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THE FRONT DESK: COMMAND CENTER OF MEDFORD LEAS

by Ellen Stimler

"Medford Leas, may I help you?" That's the signature welcoming greeting extended to callers by the group of women, and their one male colleague, who staff the Front Desk. From 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays (9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays), they are there, with unflappable composure, unwavering courtesy, and a friendly smile.

As the eyes and ears of the community, anyone on duty at the Front Desk has to be intimately familiar with every system and department at Medford Leas. It takes at least a month to train a new employee for this job. Recently, **Susan DeJacomo**, who is transferring to the Human Resources Department, has prepared **Donna Morgan** to take over for her, and **Gail Cole** has trained **Lavawn Johnson** to replace **Betsy Walsh**, who has transferred to Accounting.

Besides answering multiple phone calls coming in all at once, while also responding to residents and visitors lined up at the desk, there are many other functions that are part of the receptionist's job. Some of the most important are:

1. Making reservations for guest rooms, meals for non-residents, the van, staff cars, the party rooms, and the Auditorium.
2. Giving out keys to rooms used for special activities.
3. Dispatching personnel when fire alarms go off.

4. Notifying Maintenance of off-hook emergencies in residents' apartments.
5. Accepting package deliveries and notifying the addressees.
6. Processing faxes to and from residents.
7. Giving out job applications and logging in all applicants.
8. Mailing out brochures and other prepared information to prospective residents.
9. Signing out audio and video tapes of public events held at Medford Leas.
10. Photocopying general notices and announcements for distribution to all residents.

The lovely fresh flower arrangements on the desk are provided by the MLRA Flower Committee, and the special roses that attract attention during the season are grown and donated by **Don Horton**.

Two staff members usually cover the two shifts each day from opening 8 a.m. weekdays (9 a.m. weekends and holidays) to 3 p.m. and from 3 to 9 p.m. **Helga Ayres** and **Gail Cole** work the morning shifts, **Donna Morgan** and **Lavawn Johnson** do the afternoons and evenings. **Karen Raynor** is on duty weekends. Two former receptionists, **Tammy Gerhart** (now unit secretary for Woolman) and **Jennifer Dever** (now unit secretary for Estaugh) help out during lunch hours and breaks. There are, of course, occasional changes and substitutions in this line-up for various reasons, and there are three on-call receptionists who are scheduled as needed: **Kim (Turcotte) Mattson**, **Matt Mayo**, and **Karen Raynor**.



Left, top to bottom: Gail Cole, Lavawn Johnson, Donna Morgan, Matt Mayo. Right: Helga Ayres; Karen Raynor and Tammy Gerhart; Jennifer Dever, Kim Mattson, and Susan DeJacomio.

The dean of the desk staff, **Helga Ayres**, has been on medical leave for hip surgery, but is due back soon. In 1971, Helga saw an ad for a receptionist in a local newspaper, when Medford Leas was getting ready for its opening, and she has been here ever since. At that time, she lived in Medford with her husband and three children. Since then, the couple has moved to the Lumberton area. Helga's husband, a professor at Burlington County College, enjoys his extracurricular activity of driving Medford Leas residents to and from airports and train stations for their trips and has met a good portion of the people who figure in Helga's daily life.

One incident that stands out above all others during Helga's long career is the 1996 snowstorm that piled up more than two feet during a weekend. Employees were told they could stay overnight, and cots and blankets were provided for them all over the place. But Helga had a special invitation from **Dorothy Houck** to use her second bedroom for the night. "Mrs. Houck even served me a lovely breakfast," Helga recalled with gratitude.

Gail Cole, who has been here for 5½ years, has a great story of how she came to work here at all. She came to Medford Leas for the sole purpose of checking out a job for her daughter, and she hasn't yet figured out why she filled out a job application herself. When she got home, she told her husband that she couldn't conceive of ever working "at that place." "There was a woman at the desk," she went on, "with two phones on her head and people talking to her at the same time. It was unreal. Why anyone would ever take a job like that, I can't imagine." Just in case someone from Medford Leas did call, she told her husband, "just say you never heard of me"! Well, **Trudy DeLacy**, who hires all Front Desk personnel, did call two weeks later. Gail accepted the job and has loved it ever since.

Her most memorable shift was on the day of the Employee Picnic two years ago. In the middle of that event, with virtually all employees at the

picnic, there was a terrible thunderstorm that knocked out power everywhere. All alarms were ringing and "every resident was either calling or standing in the lobby." For some reason, the button used to turn off the alarms wasn't working either, so this siren-sound was screaming endlessly for two hours while she tried to respond to all the emergency requests.

Donna Morgan moved to Medford in 1999 with her husband, a stationary engineer, and their three children aged 11, 9 and 1. After staying home with her new baby for a year, she was ready to go back to work and responded to a Medford Leas newspaper ad. The afternoon shift is perfect for her, she says, because her husband is back home then to take care of the children.

Lavawn Johnson, the newest recruit of the team, lives in Marlton with her daughter and 7-month-old grandson. After graduating with a B.S. in mathematics, she taught math in public schools in New Orleans and in Prince Georges County, MD. She retired a year ago from a teaching position in Evesham, where she had taught for 15 years. In her spare time, she enjoys sewing, gardening, and travel, and, best of all, spending time with her grandson.

