



# Medford Leas *Life*

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## MY FIRST FLOWER SHOW

by Della Williams

When I was asked to write a story on the Medford Leas two-day annual Flower Show, I neglected to confess that I had a brown thumb, knew almost nothing about plants, and have never attended a flower show. Spurred on by the opportunity to learn something new, I paced nervously back and forth past the closed doors of the Activities Room, while the judges from the Pinelands Garden Club (who were not to be disturbed) did their thing.

When the doors swung open, a whiff of the great outdoors escaped from the Activities Room – the pungent smell of herbs, the sweet smell of blooms, the verdant aroma of growing things. And on view were many tables displaying the harvests and the loving arrangements of dozens of residents and staff members.



*Joan McKeon's Miniature Peppers*

The printed program described the two divisions: *Design* and *Horticulture*. *Design* included

miniature arrangements (not to exceed 5 inches) called "Slim Pickin's." **Joan McKeon** took the grand prize in the *Design* division with her delightful miniature pepper arrangement in a tiny gourd container. Other *Design* categories included arrangements of grasses, berries, wildflowers, and gourds.

The *Horticulture* division included plants in containers, flower specimens, and crops of vegetables, fruits, and herbs. **Joan McKeon's** perfect melon won the grand prize for crops. The grand prize for *Horticulture* was awarded to **Peg Burgess** for her 100-year-old night-blooming cereus. The huge plant, which had 12 buds ready to bloom, is on display in Court 10.

Blue ribbons in the two divisions were awarded to **Gwen Crawley, Wilda DeCou, Dunbar Denham, Gil Goering, Peggy Goering, Dottie Heisler, Barbara Heisman, Rona Keilin, Frances Lax, Debbie Lux, Joan McKeon, Margaret Melstrom, Tina Mecray, Mary Middleton, Lennie Oman, Betsy Pennink, Edith Pray, Allyn Rickett, Jean Scattergood, Polly Schnepf, Marcy Smith, Betty Sweeny, Doris Wallace, Jane Weston, Ellen Wiener and Anne Wood.**

Several special exhibits rounded out the show: a display of quilts with flower designs by The Quilt Interest Group; "Green Acres," an exhibit touting Medford Leas Farm by the Landscaping Department; and an imaginative educational exhibit prepared by **Ann Walker** and **Ann Hibshman** which explained how coal was formed by ferns and other plants.

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Co-chairs **Joan McKeon, Lois Rickett, and Ellen Wiener** worked long and hard on the many details of putting together such a complex and beautiful show. They were ably assisted by consultant **Kay Haupt**.

I was delighted by the sights and smells of my first Flower Show. Next year I may exhibit a ragged bloom or a not-so-perfect tomato.

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## NANCY BARTON BARCLAY

by Kay Cooley

*So that residents may better know members of the Estaugh Board, MLL occasionally features the profile of a Board member. The subject of this month's profile, Nancy B. Barclay, is the daughter of Lewis W. Barton, a founder and early Chairman of the Estaugh Board, for whom the Arboretum is named.*



**Nancy Barclay**, the daughter of Sara and Lewis W. Barton, was born in Philadelphia but raised on a fruit farm in Cherry Hill, NJ. The family was Quaker, and Nancy is a birthright member of Cropwell Meeting. Growing up on a farm, she says she was very much

aware of the horticulture around her, but although her father was well-known in horticulture, it did not become important to her until later in her life. Like many young girls, she and her sister were much more involved with horses.

After graduating from Westtown Friends School, Nancy earned her B.A. from Wells College in Aurora, NY, and she married David Barclay soon after. Asked about a career, she said her first job was raising three boys. That didn't keep her from doing a lot of volunteering. She was a member of the Cooper Hospital Junior Auxiliary and later the Women's Board. She served as a Park House

Guide for the Philadelphia Museum of Art for 15 years, as President and Board member of the Cherry Hill Historical Society, and as a Director of Sterling Bank. Currently she serves as a Trustee of Wells College, as treasurer of the Proprietors of Western New Jersey and, since 1978, as a member of the Estaugh Board.

