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TAKASHI MORIUCHI



Takashi Moriuchi died on November 13. “Tak” was the last surviving founder of Medford Leas. He had served as chairman of the Estaugh Board for many years, and he and his wife **Yuri** were the first occupants of Apt. 669 in Bridlington. A memorial service was held in the Theater at Medford Leas on Sunday, November 28. Another memorial service will be held in Moorestown, NJ in January 2011.

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NEW HOME FOR NATIVE PLANTS

by Betsy Pennink

Nobody could be against “native plants,” but everyone at the Barton Arboretum lecture in April learned from the speaker, Douglas Tallamy, about their tremendous importance in the ecology of a garden. Shortly thereafter, three adjacent units in Bridlington became empty simultaneously and a wonderful opportunity presented itself to apply Doug’s ideas to the area around them. The Arboretum Committee, headed by **Nancy Barclay**, jumped at the chance. (Nancy is the daughter of **Lewis Barton**, founder of the Medford Leas Arboretum. She and her husband will be moving into one of the units.)

Upon request, Jack Carman of Design for Generations came up with a blueprint and a list, which he presented at the October meeting of the Arboretum Committee. (Jack has done other design work for Medford Leas.)

Herb Minkus, Arboretum Coordinator, went to work and found most of the listed plant material at two local nurseries, Pleasant Run and Fernbrook. On November 11, Herb and his landscaping crew installed 29 shrubs and 33 perennials and grasses according to the plan. (Five large trees and nine varieties of perennials will be sought and planted in the spring. The photo shows Herb checking the plan, which is spread out on his cart. The current status of the planting is given on the plant list that is part of the photo essay at mlra.org.)

As Herb points out, gardens with native plants are “the wave of the future.” Tallamy had described one reason: native wildlife depend on

native plants. Another is that, once established, native plants require little or no water. (“They don’t have to be ugly,” says Herb.)

Medford Leas is now applying for certification by the Pinelands Preservation Alliance in Vincetown as a “certified native garden.” This means that the new garden will become a teaching tool. Another group promoting the use of native plants is the Native Plant Society, which Medford Leas will join in January. Meanwhile Herb hopes that residents will check out the new plantings in Bridlington.



NEW EMPLOYEE INITIATIVES

by Ellen Stimler

Looking to the future, **Marie Cox**, Director of Human Resources, is planning for the day when Medford Leas will be named on *Fortune’s* list of “Best Companies to Work For” (small company division). “This would set us apart in the competitive market,” Marie suggested, “and has both marketing and employee recruitment advantages.”

In preparation for this challenge, Marie arranged for Medford Leas’ first Employee Engagement Survey, coordinated through Corporate Leadership Council, a well-known and respected Human Resources service provider. The survey, which was completed on-line by 80% of full-time

staff, had 45 questions that asked employees to rate many different aspects of the work environment, using a scale from bad to excellent. At the end of the survey, employees were asked to answer these questions: “What prevents you from doing your best?” and “What recommendations do you have for improving your working conditions?” Employees submitted the survey anonymously to Corporate Leadership Council.

The survey results were briefly summarized in the Employee Newsletter as follows:

Overall Areas of Strengths for Medford Leas
Employee Commitment to Medford Leas
Career Development Opportunities
Work-Life Balance

Overall Areas for Development
Performance-based pay is needed
Innovation and risk-taking lacking
Communication only goes down, not up

In order to work on the “development areas” listed above, Marie has set up a focus group with employees from every division. The Group meets every two weeks to discuss the areas of concern and make recommendations for change. Focus group recommendations are brought to management for final consideration. **Jeremy Vickers**, the new CEO, has attended one of the Focus Group meetings. “In addition,” Marie explained, “Medford Leas managers will ultimately be responsible for developing action plans to address the areas of concern.”

Aside from the focus group, meetings between staff and management have been formal, quarterly sessions, mainly to communicate information rather than solicit employee feedback. Marie is looking for more informal, staff/management meetings, where employees can feel comfortable to speak freely.

Marie said her overall goal is “to have a work environment that drives high performance and motivates staff to do their very best every day.”



VICKERS TO LEAD MEDFORD LEAS

by Kay Cooley



On October 25, Medford Leas welcomed its new Chief Executive Officer, **Jeremy Vickers**. Although the search committee considered candidates from across the country, it found its top choice only seven miles away in Medford.

