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BEEHIVE ARRIVES

text and photos by Betsy Pennink

After **Ro Wilson** learned that we have a beehive in Lumber-ton (*Medford Leas Life*, May and September 2009 and May 2010), she campaigned to get one here. It has arrived!

On April 28, Corey Melissas, the beekeeper, drove her small yellow SUV to the designated place at the far end of Beaver Meadow in Rushmore. She lifted out the red-and-white box containing our bees and, in the excited but subdued presence of Ro, my husband **Karel**, and me, placed it carefully on the platform created for it.



Corey Melissas

As she loosened the wooden stick blocking the entrance to the hive, bees crawled out to investigate. While she worked to free an opening on the top, Corey enthusiastically explained the life of bees (workers, drones, and queen).

Obviously an expert on bee psychology, Corey gave us some tips. For instance, although our honeybees are a gentle Italian strain, you don't want to stand directly in front of the hive. This is because bees returning from foraging are always in a hurry and literally make a beeline for the hive. You might get hit! After 4:00 pm it's even more important, as the forager bees coming in for the last time of that day are "taking on their nighttime job, which is protection."

Corey continues to come back to the apiary. She has brought another box to put directly on top of the first, an upper story so to speak, with more frames hung in it. (Frames are flat panels on which bees build their wax cells to hatch eggs and store honey. Frames are hung side by side in the box.) The bees are already at work there and may need a third story or

"super" when the nectar flow is "in full swing."



Corey has also been bringing a tray of sugar water to supplement the bees' food while nectar is still scarce. She places this on top of the apiary. On top of that is the aluminum cover to protect the bees and a rock to hold it down. The boxes are painted in bright colors to help the bees find them, says Corey. (Note: At mlra.org, Corey's journal and photos can be found under MLRA Committee Pages: The Apiary – Bees at Leas.)

Corey is looking forward to harvesting the honey. In the meantime the bees are doing their essential work of pollination.

MEDFORD LEAS' FIRST RESIDENT

by Kitty Katzell

[The picture and information in this article were sent to Anne Wood by a current member of the Westtown staff.]



Gladys Fleming, Medford Leas' first resident, not only taught at Westtown School at the same time **Anne Wood** did; she also was a companion to Anne's uncle for a time. Because she felt close to her, Anne visited Gladys at Medford Leas.

Gladys was introduced in the *Westonian*, a Westtown publication, as a "Drexel trained teacher of extensive experience." Besides teaching home economics there from September 1943 to June 1956, she was Director of Bacon Cottage at Westtown from 1946 to 1956. When she left in the summer of 1956, her resignation was announced in *School Notes*. It said that her students learned household management, sewing, costume making for the theater, and baking. The writer called her the "Major General of these domestic skills" and went on to say: "Those of us who have known her more intimately will continue to hold her in honor for her diversity of gifts, for her insatiable curiosity to find out how a thing is done and then to try her hand at it, whether it be watercolor sketching, papering a wall, or [trying] daring new recipes. Then there is her love of travel. The world is none too large for her independent spirit to wander over, picking up curios,

picking up friends, friends who discover her loyalty and generosity run deep and true."

Other residents who were students at Westtown when Gladys was teaching there are **David** and **Miriam Swartz** and **Dave** and **Nancy Barclay**.

PASSING THE GAVEL

text and photo by Barbara Zimmerman

With wind, rain, and cold, and no promise of spring, we drove to Camden's Hall of Justice to witness the swearing in of Judge George Leone into the Superior Court of New Jersey. It was a grand and festive affair with appropriate solemnity.



Judge Leone and Jane Hunter

George, now Judge Leone, had clerked for the late Honorable **James Hunter, III** and had asked **Jane**, Jim's widow, to present him with his gavel. She had a front row seat with daughter Judy and handled the important task as if she did it every day. Judge Hunter would have been proud! The event was peppered with remarks from dignitaries of the area, including Governor Christie, who had nominated George. It was especially meaningful that Jane could be a part of it all.

Jane and Jim Hunter had lived in Bridlington. He was a Judge in the Third Circuit and died in 1989. Jane now resides in Haddon I.

ARBORETUM LECTURE: BRINGING NATURE CLOSER IN CITIES

by Betsy Pennink



The title of this year's Lewis W. Barton Arboretum Lecture was *Making Philadelphia the Greenest City in the Country*. However, the speaker, Drew Becher, President of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, had the audience oohing and aahing over "before and after" slides of

magical transformations he has achieved with nature throughout his life.

Mr. Becher's slides began with his sprucing up the entrance to his high school in Dayton, OH, and went on to show the many ugly, neglected sites he has turned into beautiful places with trees, bushes, and flowers. Some of these were in Chicago, where he worked closely with Mayor Daley for ten years. Others were in Cincinnati, New York's Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood, and Washington, DC.

Being in touch with nature is tremendously important to humans, according to Mr. Becher. This is one reason to plant trees in cities, where residents are surrounded by so much asphalt. Trees can grow along the sidewalk or in a median. The result gives the residents pleasure and makes them prouder of their neighborhood, with associated social benefits.