On the Estaugh Board, Nancy says she has worn many hats, perhaps the most interesting being her membership on the Building Committee, which was involved with the development of our community over the past 28 years. When her father and **Lois Forrest**, former Medford Leas CEO, decided that an arboretum was needed at Medford Leas, Nancy agreed to try to guide it, with help from the Morris Arboretum and resident volunteers. Of this she says, "It has been an interesting run. I will continue as Chair of the Arboretum Committee as long as I feel I can contribute."

When asked what needs to be done in the future, Nancy answered, "In a way, Medford Leas is a lot like a garden. It is a beautiful place to live, but it changes and evolves with the seasons, technology, and the needs of our residents. The Board must be sensitive to the needs of the residents, but always with an eye to the future."

Nancy has submitted a letter of resignation to the Estaugh Board to be effective at the end of her current term in October of this year, so we want to take this opportunity to thank her for all she has done and continues to do for Medford Leas.



## U.S. SENATE CANDIDATES TO SPEAK AT MEDFORD LEAS

The MLRA Citizens Committee has scored a major coup. Both candidates for New Jersey's U.S. Senate seat have agreed to appear at Medford Leas. State Senator Thomas H. Kean, Jr. (R) will speak on October 6, and U.S. Senator Robert Menendez (D) will speak on October 9. Both sessions are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Medford Leas Auditorium and the public has been invited to attend.

An earlier candidate night was held on Sept. 28. At that time, Burlington County Freeholder candidates Bill Haines and Jim Wujcik, Republicans, and Gail Cook and Sharon Atkinson, Democrats, presented their candidacies to residents and townspeople.

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## HARVEST FESTIVAL OCTOBER 26

The MLRA Hospitality Committee is inviting residents to welcome the returning summer travelers and new and old friends at a reception in the Lounge and a festive, special-menu dinner in the Colonial Room, starting at 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 26.

A variety of wines and soft drinks and the customary, outstanding selection of hors d'oeuvres will be served in the Lounge. Dinner seating in the Colonial Room will be by lottery that evening, with no table reservations, giving participants a chance to meet the many new residents who moved in during the past months.

A sign-up sheet for this special evening will be at the Front Desk early in October. The regular menus that evening will be served in the Garden Room and the Coffee Shop. Seating in the Colonial Room is limited, so sign up early and get ready to join the fun.

## LIFE IN THE NINETIES

by Ellen Stimler

On the very first day after **Vincent (Vince) Pecoraro** moved to Medford Leas ten years ago, he walked down to the Residents Workshop and asked to join the group at work there. Even now, when he's 91 years old, the Workshop is still the main focus of his days. He works there several hours in the morning or afternoon and sometimes even on weekends when a particular project requires his attention.

Vince says he's a "Jack of all trades" and can handle carpentry, electrical, paint, and similar tasks. He bemoans the fact that the shop has much less work right now than in the past. He wants residents to know that the shop can do almost any furniture or home repair at very low cost, and will even pick up items and return them.

Vince used to be on five MLRA committees, but right now he is down to two. He is still on the Copier Committee and on the list of people to call when there's something wrong with the copier. He replenishes the paper and knows how to fix glitches such as paper jams.

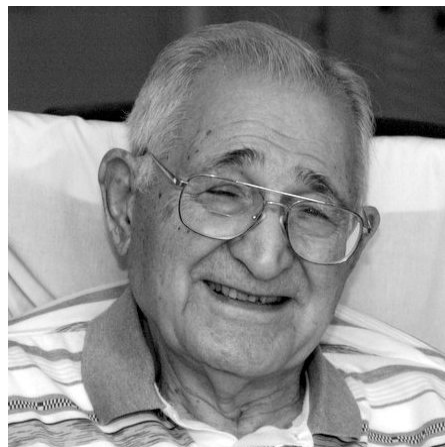


photo by Margery Rubin

Vince grew up in Nutley, NJ, and his two married children still live there. His entire career was spent as a teacher and guidance counselor in Nutley schools. His daughter has a summer place in Beach Haven Crest on Long Beach Island, and one of his children usually picks him up to join the family there, giving him a chance to visit also with his three grandchildren.

