



# Medford Leas *Life*

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## OUTDOORS IN ALL SEASONS

by Maggie Heineman

**Ruth Blattenberger** likes the Trails Committee because it “gets one outdoors in all seasons.” The outdoors has been an important part of her life since childhood. Walking was a family activity and, like most children, Ruth had roller skates and a bike. But at the windy Cape May coast, Ruth and her friends made it more exciting by fastening sails to poles. They attached the poles to the handlebars of their bikes or held them aloft for speedier cycling or skating long distances on deserted boardwalks.



Cutting back Multiflora Roses



At Bridge 6 on the Red Trail

Ruth and her husband Bill reserved weekends and vacations for the outdoors. Over the years, Ruth, who is now 91, has attended about 40 Elderhostels, primarily non-classroom: hiking, canoeing, kayaking, horseback riding, both cross-country and downhill skiing, and some backpacking. There have been an equivalent number of outdoor adventures with Bill and/or her daughters, Beth and Gail, which were self-organized, traveling to many locations in the United States and abroad.

Ruth explains, “We were not birdwatchers and not strong into nature study nor into endurance trips. While the enjoyment of being outdoors and living simply is a driving force, I am frequently nudged by a need to escape the confinements of indoors.” Ruth, a Quaker, repeatedly emphasized that her level of activity is “modest but satisfying,” as is her job as a loop monitor on the Woodlands and Trails Group.

As a single person when she moved to Medford Leas 15 years ago, Ruth continued to take outdoor vacations. This August, she and **Virginia Mattice** attended an Elderhostel that involved kayaking, canoeing, and rafting on the Delaware River near the Watergap. A September trip west includes plans for canoeing with daughter Beth near Portland, and minor walking on ski trails with daughter Gail outside Salt Lake City.

Vacations, however special, are just a small part of life and Ruth “smells nature” year round. She knows many trails off the beaten track within an hour’s drive and about twice a month makes a trip to one of the places she loves for a small hike of a mile or two. She also vicariously enjoys knowing about the hikes of others.

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Then, of course, there are the trails at Medford Leas – in all seasons. Each member of the Woodlands and Trails Group has a section of trail that he or she monitors. Weekly group meetings start with members' reports on the condition of each section. The team goes out together to remedy the problems that volunteers can handle – such as care for missing markers, overgrowth, invasive species, and fallen branches. The loop that Ruth monitors starts at the Red Trail entrance to the woods near the tennis courts, continues east to the Rushmore houses, and up to parking lot B, then circles back by Yellow Trail #1.

Impossible weather or an impossible schedule will sometimes interfere, but in general Ruth spends time outdoors every day. As she says, "It's a continuing and healthy avocation."

## 2010 FLOWER SHOW

by Kitty Katzell

The theme was "Celebrations" and the classes in the Design Division were celebratory occasions: Mardi Gras, May Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and A Day to Remember. And they were truly celebrated! The arrangements were colorful, cheerful, and creative!

How would the judges be able to choose winners? Before judging, they decided the miniature arrangements, which had been a Class in the Design division, should be in a division of their own, and they created numerous classes within the divisions to make judging easier.

And oh, those Special Exhibits! So much work! So much talent! So much information! There were exhibits about snapping turtles, edible weeds, Earth Day, Japanese New Year, tools of the trade with a bonsai, and a silver-and-gold wedding anniversary display composed of silver and gold plants. Another of the Special Exhibits, by the Master Gardeners, was on a table at the entrance covered with a rainbow of colorful vegetables. This past summer, these expert

gardeners have grown and donated to food banks some \$1,000 worth of vegetables which they grew on vacant Medford Leas farm plots.

For the record, there were four Best in Show awards.

