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## **CANDIDATES NIGHT**

by Ellen Stimler

On October 14, at 7:30 pm, Congressman John Adler (D, NJ) will debate his Republican opponent, Jon Runyan, in the Medford Leas Theater.

The contest is one of the most closely watched races in the November Congressional election. The winner will represent the Third New Jersey Congressional District, which covers Burlington County and parts of Ocean County, plus Cherry Hill in Camden County. A decades-long Republican stronghold, the district went Democratic in the 2008 Obama sweep, when Adler, then a New Jersey State Senator, won the election.



John Adler



Jon Runyan

The Republican Party wants to take the seat back. Runyan, a star football player with name recognition across the district, won the Republican primary. He has held no previous political office.

The debate is being sponsored jointly by the MLRA Citizens Committee and the Burlington County League of Women Voters. Linda Mather was selected by the League as the moderator because of her long experience and skillful handling of political debates.

The candidates have been advised of the evening's format. Each will have seven minutes for opening remarks and a statement of policy positions, followed by a 15-minute question period from the audience, five minutes for questions between the candidates, and two minutes for closing statements.

The meeting will be open to the public, and all efforts will be made to make this a widely publicized community event.

## **MEDFORD U. FALL COURSE**

Beginning on Monday, September 13, the fall course at Medford University will be *Islam and the West from Muhammad to Osama bin Laden*. Taught by Michael Frassetto, Ph.D., of the University of Delaware, the classes will meet on six successive Mondays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Theater. Pre-enrollment is required. Tuition is \$25. Forms are available from the Receptionist.

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## ROAD SCHOLAR DAYS OF DISCOVERY

Elderhostel will hold three Days of Discovery at Medford Leas during September and October. Each of the programs runs from 9:15 am to 12:45 pm; the fee for each is \$25; and the fee includes lunch after the program.

On Tuesday, September 14, *The Music and Lyrics of the Gershwin Brothers* will be the subject. #19735WKB

On Monday, October 11, the subject is *U.S. Foreign Policy: Implications, Impact, Common Denominators*. #19736WKB

*The Literary Garden: From Shakespeare to Sissinghurst* will be presented on Friday, October 22. #19737WKB

For further information, call 877-426-8056 or go to [www.roadscholar.org](http://www.roadscholar.org) followed by the number of the program in which you are interested.

## ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

*Celebrations* is the theme of this year's Flower Show at Medford Leas on September 14 and 15. Residents and staff will display their flowers, plants, vegetables, and designs.

### Tuesday, September 14

7:30 to 9:45 am .....Registration of entries  
9:45 am to 1:30 pm .....Judging  
1:30 pm .....Show opens to public  
8:00 pm .....Show closes overnight

### Wednesday, September 15

7:00 am .....Show opens  
12:00 noon .....Show closes

Co-chairs **Lois Rickett**, **Joan McKeon**, and **Fran Webb** have prepared a schedule for residents. Copies are available at the Reception Desk or by phone from Joan at 3678.

## ACTIVE LIVING NOW!

by Suzanne Frank

Get ready. September is Active Living Month! Physical fitness, with its toning muscles, burning calories, and exercising, is just one aspect of wellness. According to Fitness and Aquatics Director **Beverly Kannengieszer**, the month's activities will revolve around the seven dimensions of wellness – spiritual, social, physical, environmental, intellectual, emotional, and vocational.

Residents are being offered a multiplicity of opportunities by the Fitness and Aquatics Department to participate in getting and staying fit. As a template for the month's activities, everyone will receive a dual-purpose monthly calendar indicating all the events offered and where each will be held.

Highlights will include a keynote address by Medical Director **Dr. Jennifer Khelil**, a wellness walk, the Annual Flower Show and "Board Games Under the Stars." There will also be a "Casual Festive Buffet" and a "Flashlight and Fireside Sing-a-Long" with **Gerry Stride**, Director of Community Life. A flashlight is required for admission.

