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Wednesday, September 20, 11:00 AM

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Thursday, October 19, 7:30 PM

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- 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.

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A Tribute to “Our Voice”

If you only read *The Voice* maybe now and then, let it be this issue. The articles, recollections and fine personal accounts by these early resident “settlers” in this 20th Anniversary issue should make all current residents feel proud and grateful that so many have worked so hard to make Four Seasons at Wall the premier active adult community that it is today.

An essential ingredient in making this happen through this last score of years is the written communication available and so often needed from our newsletters, especially *The Voice*. Its premier issue was May 1998 with an article about the clubhouse opening on April 24, and for the next nineteen plus years, the diligent and hard work of all this newsletter’s volunteer staff has been exceptional and greatly appreciated.

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-Theresa Driscoll



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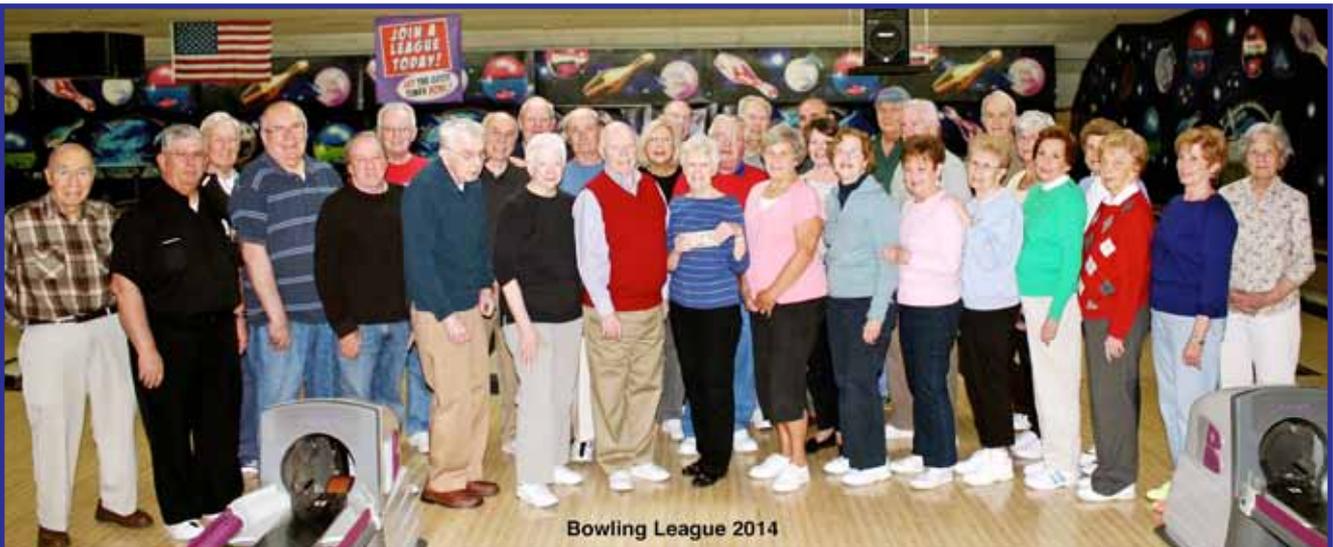
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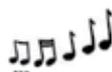
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UPCOMING EVENTS

 <h3 style="text-align: center;">Singles</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, September 18 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Party on Veranda</p> 	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Rosh Hashanah</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, September 21</p> 
 <h3 style="text-align: center;">1st Day of Autumn</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, September 22</p> 	 <h3 style="text-align: center;">Women's Club Board Meeting</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, September 25 9:30 a.m.</p>
 <h3 style="text-align: center;">Chorale</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">1st Practice Clubhouse Ballroom Tuesday, September 26 - 10:30 a.m.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tickets on sale for</p> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Golf Dinner Dance*</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, September 30 Clubhouse 10:00 a.m. - Noon</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">(* Wednesday, November 8 / 6-10 p.m. - Crystal Point)</p>
 <h3 style="text-align: center;">Happy Hour</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Thurs., Sept. 28 - 5:30 p.m. Veranda - Bring Snacks to Share BYO Beverages</p> 	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Monmouth Winds Concert</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, October 1 / 4:00-6:30 p.m. Followed by Wine/Cheese/Sandwiches</p>  
 <h3 style="text-align: center;">Health Fair</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, October 12 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon</p> 	 <h3 style="text-align: center;">Women's Club General Meeting</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, October 2 - 9:30 a.m. Raconteur Radio "Sorry, Wrong Number"</p> 
 <h3 style="text-align: center;">Kids' Halloween Parade & Party</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, October 22 - 1:00 p.m. Trunk Treating in Clubhouse Parking Lot (Watch for Flyer.)</p> 	 <h3 style="text-align: center;">General Meeting</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, October 19 7:30 p.m.</p>
  <h3 style="text-align: center;">Holiday Party</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, December 10 / 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Spring Lake Bath + Tennis Club Hors D'Oeuvres / Open Bar / Cocktails (See Details in October Voice.)</p>   	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Harvest Dance</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, November 11 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. BYO - Karaoke + DJ (Details in October Voice.)</p> 

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Although the beginning history of our House + Recreation Committee is not readily available to our staff, here are just a few events that occurred under the very capable leadership of **Darius Surenian**, who chaired the committee for over four years. In the summer of 2003 a *Welcoming Committee* was formed; October of 2003 the first *Kids Halloween Parade and Party* was celebrated; renovation of the Clubhouse basement was also completed around that time; summer of 2004 a new photo directory was distributed; July 4, 2004 began the ever-popular tradition of Saturday Hot Dogs, as the Board of Trustees declared Saturdays a *Family Day*, allowing grandchildren to use the outdoor pool from 11:00 AM through 6:00 PM; in October of 2004 Dr. Tepper introduced *Friday Night at the Movies*; in 2005 there was a hugely successful *Spring Fling* that brought in enough money to buy much more appropriate equipment for the Fitness Center; in February of 2007 a wide-screen TV and lounge chairs were added to the basement all-purpose room.