- ❖ Best of Design – **Ruth Sutton**
- ❖ Best of Miniatures – **Joan McKeon**
- ❖ Best of Horticulture – **Perry Krakora**
- ❖ Best of Vegetables – **Perry Krakora**

Blue ribbons were awarded to 15 entries in the Design Division:

May Day – **Gene Marconi, Ellen Wiener**

Independence Day – **Ellen Wiener**

Thanksgiving Day – **Gerry Stride, Ruth Sutton**

Mardi Gras – **Marcy Smith**

A Day to Remember – **Gene Marconi, Edie Pray, Lois Rickett, Linda Schultz, Gerry Stride, Ruth Sutton, Fran Webb**

Miniatures – **Anne Wood, Joan McKeon**

There were 32 blue ribbons awarded to entries in the Horticulture Division: **Debbie Lux** (8); **Joan McKeon** (5); **Perry Krakora** (4); **Lois Rickett** (3); **Ellen Wiener** (3); **Jane Weston** (2); **Ro Wilson** (2); and **Ellie Elmendorf, Georgia Franklin, Lennie Oman, Betsy Pennink, Charlie Shearer** (1 each).



Master Gardeners' Exhibit

## ACTIVE LIVING MONTH

Text and photos by Suzanne Frank

There was tramping through the woods on a trail (for emotional, educational, social, spiritual, environmental and physical wellbeing) as **Herb Minkus**, Arboretum Coordinator, and **Beverly Kannengieszer**, Director of Fitness and Aquatics, took a group of hardy early risers through the morning dew while giving them a lesson in plant life.



There was game night, the brainchild of **Gerry Stride**, Director of Community Life, where social, educational, and emotional wellbeing were pumped up as residents competed in intellectually challenging board games.



There was a special balance class that engaged all participants in improving their sense of balance.



And, of course, there was festive eating, during which everyone was treated to what appeared to be a cornucopia of creative treats by Dining Services. The hum of conversation and appreciation for the incredible dining experience was heard throughout the packed Garden Room.



These activities and many more were created, coordinated, and implemented by the Active Living Committee (Bev Kannengieszer, chairman) and brought into beginning focus by Medical Director **Dr. Jennifer Khelil's** presentation and amplification of the Seven Dimensions of Wellness. It is the aim of the Active Living Committee to get everyone moving and thinking about how they can improve and enhance their lives each and every day.



## EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIPS 2010-11

by Kay Cooley

This year scholarships and grants totaling about \$83,000 were awarded to 43 employees. In Nursing Education, 19 staff members were given awards amounting to \$44,886; in General Education, 11 employees were awarded \$28,298 for post-secondary programs; and 12 per diem workers received grants totaling \$7,250. In addition to these awards, **Maria Torres** of the Assisted Living nursing staff won the Lois Forrest Merit Scholarship of \$2,500.

Medford Leas has three scholarship funds: the Lois Forrest Merit Scholarship, the Nursing Education Fund, and the General Education Fund.

The Lois Forrest Merit Scholarship of \$2,500 was established by residents in honor of Lois Forrest, executive director of Medford Leas for 21 years, after she retired in 2000.

The Nursing and the General Education Scholarship Funds were started in 1982 from resident donations and come under the aegis of the Estaug Board. Residents sit on all three committees.

Residents can be proud of the assistance they give to employees to realize their educational goals.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Paul Mecray**  
**Jeanne Youngs**

**September 1**  
**September 19**

## VOTING BY MAIL

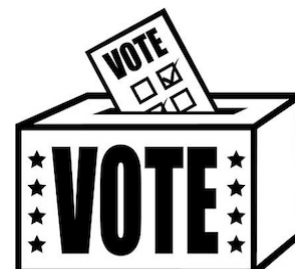
by Ellen Stimler

Registered voters in New Jersey now have a choice of voting in all elections in person or by mail. Anyone who does not want to vote at a polling place, for any reason whatsoever, can now fill out a ballot and mail it or have it delivered to the County Board of Elections so it is received before the polls close on Election Day. Absentee ballots have been discontinued.

For residents of Medford Leas, where the polling place in the Activities Room is just minutes from their apartments, this new law probably has little impact. But it is expected to increase voting participation by people lacking transportation to the polling place or being unwilling or unable to vote in person for numerous other reasons.

Anyone wishing to vote by mail must complete an "Application for Vote by Mail Ballot." Medford Leas residents who are registered voters can get an application from Janet Sholl, Apt. 221; others may request them from the Burlington County Clerk, 609-265-5122.