## NEW FITNESS STAFF MEMBER

by Ellen Stimler

Now that **Ed Ellis** has joined the Fitness and Aquatics staff, it's "Beverly and her three boys," as **Ken Roland** jokingly put it. The three "boys" are Ken, **Rick Trandahl**, and Ed. **Marge Miller** will remain on call and substitute when needed.



photo by Margery Rubin

Ed will be working in the pool area and the Fitness Center. He said he enjoys working with seniors and establishing a one-on-one relationship with residents as he assists them with their workouts. This is a change from his former jobs, where he generally set up exercise programs for much younger people, who would then do the routines on their own.

Ed grew up in Browns Mills, NJ, and graduated from Pemberton High School, where he was a basketball star. He received an athletic scholarship from Keystone College near Scranton, PA, and there earned a master's degree in sports and recreational management.

In his previous jobs he worked in the Swimming Facility and the Fitness Center at Fort Dix and as assistant manager of a sports marketing firm in Cherry Hill. He found the Medford Leas job advertised on the Internet. We welcome Ed to Medford Leas and wish him success in his new job.

## CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE IN JAPAN

by Steve Yanai

My granddaughter, Nora, has recently returned from attending school in Japan for four months. Despite the fact that she could not speak, read, or write Japanese, she (and I) persisted. Gym, art, and music were not so bad, but math and Japanese were another story.

In Japan, children have two years of kindergarten before they start first grade at the same school. From the school nurse, I learned that the primary health care for children is provided at school. The school checks the children's weight, both standing and sitting height, alignment of the spine, and urine samples brought from home. They do pinworm tests and a doctor comes to the school to examine ears, noses, and throats. The school also conducts vision and hearing tests, and a dentist comes to the school and examines every child. Other tests include handgrip strength, how far each child can throw a ball, how far he can go in a standing jump, and how fast he can run 50 meters.

If the various health checks reveal conditions that need attention, the teacher gives the child a note. The note must be taken to a doctor who will provide the necessary treatment and sign the note, which must then be returned to the teacher.

The information about each child is recorded and the records are kept. Nora's classmates had their records from their kindergarten years. (Nora received a certificate stating that she had no cavities.)

After four months, Nora understands quite a bit of Japanese but she doesn't speak the language. When addressed in Japanese, she understands and responds in English.

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## BRAIN GYM PILOT PROGRAM

by Della Williams

The introduction to the Brain Fitness Program by a representative of Posit Science was enthusiastically received on August 21 by more than 200 residents, and 89 volunteered to participate. However, because only eight computers were available for each of the two shifts, **Gerry Stride**, Director of Community Life, devised a lottery to select the first 16 residents who will work through the pilot program.

The 16 residents who were chosen to participate in the pilot run of the Posit Science Brain Fitness Program have been hard at work since September 18. The following participants, now known as "pioneers," have agreed to devote one hour each weekday for eight weeks to complete the program and help to evaluate its effectiveness: **Colette Bartholomew, Kay Cooley, Doris Curley, Jan Durbin, Joyce Haas, Virginia Jones, Len Kahn, Don Killian, Jack McKeon, Bob Morrow, Betty Preston, Janet Scholl, Dan Seeger, Betty Wakeley, Della Williams, and, Maggie Woodard.**

If tests and anecdotal reports indicate that the program fulfills its promise to improve memory, thinking, and communication skills, Gerry and her staff will conduct another lottery to select 16 more residents and repeat the process. Eventually, if Brain Fitness succeeds as expected, Gerry plans to make the program available to all PC owners on both Medford Leas campuses. (Residents will need to purchase earphones to access the program.)



