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FAMILY HISTORY REVEALED

by Suzanne Frank

For almost a decade, **Russ Haley** has guided, inspired, instructed, and assisted many more than a handful of residents interested in discovering their own history. Originally, in 2001, the group he headed, called the Family History Group, was attended by about 60 folks who were eager to dig into their past. But as is usual with grand beginnings, the group pared down over the years to a core of about a dozen different members at each meeting.



photo by Margery Rubin

The perfect leader for this endeavor, Russ has credentials that sparkle. Family history has been his hobby since 1956. He volunteered for the New England Historic and Genealogical Society in Boston and Kendal's family history group for five years as well as advising the Mormon library collection from its Wilmington branch.

Speaking of his own colorful past, Russ discovered that his grandfather and four great-uncles all drowned in disasters that were storm-related sinkings and wrecks while ferrying lumber along various waterways. "They were slow learners, I guess," he quipped.

"Russ is incredible," **Gordon Beckhart** commented. "If you have a stone wall, he can find a way round it. He helped me find out about a ship that left Ireland in 1730 whose captain tried to kill all the passengers for their money and goods. It seems that someone led a revolt and captured the captain. Fortunately, one of the survivors was an ancestor of mine."

The group helped **Janet Sholl** discover that her Southern ancestors' land was completely razed by Sherman's March. She also has just finished her grandfather's biography. "I had wonderful cooperation from Russ, and he was of incredible help to me. I've also managed to meet four relatives on the Internet," she added. "I go to the meetings every month because now I want to get back to work on my family tree."

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George Trought had been prompted by his elder son, who is in sales and had often been asked about the spelling of his name, to find out the source of the unusual spelling. After much work, George determined that the name was originally Trout and had been changed between his grandfather's and his great-grandfather's generations. The reason for the change remains a mystery. But after joining the group, George found "Russ to have been a great help in providing me with possible new sources and in pursuing the Trout, Everingham, Svenning, and Van Horn family branches."

Using Russ's own manuscript, **Doris Allebach** was able to get good ideas as to how to proceed with her own quest. Evidently she had to rely purely on Norwegian records, which she said were quite different from the ones here, such as the U.S. census. "But I managed to go back to the 1200s using our own family records and those of Norwegian ministers."

Miriam Ward, a steadfast member of the group, finished and published -- with Russ' encouragement and help -- her Quaker family history, which she has contributed to the Library. "It was a long time in the making, and I'm very glad it's done," she said.

"My father died when I was nine, and I lost track of his family," **Nan Hanslowe** said. "But with Russ's wonderful help, I was able to trace the Reese (originally Rhyss) family back to the 27th year of Henry VIII's reign when the Welsh and English made a peace pact to stop invading each other's territory and killing each other. I managed to start on my mother's maiden name of Dishman. I imagine that when the Huguenots escaped to England, some official heard the French-accented name of duChemin from my ancestor and promptly wrote down Dishman!"

Having been immersed in his own genealogy for the past 45 years, **Gene Holben** joined the group to "fill in certain spots I can't find," he stated. "Russ is such an expert all the way around, and I've even called him about ques-

tions I had. He's such a neat guy, and I learned both from him and from the other members' reports of the difficulties they faced as they searched. So far I have no concrete results, because it involves complicated matters, but I'll keep looking."

According to Russ, the format of the monthly sessions involves some instructions in the first half of the hour, such as how to move research forward instead of backward or revealing research formalities in countries like Ireland or Germany. The second half of the meeting is open to people reporting on their frustrations, their accomplishments, and what they would like to research.

"If you are interested in pursuing your family history," Russ added, "you might check out the more than 50 original papers on various genealogical topics that have been posted on mlra.org in the Family History Committee Room."

Russ is retiring from leadership and hopes someone will step up and take over mentoring the group. As there are 26 active members, he is optimistic that someone will come forward.

Here are some of the most popular genealogy sites starting with Ancestry.com, the leading genealogical data site. Note that a dollar sign after the name means that fees are required on the site. Go to mlra.org for the full list.

1. Ancestry.com \$
2. Genealogy.com \$
3. MyHeritage.com
4. RootsWeb.com
5. MyFamily.com
6. FamilySearch.org
7. FindAGrave.com
8. Geni.com
9. Footnote.com \$
10. AncestorHunt.com
11. OneGreatFamily.com \$
12. GenealogyToday.com
13. WorldVitalRecords.com \$
14. AccessGenealogy.com
15. USGennet.org

MLRA LEADERS REELECTED

At their meeting on May 14, the members of the MLRA Council decided unanimously to give **Sally Miller**, their current president, and **George Rubin**, Vice-President, another one-year term from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.



"I have had a rewarding year as your President and am gratified for the vote of confidence from the Council in asking me to serve another term. Together we can work to meet the challenges that will inevitably come, so Medford Leas continues to be a superior facility and a wonderful place to live," Sally said.

"I think it is important to be appointed Vice-President for a second term for two reasons," said George. "Firstly, I feel it gives a sense of continuity to the Council, and the work that it does. Secondly, I appreciate continuing to work with Sally Miller, our reelected President. I believe that the Council is an indispensable voice for all the residents here at Medford Leas."