Jeremy is a seasoned administrator of senior living organizations, having devoted 25 years to leading them through significant financial, organizational, management, and service improvements. Early in his career, he served as Assistant/Associate Administrator in several nursing homes in upper New York State. In 1993, he accepted the post of CEO at Waveny Care Center in New Canaan, CT. Under his leadership, Waveny grew from a small skilled nursing facility into a dual campus senior-living community with extensive home and community-based programs and an award-winning assisted living residence and adult day center for people with memory loss.

In 2006, Jeremy joined New Life Management & Development in Mount Laurel, a for-profit senior living development company that has established, managed, or marketed more than 70 CCRCs in 25 states. There he served first as Vice President of Development and then as Principal/Senior VP of Management and Development in charge companywide of the development of new and the repositioning of existing communities.

While Jeremy brings strengths to Medford Leas, he also finds assets already here. Among these are a staff that is professional, friendly, and caring, with extraordinary length of service. The Arboretum is another; it is unique among CCRCs. Finally, with no long-term debt, Medford Leas has overall financial strength. Although today's economic climate and sluggish home sales pose a challenge, Jeremy finds everyone – manage-

ment, staff, and residents – well poised for dealing with the strategic issues to be faced.

Asked about his priorities, Jeremy cited putting the annual budget together as number one. With a January due date, the time is short, but this is the kind of exercise that offers him an opportunity “to look in all the closets” and to make an initial assessment of what Medford Leas has going for it and where it needs improvement.

In addition to individual facilities, Jeremy has devoted his energy to senior living interests in the broader community. He has served on AAHSA's House of Delegates, its Design for Aging Committee, and its Education Committee; made presentations at the annual meetings of AAHSA and State Associations; and served on multiple boards and committees.

Jeremy makes his home in Medford with his wife Shelley, a geriatric nurse; daughter Ashley, a sophomore in high school; and son Luke, a seventh grader.

HOLIDAY CHORAL FESTIVAL

On Sunday, December 19, the four high schools of the Lenape Regional District will give matinee and evening performances of their traditional Holiday Choral Festival.

The evening performance will be in the Medford Leas Theater at 7:20 pm. The matinee at 2 pm is a special free performance for senior citizens at the Performing Arts Center next to Cherokee High School. Residents who want to attend the matinee will have to get there on their own, as school bus transportation is not offered.

As in previous years, the students from each high school will present a number of songs and carols from all over the world and end the concert by joining together with the audience in a well-loved and familiar carol selection.

ESTAUGH BOARD OFFICERS

by Kay Cooley



At its annual meeting on October 27, the Estaugh Board chose Vice President **Susan Cunningham** to succeed **Tom Zemaitis** as President. His three-year term had ended.

Susan has served on the Board since November, 2002, and knows Medford

Leas well. A member of the Moorestown Garden Club, an active participant in the Philadelphia Flower Show, and a trained Master Gardener, she has devoted her experience and knowledge in particular to the Arboretum Committee. She also serves on the Strategic Planning Oversight Committee.

Susan is a member of the Moorestown Monthly Meeting and attended Moorestown Friends School, the George School, and Franklin and Marshall College. After graduation, she matriculated in the Academy of Culinary Arts in Mays Landing and, at age 22, started her own business, Trillium, a catering service. Among her customers were Medford Leas residents.

Susan says, "I have been a pastry chef, a landscape and floral designer, and involved in many other odd but interesting endeavors." In 2003, she and her husband Tony incorporated an athletic synthetic surface business, ATT Sports, Inc., that primarily builds running tracks. As the company's Vice President, she is mainly concerned with the finances and human resources of the business.

Residents of Moorestown, Susan and Tony have two daughters. One is a newly minted RN specializing in pediatrics, the other a student at the Parsons School of Design in New York City.

The Board also appointed **Rich Cleaver** to serve as Vice President and **Doug Springer** as Secretary. **Walt Evans** will continue serving as Treasurer.