Gerry is very proud of the Brain Gym, which is located near the Physical Fitness Room. She is also pleased to offer a scientifically validated Mental Fitness opportunity, paid for by an Estaugh grant.

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## CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS RECOGNIZED

On September 15, six residents and three staff members attended the annual meeting of Friends Services for the Aging at Foulkeways in Pennsylvania. During the program, names were read aloud of 85 Friends, living in Quaker CCRCs, who had been Conscientious Objectors during WWII. Among the 85 were the following who now live at Medford Leas: **John Brush, Stanley Brush, John Burrowes, Charles Allen, Evert Bartholomew, John Bartholomew, Sam Burgess, Elwood Cronk, Gilbert Goering, Robert Gray, Neil Hartman, Curtis Johnson, Kent Larabee, Malcolm Roberts, Stuart Palmer, Warren Sawyer, and Daniel Seeger.**

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## GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS

by Kitty Katzell

Here it is October already, and time to start thinking about Christmas gifts. For only \$7.50 a year, a subscription to *Medford Leas Life* can take care of gifts to friends and family. That means that ten times during the coming year they will receive their very own copy of the same news that residents and staff receive. If a special issue is published, they will get eleven for the price of ten. So, like Santa, residents should be "making a list and checking it twice" before sending the list of names and addresses to **Gene Raup**, Box 144, along with a check, payable to MLRA, in the amount of \$7.50 for each subscription.

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## LOOKING BACK: MARGO HINMAN

by Ellen Stimler

*Ed. Note: Second in the series of articles following from the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Medford Leas*

Herb and Margo Hinman moved to Medford Leas in the fall of 1975 after selling their house in Croton-on-Hudson, NY, and spending the summer at their home in Maine. Herb had retired in February of that year.



In their new two-bedroom apartment in Court 27, the couple was soon integrated into a party-loving group of friends who enjoyed bridge games, special dinners in the private dining room, cocktail and bridge parties, and ladies' luncheons. Women wore cocktail dresses for dinner and long gowns for events in the private dining room (the Red Room). All residents participated actively in MLRA committees and also kept up outside volunteer and professional involvements. Many of the men were fine craftsmen and worked in the Wood Shop.

Margo speaks wistfully about the fun they had in those early days. "All my friends are gone now," she adds sadly. Herb died in April 2004, and Margo now lives in an apartment on the ground floor of Haddon. She still plays duplicate bridge in the Activities Room and privately.

Margo believes that the "social atmosphere" changed somewhat after Rushmore was built, because the Rushmore residents did not socialize much with those in the Courts and tended to "do their own thing." The party atmosphere also changed as the population in the Courts became composed of fewer couples and more single women.

Margo has been a resident at Medford Leas longer than anyone else, so she saw many of the changes described in the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issue.

## A TASTE OF MEDFORD

by Kitty Katzell

Over a thousand people attended "A Taste of Medford" at Freedom Park on September 16. Admission was \$15 for adults, and that allowed one to have a taste of any and every thing. It was cloudy at noon, but the sun came out and it became quite warm as the afternoon wore on.



Medford Leas is a member of the Medford Business Association which sponsored the event. Some two dozen local enterprises had spaces in two courts. The Business Court

had banks, realtors, an upholsterer, the United Way, and others. They offered letter openers, plastic Frisbees, ballpoint pens, candy, notepads, brownies, gift bags, chances on various prizes, and information about their services.

The largest crowds were in the Food Court, with another 13 vendors. At the Medford Leas stand, **Brad Mauger**, Executive Chef, roasted tinkerbell red peppers and sea scallops on a grill. They were served with a salad of pine nuts, pesto, and shaved Parmesan, prepared by three members of Medford Leas Dining Service staff.

Izzie's offered crab cakes; a couple of places had pizza; one was giving out bottled water; "Our Sweet Place" had a big spread of sweet things to be sampled; others had meats and salads. It was a good way to have lunch, meet friends from both Medford Leas and elsewhere, and enjoy the fresh air. The mayor of Medford and Council members were among those in attendance.

