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KNOW YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

by Ellen Stimler

At a time when Medford Leas' expansion plans are dependent on approval by Medford's municipal agencies, the MLRA Citizens Committee sponsored a primer on "Understanding Local Government and Making It Work For You."

The lecture on April 5 in the Auditorium was presented by **Dan Seeger**, a resident of Lumberton Leas, who is the current chair of the Lumberton Township Planning Board and of the Lumberton Environmental Commission. Dan effectively informed the community of the negative impact of a planned expansion of the local airport and then organized a successful campaign to elect two anti-expansion members to the Lumberton Township Committee.

Dan explained that the Medford Township Committee consists of five elected members, with one designated as mayor, which has a public meeting once a month. This is the town's governing body responsible for all municipal services and local tax levies. To assist the Township Committee in the management of land use, the Committee delegates specific functions to a Planning Board and a Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The Planning Board usually has seven or nine members, appointed by the mayor for staggered terms. The Planning Board develops a Master Plan for the community, which includes a land use plan designating

where businesses, residences, farms, and many other facilities or uses may be located. This Master Plan functions as a guide to decisions by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, which must rule on "variances," meaning requests for exemptions from the land use designation on the master plan.

The Zoning Board, consisting of seven members, provides interpretations of the Master Plan and hears appeals from citizens who believe that their proposed use is in conformity with the Master Plan or, if not, should be allowed on the basis of a variance.

Both the Planning Board and Zoning Board have meetings open to the public each month and usually set aside a period of time for public comments at the end of formal presentations. The dates and agendas for the meetings are posted by the MLRA Citizens Committee on the bulletin board next to the PNC Bank window. The Citizens Committee is trying to have resident representation at every meeting, particularly those at which Medford Leas business is on the agenda. Residents are urged to attend these meetings and join car pools being arranged.

It so happens that Medford Leas itself is a so-called "non-conforming use" in the zone in which it is located. The Administration has indicated that, in connection with their application for approval of their expansion plan, they would like to have the location rezoned as "continuing care retirement community."

Dan expressed his personal opinion that the

current "non-conforming use" designation would give residents more standing to express concerns about details of the expansion plan and would require the Planning and Zoning Boards to consider any objections very carefully; he felt that this would not be the case once Medford Leas was zoned as a retirement community.

While the local governmental system, on the face of it, appears to be democratically structured, Dan believes that in its actual operation "the system is biased in favor of people with money and attorneys, as opposed to ordinary citizens." For example, the agenda is difficult to understand and items such as "airport" are listed under the name of the property owner. Proceedings are often difficult to hear because of inadequate audio equipment. The greatest threat, however, in Dan's view, arises from "detachment and neglect of the citizens themselves." He ended his talk with a clarion call to the Medford Leas residents "with wisdom and experience, with intellectual ability and with a measure of time to give to the work of making self-government real and liberty enduring."

WAR TOUCHES MEDFORD LEAS

by Joe and Mary Roland

Some of our fellow residents have expressed interest in learning more about the life and background of our grandson, James J. Riley, who was one of the first group of prisoners of war taken by the Iraqis soon after the outbreak of hostilities.

James was born in Auckland, New Zealand, while we were stationed there from 1967 to 1972. Our daughter Jane met and married Athol Riley, a New Zealander and electrical contractor in 1971. Their first two children were born in Auckland and have dual citizenship. The family came to the U.S. when James was ten years old in 1982. He attended Westfield Friends School in Cinnaminson through eighth

grade. By then his family had moved to a home in Pennsauken, and he completed his schooling at Pennsauken High School. He had always aspired to a career in the Army and he enlisted soon after graduation. He has already served 13 years, with two tours in Korea and one in Saudi Arabia.

The circumstances and events of his captivity and release have been very fully covered by the press and TV. He and the other POW's have been flown to Kuwait for full physical examination and debriefing. From there he was able to speak to his parents by phone. He expects to be in Washington soon, and his parents plan to visit with him there.

James is strong, physically fit, and self-reliant. We believe he is well equipped to surmount this ordeal.

We wish to thank all our Medford Leas friends for the many expressions of concern and interest that we have received.

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH MARCH AND APRIL

by Maggie Woodard

Alice Gaehring has been a companion at Medford Leas since March 26, 2002. A person of great strength and character, she is also a very caring individual with a big heart. A great grandmother, she has been known to chop her own firewood and ride a moped ten miles to work!