As to Philadelphia, there are tree-planting projects in the works there and in South Jersey, although Mr. Becher admits that the use of salt on the streets in the winter limits the kinds of trees that can be used. With a smile, he listed the so-called "cockroach" trees that can prosper there, among them the ginkgo, the honey locust, and the ailanthus (tree of heaven).

ARBORETUM EVENT

The May 14 Evening in the Arboretum was an elegant soirée. Name tags and programs were issued to over 150 registrants from a table in the covered walkway near the entry. Most of the guests were dressed for the occasion, and the rooms they entered were decorated with flowers that carried forward the evening's theme. The program booklet included a page of rules for the silent auction being held in the Atrium, where 44 arboretum-related items were displayed with specified starting bids – books, vases and the flowers they contained, plants, trees, paintings, framed nature photographs, tickets to numerous artistic events in Philadelphia, and more.

The event was advertised as including a wine tasting; Canal's of Medford assisted with the arrangements. Five different companies supplied a total of 43 different wines and sommeliers to serve them. Three were set up in the Colonial Room, and two in the Lounge. In the center of the Colonial Dining Room, there were food stations offering a variety of seafood dishes, sushi, and a carving station serving beef tenderloin. In the Lounge, a chef created pasta masterpieces; a fruit, cheese, and dessert board ended the meal with tasty treats. Also in the Lounge, Trio Classica, a string trio, played light classics. There were strolling butlers in all three venues offering several different hors d'oeuvres. The food was catered by Medford Leas staff.

Midway through the evening, **CEO Jeremy Vickers** introduced the three people who were being honored for their role in creating the Barton Arboretum at Medford Leas: **Lois Forrest, Nancy Barclay**, and Paul Meyer, Director of the Morris Arboretum. The silent auction closed at 8:30 pm when the lucky bidders picked up their winnings and paid for them at the reception desk

K. Katzell

LIBRARY REDO YIELDS RARE BOOK

by Beth Bogie

Recently, when she was reorganizing the Nature Center Library, **Joy Moll**, resident in charge, discovered a rare historical book in the bird collection, called *One Hundred and One Bird Voices, Sonnets, Battle-Dore, Unconventional Verse, etc.*, published in 1941 and signed by author William Bacon Evans.

The book is uniquely Quaker in its content. Evans, a graduate of Haverford College, was well known in the Moorestown Monthly Meeting and the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Joy has copied sections of the book for the Nature Library and will give the original to the Haverford College Quaker Collection.

The most whimsical section contains “bird voices” – that is, verse written as if by a particular bird species. For example, the Northern Downy Woodpecker says:

*“My helmet’s piked, my toes in gear,
My tail sharp-spiked, my tongue’s a spear;
Lie flat! You grubs, or yet you’ll rue it!
I’ll wreck these stubs, then hunt for suet.
Eke, EKE, EKE! Eke,eke,ee, kee!”*

The Nature Center Library is one of Medford Leas’ choice libraries, specializing in horticulture, birds, and gardens. For the past two years, Joy, who has a master’s degree in library science from Drexel and a doctorate in information science from Rutgers, has been doing a top-to-bottom redo of the collection, assisted by librarian residents **Ila Jane Stiles, Louise Tompkins, and Virginia Mattice.**

It is an easy-to-access library, with no card catalog. Instead, it has labeled shelves. Books can be taken out or studied at the Nature Center. If assistance is needed, Joy, Ila and Virginia are available by appointment.

Joy and her crew have also begun to computerize the collection, so far having covered 119 books out of approximately 600. Once the collections are fully computerized, subject access will also be

available from Medford Leas’ Main Library and from the library on the Lumberton Campus.

Joy points out there are eight libraries at Medford Leas. There is the Main Library under **Joanne Greenspun** and **Bob Hambleton**; the Large Print Library near the double elevators on the first floor of Haddon, maintained by Ila Jane Stiles; and the Nature Center Library. Four smaller specialized collections can be found – in the Art Studio, managed by **Alice Culbreth**; the Low Vision Center near the Pharmacy, made up primarily of videotapes and audio books, overseen by **Eleanor Merrick**; the residents’ Workshop; and the Fiber Arts Studio, with works on knitting, sewing, needlework, and weaving. The eighth Library is the one on the Lumberton Campus. It has about 1,400 volumes, including hard and soft back and large print, and around 70 DVDs, video and audio tapes. The committee is chaired by **Doris Brown** and **Lori Haworth.**

The Nature Center’s horticulture collection originally was part of the Main Library. The Low Vision Center (and the Coffee Shop) were gifts of the late **Ruth Bump**, a librarian.

PLEASE HELP

Everyone likes the bargains at the Thrift Shop. Now **Jan Durbin**, who manages the shop, has issued a call for help. She needs three kinds of assistance:

- Someone to sell items online on their own schedule and their own computer;
- A manager of Christmas sales, because **Lois Rickett** has retired;
- Volunteer substitutes for all areas, offering flexible schedules and great camaraderie.

