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## A Veteran is...

By Denny O'Malley

### A Veteran is:

- Someone who dedicated a portion of his or her life to serve in the Armed Forces.
- Someone who raised the right hand, regardless of race, religion or national origin, and swore to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States.
- Someone who proudly and with honor wore the uniform of a designated branch.

### A Veteran is:

- Someone who accepted stateside transfers and/or deployments to foreign lands without question.
- Someone who followed

orders to complete whatever mission was assigned.

- Someone who was separated from family and left behind a spouse to be both mother and father.

We thank and support those who played that role.

### A Veteran is:

- Someone who snaps to attention and salutes our flag as the National Anthem is sung.
- Someone who gets misty eyed hearing taps being played, especially as a final farewell and final salute is being rendered.
- Someone who has visible or invisible scars that need

healing. We pray they take advantage of resources available to them. Twenty-two service-related suicides a day is tragic.

### A Veteran is:

- Someone who truly loves the country.
- Someone who asks for no special recognition, just to be respected for his or her service.

If you see a veteran wearing a military hat or shirt, there is no need to say anything. Smile and nod, they will know.

### And finally, a Veteran is:

- Someone whom I am proud to call brother or sister.



The 2019 Golf Croquet Tournament Winners are Betty Anne Clayton and Marie Bills with Ken Northrop. See article on page 21.

## Birdwatching: Birds of Rossmoor



### Blue Jay

By Anne Maczulak

People love birds for two main reasons: songs and colors. New Jersey is lucky to have a variety of very good singers like warblers and meadowlarks. In addition, Rossmoor enjoys a variety of bird colors during spring and fall migration and a few that stay all year. Three of my favorite Rossmoor birds are blue, red and orange.

### Blue Jay

Eleven different jay species live in North America. They belong to a group of birds called corvids, which

includes crows. All corvids are very smart and observant and know how to fashion objects like sticks into tools to get bugs from inside a tree's bark or in a log. They watch us intently and probably know a lot more about our habits than we suspect.

We are most familiar with the loud, self-assured, somewhat annoying blue jay. Blue jays show up in so many places – trees, open fields, bird feeders – we take them for granted, but at closer look you'll see one of the most beautiful eastern birds. Males and females look alike; they are monomorphic. Furthermore, the blue color on a blue bird is not truly blue. Blue Jays are gray and do not have a single blue feather. Their colors are called structural colors, meaning the structure of the feather rather than pigments produces its color. When light hits a Blue Jay's feath-

ers, the feathers refract the light to a wavelength that we see as blue.

At bird feeders, blue jays are usually the big bullies. When they swoop in, all the other little songbirds escape into nearby trees and bushes. And if the little birds aren't careful, jays raid their nests and make a meal out of eggs and young birds that have not fledged, meaning they can't yet fly. Why do smaller songbirds put up with

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## Thanks Giving

By Ken Thomas

On this occasion, the "Giving" in Thanksgiving, becomes an important part of the holiday, more than most holidays. Many organizations and churches serve turkey dinners to the less fortunate.

Sometimes, the bird with all the trimmings is given to families, so they can cook and celebrate at home. These families often say,

"Thanks," the other word in Thanksgiving.

For several years, I chose to deliver Thanksgiving dinner parts to those families. The deliveries made my Thanksgiving a meaningful celebration of the holiday. These deliveries defined Thanksgiving with two words, "Thanks" and "Giving." Food is not the most important part of Thanksgiving; giving, sharing, family and a grateful spirit are what matters.

The church Deacon and I had many boxes of food to deliver, enough for three complete turkey dinners during this Thanksgiving season, prepared by the women of our church.

At our first stop, we carried three boxes of food to the front door. A little boy, about eight years old, answered the door. Before either of us could say anything, he yelled, "Momma, Momma!" His mother greeted us and the little boy hid behind her skirt. My Deacon friend said, "Happy Thanksgiving" and indicated the boxes were for them. With tears in her eyes, Momma thanked us repeatedly. The little boy asked if we had apple pie, but the ingredients in the boxes were for a pumpkin pie. Disappointed, he went back into

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## Community Church again collects warm clothing for the needy

By Alyce Owens

Starting Sunday, Nov. 9, through Monday, Dec. 9, the Benevolence Committee of the Community Church will collect gently used warm coats, jackets, boots, and any winter clothing for the needy. We hope that all our members and residents will once again look through their closets and open their hearts so that others less fortunate will stay warmer this winter.

Over the past 10 years, this community-wide venture has benefited hundreds — perhaps thousands — of people, some of them homeless. All clothing will be given directly to those in need through Your Grandmother's Cupboard, a caring, non-profit organization that col-

lects and delivers clothing and other necessities to 20 different distribution sites in New Jersey, as well as from their home base in Toms River. The people receiving these donations are among the working poor, unemployed, and homeless in New Jersey who are struggling to make ends meet from week to week, their plight made more difficult by winter's freezing temperatures.

Please bring your donations of warm clothing in men's, women's, and children's sizes to the big red box marked "Warm Clothing for the Needy" in the vestibule of the Meeting House from Nov. 9 through Dec. 9.

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# at the governors' meeting

**October 24, 2019**

The RCAI Board of Governors meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2019, in the Village Center Meeting Room by Mr. Daniel Jolly, President.

Mr. William Daly, Allen and Stults, presented the renewal information for the health insurance for the RCAI Union and Non-Union employees. The Executive Committee recommended and the board approved Resolution #19-28 to renew the plan with *Aetna*.

Mr. Paul Cernuto, Mr. Brian McDevitt and Mr. Jeff Voss, High Tech Landscapes, presented a review of the condition of the Community from 2016 when High Tech started as compared to today. Rossmoor and the Mutuals have used many of High Tech's for tree, irrigation, drainage and design work. The importance of meeting the client's expectations, team work, quality of the work and their commitment to Rossmoor was also discussed.

Mr. Gerald McQuade, Treasurer, reported that there is an approximate surplus of \$447,000 through August 31, 2019.

The board approved Resolutions #19-27, Authorization to Proceed with the Drainage Remediation Plan for the Meeting House; #19-29, Authorization to Replace the Meeting House Energy Management System; #19-30 Au-

thorization to Purchase a Replacement Utility Vehicle for Golf Course Maintenance.

Mr. Jolly appointed Thomas Croake and Christine O'Leary to the Bar Code Committee.

Ms. Jane Balmer, General Manager, talked about the annual Community Association Institute ("CAI") New Jersey Chapter Conference and Expo that she attended this month with about 22 Rossmoor residents. She informed the board about the new laws in New Jersey that impact community associations and the pending bills including an effort to create uniform governing documents; municipalities being responsible for fire hydrants; reimbursement of street pav-

ing costs; and mandatory board member training and manager licensing.

Ms. Balmer announced that the RCAI Vice President, Salvatore Gurriero, has volunteered to serve on a CAI-NJ committee for volunteer leaders. She also informed the board about the successful Blessing of the Animals inspired by Melissa Barnard working with the Community Church and reminded everyone to try and attend the new Monroe Township energy program being presented in the afternoon in the Meeting House.

There was no other business for the Board to discuss and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

## Thanks Giving

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the living room.

We put the boxes in a small kitchen and met his younger sister. A father was not around. Momma tried to explain her situation, which was obviously very difficult for her to verbalize. We gently explained our delivery responsibilities and left. She thanked us again and again. For me, a stop at a bakery was in my future.

A mother, father, and three children met us at the next house. This family was new to our neighborhood and the father had lost his job the previ-

ous week. We sat down and talked to the whole family, inviting them to our church after Thanksgiving. In my gut, I felt their loneliness. The children tried to show us their few toys and the mother asked about jobs in the area for her and/or the husband. We talked about the neighborhood, the schools, our church, ourselves, Thanksgiving, and just about anything else. This family really needed the turkey dinner, but they needed other people also. We promised our minister would visit and inched towards their door, trying not to be impolite. I felt terrible leaving their home. The turkey dinner was not enough Thanksgiving for this family. My minister would have company during his visit.

The third family was not at home. A sign on the door indicated they were all at the local hospital. We left the food on their front porch with a note saying "Happy Thanksgiving." The Deacon and I decided our identities were not required.

An eight-pound turkey is important, but you should have seen that little boy's eyes, when I gave him an apple pie.

## Bits & Pieces

Sue Ortiz

How can it be November already? Seems the summer was just getting started when Labor Day arrived. Halloween whooshed past us like a bat out of h—!

All the leaves have fallen; they are blowing in the wind toward the dreary future of winter. But, lo, there is a light at the end of the (wind) tunnel.

Party time! Thanksgiving comes near the end of November, as well as a couple of milestone celebrations. (Wink, wink!) Time for turkey, pumpkin pie, and cakes with lots of (waaay too many) candles.

Please remember to wear your fat pants and unbuckle your belts. There will be leftovers.

You'll be rolling into December. One week, maybe, for dieting?

Because, the Holidays will soon be upon us: Christmas cookies, gingerbread men, candy canes, and more family gatherings – with even more food.

If we can go the whole month of November without snow or ice, we will have at least one thing to be thankful for. If we have our Christmas shopping done before Black Friday, we can be thankful for that, too.

Right?

Time to start dragging out those ol' Christmas decorations again. Why not do it over the Thanksgiving week-

end? It'll be good exercise. Maybe it'll keep you from overspending on Black Friday, too.

Honor veterans on 11/11. Make a wish at 11:11 a.m. and p.m. on 11/11. I'm writing this at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. Eleven is a good number, I think.

Daylight Saving Time ends 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in November. Darkness looms earlier every night. The glaring lights from oncoming cars are tiring on the eyes. Hurry home, change into jammies, and settle in for the night with a dish of ice cream.

After the polls close, we will have new leaders (good, bad, or indifferent), but we will continue to debate those results, as has been done throughout history. Sigh.

Yes, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Thomas Hood wrote the poem *No!* in 1884. It was a humorous look at November's supposed dreariness. The poem opens with, "No sun—no moon! /No morn—no noon! /No dawn—no dusk—no proper time of day—/No sky—no earthly view—/No distance looking blue—" It ends with, "No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds ... November!"

Oh, I don't think November is that bad, weather-wise. It's between shore days and snow days; windbreakers and woolen coats; sneakers and snow boots; and sun visors and ski caps.

Sometimes, in November, you might find a butterfly dancing over hardy pansies or one last rose blooming in the snow.

Um, is there a pansy that is not hardy?

Expect the unexpected in November. There are 30 days to enjoy. (Not to take anything away from the other 335 days of the year – they're great, too!)

AND here is a bit of trivia: Back in the day, November was the ninth month of the Roman calendar. It became number eleven when January and February were added to the beginning of the Roman year. Throughout history, November was believed to be the gloomy month, because it was followed by winter.

Sagittarians take note: November is, indeed, a wonderful month.

Until next time ...

Be happy!

**B&P**

"Fallen leaves lying on the grass in the November sun bring more happiness than the daffodils"—Cyril Connolly (English critic and editor, 1903-1974)

"Messages hidden in the thickets of a story are the ones that burrow deepest because most of us don't realize that any burrowing is going on at all."—Alex Tizon (Filipino author, 1959-2017)

## Open RCAI Meetings in November

**Thursday, November 14**

**Standing Committee Meetings...9 a.m.**  
**Maintenance Committee**  
**Community Affairs Committee**  
**Finance Committee**

**Thursday, November 21**

**Board of Governors Meeting....9 a.m.**

*All meetings are held in the Village Center Meeting Room unless noted otherwise.*

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# From the Mayor

By Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor of Monroe Township

## Leading the effort to ban Cranbury tractor-trailers

I am committed to removing Cranbury's tractor-trailers from our local roads. These tractor-trailers pose a safety hazard for our residents and do not belong in residential areas.

That is why I introduced a Township ordinance to impose a weight limit that restricts tractor-trailers in Monroe residential neighborhoods along the Cranbury town line. This ordinance will ban large trucks and tractor-trailers weighing more than eight tons from Cranbury

Station, Prospect Plains and Cranbury Half Acre roads west of Applegarth Road.

I am pleased that we received a unanimous vote of the Township Council to pass this ordinance in front of a standing-room only crowd on Oct. 7.

Our work is not done. Middlesex County and New Jersey Department of Transportation must approve our ordinance before it can be enforced. I will lead this fight and together we will make our voices heard at both the

county and state levels. I have already spoken with our county freeholders and our state legislators on behalf of our residents.

But there is opposition. Cranbury officials, led by Mayor James Taylor, have publicly opposed our ban, stating "it would impede the free flow of traffic on those county roads and would push traffic to an already congested Route 130."

Essentially, Cranbury's argument is that hundreds of their tractor-trailers can rumble through Monroe residential areas each day with impunity because Cranbury residents, like Monroe residents, are county taxpayers.

## For Whom the (School) Bell Tolls – AVID Program offers additional opportunities

By Linda Bozowski

School programs have changed dramatically over the past fifty years, for many reasons. We have technologies that didn't exist when we were in school, populations are more diverse, students need to be prepared to meet challenges in trade schools and colleges, at their jobs and even in such basic places as the grocery store. We hope that we are helping to prepare our young people in our families and at our schools. The AVID program at our middle and high schools is offering some students additional opportunities to be better prepared for the challenges they may face.

helps build self-esteem and self-confidence. Let's take a look at how the program works.

At Monroe Township Middle School, Assistant Principal James Higgins is the coordinator of the AVID program. The AVID acronym stands for Advance Via Individual Determination. The program, established in San Diego, California in 1980, was originally designed to provide additional enrichment to minority students.

Over the years, the focus of the program has changed and now students who participate are of no particular ethnicity, have average or above average grades, are potentially college-bound – in other words, students who are likely to be more successful with a little extra guidance. The program spread beyond San Diego to more than 500 middle and high schools in the U.S. by 1997 and across 13 foreign countries. In Monroe Township, the program is offered at the high school as well as at the middle school. A pilot program in one of the elementary schools is in process as well.

If we think of the education system as a bell curve, we start at one of the shallow ends providing assistance to students with physical or developmental needs. Moving to the middle, the largest portion of the bell, are about 70% of our students – those who are physically and developmentally able to succeed within the day-to-day classroom environment with teacher and family support. At the other shallow side of the bell are those students who are able to move forward with advanced courses, maybe even taking college intro-courses. These students may need less support and may be more self-reliant as they move through their schooling.

We will be taking a look at what is offered to all of our students over the next few months. While all of our students are important, sometimes it may seem that those in the middle get less attention, sort of like the middle child syndrome we may have experienced in our families. The AVID program is in place for some of those students in the middle group as an enhancement for those students who may need just a little nudge to move more easily through school. The program offers tools that foster better organizational skills, promote more clear and logical reasoning, and

But I continue to ask an unanswered question: Why did Cranbury not complete Liberty Way, a proposed truck bypass that is part of that Township's master plan, designed to relieve this specific truck and tractor-trailer traffic to the New Jersey Turnpike?

The fact is Cranbury made no effort to find solutions to its ever-growing tractor-trailer problem and Monroe residents cannot and will not suffer for their lack of action.

I will not let these trucks destroy our quality of life. I am more committed than ever — to seeing this ban through county and state approvals. I will need your help and we won't stop until we are successful.

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By Bob Huber

There's a lot going on in November. The snowbirds are heading south, and the rest of us are hunkering down for what we hope will be a mild winter.

Eastern Standard Time begins on Sunday, Nov. 3, so remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night, and enjoy the extra hour of sleep.

Many important events have taken place in November: on Nov. 1, 1848, the first medical school for women opened in Boston.

Two very influential Americans were born on Nov. 4, humorist Will Rogers in 1879. He often had a few choice things to say about America's political process. No politician or political party escaped his homespun wit. Walter Cronkite was born on this same date in 1916. He was generally considered to be America's most trusted TV newscaster.