A DIPLOMA AT LAST

by Kitty Katzell

Tom Murakami got a BA from Swarthmore College in 1944, an MA in 1947 and a PhD in 1970 from the University of Pennsylvania, and he holds 11 patents. His high school was an extension of Compton Junior College in California, where he had completed the high school curriculum by the middle of his senior year in 1942, so he transitioned into college classes. But he never received the associate degree he had earned because he was ordered into an internment camp in May 1942, just before commencement.

On October 16, Tom was awarded an honorary associate degree during a special ceremony which was part of the California Nisei College Diploma Project. (Nisei means second generation Japanese-American.) Tom's son, Keith, represented Tom at the ceremony.

Tom spent his career as an electrical engineer with RCA, where he worked on stereo systems, the design of the first color TV, and radar design for the AEGIS missile defense system, among other projects. After retiring in 1982, Tom continued as a consultant to RCA for another ten years.



A CHRISTMAS DITTY

by Wil Britten

Here we are at Holiday season –
 It simply doesn't stand to reason!
 Why, July 4th was just weeks ago,
 And surely it can't be time for snow!
 But in years gone by, we were less mature,
 And the clock moved slower, that's for sure.
 So we're ready at the Leas to wish all sorts
 Of Holiday greetings to friends in the Courts,
 And to those in Woolman, Estaugh, or Haddon,
 May your hearts lighten and humors gladden.
 In Bridlington and Rushmore too,
 The best of Holiday cheer to you!
 To those who work here every day,
 Enjoy a season bright and gay!
 To Lumberton friends, enjoy your trees
 And raise a toast to your home at the Leas.
 Our spirits rise this time of year
 And we thank our stars that we are here.
 A perfect place? Good heavens, NO!
 That's where later we hope to go.
 But for now, be it your home or employment,
Merry Christmas!
 And a New Year of enjoyment.

OUR NINTH CENTENARIAN

Madeline Yundt, 102, was honored as one of Medford Leas' centenarians at the regular Wednesday Coffee Social on November 10, with her daughter Bonnie Yundt in attendance. Therapeutic Recreation staff described Madeline's many accomplishments and interests. She used to play the piano for all kinds of Medford Leas functions and served on the MLRA Board (now Council) for two years. She loves anything to do with horses and is a fan of Philadelphia sports, especially the Phillies and the Eagles.



Madeline moved to Medford Leas 33 years ago with her husband. She still lives independently on the Ground Floor of Haddon.

Betsy Pennink

ELECTION AT MEDFORD LEAS

by Ellen Stimler

If it had been up to Medford Leas voters, John Adler would have gone back to Congress for a second term. But as we learned on the morning of November 3, Jon Runyon, the Republican newcomer, had defeated Adler in the Third Congressional District.

As of Election Day November 2, there were 417 registered voters at the Medford Leas polling place; 205 were Democrats, 160 Republicans, and 52 Independents. Voting participation was very high: 320 residents, a little above 75%. Additional votes may have been cast by residents who used mail-in ballots.

On the public question, Medford Leas voters agreed with the rest of the District with "Yes" votes.

Republican Victoria Fay, who had no opposition for member of Medford Township Council, received 128 votes. She had sent a personal letter to every resident, explaining her planned agenda, and she brought some snacks to the Medford Leas poll workers, who included Bart and Colette Bartholomew.

A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

by Frank Snope

It came as a complete surprise: an email in November 2009 from my brother, Jack, in Maryland. With it was a note from his daughter-in-law, Harriet Snope, who had received an inquiry on Facebook from Cobie Snope in Holland asking if, by any chance, she was related to the Snoeps of Holland. Cobie and others were working on a genealogy of Jan Snoep, born in Holland in 1510. They hoped to publish the family tree and to have a 500-year reunion of the Snoep family in Middelburg, the capital of the province of Zeeland. Our name, originally Snoep, was changed legally to Snope in 1958.

Jack and I and our two other brothers responded to Cobie, filling her in on the details of our family; in particular that our great-grandfather and grandfather Snoep had emigrated to the US in 1893 from Goes, in the province of Zeeland, the home of many generations of Snoeps. In turn, we received an outline of the Snoep genealogy from Henk Rolvink (married to a Snoep). He had traced the family back to 1510 and amassed information on 16 generations since then. We had hundreds of relatives in Holland, the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Belgium, and Africa. No way were we going to miss that reunion! Plans were made for my brothers, their spouses, and Betsy and me to attend. On September 24, Betsy, our son Bob, and I flew to Amsterdam, then drove to Den Haag, where we had rented an apartment.

