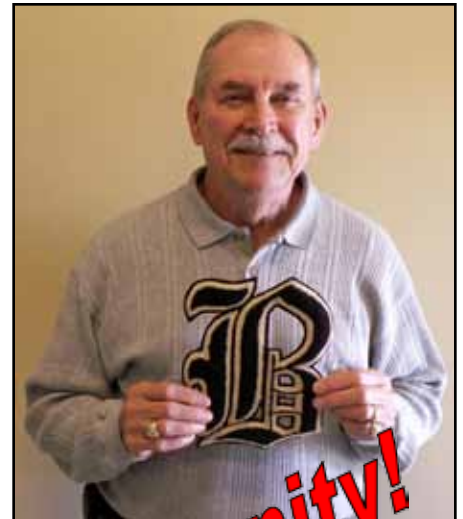


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From the Editor ...

By Tom Santucci



The Trustees Election is in progress and every eligible voter should vote. Even though there are only two candidates, the Gazette encourages everyone to vote. The importance is explained in the *Trustees Election Update*.

The *Grande Gazette* is pleased to introduce two new contributors whose expertise will be readily evident on reading their articles. Jim Berg's *Healthcare Facilities for Aging* provides information that is pertinent to an adult community. Kathy McGeehin writes on the relevance of the recently implemented New Jersey Fertilizer Laws on our community's landscaping. In addition, Walt Zaulyczny continues his series with *Understanding Effects of Aging* that is personally important to the health for all of us. The Gazette welcomes Jim and Kathy in the hope that they will become regular contributors as Walt has.

Governance articles include the Finance Report addressing a reserve fund dispute, the ACC Report addressing its new manual and forms, and James Cira's *POS 101* proposing a reasonable explanation for DR Horton denying the request for two additional resident Trustees.

With Spring here, the Landscape/Irrigation Committee report provides updates on the wells and defines the role of Outdoor Décor regarding individual homes. Annette Girard's articles offer helpful information on Spring gardening and EHT High School's program on floral arrangements.

The Gazette keeps us informed about our many social events as well as clubs and sporting activities. Included in these are the Dine Around Club Gala at the Clubhouse, the Billiards Finals and the upcoming activities of the sports clubs.

The *Grande Gazette* features the diverse creative talents of our neighbors. Our regulars continue to write superb articles such as Doreen DeLuca (*It's Never Too Late!*), Pat Roche (*Spotlight on Our Neighbors*), Tony Scaricamazza (*Google Glasses*), and Sydney Yacovelli's recent local history series on *Those Were The Days* featuring AC's Kentucky Avenue. I hope you will also enjoy reading about Will Black's remarkable sports accomplishments.

Unfortunately, I regret not being able to highlight all the interesting contributors to the *Gazette*. Please read on and discover them for yourselves.

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Dine Around Club

New Twist With Clubhouse Gathering

By Tom Santucci

On Saturday evening February 16, the Dine Around Club tried a new twist on their usual routine. Under the winter direction of Lynnda and Lou Golin, they proposed a new format for their first session and everyone thought it was a great idea. It was agreed to hold a dining session as a group in the Grande Room of the Clubhouse. The theme selected for the gathering was "ethnic holiday dinners". Forty-six members attended. The format was to divide the group into six tables of 6 to 8 people. Each table group selected an ethnic holiday dinner. The holidays dinners chosen included the Fourth of July, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Columbus Day, and two groups selected Valentine's Day.

idea and it was enjoyed by everyone. Many in the group foresee a similar Dine Around Club event each year.



Until Sandy and Dan Farbman return from Florida, Lynnda and Lou will continue planning the bimonthly social event with the usual format of three or four couples meeting at one of their homes. The Dine Around Club is a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors. Hopefully, others in the community will join the group for enjoyable evenings of good food and camaraderie.



*Lou & Lynnda Golin originated the new
Clubhouse Gala Format*

Everyone gathered in the Grande Room at 6 PM. All of the six tables were beautifully decorated in the theme of their holiday. Each group brought appetizers and desserts representing their holiday. The evening started off with a cocktail and shared appetizer hour in which all the groups socialized together. The appetizer table was filled with treats representing the various holidays. At 7 PM each group adjourned to the table and dined on their main course of their selected holiday dinner.

Following the main course, everyone gathered to share the holiday desserts that were elegantly served on a long table. The consensus was that this was a remarkably good



*Eileen & Bill Hughes arrive with food
while others socialize*



*Jim Marini is the designated pourer for one of the
"Valentine's Day" tables*



Annette & John Girard



St. Patrick's Day

Dine Around at the Clubhouse



Columbus Day - An Italian Holiday



Charles Goldford & Helene Goldman



Janet Mannino talks with Pat & Jim Roche at the second Valentine's Day table



Socializing are Shirley & Alan Oliver, Jim Marini, Richard & Rosemarie Sheehan and Marguerite & Doug Beaupit

**The Village Grande
at English Mill
Community Yard Sale**



**Saturday, May 18
8 AM – 2 PM
Clubhouse Parking Lot**

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"Sign up to sell unwanted items"*



Over 30 families – Something for everyone
Refreshments available

HOA BOARD NOTES

By Art Richman



As I am writing this in April, I am watching the snow accumulate. Is this really spring? Now I know why I haven't seen any robins. They have a better weather forecasting system than the rodent from Western Pennsylvania. We have a white

Passover and maybe a white Easter.

I guess this is my last article as a board member. I truly want to thank the 100+ people who work towards improving our quality of life and making this a fun place to live. You are all amazing in what you have accomplished!

The new acoustical tiles are in the great room; hopefully everyone will see the improvement. Two new wells have been installed and should be watering your property by now. Once the township approves the remaining items to be completed, D R Horton will turn over the first section to the township and the streets will officially become public. Based on current commitments, we should have 285 homes settled by June with another 13 needed to be sold until 2 more homeowners will be elected to the board.

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure serving for the past 4 years. I know Pam and I have come a long way since that first day and I think we have accomplished many beneficial things. That's not bad for two country bumpkins who did not have a clue as to what was coming. I would like to thank Pam for being able to work with me and for making it very enjoyable. Too bad neither of us can write because it would make one great movie.

I guess by now you know who will be running for the Board. It is extremely important to give them all the support you can, as there still is a lot of work to do. If you are concerned about something, let them know. The worst thing anyone can do is spread rumors.

Here's to a great summer with lots of fun experiences!



Art Richman addresses the HOA meeting with Pam LoBue, Todd Greene & Theresa Manuel



*From the
Community
Manager*

Theresa Manuele



*Happy Spring
to All!*

Landscaping Problems: If you have any landscape problems, please submit them in writing on a Landscape/Irrigation Committee "green form". These forms are available in the rack beside the Clubhouse Bulletin Board.

Outdoor Pool: Yes, it's that time of year again! Memorial Day is fast approaching and that means only one thing, "The Pool will be opening!" If you need pool tags, please come to purchase them at my office. Replacements pool tags are \$5 each and payable by check to VGEM. The outdoor pool schedule is included in this issue of the *Grande Gazette*.

VGEM Forms: It has come to my attention that not all residents know they can pick up VGEM forms that you may need in the racks beside the Clubhouse Bulletin Board just outside the Community Manager's office. This includes the new Architectural Control Committee (ACC) forms that are in accordance with the new 19-page VGEM HOA's Rules and Regulation that each home received in April. As the ACC Forms have changed, please read them carefully to be sure that you are using the correct form.

Dog Leashing & Waste: It has come to management's attention that many dogs are not on leashes and many owners are not picking up their dog's waste. This is happening more often around the retention area and the woods surrounding it. This violation is subject to fines. So please have your dog on a leash and clean up after it. No area in this Community is a dumping station. With warmer weather, we want to prevent a problem with odors, insects and disease.

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Sports Talk

Tony Scaricamazza

It's hard to believe but another winter has come and gone without at least one severe snowstorm. Although it wasn't your typical winter, we still look forward to milder weather more conducive to outdoor activity. By the end of May, most of the clubs will have had their member meetings to discuss the rules of play, changes, schedules and team members, and most will have started play. We welcome back all the club captains that make our community so active. In this issue, Jim Lichtenwalner reports on the Billiards Championship game, player awards and a travelling summer team. Doug Beaupit covers the golf scene and reports that many of the golfers have volunteered to assist at the LGPA Classic. Bill Hofmann's report provides details on two fishing trips and one back-bay cruise. In addition to these reports, the other sports clubs have provided articles that are equally informative.

Golf League Update

Doug Beaupit



The 2013 golf league will consist of 22 players this year. The golf league welcomes new members Jim Cira, Jim Berg, Steve Wiener and Joe Stroup.

Golf League play at Mays Landing Country Club (MLCC) will begin on May 7 and run through October 29. The six tee times are the same as last year from 8:00 AM to 9 AM.

The next meeting of the golf league will be held on May 2 at 6:30 PM in the clubhouse. This meeting is to review the golf league rules, course etiquette, and to collect the registration fees which must be paid prior to the start of play on May 7.

Our club will again participate in the Shoprite LGPA Classic from May 27 to June 2. We have 17 volunteers this year. I am happy to report that we have filled most shift slots this year for hole 12. The volunteers are Mike Segal, Jim Lichtenwalner, Dave Van Zant, Doug Beaupit, Don Hinspeter, Shirley Lerner, Jim Marini, Joe Milone, Joe Carluccio, John DeLuca, Joe Stroup, Dan Farbman, Ken Manri, Dan Montagna, Jim Berg and Terry & Bill Gianneti.

An appreciation party will be held at the Carriage House on Tuesday, May 21. Orientation training education

will be conducted on May 23 at the Carriage House. Required uniforms will be picked up by Doug Beaupit on May 17 and delivered to all the volunteers.



Tennis

Shirley Oliver

Now that summer is here, tennis is in full swing. We invite all new players to come join in and play. The Tennis Club is a social group that meets Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9 AM to 11 AM. The sets are "Short Sets," so that we all get to meet and play with everyone. So brush off your rackets and join in the fun. If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of the club captains, Dan Farbman or I.

Women's Bocce

Paula Girard

Please join us at the clubhouse on Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 PM to join or rejoin the Women's Bocce Ball Club at our first meeting. We expect to begin our season on Tuesday, May 21 and play through September 17. Bring cash or a check for \$15.00 to cover the membership fee and end-of-season banquet. First time players and season veterans alike are guaranteed to have fun and make new friends. Don't forget, we always need substitutes if you can't commit to the whole season. Any questions can be directed to Debbie Smith, Paula Girard, or Betsy Hires. Can't wait to see you!

Bowling



Mixed bowling takes place every Monday at 10:15 AM at King Pin Lanes located on the Black Horse Pike, next to Bob's Garden Center, a short distance north of the Shore Mall. To play, just show up and join your neighbors in friendly games of bowling. For \$8 you get ball, shoes, three games, lunch and a lot of fun. It is a non-competitive fun morning that is enjoyed by bowlers of all skill levels.

Anglers Club

Bill Hofmann

Lured by the upcoming warm weather (and maybe the coffee and donuts) many members of the community

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turned out to attend the annual meeting of the Anglers Club held in the Clubhouse on Saturday morning, April 6.



Because interest in our back bay fishing trips has increased, we are outgrowing the pontoon boats we have been using. Additionally, new Coast Guard regulations limit the number of passengers to 32 on the pontoon boats. For these reasons, we will be using the Jessie O'II which has a capacity of 50 or more passengers.



Jesse O'II

Flyers were distributed to all in attendance detailing the various trips. The first 4 hour back-bay trip for flounder will be on June 7 leaving 8 AM from Amherst Ave in Margate and arriving back at Noon. Coffee and donuts will be served before the trip. The cost is \$38 which includes bait, tackle and tip for the mate. The trip is open to all VGEM residents until May 1 and after that date to family and friends.

The second trip is an evening flounder fishing event on July 5 leaving Margate at 4:30 PM and returning 8:30 PM. Views of the sunset on the back-bay waters behind Margate. Longport and Ocean City are worth \$38 and you get to catch fish as well.

This trip is open to all residents until June 1 and after that date to family and friends.

The Bubba Mac Blues Cruise will take place August 22 from 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM. It will be on the Jessie O'II
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but is not a fishing trip. Cost is \$47 per person and includes live blues music, a light dinner buffet, tips and a great back-



*Bubba Mac Blues Band
on Jessie O'*

bay sunset cruise. This trip is open to all residents until July 1 and after that date to family and friends.

You will be able to get a full refund up to 2 weeks prior to any trip if your plans change. To keep fully informed and updated, just provide your email address to the club captain.