Speaking of elections, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected to an unprecedented fourth term on Nov. 7, 1944. Alas, it was to be a very short term. Suffering from years of poor health and shouldering the crushing burden of conducting wars in two separate hemispheres, President Roosevelt died on April 12, 1945.

On Nov. 8, 1900, Margaret Mitchell was born. Her novel, "Gone with the Wind", sold 10 million copies, and was printed in 30 languages. It won the Pulitzer Prize for literature in 1937. Surprisingly, it was the only book Margaret Mitchell ever wrote.

Back to things presidential: Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg address on Nov. 19, 1863, and almost exactly 100 years later (Nov. 22, 1963), who can forget that President John F. Kennedy was assassinated?

On Nov. 24, 1859, Charles Darwin published his book, "The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection". Darwin theorized that all living creatures descended from a common ancestor. He

opened the door to a whole new perspective on creation and sparked a debate whose embers smolder even to this day.

And on Nov. 26, 1787, our first president, George

Washington, proclaimed the first American holiday, a day to be set aside annually to give thanks for America's bounty.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

**Thanksgiving, a turkey's perspective**

By Ken Thomas

What does a turkey think about Thanksgiving? Put yourself in his place. Your days are numbered. Your aspirations are axed. Your feathers are history. Your gizzard is gone. Forget the bills, the job, or the mortgage. You could be a turkey...

Oh no! It's the "T" holiday again. A turkey alert has been issued to all us Thursday birds. Chubby Charlie should hide. Fat Frankie is a goner. I'm glad I joined Weight Watchers.

Look out! He's got an axe. Run brothers run! Pretend you're a partridge in a pear tree. Oh no! Frankie didn't duck. So sorry Charlie! My diet didn't work.

We are very crowded in the frozen food section. Move over chubby. Don't fondle Frankie, Lady.

This is terrible! First, she took my heart, then my liver and gizzard. Now she's stuffing bread up my buttocks. Save me, Colonel Sanders, save me!

Enough is enough! Five hours in this oven is sadistic. I'll never, never be brown, Lady. I'm from North Jersey, but baste my belly again and I'll forgive you.

Will you look at these six,

count them six, slobbering, slavering carnivores? I only have two legs, dark meat mouths. Try the pickled pig's feet or wing it.

Now you want gravy! My sweat and body fluids will never be enough for all those mashed potatoes. Fork this!

So now I'm on two plates, white meat and dark meat. My mother told me there'd be days like this! Then, they made a wish with my bones. Choke on this, Brussels breath.

I'm covered with string beans, stuffing, rutabagas and corn pudding. They'll never find me. Ouch! This one has a fork in each hand, wears glasses.

Thank God they're eating the pies. Soon they'll fall asleep during the football game and maybe I can hide in the tin foil next to the left-over stuffing.

Did someone say leftovers? Are you kidding? You people are mean. You're all evil. You're never satisfied. You'll gain ten pounds, every one of you. Turkeys save calories for the T-Dayers. Revenge will be sweet.

Unlike this turkey, I'll probably still be around next November, Happy Thanksgiving.

**A difficult task – Helping children deal with grief**

By Linda Bozowski

All of us have suffered a loss at some time in our lives – a spouse, parent, sibling, friend, neighbor, or a pet. We probably handled each of these situations differently. Recollecting events in the life of Nick the cat might make us laugh and thinking about the brownies our neighbor Barbara made in commemoration of our birthdays could invoke a sad smile. We make calls, send cards, take casseroles or pound cakes to the family home, attend services, sit shiva, cry. We share memories with others, maybe sleep less well, rearrange our homes and schedules, try to offer comfort to those around us. We're adults. We understand death. We know what happened before and what happens after death. After a while, maybe a long while, we begin to move forward, accepting our loss.

How do children cope with loss? Do they understand that Nick the cat won't be there to have his tummy rubbed the next time the child comes to visit? Will PopPop come back from be-

ing away? Who will read them "Goodnight Moon?" or cheer at the soccer game or attend their college commencement? Do children share religious beliefs about life after death or understand that death of the body doesn't mean, for many people, death of the loved one?

Many children request or help themselves to a memento. The dog's favorite ball, PopPop's pillow, the bit of crochet that Grandmom was working on. Maybe Dad's fishing rod or Aunt Susan's soup tureen. Some children write notes to or about the decedent. Some make little gifts for family members to treasure. A little whistle made from a cut-up soda straw can be blown by me to help me feel better when I think about my grandson's PopPop. Going to a favorite place like the park or eating a special food like chocolate chip pancakes can bring comfort to some children.

Grief counseling resources are available for families to help children deal with losses. Some schools, reli-

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# BYE BIRDIE

November 8<sup>th</sup>November 24<sup>th</sup>

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Katherine Coleman Goble Johnson: a hidden figure at NASA

By Jean Houvener

Katherine Coleman was the youngest of four children born Aug. 26, 1918, in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., to Joylette Coleman, a teacher, and Joshua Coleman, a handyman, lumberman, farmer, and part-time worker at the White Sulphur Springs resort. At a very early age, Katherine showed unusual mathematical ability.

Within the segregated school system of West Virginia at the time, her county did not offer any public schooling to African-American children above the eighth grade. When she was 10, her parents had her enrolled in the high school at Institute, W.Va., on the campus of West Virginia State College (now University), which was founded as a college for African-Americans. The family moved between Institute and White Sulphur Springs to permit her to attend the school. By age 14 she had graduated high school and enrolled at the College.

Katherine was so bright, she quickly worked her way through the general curriculum. She was fortunate to be a student of W.W. Schieffelin Claytor, who was only the third African-American Ph.D. in mathematics, and who found he had to create new classes specifically for her. At age 18, she graduated with a degree in mathematics and French. She became a teacher at a public school for black students in Virginia.

In 1939, she married James Goble. Shortly after, she was approached to become one of three African-Americans to enter West Virginia University when it desegregated its graduate school in response to the Supreme Court Ruling in Missouri ex rel. Gaines v. Canada in 1938. While she completed the first year, she

became pregnant and devoted the next several years to raising her three daughters.

In 1952 she learned that the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) was looking to hire mathematicians. She applied and was offered a position in 1953. She and her husband decided to move the family to Hampton, Va., so she could pursue this opportunity. Katherine worked as a “computer” at a time when computers were not machines, but people and mostly women.

She began work at the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Lab in the West Area Computers section, which was all black female computers supervised by Dorothy Vaughn, another West Virginia African-American woman. There was also a pool of white computers, primarily women. As a result of Woodrow Wilson’s rules for segregating black and white workers in federal facilities

as well as Virginia state rules, blacks and whites had separate facilities for eating, restrooms, and working.

Because of her knowledge of analytic geometry along with her computational skills, Katherine was temporarily assigned to the Control Division of the Langley Flight Research Division. Her skills were such that the area neglected to return her to the computer pool and she became the only woman and only African-American in a group of white engineers. Sadly, her husband James died in 1956. In 1958 NACA became NASA and, although the segregation officially ended, the discrimination did not.

In 1961 Katherine calculated the flight path for Alan Shepard, the first American in space. In 1962 when John Glenn was scheduled to orbit the earth using the first calculations by a machine from IBM, he insisted that Katherine be asked to check all the

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Difficult task

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gious institutions and medical facilities sometimes have workshops to help both the children and the adult family members who need to be supportive of the younger members of the family. Private counseling may be more comfortable for some children and families than group settings, but the methodology is less important than the outcome. Children and other young people, even those of age 45, may need support and assistance in coping with loss.

Remembering the dog or cat or fish or celebrating the birth and death days of a lost loved one may help children in coping with the loss. Although the absence of a family member on a holiday generates sadness, it can also serve as an opportunity to celebrate the life of that person and to say, in memory, “To Life.”

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## Don't forget Sadie Hawkins Day

By Bob Huber

Thanksgiving is certainly the most important event in November, but for teens and young adults, there is also a pseudo-holiday that deserves special billing. It's called Sadie Hawkins Day, and it's celebrated on Nov. 19 (and sometimes on Nov. 30).

Sadie Hawkins Day was the inspired creation of the late cartoonist, Al Capp, whose Hillbilly comic strip "Li'l Abner" was a "must read" for teens and young adults from the mid 1930s through the 1970s. Through a wonderful cast of rustic characters who inhabited the community of Dogpatch, characters like Lonesome Polecat, Hairless Joe, Evil Eye Fink, Earthquake McGoon, General Bull Moose and a host of others, Capp wove social commentary through hysterically funny plots, and we often discovered we were laughing

at ourselves.

But no "Li'l Abner" plot has endured longer than the story associated with Sadie Hawkins Day, which first appeared in the strip in 1937. It seems that Sadie Hawkins was the daughter of one of Dogpatch's earliest settlers, Hekzebiah Hawkins. Sadie was acknowledged to be the "the homeliest gal in all them hills." Fearing his daughter would remain a spinster, Hekzebiah assembled all the eligible bachelors in Dogpatch and declared it was "Sadie Hawkins Day." There would be a foot race in which the bachelors were given a head start, followed by Sadie in hot pursuit. Which ever bachelor Sadie caught was obligated to become her husband. If the man objected, he was introduced to the business end of Hekzebiah's double-barreled shotgun. All the other unattached ladies in Dogpatch thought this was

an excellent idea, so Sadie Hawkins Day quickly became a community event.

Sadie Hawkins Day also took on a life of its own with the reading public, and by 1939, 201 colleges and numerous high schools were holding Sadie Hawkins Day events. Long before women's lib, girls would aggressively pursue the boys of their choice and invite them to a Sadie Hawkins Day Dance. The boys were bound to accept. Those were the rules.

Capp created Sadie Hawkins Day as a one-time plot device, but due to its overwhelming popularity, he obligingly made it a tradition in the strip every November, lasting four decades.

Al Capp died in 1979, but Sadie Hawkins Day remains alive and well, and it is still celebrated annually at many high schools and colleges; a fitting tribute to one of America's most gifted cartoonists.

## All about the Bahamas

By Carol De Haan

Many hearts rejoiced to see an emaciated brown dog wagging its tail while being rescued from the wreckage of a home a month after Hurricane Dorian tore down the entire neighborhood. The dog has since gained weight at an animal shelter. Ten thousand people offered to adopt the pooch if no one claims him.

Additional surviving animals were airlifted to shelters in the U.S., pending the rebuilding of the Grand Bahama Humane Society shelters.

### Along came Hurricane Dorian

It began off the west coast of Africa in late August and gained strength as it traveled across what seagoing author Herman Melville called "the tornadoed Atlantic." Dorian struck Abaco Island on September 1 and then Grand Bahama with 185 m.p.h. winds and a storm tide up to 25' high.

The storm lingered over the islands, doubling its mayhem. On Abaco Island alone, 13,000 homes were flattened. Altogether, 70,000 people are homeless. Initial reports said there were 70 fatalities, but that number might reach the thousands as the wreckage is cleared.

When Dorian finally started moving, it touched the east coast of Florida, then Cape Hatteras, and was still generating hurricane strength winds when it reached Nova Scotia. It dissipated near Greenland on September 10, after 16 days of torrential fury.

The first heroes of this catastrophe were the cruise liners, which came into port as soon as it was safe, bringing thousands of meals and huge supplies of bottled water. They also provided free transportation to the U.S. for anyone with proper documentation.

### An interesting history

The 700 islands of the Bahamas (many uninhabited) belong to the British Commonwealth and have been self-governing since 1964. Over 300,000 people live there.

In 1492, Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the Bahamas. In the next 21 years, the Spaniards captured the entire population of native

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### Katherine Coleman

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calculations to be sure they were correct before he was willing to go. She plotted paths and calculations for the pilots in the event of a system failure. She helped plot the trajectory for the 1969 Apollo 11 mission to the moon. In 1970 when two oxygen tanks exploded on Apollo 13, Katherine plotted the paths to bring them back safely. As she said in 2010, "Everybody was concerned about them getting there. We were concerned about them getting back."

In 1959 she married Lt. Col. James Johnson, an army officer and veteran of the Korean War. She worked at NASA (or NACA) from 1953 to 1986. She authored or co-authored 26 scientific papers. She has three children, six grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. She was honored with the American Medal of Freedom in 2015. In 2016 the Katherine G. Johnson Computational Research Facility was opened at Langley. The general public has come to know her since the publication of the book "Hidden Figures," by Margot Lee Shetterley, which depicts her story as well as those of Dorothy Vaughn and Mary Jackson. The book has also been turned into a successful movie. In recent years she has received many honors. On Aug. 26 of this year, this amazing woman celebrated her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday.

# Bahamas

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Lucayan people and shipped them off to slavery on Hispaniola (Haiti). The Bahamas remained deserted from 1513 to 1648, when English colonists from Bermuda settled on Eleuthera Island.

After losing their new world colonies in the American Revolution, the British relocated thousands of loyalists with their slaves to the Bahamas to start plantations.

Britain abolished the slave trade in 1807, and thereafter if a British ship captured a foreign vessel with imprisoned Africans in its hold, those Africans would be off-loaded into the Bahamas. Slavery was not abolished in the Bahamas until 1834, but the islands had become, and remained, a safe haven for both newly escaped and for freed slaves.

In the nearly 200 years since, Bahamians created a prosperous financial services industry and a booming tourist trade. At this point, however, with more than \$8 billion in property damage, it remains to be seen how and when these businesses manage to recover.

The American Red Cross has pledged \$2 million in aid to the Bahamas. The Salvation Army is also active in helping the people of the islands. Both organizations would be more than grateful for any contributions you might be able to send.

Sound Advice

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## Tax Alert: Plan now for the demise of stretch IRAs

Say goodbye to the stretch IRA! That's the message from Congress, where a pending bill with bipartisan support would deep-six this tax-advantaged practice. Stretch IRAs have been a boon to non-spouse beneficiaries who inherit a retirement account because they can extend the period of tax-free growth on an inherited IRA over their expected lifetime.

Under current rules, for purposes of illustration, assume a father dies and bequeaths his 40-year-old daughter his individual retirement account. The tax code requires that she take distributions out of the account every year. But she can extend that to over her actuarially expected lifespan codified in a table published by the IRS.

An heir can expect to live to 95, according to actuarial tables. That means a 40-year-old female heir can avoid taking the money all at once in a lump sum—and won't have to pay the IRS a big chunk of it. Instead, you can withdraw just 1/55th of the IRA amount annually, which obviously is less money than the whole of it, but also has less of a tax bite. Meanwhile, by extend-

ing the payout period, the account can grow in value over the decades, giving you more money than the sum you inherited.

Congress, however, is intent on ending this good thing. The legislation, called the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act, or SECURE, passed the House of Representatives by a whopping 417 to 3. A similar version is pending in the Senate.

The law contains provisions that would be beneficial to many retirees, such as delaying required minimum distributions (RMDs) from your tax-deferred retirement plan or IRA to age 72 instead of 70½. Deferring taxes 18 more months when your account is near its all peak value is a nice boost for you, owing to the law that is widely expected to be passed by the end of 2019.

Under the House bill, a beneficiary must deplete an inherited IRA within 10 years of the owner's death. (Inheriting spouses get the money tax-free and with no RMD.) While the Senate proposal permits a lifetime stretch of the deferral on the first \$450,000 of an inherited IRA, the balance is required to be withdrawn in

five years. The appeal to lawmakers of squelching the stretch IRA: it would raise \$15.7 billion in Government revenue over the decade through 2029.

There are ways, though, to set up an inheritance to replicate a stretch IRA. A parent or other IRA owner, who wants to pass along the money with less tax depletion and more flexibility, would want to weigh the following strategies to maximize your impact on the next generation:

Convert the IRA to a Roth. Before an IRA holder passes, it might be wise to convert the account to a Roth. The giver will have to pay taxes on the money up front. But a Roth requires no minimum distributions annually; your heirs will owe the IRS zilch and can withdraw at his or her own schedule.