Joe Boiler, Environmental Services Department, started working for Medford Leas when he was a student at Burlington County College. Recently he was accepted at Rutgers University; he wishes to become an elementary school teacher. No task is ever too much for Joe. He is charming, dependable, and a hard worker.

Congratulations to Alice and Joe and many thanks for your good work!

CDC REPORT

by Kitty Katzell

By now, most residents know about the Concept Design Committee (CDC) which met at least eight times between March 11 and April 25. Nine residents, nominated by the MLRA Board and appointed by the Estaugh Board, are serving on the CDC. They are: **Bob Anderson, E. Bart Bartholomew, Ed Ferraro, Kitty Katzell, Howard Kriebel, Allyn Rickett, Doris Shamleffer, John Sommi, and Alex Webb.** Estaugh Board members on CDC are Chairman **Miller Biddle, Connie Brookes, John Cope, Bob Gray, Tak Moriuchi, and Coles Roberts.** Staff members are **Heather McInerney, Bill Murphy, Mike Peasley, Keith Quinton, Jane Weston, and Johanna Yurkow.** **Bob Williams,** chair of the Estaugh Board, serves ex officio,

The first month of meetings and homework assignments provided orientation for the newly appointed residents on the committee. During that period there were also tours at Medford Leas and at Foulkeways to show the committee some of the concerns to be addressed by Medford Leas and some ways that Foulkeways has dealt with similar concerns. Visits to our Therapy Department, John Woolman, and Estaugh made it obvious that space and privacy are very real problems in those areas. With today's emphasis on privacy, these matters are of special concern. The tour of the assisted living and skilled nursing units at Foulkeways showed some of the new ways such problems have been addressed.

From the beginning, the members of the CDC have stressed the importance of openness and communication with residents. The minutes of all CDC meetings are placed on the magazine table in the Lounge after they have been approved by the Committee. Occasional "white papers" are also being issued to present background information on topics that are discussed in CDC meetings, such as the one on affordable housing.

At one of the meetings, 14 design proposals that had been considered by the Estaugh Board were displayed, and outside consultants explained the problems associated with each of them, such as the woodlands, the wetlands, intolerable

dislocations that would be involved, and the like.

At the most recent meeting before this writing, external consultants presented the financial data associated with the proposal (called a Concept Design) that was presented to residents at an Open Meeting on December 9. While it is likely that this particular Concept Design will undergo changes, the orientation to the Consultants' methodology for determining the financial feasibility of any plan was valuable.

Whatever changes may be made, it is quite possible that not all residents, staff members and members of the Estaugh Board will find every aspect of the still-to-be-devised final plan to their liking. But the residents who are serving on the committee are working diligently to understand the needs of the community, the limitations of our resources, and the possibilities that can be realized, so that whatever the full CDC decides by consensus to recommend to the Estaugh Board will be something we can all live with.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVANCES

by Kay Cooley

On March 24, 2003, the Estaugh Board purchased eight acres that lie contiguous to and east of Medford Leas on Route 70. The purchase price was \$440,000. and was funded by contributions to the Estaugh Fund, which is restricted to capital improvements. It is planned that Medford Leas will lease this property to the Elizabeth Haddon Housing Corporation (EHHC) for use for Affordable Housing. The EHHC will be responsible for all aspects of the contemplated 28 units.

PLANT SALE REMINDER

by Ellen Wiener and Dottie Kriebel

The annual plant sale will be held Thursday, May 8 in the Estaugh Mall from 8 a.m. until noon. A great selection of annuals, hanging baskets, herbs, and vegetables will be available. On Wednesday evening, May 7, between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., the sale will be open for residents for whom shopping would be difficult, because of their wheelchairs, walkers, or the like.

MEET OUR NONAGENARIANS

by Margaret Melstrom

Dr. Wayne Marshall's parents encouraged him in his boyhood interests in birds, plants, Indian artifacts, science, hiking, and the Quaker faith. His Haddonfield childhood was productive and happy, in spite of his very poor vision and other serious health problems. Wayne's retirement at 153 Medford Leas is productive and happy.

At Medford Leas Wayne is called "Mr. Bird" for his deep involvement with and knowledge of birds. With more than a dozen bird feeders in his yard, he keeps a feeder watch for the Cornell University Department of Ornithology and for the National Audubon Society. He is a member of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club and the Burlington County National Science Club. He also leads bird trips. Wayne has an extensive vegetable garden where he grows pole lima beans and tomatoes, peas, squash, and other vegetables. He also grows several rows of zinnias for anyone to pick for personal use.