Kim Mattson has maintained her relationship with Medford Leas for some 16 years, starting as a waitress in 1985 and continuing part-time assignments as hostess, security, and finally desk duty. During that period, she finished high school, earned a degree in political science from Ramapo College, and then worked successive full-time jobs for Burlington County Freeholders, the County Clerk, Congressman **Jim Saxton**, and currently for the County Office of Economic Development. Kim's grandparents are not within convenient visiting distance, so she looks forward to interacting with residents during her occasional tour of desk duty.

Karen Raynor has been at Medford Leas for over ten years. She started at the Front Desk, but her main Monday through Friday job has been as

secretarial assistant in the Executive Director's office. Over the years, she has continued to fill in at the Front Desk and she continues to be on call when needed. She says she loves the chance to interact with residents while at the desk, which is a nice contrast with the relative isolation in the back office. She lives in Tabernacle with her significant other of many years and her teenage daughter.

Matt Mayo started working at Medford Leas as a waiter when he was a junior at Cherokee High School in 1998. He is currently enrolled in a 5-year program at York College of Pennsylvania, where he plans to earn a bachelor's degree in long-term care administration and a master's degree in business administration specializing in human resources management. During the summer of 2000, Matt was offered the part-time Front Desk job and also worked in **Phyllis DiCianni's** office. Who knows, some day he may be on the short list of candidates for executive director of Medford Leas!

WHO'S NEW

by Ellen Stimler

Evelyn (Fliv) Silvers Daly, Apt. 42, moved to Medford Leas in large part as a result of her long friendship with **Kackie Anders**. They met when both were students at Connecticut College and their families have spent many summers within visiting distance in Raymond, ME, where Fliv can also visit her brother and her daughter's family. Fliv's Maine summers go back to her early childhood, and she spent many summer vacations at Camp Wohelo, where she also taught swimming as an adult.

Fliv grew up in Rahway, NJ, and moved to Wilmington, DE after her marriage to **Nels Daly**. He worked for Dupont as a research chemist until his death in 1967. During part of her Wilmington years, Fliv worked as an instructional aide in local elementary schools, continuing part-time as

a volunteer after she retired. She enjoys swimming, walking, and watching sports events. She has one daughter and two grandsons; her son was killed in a car accident.

SECOND DINNER MIXER

by Berenice Finkelstone

At the Second Dinner Mixer, held on April 24, 44 residents of Rushmore and Bridlington joined Court residents, all choosing their tables by lottery. The Hospitality Committee planned the Mixer to give residents more opportunity to get acquainted. There were no reservations, no buffet, and all wore name tags.

The response was generally enthusiastic, with requests for repeats. **Virginia Dreby** of Bridlington proposed monthly mixers. As usual, Dining Services came through with flying colors. **Lorraine LaPollo** and **Donna Coonley** stood at the doors of the two dining rooms guiding residents to the tables they had drawn. The resourcefulness of this department was shown when a resident mentioned that she was cold. In moments, **Helen Smith**, secretary, produced an attractive white sweater. From where? Lost and Found.

Evert Bartholomew, chairman of the Hospitality Committee, **Berenice Finkelstone**, chairman of the event, and **Barbara Gilles** of Rushmore were on hand to see that all proceeded smoothly. They next plan to invite residents of Woolman Commons and Lumberton Leas for a similar event.

A REMINDER

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

WHO'S NEW

by Dorothy Tillman

William & Ann (Hitchner) Walker, Apt. 181, married in 1985, a second marriage for both. They had known each other for many years and their children (his two, her four) had gone to school together. Bill's wife, Dorothy Quilliam, died at an early age, and Ann's husband, Elam Hitchner, a Moorestown dentist, died in 1974. After they married, Bill and Ann continued to live in Moorestown. Bill had been born there and attended the local high school. A degree in business administration from Duke was followed by a CPA from the State of Pennsylvania. Then came the war. A radio operator on a tank with the 4th Armored Division, he was sent to OCS at Duke, and ultimately to Washington in the Army Services, attaining the rank of Major. He still owns an electrical supply company, but now it is run by his son. He's given up golf but still enjoys canoeing, sailing, and bridge.

Ann was born in Swarthmore to a Quaker family. She attended the George School, Middlebury College and Glassboro College, where she got a masters in Elementary Education. She taught 5th and 6th grades in Moorestown for 21 years. After marrying Elam, she joined the Presbyterian Church, in which she is still active. Since 1977, she has served on the Moorestown Library Board, its President the past 18 years and is still active in Moorestown's Grandparents Program (children at risk). She enjoys bridge, cooking, needlework, reading, and biking; in fact a new bike for Mother's Day to replace one that had been stolen.

Bill and Ann spend several weeks at their summer home on Lake Kezar, ME, and also enjoy Ann's house in Barnegat Light. Their six children have presented them with 16 grand-children, so life is anything but dull.

NEWS FROM LUMBERTON LEAS

by Helen Vukasin

In the May issue it was reported that the swimming pool at Lumberton Leas would be opening on April 25. Alas, it was not to be. The pool is there, filled with sparkling blue water, and just a few finishing touches remain to be completed, so it will be open by the time this item is in print. Notices will be posted on bulletin boards on all three campuses. Lumberton Leas pioneers who came in 1999 remember that the pool was promised for the summer of 2000, so everyone is delighted that it will be ready for 2001.

The April potluck that was to accompany the Pool Opening went on as planned and was a huge success. The brand new Great Room in the Community Center is already too small. On the advice of Medford Leas Dining Service staff, a cap of 85 was placed on the number that could be seated comfortably in the room. The event was oversubscribed by some 35, so there were dinners on two consecutive days and future events will be planned for two nights.