For the truly adventurous, a kayak trip is planned. For others, the IT Department and volunteers will be available to explain Facebook, Jitterbug, Netflix, email, Internet, cell phones, and Skype, as well as gadgets having to do with communication with family and friends. Not only will there be an invigorating Nature Walk with children from a local daycare center, but residents "who know" will assist with bird and leaf identification.

The MLRA Active Fitness Committee believes that these offerings will give both residents and staff opportunities to expand their knowledge while giving their personal wellness plan a checkup. So, everyone up and at 'em!



## ART GALLERY NEWS

by Helen L. Vukasin

In the Art Gallery on the Medford campus, there will be an invitational exhibit of artists from Medford and Medford Lakes from September 1 through October. The show was organized by the Medford Art Center (MAC), which chose Jim Jackson to curate. "I selected the artists," he said, "because of their outstanding creativity and the caliber of their work." **Alice Skidmore Culbreth** is one of the ten artists chosen. A reception to meet the artists will be held on Sunday, September 12, from 4 to 6 pm in the Gallery.

The current exhibit of residents' works on the lower level will remain until October.

More than 50 visitors came to the opening reception for the work of the late **Bob Gray** on July 2 on the Lumberton campus. The exhibit is a selection of 11"x14" photographs that Bob produced in Korea and India, where he worked for the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). Bob's daughter, **Janet Gray**, described the projects and the life of Bob and his family in the remote areas to which he was assigned. Bob's wife, **Gladys**, and another daughter, Marie, attended the opening.

### TAKE A LOOK

On the wall just outside the door to the Linden Room hangs a beautiful handmade quilt. The exhibit is changed periodically. Each quilt was made by a member of the Berry Basket Quilting Group, some of whom are residents of Medford Leas. Each quilt is unique; all are colorful works of art; and some are for sale. For information, call **Jeannette Muir**, 3124.

## PHILA. ORCHESTRA RIGHT HERE!

by Ellen Stimler

Residents who love the Philadelphia Orchestra but cannot attend their Kimmel Center performances can now hear nine Orchestra concerts in the Medford Leas Theater through the magic of Specticast technology.

The concerts will be simulcast when they are performed in the Kimmel Center. Specticast is like a movie of the concert, with close-ups of the musicians and the conductor, and informative interviews with the artists during the intermission. The sound quality has been excellent.

Medford Leas has purchased a series of nine concerts from October 2010 through May 2011. Seven of the concerts start at 8 pm, and two are matinees at 2 pm. The cost of the series for residents is \$62. Residents may share a series or purchase individual concerts at \$10 each. Depending on the availability of space, the concerts may also be purchased by people on the waiting list, relatives, and friends. For more information, call 609-654-3000.

Arrangements for Specticast were made by **Gerry Stride**, Director of Community Life, who distributed a flyer with a sign-up coupon and a detailed list of the nine programs to all residents several months ago. Copies of the flyer are available at the Reception Desk.



### GREENHOUSE OPENING

The Haddon Greenhouse will open on October 12. Residents who wish to have space for their plants this year must sign up. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Atrium on the table near the resident mailboxes from September 15 to 30. Questions? Call Perry Krakora, 3694.

## NEW ESTAUGH BOARD MEMBER

by Kay Cooley

Tom Russell joined the Estaugh Board in March, 2010. He is a resident of Moorestown and a lifelong member of Moorestown Monthly Meeting. He attended Moorestown Friends and Westtown Schools before graduating from Bucknell University in 1966 with a degree in Business Administration.



After graduation, Tom joined Automotive Rentals, part of the Holman family of businesses, where he held various positions until 1974, when he started his own company, Tom Russell Inc., a construction and remodeling business which he managed for 30 years. He also used his business expertise to assist his late wife Sukey with her needlework shop, The Nimble Needle, on Main Street in Moorestown.