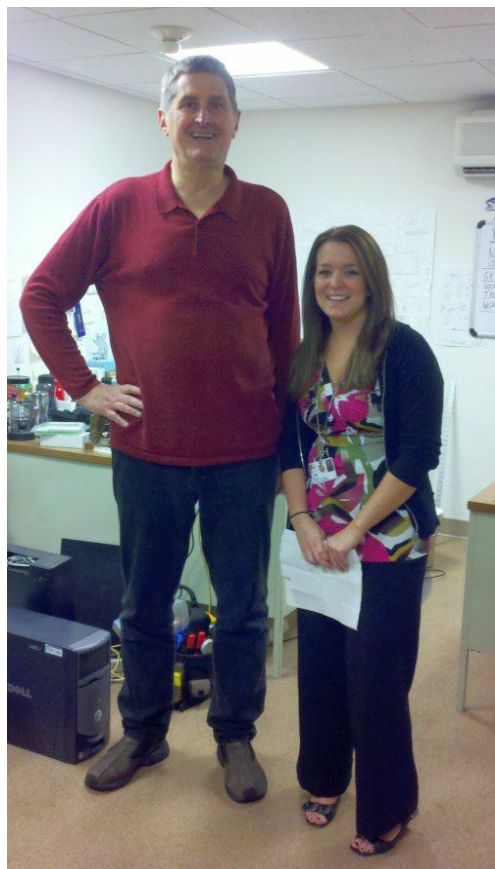
Please call Jan at 702-1014 and offer a little of your time, or stop in some Tuesday morning when the shop is open and discuss possibilities with her.

TRIATHLON #3

by Suzanne Frank

First, volunteers signed up: 10 residents paired off with 10 staff persons. This third triathlon, held on April 27, involved 10 minutes of rowing, 10 of biking, and 10 on treadmill by each couple, with 3-minute rest periods in between.

So, naturally, there was puffing; there was huffing; there were groans. The winners of all this muscle exertion and physical endurance were **Lisa Minuto** (Operations) and **Conant Atwood**. **Eileen McConville** and **Russell Pepe** (Information Technology) came in second and **Dave Bartram** and **Beverly Kannengieszer** (Fitness) third.



Rick Trandahl

The Winners: Conant and Lisa

"My goal," said Lisa, "was to beat the winning team from last year, which was Beverly and Dave. However, I could not have done it without

my partner, Conant. We intend to return next year and become two-time champs!" Conant took a more philosophical approach to having bested the competition. "It's a wonderful way for residents and staff to bond. And I think it should be called 'tryathlon' because **Rick** [Trandahl, Fitness] got us all to *try* out something creative as well as strengthening, which we would never have considered in our private lives." In response, Beverly couldn't help taking on the challenge by saying, "Of course, as last year's champs, Dave and I expect to regain our first-place win."



Rick Trandahl

Second Place: Russell and Eileen



Rick Trandahl

Third Place: Beverly and Dave

Rick summed up the core purpose of this employee-resident face-off perfectly by saying, "It's all in building team cooperation between two separate communities. We in Fitness look at it as being part of a family, not as a job."

SPRING KAYAKING

by Suzanne Frank

Standing on shore, one might think the kayakers were colorful bumper cars as they went this way and that way trying not to get beached in the shallow foot-deep water. The breathtaking scenery was only slightly altered on this, the second sun-filled foray by about 15 kayakers paddling upstream on Haynes Creek. Last October, the group had seen multicolored fallen leaves on shimmering water. This time, during April Arboretum month, they were surrounded by tiny floating blossoms on a strong current and greenish pollen wafting through the air.



Led by Arboretum Coordinator **Herb Minkus**, **Ed-die Ellis** of Fitness and Aquatics, and **Russell Pepe**, Information Technology Manager, the string of kayakers plied their way in the direction of the Pinelands Library in Medford on the meandering but forcefully flowing section of the Rancocas that is at our doorstep. They had to maneuver over sunken branches and around uprooted trees and were forced to paddle close to bushes that had grown over the water. The bushes were gallantly held back by the on-the-spot helpers who accompanied the group.

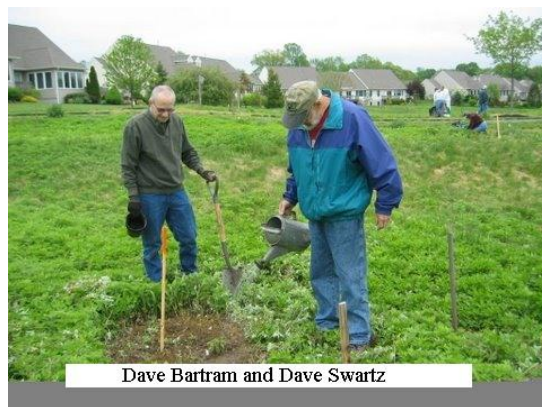
There were lots of things to see: small white and yellow spring flowers along the banks, beaver-gnawed tree trunks, and sunbathing turtles. And to make sure these Leas invaders were behaving, two geese seemed always to be watching. A couple of times they flew very low over the kayakers' heads as if to signal not to go ashore where they had nests.

The day was filled with sun, fun, and laughter, making everyone agree that the outing had been a roaring success. One resident even sent a letter of thanks to those responsible for having arranged another "cruise on the Rancocas."

MUGWORT IN THE MEADOW

by Maggie Heineman

Mugwort is magical in the *Harry Potter* books, but on the Lumberton Campus there's an ongoing struggle against this invasive. After the annual mowing of the meadow in March, the Mugwort was only a couple of inches tall.



