



# Medford Leas LIFE

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## NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

by Ellen Stimler

Many nonprofit organizations have what is called a development director, but Medford Leas never filled this position in its 36 years of operation – until December 1, 2005, when **Sandra (Sandy) Green** joined the Administration with this title.

Introducing Sandy at the December 12 Coffee Hour in the Lounge, **Dennis Koza**, CEO, said his long search for the right person came to an end when he met Sandy after having interviewed many other applicants. Saying no more, he turned the microphone over to Sandy.

Sandy said Medford Leas was “a wonderful place” and that she was delighted and excited about developing a vision for the future. She hopes to “enhance what we have in this amazingly special place.”

Sandy was born in Brooklyn and remembers the Dodgers. After her marriage, the couple moved to New Haven, where Sandy earned a degree in social work at Southern Connecticut State University while her husband did graduate work in Chinese history at Yale. During the 20 years they lived in New Haven, Sandy took additional courses in counseling, worked at several mental health institutions, and was director of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization for Connecticut and Western Massachusetts. Then she was promoted and transferred to Philadelphia.

Sandy left B'nai B'rith after seven years and held subsequent positions as Director of Planned

Giving and Alumni Relations at the Community College of Philadelphia and as Director of Special Gifts for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Philadelphia.



photo by Margery Rubin

Sandy now lives in Haverford, PA, and is an attendee at the Haverford Friends Meeting and a member of its Peace and Service Committee. She has three children and five grandchildren. Sandy describes herself as an outdoor person who loves to hike and belongs to the Philadelphia Trail Club.

Sandy outlined her role and preliminary ideas for Medford Leas. Her current goals are to meet as many people as possible and learn about the community. She will then begin to explore funding through grants. Of particular interest for funders might be innovative projects around “green design,” support of the Arboretum and Nature Preserve, and intergenerational programs.

She intends to educate the residents on the mutual advantages of planned giving, especially charitable gift annuities, which would benefit both the donor and the community. She also hopes to expand events that would include families and friends to showcase the special qualities of this unique community. All these ideas are in the exploratory stage. Sandy added that she is “just very, very happy to be here.”

Commenting on her plans, Dennis said he viewed Sandy as a kind of ambassador to the surrounding community who would network with the outside world and develop partnership opportunities. The idea is to find additional sources of revenue in order to fund a variety of needs and projects.

## GREAT DECISIONS 2006

by Stan Brush

The need for pondering "Great Decisions" in foreign policy continues. Medford Leas will address this need with an eight-session lecture/discussion program beginning on February 16 at 11:00 a.m. and continuing on following Thursdays through April 6. As usual, the speakers will be drawn from within the community. They will present their views on the issues appearing in the Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions 2006 briefing book. The book will be available for purchase at the Reception Desk after mid-January.

Date	Topic	Speaker
Feb 16	China & India: Economic Rivals?	<b>Allyn Rickett</b>
Feb 23	Turkey & the European Union	<b>Joe Wray</b>
Mar 2	Energy Problems	<b>Ed House</b>
Mar 9	UN Reform	<b>Colgate Prentice, Esther Woodward, &amp; Susan Pettiss</b>
Mar 16	Human Rights & the War on Terrorism	<b>Chuck Woodard &amp; Inge Raven</b>
Mar 23	Brazil Today	<b>Allyn Rickett &amp; Fran Lax</b>
Mar 30	Pandemics & Security	<b>Keith Quinton</b>
Apr 6	Iran	<b>Stan Brush</b>

## MARTIN LUTHER KING LECTURE

by Kay Cooley

Past observances of Martin Luther King Day at Medford Leas have involved programs of a variety of speakers and music. In recent years, the MLRA Citizens and Forum Committees have co-sponsored noteworthy lectures to commemorate Dr. King. The change may be viewed as an improvement, for lectures seem to leave a more lasting imprint of the lessons and values taught by Dr. King. This certainly was true of this year's presentation by Christina Zwarg, daughter of residents **Walter** and **Nancy Zwarg**.