Our guest speaker was Captain Fran Verdi who shared his knowledge of flounder fishing in the back-bays of New Jersey.

Billiards Club Finishes 2nd Season Jim Lichtenwalner

April 3 marked the end of the second season of the Billiard Club 8-Ball League. The night started with the championship match between The Hustlers captained by Bill Hofmann and The Q-Balls captained by Jim Cira.

You could feel the competitive tension during the first game as both teams cautiously approached each shot. In a very close game, The Q-Balls eeked out the win. Tensions eased a bit during game 2 and Steve Wiener sank a difficult cut shot on the 8 ball to win the game and the championship.



Steve Wiener sank the winning cut shot

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Hustlers' captain Bill Hofmann tries shot under the attentive eyes of Bonnie Carluccio, Tony Sierveld, Joe Stroup & Dave VanZant

The awards dinner began immediately after the championship match in the Grande Room. Over fifty people attended the awards banquet. The banquet began with the introduction of the champions to the Queen anthem "We Are The Champions", followed by dinner. The Championship Plaque will be updated to include the new champions and hang in the Billiards Room. Championship certificates were presented to Q-Balls Jim Cira, Alan Hearn and Steve Wiener.



Captain Jim Cira, Alan Hearn & Steve Wiener of the winning Q-Balls

In addition to the championship awards, we also presented 4 awards that were voted on by the league members. These awards and their recipients were:



*Most Consistent
Bonnie Carluccio*



*Best Attitude
Andrea Stroup*



Most Improved: A tie between Hustlers teammates Terry Giannetti & Bill Hofmann



For the second consecutive season, Ernie Scarlata accepts the League MVP Award from Jim Lichtenwalner

We are expanding our activities to include a Summer 9-Ball League as well as a travelling team to compete against other Active Adult Communities. Both initiatives were well received with 13 people signing up for the 9 Ball League and 9 people interested in competing against other communities. If you didn't sign up but are interested in either of these ideas, contact Jim Lichtenwalner or Joe Carluccio.

As we prepare for the third season, we invite comments and suggestions from our members. We also extend an invitation to the entire community to consider joining us next season. "Come see the Buzz in the Billiards Room".



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Men's Bocce Season Opens

Sam Mannino



We are already into our fifth season. Where does the time go? A meeting of all players was held on April 10th at which time the rules and the teams were approved as the same as last year. We expect to have eight teams with play every Wednesday from May 1 to September. The number of teams and players on each team as well the start times may change depending on the number of new players. The league is getting ready for another fun season; so if you are interested in joining contact one of the club captains. It was decided that a banquet will be held after the Championship game. The cost will be \$15 per person or \$20 to include your significant other.

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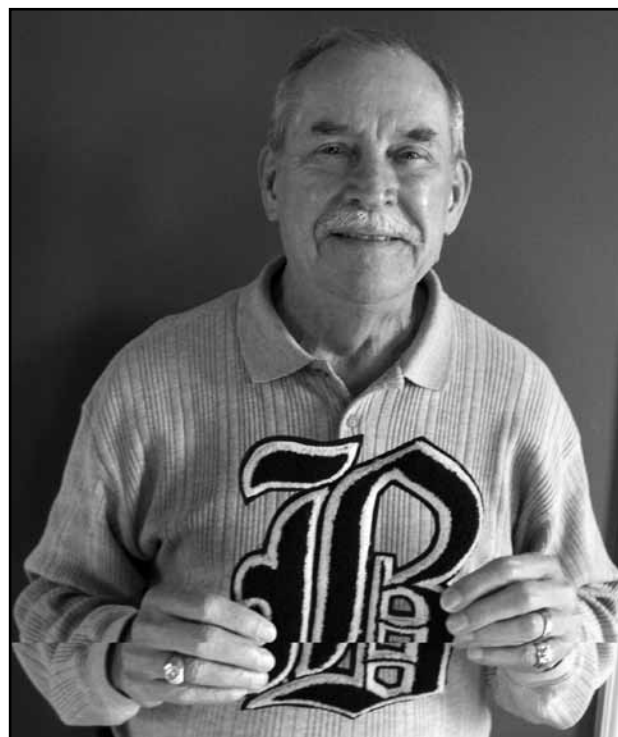
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Will Black To Be Inducted Into His Third Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame All Sports Museum
of Southern New Jersey

By Tom Santucci

It is remarkable to think of being inducted into a single Hall of Fame, but Will Black will soon be inducted into his third sports Hall of Fame. This is an amazing accomplishment. In January 2013, the **Hall of Fame All Sports Museum of Southern New Jersey** announced it had selected Will Black to be inducted in a ceremony that will be held on May 11 at noon in the Hall of Fame building in Bridgeton New Jersey. The Hall of Fame Museum's press release reads as follows:



Will Black graduated from Bridgeton High School in 1954 where he excelled in football, basketball, baseball and track. He is Bridgeton High School's last "Four Letter Man", earning varsity letters in four different sports in the same year.

In football, Will played both offense and defense, returning punts and kickoffs highlighted by a 75 yard kick off and 60 yard punt return for touchdowns. In baseball, he was the starting centerfielder hitting .435 his senior year. Highlights of his track career included winning bronze medals in the 100 yard and 220 yard dash in the Cumberland County and SJ Group IV championship meets. A twenty point game was a highlight game in basketball.



Will attended Trenton State College (now known as The College of New Jersey) from 1954 to 1958, where he received varsity letters in football, basketball, baseball and track, totaling 10 varsity letters in his career.

He was a four year starter in football at running back, safety and kick returner; highlighted by a 77 yard touchdown run from scrimmage. He was elected co-captain in his junior year and captain his senior year. The highlight of his basketball career was a 26 point game against Newark State. The 1957 baseball team won the NJ State Teachers College Championship where Will started in right field. In track, he ran in the 100 and 220 yard dash.



Will began his teaching and coaching career in 1958 at Margaret Mace Junior High School in North Wildwood. He spent seven years at Edgewood Regional High School and 28 years at Bridgeton High School. His coaching career spanned four decades 1950 to 1980.

Among his coaching positions included head football and head cross country teams. His 1973 baseball team won the 1973 South Jersey Tournament Championship.

He served as Bridgeton High School Athletic Director from 1974 to 1978. During his Athletic Director Term, he served on the NJSIAA Executive Committee.

In 1972 to 1974, he was a baseball scout for the Kansas City Royals.

Coincidentally, the last inductee into Bridgeton's Hall of Fame All Sports Museum of Southern New Jersey was the Phillies Manager, Charlie Manuel in January 2013. Other well-known athletes represented include Eddie Feigner, the King of Softball; Max Patkin, the Clown Prince of Baseball; boxing legend Rocky Graziano; and baseball star Sparky Lyle. Other athletes touted to be future inductees include Mike and Jeff Trout and Jimmy Rollins. This is not too shabby company.



Will's athletic accomplishments are even more remarkable when you learn he weighed only 125 pounds in high school and had a 28 inch waist. In college his playing weight was 135 pounds and his waist had increased to all of 30 inches. Many newspaper clippings have called him the "Mighty Mite". In Bridgeton and at Trenton State, he was known as "Bunky". The press release from the Hall of Fame All Sports Museum highlights some of the amazing athletic accomplishments of this diminutive athlete who was blessed with blazing speed.

"Bunky" is quite humble when discussing his athletic career. He speaks about being very blessed to have accomplished what he did. While a student at Bridgeton high school, he was recognized for his athletic accomplishments by receiving the prestigious B'Nai B'Rith Award. The headlines in the Bridgeton newspaper announcing his award described him as a diminutive athlete who would receive this annual gridiron award for play, sportsmanship, etc. The article went on to say that Wilmer "Bunky" Black was a spunky little Bridgeton High School athlete! He was further described as "one of the smallest players on the Bridgeton Bulldog 11, played a beautiful defensive game at the safety positions, saving numerous touchdowns by stopping much bigger opponents with 'must' tackles; and also gave opposing teams 'fits' with his speed on the offense"

On October 20, 1990, Wilmer "Bunky" Black was inducted in the **Trenton State College's Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame**. This was Will's first induction into a sports Hall of Fame and quite a tribute to his career as a college athlete.

His athletic career went well beyond simply playing sports. He is very proud to report that his coaching career spanned four decades. In addition he served as Bridgeton High School's athletic director from 1974 to 1978. He served on the Executive Committee of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association. On October 23, 2002, his peers honored Will by inducting him into the **South Jersey Coaches Hall Of Fame**. When asked by a reporter about his feelings regarding the induction, Will said, "I am in awe, humbled. This is a great honor for me."



Now Will Black is about to be inducted into his third athletic Hall of Fame. In researching to write this article, Will shared a lot of his sports memories with me. In speaking to Will about this third induction, he sent me an e-mail that sums up his character. I'd like to share his words with you.

Looking over these scrap books brings back so many memories! Plus things I had forgotten. To be honest, it is hard to believe what I accomplished. I am so thankful for this award as my Grand Kids will be present for this. Plus many of my "new friends" here at VGEM can see we weren't always OLD GEEZERS!!!

I share the Community's pride in congratulating our neighbor on this absolutely amazing accomplishment of being inducted into three sports Hall of Fames.

Garden Club Goes Native

By Annette DiPietrae Girard



On February 14th, the Grande Garden Club hosted a Native Plants presentation given by Christine Clemenson of Clemenson Farms Native Nursery. Christine explained how adding native plants (including trees, shrubs, and groundcover) in our landscape creates multiple layers of attractive habitat for birds and beneficial insects. We all left with a recommended list including 50 Nifty Natives of plantings to attract hummingbirds, butterflies and moths.



On Saturday, June 8 from 10 AM to 2 PM, Clemenson's will open their nursery located at 108 Linwood Avenue, Estell Manor to our entire community. Since they are a wholesale nursery and many retail nurseries in our area do not carry native plants, this may be a good time for you to assess your garden and add one or two of these plants to your environment.

Garden Check-List

From Annette DiPietrae Girard

May:

- Start container plants in protected areas.
- The latest date for frost in our area is May 15 - then plant tender annuals.
- For perennials, include lime and fertilizer in the soil preparation process. A 5-10-5 fertilizer is a good mix. Fertilize acid loving plants such as rhododendrons and azaleas. Never apply fertilizer when the temperature is above 85 degrees.
- Pinch mums, daisies, asters until July 4th to encourage bushy growth for fall.

- Add a grub insecticide to lawn to control the immature offspring of Japanese beetles in mid-May.



- First year perennial plantings need extra attention. Keep watering weekly if the ground remains dry.
- Check the plant's requirements before pruning to ensure you are not removing new growth.

June:

- Continue weeding to prevent disease.
- Take some time to remove the faded blooms from perennials as they complete their showing.
- Mulch around perennials, shrubs and trees.
- Continue watering if the ground remains dry. Newly planted material have no roots established and will dry out quickly.
- Take pictures of your garden throughout the season so you can appreciate your labor all year and to remember what and where you planted those herbaceous perennials.



Grande Garden Club Participates in the "First Day of Spring Thing"

By Annette DiPietrae Girard

During the first week of Spring, our Grande Garden Club participated in Egg Harbor Township High School's "First Day of Spring Thing" – a fundraiser for their HERO Campaign promoting the use of designated drivers to reduce drunken-driving accidents. Special Education students, led by Lori Butrus, hosted a service learning project which encouraged a friendly and creative floral arrangement contest. The entire high school staff, students, parents and community members purchased tickets for 50 cents to cast a vote for their favorite display and also enter a chance to win that arrangement. In addition to individual members contributing by voting, our Club presented the high school with a check for \$36.50 which represented one ticket entry of 50 cents for each member of our club. The contest raised \$800 in just five hours.



"First Day of Spring Thing" event at Egg Harbor Township High School was attended by (l to r), two students, Evelyn Ziarkowski, Lori Butrus (Special Education Teacher), Annette DePietrae, Beverly Sinou.

In an interview with *The Current*, Lori quoted "The day was better than I could have imagined. The relationship with the Village Grande at English Mill, a 55 and older community, is so important to me and to the school. I am thrilled with opening the doors to the school to them." Lori would love her students to be more involved by serving our community. She feels inter-generational involvement through service builds character. Our club, together with Lori, will be planning an activity in the future.

Lori has done an outstanding job in instructing these students in the art of floral arranging and those of us who participated were impressed with their creativity and took away some great ideas! I was one of the fortunate winners from a drawing at the conclusion of the event and was thrilled that the flowers were still very fresh after two weeks!

