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KITTY, YOU'LL BE MISSED!

by Dorothy Tillman

As just about everyone knows by now, **Kitty Katzell** has resigned as Editor of *Medford Leas Life*, making this the first issue to appear without her guidance, encouragement and loving attention.

Kitty with her husband Ray came to Bridlington 13 years ago, and for the last nine years has served as Editor, her tact and her balanced judgment making it the good paper we think it is. In 1992, she was elected President of the MLRA, and for that period Doreen Lee managed the mechanics of publishing the paper. (Knowing Kitty, it is hard to believe she didn't have a few suggestions--just once in a while.)

During her tenure, the *Life* office has been in four different locations. Under the previous editor, **Elsie Lisovitch**, it was an 8-page paper. Kitty has tried valiantly to keep it to that length, but to no avail. Perhaps more residents have been submitting articles. There is no question that there are more new residents and, therefore, more "Who's New." Whatever the reason, 16 pages is now the norm, and we have had at least two 20-pagers.

Those of us who have agreed to take over her responsibilities are astonished at the time and energy she dedicated to them. She made it seem so easy, and somehow made us feel proud of the paper—as if we, not she, had done it. She always listened to others' opinions. She made it truly a joint effort.

Folks, this is a hard act to follow.

We will miss her. We already do, as we struggle to divide among the five of us the things she did alone.

So long, Kitty. We'll do our best.



WHO'S NEW ON STAFF

by Kitty Katzell

Since the last issue of *Medford Leas Life* went to press, there have been three additions to the Medford Leas executive staff, notices of which have appeared in regional newspapers: **Heather McInerney**, Chief Financial Officer; **Jane Weston**, Director of Community Relations; and **Pat Wilus** (pronounced "Willus"), Director of Human Resources.

Heather McInerney is a CPA with a degree from LaSalle University. All her life she has lived in the Delaware Valley and now lives in Cherry Hill. Her previous positions have included serving as the entire accounting staff for venture capital at Peco Energy Ventures and Exeton Capital Partners, Inc., and as Healthcare Industry Manager in the Philadelphia office of Ernst & Young. While she was with Ernst & Young, she was lead auditor for the Pennswood Village CCRC in Newtown, PA for three years. Within her first two months at Medford Leas, the annual audit of the Estaugh's finances was conducted, so she was quickly brought into the mainstream of activity in the Accounting Department.

Jane Weston has spent virtually her entire life in and around Medford. She attended Camp Dark Waters as a child and has known of Medford Leas since its beginnings. In the five years she served on the Estaugh Board, she sometimes attended MLRA Board meetings as the Estaugh representative. Avid gardeners, she and her husband live in Lumberton. As Director of Community Relations, Jane will work to position Medford Leas positively in the surrounding communities and with outside organizations, professional associations and resident groups.

Pat Wilus began her career in human resources as a Personnel Assistant for recruitment and affirmative action at Blue Cross. She became involved with computer-based training at a software development company when she moved to Virginia. Since returning to New Jersey, she has worked for the South Jersey Gas Company

for the past 15 years, moving up to the post of Director of Personnel. Pat and her husband have a 16-year old daughter and 9-year old son who attend Moorestown Friends School.

NEWS FROM WOOLMAN COMMONS

by Nickie Stevenson

Residents from Woolman Commons had a chance to attend two Independence Day celebrations. One, on June 29, was the traditional parade that included **Geri Dickerson** and **Rev. Barbara Davis** with 25 children among the marchers, and was topped off by fireworks which the residents were able to watch from their yard. The other event, on July 4, was the covered-dish supper, followed by games and prizes, in the Community Room.

On July 23, residents held a farewell party for **Harriet Johnson**, who has moved to the main campus. Friends told of her many acts of kindness. She was a good neighbor and will be missed greatly.

In August, a delegation of department heads led by **Bill Murphy**, Director of Operations, met with residents. They included **Johanna Yurkow**, Director of Health Services, who explained emergency health procedures, and **Jane Weston**, who explained her new role as Director of Community Relations. Bill also brought with him Detective Sergeant **Steven Martin** from the Mt. Holly Police Department, who advised residents regarding safety and security.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Jeannette Connelly was May's Employee of the Month. Jeannette has worked as a companion since August, 1992. June's Employee of the Month was **Joe Greipp**. He spent his collegiate years working in the Landscaping department from 1993 to 1997, then returned to work full time here two and a half years later. Congratulations to Jeannette and Joe and many thanks for your good work at Medford Leas!

DEBBIE WITH THE "GREEN HANDS"

by Ellen Stimler

Debbie Lux, the first woman hired for a full-time, year-round position by the Medford Leas Department of Horticulture, doesn't just have green thumbs, she has green hands. She seems to have been born with a love of flowers, plants and whatever grows in the soil, because she appears to know instinctively how to make them thrive.

She came to Medford Leas by a fortuitous route. After working at many different jobs, she landed her first professional position in horticulture at Cugliotta's famous garden center on Route 206 in Southampton Township, where she worked in the retail operation helping customers find the right plants for their needs. She noticed a lady who came in a number of times, looked over all the new plants, but never bought anything. Much later on she learned that this lady was **Lois Forrest**, then executive director of Medford Leas. Debbie found out about Medford Leas when she attended meetings of the Pinelands Garden Club. At one of those meetings held at Medford Leas, **Tina Mecray** excoriated members for running to their cars right afterwards instead of exploring the beauty of the arboretum and courts! Debbie took this very much to heart and was quite overwhelmed by the beauty of it all. Finally, everything came together when Lois and Debbie ran into each other at a lecture on moss gardening. Having learned that Cugliotta had closed their retail operation, Lois told Debbie there might be a job for her at Medford Leas. A few days later she was hired. Her special mission was to "bring more color" to Medford Leas.

