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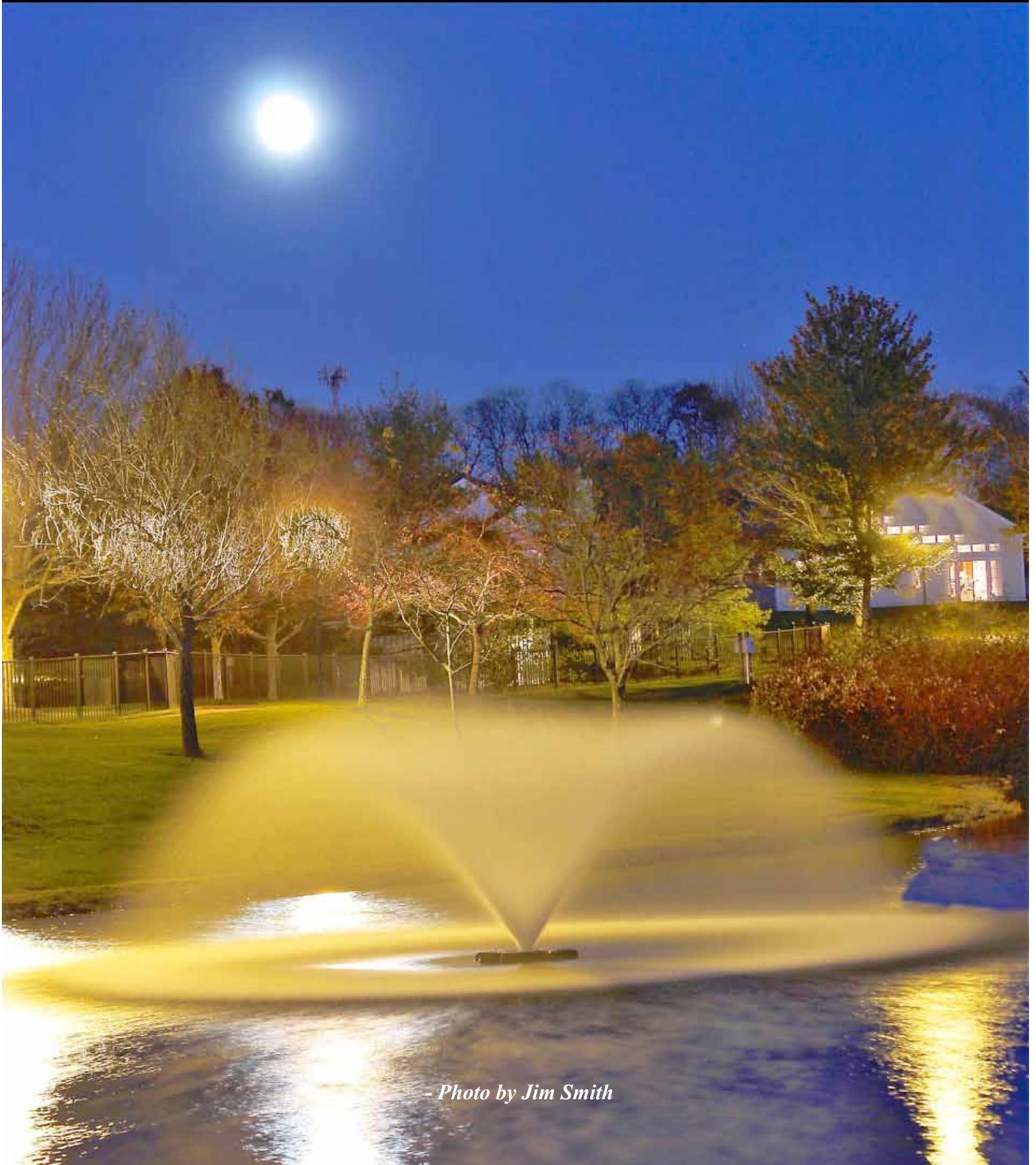
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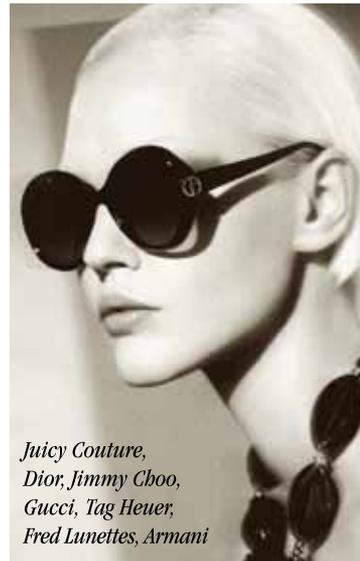
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***** Wednesday Open Meetings *****

Wednesday, January 18, 11:00 AM

Wednesday, February 1 & 15, 11:00 AM

***** 2017 General Membership Meetings *****

Thursday, January 19, 1:30 PM

Thursday April 20, 7:30 PM

Thursday July 20, 7:30 PM

Thursday, October 19, 7:30 PM

***** Candidates Night *****

Wednesday September 6, 7:30 PM

***** Annual membership/Election Results Meeting *****

Tuesday September 26, 7:30 PM

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Deadline for *The Voice* is the 25th of the month. If the 25th falls on a weekend, the deadline is the preceding Friday.

