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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.

by Della Williams

Many residents have welcomed the services of **Russell Pepe** and **David Wagner** of the Information Technology Department. They are the young techies who connect us to cable TV and to the Medford Leas phone system. In addition, more than 100 residents are connected to high speed Internet and Medford Leas e-mail. David and Russell also make house calls to treat sick and abused and aging computers, and sometimes use the phone to “talk someone through” mechanical glitches.

One resident who recently switched to the Medford Leas e-mail and Internet services praised the immediate personal service of the I.T. Department when her old provider failed to solve her problem even after charging her \$2.00 a minute for 20 minutes of misinformation.

The services to residents, however impressive, comprise just a fraction of this department’s responsibilities. It might be a bit of an overstatement to suggest that I.T. runs our whole facility, but if all the systems that it operates were to crash, most of the Medford Leas programs would come to a grinding halt. Eight servers operate the software (Advanced Answers on Demand) that handles data for the Human Resources, Payroll, Marketing, Accounting, and Clinical Departments, and for inventory. In the next phase Landscaping and Maintenance data will be incorporated.



photo by Margery Rubin

Dave Wagner, Karen Raynor, Russell Pepe

All the technical equipment cannot be stored in their office. Another large room down the hall contains walls of tangled wires that emerge as cables. A few clicks on a computer identify the wire going to a specific apartment. Two servers operate the residential e-mail, the Internet, the phone system, energy demands, and even the clocks.

The responsibility for all this information is not taken lightly. It is unlikely that any server will crash and lose data, since they are all monitored electronically. Even from their homes, Russell and David are able to confirm the health of the systems electronically, using their laptops. Different servers control the data from different departments, so it is nearly impossible for the data of all departments to be lost.

Security is tight; access is available on a need-to-know basis. Employees in Payroll do not, for example, have access to medical records. Nor do medical staff members have access to anything but medical data. Passwords change monthly and employees are forbidden to record their passwords anywhere.

Russell Pepe, Coordinator of Information Technology, who has implemented many of the new programs, waxes poetic as he describes the accomplishments of his five years at Medford Leas and outlines his future projects. Phase two of Medical Records will be operational soon, and he and Dave plan to work with other departments to make Medford Leas a cash-free institution. In lieu of cash payments, in the future, residents will swipe ID cards to record all purchases and will be billed on their monthly statements.

The duties of David Wagner, PC technician, are mostly residential, although he teams up with Russell on important technical projects. When they put their heads together, the brainpower is doubled. David and Russell were pleased that a recent audit concluded that I.T. is in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, a federal law which has recently gone into effect. David began his career at Medford Leas in Food Services in 1997 and joined I.T. in 2002. He says the best part of his job is helping residents to improve their computer skills and to enjoy their computers.

The third member of the I.T. team is **Karen Raynor**. Although she has duties in other departments, she schedules appointments for David and Russell, who are often out of the office. She explains that the quickest way to get an appointment with I.T. is to call her at ext.3396. She also does the billing for cable, telephones, the Internet, and PC repairs, and forwards the figures to Accounting. Karen has worked at Medford Leas for 15 years.

We who grew up in a pre-computer world may feel awestruck or mystified or threatened by all of this technology. Yet, many aspects of our lives at Medford Leas run smoothly because of these

wires, monitors, computers, software and the young people who understand them and who implement them for our convenience.

IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

by Ed House

On April 29, the CDC (Continuing Development Committee, formerly Conceptual Design Committee) updated residents on Medford Leas' Improvement Program. **Dr. Miller Biddle**, President of the Estaugh Board and CDC Chairman, participated in the panel which also included **Kitty Katzell**, **Dennis Koza**, CEO, and **Ed Ferraro**.

Kitty Katzell reported that on March 30, Superior Court Judge John Sweeney found both Medford Township's Fair Share Housing Plan and the Medford Leas Developer's Agreement in compliance with requirements of the state's Council on Affordable Housing. This cleared the way for Medford Leas to go forward with developing the Affordable Housing Plan (AHP) and the Improvement Program, which is tied directly to it.

Kitty also discussed the Medford Township Planning Board meeting on April 27, when Preliminary Site Plan Approval was granted for Medford Leas to construct new independent living units (ILU) in the meadows and along New Freedom Road. The soon-to-be-announced AHP developer expects to receive Preliminary Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board by June 1 and to apply to the State for tax credits by August. Final approval of plans for the new ILUs and Preliminary and Final Approvals for the AHP and other parts of the Improvement Program must be obtained from the Planning Board before construction can commence.