The six residents newly elected to Council for two-year terms, and the five hold-over members serving their second year were eligible to participate in the vote for the two top positions.

The following are members of the new Council as of July 1, serving with Sally Miller and George Rubin: **Lefty Alderfer, Doris Allebach, Steve Denham, Alan Gaylord, Joan McKeon, Jean Nicholson, Betty Preston, Anne Wood, and John Sommi.** Alan and Steve were not able to be present at the election on May 14.

E.S.

POLAR BEAR DIP

by Elsie Behmer

"Marco." "Polo." "Marco." "Polo." "Marco." That's what the 27 or so in-pool participants in the 7th Annual Polar Bear Dip were calling back and forth as they played the classic game of water tag. An equal number of spectators ringed the Lumberton Campus Pool cheering the players on and groaning when the blindfolded "bear" who was "it" just missed a successful tag.

After about 45 minutes, the "bears" had enough of the 87-degree water and stepped out into the 57-degree air. Many headed directly to the hot tub, while others were quick to wrap themselves in towels or beach robes.



photo by Doris Wallace

The much-anticipated April 10th event was organized by **Ed Ellis** and **Rick Trandahl**, Fitness and Aquatics. They were brainstorming ideas for a suitable activity when Rick recalled the fun he had as a child playing Marco Polo. He did some quick research with his daughter, who confirmed that Marco Polo is still a great way to have a good time. But would the "bears" agree? The answer was a whole-hearted "yes." In the words of one player, "It's amazing how a silly game like that can be so much fun!"



photo by Doris Wallace

SPRING TRADITION: THE DOG SHOW

by Betsy Pennink
photos by Jessica Magdziak

Dogs, dogs, everywhere! Twenty-two of them, in fact, were on hand for the Eighth Annual Medford Leas Dog Show on April 14. The “regular” canine contestants found themselves up against a host of newcomers, due, in large part, to the seven therapy dogs whose usual visit is on Wednesday afternoon. But, this day, by invitation of the Therapeutic Recreation Department headed by **Linda Schultz**, the dogs and their owner/handlers, all students in the Veterinarian Assistant program at Burlington County Institute of Technology (BCIT), came earlier.



Mandi and Lisa Minuto

In spite of the crowd, the dogs waiting in the hall outside the Activities Room and in the kitchen adjacent to it were extremely well-behaved. In the Activities Room, **Terry Tufnell**, Therapeutic Recreation, was Master of Ceremonies. She called out the events, the participants, and the prizes in such a clear and orderly manner that the onlookers, mostly residents from Estaugh, Assisted Living, and the Courts, thoroughly enjoyed the program. Some of the handlers held up their dogs so everyone could see them.

The judges, **Fran Webb**, **Sally Klos**, and **Helen Hamilton**, admitted to exhaustion in trying to make their decisions, but came up with the following prizes for each category:

Best Costume (11 entrants)

1. Sandy – yellow Labrador Retriever mix – 12 years, wearing a watch pillow as a “watch dog” (**Linda Schultz**)

2. Mia – Bishon Frise/Shih Tzu mix -- 3 years (handled by Alison Kaercher and Adrienne Johnson, BCIT)
3. Mandi – Yorkshire Terrier – 3 years (**Lisa Minuto**, Operations Coordinator)

Best Tail-Wagger (6 entrants):

1. Sandy – Shih Tzu mix – 5 years (**Dottie Mulholland**)
2. Trader – Standard Poodle -- 10 years (Joan Ley, volunteer)
3. Rufus – Bernese Mountain Dog – 4 years (Carolyn Hunt, wife of a patient here)

Best Tricks (9 entrants):

1. Fuller – yellow Labrador Retriever -- 8 years (**Kay Roberts**)
2. Moby Dickens – West Highland Terrier -- 6 years (**Sue Thorp**)
3. Champ – Golden Retriever – 5 years (Lauren Bauer, BCIT)



Kay Roberts bends over Fuller

Best-looking Mutt/Dog (12 entrants):

1. Bailey – Boston Terrier/Pit Bull mix – 1 year (**Rhonda Locatelli**, Environmental Services)
2. Bean – Yorkshire Terrier/Toy Poodle mix – 1 year (**Kristin Smyth**, Fitness and Aquatics)
3. Winnie – Shih Tzu/Scottish Terrier mix – 5 years (Renee Smith, BCIT)

Best Kisser (6 entrants):

1. Mandi (see Best Costume)
2. Chloe – Bishon Frise – 2½ years (Estaugh mascot, handled by **Al Pfeiffer**)

3. Scout and Ranger (tied) - Italian Greyhounds – 4 years (**Toby Riley**)

As to the Best in Show (from among the first prize winners), the judges gave the award to all five entrants: the two Sandys, Fuller, Bailey, and Mandi.

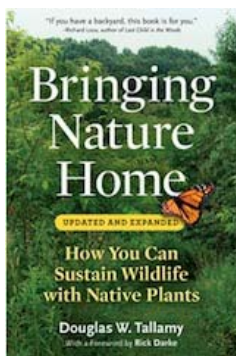
Of the 22 dogs participating, eight were owned by members of the staff, five belonged to Medford Leas residents, and nine were visitors.

