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ALOHA, MEDFORD LEAS

by Elsie Behmer

The holiday show is a gift the Medford Leas employees give to the residents. Like all memorable gifts, it was thoughtful, personal, and given from the heart.

It was also a huge undertaking. Planning began in August. The show committee met every two weeks throughout September and weekly thereafter. The words and lyrics had been written by the beginning of November. During December, the scenery was made and the departments got to work.

“We do practice,” says Director of Community Life **Gerry Stride**, “but the final shows are always a big surprise. There is no dress rehearsal for the whole show. Each department works on its routine as much as its schedule allows.”

Meanwhile, the props and stage crew dipped into a box full of grass skirts, pirate caps, sombreros, and straw hats to craft costumes. Large pieces of cardboard became canoes and surfboards. The massive tropical island wallpaper posters were hung. Faux palm trees were moved into place.

Voilà! The good ship ML 100, the first ever floating CCRC, was as ready as it was ever going to be for *Tropical Escapades* in the Caribbean, Mexico, and the Pacific Islands.

For the first time, the residents were in costume, too. Everyone was given a lei to wear, thereby transforming the audience into a sea of flowers, a *Fantasea*.

“We never know what will bring down the house,” claimed Gerry.

The audience knew, however, and was ready and waiting for “Bloody Mary Murphy’s” infamous annual solo. Bloody Mary is, of course, **Bill Murphy**, Director of Operations. Bill has performed in more shows than any Medford Leas employee, debuting in 1986 as Ashley Wilkes in *Gone With the Leas*.

The show had something from every department. Maintenance sang, “There is nothing like a Crane, ...Dwayne, ...Drain,” pointing to employees **Kevin Crane**, **Dwayne Mathews**, and **Bill Weber** (who works on drains). Also in the group was one “dame” as in the *South Pacific* song, **Debbie Lux**, from Landscaping.

Exercisers were glad to see **Bev Kannengieszer**, Director of Fitness and Aquatics, work the Fitness Center Staff to exhaustion paddling their little canoe, Waldo. Fun to see *them* sweat for a change.

Nostalgia buffs were there to say that Dining Services’ **Helen Smith** as a Carmen Miranda look-alike lip-synching *Chiquita Banana* was appealing.

Beverage fans thirsted for more of the **Rachel Conte** and **Gerry Stride** professional-caliber duet “Rum and Coca Cola.” Rachel is a member of the Therapeutic Recreation staff.

Gerry and Bill both stressed that the employees loved putting on the Holiday Show as much as the residents loved seeing it. Nearly 90 percent of the employees were able to participate and did much of the work, including the two performances, on their own time.

From all the Medford Leas residents to all the Medford Leas employees: Thank you for this wonderful gift.

The Holiday Show is a gift that keeps on giving. It was videotaped and will be shown several times during the holidays and broadcast on Medford Leas TV. Previous shows are also available on videotape.

OOPS!

In the December article about the two recent weddings, mention was made of other residents who had married. Omitted in error was the wedding of **Peggy Dell** to **Sam Burgess**, in February 2004. We’re sorry about that.

The Editors

COOKIES AND SONGS

The traditional Employee Holiday Cookie Reception and Songfest was enjoyed in both the Activities Room and a brand new room with a view.



Kathryn Hoagland and **Phyllis Orta** enjoy tea in the Multipurpose Room of the Arts and Social Wing



In the Activities Room **Mae Lundin** poses with a lace cookie and **Marcy Smith**, Therapeutic Recreation Aide

PLANS FOR MLK DAY HOLIDAY

by Ellen Stimler

A memorial speech by Wilson Goode, two-term mayor of Philadelphia from 1984 to 1992, will be the centerpiece of three events organized by the MLRA Diversity Committee for the celebration of Martin Luther King Day in January.

The Wilson Goode address will be on Saturday, January 12, in the Auditorium, sponsored jointly

by the MLRA Forum and Diversity Committees. Mr. Goode will talk about the *Amachi* program, which he created to recruit and train mentors for children with a parent in prison, on parole, or under state or federal supervision. President Bush was so impressed by the program during a visit to Philadelphia that he made funds from his faith-based initiative available to spread *Amachi* across the country. Today there are over 240 programs in 48 states. *Amachi* is a Nigerian word meaning "who knows what God has brought us through this child."