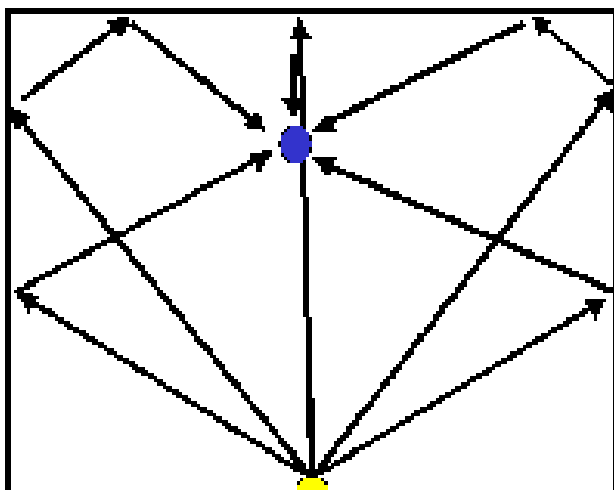
Dr. Biddle indicated that the name of the AHP developer would be announced when the pending Memorandum of Understanding with Medford

Leas is signed. Assuming government approvals and funding by the end of 2005, construction of the AHP will start in the spring of 2006, with tenants moving in by mid-2007.

Dennis Koza discussed the schedule. During the next four months, Woods Cottage will be replaced by a model ILU duplex, which will double as a marketing sales center for new ILUs starting in October. The pre-sale of 70% of new ILUs should be done by the end of 2006, to get bond financing for the new Health Care Center (HCC). If short- and long-term financing are in place by the end of 2006, construction can start on ILUs and the HCC by early 2007.

Ed Ferraro described factors that must be reflected in the Improvement Program's financial analysis and financial goals identified during the March 8, 2004, CDC presentation. One goal continues to be "that current residents not have to pay for the debt that will be incurred by the Master Plan with an increase in monthly fees." Ed indicated that financial analyses (which continue to be refined) affirm that this goal most probably can be achieved.

A question-and-answer period followed the formal presentation. Dennis Koza indicated that further questions should be directed to him personally.



AAHSA AND MEDFORD LEAS

by Helen L. Vukasin

The spring meeting of the national organization of not-for-profits, the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA), is an opportunity to be briefed on current legislation that affects Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs) among others who work in the field of care for older Americans. Each state organization arranges visits with appropriate Congressional Representatives and Senators.

It is a very important function of this national group and one of the reasons we belong to the organization. Following bills through requires skill and political understanding. Barbara Manard, Vice President for Long Term Strategies, is a very informed and accomplished person in this field and has already helped Medford Leas in the process of trying to understand the proposed Part D of the Medicare Program. Part D of Medicare deals with a new program for prescription drug coverage.

Medford Leas Management and the resident members of the Financial Review Committee will be trying to find out how we fit into the new program. Barbara Manard is "our person in Washington" to help us find a solution.

The other reason for ML to belong to AAHSA is the professional learning sessions that are provided at each national meeting. In Nashville last fall some 4,000 staff and members of governing boards attended sessions that were designed to improve their skills. In Washington this spring the number was closer to 2,000. In both cases, the number of residents was very small: in Nashville there were 75; in Washington there were eight.

The Conference was a learning experience personally. It also provided useful information to bring to Medford Leas, such as the tapes and video on which we have based several discussions already and plan to use further. Participation of the residents added important contributions to the conference discussions.

CATS! CATS! CATS!

by Sumi Kobayashi

Medford Leas has a surprising number of feline residents who share the good life with their human companions. They come in a variety of colors and character (personality) traits. Some are “people” cats while others are more aloof. Some are content to be indoor cats while others are ready to make a dash for liberty whenever the opportunity presents itself. True to their nature, their predatory instincts come to the fore when they see a bird, chipmunk or squirrel on the other side of a glass door or window. Ears erect and tails twitching with excitement, they watch with intense interest. All bring joy and companionship to their owners, who consider them family.

Sandy lives with **Marion Burk**. He is a friendly sandy-colored cat whose hearing is excellent and who always beats Marion to the door to greet visitors when the doorknocker sounds. He loves to get up on a table so he can look people eye to eye or down on them from atop a cabinet.

Beau is a coal-black cat who lives with **Miriam Angle**. Miriam is careful to keep him out of sight on Halloween so that no harm comes to him at the hands of mischievous pranksters.

Mary Frances Denworth's Noel is all white. Albino cats with blue eyes are often deaf, and Noel appears to be unable to hear. He does seem to respond to vibrations. He is apt to ignore visitors and continue with his nap in his favorite chair.

Tilty (short for Full Tilt) moved with **Susan Arnold** from a large house in Moorestown but has adapted well to the smaller space he and Susan now share. He is a standard gray tiger cat and spends most of his time sleeping in his favorite chair.

Lady is a dark gray and gold Maine coon-alley cat mix with green eyes who lives with **Laura Farr**. Lady has long shaggy fur and is a very friendly and curious animal. A near-tragedy occurred when she got too close to a burning candle and

her tail caught fire. The long fur saved her from serious harm when only the hairs burned, and she was spared further injury.

Selena is a large white cat with several distinguishing marks: a raccoon-type striped tail and black spots on her head and left side. Her live-in companion is **Kay Greenley**. She wakes Kay up in the morning, but as befits a senior citizen (9 years), she mostly sleeps and eats.

Mary-Glenn Morin lost her beloved cat when she moved from the Courts to Assisted Living. Friends and Maintenance staff looked long and hard for the missing animal, to no avail. She has a new companion, Gabby, to fill the void left by the loss of her former pet.