Betsy was born in Holland in 1936 and had emigrated to the US in 1949. She had lived in Scheveningen and Den Haag during the war years, so we visited these areas. The house in Scheveningen was intact, as was the apartment in Den Haag, where she had suffered through the Allied bombardment in 1944.

The following days were spent visiting some of Betsy's relatives. We traveled to Boskoop, a lush nursery town, where Betsy was born and a cousin and aunt resided. We went to Zutphen, near Arnhem, and spent the day with another cousin, who took us on a tour of that ancient walled city of Hanseatic origin. Later in the week we toured the Mauritshuis Museum in Den Haag, where Vermeer's painting of the City of Delft is displayed.

On October 1, we traveled south through the Benelux Tunnel to the North Sea coast on our way to Middelburg. Our route took us over the Delta Works, a series of massive concrete dikes that can be closed when severe storms threaten the Dutch island provinces. We saw numerous wind turbines along the coast, and in Middelburg we connected with my brothers and met Cobie for the first time.

The next day we all walked to the site of the reunion, the Abdijplein (Abbey Square), a large outdoor area surrounded by the ancient Church Abbey of central Middelburg. There we met Snoeps of all ages and marveled at the entire Snoep family genealogy, spread out on a poster, in linear fashion, for nearly 60 yards. Each person identified his and her own spot on the family tree and marked it with a green dot. Later there were speeches, a presentation of the book, *De Familie Snoep – 500 Jaar*, by the author, Henk Rolvink, to the deputy governor of Zeeland; and dancing and singing by a local group costumed in the unique dress of the province. It rained in the afternoon, so the festivities moved indoors, where the singing continued. I was interviewed by the local newspaper, since I spoke a little Dutch and was wearing a Yankee baseball cap!

It was a memorable and moving experience, giving each of us a better sense of our Dutch heritage.

Below: a section of the 60-yard family tree.



TAKING STEPS TO END ALZHEIMER'S
by Maggie Heineman

The Employee Wellness Committee raised \$7,372 in support of November's Alzheimer's Awareness Month. The goal had been \$5,000. Activities included a car wash, "Jeans Day," and two memory walks. **Charity Reily**, Resident Services, coordinated the Mini Walk; Wellness Committee Chair **Eddie Ellis**, Fitness and Aquatics, and **Lisa Minuto**, Operations, organized the Atlantic City Memory Walk.

The Mini Walk – Soon after 10 am October 19, the Activities Room began filling with residents and staff. Some were in wheelchairs, others were walking, and most were wearing lime-green shirts with a Medford Leas logo on one side and the Alzheimer's Memory Walk logo on the other.



Jane Weston, Sandy Green, and Jane's mother Ruth Kutturoff were among the 65 staff and residents who "stepped out to end Alzheimer's" at the Mini Walk.

At 10:30, the procession began – out through the double doors and on through the Courts. Thirty minutes later the parade ended at the balloon-decorated Holly Room, where the 65 participants enjoyed an hour together, with fruit, granola bars, punch, and conversation.

The Atlantic City Walk – The lime-green tee shirts made it possible for members of the Medford Leas team to find each other among the thousands "taking steps to end Alzheimer's" on

Sunday, October 24. It was rather like herding cats, but Eddie Ellis managed to get 38 of the 45 team members together for a group photo. **Ruth Spendelow**, 92, walked so fast that **Maggie Heineman** had to hustle to keep up with her. **Barbara** and **Wil Britten** were there along with daughter Carol. Besides residents and staff, there were friends and family, including Eddie's parents. The three-year-old twin grandchildren of **Kim Herndon**, Assisted Living, wore Medford Leas lime-green tee shirts as they rode the boardwalk in their stroller.



Six children were on the Medford Leas Team at the Atlantic City Memory Walk, including Barry Sherzer's sons, Gavin and Braiden, shown here with Annie Medaugh and Barry.