Insure payment of the conversion tax. One way to pay the Roth conversion taxes is to take out a life insurance policy on the donor—the proceeds from which are tax-free. At the IRA donor's death, the policy's proceeds pay the taxes for the Roth conversion. Otherwise, the up-front taxes may (and often do) come from the IRA itself, thus shrinking it. An insurance product's cost must be considered as well as the creditworthiness of the insurer.

Set up an irrevocable trust with a life insurance policy. This is a variant on the previous strategy. Here, the donor takes a distribution from the IRA long before death and uses the money to fund the trust. The trust is called "irrevocable" because the terms of the trust can't be altered without the approval of its beneficiaries. Although the trust can't grow tax-free, like a stretch IRA, its distribution is also at the discretion of the recipient.

Create a charitable remainder trust. For those of a philanthropic bent, this arrangement serves a double purpose. At death, the IRA owner funds the trust, which pays the beneficiary for a specified period or for the person's lifetime. The trust establishes a set amount or percentage that goes to the inheritor. (The estate receives a charitable deduction for the gift.) The other big win: what's left over goes to a designated charity.


Implementing these tax strategies requires the advice of an experienced tax professional, who understands your personal situation. This article is not tax or legal advice, but it is an alert to IRA owners and their beneficiaries to watch the proposal now wending its way through Congress and prepare to act on a strategy.

U.S. tax laws historically are usually not signed until the end of the year but waiting on this tax reform to be signed may not leave you enough time to formulate the best strategy for minimizing


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## Birdwatching in Rossmoor



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it? Ornithologists believe little birds tolerate the occasional setback because jays are excellent "watchdogs." They squawk long and loud when they detect a cat, hawk, fox, snake or anything else that's dangerous. If a jay is contentedly eating at a bird feeder or splashing in a bird-bath, the little ones know the coast is clear.

Blue jay calls are not particularly pretty; more like a squawk. But they are good at mimicking other bird sounds like hawk calls. This hawk mimicking perhaps scares away other predators, a weasel for instance, stalking a field for its prey.

Fun Fact: Scientists estimate there are 13 million blue jays at any given time and they all live in the U.S. except for a brief summer vacation in southern Canada.

### Northern cardinal

Like blue jays, northern cardinals have a pronounced crest of feathers atop their head. Unlike jays, cardinals are dimorphic, meaning the males and females differ in coloring. You know without doubt the male from his bright red plumage and a variety of robust, melodic

songs. The females are a buffy brown version with touches of red on the wings and tail. Unlike most other songbirds, females sing very well too but usually less often and at a lower volume than males. Both have a bright orange bill. Groups of the same bird all have their own unique names: a covey of quails, a murder of crows, a squabble of gulls, etc. For cardinals, a group is called a Vatican of cardinals, which makes sense.

When you find a breeding pair of cardinals in the woods, listen carefully. The male and his mate keep track of each other with a charming litany of soft tweets and clucks.

Like jays, cardinals love to visit feeders. Neither are picky eaters. Their favorite seeds are sunflower and safflower as well as millet, cracked corn, and peanuts. If there are no feeders around, you'll find cardinals enjoying flowering buds and blossoms, some fruits, and insects.

Fun Fact: When cardinals move around on the ground, they hop. They never walk like crows.

### Baltimore Oriole

Jays and cardinals stay at Rossmoor year-round. To see the brilliant orange-and-black Baltimore oriole, you'll have to wait for them to return in spring and summer. The male has a black head and white-streaked black wings with the rest of him a bright orange. The females have the same pattern but in duller colors.

Orioles tend to be more skittish than jays and cardinals, but they can be coaxed in for a closer look. Their favorite foods are insects and fruit. Attract them with a dish of grape jelly on a platform feeder (rather than a hanging



Baltimore oriole

cylinder style feeder) or an orange cut in half and nailed to a tree. Orioles are very fast fliers. You'll get your best look at them when they stop to eat.

Baltimore orioles produce a strong, clear and pleasant song. But what orioles are most known for is their "rattle." Almost all orioles make a loud, rapid clicking or rattle call.

Notice the difference between a cardinal's bill and an oriole's. Cardinals use a massive, strong bill to crack open seeds and nuts. Orioles have slender, sharp bills. This shape works best for prying insects and larvae out of tree bark. Oriole nests are special too. They weave a deep (a foot or more) sack-like nest called a pendant basket. When jays and cardinals raise their young, both male and female help. In orioles, not so much. Female Baltimore orioles do most of the work tending to their young right up to the time they can take care of themselves.

Fun Fact: The Baltimore oriole is the state bird of Maryland. It got its name because the male's colors resembled those on Lord Baltimore's (1579-1632) coat of arms.

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# Pinball

By Steve Gray

I have been asked many times how I started in the computer repair business. I actually began by repairing pinball machines. But, you ask, how is that related to a computer? A pinball is basically a gigantic adding machine with bells and whistles (lots of bells, a few clunks, some sirens, and plenty of general noise). A computer is also a gigantic adding machine with lots more added in.

Bally, Chicago Coin, Gottlieb, Midway, Sega, Williams – what do these names have in common? They are a partial list of major pinball manufacturers that are no longer in business. Some that are presently in business include Chicago Gaming sales only (no relation to Chicago Coin), Stern, and Jersey Jack. I mentioned Jersey Jack last because that company released their first pinball in 2013 and is located in Lakewood, N.J. In fact, there are currently only five pinball manufacturers in the world, three of which are located in the United States; Jersey Jack as mentioned above, Stern in Illinois and Spooky in Wisconsin.

What if you want to play pinballs? The Silver Ball Museum in Asbury Park is an excellent place to go. You pay by the hour and play as much as you want (can be rough on the wrists). I have also played at the Pinball Hall of Fame in Las Vegas (yes, I flew to Las Vegas to play pinball, not slots). I was even offered a job there but I felt the commute would be a killer. At last count there are 14 pinball museums in this country; all have playable machines. There are another ten that have pinball machines but are not dedicated to pinball and have other retro machines as well.

So how much does a pinball machine cost? Brand new you can expect to pay \$6,000 and up, depending on the scarcity and popularity of the machine. Of course, we are talking full-size, not the tabletop type that does not work very well. Used machines usually start at about \$500 and can easily go in excess of \$20,000 depending on the scarcity and condition.

Places to look include eBay and craigslist and almost never include shipping due to the size and weight. Naturally a used pinball may have some problems if it is selling at the lower end. Yes, it is possible to pick up a non-working pinball very cheap and refurbish it yourself. (I did). There are companies that sell parts and will even make parts if none are available, but doing so does require specialized knowledge, and the cost of refurbishing may exceed the value of the machine.

A final note; I worked at 14th Ave Playland in Belmar – out of business, Bradley Beach amusements – out of

business, 5th Ave arcade Asbury Park – out of business, Palace Amusements Asbury Park – out of business, The Casino Asbury Park – out of business and

Paradise Amusements, Keansburg – out of business. If you buy a used pinball and want me to fix it, keep in mind all the places I worked that are out of business.

## Three exciting weeks in Ireland

By Anne Rotholz

Every time I plan a trip to Ireland, I tell myself that I am going for a quiet, restful holiday that will include relaxing visits with family members and friends. While I always enjoy the visits and “catching up,” I’m afraid the restful aspect of the trip gets lost because there are so many exciting things to do.

My first week in my sister Mary’s home was indeed low-key and relaxing. Her home is situated between the Atlantic Ocean and the Ox Mountains, at a distance of about four miles from each one. Lough Talt is a huge, shimmering lake at the base of the Ox Mountains. Looking in another direction you can see the cone-shaped mountain called Nephin at whose

base is Lough Conn, a lake that is a surfer’s paradise. On a clear day one can see St. Patrick’s holy mountain which the natives fondly call “The Reek.”

Modern technology is quite evident in this idyllic scene. Between Mary’s house and the Ox Mountains, a large wind farm has white windmills turning lazily in the breeze while workers are busy building another wind farm nearby.

Having taken a couple of days to rest after the trip, it was time to visit some friends. Mary and I set out for Sligo. We had lunch with Mary Taheny at a restaurant in the lovely seaside town of Enniscrone. Mary lived in Rossmoor for several years, so some of you

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## Ireland

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will remember her. She is happily settled in Sligo and sends her best to all.

Our next visit was with another friend, Anne, who also lived here for years before going back to live near Shannon. We agreed to meet for lunch in Galway, which would be halfway. It became an eventful trip for us because there was a fatal accident on the main road the night before and the bus had to take a "boreen," which is a very narrow country road. Everyone except the driver seemed a bit on edge. He did not seem phased at all while negotiating sharp bends and meeting oncoming traffic.

Our last visitor, my friend Ann, came to Mary's house. We had a great "catch up." Ann was Lillian Hellman's private nurse before she went back to Kerry to marry Tim, a lobster fisherman.

Now it was time for family visits. Mary's two daughters, Esther and Dervla came with their husbands and five children to visit for a long weekend. It was a happy, noisy time. The young ones showed me how much they had grown, told me how many teeth they had lost, what they were doing in school, and so on. They taught me their favorite song, "Shotgun," a catchy tune by English songwriter Paul Ezra. (You can listen to it on YouTube). At some point during the noise and fun, Esther told me that she had arranged a trip to Achill Island.

### Achill Island

Achill Island, Ireland's largest island, is situated off the coast of Mayo. It has breathtaking views -- rugged mountains, peat bogs, tall sea cliffs and clean golden beaches. It has a breezy shoreline that makes it a perfect spot for water sports such as swimming, surfing, windsurfing, kite surfing, canoeing and kayaking. My first words when we got over the bridge were "What is going on here?" I had never seen kite surfing!

Achill Island can boast of beaches that equal those found in the Caribbean. Keem Bay beach is the number one beach in Europe. It is situated in a cove between two mountain peaks.

When we arrived at Keem Bay, the young folk were eager to get into the water. I just wanted to sit there and enjoy the clean air coming in on the Atlantic breeze. I looked at the mountains. They were dotted with grazing sheep. The sheep seemed totally oblivious to the many mountain climbers sharing their space. I could have stayed there forever but the noise coming from the cliff meant that the swimmers were on their way back. After a delicious homemade lunch, we

were ready to go. Well, not quite. We had to pick some shells and rocks first.

Achill Island was inhabited 5,000 years ago. Traces of past generations are found everywhere on the island: megalithic tombs, ancient forts, and historic churches. They have a deserted village, which preserves the ruins of 80 homes abandoned in 1845 during the Great Famine.

### The Bishop's Garden

Since we had nothing major planned for the next few days, I thought of something I had wanted to do during past visits, when as usual I ran out of time. Next day we were off to visit the Bishop's Garden in the local town, Ballina. The garden's real name is the Karen Garden.

In 2007 eight refugee families of the Karen culture came from Burma and were resettled in Ballina. They were welcomed by the local community and over the years they became integrated into life in the town. When they arrived, the local bishop welcomed them by leasing half of his orchard and half of his garden to them so that they could grow their own food.

With the help of several people from the community, the "garden" has become a model for the whole country. In 2014 it won the top award for *Sustainable Development* in all Ireland.

Divided into four sections, it has a vegetable garden, an orchard, a greenhouse, an insect hotel, and a bee-friendly flower garden. It has several beehives, a cob oven, and a compost area. Everything grown in the garden is organic.

Behind the garden there is a fruit hedge with white-thorn and black and red currant bushes. They also grow rhubarb, figs, cherries, and strawberries. One wall of the garden has espalier apple, plum, pear, and peach trees. Espalier trees are trained to grow flat against the wall. This was a novel and beautiful sight to me especially since they had lots of fruit.

Local garden centers donate most of the plants and seed for the garden. The produce is sold to the local people.

### The Ice House

One final treat remained for the week. My lovely niece, Marian, who lives locally, treated us to afternoon tea at The Ice House, a very special restaurant on the banks of the river Moy. The weather was beautiful again, with a refreshing breeze coming from the river. We sat there watching the boats come and go while eating the best of food, sweet and savory. It was another perfect day.

I realized at this point that two of my three weeks had gone by very quickly. Next week we would be off to Belfast and the Titanic Museum.

Will there be a 28th World Series title for the New York Yankees?

By Allan Kaufman

The World Series will be over as this issue of The Rossmoor News comes into your home. Trying to predict the two teams that will survive two rounds of the playoffs to play in the World Series is difficult. The two teams in the World Series might not be the two teams with the best regular season records. It might be the two teams playing the best at the end of the regular season.

The most intriguing matchup would be a Yankees-Dodgers series. It would be the 12<sup>th</sup> time they would meet, with the Yankees holding an 8 to 3 edge. Unfortunately, the Dodgers did not hold up their end, and the Yankees were still in the playoffs as we reached the deadline for this article. Still, memories of going to my first World Series game are still etched in my memory.

Born in the Bronx, I grew up in the Sedgwick projects where I played Little League ball on a team coached by my dad, Moe Kaufman. My first recollection of going to Yankee Stadium was through the Sedgwick Little League.

In the early spring, the entire league would wear our uniforms and walk from the projects to Yankee Stadium. Down University Avenue, to the Edward L. Grant Highway, a right on Shakespeare

Avenue and a slight right onto Jerome Avenue to Yankee Stadium on River Avenue and 161 Street. A 25-minute walk. They usually placed us in left field, on the first concourse level. We were all Yankee fans, except for my dad who was a Giants fan.

For 15 cents, I purchased a program, looking at the large scoreboard, the one with the Ballentine Beer sign, for the starting lineups. "What, Jerry Lumpe is playing third base, not Clete Boyer!" my teammate yelled in disbelief. Mickey was in the lineup, so was Yogi, so was "Moose" Skowron and so was my personal favorite, second-baseman, Bobby Richardson. I too, played second base. It was 1958 or 1959.

So, I rooted for the Yankees when it was impossible for anyone to think that they would not win every year. Then came the down years from 1965 to 1975 when we had to endure the Horace Clarke years. Why does everyone pick on poor Horace when they talk about this period of lousy Yankees baseball?

They finally got back to the World Series in 1976 only to be thrashed by the Big Red Machine, losing the series in four games. The following year, they added the missing piece, Mr. October, Reggie

Jackson.

The Yankees reached the Fall Classic by winning the American League East, nipping both the Red Sox and Orioles by 2.5 games. They defeated the Royals in a pressure-packed five game series. Their opponents were the Los Angeles Dodgers. Lead by a rookie manager, Tommy Lasorda, they won their division by 10 games over the Reds and defeated the Phillies in four games.

After the Dodgers beat the Yankees 10-4, the Yankees still led the best of seven, 3 games to 2 with the series returning to the Bronx for games six and seven. The morning of game six, my father-in-law, John Devergiles, called me and asked if I would like to go to the game that night. His boss, affectionately known as the "egg man" since he had an egg business in the Bronx, gave him two tickets for the game.

My first World Series game. I left my wife, Diane, and 10-month old daughter, Lana, in Peekskill, where we were living at the time, and picked up my father-in-law, who lived in the Riverdale section of the Bronx. We sat in the upper deck along the left field side closer to the third base bag than the foul pole. (S/B then?)

My first World Series game was most memorable. It was the one where Reggie Jack-

son hit three home runs as the Yankees defeated the Dodgers 8-4 to capture the series in six games. The Stadium rocked that night, louder with each home run.

I waited four more years when I was able to see the Yankees play the Dodgers in the 1981 World Series. The Yankees won the first two games, lost the next three and I was there for their humiliating defeat in the sixth game, 9-2 as the Dodgers

took the series.