On the application, a voter can request to have mail ballots sent automatically for all future county, state, and federal elections. Applications must be received at least seven days before an election. The ballot must be received by the Board of Election by the time set for closing of the polls. Voting by mail automatically disqualifies the voter from voting in person. But voting-by-mail status can be changed back to personal voting at any time by notifying the County Clerk.



## A TASTE OF MEDFORD LEAS

by Elsie Behmer

“Do residents eat like this all the time?” visitors stopping by the Medford Leas booth at Taste of Medford were sure to ask.

“Absolutely!” Executive Chef **Brad Mauger** answered. “The choices are popular dishes from the regular menus. If we do pioneer a new item at Taste of Medford and it’s a hit, we’ll serve it in the Dining Rooms. I spend the day before the event doing the prep work. We usually choose cold items, because they are easier to transport, set up, and serve.”

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Medford was held on Saturday, September 11, in Medford’s Freedom Park. Medford Leas has participated all six years. The 2010 menu included duck confit crostini and chilled fall fruit soup served by **Katie Dye**, Dining Room Hostess, **Corey Johnson**, sous-chef, Chef Brad, and **Jen Zdunczyk**, Director of Dining Services.



Jen, Chef Brad, Sous-chef Corey, and Katie serve duck confit crostini

This year, the Medford Business Association (MBA), sponsor of the event, launched a new cookbook *What’s Cooking in Medford: Taste of Medford Recipes*. Medford Leas contributed four of its most popular dishes: pecan mandarin orange chicken salad; Medford Leas mushroom soup; butternut squash and apple bisque; and jicama slaw.

Taste of Medford, MBA’s business expo and fundraiser, attracted nearly 1,000 paying visitors. In addition to the 60-some Medford-based businesses, restaurants, shops, and not-for-profits, there were many rides and games for children, and live music for the whole family.

**MEDFORD LEAS MUSHROOM SOUP**

<p>4 Tbsp. unsalted butter 1 lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced 2 c. onions, diced small 3 Tbsp. flour 2 c. chicken stock 1 c. heavy cream</p>	<p>1 Tbsp. soy sauce 2 tsp. fresh lemon juice ½ c. sour cream 1 Tbsp. fresh dill, chopped 1 Tbsp. fresh parsley, chopped</p>
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In a large pot, saute the onions in butter, stirring occasionally, until soft but not brown. Add the mushrooms and cook for 5 to 10 minutes or until mushrooms are tender. Whisk in the flour and cook for 5 minutes, stirring constantly to avoid burning. Add stock and soy sauce and cover pot to simmer for 10 to 15 minutes. Add heavy cream and return to simmer. Turn off heat. Just before serving, add salt and pepper to taste and lemon juice. Add sour cream and blend thoroughly. Do not boil after adding sour cream; the soup will break. Taste and adjust seasonings.

*Medford Leas CCRC*

Beginning in October, the cookbook will be available in the Medford Leas Gift Shop. It costs \$10.

## INK ON PAPER

by Elsie Behmer

After the writers write it, after the editors edit it, and after its layout is finalized, *Medford Leas Life* is printed by Minuteman Press. Located in Berlin, NJ, Minuteman is owned by Kevin and Karen Humphrey, who have been publishing the newsletter since 2005. Four of the editorial staff visited the print shop in August to see how it’s done.

Minuteman staff receives the layout via email, reviews it on a computer screen, and then forwards it electronically to one of the on-site, digital, high-resolution laser copiers. The editorial staff is sent a paper copy for a photo quality check, and then the issue “goes to press.” Mike Zimmerman, a Minuteman employee, delivers 700-plus printed copies to the Reception Desk, and **Wilma Fitzpatrick**, **Mary Lou Mullen**, and **Fran Reynolds** distribute the copies..

The electronic communication system is a huge time-saver for Minuteman and for the editorial staff. Years ago, an editor had to drive back and

forth across Burlington County to a print shop located in Florence, NJ. In the newsletter's BC era (that is, Before Computers), an editor typed articles on either a manual or an electric typewriter and wielded scissors and glue pot to assemble an issue for reproduction. Adding pictures was time-consuming and expensive.