BARTON ARBORETUM LECTURE

by Kitty Katzell

On April 24, the Medford Leas Theater was packed to capacity for the annual Lewis W. Barton Arboretum Lecture. Douglas W. Tallamy, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology, at the University of Delaware spoke about “Bringing Home Nature.”

His message dealt with the impact of habitat destruction on wildlife populations and the need to reverse this trend by planting native plants that are crucial for native and migrating wildlife survival. He noted the unbreakable link between native plant species and native wildlife – native insects cannot or will not eat alien plants. When native plants disappear, insects disappear, diminishing the food source for birds and other animals. A lavish collection of illustrations showing birds, insects, trees, shrubs, and flowers was projected on the screen throughout the lecture.



Those interested in knowing more about Professor Tallamy's subject and seeing some of the pictures shown at the lecture should look for his book with the same title: *Bringing Nature Home*. There is a copy in the Medford Leas Library.

LEAS SALON

The Grand Opening of the new and improved Leas Salon on April 19 was a huge success, with balloons, refreshments, and door prizes. Since then, residents have been taking advantage of the new offerings — facials by Barbara Lynn, the aesthetician; massages by Jennifer, the masseuse; and cosmetic items for sale. Hair spray, gel, combs, brushes, pics, nail files, nets, and bonnets are among them. Residents continue to get manicures, pedicures, haircuts, perms, highlights, shampoos and sets by Diane, Chris, and Joan.



photo by Margery Rubin

The Salon is open five days a week, with appointments from 8 am until the last person has been served. On alternate Mondays, Barbara Lynn, the masseuse, and Jennifer, the aesthetician, give massages and facials while the rest of the Salon is closed. The other Mondays are Men's Haircut Days. On those days, women can get their hair done if there is an opening in the schedule. Men can also get their hair cut on other days than Monday.

For appointments in the Salon or other information about its services, call 3110.

K.K.

IN MEMORIAM

Charles Kutteroff
William Lindeman

April 30
May 10

IN THE NEWS

On April 17, **Bud and Jean Stratton, Bob Durbin, and Kitty Katzell** attended the Regional Grand Classic of the Classic Car Club of America (CCCA). Grand Classics are judged car shows held each year by CCCA in different regions, and this year's was held at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern, PA. Bud, Bob, and the Katzells have all been involved in the old car hobby for many years, and until very recently, Kitty was the editor and publisher of the Delaware Valley Region's newsletter. Bud and Bob were eager to see the cars, and Kitty was hoping to see her old friends from the Club. Imagine their surprise when the first item on the agenda at the Awards Luncheon was the presentation to Kitty of a framed certificate stating that a donation had been made to the CCCA Museum in Hickory Corners, MI, honoring her for her years of service as editor and publisher of *The Classic Driver*.

Three handcrafted pieces of silver made by **Euseba Kamensky**, who died in February, were accepted by the Newark Museum for display in their collection of works of silver made by New Jersey women. The donated items consisted of a bowl about 8" in diameter, a side-pouring pitcher with a rosewood handle, and a cigarette holder in the shape of a round canister the height of a cigarette. Euseba made these pieces before she came to Medford Leas, but continued this kind of work in their apartment. **Warren Kamensky**, Euseba's husband, explained that she used to buy sheets of silver on Jewelry Row in Philadelphia. To soften the silver for shaping, the silver had to be annealed and beaten with a blanching hammer over a kind of mold. Warren recalled, "Euseba just loved working with silver."

Erin Valentine, a student who is a waitress in Dining Services, was so excited that she had to tell one of her tables that she had won a scholarship to the prestigious Philadelphia Restaurant School. She participated in a cooking competition with seven other applicants. All had to cook the same menu of Chicken Dijonaise, carrots, and any starch. After declaring her the winner,

the judges told her that her flavoring and seasoning were perfect and that her production was above what was expected of a high school student. Erin is a senior at Seneca High School in Tabernacle. She learned about the contest during a visit to the Restaurant School by her class in Food and Nutrition. Her teacher recommended her for the contest. Erin's parents were initially not happy with her choice of restaurant work, but they offered full support after Erin won the scholarship.

ART GALLERY NEWS

by Helen L. Vukasin

During July and August, the Art Gallery on the Medford Campus will have a showing of water colors by Bernhard Sperl. Born in Munich, Germany, he was an apprentice and freelance artist before immigrating to Haddonfield in 1955. In the 1950s, he worked as a graphic artist for DuPont and later as a freelance artist for the Lutheran Church of America, where he became Art Director of the *Lutheran Magazine*. Bernhard is no stranger to Medford Leas. He often plays at the Blue Grass Jams in the Holly Room.

The new exhibit of resident artwork in the Resident Art Gallery was greeted by over a hundred residents in April. It will be up until the Fall Exhibit is ready.

The photographs taken by the late resident **Bob Gray** of his project work for the AFSC (American Friends Service Committee) have been hung at Lumberton. On July 2 there will be a wine and cheese party to pay tribute to Bob and discuss his work. Bob's daughter, **Janet Gray**, a Lumberton Leas resident, will speak about the photos.