Mr. Goode has been asked to bring one of the mentors to explain the relationships built with the children. After the Forum, there will be a lunch with the speakers and invited community leaders and residents.

On January 21, residents are invited to participate in the customary MLK Day events organized in Mt. Holly by the "I Have a Dream" Committee. Starting with the traditional breakfast on the lower level of the Second Baptist Church, the theme this year will be "Generation in Crisis: Empowering Our Youth at Risk." Several speakers will address aspects of the theme at the breakfast. Attendees will then move upstairs to the Sanctuary for a panel discussion on health care, education, job opportunities, recreation, and community support. Transportation to Mt. Holly will be arranged.

In many areas, MLK Day is honored by volunteer services for needy families. This year, Medford Leas volunteers will contribute to such a service project at the Moorestown Friends School. This activity was suggested by **Jody Cardona** of the Lumberton Campus, a former teacher and staff member of the school. The students make toys and quilts for distribution to children in hospitals, shelters, and homes. In the weeks prior to the distribution day of January 21, residents at both campuses will prepare the materials for the toys in the Woodshops and for the quilts in the Busy Hands Room. The students will then finish them by sanding and painting the toys and sewing the quilt pieces together. This arrangement will allow the students to distribute more toys and quilts this year.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

by Betsy Pennink

Energetic, creative, and deeply insightful are the characteristics of the staff of the Therapeutic Recreation Department of Medford Leas. These qualities are personified in **Gerry Stride**, Director of Community Life, who heads the department. Gerry's title, chosen by her, represents her approach to the residents in Assisted Living and Estaugh: the maximization of each one's interest in life, despite limitations.

This Therapeutic Recreation Department (the new name given to the original Activities Department by Gerry) goes well beyond the scope of the activities mandated by the State, because the staff designs many of its imaginative programs.

Gerry's motto is "If I'm bored, they're bored," and the dazzling list of activities reflects this. Gerry meets with the staff once a week to organize the programs, which are divided between Assisted Living and Estaugh, with many of them overlapping. There are nine staff members. **Linda Schultz** is Therapeutic Recreation Lead



Linda Schultz, Terry Tuffnell, Rachel Conte, Davina Cornish, Marcy Smith, Colleen D'Arcy, Gerry Stride

Assistant for Assisted Living, aided by **Terry Tuffnell**, a Therapeutic Recreation Assistant. Linda has been at Medford Leas for 30 years. She is an Occupational Therapy Assistant and has worked fulltime in Activities since 1983. **Rachel Conte**, Therapeutic Recreation Lead Assistant for Estaugh, is certified as an Activities Assistant and has almost completed a course making her an Activities Director. Her colleagues are **Davina Cornish** and **Colleen D'Arcy**, both certified Activities Assistants. Rachel's sister, **Marcy Smith**, a Therapeutic Recreation Aide, comes in four nights a week after her college classes. Two other Aides are on call: **Bethany**

Berndtson and Casey Farr.

At the staff meetings calendars are made up for Assisted Living and for Estaugh for a whole month. Ideas for activities come from residents during the Resident Council Meetings in each group. Other ideas are generated by the staff.

It comes as no surprise that Gerry, who brought the Brain Gym to Medford Leas, has instituted a Cognitive Fitness Program in Assisted Living. This is a Medford Leas first. On Mondays there are word games, "varied to use the ten different parts of the brain," says Gerry. The Wednesday hour is devoted to "cultural fitness", music, art, and crafts. Friday is the time to play popular board games, both old and new. Gerry's purpose is to "introduce new things. Otherwise parts of the brain are never used."

Rachel, in Estaugh, believes that "structure is a good thing, but that variety is important," so she is always looking for new ways to engage people. She has recently created Estaugh University, with discussion groups and a biweekly visit to the Brain Gym. Rachel also came up with the idea of

celebrating Kindness Week, during which residents were able to show their appreciation to the larger community, through pretzel and cake sales, and here at Medford Leas, to the Housekeeping and Dining Services departments.

One tremendously popular program is Karaoke singing. Many shy residents are delighted to be holding the microphone and singing to the background accompaniment. Another is "virtual" bowling on Wii, a video game where players mimic the actions of a real life sport. This can be done as well sitting as standing. Rachel has handed out special shirts to the Estaugh team,

which often plays better than the Assisted Living team.