Debbie grew up in Northeast Philadelphia, where there was just a tiny garden at their house. She remembers that, at about age 8, she experimented with the pruning of her mother's three rose bushes, tended her grandmother's container and house plants, and started to do flower arranging. After she got married and

moved to Levittown, PA, she became deeply involved in growing annuals, started a garden club, and received a grant to establish a community garden which won first prize in a local competition. The couple and their two children next moved to Tabernacle, NJ, where they bought a property of eight acres. It was tough work to get a garden going in the sandy soil, Debbie recalls, but she succeeded. Debbie has since separated from her husband and moved to an apartment in Lumberton.

Since she arrived at Medford Leas, Debbie has raised thousands of annuals from seeds and planted them all over the campus. Her interest is now expanding to shrubs and trees. She has some ambitious plans to use the new Medford Leas cable channel for presentations and educational programs on plant life. Debbie has also become a Master Gardener and is now a member of the group that gives advice to callers and visitors in the Nature Center Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.



SENATOR TORRICELLI AT MEDFORD LEAS

by George Rubin

Revisiting Medford Leas in July at his own request, Senator Robert Torricelli (D., NJ) pointedly contrasted the state of the nation at present with what it had been at the time of his first visit two years ago. He noted that, "...since I was here last, I have seen our peace destroyed by global terrorism. We are now at war and the surplus I spoke about two years ago is gone. Yet, with all of these problems, I have great hope for our future as a nation..." He emphasized our high per capita income (which at the state level is highest in New Jersey) and our world leadership in technology. "We have very important goals to accomplish besides defeating terrorism and Al Qaeda. These include our education system and our continuing drug problems...", he said. His own agenda included (1) making college costs and interest on student loans tax-deductible; (2) doubling the tax deduction for child care; (3) reducing some tax brackets, especially for middle income people, and (4) protecting the environment, especially the New Jersey shoreline.

After the Senator's formal remarks, several residents asked prepared questions to make sure the major interests of the community would be addressed. The questioners were **Ed House, Doris Shamleffer, Susan Pettis, Chuck Woodard, and Walter Zwarg**. Responding to their concerns about the decline in investor confidence in the stock market, the threats to Medicare and Social Security and by the current budget deficit, the lack of prescription drug coverage, erosion of civil rights and the new policy of "preemptive strikes," Torricelli responded by stating his position on each issue. Violators of existing accounting and corporate practices should be criminally prosecuted. While the tax cuts were justified when made, the events of 9/11 have changed the picture so completely that a deficit is now unavoidable and future tax cuts

should be reexamined. With 40 million Americans lacking health insurance, he supports the Democratic proposal for prescription drug coverage. He supports several of the restrictions on civil liberties included in the Patriots Act, which is limited to four years, and he expressed general support of the preemptive strike concept but subject to strict oversight by Congress.

WHO'S NEW

by Margaret Melstrom

Loretta (Russell) Elkin, Apt. 403, says her life was determined by the educational institutions she attended. She was born into a theatrical family, and from grades 1-12 attended Professional Children's School in New York City. Before and after school she studied all types of dance, elocution and voice.

During WWII Loretta was a dancer with the USO and traveled throughout the US and Japan, Korea, Guam, Saipan, and Iwo Jima. After the war, she went to Washington Square College at NYU, where she met and married a fellow student and earned a BA.

Her husband's new job as a research chemist required a move to Trenton. After getting a Master's degree, Loretta taught English at Rider College and moved to Bucks County. She stopped teaching when her second child was born, but she had to go back to work after her husband died in 1966, leaving her with two young children. She got a job as editor at Educational Testing Services in Princeton, was promoted to managing editor, and retired after 18 years.

After her younger son went off to college, Loretta moved to Lawrenceville. She enjoys cryptic puzzles and working at her computer. She loves to read and presently prefers non-intellectual mysteries. Loretta has two sons and two grandsons. She is happy to be at Medford Leas, which she finds comfortable and convenient, and she is glad to be able to give up frozen dinners.

A CARIBBEAN FEAST

By Ellen Stimler

It all started with a brainstorming session in the Dining Services office—what to present as a “summer special” for residents who were not away at the seashore or mountains? How about a culinary excursion to the Caribbean Islands? With the theme decided, **Lorraine LaPollo**, Director of Dining Services, scoured the library racks for books on island cultures and their recipes. An elaborate menu of salads, soups, appetizers, and an array of main dishes were selected, capped by a spectacular dessert on a plate decorated with a “mélange of tropical fruits” and a fresh orchid. The recipes had to be adapted to our local tastes by cutting some of the very hot spices customary in the Caribbean. Some special tips came from **Marian Rice**, Health Dining Services Supervisor, who grew up in the Bahamas.