For *Medford Leas Life* DA (Digital Age), authors email their articles to the editor-of-the-month, who formats the copy in Microsoft Word. The formatted articles are distributed electronically for staff review and approval and for layout. Photos, too, are transmitted by email, and cost does not determine how many can be used.

Kevin and Karen are old hands in the printing business. Kevin's family owned a large commercial print shop in Philadelphia, where he worked during summers while he was in college. He moved to PIP Printers in Cherry Hill, and the couple bought the Minuteman franchise in Berlin about 10 years ago.

"One of the reasons we enjoy working on *Medford Leas Life*," said Kevin, "is that you really value the work we do, and you take such pride in producing a high-quality product." The editorial staff appreciates Minuteman for "going the extra mile" both literally and figuratively.



Kevin & Karen Humphrey hold their favorite publication.

## GALLERY NEWS

by Helen L. Vukasin

More than 35 visitors from the community joined the artists exhibiting in the Medford Leas Art Gallery for the opening reception on September 12. The artists, all from Medford or Medford Lakes, were chosen by Jim Jackson for this show sponsored by the Medford Township Arts Commission. The collection can be seen through October.

An invitation has been extended to all resident artists to prepare work for the new exhibition of resident art that will be mounted in the Art Studio Gallery in October. Any questions about this show may be directed to **Anne Wood** at 654-3634.

At the Lumberton Art Gallery, an invitational show of the work of **John Brzostoski, Alice Skidmore Culbreth, Pat Heller, and Rita Keiper** will be installed in October.

Reminder: The half-hour video lectures on the History of Western Art continue in the Linden Room at 12 noon with a brown bag lunch. The October 5 program will be Baroque Painting in Spain; and on October 19, Louis XIV and Versailles.

## MLRA GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop, located in the Atrium, is ready for fall! The shop's windows, decorated by **Carol Ferraro**, give just a glimpse of some of the distinctive and unique items that are for sale inside Monday through Friday from 1:30 to 5:00 pm.

The shop's annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on November 17. More information will be distributed as the date approaches.





## NOTHING LIKE A GOOD PEACH

by Betsy Pennink

It was peach season again in South Jersey and time to celebrate. The golden fruits with the pink tinge were plentiful in the trees at Joe Conte's farm.

On August 17, two sets of Medford Leas residents set out to pick them, under the auspices of Therapeutic Recreation. In the morning, the van carried residents from Estaugh, accompanied by **Marcy Smith** and **Jessica Magdziac**, while **Terry Tuffnell** and **Geri Mingori** went along on the afternoon trip with those from Assisted Living.

In the end, the intense heat prevented both groups from getting out to pick, but Joe had boxes of peaches ready for them in that event. Before they returned to Medford Leas, the would-be pickers enjoyed peach ice cream on picnic benches at the farm.



The following day Terry had everything set up for the several residents who gathered in the Activities Room to peel and slice the peaches. It

wasn't so easy: some were soft, but others were hard! Marcy, Joe's sister-in-law, explained that an earlier variety of peaches had just finished and these were the first picks from a later-blooming variety. (It turns out that not all peaches on a tree ripen at the same time anyhow.)

Those beautiful slices were a temptation for several peelers, who had to slip some in their mouths to "test" their product. Finally, Marcy whisked the prepared peaches away and turned them into a peach cobbler — with the help of some Bisquick — in time for the celebration of the Peach Festival that afternoon.

The atmosphere was indeed festive in the Activities Room, with close to 40 residents at small tables with white tablecloths and slender goblets filled with sparkling cider or a concoction of orange juice and peach schnapps (called a Fuzzy Navel). The air was full of music as Geri Mingori led everyone in songs about every kind of fruit. (Example: Yes, we have no bananas!) Finally the plates with peach cobbler were served, each topped with peach ice cream.

It was a fitting tribute to our South Jersey peaches, which constitute 88% of the total New Jersey peach crop, helping to make New Jersey fourth in peach production in the US.

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## NATURE CENTER LIBRARY

What's the name of that flowering bush? Did you recognize that bird? What kind of tree will survive in my back yard? These are the kinds of questions whose answers can be found in the collection of materials on horticulture and birding in the Library of the Nature Center.