Penny Fykse shares her apartment with Kit, a stray black and brown tiger cat adopted ten years ago. She is of uncertain age but may be 15 years old. Penny has twin beds; one bed is Penny's, Kit sleeps on the other one.

Sweetie makes her home with cat-lover **Kitty Katzell**, who moved to Medford Leas with her late husband Ray and three cats in 1989. Now Kitty shares her life with a remarkable cat that obeys her commands to sit, stay, and come – more like a dog than a cat.

The strict limitation of space in a newsletter of this type means that many other feline residents cannot be acknowledged, but they are appreciated as brightening the lives and contributing to the well-being of their owners.



A WEALTH OF LANGUAGES III

by Betsy Pennink

Ed. Note: This is the third in a series on the language skills of Medford Leas residents.

Allyn Rickett's interest in Chinese began in high school in Seattle. The Sino-Japanese War (1937-1939) stimulated him to study Chinese at the University of Washington. During WWII Allyn took an intensive course in Japanese at the Navy Japanese Language School, where he met his first wife, Adele. Later, after receiving degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, they accepted scholarships to study in Beijing. They soon discovered their Fulbright grants were inadequate, so they taught English. They were arrested by the Communists in 1951. Adele was under house arrest and Allyn spent four and a half years in prison. There he became fluent in Mandarin Chinese, which is based on Beijing dialect. Allyn received his Ph.D. in 1960 at the University of Pennsylvania and became a member of the faculty. He started the Modern Chinese Language Program, teaching basic language, history and even Chinese law. He retired in 1987. He was always interested in a collection of 76 ancient (26 B.C.) Chinese essays called Guanzi, handed down over the years, on subjects such as statecraft, agriculture, and meditation, some in verse. In 1965 Allyn published a translation of a selection of these. Later a grant enabled him to complete his work. Volume I appeared in 1985 and Volume II in 1994. He published a revision of Volume I in 2001. This is the only translation of the Guanzi in a Western language.

Walter Haase was born in Berlin. He studied English in high school and traveled often to London with his family. In 1924 he went to boarding school in Weybridge, England. In 1932 Walter left Germany for Milan, Italy. He arrived knowing no Italian but by the time he left nine years later he was fluent. In 1941 Walter came to the US and applied immediately for citizenship. He was called into the US Army, where he learned a different kind of English: American army slang! The Army, recognizing his language

talents, sent him to Rome, Italy in 1944. There he served in the Commerce Section of the military government for three years. Back in the U.S. he married Joyce, and they have been to Italy many times together. Walter's English is accentless, so it was only on a trip to Germany with his teen-aged sons that they realized that he "really was German!" After Walter's retirement in 1983, the Haases moved to Philadelphia. There at Temple University he discovered an Italian conversation course and finally had a chance to learn Italian grammar!



Maria Jasenas was born in St. Petersburg, Russia but was raised in Lithuania, a country dominated by Russia, for centuries. She grew up speaking Russian and Lithuanian, and some Polish. At school she also had courses in Latin and German. Maria had private French lessons at home and continued her French studies at the university in Kaunas, Lithuania. After marriage she went with her husband to Paris for two years. While he studied at the Sorbonne, she attended a French language school. Soon after they returned home in 1940, the Soviet army occupied Lithuania. Her knowledge of Russian was invaluable and she worked in the Department of State as a typist and bookkeeper. A year later the Germans invaded Lithuania. At the end of the German occupation Maria, her husband and daughter made their way to the French-occupied

zone of Germany. Here her knowledge of many languages was very useful. She worked for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) and the International Refugee Organization (IRO) as administrative assistant to the head of the Transportation Department. In 1950 Maria arrived in the U.S. with little knowledge of English but enjoyed learning it. She worked at CitiBank for 29 years.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A STROKE

by Joseph Wray, M.D.

Most of us know that successful treatment of stroke depends on the earliest possible administration of crucial drugs. Prompt treatment obviously depends on prompt recognition. Sometimes symptoms are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the signs of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking the patient to do these three things:

- Ask the individual to SMILE
- Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS
- Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, and if the person is in the Courts when the symptoms occur, call 3666 immediately and describe the signs to the nurse or to the security guard. Call 9-911 immediately from Rushmore or Bridlington and describe the signs to the dispatcher. From Lumberton call 911. Then call 3666 and report the signs to the nurse or security guard and tell them that 911 is on the way.



MEET OUR NONAGENARIANS

by George Rubin

Dr. James Eynon, Apartment 51, will be 91 in June. His youthful outlook on life belies his 90-plus years. Born in Collingswood, NJ, he studied with the thought of being an electrical engineer but an emergency appendectomy made him change his mind. Instead he became a physician. Eventually he specialized in general surgery. During World War II he was a flight surgeon in the Air Force.