Dr. Zwarg, an associate professor of English at Haverford College, spoke on "Frederick Douglass and Instruments of Change." Douglass (1818-1895) was a precursor of King on "the long road" to freedom and social justice. Born a slave, he escaped from his master and was eventually "paid off" by his supporters to avoid recapture. He became an ardent abolitionist, a fiery orator, a passionate author and publisher, and an indefatigable lecturer for abolitionist causes. He worked with Harriet Tubman on the Underground Railroad and advised President Lincoln during the Civil War.

In her examination of Douglass's life and work, Prof. Zwarg highlighted Douglass's belief that "there are some things and places made sacred by their uses." She also cited associated events that have effectively changed "the current of human taste, thought, and life, or which have revealed new powers and triumphs of the human soul."

Douglass wrote the quoted words after seeing Paganini's violin displayed in the museum in Genoa, Italy. He himself had learned to play the violin and was completely overcome by the realization of the number of people who had been affected by the playing of this particular violin which, as an instrument, was probably the same as many others but was made "an instrument of change" by the artist who played it.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE

by Kitty Katzell

New Year's Eve at Medford Leas offered a little bit of a lot of things. After a fine dinner of either Coquille Saint Jacques or beef tenderloin, accompanied by eggnog, many residents migrated to the Auditorium for more desserts and a movie. *That's Entertainment* was shown on the screen, and tables were spread with *petit fours*, mini- éclairs, dessert bars, cookies, and punch from which residents could help themselves.

From the movie, many moved on to the Activities Room where **Inge Raven** presented a skit that she had produced and directed. **Loretta Strassler** was the mistress of ceremonies, who explained that despite having 92 MLRA committees, there was a need for some more. She introduced **Anita Goldworth**, who presided over a program at which Professor Ellie Phant, **Al Pfeiffer**, was scheduled to speak on *Memory Enhancement*. The professor, wearing cardboard elephant ears, a bathrobe, and mortar board, had forgotten about the meeting. When he finally arrived, he had left his keys in the car with the motor running. He also exhibited other traits associated with the need for memory enhancement.



Al Pfeiffer as Professor Ellie Phant

Next Loretta introduced Miss Mumble, played by Inge herself, who gave instructions on effective communication with a microphone. She stressed that one should hold the microphone as if it were an ice cream cone, but should not lick it.

**Kitty Katzell** interrupted Inge to express her concern that too few MLRA committees exist to allow participants to enjoy themselves. She wanted to start a *Musical Innovation Committee*. In this scene, Anita played her harmonica, Al was the bell ringer, Inge performed on the comb, **Warren Sawyer** played glasses of water, Loretta tooted a horn, and Kitty shook castanets.

The next scene involved trying to plan a dinner. Inge, as Julia Childs, had just gotten a new stove and wanted to try it out. All her suggestions for the menu were turned down for one reason or another, so the group decided to go and have dinner in the Medford Leas dining room.

Finally, Warren, as a French chef, commented on some of the names encountered in Medford Leas menus: Napoleon, Beef a la Deutsch, Italian Wedding Soup, Hungarian Cauliflower, Greek salad, and Coquille Saint Jacques, among them.

Anita closed the program with a motion, which was properly seconded and unanimously adopted, that the Committee to Plan New Year's Eve Entertainment be abolished.

Residents were then invited to enjoy the cheese and crackers, sparkling cider, fresh fruit, and cookies that had been set out for them while **Nan Hanslowe** played the piano for those who wanted to stay a while and sing.

Medford Leas midnight occurs at 11 p.m., by which time most of the partygoers had gone back to their apartments.

### ENJOY OUR WINTER TEA!

Everyone is invited to the MLRA Winter Tea, to be held in the Lounge and the Atrium on Tuesday, February 21, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Wear your name tag, meet new and old friends, and taste the special treats created by Dining Services. Mary Toda is in charge of this event.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

by Maggie Woodard

At an MLRA general meeting on December 19, **Dennis Koza**, CEO, reported on the financial results from operations for the first six months (April-September) of the 2006 fiscal year (ends March 31, 2006). He indicated that the October results would be comparable to September's. There will be a seven-month operating surplus of \$313,000 through October, and he said that management staff had done a good job keeping costs down. He is committed to controlling costs to the extent possible, although little can be done about some costs.