Tom has been familiar with Medford Leas for many years from various perspectives. His mother-in-law, **Irene Divine**, was a resident, and he has worked on interior and exterior remodeling under contract for many residents on both the Medford and Lumberton campuses. As a result, he has become well acquainted with the property and buildings of Medford Leas and has formed a collaborative relationship with **Bill Murphy**, Director of Operations, and become friendly with a number of residents.

Now widowed and retired, Tom is enthusiastic about devoting time and energy to the Estaugh Board. He is aware that the Medford Leas community is involved with a strategic planning process that is preparing for the future.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

In April, **Grace Blackburn** retired from the chairmanship of the MLRA Financial Review Committee and was succeeded by **Jack Akerboom**.

The committee meets at least quarterly with the Medford Leas CFO and maintains close contact with the financial managers of Medford Leas. Its mission is to understand Medford Leas' annual budget with associated rate increases, and to respond from the perspective of residents. Once a year, the committee meets with the chairman of the Estaugh Board's Finance Committee and reports to residents each January at the MLRA business meeting on its assessment of the budget proposed for the following fiscal year, which starts April 1.

## DOLLS FOR HAITIAN ORPHANS

Last spring, the MLRA knitting group handed over 15 knitted dolls to the Hope Alive Clinic Ministries for delivery to orphan children in Haiti. Most of the dolls had been knitted and decorated by **Leida Balassa**, who lives on Haddon 1. Her daughter, Eva, visits Leida almost every evening and has helped her mother make and decorate the dolls. Some other residents are also making the dolls, which will then be given to various churches that are working with Hope Alive, an organization helping to meet Haiti's desperate needs.



Leida Balassa with knitted dolls for Haiti

## LOIS FORREST SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The Lois Forrest Scholarship was awarded this year to **Sandra Torres**. Sandra is a licensed practical nurse in Assisted Living, who has worked at Medford Leas for seven years. She plans to use her award to study for a degree in counseling and social work at Stockton College of New Jersey.



MLRA Pres. Sally Miller, Sandra Torres, Scholarship Chair Kay Cooley

## COPING WITH THE HEAT ALERT

by Suzanne Frank

The tinkle of a cart loaded with dishes brought salvation to residents who found themselves unable to walk to dinner through what felt like the Gobi Desert. The arrival of a beautifully arrayed tray delivered by an enthusiastic member of Dining Services is the signature of the thoughtful, efficient, and distinctly Medford Leasian staff our residents have come to rely on.



People who have medical conditions that warrant special consideration during unhealthy weather conditions should call the Health Center (3427) so they can be put on a list for meal delivery. **Corey Johnson**, Sous Chef, said residents also need to communicate their immediate concerns to Dining Services, “so we can try to fix it right then and there.”

The heat alert, just like a snow alert, puts the staff into another gear, ready to tackle the demands of thermometer-popping temperatures. “We cut the heat down in the kitchen by not using steamers, fryers, or kettles,” said Executive Chef **Brad Mauger**, “so we tend to re-create the same menu items in a different form and try to offer more cold platters. We also limit the time a machine is on, and only run the dishwasher when it is totally full.” Everyone, of course, is encouraged to keep hydrated.

“Everyone pitches in and we’re all on the same page,” Brad said reassuringly, referring to everyone on his dining services team. For instance, when the Colonial Room had to be closed in an emergency, “we posted signs on doors and notified all Friendly Visitors to tell everyone that they could still eat in the Coffee Shop or the Garden Room,” Corey explained. “We also notified all those with reservations in the Colonial Room and made alternate reservations for them in the Garden Room, if they preferred.”

**Mary Ann Black**, Chairman of the MLRA Food Committee, is responsible for bringing this “Back of the House” department’s extraordinary accomplishments to the attention of the *Medford Leas Life* editors. So thanks to her, and a huge thanks to the whole staff of Dining Services.