One final note. I have attended one more World Series game. It was game one of the 1996 series when Greg Maddux, of the Atlanta Braves, shut out the Yankees 2-0. The Braves won the first two games of the series in Yankee Stadium then the Yankees swept the next three in Atlanta and won their first World Series in 19 years when they won game

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## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Let's shine a light on our sporting achievements. If you were to ask the residents of Rossmoor who come through the doors of the Clubhouse where are the trophies for the different sports that are played in our community, how many people do you think could tell you? Very few, I think. If they could, you just might want to go home for your flashlight before you went up to the second-floor hallway where the elevator stops. The lighting isn't very good on the shelves that are home for the many awards that our sporting teams have received over the years. You might find it hard to read the winning player's names on the plaques of the Senior Condo Olympics, for example.

Wouldn't it be nice if the trophies could permanently be on display in a more accessible area of the Clubhouse, like an area on the first floor, and with adequate lighting? More of our residents and visitors could pass by and see their name, a neighbor's name, or the name of a friend, who with their teammates could still be the best at whichever sport they chose to participate in.

We do live in an "active adult community," and aren't we proud of the goals and accomplishments that our residents are still able to achieve?

Maybe I'm the only one who feels this way and these few words here will soon be forgotten. If that's the reality, then I think the least that Rossmoor management

could do would be to provide a map of the Clubhouse and a flashlight to every person who comes through the doors and asks, "Where are the trophies for the different sports that are played in our community?"

Now you know my thoughts. What are yours?

**Allen Kobezak**

## In Memoriam

### Eleanor Vera Berger

Eleanor Vera Berger died at home on Sunday, Sept. 22. Her centenarian life was a testament to her abiding spirit and ever-present curiosity about the world.

Born Eleanor Vera Garoni in Fort Lee in 1916, she spent her early life in the heart of the Garoni family before marrying her first husband Joe Schiavone.

She later met and married Edwin Berger. Together they made a home and raised a family in Oradell, before moving to Rossmoor 36 years ago.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna, her son, Jay and his wife Janet, and by grandchildren Rose Schiavone; Carlin, Ryan, and Rosa Berger; and great grandchildren Payton Hunziger and Braxton Berger.

## Yankees

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six. That started an impressive run, winning four championships in five seasons, by the team I started rooting for in the late 1950's.

Full disclosure: Aside from being a Yankees fan, I rooted for the Knicks, when they were great, the Rangers, and most important, the Giants. I've been a season ticket holder with the Giants since 1968 when I used to go to the games with my dad. Now I go with my daughters and my oldest granddaughter, and last year, for the very first time, my wife. What was I thinking? I officiated high school varsity basketball for 25 years until I retired in 2016 to spend my time watching my grandkids play many different sports. I try to find time to play golf and walk our beagle, Jackson Fillmore.

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By Christina Smith, Resident Services Manager

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## CULINARY CORNER

By Sidna Mitchell

### It's apple season again

Often, I cook by sight or taste or what's in the refrigerator or by the season. It's apple season again and time to head to upstate New York—Ken's old stomping grounds—for some of those delicious varieties of apples.

However, since I'm so tied up with physical therapy after my left knee revision (total

knee replacement), I don't know if we will be able to make that trip. I guess I will just have to settle for super-market apples.

Also, I was to be interviewed by another professor writing a book that will include my time as editor of the student newspaper when James Meredith integrated the University of Mississippi. After 56 years, I hope I can remember enough to answer

her questions. After all, I do live here and we residents are known for our "Rossmoor moments!" Maybe I should just "prep" by reading some of the books already lining one of my bookshelves.

As I peeled apples, I remembered a big package of dates in my refrigerator. Instead of searching through my hundreds of cookbooks, I got out my cooking column index—I wrote a weekly cooking column for some North Jersey newspapers for 42 years. Sure enough, I had lots of apple recipes from which to choose and one included dates. Bingo!

Here's a delicious recipe to make as one loaf of bread, two loaves or several small loaves or even muffins for the fall apple season.

#### Apple Date Bread

3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
1 ½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup flaked coconut, toasted  
1 ½ cups milk

#### Culinary corner

1 egg, beaten  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 (8-ounce) package diced dates  
1 cup finely chopped apples  
1 cup chopped pecans

Sift together flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Stir in coconut.

Combine milk, egg and vanilla and stir into dry ingredients. Mix well.

Blend in diced dates, chopped apples and chopped pecans and mix well.

Grease and flour a 9x5x3-inch loaf pan or two smaller loaf pans.

Bake at 350 degrees for one hour and 15 minutes for a single loaf. Adjust the baking time for smaller loaves until a toothpick comes out clean.

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### Enhance the holiday season by attending Women's Guild events

By Diane England

Julie Andrews may have sung about her favorite things in the *Sound of Music*, but what would you sing about if given the opportunity? For many of us, probably at least some of these are associated with the holiday season. And indeed, by engaging in events the Women's Guild has planned for both November and December, we hope you'll enjoy a favorite thing—or add something new to your list afterward.

Anyway, let's get started at reviewing these events, shall we?

#### Bazaar on Nov. 2

On Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., the lower level of the Clubhouse will be transformed into a bustling place. While many individuals are avidly pursuing great bargains, they'll nevertheless likely be warmly greeting others. In fact, I love the sense of connectedness which radiates throughout the event that day. Have you experienced something similar before?

There will be something new this year which will enrich the ambiance, delight your ears, and warm your heart. You'll hear beautiful music filtering out from the Ballroom between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon when the Monroe High School Flute Choir will be performing (other than for a brief intermission). As you listen to the wondrous sounds these students create, please remember that one of Women's

Guild scholarships, funded by the proceeds from this Bazaar, will be given in June to a Monroe senior pursuing a college degree in music.

As you're searching for bargains that day, if you're inclined to ask for a lower price yet, please remind yourself what this event is really about. But certainly, if you want to donate beyond the price quoted, we'll happily accept that sum.

Now, don't forget to bring plenty of cash. We'll accept only checks for silent auction items.

#### Holiday luncheon on Dec. 2

Yes, we know. It's early this year—and after we had a late Thanksgiving. So, we certainly hope you'll be around and able to join us on Monday, Dec. 2 at noon in the Ballroom. Really, don't you suspect this luncheon will only further fuel the holiday spirit already generated by Thanksgiving? After all, you'll once again enjoy a great hot buffet from Twin Oaks Catering. We keep asking them to serve the same dishes because people seem to just love them.

As in previous years, you'll not only enjoy a great meal, but we'll also once again be having that wonderful carol and holiday song sing-along afterward. And yes, Jim Wilson will be leading us in song while his wife, Janet Wilson, accompanies us on the piano. So, start thinking about getting your vocal chords warmed up.

When and where can you buy tickets? Check out Channel 26 if you didn't hear these dates announced at the Guild's Oct. 17 meeting.

Also, know that as of Nov. 1, any Rossmoor resident may purchase these \$17 tickets—including for both male and female adult guests. The number you'll be allowed to purchase will only be limited by availability at this time.

#### Monroe School District Percussion Symphony on Dec. 5

They won't perform at the Bazaar, but they will return to perform for our community on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Meeting House. Of course, if you saw them in May, you'll know to plan to attend. For the rest of you, you can expect to have your jaw hit your chest. Really, these students are that good.

You'll see and hear the crème de la crème of percussionists from the school district. Also, these students have studied under their enthusiastic and inspiring director, Mr. Yale Snyder, since fourth grade. And frankly, Snyder so believes in their capabilities, and they obviously so believe in him, that these musicians continue to demonstrate they're capable of performing just as he'd always envisioned.

By the way, don't worry that your ears will be bombarded by drum solos reminiscent of those performed by rock groups during your college days. You're more apt to be delighting at what seem like heavenly sounds appropriate for ringing in a joyous holiday season.

One more thing. While the concert is free, there will be a donation basket that night. All money collected will go toward funding the music scholarship to be handed out in June.

### Scams exposed by the Computer Club

By Steve Gray

How many times have you received a telephone call starting out "I am calling from Microsoft," or "Your grandson or granddaughter is in jail in Outer Mongolia," or even "I am calling from Social Security (or the IRS) and your social security number was used in committing a crime?" Should you respond to these calls?

If you said yes then you most definitely need to come to our Computer Club meeting on Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. in

the Gallery where our own Steven Gray will have a presentation on scams, what to look for and how to avoid them.

This is very timely information as Rossmoorites have fallen victims to some of these scams. Learn how to save yourself a lot of anguish and maybe some money as well.

Remember Monday, Nov. 18, at 10 a.m. The three C's (coffee, cake and conversation) begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Gallery.

### Join the Art Group

By Pamela Neece

The Art Group meets here in the Gallery every Wednesday morning at 9:30.

This group is constructed as an *open studio* with instruction available for every level from beginner to experienced. We work on our own individual projects in all media (watercolor, acrylic and oil paint, pencil and colored pencil, and pastel), at our

own speed, and on our own schedule. We take inspiration from each other and enjoy the camaraderie of sharing a pastime with people who enjoy the creative process and enjoy learning new things.

If you would like see what we're doing, please stop by any Wednesday morning. We'd love to see you and we'd love to have you JOIN US!

# Rossmoor Clubhouse News

## November 2019

### Bounti-Fall Harvest Dance Party with DJ Rodger

Saturday, November 23

7PM Ballroom \$10pp

Call-In on 11/11 at 12:15PM

### WELCOME

#### Clubhouse

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#### E&R Office

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8:30AM - 5PM

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Sebrina Jinks: Office Assistant

Jessica Roberts: E&R Foreman

### ON SALE - NOW & UPCOMING

### EVENTS

#### AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE

Friday, November 8 at 8:30AM, Gallery  
\$15 Members/ \$20 Non-Members

#### VETERAN'S DAY BREAKFAST

Tuesday, November 12 at 10AM, Ballroom, \$16

#### WINE & DESIGN

Thursday, November 21 at 6:30PM, Gallery, \$15  
On Sale 11/5

#### BOUNTI-FALL HARVEST DANCE PARTY W/ DJ RODGER

Saturday, November 23 at 7PM, Ballroom, \$10  
Call-in on 11/11 at 12:15PM

#### NEW YEARS EVE AT NOON W/ LOU RUVOLO

Tuesday, December 31 at 11:30PM, Ballroom, \$40  
Menu available at E&R

#### ROARING 2020'S NEW YEARS EVE SPEAKEASY PARTY

Tuesday, December 31 at 7:30PM, Ballroom, \$78  
Menu available at E&R

#### AFTERNOON "HIGH TEA" W/ DOWNTON ABBEY MOVIE

Friday, January 17 at 1PM, \$40  
5-Course Afternoon Tea served at A Steep In Thyme,  
followed by Downton Abbey movie in Clubhouse Ballroom  
On Sale 11/21

#### CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Tuesday, January 21 at 12:30PM, Ballroom, \$TBA  
On Sale 12/10

### EXCURSIONS

#### "TINA: THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL"- SOLD OUT

Wednesday, December 4 - Departs poolside at 10AM

#### NYC HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR WITH LUNCH AT CASA DI NAPOLI

Monday, December 9, \$85—Departs pool side at 1:15pm

#### HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT CHRISTKINDLMARKT

Friday, December 13, \$35  
Bus departs poolside at 9:30AM

#### PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW & READING TERMINAL MARKET

Thursday, March 5, \$60—Bus departs poolside at 9:15AM  
On Sale 1/6

### NYC Holiday Lights Tour w/ Lunch at Casa di Napoli

Monday, December 9  
\$85 pp Bus departs at 1:15pm

Enjoy a buffet lunch at Casa di Napoli, then board the bus  
to depart for NYC where our guide will join the group.

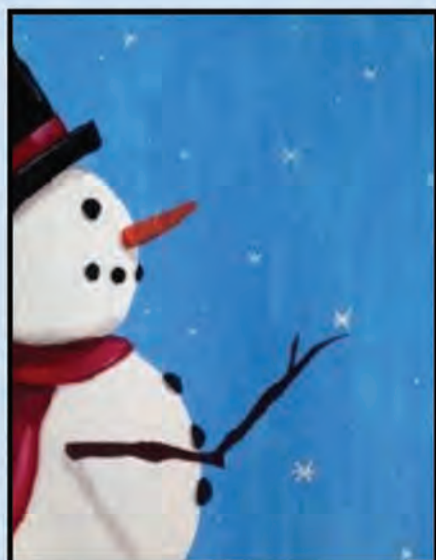
Touring New York's finest sights, some of the sights we will  
see are the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree, 57th Street  
Snowflake and Time Warner Center. We will also make a  
stop at Bryant Park's outdoor holiday market!

### WINE & DESIGN

Thursday, November 21  
6:30PM Gallery \$15

Light refreshments provided.

On Sale 11/5



### An Afternoon "High Tea" and Downton Abbey Movie

Friday, January 17  
\$40 pp High Tea at 1pm

Enjoy a "High Tea" luncheon at A Steep In Thyme.  
Five-course meal includes soup, salad, scone, tea sand-  
wiches and dessert. Assorted teas available. Seating is  
limited to 25 guests. Following the luncheon, we will  
show "Downton Abbey" in our Clubhouse Ballroom.

On Sale November 21

## CULTURAL

**AFRICAN HERITAGE GROUP**  
Saturday, November 16, 2:00pm, Gallery

**AVIATION GROUP**  
2nd Wednesday, 1:30pm, Ballroom  
"Amelia—Lost Aircraft"

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
Thursday, November 21, 3:00pm, Dogwood  
"Winesberg Ohio" by Sherwood Anderson

**CURRENT EVENTS ROUNDTABLE**  
Mondays, 10:30am, Maple

**GERMAN AMERICANS**  
Thursday, November 21, 1:30pm, Cedar

**KOREAN AMERICANS**  
No November Meeting

**LATINO/HISPANIC-AMERICANS**  
Wednesday, November 20, 6:00pm, Gallery

**POLISH AMERICAN**  
No November Meeting  
Next Meeting Friday, December 6

**PROGRESSIVE GROUP**  
Friday, November 15, 5:00pm, Ballroom

**RECIPE GROUP**  
Wednesday, November 13, 6:30pm, Maple

**VETERANS GROUP**  
Veteran's Day Breakfast  
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 10:00am, Ballroom

**WRITERS GROUP**  
Thursday, November 21, 10:00am, Cedar

## THE ARTS

**"ALL IN STITCHES" Knit & Crochet Group**  
Thursdays & Saturdays, 1:00pm, Maple

**ART CLASS/WORKSHOP**  
Wednesday, 9:30am—11:30am, Gallery  
Resident/Artist Paul Pittari offers basic instruction. Easels provided. Supplies on your own.

**CERAMICS STUDIO**  
Monday & Thursday, 8:30am—12pm.  
Monitor present. Molds & Kiln on site.  
Supplies on your own.

**POTTERY**  
Wednesday & Saturday, 8:30am-12 Noon  
Monitor present. Supplies on your own.

**RUG HOOKING GROUP**  
Thursdays, 9am—2pm, Gallery  
Bring your lunch and have some fun!

**OPEN WOOD CARVING WORKSHOP**  
Fridays, 9am—12pm, Woodshop  
Monitor present. Supplies on your own.

**WOODSHOP**  
Mon-Fri 9am-3pm Saturday 9am-Noon  
Open to Residents who have completed the orientation and safety class. Monitor present.