For the remainder of the year a \$134,000 loss was budgeted when the budget was set in January 2005. However, there have been some unexpected changes, some positive and some negative, and he projects break-even results for the full fiscal year. He warned that next year will be more difficult.

The positive changes since January 2005 are:

- **Sandy Green**, the new Development Director, started work in December, later than June as budgeted, resulting in another reduction in costs.
- Woolman Commons was sold, reducing its cost to Medford Leas by \$31,000, and there was an unexpected \$41,000 reduction in tax costs at Medford Leas at Lumberton.
- As a result of an audit, Medford Leas received a three-year rebate in Workers Compensation Insurance charges, totaling \$27,000.
- Medicare D will have an impact, with some revenue and some expense. The outcome will be positive but how positive is still being studied.

The negative changes since January 2005 are:

- 98% occupancy was predicted; actual occupancy has been 96%, resulting in a predicted drop of \$132,000 in revenue.
- Energy expenses are \$167,000 over budget so far. A Conservation Committee has been formed, with Dave Taylor as chairman, to explore

ways residents can work with management to control energy use.

- Water and Sewer expenses were higher than expected, by \$7,000.
- A big item will be increased Employee Health Care benefits. A 30% increase (\$25,000) will be spent from January to April 2006.

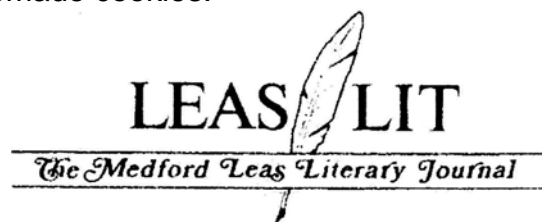
Dennis noted that it will be hard to keep expenses down next year because there will be new costs for staffing the new Third Floor Haddon Assisted Living area, and higher costs for energy and Employee Health Care. He pledged to do his best to control increases.

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## TEA AND TALK FEB. 7

by Ellen Stimler

Residents who have enjoyed reading the tenth issue of *Leas Lit*, the Medford Leas literary magazine, will want to come to the Lounge on February 7 at 3:00 p.m. to meet some of the authors and illustrators over a cup of tea and homemade cookies.



Following the refreshments, several writers will read short sections of their stories or poems and explain what motivated them. Illustrators will tell about the challenges of coordinating their drawings with the text. Audience participation in the discussion will be encouraged.

**George Rubin** will serve as master of ceremonies, and **Helen Vukasin** and **Edie Pray** will encourage residents to use their imagination to develop a short story or poem for the June issue of *Leas Lit*. While listening to the authors, residents may recall unusual or interesting events from their own lives and get into the writing mood.

## RETIRED BUT WIRED

by Della Williams

While the world bemoans the lack of computer literacy among seniors, many ML residents belie this stereotype and spend productive hours at their computers accomplishing a variety of tasks. Some use the Internet only to e-mail family members, but some are advanced enough to design interactive web sites.

According to **David Wagner** and **Russell Pepe** of the Information Technology Department, 115 apartments subscribe to ML's Broadband Internet service while 40 or more use some dial-up connection to the Internet. Russell estimates that one-quarter of the residents own their own computers while others make use of the computers in Haddon or in the library.

The resident e-mail directory, compiled by Executive Assistant **Phyllis DiCianni**, contains 180 listings, but she plans to update it soon with changes and additions, so be sure she has your current e-mail address.