Especially for newer residents, it's difficult to imagine what our courageous 'Pilgrims' faced, arriving here with very few amenities that were to ensure quality of life. It took years for everything to come together: the completed Clubhouse, homes that were problem-free, beautiful ponds with aerators, mature landscaping, established, functioning clubs and committees, ... the list is never-ending. The *Voice* staff has enormous respect for the first residents who recognized the potential of the community, dealt with the challenges they faced, and persevered no matter what! Hats off to you, brave souls!!

-Joan Daurio



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Many of our original fifteen are still members today, and still dedicate their time and talents to keeping up not only the Gazebo (our first project, planted seasonally and serving as a *Welcome* to our Four Seasons community), but also the flower pots on the Clubhouse patio and by the Gazebo at the entrance to the pool, as well as the flower wagon at the entrance to the Clubhouse. We hold a Christmas Tree Lighting each year at the Gazebo to welcome in the season with music, wine and snacks. We welcome new residents, and invite you to come to our meetings, which are listed in *The Voice*.

-Lorraine Walsh




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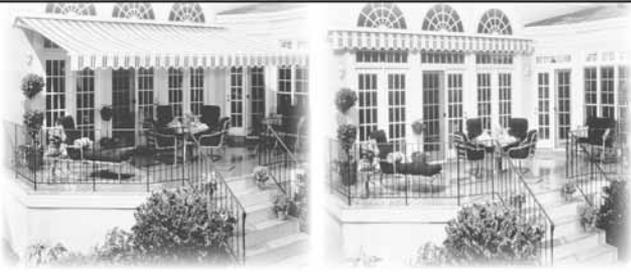
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-Bob Okrasinski

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The girls and guys were more than just fellow players ... they were the best of the best! We had team competitions with other clubs and regular play: women's play, men's play and mixed play! And to top it all off, let's not forget the socials on the veranda!

Good times always!

Tennis at Four Seasons quickly became family ... many wonderful lifelong friendships have been made. And, although many of our original members are no longer with us today, they remain forever in our hearts and will always be part of our 'Tennis Team.'

-Patsy Sullivan



THE CHORALE

The Four Seasons Chorale was the dream of **Florence Keating**. To 'get things started' she honed in on **Ginny Jasko** to conduct until someone better qualified came along. Ginny only had a minor in music and in no way anticipated that she would be leading this wonderful group twenty years later! The group began with about 55 members. House & Recreation donated a very generous \$25 to get started [Ginny: "Are you kidding? But no hard feelings."]. **Bernie Kerrigan** donated their first folders and Florence and Ginny "begged, borrowed and kinda stole our first music." Singers baked cookies and made punch, and the dear Mermaids were servers and food providers- a gracious and welcome donation that has become tradition over the years. Florence and Ginny had agreed there would never be a charge for the holiday concert. However, funds were needed nonetheless to buy music, pay the accompanist, provide refreshments, etc. So several themed talent shows were presented throughout the years that were great fun (*Cabaret* their first show at which wine, cheese and fancy desserts were served, followed by *The Best of Times*, *Holly Follies*, and *Holly Follies II*). Tickets were sold, money was raised and today the Chorale is still going strong to the delight of our residents. Ginny says: "Please come join us and infuse this most wonderful group with new ideas and talent!"



FITNESS CENTER

When the Clubhouse was completed in 1998, the Fitness Center boasted only twelve pieces of equipment supplied by K. Hovnanian. The weight equipment was limited to one large machine which was not appropriate for women or men. Something needed to be done. In 2005, a new Health & Fitness Committee was formed by **Mike Steven, Henry Garbarino, Gail Gillingham** and **Bob Ward**. In addition, **Marge Geary, Aine Lynch-Powers**, and **Marie Steven** were of great help. Our goal was to develop a plan for the center to make it a state-of-the-art facility, one we could all be proud of. It was necessary to find the funds to purchase the equipment, since the HOA had no budget for new equipment.

We searched the internet for available equipment. An ad appeared for used equipment being sold by a women's gym that had recently closed. Mike and Henry drove up North to check out the equipment that was one year old and in pristine condition. We agreed to buy eight pieces for \$6,000 without any money. With the Board's support, an advance was offered to cover the initial expenditure that soon was repaid after an extremely successful *Spring Fling Dance Party* fundraiser. The committee went on to raise approximately \$30,000. With these funds we purchased four additional stations for the circuit, (which cost almost as much as the original eight) and four elliptical stations, a recumbent bike, and stretching cage. In addition, training sessions were held for the community to introduce residents to the new equipment. **Hank McNally** was also extremely generous in donating funds from his lectures that he had presented in our Ballroom.