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- News articles and announcements will be given first priority. Human interest and other "features" are welcome and will be printed as space permits. Articles may be edited.
- No editorials, letters-to-the-editor, or articles of a political nature will be printed.
- No material of any nature that has appeared in another publication will be accepted.
- Monthly deadlines will be strictly observed to allow the production time necessary for publication.
- Your cooperation is appreciated.

TRUSTEES' CORNER

Special Board Election

As communicated to all of us by the Judiciary Committee, we are now in the process of a special election to fill a vacant seat on the Board. Recently you received ballots with the resumés of the candidates for this Board vacancy. The resumes are also on the website. It is essential now to cast your vote, if you have not done so, because timing is very tight to complete a special election. Ballots must be returned to the clubhouse no later than **1:00 PM, Monday, January 23**. The results of this special election will be posted that day in the clubhouse at **5:00 PM**, followed by an announcement at **7:00 PM**. It is always important that all members participate in casting their household vote for this essential service position.

Snow Clearing Reminders

There are two important things that should be done to avoid snow clearing problems.

- Remove all decorative and breakable items in the vicinity of your garage door or on the walkway to your front door. A pre-snow clearing inspection report that was mailed to you last month listed any items that may likely be damaged during snow clearing operations. This will ensure against any potential damage if they are not easily visible during snow removal.
- If you need priority clearance of snow from your driveways based on medical needs, please give the Management Office a simple, brief note requesting priority snow removal.

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Holiday Décor and Events

Our holiday foyer decorations were especially beautiful this season with many new items and wonderful layouts. MANY THANKS go out to:

The Christmas décor team of: **Barbara Sands, Doris McCahill, JoAnn Schwarzbeek, Pat and Bob Pless, Marilyn and Bob Wehner, Joann Petti and Joan Valeriani** and to

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our Hanukkah décor specialist **Judy Lefsky**.

All these fine holiday decorations put many of us in the mood to enjoy another wonderful Holiday Chorale Concert directed by **Ginny Jasko**, and also another very entertaining Holiday Party at Doolan's that was well organized by the **Events Planning Committee**.

Thank you all for bringing in the Holiday Season to Four Seasons.

Voice Leadership Recognition

As you read this issue of *The Voice*, our community's mainstay newsletter, you should know that it is there for all of us as a top-notch publication and communication vehicle, thanks to a dedicated staff of resident volunteers. **Marilyn Falvey**, who has been the coordinator of *The Voice* for 156 issues, has notified the Board that she will retire from this leadership position after this issue. Thank you, Marilyn, for so many years of service that has resulted in the development of a great community newsletter.

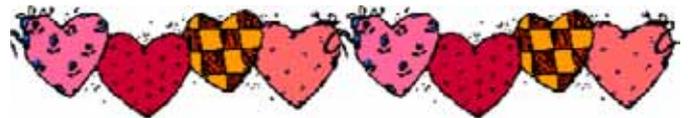
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January 18 and February 1 at 11:00 AM
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING,
THURSDAY January 19 at 1:30 PM** □

BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVALS/ACTIONS

December 14, 2016 Open Meeting

- The Board Members approved the following seven activity requests: **1)** On The Go 2017 Trip Preview on 11/16/16 at 7 PM, **2)** Events Planning Committee's Holiday Party at Doolan's Shore Club on 12/11/16, **3)** Billiards 8 Ball Tournament from 01/09/17 to 02/19/17, **4)** Art Studio Movie and Craft Demo on 01/18/17, **5)** Women's Club Spring 2017 Bake Sale 04/08/17, **6)** Women's Club Luncheon and Fashion Show (Spring Fundraiser) on 05/09/17, **7)** Four Seasons Chorale Holiday Concert on 12/01/17

- The Board Members approved a resolution to charge the Judiciary Committee to conduct a special election in accordance with the Association's governing documents to fill the vacancy created on December 6, 2016 by the death of Bob Wright. □



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UPCOMING EVENTS

<p style="text-align: center;">Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, January 16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, January 19 1:30 PM / Ballroom</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Kick up Your Heels! Winter Dance Friday, January 20 7-10 PM / BYO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Music by Rich Mezzacca & Angelo Basilone</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Don't be Late! Your Vote Counts! Special Election to Fill Vacant Trustee Position: Monday, January 23</p> <p>1:00 PM. Deadline for ballots to be returned.</p> <p>5:00 PM. Results to be posted in the Clubhouse.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Women's Club Board Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, January 30 9:30 AM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Don't hold your breath for Spring! Groundhog Day Thursday, February 2</p>
<p>Fascinating, Heart-Warming True Story! Women's Club General Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, February 6 - 9:30 AM Albert Plevier + Jayne Kelly, author of <i>Beyond the Eight Foot World</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Home-Cooked Food! Potluck Dinner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, March 23 / 5:00 - 7:30 PM (Details in February Voice.)</p>

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The community Holiday Party at Doolan's on December 11, 2016 was a big success from all the positive feedback we received. Folks seemed to enjoy a sit-down dinner rather than our former buffet. We had 147 in attendance.