Lorraine and **Donna Coonley**, Dining Room Supervisor, chose the decorations, special table cloths and glasses for the strawberry smoothie, swaths of exotic fabrics, artifacts, and tropical fruits arranged all through the buffets. It took some doing to find the 40 pounds of marlin needed for one of the main courses. There were vegetables such as malanga (a type of sweet potato) and red peas never served here before. “The residents were great experimenters,” Lorraine commented, “they were willing to try all these new things,” which included black bean soup, conch chowder, shrimp fried in a coconut batter, crab fritters, Caribbean pasta with pumpkin and coconut, and pickled red snapper. This labor-intensive meal required the hiring of extra kitchen helpers for two days of cutting, chopping, and mixing preparation, and extra waiters to serve the 180 dinners in the Colonial Room. During the meal, a group of colorfully-dressed musicians played the songs and tunes of the many cultures and traditions of the islands. All this was accomplished on top of the regular menu serving the Garden Room and the assisted living areas. **Brad Mauger**, Executive Chef, and his staff were responsible for the hot dishes; and **Helen Smith**, Department Secretary, handled all the seating and also helped out with the serving. Many residents were heard to say that “this was the best ever”—until the next special.

VISIT TO HISTORIC HADDONFIELD

by Mary Lou Mullen

On Friday, July 12, 2002, thirty-two residents boarded the small bus for a trip to historic Haddonfield, NJ. Some residents came to relive old memories and reminisce about their old hometown. For others this was a first-time visit to a place of renown in American and Quaker history.

Haddonfield was founded in the early 1700's by Elizabeth Haddon whose marriage to John Estaugh is immortalized in Longfellow's "Tales of a Wayside Inn." We stepped back in time to visit the Indian King Tavern, which was alternately occupied by both American and British forces during the Revolutionary War. Seeing the authentic furniture and household articles helped us to appreciate what life was like at that time. The Indian King Tavern is the site where New Jersey declared itself a state and adopted its Great Seal.

Our visit also included a tour of Greenfield Hall, home of Haddonfield's historic, unique collections of early American furniture, china, tools, and dolls.

Lunch was festive in the garden room of The Picket Fence, where we enjoyed varieties of tea sandwiches and desserts with a choice of many different varieties of tea. There was a time for shopping in the numerous boutiques and specialty stores in Haddonfield. Some of us had time to sit in the gazebo in Kings Court to rest. After such an enjoyable day, we returned home with many pleasant memories of a wonderful time in Victorian Haddonfield.

Buffed by a day-long stormy sky,
Venus shines, a bright green diamond
riding high

by **Sally Borrowes**

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WOOLMAN COMMONS

By Maggie Woodard

Residents of Woolman Commons held an Open House on Friday, May 31 and welcomed nearly 100 persons from the Medford campus and Lumberton Leas. The purpose was to present a picture of life in Woolman Commons and describe its history—and to acquaint participants with the city of Mount Holly, its history, historic sites, and lovely old homes.

The event was beautifully organized by **David Lewis**. Every Woolman Commons resident participated in one or more parts of the program. Some members of the MLRA Diversity Committee and some Medford Leas staff also helped.

Upon arrival, visitors were escorted by hosts to the Commons Room for a reception and orientation. After refreshments were enjoyed, Dave introduced the two speakers. **Lois Forrest**, former Executive Director of Medford Leas, recounted the history of Woolman Commons. She said that when Medford Leas was built, there was a sizable group of people who wanted to plan for their future care but who were reluctant to move from communities having a wide diversity of people of different ages and economic, religious and racial backgrounds. A decision was made to provide a community in Mount Holly. After acquiring a site, three major new buildings were built and four nearby houses were purchased and renovated. A strong Residents Association was soon organized and a deep sense of community developed.

A resident spoke about life in Woolman Commons. Because of the small population and an unusual degree of compatibility, the residents have developed close relationships with each other and feel as if they are part of a large, caring family.

Following the program, visitors were offered the opportunity to visit an apartment and a home. Residents showed their own living quarters, even displaying spectacularly neat closets! The bus tour took place next, with **Teddy Raup** as the able tour guide. Everyone received printed

handouts, which included maps, a suggested walking tour, a business directory, and material describing Mount Holly's history. Teddy pointed out historical buildings and sites, including the Stephen Girard House, the John Woolman Memorial, and the Prison Museum, as well as the beautiful old mansions on High and Broad Streets. The bus made one stop at the Friends Meeting House. Some members of the 11:30 group visited the Extended Hand Ministry and the John Woolman Memorial on the self-guided tour.

The Open House was a big success! Seeing Mount Holly with its beautiful areas, historical sites and buildings, and learning a little bit of its history was enjoyable and interesting. Visiting Woolman Commons and hearing about this vital, closely-knit caring community was heart-warming. We are fortunate that it is a part of our larger Medford community!

DISPLAY CASE IN THE ATRIUM

by Hana Stranska

The September exhibit in the display case features an interesting collection of items that **Joe and Beth Wray** brought from Myanmar (Burma) in January 2002. There is art made of lacquer ware, for which Myanmar is famous, and a betel box that was probably made by Shans, one of Myanmar's tribal groups. It was first incised with images, then colored. There are also fabrics, many in brilliant colors and interesting designs. The exhibit also contains some small wood carvings and metal figurines including a Buddha and a Buddhist monk holding a begging cup. There are puppets and handmade baskets. The array of paintings includes images of Buddhist saints and scenes from the life of Buddha, copies of those found in the temples.



**NO LONGER ALONE IN THE
EMERGENCY ROOM**

BY Katharine Church

During a cool night in June, I sat in a chair wrapped in a blanket, and when I tried to get up, I got all tangled up in the blanket and fell to the floor. I realized that something was wrong with my left hand; it hurt badly, and I couldn't get up. I managed to reach the phone to call for help. Within minutes a nurse arrived and called for an ambulance. I was taken to the emergency room of Virtua Hospital in Mt. Holly around midnight, and someone ordered X-rays of my hand and arm. After that, I was left alone, and I was very apprehensive about being able to handle things in my distraught emotional state.