The surprise to me was that Lori and her students run a retail floral shop, *Eagle Greenery*, in the high school. Open to the public, the shop is open from 8 AM to 1 PM Monday thru Friday while school is in session. There are arrangements ready to purchase or you may put in your order and return for pick up. If you go, park in a visitor's spot in the front of the high school entrance. Someone will escort you to the shop. And when you go, say hello to Lori and let her know you are from the Village Grande.

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A Message from Steve Wiener



Janice and I want thank our many friends in this wonderful community for their many cards, visits, well wishes, and most of all their prayers during my recent hospital stay. It has meant so very much to Janice and I knowing so many people care.

Thank you again, Steve



Finance Report

By Jim Roche

As promised, here's the story behind the initial confusion regarding this year's budget. It starts with some inconsistencies in the Public Offering Statement. This document includes three projected budgets, the first for 273 homes and no amenities, the next for 273 and full amenities (Clubhouse, pools etc.) and finally one for 397 homes and full amenities. The first two of these budgets includes both individual driveways and the sidewalks leading from the front door to the driveways as items to be covered by the reserve. The third budget does not include these items. Each year prior to 2013, contributions were made to the reserve fund to cover both. In other places in the Declaration and Covenants, responsibility for driveway and service walk repairs is placed on the homeowner. For example, see paragraph 4.03 B on page 17.

Now for a little history. The first three budgets established for VGEM, 2006, 2007, 2008, were put together by Wentworth under DR Horton supervision. The residents had virtually no input. The clubhouse was scheduled to open in February of 2009 so that budget showed a large increase in our monthly fees. At that point we became totally involved in preparing the budget. In fact, after a long meeting with Wentworth, our board and your finance committee, we achieved a significant reduction from the original Wentworth proposed monthly fee. Your finance committee has continued to take the lead in every budget negotiation since then.

The driveways and sidewalks continued as part of the 2009 budget because at that point the inconsistencies were not recognized. At some point, I realized that we had a potential problem.

After bringing it up with our board members, I discussed it with a DR Horton representative and was told he would get back to us. After some time he indicated that driveways and service walks were the homeowner's responsibility. Our response was that DR Horton had to amend the documents to clearly point this out. This has never been done. We continued to include these items in the reserve.

Prior to establishing the budget for 2013 we contracted with Kipcon to have a reserve study

performed. We felt this would be the best time to bring this issue to a head.

Kipcon would not take a position on this specific item. Our board members began the process of seeking legal advice to find the best course of action.

We are now up to the HOA meeting in early November. I was prepared to brief the 2013 budget which still included the questionable items in the reserve since we had been unable to resolve the issue. Prior to the community meeting, there was a board meeting where the DR Horton rep strongly disapproved of our seeking legal advice and refused to approve the budget. I was told about two minutes before the start of the meeting that we had to go back to the drawing board. So we did! We got Kipcon to revise the study and presented the final approved version of the budget about two weeks later.

So driveways and service walks are no longer part of the reserve. When they need repair the homeowner is responsible. It may appear we have been overcharged by including these items in our monthly dues. However, our reserve study shows that we were under funded in most of the clubhouse related areas. So we put too much in one part of the reserve pot but too little in another. The total amount in our reserve fund at the end of 2012 was just about right. In fact we are still slightly underfunded.

There is still an unresolved issue. We did not start funding the reserve for the amenities until January 2009 because they didn't exist. I believe an argument can be made that those homeowners who purchased their houses before 2009 may be entitled to a small refund for the overages they paid into the reserve fund prior to the amenities being available. DR Horton does not accept this reasoning. I told their rep that I felt they should be responsible for paying this refund and the associated administrative costs. In my view they were responsible for the mistake. Not only were they responsible for the POS budgets but they approved seven budgets and issued two changes to the POS all of which placed driveways and service walks in the reserve fund. The underfunding of the more recent reserve budgets is also a developer's responsibility. Needless to say DR Horton rejected my argument. I was hoping our auditor would weigh in with an opinion but he has informed us it is not in the scope of the audit. For now we are up against an immovable object. This subject will be brought back when we get to transition and hopefully we will get a different judgment.

In closing, let me reassure you that the amounts in question are not very large and certainly not worth an increase in your blood pressure. We still do not truly run this community and many of our disagreements with the developer will only be resolved when we transition. Let's hope the remaining 110 or so houses sell quickly and we can finally bid Horton a fond farewell.



Residents Anxiously await opening of Bocce Grille

By Jim Lichtenwalner

Your FUNd-Raising Committee is busy preparing for the opening of the Bocce Grille on Wednesday, May 29. The Bocce Grille has been a hit among our residents, and they won't be disappointed this year. Plan on coming out every Wednesday evening from Memorial Day through Labor Day week and enjoy some food and fellowship with your neighbors and friends. If you have a new neighbor, invite them along as well. This is a great way for new residents to meet and mingle.

The FUNd-Raising Committee is also preparing for several other events in the near future. The First Community Yard Sale will be held starting at 8AM on Saturday, May 18 in the Clubhouse parking lot. Come on out and find that bargain item that you always wanted. Refreshments will be available.



VGEM will again be holding Family Day for all of our residents and their extended family. Family Day will be held on Saturday July 20 at the Clubhouse. Invite your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews... to visit VGEM and be treated to a wide array of food, games and entertainment. Mark this date on your schedule and make sure your family plans to attend.

We still have logo-wear available for your purchase. Shirts, jackets, hats, running suits, sweats, beach towels, totes and other items are available for sale. Show your support for our community by wearing the VGEM logo. You will be supporting the community as well.

We are always looking for a few good ideas. If you have an idea for a fundraiser, let us know. Input of the entire community is critical to our success.



Treasurer's Report

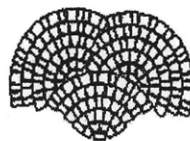
VGEM Committee & Club Accounts
as of March 30, 2013

Home Owners Association	Balance
HOA	\$ 10,609.74
Insurance Deductible	1,000.00
Clubhouse Expenses	(271.76)
Waiting for Details	
Phillies Tickets	(\$260.00)
Hayneedle Inc	(\$219.96)
Deposit	97.00
Waiting for Details Total	(382.96)
HOA Totals	\$ 10,955.02
Clubs & Committees	Balance
Special Events	0.00
Ladies Club	349.05
Men's Bocce	33.12
Women's Bocce	(0.98)
Anglers Club	315.00
Men's Club	3,216.61
Quilting Club	281.75
Photography Club	219.98
Billiards Club	672.03
Mah Jongg Club	0.00
Garden Club	800.69
Bocce Court Fund	1,734.44
Travel Club	280.00
Totals	\$7,901.69
Cape Account Total	\$18,856.71

Submitted by Don Cheatle, VGEM
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Regards to Broadway

By Annette Scaricamazza



Test your knowledge about these Broadway hits. A score of 15 to 20 is excellent, 10 to 14 is good, and any score below 10 keep it a secret.

1. This thespian starred on the stage as King Arthur in *Camelot*.
(A) Richard Harris (B) Richard Burton
(C) Robert Goulet (D) Franco Nero
2. He played Henry Higgins on the stage and screen.
(A) Rex Harrison (B) Dudley Moore
(C) Stanley Holloway (D) Theodore Bikel
3. She won an Oscar and a Tony for her role in *Miracle Worker*.
(A) Patty Duke (B) Ann Bancroft
(C) Bette Davis (D) Audrey Hepburn
4. He won an Oscar and a Tony for his role in *The King and I*.
(A) Peter O'Toole (B) Peter Finch
(C) Yul Brynner (D) Omar Sharif
5. The song "One" is from this show.
(A) *The King and I* (B) *Cats*
(C) *Chicago* (D) *Hair*
6. This director won an Oscar, Emmy and a Tony in the same year.
(A) Harold Prince (B) Jerome Robbins
(C) George Abbott (D) Bob Fosse
7. The name of the Ghost in the Phantom of the Opera.
(A) Joe (B) Jason
(C) Eric (D) George
8. The Phantom prowls in this city.
(A) Paris (B) London
(C) Rome (D) New York
9. This cat sang "Memory" in *Cats*.
(A) Grizabella (B) Victoria
(C) Demeter (D) Gus



10. This show started on Broadway and then became a movie and a television show.
(A) *Mash* (B) *Rent*
(C) *The Odd Couple* (D) *Cavalcade of Stars*
11. He wrote *Damn Yankees*.
(A) George Abbott (B) Phillie Phanatic
(C) Don Mastrangelo (D) Joe Foote
12. Professor Harold Hill was a character in this musical.
(A) *Music Man* (B) *My Fair Lady*
(C) *Chicago* (D) *Oklahoma*
13. The song "Aquarius" is from this hit show.
(A) *Grease* (B) *Jersey Boys*
(C) *Hair* (D) *Chicago*
14. The music and lyrics of *Camelot* were written by this team.
(A) Rodgers & Hart (B) Lerner & Lowe
(C) Hart & Gershwin (D) Hart & Hart
15. "The Impossible Dream" was from this show.
(A) *Showboat* (B) *Man of LaMancha*
(C) *South Pacific* (D) *Cats*
16. Sally Bowles is a lead character in this play.
(A) *Cabaret* (B) *Carousel*
(C) *Hello Dolly* (D) *Mame*
17. The emcee in *Cabaret* was played by
(A) Brian Roberts (B) Michael York
(C) Bob Fosse (D) Joel Gray
18. The song "Some Enchanted Evening" is from this Broadway hit.
(A) *Carousel* (B) *South Pacific*
(C) *Oklahoma* (D) *Showboat*
19. She played Fanny Brice in *Funny Girl* on Broadway.
(A) Cher (B) Liza Minelli
(C) Barbra Streisand (D) Bette Midler
20. *Jersey Boys* is a musical about this singer born in New Jersey.
(A) Frank Sinatra (B) Frankie Valli
(C) Bruce Springsteen (D) Rick Nelson



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Neighborhood Watch

By Don Mastrangelo

To help keep yourself and the community safe, here are some helpful tips.

1. You are encouraged to use outside lights; this is the single best way to discourage intruders.
2. Cars should be locked and parked in your garage or driveway.
3. Lock your doors and windows and keep your garage doors shut. Failure to do these results in the highest reported incidence of burglaries. If you see garage doors open for an extended period of time, contact your neighbor and/or Block Captain.
4. Put your trash out properly to ensure that it will be collected. Your Block Captain has copies of trash and recycle rules if needed.
5. If you will be away for an extended period of time, notify neighbors and either cancel your deliveries of mail and papers or have someone collect them for you. Use a timer to turn indoor lights on and off, even if away overnight.
6. If you see suspicious activity, call police (609-927-5200). Then notify your Block Captain. Do NOT confront anyone. Use common sense.

A list of all the Block Captains is available at the front counter of the Clubhouse. An abbreviated version is presented here.

It is with a great deal of regret and much sadness we note that one of our members, Richard Eckard, passed away. He will be sorely missed.



IT IS WITH GREAT SORROW THAT
WE MOURN THE LOSS OF OUR
GOOD FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR

- Josephine Bartok -

370 Sunflower Drive

Who died on March 22, 2013

IT IS WITH GREAT SORROW THAT
WE MOURN THE LOSS OF OUR
GOOD FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR

- Maureen Raine -

3 Poppy Road

Who died on March 29, 2013

IT IS WITH GREAT SORROW THAT
WE MOURN THE LOSS OF OUR
GOOD FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR

- Richard Eckard -

209 Lily Road

Who died on March 26, 2013

Neighborhood Watch Roster

Street	House#	Watch Person	Phone
Lily	200-230	Joe Stroup	365-2741
	231-242	Tom Girard	653-1404
	243-257	Herb Moskovitz	365-2329
Marigold	1-16	Jim Cira	402-2861
	17-35	Steve Cappadona	653-4215
Poppy	1-41	Fred Moderski	653-0116
Primose	2-15	Ron Saathoff	927-7675
	16-30	Ken Szyarto	788-4341
Snowdrop	100-117	Joe Carluccio	365-2574
	118-144	Jim LoBue	653-1025
Sunflower	300-318	Tim Cavacini	927-6628
	319-328	John DaPrato	926-4977
	329-347	Dennis Goldberg	926-0627
	348-360	John DaPrato	926-4977
	361-366	Bill Hofmann	788-4552
Tulip	367-375	John Murtha	653-1830
	376-383	Ed Zink	927-6387
	1-16	Frank Williams	653-8902
Bluebell	ALL	Sam Salierno	365-8112
Violet	ALL	Sam Salierno	365-8112

Chairperson: Don Mastrangelo 788-4876
Admin Asst: Tony Scaricamazza 927-6818

TRUSTEES ELECTION UPDATE

VOTERS NEEDED!