The good news is that a Lumberton Leas couple, **Walter and Laurie Haworth**, have agreed to work with **Mary Lou Morrow** through 2010 and then take over the management of the Art Gallery exhibits. It is important to have four or five volunteers to share the work. Please call Mary Lou Morrow (3632) to learn more.

THE OLD BALL GAME

Sunday, May 2, was a scorcher! It was going up to 92 degrees. That didn't stop 18 stalwarts from going to Campbell Field in Camden to watch the Camden Riversharks take on the Newark Bears.

An air-conditioned penthouse suite had been reserved and bottled water was supplied. There were 18 seats outside behind first base and under an overhang for shade. Some had brought knitting or crocheting, and everyone relaxed to enjoy the game – which went on and on and on. From time to time, people would go into the suite to cool off, and then return to their seats to watch more closely.



During the game, **Fran Werrell** went down to the Bears' dugout and had a chat with the coach. She wanted him to know that, as a teenager she, her family, and friends regularly attended the Bears' games in Newark, NJ. She also told him that she was one of two Medford Leas residents in attendance rooting for the Bears. He was delighted, and the guard quickly escorted Fran back to the third floor.

Those who wanted the usual stadium food took the elevator down from the third floor to the second where the vendors held forth. It wasn't crowded, so getting food didn't take long.

Finally, after nine innings in the heat, the score was 9-9, and the game was going into extra innings, but the Medford Leas bus had to return home. As a result, we didn't learn until Monday morning that the Riversharks had won the game, 10-9, in the 10th inning.

K.K.

GENES AND US

by Suzanne Frank

Residents are fortunate that Medical Director **Dr. Jennifer Khelil** has extensive knowledge and experience in the field of human genetics. "Many of the therapies and treatments that we utilize today," she said, "were developed based on our understanding of the genetics of certain disease processes. These findings are relevant to all ages and populations." Thus, her expertise may affect not only us but the health and future of our children and grandchildren.

Having participated in the Human Genome Project, a 13-year project coordinated by the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Khelil helped in the identification of approximately 25,000 genes in human DNA. She has studied what makes up a gene, and if and how it is passed on from generation to generation.

Therefore, her work at Medford Leas will be important to those residents who have medical problems and diseases that they could possibly pass on to their progeny. In the case of breast cancer, for instance, blood would be tested, and the DNA extracted and examined under a microscope to see if it fits the genetic type identified as capable of being passed on to the next generation. This information would be critical knowledge for a family's medical history.

Another example would be a resident with a blood disorder that might be familial. It might be necessary for the children and grandchildren to be made aware that there could be a trace in their genetic map that needed to be followed.

Dr. Khelil thinks that "the discovery of the double helix DNA molecule by James D. Watson and Francis Crick in 1953 is up there with the discovery of penicillin. It is impressive how quickly the knowledge base of genetic research has increased in the last 50 years."

AS NIMBLE IS, SO NIMBLE DOES

by Suzanne Frank

"Concentrate on the beauty of that flower, Mom-Mom." Those inspirational words were uttered by **Eileen McConville's** granddaughter as she urged her to go on with her treadmill even though Eileen's energy was flagging as she faced eight ("Oh my God!") more minutes during the Fitness Department's recent Triathlon competition. That dedication runs deep with Eileen and her husband **Jim** because, as they both say, "we want the best quality of life we can have" and whose motto is "never ride when you can walk."



photo by Barbara Degler

"I feel guilty if I don't exercise," Eileen admitted. They both walk 3 ½ miles twice a week and spur each other on to go faster, all the while talking and catching up on each other's news. Jim golfs three or four times a week carrying his own bag, he says proudly, and goes to Fitness two or three times a week to work on biking, rowing, the treadmill, and weights.

Jim felt he had a great fitness story to tell about Eileen. A few years ago the town of Lumberton was holding a 5K race, and Jim entered Eileen's name without her knowledge. Good-naturedly, she ran the whole race and as a prize -- both for gamesmanship and endurance it seems -- won a gold medal for her age bracket. Jim ran five races and medaled in three in his age bracket.

Telling about his own experience, Jim said, "Once, when we first moved here, I was running up the hill on Creek Road when a dominant wild male turkey chased me for three miles and then right up to my front door. I think it was the first time my neighbors had even seen me. They were amused, they later said, because all they had seen were my thin legs running and the turkey on his thin legs keeping right up with me."

Wild turkeys are social birds who live in flocks, which are organized by "pecking order." Sometimes turkeys believe humans are part of the "pecking order" and will treat them accordingly. If a turkey views someone as dominant, they will act submissive or fearful. If someone is viewed as being a subordinate, however, the turkey will try to bully him/her.



Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Rick Trandahl, Fitness and Aquatics, does a good job keeping them updated on all the equipment and the right level of exercise, as well as watching that their posture is correct. "We've always been active," they said, "but the whole Fitness Department does a grand job of making us aware of the right way to keep our bodies in shape. As a result, we both feel better." And anyone who sees this vibrant couple would undoubtedly think that they do look about as fit as one (or two) could be.