Users of the copy machine on the third floor of Haddon will be pleased to hear that Lumberton Leas has ordered its very own copy machine. If things go better than they did with the swimming pool, it should be in use before you read this.

The Annual Meeting on May 9 was attended by some 90 residents. Three new council members were elected: **Ed Ferraro, Lucia LeConey, and John Sommi**. They will serve for two years and replace retiring members: **Charles Morrow, Barbara Zimmerman, and Milt Zimmerman**.

The Obstacle Course event at Lumberton Leas for the Special Olympics was a hilarious success. The winner was none other than new Council member **John Sommi**, who mastered the technique of wheelchair travel and slam-dunked five out of five baskets!

THE BIRD CLUB

by Jean Jordan

The Bird Club has been really active. They have taken early morning trips to Bear Swamp, Tinicum Wildlife Refuge, and the Nature Park under the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge, besides walking the paths at Medford and Lumberton Leas. Their early morning walks have allowed them to experience the sweet smell of black locust blossoms and the lavender, orchid-like flowers of the Paulownia (empress) tree.

On April 4, eight members set out to look at ducks. There are two ponds below the ridge at the back of Lumberton Leas and there, when the water isn't frozen, waterfowl can be found. This day some 35 ring-neck ducks, several Canada geese, and a pair of mallards were found. The search continued via the blue path into the woods going toward the point where the Rancocas River flows northwesterly on its way to join the Delaware River. More pairs of Canada geese and groups of ring-neck ducks were spotted in those waters. Then, as the group's attention turned to their surroundings, they saw a mature eagle, with white head and white tail. He had chosen to sit on a branch facing upstream, presenting a spectacular view. Soon, a second eagle soared into view. This one, also mature, was circling, perhaps looking for food. Then, as the group was leaving, one last look back found both eagles in the same tree in a pose worthy of the best Alaskan postcard -- and right in our own back yard. On the return, passing through the holly grove and onto the lowlands where the skunk cabbage was beginning to unfurl its leaves, a mourning cloak butterfly was spotted. This amazing butterfly is one that winters over in the adult phase, spending the winter under loose bark or in hollow trees. It is about 3" across with blackish wings with blue markings and edged in yellow. Since it was trying to get warm and dry, its wings were spread, giving a lovely view.

On April 25, at Palmyra Nature Park, the birders saw 30 different species; on April 30, at Bear Swamp, 14 species were identified; and at

Tinicum Wildlife Refuge, in addition to 12 bird species, they saw turtles sunbathing, carp breaching the surface of the water, and many wildflowers. The May 14 outing was at Medford Leas, where the group saw 23 bird species.

In all, they were rewarding outings for Bird Club members. Participating were **Doris Curley, Janet Hamilton, Jean & Joe Jordan, Howard Kriebel, Lucia LeConey, Katie Lewis, Wayne Marshall, Arthur Steitz, Miriam & David Swartz, Louise Tompkins and Mary Toda.**

Bird Club meetings are not scheduled for June, July, and August, but announcements will be posted of special trips to sight birds during the summer months.

WHO'S NEW

by Hana Stranska

Elizabeth Ellwood, Apt. 233, is a New Yorker, born and bred, attended NYC public schools and Hunter College High School, then obtained a B.S. from Cornell University in Industrial and Labor Relations. First, Betty spent six years working for New York State, four in Albany at the State Commerce Department, and two in New York City at the State Labor Department. Then she changed careers and became a teacher. Of her 28 years of teaching in the NYC public school system, she taught elementary school for 10 years, then became a Teacher of Homebound Students for 18, retiring in 1981.

Betty's father died in 1964; her mother, now 98, lives in a nursing home in Louisville, KY; Betty's married sister and her husband also live there. Betty is a member of Morningside Quaker Meeting. Her varied interests include swimming, classical music, theater, and eating in foreign restaurants. She has a collection of dolls from many parts of the world and unusual trinkets from her Spanish-speaking friends who are teaching Betty their language.

NEWS FROM WOOLMAN COMMONS

by Nancy Darling

Miriam Angle's cat, Beau, and **Marion Burk's**, Sandy, aren't allowed outdoors but they're used to being let out of their apartments to romp on the stairs and explore the Commons Room. Everyone in their building is careful about opening the outside doors but one recent day, Beau couldn't be found anywhere. After searching every possible hiding place, Miriam and Marion canvassed the neighborhood, but still no Beau. At five the next morning, Miriam went downstairs hoping to find Beau at one of the doors looking for his breakfast, but there was no sign of him. As she started sadly back upstairs, she heard a faint "Miaow" and the sound of a paw hitting a door. Beau was in a plumber's supply closet under the stairs, but it was locked with no key available. A frantic call to Medford Leas Security brought **Ron Cleere** of Maintenance racing over with the key. When Miriam apologized for getting him up so early, Ron said he was already at work, and added, "Anyhow, if one of my dogs went missing, I know how I'd feel." It turned out that the firm that services the outdoor sprinklers had used the closet and carefully locked it before leaving, never dreaming that an all-black cat was taking his nap in the back. Naturally, Beau was hungry and thirsty after his adventure, but soon he was as frisky as ever.