The current Fitness Committee, headed by **Rich Murray**, is doing a great job of maintaining the equipment, replacing and upgrading the Fitness Center. It is a great asset, providing not only top-notch equipment for the physical fitness of our residents; it has also increased the value of our homes, especially for buyers looking for a place to exercise. Over the years the Fitness Center has become a great resource. It is also a place for socializing where many lasting friendships have developed.

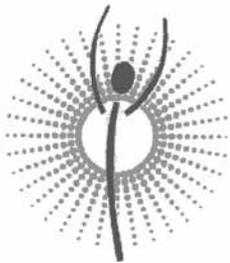
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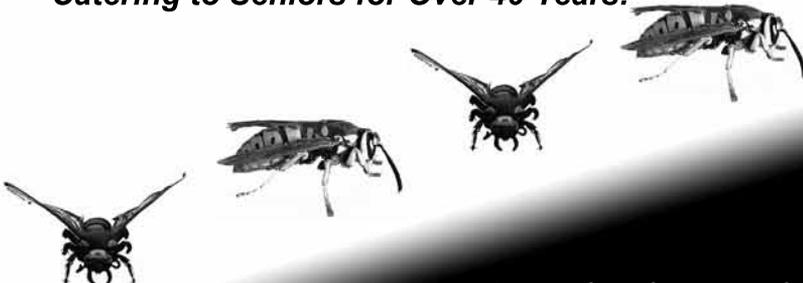
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About 8 years ago, they held a contest to formally name the group. With 18 entries, 'Free Spirits' won the most votes and became the official name of the group. Dues of \$5 per year would be charged and programs became the routine structure for the monthly meetings. Our membership reached a high of 55 this past year. We enjoy many varied monthly programs and activities which include speakers, games, a white elephant exchange, movies, cocktail parties, potluck dinners, occasional outings to local attractions, charitable initiatives, and many others.

Twenty years later, Ollie Kraemer is still in a leadership role as co-head, along with **Dee Kerrigan**. Dues are now \$10.00 per year for the new 2017-2018 season. Just in the past year, members voted to revert the group's name to the 'Singles Club.' With almost 60 members, we always welcome and encourage all single men and women residents to join our group.

-Marilyn Carpini



WOMEN'S CLUB

Looking Back

The early years at Four Seasons were a time of coming together into a community. There were social events, sports activities and homeowner association meetings. Yet there were some residents who felt the need for something more – a positive environment where they could freely discuss common concerns, express opinions and address issues both within and outside the community. This led **Fran Reed and Ann Licata**, with the support of several others, to call a meeting in the spring of 2000 of all women in the community who might be interested in exploring this concept. Initially, more than fifty women openly exchanged ideas and were eager to get something going. Attendance at follow-up meetings throughout the summer grew as discussions began to shape a loosely-structured "women's group." Ideas coalesced and a purpose evolved into a Mission Statement, emphasizing friendship, learning and service.

In the fall of 2000, officers were elected and our first service projects chosen. Guest speakers broadened our horizons on a wide variety of topics and in June 2002, we held our first Sunset Dessert. Education surfaced early as an important interest, and in 2005 the first scholarship was awarded to a Wall High School student.

The continuing success of the Women's Club reflects the vision and commitment of the founding members. To quote one of these women: "You don't have to know a backhand from a no-trump hand. You just need an open mind, an open heart and an open hand to the women around you."

-Marilyn Falvey



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A Look Back in Time

K Hovnanian referred to the Four Seasons at Wall in his advertisements as “The ultimate active adult community, having the perfect blend of design, recreation, privacy, and standard of living combined with the K. Hovnanian reputation for delivering homes of the highest quality and lasting value.”

Over the years our Boards of Trustees have worked tirelessly to assure that K. Hovnanian’s early claims would always remain true. Early Boards held K. Hovnanian’s feet to the fire during the transition years to ensure our common area items (Clubhouse, grounds, and amenities) met all requirements as promised. Lawyers were hired to help negotiate with the builder, and hearings were held before the State Commission of Investigation. Roads and drainage systems were inspected by engineers employed by the Board, along with retention basins and grounds. After several years of hard work and negotiation, items were put into compliance or funds were delivered to en-

able the community to do so. One result was turning two retention basins into the beautiful ponds which enhance our community today.

Since the Board was only allowed to deal with “Common Area” issues with the builder, a “Concerned Homeowners” organization was formed to aid homeowners with their individual issues, such as driveways, garages, re-inspection of electric panels, grounding wires, and attic trusses for code compliance. **Bill Collis** and his committee spearheaded this effort to make sure K. Hovnanian’s affirmations of “Quality from foundation to roof” were upheld. **Sander Kelman** was a great asset in achieving this goal.

Twenty years later we reap the benefits of our conscientious Trustees and dedicated homeowners. New Board members have maintained the community to high standards, thus ensuring that Four Seasons at Wall remains the **ultimate active adult community**.

-Ginny Orbe



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Early Settlers

Alyce Glennon recalls that this location of Four Seasons at Wall was never advertised. Cars lined up on the first day orders were taken to buy a house. There were no models at the site. You had to go down to Lakewood's Four Seasons to see some models and not all models were there. Location was the big factor in picking a home, and it still is. In the first years, construction made for dusty windows and muddy roads. No landscaping or leafy trees, but people came from all over, especially New Jersey and New York. We were all strangers to each other, but soon bonded. Lasting friendships were formed and we became a family in many ways. Hopefully, that continues.

The first people she and **Bill Glennon** met were **Frank** and **Diana Sullivan**. Diana told Alyce about the paper drapes that were sold at Home Depot. Alyce soon realized half of Four Seasons had "Paper Drapes" for privacy until the real drapes were installed.