As the town of Medford increasingly becomes a destination community, more people are finding that it's not only a nice place to visit. It's also a good place to shop and to live.

## COUPLES WORKING AT MEDFORD LEAS (PART II)

by Betsy Pennink

**Alice LeMunyon** has been at Medford Leas since 1985. She now works in the Laundry, although she has been in Housekeeping, often as a "floater," and on medical floors. **George** began work here in Maintenance in 1984. He is a painter. Alice and George met at Medford Leas and used to go to the Indian Chief restaurant across the street to relax after work. They found they couldn't stop talking to each other and began going together seriously in 1989. They were married in 2001.

Alice works from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. but George has an erratic schedule, so their hours do not coincide. George is happy that he and Alice work in the same place. He says he misses her when she isn't here. (Note: George is a matchmaker; he is credited with the unions of the Crains and the Kleers!)



*Alice and George LeMunyon*

**Kim Wagner** began working at Medford Leas as a waitress in 1996, when she was fifteen. A year later, **David** joined Medford Leas in the Patient Services Department. (Patient Services organizes the food and trays for residents in Woolman, Estaugh, and Assisted Living.) David had heard about the opening from two friends who worked in Dining Services. By 1997 Kim had met David and decided she liked him. To her great delight, she was able to switch to Patient Services in 1998. At the time David was only vaguely aware of Kim's reason for the move. However, they became good friends and, in 1999, they began dating. They were married in October 2003.

David worked full-time in Patient Services for six years, sometimes in the office and sometimes moving around to different areas. During this time he took an 18-month-long evening course at a computer technology school in Cherry Hill. At the end of 2003, Medford Leas advertised for an assistant in the IT Department. David applied for the job and Russell Pepe hired him. Many residents know David well, as he makes house calls for computer and other electronic problems. Kim is also seen often in her role of Catering Supervisor.



*Kim and David Wagner*

Their hours do not coincide, so they have to come to work in separate cars. They rarely see each other during the day but are glad they are both employed at Medford Leas.

## IN THE NEWS

by George Rubin

**Jane Weston**, Director of Marketing and Community Relations, is in frequent contact with Mike Panarella, Director of Television Outreach Programming at Lenape Regional High School. Mike has a close rapport with Medford Leas and has done oral histories of some residents. Now he has completed a program featuring **Mary Toda** and **Sumi Kobayashi** in a segment dealing with the Japanese-Americans' internment during World War II, and **George** and **Margery Rubin** in another segment about their involvement in the Civil Rights movement in the '60s. The program was shown on Comcast Channel 19 during the week of September 5. It is hoped that a copy will be provided to Medford Leas to be shown on Channel 15 in the future.

## ART GALLERY NEWS

by Helen L. Vukasin

The Medford Leas Art Gallery was chosen as the venue to display the work of the 13 artists selected by jury to paint *Visions of the Pinelands*. The project was initiated earlier this year, supported by a grant from the Medford Cultural Arts Commission, to provide works depicting various aspects of the Pinelands for a 2007 calendar.

The original works for each month of 2007 and a cover will be shown at Medford Leas along with selections of other work by the 13 winning artists. Resident **Alice Skidmore Culbreth** is one of the 13 painters chosen.

The opening reception was held September 21 and the exhibit will remain until October 28. Following the exhibit, on October 29, an auction of the paintings will be held at the Pinelands Preservation Alliance offices in Southampton.

A new group of paintings by residents is being installed in the Art Studio Gallery. The opening, with the usual homemade goodies, will be on October 16, from 10 a.m. till noon.

At the Lumberton Art Gallery, *A Beautiful Day in September*, an exhibit of photographs and poems about the tragedy in New York City on 9/11, drew a crowd of people from the community. On 9/11 a program of readings by Marcia W. Coward and the Riverton Writers provided a fitting way of recognizing the sacrifices of many Americans on that day.