However, the most popular program in both Assisted Living and Estaugh is the Happy Hour every Thursday at 4 p.m. Dining Services provides the appropriate glasses for the particular drink: wine, champagne, strawberry daiquiris. In nice weather, the party takes place on the Back Porch.

Linda says, "If you can glue it, I can do it!" She puts her creative talent to work doing decorations for special occasions in the Activities Room. Many residents help her decorate for holidays, but also for the once-a-month Theme Weeks. The themes vary. Sometimes it is a visit by travelogue to another country. This would include a luncheon of food associated with that country. Gerry says there has also been a coffee-tasting program, where coffees from around the world (Africa, Brazil, Costa Rica) were compared.

Both Assisted Living and Estaugh residents have the opportunity to go on Sunday drives in the Medford Leas van. Many times they visit the neighborhood where one of the residents used to live. It is very important to Gerry to learn each resident's "story" so that the staff can help them revive memories.

All the staff are enthusiastic about the new Relaxation Room in Estaugh. Also known as a Sensory Room, it is a place where residents can make contact with their environment through their senses without the need for language. Davina, who runs the room with Colleen, points to its many calming features. There is no noise from outside. The darkened room is lit only by certain bright objects that can be manipulated; quiet music forms a background; different pleasant smells are diffused by a machine; fingers can be run through special sand on a table. On shelves are boxes of personalized items with meaning to individual residents. Outside the Relaxation Room, Davina finds that cooking can appeal to many senses. She makes dishes on a portable grill where residents can watch, smell, and discuss the procedure. She also believes in the importance of flower arranging.

The department benefits from relationships with many groups in the wider community. Gerry lists at least 15 groups that participate in activities in one way or another. They include visits by children; visits by dogs and other animals; the scarecrow project; other craft projects; volunteer work; Christmas carols; and many others. Under Gerry's direction, there is always something exciting going on in Therapeutic Recreation.

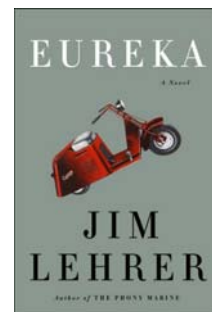
BOOK REVIEW

by George Rubin

Eureka by Jim Lehrer, 228 pp., in the Medford Leas Library

Jim Lehrer, whom we can see almost nightly hosting the PBS hourly news show, is less well known as a writer with 17 published novels.

In this latest one, his hero is Otis Halstead, CEO of a large insurance company in Eureka, KS, and an upstanding father and husband. With his 60th birthday approaching, he purchases an antique toy fire engine of the kind he didn't get for his tenth birthday, a "Red Rider" BB gun, a "Kansas City Chief" football helmet, and a 1952 Cushman "Pacemaker" scooter. After seeing all these items, Otis's wife Sally feels that there is something definitely wrong with her husband, and she arranges an appointment with a psychiatrist. Otis, feeling manipulated and harassed, walks out on his life in Eureka.



On a bright, sunny morning, he packs his clothes into his scooter, puts on his helmet, slings his BB gun over the handlebars, and heads west out of Eureka. His journey is filled with humor and poignant moments as Otis tries to find his "lost" other self. Unexpectedly, a tragedy changes the course of his travels on old US 56, and possibly all the things he is searching for.

Jim Lehrer masterfully expresses the emotional depths of his characters while leading them through the twists of the plot.

ESTAUGH BOARD RECEPTION

by Kitty Katzell

The spacious new facilities in the Arts and Social Wing were effectively launched on December 5 when the Estaugh Board held a special reception to introduce its new President, **Tom Zemaitis**, and Vice-President, **Susan Cunningham**, to the community. The new officers had been appointed at the Board's annual meeting on November 6; they succeed **Miller Biddle** and Zemaitis, respectively.



Ed Ferraro, Doug Springer, Harry Scheyer, Janet Sawyer Thomas, Tom Zemaitis, Susan Cunningham, Kitty Katzell, Walt Evans, Kay Cooley, Miller Biddle. Not shown: **David Barclay, John Cope, Paula Fairley, and Bill Schmidt**

Dining Services had prepared several tables with hot hors d'oeuvres, fruit trays, and platters of cheese and crackers, accompanied by a choice of mulled cider or orange/nectar/pineapple punch. At least 125 residents availed themselves of this opportunity to meet and greet the members of the Estaugh Board.

