Tillman** (3141) if you need such help. You can also call the same two residents if you'd like to volunteer to be a pet-care-sharer. It is not necessary to own a pet to "Share the Care." All we need is pet L-O-V-E-R-S!

VOCALIST TO PERFORM HERE

by **Barbara Britten**

Medford Leas residents are in for a musical treat on Thursday evening, May 24, when Soprano **Rebecca Milne** comes to our Auditorium. A recent review in *Classical New Jersey* magazine referred to her as "The spectacular solo of the

evening ..." and went on to say, "Rebecca Milne's clear penetrating voice...and general flexibility...were marvels of musicality."

Ms. Milne is from Philadelphia and holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Voice Performance from Temple University. Locally, she performs with the West Jersey Chamber Music Society, the Ritz Theater, and the Delaware Valley Opera Company. She debuted in New York last year as Adele in *Die Fledermaus* at the Amato Opera.

Accompanied on the piano by **Elise Auerbach**, Ms. Milne will perform a varied selection of vocal music. Her performance was arranged through the West Jersey Chamber Music Society and is being underwritten by a grant from the law firm of Brandt-Haughey in Moorestown. Medford Leas residents **Barbara Britten** and **Betty Preston** are members of the Board of the West Jersey Chamber Music Society.

WORLD'S LARGEST GARDEN PARTY

by **Kay Cooley**

"A spectacular array" of 100 events has been planned by the Gardens Collaborative of greater Philadelphia to draw the public to its 26 member sites in May. The public gardens, arboretums, and historic homes with gardens that comprise the Collaborative will host tours, walks, workshops, teas, plant sales, festivals, and other activities for garden-lovers from all over the eastern United States.

As a member of the Gardens Collaborative, Medford Leas will host two types of social events in connection with its Lewis W. Barton Arboretum and Nature Preserve. A Victorian Tea, accompanied by live music, will be served in costume from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 5. A Progressive Gourmet Picnic and Garden Tour will be offered on the five Tuesdays of May from noon to 2:00 p.m. Guests

will enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch at various stops while exploring the grounds.

The Gardens Collaborative was formed in 1989 to promote and attract visitors to the large concentration of gardens, historic homes, and arboretums in the greater Philadelphia area. Over two million visitors a year participate in the activities at these sites and enjoy their beauty.

LARGE PRINT LIBRARY ADDITIONS

by Ruth Hayes, Librarian

FICTION

- Austen, J. *Pride and Prejudice*
- Austen, J. *Sense and Sensibility*
- Binchy. *Scarlet Feather*
- Bradford, B. *Power of a Woman*
- Brand, M. *Riders of the Silences*
- Brown, S. *Hawk O'Tole's Hostage*
- Cookson, C. *Kate Hannigan's Girl*
- Copeland, L. *Glory*
- Heyer, G. *Lady of Quality*
- Holt, V. *The Captive*
- Holt, V. *Kirkland Revels*
- Holt, V. *The Spring of the Tiger*
- Jakes, J. *On Secret Service*
- McMurtry, L. *Buffalo Girls*
- McMurtry, L. *Some Can Whistle*
- Michaels, B. *Wait for What Will Come*
- Oke, J. & Bunn, T. *The Birthright*
- Pratt, J. *Ticket Home*
- Whitney, P. *Amethyst Dreams*

MYSTERY

- Blackstock, T. *Trial by Fire*
- Clark, M. *All through the Night*
- Clark, M. *A Cry in the Night*
- Cornwell, P. *Point of Origin*
- Francis, D. *Shattered*
- Patterson, R. *No Safe Place*
- Siegel, S. *Special Circumstances*
- Whitney, P. *The Stone Bull*

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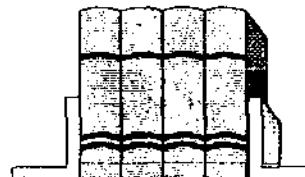
- Bradford, S. *America's Queen*
- Jeffers, H. P. *Sal Mineo*

NON-FICTION

- Herriot, J. *All Things Wise and Wonderful*
- Richman, L. *I'd Rather Laugh*

READER'S DIGEST SELECT EDITIONS

- Ray, J. *Julie and Romeo*
- Hillerman, T. *Hunting Badger*



BOOKS ENJOYED BY RESIDENTS

by Kitty Katzell

The *Left Behind* series, by **Tim LaHaye** and **Jerry B. Jenkins**, now numbers eight books, with the ninth due out in the summer of 2001. The sagas, dealing with the struggles between good and evil as foreseen in the book of Revelation in the Bible, combine suspense, romance, and high-tech. They are what might be called Biblical science-fiction that is fast moving and exciting. The first volume, from which the series gets its title, starts with the sudden disappearance of "innocents" and "believers". From then on the series deals with what happens to those who were "left behind," with the same characters appearing in the successive volumes, unless they are killed in a piece of the dramatic action. With over 15 million sets of the series having been sold, one can surmise that readers need not buy into the fundamentalist slant of the stories to enjoy them.

Animal Patients, by **Edward J. Scanlon, VMD**, is subtitled "50 Years in the Life of an Animal Doctor." Scanlon's veterinary practice was located on the Main Line in Philadelphia, and he writes about many of the people he dealt with in his small animal practice, including Walter Annenberg at one extreme and a "lady of the night" at the other. The book recounts incidents, happy and sad, amusing and irritating, that he

experienced in his care of the animals. Scanlon graduated from Penn's School of Veterinary Medicine in 1945, and served for a time as chief veterinarian of the Pennsylvania SPCA and as a member of Pennsylvania's State Board of Veterinary Examiners.