Wayne participates in an exercise class three times a week, and he bicycles to his garden in summer and bicycles about two miles daily. Every year he leads the Bicycle Olympics.

Wayne is the Friendly Visitor for Court 15; he checks on all the residents every evening. He volunteers day or night to push people to Woolman or to get their prescriptions. He is also active in the Medford Leas Health Committee. Since his graduation from Moorestown Friends School in 1931, Wayne has been the agent for the Moorestown Friends School Class of 1931 for a number of years.

For fifteen years Wayne and his wife, Gertrude, have spent two weeks every summer at Squam Lake, NH, with their son and his family. There Wayne sails, canoes, swims, walks, and hikes. This time with his family is very important to the Marshalls.

Wayne is a member of the AMA and the American Lung Society. He and Gertrude are

members of the Medford Meeting and have always been active there. For a man who had his ninetieth birthday party in February, Dr. Wayne Marshall shows that in advanced age one can be productive and happy.



Wayne Marshall

Photo by Margery Rubin

WHO'S NEW

Andree Gibson, Apt. 117, is a Philadelphia native who made her home with her grandparents from childhood on. She went to parochial schools in the city and then attended St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing and worked there as a nurse until 1957, when she moved with her grandparents to North Cape May in New Jersey.

This was the beginning of a strenuous combination of advanced education and hospital work. While holding down a job at Burdette-Tomlin hospital in Cape May Court House, Andree commuted daily to Temple U. for five years to get a B.S. Ed. degree and another two years to the University of Pennsylvania for a Master's in Nursing. Her new academic credentials led to positions as assistant professor and head of the department of nursing education at Cumberland County College. After the death of her grandparents, Andree moved to Marlton and became director of the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, after an initial stint as an instructor. She retired in 1996.

Andree loves gardening but has to be satisfied with container gardening now. She is also a great reader of mysteries.

by Ellen Stimler

RESIDENTS IN THE NEWS

Toby Sullivan's oil and collage painting titled "One by One They Marched" won the Judges' Award at the Robert Ransley Juried Art Show held at the Mt. Holly Public Library on March 15. The award-winning painting was later purchased by an art professor and illustrator of children's books at the University of Pennsylvania. Toby said it felt really good to get some local recognition for her work after she had to leave the many art associations and involvements she enjoyed in her former home on Long Island.

Jeannette T. Muir's quilt "Standing on the Corner," made it to the semi-finals of the 2003 American Quilter's Society Quilt Show & Contest being held April 23-26 in Paducah, KY. Jeannette's entry is one of 419 from which 52 best-in-class quilts will be chosen by the judges, and one of those will receive the Best of Show award and a cash prize. However, all of the semi-finalists' quilts will be displayed at the annual quilt exhibition. "These semi-finalists represent some of the best examples of quilts to be found anywhere," commented the president of the American Quilter's Society.

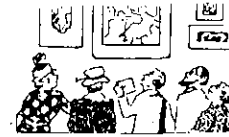
Anna Burr's 103rd birthday party was described in great detail in an article in the *Bordentown Register News* (March 20, p. 2A). Most of the Medford Leas Department heads and other staff made a surprise appearance at the party and joined in the singing of "Happy Birthday." Anna attributed her longevity to good genes. "Genes are everything," she was quoted as saying. Anna lived in Bordentown all her life, until she moved to Medford Leas 20 years ago. She has a master's degree from Rutgers and was a school principal and Superintendent of Schools and a force in her home town community.

A large picture of **Gladys** and **Bob Gray**, holding up an anti-war sign, was in *The Burlington County Times* (March 16), where they were photographed participating in a peace vigil in front of the Medford Friends Meeting. One of the demonstrators vowed that the vigil would go on every Saturday until the end of the war

against Iraq.

The Philadelphia Inquirer (Sunday, March 30) carried a lengthy article on seniors' involvement in the Lenape High School District, with a prominent picture of **Arabelle Pennypacker** shown tutoring a Lenape sophomore who had arrived from South Korea just six months before.

A dramatic picture postcard of a Ferris wheel in London announces an exhibit of photography by **Margery Rubin** on the walls of the Mulberry Tearooms in Medford. The show, titled "A London Journal," opens on May 1 and can be seen during restaurant hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.