Suddenly, a lovely lady came into my cubicle and said: "Maybe you don't know me, I'm **Johanna Yurkow**, Director of Health Services at Medford Leas, and they call me when a resident is sent to the emergency room." By that time it was about 1 a.m. I expressed my deep appreciation to Johanna and told her that I really felt quite lost and abandoned before she came. Johanna stayed with me until the x-rays were developed and my hand bandaged, and then she drove me home in her own car so I wouldn't have to wait for an ambulance.

She must have called ahead to Woolman, for they had a wheelchair ready for me when I arrived and got me settled into a room. Before Johanna left, she asked me whether there was anything I needed. I mentioned my address book so I could cancel various appointments. By that time I must have dozed off, but I woke up when Johanna came back to my room with my address book, having gone all the way to my apartment to get it. I told her I didn't have enough words to thank her and would never forget her kindness that night

AWARD FOR MEDFORD LEAS

By Maggie Woodard

The skilled nursing units of Medford Leas were honored with the Circle of Excellence Award by the National Association of Directors of Nursing Administration in Long Term Care at its annual meeting on June 4 in Nashville, TN. The award was reported in the July 4 issue of Medford's *Central Record*.

The award is given only to those skilled nursing facilities which achieve zero deficiencies in their annual state surveys. The segments of care that are evaluated are: levels of staffing, use of agency staff, quality of life measured through actual care given, and resident satisfaction with that care and with the overall environment.

**AIRPORT EXPANSION TEMPORARILY
STALLED**

by Daniel A. Seeger

Those opposed to the expansion of the South Jersey Regional Airport have something to cheer about. New Jersey's new Transportation Commissioner, James Fox, has announced that he opposes the expansion. And the Lumberton Township Committee will soon complete its action to rezone the land abutting the airport so as to prevent runway extension.

Meanwhile, proponents of the expansion are pressuring Governor McGreevey for a state takeover of the airport, which would involve subsidies for an operation that would mainly benefit CEO's flying corporate jets.

Notified by a letter signed by resident **Warren Sawyer** of these new developments, residents are urged to write to the Governor, giving their reasons for opposing the airport's expansion.

MY THREE ANGELS

By Dorothy Tillman

It was late on a hot Saturday afternoon. Driving east on Route 70, I pulled into the turn lane at 541. Almost home, I could hardly wait! The light turned green and I stepped on the gas.

Nothing. Absolutely nothing. When a car dies, it's really dead. I couldn't turn on the blinkers to warn cars behind me. I couldn't honk the horn. The only thing I could do was to attempt to wave the cars behind me to go ahead. I had no cell phone, and I was beginning to feel frightened and really helpless. I was afraid to get out of the car and afraid to sit there—a sitting duck.

Then I saw three young women easing their way through traffic. "We're from Medford Leas," they said. "Come on. Get out of here. This is dangerous." In no time they had me out of the car and, holding up hands to warn traffic, took me to the safety of Main Street. "We saw your Medford Leas sticker," they explained. "That's where we work."

One of them said, "I'm **Annie Middaugh** the nurse. You look familiar to me."

I said, "I think I know you." The others were **Karen Tarpy** and **Cathy Skenes**.

To me, they were like three angels. But they hadn't appeared out of the blue. They had driven to Maryland to attend a memorial service for Medford Leas resident **Dean Caldwell** and were just arriving home. It must have been a long day—now made longer by their helping me.

A policeman had appeared and, with the help of a kind citizen, had pushed my car into a driveway on Main Street. He then left me in the care of my three angels. They must have been with me for an hour. Merritt's was closed. Fletcher's Ford was closed. It took some time, but we finally got AAA

(they had a cell phone) and were told they'd be there in an hour.

It was too hot for me to sit there for an hour, they insisted, and were willing to leave me only when I assured them I could get help to get me back to the car in an hour. They drove me home and left—the end of a long day for them.

Russell Hill and **Scott Charles** were the friends who helped me at the end. They were true friends, and I was most grateful.

But to Annie and Karen and Kathy, I was just some unknown who was lucky to have a Medford Leas sticker on her car. That's the kind of staff we have. They don't have to know you. They don't have to be on call. If you're from Medford Leas, they're there to help you.

I'm at the stage where I forget names—but I have no trouble remembering Annie, Karen and Kathy.

ABOUT OUR JOE

by Barbara Nelson

A highlight of the June MLRA meeting was special recognition of **Joseph Doyle**, our "cosmetologist par excellence," who has maintained a beauty salon at Medford Leas for about 30 years. After **Barbara Nelson** gave a short history of Joe's career, which included four years in the U.S. Navy, as well as taking leading parts in a number of plays in the Medford Lakes Log Cabin Playhouse, **Betty Macpherson** then presented Joe with a handsome certificate which read: "Members of the Medford Leas Residents Association congratulate and thank Joseph Doyle for improving the ambience of Medford Lakes, one head at a time, with talent, kindness, and great good humor."

RESIDENTS, STAFF IN THE NEWS

On May 26, the *Courier Post* had a feature spread entitled "Gardens that Heal: For the elderly, ill and disabled, getting outdoors can be therapeutic." Included were three pictures that had been taken in the Medford Leas Courtyard Garden. One showed **Gladys Lawson**, another **Marion Sandmann**, and the third, **Debbie Lux** of our Horticulture Department.

Kent Larrabee was the author of the "Guest Opinion" column in the May 29 *Burlington County Times*. Under the title, "Paying for war no more," Kent explained that he gave up his high-paying job and deliberately changed his lifestyle so that he would earn so little as to be exempt from income taxes, 50% of which are presently paying for military expenses.