Haddon 3 houses the computer room, which is maintained and staffed by MLRA's Computer Club headed by **Walter Zwarg**. Equipment includes five PCs and an Apple, all with high-speed Internet access, which feed into a laser printer. Because more residents now have their own computers, Walter reports there is less activity in the room than there was in the past. However, requests for assistance have increased and tend to be more complicated. **Don Bernard** and **Gil Goering** have scheduled a twice-weekly "Computer Help" time slot in order to offer such assistance. Don also offers eight-week courses, most recently one on database and one on spreadsheets. Mac users meet biweekly with **Bill Scull** and an Apple representative to resolve problems and to learn new programs.

One couple who attended some computer classes decided recently to buy their very first computer. **Katharine** and **David Lewis** wanted to e-mail

their college-bound grandson so they bought a shiny new Apple. With the help of Gil Goering and Bill Scull of the Mac Club, they are exploring not only e-mail but also Internet research,

At least two residents employ their word processing systems to write books that they plan to publish. A number of others track their finances and balance their checkbooks with Quicken or some other software. **Kitty Katzell** is adventurous enough to buy and sell stocks on-line. **Maggie Heineman**, production manager of *Medford Leas Life*, has published newsletters and designed web pages including the MLRA website, mlra.org. **Russell Haley**, chair of the genealogical research group, uses web sites such as familysearch.org for new information. He also stores data with several programs that he owns. **Karel Pennink** employs a download called SKYPE for free computer-to-computer phone service. *Medford Leas Life* uses PCs for composition, submission, layout, and transmission to the publisher. Inserted images come from various sources: scans of drawings, prints or negatives; directly from digital cameras; or from the web by way of a Google search.

This busy group of seniors who grew up sans modems, sans Internet, sans e-mail, even sans word processors has begun to catch up.



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**"Hello, Bob? It's your father again.  
I have another question about my new computer.  
Can I tape a movie from cable TV then fax it from  
my VCR to my CD-ROM then E-mail it to my  
brother's cellular phone so he can make a  
copy on his neighbor's camcorder?"**

## SPECIAL FORUM FEBRUARY 4

On Saturday, February 4, at 11 a.m. in the Auditorium, the Leas Forum is presenting Emma Condori, an Evangelical Bolivian Quaker. Emma is in the U.S. as part of a teacher exchange with support from the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund.

Emma, 27, will share her own story and talk about the lives of the 30,000 Quakers in Bolivia. She is completing a degree in linguistics and also teaching English at two Quaker schools in La Paz.

## GALLERY NEWS

by Helen Vukasin

The Medford Leas Gallery spilled over into the Auditorium at the opening reception of the January-February exhibit of the works on silk and paper by Patricia Walkar. Ms. Walkar kindly offered to demonstrate her technique of painting on silk.

Residents gathered at the front of the Auditorium to watch this fascinating process. Not only did she show us how she works, Ms. Walkar graciously offered the completed work as a door prize. Tickets were distributed at the door to those attending. When the demonstration was complete, a drawing was held. The lucky winner was **Alice Culbreth**.

The exhibit, "Exploring the Abstract," will be in the gallery during the months of January and February.

In the Lumberton Art Gallery, a planned group exhibit by the resident art studio students of Eileen Caporaso has been indefinitely postponed. A surprise exhibit will be hung sometime in February.

## THANKS FROM THE BUSY HANDS

by Kitty Katzell

The Busy Hands group includes residents in Medford and Lumberton as well as several non-residents. These women (and so far they are all women) knit, sew, crochet, embroider, weave, and quilt throughout the year, donating hours of their time to these worthy activities.

Those who sew repair items brought in by residents who are unable to do their own sewing. For this service, a nominal fee is charged. Some of those who sew also make children's clothes that are sold at the annual Show-and-Sell. Several ladies knit or crochet warm caps for children who live on Indian reservations. Others make mittens, sweaters, scarves, afghans, and lap robes. The afghans and lap robes are used in Medford Leas nursing units. The quilters make quilts for themselves, for others, and for sale; some of the sewers make aprons and other items; the weavers weave fabrics for clothing, for personal items, and for display.