WHO'S NEW

Joanne Greenspun, Apt. 128, comes to Medford Leas from Vineland, NJ, where she was director of the Vineland Public Library for 28 years. She grew up in Lewes, DE, where she still has many relatives and a beach house she inherited from her parents. She hopes to get down there as often as possible during the summer.

Joanne graduated from Wellesley with a major in history and later earned a master's degree in library science at Drexel. She worked at the Philadelphia Free Library for five and one-half years before she was hired as the first professional librarian in Vineland. During her tenure, the library moved to a new building, the book collections were significantly enlarged, and she started collections of videos and books on tape. After her retirement in 1992, she did volunteer work for the Red Cross and The Nature Conservancy.

Joanne chose Medford Leas partly for its easy access to New York City, where she has a subscription to the Metropolitan Opera. Aside from her interest in music, she enjoys reading, of course, and the outdoors.

WHAT'S COOKING? ASK LORRAINE

by Maggie Woodard

Many evenings an elegant, serene, and dignified woman goes from table to table in the two dining rooms, greeting residents and soliciting their comments about the food. She is **Lorraine La Pollo**, who is beginning her eleventh year as Director of Dining Services.

Lorraine, who has a degree in Nutrition, has worked in the field of food services since 1979, primarily in hospitals. At Hahnemann Hospital, she was in charge of catering and the cafeteria; she also ran the gift shop. Before that, she was Director of Food Services for the West Jersey Health System, now called Virtua. She is not a Medford Leas employee, although she says she feels like one. Her salary is paid by Aramark, a food contract management company that buys Medford Leas' food through its purchasing group organized to secure better prices and contracts throughout the United States.

All other Dining Services staff are Medford Leas employees. However, Lorraine is responsible for hiring six supervisors: **Donna Coonley**, Dining Rooms; **Marian Rice**, a registered dietetic technician, Dining Health Services (medical floors); **Brad Mauger**, Chef; **Wayne Calabrese**, Sanitation (dining rooms, kitchen, coffee shop); **Mary Needham**, Purchasing; and **Vilma Aldover**, Special Services. (Coffee Shop is her primary responsibility).

Food orders and menu planning is a collaborative effort involving Chef Mauger, Lorraine, and Mary Needham. Menus run for five-week cycles; at the beginning of a new cycle, unpopular entrees are eliminated and new ones substituted. In order to identify unpopular items, the staff keeps track of the amount of food prepared for entrees, how much is left over, and the number of omelets ordered. Among entrees eliminated were a chicken dish cooked in soy sauce and a chilled-lamb salad platter.

Lorraine says that she likes talking to people nightly about the type and quality of food served and that this opportunity is unusual in the field of Food Service. Not only does she learn

important information in her professional capacity, but she really enjoys getting to know the residents.

She is held in high regard by residents. People admire the efficiency and calm with which she oversees the production of a thousand good meals a day. More than that, they appreciate the special efforts she makes in her understated way to provide enjoyable experiences. For example, she was once observed late in the evening clearing, by herself, a table set with food for some event in the auditorium. In the recent blizzard, because of a staff shortage, she served soup in the buffet line. She also took food trays to residents unable to make the trip to the dining room. In order to make the "Specials" unusual and authentic, she goes to great lengths, as when she went to the library to research menus for the Caribbean Feast. She attends all meetings of the MLRA Food Committee, reads all the food PIWs, and answers many. A "pearl without price!"

NEW TALKING BOOKS

by Myra Binstock

Non Fiction

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| Clark, Mary Higgins | <i>Kitchen Privileges</i> |
| Cornwall, Patricia | <i>Portrait of a Killer</i> |
| Ellsberg, Daniel | <i>Secrets</i> |
| Herriot, James | <i>All Things Wise and Wonderful</i> |
| Jennings, Peter | <i>In Search of America</i> |
| King, Martin L. | <i>A Call to Conscience: Original Recordings</i> |
| Nixon, Richard | <i>Nixon Tapes</i> |
| Wicker, Tom | <i>Dwight D. Eisenhower</i> |

Mystery and Suspense

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| Braun, Lilian | <i>The Cat Who Brought Down the House*</i> |
| Baldacci, David | <i>The Christmas Train</i> |
| Brown, Sandra | <i>The Crush</i> |
| Connelly, Michael | <i>Chasing the Dime</i> |
| Gerritsen, Tess | <i>Gravity</i> |
| Grisham, John | <i>The King of Torts</i> |
| Hunter, Stephen | <i>The Day Before Midnight*</i> |
| James, P.D. | <i>A Certain Justice*</i> |
| Meltzer, Brad | <i>Dead Even</i> |

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COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER

by Kitty Katzell & Ellen Stimler

On the evening of April 16, the annual Seder was held in the Coffee Shop with 42 residents and their guests in attendance. **Charles Brownfield** led the service, using a new colorfully illustrated Haggadah that he had designed. Welcoming the festive gathering, he announced that this year's event was being dedicated to the late Ray Katzell who had organized the first Seder at Medford Leas and had conducted them for the past ten years.