## CARDS & GAMES

**BANANAGRAMS**  
Mondays & Thursdays, 2pm, Game Room  
Contact Dolores Wardrop.

**BILLIARDS ROOM**  
Open 7 days, 8am-10pm  
(Closed for cleaning Wed. 8am—11am.)

**BRIDGE**  
Contact Clubhouse

**CANASTA**  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 1pm-4pm  
Contact Sandy Davidson at (609) 395-4057 or  
Linda Ortlepp at (609) 664-2965

**MAHJONG**  
Contact Clubhouse

**MAY I**  
Contact Sophie Prata.

**MAH JONG**  
Beginners and experienced players  
wanted. Contact Linda DeMorato.

**MEN'S POKER**  
Contact Alan Lasky.

**NINTENDO Wii**  
Bowling, Tennis, Golf. Stop by Clubhouse  
Office to sign out games.

**PINOCHLE**  
Please call E & R if interested.

**POKER**  
Contact E&R



## GET MOVING!

**CHAIR YOGA**  
Tuesday mornings, 10:00am, Gallery  
Enjoy the benefits of yoga while sitting in a chair.  
Class is conducted by a certified Yoga Instructor.  
Pay instructor directly

**"DOWNSIZING"—Weight Loss Support Group**  
Wednesday, 9:30am, Maple  
Call the Clubhouse for information

**HEALTHY BONES**  
Thursdays, 9:30am, Ballroom  
This class is for those that have pre-registered.

**LATIN-INSPIRED DANCE**  
Tuesday, November 5, 6:30pm, Gallery  
Join us for an hour of instructional dancing—Salsa,  
Merengue, Bachata and more!

**OPEN EXERCISE DVD**  
Monday, Thursday, 9:30am, Hawthorn  
Saturday, 9:30am, Maple  
Exercise at your own pace. No Instructor. DVDs  
are selected from our current collection. No charge  
or sign-up required.

**WALKING GROUP (Weather Permitting)**  
Mondays, 9am, Front of Clubhouse  
Walk the 1 mile or the 2.5 mile loop around Old  
Nassau. Bring water and wear comfortable shoes.

**YOGA**  
Wednesday, 9:30am, Cedar  
Resident instructor conducts the class. No Charge.  
Bring floor mat. SPACE LIMITED.

**ZUMBA**  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00pm\*, Hawthorn  
Payable to instructor. Wear closed-toe shoes.  
\*Please note new start time



## Sign Up Now! AARP Safe Driving Course

Friday, November 8  
8:30AM-1:30PM Gallery

\$15 Members / \$20 Non-Members  
Checks payable to AARP.



## SPORTS FUN!

**BOCCE**  
The 2020 Bocce Season will be April—June.  
Keep an eye out for additional information.

**CROQUET**  
Interested in playing in 2020? New Players  
Welcome. Call Betty Anne Clayton.

**HIKERS**  
New hikers welcome! All hikes depart from  
Clubhouse at 9:30am, unless otherwise noted.

**PICKLEBALL**  
Special thanks to the Monroe Pickleball  
Fundraising Group, players, Make-A-Wish  
staff and spectators for a great day.

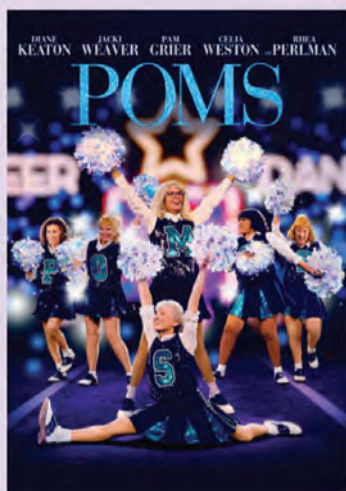
**SHUFFLEBOARD**  
Interested in playing in 2020? New Players  
Welcome. Contact E&R for details.

**TABLE TENNIS**  
Tables available Tuesday, Friday, & Saturday  
9-11AM. All welcome! Hawthorn Room

**TENNIS**  
Courts available 8am until dusk. Bring your  
own equipment.



## MOVIE CORNER



### "POMS"

Rated PG-13 / 1hr 31m / No Charge

Sunday, November 17  
1:30pm Ballroom

Tuesday, November 19  
1:30pm & 7pm Ballroom

**TUESDAY MYSTERY MOVIE**  
November 12 at 1:30pm & 7pm

*Movies are subject to change.*

## RSVP Your Interest

"West Side Story" or "Dear Evan Hansen"  
on Broadway

Wine & Train Tour \* Ladies Day in Lancaster  
Mackinac Island, NY Tour

Radio City Christmas Show \* Car Show

5 Day Cruise (out of Bayonne)

Make Your Own Gourmet Ravioli

QVC Studio Tour

Murder Mystery Dinner

Arrangement of trips is dependent upon number of residents interested. If you want to see something special, call E&R!

## LIBRARY ON LOCATION

### "The Way We Get By"

Wednesday, November 20 at 1PM, Ballroom

On call 24/7, three senior citizens greet close to one million returning US troops at a tiny Maine airport.

A film by Aron Gaudet. [2009, 83 min.]

**No Charge**—Program is in collaboration w/ Monroe Twp. Library & PBS



## F41

- **RCAI Offices will be Closed** on Thursday, November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving Day.
- **CONTACT THE CLUBHOUSE** for information regarding events and trips.
- **EVENT REMINDERS:** Bring Rossmoor ID when purchasing tickets for Clubhouse events. Only two tickets per manor can be purchased. When bringing a guest/non-resident, please provide their full name at the time of ticket purchase. Tickets are non-transferable.
- **TRIP REMINDERS:** Trips require average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs, and walk reasonable distances. Any guest accompanying a Rossmoor resident **MUST** be at least 18 years of age. Basic information on guests must be provided when tickets are purchased.
- **CLUB PRESIDENTS & GROUP REPRESENTATIVES:** Channel 26 announcements and room set ups **MUST** be handed in on the official forms. Forms can be found on the website or in the Clubhouse.
- **ROSSMOOR CLUBHOUSE NJ** is our official Facebook page. Follow us for Clubhouse updates, ticket sales, and event photos. You just might see yourself having a good time!
- **RCAINJ.COM** is the official website for Rossmoor. Here you will find everything Rossmoor! Check it out!
- **EVENTS & TRIPS** are subject to change.

Members of our Veteran's Group traveled to Camden to tour the Battleship New Jersey.



Rossmoor hosted their 1st Annual Fundraising Event and with incomparable efforts, the "Monroe Pickleball Fundraising Group" was formed and an unforgettable event was created. At the dinner reception "MPFG" presented Make-A-Wish with a check for \$20,000.



Sam the Dane posed for a picture while patiently waiting to be blessed.



Sidna Mitchell welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

On October 19, Rossmoor hosted its first Blessing of the Animals event. And what a success it was! More than 40 pets, accompanied by their owners joined Reverend Robin Bacon Hoffman in a prayer and blessing.

# NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Events or trips marked * require tickets or prior registration	Ticket Sales Today! 				1	2 9:00am-2:00pm Women's Guild Bazaar-CH 
3	4	5 10:00am Fitness Center Orientation—VC  	6	7	8 8:30am AARP Safe Driving Class—GL*	9
10	11 10:00am Mutual 8 Budget—GL  	12 10:00am Mutual 4B Budget—GL 1:30pm Mystery Movie —BR 2:00pm Golf Committee —VC 7:00pm Mystery Movie —BR	13 10:00am Mutual 1 Budget—BR 1:30pm Aviation “Amelia-Last Flight- BR 2:00pm Mutual 4 Budget—GL 6:30pm Recipe Exchange- MP	14 9:00am Committee Meetings- VC 6:30pm Bingo—BR 	15 10:00am Mutual 5 Budget—BR	16
17 1:30pm “POMS” Movie —BR	18 2:00pm Mutual 14 Budget—DW	19 10:00am Mutual 12 Budget—GL 10:00am New Resident Meeting- VC 2:00pm Mutual 6 Budget—GL	20 10:00am Mutual 2 Budget—BR 1:00pm Library on Location- BR 3:00pm Mutual 10 Budget— GL	21 9:00am Board of Governors- VC 3:00pm Mutual 15 Budget-VC 6:30pm Wine & Design —GL* 	22 10:00am Mutual 9 Budget—GL 2:00pm Mutual 17 Budget—VC	23 7:00pm “Bounti-Fall Harvest” Dance Party-BR*
24	25	26 2:00pm Mutual 4C Budget—GL	27	28 RCAI Offices CLOSED  	29 RCAI Offices CLOSED	30

INDEPENDENT CLUBS			
Chorus	Wed	4 pm	MH
Church Discussion	Tues	1:30 pm	MHP
Computer Club	3rd Mon	10 am	GL
Dance Club	Last Sat	7 pm	BR
Emerald Society	4th Wed	2 pm	BR
Indian-American	Sun	9:30 am	GL
Italian-American	3rd Wed	7:30 pm	BR
Players	Last Mon	7 pm	GL
Torah Study	Sat	10 am	CD
Women's Guild	3rd Thurs	1:30 pm	BR

MEETING HOUSE SERVICES		
Catholic Society Mass	2nd Thurs	7 pm
Jewish Congregation Sabbath	2nd & 4th Fri	7:15 pm
Community Church & Communion	1st Sun	11 am
Community Church Worship	2nd & 4th Sun	11 am
Community Church & Fellowship	3rd Sun	11 am

ROOM KEY	
BR Ballroom	H Hawthorn
C Court	MP Maple
CD Cedar	MH Meeting House
CH Clubhouse	MHP Meeting House Parlor
CFT Craft	TR Terrace
DW Dogwood	RR Red Room
GL Gallery	VC Village Center
GR Game	

*Photos by Joe Conti and Walter Gryskiewicz*



**The Golfers, 9-hole men's and women's, enjoy their social after the 9-hole scramble.**

## Tom Smith and Norman Perkus “Raising Cane”



## Joe Conti exposed as Bigfoot!



November Concert offers a well-known ensemble

By Linda Bozowski

Coming to the Meeting House on Friday, Nov. 22, is the All Seasons Chamber Players ensemble. The November performance marks the eleventh time that the ensemble has entertained us since 1994.

The All Seasons Chamber Players has performed over 850 live concerts in the metropolitan area since its founding thirty-nine years ago. Their music has been heard on numerous cable TV stations as well.

The program that we will enjoy is titled, "Romantic Voices." Included will be

music by Rachmaninoff, Clara Schumann, Carl Reinecke, and Gabriel Faure. Robert Lawrence, program director, will introduce each piece.

Among the artists performing that evening will be Lawrence, a violinist; cellist E. Zoe Hassman; pianist and Co-Director Jean Strickholm; pianist Jacqueline Schiller-Audi; and flutist Lisa Hansen. All the ensemble's performers are professional musicians who also play with major area orchestras. They also perform with Broadway shows and summer music festi-

vals. The Players have received grants from the National Education Association, Chamber Music America, and several corporate and private sources.

Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. performance will be available at the Meeting House on the evening of the concert. Additional information about the Music Association is available from President Faith Knabe at 609-395-7853. More information about the All Seasons Chamber Players can be found at its web site, [www.allseasonschamberplayers.org](http://www.allseasonschamberplayers.org).



All Seasons Chamber Players Ensemble

Dance Club's Last Dance of the Year will feature a Chinese buffet

By Judy Perkus

DJ Donny Pesce will supply the dance music when the Rossmoor Dance Club holds its Last Dance of the Year on Saturday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. In addition to a Chinese buffet dinner, we will have dessert (sugar-free available), coffee, tea and soda.

Come alone or bring your friends to the Ballroom. All Rossmoorites, couples and singles, are welcome.

Join in on the fun. Send your \$15 per member/ \$17 per non-member check made out to the Rossmoor Dance Club to Armen DeVivo at 449B Roxbury Lane. The reservation deadline is Nov. 22.

You may send your 2020 Dance Club dues of \$15 per couple, \$7.50 per person to Armen.

Call Armen at 609-655-2175 for more information.

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### Last Dance of the Year and Chinese Buffet — November 30

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESERVATION DEADLINE: November 22**

# of Member(s) @\$15	= \$ _____
# of Non-member(s) @\$17	= \$ _____
<b>2020 dues \$7.50 pp; \$15 per couple</b>	= \$ _____
<b>CHECK TOTAL:</b>	\$ _____

Please leave your \$15 per member/ \$17 per non-member check made out to the Rossmoor Dance Club in the Dance Club Folder in the E&R Office or mail to:

**Armen DeVivo, President**  
449B Roxbury Lane, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831  
Tel: 609-655-2175



Dance Club Officers, from left. Lucille Ricci, Treasurer; Armen DiVivo, President; Linda Klink, Vice President; Judy Perkus, Secretary.



Cast of "WHAT's UP"

## Players Pastimes

By Sue Archambault

The Players musical comedy, titled "WHAT's Up," was presented last month to rave reviews. (Two out of three standing ovations!) The audience unanimously enjoyed

this original musical comedy by Jim Wilson.

Jim wrote the book, music, and lyrics to "WHAT's Up," and was also the director. It is difficult to believe that this was Jim's first effort at writing and



directing. We knew, however, that he was presented with an Emmy award for his excellent writing when he worked on The Today Show, so we were not surprised at his writing talent. An additional song, a favorite of ours, was included in the play. The song was written by our beloved team of Bill Strecker and Bob Huber. All in all, our three performances of "WHAT's Up" were a huge hit.

The Players' next general meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 25, in the Gallery at 7 p.m. Norman Perkus will lead us in his very entertaining ad lib skits. All are welcome to attend as a participant and/or an audience member. Be prepared to laugh at the antics of the performers.

The Players annual holiday party will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 3 in the Gallery. Players members, please look for the details to follow in your email in order to join us for this fun event.

## Democratic Club

By Catherine Hunt

Greetings from Rossmoor's Democratic Club. Thanks to all who participated in our September and October meetings.

Our three speakers in September gave us a broad view of community activity on immigration, and shared from their wide experience in caring for our immigrant community. Fatima Mughal, a teacher and portrait photographer by day, volunteers on immigration advocacy and tenants' rights with the Fair and Welcoming Coalition of Mercer County, Solidaridad in Princeton, and LALDEF in Trenton. She has organized rallies to protect DACA and to protest the family separation policy.

Rita Dentino has her Master's degree from Boston University in social work. Most recently, she has worked with Casa Freehold for 16 years and shared from her great practical knowledge and experience.

Malini Guha, an award-winning investigative journalist from Yale, has her Master's Degree in journalism from Yale. Malini shared from personal experience as a daughter of immigrants. She is a candidate for LD12 N.J. State Assembly.

The speakers called our attention to the Let's Drive legislation, which would increase the number of licensed, registered, and in-

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**ENCORE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**11 AM - 4 PM**  
**COME ENJOY A DAY OF SHOPPING**  
**IN OUR CLUBHOUSE & HELP RAISE \$\$**  
**FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**  
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## Womens Guild

By Diane England

The Monroe Township High School Flute Choir will perform in the Ballroom from 10 a.m. until noon (with an intermission) during the Bazaar on Saturday, November 2.

While it was previously advertised that the Monroe School District Percussion Symphony would be appearing at the Bazaar, we're pleased to announce that

instead, these talented musicians will be providing our community with another free concert (they performed in May to rave reviews) in our Meeting House on Thursday, December 5 at 7 p.m.

Since we know you're going to be astounded with their performances, please put this event on your calendar now. It will be a great start to your holiday season!

## Emerald Society's winter activities

By Joan Avery

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 2019 very popular trip to the Christmas Show at the Sight and Sounds Theater on Dec. 10. Also mark your calendars for the Emerald Society's Christmas Party to be held at the Cranbury Inn on Sunday, Dec. 1.

Dan announced that the Emerald Society has do-

nated \$150 to the Smile Train and \$150 to the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Dan appointed a nominating committee for a full slate of officers for the Emerald Society, which was done at the Oct. 23 meeting.

There will be no November meeting. See you in December.

## The Italian American Club

By Tony Cardello

The officers of the club extend their wishes to all members and their families for a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

The Columbus Day party was another great social event. The sit-down dinner, catered by City Streets, could not have been any better. The entertainment pro-

vided by Ken Ryan was top notch.