The next exhibit at Lumberton began with an opening on September 15. Photographs by Ralph Berglund of Cherry Hill will be exhibited through November. Berglund uses an inkjet printing process (Giclee) with archival Ultra-chrome inks. The exhibit includes restful views of the Jersey shore and studies of sites in various places in Europe, as well as bountiful flower pieces.

Resident artists have been invited to show their work at the Friends Center in Philadelphia for the

month of October. An opening reception will be held on Friday, October 6. All are welcome. Car-pooling will be available from Medford Leas.

## FALL TEA OCTOBER 19

MLRA teas are always popular with residents. A lovely setting in the Lounge and the Atrium with delicious hot and cold refreshments to please the palate make each occasion a special treat. This year's Fall Tea will be held on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. So come, wearing your name tag, and meet your new neighbors as well as those you have known for a while.



## WATER VOLLEYBALL

by Grace Shaffel

On a bright, sunny September day, a bus from Crosslands CCRC deposited 12 members of their water volleyball team at the Lumberton swimming pool. The team was there to continue its friendly rivalry with the Medford-Lumberton Leas team.

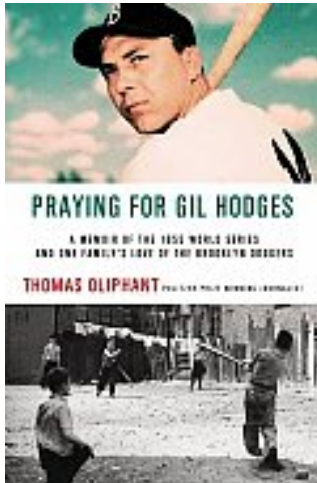
Once again, Medford-Lumberton Leas team lost, three games to one. That may be because there aren't enough players on the Medford campus to practice more than once a week and some of them don't get over to the Lumberton pool to practice. For those who might be interested, water volleyball is played in the Medford Leas pool every Friday from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.



## BOOKS WE ENJOYED READING

*Praying For Gil Hodges: A Memoir of the 1955 World Series and One Family's Love of the Brooklyn Dodgers*

by Thomas Oliphant (288 pages)



With the end of summer, many sport fans focus on Baseball's World Series. It is the final act, so to speak, "for the boys of summer." Tom Oliphant, in his book, *Praying for Gil Hodges*, captures the melodrama of that wonderful 1955 World Series. His hapless "Bums" (the Brooklyn Dodgers) had a history of near-triumphs and disasters, making them the classic underdogs in this World Series against the New York Yankees.

Tom movingly weaves the story of his own family, their time together, and the final World Series game. He is a nine-year-old boy living on the East Side of New York with his struggling family. He tells how the Brooklyn Dodgers bring them joy and help them survive those times.

The title of this book is drawn from an incident familiar to Dodger fans: "On a steamy hot Sunday, the Reverend Redmond was celebrating mass at a church in Brooklyn, when he startled his congregation thus: 'It's far too hot for a sermon. Keep the commandments and say a prayer for Gil Hodges.'"

The book also explores the impact of this baseball victory on the African-American community, still caught in the evils of segregation, who can root unabashedly for the first time for an integrated team and their hero Jackie Robinson.

This is a love story about parents, about baseball, and most of all about American values that shaped our lives in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

One does not have to know that Gil Hodges was the venerable first baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers and that they won the 1955 World Series in order to appreciate the way this family finds solace and comfort from baseball as they live day to day.