Donna Coonley, Dining Room Supervisor, had arranged to set up what looked like one long table extending the length of the Coffee Shop, with beautiful linens, gold-rimmed china, spring flowers, stacks of linen-covered matzohs, and several large Seder plates holding the traditional foods symbolic of the Exodus.

At the head table were seated Brownfield, and four other residents who had assigned readings: **Berenice Finkelstone**, **Len Kahn**, **Ernest Kaufman**, and **Gary Raven**. **Roz Kahn** lighted the ceremonial candles and said the candle-lighting prayer. Designated parts of the service were read together by all others present. At three points during the service, a tape of traditional Passover songs was played and many of those present sang along.

The menu represented a collaboration of the Medford Leas kitchen with some residents experienced in Passover cuisine. **Inge Wolf** made over 100 light and fluffy matzoh balls for the chicken soup, and **Mina Kaufman** contributed two large pans of matzoh lasagna for the entrée plates, which also included beef brisket and asparagus. Because the drinking of wine is called for at four different times during the service, the Estaugh Board has given permission for wine to be served at these events.

The residents of many different faiths who had come to commemorate this part of Jewish history came away inspired by its message of hope that peace will eventually come to Israel.

THE DAY BLUE CAME BACK

by Stanley Brush

"Miracle" might be too strong a word for something as routine as cataract surgery but not for the patient. The losses of the aging process are seldom, if ever, so dramatically, miraculously reversed as they are here, when the "window" is suddenly thrown open to forgotten light and color.

It was in the parking lot and on the highway coming home (as passenger) that I knew a miracle had happened. Not only was the light brighter, it also had a cleaner quality. Switching back and forth from the new right eye to the old cataract-affected left eye to compare the two versions, I could plainly see the difference. The sky and snow were blue in a way I hadn't remembered. Brake and traffic lights, signs and storefronts, billboards and scenery, all were brighter and a joy to look at. At home, our furnishings, carpets, art on the walls and especially our cobalt glass collection--all were gorgeous. And my Significant Other's eyes were so very beautiful. Their blue had been fading, and I was unaware of it! Overwhelmed, I sat at the table and wept.

It turns out that cataracts slowly turn our natural lenses into grayish-yellow filters. Photographers know that with black and white film a yellow filter darkens a blue sky for dramatic effects by blocking light at the blue-violet end of the spectrum. The human eye looking through a cataract registers a drab-looking scene with little or no blue, without the vibrancy blue imparts when it mixes with other colors. Artists know, for example, that a wonderful green is achieved by mixing blue with yellow pigments. It's the blue that does it. When cataract patients exclaim how much more brightly colored the world is, it's because they are seeing anew with blue!

This is the story of the gift I received when blue came back.



FROM THE ARBORETUM

by Kitty Katzell

The Arboretum Committee is an Estaugh Committee, chaired by **Nancy Barclay**, daughter of the late Lewis W. Barton and **Sara Barton**. Other members are from staff, the Estaugh Board, residents, and the Morris Arboretum. The most recent meeting of the committee was on March 27, at which several items of interest to *Medford Leas Life* readers were reported.

The Committee composed and endorsed this statement: "The Arboretum Committee registers its strong support for the Conceptual Design Committee. The natural areas of the campus are of prime concern, and we recognize our responsibility for their stewardship, according to the principles adopted in 1993."

The annual Lewis W. Barton Lecture will be given by Dr. Richard Lighty on May 3 at 11 a.m. in the Auditorium. Dr. Lighty is a specialist in native plants, a horticulturist of national repute who has directed research at Longwood Gardens. He will talk about how native plants and natural design have influenced modern gardens.

Medford Leas will plant a tree in each of the communities in which we have residents, Lumberton, Medford, and Mount Holly. This project is being carried out in collaboration with the Master Gardeners of Burlington County.