Kay Cooley tells of the futile efforts of a pair of mourning doves to make a nest on the narrowest part of a porch-roof support over the entrance to 46 Buttonwood. She kept finding nest-building debris and other reminders on the porch, and eventually at least one broken egg fell out of the precariously perched nest. Then one day she saw a neat nest carefully tucked into a corner by a pair of robins, but later there were broken blue eggs on the porch and a dove sitting on that nest. Eventually, Kay and **Shirley Lewis** of Environmental Services agreed that the nest should go so the human residents could safely use their entrance.

The movie shown in the Commons Room this month was *High Society*, and the restaurant chosen by the Out-to-Lunch Bunch was Bombay Cuisine in Cherry Hill.

WHO'S NEW

by Dorothy Tillman

Albert (Chris) Darlington, Apt. 253, was born in Swedesboro and raised in Pedricktown. A liberal arts major from St. Davids Eastern Baptist College was followed by a masters in Library Science from Drexel University. He accepted the position of Associate Librarian at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1968, he moved to Moorestown where he became the Technical Services Librarian at the Moorestown Library.

Chris's forebears were Quakers but, he says with a wicked grin, one of them was read out of Meeting in 1780 for supporting the Revolutionary War. In 1995, Chris became a Quaker and a member of Moorestown Monthly Meeting until he retired and moved to Mt. Holly and the Meeting there.

Chris was born with cerebral palsy, but it hasn't kept him from a rich and active life. The wall of books in his studio apartment testify to his love of reading. Most of the furniture -- cabinets, bed frame, table -- are the result of his love of wood-working. A small pipe organ he built merited an article in the *Courier-Post* (April 19, 1984). His display for the Moorestown Township Tricentennial -- "Our Town - a 300 Year Sampler, 1682-1982" -- was called "a masterpiece" by Moorestown's *News Chronicle*.

He's very busy just now but he hopes to get to the Fitness Room soon.

END-OF-LIFE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

by **Leila Krastek & Jamie McCloskey**

On May 16 and 17, a two-hour program was presented over the two days to train resident volunteers to sit with the dying. These trained volunteers will provide comfort to the dying and respite for families. The program came about after Bill Moyers' series "On Our Own Terms" on dying was presented. Although some residents have sat with dying residents in the past, only a few have been formally trained and most felt that training was necessary.

There is much more to this activity than just sitting. Volunteers need to know what to say and what not to say; when to speak and when to just listen. Not everyone is comfortable providing this service and it is essential that volunteers be prepared.

The first day of training began with a welcome and an explanation of the purpose of the training. Next **Ginny Coe** gave a brief introduction to volunteer services and specifically how this program will be processed. The trainees viewed a small excerpt from the Moyers series on death and dying, and **Leila Krastek** distributed questionnaires for trainees to fill out. The handouts helped to explore the trainees' own personal experiences and sensitivities toward death and dying. The session ended with discussion and questions.

The second day of training welcomed back 25 volunteers. There was a brief reaction to the handouts, which set the tone for the following presentations. **Lin House**, a retired hospice nurse, informed the volunteers of what to expect, physically, from one who is dying and **Jamie McCloskey** explored the spiritual and emotional aspects of the experience. Handouts were distributed describing the signs and symptoms that indicate how the body prepares itself for the final stages of life and what the volunteer can do when these signs or symptoms occur.

To give the trainees a more "hands on" demonstration, role play dramatized possible situations, with **Ruth Quackenbush** in the role of the patient and **Evert Bartholomew** as the volunteer. Lively comments and questions followed. Trainees were then asked to complete evaluations in order to improve the presentation, and to sign up to be called as End-of-Life Volunteers. The training will be presented again in the fall.

The two-day training format came about with a committee consisting of residents (**Evert Bartholomew, Sally Burrowes, Ginny Coe, Virginia Dreby, Lin House, Marion Rich, and Beth Wray**) along with Resident Services staff (**Leila Krastek and Jamie McCloskey**).

CAN YOU CANOE?

by **Gertrude Marshall**

On April 24, a gorgeous summer-like day, five canoes with 10 Medford Leas residents made a trip down the Wading River. They used Mick's Canoe Rental in Chatsworth, put in at Hawkins Bridge, and were picked up at Evans Bridge. They ate their lunches at Godfrey's Bridge, with permission from the Lebanon State Forest which oversees the area and allows this to be done in out-of-season camping times. The birders saw and heard the towhee and phoebe, as well as the more usual birds, and the shadbush was in bloom.

At this time of year, the Wading River is reminiscent of a French impressionist painting, with gauzy green leaves reflected in the water. The water was quite high, deep, and swift, so the usual three-hour trip took only two hours, and one canoe did upset. But the day was so warm and the water not too cold, so the upsetees didn't mind; they didn't even bother to change clothes. The trip was organized by **Esther Woodward**, and included **John Foulkes, David & Katharine Lewis, Howard McKinney, Jerry Pidcock, Allyn & Lois Rickett, Mac Roberts, and Arthur Steitz**.

OLYMPICS OPENING CEREMONIES

by Maggie Woodard

The feeling seems to have been unanimous: Opening Night of Medford Leas 6th Annual Olympics on April 30 was the best ever! It began with a parade of eight scooters and 20 ballplayers, followed by an unorthodox but lively baseball game. The game was a smashing success, in every sense! Rookies and veterans alike belted the plastic ball with astounding force. Home-runs were aborted by good catches. After three innings, the final score was: Reds 23, Blues 27.