Dennis Koza expressed appreciation for Miller Biddle's years of service to Medford Leas. Biddle then spoke briefly before introducing Zemaitis, who invited the rest of the Board to join him on the dais (see accompanying picture).

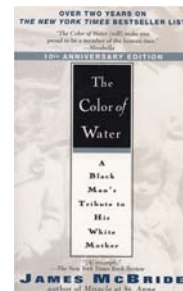
Zemaitis has been a member of the Estaugh Board since February 2004. He is a practicing attorney and a member of Moorestown Monthly Meeting. At the time of the annual meeting, the terms of six Board members had expired: **Kay Cooley, Walt Evans, Ed Ferraro, Doug Springer, Janet Thomas, and Tom Zemaitis.** All six had agreed to serve another three-year term. The other members of the Board are: **David Barclay, Miller Biddle, John Cope, Paula**

Fairley, Kitty Katzell, Harry Scheyer, and Bill Schmidt. There is currently one vacancy on the Board. The members of the Nominating Committee for the coming year will be **John Cope, Kitty Katzell, Chair, and Janet Thomas.**

MEDFORD LEAS READS

by Kay Cooley

By any measure, the Diversity Committee's "Medford Leas Reads" project was a success. Over 100 residents signed up to read *The Color of Water* by James McBride and participate in small group discussions. The story of a white Jewish woman who successively married two Black men and bore 12 Black children, it depicts the many racial conflicts generated by her mixed environment. She succeeds, however, in getting all of her offspring through college and many through graduate school.



Medford Leas readers divided into 11 groups to discuss the multiple situations of Jewish, Black, and white interactions. Each group was hosted by a resident and guided through the discussion by a facilitator.

The project was planned and orchestrated by a subcommittee of the Diversity Committee: **David Lewis**, chair, and **Jody Cardona, Kay Cooley, Virginia Dreby, Sue Heath, Barbara Lewis, Sue Thorp, and Helen Vukasin.**

Feedback for the project has been positive. Most residents enjoyed discussing the book with, in many cases, some participants they hadn't known before. A number expressed the desire to repeat the experience next year with another diversity topic, while some want to continue meeting now for book discussions on an ongoing basis.

Dave Lewis would welcome suggestions of books for next year's "Medford Leas Reads" and volunteers to help plan the discussions.

NEW RIGHTS FOR CCRC RESIDENTS

by Maggie Heineman

Over 100 residents from 13 CCRCs around the state attended the celebration at Seabrook Village in Tinton Falls, NJ, when Governor Jon Corzine signed legislation amending the state law concerning CCRCs.



left to right: Senator Robert Singer, Senator Ellen Karcher, Governor Jon Corzine, ORANJ President Gary Baldwin, Assemblyman Michael Panter, Assemblywoman Jennifer Beck

The Governor, accompanied by key legislative supporters, summarized the provisions of the new law in just a few words when he said, "The idea that one ought to be consulted and have a vote in the world that you've made a commitment to seems like... simple common sense. People ought to have a voice."

Major provisions are:

- the right of self-organization without retaliation;
- quarterly meetings for residents with open discussion of subjects including financial matters, changes in policies, programs, and services;
- designation of staff who are available to address residents' complaints;
- discussion of actions which might significantly affect the well-being of residents or the financial stability of the facility with representatives of residents before the

proposed action is taken;

- inclusion of at least one resident as a full voting member of the Board of Directors. Resident members are to be nominated by the elected representatives of the residents and selected by the board of directors;
- establishment of a 13-member Continuing Care Advisory Council for the State of New Jersey. Three members of the Advisory Council will be CCRC residents recommended by the Organization of Residents Association of New Jersey (ORANJ).

Medford Leas already enjoys most of the newly mandated rights. The success in Trenton is arguably most important to us because it demonstrates that ORANJ has become a meaningful statewide organization.

There are 23 CCRCs in New Jersey with resident associations that belong to ORANJ. Four leaders from four CCRCs worked behind the scenes, provided eloquent public testimony, and completed the mission by orchestrating statewide support from residents who responded to calls for letter writing and attendance at legislative sessions when the bills were discussed.

In 2001 David Hibberson of Harrogate worked with the original sponsors in drafting the bills. Wink Levensgood of Fellowship Village became involved in 2003, contributing a lifetime of experience in legislative negotiations. ORANJ Past President Charles Germany of Winchester Gardens and current President Gary Baldwin of Seabrook Village both gave strong priority to the legislative goal and were tireless advocates.