### IN MEMORIAM

<b>John MacKay</b>	<b>June 4</b>
<b>Patricia Donnelly</b>	<b>June 12</b>
<b>Hank Schnepf</b>	<b>July 2</b>
<b>Anne Farr</b>	<b>July 4</b>
<b>Robert Ohm</b>	<b>July 23</b>
<b>Ruth Lipoti</b>	<b>August 12</b>
<b>Mary Murakami</b>	<b>August 14</b>
<b>Mary Haines</b>	<b>August 17</b>
<b>Caroline Heyl</b>	<b>August 22</b>
<b>Dorothy Muir</b>	<b>August 22</b>
<b>Eric Johnson</b>	<b>August 24</b>

## MEMORIES OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE

by Betsy Pennink

How many brides preserve their wedding dresses for years? How many bridesmaids and maids-of-honor keep the dresses they wore at friends' weddings? The answer is "lots." The staff of Therapeutic Recreation put on a fashion show in June that proved it.

To the delight of residents from Assisted Living and Estaugh, gathered in the Activities Room, six charming young staff members modeled eight dresses worn by brides and seven dresses worn by bridesmaids and maids-of-honor, all but one of which had been provided by Medford Leas staff. (Five prom and ball gowns were also included in the show, for good measure.)



Marci Smith and Shelby Jones  
model two of the wedding dresses

There were oohs and aahs as **Terry Tuffnell**, **Jessica Magdziak**, **Danielle Peterson**, **Marcy Smith**, **Colleen D'Arcy**, and **Shelby Jones** promenaded several times down the room and back, each time in different dresses. (Shelby was borrowed from Dining Services to model some very small dresses.) Resident **Nancy Darling** accompanied the brides with the Bridal Chorus on her recorder.

The oldest dress in the show was made of white satin in 1949 by resident **Ruth Kutteroff** for her wedding at Medford Meeting House. Ruth's

daughter, **Jane Weston**, Director of Marketing and Community Relations, was married in 1986, also at Medford Meeting House. Her dress, also shown, was white lace.

The show presented an informal history of bridal fashion. The dress that **Carmen Smith**, Receptionist, wore in 1982 had a high collar and long sleeves. Her daughter, **Rachel Conte**, Estaugh Recreation, wore a strapless dress at her wedding in 2004.

While the models were slipping from one dress into another, **Linda Schultz**, Therapeutic Recreation Lead Assistant, described the origins of various wedding traditions. Some caused gasps, such as the custom of a bride's tossing her bouquet to guests to prevent them from tearing pieces off her dress for good luck.

The fashion show was a highpoint in Marriage Celebration Week, a theme for June devised by **Gerry Stride**, Director of Community Life, and the Therapeutic Recreation staff. The week culminated in the Wedding Reception on June 24, which took place in the Holly Room. Forty residents gathered at round tables. Long tables around the sides of the room were covered with photographs of residents and staff on their wedding days. All had stories behind them, but **Shulamith (Shully) Weiss** lingered over hers to describe how, in 1943, under pressure of the war, her mother had made Shully's lace wedding dress in two days. Even on such short notice, 400 guests showed up for the service at the synagogue in Washington, DC, where her father was cantor.

Volunteers **Jane** and **Dave Bartram**, **Joan** and **Jack McKeon**, **Fran** and **Alex Webb**, and **Susan Dowling** served sparkling cider in wine glasses. Jane carried around the large wedding cake, decorated with two pink sugar bells, before it was cut and distributed.

Gerry made a toast "to all you've ever loved, to happy times and happy memories."

## HUMAN MIND NEEDS NATURE

There is scientific evidence that living in an arboretum has therapeutic value, according to a publication of the Association for Psychological Science, entitled "This Side of Paradise: Discovering why the Human Mind Needs Nature."

The article reviewed over a dozen studies that support that conclusion. The foundation of this work is the Attention Restoration Theory (A.R.T.) which has led to research showing that exposure to scenes of natural environments "had a profound restorative effect on the brain's ability to focus." The article said that "a logical extension of A.R.T. is that people deprived of nature will display behaviors caused by weary minds."