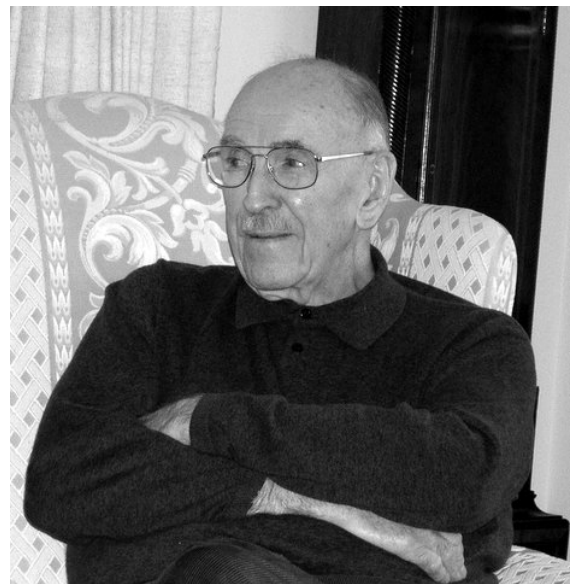


photo by Margery Rubin

After the war, he went into private practice in Cherry Hill, but a heart attack forced him to take in a partner. This helped make life in his medical practice much easier. In 1976 Jim retired from private practice. "It was time to go fishing," he said.

He and his second wife, Sally, came to Medford Leas in 1990. They had been classmates in school. A wonderful 17 years of marriage followed, with numerous trips to every part of the world. Sally died in 2004.

Jim's skill with his hands can be seen on the campus. "Old Ironsides," the ship model he built, sits in the Community Building. He also made the cabinet and the table for the model. His apartment

is filled with colorful stained-glass windows that he has designed and constructed. Add to this the beautiful Tiffany-style lampshades he makes out of glass. At this time he is in the process of building a new one. He also loves to garden. In the past he did photography and was on the Medford Leas medical committee. Jim is an independent man who fits the song refrain "young at heart."

RESIDENTS IN THE NEWS

by Helen L. Vukasin

At galleries all over Burlington County, Medford Leas artists are being chosen by jury panels to be in select shows.

Alice Skidmore Culbreth has been chosen for three shows. At the Perkins Center for the Arts, Alice's painting "Lace and Blueberries" won a Juror's Award. Alice was also selected by a jury to show at the Center for the Arts of Burlington.

Rita Keiper and Alice have paintings in the exhibition of the Ransley Art Association show at the Mt. Holly Library.

GOOD-BYE UNTIL FALL

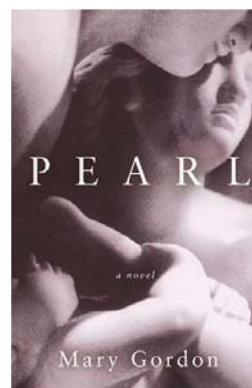
All of us on the staff of *Medford Leas Life* wish you a healthy and enjoyable summer. We are going to take time off in July and August to recharge our energies, and we'll be back with our next issue in September. We count on you to let us know about any interesting news or happenings involving residents during the summer by putting a note on the *Medford Leas Life* shelf or calling 3056 or 3116. Thanks for your support.

BOOKS WE HAVE ENJOYED

Pearl by Mary Gordon

(Pantheon Books, 2005; 353 pp.)

The novel begins with *The Call*, the call all parents dread. Maria's daughter is 300 miles away and is at death's door from a hunger strike at an embassy gate. After Maria's flight from New York to Dublin, Maria waits for permission to visit Pearl in her hospital room. While waiting, Maria is haunted by the painful questions: What did I do wrong? Why didn't I know that Pearl was troubled? Did I ever *know* the daughter that I loved so much?



From involvement in the particular suffering of one woman and her daughter, the reader is led to ask cosmic questions such as: Are all sins forgivable? Why do we want to live? What is worth dying for? In a poignant scene Pearl, recovering slowly from near starvation, suddenly feels the pangs of hunger. This anomaly suggests that the hungers of life were what Pearl sought to escape when she refused to eat for six weeks.

Mary Gordon provides no glib answers to these metaphysical questions, nor to the political, religious, and linguistic issues she poses. She is also too honest a writer to settle for the formulaic tragic ending or the happily-ever-after solution. The novel ends with a simple leavetaking.

*And we will leave Pearl and Maria to themselves.
We will hope for the best.*

by Della Williams

FABULOUS CRAFT SHOW

by Ellen Stimler

A craft exhibit showcasing residents' amazing variety and professional quality of handmade objects was on display in the Lounge from May 9 through 11, covering every surface of the room's furnishings with eye-popping exhibits. **Gerry Stride**, Director of Community Life, and the staff of the Therapeutic Recreation Department developed the idea to celebrate Senior Citizens Month, with its theme of "Taking Center Stage."

Lack of space here prohibits a listing by name of all the participants. The dozens of contributions, artistically arranged on the Lounge furniture, contained many items made with unusual materials and techniques. In addition to intricate knitted and crocheted garments, painstakingly made embroidery, crewel, and counted cross-stitch pictures, there were woodcarvings of birds and other small animals, colorful quilts, arresting "string pictures," digital photograph albums, wood sculptures, hooked rugs, and a chair upholstered in homemade fabric.

Unusual items included designs made of wood chips, Christmas ornaments, a wreath made of all natural materials, decoupage purses and boxes, glass balls enclosed in macramé, a handmade "Dickens Girl," a trivet of bottle corks, and handmade and glazed ceramics.