The ORANJ website at www.oranjccrc.org provides a link to the Act on the New Jersey Legislature website.

IN MEMORIAM

Lillian Rapeljie

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ART GALLERY NEWS

by Helen L. Vukasin

In the New Year, the relocated Art Studio will present a new exhibit. Several new, talented painters will be joining the long list of familiar resident artists. The paintings will be shown in the halls outside the Fitness Center and will extend around the corner to the new Art Studio.

All residents are invited to visit the new Studio and the art exhibit on January 14, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. As usual, there will be delicious homemade refreshments.

At the Lumberton Art Gallery in the Community Center, a new exhibit opened in mid-December with the works of **Katie Lewis** and new Lumberton resident **Pat Heller**. The two artists have worked in both oil and watercolor. Medford residents can get a key from the receptionist to visit this show.

The Medford Leas Art Gallery will host the Annual Exhibit of the South Jersey Camera Club for the month of January. The Club meets in the Medford Leas Theater on the third Tuesday of each month. The exhibit will open on their January 15 meeting night. The main program, "On the Road: Finding Pictures," starts at 8 p.m. after club announcements and a break for refreshments. Residents are invited to attend any part of the program.

Following the program for photo enthusiasts, the club will be holding a competition on "Kinda funny digitals" and on color prints.

At the Annex Art Gallery of the Smithville Mansion, the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders Art Exhibit includes three paintings by resident **Alice Skidmore Culbreth**. The theme of the show is "Wings." The exhibit is open until January 6.

BOWLERS NEEDED

by Maggie Woodard

Eleven years ago, a group of Medford Leas residents started bowling every Tuesday afternoon at the Medford Bowling Center on Stokes Road. Time has thinned their number, and the remaining members want others to join them.

Len Kahn says that, although none of the original group had bowled recently when they started out, they soon "picked up the game" and had fun. He added: "It's easy to learn how to bowl."

Charlie Morrow: "It's good activity for a person of our age, a sport you can learn if you're just starting. It's socially fun and somewhat competitive. Women are welcome."

Teddy Raup, who comes with her husband, **Gene**, stresses that "it is not a league and does not cause the stress of a league. You are in competition with yourself only. The group is very supportive, there is a great deal of sociability and it's kind of fun. It's good to have a skill you can work on."

Jim Eby: "I rather enjoy it. It is sometimes frustrating but it's a very good way to exercise. It's scheduled for the least crowded time and there is a wide choice of lanes. There are other groups who come regularly at the same time and they're nice to be with and to watch. Some are highly skilled."

Mickey Gray, who has been bowling for over 70 years, emphasizes the fun the group provides. "You don't have to be good - it's purely a social experience."

The group carools to bowl from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. every Tuesday. They are given a special rate of \$1.75 a game per person. Balls, shoes, and coffee are free. If interested, call Len Kahn



SQUARE DANCE CALLER DAVID AINSWORTH

by Maggie Woodard

For over 25 years, David Ainsworth has been calling for the Medford Leas square dancers on Tuesday evenings from late November to May. A "people person," he exudes warmth; he also has a good singing voice and a nice sense of humor. He creates a lively atmosphere and everyone has a good time.

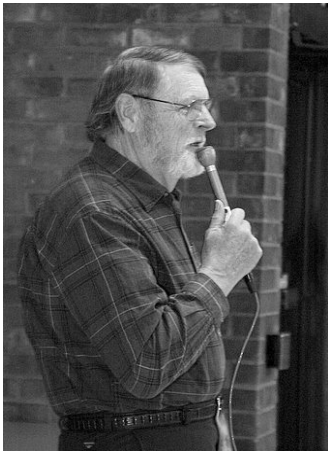


photo by Margery Rubin

Dave started calling 35 years ago. He and his wife took lessons from Flo Campbell, who was the caller for Medford Leas in those days. Teaching himself how to be a caller, he used a basement room in his home and employed small wooden dolls on a tabletop to work out calls. Learning standard calls in this way, he also

created some calls of his own.

He taught elementary and middle school children in Medford Lakes during the day and called for square dance groups as often as seven nights a week. In addition to group work, Dave called for many parties, charity events, and fund-raisers. Asked how he had time for his family, he said that two of his children were in his classes and they all went home every day for lunch.