In mid-November, the Busy Hands had a Show-and-Sell in the Atrium. That sale raised over \$1500. Items that were not sold during the sale were donated to local charities for distribution to the needy in this area. Money raised by the sale and through the sewing repair service enabled the Busy Hands to make several sizable donations: \$1000 to the MLRA Appreciation Fund, \$1000 to Tsunami Relief, \$1000 to the American Friends Service Committee, and \$500 to the Medford Methodist Church Women who assist local charities. Members also contributed knitted, sewn, and woven items to Friendly Crafters to be sold for the benefit of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends.

The Busy Hands welcomes additional volunteers who would like to engage in these activities. For further information, contact **Wen Eby** (3177) about sewing; **Helen Hamilton** (3243) about knitting; **Miriam Ward** (3693) about weaving; **Jeannette Muir** (3124) about quilting.

## DOROTHY TEST RETIRES FROM THRIFT SHOP

by Kay Hill

**Dorothy Test** has lived at Medford Leas longer than any other resident, surpassing **Margo Hinman** by nine days. They moved in during 1975, and Dorothy was first listed as a volunteer in the Thrift Shop in the Annual Report of 1978-79. She became Manager of the Thrift Shop in the fall of 1978 and held that post until she resigned in 1991, having held the position longer than anyone before or since.

In 1987-88, Dorothy started the Shop's Wednesday evening Night Owls for the benefit of the night nurses. After her resignation as manager of the whole shop, she continued as director of this service until the beginning of 2006, when she gave up all connection with Thrift Shop activities.

Dorothy's departure from her long connection with the Thrift Shop's charitable work must be as great a wrench for her as for those who have worked with and admired her for so many years.

The Thrift Shop was founded by **Ruth Baldwin** in September 1975 at the instigation of the Director of Housekeeping, who wanted to provide a channel for staff to acquire residents' superfluous possessions. Then as now, staff were forbidden to accept gifts from residents on pain of dismissal. Ms. Baldwin set the goal of "service to the community," which has been the goal of devoted volunteers ever since.



## MEET OUR NONAGENARIANS

by Ellen Stimler



photo by Margery Rubin

**Hilda Howell** celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday last September with a dinner in the Red Room, surrounded by 22 friends and relatives. She says she finds her life at present "relaxing, full of fun, and with a chance to learn something new every day."

Hilda is a prized volunteer in the Gift Shop, responsible for buying and displaying the jewelry sold in the shop. While watching the nightly *Jeopardy* show, she knits warm hats for children on Indian Reservations. She praises the two libraries at Medford Leas, where she gets the historical books and mystery novels she enjoys most. She also attends the lectures and forums on the monthly calendar.

For Hilda, this current lifestyle of relative leisure represents a radical contrast to the hectic pace of her "former life" as a travel agent and tour impresario for over 50 years. Her apartment is a museum of memorabilia, gifts, and purchases made on the trips she led to just about every foreign country and tourist attraction in the world. Among the many showpieces are a crèche with hand-crafted figures from Lucerne, Switzerland; a collection of Waterford crystal, a gift from the Irish Tourist Department; a Chinese lute from Hong Kong; two intricately woven silk wall hangings which were specially cut and fringed for her by an Indian street vendor she met on her way back from the Taj Mahal; and a magnificent needlepoint scroll picturing the winding way up to Mount Fuji.

Hilda was married to Russell Howell for 45 years. They had no children, and Hilda was an only child. But she has many loyal friends, some of them her former travel-tour customers.

## HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

by June Krainik

Despite a rather dreary, cold day, over 100 residents and 60 visitors attended the Holiday Tour of Homes at the Lumberton Campus on Sunday, December 11.

**Carmelita and Reynaldo Aseron, Carol and Ed Ferraro, Ed and Joan Grafenstine, Gini and Jack Mutschler, and Lucile and Warren Reeves** graciously opened their beautifully decorated homes. Some of the high points were an extensive model train set up, a large basement pond stocked with koi, and collections of angels, bears, and Santas.

Refreshments were served in the decorated Great Room, where the visitors had an opportunity to mingle with staff and residents.