RESIDENTS' WORKSHOP

by Maggie Woodard

One of the joys of living in Medford Leas comes from the ease with which you can get small pieces of personal property repaired. No more endless time spent on repeated telephone calls or wrong numbers. The Residents Workshop was started in 1972 by **Harold Olesen**. Members of the Workshop Committee (chaired now by **Andy Moll**) will try to repair anything made of wood, such as chairs, tables, and bookcases. They replace electric cords, lamp sockets, and lamp cords. Occasionally they perform simple appliance repairs. One member, **Jim Eby**, does basic repairs on TVs, VCRs, and DVD equipment. They build some things of wood, such as bookcases and pusher rods for electric carts.

In addition to the work they do for residents, the Woodshop members also do some small service projects for Medford Leas departments. They have made bookcases for the Fitness Room, drying racks for shoes in the Pool Locker Rooms, and steps for the Sewing Room. They recently refurbished an upholstered chair seat in the Nature Center.

The Workshop is a large room, 40 feet by 60 feet. A dust collection system, installed a couple of years ago, solved the "dust-in-the-air" problem. The shop is usually open from 9 am to noon, Monday through Friday. For safety reasons, at least two people must be present to use power tools or wear a remote alarm when working alone. The charge for work done is \$4 per hour, plus cost of material.

Residents can take small items to the Workshop themselves or can get help with pickup and delivery. For repairs, residents should fill out a Workshop order form. A Medford Leas work order form is needed for pickup/delivery. Completed forms should be put in the Resident Workshop box in the Atrium or in Andy's box (101). The Workshop order forms are found in the Atrium box area.

All proceeds go to the Appreciation Fund and the Reserve Fund. The annual craft show and fund-raising sale for the Reserve Fund always includes small items made by Workshop Committee members, such as book-ends, Medford Leas benches, side tables, and small stools.

The six members of the Workshop Committee at the present time have had interesting and varied careers. Andy was an engineer. **Jim Knapp** was a project administrator for GE and RCA. **Doug Springer** was an executive at Campbell Soup. **Bud Stratton** was a physician. Jim Eby was a telecommunications engineer. **Inge Raven**, who repairs jewelry, was a kindergarten teacher.

While members are working, they enjoy the sociability along with music and coffee. Andy says the Committee needs work, additional projects, and are happy to have new members join them.

HOW ARE YOU?

by Maggie Woodard

When asked "How are you?" the usual reply is "fine!" At Medford Leas, the answers tend to vary: not everyone feels "fine" all the time. **Bart Bartholomew** recently collected several friends' responses.

- I've been better
- Could be worse
- I'm on two feet
- As well as I can be
- Can't complain,
- You really want to know?
- I'm vertical
- I'm here
- Pretty well
- As well as can be expected
- Compared to what?

Feel free to use any that serve the purpose!

WHO'S NEW

Photos by Margery Rubin and Barbara Degler



Rona Keilin moved from her single home on New Freedom Road to Bridlington 682 with her companion **Ezra Shahn**. At present Ezra is at Medford Leas only on weekends during the academic year. He is a full-time professor at Hunter College in New York City

and stays at his home in Riverdale Monday through Thursday.

Ezra grew up in New York City with his mother and sister. His father, the well-known artist Ben Shahn, left the family when Ezra was two years old. Father and son later began a relationship during Ezra's college years. Ezra enjoyed a progressive elementary education at Bank Street College and The Little Red School House and then went to The Bronx High School of Science. He graduated from Bard College with degrees in math and physics, followed by graduate courses at Princeton for three years. He worked at the Office of Mathematical Research of the National Institutes of Health for two years before completing a PhD in molecular biology at the University of Pennsylvania.

After his PhD, he joined the Biology Department at Hunter College, where he has taught for over 40 years, mostly undergraduate courses in math, biology, and the history of science. He also developed a course for non-science majors, which was publicized internationally by the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education.

During summer vacations and sabbaticals, Ezra did research and worked in labs in England and Wales. He has given seminars and talks in over 20 states, in Beijing and in London. He is looking for a publisher of a manuscript on the history of science and art and their relationship.

Rona and Ezra met at a summer camp as teenagers and stayed in touch for years by occasional phone calls and meetings. In 2007, Rona learned from **Kit Ellenbogen** that she was going to the Bard College reunion, and Rona sent greetings to Ezra. Kit told Ezra about Medford Leas, which prompted Ezra to visit. He found it "a plausible place to live" and became a regular visitor.

Rona is the co-chair of the Farm and is keeping her two plots. She plans to grow vegetables, grapes, blueberries, and raspberries.

Ellen Stimler

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Judith (Strahm) Norcross

lived in Mt. Laurel before moving to 147 Woodside Drive. She was born and raised in Tulsa, OK. While attending the University of Pennsylvania, she met David Norcross, whom she married in 1961. David, a Second Lieutenant, was assigned to the Army

Security Agency's pre-satellite spy station in Asmara, Ethiopia. During the three years they were stationed there, Judy served as a volunteer in the Red Cross, the Service Club, and the officers' wives' club.