We give a big shout out and appreciation to **Marilyn Falvey**, who after thirteen years as editor of *The Voice* is stepping aside. Yes, it was thirteen years heading up that most important communication vehicle for the community. Marilyn always did an outstanding job and we owe her much appreciation for the time, effort and energy she put into our publication. Thank you, Marilyn!

Also our community's appreciation goes out to **Ann DeJacom** who is handing over the maintenance of the kitchen to **Ellen and Bob Taylor**. After more than many years, Ann kept a keen eye on the cleanliness of the clubhouse kitchen and kept all items in pristine condition with everything in the kitchen in its proper place. So, very many thanks, Ann, for your generous donation of time that you gave to keeping everything shipshape. And many thanks to the Taylors for taking on another task for the community.

Ellen and Bob also keep inventory and buy all the supplies needed in the kitchen.

And as we enter into a new year, 2017, the H&R Events Planning Committee has projected plans for a number of great events: the Winter Dance on January 20, a PotLuck dinner on March 23, and the Kentucky Derby party on May 6. All the details of these events will be appearing in *The Voice* and on the community website.

The H&R Committee is still looking for someone to step up and take on the role of secretary for the committee. *The Voice* will also be looking for new staff members. Interested?

-Tom Kane

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SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

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Members of Christmas Giving Tree subcommittee from Social Concerns Committee of Women's Club: left to right. Lorraine Walsh, Barbara Gadarian, Aine Lynch-Powers, Julie McClure. Missing is Peggy Morris.

Winter At The NJ Shore

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GARDEN CLUB

Thanks to all our members for their assistance with our Poinsettia Sale and the Gazebo Tree Lighting. The sale was a great success and, despite the rain, the tree was lit and those of us brave enough to attend enjoyed the spiced cider, wine and donuts and popcorn. We even enjoyed

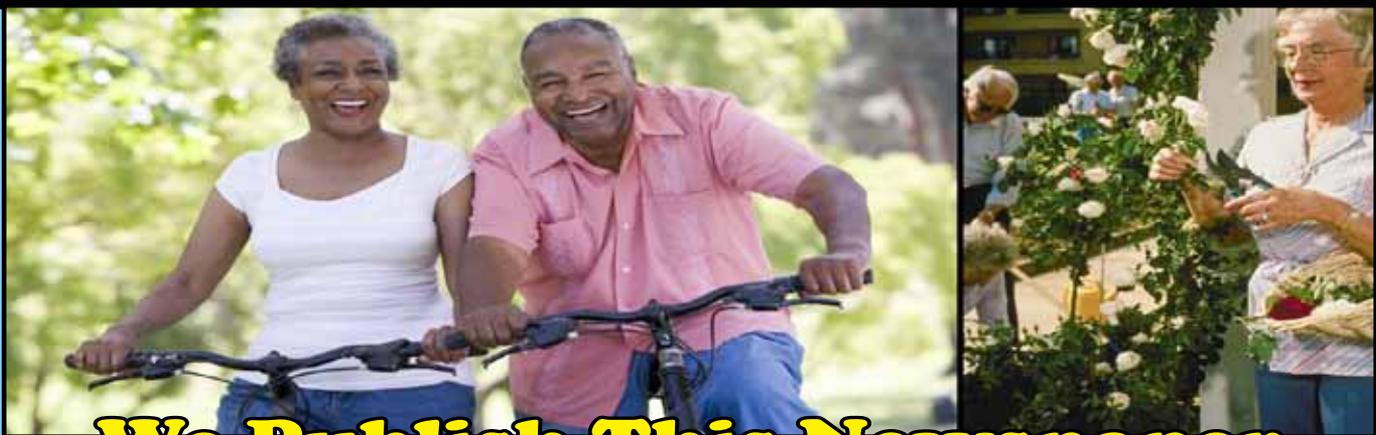
“singing around the tree” thanks to our keyboard player. Wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday, and a healthy, happy New Year.

-Lorraine Walsh



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BOOK CLUB

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- Monday, February 13 *The Nest*
by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney
- Monday, March 13 *The Underground Railroad*
by Colson Whitehead
- Monday, April 10 *Small Great Things*
by Jodi Picoult

We welcome all Four Seasons residents. There are no requirements, just a love of reading and a willingness to share your thoughts, impressions and feelings on the books selected. Should you have read a book which you feel would be a good choice for the Book Club, come and offer it as a future selection.