The article cited studies that have shown nature's "impact on a wide variety of cognitive activity, from dampening road rage to boosting the spirit and attentional capacities of cancer patients." Other studies found "a direct correlation between the amount of time someone spends in front of the TV and that person's irritability."

Lower levels of aggression and violence were found in public housing among residents with apartments near greenery than in those who looked out on barren land. Also reported was a relationship between exposure to nature and self-control. Patients in institutions whose windows overlooked nature had shorter stays, required less potent pain medication, and evaluated their nurses more positively after surgery than patients who looked onto a brick wall.

Medford Leas residents can confirm all these findings, having direct experience with living in an arboretum.

### A GENTLE REMINDER

The beauticians in the Leas Salon are not Medford Leas employees, so they do not benefit from the Appreciation Fund, and tipping is permitted.

## RESIDENTS' WEBSITE

by Maggie Heineman

Haddon Greenhouse opens in October, but Perry Krakora's incredible Haddon Greenhouse website and blog opened in May. The blog allows people to ask questions, which Perry will answer.

There are two new photo-essays based on Steve Denham's Bulletin Board displays, one on the meadow and the other with thank-you notes to the Trails Committee from children.

*Dear ML Nature Trails Committee. Thank you very much for the nature trip. Also thanks for giving us tape measures. My favorite part was going through the woods so I saw geese and baby geese. I also smelled Skunk Cabbage. The smell was gross. Adios gracias, Jermar B.*



Talk about Active Living! Margo Hinman's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated by an outing to a Phillies game and there are pictures to prove it – including one of the Phillies scoreboard showing names and ages of birthday celebrants at the game. The youngest that day was four years old and the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest was only 75. MLRA.org has about three dozen photos of the game, residents, and staff.

Therapeutic Recreation has also supplied photos of Mary Domenico's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, the Cinco de Mayo party, the "Hollywood Beauties and Gents" party, and the Volunteer Recognition luncheon. These photos and those of the Phillies outing may be seen in album or slideshow format.

Photos of the fashion show of wedding and bridesmaids' dresses have been made into a photo-essay using Betsy Pennink's text. Instead of one small black and white photo there are many screen-size photos in color.

## NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

### Fiction

Allende, Isabel *Island beneath the Sea*  
 Evans, Richard Paul *The Walk*  
 Goodman, Allegro *The Cookbook Collector*  
 Harding, Paul *Tinkers*  
 McCall Smith, Alexander *Double Comfort*  
     *Safari Club*  
 Martel, Yann *Beatrice and Virgil*  
 Mitchell, David *Thousand Autumns of Jacob de*  
     *Zoet*  
 Quindlen, Anna *Every Last One*  
 Smiley, Jane *Private Life*  
 Sparks, Nicholas *Safe Haven*  
 Steel, Danielle *Family Ties*  
 Wilson, E. O. *Anthill*

### Mystery

Brown, Rita Mae *A Nose for Justice*  
 Evanovich, Janet *Wicked Appetite*  
 Francis, Dick & Felix *Crossfire*  
 Gerritsen, Tess *Ice Cold*  
 Hiaasen, Carl *Star Island*  
 Larsson, Stieg *Girl Who Kicked the Hornets'*  
     *Nest*  
 Leon, Donna *A Question of Belief*  
 Mankell, Henning *Man from Beijing*  
 Nesbø, Jo *Devil's Star*  
 Paretsky, Sara *Body Work*  
 Penny, Louise *Bury Your Dead*  
 Rendell, Ruth *Portobello*  
 Smith, Martin Cruz *Three Stations*  
 Tolkien, Simon *The Inheritance*

### Non-Fiction

Alter, Jonathan *The Promise*  
 Bush, Laura *Spoken from the Heart*  
 Carper, Jean *100 Simple Things You Can*  
     *Do to Prevent Alzheimer's*  
 Cousteau, Jean Michel *My Father, the*  
     *Captain*  
 Hopkins, Mary (ed) *Men of Peace*  
 Kashner/Schoenberger *Furious Love*  
     *(E. Taylor & R. Burton)*  
 Miller, Lisa *Heaven*  
 Miller, Marla *Betsy Ross and the Making of*  
     *America*  
 Moore, Wes *The Other Wes Moore*  
 Philbrick, Nathaniel *The Last Stand (Custer)*

## RECYCLING COMPUTERS

by Kay Cooley

[The information in this article comes from the Burlington County Regional Recycling News, Spring 2010 issue.]