They moved to Moorestown in 1969, the same day that Neil Armstrong landed on the moon. Judy spent the following years raising a son and a daughter and as a committeewoman in local, state, and national politics. In 1985, as a team member, she was sent to the Philippines by the International Institute for Democracy to witness voting procedures during the Marcos vs. Aquino presidential election.

Judy is an experienced kayaker who has ventured across the globe. She was trained as a kayaker and encouraged to experience sea cave

kayaking in North Vietnam – a highlight of her life. Each September she leads two kayaking trips to western Maine. Her interest in nature has been enhanced by her time as a New Jersey Pinelands Commissioner, and as a Whitesbog Preservation Trust board member. She is a member of the Outdoor Club of South Jersey and of the Sierra Club.

She looks forward to some gardening, a bit of trail maintenance and time with her three grandchildren, in addition, of course, to more time in her kayak.

Doris Brown

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Arthur and Elaine (Bland) Eldred lived in Moorestown for 35 years until moving to 198 Woodside Drive. Elaine was born in Philadelphia, PA, attended Little Flower High School, and obtained her RN upon graduation from Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing in 1956. After earning her BSN at Villanova University, she taught for about 11 years. During those years, she met Arthur, who lived in Clementon, NJ. Arthur is a graduate of Moorestown Friends School. He received his BS in Commerce and Finance from Bucknell University in 1958, entered the Army Reserve, and retired as Captain eight years later. Arthur and Elaine married in 1967 and settled in Voorhees Twp., NJ, for nine years.



During the years of parenting five children, Elaine worked six years in coronary care units at Virtua Hospital, Mt. Holly and Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia. She graduated from St. Joseph's University in 1984 and accepted a one-year grant position in the S.E. Chapter of the

American Red Cross, Philadelphia. Elaine went on to positions as Director of Nursing at The

Chateau, Bryn Mawr, PA, the Lutheran Home in Moorestown, and per diem LTC nursing supervisor at various facilities for four years.

She earned ANA certification in gerontology nursing, and was recognized for her gerontology work in the *National Directory of Distinguished Service in Nursing* and *Who's Who in American Nursing, 1990-1994*.

She returned to pediatric nursing, her favorite field, and was employed for 17 years by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services as a Public Health Nurse Consultant, administering statewide grant programs for services to children with disabilities. From 1995 to 2000, Elaine was the acting NJ Adolescent Health Coordinator and successfully authored and implemented statewide community grants that addressed adolescent health issues. She retired in 2007.

Since retiring, Elaine volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and serves as an officer of the Burlington County Court to advocate for children in foster care.

Arthur's family owned and managed the popular Clementon Amusement Park, which they had bought in the early 1900s. Arthur worked there part-time from youth to adulthood, when he became manager. He served as chairman of the Zoning Board of Clementon and as a member of the Board of Education. After the Park was sold in 1977, Arthur bought and managed Maddens Hardware Store in Mt. Holly, which he sold in 2000 when he retired.



Elaine and Arthur are certified in levels I and II Reiki, an ancient Japanese natural healing method involving the laying on of hands. They are active members of the Moorestown Presbyterian Church. They have 12 grandchildren.

Doris Brown

When looking for a retirement community, **John and Cecile (Cantrell) Hanley** remembered the beautiful grounds of Medford Leas, which they visited while staying with Cecile's father in Leisuretown. They are now settled in Apt. 660.



They are both New Yorkers, John having grown up in the Bronx, Cecile in Brooklyn. John had earned a BA in English literature from City College of New York, Cecile a BFA from Columbia, when they met at Hunter College while pursuing an MA in English Literature. They

married in 1959 and set up their first home in Queens.

John was used to working part-time from his high school days. He had teaching jobs during the day while studying for his advanced degrees, which later included an MBA from New York University. His career was in higher education. After teaching business courses at Sullivan County College for three years, he accepted a position at Mercer County College. He started as a faculty member, then became Dean of Administration responsible for the construction of the campus. He assumed the presidency in 1975 and served until 1992. He returned to teaching business courses at the James P. Kearny campus until he retired in 1999.

While an undergraduate at Columbia, Cecile had a part-time summer job at IBM and was hired full-time after her graduation. She was forced to leave when she was six months pregnant, under the company's policy of not employing women with children. Thanks to a mother-in-law willing to baby sit, Cecile was able to begin her teaching career while also pursuing a PhD in English



at NYU. Initially she taught early morning courses in general literature at NY Community College. After she received her PhD, she was on the faculty of Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey) for 13 years. Her last position was as Dean for Special Programs at William Paterson College.

John and Cecile have traveled all over the world, together and separately, and were ardent players in New York and London.

Asked about their current interests, John mentioned history books and movies. Cecile is an avid reader, a bridge player, and loves to shop for clothes. She will attend the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Metropolitan Opera, ballet, and chamber music. Taking a look through their sunny porch, Cecile said she loves gardening and had a whole area dug up so she can plant lots of flowers. She has already volunteered for the monthly Arboretum clean-up.

John and Cecile have two sons living in the area: one in Maple Shade; the other in Florence. They have one granddaughter.