A musical trio from Moorestown Friends School and two resident pianists, **Mary Kerr** and **Tom Lang**, provided background holiday music.

## EMPLOYEE HAPPENINGS

by Kitty Katzell

On Friday evening, December 2, the annual Employee Christmas Party was held in the Grand Versailles Banquet Room of the Quality Inn on Route 38 in Maple Shade. Some staff wondered about what they'd find at the Quality Inn, but the whole place was beautiful and it was elegantly decorated for the season. There also was a big dance floor, so those who danced didn't feel crowded. In past years, the party has been held at the firehouse, where the dance floor was small. This year was a big improvement in many ways, including the food.

On Thursday, December 8, the employees put on the spectacular Holiday Show for residents. The next day, **Jack Akerboom** and **Charlie Morrow** personally handed out checks to employees. The 333 checks were made possible by residents' gifts to the Appreciation Fund. This year, 96% of

residents contributed a total of \$145,000 to the Fund, an indication of the level of gratitude everyone feels to Medford Leas' fine employees. The following Tuesday, December 13, employees catered and hosted a Holiday Reception in the Lounge. There were so many delicious home-made offerings that everyone's appetite for dinner must have suffered. Since then, individual employees have been expressing their thanks for the Appreciation Fund gifts through the many cards and notes that have been deposited at the front desk.

That's not all! On Friday, December 16, gingerbread houses, made by **Brad Mauger** and decorated by staff, appeared on a long table in the Atrium. The decorations were gumdrops, nonpareils, candy canes, M&Ms, birdseed, pretzel sticks, Life Savers, hard candies, and, of course, cake frosting to hold things together. A team of residents and administrative staff judged the 19 houses. First place went to the house decorated by **Katie Dye** and **Derek Mason** of Dining Services. Second place was awarded to **Donna Amice**, who works on Woolman, and **Patrick Amice**, who works in Dining Services. **Helen Smith** of Dining Services won third place. The exhibit was taken down on un-decorating day, January 4.



photos by Margery Rubin



**MEDFORD LEAS BIRD CLUB**

by Dave and Miriam Swartz

The Bird Club began its fall series of monthly meetings with a collection of birds' nests. Members contributed 15 birds' nests that had been found around the Medford Leas campuses. This activity was in preparation for an educational exhibit at the Annual Medford Leas Flower Show in September. The display is now at the Nature Center. It will go to the 2006 New Jersey State Flower Show as an educational exhibit and ultimately to the Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge.

Bird Club attendees conducted study meetings in October, November, and January.

In October **Bob Morrow, Dave Swartz, and Jean and Joe Jordan** told about the whiskered Whip-poor-will, the Red-winged Blackbird, and the Slate-colored Junco respectively.



Whip-poor-will



Slate-colored Junco  
L 6.25"

Slate-colored  
race  
L 5 1/4"

At the next meeting **Tom Darlington** spoke about Hummingbirds, **Arthur Steitz** about Chickadees, and **Miriam Swartz** about the Turkey Vulture.



Chickadee



Red-breasted Nuthatch

At January's meeting, **Doris Curley** described the little Red-breasted Nuthatch, **Barbara Heizman** told about the Orchard Oriole that nested near her apartment last spring, and **Louise Tompkins** introduced the group to the Phalarope species that makes its home in the Arctic regions.

Residents have found this series most interesting and hope to continue these studies in the future.



Red Phalarope - Field Marks

Louise Tompkins and the Field Trip Committee organize a monthly birding trip away from the Medford Leas campuses. In September, a group traveled to Cape May. On a very rainy day in October, another group headed for northern New Jersey's Sandy Hook Wildlife Refuge. They saw flocks of warblers, sparrows, Brown Creepers and Kinglets, all migrating birds, and identified nearly 40 species that day. Every November, the birders go to the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge at Brigantine, NJ. This year they saw two Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, Snow Geese and, to their amazement, a White Pelican. The annual trip to Barnegat Light on Long Beach Island was early in December. To everyone's delight, the beautiful Harlequin Ducks and Purple Sandpipers were there. The group also saw Gannets and two species of Scoters, new to many of the birders.