The weather was perfect; the players, staff, and large audience all had great FUN! A fitting start to the 2001 Olympics, which promise to be bigger than ever with 200 registrants in over 400 events.

Staff participants: **Beverly Kannengieszer**, announcer; **Gerry Stride**, pitcher; **Mike Peasley**, catcher; **Debbie Grigg**, score-keeper; **Dolores Redner**, peanut vendor; **Jamie McCloskey**, Blues captain; **Leila Krastek**, Reds captain.

Scooter Paraders: **Ruth Yordon**, **Ella Haines**, **Jimmie Collins**, **Marion Sandmann**, **Wendi Moore**, **John Kriebel**, **Becky Monego**, **Ruth Bonner**.

Blue Team Members: **Evert Bartholomew**, **Virginia Dreby**, **Jan Foord**, **Len Kahn**, **Leah Levinger**, **Dave Lewis**, **Becky Monego**, **George Oye**, **Lois Rickett**, **Mary Toda**.

Red Team Members: **John Bartholomew**, **Kathy Bohlen**, **Catherine Chin**, **Gene Link**, **Kaz Oye**, **Jerry Pidcock**, **Allyn Rickett**, **Mac Roberts**, **Grace Schaffel**, **Fran Werrell**.



HEALTH CENTER NEWS

by Wendi Ruddy

The May 10th Bone Connection was a big success. The weather was perfect and a good time was had by all. The prize winners were:

Guess how many Calcium in the jar (it was 324):

Betty Macpherson

Helen Smith (Dining Services)

Match the bone to the skeleton:

Claire Engle

Anne Mengel

Colgate Prentice

Lucille Ringel

Doris Shamleffer

Margaret Turner

Raffle:

Tom Coe

Aya Endo

Howard Kriebel

Nancy Stevens

Mary Toda

Fran Werrell

The next major Health Event is **Men's Health Week**, June 11 to 15. Watch for a flyer on events planned in celebration of the men in our lives.

And remember to look for "Health Information" in your mailbox the beginning of each month. This is a new effort by the Nurse Practitioners to keep residents aware of important tips to keep everyone healthy.

TUTORING FOREIGN STUDENTS

by **Ellen Stimler**

At the close of the recent academic year, residents who devoted weekly sessions to tutoring foreign students received warm thanks and generous praise for their efforts from the students and their teachers. The tutors participated in two separate programs: Burlington County College and Lenape High School. Five residents went to BCC once a week to review and correct essays written by students in an intensive English-learning class. Assigned were such topics as "What I like most about America," "The holidays we celebrate in my country," and "Dating customs in my country." The tutors were **Pat Charles, Jim Irvine, Don Knapp, Ellen Stimler, and Esther Woodward**. On the drive back from the college, the tutors had animated discussions of how students from different countries attacked the same subject, leaving them feeling that they learned as much as their students who had come from all over the world. Most of the residents got to see the same students several times and to learn something about their past and current lives. **Prof. Carole Gavin**, the teacher, expressed high praise for the work of the volunteers: "The dedication of the Medford Leas volunteers for the past years has been evident to me . . . but it is when the students themselves make comments that indicate the importance of the time they spend reviewing journal entries and language expression. Time and again, the comments have been positive and genuine."

At Lenape, residents worked weekly with about ten students from Taiwan and India, most of whom knew little English at the beginning of the year. They got only one course of English-as-a-Second-Language and had to keep up with other subjects even when they didn't understand them. **Linda Sharon**, their teacher, said the tutors provided a place where the students could feel comfortable asking for help with English, and several established real relationships with their tutors. **Jane Hunter's** pupil phoned her at home when Jane was ill; and when **Ellen Stimler** had to

miss sessions after her fall, her pupil sent her this e-mail: "When do you come back to teach me? I am so miss you and hope you will get well soon." Besides Jane and Ellen, others who participated regularly were **Eleanor Daly, Don Knapp, Eleanor Merrick, Bea Smolens, and Amelia Yurgel, Frances Carter, Pat Charles, Berta Numata, David Sleeper, and Esther Woodward** also came for several weeks.

Both programs are expected to resume in the fall, and more residents willing to tutor would be welcome. Call Ellen Stimler at 3116.

WHO'S NEW

by **Maggie Woodard**

Wesley Smith, Apt. 661, moved here from Santa Fe, NM. He has lived in many places on the East Coast and held many different and interesting jobs. In his words, he has usually held "four jobs at a time!" An Episcopalian priest, he served in that capacity full-time as Senior Pastor or Rector of four larger parishes. He assisted missions and all sizes of churches part-time, while doing management consulting as a full-time job. His pastoral skills were useful in counseling people who had been fired from their jobs. He helped them to assess their strengths and skills and to find new jobs. He also served part-time for 35 years as an Army Chaplain in the Reserves. His last assignment, in the event of mobilization, was Command Staff Chaplain at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

After growing up in Montclair, NJ, he earned a B.A. from Dartmouth College, an M.Div. from the General Theological Seminary, an Episcopal institution in Manhattan, and later an M.S. in Business at Columbia University. He hopes to be with his daughter, her husband, and two grandchildren in Santa Fe each winter and summer and enjoy Medford Leas in the spring and fall.

WHO'S NEW

by Ellen Stimler

Arthur & Terry (Votaw) Harman, Apt. 633, met at Swarthmore College, where Arthur majored in political science and economics and Terry in English. As a member of the U.S. Army during WW-II, Arthur got some specialized training at Wake Forest College and then served in the Finance Department in the Pacific area until war's end. After his return he resumed the operation of his family's wholesale fruit, vegetable, and frozen food business in Oaklyn, NJ, which Arthur and his brother had taken over from their father. The couple have lived in Oaklyn, Cherry Hill, and Voorhees.