The "Neighbors" section of the June 2 *Sunday Philadelphia Inquirer* had an article about Camp Dark Waters. It included several comments by **Lois Forrest**, who heads the Board of Trustees of Dark Waters, Inc., and mentioned that she is a resident of Medford Leas.

Johanna Yurkow, Director of Health Services, had an article titled "Planning: Facing End-of-Life Issues in Advance" published in the Spring 2002 issue of *Best Practices*, a professional journal.

A sign on Route 541 erroneously reading "Lumberton Bypass" is being replaced by the correct "Mt. Holly Bypass" sign because of a letter sent by **Mary Cullen** to Burlington County Freeholder **Dawn Marie Addiego**, pointing out this mistake. Mary, a professional editor, says this was just another editing job, but she is delighted to find that the people's government of Burlington County is so accessible.

In an advertisement in the *Princeton Town Topics*, a retirement facility claimed to be the only "full-service one in New Jersey located on 102 acres." Alerted to this false claim by **Ellen**

Stimler, Jane Weston, our new Director of Community Relations, wrote a very diplomatic letter to the facility, pointing out that Medford Leas, with its arboretum, open space and woodland trails, is also in New Jersey and located on 167 acres. Jane received a positive response, advising that the ad would be changed.

ACCLAIMED PIANO RECITAL

by Eleanor Merrick

On July 13 Medford Leas enjoyed an unusually rewarding piano recital by the young Ecuadorian pianist, Washington Garcia.

Opening the concert with a fine rendering of J.S. Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," he brought out the melody with warm legato in contrast to the delicacy of the counter melody and with such degree of nuance as cannot be obtained on an organ for which the music was originally composed.

In the following "Thirty-two Variations on an Original Theme in C Minor" by his "favorite composer" Beethoven, Garcia captured the mood of each variation displaying the gamut from militant strength to tenderness, melancholy, serenity and triumph.

The Spanish rhythms and flair of Albeniz's "El Puerto" with its humorous ending provided a nice contrast with the preceding pieces and those coming after, namely a Liszt Hungarian Rhapsody played with appropriate verve and three Debussy Etudes.

Finally Garcia performed the melancholy posthumous Chopin Nocturne in C Sharp Minor followed by the more familiar and lyric Nocturne #9. He closed with an energetic and exciting rendering of Chopin's Polonaise in A Flat Major.

We hope that this fine musician with his sensitive feel for *rubato* will share his talents with us again.

NEWS FROM LUMBERTON LEAS

By Helen Vukasin

At Lumberton Leas, while many residents were on vacation, the newly elected Council has jumped in with both feet. The new officers are: **John Sommi**, President; **Ed Ferraro**, Treasurer, and **Lucia LeConey**, Secretary. Other members of the Council are **Jack Mutschler**, **Julien Eysmans** and **Barbara Lewis**.

The Council is reviewing the Guidelines for Operating the Common Areas to meet current needs of residents and follow up on issues such as spraying, irrigation, and radon. *Lumberton Leas News*, the newsletter for Lumberton Leas, will now be published on a regular monthly basis. The new team publishing the newsletter is: **Hugh Jenkins**, Editor; **Jack Akerboom**, Production and Distribution; and **Herb Heineman**, Information Gathering.

Other residents are playing water volleyball on Tuesday mornings. Medford Leas volley-ballers are invited for a return match in the Fall. Tennis enthusiasts have been benefiting from professional tennis lessons.

The LL Council has agreed to sponsor the pilot for a new program call *Writers Read*. The first event will introduce a book by LL resident **Stan Brush**, called *Farewell the Wintertime*, memoirs of his boyhood in India.

In July, a new exhibit opened in the Gallery space downstairs at the Community Center. Five Lumberton Leas residents are showing their photographs: **Jack Akerboom**, **Stan Brush**, **Joe Jordan**, **Don Kocher**, and **Rolfa Rogers**.

This is a good time of year for Medford Leas and Woolman Commons residents to visit Lumberton Leas. There is late daylight and we have a cool pool. Keys to the Community Center are available at the desk on the main campus.

WHO'S NEW

by Ellen Stimler

Stephen & A. Dunbar (Babbit) Denham, Apt. 643, met during the Korean War in Pensacola, FL, where Steve was a flight training instructor for the Navy and Dunbar was teaching in an elementary school. Dunbar grew up in Mississippi, and after college taught in Pensacola, California, Japan, and on the U.S. base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Steve joined the Navy right after finishing high school in Leonia, NJ, and had his heart set on becoming a pilot. By the time they married, he had gone through shore and sea duty and was commissioned an officer. Together they moved to wherever the Navy needed Steve, including Grosse Isle, MI, and Andrews AFB near Washington, DC.

After retiring from the Navy in 1970, Steve flew first with a small commuter airline, and then with Delta and PanAm. The couple made their home in Medford Lakes but visited Europe, South America, and the Caribbean. Steve had to retire at 60, so now sailing in the Chesapeake, college courses at BCC, tour-guiding day trips for OMNI, and the computer replace flying.

Dunbar's main love is gardening and she spends 90% of her time on behalf of the Pinelands Garden Club, on whose board she has served for ten years and for which she has handled innumerable special projects. During Steve's career, Dunbar had her own home calligraphy business, and she taught this art at Lenape Adult School. For a number of years, she was part of a "support group" for engineers on the AEGIS program at RCA and GE, editing their technical materials. She also did editing on a part-time basis for clients of various employment agencies.