Surf Scoter



Black Scoter



Scoter decoy

**IN MEMORIAM**

**John Foulkes**

**December 30**

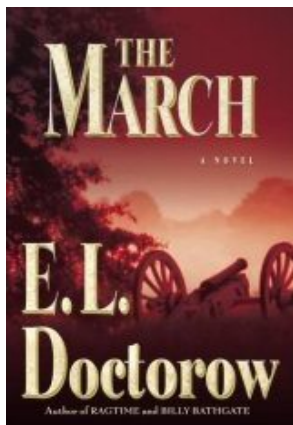
**Elsie E. Nelson**

**January 3**

## BOOKS WE ENJOYED READING

### *The March*

by E. L. Doctorow (363 pp.)



E. L. Doctorow has always had the wonderful ability to weave historical events into his books. Those who have read some of his novels, *Ragtime*, *World's Fair*, and *Billy Bathgate*, know the feeling of being a participant in American history.

*The March* is Doctorow at his very best. This novel transports us back to the time of the American Civil War. The Union General, William Tecumseh Sherman has burned Atlanta and is now marching his 60,000 troops north through Georgia and the Carolinas. Towns and villages along the way are pillaged and demolished. The freed slaves, by the thousands, follow the army not knowing where to go next. Southern families are torn between the loss of their homes and their slaves and wondering what will happen to them next. The reader is introduced to the thinking and actions of the soldiers of both the North and the South. The battle scenes are harsh and graphic. The center stage of this novel is provided by Sherman, the man who loves war, yet has a deep understanding of what this conflict is doing to the South. Many of the officers he is fighting against were classmates at West Point. The defiant freed slave Pearl helps the reader to understand the horrible reality of slavery. The Union surgeon, Col. Sartorius, is a European whose gentle character and medical skills and ideas are ahead of the times. Emily Thompson is the deposed daughter of a southern judge caught up in a turmoil she doesn't fully understand. *The March* seems to force everyone to become a nomad in his own country. It would have been helpful to have had a map in this book to follow the march through the South.

One can find in this excellent novel a relevance to our own times. "...And then there was a dark thick grove of pine where some of the war passed through. A boot lay in the pine needles and a shred of a discolored uniform behind a fallen log, a small pile of cartridge shells. There was still a scent of gunfire in the trees, and they were glad to come out into the sun again."

These images will stay with the reader long after the book is closed.

The book is in the Medford Leas Library.

by George Rubin

## NEW TALKING BOOKS

by Myra Binstock

### Fiction

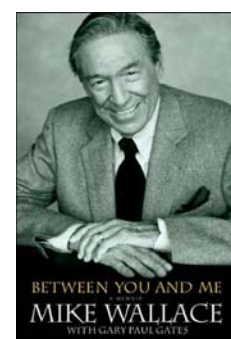
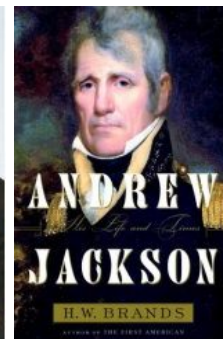
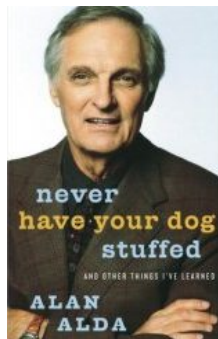
Doctorow, E. L.      *The March*

### Nonfiction

Alda, Alan	<i>Never Have Your Dog Stuffed</i>
Brands, H. W.	<i>Andrew Jackson</i>
Wallace, Mike	<i>Between You and Me</i>

### Mystery and Suspense

Clark, Mary	<i>No Place Like Home</i>
Coben, Harlan	<i>Just One Look</i>
Connelly, Michael	<i>The Lincoln Lawyer</i>
Grafton, Sue	<i>"S" is for Silence</i>
Martini, Steve	<i>Double Tap</i>
Parker, Robert	<i>School Days</i>
Patterson, James	<i>Mary, Mary</i>
Smith, A. McCall	<i>Friends, Lovers, Chocolates</i>