In Burlington County, it is now mandatory to recycle computers because of the hazardous materials they contain. These materials (lead, mercury, cadmium, etc.) pose a threat to the environment when disposed of improperly. In addition to the County mandate, New Jersey will ban computers from landfills and incinerators effective January 1, 2011.

Recycling options for residents differ from those for businesses and institutions. Medford Leas Information Technology Department will help residents with computer disposition, including deleting all personal information. They will also supply a donation sheet for tax purposes, if appropriate.

The Town of Medford accepts computer equipment from township residents at the municipal drop-off. Equipment may also be taken to the Medford Goodwill Center on the southeast corner of Hartford Road and Allen Street. They participate in the reconnect program managed by Dell and Goodwill. It is crucial to erase sensitive data before recycling.

The Center accepts the following equipment of any brand in any condition:

- computers and hard drives
- monitors and scanners
- printers
- keyboards
- mouses
- speakers
- cords and cables
- ink and toner cartridges
- Microsoft Xbox and Zune.

Equipment will be resold, refurbished, or broken down into parts to be recycled by Dell partners. Receipts for tax purposes are available.



## LOCAL NEWS

During July, **Maggie Heineman** was featured in both the *Central Record* and the *Burlington County Times* for her achievements. On July 15 the *Central Record* reported on her receiving the Resident of the Year Award from the New Jersey Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. The award had been presented at the June 14 meeting of the Medford Leas Residents Association. On July 22, an article with a color photo of Maggie appeared on the front page of the *Burlington County Times*, reporting on her scheduled ride in support of Multiple Sclerosis, for which she had raised over \$6,000 this year. In response to that article, Maggie received a letter from a 55-year-old woman who had thought it was “too late” but was inspired by the article to start exercising.

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Before the Primary election on June 8, a large political sign appeared near the Route 70 entrance to Medford Leas asking voters to vote for **Murphy**. When **Janet Leonard** saw the sign, she called it to the attention of **Jim Wolosin**, Director of Maintenance, Landscaping, and Security. Jim promptly removed the sign from that location and put it outside the office of **Bill Murphy**, Director of Operations. There has been no further word on Murphy’s candidacy.

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Following the heavy rains in early July, the Fitness Studio got flooded, as did the restroom in the Leas Salon. The Thrift Shop did a lot of business on that Tuesday when employees came in and bought dry clothes after they had been caught outside during the downpour. Every cloud has a silver lining.

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**Judy Braddy**, receptionist, just happened to look out into the Atrium pond when she saw one of the young turtles floundering on its back in the water. She quickly called **Arthur Jombe** from Dining Services to come to the rescue, since Arthur is the one who regularly tends the turtles. Arthur couldn’t reach the turtle, so Judy got a

long-handled duster from behind the counter. A struggle ensued and it could have been tragic, but the turtle was finally rescued – and then another one fell in. It was rescued, too. Judy was given to understand that they were two young teenagers who had not yet learned to be careful at the pond’s edge.

## WHO’S NEW – MAIN CAMPUS

photos by Margery Rubin



It was a kind of homecoming for **Coles Roberts**, who moved into Apt. 181 in July. Coles has been deeply involved with Medford Leas, having served on the Estough Board for almost 30 years, before retiring in 2004. In a “Minute of Appreciation” the Board said

Coles had provided guidance to the Arboretum Committee; had worked with staff, architects, and engineers to oversee important building projects; and had used his strong Quaker beliefs to help “guide the Board to sound decisions.”