What an incredible wealth of talent and creativity among our residents!

IN MEMORIAM

Marguerite Cowan	April 29
Mary C. Colvin	May 7
Lorretta Elkin	May 10
Lydia E. Andrews	May 13
Joseph W. Swain	May 14

WHO'S NEW

James and **Shigeko Kawano**, Apt. 286, moved from Merion, PA, where they lived for more than 50 years. They are members of Merion Friends Meeting.

James is a native of Honolulu and earned a chemistry degree from the University of Hawaii. He was attending pharmacy school at the University of Southern California (USC) when World War II began, and he was sent to Heart Mountain Relocation Center in Wyoming. He eventually received his pharmacy degree from USC and worked at St. Mary's Hospital in Kansas City, MO. He moved to Philadelphia and worked at Jefferson Hospital's pharmacy before opening his own pharmacy near Graduate Hospital. He retired after 45 years and sold his store in 1988.

Shigeko grew up in Los Angeles, where her father had a pharmacy. She met James when he worked for her father while attending USC. When war came, she was sent to Poston Relocation Center in Arizona and graduated from high school there. She arrived in Philadelphia at age 17 to attend Temple University, where she began pre-medical studies, but at 18 she married James and devoted herself to rearing their two sons. After their younger son left for college she enrolled in a practical nursing course at nearby Lankenau Hospital and worked there for a few years as a part-time nurse.

Shigeko's hobby is the art of Japanese flower arranging. She follows the Sogetsu school, which is less formal than some of the other branches. She has exhibited at the Philadelphia Flower Show. She is interested in all things relating to plants and took a three-year course in horticulture at the Barnes Arboretum in Merion.

by Sumi Kobayashi



VE DAY & WORLD WAR II COMMEMORATION

by Wil Britten

On Wednesday May 5, residents presented a program marking the 60th Anniversary of VE Day and the beginning of the end of World War II. All in attendance (and the auditorium was full) were reminded of the time when the U.S. was almost completely united in a massive effort to win a victory over the Axis of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan.

As **Bob Anderson**, chair of the program, reminded the audience, World War II was undoubtedly the seminal event in all our lives and affected each of us in a special way.

The program aimed at being inclusive. **Beaver Abramson** opened with an evocation of the "home front," recognizing those who served at home as Red Cross volunteers, USO entertainers, housewives who folded bandages and knit socks and in countless ways supported our service men and women.

Wil Britten spoke on behalf of those who served on active duty in the European Theater. He noted that 51 current residents were in this area of operations, 22 of whom saw combat from North Africa through the Ardennes, and on into Germany.

Warren Sawyer and **Neil Hartman** presented harrowing stories of service as conscientious objectors who served as "guinea pigs" for various drug-testing programs, or in mental institutions, fulfilling jobs left open by those in active service.

Allyn Rickett talked of the Pacific Theater where, after VE Day, the war was far from over for the men and women serving in that vast area of engagement. He also effectively demonstrated the enormous scope of the war by reading figures of the unbelievable number of lives lost worldwide.

Steve Yanai, substituting for **Sumi Kobayashi**, told of the indignities suffered by Japanese

Americans detained in relocation camps by a nervous Government and of the Japanese Infantrymen who fought heroically despite the plight of their families at home.

Susan Pettiss, author of *After the Shooting Stopped: The Story of an UNRRA Welfare Worker in Germany 1945-1947* told of residents who served in important capacities all over the globe, such as war reporting or conducting administrative operations of significance.

Gerry Stride, Director of Community Life, and **Mark Wick**, Benefits and Payroll Specialist, provided nostalgic and inspirational music, **Ed House** prepared and screened pictures of the era as background. **Gordon Beckhart** was a diligent timekeeper.

On the wall of the Auditorium, assembled by **Alice Culbreth** and **Jean Henderson**, were marvelous pictures of many present and former residents as they appeared at that long-ago time. All in all a heart-warming and evocative event.

ART GALLERY NEWS

by Helen L. Vukasin

There is a plethora of talented art work around Medford Leas at present. In the Art Gallery, the very successful show of Al Manchester's work closed at the end of April. The water colors of Lynn Mowrer will be on view for May and June.

The paintings in the Residents' Gallery outside the Art Studio will be on view until September with many new residents contributing their talents to make this show a success.

At Lumberton Leas, the work of two Lumberton artists will be on view until the middle of July.

WHO'S NEW

Lili Cassel Wronker, Apt 33, feels that she has been blessed all her life by things turning out well for her. In 1940 Lili's family, who had escaped the Holocaust by way of England and Belgium, had visas to come to the U.S. They settled in Queens, and Lili attended Washington Irving High School in Manhattan. There, by good fortune, she was able to specialize in art, and she passed the test for Cooper Union.

She was then fortunate to work for *Time* for a while and also took calligraphy lessons from the great teacher, Arnold Bank. She next worked for World Publishing Company where, among other things, she illustrated *The Rainbow Mother Goose*. After two years there she freelanced doing book jackets, children's books, and maps.