The Denhams have two children and three grandchildren.

BOOKS WE ENJOYED READING

Socrates' Café by **Christopher Phillips**. You can "do" philosophy and love it! Author Phillips describes how to place academic philosophy in the background and bring Socrates' beloved method of public inquiry into current use. He shows how to use Socrates' simple technique to approach complex subjects. Group participants present questions and challenges and defend viewpoints, governed by ground rules to ensure patient listening and rationally civil interchange of ideas. The book can be reread passively; but Phillips' constant theme is to stimulate active participation and experimentation. You may see value in learning surprising bits of wisdom from different individuals and sharing your own life and world views. You may even understand why Socrates chose public suicide (a form of crucifixion?) rather than being banished or killed by the governing council. Plato, who studied with Socrates, recalled his teacher's famous phrase: "The unexamined life is not worth living." How about starting our own Socrates' Café right here in our Coffee Shop? **Robert Minter**

Protect and Defend by **Robert North Patterson**. It is the inauguration of the new President, young Kerry Kilcannon. He has just been sworn in and completed his Inaugural Address when the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has a stroke and dies. Just minutes into his Presidency he is faced with the challenge of appointing a new Chief Justice. His ultimate choice, a respected woman Court of Appeals judge, is not looked on favorably by his opposition—except as a possible means to destroy him.

Another story is being played out meanwhile: a teenage girl is desperately in need of a late-term abortion. The abortion, if performed early enough, might save her life and her fertility, while killing her hydrocephalic fetus, but it is bitterly opposed by her pro-life parents.

The Case goes to the Supreme Court and becomes deeply enmeshed in the confirmation of the Supreme Court Justice. Everyone has a secret. Almost everyone has his/her own self-serving agenda. The big guns are brought out and

each side is well represented. Here is a look at behind the scenes Washington that is fascinating, appalling, and frightening.

One caveat: the author is unfortunate in his choice of names for his characters. There is a Chad, a Clay, a Chuck and a Gage, sometimes referred to by their last names. Keep a pencil handy. **Dorothy Tillman**



NEW TALKING BOOKS

by Myra Binstock, Librarian

Fiction

McEwan, Ian *Atonement**
McLaughlin and Krause *The Nanny Diaries*

Non-Fiction

Ambrose, Stephen *Undaunted Courage**
Caro, Robert *Master of the Senate*
Hepburn, Katherine *A Tribute*
Herriot, James *More Dog Stories*
Kinsolver, Barbara *Small Wonder*
McCullough, David *John Adams**
Weißenmayer, Erik *Touch the Top of the World*

Mystery & Suspense

Atwood, Margaret *The Blind Assassin**
Braun, Lilian J. *Cat Who Ate Danish Modern*
Christie, Agatha *Murder of Roger Ackroyd**
Clark, Mary H. *All Through the Night**
Clark, Mary H. *Daddy's Little Girl*
Evanovich, Jane *Seven Up*
Fairstein, Linda *Cold Hit**
Grisham, John *The Partner**
Grisham, John *The Summons*
Hoag, Tami *Dust to Dust**
Isaacs, Susan *Long Time No See**
James, P. D. *Death in Holy Orders**
Scottoline, Lisa *Courting Trouble*
Stout, Rex *And Be a Villain**

* Indicates the tape was donated

HEALTH CENTER'S NANCY TO THE RESCUE

By Hana Stranska

So, what does Medford Leas Health Center nurse Nancy Glovacz (17 years at ML, of which 11 were full-time) do on a Saturday when she is off-duty? She goes with her husband to a church yard sale in the family car. At least, that's where they were headed on a Saturday in June at 7 a.m. when, barely four blocks from their home, they encountered a driver in a minivan, waving frantically, apparently signaling an emergency. They drove alongside. "What's up?" they asked.

"Do you have a cell phone?" came the reply, "my wife is having a baby."

Nancy peered inside the van, saw the woman lying there with the baby's head popping out. "Call 911," Nancy called to her husband as she grabbed a blanket, somehow got it under the woman, and did whatever was necessary.

"Then you delivered the baby?" we asked her.

"No, Nancy replied. "The baby delivered himself. There was nothing to do except induce him to cry, which he did obligingly."

The baby boy was named Ryan Joseph, and he eventually joined the three sisters waiting for him at home. As for Nancy, who'd never done this sort of thing before, she went home, cleaned herself up a bit, and then went with her husband to the yard sale.

TALK CINEMA

Talk Cinema will again bring unusual movies, prior to their opening in theaters, to the Ritz Theater in Voorhees on seven Sunday Mornings from September 22 through December, starting at 10 am. Following each movie, a film critic leads a discussion with the audience. A group of Medford Leas residents has attended the series each year and invites others to join them for a special Sunday experience. The price for the series is \$120. Transportation is in car pools, and after the

movie and discussion, the group usually stops at a local restaurant for lunch. For further information, call **Susan Pettis** at 654-3686.

WHO'S NEW

by Ellen Stimler

Frances (Reiner) Lax, Apt 185, married a Harvard Law student, **Stephen Girard Lax**, shortly after she received her M.A. degree in Latin American history from Harvard. Her undergraduate work in the same field was done at Goucher College and Bryn Mawr. While Steve was finishing law school, Fran worked for a star economics professor at the Littauer School of Economics at Harvard. Leaving Cambridge, the couple moved to Washington, where Steve practiced law for nine years, and Frances did "good works" and took care of their three boys born there. A new phase opened up after Steve decided to give up law for business and started a manufacturing company in Camden County. They bought a house in Haddonfield, added a fourth boy to the family, and became part of South Jersey life.