The next membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 20, starting at 7 p.m., at which time members can sign up for the Christmas brunch at Forsgate Country Club. The date is Sunday Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person.

Bingo will be held on Thursday, Nov. 14, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom.

The club donated \$400 to the Rossmoor Catholic Society, \$400 to the Interfaith Council to help pay for the annual turkey dinners they distribute to Rossmoor residents, and \$250 to the Make-a-Wish foundation.

## Religious Organizations

### Will you be homebound on Thanksgiving?

By Diane England

Do you expect to be homebound and alone on Thanksgiving (or with just your partner or a caregiver) because you're unable to get out much anymore? If so, you'll want to know that Rossmoor's Interfaith Council will deliver a prepared Thanksgiving dinner to you on Thanksgiving morning. Then, when you're ready to

celebrate the holiday, you can just heat it up.

This opportunity is not based upon financial need. You also need not be affiliated with any faith community. We just believe everyone here at Rossmoor should be able to enjoy a nice Thanksgiving dinner.

Interfaith Council volunteers put together the individual

meals, from purchased food, early Thanksgiving morning. Then by mid- to late-morning, we're out there delivering the dinners.

Anyway, please don't forgo a nice Thanksgiving dinner because of personal physical limitations. Call Joan Russo (this is a change in contact person from the recent past) by Nov. 15 and order your dinner(s). Her phone number is in the Rossmoor Directory.

To all those who partake of this program, as well as those who do not, the nine members of the Interfaith Council (representing the Catholic Society, the Jewish Congregation, and the Community Church) wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

### Democratic Club

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sured drivers in New Jersey. Members are encouraged to call our N.J. state representatives and invite them to support Let's Drive legislation. Donations of food, clothing, or other items are appreciated at Casa Freehold. Please contact Catherine Hunt 205-821-1209 for information.

Many thanks to our members and friends who participated in postcard parties or phone banking. We met in the Gallery every Sunday evening from 6 to 8 p.m., where some came to pick up postcards to write at home, and some stayed and enjoyed the fellowship.

Delicious bagels and fixings were enjoyed in October at the Annual Bagel Rally. Members and friends of the Rossmoor community also enjoyed the opportunity to meet the candidates and converse with them individually.

Come one, come all to our holiday event with Silent Auction on Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Gallery. This is a very popular event, so please purchase your tickets early (\$15). Come and pick up special gifts for the holiday season. Refreshments will be catered, and wine will be served. Please bring items for the silent auction by 5:30 so they can be displayed advantageously. Members are invited to create themed baskets to bring for the auction. Please contact Catherine Hunt for tickets or concerning items to bring. Looking forward to an evening of fun and fellowship.

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# It was a match made in...Israel

By Allan Kaufman

It's been a 70-year love affair, started on a kibbutz in the new nation of Israel in 1949, that continues today for Hadassah and Alec Aylat, Rossmoor residents for 27 years. In August, my wife Diane and I had the privilege of seeing Hadassah celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday by leading the Friday night services at the Jewish Congregation of Rossmoor. Their daughter Roni and her husband, Aryeh as well as Hadassah and Alec's grandchildren, from their son Joshua, who lives in Israel, were there to honor them. During the service Hadassah talked about her husband and I knew, by listening to her, that they have shared a fascinating life together.

While being married 70 years is cause enough for a celebration, throw in their devotion to the State of Israel, starting when they met during Israel's War of Independence in 1948 to being there when the Kotel, The Western Wall, was reopened to Jews again since it had been closed to Jews by the Arabs since the 1948 War of Independence. The name dropping of historical figures such as Chaim Weizmann, the first President of Israel and his successor, made their story read like a good novel.

Hadassah Tatelman, raised by traditional Jewish parents in Terre Haute, Indiana, was a student at Northwestern University in the 1940s majoring in journalism. Her mother Rose was an ardent Zionist who befriended a biochemist named Chaim Weizmann, who often came to Terre Haute on business. Her mom was also friendly with Rachel Ben-Zvi, the wife of Yitzhak Ben-Zvi. Yitzhak would succeed Weizmann as the second president of Israel. Hadassah left college, only a few credits short of her degree (which she would eventually complete after taking night courses at Columbia) and went to New York where she was able to secure a job at Coronet magazine as an editorial assistant. In 1948 she became an associate editor at the magazine.

Later in 1948, Rachel suggested that she come to Israel. Hadassah told her boss at Coronet that she wanted to go to Israel and become a war correspondent, covering Israel's War of Independence. They, somehow, agreed and off she went to Jerusalem to meet her mom's friend, Rachel, who was waiting for her.

"We had little in the way of comfort items such as running water at that time in Jerusalem," Hadassah said. "The city was besieged by the Arabs and we did all we could to preserve the clean water."

She then traveled throughout the new State of Israel with other correspondents gathering information for an

article she was to pass along to her boss at Coronet magazine. That never happened because of a man name Alec Levart.

Alec Levart was born in Glasgow, Scotland. His family was one of a community of Jewish families living in the Glasgow area. His scholastic education was interrupted by World War II. He left before graduating to take up an unexpected offer from

the BBC's Drama Department because he wanted to be an actor. After two years he changed his mind, deciding to be a pioneer in farming in Palestine. (Israel had not yet been granted statehood). But then, when the opportunity arose, he joined the Jewish Brigade Group made up of Palestinian Jews, which was part of the British Eighth Army fighting the Germans in Italy.



Hadassah and Alec at their wedding.

After the war he arranged to be smuggled into Palestine under the name of Yochanan Lustig, one of five aliases he used. Later he became Elyakim Ben-Shmuel. In early 1948 he joined the first kibbutz of the Palmach, Bet Keshet and fought in Israel's War of Independence. It was during his time at Bet Keshet he befriended a young man, a leader within the kibbutz, named Eli Ben-Zvi, the son of Rachel and Yitzhak. While on patrol, Eli and a number of other soldiers were ambushed and killed.

The lives of Alec and Hadassah were soon going to change.

Hadassah made the decision to visit the kibbutz Bet Keshet later in 1948. At that time, she had decided not to continue her work for Coro-



Hadassah and Alec Aylat

net. While at Bet Keshet she met and became friends with Elyakim Ben-Shmuel. The friends fell in love.

They left the kibbutz but before they got married, the strong-willed Hadassah refused to be called Mrs. Ben-Shmuel. They decided to take on the last name of Aylat, after the city of Eilat. They were married in Jerusalem on June 24, 1949, with

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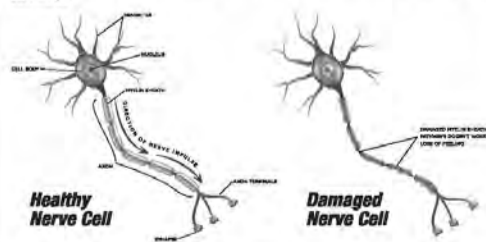
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## Catholic Society

By Lucille Conti

On Tuesday, November 12, a Healing Mass and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated in the Meeting House at 1:30 p.m. The Celebrant to be announced. We invite you to attend and hope you would offer a ride

to anyone who does not have transportation.

There will be no film in November, however the Chaplet will be recited on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 3:00 p.m. in the Dogwood Room.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will gather on Thursday, Nov. 7 and 21 at 1:30 p.m.

## Jewish Congregation celebrates New Year

By Marjorie Heyman

The sounds of the shofar (ram's horn) reverberated throughout the Meeting House as our Jewish Congregation welcomed in the New Year of 5780, our 51st year as a Congregation. The traditional "Break the Fast" was held Oct. 9 to mark the end of the High Holy Days.

Singing and dancing were the order of the day on Saturday, Oct. 19, with the celebration of Simchas Torah. Simchas Torah (Rejoicing of the Torah) happens when the reading of the Torah is completed and begun anew. Thanks to Rabbi Lauren Levy who led the celebration.

The Jewish Congregation will sponsor the Interfaith Council's Thanksgiving service on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 1:30 p.m. in the Meeting House. Our speaker will be

Rabbi Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield; currently, Rabbi of Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam in Manahawkin. All are welcome. The Interfaith Council will also distribute Thanksgiving dinners to Rossmoorites who are homebound.

The Rutgers Jewish Film Festival, being held Sunday, Nov. 3 through Sunday, Nov. 17, celebrates Jewish history, culture, and identity through film. This is the 20th anniversary of the festival and will feature films from Israel and around the world as well as guest speakers. For further information or to purchase tickets, call 848-932-4166 or email [ruff@sass.rutgers.edu](mailto:ruff@sass.rutgers.edu).

Services this month will be held on Nov. 1 and 15 at 7:15 p.m. All are invited to

attend. Oneg Shabbat, refreshments following services, will be sponsored by the Congregation.

For information on joining the Rossmoor Jewish Congregation, contact Karen Seiden, vice-president of membership.

## A match

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Hadassah's mom, and Rachel and Yitzhak Ben-Zvi attending. Thus, begun their fascinating life together.

They worked for The Palestine, soon to be The Jerusalem Post, he as a journalist covering many important stories of the day and she, as a feature editor. "It was exciting to see a country grow out of the desert sands," Hadassah remarked.

In 1950, they left Jerusalem for the United States, where their daughter Roni was born. They stayed in the United States for 12 years. During that time Alec worked for the Israeli Consulate, lecturing about and fund-raising for Israel. He ran the Israeli Bond Office in a few states before Hadassah and their now two children, (son Joshua was born in 1955), returned to Israel in 1962.

They were there for the Six Day War in 1967 when Israel re-gained control of the Western Wall, and for the Yom Kippur War in 1973. They came back to the United States in 1986 to work for the Israel Labor Organization and remained there when their daughter and son-in-law started a business in New York City. They wound up at Rossmoor in 1992.

I asked both of them what was it like being part of history? "They were exciting times, dangerous times, but all worth the effort," replied Alec, still speaking with his Scottish brogue.

Hadassah chimed in, "It was so emotional and magical the first night we were allowed back into the Old City in 1967. I had only seen pictures of the Wall, but to experience going to the wall, praying, is something I'll never forget."

Hadassah and Alec were reflective when I asked them, "What is your secret? How do you make it work after 70 years?" They both laughed when Alec said, "You can't stay mad. Somehow it works."

And it has worked so well for the lady from Terre Haute and the gentleman from Glasgow.

## Let's give thanks together

By Diane England

Last year, it had to be canceled because it began to snow heavily that day. Of course, I'm talking about the annual Thanksgiving service, always held the Thursday before Thanksgiving, organized for the community by the Interfaith Council. This year let's hope everything can proceed as scheduled: Nov. 21 at 1:30 p.m. in the Meeting House.


As you may or may not know, the Interfaith Council is composed of nine people: three representatives each from the Catholic Society, the Jewish Congrega-

tion, and the Community Church. These nine people organize three special services for the community each year. These are for the National Day of Prayer on the first Thursday in May, Memorial Day on the last Monday in May, and this service. However, each faith community takes primary responsibility for one of the three services. Thus, for this service, we owe our thanks to the Jewish Congregation.

Who'll be providing the messages which will help us to get into the right frame of

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## SPORTS



## Schoolyard Croquet came to Rossmoor this season

By John N. Craven

Reminiscent of "pickup" basketball games in the schoolyards of our youth, Rossmoor croquet has developed its own "pickup" games with golf croquet. It started back in the spring by "Toot" Tudor.

A few club members would show up at the courts and play an informal game or two. As the season progressed, more and more members would show up and

players began choosing up sides, as would occur in any schoolyard where kids would come for a quick game and to hang out. On any given Wednesday, there would be as many as four games going at once. These informal games became a regular occurrence in the 2020 season.

The annual golf croquet tournament is held every September. Teams are drawn by lot a week prior to

play and Round Robin play determines the finalists. After two days and 28 games of head-to-head competition, it came down to the two best teams squaring off in a winner-take-all match. When the dust settled, Marie Bills and Betty Anne Clayton took home the Poulin Trophy as the 2019 Rossmoor Golf Croquet tournament champions by beating the team of Alyce Owens and Merv Shivers.

"Kooky Kroquet" is a combination of croquet, miniature golf and a carnival fun house. A player attempts to navigate a croquet ball through a maze of obstacles in the fewest number of strokes. This year's winner, Betty Anne Clayton, crushed the competition to take first prize. Congratulations Betty Anne, we hope that you enjoy your \$1000 Neiman Marcus gift card.

Other October highlights included the annual meeting and closing luncheon, in which next year's Club officers are elected. We enjoyed the always spirited, "Halloween Play," in which club members play in Halloween costumes before a round of Trick or Treating. Both events will be reported in the next issue.

Our annual holiday luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at a venue yet to be selected.

The Club welcomes all residents. Anyone seeking a form of light exercise, the enjoyment of the outdoors, an opportunity to mingle with friends and neighbors, and a chance to learn a simple yet challenging game on a professional level playing court, contact Betty Ann Clayton. Think about it over the winter and look for us on the croquet court any Friday afternoon in the spring of 2020. Come join us, you'll like it!



Eddie Harkins was the chef for the recently held Golf Social and he also earned an "eagle" on the ninth hole with the assistance of Charlie Theokas.

## Golf Social

By Doug Martin

The men's, women's, and 9-hole women's clubs sponsored a social on Sept. 22 with a 9-hole scramble and barbecue.

Ed Harkins starred as chef and an eagle on the 9th hole, assisted by Charlie Theokas.

## Ladies' 18-Hole golf league installs officers for season 2020

By Arlene McBride

On Sept. 10 tournament results were: First place (MOC) Sandy Pellicane; second place, Cathy Daugherty; third place, Terre Martin. We always play fun tournaments and this one was throwing out one hole each on the back and front nine. I really had a problem with it because I wanted to throw everything out. Congratulations to all who had decent scores.

On Sept. 17 odd/even holes tournament was held: first place odd holes, Maria Hogan; second place, Denise Romano. First place even holes, Carolyn Meyer; second place, Pat Crowley. Again picking the odd/even holes before tournament play makes everybody think which holes will give me the most trouble. I certainly picked the wrong holes. Anyway congratulations to all who picked the right holes.

On Sept. 24 a scramble tournament was held: first place A division: Janet Decker, Carolyn Meyer, and Jo Schwegel, second place B division: Pat Crowley, Terre Martin, Arlene McBride, and Sandy Pellicane.

Afterward we met at Molto Bene restaurant in Cranbury for our closing day luncheon and installation of officers for season 2020: President

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## Rossmoor Community Church

- Nov. 1 Women's Guild Bazaar Setup ~ Clubhouse
- Nov. 2 Women's Guild Bazaar 9 to 2 ~ Clubhouse
- Nov. 3 Communion Service at 11 a.m.  
Guest Pastor ~ Rev. Gregory Smith
- Nov. 7 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in Dogwood Room
- Nov. 10 Sunday Service at 11 a.m.  
Pastor ~ Rev. Robin Bacon Hoffman
- Nov. 11 Deacons Meeting at 10 a.m.
- Nov. 12 Finance Committee Meeting at 10 a.m.
- Nov. 13 Worship Committee Meeting at 10 a.m.
- Nov. 14 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in Dogwood Room
- Nov. 17 Sunday Service at 11 a.m.  
Pastor ~ Rev. Robin Bacon Hoffman  
Music Presentation~Rossmoor Chorus  
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- Nov. 18 Council Meeting at 10 a.m.
- Nov. 24 Sunday Service at 11 a.m.  
Pastor ~ Rev. Robin Bacon Hoffman  
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Shuffleboard: A winning season to look back on

By Allen Kobezak

It's been a busier year than normal for our shuffleboard members and a very successful one. In May we played in the Senior/Senior Tournament which is more of a fun outing with some Monroe High School students, in which each team is composed of one "older" and one "younger" senior shuffleboard player, so the two generations not only played against each other but also partnered with each other. In June our strong Rossmoor team struck gold in the Jerry Collins Senior Condo Olympic Shuffleboard Tournament, winning 7 of our 8 games in Division C. We had our High 4 Disk tournament and social on Aug. 20. This event is more of an excuse to snack and get together with our friends.