Terry became interested in fabric arts and worked for a time for an interior decorator, as an art teacher at Haddonfield Friends School, and also helped out in the family business. Terry has a large collection of seashells, many gathered during trips to the Caribbean islands. Her current interests are swimming, photography, horticulture, and fabric arts. She is a member of Moorestown Meeting, where she served four years on the board of the Greenleaf Residential Community during its reconfiguration. Arthur is an attender at Moorestown Meeting. He enjoys gardening, reading, and golf. The Harmans have many friends at Medford Leas through their association with the Haddonfield and Moorestown Quaker communities.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. The Knitting and Sewing Room will be closed in August. For residents who would like a light knitting job during the summer, while also performing a nice service for needy children in the area, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is making knitted dresses to adorn Teddy Bears to be given to children at Christmas time. Anyone who would like to knit these articles and needs yarn and/or patterns may call **Grace Schaffel**, 3655.

2. At the end of June, **Florence Brudon** is resigning her position as coordinator of the monthly calendar. The new coordinator will be **Eleanor Merrick**, Apt. 614. Requests for the July calendar should still be placed in Florence Brudon's box, 187. Requests for August and thereafter go in Eleanor Merrick's box, 614.

3. The Master Gardener Program of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Burlington County is now operating out of the Medford Leas Nature Center. Their hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. During those hours, trained volunteers are available to answer questions about gardening, insects, landscaping, and lawn care. There is also an extensive library of literature that can be consulted for information. Residents can reach the Nature Center on Ext. 3170; off-campus call 609-654-5156.

4. Thanks to the response to the May update, only three units remain available at Lumberton Leas, two two-bedroom units and one one-bedroom, and all three include life care contracts. It's not too late to join the others who have added options such as sunrooms and finished basements to these popular units. So, if you missed the last call, here's a final reminder of availability. Anyone interested, for yourself or a friend, call **Marge Sagett** at 609-654-3279 or 800-331-4302.

CART & WALKER COURTESY

These suggestions for a code of courtesy for residents using carts and walkers were passed along to *Medford Leas Life*.

- Share the road.
- Keep to the right.
- Share the elevator.
- Don't park in front of doors.
- Use caution at intersections.
- Don't stop to chat at intersections.
- Use caution entering and leaving elevators.
- Be mindful of people's feet in passing seats.
- Don't park in front of mailboxes to socialize or to read mail.

WHO'S NEW

Philetta (Forman) Lobo, Apt. 414, received her unusual first name because her parents coined it for her. He was Philip, she was Etta, hence Philetta. (It helps to be an only child, she says.)

Philetta has been a North Jersey resident most of her life -- originally in Jersey City, then career and family in Morris County, and finally retirement in Cranbury. A bachelor's degree from Montclair and a master's from Rutgers led to work in special education and her appointment as LDT-C (Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant) on the Child Study Team of Morris Knolls High School in Morris County, which she found both challenging and rewarding.

After the death of her husband, she decided to move to Medford Leas, which had always attracted her. On the personal side, Philetta keeps busy visiting three children and five grandchildren. Once active in folk-dance and Scottish country-dance, she traveled extensively with various dance groups, including a dance tour of Scottish castles. Now she looks forward eagerly to life at Medford Leas -- bridge, swimming, nature trails, the Philadelphia Orchestra . . .

SPECIAL VESPER SERVICE

by Kitty Katzell

There will be no Vesper Service in the Activities Room on Sunday, June 3. Instead, at 4 p.m., there will be a special Ecumenical Service in the Auditorium, presented by area churches, including St. Mary of the Lakes Roman Catholic Church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Medford United Methodist Church, Christ Presbyterian Church of Marlton, Cathedral of the Woods, Lord of Life Baptist Church, Vincentown United Methodist Church, Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross, and others. An invitation to attend has

been extended to all residents by **Father Joseph Tedesco** of St. Mary of the Lakes.

Regular Vesper Services will be held in the Activities Room at 4:15 p.m. on the other three Sundays of June. On June 10, the service will be conducted by **Rev. Frank Spadafora**, pastor of Providence Chapel Reformed Episcopal Church in Mt. Laurel. Medford Leas Madrigals will sing at this service. At the June 17 service, **Rev. Roland Flater**, Associate Pastor of Medford's Faith Presbyterian Church, will be the speaker and the church will provide special music. **Rev. Jared Reed**, Ministry Assistant at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Cherry Hill, will lead the worship service on June 24. Everyone is welcome to attend any of these services.