FINDING SPACES FOR ACTIVITIES

by Kay Cooley

Finding space in which to hold an activity on some days can be as challenging as finding a space to park a car. Actually, though, there are a number of places where groups can meet or even party. Here are the locations and procedures to follow to reserve them. Remember, all these places are community spaces and must be reserved in advance (some, well in advance).

Auditorium: Reserve at Front Desk.

Activities Room: Reserve through Therapeutic Recreation in Assisted Living, Haddon first floor.

Commons Room (at Woolman Commons): Reserve through Coordinator, **Carolyn Terrell**, phone 267-7344.

Haddon Third Floor Lounge: Sign up on the calendar in that Lounge.

Lumberton Leas Community Center: Pick up Reservation Form & Guidelines at Front Desk.

MLRA & Medford Leas Life Office (on Haddon Ground Floor near Greenhouse): Sign up on the calendar on the bulletin board just inside the door in the Office. (Key to Office at Front Desk. No parties.)

Private Dining Room (Red Room): Reserve for meetings or parties through Dining Services (Ext. 3003).

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When all else fails, meetings can also be held in the Atrium, the Lounge, or the Large Print Library. Reservations for outside groups using Medford Leas facilities are handled by **Phyllis (Maillard) DiCianni** in Administration, Ext. 3009.

LEARNING TO TELL THE WORD PROCESSOR WHAT TO DO

by Hana Stranska

Many of us, reared on "Mickey Mouse,"
Will ask: "Why are you so tricky, *Mouse*?"
I'm one of those trying to master the trick,
When to click once, when to double-click.
And every time I'm wrong, which is often,
The computer refuses the blow to soften,
And things jump around, all over the screen;
Such mayhem you have never yet seen!
Then oftentimes (I can't yet grasp why)
An hourglass symbol, out of a clear sky,
Monopolizes the screen, saying "Hey, mate,
You'd better now fold your arms and wait,
Because I'm now busy, trying to load
The little goodies that I was told
To put into my innards, my soul,
So that you, dear user, can reach your goal,
Which is to tell **ME** what to do.
Why is that so difficult for you?
Why?" you ask. "WHY?" I scream in
frustration;
"Because the whole lingo is an abomination!
You might as well ask me to speak Erse or
Finnish;
Since when is it English to push 'START'
when I'm to 'FINISH'?"
'Hard Drive' is not a tough ride in my jalopy,
Anymore than a 'Floppy Disk' is floppy.
Why press the 'Home' button on certain
occasions?
Home is what one leaves to go on vacations.
A 'Desktop' to me means a cluttered maze
Of files and papers, all over the place.
But here it means a systematic array
Of programs and files, come here to stay.
In the old days, when I wanted to get a File,
I'd open a drawer (I see you smile).
When I wriggle the Mouse, up jumps an Arrow,
And before I know what's what, it's turned into a
stick, short and narrow.
The lingo now becomes stranger and terser;
For reasons unknown, it's now called a 'Cursor.'
The cursor helps your mistakes to hide;
It acts somewhat like the Continental Divide:
To correct to its left, you press 'Backspace';

To the right, press 'Delete,' and fall flat on your face.

When, unbidden, strangely, a red line appears Under a word -- you're reduced to tears.

"What now?" you wail, feeling dumber and dumber.

(You mistook an apostrophe for a comma!) The computer strictly disdains such a goof; (Try to keep calm; don't go through the roof!) At other times, the computer can be overly kind: You type "their" instead of "there"; the computer won't mind.

So, how do you rise above such fray? That's a lesson for another day.

[If my able and devoted teachers of our Word Processor class, **Walter Zwarg** and **Ruth Lipoti**, recognize one of their less stellar pupils through this "Vale of Tears," so be it, and my heartfelt thanks to them for their untiring efforts.]

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MAY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- 1- Gallery Reception
- 1- Pendle Hill Lectures (also 8, 15, & 22)
- 3- Vid-U (also 10, 17, 24, & 31)
- 4- Bus to Philadelphia Orchestra (also 11)
- 5- Bus to Penna. Ballet
- 5- Movie: *The Bank Dick*
- 6- Usual Sunday Services (also 13, 20 & 27)
- 7- Medford University (also 14 & 21)
- 7- Movie: *Billie Elliot*
- 8- Bus to Metropolitan Museum, NY
- 8- Program on Impaired Hearing
- 9- Show & Sale, Knitting & Sewing
- 10- Plant Sale
- 12- Movie: *Guns of Navarone, Part I*
- 13- Mothers' Day
- 14- Low Vision Group Meeting
- 15- Bus to Eastern State Penitentiary
- 15- Armoire
- 15- Camera Club
- 16- *A Day in the Life*, Teen Psychodrama
- 18- Long Beach Island Trip
- 19- Movie- *Guns of Navarone, Part II*
- 19- Singing City Chorus
- 21- Whale-Watch Trip to Cape Cod
- 21- Spring Art Show
- 21- MLRA Monthly Business Meeting
- 22- Spring Tea
- 22- Cancer Support Group
- 24- Bus to Alnut Street Theatre
- 24- Vocalist **Rebecca Milne**
- 26- Movie: *A Night at the Opera*
- 28- Memorial Day Observed
- 30- Bus to Wilma Theatre