His college degrees were in Agricultural Science – a BS in dairy science and an MS in environmental science. He would have liked to become a farmer but that did not work out. Night school made possible his education certifications by the State of New Jersey to teach elementary school and science K-12.

Dave said, "If you're troubled when you come to a square dancing group, you have to stop those thoughts in order to concentrate on doing the steps. And it's fun!"

Dave retired from teaching school in 2000. He and his family spend summers in a home he built on Prince Edward Island. He now calls only for Medford Leas, where he is greatly appreciated.

RESIDENTS IN THE NEWS

by Ellen Stimler

At age 82, **Dene Mayer**, who lived in Court 27 until she moved to the Lumberton Campus, is probably one of the most athletic residents on either campus. This caught the attention of the staff at the Active Fitness Center in Medford, where Dene works out for an hour six days a week. Medford Leas has comprehensive fitness programs in state-of-the-art facilities, but Dene preferred to exercise with a younger group.

Some weeks ago, when Dene showed up for her usual workout, she was told that a reporter and photographer from the *Philadelphia Inquirer* were going to interview her and take pictures. When the article didn't appear for weeks, Dene assumed that an editor found it less than interesting. But it finally ran as a full-page story in the Neighbors Section of the paper's Sunday edition on November 18.

A picture showed Dene doing the difficult and strenuous step aerobics. A similar article about Dene appeared in the *Burlington County Times* on December 10. Much younger women in her class said they often take breaks while Dene just keeps going. The instructor, Kelly Meyer, said Dene has been in her class for three years and came back just a few months after she had fallen and broken her hip during a step class. Dene's final comment: "I just love to be with all these young women."



photo by Margery Rubin

WHO'S NEW

photos by Margery Rubin

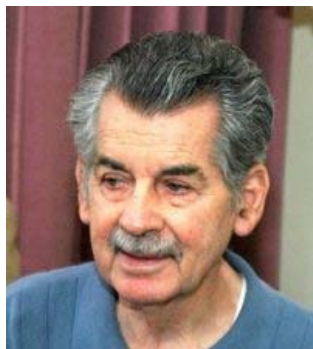
Vincent (Vince) and Margaret (Marge) Piecyk moved to Apartment 74 from Bellmawr, NJ, where they lived for over 50 years. Marge said it was her daughter, a research physician at the National Institutes of Health, who suggested Medford Leas as the best place for them.



This is the second marriage for Marge. She admits that she was "never going anywhere" after the death of her first husband at age 31. One evening, her neighbor insisted on taking her to a restaurant in Mt. Ephraim, NJ. There she met Vince when he

came up to the bar and claimed that she was sitting in his seat. They discovered some common interests, jobs in Camden and a love of square dancing. After Marge met all the requirements for a Catholic marriage ceremony, they were married in April 1956. Marge already had two children; she and Vince had two boys. They now have nine grandchildren and three great-grands.

Vince grew up in Philadelphia, the son of Polish immigrants. He had an artistic bent from the start and was always drawing. He quit school in 10th grade to join the Navy in WWII. He was a water tender in a ship's boiler room where the steam



was produced. He later got his high school diploma and started art school under the GI Bill. He took time out to serve in the Air Force during the Korean War. After receiving a Certificate of Fine Arts, Vince worked for a company that did retouching of photographs for Campbell Soup, as art director for a printing company, and as architectural illustrator for Luig Associates. He left Luig in 1975 and went to work for RCA in Moorestown to do illustrations for their radar and

space exploration systems, retiring in 1993. His own paintings, done with watercolors, tempura, and acrylics, are waiting to be hung on their apartment walls.

Marge worked as a medical receptionist before her children were born, and after they were in school, she also had a job at Luig, where Vince was working at the time. Currently, she wants to get back into water aerobics, which she loves, and she does a lot of reading. In her former home, she had a large garden, with season-spanning blooms from spring crocuses to chrysanthemums in the fall, and she enjoyed creating colorful arrangements with her flowers.

by Ellen Stimler

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Raymond and Georgia Sutton Franklin, Apt. 54, moved here from Martha's Vineyard. When their first grandchild was born, they bought a second home in Kings Grant, near their son and his family in Marlton. When their grandson started school, they returned to the Vineyard.

Georgia was born and raised in Elyria, Ohio, where her father was a country doctor. She attended Oberlin for a year before transferring to Western Reserve, from which she obtained her BA and MA in social work. Except for the time when she was caring for her son, she was engaged in social work in the New York area.