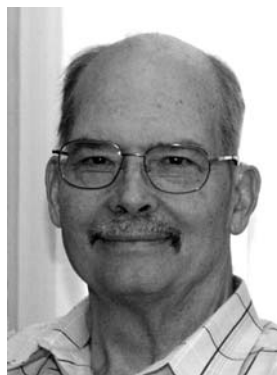
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Robert (Bob) and Janet de Vry took up residence in Apartment 646 in Rushmore on April 26, although most of their belongings were still in their (unsold) house in Kennett Square, where they had lived for 27 years. They were eager to move to Medford Leas, which meets all of their criteria for a CCRC. They wanted to be able to walk to things, to be surrounded by nature, to engage in many activities, and to be within an hour's distance of their two daughters and three granddaughters.

Janet graduated from Haddonfield Memorial High School, attended Middlebury College in Vermont, and received her BA in African and Asian History from Temple University in Philadelphia. Janet went on to get an MS in secondary education at the University of Pennsylvania

in Philadelphia and taught from 1970 to 1975 at Cherry Hill High School East.



Bob was born in Radford, VA, and did his undergraduate work in chemistry at the University of Delaware. He was drafted immediately after graduation and spent two years in the Army in Alabama. He got his MBA on the GI Bill at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Shortly before Bob went into the Army, his girlfriend took him to meet her best friend in Haddonfield. This was Janet. Bob didn't pursue the friendship, but once in the Army, he persuaded his best friend to write to Janet. The friend shared Janet's letters with Bob, and Bob fell in love. Their first date was a weight-lifting meet. (Bob was the light-heavy weight champion of Delaware in 1969.) They were married in 1970.

Bob worked for Hercules Chemical Company in Wilmington, DE. He was transferred to Los Angeles, and the couple lived in Huntington Beach, CA, for four years. Their daughters were born there. In 1978, they moved to Ringwood, NJ, and several months later, Bob discovered that he had a brain tumor. Janet suddenly became an "accidental career woman." She pursued a second undergraduate degree, this time in accounting and computer science. She worked for DuPont as a freelance computer trainer for a year. She then took a job at the University of

Delaware as support person for the faculty in the uses of technology for student teaching. She became Manager of Instructional Technology. Her career has spanned the arrival of the personal computer and the invention and growth of the Internet. Janet describes it: "I started teaching word-



processing and ended up teaching Facebook." She has just retired. Bob took early retirement in 1994.

In Kennett Square, they were both active in the YMCA and the local Episcopal Church.

Janet is interested in reading, gardening, and painting (acrylics and watercolor). She especially enjoys yoga. Bob loves bridge and is a "lifelong learner" in many fields, among them religion, history, and literature. He also makes models. For example, he has created a Gothic cathedral from pictures, using wood that he shapes himself. He hopes to find somewhere at Medford Leas where he can continue this hobby.

Betsy Pennink

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Mary J. Noll, 67 Woodside Dr., was raised in Montclair and Verona, NJ and moved to Moorestown in 1984.

Following graduation from Verona High School in 1950, she entered Mount Holyoke College, receiving her BA in English in 1954. She then entered a training program at The Hanover Bank in New York City. Soon finding that balance sheets and credit reports were not her forte, she enrolled in an evening shorthand course at Pace College, NYC. This led to various positions within the Union Carbide Corporation. When the firm moved its headquarters from Manhattan to Danbury, CT, in 1980, Mary was offered the position of Employee Relations Administrator at the Hackensack NJ Consolidated Sales Office.



In 1984, Union Carbide transferred Mary to the Moorestown Consolidated Sales Office to fill a senior employee relations position. With the ap-

proaching close of Union Carbide's Moorestown facility, Mary retired in 1992. She has many happy memories of her 26 years of commuting to Manhattan and 36 years with Union Carbide.

When she retired Mary became an active volunteer: helping produce the Moorestown Community Calendar; working on Community Link's butterfly garden; writing and publishing the local AARP newsletter; selling baked goods at the Whitesbog Annual Blueberry Festival; and working at the polls on Election Day.

She is a reader, sewer, baker, and gardener. She has not left her gardening tools behind, and hopes to eventually put them to use in the Lumberton Community Garden. Her greatest pleasures are working crossword puzzles and poking around local antique shops on rainy days.

Doris Brown

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Susanne (Phillips) Isaacs, who moved into Apt. 207 from Georgetown, DE, lived and worked on her husband's large farm throughout her married life. Sue is now enjoying a true retirement after more than 50 years of never-ending daily tasks.

Sue grew up in a Quaker family in West Philadelphia and graduated from Friends Central School. She met her future husband Martin at the University of Delaware. Sue received a BA in psychology in the spring of 1949; Martin graduated with a business degree in that fall. They were married in 1950. They lived and worked in Philadelphia for two years until Martin decided that he wanted to take over his late father's farm in Georgetown, DE. They moved in with Martin's mother, and Martin ran the farm.

The large farm produced a large variety of fruits and vegetables that were sold in a retail farm market and to wholesale customers. Sue said she "did a little bit of everything," working at the farm market, in the greenhouses, and growing flowers, all while raising six children and cooking meals for her large family and seasonal hired help.