In 1949 Lili was invited by an artist to visit in Israel. Back in the U.S. she was asked by her parents' friends to show their nephew, an Israeli, around New York. By fate, good luck, or good fortune, the nephew was Erich Wronker, who found employment at the United Nations. In 1952 the couple were married.

The Wronkers lived in the Queens international community, and in time Erich became the head of the International Treaty Series in the printing section. During those years the couple were collectors. Erich collected stamps and archaeological material and Lili collected calligraphy, and they amassed very large and valuable collections. Erich died in 1996, but Lili lived in the same family home until her move to Medford Leas. She has spent much time deaccessioning the collections. She has donated most of the material to the New York and San Francisco Public Libraries, Columbia University, the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, and the Philadelphia Calligraphy Group. She calls herself an expert in finding homes for collections where they will be used.

Another stroke of good luck for Lili is her friendship with **Gary** and **Inge Raven**. She visited them here three years ago, and they

urged her to move to Medford Leas. Her son and daughter, their spouses, and her grandchild all approve Lili's choice, and she expects to continue her full, rich, fortunate life here.

by Margaret Melstrom

NATURE AWARDS

by Kitty Katzell

It was a beautiful sunny day in April when the Pinelands Garden Club held its regular monthly meeting in the Medford Leas Auditorium. Following the club's business meeting, a Salute to the Lewis W. Barton Arboretum and Medford Leas was read by Lucy Galbraith, a past-president of the club. Then Anne Chmielewski, a director of the Garden Club of New Jersey, read a proclamation welcoming the Lewis W. Barton Arboretum as an affiliate member. A copy of the proclamation was handed to **Kitty Katzell**, who attended the meeting as MLRA President and member of the Arboretum Committee.

Next Jeannie Francis, Pinelands President, presented Kitty with two Awards of Distinction. One was to Medford Leas for "sponsoring the many forums and educational programs open to the community, for supporting the goals of the Lewis W. Barton Arboretum, for cooperating with the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania and for cooperating with Rutgers University in their yearly seminar held at Medford Leas." The other was to the Lewis W. Barton Arboretum for "the outstanding educational outreach to the community in the fields of horticulture, environmental concerns, preservation of native plants, garden therapy, and for continuing 'the long Quaker interest in plants and nature'."

The proclamation and the two awards were turned over to **Jane Weston** for display.

RESIDENTS' PICNIC WITH PEN PALS

by Ellen Stimler

Nineteen residents who had been exchanging letters for several months with third graders of the Cranberry Pine elementary school finally got to meet their "pen pals" face-to-face at a picnic on the Back Porch Garden on May 18. The letter-exchange project was the idea of the children's teacher, Ms. Ashley Powell, and was happily promoted by **Gerry Stride**, Director of Community Life.

In their letters, the children told of their families, their school activities, and their sports, and asked their pen pals about their grandchildren and their hobbies.



photo by Ashley Powell

The weather couldn't have been better when the youngsters trooped in and quickly found their pen pals. Everyone was wearing nametags. The matched pairs settled down at the tables, and the first order of business was an exchange of pictures. The children showed large, beautiful photos of their families, and most residents had brought pictures of their grandchildren. The conversations were buzzing everywhere, and the teacher and her aide circulated to make sure that there was no breakdown in the conversations.

Then it was time to line up at the sundae bar, where, courtesy of Medford Leas, the children got scoops of ice cream and a great variety of toppings to choose from.

A big group picture of residents and their pen pals ended the get-together. Ms. Powell announced that her third-graders were not expected to continue as pen pals when they got into the fourth grade, but that she would try to continue the project with her new third-grade class.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

by Ellen Stimler

Employees who came to work early on May 10 were told that a free breakfast and other surprises were waiting for them in the Colonial Room, its entrance decorated with colorful balloons. They were welcomed by **Bill Murphy**, Director of Operations, **Pat Wilus**, Director of Human Resources, and other department heads. A generous breakfast was laid out behind a table laden with large cellophane-wrapped baskets tagged with nameless labels. Who would get these baskets?

Pat explained that every employee's name was in a bowl, giving everyone at least one chance to win one of the baskets, which contained not only a variety of goodies but also a special gift card from a local store, including ShopRite, Home Depot, a movie complex, and others. Every employee was given a "second chance" if he got at least seven right answers on a quiz listing 10 personnel policies.

In addition to the free breakfast, employees also got a free lunch and many appreciative comments from residents.

CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Residents are reminded that the cartridges used for their printers, copiers, faxes, or other cartridge-using equipment can be recycled by simply handing them in at the Main Desk. Another Medford Leas convenience!

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

by Betsy Pennink

During the afternoon of May 7, under clearing skies and bright sun, close to 200 invited guests arrived on the Medford Leas campus to celebrate Mother's Day at a Tea and Garden Tour.

A "British Isles Tea" was served from 1 to 4 o'clock in the Lounge, the Colonial Dining Room, and the Coffee Shop. Groups of visitors, many with young children, sat at tables with linen tablecloths and napkins, enjoying tea poured from china teapots into large matching teacups. There was a choice of four different teas. In keeping with the theme, large platters held tea sandwiches and scones with clotted cream and lemon curd. Other offerings were hot hors d'oeuvres, petit fours, and fruits with colorful chunks of cheese. Two violinists contributed to the festive atmosphere, carrying their music to each of the "tea rooms." As the weather cleared, guests spilled out of the Lounge through the new doors onto the recently improved terrace.