As part of Medford Leas' Community Outreach, members of the staff serve as speakers at community events. An adult education group at Lenape High School and one at Haddonfield Presbyterian Church heard **John Siminski** speak on "Therapeutic Gardening for Seniors." Residents who belong to outside groups that are seeking speakers can contact **Jane Weston** (Ext. 3007) for more information. The Speaker's Bureau may be expanded in the future to include residents as speakers, so readers should contact Jane if they might be interested.

The Gardens Collaborative has changed its name to Greater Philadelphia Gardens. An organization of arboreta, gardens, and nature centers, it arranges events to interest the public in visiting

the member gardens. The Lewis W. Barton Arboretum at Medford Leas has been the only New Jersey member.

A final note: The Woodland Trails Committee is an MLRA Committee that meets at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the Nature Center. Weather permitting, members work on the maintenance of the many trails around Medford Leas. Any resident who is interested in joining the group is welcome. Just show up at the Nature Center.

NEW HOMES FOR PURPLE MARTINS

By Miriam Swartz

Betty Wakeley, **Bob Minteer**, and **Wayne Marshall** all have Purple Martin houses at the Community Gardens at Medford Leas. On March 18, **Arthur Steitz** and **Miriam** and **David Swartz** joined these owners to make renovations on the houses. Allen Jackson from Millville N.J. recently named Purple Martin Man of the Year, joined us. He spoke to the Bird Club in February and encouraged us to purchase owl guards for keeping owls away from baby birds in the nests, and pole guards to keep snakes and other animals from climbing the poles. We placed covers over many of the entrance holes to the apartments to discourage other birds such as House Sparrows, Starlings, and Tree Swallows from occupying the houses when the Purple Martins were away. These houses are on high poles that can be raised or lowered easily. We are then able to monitor them and remove competitors. The afternoon was spent making the recommended improvements. We look forward to watching these friendly birds return from the south in early April. Purple Martins return to the site where they have bred in previous years.

THRIFT SHOP 'FIND'

by Catherine Hill

For years the Thrift Shop boast has been that you could find anything but the kitchen sink on our shelves or racks. We are proud to announce that we can now offer a handsome stainless steel sink at the very reasonable price of \$25.00!

WELCOME TO THE MAIN CAMPUS

by Katharine Church

Those who have known **Laura and Bill Farr** in Camden County will be delighted to welcome them to our main campus, where they will live in Apartment 404; but they will be missed by those who knew them well at Woolman Commons, where they had a lovely house for 11 years and participated in many activities there.

Laura is known for her outstanding volunteer work with the Prison Service Committee of Southern New Jersey. She was so successful for 30 years, helping to rehabilitate prisoners, that she won a full pardon for one prisoner who had received a life sentence. Eventually he went on to Drexel University and to full employment.

Bill had his own law firm in Camden County for 40 years and continues to be a dedicated researcher and writer with ongoing work on a trilogy based on the local history of Camden County. His first book was published in 2002; the second will follow perhaps the end of this year; and the third is still in progress.

Laura and Bill traveled widely, mostly visiting archeological sites. Laura made one solo trip to Kenya in the interest of Wild Animal Conservation, which she continues to support. Once settled, Bill will pursue his research and Laura plans to continue her own writing. They have three children and six grandchildren who live close enough to visit them from time to time.

WHO'S NEW

Mary Hope M. Mason, Apt. 218, met her future husband, Fred Mason, when they were both working for the same insurance company and got together to find out whether they were in any way related. They were not. But they soon started their own special relationship.

Mary grew up in Manhattan, was educated in

private schools there, and then went to Smith College. After two years, she decided to go into nursing and completed her training at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and graduated with a B. Sc. degree from Columbia. After working in the newborn nursery for some time, she took a challenging position which required her to coordinate and facilitate rehabilitation programs for an insurance company's injured clients. This was also where she met her namesake, Fred Mason.

After their marriage in 1950, they lived in many different places, their last home being in Hastings-on-Hudson. Much of their recreation time was spent in the Adirondacks, about 15 miles from Lake Placid, where Mary's parents had a home. Mary still spends about four months of the summer in this general area, where both of her sons have purchased homes.