This year the two highest-scoring players were, for the men, Paul Falcone with 26 points, and for the women, Marie Martino with 22 points. Each year in September we also participate in the Mayor's Cup Tournament. This year we played seven other Monroe communities and brought home the Mayor's Cup for shuffleboard, winning all seven games. We are proud to be the only Rossmoor team in any sport to win the Mayor's Cup this year. All through the summer our shuffleboard team members also participated in our singles and doubles tournaments. This year winning first place in the Women's Singles was Jackie Cristiano, and in the Men's Singles, Paul Falcone. In the doubles tournament, Judy Gamache and Angel Espinosa came in

first place. New this year, we had the second chance tournament, with the winning team of Kim La Gregor and Roger Kaucher taking first place. Our player's achievements were or will soon be recognized on three different occasions this year: First, on Oct. 7, we accepted the Mayor's Cup at the Monroe Township Municipal Building. Second, on Oct. 28, we attended the Annual Sports Awards Dinner in the Rossmoor Clubhouse. Third, as of this writing, the date and location of the Olympics awards reception that our members will attend has not been announced. Yes, it's been a busy season for our members. We all welcome a short break from our favorite sport. I, for one, will be looking forward to that day in April when we all gather at the courts and play our first shuffleboard game with our friends, as we welcome new players for another winning season.

9-Hole Golf

By Mary Shine

We are so lucky to live where we have this excellent golf course. The grounds and course have been beautifully

18-Hole golf

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Maria Hogan, Vice President Jo Schwegel, Treasurer Sandy Pellicane, Secretary Joan Semen, Tournament Chairperson Pat Mueller, and Publicity Arlene McBride. The restaurant served a variety of lunches and the atmosphere was very pleasant. On Oct. 1 low net, low gross tournament was held: low gross, first place, Maria Hogan; second place, Carolyn Meyer, low net first place, Joan Semen; second place, Denise Romano. Good job girls! November is upon us and we can still get in some good weather golf days before you know what might be coming in winter. Happy Thanksgiving to all.



kept and we thank our staff for their hard work. Ted and Ray, as well as all the staff in the Clubhouse are always there to help and encourage us. Thanks Ray and Bob for the clinics each month. They are truly appreciated. Congratulations to Paula Richardson, our 2019 Club champion, and runner-up Alyce Owens. Fewest Putts Tournament was won by Joyce Cassidy – A Flight; and Cathy Misner – B Flight. Winners of the Low Gross Tournament on Oct. 1 were Paula Richardson – A Flight; and Joan Gabriello – B Flight. Thanks to Paula, Joan, and Maureen for organizing our closing day luncheon on Oct. 8. There should still be some good golf weather during the fall season. Keep it going. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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By Dave Salter  
**Heating units serviced in Mutuals 1, 2, 3 and 4**  
Furnace servicing is again being offered to homeowners of Mutuals 1, 2, 3 and 4. The charge for this service is \$35 plus tax. Servicing includes inspection of system, checking elements and wiring, oiling the blower motor and replacing the filters. Please call as early as possible for an appointment.  
**Winterizing manors**  
The Maintenance Department is again offering a winterizing service for homeowners who leave Rossmoor during the winter months. The fee is \$125 plus tax (unless you have 2 Hot Water Heaters in which case there is an additional \$25 charge). We offer a weekly inspection, which is \$30 a month. RCAI strongly recommends that you have this done. Contact our office as soon as you know your dates, and to pick up the forms.

**Attic insulation**  
With winter around the corner, call Maintenance for your free estimate  
**Thermostats**  
With the fall coming upon us, you should turn on your heat thermostats to make sure they are working properly before the cold weather sets in. If you find they are not working, we can replace your thermostats for you. If you still have the original PSG thermostats, Rossmoor strongly recommends you have these replaced because they can overheat and cause damage. Please give us a call for pricing.

**Weather stripping**  
Do your doors have the proper weather stripping? In the winter do you feel cold air around your door? Putting on new weather stripping can help with your heating bills. Please give us a call.  
**Channel 26**  
It is important that you keep an eye on Channel 26. It is the Rossmoor information highway. You will find information regarding road closures, the landscaping daily schedule, important meetings, RCAI information, as well as Mutual information, and much more.

A Message from High Tech Landscapes, Inc.

By Jeff Voss  
• Please call the East Gate phone and leave a message with any questions or concerns, 609 - 655-5134.  
• Ornamental grasses around the utility boxes and in established beds around the common

facilities will be trimmed between now and December.  
• Fall cleanups will continue through December.  
• Please remember to put any garden debris out front at the curb on Sunday night for us to pick up on Monday morning.

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**The Rossmoor News**

**is the 7th of every month.**

## HEALTH CARE CENTER NEWS

### Respiratory and cough etiquette

By Kaytie Olshefski, BSN, RN-BC

Here we are at the start of the cold season and as hard as it is to believe, the flu season started in September. We need to be vigilant in not catching a cold or the flu from someone. We also need to be aware of how not to share those germs with other people.

Did you know, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), that an uncovered sneeze can travel airborne as far as 6 feet away? Once those droplets become airborne, they land on people and objects. An innocent person inhales the germs or touches his or her face, eyes, nose, or mouth, and the germ has now found a new host. These germs live on surfaces and other objects and can survive for up to 24 hours. This is one of the ways someone "catches" a cold or flu.

We all know about respiratory and cough etiquette, but this is a good time to be more conscious and make good etiquette part of our daily routine.

- Avoid touching your face with your hands. This is a port of entry for the virus to enter your body.
- Sneeze or cough into the bend of your elbow, or cover your mouth with a tissue if you are going to sneeze or cough.
- Properly dispose of used tissues into a wastepaper basket.
- Wash your hands frequently – not a fast swipe with soap and water. You need to wash your hands for a good 20 seconds. Not sure how long to stand at the sink? Hum Happy Birthday from the beginning to the end twice, and that is 20 seconds.
- It does not matter if you use regular soap, antibacterial soap, bar of soap, liquid soap or foam soap. They all do a good job in cleaning the germs off your hands.
- Studies have shown it does not matter if the water is cold, tepid, or hot. What is important is the length time you keep your hands under the faucet.
- If you are not near soap and water, then use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer after coughing or sneezing. Hand sanitizers are good to use in a pinch. They have at least 60% alcohol in them. But for the hand sanitizer to be effective, the solution must come in contact with the germs on your hands and kill them. Place the alcohol-based sanitizer on your hands and make sure you clean the front and back of your hands and under your nails. If you wipe the

excess hand sanitizer off your hands, you have defeated its purpose in killing the germs.

#### Here are more tips to keep a cold or flu at bay.

- To keep your immune system strong, take care of yourself by eating properly, taking your medications as prescribed, keeping your medical condition(s) under control, getting eight to 10 hours of sleep a night, and exercising.
- Keep yourself hydrated by drinking at least eight 8-ounce glasses of water, if medically allowed.
- Get your flu shot. Complications from the flu can be deadly.
- Use a humidifier in your home. This keeps your skin, eyes, throat, and nose from becoming dry and less likely to catch a cold or flu.
- Stop smoking, including

vaping. Avoid second-hand smoke. Smoke damages your lungs and makes you more vulnerable to respiratory infections.

- Avoid crowds as much as possible.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you feel you are getting ill, stay home to avoid spreading your germs to other people.
- If you come to the Health Care Center sneezing, coughing, or running a fever, please place a mask located in the waiting room over your mouth to avoid spreading your germs to others in the waiting room. Hand sanitizer is located in the waiting room for your use. As mentioned, these germs live on surfaces for 24 hours.
- Take Tylenol if you have a temperature, drink fluids, and rest as much as

possible.

- If you do come down with respiratory symptoms, call your physician and inform him/her of your symptoms and if you are running a fever.

If you still need to get your flu shot, we have three different flu vaccines, the Standard, Flublok, and High Dose. We also have the two types of pneumonia vaccines; Prevnar 13 and Pneumococcal 23. We require a prescription from your doctor indicating which of these two pneumonia vaccines your doctor would like to you to have. Please call the Health Care Center for more information and to arrange to have the nurse give you your vaccine. If you are homebound and would like a flu shot, please call the Health Care Center for more information.

In our lecture series from Saint Peter's University Hospital, Mary Piirsalu, from Senior Bridge Home Care will speak on "Aging in Place - Strategies and Resources to Stay in Your Home," on Monday, Nov. 11, at 1 p.m., in the Maple Room. Please call the Health Care Center at 609-655-2220 or stop by to sign up if you would like to attend the lecture or if you would like more information.

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## League of Women Voters urges residents to prepare and vote

By G. Moore

This Tuesday, Nov. 5, is a very important day across our nation. It is Election Day, our opportunity to make a difference and influence what happens in our communities by voting. We encourage you to prepare ahead for the very important decisions you will make when you step into the voting booth by utilizing the election website, VOTE411.org, developed by the US League of Women Voters Education Fund for use by voters across the country.

VOTE411.org is a one-stop shop for everything you need to prepare to cast your vote. In the 2018 elections, more than a million voters used the website. Voters who log on to www.Vote411.org and enter their home address are able to create for themselves a personal voting guide which can include:

- Verification of their registration status;
- Registration deadlines;
- Confirmation of their polling place and hours;
- Rules regarding ID requirements;
- A preview of their personal ballot;
- Information about ballot questions;
- A calendar of upcoming debates and forums, and
- Links to other state and national voting resources.

Members of the Monroe League have posed nonpartisan questions to candidates running in the races for Middlesex County freeholders and sheriff, Monroe Township mayor and Council member-at-large and Monroe's Board of Education. We have posted their responses where provided. All responses come directly from the candidates and are not edited in anyway by the League. Users of the website have the ability to compare candidate responses and then decide which position most closely matches their own. Use Vote411 to aid in determining how to cast your vote. We urge you to also encourage your friends and family to do the same.

Whichever way you choose to vote this year, know that by

doing so you are fulfilling the single most important aspect of our democracy. In this time of great political divide, it is important that every voice is heard. Exercise your right and responsibility to vote!

The League of Women Voters of Monroe Township is a nonpartisan political membership organization whose goal

is to empower citizens to shape better communities. Visit our website, lwvmonroetwpnj.org, to learn more about us. We invite you to attend our next general meeting on Monday, Nov. 18, at 1 p.m. in the Monroe Municipal Courtroom. Our speaker will be noted Princeton activist, Ingrid Reed.

## Monroe Residents to Save 10% on Electric Bills This Winter

Monroe Township Council locked in the lowest fixed electric rates to date for the municipal Community Energy Aggregation (MTCEA) program by approving a "Round Four" contract with a new provider, Constellation New Energy (CNE).

"Monroe Township is a pioneer in New Jersey when it comes to municipal energy aggregation and leveraging bulk purchasing to achieve lower energy rates for our residents," said Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. "The MTCEA program saved residents approximately \$13 million in the first three rounds and we anticipate even more savings in Round Four. Our residents can expect to see a reduction of \$150 for a typical household – more for those using large quantities of electricity or living in all-electric homes."

As the lowest bidder, CNE proposed a set price of \$.08395/kwh for the duration of a two-year contract. This new rate, effective December 1, 2019, represents a 10% percent savings over the JCP&L tariff price during winter months when consumption, particularly for all-electric households, is at its height.

Monroe Township's electricity supply contract with South Jersey Energy under Round Three of the MTCEA

program is scheduled to terminate in December 2019. The process for obtaining a replacement contract for Round Four of the MTCEA program was initiated with the release of a Request for Proposals dated August 6, 2019, with proposals due by noon on September 4, 2019, for service starting in December 2019. Proposals from three qualified suppliers were presented and evaluated for consideration by Township Council.

The unanimous approval of the resolution R-9-2019-245 by the Council authorizes the Township's energy agent, Gabel Associates, to award a contract to CNE to provide Monroe Township residents with electric generation services through the MTCEA program. Current participants will not have to take any action in order to continue with the program under the new provider.

Established in 2013, the MTCEA program is conducted under State law and in accordance with the State Board of Public Utilities' regulations. Current participation is approximately 14,500 households with Round Three savings estimated at \$4 million. Residents seeking additional information should contact program coordinator Harold Klein at 732-521-4400, ext. 135.

## Sharing the Silence: The Child of a Survivor Tells His Father's Story

The Henry Ricklis Holocaust Memorial Committee in cooperation with the Friends of the Monroe Township Library Proudly Present Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher "Sharing the Silence: The Child of a Survivor Tells His Father's Story."

Ernst Grumbacher was arrested by the Gestapo and thrown in the Dachau Concentration Camp on Nov. 9, 1938, during Kristallnacht, also known as The Night of Shattered Glass. "He spent six weeks [in the camp] and got out miraculously," said Ernst's son, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher. Rabbi Grumbacher will share his father's story, and how he was able to leave Dachau.

Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher was born in New York City, graduated from

Hunter College and in 1972 was ordained from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion with a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters. Upon his ordination, Rabbi Grumbacher went to Wilmington, Delaware as Assistant Rabbi and Director of Education at Congregation Beth Emeth. In 1982, Rabbi Grumbacher was named Senior Rabbi. He retired in 2009 and has traveled around the country speaking on the subject Sharing the Silence: The Child of a Survivor Tells His Father's Story.

Free of charge. The public is invited to attend on Sunday, November 10, 2:00 p.m. at the Monroe Township High School, 200 Schoolhouse Road, Monroe Twp.

For more information, email hrc08831@gmail.com

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Calendar of Events for Monroe Township Public Library

All events are open to the public.  
To register online: [www.monroetwplibrary.org](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org)

Winter Greeting Card  
Donation Drop Off

Friday, November 1 through Friday, November 15. Do you have spare greeting cards cluttering your home? Drop off your unused and unwanted greeting cards, with envelopes. Please bundle sets. Donations will benefit the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen and may be dropped off in the collection box in the Library during regular operating hours.

Sit-N-Stitch

Fridays, November 1 & 15 at 10:30 a.m. Stitch a project; assist others, share tips, projects and patterns. Bring your own supplies. Registration is not required.

Current Events Discussion  
Group

Saturday, November 2 at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy a discussion about global and domestic affairs. Light refreshments provided. Register at the Welcome Desk.

Annual Jewels of NJ  
Jewelry Show & Sale

Sunday, November 3 from 11am to 4p.m. Holiday shopping simplified at this annual sale of distinctive hand-crafted jewelry and wearable art from New Jersey artisans. Proceeds benefit the Monroe Township Library Foundation.

POV Documentary Films

Sunday, November 3 at 10:30am: On call 24/7 for six years, three senior citizens have made history by greeting nearly one million troops at a tiny Maine airport. (2009, 90 minutes)

Sunday, November 3 at 1pm: From a snowy, small town in northern Michigan to the mountains of Afghanistan, viewers follow the four-year journey of childhood friends who join the National Guard after high school graduation. (2011, 90 minutes)

Saturday, November 16 at 1pm: Survivors of Spain's 40-year dictatorship under General Franco seek justice. Filmed over six years, survivors organize the groundbreaking 'Argentine Lawsuit' and fight state-imposed amnesia of crimes against humanity. (2018, 90 minutes)

These films are presented in collaboration with the award-winning documentary series P.O.V. ([www.pbs.org/pov](http://www.pbs.org/pov)). Registration is not required.

Coupon Club

Monday, November 4 at 1:30p.m. Clip, swap and trade coupons. Discuss deals, share frugal tips and shopping experiences. Bring a pair of scissors and your stash of non-expired coupons. Registration is not required.