The collection is organized in three parts. The *Circulating Collection* of horticultural and birding books may be borrowed for one week, following the same sign-out process as that used in the Community Center Library. The *Browsing Collection* includes gardening magazines and picture books about gardens and arboreta around the world. These materials are for restful reading in the Nature Center Library and do not circulate. Another non-circulating collection is *References*, which may be used with permission. The four Nature Center Librarians are **Joy Moll**, leader of the librarians who have been cataloging and computerizing the materials; **Virginia Mattice**, **Ila Jane Stiles**, and **Louise Tompkins**. All have graduate degrees in Library and Information Science, and each is willing to come to the aid of residents seeking to use the Nature Center Library.

A formal open house is being planned for the Nature Center Library in October.

## PHOTOS BY MARGERY RUBIN



Professional photographer **Margery Rubin** is shown here with "Suzanne's Bike," one of a group of her photographs that she was invited to exhibit at the Medford Arts Center. At Medford Leas, Margery is known especially for her photos for *Medford Leas Life* as well as those of new residents and events throughout the year. The show at the Arts Center will continue in October.

## WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S

by Suzanne Frank

A team of Medford Leas residents, employees, and their friends will participate in a 3½-mile walk for the benefit of the Alzheimer's Association on October 24. Starting from the Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall and called *Memory Walk '10*, the team is chaired by **Ed Ellis**, chair of the Employee Wellness Committee, who says he aims "to reel in as many people as possible for this event. I hope that many of our able-bodied residents will participate and bring their friends

and relatives for this project, which helps fund research to find a cure for this dreaded disease."

Residents needing transportation to Atlantic City can sign up at the Reception Desk for a ride on a 32-seat chartered bus. Space permitting, non-residents can also sign on. The bus will leave the front entrance at 8 am and the walk will begin at 11 am. Those driving on their own will meet the group at the Boardwalk Hall.

Every participant needs to complete a registration form, available at the Reception Desk. On the form, those taking the walk are to list the names of their sponsors and the dollars being donated by each. The donations must be collected in advance of the walk. Ed said his goal is to have each walker raise at least \$100 from sponsors, and for the whole group to raise at least \$5,000.

## FALL TEA

The Fall Tea will be held on Tuesday, October 26, in the Holly and Activities Rooms from 2:30 to 4 pm. This is a great opportunity for residents to meet the many newcomers who joined our community during the past six months. The Tea also has coffee, punch, and a tantalizing array of cold and hot snacks and sweet treats. Name tags, please!

## CANDIDATES' NIGHT OCTOBER 14

Congressman John Adler (D) and challenger Jon Runyan (R) will present their visions on the economy, the war, and other important issues in the Theater on October 14, at 7:30 pm. The debate will be open to the public.



## RO'S BUTTERFLY NURSERY

by Betsy Pennink



An orange and black Monarch butterfly is sipping from a milkweed flower. Lower on the plant, many Monarch caterpillars, with black, yellow, and white stripes, are feeding

on the leaves. Some of their little jewel-like green chrysalises are hanging from the eaves and windowsills. Such is the picture of **Ro Wilson's** garden every day in late August.

In May, when Ro moved to Medford Leas from Cape May, she knew she wanted to have a Monarch nursery. She asked to have her garden in front of her Rushmore unit and put many of her favorite plants there, especially Tropical Milkweed, the best variety of milkweed for raising Monarchs. As Ro says, "It's important to have food for both the caterpillars and the butterflies." Tropical Milkweed fills the bill perfectly. It is usually grown from seed each year and its tender leaves are more attractive to the caterpillars than the tougher ones of the perennial Common Milkweed. Its yellow, orange, and red flowers sit atop long stems welcoming the butterflies.



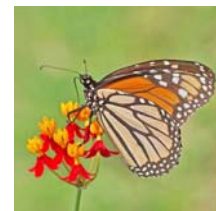
Ro's garden was so successful in producing Monarch caterpillars that she ran out of "food" for them. Luckily, one of her friends is Frank Victor, a nearby expert on butterfly gardens (see

*The Philadelphia Inquirer*, August 20), who was delighted to receive Ro's overflow. In fact, one day she took him 32 caterpillars.