During the second week in April, a second mailing was sent to all homes eligible to vote. It contained a cover letter describing the election process, biographical profiles of the candidates, the “Official Ballot” and an envelope to return the ballot with the eligible home’s return address.



With Board approval, the Trustee Election will be done entirely as a “Ballot by Mail”. Although many of you may have already voted, the Election Committee wants to explain the reason for adopting this process and the rationale for the various steps involved.

First and foremost, the Committee and Board have expectations that a “Ballot by Mail” election will result in a larger voter turnout since it is more convenient than having to leave your homes to go to the Clubhouse on an Election Night. It will also eliminate absentee and proxy ballots; however, the primary reason relates to having a secret and valid election.

In previous elections, many homeowners were disturbed by not having a secret vote since they were required to sign the ballot. The “Ballot by Mail” is designed to maintain voter confidentiality while assuring the integrity of the election by validating all votes. Since validating a vote requires access to the VGEM HOA financial records of each home, this may only be done by an authorized individual such as Theresa Manuele who has signed a confidentiality form. Upon receipt of the ballot envelope, Theresa Manuele will confirm the validity of the ballot by its attached return address and your signature on the back of the envelope. She will record the receipt of the envelope on the VGEM Voting Roster. Theresa will then open the envelope and place the tri-folded ballot in a secure location until your secret vote is tallied by the Election Committee.

To insure the voters’ confidentiality, **DO NOT SIGN THE BALLOT**. Tri-fold the ballot and *tape the bottom flap of ballot to insure confidentiality*. Insert the ballot into the enclosed envelope addressed to the Community Manager and **confirm your personal VGEM address** appears on the return label. Seal the envelope and **SIGN THE BACK OF THE ENVELOPE** to comply with POS requirement for a signature. Then either hand deliver the sealed envelope to the Community Manager’s Office or mail it. Voting by email is not permitted.

Establishing an efficient and effective process is

important as we continue to move toward a future with added Trustees creating more competitive elections.

Even though there are only two candidates, in order to elect them, we must have a quorum of eligible voters to validate the election. This means that at least 25% of eligible homes must vote. Let’s show our community is fully involved by having a vote from every eligible home. **PLEASE VOTE!!!**

Election Committee: Co-Chairs Lynnda Golin and Jim Walsh, Secretary Tom Santucci.

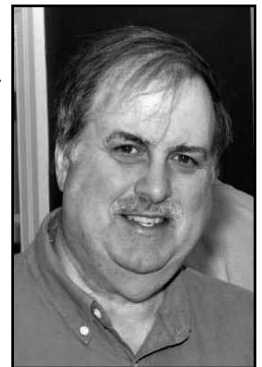


Biographical Profile HOA Trustee Candidates

James F. Lichtenwalner

375 Sunflower Drive

This biography outlines my qualifications and experience that prepare me for the position of Trustee on the Board of the Home Owners Association. I hope to serve VGEM as a Trustee because I want to transform our community into the 1st class Active Adult Community that I know it can be. I am willing to commit the time and energy, and feel that I have the necessary experience



and skills to guide our community over the next several years through the transition to a fully built out community including final negotiations with D.R. Horton and full implementation of an HOA that we can all be proud of.

A Trustee needs to understand the needs and concerns of the residents and possess effective communication, negotiation, and organizational skills, as well as the ability to prioritize issues and implement successful programs and projects. My experience over the last 45 years has provided me with these skills. The information provided below will help to show these skills.

Donna and I have been married for 41 years and we have 2 adult children and 2 grandchildren. Our son, Nathan lives in EHT with his wife Erin and their 2 children. Our daughter Jenna lives in Newark, Delaware with her husband Bradley Burr.

I received my B.S. in Electrical Engineering and an MBA from Lehigh University. I have remained close to

my Alma Mater in various leadership roles. I have served as Class President, Class Reunion Chairman, Area Agent as well as a member of the National Giving Committee, Freshmen Coordinating Committee and General Reunion Committee.

My professional career includes over 39 years with PPL Inc. in various Engineering, and Management positions. During this career I have managed 140 full time personnel plus contracted staff and an annual budget of up to \$500 million/year. My experience includes major negotiations both with Contractors regarding major construction projects and Bargaining Union Leadership regarding Work Rules, lines of progression and related issues. These experiences helped me to develop the ability to work with coalitions of individuals with diverse opinions and goals and achieve successful outcomes. I also served on the adjunct faculty of De Sales University, Muhlenberg College, LCCC and NCACC and as a Management Consultant for companies in North and South America, Europe and Asia. I was also a member of the Board of Directors of Penntech Incorporated, a small digital electronics manufacturing company.

I am a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, The Institute of Supply Management and the Edison Electric Institute. I served as chairman of the Pennsylvania Electric Association Sourcing Committee and Logistics Committee. I was also a member of UMMG, an International Benchmarking Group where I served as chairman. I also served on the Board of Directors of NAPM-LV (Professional Society) where I served as the Director of Professional Development.

I have also been an active volunteer in my community. A former scout leader, I've coached youth sports and was a member of the Lower Macungie Twp. Parks and Recreation Commission where I served as Chairman. As a member of the Emmaus High School Booster Club, I served as President and Appropriations Chairman. I have also been a member of several Scholarship Committees for area colleges. I am a member of the Exchange Club of Western Lehigh, where I served on the Board of Directors and as a former President. As a member of the Exchange Club, I was instrumental in opening the Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center of the Lehigh Valley and initiating the Emmaus High School Christmas Basketball Tournament which ran for 29 years before ending in 2010. I also served as the Chairman of the Lehigh Valley Child Abuse Prevention Soccer Tournament for 13 years.

Since moving to Village Grande at English Mill I have served as chair of the FUNd-Raising Committee and a member of the Finance Committee and have tried to be an active member of our community.

Pamela LoBue *118 Snowdrop Road*

My husband, Jim, and I moved to this community in December 2007. We resided in Vernon Township, Sussex County, New Jersey for the prior 35 years. Our daughter, Shannon, is married to Greg and they have ten year old twins, Nick and Alexa, and two year old Max. Our son, Jamie, is married to Lauren and they have six year old twins, Jake and Sophia.



I earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in Early Childhood Education from William Patterson University in Wayne, New Jersey. I earned a second Masters Degree in supervision from Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey. I taught in public schools for thirty years and supervised the District Kindergarten Grade Level in Vernon Township, New Jersey for fifteen years. In addition to my teaching duties, I was the Chief Negotiator and Grievance Chair for the Vernon Township Education Association for the last twenty years of my career. The skills gained from the above mentioned activities have come in very handy negotiating all contracts signed over the last four years on behalf of our HOA. I believe these skills remain vital as we prepare for transition.

Over the last four years our Board has made a lot of progress. Some of our achievements include: negotiating with Horton for necessary improvements and repairs (gate in pool fence and lamp pole at the Mill Road entrance), purchasing pool furniture, a shade awning, extra pool umbrellas, addressing acoustical issues in the Great Room with carpet and acoustical panels, purchasing a large screen television and window coverings for the front windows, negotiating the building of four irrigation wells, negotiating with Horton to construct an additional irrigation pit on Lily Road, meeting with Egg Harbor Township to address swale problems and negotiating with Horton to replace several flawed driveways and flawed concrete around the community. In addition, we renegotiated all vendor contracts saving the community thousands of dollars.

I am running for a third term because I believe my job is not yet finished. I can offer continuity to the new Board member and a history of strong representation for all of us. I have gained a great deal of knowledge over the last four years and have a broad understanding of the workings of our Association and its many committees. Thank you for your consideration.

Grande Room Acoustics

Acoustical Panels Installed

Ad Hoc Acoustics Committee

In a 2012 Trustees survey of the community on how to spend fund raising dollars, the muddled acoustics in the Clubhouse Grande Room was identified as one of the top two projects. The other was to increase shade in the pool area that was resolved last spring by installing the retractable awning. Last spring, the Trustees appointed an ad hoc committee to investigate the acoustical issues in the Grande Room. This ad hoc committee was chaired by Herb Moskovitz and included Jim Lichtenwalner and Mike Segal.

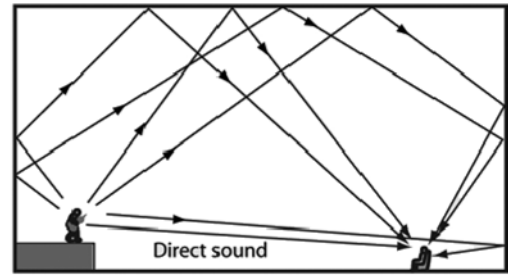
Starting in May 2012, the committee interviewed twelve acoustical contractors. This group was narrowed to four contractors. The committee gathered information from these four contractors and presented it to the Board of Trustees. The committee received Board approval to continue with the project. After further meetings and discussions regarding the types of sound absorbing panels, their colors, and their layout on the ceilings and end walls, the committee selected Keith Bush Associates from Langhorne, PA as offering the best and most cost effective solution. In the process the committee became very knowledgeable about acoustical issues.

The Grande Room's problem with the sound was the result of excessive reverberation. Reverberation is the collection of reflected sounds from the surfaces in an enclosure like an auditorium. If it is excessive, it makes the sounds run together with loss of articulation - the sound becomes muddy, garbled resulting in difficulty understanding speech. To quantitatively characterize the reverberation, the parameter called the reverberation time is used.

The reverberant sound in an auditorium dies away with time as the sound energy is absorbed by multiple interactions with the surfaces of the room. In a more reflective room, it will take longer for the sound to die away and the room is said to be "live". The Grande Room has highly reflective surfaces that lengthen the reverberation time. The sound absorbing panels shorten the reverberation time. For a general purpose, medium-sized auditorium for speech and music, a reverberation time of 1.5 to 2.5 seconds is generally desirable. On objective measure, the Grande Room reverberation time was a very undesirable 3.5 seconds.

During discussion with the acoustical contractors, the committee learned that ceiling panels alone were predicted to reduce the reverberation time to 1.5 seconds. Since speech is best heard with times closer to 1 second, the committee chose to also install end wall sound panels to have a reverberation time approaching that of a classroom.

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Reverberant sound is the collection of all the reflected sounds in a large room

The cost for this extensive project was \$20,000, and as a capital expense, VGEM was not charged New Jersey Sales Tax. Although Keith Bush's original proposal was higher, the committee and Trustees negotiated it to this lower cost.

The original project was scheduled to be installed in mid February. When the panels arrived, they had been damaged beyond use by the trucking company and returned to the factory. Bush Associates immediately notified the factory and new panels were manufactured. The new panels arrived on Monday March 11th, 2013 and were installed by Friday of that week.



Mike Segal checks on the progress of the acoustical ceiling

The cost of \$20,000 may seem excessive to the acoustically unsophisticated, but beside materials, it is labor intense. Bush Associates had three workers on the

project that took five days to install. Since the installation required a scissor lift, the carpeted floors had to be protected with plywood that added additional time and materials. Coincidentally, Jim Lichtenwalner, our resident engineer, estimates the cost of renting a scissor lift is approximately \$250/day. This was further complicated by the ceilings being unlevel so that all the frames had to be shimmed for the panels to lay flat. Given the materials, equipment and labor involved in this five day project, \$20,000 is not that expensive.

Jim reports that the calculated reverberation time in the Grande Room is now 1.28 seconds and comparable to a classroom. The result is clearer speech, but the trade off is a slight loss of richness and fullness in some music although minimal in normal pop range. The committee is pleased to report that since the installation of the acoustical panels, there have been several events in the Grande Room in which the acoustics have passed with flying colors.



ACC Report

By Norman Hirschfeld, Chairperson

In April, the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) distributed a newly revised and updated edition of the *Homeowners Association's Rules and Regulations* to every homeowner. It is a copy of the 19-page document that was given final approval by the Board at the ACC's April 17 meeting.

The new document puts into one convenient place the rules, regulations, limitations and conditions contained in the Public Offering Statement (POS) as amended by regulations of Egg Harbor Township, Atlantic County Utilities Authority, and decisions by the Board of Trustees and the ACC.

The most extensive revisions from the POS cover landscaping, in accordance with new guidelines developed in concert with the Landscape Committee. Trash restrictions will now conform to changes in the EHT Ordinance. The ACC's decisions on emergency generators and solar panels have been codified. There is also a handy Index to enable residents to quickly find specific details impacting planned changes, expansions or restrictions.

The ACC establishes the Rules and Regulations to preserve the character of VGEM as a high quality planned adult community. ACC restrictions maintain external architectural consistency, visual and esthetic harmony and soundness of repair to avoid activities deleterious to the Community's aesthetic and property values. The Committee's decisions are designed to protect the safety, health, comfort and general welfare of every Homeowner, their guests or lessees.