Tom Oliphant has been a correspondent for the *Boston Globe* since 1968 and its Washington correspondent since 1989. He has also appeared on the News Hour with Jim Lehrer.

by George Rubin

## NEW TALKING BOOKS

by Myra Binstock

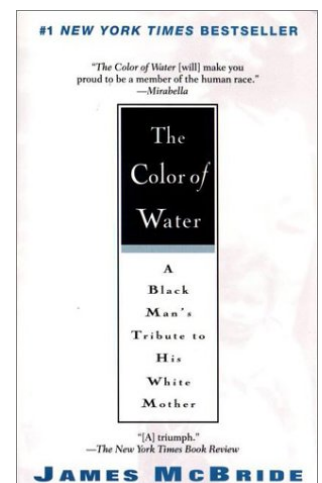
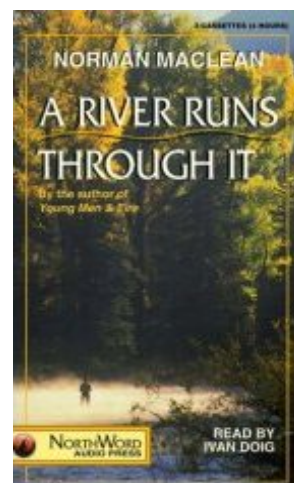
### Fiction

McBride, J.      *The Color of Water*\*  
MacLean, N.    *A River Runs Through It*\*  
Ondaatje, M.    *Anil's Ghost*\*

### Mystery & Suspense

Clark, M. J.     *Two Little Girls in Blue*  
Parker, R. B.    *Sea Change*

\* Donated. Also donated were tapes of old radio shows (*Red Skelton, Dragnet, Amos & Andy, Burns & Allen*). If you need help finding them, please call **Myra** (3622).



## MEDFORD LEAS PLAYERS WIN

by Joan Kocher

Some 50 seniors from all over the tri-country area participated in the second annual Medford Senior Tennis Tournament, sponsored by Medford Township's Senior Center and Medford's Department of Recreation. The tournament was held on September 9 at Shawnee High School tennis courts, with the players competing in age categories.

Representing Medford Leas were **Ed House** and **Whit Stearns** from the Medford campus and **Joan** and **Don Kocher** from Lumberton. Ed and Don were winners in their age group, with Ed winning first place and a trophy and Don coming in second. Joan was the trophy winner in the women's division for her age group.



Left to right: Whit Stearns, Ed House, and Don Kocher; foreground, Joan Kocher.

## WHO ARE YOU?

by Eleanor Merrick

It is hard for those with good eyesight to remember that those with poor eyesight may not know who spoke to them as they passed. Many residents with low vision show no sign of their visual limitations. They often recognize people by their voices and sometimes by their body language, but too often they are left wondering who the person was who greeted them so affably. It helps, if one knows that someone has poor eyesight, to give one's name so they may know who it is that cares enough to say "Hello."

## WELCOME TO THE COURTS

by Ellen Stimler

**Takashi (Tak) and Yuriko (Yuri) Moriuchi** are making their new home in Apartment 225 after having lived in Bridlington for over 17 years. Their daughter, Carol, who lives in Moorestown with her husband and three children, is busy helping them unload their dozens of boxes and organize their new living spaces. The Moriuchis' son also lives in Moorestown, and two other daughters are in Thailand and Tokyo. They have 11 grandchildren and two great-grands.

Most residents know that Tak was one of the three founders of Medford Leas and has served on our Estaugh Board for many years. Tak had been farming in California until he was interned during WWII. At the end of the war, Lew Barton, a Quaker farmer, was asked by Philadelphia Friends to help Tak get started in farming in the South Jersey area. The two men became good friends, and Tak's farming operations expanded and flourished, his main crops being apples and tomatoes.

When Lew Barton became the driving force in finding a location for a Quaker retirement community, he asked Tak and Tom DeCou to help him. Each one of them contributed personal funds for the down payment on the Medford farm, which became Medford Leas. Tak traveled all

## IN MEMORIAM

<b>Aya Endo</b>	<b>August 31</b>
<b>John Kavanaugh</b>	<b>September 5</b>
<b>Ed Dreby</b>	<b>September 17</b>

over the country to investigate retirement communities and report back to the initial administration.