-Sheila Wilten

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The next meeting of the Art Studio will be on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. We will meet in the Theater at 1:00 PM for a film lecture **"Beyond Impressionism – Gauguin, Van Gogh, Matisse"**. After the film, we'll have a related hands-on project in the ballroom. We should be finished by 3:00 PM.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the film, the project or both.

If you haven't joined us before, come try something different for the New Year. No special talent is required, no rules, no pressure.

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-Marilou Brill



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BOOK REVIEW

The title of this month's book is *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance, *A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*. J.D. Grew up in the Rust Belt in an Ohio steel town that had been hemorrhaging jobs for years. In this small, poor town J. D.'s future was not very bright. His mom had many marriages and many men along the way. She was a registered nurse but lost most of her jobs due to alcohol use or drug use. The small towns in the Rust Belt were separated into small groups, mostly families staying close to each other, and they had little trust in people outside their immediate group. Over the years they had become very pessimistic over their future. Education was scattered over the years and jobs were becoming more and more scarce. Welfare provided basic living and they got along on that.

J.D. and his older sister had dismal futures. Their mother had no direction for herself and provided little help or comfort to her kids; their opinion of her was pretty low. However, they had their maternal grandparents, Memaw and Grandpaw. They had overcome their own demons and tried to be strong loving people, who did their best to watch over their grandchildren as best they could.

I know that by now you are rolling your eyes at this depressing story however I found this young man to be a person who tried to keep moving forward. Sometimes he had lived one step forward and two steps backward, but he kept trying to go forward. He decided to enlist in the Marines and there learned about discipline, routines, and respect, both for others, and for himself.

He never walked away from his sister, mother and particularly his grandparents. He came home when he could and they, in turn, encouraged him to continue in the Marines, later college and ultimately, Yale Law School.

This is really a fascinating book. I read it very quickly as I wanted to find out what happened next in D.J.'s future. He fought for his advancement at every turn until some of his professors saw the strength in him, the intelligence in him and the mental ability to make his dreams come true.

J.D. is now a fine man, happily married and doing good for others. He is a hero, in that he fought against huge odds to advance himself. His grandparents encouraged him every step of the way, even though it took him away from them. Their unselfishness was one of the key things that helped their grandson escape the environment that could have destroyed their beloved grandson.

This book has not received all reviews as glowing as mine. Some reviewers find him too young to be writing this book and has not experienced enough hardship on his own. I thought he was pretty strong. Decide for yourself.

-Mary Schenone



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WOMEN'S CLUB

Next Meeting - Monday, February 6, 2017 at 9:30 AM

Now that the holidays are over, we are in the thick of winter and the temperatures are so cold, nothing could be better than to come together and listen to a story that will warm our hearts and souls. In our lifetime we encounter a person or people who overcome obstacles in their lives or those who have a disability that they do not let define them. Instead, they are able to be examples for the rest of us.

On February 6 our guest speaker is Jayne Kelly, the author of *Beyond the Eight Foot World*. This book is about Albert Plevier. Albert's life was changed forever at the age of twenty-four due to an industrial accident. The 'eight foot world' is a term used to describe how a blind person functions. This story shares how Albert is able to go 'beyond' the eight foot world to work, love and raise a family with his wife Elaine. I know we will leave this meeting moved and inspired.

Ms. Kelly will have books available for sale for those who are interested. There is also a second book in the series that is due to be published this month.

There will be coffee, tea, delicious bagels and other goodies that will be served prior to the business meeting and presentation.

As always, I am looking forward to seeing all of you on February 6.

-Carolyn Melia

Social Concerns

We entered the peak of the year-end holiday season from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day with humility and gratitude for the fortuitous opportunity to reside in our beautiful community. Our giving spirit was never more generously demonstrated than with the response



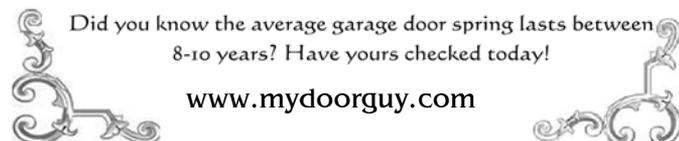
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to our causes throughout 2016. Our final cause of the year, the 2016 Giving Tree, once again surpassed our expectations, as more than 100 gift tags were transformed into gifts for underprivileged children served by the charitable activities of Madonna House, Inc. Thank you to all who donated!

As we begin the New Year, our committee's efforts will focus on our fund raiser in May. We have planned a Luncheon and Fashion Show on May 9, 2017. Several ladies have volunteered to coordinate the many categories needed to make this event a reality. However, we are still in need of volunteers to assist in many capacities. Knowing that the proceeds of this event will benefit autistic children under the auspices of Parents of Autistic Children (POAC) may inspire you to consider joining in our efforts. Please contact **JoAnn** or **Marilyn** if you are willing to help make this event as successful as possible.