The duties, powers and authority of the ACC are detailed in Article IX of the By-Laws and are legally binding upon every Homeowner in the Community. The ACC authority includes the right to issue "Cease and Desist" orders and levy fines for violations of the Rules and Regulations.

The ACC also just released new and revised application forms for external changes. The new forms are now in the Clubhouse bulletin board racks.

- *Landscape Plan and Modification Application* (blue-colored form) covers all landscape modifications, such as expansion of planting beds or patio, landscaping walls or backup power generators. This 3-page form includes Guidelines and a sample drawing developed in concert with the Landscape Committee.
- Revised *Exterior Modification Application* (gold-colored form) for changes such as retractable awnings, patio pergola, exterior home lighting changes and garage door modifications. Storm door and satellite dish applications to facilitate filing and ACC approval.

Landscaping Committee Reminder

It is the responsibility of every homeowner to weed, spade edge, mulch and maintain the appearance of ALL FOUNDATION BEDS AROUND EVERY HOME. This work is to be completed by JUNE 1. Homeowners are also responsible for doing the same for any trees on their properties, with the exception of curb trees that are maintained by our landscaper who performs all lawn care.

Failure to comply with continued maintenance of each of our homes may result in a fine to the homeowner. Beautification benefits all of us in the community. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you!



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Landscape/Irrigation Committee Report

By Carolyn Walmsley, Chairperson,

Well Update

Uni-Tech Drilling Company completed drilling our two new wells in early March. We want to remind our residents that it takes time for the earth around the wells to settle. We need this to happen before we reseed. We appreciate our residents' understanding as we continue with this process. By the time you read this, the new wells will be up and running. Based on last year's water bills and similar weather conditions, it is not unreasonable to expect



a savings of around \$7,500 per well, per year. Our goal is to save community money in future years by reducing our reliance on New Jersey American Water. We are well on the way to accomplishing that.

A Gentle Weed Control Reminder

The VGEM HOA does not have the money and, subsequently, does not pay for individual residential lawn care for each and every problem that crops up at each and every resident's home. It is not in our landscaping contract. VGEM cannot afford to put it in our contract, and our residents need to stop expecting individual services for which we are not paying. Our landscaping contract is for commercial lawn care. We do not pay for individual home visits to immediately fix problems that are going to be addressed for the entire community when the time is appropriate.

The Landscape/Irrigation Committee publishes a schedule of all lawn applications as appears on the next page. As concerns weeds, our spring broadleaf weed control is scheduled between 5/1 - 5/31. Our residents need to understand our landscaper is restricted by state regulations on the number of times he may use particular chemicals in a growing season. He can only kill weeds twice with the chemicals that work best on our kinds of weeds. If we kill the early broadleaf weeds that are showing up now,

we will not be able to kill them later in the spring, which is when they will be prolific. As a result of this, we have contracted for two broadleaf applications with chemicals specifically mixed for our community - one in May and a second in July to August. Please be patient, and remember ... VGEM HOA pays only for commercial lawn care.

VGEM's Third Annual Golf Outing

September 11 at Mays Landing Country Club

By Peter Tiano
Event Coordinator



Yes, the time is again approaching to enjoy a wonderful day of golf with your friends and family members. VGEM will again be playing golf at the Mays Landing Golf Club on Wednesday, September 11th in the Community's "Third Annual Golf Outing". As with the previous outings the purpose is in an effort to raise money for our Bocce Clubs. The tournament rules will be similar to last year except all the men will tee off from the yellow markers. Women will continue to tee off from the ladies tees. It will be the same four (4) player scramble format.

Prizes will be awarded for Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive and First Place Winners. The cost for this event is \$58.00. The price includes 18 holes of golf, a riding cart, various prizes, and lunch at our beautiful Clubhouse. More information will be forthcoming.

Please contact Peter Tiano at 788-4299 or email at ptiano357@comcast.net to pre-register. We encourage everyone to invite family and friends to join us during this fun day. The rain date is Wednesday, October 2.

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VGEM SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

**Areas to be done – All Homes, Commons, 2 Basins in Community,
Entrance & Entrance Basins**

All applications will be performed within the window of time stated after each application. If application is not made due to weather, the application window will be opened to 5 days before or 5 days after the original date.

- 1. LAWN PROGRAM - Fertilization of Turf Grass**


A. Early Spring Lime	3/01 - 3/16
B. Early Spring Fertilization	3/25 - 4/12
C. Late Spring Fertilization	5/13 - 5/31
D. Summer Fertilization	6/24 - 7/13
E. Early Fall	8/12 - 8/24
F. Late Fall	10/14 - 10/31

- 2. WEED CONTROL - Turf Control Products**

A. Crabgrass Pre & Post Emergent (Dimension)	3/26 - 4/12
B. Crabgrass Pre & Post Emergent (Dimension)	5/14 - 5/31
C. Spring Broadleaf Weed Control	5/1 - 5/31
D. Broadleaf Weed Control Fall	7/16 - 8/11
E. Fall Crabgrass Post- Emergent	7/16 - 8/11

Note: Proper watering is necessary for all applications. Application effectiveness will vary under different weather conditions. *Outdoor Décor* reserves the right to change the products used on any application scheduled.

- FLAG NOTIFICATION WILL BE DONE DURING EACH APPLICATION
- RESIDENTS AND PETS SHOULD KEEP OFF TURF FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS AFTER COMPLETION OF APPLICATION.







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WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

MAY & JUNE

MONDAY

9 AM – Noon Drawing Group – Craft Room
10 AM Mixed Bowling at King Pins
Noon Canasta Club – Card Room 1
12 PM Canasta B – alternate wks – Rm 2
7 PM Book Bunch – 5/6 & 6/3

TUESDAY

10 AM Beginners Line Dancing – Begins
May 28 for 5 weekly sessions -
\$25 pp – Ends June 25
Noon Mahjong VI – Card Room 1
1 PM Mahjong II – Card Room 2
7 PM Mahjong IV – Card Room 1 & 2

WEDNESDAY

9 AM Tennis Club
11 AM Tai Chi – Grande Room
1 PM Mahjong III – Card Room 2
1 PM Mixed Bridge - Card Room 1
10 AM or Grande Sew & Sews – times alternate
6:30 PM weekly - Crafts Room

THURSDAY

12:30 PM Men's Poker
1 PM Mahjong – Room 1
6:30 PM Intermediate Line Dancing –
Begins May 23 for 6 weekly sessions –
\$30 pp – End June 27
7 PM Mahjong V – Card Room 1 & 2

FRIDAY

SATURDAY 9 AM - Tennis Club

SUNDAY Noon - LoBue Mahjong I – Card Rm. 1

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Contact Community Manager for details

Theresa Manuele VGEM Community Manager
Office Hours: 9 AM – 5 PM
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
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INDOOR POOL HOURS

MONDAY through FRIDAY:

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

SATURDAY and SUNDAY:

1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

CLOSES on May 24 at 6 PM

Forum for VGEM Residents

with

Resident HOA Board Trustees

Pam LoBue & Art Richman

Tuesday, May 7 & June 4

1:30 to 3:30 PM Clubhouse Board Room

2013 HOA Board Meeting Schedule

May 20 – Election Results

August 26

November 10 – 2014 Budget Review

All Meetings are on Monday evening

at 6:30 PM in the Clubhouse

MONTHLY EVENTS

MAY 2013

Saturday, May 4 at 3 PM

Kentucky Derby Party

Grande Room

Sponsored by the Social Club

Monday, May 6 at 7 PM

The Book Bunch

Crafts Room

Tuesday, May 7: 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Forum for VGEM Residents with Trustees

Clubhouse Board Room

Wednesday, May 8 at 4 PM

Social Committee Meeting

Crafts Room

Thursday, May 9 at 11 AM

Garden Club – Members Only

Cape May Zoo Garden & Lunch at Avalon CC

Monday, May 13 at 3 PM

Committee Chairs Pre-Board Meeting

Crafts Room

Tuesday, May 14 at 4 PM

Election for Trustees CLOSES

Thursday, May 16 at 7 PM

Vacation Club

Princess Cruise

Canada & New England

Grande Room



OUTDOOR POOL HOURS

OPENS 11 AM on May 24

MONDAY - THURSDAY: 11 AM to 7 PM

FRIDAY: 11 AM to 8 PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 11 AM to 7 PM





Saturday, May 18 from 8 AM – 2 PM
VGEM Community Yard Sale
 Sponsored by the FUNd-Raising Committee
 Clubhouse Parking Lot

Monday, May 20 at 6:30 PM
VGEM HOA Board Meeting
Trustees Election Results
 Grande Room

Friday, May 24: 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Happy Friday Together
 Grande Room



Saturday, May 25 at 11 AM
Outdoor Pool Opens
 Indoor Pool Closed

Monday, May 27 at 11 AM
Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony
 Clubhouse Flag Circle
 Sponsored by the Veterans Club



Wednesday, May 29 at 5 PM
Opening of the Bocce Grill
 Poolside

Thursday, May 30 at 9 AM
Men's Club Breakfast
 Town & Country Café - \$10 pp

JUNE 2013

Monday, June 3 at 7 PM
The Book Bunch
 Crafts Room

Tuesday, June 4: 1:30 – 3:30 PM
Forum for VGEM Residents with Trustees
 Clubhouse Board Room

Friday, June 7: 7:30 AM - Noon
Back-Bay Fishing on the Jesse O'
 Sponsored by the Anglers Club - \$38 pp



Wednesday, June 12 at 4 PM
Social Committee Meeting
 Crafts Room

Thursday, June 20 at 1 PM
"Grande Wedding Tea Party"
 Sponsored by the Grande Garden Club
 Grande Room

Thursday, June 20 at 9
Men's Club Breakfast
 Town & Country Cafe

Friday, June 28: 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Happy Friday Together
 Grande Room in Clubhouse



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**Events Announced by Phone Alerts,
 Email & Flyer delivery in the tubes**

Flyers Available at the Clubhouse

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Friday, July 5: 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Sunset Fishing on the Jessie O'
 Sponsored by the Anglers Club - \$38 pp

Saturday, August 10 – In the planning stage!
Summer Party
Food – Music - Dancing
 Sponsored by the Social Committee



Thursday, August 22: 6:30 – 9 PM
Bubba Mac Blues Cruise
onboard the Jessie O'II
Light Buffet Dinner – Music
Dancing –Sunset - BYOB
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Fertilizer Law

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By Kathy McGeehin



Almost 2 years ago, my daughter Julie and I moved from Fox Lake, IL, northwest of Chicago, "back home" to the east coast. I owned a design/build landscape company there for 17 years and sold it in 2009. We experienced 8 months of island living in Ocean City and since June 1 reside at 3 Marigold

Circle. After almost 3 years of retirement, I now enjoy working a few days per week as a real estate agent/office administrator at RE/MAX Beach Home Realty. I love the new lifestyle and our community living. Though the climate here is quite different than in Illinois (much warmer!), I find my degree as a horticulturalist, with a concentration in landscape design, an asset in our new community and am delighted to be working with the VGEM Landscape Committee, a very dedicated, diligent group of our neighbors. I look forward to learning more about landscape and our environment here in NJ, and to sharing it with you in the years to come.

The New Jersey Fertilizer Law was passed to protect all New Jersey surface and ground water from damage by minimizing nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P) in landscape applications. Both nutrients are important for plant and lawn growth and health, but can have negative consequences for our fresh water supply when incorrectly or over applied. Here are a few of the NJ Fertilizer Law's fundamentals that apply to landscape professionals as well as homeowners:

- Requires professional fertilizer applicators to acquire training, become certified and licensed, and sets fines for non-compliance with the law.
- Limits the dates that fertilizer can be used: Fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus may not be applied by homeowners before March 1st or after November 15th and professionals may not apply before March 1st or after December 1st.
- Restricts the amount of nitrogen used per application as well as the total for the year:
 - o For professionals the annual total for applications should not exceed 4.25 pounds nitrogen per 1,000 sq ft
 - o For consumers the annual total for all applications should not exceed 3.2 pounds of nitrogen per

1,000 sq ft

- Restricts fertilizer content:
 - o Fertilizer sold retail must have at least 20% of its nitrogen in slow-release form.
 - o Fertilizers that contain phosphorous cannot be applied to turf except when:
 1. a soil test, no more than three years old, indicates the need for phosphorus;
 2. establishing turf and vegetation for the first time;
 3. repairing or re-establishing turf;
 4. applying liquid or granular fertilizer under the soil surface, directly to roots; or
 5. fertilizer consists of organic animal or vegetable manure.
- Establishes buffers of 25 feet around bodies of water, except under special circumstances.