Fred retired in 1981, and the couple decided to move to Florida, near Orlando. With her new leisure time, Mary got into ceramics, which she hopes to continue at Medford Leas, and she may even branch out into pottery. Fred died in 1994. Mary is pleased about her move to Medford Leas and feels it is a perfect fit.

by Ellen Stimler

ART GALLERY NEWS

by Helen L. Vukasin

The May Exhibition in the Art Gallery will feature a pioneer among women artists. **Eugenia Eckford Rhoads**, mother of **Judy Obbard**, was a leader of the Women's Art Movement in Delaware in the first half of the 20th Century. Some of her paintings have been in the Lumberton Leas Art Gallery. The retrospective exhibit at Medford Leas will include additional paintings that have been on tour with an exhibition of the work of the women of Delaware. The opening reception will be Friday, May 2, from 3:00 to 4:30 P.M. in the Medford Leas Art Gallery.

NEWS FROM LUMBERTON LEAS

by Helen L. Vukasin

Jokes and laughter were the order of the day recently in the Conference Room of the Community Center at Lumberton Leas. Working in two shifts, some 15 Lumberton Leas residents spent the day coloring rainbows on the design for the Spring Tea Invitation by artist **Ann Cree**.

The Medford Leas Spring Tea on May 20 this year is chaired by **Polly Schnepf** who organized the work marathon. **Louise Stiles**, also of Lumberton Leas, is Coordinator of Teas for this year.

Social activities continue as clusters keep in touch. The second group of clusters joined together for a brunch in the Colonial Room on April 26, 2003. A catered potluck is planned for May in the Great Room.

The Lumberton Leas Art Gallery is sponsoring the first-ever Medford Leas Staff Art Exhibit. Among the exhibitors are **Dr. Keith Quinton**, Medical Director, **Dr. Christine Torigian**, Medical Doctor in the Health Center, **Howard Doddson**, Health Center employee, and **Judy Braddy**, Receptionist. An opening reception will be held in the Lumberton Leas Community Center on May 8, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

The best sign of spring is the announcement that the Lumberton Leas Pool is being cleaned and readied for swimmers. The official opening will be early in May, depending on the weather. A new awning at the other end of the pool has been installed this year to provide additional shade. All residents are encouraged to read or re-read the pool rules and abide by them for the safety of themselves and other swimmers. The Pool Rules are posted in the lobby of the Community Center. They are also included in the Lumberton Leas Handbook distributed to all Lumberton Leas residents. Copies are available to other residents on request.

CAMP DARK WATERS LUNCHEON & SILENT AUCTION

by Carol Suplee

Many residents of our three campuses treasure fond memories of Camp Dark Waters, which lies just across the Rancocas Creek from Medford Leas. They recall happy days as members of the CDW family—campers, parents, counselors, and friends.

Camp Dark Waters invites all friends and alumni to attend a luncheon and silent auction on May 10, 2003, in the Colonial Dining Room at Medford Leas. Last year's event was warmly received, and participants enjoyed reminiscing with old friends from camp days. At noon, a silent auction will begin. This year's offerings are wonderful: Barbershop quartet performances, choral concert tickets, art objects, vacation property time, and all kinds of services, to name just some of what's "on the block." Luncheon will be served at 1 p.m., and the program, "A Look at the Past, A Look to the Future," begins at 2 p.m. Advance reservations (by May 1) are required; donation \$15.00. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the Main Desk. **Jean Nicholson** (654-3684) is handling reservations. You may notify her if you have an art object or service you would donate to the auction. Look for a separate sign-up sheet at the Main Desk.

Camp Dark Waters, operating as a non-profit Quaker-centered organization, has been serving children in a peaceful, respectful environment since 1927.



SPRING TEA

The MLRA Spring Tea will be held on Tuesday, May 20, from 2:30 to 4:00 P.M. in the Atrium and the Lounge. Come greet new residents and enjoy the tasty treats provided by Dining Services.

NEWS FROM WOOLMAN COMMONS

by Nickie Stevenson

In March, Woolman Commons residents were informed that we were not recycling as much as we should. The County Office of Waste Management said we were recycling only 75% or 80% of capacity. To get more information about recycling, **Teddy Raup** arranged a program by Ann Moore from the County Office. She made her presentation at our April Business Meeting. It was an excellent program, with slides accompanying her talk. We learned that aluminum cans, if not flattened, are 100% recyclable. We were told not to throw into the paper bin any cardboard that was a package for frozen food, because it is treated with a very thin layer of plastic. We asked her who determined that we were not recycling up to 100%. She said she was the one. To make her determination she went through our recycling bin to see if there was a reasonable amount for the number of people living in Woolman Commons. We went home determined to do better.