Coles grew up on the family farm in Mt. Laurel. He graduated from Moorestown Friends School in 1943 and he took an intensive course in fruit growing at Rutgers in New Brunswick. With a farm deferment, he was able to keep farming during WWII. When Coles married in 1947, he and his wife moved into a second house which they built on the farm. His wife died in 1998.

After his father suffered a stroke and became disabled in 1953, Coles took over the management of the farm and moved his family into the main house. They had a wholesale and retail operation in apples, as well as other fruits and vegetables. Coles also owned and operated Jersey Jerry, a popular retail stand, in Southampton, where they sold apples, peaches, and cider. The farm closed its retail operations in 1988 and stopped all growing activity in 1992. Most of the land is now in the Farmland Preservation Trust.

The closing of the farm operations did not stop Coles from continuing a great variety of activities.

He used to make up to 300 gallons of ice cream a year to serve at six area Quaker meeting fairs, but now he works only for Mt. Laurel and Rancocas meetings, and a couple of other events. He's on the Board of Kirby's Mill and participates in the Lumberton Farm Fair, showing antique farm machinery. He is a member of the Moorestown Friends Meeting, the Medford-Vincentown Rotary Club, and of the New Jersey Farm Bureau. For 20 years he has been a volunteer curator of collections for the NJ Museum of Agriculture on the Rutgers campus.

His son's family now lives in the main house on the farm, and a grandson is moving into the other house. Coles keeps an office on the farm and stays in touch.

Ellen Stimler

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**Martha C. (Molly) Haines** has moved into Apt 683 in Bridlington. Molly has given up painting for photography; she knits and does other needlework; and she likes crossword puzzles, cryptograms and Sudoku. Molly's mother, **Marian Haines**, lived at Medford Leas until her death in 1986.

Molly lived most of her life on East Main Street in Moorestown. After getting her degree at the University of Rochester, she worked for GE, doing secretarial work and using her drawing talents for the Sales Promotion Department. She started working for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM), where her drawings enriched PYM articles and newsletters.

Molly has a brother and a sister in New England, who have given her eight nieces and nephews, and 11 great-nieces and nephews.

Sue Heath

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**Thomas and Floann (Cafky) Roberts**, moved into Apt. 248 in late April. Both had careers as mechanical engineers. Tom spent his school years at Blair Academy in Blairstown, NJ, and received his BS in mechanical engineering from Lehigh University. Floann attended Loomis-Chaffee in Windsor, CT, and earned her engineering degree many years later.

They met at General Testing Labs in Washington, DC, where Tom was working as an engineer and Floann was a technical writer. They were married in 1970. It was Floann's second marriage, and she brought three children, ages five to ten, into their marriage.



Floann then started her own technical writing and editing business from home. When the family moved to Ridgewood, NJ, where Tom had a new job with engine manufacturer Curtiss-Wright, Floann took a job with Ebasco, a company that designed and built nuclear power plants. They paid for Floann's mechanical engineering degree at Rutgers. After working at Ebasco for 11 years, Floann was hired as a systems engineer by PSE&G for its Salem nuclear power plant.

The three children were on their own when Tom and Floann moved to Cherry Hill. Tom worked in Philadelphia, in a division of Kohler. Floann "loved the job" at the nuclear plant, even though she had a long commute and was on call 24/7. She retired in January 1997, and Tom in August 2009.

Tom has joined the Medford Leas Wood Shop and plans to resume substitute teaching at the Burlington County Institute of Technology. He is active in the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. Both Tom and Floann belong to the American Society of Electrical Engineers and

Floann is a member of PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization), the Society for Women Engineers, and the American Nuclear Society.

Ellen Stimler

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**Charles and Phyllis (Mingin) Watson** moved into Apt. 78 from Medford, where they had been living for 55 years when not spending time in their family home in Ship Bottom on Long Beach Island or Vero Beach in Florida.



Charlie grew up in Mt. Laurel on his family's vegetable farm, graduated from Moorestown Friends School, and served in the Merchant Marine during WWII. After the farm was sold, Charlie took engineering courses at Penn State and then started his own construction business. He retired in 1998.