Our lawn care provider, *Outdoor Décor*, is fully aware of and is complying with this new law. We need to be cognizant of the restriction on amounts of fertilizer that are applied on our lawns. It is for the safety of our precious water supply. We all know that there is a lack of good topsoil in our community. It will take time, years in reality, and care to improve our soil condition and thus our lawns. Soil tests are done by *Outdoor Décor* not only for elements in the soil here at VGEM that might be deficient, but for pH as well. Lime has been applied, as warranted by those soil tests, already this spring to increase soil alkalinity. The nitrogen and phosphorous content of fertilizer used at VGEM is monitored closely to comply with the new law and slow-release nitrogen is being used as well. We've had an application of *Dimension*® specialty herbicide providing pre emergence and early post emergence control of crabgrass, and season-long control of crabgrass, goosegrass, foxtail, spurge and more. Does this sound like chemistry? It is –soil chemistry with the added twist that we are dealing with living elements (grass and plants), changing temperature, rainfall, humidity, sunlight (or the lack thereof), insects, fungus, bacteria, virus, and the many other elements of our changing and evolving environment. Taking all of this into account, this is a job for the professionals. Our landscape here at VGEM is a work in progress and your patience is appreciated.

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THE PUBLIC OFFERING STATEMENT

More from "POS 101" Course

By James Cira



You may remember in a previous article I began by stating that "The Public Offering Statement (POS) is our governing document. As such it should be readable by all and reasonably clear and understandable. It is not. It contains inconsistencies, ambiguities and typos. In some cases, you can only question the integrity of the document and

whether it was written specifically for the Village Grande at English Mill. In other cases, statements are made which, at some time, will require legal opinion at a cost."

Set that article aside for a moment. Let's step back and begin to understand why we have the POS and how it should be utilized by all of us and incorporated in our day-to-day thinking process. Like safety rules, they were created as the result of some action, or for the most part, an injury. They, all too often, were bound in a dusty booklet and referred to when another injury occurred. Many of you may have been told that following the rules would tie-up progress. What was really being said is that the rules were not clearly understood and regularly observed, and all the rules were not incorporated together to accomplish an activity safely and efficiently.

The POS, while far from perfect, provides well-thought out parameters and instructions for building and operating this community. That being said and since we purchased our home in this community knowing in advance about the "rules", it would behoove us to understand the POS and the logic behind the document.

Let's look at the current topic of discussion regarding an attempt to persuade the Developer to allow us to add a third trustee even though we have not reached the POS-defined threshold of 298 residents. (This interest, apparently is the result of an increasing work load on behalf of our volunteers). If we regularly utilized the POS, we would interpret that the Developer-chosen language provides it with the ability to make its day-to-day decisions with as little obstruction or community discussion as possible. While the Developer maintains "veto" power, they do not have any reason to relinquish its ability to introduce and control the passage of issues before the Board. The

"veto" power would only be used on issues passed by the Board and not wanted by the Developer. Additionally, any material change in the POS would require a voting process and a vote among the residents.

References: Exhibit D to the Declaration, By-Laws of the Village Grande at English Mill Homeowners Association, Inc., Article IV, Section 4.03, page 11 and Exhibit I, Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for the Village Grande at English Mill, Article X, Section 10.04, page 63.

Healthcare Facilities for the Aging

By Jim Berg



Hello fellow VGEMers. My wife, Arlene and I recently moved into our new home and love it. I have just retired after more than 40 years working as a manager in many different Health Care settings, ranging from 650 bed hospitals to 18 bed transitional care units. Tom, our Grande Gazette Editor, thought it would be a good idea for me to write an article about facilities for the aged. My first reaction was that the active people I have met here so far do not want to think about getting older and what their needs may be at that time. However, my second thought was that the people here are PLANNERS! and make well thought out decisions about where and how they want to live. Therefore, the following is some information you may find useful in the far future, after many, many years of swimming, card games, bocce, and country line dancing. The order is my own but I relied on the internet for some of the definitions.

Everyone is familiar with the traditional Nursing Home which offers a great deal of personal health care along with housing, but the ratio between housing and health care changes in different types of facilities. In fact, **age-restricted communities** like our own could be considered the bottom rung of the ladder. We home owners have the outside maintenance done by others and some of us have an inside cleaning service making life easier for those who do not have the strength, or the interest in such tasks.

The next step in facilities would be a **community** of

separate homes like ours or a regular apartment building but with the addition of **regularly scheduled visits by Home Health Care Services**. These could be professionals like RNs and Physical Therapists or non-professional AIDES who assist residents with meal preparation and personal grooming. A major benefit of this combination of services is that it allows a person to remain in familiar surroundings

The next rung up is the **Independent Living Facility (ILF)** where residents purchase or rent their own apartment, usually with one or two bedrooms, a living room, and complete kitchen. The residents pay a monthly fee which includes housekeeping, minor maintenance problems, and one meal per day in the building's dining room. Residents are usually fairly independent and in many cases use the facility for a second home. Usually a physician's office is located in the building for convenience.

Increasing levels of personal health care is found in **Residential Care Facilities** also known as **Assisted Living Facilities (ALF)**. These buildings usually provide Apartment units that offer at a minimum, one bedroom, a private bathroom, a kitchenette/living room, and a lockable door on the unit entrance and 3 meals each day in a congregate dining room. There is someone available 24-hour a day for emergencies and non-medical care as assistance with activities of daily living, such as bathing and grooming is included. Facilities may provide more comprehensive medical/nursing services (including medication assistance) under special care plans as well as hospice or dementia care.

The highest level of healthcare for the ageing is the traditional Nursing home, often called a **Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)** because there is always a Registered Nurse (RN) on site. SNFs provide a great deal of personal care. In these facilities the housing element is limited to a bed, bedside table, and closet usually in a shared room. This is the type of facility for people who need assistance getting up and dressed and then eating and toileting.

As a general rule, the cost of the facilities increases as the personal care services increase and the housing elements decrease.

There are many combinations of facilities and services. One popular program is **Day Care Centers (DCC)**. Some DCCs are independent and located in their own buildings but many are run by hospitals or SNFs. In these cases the participants live with their family in their usual homes or apartments and go by bus several days a week to the DCC. At the DCC, the participants will have one or two meals each day and then be involved in activities designed to entertain and stimulate them.

Another combination is the **Continuing Care**

Retirement Communities (CCRC). CCRCs are a large complex that offers independent living units, residential care/assisted living services and skilled nursing care for a resident's lifetime. Residents typically sign a contract for lifetime care. This setting provides activities, help with meals, housekeeping, and other support services. Some people prefer this arrangement since there is no need to move if a person's health care needs increase. This can also be a good alternative for a couple where the needs of the partners are different.

As a general rule, the cost of the facilities increases as the personal care services increase and the housing elements decrease. I have not given much information about finances but please do not assume that Medicare covers a lot of this. The opposite is more likely the case. More about cost in a future article!

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Understanding The Effects of Aging

By Walt Zaulyczny,
Physical Therapist



Hello everyone. In this issue of the VGEM Grande Gazette, I would like to discuss the aging process as it affects each and every one of us, especially since we live in an age restricted community. I also would like to discuss how this may or may not affect our physical ability to perform everyday tasks we take for granted, particularly at this time when the good weather is approaching and we will all be active outdoors.

As we age, our bodies go through a number of physical changes that affect our muscles, bones, heart, lungs, and other organs. These physical changes can, and will to a certain extent, affect everything we do on a daily basis.

Between the ages of 30-50, according to research, our muscles become smaller. That is, we tend to lose muscle mass every year, and as a result we lose strength and gradually become weaker. In addition, there is a loss of water content in our muscles and bones that makes the muscles/tendons less flexible and our joints stiffer. After the age of 50, the loss of muscle mass accelerates annually, and the loss is replaced with body fat.

This loss of muscle mass translates to not only a loss of strength, but also of power that affects simple activities, such as getting up out of a chair, bed, sofa or car. It also affects our ability to go up and down stairs or walk any appreciable distance. It affects our balance and overall mobility. As an example, it takes 80% of our leg strength to simply get up from sitting. It takes 78% of our strength to go “up” steps and 88% of our leg strength to control going “down” steps.

Poor leg strength not only limits our ability to walk any appreciable distance, but also impairs our balance and increases the risk of falls. Several major studies have indicated that the greatest predictor of institutionalization was the lack of leg strength.

So, here are some of the consequences of being sedentary as we age:

- an imbalance occurs in our leg strength that increases the risk of falls,
- we see a reduction in our walking (gait) speed (inability to walk at a normal pace)
- inability to do transfers, stooping, crouching, or kneeling independently

- inability to do our normal “activities of daily living” (ADL)
- depression
- decreased quality of life

Statistics from 1996 indicated that approximately 250,000 individuals over the age of 75, sustained hip fractures from falls, at a medical cost of \$10 billion dollars. The risk of falls increases with being generally deconditioned, especially after some type of illness, having some type of neuromuscular condition, a poorly lit home, taking more than 4 different types of medications, and the list goes on.

So what can we do to combat and offset these physical changes due to aging, reduce our risks, and maintain our independence? **EXERCISE AND BE ACTIVE!!**

The American Heart Association, the Surgeon General, and the American College of Sports Medicine suggestion for seniors are:

- a moderate amount of activity on most, if not, all days of the week
- moderate activity is defined as at least 30 minutes of continuous activity, examples are, walking, biking (regular or stationary), swimming
- strengthening should focus primarily on the hips and legs and be 2-3 days per week, but not 2 days in a row

To be considered a community dweller (that’s what we are), you should be able to:

- walk 1000 feet at a normal pace for your age
- be able to carry packages weighing 6-7 pounds at least 200 feet
- be able to go up/down steps, curbs, and ramps without holding on or losing your balance
- be able to walk and look in different directions without losing your balance

So, be active! Do Yoga, Tai Chi, walk, ride a bike, swim, or utilize our gym.

Finally, no one is too old to exercise! Research tells us that at any age, we can attain 20-40% increase in strength by exercising on a regular basis. **BEFORE** starting any exercise program, see your physician for a



full examination and clearance to begin a program. Set reasonable and achievable goals, and consider getting professional advice on what to do and how to do it to be safe and achieve those goals. Good health to everyone and have a safe and happy summer!

Happy Birthday!

May 2013

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Chris Boyle	5/1	Patricia Roche	5/14
Joe Smith	5/2	Kathleen Musurra	5/15
Marie Marini	5/3	John Hanlon	5/16
Floyd Milhan	5/4	Ken Manri	5/17
Pam LoBue	5/5	Marguerite Beaupit	5/18
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Ginny Kier	5/14		

June 2013

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Donald Cheatle	6/2	Ciro Merlino	6/19
Jack Mays	6/3	Joan Viventi	6/19
June Musterel	6/6	Jini Maidenbaum	6/20
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Happy Anniversary!

May 2013

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Doris & Gus Lewis	5/1
Anita & Tony Sierveld	5/2
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Carolyn & Darrell Brown	5/4
Annette & Tony Scaricamazza	5/6
Gabriella & Charlie Christy	5/10
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Susan & Ed Leichner	5/17
Carol & Norm Hirschfeld	5/19
Liz & Phil Eberhard	5/31

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Joan & Charles Serembus	6/1
Carol & Fred Moderski	6/4
Phyllis & Howard Solomon	6/4
Debra & Burton Louis	6/5
Eunice & John Williamson	6/8
Barbara & Andy McGowan	6/13
Aida & Willard Furman	6/15
Carol & Len Sands	6/15
Carlos & Elizabeth Urgina	6/15
Yvette & Angelo Reves	6/16
Rosemarie & John Murtha	6/18
Kathleen & Carlo Melini	6/22
Shelley & Jerry Bernstein	6/23
Barbara & Jim Walsh	6/24
Janine & David Riggins	6/26
Kathleen & Mike Berg	6/28
Joan & Robert Johnson	6/28
Karla & Chip Terry	6/28





'Tis The Season For Salads



Salads aren't just iceberg lettuce and bottled dressing any more. Dressings are a big open world of flavors that have no limit. I hope you will be inspired to try something new, to think outside the box and you just may invent the new next best thing.

Apple Dressing

Serve over greens with fresh apple slices & walnuts

- ½ C. apple juice
- ¼ C. apple cider vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 T. soy sauce
- 1 T. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 T. olive oil

Put all ingredients in a jar and shake well. Or put ingredients in a bowl and whisk well.