The Mugwort was ankle deep on April 25 when residents cleared small areas for planting desirable wildflowers which they will tend throughout the season.



It was knee-high on May 16 when residents put wet newspapers around their "foster plants" and three men from Landscaping came with mulch to protect the plants. The project was organized by Meadow Chairperson **Miriam Swartz**.

RARE NATIVE PLANT GIFT



Jane Weston, Director of Marketing; Jeanette Johnson, Pinelands Garden Club; and **Nancy Barclay**, holding Swamp Pink (*Helonias bullata* L), a rare native plant donated to Medford Leas by Ms. Johnson.

WHAT IS SUSTAINABILITY?

by Kay Cooley

For a long time I thought “sustainability” was just a buzz word used by environmentalists. Their enthusiasm failed to interest or convince me that the subject had any relevance for me.

That has all changed. I now know that sustainability has a great deal to do with the future of my home - planet earth - and I had better learn something about it.

Fortunately, Medford University’s summer lectures will provide the opportunity. The four lectures at 11 o’clock on Wednesday mornings June 29, July 6 and 27, and August 3 will be given by Patrick Hossay, Associate Professor of Sustainability and Environmental Policy at Richard Stockton College. He will speak on:

- The Myths and Realities of Global Warming,
- Our Current Energy and its Environmental Consequences,
- The Potential for Renewable Energy,
- Making Communities Sustainable.

ESTAUGH VARIETY SHOW

by Betsy Pennink

And what a show! There was an aura of anticipation in the Activities Room on May 12 as a slideshow of photos of Estaugh residents and staff was shown on the big screen, with a background of cheerful music. And then the show began.

Produced by **Marcy Smith** and other members of the Therapeutic Recreation staff, the program was a showcase of the many talents and accomplishments of Estaugh residents, as well as their special interests.

Rose Cruikshank, with great good humor, read from her children’s book, *Mushmore the Mushroom*, while the audience joined in, following on the pages projected on the screen. **Hana Stranska** listened while a staff member read a poem Hana had written some years ago for *Medford Leas Life*, and finished the last line herself.

Charlotte Berry read her favorite Robert Louis Stevenson poem, *The Swing*, from his “*Child’s Garden of Verses*.” **Catherine Chin** and **Marion Jones** had everyone laughing as they acted out their parts in a skit of joke-telling.

There was singing, led by **Gerry Stride**, Director of Therapeutic Recreation. Many songs were old favorites, and several were accompanied by actions. The audience participated in one by rhythmically beating two brightly colored wooden sticks together. Gerry and **Nancy Stevens** then sang two duets about friendship and love, reflecting the “family” atmosphere of Estaugh.

Finally, Marcy acknowledged the loving care given by members of the staff on John Estaugh. She gave bouquets to two CNAs who had been there for five years and two nurses who had worked in Estaugh for eighteen years.

The program ended with a repeat of the slideshow, music, and some dancing.

MLRA ELECTIONS

At its meeting on Friday, May 13, the new MLRA Council elected its officers for the 2011-2012 membership year, which begins on July 1, 2011. President-elect is **Ferrill "Lefty" Alderfer**, Lumberton; Vice-President-Elect is **Hannah "Kit" Ellenbogen**, Courts. The other members of the 2011-12 Council will be: **Herb Krakora**, Bridlington; **Alan Gaylord** and **Maggie Heineman**, Lumberton, **Steve Denham**, **Mary Lou Morrow**, and **Anne Wood**, Rushmore; **Doris Allebach**, **Julien Eysmans**, and **Jean Nicholson**, Courts.



Lefty and Kit

SHORT TRIPS COMMITTEE

by Marion Norcross

The MLRA Short Trips Committee has conducted a varied and interesting series of trips this year. In February, **Kit Ellenbogen** and **Jean Stratton** led the trip to the American Jewish Museum. In March, the trip to the Penn Museum to see the Silk Road exhibit was led by **Jane Ross** and **Marie Gleason**. The response was so great that both the van and the ML bus were used. A delightful trip to the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center and Restaurant led by **Marion Norcross** was held on May 6.

Plans for the rest of the year include a visit to the Roebling Museum led by **Gene Holben** on June 17, to learn of the engineering genius of John A. Roebling and New Jersey's connection to the Brooklyn Bridge. On August 28, there will be a

trip to Long Beach Island, led by **Gladys Metz** and **Fran Werrell**, to see the musical "I Do, I Do" at the Surflight Theatre. Plans are being made to tie in with an October forum on Burlington to see many historic buildings and learn of the history of New Jersey's first capital, to be led by Marion Norcross, **Corinne Thompson**, and Kit Ellenbogen.

As with some other MLRA committees, this one needs more help in order to keep planning and leading interesting and good quality trips. Contact Marion Norcross (3179) for more information.

ART GALLERY NEWS

by Helen L. Vukasin

In the Medford Leas Art Gallery, the works of "Erin McGee Ferrell, Artist and Mother, Attempting to Balance" will be shown through June. In July and August, a new exhibit will be installed: "The Eye Sees the Beauty; the Hand then Creates Art," by Ellie Farnese. "My fascination with art has been a study of the whole process," said Ms. Farnese, "composition, design, color, theory, and techniques." She paints in both oils and watercolors. The opening reception for the July-August exhibit will be Tuesday, July 5, from 3 to 4:30 pm.