For months, there was no Clubhouse or pool, but when the indoor pool opened, Alyce and **Mike Simko** got up early in the morning to be the first residents to take a dip. The heated pool was a real luxury.

Pat McBarron recalls the excitement and joy of moving into a brand-new home in a lovely new community. She remembers the joy of meeting all the wonderful, talented and friendly people who were starting so many activities, clubs and sports that residents enjoy today. She enjoyed the rather raucous general meetings that were held early on. She and her husband, **Tom**, felt blessed to have the good fortune to live at Four Seasons at Wall.

Susan Wright remembers crying. She cried from the time **Bob** suggested they sell their house in Woodcliff Lake and move to Four Seasons. You see, she had been working as a nurse at a senior citizen home and felt that, although she loved her job, she did not want to live with "seniors." It did not help that, when she attended the first community meeting at the Wall Firehouse, she saw a sea of gray heads. She hid in the back of the meeting room while Bob and **Dick Gennaro** were elected to represent the community. Susan thought she would never settle in, so Bob suggested she start digging an escape tunnel. That became a standard tease as friends would ask, "How is the tunnel coming along?" When the gym opened, she went to exercise every day and noticed the couples coming through to tour, considering purchasing homes. It did not take long before she was showing them her Harvest Lane home so they could see what the finished product could look like. **Lois** and **Bob Deane** bought a Danberry with a loft just like the Wrights. She remembers **Mark** and **Joan Clarkin** and **Marybeth** and **Sander Kelman**. Finally, the tears stopped and as many of you know ... the rest of the story.

Bernice Arena remembers anxiously awaiting the arrival of the moving van. She and **Frank** saw it come, saw it pass their house to make a U-turn and saw it sink in the sand. Unfortunately, Collier Road was not paved beyond their home. There was the van, rocking back and forth. The Arenas could not believe what they were seeing. Were their belongings OK? Hovnanian had to bring in heavy-duty equipment to rescue the van. Meanwhile their toddler granddaughter disappeared down an embankment behind their new home. She was rescued and they all slept very well their first night on Collier Road.

Ginny Jasko was another one never about to live in an "adult community." Perish the thought! She and **Al** were looking for property on the Manasquan River, where she had lived before they married. They happened on Four Seasons, liked the spacing of the houses and the welcoming people. Phase Four was yet to open, and after three more visits, they decided to buy. At that time, rumor had it that there would be a "rush" for lots when it opened for sales. The night before that big day, Al slept in the car as a line formed in the parking lot. Ginny's husband became known as "Al #1" because he was the first to choose a lot. Ginny says, "Perish the thought" – they almost missed out on the best move of their lives!

In 1998 **Doris Drury** asked **Jack**, "Do you think our move to Four Seasons at Wall is a wise decision?" Jack replied, "Our roots are in the greater Newark area. We were born there, graduated from elementary and secondary school, and were married there. Then we moved to Westfield to educate our three boys, who are now located all over the country. We always wanted to live by the shore – so let's go!"

They arrived at Four Seasons in August, 1998 and were told that there would be 400 houses (filled with strangers). They didn't know anyone there: it was like staying in another world. As they walked into the Clubhouse one day, a pleasant man approached them and asked (after looking at their name tags), "Are you Jack Drury from Barringer High School in Newark? I'm **Sam Marcolus** - I moved here a few months ago. Welcome!" Sam had been a football standout and track star, and Jack was a basketball player and cross-country runner. Sam and Jack both graduated from Barringer High School together. Sam introduced them to everyone, and they began their new lives at Four Seasons.

Norma Burleson is an 'original' who moved here with her husband **Claude** in 1998 as first owners. They were Florida residents (Boca Raton) who needed to fly up numerous times to make sure construction details met

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their approval. It was during a Superbowl game in 2000 when Claude was called to check on progress. However, when he arrived, he had to wade through puddles of water that had accumulated due to a faulty \$5 insulation part in the kitchen ceiling. All first floor carpets, hardwood floors, molding and several pieces of furniture were soaked. It took nearly four months, again with many return trips from Florida, until everything was repaired, dried and restored. Norma claims theirs was the first major calamity ... with more to follow throughout the community.

Being great hosts, they had a memorable White Party around the spring of 2002: everyone had to wear white from top to bottom to match all white decorations. Then ten years later, alone after the passing of Claude, Sandy hit. 'Parties' continued, but now only drinks and crackers were served, and lighting was provided by flashlights. Despite the despair and inconvenience of the aftermath of that devastating storm, she felt a close bond to her gracious and generous neighbors. Now she still loves to entertain and is thrilled when she is visited by her 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Just this summer she welcomed relatives from New Mexico, Virginia, California and Iowa!

It was 1997 and **Carole** and **Nick Korolkoff** were anxious, excited and apprehensive. Neighbors of thirty years thought they were deserting them, and their kids thought they were nuts ("ten years too soon"). However, they felt the time was right to move. But where? - to Maryland or Virginia near the grandchildren? Or rather stay in this area with the beloved beach, boating on the Manasquan River and many long-time friends? Suddenly they heard of a new community coming to Wall. Decision was made! The house took forever to be completed, so a beach house was rented and winter clothes were retrieved from storage. Checking on progress meant sneaking in over a back hill behind Tanner while the guard wasn't looking. As work on the floor was being finished, they were curious as to how they would access the basement. The reassuring response from the workers was: "You have a basement?" Then to support the loft (of which Hovnanian claimed to have built several), the side of the house had to be opened to insert a steel beam, raising the wall over an inch. Nerves on edge, or not yet?