Ro is very knowledgeable about specific "host" plants for caterpillars and "nectar" plants for butterflies. This comes from 20 years of experience on the acre and a half of land she and her husband Larry purchased in Cape May in 1989. Together they turned a horse pasture into a "natural habitat." They bought only native plants,

especially those that would attract certain wildlife species, in particular, birds and butterflies. After Larry retired in 1996, they devoted themselves to creating a "wild and uncontrolled" natural environment. Their wildflower meadow became a destination for "butterfly tours," as they had such a variety of plants that there was always something new to see.

After Larry's death in 2009, Ro decided to move to Medford Leas, bringing along some favorite items from her garden, including several sculptures she had collected over the years. Ro has enjoyed her Monarch nursery tremendously and is keen to see more butterfly gardens at Medford Leas.



Note: This summer **Ellen Wiener's** garden was full of yellow Tiger Swallowtail butterflies, feasting on her verberna and zinnias (nectar plants), while **Perry Krakora** reports that Black Swallowtail caterpillars devoured her parsley, a host plant.

## A GATHERING OF GARDENERS

On Saturday, October 9, Medford Leas will be hosting an all-day Gathering of Gardeners, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Rutgers Master Gardeners of Burlington County, and Medford Leas. Starting with registration at 8:30 am, the sessions will provide registrants with a day full of informative programs, great ideas, and an arboretum-themed lunch.

Sessions will be devoted to *Women in Horticulture*, *Orchids*, *African Violets*, *Roses*, *Composting*, *Plants for Pollination*, *Benefits of Gardening*, and *Indoor Gardening*.

Advance registration, with a \$35 fee, is required. Questions? Call 609-654-3527.

## WHO'S NEW



photo by Barbara Degler

**Marilyn (Buchanan) Tillman** has moved into 40 Woodside Drive from Cherry Hill, NJ. She was born and raised in Madison, WI, but has spent over 40 years in New Jersey. After high school, she worked as a receptionist in the State Patrol Unit of the Division of Motor Vehicles. In 1957, she met Bill Tillman from Queens, NY, who was working on his PhD at the University of Wisconsin. They were married a year later.

After Bill completed his dissertation, the couple moved to New Jersey, where he worked in the research laboratories of Smith, Kline & French. Bill retired in 1997 and started a consulting business, which he operated from home until his death in June 2009.

The Tillmans raised their two children in Cherry Hill, where Marilyn was active in the Cherry Hill Women's Club as well as her church. She was employed in various retail shops and department stores. She became manager of Lechters kitchen supply store in the Gallery in center city Philadelphia and enjoyed the challenge of management. Marilyn likes to read, particularly Christian literature, biography, and fiction, and she hopes to do some gardening here.

Doris Brown

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**Sarah (Beth) Bogie**, Bridlington 671, grew up in a woodland community on the North Shore of Long Island, NY. She graduated from DePauw University with a BA in English and has maintained a relationship with her alma mater ever since. For the past 10 years, she has mentored a number of DePauw students from Myanmar (Burma), visiting and emailing them, and hosting them in her home.



photo by Margery Rubin

Beth had a challenging 40-year career in journalism and public relations. Her first job was as an editor at MIT, hired to raise awareness of undergraduate life for men and women in a school best known for advanced scientific research. After five years, she moved to London, where she worked in the public relations office of IBM UK Ltd. Back in the US in 1967, she joined an international wire service staff at Dow Jones, as one of the first three women hired by that company to do editorial work. Other major steps in her career were with *Fortune* as a reporter/researcher; with American Express as an editor, speech writer, and senior researcher; and with a NYC public relations firm as vice-president for research. She retired in 2001.

In her "retirement" Beth has served on the board of Cetana Educational Foundation, producing a newsletter to raise funds for the support of Burmese students at schools in the US and Thailand. Her other interests are photography, art history, and travel.

Ellen Stimler

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**John and Barbara Lynch** moved into Bridlington 691 from Medford Lakes in late August. They have participated in exercise and pool aerobics since being on the waiting list and expect to continue.

John attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and received a BS in Economics, then got his MBA from Drexel University. He worked in sales, sales management, and human resources at IBM for 24 years. He served as Director of Human Resources at Conrail for six years, then headed his own business of consulting and sales training and management for 21 years. Much of this work was with nonprofits, where he saw a great need for help with management skills.



photo by Margery Rubin



photo by Margery Rubin

Barbara received a BN from Lankenau Hospital School of Nursing and worked as an operating room and emergency room nurse before she started having children. The Lynches have a son, two daughters, and six grandchildren.

They have participated in many Elderhostels, mostly involving the outdoors, hiking, and visiting places like the Grand Canyon. They are both enthusiastic about these trips, where they are part of a small group of compatible people. Barbara enjoys cross-country skiing, which she has taught. She hopes for a winter like last year's, when Medford Leas became one large cross-country skiing facility. She also enjoys biking.

John is a baseball fan and is very disappointed that Medford Leas does not offer the channel that broadcasts the Phillies' games. He is a history buff and has done some model building, especially of ships.

Sue Heath

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**Richard (Dick) and Margaret (Marcy) McFate Webster**, Apt. 662, met on a blind date arranged by Dick's sister, who was Marcy's classmate at the Shipley School. They felt they were made for each other and were married three years later in 1951.

These were Korean war years. Dick had started at Amherst College but dropped out to join the Navy, where he trained as a weatherman and had to predict the weather on fast-moving ships. Marcy lived with her parents but tried to meet Dick whenever he was in port.



photo by Margery Rubin

After his Navy service, Dick enrolled at Drexel and received a mechanical engineering degree. He joined a family HVAC (heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning) business in Camden. After this business was sold, he worked for other companies in the industry, which required moves to Cleveland and St. Louis. Homesick for the East Coast, the couple moved to Moores-town in 1967, and Dick started his own business as sales representative for major HVAC companies. Dick sold HVAC equipment to a contractor who installed it at Medford Leas.

Marcy always wanted to be a writer, so she took courses at Bryn Mawr and in the graduate writing program at Rutgers. She has sold articles to *The New York Times* and *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, and was a columnist, writing *Window on Main Street* for *The Courier Post*.



photo by Margery Rubin

After their children were in school, she taught nursery school in the Moorestown Presbyterian Church for 23 years. She has started an oral history project, working with a videographer to record a person's life history.

Dick's avocations are coaching and singing. For many years, he coached school baseball teams, and he never stopped singing. He is a tenor in the Moorestown Presbyterian Church choir; a member of the Philadelphia Orpheus Club's male chorus, which gives concerts at the Kimmel Center and other venues; chair of the Moorestown Rotary Club's music committee; and on the board of the South Jersey Symphony. He also loves gardening and will plant a garden outside his apartment.

The Websters have four children and seven grandchildren.

Ellen Stimler



**OCTOBER CRYPTOGRAM**

by Alan T. Gaylord

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

WHATEVER THERE IS OF GREATNESS IN ALL COUNTRIES IS DUE TO LABOR. WITHOUT LABOR THERE WOULD BE NO GOVERNMENT, NO LEADING CLASS, AND NOTHING TO PRESERVE. – U.S. GRANT

The correct solution was received from the readers listed below:

Ken Anderson, Ruth Blattenberger, Judy Braddy, Jody Cardona, John Caughey, Doris Curley, Barbara Degler, Liz Dill, Alan Gaylord, Linda Gorwood, Molly Haines, Herb Heineman, Barbara Heizman, Jane Hunter, Ariel Hollinshead Hyun, Sue Isaacs, Hugh Jenkins, Sally Klos, Tom Krainik, Virginia Mattice, Eileen McManimen, Alice Norcross, Helen Peterson, Betty Preston, Warren Reeves, Floann Roberts, Doris Salati, Florence Sawyer, Peg Scott, Ellen Wiener, Barbara Zimmerman.

Please put your solution in an envelope in Box 162 or email it to [estimler@medleas.com](mailto:estimler@medleas.com) by October 10. We would like to get new cryptograms from our readers. Thank you.

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