Sewing Class: Reversible  
Placemats

Monday, November 4 from 3pm to 5 p.m. Thursday, November 7 from 6pm to 8 p.m. Learn how to sew reversible placemats! Class is 2 hours. Students must take the Meet Your Sewing Machine class

or have prior machine sewing knowledge to take this class. Ages 18 and over. Students must bring at least 2 coordinating fat quarters of fabric to class. Registration is required. Register at the Reference Desk or [www.monroetwplibrary.org](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org), beginning Tuesday, October 1 at 9:30am.

Closing

The Library will be closed on Tuesday, November 5 for Election Day.

Book Café

Wednesday, November 6. Session 1 at 11 a.m.; Session 2 at 1 p.m. Discuss books that you have read. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited. Register at the Welcome Desk.

Socrates Café

Wednesday, November 6 at 7 p.m. Socrates Café are gatherings around the world where people from different backgrounds get together

and exchange thoughtful ideas and experiences while embracing the central theme of Socratizing; the idea that we learn more when we ask questions along with others. Join us and pose questions, listen to others, raise challenges and consider other alternatives. Register at the Welcome Desk.

West African Kora Musical  
Performance

Friday, November 8 from 11am to 1 p.m. Hear musical selections on this ancient West African 21-stringed harp. Registration is not required.

Music Circle

Friday, November 8 from 3pm to 5 p.m. Musicians of any level are welcome to play popular songs of various decades in a campfire-style setting. Songs will be done in simple 3-4 chord arrangements and lyrics will be shown on the projector for

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Let's give thanks together

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mind for Thanksgiving? Well, I've been told our speaker is a very warm individual with a great sense of humor. Since he also apparently has a real love of basketball, you may want to listen and see if he uses basketball metaphors in his Thanksgiving service speech. And since he loves teaching, don't you imagine his speech will be both inspirational and enlightening?

Okay, now let me put a name to the person to whom I've been referring. It's the Rabbi Joshua Goldstein, a man who served for 30 years as the leader for the Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield. While he retired from this position on June 30, 2012, and became a Rabbi Emeritus the following month, he didn't really fully retire. In fact, Rabbi Goldstein currently serves as the rabbinic leader of Congregation

Sha'arey Ha-Yam in Manahawkin.

Rabbi Goldstein, a Princeton, N.J., native, received his undergraduate degree from Temple University. Later he received a rabbinical degree from Hebrew Union College's Jewish Institute of Religion. Then in 2000, he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree by his alma mater.

Rabbi Goldstein served congregations in Geneva, N.Y., and Springfield, Ill. before returning to his native New Jersey. He has long been married to Sally Reiter Goldstein. The couple has two sons as well as two granddaughters.

Remember, people of all faith, as well as those who do not identify with any faith community, are warmly invited to attend this special service. Now, let's all hope for great weather that day, shall we?

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Registering with the Office / Senior Center is free and available to Monroe Township residents, 55 years of age and older. Around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month members are required to pre-register for ALL monthly activities. Please be sure to call the Office at least 24 hours in advance should you need transportation to and from the Senior Center. For members unable to attend a registered program, please be sure to cancel.

For complete details regarding the new registration procedure, our guidelines and refund policy, please call the Office at 609-448-7140.

**Office/Senior Center Holiday Closings:** Election Day on November 5; Veterans Day on November 11; Thanksgiving on November 28; and, the “Day-After” Thanksgiving on November 29.

**Holiday Food Drive is Underway:** In this season of giving, your support for our annual Holiday Food Drive would be greatly appreciated. Please consider helping us fill Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets with the following items: canned sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, instant potatoes, canned fruit cocktail, onion soup mix, 2 lbs. sugar, instant coffee, Ritz crackers, can/jar of olives, corn muffin mix, pumpkin pie

filling, pie crust mix, cake mix and frosting. Please be sure to drop-off your contribution by November 8.

**Body Mass Screenings: On Monday, November 4, by appointment** (9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.) St. Peter’s Community Health provides weight assessments and nutritional counseling, after your BMI (body mass index) is calculated. BMI is a reliable indicator of body fat.

**Robinson Artshop: On Monday, November 4, at 10:30 a.m.,** discover your inner artist as J. Robinson Art guides you, stroke-by-stroke, as you create a colorful fall scene. **Space limited.**

**Holiday Karaoke: On Monday, November 4, at 2:30 p.m.,** it’s time to celebrate the season with holiday tunes performed by Rick and interested participants. Light snacks included, too.

**Healthy Bites: On Wednesday, November 6, at 10:30 a.m.,** this monthly discussion group focuses on nutritious eating during the holidays and beyond. Share your concerns and receive helpful tips.

**Do Si Do, Away We Go: On Wednesday, November 6, at 2 p.m.,** it’s time to put on your square-dancing shoes to join Betsy for a fun afternoon of promenading and swinging your partner. Please be sure to register with a friend.

**Ceramics: Starting on**

**Thursday, November 7, at 9:30 a.m.,** join Bev Kapler for this 4-session ceramic class. Bisque pieces available for purchase. **The registration fee of \$20 p.p. is due upon registering.**

**Japan’s “Schindler”: On Thursday, November 7 and 14, at 10:30 a.m.,** Julian Davis discusses how the Japanese vice consul to Lithuania was able to neutralize evil. His deeds made him a symbol of humanitarianism during a dark period of Japanese history. (Unless otherwise noted, you will be enrolled in both program dates.)

**Early Movie Musical: On Thursday, November 7, at 1:30 p.m.,** explore the history of the early movie musical starting with THE JAZZ SINGER in 1927. Sam and Candy Caponegro share clips from this period including performances by Mae West, Bing Crosby, and the extravaganzas of Busby Berkeley.

**Bagels Plus: On Friday, November 8, at 10 a.m.,** join Linda, from The Gardens, and Sheli, from Caring Connections, for this interactive session as you count your blessings (and have them return to you throughout the coming year) as a reminder of being thankful for what we have every day.

**Palisades Park: On Friday, November 8, at 1:30 p.m.,** return to your childhood as Vince Gargiulo, author of “**Palisades Amusement Park: A Century of Fond Memories,**” discusses the history of this iconic destination. Enjoy this ride down memory lane.

**Judge for Yourself: On Tuesday, November 12, at 10:30 a.m.,** Judge Jen returns to share true cases with you so that a discussion, and possibly, a debate can ensue, during this interactive program.

**Blood Pressure Screening: On Tuesday, November 12, by appointment,** keep your blood pressure in check with this free screening. Please be sure to set-up your appointment time early!

**What’s That Tune: On Tuesday, November 12, 1:30 p.m.,** test your musical savvy and knowledge of music as Right at Home’s Hali brings you a fun afternoon that includes prizes and snacks.

**Drivers Safety: On Wednesday, November 13, at 8:45 a.m.,** enhance your driving skills during this AARP-sponsored program. For pricing & space availability, please call the Office.

**TED Talk: On Wednesday, November 13, at 10:30 a.m.,** join Caryl and Ellie as they share and stir up discussion during this TED Talk, with Elizabeth Dunn, “Helping Others Makes Us Happier.”

**Statehood & Conflict: On Wednesday, November 13, at 1:30 p.m.,** David Brahinsky resumes where he left off from his October 18 lecture, after the formation of the State of Israel. This lecture

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Monroe Township Public Library

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everyone to follow along. Join us and feel free to bring any songs you’d like to lead as well! Registration is not required.

**Closing**  
The Library will be closed on Monday, November 11 for Veterans Day.

**The Great Courses: Turning Points in American History**

Tuesdays, November 12 & 19 at 1 p.m. New Series! The history of America is shaped by many long-term trends and subtle forces. From the Great Epidemic through 9/11, this series explores important moments and themes of the American past. Professor Edward T. O’Donnell presents a fresh and unique look at American history in this DVD lecture series. Each session consists of two 30-minute DVDs, followed by a brief discussion.

November 12: The Great Epidemic & Slavery Begins. November 19: Freedom of Worship & Immigration. Registration is not required.

**Short Story Discussion Group**

Wednesday, November 13 at 11 a.m. Join us for a discussion about “Come On, Silver” by Ann Glaviano in Best American Short Stories and “Nights in Logar” by Jamil Jan Kochai in O. Henry Prize Stories. Register at the Welcome Desk.

**Boheme Opera NJ**

Wednesday, November 13 at 1 p.m. This lecture performance will focus on the iconic Broadway productions of Alan J. Lerner and Frederick Loewe. Shows featured will be Brigadoon, Paint Your Wagon, My Fair Lady, Camelot and Gigi. Selections may include “On the Street Where You Live,” “I Could Have Danced All Night,” “I’ve Grown Accustomed to Her Face,” “Almost Like Being in Love,” and “If Ever I Would Leave You,” plus others.

Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission through a grant provided by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/ Department of State. This series is presented in partnership with the Cultural Arts Commission. Registration is not required.

**Genealogy Club**

Wednesday, November 13 at 1:30 p.m. Beginner and experienced genealogists are welcome. Registration is not required.

**International Film sponsored by The Friends of the Library**

Thursday, November 14 at 2 p.m. Halle is a mid-aged woman leading a double life. While leading a life of quiet routine she is also an environmental activist waging war against an aluminum company. After receiving news that she has been approved for a much antici-

pated adoption of a child, Halle realizes that she must put her radical activities aside for motherhood, but first, one last “message” for the aluminum company. 2018 (Iceland) Adventure/ Comedy/Drama Not Rated, 1hr 41min. There will be no charge for International Films in 2019 as a 30th Anniversary bonus thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Library. Registration is not required.

**Friday Afternoon Movie**

Friday, November 15 at 2 p.m. A dog makes a promise to protect and be there for his owner’s granddaughter as she experiences the highs and lows of life. Rated PG, 109 minutes. Movie is free. Registration is not required.

**Musician’s Showcase**

Sunday, November 17 at 2 p.m. Ragtime aficionado Karl Dentino will tell stories and play some of the most popular songs to come from the Tin Pan Alley.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration is not required.

**Veteran’s Voices Documentary Film**

Sunday, November 17 from 1pm to 4 p.m. Stories of service spoken by Monroe Township residents serving our nation during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. 84 minutes Registration is not required.

**International Book Club**

Tuesday, November 19 at 10:30 a.m. Coffee and cookies provided.

Join a book discussion about Welcome to Lagos by Chibunbu Onuzo (Nigeria). Full of shimmering detail, this selection is a stunning portrayal of an extraordinary city, and of seven lives that intersect in a breathless story of courage and survival. Register and reserve your copy at the Welcome Desk.

**Slips & Falls Prevention**

Tuesday, November 19 at 1:30 p.m. Slips and falls happen. Be prepared! Physical Therapist Ann Hays of St. Peter’s Hospital will present tips to improve balance to avoid slips and falls. Register at the Welcome Desk.

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m.

**Page Turners**

Thursday, November 21 at 11 a.m. Looking for something to read or add to your reading list? Library staff will present and recommend a variety of new titles pertaining to a different topic each month, both new and old titles. This month’s theme is Memoirs. Light refreshments provided. Register at the Welcome Desk.

**Scary-Fun Musicals**

Friday, November 22 at 11 a.m. Are you thrilled by musicals? Musicals can be thrilling, filled with wonder and whimsy, and occasionally filled with a touch of horror or a bit of the macabre. Travel

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Recycle information from Waste Management

- No caps on glass bottles/containers in the recycle bin.
- No lids on plastic bottles.
- Only #1, #2, and #5 plastic is acceptable in the recycle bin.
- Plastics numbered #3, #4, and #7, etc. must go in the household trash bin.
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## Senior Center Highlights

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discusses the struggles, peace initiatives and personalities that have emerged with a point of view from both sides of the conflict.

**Memory Screening: On Thursday, November 14, by appointment**, individuals who were on the waitlist for these screenings in September, will receive first preference for this service. For space availability, please call the office after October 25.

**Kitchens Go-Round: On Thursday, November 14, at 1:30 p.m.**, Jim DelGiudice explores the most important room in the house: the kitchen. Food management, from its prep to disposal, brings family and traditions together. Jim examines how our homes reflect food's primary importance in our lives, from Kansas to Kenya.

**To Cable or Not: On Friday, November 15, at 10:30 a.m.**, join Joel and Art as they discuss your options about replacing your cable package for your home. If the cost of cable is a concern, find out what other choices you have available.

**Chair Massage: On Friday, November 15, by appointment (1:30 to 3:15 p.m.)** enjoy a free, 15-minute massage from a Silver Lining Massage Therapist. Hosted by Robert Wood Johnson, start the holiday season stress-free with this relaxing chair massage. **Limited ap-**

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with us on a creepy-crawly journey, exploring musicals such as "Rocky Horror Show," "The Addams Family," "Sweeney Todd: The Demon of Fleet Street," and others. We dare you not to enjoy it! Register at the Welcome Desk.

**Princeton Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music**

Monday, November 25 at 1 p.m. Live musical performance. Presented by the Cultural Arts Commission. Registration is not required.

**Non-Fiction Book Discussion**

Monday, November 18 at 2 p.m. We will discuss Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover. Register and reserve a copy at the Welcome Desk.

**Friends of the Library Meeting**

Tuesday, November 26 at 4 p.m. The Library will be closing at 5pm on Wednesday, November 27 and will remain closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**George Ivers Lobby Display Case**

Library Foundation Jewelry Show

**Fine Arts Gallery**

Pastel, acrylic and charcoal paintings by high school student Shankar Saikia will be on display in the Fine Arts Gallery.

**pointments available.** Please be sure to arrive 10-minutes prior to your appointment time to check-in. Late arrivals are not rescheduled.

**Patty's Berlin Tribute: On Friday, November 15, at 2 p.m.**, enjoy the popular hits of Irving Berlin as Patty Carver sings his patriotic favorites and shares stories of his life.

**Winter Breathing Woes: On Monday, November 18, at 10:30 a.m.**, Saswati Chakraborty, from Monroe Village/Village Point, delves into the challenges of breathing during the winter months. Cold, dry air can play havoc with your lungs. Find out how to keep asthma, COPD and/or bronchitis away.

**Music BINGO: On Monday, November 18, at 1:30 p.m.**, its BINGO with a musical twist as Tara brings this fun game to us filled with plenty of nostalgic music and prizes.

**Portion Distortion: On Tuesday, November 19, at 10:30 a.m.**, join Jennifer Shukaitis, Assistant Professor, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, as she discusses the difference between "serving" and "portion" sizes and how the concept of "portion distortion" affects our eating habits.

**Understanding Music: On Wednesday, November 20, at 2:30 p.m.**, join Thomas Elefant for a discussion on music as he demonstrates its elements from rhythm, meter, tone, color, and orchestral instruments. The lecture culminates with Benjamin Britten's **Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra**, featuring the London Symphony Orchestra.

**Lymphedema & You: On Thursday, November 21, from 10:30 a.m.**, Penn Medicine Princeton Health presents this discussion on lymphedema: an abnormal swelling that occurs in any part of the body.

**Dance in Music: On Thursday, November 21, at 2:30 p.m.**, discover the strong influence of dance on music, with Thomas Elefant, that spans the ages with various styles. as the connection between motion and music are explored.

**What's My Heritage?: On Friday, November 22, at 10:30 a.m.**, the Township Library discusses and demonstrates the online genealogy platform for beginners to find the roots of your family tree.

**Music of Epic Dramas: On Friday, November 22, 2:30 p.m.**, Thomas Elefant explores how music beautifully depicts specific characters and events in dramas by Shakespeare, Goethe, and Ibsen.

**Beatles Tribute: On Friday, November 22, at 7 p.m.**, get ready to revisit "strawberry fields" with the Mahoney Brothers **LONG LIVE THE BEATLES** show. If you are a Beatles fan, then you will have a blast at this evening concert.



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