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-JoAnn Schwarzbeek and Marilyn Carpini



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**WOMEN'S CLUB
DECEMBER 19, 2016**

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The ladies involved with their various tales of Christmastime were (from left): Terry Bohacik, Joann Petti, Pat Pless, Renee Sullivan, Sheila Wilten (Powerpoint presentation), Ann Alexander (organizer), Vera Taylor and Aine Lynch-Powers.



Bobbie Swander created this exquisite Christmas tree abounding with elegant, handmade Origami cranes, the symbol of good fortune and longevity in Eastern cultures. Each crane had an individually handwritten wish hidden inside.



Gorgeous holiday ornaments and delicious goodies, including Christmas and Hanukkah cookies, rugelachs, cakes, coffee, punch and eggnog, decorated the food table. Our hostesses were (from left): Lucille Riccardo, Carolyn Melia and Mary Ellen Bell.

WOMEN'S CLUB

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Postcards from Florida

Yes, the snowbirds have flown south which is so evident from the lack of cars traveling the streets of Four Seasons. But actually, there are never that many cars on the roads. For example, we've never had a traffic jam. The closest we've ever come to that is when a car stops in the very middle of the road to chat with a neighbor who is on the sidewalk. That person then comes over to the car in the middle of the road and leans into the driver's side window. Then oncoming cars attempt to navigate around the middle of the road car so as not to hit the neighbor leaning in the car window. It has been common courtesy in Four Seasons not to hit those chatting leaner-inners. But, I digress!

We snowbirds would like to be sure that when we send postcards north during the winter with pictures of swaying palm trees, pristine beaches and bikini clad maidens romping about, it's not a mean gesture to our frozen friends up north. We are not trying to rub it in that you're freezing up north as we sun ourselves in shorts and flip flops. "Oh no, no, no, the postcards are not rubbing it in.", he said with a sly grin. After all, not everything is peaches and cream in Florida. Though I must say the Florida peaches are quite good. We snowbirds do experience stress in the Sunshine State.

It is incumbent and proper protocol for snowbirds, early each morning, to check the weather reports both north and south. If there is not at least a twenty degree difference between the temperatures in Florida and Four Seasons, snowbirds start questioning why they came to Florida. Stress follows. In psychiatric circles this is known as the Snowbird Anxiety Syndrome. Fortunately, there is immediate therapy available. Those suffering from SAS just have to stand in the sun and look at a palm tree. In severe cases of SAS it also helps to rub suntan lotion all over the body while standing in the sun viewing a palm tree.

So, northerners, as you sit by the fireplace reading our postcards, know we are truly wishing our frozen friends the best as you fend off frostbite.

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Bob Wright was President, I was Vice-President. **James Brennan** was Secretary, **Marty Lefsky** was Assistant Treasurer and **Joe Garon** was Trustee at Large. It was a tough year medically for both Joe and Marty, so frequently Bob, James and I were the only ones present at most Board meetings. That was the year we decided to name the four ponds. Rather than keep calling them pond 3A or 3B and so on, we thought they should have real names and so we solicited suggestions from the community. As we reviewed potential names, it was Bob who came up with the name for the pond behind his house, Deer Meadow Pond. Deer Meadow Pond, of course, is the pond on the right side of the road, as you drive into the community on Cooper Blvd.

So, as you drive into the community and glance over at Deer Meadow Pond, remember Bob Wright.

Remember the man who served on the Board of Trustees over some eight years.

Remember the man who, when not on the Board, served on the Grounds and Irrigation Committee.

Remember the man who chaired the committee to replace over two hundred trees after superstorm Sandy.

Remember the man who was frequently seen walking with **Susan** to check first hand on projects going on in the community.

Remember the man whose loyal stewardship to the community made this a better and more beautiful place to live.

Remember Bob Wright and his generous volunteerism and ask ourselves, how can we continue his rich legacy by also stepping up and volunteering in some aspect of community life.

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-James Tighe



Thank You

We just want to express our sincere gratitude to the wonderful people of Four Seasons for the many cards, prayers, food and condolences given to our family at the time of the passing of **Bernie**. What a wonderful and caring community this is!

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

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SINGLES CLUB

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The Singles held its annual Christmas luncheon at the Spring Lake Golf Club on Thursday, December 15, 2016. The dining room, which featured an enormous wood burning fireplace, was beautifully decorated in festive holiday lights, evergreen boughs and red ribbons. Once again, **Marilyn Dick** served as the chair of this event, and we thank her for her efforts in organizing the lovely event. Singles Co-Presidents **Ollie Kraemer** and **Dee Kerrigan** conducted a game which featured a German tradition involving a pickle ornament. The final recipient of the pickle at each table also won the beautiful poinsettia centerpiece.