IN MEMORIAM

Harriet Bussey	October 21
Roslyn Kahn	November 3
Eileen McManimen	November 8
Maggie Woodard	November 9
Robert Bursch	November 11
Takashi Moriuchi	November 13
Mary Fenimore	November 15
Vincent Pecoraro	November 15

SCARY TIMES AT MEDFORD LEAS

by Betsy Pennink

Halloween and children – it's a surefire combination, and a Medford Leas tradition.



It was scary-story and scarecrow time on October 20, when over 40 Fifth Graders from St. Mary's School in Medford piled out of their yellow school bus to share Halloween with Assisted Living residents. They had made scarecrows with a new theme, Famous Pairs, and these were propped

up on benches along Estaugh Walkway and the entrance to the Community Center.

While the residents waited in the Activities Room, **Gerry Stride**, Director of Community Life, reassured any nervous children that this was just like a visit to "Grandmom and Grandpop" and that pushing a wheel chair wasn't any different from pushing a grocery cart, except there was a live person in it.

So off the children and residents went together to admire the scarecrows. Whether a resident was in a wheelchair or using a walker, at least one child was there to narrate the story behind each scarecrow.

Some pairs of scarecrows were familiar, such as Mickey & Minnie Mouse and Laurel & Hardy, but Spongebob & Patrick, for example, needed explanation – an education indeed for the residents.

Once back in the Activities Room, everyone gathered around tables, with two children to a resident, so that the children could read aloud the Halloween stories they had written in English class. Some imaginative ones even went on to make up impromptu scary stories.

Punch and cookies were served before the children said goodbye to the delighted residents.

On October 26, students from Sequoia High School in Tabernacle, along with resident volunteers, took residents from Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing out to see the scarecrows, which now included those created by the staff. Back in the Activities Room, everyone played Halloween Jingo, a game like Bingo, but with trivia questions and Halloween pictures. For prizes there were Halloween-clad rubber ducks and lots of candy.

Two days later, the Activities Room was filled with 20 little costumed preschoolers, among them two princesses, a ghost, a monkey, and Spiderman. They had been brought by 13 mothers belonging to a "Medford Moms" playgroup to go trick-or-treating with Assisted Living and Estaugh residents.

The children circled among the residents, collecting candy and stickers. Afterwards **Nan Hanslowe** played the piano while the children learned some Halloween songs, such as "Five Little Pumpkins" and other motion songs.

Following a tour through Estaugh to be sure nobody was missed, the children joined the residents to cut out jack-o'-lanterns from orange paper. The trick-or-treat celebration concluded with pretzels and juice.

ON MLRA.ORG

The Medford Leas Celebration in 2008 of the life of **Tak Moriuchi** included a display of photographs of Tak and **Yuri** taken throughout their lives. These images, along with short biographies by **Sumi Kobayashi**, are presented as a photo essay.

The events conducted for the Alzheimer's Association by the Employee Wellness Committee are shown in photo essays and slideshows: 25 photos of the car wash, 30 of the Mini-Walk, 24 of the Atlantic City Walk, and one of Coffee Shop employees on Jeans Day.

The Arboretum section of the website has the article about the work at Bridlington including the plant list and photographs.

Maggie Heineman

PINELANDS PRESERVATION

by Louise Tompkins

On a rainy October 27, seven residents left Medford Leas at 8 am and drove down to Chatsworth to meet Chris Jage, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation's Assistant Director for South Jersey. Chris then led the caravan of four cars on a morning's tour of the Franklin Parker Preserve, a 14-square mile, 9,400-acre nature preserve in the heart of the Pine Barrens.

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) purchased the Preserve in 2004 from a cranberry and blueberry farmer. At the time, it was the largest private land conservation acquisition in state history. In 2005, the Foundation sold a 40% interest in the Preserve to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for \$3.5 million, establishing a collaborative management relationship between the agency and NJCF for the property.

As the group drove through the area, Chris pointed out various restoration projects underway.

The first is removing man-made dikes and irrigation canals from a large section of cranberry bogs to return the land to its original wetlands condition, allowing the Wading River to return to its original course.

The flat-packed soil of the bogs is also being "roughed up" to create mounds and depressions which will encourage a variety of plant growth and habitat for a diversity of animal species.