Raymond was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY and attended Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, where he earned a BS in chemistry. He worked as a research chemist for American Sugar, Domino's parent company, for 17 years. His work involved radioisotopes and developing procedures for analyzing production waste products. Following a cutback at Domino, he

went to work at Argus Chemical in Red Hook as an analytical chemist, a job involving plastics development. He retired in 1988 and they moved to Martha's Vineyard.

Georgia and Raymond met at a choir party at a church where she was the alto soloist and he was singing in the choir. Raymond was serving as chauffeur after the party and he contrived to drop off everyone else before he took Georgia home. That was soon followed by theater tickets and other dates. At Thanksgiving that year, he took her home to meet his parents.

When Georgia's widowed father decided to retire from his medical practice, he bought Georgia and Raymond a house in Queens with the understanding that he would live with them. The arrangement worked well, because he was there when their son came home from school while they were both at work.

Georgia plays the piano and enjoys many crafts, including knitting, sewing, and painting. Raymond's hobby is photography.

by Kitty Katzell

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Joanne S. Sawyer Bryan has moved into Rushmore Apt. 637 from Haddonfield, right next to **Warren** and **Florence Sawyer**, but they are not related. They hope to become good friends. Joanne met **Ada Foulkes** and **Arabelle Pennypacker** in the Haddonfield First Baptist Church and **Helen Peterson** at bridge games.



Joanne grew up in Morristown, TN, near the Smoky Mountains, and graduated from the University of Tennessee, majoring in history. She taught history in her county high school for one year even though she didn't have a teaching certificate. "They do that sort of thing in Tennessee," she said.

Joanne's teaching career was "happily" cut short by her marriage to Bill Bryan. When Bill got a new job with the RCA Service Company in Alexandria, VA, the couple moved to nearby Springfield, and Joanne shifted gears and became a housewife and mother of a son and daughter.

When Bill was transferred to RCA's operations in Cherry Hill, the family moved there. After four years, they bought a home in Haddonfield. Joanne began teaching third and fourth grade in a Cherry Hill school as soon as her children started going to Haddonfield schools. She got her teaching certificate from what is now Rowan University.

The family loved to travel, and they liked to make their arrangements through Untours of Media, PA, which would find a rental for them in the place of their choice, allowing them to explore the country at their own pace. Bill died in 1994 of a rare disease, progressive supranuclear palsy.

Joanne still goes to her Haddonfield Church. She enjoys the Philadelphia Opera, reading, and playing bridge. Her two children are married, and each has two children. Her daughter lives in Medford Lakes, her son in Narberth, PA.

by Ellen Stimler

GREAT DECISIONS 2008

By Bill Heisler

Each year, the Foreign Policy Association issues briefing books for the Great Decisions Program. The books cover the eight topics to be discussed at the year's sessions.

The 2008 briefing books will be available at the Front Desk on or about January 10, 2008. The price will be \$16.00. Please bring cash or check payable to MLRA.

Discussion of the Great Decisions topics will be held on Thursday mornings from February 21 through April 10 in the Theater..

JANUARY CRYPTOGRAM

by Ellen Stimler

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WZRANOEPU, LNKOLANEPU

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-- WJJA XNWZOPNAAP

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

THE HOLIEST OF ALL HOLIDAYS ARE THOSE KEPT BY OURSELVES IN SILENCE AND APART, THE SECRET ANNIVERSARIES OF THE HEART, WHEN THE FULL TIDE OF FEELING OVERFLOWS. – LONGFELLOW

The correct solution was received from 39 readers: **Ken Anderson, Miriam Angle, Mary Barth, Ruth Blattenberger, Judy Braddy, Marion Burk, John Caughey, Gwen Crawley, Anne Cree, Alice Culbreth, Doris Curley, Barbara Degler, Liz Dill, Louise Evaul, Mary Fenimore, Dorothy Garver, Alan Gaylord, Mickey Gray, Joyce Haase, Herb Heineman, Barbara Heizman, Patti Hopton, Eleanor Horner, Hugh Jenkins, Sally Klos, Mary Mason, Bob Morrow, Alice Norcross, Helen Peterson, Ed Porter, Betty Preston, Warren Reeves, Doris Salati, Florence Sawyer, Peg Scott, Louise Stiles, Emily Taylor, Ellen Wiener, Gladys Wynkoop.**

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