Shangarry Cream Dressing

Great served over greens, tomatoes & cucumber

- 3 eggs, hard boiled and peeled
- 3 T. dark brown sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 2 t. dry mustard
- 4 T. malt vinegar
- 1 C. cream

Remove yolk from eggs, put into a bowl. Set whites aside. Add sugar, salt & mustard to yolks and mash together. Blend in the cream. Chop whites and add to the mixture. Stir well. If you want the dressing thinner, add 1 T. milk. Chill until ready to serve.

Papaya Dressing For Fruit Salad
Serve over fresh fruit cut into chunks

- ¾ C papaya nectar
 - 2 T. rice wine vinegar
 - 2 t. fresh ginger, minced
 - 2 T. honey
 - 1/3 C. olive oil
 - 1 T. finely minced fresh mint leaves
- Put all ingredients in a jar or bowl and mix.

Mango Chutney Dressing

*From The Town Traven at Celebration, Fla.
Good on any garden salad*

- 2 T. fat free plain yogurt
 - 2 T. real mayonnaise
 - 2 T. Shardwood's brand mango chutney
 - 1 t. honey
- Mix all ingredients and chill for at least 1 hour before serving.

Chipotle Chili Dressing

*Serve on mesclun greens & diced cooked chicken
with tortilla chips on the side*

- ¾ C your favorite barbecue sauce
 - ¼ C. red wine vinegar
 - 1/2 C. olive oil
 - ½ avocado, peeled & diced
 - 1 chipotle chili in adobo
- Put all ingredients in a blender and blend well.

Warm Bacon Dressing

*Serve over fresh spinach, mushrooms & boiled eggs or
cooked asparagus on Frisee lettuce*

- ½ lb. smoked bacon, diced and cooked crisp
 - 2 T. balsamic vinegar
 - 1 T. sugar
 - 1 large shallot, sliced thin
 - Salt & pepper to taste
- Cook bacon and remove from drippings. Remove pan from heat...to pan dripping add vinegar, sugar & shallots. Let shallots sit for 2 minutes. Pour warm mixture over salad and top with cooked bacon.

**Next issue of Grande Gourmet will feature grilled favorites. If you have a grill recipe you would like to share, please send it by email to Sydney Yacovelli Sydney@mickeyshomes.com*

Those Were The Days – Part 2

Club Harlem & Kentucky Avenue

By Sydney Yacovelli

When remembering the heydays of Atlantic City and only talking about the 500 Club would be remembering only part of the story about the city's stellar nightclub scene. In spite of the years of prohibition, Atlantic City had more than its share of nightspots. Back in the day Atlantic City was "the" place for all sorts of entertainment. There were a dozen movie and live performance theatres, amusement parks, music halls with dance floors that could accommodate up to 2,000 people, ocean piers, beauty pageants, back room casinos, hundreds of restaurants and, of course, the beach and Boardwalk. Great numbers of people came to the "nation's playground" to relax and have a good time. Starting back in the 30's hip spots like Babette's, the Bath & Turf Nightclub, Wonder Garden Bar, Catfish's Piano Bar, Grace's Little Belmont, The Paradise Club and Club Harlem were all jumping on the north side between Atlantic and Arctic Avenues. After 1935, when Club Harlem opened its doors, all the cool cats knew the place to be was on "Happiness Avenue - Ky and the Curb"



The father-son duo of Cliff and Leroy "Pop" Williams partnered to purchase the old Fitzgerald Auditorium dance hall at 32 North Kentucky Avenue. They named it "Club Harlem" after Harlem, New York. Later, in 1951 the bright neon marquee was renamed to "Clifton's Club Harlem". From the day it opened the club had a capacity of 900 people. The front bar alone could accommodate 100. Lines formed around the block to get in to see the shows. This jazz Mecca attracted top musicians from all over the country. Club Harlem showcased the best African American talent in America for almost 50 years to mostly white audiences. The excitement and magic was color blind.

In the busier summer months "The Club" hosted over flowing crowds. The entertainment was non-stop; the Saturday night show at 10 PM didn't get over until 6 AM Monday morning. Every weekend you could expect to see entertainers from other clubs come by after their shows and join an unscheduled, impromptu gig that kept the party rolling. The Harlem was famous for its 6 AM show, laughingly called the "breakfast show", since basically breakfast consisted of pretzels and a chaser topped off with the best jazz in town.

You could always count on seeing band leader, legendary Atlantic City native, Crazy Chris Columbo (1902-2002) perched at the back of his drums on a stool

fashioned from a Harley Davidson motorcycle seat. Columbo lead the house band and at times was a one man show himself when he would start flipping his sticks in the



air and bouncing them off the floor. The crowd would go nuts shouting out, "Yea, Yea, Yea!" as Columbo got rolling. Columbo backed up, recorded with and went on tour with the greatest jazz artists of the day and was with Club Harlem for 34 years until the doors closed. He sat in as drummer for recording luminaries like Duke Ellington,

Dizzy Gillespie and Wild Bill Davis to name a few. Some of these recordings were made live on the stage at Club Harlem.

Between the big name acts, the champagne corks started popping and audiences were entertained by the popular



Beige Beauties Revue featuring the "Fabulous Club Harlem Girls" in dazzling costumes, or by Larry Steel's Smart Affair's dancers, who toured between Atlantic City and Miami Beach every year to

put on a big revue extravaganza. Cliff liked to say, "The dancers stayed sleek, the singers dusky and the comics razor-sharp."

Across the street was Grace's Little Belmont (1930-1970), not as big in size as the Harlem, but as popular and as much an integral part of Atlantic City's once vibrant night life. Owners Herman Daniels and his business savvy wife, Grace, kept the place hopping with the crowds that bounced between the two hot spots. Grace's featured an afternoon matinee very popular with the beach crowd. When the sun got too hot on the sandy beach, the crowds flocked to Grace's to cool off.



Generally the packed bar at the Belmont was tended by 5 bar maids. One of them was Elvera "Baby" Sanchez, former vaudeville singer and dancer who married Sammy Davis Sr., in 1923. Davis was

also a dancer and together they were parents of Sammy Davis Jr. Elvera had a successful career of her own as a dancer at the Apollo Theater in New York.

Grace's Little Belmont was also host to top talent. One was Wild Bill Davis and the Swing Organ Quartet that appeared regularly and even made two live recordings on Grace's stage in the 60's on the Strand label. Wild Bill was single handedly responsible for making the organ a jazz instrument. Wild Bill Davis always ended his show with his signature number, "April in Paris", which was later recorded with Duke Ellington.

Next door to Grace's Little Belmont was Jerry's Barbecue, the best place for chicken. Often, folks picked up fried chicken or some barbecue then headed to the restricted beach at Missouri Avenue for a picnic. Missouri Avenue got the nickname "chicken bone beach" from the bones left behind buried in the sand.



*Sammy Davis Jr. and friends
enjoying "chicken bone beach"*

By the 60's the times were getting hard and Atlantic City began its slide down hill. In the 70's the casinos came in and the city would never be the same. The talent and the visitors moved on to other parts of the country and it was no longer cool to come to the shore.

On Easter Sunday 1972, Club Harlem came to an end befitting the Boardwalk Empire, with a gangland shootout. When the dust cleared, 5 low level mobsters from Philadelphia, fighting over drug sale control, were dead and dozens of club patrons were injured trying to escape the melee. The club was badly damaged inside with the glitter gone the gloom now set in. Under different ownerships, Club Harlem languished until 1986 when its doors were finally closed for good. The building stood boarded up until it was finally torn down in 1992. As it turned out, the state gaming commission restricted casinos to hotels with 500 rooms or larger. Therefore, the nightclubs would not have a share of the casino boom and could no longer compete with the new hotels. Sadly Atlantic City would never

again be the Mecca for entertainment or draw the movers, shakers and high rollers it once did. The city became a shadow of its old self with only the old memories of better times still hovering in the air, unwilling to diminish for those that still remembered the good old days.



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Run for the Board

"You've Got to Be Crazy!"

By Tom Santucci

I'm certain that all of us have heard this said. Who can be crazy enough to want to run for our HOA board? Being a board member just leaves you open for criticism. All people like to do around here is complain about the Board! These are only some of the many negative comments that I've heard about being a board member. From my own experiences in other communities with homeowner or condominium associations, most residents are reluctant to step forward and run for the board. It is certainly apparent at VGEM.

Well fortunately, there are two people within our community who are crazy enough to run for the board. Perhaps we should substitute the word crazy for a variety of other descriptive terms such as responsible, unselfish and committed to the betterment of our active adult community. VGEM is fortunate to have two highly qualified candidates willing to serve as Trustees. This is obvious on just reading their biographical profiles and looking at their track record of volunteer service to our Community.

Both have a time tested record of volunteering their time, abilities and efforts to improving our community. Pam LoBue will be seeking her third two-year term on the board. She has unusual skill and a plethora of experience in negotiations. VGEM will need someone with her negotiating abilities when we finally go to transition. If viewed objectively, Pam and Art have accomplished a great deal for VGEM in their four years on the board. By seeking a third term, Pam is committed to finishing the job that they started.

Jim Lichtenwalner has unselfishly volunteered his knowledge and experience to improve your community. His track record of serving VGEM includes the Bocce Grille, billiards league and, most significantly, as the Chair of the FUNd-Raising Committee. It is hard to imagine VGEM without his input. Jim possesses vast knowledge and experience in administration, both in his business career and as a community volunteer. Jim has also been

involved in negotiations with labor; as well as with contractors involving many million dollar contracts.

Although many VGEM residents possess the knowledge and skills to contribute to VGEM on the Board, they are not demonstrating the willingness to serve. Only two candidates are willing to make the commitment to serve us all as Board member. We are very fortunate that both possess the character, life experiences and commitment to serve us well on the VGEM Board. As an aside, this still does not explain why they are crazy enough to seek this position. Personally, I am delighted that they stepped forward and are willing to serve as Board members.

Let us as a community show our appreciation for their willingness to serve by giving them 100% of our support. How can we tangibly show this? A simple display would be with a 100% voter turnout endorsing their candidacies. With only two candidates for two positions, the tendency is to become complacent about this election. On the contrary, we should all demonstrate our support for Pam and Jim with 100% voter support.



VGEM Garden Club is sponsoring *A Grande Wedding Tea Party*



June 20, 1:00 pm

To be held at the Clubhouse
Open to the whole community

Tickets go on sale May 15, 2013

Tickets can be purchased from
any of the table hostesses
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Event Co-Chairmen
Sydney Yacovelli & Marlene Santucci

Spotlight On Your Neighbor

Selma Rosenbaum

By Pat Roche

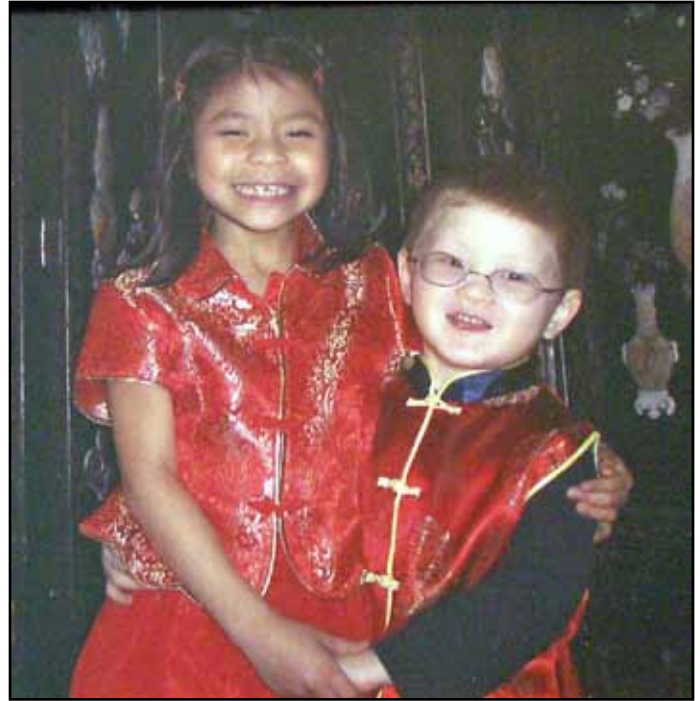


Join with me as we visit our SPOTLIGHT neighbor, Selma Rosenblum. Selma and her late husband, Mickey, were original Poppy Road residents. They moved to Village Grande after thirty-five years in Cherry Hill, a few on the high seas and twenty-two more in Brigantine.

Kenneth Edward Rosenblum and Selma Soloman were married for sixty-two years and raised two daughters. In their second year of marriage Mickey built what would be the first of six boats, 18 feet to 55 feet! Seems he enjoyed the building as much as the fishing or yachting!