At Lumberton, the new organizers of the Gallery have mounted an exhibit by the first of a series of local artists. Tom Kimball of Chesterfield, NJ, is exhibiting his water colors and acrylics. "I was about five years old when my father took me to a children's art class at the Newark Museum," he said. "I have not put pencil, pen, or brush down since."

Tom has received numerous awards, starting in 1964, and his work is represented in many collections. He is a member of the Willingboro Art Alliance, the Medford Art Center, and several galleries. This show will be on display through July. The exhibit was curated by the new committee at Lumberton led by **Eve Robinson** and **Carmelita Aseron**.

PEN PALS MEET AT THEIR SCHOOL

by Ellen Stimler

Twenty-two third graders at the Chairville Elementary School in Medford were clustered at the school entrance on March 28, waiting expectantly to meet their pen pals from Medford Leas. This was the first face-to-face meeting since the letter-writing exchange had begun this school year. The schoolwide annual art show was the occasion for the visit.



Walt Belfield and his pen pal

With Trevor, my pen pal, as my excellent guide, we set off to look at the pictures, which covered the walls of the winding walkways from top to bottom. There were no names or grades attached to the paintings, so we had to guess. Some stood out for their professional quality. As we stopped before one colorful painting of fruit and flowers arranged artfully on a table, I asked Trevor if he knew the style of this picture. "It's a still life," he said in a second. Trevor's own contributions were of a couple of landscapes with buildings in the foreground.

After getting a little tired from the long walk, Trevor said we were heading back to the cafeteria for refreshment. On the way, we passed their enormous gym and a computer room where Trevor's class works every Monday. We also stopped in at our pen pals' classroom, where four children share each square table. Trevor, who is very much into sports, pointed out the outdoor areas for the baseball, basketball, and soccer teams. In the cafeteria, we met with our whole group and the third-grade teacher, Ashley Powell Fudurich, who started this program with **Gerry Stride** in

2004. (For more background, see *Medford Leas Life*, January 2011, page10.)

The visit ended with a group picture taken by Mrs. Fudurich. The students then walked us to the waiting Medford Leas bus. We were reminded that we would meet again for the traditional picnic in the Back Porch Garden at Medford Leas in June.

2011 DOG SHOW

by Kitty Katzell

It was standing room only in the Activities Room, and the adjoining kitchen was bustling with dogs and their handlers. The Annual Medford Leas Dog Show is always a popular event and the one on April 20 was no exception. Most of the dogs were familiar to the spectators, as were the judging categories.

Best Costume was the lobster outfit worn by **Toby Riley's** Scout and Wrangler. The Best Tail-Wagger was Bam-Bam, shown by Virginia Hoffman, a regular volunteer worker in Therapeutic Recreation. Fuller, **Kay Roberts'** Service Dog, did the Best Tricks; he was shown by **Vince Menzel**. The Best-Looking Mutt was **Beverly Kanningieszer's** Dexter. There was no question about **Lisa Minuto's** little Mandy being the Best Kisser. There was only one entry in the "Other" category, and its prize went to Beverly's Dexter; who was judged to have the Best Hips.

The judges were **Sally Klos, Fran Webb, and Ellen Wiener**.

IN MEMORIAM

Russell A. Young	April	23
Leonard Kahn	May	05
Dorothea Heisler	May	13
Catherine Hill	May	18
Charles (Jack) Allen	May	18

EMPLOYEE NEWS

by Maggie Heineman

There will be cash prizes for the current Biggest Loser (weight loss) contest which ends on June 24. Since each of the 34 participants has contributed \$20, there is \$680 available for distribution to the top three losers. **Ed Ellis** and **Lisa Minuto**, who are coordinating the contest, have a side bet to motivate each other. Whichever of the two loses the greater percentage will have to pay for lunch for a week and will have to wear a shirt that will say either "Eddie is the best" or "Lisa is the best."

The Employee Wellness program now includes a lunch-hour Walking Club three times a week, a Water Exercise Class on Wednesday afternoons at 4:15, and seven exercise classes with interesting names: Awesome Abs, Fitness Camp, Butts and Guts, Cardio Kickboxing, Major Muscle, Circuit Training, and Sweat, Tone and Sculpt.

On May 5, Employee Appreciation Day, the Holly Room had been festively decorated, both breakfast and lunch were provided, and every half hour there was a prize drawing – one of 19 – from a basket with the names of all employees except for senior staff.



Prizes included a (used, but not outmoded) laptop computer, hanging basket by **Debbie Lux**, car care gift pack, set of grilling utensils, hand weights, and gift certificates.

Lisa Heinkel, Health Services Director, and **Julie Smith**, Director of Nursing, stayed late that day in order to deliver pizzas to staff on the evening and night shifts.

VOTERS SAY NO IN ELECTION

by Ellen Stimler

Medford voters going to the polls on April 27 to vote on the school budget and a Township Council referendum on taxes were in a negative mood. They voted down the proposed Board of Education budget for the 2011-12 year and rejected a Township referendum that had to be approved in order to raise taxes above a 2% cap.