Yuri is a master teacher and practitioner of the Ikenobo Ikebana school of flower arranging. She has exhibited her creations at the Philadelphia Flower Show and has always had a spectacular design at the Medford Leas Flower Show. Because of the ongoing move, she had to miss this year's show in September. One of the rooms in the new apartment is being fitted out as a classroom, and Yuri expects to resume her classes, which generally last for two hours a week in an eight-session course. Participants bring their own flowers and containers. After an opening lecture and a demonstration, the students create their arrangements, and Yuri looks over each student's work and makes suggestions or comments. At the end of the course, the students will receive a certificate from the Ikebana school in Kyoto.

Yuri explained that Japanese arrangements are never "judged," unlike American practice. "Nobody loses face," she says. "We are not competitive."

After they are settled, Yuri expects to resume yoga and Tai Chi classes that she enjoyed in the past. Asked whether they don't miss Japanese food, now that they are eating in the Dining Rooms, Yuri said Japanese food is now served mostly on holidays when the family gets together. "They all like to eat rice," she added.

### ERRATA

The article about the Groundbreaking in the September issue of *Medford Leas Life* incorrectly stated that the new edifice would be "the first new addition to the Medford Leas community building since its original construction in the early 1970's." The Garden Dining Room and the Swimming Pool were added in 1978; the Auditorium in 1986; and the Coffee Shop in 1993.

### WHO'S NEW

Photo by Ruth Huysman

**Gwen Sperlich Crawley**, Apt. 264, grew up in Michigan, graduated from the U. of Michigan, and received her master's degree from Central Michigan U. She and Ross Crawley were married in 1949. His work for General Motors took the couple to Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and California before they were moved to Flint, MI, where they brought up their four children. In Flint, Gwen was president of the Board of Education and the Junior League. When the children were older, she took a full-time job with a Health Systems Agency (HSA). The Crawleys were divorced in 1980; Gwen moved to Rochester, MN, where she was the director of the HSA in southeastern Minnesota.



In 1983, Gwen joined the national staff of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in NYC, where she managed domestic and international health mission work. She moved to Louisville, KY, in 1988 when the church built its headquarters there. She has traveled to 64 countries in Asia, Africa, and the Americas. From 1992 until her retirement in 1995, Gwen was coordinator for international programs in evangelism, education and health, hunger, and disaster relief. Subsequently, she returned three times in interim positions, including a year as Director of the Worldwide Ministries Division. She was also active in her local Presbytery and in a Louisville-based inner-city community center.

At Medford Leas, Gwen plans to take better care of her own health, enroll in the Master Gardeners' course, improve her bridge, and become involved in her new community. She is pleased to be near her daughter, Chris Bass, who is the choral music director at Cherry Hill High School West. Two of her sons live in Michigan and the third in Boston. Two of her seven grandchildren live nearby and her first great-grandchild is due this month.

by Margaret Melstrom



**OCTOBER CRYPTOGRAMS**

by Alice Skidmore Culbreth

Please note that each of the cryptograms has a separate alphabet.

**“TVRVCRFD FT XZICI BZI PIUIAQEIC**

**RVAAPQKIT QGG BZI BCIIT, BZIJ**

**JDHIT BZI TBCIIBT DGBIC BZIH.”**

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**“ADE BFC GK HLC PAKH**

**MOCQRciHCE AS BDD HLC**

**HLGOFK HLBH LBRRCO HA**

**B PBO.” --HVAHKTZ**

Here is the solution to the September cryptogram by Alice Skidmore Culbreth:

HAPPINESS IS AS A BUTTERFLY WHICH, WHEN PURSUED, IS ALWAYS BEYOND OUR GRASP, BUT WHICH, IF YOU WILL SIT DOWN QUIETLY, MAY ALIGHT UPON YOU. – NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE

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Please put your solution in an envelope in Box 116 by October 10 or send it by email to [estimler@medleas.com](mailto:estimler@medleas.com). **There is an urgent need for Cryptograms for future issues.**

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