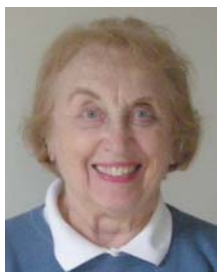
Phyllis graduated from Rancocas Valley High School and did secretarial work before her marriage. She met Charlie through mutual friends, and they were married in 1956. She kept busy maintaining three homes and raising two daughters. Both daughters are married, one living nearby in Shamong, the other in Valley Forge, PA. There are three grandchildren.



Ellen Stimler

**WHO'S NEW – LUMBERTON CAMPUS**

photos by Barbara Degler



**Corinne (Sir) Thompson** lived in Roswell, GA, a suburb of Atlanta, before moving to 202 Woodside Drive. Born and raised in Chicago, she received her BS from Northwestern University in 1951. She was married to Allan G. Thompson, a mechanical engineer in sales and management. They lived in Upper St. Clair Township, a suburb of Pittsburgh, PA, for 28 years. While raising their

three children, Corinne was president of the League of Women Voters, a Girl Scout Leader, and a Township Commissioner.

The Thompsons moved to Roswell in 1982, and Corinne sold real estate for 17 of their 27 years there. She also volunteered in the Episcopal Church thrift shop and served as a Stephen Minister. Allan died in 2009.

Corinne has a married daughter and seven grandchildren. She looks forward to gardening and participating in the many activities offered here.

Doris Brown

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**Conant and Judith (Rhodes) Atwood** moved to 49 Woodside Drive from Trenton, NJ. Both spent their early years in the West, Conant in Salt Lake City, UT, and Judy in Boulder and Colorado Springs, CO. Judy has a degree in history from the University of Colorado and an MBA from Temple University. Her work experience has been varied, including stints at a trucking company, a military base, a university, a hospital, and a drug company.

Conant received a degree in history from Yale and an MBA from Columbia. After a stint in the Army Reserve, he made his career in finance. Currently, He is a financial advisor with Royal Alliance Associates in West Long Branch, NJ.



This is the second marriage for the Atwoods. Each has two children. They met through *Match.com* on the Internet, and married in 2004. In their words, they "have had a fantastic adventure ever since." Conant sings with Princeton Pro Musica and with the Yale Alumni Chorus. Judy has followed him on trips to Brazil, Argentina, and South Africa. Family connections have allowed them to visit Conant's stepmother in Australia and Judy's son in China.

Doris Brown

## SEPTEMBER CRYPTOGRAM

by Betty Donahue

RZMVGP GW VZGWG BQ CL

DWGMVTGQQ BT MUU HCFTVWBGQ

BQ YFG VC UMSCW. RBVZCFV

UMSCW VZGWG RCFUY SG TC

DCPGWTKGTV, TC UGMYBTD

HUMQQ, MTY TCVZBTD VC

JWGQGWPG. -F. Q. DWMTV

Below is the solution to the June cryptogram by Betty Donahue:

SO EXTRAVAGANT IS NATURE WITH HER CHOICEST TREASURES, SPENDING PLANT BEAUTY AS SHE SENDS SUNSHINE, POURING IT FORTH INTO LAND AND SEA, GARDEN AND DESERT. -JOHN MUIR

The correct solution was received from the readers listed below:

**Ken Anderson, Catherine Barry, Jane Bartram, Ruth Blattenberger, Marion Burk, John Caughey, Doris Curley, Barbara Degler, Liz Dill, Alan Gaylord, Linda Gorwood, Herb Heineman, Barbara Heizman, Sue Isaacs, Hugh Jenkins, Sally Klos, Eileen McManimen, Alice Norcross, Helen Peterson, Ruth Quackenbush, Betty Preston, Warren Reeves, Floann Roberts, 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](mailto:estimler@medleas.com) by September 10. We would like to get new cryptograms from our readers. Thank you.

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