Our next gathering will be Monday, January 16, 2017 in the clubhouse ballroom. **Terry Eirich**, who will host the meeting, announced that we will have a white elephant exchange of recycled Christmas gifts. All new singles are welcome to join us for this fun event. Mark the date on your new 2017 calendar.

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

-Marilyn Carpini



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23	24 4:00pm Computer Club	25 9:00am Investment Club	26 BULK	27 7:00pm Winter Dance
30 9:30am Women's Club Bd Mtg	31 9:00am ACC	1 February	2 1:00pm Pool Committee	3
6 9:30am Women's Club Gen Mtg	7	8	9	10
13 4:00pm American Legion 7:00pm Book Club	14 Valentine's Day 9:00am ACC 9:30am Events Planning	15		13

WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Monday 8:00am Mermaids 9:00am Advanced Yoga 9:30am Power Walk 9:30am Water Lilies 12:30pm Bridge 1:00pm MahJongg 7:00pm Shanghai Rummy 7:00pm High Rollers	Tuesday 8:00am Mermaids 9:00am Gentle Yoga 9:30am Water Lilies 12:30pm Bridge 1:00pm Shanghai Rummy 7:30pm Bingo	Wednesday 8:00am Mermaids 9:30am Bridge Instruction 9:30am Power Walk 9:30am Water Lilies 12:30pm Bridge 1:00pm MahJongg	Thursday 8:00am Mermaids 9:00am Advanced Yoga 9:30am Water Lilies 12:30pm Bowling 1:00pm Canasta 7:00pm MahJongg 7:00pm High Rollers	Friday 8:00am Mermaids 9:30am Power Walk 9:30am Water Lilies 1:00pm Shanghai Rummy 1:00pm Bridge 7:30pm Movie

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MERMAIDS: As always, you did such a beautiful job of setting up and serving the refreshments. It involves a lot of work behind the scenes and I want you to know how much you are appreciated.

JOAN VALERIANI AND BOB WEHNER: Thanks for all the photos you took, and, Joan, for the lovely luminarias that lit our way into the clubhouse. What a nice touch!

BARBARA SANDS: I'll say it again; the decorations were elegant.

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On December 7, 56 of our residents took the Holiday Bus Ride to NYC. We fanned out all over the city. Some went to the tree, to St. Patrick's, Bryant Park, Saks Fifth, museums, and various theatres, and dinner venues. A group of 15 went to see **Cagney** and it was very enjoyable. The Devenishes are friendly with the star, Bobby Creighton, as you can see in the picture. A good time was had by all.

On December 12, we had sign-ups for Hunterdon Hills for May 18, and for the RiverBelle and Shrimp Box on **June 14**. We have three seats left for Hunterdon Hills, \$80.00, and the RiverBelle is waiting list only. Call **Cathy Vento** or **Joan Valeriani**.

Our best wishes for the New Year to all members of our community. We thank you for your support and participation. We will be signing up for the remaining trips in the spring. Watch for news in *The Voice*.

-Cathy Vento



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On behalf of the children, the Marines thank all who gave so generously to the TOYS FOR TOTS campaign. Through the generosity of our Four Seasons residents we collected SEVEN 55-gallon bags of toys and \$1000.00 in donations. There is nothing as heartwarming

as a happy child. This shows once again that the residents of Four Seasons are special people.

As a certain tot said years ago "Bless all here".

-Bill Burns



Photos by Joan Valeriani



Mark Clarkin presents \$1000 check to Sgt. Santilli
Pictured left to right: Anthony D'Altrui, Bob Okrasinski, Dennis Leonard, Sgt. Santilli,
Mark Clarkin, Bill Burns, Mario Valerani, Bob Pless

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AMERICAN LEGION



Arthur W. Potts Memorial Post 529
Veteran's helping Veterans
State Police Major visits; old soldiers celebrate Christmas
but remember the MIA's

Major Glen Szenzenstein, New Jersey State Police, visited Post 529 (see accompanying picture) at the invitation of Legionnaire **Bill Kelly**. The Major talked for forty minutes and could have talked twice as long, as the questions kept on coming. How many troopers? 2700. What was the highest number of troopers? 3300. How large are the classes held at the State Police Academy in Sea Girt? 200. How many cadets graduate from a class of 200? 135. What is the retirement age? Mandatory 55. Do military veterans get any preference? Yes. Are there recruiting problems? Yes, some towns and counties pay more than the state. What about body cameras? They are being implemented but it is not as simple as some think. All cars have Dash Cameras and they don't solve all the problems.