In this election, voters in District 8 (Medford Leas) and District 17 were voting on either of two voting machines set up in the Activities Room. For this reason it is not possible to determine how Medford Leas residents alone voted on the candidates and the other issues. The outcome was the same as in all of Medford, where the referendum was defeated by 5,439 to 1,005 votes.

On the evening before the election, the MLRA Citizens Committee held a Candidates Night. All four School Board candidates running for the three open seats spoke to a large audience and answered many questions. The two incumbent members of the Board, Ann Davidson and Katherine Santamore, plus newcomer Amy Duca, received the most votes and will serve a term of three years.

The issues relating to the referendum were also discussed at Medford Leas a week before the election in a power point presentation conducted by members of the Township Council. They explained that the tax increase of more than 25% was necessary to eliminate a deficit of about \$2,300,000 that had accrued during the past six years. Questions ran overtime until 10 pm.

**PUT STYROFOAM IN
WITH TRASH.**

DO NOT RECYCLE IT.

ACE VOLUNTEER

by Maggie Heineman

[Editor's Note: This is the second article in a series on volunteers.]

Five days a week **Ruth Spendelow**, who will be 92 in July, is at the Fitness Center. Both morning and afternoon, when she's not attending her own exercise classes, she's helping out – walking **Kay Roberts'** service dog Fuller, filing folders, keeping records, and running errands. She has her own desk in the Fitness Office.



Connie Bacha, Ruth Spendelow, Fuller, Anne Mengel

In high school, Ruth competed in track and field, but it was not her athletic background that led her to volunteer with Fitness. Ruth came to Medford Leas in 2007 and soon thereafter she enrolled in the Brain Gym. One day after class **Helen Hamilton** took Ruth across the hall to the Fitness Center and introduced her to **Ed Ellis**, who wasted no time in putting her to work both with her own exercise program and as a helper.

A question about previous volunteer work brought the response, "A year ago I could have told you." When asked if her memory problems could be mentioned, she agreed immediately. Her memory may be slipping but not her desire to help.

As we chatted, Ruth recalled her volunteer work had been with the American Institute for Mental Studies, the Animal Welfare Association, and Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge. She did secretarial and office work and also made mailing labels on her home

computer. Back in 1982, she picked up computer skills when she purchased an Osborne, the first portable computer on the market.

Ruth was widowed in 1987 after 45 years of marriage. She has a daughter, three sons, seven grandchildren, and eleven greatgrands.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Fiction

Auel, Jean *Land of Painted Caves*
 Binchy, Maeve *Finding Frankie*
 Blake, Sarah *The Postmistress*
 Chiaverini, Jennifer *The Union Quilters*
 Clancy, Tom *Dead or Alive*
 Devine, Paul *Impressed*
 Hannah, Kristin *Night Road*
 Karon, Jan *In the Company of Others*
 McCall Smith, Alexander
 Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party
 Palmer, Diana *Fearless*
 Picoult, Jodi *Sing You Home*
 Steel, Danielle *44 Charles Street*
 Taylor, Patrick *An Irish Country Doctor*

Mystery

Beaton, M. C. *Death of a Chimney Sweep*
 Connelly, Michael *Fifth Witness*
 Davidson, Diane Mott *Crunch Time*
 Fluke, Joanne *Devil's Food Cake Murder*
 Kellerman, Jonathan *Mystery*
 Leon, Donna *Drawing Conclusions*
 Mankell, Henning *The Troubled Man*
 Perry, Anne *Treason at Lisson Grove*
 Rankin, Ian *The Complaints*

Non-Fiction

Brooks, David *Social Animal*
 Collins, Gail *When Everything Changed*
 Kendall, Joshua *Forgotten Founding Father*
 (Noah Webster)
 Marable, Manning *Malcolm X*

WELCOME TO THE COURTS

After living in Bridlington for ten years, **Jack** and **Joan McKeon** moved into Apt. 291 in the Courts, where they feel very comfortable. Joan loves to cook and was concerned about having to give up the joy of cooking. But on the contrary, she appreciates the extra time and sociability of dinner in the dining rooms.

Both have been, and still are, active in many MLRA activities. Joan served two years on the MLRA Council. She is co-chair of the Flower Show and a member of the Arboretum Oversight, Leas Lit, and Monday Night Movie Committees. Joan's great love is gardening, and she will be working a plot on The Farm. Because of some health problems, Jack had to give up the chairmanship of the Forum Committee and volunteer work in the Pool. But he expects to become involved again in the near future.

Jack and Joan moved to Medford Leas from Moorestown, where they retain some ties. They still belong to the Field Club, where Joan plays nine holes of golf; and she has kept her membership in the Moorestown Garden Club and the Flower Guild of Trinity Church.

Jack spent four years as Director of the Lower School at Moorestown Friends and 20 years in the Cherry Hill school system.

E.S.

ADDENDUM

The cover story in the May issue of *Medford Leas Life* included a picture showing **Rona Keilin** in the foreground. The person behind her was not identified. It is **Ezra Shahn**. We regret the omission.

WHO'S NEW

photos by Margery Rubin

David and Nancy (Barton) Barclay are new residents in Bridlington 699, but they are not new to Medford Leas. Nancy is the daughter of **Lewis** and **Sarah Barton**, who were residents of Medford Leas. Lew was one of the founders of Medford Leas and the person for whom the Arboretum is named. Nancy is now chair of the Arboretum Oversight Committee and a past member of the Estaugh Board.