One sad note: we have had three people move out. **George Clarry** moved to Florida to be near his daughter and grandchildren. **Laura** and **Bill Farr** moved to Apartment 404, on the main campus.

LARGE PRINT LIBRARY RECENT ADDITIONS

by Muriel H. Bedell

Fiction

Binchy, M.	<i>Quentins</i>
Deveraux, J.	<i>The Mulberry Tree</i>
Grisham, J.	<i>The King of Torts</i>
Mandel, S.	<i>Heart and Soul</i>
Michaels, F.	<i>Late Bloomer</i>
Roberts, N.	<i>Chesapeake Blue</i>
Steel, D.	<i>Dating Game</i>

Mystery

Braun, L.	<i>The Cat Who Brought Down the House</i>
Hillerman, T.	<i>The Wailing Wind (PB)</i>
Paretsky, S.	<i>Hard Time</i>
Truman, M.	<i>Murder in Foggy Bottom</i>

Non-Fiction

Canfield, J. & Hansen, M.V.	<i>Chicken Soup for the Soul</i>
Fulghum, R.	<i>From Beginning to End</i>
Philbrick, N.	<i>In the Heart of the Sea</i>



BORDENTOWN QUAKER MEETING

by Katharine Church

The tiny Quaker Meeting House in Bordentown is almost hidden by the buildings and traffic of the City, but it will be worth a visit when it finally reopens after extensive restoration.

The brick Meeting House, with the typical one-and-a-half stories, was built in the 1730's on land generously donated to the small Quaker community by Joseph Borden; the Meeting was laid down during the latter part of the 1800's.

In the late 1890's the Bordentown Banking Company bought the land where the Meeting stood, and the Meeting House was moved to the adjacent lot and stood vacant for several years. During the 1930's it was used as a business location.

About 1940 a full second story was added, creating an apartment on the second floor. In the 1950's the property was acquired by the Bordentown Banking Company for use as an annex, and the Meeting House was later attached to the Bank by a passageway. The Meeting House remained under the Bank's control until it was donated to the Bordentown Historical Society in 1999. The Bank is now a bookstore.

Despite its hectic career, the Meeting House has retained its quiet dignity, and the Historical Society has been working tirelessly to return it to its original condition. It has acquired numerous artifacts, the most important of which are three of the original benches, beginning a recreation of the meeting room. The Society believes there are other benches in this area, and it is hoped that more of them will surface when their need is aired, plus any artifacts relating to the history of Bordentown.

The president of the Historical Society can be reached at: Barry Hausser, The Historical Society, PO Box 182, Bordentown, NJ 08505.

CRYPTOGRAM

by Russell Hill

Here is the solution to the March Cryptogram:

"GIRLS ALWAYS THINK A BACHELOR HAS THE HAPPIEST OF ALL LIVES. BECAUSE THEY THINK SO, THEY WANT TO END THE MAN'S CONDITION."

This was too easy, but it followed one that was too hard. Following are the record 27 correct solvers: **Lydia Andrews, Mary Barth, Joan Bellman, Ruth Blattenberger, Mort Bregman, Marion Burk, Don Davis, Lorretta Elkin, Herb Heineman, Barbara Heizman, Jane Hunter, Hugh Jenkins, Euseba Kamensky, Howard Kriebel, Helen Peterson, Betty Preston, Liliane Reynolds, Doris Salati, Nickie Stevenson, Ellen Stimler, Hana Stranska, Lily Tamarin, Miriam Ward, Ellen Wiener, John Winton, Marie Winton, and Gladys Wynkoop.**

Here is the April Cryptogram:

'SBU ABSZ NWQ DWTXJVL SU
 MU NWQ AMSRZVU, LNLV XN
 DWUS MHBV, CVS VMRZ,
 PVHBVYVU ZBU NAL.

Please put the answers in Box 45 by May 10.

IN MEMORIAM

Nancy Duryee	March 12
Elizabeth Thomson	April 5
Phyllis Bulley	April 7
Donald Tillman	April 9

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CORRECTION

In the article on residents who volunteer as mediators in the April issue, page 5, the name of **Herbert Heineman** of Lumberton Leas was inadvertently omitted. Herb is a very busy mediator, working in the Small Claims Court in Mt. Holly three or four times a month and also being on call to mediate disputes in several Burlington County municipal courts. Our apologies to Herb.