Selma grew up in the Strawberry Mansion section of Philadelphia. At five years of age, she began her interest in all things Chinese when she purchased a five cent piece of Chinese art. At age eleven she had a collection of Pearl Buck books and when Pearl Buck taught a course on China at Girl's High she was the first to enroll. At eighteen, Mickey took her to a Chinese expo in Atlantic City and purchased a cedar chest for his bride to be! A year later they were engaged and the chest was delivered on her

birthday! This same cedar chest is in her living room today and is now used as a beautiful coffee table. Selma's dream to visit China was realized when Nixon gave Americans access and she was able to visit not once but twice. The final link of the China connection is the fact that Selma has two Chinese grandchildren, Emma J. who is fourteen and Aaron Jacob, alias AJ, aged eleven.



Her eclectic furnishings attest to her background and varied interests as well as her ancestral roots.

Selma has had much sadness in her life, loss of a daughter, illness and eventual loss of her Mickey, but her positive attitude, "joie de vivre" and welcoming smiles endear her to her many good friends and neighbors. Stop by at any time to see her treasures - for example, silver candle sticks brought from Hungary, Oriental pottery and of course, the treasured hope chest. But, definitely call first. This busy lady may be touring a Chinese garden or scouring the Noyes museum hoping to find more treasures of the Orient.



*The Great Wall of China
Selma is first on the right*



Residents Directory

Copies available @ Clubhouse

By Mary Moskovitz

**Updates to the 4th - 2012 Edition
of the Residents Directory**

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DIRECTORY CHANGES

- **Gerry Barresi**
correct e-mail - gerrybarresi@comcast.net
- **Gina D'Annunzio**
This is her correct name – incorrect name was listed in March/April Update
- **Richard Eckard** – Deceased
209 Lily Road
- **Andres & Linda Haines** – Delete moved out of community - 13 Primrose Circle

- **Jack & Diane Mays**
New e-mail - jmays1137@gmail.com
- **Maureen Raine** – Deceased
3 Poppy Road
- **Mike & Debbie Smith**
Delete Home Phone #

Booknotes

By Annette Scaricamazza

The Clubhouse library has evolved over the past four years from a room with shelves for magazines and “books by the yard” to a full working library. The shelves are now brimming with novels, biographies, self-help books, cook books, sports and history. All of this would never have been possible without your generous contributions. The many residents who use the library express how much the library is appreciated; it is an added amenity for our community and its success is due to your continued support and interest.



Many suggestions were made as to how to make the library more user-friendly. These suggestions included filing non-fiction books alphabetically by author, no check out or time limit on books borrowed, removing shelves for magazines to make space for more books (magazines are now placed in a basket; they may be taken and need not be returned).

Remember that it is very important to return all books to the library after reading. We ask that you do not give the books to your relatives or friends outside the community; the books belong to and are for the sole enjoyment of the residents. Please place all returns in the box located in the coat room for re-filing by the librarian.

Book Bunch List 2013

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| Sep 9, 2013 | Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake
<i>By Anna Quindlen</i> |
| Oct 7, 2013 | The Sun Also Rises
<i>By Ernest Hemingway</i> |
| Nov 4, 2013 | The Kitchen House
<i>By Kathleen Grissom</i> |
| Dec 2, 2013 | Holiday Party – Grande Room
The Bishop's Wife or The Pastor's Wife
The Holiday Party DVD viewing heralds
the 2014 Book Bunch's
“Year of the Wife” |

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News from D.R. Horton

By Tom Santucci

Philip Hetzler, Sales Associate, reports an increased interest in homes at the Enclave that he attributes to Horton's advertising in publications serving communities flooded or damaged by Superstorm Sandy. Anna Maria Rizzo and he have had several inquiries in response to that advertising.

As of March 25, a total of ten homes in the Enclave have closed, seven homes are now under contract, and there are 10 QMI (Quick Move-In) houses. When the seven homes under contract go to settlement, the conveyance of homes by D. R. Horton will reach a total of 288. As per the POS, VGEM HOA would then be only 10 homes shy of the 298 needed for the two additional resident Trustees. Construction on the Enclave was started in early 2013 and reported in the March/April 2013 *Grande Gazette*. Assuming sales at the same rate as the past year, VGEM HOA should qualify for two additional resident Trustees by early 2014.

Editor's Note: The Gazette Staff wants to acknowledge and extend our thanks to D.R. Horton for placing full page color ads in this and the previous two issues. Your financial support of the Grande Gazette is greatly appreciated.

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Vacation Club

By David VanZant



Your Vacation Club continues to work with our partner, “Preferred Travel” to present to you a wide variety of opportunities at the best prices for your travel enjoyment. Additionally some of our other community clubs are talking about and planning tours tailored to the specific interests of their members – more about this as details are developed.

Unfortunately the “Collette” presentation, scheduled for March, had to be canceled because of construction in the Clubhouse. This presentation will be rescheduled in the fall.

Just a few of the up-coming trips hi-lighted by “Preferred”:

- “Norwegian Breakaway” – 7 nights to Bermuda leaving out of New York on June 2nd.
- “Caribbean Princess” – 7 nights to New England and Canada leaving out of New York on September 21st.
- “Grand Canadian Rockies” – 10 days, by rail leaving September 17th.
- “Ruby Princess” – 12 nights, Barcelona to Venice leaving October 12th.



Ruby Princess

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3. Our community FUNd-Raising Committee receives a fee for each trip booked by our members
4. Personal assistance from someone who knows that you are a valued member of our community.
5. And reasons too numerous to list here.

Your Vacation Club will continue to keep you updated with new and exciting offers as they arise – “stay healthy and keep traveling”

Social Committee Update

Spring & Summer Events Planned

By Chicki Sinagria and Regina Yuppa

Social Committee Co-Chairs

The Social Committee completed its winter events with a “Movie Night” on April 5th featuring the film *Skyfall*. Over 40 people attended and enjoyed the snacks and soft drinks along with the company of their neighbors. They relaxed in the comfy cushioned pool chairs which were perfect for movie watching since they have a place to put your drinks and munchies. The Grande Room had all the comforts of a real movie theatre without the expensive price. Our thanks go to Aggie Henry and Marcy Gelman for co-chairing this event.

Now that winter is over, the Social Committee has been busy planning events for the spring and summer. In response to popular demand, this began with a “Spring Breakfast” held on April 20th. Co-chaired by Bonnie Carluccio and Marlene Santucci, the event was well appreciated by the eighty residents who attended.



Kentucky Derby running at Churchill Downs

The Kentucky Derby will be celebrated with a party on May 4th in the Grande Room of the Clubhouse. It will feature a covered dish dinner and desserts. Attendees will be asked to bring an entree, vegetable, salad, or dessert, etc. A Kentucky Derby race game will be held so that each attendee will have a specific horse to cheer for. By now you should have received the full details for this event. It should be fun event and all are encouraged to attend. THIS EVENT IS FREE.

A “Summer Party” is scheduled for August 10th. This event will be held in the Clubhouse and surrounding pool area, weather permitting. The complete menu and details are still in the planning phase, but we thought a little singing, via Karaoke, would be entertaining. Please keep the date open.

As always, the committee thanks you for your participation in its events and hope you enjoy them as much as we do in preparing them.

Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Stringed instrument
5. Young child
8. Fuss
12. Obviate
14. Be indebted to
15. Fragment
16. Water barrier
17. Single
18. South American animal
19. Restless
21. Brass instrument
23. Japanese currency
24. Scorch
25. Weep
28. Small stream
30. Ploy
35. Harvest
37. Amphibian
39. Very slow tempo
40. Hawaiian island
41. Overhang
43. Musical composition for one
44. Contempt
46. Sate
47. Carbon black
48. Purloined
50. Zeal
52. Solfa syllable
53. Parch
55. Label
57. Part of a set of bagpipes
61. Female inheritor
65. Country life
66. Regret
68. Visual part of TV
69. Animated
70. Lout
71. Church officer
72. Manufactured
73. Moist
74. Musical instrument of ancient Greece

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Down

1. One of two equal parts
2. Assert
3. Wander
4. Righteousness
5. Implement
6. Possess
7. Fangs
8. Movie
9. Type of year
10. Highest attainable level
11. Type of fuel
13. Postpone
15. Denotes more than one
20. Combine
22. Music with syncopated melody
24. Stringed instrument with keyboard
25. Traverse
26. Respond
27. Cheerful sounding search engine
29. Loiter
31. Musical setting for a religious ceremony
32. Sulk
33. Ice hut
34. Part of a comb
36. Knitting stitch
38. Small wooded hollow
42. Roofing material
45. Cuddle
49. Indicating maiden name
51. Callow
54. Pointer
56. Kind of restaurant
57. Pack to capacity
58. Polynesian dance
59. Desiccated
60. Part of a church
61. Lift with difficulty
62. Miniture whirlpool
63. Soothsayer
64. Painful
67. Arab federation, initially

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Helpful Hints

By Mary Moskovitz

Mr. Clean Magic Erasers: Creative uses for these household cleaning blocks that truly work magic!

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- Cleans & polishes gold jewelry
- Removes soap scum in the tub and shower
- Removes marks on walls
- Cleans splatters inside the microwave
- Removes marks on vinyl siding
- Cleans mirrors in the bathroom (keeps shower mirrors from fogging)
- Removes hair dye from countertops & floors
- Removes black scuff marks from baseboards where the vacuum cleaner hits
- Cleans the outdoor side of window sills stained from leaves, dust and dirt
- Cleans plastic coolers inside and out ...even dirty grimy ones used by men with greasy hands!
- Removes rust spots & stains on countertop

- Cleans oven shelves & the grates on the grill
- Removes melted plastic on the side of the toaster oven
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- Removes green mildew from siding and gutters

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What Next?

"Google Glass"

By Tony Scaricamazza



If you see someone wearing glasses that look a little odd, then you are probably looking at a modern miracle of technology. The giant company Google will allow prototypes of its new product called Project Glass to go on the market this year. The accompanying picture shows you what they look like. As you know, personal computers started on desktops with bulky hard drives, low memory and bytes with a cumbersome mess of wires connecting keyboard, hard drive, monitor, and speakers.



These gradually morphed to wireless technology, laptop, notebooks, and to portable tablets.

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you have to do is put on a pair of glasses. It may not yet provide Word, Excel or music but it can do a lot of other things. The glasses have a mini display screen mounted in a flexible frame that has a camera, a microphone and a computer. It reacts to *voice commands* and can do things like translate a language, take and send photos and videos complete with sound, secure directions, search Google, display the weather, get flight details or email and hang out with a friend. Ask and it will appear on the display screen in front of your eye in a "Google second".

Think driving a car with people illegally texting, tweeting and talking on cell phones is a hazard, wait until these glasses are commercially available and worn by thoughtless drivers. And, by the way, whatever happened to something called privacy?

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It's Never Too Late To Learn

By Doreen DeLucca



At the end of this month, John and I will be happily married for 41 years, having raised three children and enjoying our five grandchildren. I assumed that our strengths and weaknesses have been firmly established during those years. Not so much. I am now realizing that what I always thought were

my strong points, were actually his. I wish I had followed his lead a long time ago. Let me explain.

With our kids, John was the strong, silent presence in their lives. I was the opinionated, problem-solving partner. They had a problem, either major or minor, I just had to make it better. Looking back, it would have almost always been better to let them solve it themselves. Thankfully, they turned out great and appreciative, but now I see that his quiet support was much more meaningful than (and it kills me to say it), my running interference.

Someone recently said to me (and for the life of me, I cannot remember who), "if you don't have a dog in the fight, let it go". That, for me, was the most profound statement of advice I have heard in my 62 years. As a child of abuse, I have always been absolutely obsessed with justice. I just could not tolerate anything less. I would champion other peoples causes, be fiercely loyal to a fault. Quite frankly, it was none of my business... thus, the powerful "no dog in the fight" message.

How many times have we been too stubborn or proud to learn from the people who know us best? Are there times that we avoid asking where our blind spots are? Could our lives been more peaceful if we had? How many chances have we missed out on because we were too proud to ask for advice? There is a saying, "you can't see outside the picture if you're inside the frame". We see others shortcomings so clearly, and yet can't see our own.

Why not ask those closest to us if they think we add unnecessary stress to our lives by repeating past behaviors? Are we at the age of being able to open ourselves to constructive criticism, when before we just considered it criticism? It sounds like a shortcut to self-awareness that just might make life a lot more enjoyable. Egos aside, others just might have the answers we have been looking

for and it would be wise to embrace it.

I guess the message is that it is never too late to learn. With each new day, we can continue to grow and sometimes it's the hardest lessons that are the easiest to learn if we just listen to and trust those who love us.



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