Dave was born in Kansas, Nancy in Philadelphia. They met as students at Westtown School, then went on to college, Dave to Princeton and Nancy to Wells College, both majoring in psychology. On graduating Dave joined the Marine Corps. Later, he ran the family business, Lewis W. Barton Co., a plumbing supply firm, installing irrigation systems. After 30 years, he went to law school at Rutgers Camden and began a solo law practice.



During this time, Nancy was busy with their three sons and volunteering. At one time, she was a docent for the Philadelphia Museum of Art at the Fairmount Park Houses. She has been active in the Cherry Hill Historical Society and treasurer of the Proprietors of West Jersey.

As a volunteer, Dave served as clerk of the boards of Westtown School and Friends Fiduciary, and chairman of the YMCA Camp Ockanickon Foundation. Both Dave and Nancy are Master Gardeners and members of Cropwell Friends Meeting in Marlton, where they were married 55 years ago. Before coming to Medford Leas, they lived on a farm in Cherry Hill for 52 years.

Dave and Nancy enjoy traveling. Places that stand out include New Zealand, China, the Amazon, Turkey, and Italy. Dave has been to Saudi Arabia many times and once went to Nigeria and Lake Chad on business. Dave still plays tennis. Nancy does some yoga and enjoys walking, especially since they have their son's dog living with them.

They have friends at Medford Leas and look forward to having Nancy's roommate from Wells, and her husband, move into Apt. 697. Residents will be invited to come see their new garden of mostly native plants, which the Arboretum Committee is trying to encourage here.

Sue Heath

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Medford Leas has a number of New Jersey lawyers as residents but no New Jersey judge until **Judge Harold (Skip) Wells** and his wife, **Mary**, moved into Apt. 81. Asked how they met, Mary laughed and said "He picked me up on the beach." They were married in 1964.



By that time, Skip had graduated from Princeton with a degree in music and had completed law school at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a JAG (Judge Advocate General) officer in the Navy during the Korean War, stationed in Memphis. Mary meanwhile had earned a BA in political science at Drew University, having spent her junior year in Paris. She joined Skip in Memphis until his discharge in 1965.

Skip decided to join his father's well-established law practice in Bordentown and live in Moorestown. Mary went to Rutgers School of Social Work and received an MSW just before their first child was born.

In 1977, Skip was appointed to the Burlington

County Superior Court, where he served for 23 years, the last 10 as assignment judge. He was nominated to the Appellate Division in 2000. Although he is now officially retired, he volunteered for recall and presently works two days a week on settlements of appeals.



Mary had her own challenging career as president of Family Service of Burlington County, which she and a couple of other social workers started on a shoestring. By the time of her retirement in 2006, it had a budget of \$28,000,000 and 700 employees, with offices in seven counties. Mary also served eight years as the first Democrat and the first woman on the Moorestown Township Council, and was chosen New Jersey Social Worker of the Year and Moorestown Citizen of the Year.

Along with their absorbing careers, they raised two children, and there are now five grandchildren. Summers are spent at their home in Beach Haven.

Ellen Stimler

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Margaret Hauck Goodman, Apt. 85, found out about Medford Leas through her son David, a documentary filmmaker, who had been hired by Development Director **Sandy Green** to make a short movie about Medford Leas. Margaret had been looking for a retirement community, immediately knew Medford Leas was right for her, and moved in soon afterwards.

Margaret grew up in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania and went to local schools. Her parents sent her to a finishing school so she would be better equipped for Smith College, where she

earned a BA in sociology. After working for the Red Cross for a few years, Margaret went back to Smith College School of Social Work and received an MSW.

Before starting at Smith, she had run into an old friend of her brother's, Lester Goodman, at the College Board exams. They began dating and were married in 1946 after Lester returned from WWII Army duty. They settled in Lansdowne, PA, and raised two daughters and a son.

After the younger daughter was married, the couple separated and eventually divorced. Margaret always wanted to live in New England, so she moved to Harrisville, NH, a village on the National Register of Authenticity. There she worked for a few years for a community mental health center, where she specialized in early childhood education programs. Then she started her own practice in family psychotherapy. After losing the ability to drive because of deteriorating eyesight, she moved back to Philadelphia.

She is happy to be at Medford Leas, where she is able to get to places on the Medford Leas bus and find various low-vision resources.

Ellen Stimler

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Joseph McKenna, Apt. 68, moved in April from the Bustleton area of Northeast Philadelphia, where he had lived for 50 years. Over the last 10 years Joe had read every issue of *Medford Leas Life* and was impressed by the accounts of so many active and intelligent residents.

When the time came to pick a retirement community, Medford Leas was his first choice.

At 94, Joe can look back on a busy life. A child of the Depression, he started working early and has enthusiastic memories of being a member of Franklin Roosevelt's CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps). His group built roads and mended fences, among other tasks, in parks in Tucson, AZ, and around the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.

During WWII, Joe spent four years in the Navy. For two years he was part of the Naval Air Service ferrying goods and people, mostly between New Caledonia and Australia. After the war, he married Irene A. Newman. He served as a "park guard" with the Philadelphia police for two years, then joined the Philadelphia Fire Service for thirty-two years, during which he rose through the ranks to become deputy fire commissioner.