Frances assumed a great variety of volunteer commitments, including the following: hosting official foreign visitors for the Philadelphia Center for International Visitors; president of the Haddonfield chapter of the American Field Service and supervisor of 12 other chapters; board member of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia; president of the Camden County League of Women Voters and vice-president of the Harvard-Radcliffe Club of Philadelphia. In 1980, she was asked to join the Board of Trustees of Glassboro College, which has since bestowed an Honorary Degree on her.

Frances continues to serve on the Foundation Board of Rowan University, the successor of Glassboro, and is active in the Mexican Society of Philadelphia. She has lost her husband and oldest son but maintains close relationships with her others three sons and grandchildren.

WHO'S NEW
by Doris Brown

Rev. **Alton H. Taylor**, 222 Woodside (609-518-6750) was born in Passaic, N.J., moved to Nutley, N.J. in 1938 and has had a home there ever since. He attended Newark Academy, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Philadelphia Divinity School and the Blanton Peale Graduate Institute of Religion and Health. His preparation for the priesthood was interrupted for two years while he served in the Army during the Korean War. He was ordained as an Episcopalian priest in Trinity Cathedral, Newark and served most of his ministry in that diocese.

Since 1944 he has spent much of his time in Laporte, Pa., where he knew **Law Barton** through the Eaglesmere Conservancy and nature walks. His neighbors, **Harry and Lois Forrest**, were instrumental in his coming to Lumberton Leas. Al enjoys gardening, birding and nature walks and hopes to become involved with woodworking at Lumberton Leas.

He was a foster parent to a young child while rector of Christ Church, Harrison. The boy was to spend three days with Al, but stayed for the next 10 years and is now leading a good life with his wife and four children. Being a foster parent was a source of satisfaction to Al and an unexpected ministry.

IN THE MEDFORD LEAS ART GALLERY
by Helen Vukasin

If you missed the Budding Artists of Medford Leas show in the Art Gallery in August, we recommend that you visit the hallway Gallery outside the Day Care Center. The children of Medford Leas Staff are extremely creative, prolific and inventive. The Day Care Center does a great job of stimulating their efforts. We were pleased to present their work for all of the Medford Leas Community to enjoy.

In the spirit of community cooperation, the Medford Leas Art Gallery will exhibit works of art that respond to September 11, 2002. This will be

part of the Medford Township remembrance, reflection and response of the events of that day. The opening reception will be in the ML Gallery on Tuesday, September 10, 3:00 to 4:30 pm. The work of local artists will be in all two-dimensional media and may image the tragedy itself, the heroic response, the grief process or personal perceptions.

WHO'S NEW
by Doris Brown

Thomas & Emily Grafenstine, 60 Woodside Drive (702-1576), who want to be known as Ed and Joan, moved here from Westhampton. Joan was raised in Burlington City and Ed grew up in Penndel, PA. They met at the Jersey shore, where Joan's parents had a summer home and where both Ed and Joan had summer jobs in nearby towns. They married in 1957, and two years later Ed started work at Rohm and Haas in Bristol, PA. He served as supervisor of the spray-dry-emulsion operations until his retirement in 1992.

The couple settled in Burlington and raised two daughters. During those years Joan was active in the PTA and volunteered at Memorial Hospital in Mt. Holly. They both participated extensively in church activities. While living in their 1825 home on Wood Street, they became enthusiastic antique collectors. For many years, Ed was chairman and Joan treasurer of the Wood Street Fair.

In addition to antiques, Joan's interests are crafts, reading and sewing. Ed spends a lot of hours landscaping both outdoors and in. Ghost carp and goldfish swim in tiered pools in his basement. He also finds time for designing and painting gourds, swimming and biking.



LIGHTS...CAMERA...ACTION!

On Friday, August 2, Medford Leas hosted Visionaries, a video production company. This group is working with Friends Services for the Aging to produce a video that captures the active lifestyle of residents who are living in a Quaker CCRC. This video will be used as a marketing tool to show various aspects of life within the FSA communities to folks who are considering moving into a CCRC.

Over twenty-five residents participated in the day's activities. On the Medford campus, the video team captured golfers on Beaver Meadow, and residents walking the woodland trails, at work on the Farm, in the Art Studio, and reading to children in the Child Day Care Center. Lumberton Leas residents were filmed playing tennis and working out at their Fitness Center. One resident was interviewed about the benefits of volunteering.

The completed video will be shown to residents at some future date.

In sultry twilight waning moon looks mildewed.
Disappointed, Venus glides higher and away.

by **Sally Burrowes**

CRYPTOGRAM

by **Russell Hill**

Here are the solutions to the three-language June cryptograms:

French: Vous voulez donc, mon pere, contrarier mes sentiments, me marier pour vous et non pour moi? **Balzac**
(Translation: Do you wish, my Father, to go against my feelings and marry me for you and not for myself?)

German: Auch die Schwiez hat also ihren festen Platz im Klischeebilderbuch der Welt.

Frederica de Cesco

There was a typo: Schwiez should have been Schweiz.
(Translation: Switzerland, too, has its firm place in the stereotype picture books of the world.)

Latin: Magnus ab integro saeculorum nascitur ordo. Iam redit et virgo, redeunt saturnia regna. **Virgil**
(Translation: The greatness of the ages is born anew. Now the virgin goddess returns the reign of Saturn. *Virgil.*)

All three were correctly solved and translated by **Ruth Blattenberger**. **Kitty Katzell** solved the French and the Latin. **Lydia Andrews** did the German.