Balloons decorated the campus. Of these, certain colors indicated the "Scenic Route" through the courts to the two open apartments. In Apartment 231 members of the Pineland Garden Club gave demonstrations of flower arranging to a continuous parade of visitors, answering questions and giving advice. In Apartment 165, the new model apartment, everyone received a plant to take home, courtesy of the Burlington Day Program of the NJ Juvenile Justice Commission. The young people in the horticulture class had grown the many-colored coleus plants as their special contribution to Mother's Day at Medford Leas.

A number of guests made their way to the Nature Center, where material on gardening was available. Two of these were members of the Mickle family on a nostalgic tour. Most of Medford Leas is built on what used to be the Mickle farm.

The event involved many groups of people. Residents directed parking, greeted visitors,

manned the registration tables and the apartments, and led the tours. The Dining Services Department provided the refreshments and helped with the serving. The Landscaping Department had the campus looking its best. In the wider community the Mulberry Tea Room in Medford worked with Medford Leas in creating an authentic "British Isles Tea."

A SILO'S LAMENT

(with apologies to Robert Frost)

by Joan McKeon

Whose field this was I think I know.
His cows grazed here a while ago.
A dairy farm, with all complete.
There's still a trace – a gate below.

But then a change – new life to greet.
And daisies grew, and meadowsweet.
And lupine, bluer than the sky,
Was spreading out beneath my feet.

No more a storage space am I.
I watch the swallows skimming by.
The mourning doves have found this place,
Their careless nests in rafters high.

But there's a future I must face;
The meadow's gone, without a trace.
No more the red-tail hawk's shrill call,
No more white drifts of Queen Anne's Lace.

And I, the symbol of it all,
Still try to tell what I recall,
With days to go before I fall,
With days to go before I fall.



FAMILY HISTORY GROUP UPDATE

by Russell I. Haley

The Medford Leas Family History Group has now completed three years of monthly meetings, addressing the more important topics of family history research. Handouts on the topic of the month are distributed at each meeting. Those handouts have recently been filed in a three-ring binder in the Medford Leas Library and are available for anyone to read or copy.



Rather than disband, the group has opted to continue to meet and to cycle through the same topics once more. This provides a chance to update them and gives new residents an opportunity to participate in sessions of interest to them.

As might be expected, residents' objectives vary. Some want to organize accumulated genealogical files of substantial size; others hope to compile and publish a family history that can be passed on to their descendents. Still others are primarily interested in learning what the lives of their ancestors were really like, beyond basic statistics. Then there are residents who have specific goals, such as finding the names of the brothers and sisters of their great-grandparents. Most simply see genealogy as a hobby that provides both entertainment and challenges.

Among recent successes, **Jim Wasson** has discovered a fourth cousin he didn't know about

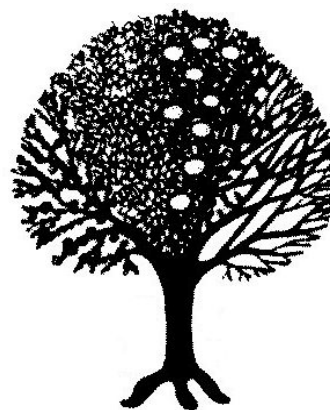
and he is now exchanging family information with him via e-mail. **Janet Sholl** has pushed her mother's family lines in South Carolina back a couple of generations and is busily working on extending them further and uncovering overseas links.

Two newer members have mothers who belonged to the DAR, and they are seeking more information about the lines that qualified their mothers for membership.

John Winton III continues to pursue the link between his branch of the Wintons and the one responsible for the invention of the Winton automobile. He has traced his Scottish lines back to a town that adjoins the one where the inventor was born. In fact, had it not been for the loss of a key race to a Ford, people now might be driving Wintons instead of Fords.

Resident experts such as **Gordon Beckhart**, **Hugh Jenkins**, and **Howard McKinney** all have a depth of experience not easily found. In the course of past meetings we have developed a couple of additional experts, **Polly Schnepf** and **Debbie Troemner**. All can be counted on to offer helpful suggestions to beginners and anyone who has run into a "brick wall." Some group members attend conferences and then report on any new developments in the field.

Notices of the group's meetings are listed in the monthly calendar, on the bulletin boards, and in "This Week at Medford Leas." All interested residents are welcome.



One Tree, Four Seasons

WHO'S NEW AT LUMBERTON

John and Jeanne (Griesser) **Gallagher** settled in at 207 Woodside Drive at the Lumberton campus shortly after Jeanne's sister, **Ruth O'Donnell**, had moved into a Rushmore apartment. The two sisters come from a family of "six girls who all married Irishmen," as Jeanne puts it.