Photo by Rich Murray



Major Glen Szenzenstein, New Jersey State Police,
addresses Post 529

Post 529 celebrated the Christmas season at our December 12 meeting, where some "old soldiers" and some not so old enjoyed a bite to eat and a beverage. Yet even at this joyous time of the year we remember those who did not make it home. At every American Legion function at any level, the Post, the County, the District, the Department and the National the MIA's (Missing In Action) are remembered. There are eighty thousand plus still unaccounted for from all wars. In New Jersey our MIA's total 2,353, WWII 2,138, Korea 168, Viet Nam 42, Cold War 2, and from other incidents 3. Seven MIA's were accounted for from all jurisdictions from November 15 through November 30, 2016, 1 Marine WWII, 4 Soldiers Korea, 2 Airmen WWII.

HAPPY NEW YEAR from Post 529; keep the MIA's in your prayers.

-Rich Murray



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STRIKES, SPARES AND OTHER FOUR SEASONS BOWLING NEWS



The fall season ended 12/15/16. First place team was the Wall Flowers (**Pat Dankin, Darius Surenian**, Pat and Ed Rapoza). The second place team was the Lucky Strikes (**Marge Granata, Geri Tirpak, Maryann** and **Bill Kelly**). The third place team was Alley Oops (**Joan Valeriani, Lois** and **Ben Danese**). See accompanying photos.

Spring season starts January 12th and we can always find a place for new bowlers.

12/8/16 For the Ladies: Geri Tirpak had second high scratch game 145 and series 377. **Joan Daurio** had high scratch game 146 and series 417. Pat Rapoza had second high handicap game and series. **For the men: Cono Moreno** had high scratch game 165. **Tony Giani** had high scratch series 440 and second high game 158. **Ron Marmo** had high handicap series and second high scratch series 431. **Bill Kelly** had second high handicap game and series.

11/17/16 For the Ladies: **Carol Otto** had high scratch game 171 and series 495. **Lorraine Murray** had second high scratch game 163 and series 406 and high handicap game. **Pat Dankin** had high handicap series and second high handicap game. **Lillian Riley** had second high scratch series 406. **Geri Tirpak** had second high handicap series. For the men: Bill Roberts had high everything game 236, series 594 plus handicap game and series. **Donn Ruotolo** had second high handicap game. **Darius Surenian** had second high handicap series.



1st place: First place team Darius Surenian, Pat Dankin, Pat and Ed Rapoza



2nd place: Second place team Geri Tirpak, Bill and Maryann Kelly (missing Marge Granata)

Casey's Corner (In Memory of Harry Casey)

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?"

Artie said, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Eugene said, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a difference in people's lives."

Al said, "I'd like them to say," 'Look he's moving!'

John was on his deathbed and gasped pitifully, "Give me one last request, dear." "Of course, John," his wife said.

"Six months after I die," he said, "I want you to marry Bob." he said

"But I thought you hated Bob," she said.

With his last breath John said, "I do!"

A man goes to a shrink and says, "Doctor, my wife is unfaithful to me. Every evening, she goes to Larry's Bar and picks up men. In fact, she sleeps with anybody who asks her! I'm going crazy. What do you think I should do?" "Relax," says the Doctor, "take a deep breath and calm down. Now, tell me, exactly where is Larry's Bar?"

Rich Murray



Photos by Rich Murray



3rd place: Third place team Lois and Ben Danese and Joan Valeriani

On The Street Where You Live

Barbara & Craig Sands
1549 Harvest Lane

Photo by Joan Daurio



After nine dumpsters finally departed the driveway of their newly purchased Four Seasons home in 2014, Barbara and Craig were overly anxious to unpack and settle in. Their new residence had been totally transformed and expanded and looks absolutely phenomenal, bright, open, comfy and welcoming! It was more than well worth the wait! (When I visited them on December 6, the house was decorated so gloriously for Christmas with four gorgeous trees and some sort of holiday trinket in every free corner. You know immediately that this is the home of an artistic Christmas lover!)

The Sands are yet another couple who are no strangers to the shore, having lived in Sea Girt for the past seven years. There Barbara was active in the Sea Girt Holly Club, where she met **Arlene Burns** (who I would think might have just had an eency bit of influence on their decision to move here). Barbara continues to nurture her floral passion at Four Seasons where her creativity has already blossomed in other areas (... you will soon hear all about them).

These two were first attracted to each other as teenagers, juniors at Cranford High School many moons ago, when they started dating. Barbara went on to graduate from the Institute of Merchandising in New York City, while Craig attended Gettysburg College, majoring in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. Craig mastered every sport he took up, including basketball (high school and, at a local level, until he was 60!), baseball (high school and college) and finally golf (which he still loves). They married a few weeks after graduation and ended up living in Cranford for over half a century.

Barbara, with her degree in marketing/retail was first employed at Bamberger's in Newark. Later she worked for 15 years at a pre-school in Westfield, intensifying her love

of little ones. The two companies for which Craig worked that inspired him the most were Cytyc, which developed many vital and innovative women's products for female health, and Coulter Electronics that developed many new technologies, including blood cell counting devices.