A walk along one of the dikes permitted a view of a large area that has been planted with thousands of six-inch Atlantic White Cedar seedlings. Large groups of volunteers planted the seedlings and erected fencing to keep out the deer. The Atlantic White Cedar was once abundant in the Pinelands but was harvested extensively by the colonial-era shipbuilding industry because of its natural resistance to rot. The goal is to create a cedar savannah habitat.

In the course of the three-hour drive and walk, two immature Bald Eagles and two mature eagles were seen, although their well-concealed nest could not be seen. Nice looks at a Kingfisher, Osprey, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, and Pied-billed Grebe completed the bird list for the day.

A special treat at the end of the morning was a roadside stop to find the few blue Pine Barrens Gentians still blooming along the road. Then it was off to Lucille's Restaurant for lunch and to talk about the wonderful place they had visited.

At present the Parker Preserve is open only to visitors on foot, unless accompanied by an NJCF staff member, but the Foundation is developing plans to allow the public to drive into the area.

ART GALLERY NEWS

by Helen L. Vukasin

It is December and that means we will be treated to an exhibit from the Philadelphia Society of Calligraphers. This show in the Medford Leas Gallery has been an annual event at Medford Leas for many years. **Harry Forrest** has made this exhibit possible. The opening reception will be held on Tuesday, December 7, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. The artists will be present to say a few words about their work at 3:30 pm.

A new exhibit of artists from the Medford Leas Art Studio is on view in the Lumberton Art Gallery. **John Brzostoski, Alice Skidmore Culbreth, Pat Heller, and Rita Keiper** are sharing some of their latest work. The exhibit continues through January. While there will be no official opening, it is worth a trip to Lumberton to see it.

The last two video lectures on *The History of Western Art* will be in December. On Dec. 7, *Romanticism in the 19th Century* will be shown; on Dec. 21, *Realism – from Daumier to Courbet*. The shows are at noon in the Linden Room.

WHO'S NEW



When **Richard (Dick)** and **Janet Sprague** moved into their Rushmore apartment, #611, they were still spending a lot of time at their house in Bethany Bay, DE. They had moved there after Dick's retirement in 2001 and found it a perfect place for the children and grandchildren to visit, so they plan to keep it for their own holiday use and prepare it for possible renting.



Both Janet and Dick have had busy working lives. Janet grew up in Rye, NY, and graduated from Mt. Holyoke in Massachusetts in 1960. Two years later she graduated from Simmons College School of Social Work in Boston with an MSW. In 1962, Janet

was working at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, mostly in the pediatric inpatient services, when she met Dick through friends. They were married within nine months.

For 11 years after their first child was born in 1966, Janet worked part-time at Boston Lying-In Hospital. Later, when the family moved to Pleasantville, NY, she was the manager of the Employee Assistance Program at General Foods, helping employees with addiction and other personal problems, and consulting with the company through a series of downsizings. Even now, she continues her therapy practice, commuting to Katonah, NY, once a month to see clients.

Dick was born in Massachusetts and went to school in Boston. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1960, then followed a one-year program for an MAT (Master of Arts in Teaching). After a 2-year stint in the Army, Dick taught social studies at Newton (MA) High School. In 1971, he earned an EdD at Harvard in Teacher Supervision and for

23 years, was Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in Scarsdale, NY.

The Spragues chose Medford Leas for its "Quaker aspect" and for its perfect location near their three daughters and six grandchildren. As for hobbies, Janet loves to cook and solve Sudoku and crossword puzzles. She enjoys reading and is a "sports nut." Dick loves cooking, reading, politics, travel, and wine. He would like to find a wine-tasting group here.

Betsy Pennink

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Richard and Mary Sharp moved to Apt. 676 in Bridlington from nearby Mt. Laurel. They are lifetime South Jersey residents, except when they spent summers in Lake George, NY.



Although both went to Merchantville High School, they met at church. Dick attended Peirce College in Philadelphia with a major in accounting. He is a CPA in Pennsylvania and still maintains his certification, although it requires 80 hours of continuing education

every two years. He worked as an accountant, then moved into banking.

Mary majored in psychology at Drew University, but her work has been volunteering. She enjoys the history of the Lake George area, including Lake Champlain and Fort Ticonderoga. She and a friend have published pictorial histories of the Lake George area and the Silver Bay Association. Mary served on the Silver Bay board and is still involved there.