One October **Carole** organized a foliage bus trip to upstate New York. Nearly anything that could go wrong, did: complaints abounded about West Point, the hotel, food at the Culinary Institute – and, even worse, not a single colored leaf was to be seen! Finally, relieved to be on their way home, the bus broke down. Ingenuity saved the day while waiting hours for a reserve Lakewood bus to rescue them: money was pooled, NY lottery tickets were bought, a pizza restaurant and liquor store were discovered and a raucously merry time kept minds preoccupied for hours

until they could continue their journey home.

In 1998 **Dee Kerrigan** was approached by **Babs Irwin** to join the women's bocce league. Dee responded to Babs, "But I don't know how to play bocce." Replies Babs, "That's OK, no one else does either." So Dee joined the bocce gang, was appointed captain of her team, and they went on to win the Women's Team Championship of that inaugural year. As Dee recounted the story, she couldn't help giggling all the way through it. She finished by asking, "Do you know the name of our team? We were the 'Ball Busters!'" The trophy resides on the lower level of the Clubhouse, and Dee was happy to see her team memorialized.

When **Gloria Moreno** moved here as another 'original,' there were no card groups. She started a Poker round and soon there were four groups playing. Then **Vera Taylor** introduced Shanghai Rummy, which Gloria enjoyed running for about nine years before **Mary Lou Guarini** took over. Gloria baked something for every Monday evening game, and had the ladies over for lunch at her home, the last at which she hosted twenty-one! Then along came Bowling, which **Arthur Potts** began: **Harry Casey** and Gloria helped where parties were enjoyed at the Clubhouse and guys did the grilling. She and **Joann Carton** worked on a team to organize spectacular St. Patty's Day dinner dances, for which they made their own soda bread. She also helped create the Mixed Bocce Leagues with **Donn Ruotolo**. Sign-ups were in the Clubhouse and teams were completed by picking names out of a hat. Additionally, women's Bocce games in the fall were organized by Gloria and **Barbara Libecchi**.

Joann Petti remembers **Ann Licata's** gorgeously elegant, vintage red hat that she often wore, referring to it as her favorite lucky hat. Come holiday season, a large feather was added and she donned it on every December bus trip to NYC. Halloween dances also remain great memories for Joann, especially when she was Dorothy, hubby **Dennis** the scarecrow, and **Elaine** and **Charlie Judice** the lion and tin man respectively.

Rita and **Jim Buffington** moved from Brielle in 1997. They loved the amenities as well as the extremely active residents. However, what they enjoyed the most, both coming from musical backgrounds (school and church choirs), were the varied performances of **Ginny Jasko's** Chorale. Jim remarks: "The talent that these shows provided, like Sophie Tucker and Al Jolson, dancers, skit writers and actors made all the magic happen. Rita, my beloved, passed away six years ago, but with the recordings of the performances, I can watch and see my wife's smiling, energetic face as she sings with the choir and plays the guitar." Another concert coming up? "Hey, Ginny, you go girl! And thank you for the music and the joy you gave us." □



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Pat and Bob Pless

For 16 years, Pat and Bob Pless were weekend residents of Four Seasons before they made the move to full-time retirement residency. They considered the location to be an ideal combination of proximity to the beach, shopping, restaurants and the parkway. Like so many other residents encouraged by their children, the Plesses' daughter convinced them to move permanently to Four Seasons to enjoy their friends and all the things they like about the shore. In 2014, they did just that; and fortunately, their son soon moved closer, and now they enjoy their young grandchildren more frequently.

Even as part-time residents, Pat and Bob enjoyed the informal get-togethers with neighbors, the events at the Clubhouse, and all the activities that the community facilities provided. Bob has achieved immortality as the winner of the first billiards tournament in 1999, and 18 years later he repeated his first-place win. This warm and friendly couple volunteer to assist in many community activities, including social events and holiday decorating.

In their own words, Bob and Pat said it best: "Since many of us enjoyed meeting and making new friends, couples got together and hosted parties for their many friends. We, along with **Lois and Ben Danese**, had a backyard BBQ for 40-50 people. Other fun get-togethers included brunch at the Meritage, dinner at the Black Trumpet, lunch at Spring Lake Country Club, etc. One of the most fun parties was an Italian wedding at the Wall firehouse, with **Phyllis and Sam Marcolus** as the bride and groom, along with their mostly Italian wedding party. We assisted **Don and Joan Garetano** with the 2000 Millennium New Year's Eve party in the Clubhouse, which was a big success. We had a great time on our trip to Las Vegas. So many, many wonderful memories of our last 19+ years here." They wish to add, "HAPPY 20th ANNIVERSARY, FOUR SEASONS!"

-Marilyn Carpini



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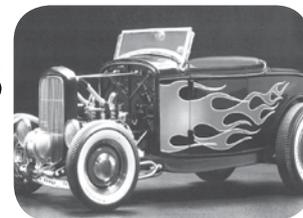
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Mario and Joan Valeriani

While not quite into retirement mode, but empty nesters nonetheless, **Mario and Joan Valeriani** made the decision to downsize after learning about Four Seasons from **Arnold and Elaine Petti**. One visit by Joan and that was it! Four Seasons would be their next home. Fortunately, Mario agreed once he saw the location. Joan continued her career for nine additional years, while Mario embarked upon a second career as he started his own business.