GARDENS COLLABORATIVE

During the month of May, Medford Leas hosted five "Progressive Gourmet Picnics and Garden Tours" as part of the Gardens Collaborative. Groups came from as far away as York, PA, and Wilmington, DE, and on at least one of the five days there were 34 visitors. Surprisingly, the weather cooperated so the visitors were able to enjoy the walk from the Community Center to Parlor 7 through the courts, and then to the Nature Center, for the various courses that were served in their progressive gourmet lunch. Many also took walks to the Meditation Garden, the Rhododendron Garden, the Pinetum, and the Woodland Trails. Each of the sites where the picnics were held was staffed by residents, recruited by **Tina Mecray**, and dining services staff, supervised by **Lorraine LaPollo**.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

by Becky Monego

FICTION

Antrim, D. *The Versificationist*
 Azzopardi, T. *The Hiding Place*
 Baldacci, D. *Wish You Well*
 Binchy, M. *Scarlet Feather*
 Burke, J. *Flight*
 Roberts, N. *Heart of the Sea*
 Roberts, N. *Tears of the Moon*
 Tan, A. *The Bonesetter's Daughter*
 Vidal, G. *The Golden Age*

MYSTERY

Blanc, N. *Two Down*
 Brown, R. M. (jt. auth.) *Claws and Effect*
 Connelly, M. *A Darkness More Than Night*
 Deaver, J. *The Empty Chair*
 Grimes, M. *Biting the Moon*
 Krueger, W. *Purgatory Ridge*
 McBain, E. *McBain Duet*
 Maguire, G. *Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister*
 Meltzer, B. *The First Counsel*
 Meyers, A. *Murder Me Now*
 Michaels, F. *Plain Jane*
 Patterson, J. *Ist to Die*
 Perry, A. *The Twisted Root*
 Scottline, L. *The Vendetta Defense*
 White, S. *The Program*

BIOGRAPHY

Reese, D. *Angels*
 Ward, G. C. (ed.) *Closest Companion....FDR
 and Margaret Stickley*

NON-FICTION

Barton, L. W. *Notes from Frog Pond,
 1983 & 1988*
Best of American Science Fiction Writing 2000
 Black, E. *IGM and the Holocaust*
 Milton, G. *Big Chief Elizabeth*
 Nigro, A. *The Net of Nemesis*
 Pennington, M. *Experiences in the Life of Mary
 Pennington*
 Yanis, E. *Dancing with Bears*

NEW TALKING BOOKS

by Myra Binstock

Angelou, M. *Phenomenal Woman*
 Borge, V. *The Two Sides of Victor Borge*
 Binchy, M. *Evening Class*
 Clark, M. H. *I'll Be Seeing You*
 Clark, M. H. *Moonlight Becomes You*
 Connelly, M. *Void Moon*
 Cook, R. *Acceptable Risk*
 Haley, A. *Queen*
 Higgins, J. *Drink with the Devil*
 Johansen, I. *The Killing Game*
 Kellerman, J. *Monster*
 King, S. *Blood and Smoke*
 Naylor, G. *The Women of Brewster Place*
 Perry, A. *Slaves of Obsession*
 Perry, A. *The Whitechapel Conspiracy*
 Top Women Writers. *Great Mystery Stories*

Many thanks to those who donated some of the above tapes. A donation has also been received of over 100 tapes of operas and show tunes. These are not catalogued but are in trays on the bottom shelf to the right of the entrance inside the Low Vision Library. Need help or have questions? Call Myra Binstock, Ext. 3622.

IN MEMORIAM

<i>Hilda Wilten</i>	<i>April 18, 2001</i>
<i>Jean Williams</i>	<i>April 22, 2001</i>
<i>Katharine Folds</i>	<i>April 24, 2001</i>
<i>Ruth Miller</i>	<i>April 28, 2001</i>
<i>Helen Parrish</i>	<i>May 2, 2001</i>
<i>Carol Callaghan</i>	<i>May 7, 2001</i>

CRYPTOGRAM

by **Russell Hill**

Here is the solution to the May Cryptogram:

"Prosperity makes friends, adversity tries them.
Publilius Syrus."

This was more of a challenge than the previous one, but a respectable number solved it. Correct solutions were received from: **Lydia Andrews, Ruth Blattenberger, Mort Bregman, Don Davis, Jane Hunter, Euseba Kamensky, Betty Preston, Liliane Reynolds, Lucille Ringel, Florence Sawyer, and Nickie Stevenson.**

Here is the June-August Cryptogram:

H A S A M E T A S G Q R K P
 B N J H R X R Z R G P ? Q P J Z
 X R Z J L B R V X J , R ' V V
 F A X C V B R Z .
 E . D E A Q Z R Z N

Put solutions in Box 45 by August 15.

MORE ABOUT MEDFORD U.

by **Kay Cooley & Kitty Katzell**

Hallway comments after the first sessions of Medford University included "Incredible," "Fascinating," "Exciting," "Non-Stop," and "Interesting". Ninety residents signed up to attend "Views of the Ancient World."

Ancient Civilizations served as the springboard for this first college course sponsored by Medford University. Taught by **Anita Parente**, the histories of the Sumerians, Babylonians, and early Egyptians have come alive through her energetic presentations and skillful use of artifacts and slides. Throughout, Ms. Parente

has emphasized the impact that ancient civilizations have had on the modern world. Plans are in the works for a summer program, "Learn and Lunch," which will present a series of single lectures by professors in their fields of expertise, followed by lunch. The program is geared to accommodate vacation absences.

IN THE NEWS

On April 28, at the AT&T Learning Center in Basking Ridge, NJ, The Colonial Symphony celebrated their 50th season in an "Evening of Note" at which they honored **Barbara Britten**. Barbara had been a member of the Colonial Symphony Board from 1959-69 and 1990-97, and had served as the symphony's first executive director from 1983-1990.

The May issue of *Friends Journal* carried an extensive obituary of **Phyllis Sanders** on pages 41-42. Anyone who knew Phyllis would be fascinated by the many details of her life that were reported there.