In his 60s, Martin contracted Parkinson's disease, but managed to continue farming for another 20 years. They sold the farm in 2007, and Martin died a year later. Sue moved in with one of her daughters nearby. When she didn't feel comfortable any more driving her grandchilddren or that she was really useful to her daughter, Sue felt it was time to get her own place.

All of Sue's children live in Delaware, and most have come to visit her at Medford Leas. After initial misgivings, they now approve of her move. Sue has six grandchildren.

Ellen Stimler

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Renee Gruber visited Medford Leas many years ago, liked what she saw, and eventually moved into Apt. 238 from a 55-plus community in Washington Township, Gloucester County.

Renee grew up in Manhattan, attended parochial schools, and graduated from Hunter College with a BA in chemistry. She explained that she had two careers. Her first one was as a research assistant to a professor of biochemistry who taught at New York University, Princeton, and in Zurich, Switzerland, during a year-long sabbatical.



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When Renee got back to the U.S. from Zurich, she felt the need to make a career change. She enrolled at Rutgers in New Brunswick and took all the required courses for an MSc in environmental science. This led to a job at the Philadelphia regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She bought a townhouse condo in Lindenwold for easy commuting via the High Speed Line. After her retirement in 2000, she moved into a house she had built in Washington Township.

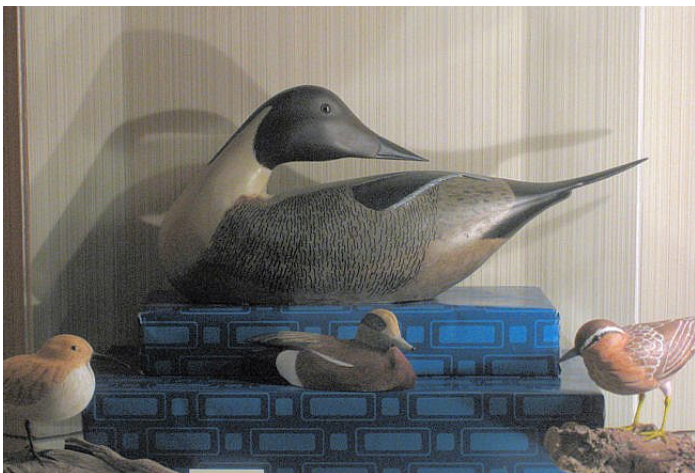
Renee is an avid reader and belonged to a book club for 22 years. She was also a member of a knitting group sponsored by Kennedy Hospital Eldermed, at which they made items for children's homes and for other needy groups.

Since coming to Medford Leas, Renee has joined the knitters in the Fiber Arts Room and uses the Computer Room for email. Right now she is knitting an afghan with an unusual pattern, which was copied by **Helen Hamilton** for general use, with the thought that this item might do well in the annual sale.

Ellen Stimler

HELP WANTED!

Is there anyone from either the Medford or Lumberton campus who could take responsibility for the Display Case in the Atrium? There are no rules about how often or in what way this would be done. There are records of past displays.



those who have worked on it really have enjoyed the task, and are willing to talk with anyone who might be even slightly interested. To learn more, contact **Cynthia Mott**, ext. 3677

INDOOR POOL REMINDER

The indoor Pool on the Medford campus is scheduled every Saturday between 1:30 and 2:30 for residents who water-walk. Residents, family members, and visitors who are not water-walkers should use the Pool at other times.



The water frees Virginia Dreby to walk.

Medford Leas Life ON VACATION

Medford Leas Life, which comes to you from September through June, traditionally takes a vacation in July and August. It will come back with the September issue, which will be edited by **Kitty Katzell**. You may submit ideas for new items, or cryptograms, at any time during the summer by placing them on the *Medford Leas Life* shelf next to the Atrium mailboxes. The deadline for the September issue is August 10. Have a great summer!

JUNE CRYPTOGRAM

by Betty Donahue

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--LFMQ XDGT

Below is the solution to the May cryptogram by Ariel Hollinshead Hyun. Unfortunately, two letters were omitted during the production, so that one word read "reaming" instead of dreaming, and the author's name read Arroll instead of Carroll. All submissions without the two letters were accepted as correct.

CHILD OF THE PURE UNCLOUDED BROW AND
 DREAMING EYES OF WONDER! THOUGH TIME BE
 FLEET, AND I AND THOU ARE HALF A LIFE ASUNDER,
 THY LOVING SMILE WILL SURELY HAIL THE LOVE
 GIFT OF A FAIRY TALE. --LEWIS CARROLL

The correct solution was received from the readers listed below:

Ken Anderson, Catherine Barry, Jane Bartram, Ruth Blattenberger, Judy Braddy, Miriam Burk. Alice Culbreth, Doris Curley, Barbara Degler, Liz Dill, Betty Donahue, Alan Gaylord, Linda Gorwood, Neil Hartman, Herb Heineman, Barbara Heizman, Hugh Jenkins, Sally Klos, Mary Hope Mason, Eileen McManimen, Alice Norcross, Helen Peterson, Betty Preston, Ruth Quackenbush, Warren Reeves, Doris Salati, Florence Sawyer, Peg Scott, Ellen Wiener.

Please put your solution in an envelope in Box 162 or email it to estimler@medleas.com by June 10. We would like to get new cryptograms from our readers.

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