Both Valerianis spoke of the warm and friendly atmosphere from the beginning. Both people-oriented, they agree that the people are a significant attraction to our community. Of course, the beautiful resort-like landscape was the perfect backdrop for a fun-filled lifestyle experience. Both have made lasting friendships with other residents. Joan is taking some credit for her role as matchmaker, somewhat like "Hello Dolly," in bringing dear friends **Cathy Vento** and **Dan Murray** together. The Valerianis enjoy every event held at Four Seasons, and both actively volunteer at almost every one. Mario is a member of the

Marines at Four Seasons and currently serves as Sergeant-at-Arms. Joan assisted **Bill Burns** in the Marines' initiative to adorn every mailbox with an American flag, a project that continues today with **Anthony D'Altrui**.

For the last 6 years, Joan and Mario have been actively involved with our On-the-Go travel club, along with **Cathy Vento, John Giordano, Rich and Lorraine Murray**, and advisor **Arthur Licata**. In earlier years, Joan has served as Women's Club Co-Treasurer, instituted the ID adult initiative, and continues as an active member of the Social Concerns Committee. Both Valerianis play Bocce, Pickleball and Golf while Joan still enjoys Tennis. Mario is a medical transportation volunteer, a member of the Investment Club and a regular with the poker group. If you're running an event or activity in this community and you need help, both Joan and Mario are always ready to jump in and lend a hand. Their high energy and drive to keep this community an icon in adult communities are unmatched.

-Marilyn Carpini



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A View From a Newbie

Although I did not move to Four Seasons at Wall until 2013, I have a memory of the beginning of the community to share. I was working in the Federal Building in Newark, taking retirement applications for the Social Security Administration. Several clients advised me they were moving to "The Shore." My ears would perk up and I would ask, "Whereabouts?" They would tell me about Four Seasons at Wall and give me their Manasquan address.

My husband **Bill** and I had dated for several summers at the shore, enjoying the Manasquan beach, The Osprey, Jimmy Byrnes' Sea Girt Inn and Sunday Mass at the Beach Chapel of St. Denis, followed by breakfast at Pat's Diner. Little did I know that years later we would move to Sparrowbush Lane and resume our "Shore Life." If any of you readers remember filing your application in Newark with Mrs. Alexander, let me know. I hope your life here has been a happy one.

-Ann Alexander



Anthony and Ann Pilone

After retiring in 1998, **Anthony** and **Ann Pilone** knew that they wanted to be "Down the Shore," particularly in Monmouth County. Initially, they were looking at single family homes in Wall Twp. When their daughter suggested they visit Four Seasons, they hesitated, due to the unfair connotation of senior communities. However, when they observed people playing tennis and other beautiful community features, and after touring the models, they knew this was the place for them. The home they chose had sufficient room for their visiting children and grandchildren. Family means everything to the Pilones, and they have special memories of their son visiting with their first grandchild enjoying the swimming pool.

After moving to the Four Seasons, Ann soon became involved with the Water Lilies and is a member of the Women's Club. Anthony was on the initial ACC committee for a 3 year term and is currently on the Judiciary Committee. The Pilones enjoy all the parties and events at the Four Seasons, but one of the most memorable and fun-filled was Casino Night many years ago, simply a fabulous event. A singular event which caused Ann's heart to swell with pride was when their daughter Lynn, an Assistant Prosecutor for Middlesex County, was the featured speaker at a Women's Club meeting.

While Ann maintains a much lower profile, Anthony is easily recognized on his energetic daily walks through the community and also for his love of dancing. Anthony doesn't miss a dance during community events and is most often on the dance floor with his sister **JoAnn Schwarzbek**; however, he reserves all slow dances for his sweetheart Ann.

-Marilyn Carpini



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Patricia and Walter Nicholson

The **Nicholsons** were considering a move down the shore after retirement, and in concert with their Bay Head friends, **Jim** and **Grace Brennan**, both couples found their way to Four Seasons. Selecting their models and their building lots at the same time in November 1996, they moved in on target in January 1998. This extremely active couple, with smiles on their faces, and twinkles in their eyes, readily answers every question with simple answers. It's all about the people in Four Seasons. Moving into Four Seasons was the beginning of a very active and very social life for **Patricia** and **Walter**.

Both **Nicholsons** fondly recall the Tauck trips and all of their experiences with the Travel Club. On 9/11, they were vacationing in the Canadian Rockies when they learned of the tragedy and subsequent shutdown of U.S. airspace. How would they all get home? They continued their vacation, and Tauck arranged a special flight for the group who arrived home only one hour later than originally scheduled. They have countless recollections of special parties and in particular was the hilarious Italian Wedding party, hosted by **Phyllis** and **Sam Marcolus**, held at the Wall firehouse. Impromptu events included watching **Tom Bukata** row around the Falls Pond in his inflatable boat.

Patricia and Walter are as active as any two people can be. Patricia participates in water aerobics, Mahjongg, Bocce, walking, knitting and only recently retired from heading up the Hospitality Committee for the Women's Club for many years. Walter has been on the *Voice* staff for 12 years, is a card player, and an original member of our American Legion post. He's in the Chorale, the Croquet group, the Transportation volunteers, co-head of the Computer Club, a member of the Investment Club, plays Bocce and Shuffleboard. Can you tell I was exhausted at the end of this discussion? I can't keep up with this energetic couple. Can you?