John grew up in Philadelphia and graduated from St. Joseph's University, having majored in pre-medical studies. He earned his M.D. degree from Hahnemann Medical College and completed his internship and residency in ob/gyn at Chestnut Hill and Germantown Hospitals. During WWII he served as a radio technician in Japan.

John was one of the founders of Rancocas Valley Hospital (now Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County) in Willingboro and was the chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology for 40 years, until his retirement in 2003. In his new spare time, he enjoys playing golf and swimming and confesses to a penchant for playing poker.



Jeanne grew up in Haverford Township, PA, and graduated from Notre Dame High School in Moylan, PA. Before her marriage, she worked for General Electric in Philadelphia. Reading now takes up the time she once spent on sewing and gardening.

John and Jeanne have been married for 54 years. They moved to New Jersey in 1959 and lived in Willingboro for four years, in Cinnaminson for 34 years, and in Moorestown for seven years. They have six children and 15 grandchildren. One son and daughter have a joint medical practice, another son and daughter are nurses, and two sons are engineers.

by Ellen Stimler

EMPLOYEES OF THREE MONTHS

by Kitty Katzell

Cathy Oeschle, January, has worked at Medford Leas for nine years. She started as a CNA, then managed evening activities on Estaugh while attending nursing school, and now is an LPN in Assisted Living. She plans to continue her education to become an RN.

Karen Raynor, February, has been at Medford Leas since 1990. She works in IT, Maintenance, Landscaping, the Health Center, and the Front Desk. No request is too big or too small, and all her jobs are done quickly and efficiently.

Lisa Minuta, March, began work on the wait staff in August, 2000. She enjoys special functions and catering events. Currently, she is learning the job of hostess in the dining rooms.

Congratulations to all, and many thanks for your good services to residents.

AWARD TO BOB WASSON

by Kitty Katzell

Bob Wasson is our regular Medford Leas letter carrier. A recent newspaper item mentioned that he had been enrolled in "the National Safety Council's Million Mile Club, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving people's safety, health, and environmental well-being." A follow-up interview with Bob revealed that he was elected to membership in this club because of his record of more than 35 years of driving for the Postal Service and the military without an accident. The occasion was celebrated at the Medford Post Office with coffee and Danish. Bob's wife, children, grandchildren, and significant others were all in attendance. Bob said he has actually walked more miles as a letter carrier than he has driven!

FASHION SHOW

by Kitty Katzell

The Activities Room was packed and people were standing in the halls looking through the windows. Even **Dennis Koza**, CEO, stopped to see what was going on and was so fascinated he stayed to the end. It was the Annual Fashion Show, arranged by **Gerry Stride** and emceed by Gerry and **Joe Doyle**, owner of our Hair Salon.



Bill and Betty Phile

July: Red White and Blue Stars and Stripes

The clothing had been carefully selected from the Thrift Shop to show attire suitable for each of the twelve months of the year. January was New Year's Eve; February, Sweethearts; March, St. Patrick's Day; April, Showers; May, Mother's Day; June, Graduation; July, Independence Day; August, Beachwear; September, Back-to-School; October, Halloween; November, Thanksgiving; December, Christmas.



Eugene Link

September: A Study in Black and White

Following each month's parade, the guests joined in singing a song associated with that month's theme, such as *Auld Lang Syne* for January and *Let Me Call You Sweetheart* for February, all accompanied by **Tom Lang** at the piano.



Eleanor Greenley escorted by **Devina Cornish**

March: Wearing of the Green

The models, residents of Estaugh, Haddon, and Woolman, were: **Mary Cheney, Elinor & Luther Conant, Wilda DeCou, Pat Donnelly, Eleanor Greenley, Janet Hamilton, Ginny Hanratty, Mary Hansen, Gene Link, Judy Loillieux, Charlotte Ludwig, Barbara Nelson, Betty Nicholson, Peg Palese, Betty & Bill Phile, Adele Riley, Marion Sandmann, Louise Schaeffer, Jane Shuttlesworth, and Mimi Tyler.** Some models appeared more than once, and most months had two or three models.

Of course, the prices were reasonable and the wardrobes, simply outstanding.

JUNE CRYPTOGRAM

by Betty Preston

Here is the solution to the May cryptogram:

LIFE IS REBELLIOUS AND ANARCHIAL,
ALWAYS TESTING THE SUPPOSED
IMMUTABILITY OF THE RULES WHICH THE
NONLIVING CHANGELESSLY ACCEPTS.

JOSEPH WOOD KRUTCH

The correct solvers were: **Ken Anderson, Miriam Angle, Ruth Blattenberger, Mort Bregman, Florence Brudon, Marion Burk, Scott Charles, Liz Dill, Betty Donahue, Mary Fenimore, Herb Heineman, Barbara Heizman, Eleanor Horner, Warren and Euseba Kamensky, Sally Klos, Mary Hope Mason, Lidia Mendez (employee), Mary Ann Metzger, Andy Moll, Alice Norcross, Helen Peterson, Alfred H. Rudrauff, Doris Salati, Florence Sawyer, Bonnie Schilling, Ellen Stimler, Hana Stranska, Ellen Wiener, Marie Winton, Gladys Wynkoop.**

Here is the June cryptogram:

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