The Central Record of May 10 carried a picture taken on Arbor Day at Taunton Forge Elementary School showing the planting of a cherry tree donated by Medford Leas.

LOST WALLETS & PHONE SCAMS

by **Kitty Katzell**

The following important items of information have been received in e-mail messages. They are passed along here for the benefit of residents and other readers.

First, if your wallet is lost or stolen, do this:

1. Cancel your credit cards immediately. To do this you will need a record of your card numbers

and the toll free numbers to call. Keep them where you can find them easily.

2. File a police report in the jurisdiction where it was lost or stolen. This proves to credit providers that you were diligent and is a first step toward an investigation, if there is one.

3. Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. The numbers are:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285

Experian (formerly TRW): 1-800-301-7195

Trans-Union: 1-800-680-7289

This means that if anyone tries to use your credit card and the company checks your credit, they will know the card was stolen. The Social Security Administration also has a fraud line: 1-800-269-0271.

Next, two items about telephone scams, verified by telephone companies.

1. If you receive a call telling you to press **90#** on your phone, **DON'T DO IT**. By pushing 90#, you enable the caller to place long-distance calls that will be billed to your phone.

2. **DON'T** respond to any message telling you to call an **"809"** phone number. Calling an "809" number could cost you thousands of dollars. Other area codes that should also be avoided are: 242, 246, 264, 268, 284, 345, 441, 473, 664, 758, 767, 784, 787, 868, 869, and 876. All are or soon will be off-shore area codes.



THRIFT SHOP NEWS

by Kay Hill

The Thrift Shop received a bonanza from the late long-time resident **Betty Biddle**, who generously willed her entire estate, except for a few personal bequests, to the Shop. In addition to the usual clothing, household items, and furniture, she left some rather valuable jewelry and two extremely valuable pieces, a desk, sold by local auctioneer **Allen Nixon** for \$3,400, and a tall-case clock, that went for \$16,100. The clock was signed by Jo. Hollingshead of Burlington and was dated 1742. Rushmore resident **Rose Cruikshank** researched the clock and learned that there was a family of distinguished clockmakers of this name in the area, most of whose creations are now in museums. Another valuable item was a charming carriage clock in its original leather case. This was put at bid in our third room, where bidding was very active. The high bidder was our Maintenance employee **Jeffrey Nixon** at \$360. Altogether, Betty donated \$17,500 (after deducting the auctioneer's commission), bringing the total income for the fiscal year May 1, 2000 to April 30, 2001 to \$42,560, nearly double the previous year's receipts.

MY WORD

by Kitty Katzell, Editor

In the Special Edition of *Medford Leas Life* that dealt with Lumberton Leas, there is an error on page 2. "**Coe**" **Cosand** has not moved to Bridlington. Coe's sister, **Miriam Ward**, lives in Bridlington and Coe has been spending a lot of time with Miriam since Miriam's husband, **Ed**, died. Coe still lives at 198 Woodside Drive.

During the past year, **Alix Szilasi** found it necessary to give up the tasks she had always performed for *Medford Leas Life*, including maintenance of the file of back issues. Usually, there are five copies of all back issues in the file, but now it seems that there are no back issues of

the April 2000 issue. Some residents keep back issues for a year and then discard them. If anyone has a copy of the April 2000 issue of *Medford Leas Life* to discard, please leave it at the Front Desk for our file. Thanks.

Medford Leas Life will be taking a break from the regular monthly issues until the September issue appears. If all goes well, there will be a Special Issue sometime during the summer to complete the report of Who's New at Lumberton Leas. Please try to submit items for the September issue by August 15.

EMPLOYEES OF MARCH & APRIL

March's Employee of the Month, **Anastasia Dalmeida**, joined our Dining Services staff in 1997. She has a degree in business administration from Essex County College in northern New Jersey, graduated from the New York Restaurant School, and is now enrolled in the Food Service Management and Hospitality Program at Burlington County College. Anastasia's job is as a "Roundsperson," meaning she knows all the duties in the production area of Dining Services and can fill in for others when they are off.

April's Employee of the Month, **Linda Malik**, also came to Medford Leas in 1997 to work as a companion in Resident Services. Linda is known for her kindnesses to residents, her joy in living, her devotion to others, and her remarkable listening skills. As a companion, she brings all the best traits to her job, where she is much loved by her care receivers.

Thank you, Linda and Anastasia, and congratulations to you both.

SUMMER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

June

- 3 - Friends Meeting for Worship
- 3 - Special Vesper Service in Auditorium
- 4 - Open Forum with **Mike Peasley**
- 4 - Medford University
- 4 - Movie: *Finding Forrester*
- 6 - Movie: *Children of Chabannes* (repeat)
- 7 - Vid-U (also 14 and 21)
- 9 - Leas Forum, **Henry Metzger**, *Smithville*
- 9 - Bus to Ballet, *Midsummer Night's Dream*
- 10 - Usual Sunday Services (also 17 & 24)
- 11 - Studio Art Exhibit
- 13 - Holy Communion
- 14 - Trip to Long Beach Island to see *Gigi*
- 17 - Fathers' Day
- 20 - Concert, **Hilary Hahn**, violinist
- 23 - Leas Forum, **Mark Bell**, *A New Jersey Continental Soldier*
- 23 - Concert, **Trio Casals**, violin, cello, & piano

July

- 20 - Open Forum, **Mike Peasley**
- 21 -- Concert, **Philomel**, baroque music

August

- 18 - **Peter Basquin**, piano

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