-Marilyn Carpini



John and Jean Fastenau

Finding themselves to be retired empty nesters in a large home in Garden City, Long Island, New York, **John** and **Jean Fastenau** began considering their options. Friends of theirs, **Ann** and **Jack Begley**, learned of Four Seasons from their daughter, were impressed and prevailed upon Jean and John to visit the location and tour the models. Both the Begleys and the Fastenaus soon purchased their homes. Situated about halfway between both of their children, John and Jean found the location to be ideal. They find the convenient access to family and friends, theaters, New York, the ocean, shopping and restaurants to be additional ongoing benefits to life in Four Seasons.

Both John and Jean were very active in community events, especially the Four Seasons Travel Club. They have very fond memories of a wonderful trip to Ireland in 2000 with the group. Numerous block parties and get-togethers for all kinds of reasons were early evidence of a very harmonious, congenial Harvest Lane neighborhood that continues today with many newer neighbors. Jean was involved with the Water Lilies, Mahjongg, and the early years of the Croquet group. John was a valuable member of the Finance Committee in the early Four Seasons years, and for a time, an active member of the Chorale. John's solo performance of "O Holy Night" is especially memorable for them.

The Fastenaus have a treasure trove of photographs, original sales brochures and scrapbooks and they continue to cherish all of the memories associated with their keepsakes. These days you'll see them attending weekly Bingo, Friday Night Movies, all the homeowners meetings, and select events, including, of course, the Christmas Concert.

- Marilyn Carpini



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Ann DeJacomo, In Her Own Words

After the loss of my husband, my daughter **Diana**, who resided in Wall, insisted I come and check out Four Seasons because she did not want me alone in North Jersey. With much apprehension, I faced a very difficult decision as I was leaving a 43-year lifestyle among friends, along with a seventeen-year business of my own. I soon found a great community atmosphere, camaraderie, support from new friends, as well as many activities which offered many varied choices to meet people and enjoy life in Four Seasons. In the final chapter of my life, there is no place else I would rather be.

My most memorable event occurred when I was attending a Clubhouse event on my birthday. Not only did the entire ballroom of partygoers sing "Happy Birthday," but they gave me a heart-warming standing ovation. It was a wonderful evening, made even more special with Diana there among my friends. More recently, I received an overwhelming surprise at Sunset Dessert when I was honored for my service and volunteerism to the community in a special presentation by the Women's Club Co-Presidents. The gifts were wonderful; however, the recognition and standing ovation filled my heart with joy.

These days, I continue to enjoy the theater group and look forward to the weekly movies, but I especially enjoy the post movie conversations with great desserts and long-time friends. As long as I can keep walking, talking and gambling, I will continue to enjoy the movies, bingo, the gym, the pool and all the happy events at Four Seasons.

-Ann DeJacomo



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The Ponds

Committee for Conversion of Basins 3A & 3B to Wet Ponds “A 13-Year Saga”

When Mary and I moved to FSW in August 1998 we had paid to be on a pond 3B (so we thought). We watched and waited each day to see when the water would appear. Finally, trucks arrived and proceeded to dump many loads of stone into the basins. We assumed water would follow. Again, we were mistaken. After conferring with neighbors around the basins, we learned that the basins were to be “dry,” unless it rained and the storm water simply flowed through them on the way to the Manasquan River.

An ad hoc committee to address our concerns was formed consisting of: **Paul Donnelly, Richard Sullivan, Don McCahill, Tom Cullen, Jim Paglianti, Tom Keating, Warren Schubert, Arnold Petti, Donn Ruotolo and Tom Sweeney as Chairman.** Our first meeting, which was open to all concerned homeowners, was held in October 1998. Our consensus was that the best solution would be the conversion of the two basins to permanent wet ponds.

The committee members worked closely with the various Boards of Trustees throughout the following years obtaining their support, and in July 2004 the Board approved the conversion to wet ponds as the ultimate goal. During these years, many meetings were held with the residents, the developer, town officials and various publics. Eventually, the HOA sued K. Hovnanian in an effort to resolve all the outstanding issues, including the basins. At the direction of the court, many deficiencies were corrected. In 2007, following negotiations and community vote, a Transition Settlement was received from KHov for the remaining open items. A cash payment for basin(s) conversion was included.

Unfortunately, there was no approval from NJDEP or any authority to proceed with the conversion, as a satisfactory pond design still did not exist. A continuous dialogue took place with KHov’s engineers to develop an acceptable design, which would protect the endangered *Swamp Pink Flower* downstream. The writer was elected to the B.O.T. in October 2007 and served until September 2011, during which time he was Project Manager for the conversion effort.

It would take until March 4, 2010 for the unique pond design to be submitted to NJDEP and approved. With the approvals and permit in place, RFPs were obtained and the contract awarded, following board approval for the project on August 6, 2010. Actual construction began on August 23, 2010 and completed in August 2011.

- Tom Sweeney



A Tale of Transition

Transition, as you may know, is the process whereby the developer transfers the ownership of the property, including the Clubhouse and its amenities, to the homeowners association. Before this process occurs, any – and hopefully – all deficiencies need to be identified in order to be remediated. This process can be lengthy. Often it requires a great deal of negotiation regarding the items that need corrective work. With prior experience, I thought I might be of help here at Four Seasons. I was elected to the Board in 2003, along with three eminently qualified gentlemen.