They have four grown children. First arrivals thirty-seven years ago were twins Christopher (Madison, New Jersey with two children) and Jennifer (Cranford with three children). Then came Robert (Hoboken, with baby #1, Owen Robert, just born on December 13!), followed by Kate (Sea Girt Estates). Christopher and Robert married sisters, each having found a perfect match, to confuse or simplify the relationships - however you may view this connection. This is a very tight, loving family, with all generations getting along famously.

Barbara's creative vein mentioned earlier first sprouted here when last June she co-chaired with **Marilyn Wehner** our Women's Club exclusive Sunset Dessert. What she remembers most warmly of this 'first encounter' was the unbeatably uplifting team spirit her numerous lady helpers demonstrated. She then took over the decorations for the colorfully tropical and fun Margaritaville celebration in August. And most recently she headed the team that decorated our clubhouse foyer so beautifully for the holiday season around the lovely new furniture. By the time she (again with Marilyn) has completed decorating for our 2017 Sunset Dessert, she will have memorized where every single piece of decorative ribbon, centerpiece, vase, tchotchke, etc. can be found and will already have brilliant new ideas on how to combine them.

Craig, on the other hand, was tapped early on to join our Architectural Control Committee. Having survived with flying colors nine dumpsters and a complete home renovation, he was a prime target to be looped into the committee that discusses designs, works on modifications and other exterior home changes, and aims for overall community beauty. He very much appreciates all aspects of Four Seasons, including the large lot sizes, high ceilings, proximity to the ocean and beaches, and much more.

Craig is proud to have already provided all residents with valuable discounts at a variety of local businesses. (NB: He would appreciate help in expanding this offer!) He remarked that last year's Holly Follies was so very heartwarming. It proved what he had assumed, that folks come here "...not to live out the rest of their lives, but to start new lives!" They both love the energy, friendliness and warmth of everyone here: and their friends find exactly those same characteristics in Barbara and Craig!! If you haven't had the opportunity yet, you gotta meet them!

-Joan Daurio



KIRMS PHOTOGRAPHY

Follow The Light

The most important thing in photography is the light. A mediocre subject in great light will always make a better image than a great subject in poor light.

Don't pass up opportunities when you know the light will be good. While driving to work one day in November, I saw some great color in the foliage in Shark River Hills, but it was a cloudy day with very flat light. Not the best for a foliage shot.

When I left work I noticed the clouds were breaking, so I thought I'd try a shot of the foliage. On the way there the sun was lighting up the trees and it looked great. The bright foliage against the dark clouds would make a great shot.

By the time I reached my destination (only a few minutes), the sun was blocked by a large cloud and the light was flat again. The sun was low in the horizon and it didn't look like I was going to get my shot. I thought the sun would set before the cloud moved away.

I decided to set up and wait. I found a spot that gave me a good composition and hoped for the best. After about 15 minutes the sun broke through for a brief moment and I got my shot. The sun then disappeared again and the scene went flat once more.

The moral of this story is: follow the good light and wait for the right moment, and you'll get the shots that many others miss.

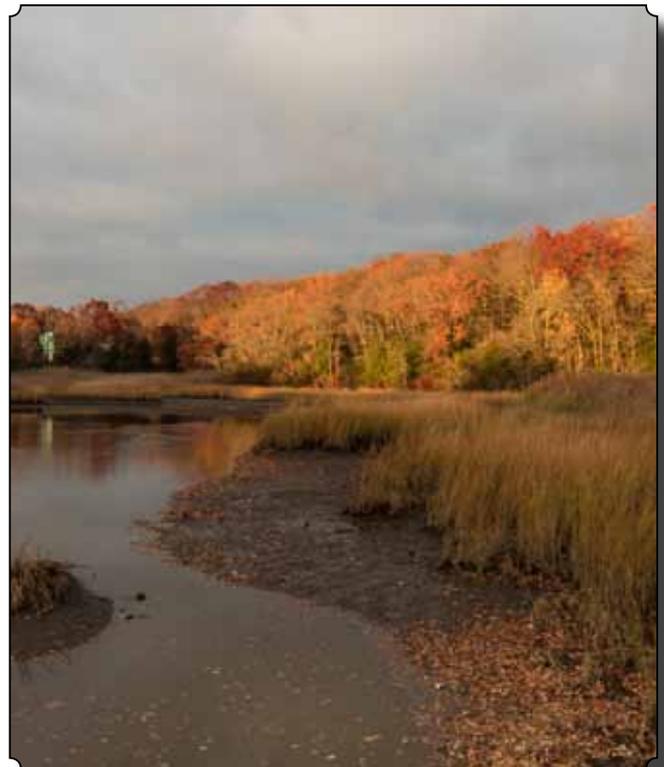
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