Here is the September cryptogram:

WBG XQDVJTU NQV
VEYFWNWDLJU
NZLJDVU, NJT FLAV
NJT HNJU
YJRLJMYVQNPFV HDJT.
CLQTUCLQWB

Put solutions in Box 45 by September 13.

IN MEMORIAM

Frank Spinney	June 4, 2002
John Martin	June 6, 2002
Jean Mackin	June 14, 2002
Lewis Robbins	June 19, 2002
Francis Nicholson	July 6, 2002
Lucille Reed	July 6, 2002
Marie Carman	July 11, 2002
Adelaide Boyer	July 15, 2002
Evelyn Beckworth	July 25, 2002
Elizabeth Thomson	August 9, 2002
Mahlon Saibel	August 10, 2002
Lillian Morris	August 13, 2002

IT'S GREAT TO LIVE AT MEDFORD LEAS

by Ed House

This is the overall conclusion of the 562 residents who responded to the Satisfaction Survey of Lumberton Leas, Medford and Woolman Commons. The survey report, including 7,490 verbatim resident comments, clearly reflects their views as to both strengths and opportunities for improving the quality of life within the Medford Leas Community. Topping the list of strengths was the consistent expression by residents of their appreciation for our competent, friendly staff. A typical comment was, "I especially value the caring attitude of staff and residents. That is what makes Medford Leas unique." Residents also identified several areas for improvement—including Health Center Administration, Transportation, Fiscal Accountability, Food, and Plans for Long Term Facility improvements. Task Forces, including residents and staff, will review the survey report in more detail regarding these areas and will present specific recommendations to the Administration late in 2002 for improving these aspects of life at Medford Leas.

FLOWER SHOW SEPTEMBER 10

by Kate Haupt

The coming of Fall will be celebrated this year on September 10 with a flower show titled "Days to Remember." Co-chaired by **Lois Rickett** and **Aya Endo**, the show will be presented in the Activities Room from 1 to 8 PM. One of Medford Leas' most beautiful events, it literally brings together the whole community in celebration of artistic and horticultural achievement.

Exhibits will include many inspired floral designs and a great variety of exhibitor-grown horticulture: container plants, cut blooms, fruits, and vegetables. Always a key attraction is special exhibits that are non-competitive. The entries will be judged by National Council State Garden Club trained judges.

TO MAKE A CHILD HAPPY, DRESS A TEDDY BEAR!

by Grace Schaffel

Calling all knitters, crocheters, and sewers: Bring joy to a needy child this coming Christmas by spending a little of your time making a Teddy Bear outfit.

Take a look at the Teddy Bear on the main desk in the Atrium. It wears a special little outfit designed and sewed by **Ann Solomon**, who made her own pattern for it when she couldn't find one in the stores.

The Teddy Bears are donated by the Salvation Army to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) administered at Burlington County College. Last year, this group distributed 160 dressed-up Teddy Bears to needy children in the area, and about one-third of their outfits were made by residents of Medford Leas. We hope to do even better this year, with your help. Call **Grace Schaffel** at 3655 for patterns, yarn, needles, or fabric. Special thanks to Ann for her sewing pattern, **Kitty Katzell** for an improved knotting pattern, and **Ginny Mutschler** for a crochet pattern.



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- 1- Friends Worship (also 8, 15, 22, 29)
- 1- Vespers (also 8, 15, 22, 29)
- 2 - Sports Day
- 2 - Movie: "Greenfingers"
- 3 - Open Forum
- 5 - Vid-U (also 12, 19, 26)
- 6 - Music Video: "Interplay of Three Violins"
- 6 - Rosh Hashana Service
- 7 - Wildflower Walk
- 7 - Movie, "Cabin in the Sky"
- 8 - Low Vision Meeting
- 9 - Quilt Group
- 10 -WC: Health Services Talk, **Johanna Yurkow**
- 10 - Gallery Reception: Medford Arts Commission Group Show, "Response to 9/11"
- 11 - Memorial Garden: "Remembrance of Sept. 11"
- 12 - "Slides of Switzerland" - **Frances Carter**
- 14 - Leas Forum: "Alternative to Violence in Africa," by Peter Yeomans
- 14 - Pine Barrons, **Harry Forrest**
- 16 - Yom Kippur Service
- 16 - MLRA Business Meeting
- 17 - Water Volleyball Match, LL vs ML
- 17 - Bereavement Group Meeting
- 18 - LL Health Services Talk, Johanna Yurkow
- 18 - Dessert Party for Residents and Staff
- 19 - Bus to Wheaton Village
- 19 - Bus to Walnut Street Theater
- 19 - Piano Concert, **Fenimore & Kosteljanetz**
- 20 - Protestant Community Church, Communion
- 20 - Bus to Philadelphia Orchestra
- 20 - Music Video: "N.Y. Philharmonic Concert Celebrating Kurt Mazur's 75th Birthday"
- 21 - Wildflower Walk
- 21 - National Issues, from a FCNL Perspective
- 21 - Movie: "Top Hat"
- 22 - Barbone Street Jazz Band
- 23 - ML Health Services Talk, Johanna Yurkow
- 24 - American Red Cross Blood Drive
- 25 - Caregivers Group
- 25 - Bus to Wilma Theater
- 26 - Family History Group, "Show and Tell"
- 26 - Folk and Line Dancing
- 28 - Leas Forum: Myanmar Yesterday & Today," **Herb & Maggie Heineman, Helen Vukasin**
- 28 - Movie: "My Favorite Wife"

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