Fortunately, the prior Board had diligently investigated site items, including the storm drain system, the roadways, the sprinkler system, and the Clubhouse with all its amenities. Multiple deficiencies were uncovered, leading the prior Board to enter into litigation with K. Hovnanian.

With litigation still in place, the new Board began negotiations with the developer for remediation to be undertaken with two stipulations: 1) All corrective work would be done under the supervision of the association’s engineering firm; 2) The developer would reimburse the association for all related engineering costs.

In the fall of 2007, we were finally able to achieve a satisfactory and financially responsible agreement, due in large part to the overwhelming support of our community. The Board presented the agreement to the membership for a vote of confidence in favor of the settlement. It was approved by 70% of homeowners.

The settlement consisted of approximately \$7 million, which included remediation costs and \$1.6 million in cash. \$750,000 was earmarked for the conversion of Basins 3A and 3B into wet ponds (now known as Duck Haven and Willow Pond), which not only added to the beauty of our community, but also to its overall value.

-Elaine Vogel, with thanks to fellow Trustees:

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by Edward H. Schwallie

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On our way to a fun-filled vacation with friends visiting the Great Canyons.

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Next we went to two most beautiful spots, no way I'm lie'n
As we viewed cliffs and learned the history of Bryce and Zion.

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Even though some of us still walk funny from riding a horse.

Much talent was demonstrated when a movie of great cost
Made starring New Jersey old hams in "How the West Was Lost."

So now we're in Vegas and our super vacation is on its last leg
We saw a lot, had great fun, thank you Tauck and mostly Greg.

Now let's hope we don't gamble away all our money at Caesar's
Remember we're all pensioners - a bunch of retired old geezers.

To all of us, we had a great time and we know all the reasons
Let's raise our glasses and toast us travelers of Four Seasons.

Now here's to democracy, and our top vote getter Al Jolly
We wish all the fine winners good luck from Poet Ed Schwallie.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 THRU OCTOBER 15, 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				15 September 16 20th Anniversary Celebration
18 6:00pm Singles Club	19 9:00am Finance Committee 9:00am ACC	20 Rosh Hashanah Begins 9:30am Social Concerns	21	22
25 9:30am Women's Club Bd Mtg	26 4:00pm Computer Club	27	28 BULK PICK UP	29 Yom Kippur Begins
2 October 9:30am Women's Club Gen Mtg	3 9:00am H&R 9:00am ACC	4	5 1:00pm Pool Committee	6
9 Columbus Day 4:00pm American Legion 7:00pm Book Club	10 9:30am Events Planning	11 Trash Pick Up	12 Health Fair 9:00am-12:00pm	13 Recycling

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 High Rollers	Tuesday 8:00am Mermaids 9:00am Gentle Yoga 9:30am Water Lilies 12:30pm Bridge 1:00pm Shanghai Rummy 7:00pm 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 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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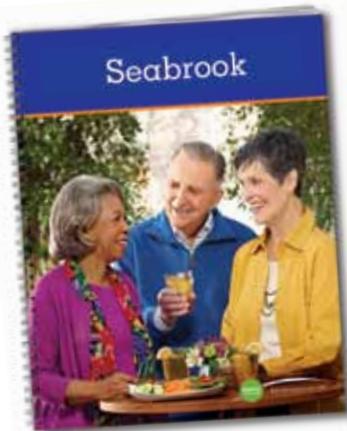
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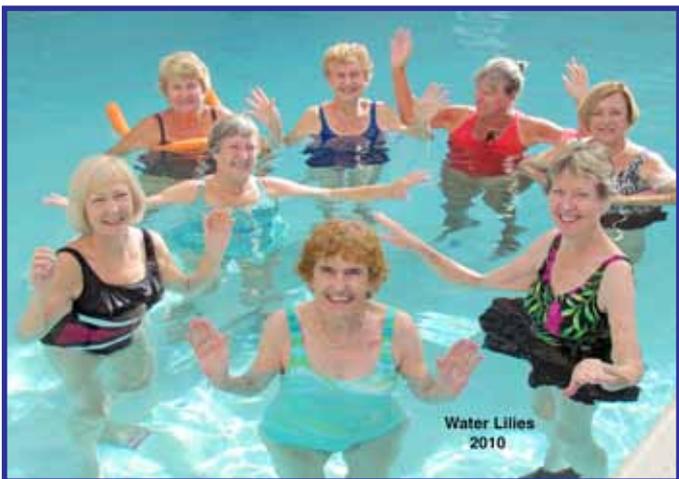
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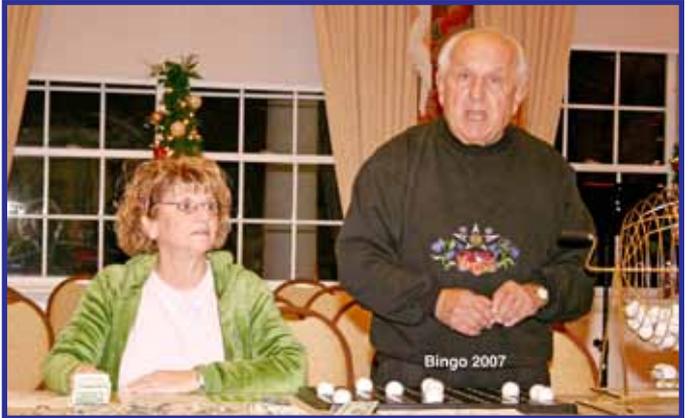
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