## MLRA COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

It's time for residents to decide who would best represent them on the MLRA Council. Residents should put their recommendations into the Ballot Box in the Atrium starting on January 28. The deadline is February 6. The results will be reported at the MLRA meeting on March 20, after which further nominations can be made by petition before the election is held on April 17. Committee members are **Walter Belfield, Gil Goering, Doris Klaver, Fran Werrell,** and **Alex Webb**, chair.

## WELCOME TO COURTS

by Ellen Stimler

After having lived in one of the single-family homes on New Freedom Road for nine years, **Bill** and **Fran Stoll** moved into Court Apt. 197.

Their new location will make it easier for them to participate in their many MLRA activities. Both are members of the Music, Auditorium, Citizens, and Vespers Committees. Bill delivers mail for the Health Committee and Fran helps with sing-alongs in the Therapeutic Recreation Department. Fran also sings with the Madrigals and works in the Thrift Shop.

Since they both love music, they attend Philadelphia Orchestra concerts and manage to take in three operas a season at the Met. They have cut down on travel but still expect to go on some Elderhostels or other trips, particularly one that involves trains, one of Bill's passions.

Bill, a Princeton graduate, worked at Merck & Co. on the team that developed penicillin, and later became a computer systems manager. Fran, a University of North Carolina alumna, worked for IBM and General Foods before raising five children.

## WHO'S NEW

**Alan** and **Beverly Gaylord** have moved from Hanover, NH, to 144 Woodside Drive on the Lumberton Campus. Beverly was an active church musician by age nine. Later, at Pomona College in Claremont, CA, she majored in piano and organ. There, at a choir rehearsal during Freshman Week, she met Alan. A versatile musician with perfect pitch, Beverly was an accompanist of singers, choral groups, and instrumental ensembles as well as a piano and organ soloist and piano teacher.

Alan earned his B.A. in English at Pomona College. He and Beverly married in 1952. Following graduation, they moved to New Jersey where Alan entered graduate school at Princeton in medieval English literature, with a focus on the poetry of Geoffrey Chaucer. Alan took his first teaching job as an instructor in English at the University of Michigan in 1958. During their years at Ann Arbor they raised their four children.

In 1966 Alan was invited to become the medievalist in the English Department at Dartmouth College, remaining there for 39 years, eventually as Winkley Professor of Anglo-Saxon and English Language and Literature. Beverly assumed the role of Minister of Music at a nearby Congregational church. In the summer of 1980, when Alan was doing research at the British Library, Beverly entered the diploma program of the prestigious Royal College of Organists, and she passed the exams that made her an "Associate" of the RCO.

Beverly has retired from her profession. Her present interests are reading, playing bridge, and solving crossword puzzles. Alan's time is devoted to critical writing and exploratory and interpretive studies. He is working on his latest book, *Adventures in Prosodic Criticism*, to be published in two volumes by the Chaucer Studio Press. It will include illustrative CDs with the major passages of the poems he discusses read by him in Middle English.

by Doris Brown

**FEBRUARY CRYPTOGRAM**

by Della Williams

RMUY KWRM T OSQY TMG T HYLJ  
 DRRG OSQY SO ITF OZYLY ITF T  
 QRRURI URQSMD GRIM TXRMD OZY  
 LRTG TMG OZSF QRRURI URQSMD  
 GRIM TXRMD OZY LRTG QYO T  
 MSUYMF XSOOXY NRJ MTQYG  
 NTNJ OKUVR... – CTQYF CRJUY

Here is the solution to the January cryptogram by Betty Donahue:

PARTING WITH FRIENDS IS TEMPORARY DEATH, AS ALL DEATH IS, WE SEE NO MORE THEIR FACES, NOR HEAR THEIR VOICES, SAVE IN MEMORY. –H. W. LONGFELLOW

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