In spite of an active working life, Joe found time for studies and graduated from the Institute of Local and State Government at the University of Pennsylvania. He has a strong interest in the natural world and thinks it's important to be aware of what there is to see, in particular the ever-changing sky.

When his wife became ill, Joe retired to care for her. She died in 1982. He has a daughter, who lives in Moorestown, and a son in California. By coincidence, Joe and **Norma D'Alonzo** share two grandsons, since Norma's son, now deceased, was married to Joe's daughter.

Betsy Pennink

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Having lived most recently in Marlton, **Francine (Fran) Freedman Walker** has moved into Apt. 680 in Bridlington, where she and her two cats are settling in. Born in Battle Creek, MI, she moved with her family to Bayonne, NJ, where she went to high school.

Fran studied English at Douglass College, then earned a master's at SUNY Buffalo and a PhD at Tufts. She began a career at the University of Pennsylvania as Assistant Director of Student Activities, then Director of Student Life, working in many different disciplines including computer technology.

She retired to begin a new career as a volunteer, after 35 years at Penn. She writes cat descriptions online for the Animal Welfare Association, making her a good connection for anyone wanting to adopt a cat or dog. Fran also works a few days a month at the South Jersey Food Bank, packing orders and helping people obtain the food they need. She does one shift per week at the Welcome Desk of the Cherry Hill Library, and, in her spare time, is training to be a counselor for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which helps people make Medicare decisions. Fran enjoys reading mysteries.

After 35 years in the PA suburbs, Fran moved to Marlton to look after her mother as she grew older. She brought her mother to Medford Leas, hoping that she would want to live here. Her Mother said "no." Fran then realized it would be in her own future.

Sue Heath

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Apartment 161 in the Courts is one of **Richard (Dick) Brown's** three homes. He came here from the one in Englewood on Florida's west coast, and he also has a summer home in Surf City on Long Beach Island. He hasn't decided yet how to divide his time among them.

Right now he is happy to be at Medford Leas. He has four married children, eleven grandchildren, and four greatgrands. One daughter, who lives close by in Hainesport, visits often and drives

him wherever he needs to go since he gave up his car because of reduced vision.

Dick grew up in Chatham, NJ, went to local schools, and then to Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA, where he graduated with a BSc in chemistry in 1951. He was married the same year to Mary Brautigam, whom he had met on a blind date. The couple moved to Baltimore because Dick had received a fellowship from the University of Maryland to study for a PhD in organic chemistry, which he completed in 1956.

While Mary was busy raising their four children, Dick worked as a research chemist for Warner-Lambert, a pharmaceutical company. After 35 years there, he accepted a job at Becton-Dickinson as a patent agent and consultant. He retired in 1991.

After Mary's death in October 2009, Dick's children suggested the move to Medford Leas. His current interests include golf, watching baseball, and gardening. He has always had a garden and wants to start one here. He played baseball in high school and later in softball leagues until he was 75.

Ellen Stimler

THE LAST WORD

Medford Leas Life will be on vacation during July and August. When next it appears in September, **Beth Bogie** will be the new editor. Beth came to Medford Leas a year ago bringing a wealth of experience in journalism. Readers will soon notice the influence of her editorial acumen. Beth's biography appeared in the October 2010 issue. **Elsie Behmer, Kitty Katzell, and Ellen Stimler**, who have been taking turns as editor-of-the-month, will continue on the staff.

JUNE CRYPTOGRAM

by Ellen Stimler and Floann Roberts

QH XGQDM FK QWWHMXX YHV
 XFZZFN, FHM SYH ZMCYQH YWQBM
 WFHJ GYXD DRM TXTYW VYDM
 FK VQXQHDMJZYDQFH, QK FHM
 QX THYKZYQV FK SRYHJM,
 QHXYDQYPWM KFZ QHDMWWMS-
 DTYW STZQFXQDL, QHDMZMXDMV
 QH PQJ DRQHJX, YHV RYGGL QH
 XCYWW NYLX. -MVQDR NRYZDFH

Below is the solution to the May cryptogram by Ellen Stimler:

THE SUN WAS WARM BUT THE WIND WAS
 CHILL/ YOU KNOW HOW IT IS WITH AN APRIL
 DAY/ WHEN THE SUN IS OUT AND THE WIND
 IS STILL/ YOU'RE ONE MONTH ON IN THE
 MIDDLE OF MAY.

The correct solution was received from the following readers.

Miriam Angle, Ruth Blattenberger, Judy Brady, John Caughey, Alice Culbreth, Doris Curley, Barbara Degler, Liz Dill, Betty Donahue, Alan Gaylord, Linda Gorwood, Molly Haines, Neil Hartman, Herb Heineman, Barbara Heizman, Pat Heller-Dow, Sue Isaacs, Hugh Jenkins, Sally Klos, Mary Hope Mason, Alice Norcross, Ruth Quackenbush, Warren Reeves, Floann Roberts, Doris Salati, Peg Scott, Miriam Swartz, Ellen Wiener.

Please put your solution in an envelope in Box 162 or email it to estimler@medleas.com by August 10.

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