The Sharps' house in Silver Bay is 105 years old, and Dick has rebuilt it completely. Mary and the children would spend the whole summer there, with Dick driving up each weekend (330

miles each way) and spending much of the weekend working on the house. Mary figured CPA stood for Carpentry, Painting, and Alterations. Dick continued building when the house was finished, including Victorian dollhouses and a custom closet for his miniature fire engine collection in Bridlington.

Now their main interest is in travel. They have been to seven continents, all 50 states, and many foreign countries. Their 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated on safari in Kenya, the 51st in the Greek Isles, and number 52 in the South Seas. Their anniversary this year was marked by the exciting task of moving to Medford Leas; they have many plans for future trips when they are settled.

The Sharps have three children and eight grandchildren scattered around the east coast. They expect to see the whole family at Lake George.

Sue Heath

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Loren and Elsie Argabright, Apt. 235, lived in Lincoln, NE before coming to Medford Leas. They have family in Nebraska and in Cherry Hill. While living in Cherry Hill from 1974 to 2003, they visited Medford Leas and decided to retire here when the time was right.

Loren grew up in Nemaha, NE, went to local schools, and then decided on a career in mathematics. He received a BSc from Peru State College in NE, an MSc from the University of Kansas, and a PhD in math from the University of Washington in Seattle. His first post was as a professor of math at the University of California, Berkeley. He then taught at the University of Minnesota, the University of Nebraska, and finally at Drexel in Philadelphia, where he was head of the Math Department for 14 years, retiring in 2001.



Elsie was born in Peking, China, where her father was a government official. She received her undergraduate degree in Japan and worked for a Japanese TV and radio station before moving to the United States in 1960. She met Loren while taking courses in journalism at the University of Washington. They were married in 1961.

While Loren taught at Drexel, the couple lived in Cherry Hill. Elsie worked in the investment department of a bank before they had children, and she still handles the family finances and investments. The couple has two sons who live in Shamong and Voorhees. One of them is married and has one son.

Loren enjoys the outdoors, playing golf and walking. Elsie also enjoys the outdoors and good books.

Ellen Stimler

REMEMBERING MAGGIE WOODARD

Maggie Woodard came to Medford Leas in December 1994 and quickly became an integral part of the community. She was elected to the MLRA Board (now Council) in 1997 and then MLRA President in 1998-1999. She joined the staff of *Medford Leas Life* in September 1999 and served effectively until June 2010, when she retired because of her failing health. At her retirement barbecue picnic, she was given a volume of her collected *Medford Leas Life* works, a tome that gave testimony to her wit, her wisdom, and her dedication to Medford Leas and this publication. Past, present, and future residents will be grateful for her research that led to articles telling how to get to New York and Philadelphia without a car. Maggie died on November 9 in Virtua Hospital. She will be greatly missed.

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DECEMBER CRYPTOGRAM

by Ellen Stimler

KGEWLAEWK ZSK LZW TJAYZLWKL**VSQ S UDG MV; SFV SXLWJ****KMEEWJ WNWJEGJW****KMUUWWVK TSJJWF O AFLWJ,****OALZ ZAK OJSLZXMD FAHHAFY****UGDV: KG USJWK SFV BGQK****STGMFV, SK KWSKGFK XDWWL.**

Below is the solution to the November cryptogram by Ariel Hollinshead Hyun.

OH, TO BE THERE UNDER THE SILENT
SPRUCES, WHERE THE WIDE QUIET EVE-
NING DARKENS WITHOUT HASTE;
OVER A SEA WITH DEATH ACQUAINTED
YET FOREVER CHASTE.

--EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY

The correct solution was received from the readers listed below:

Ken Anderson, Catherine Barry, Jane Bartram, Ruth Blattenberger, Jane Bourquin, Marion Burk, John Caughey, Alice Culbreth, Doris Curley, Liz Dill, Betty Donahue, Louise Evaul, Linda Gorwood, Neil Hartman, Herb Heineman, Barbara Heizman, Pat Heller-Dow, Jane Hunter, Sue Isaacs, Hugh Jenkins, Jean Jordan, Sally Klos, Mary Hope Mason, Virginia Mattice, 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 December 10. We would like to get new cryptograms from our readers. Thank you.

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