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Leisure Village West Association

## **Board of Trustees Meeting- December 6, 2023** Willow Hall Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President, Fay Weinstein with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: <u>Trustees</u>: Present were President - Fay Weinstein, Vice President - Wayne Steinman, Treasurer - Eugene Murphy, Secretary - Steven Leslierandal, Trustee - Charles Lupo, Trustee - Al DAmato and Trustee - Ivan Gilbert.

<u>Management Staff</u>: Present were Community Manager – Jim Snyder, Accounting Administrator – Michelle Lampard and Recreation Director – Mary Lighthipe.

#### ITEMS VOTED ON:

S. Leslierandal moved to waive the reading of the minutes. W. Steinman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

S. Leslierandal moved to approve the September 6, 2023 minutes. C. Lupo seconded. There was no discussion and a vote was called. All were in favor. Motion carried.

W. Steinman moved to approve the revisions to the Rules Governing Clubs and Groups. S. Leslierandal seconded. There was no discussion and a vote was called. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A.DAmato moved to approve the revisions to the Election Signs Policy. W. Steinman seconded. There was no discussion and a vote was called. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### PRESENTATION OF REPORTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Barbara Owens, Chairperson, gave a report for the Architectural Committee.

Michael Morizio, Chairperson, gave a report for the Community Services Committee.

Beverly Craft, Committee Member, gave a report for the Finance Committee.

Mary Rose McCarthy, Chairperson, gave a report for the Administration Committee.

The Board announced the approval of Linda Miller and PaulaAnn Fazio-Escudero as members to the Administration Committee.

M. Lighthipe gave a report for Recreation.

#### COMMUNITY MANAGER'S REPORT: (J. Snyder)

Trash collection for the Thanksgiving Day holiday was successful. There will be two dumpsters available near the Maintenance yard. Residents are reminded to only dump household garbage; no bulk items are permitted.

Holiday parking for visitors will be available for the Christmas holiday. Parking will be permitted overnight on the street for visitors with a permit from December 22 thru December 26. Residents may obtain a visitor parking permit beginning December 20.

(There was a brief break in the meeting from 7:16 PM to 7:19 PM due to audio issues for the recording of the meeting)

#### **Board Meeting Minutes- December 6, 2023**

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There will be a Gate Guard at Route 37 for the following holidays; Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and Mother's Day. There were 156 guests that entered through the Route 37 gate on the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

The materials for the Bocce Courts and the Encore Structure have been ordered and work will continue on the projects.

Leaf pickup will continue and is a longer process than lawn cutting.

There was a PowerPoint Presentation regarding Power Outages. On December 1, Management met with three representatives from JCP&L to discuss the reoccurring power outages within the community. Being that our Power infrastructure is underground makes it more difficult to determine if an underground wire is failing. The Association has been told that in most cases, if they have a failed underground wire or a bad transformer, they are now replacing transformers and wires instead of just making a repair. Although this practice is good, it may lead to longer repair times. The Association has also been told that it is important that residents report the outage to JCP&L and not just rely on others to do so. If they just get a call or two about an outage, they may not know the extent of the outage. The more that call allows them to understand the scope of the outage. The larger the outage, the quicker the response. In the very near future, the smart meters will be able to alert JCP&L about the extent of the outages. JCP&L is hoping for approval from the BPU that will increase funding to JCP&L to allow them to upgrade failing infrastructures.

The Board is considering their position on allowing Whole House Generators. This has been sent to the Architectural Committee to research and report back to the Board for final decision.

There was no unfinished business.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Revisions to Specification 3\_12, "To Install Back Door Awnings" was presented as attached to the agenda. The Board will vote on this at the next open Board meeting on January 3, 2024.

Revisions to Specification 3\_5, "To Install/Replace Storm Doors With or Without Retractable Screen" was presented as attached to the agenda. The Board will vote on this at the next open Board meeting on January 3, 2024.

Revisions to Specification 2\_1, "Portico Enclosures" was presented as attached to the agenda. The Board will vote on this at the next open Board meeting on January 3, 2024.

Specification 2\_10a, "Window Modification – Garden Window" was presented as attached to the agenda. The Board will vote on this at the next open Board meeting on January 3, 2024.

Specification 2\_10b, "Window Modification – Double Hung Windows" was presented as attached to the agenda. The Board will vote on this at the next open Board meeting on January 3, 2024.

The Terms and Conditions for the above Specifications will be redrafted and presented again at the next open Board meeting on January 3, 2024.

There will be a vacancy in the commercial space and the Board of Trustees will be doing a study to see if a convenience store will be feasible. Residents interested in the research may write a letter of interest to Association@lvwa.net.

The next open Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 1:00 PM in the auditorium at Willow Hall. The Audit meeting will be held on January 24, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium at Willow Hall.

There being no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at approximately 7:38 PM.

## Audience Comments - December 6, 2023

#### Willow Hall Auditorium

An open forum followed the business portion of the open Board meeting at 7:38 PM with residents raising questions or concerns or seeking clarification about a variety of issues. For exact content, please refer to FRONTSTEPS for the video recording of this meeting.

The Rules of Public Comment and Participation in the Open Forum were presented on the agenda.

<u>Resident:</u> Arthur Pedowitz from 1171B Thornbury Lane thanked and congratulated the Westernaires for an outstanding program last weekend to start off the Holiday season. He stated he had a power outage over the summer and believes it is because of the old Hotwire tower. He suggested they inspect the wiring underground by the tower.

<u>Response</u>: All Hotwire towers are gone; it may have been old Verizon phone lines. This will be brought to JCP&L's attention.

<u>Resident:</u> Melanie Letizia from 845C Winchester Court thanked Fay Weinstein and Jim Snyder for the day she lost her power, as they were kind enough to meet with the residents at Willow Hall and serve coffee and donuts, which was appreciated.

<u>Resident:</u> Joseph Ercolino from 1009B Buckingham Drive mentioned that it is worth attending the meetings for Coffee with the Board. He stated that the overflow parking lot at Club Encore is filled by 8:00 PM every night. He reported that one of the vehicles had not moved in two weeks. He asked if the Board will consider allowing residents to use the parking spaces closest to the pool on the off season.

<u>Response:</u> The Board will be discussing parking in the Village with ADR committee members at the Board workshop meeting on December 20. There are plans to add spaces in the overflow parking at Club Encore by the sheds.

<u>Resident:</u> Charlene Petrie from 471B Chelsea Court asked when the Verizon contract ends. She asked if they will be raising their rates.

<u>Response:</u> The Verizon contract ends October 2025. Verizon will not discuss terms of a new contract until October 2024. The Board does not know if they will raise their rates.

<u>Resident:</u> Rafaella Tutela from 684A Friar Court asked how many years is required to keep ballots after an election.

Response: Election material is kept for three years after an election.

<u>Resident:</u> Rosemary Licata from 468B Chelsea Court stated she does not like the allowed parking spaces on the circle by her unit. She reported that there has been a vehicle parked there for five days. She asked if the changed rule to allow parking spaces on the circles was checked to make sure it does not cause a public nuisance, which is against the law. She feels this devalues the properties.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:46 PM.



### Welcome New Neighbors

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BARBARA MUSELLA	541A WARWICK COURT	MANAHAWKIN, NJ
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LINDA HURLEY	715C WOOTON COURT	MELBOURNE, FL
ZARDINO/VIRGINIA RAFAEL	15D YORKSHIRE COURT	TOMS RIVER, NJ
THERESA MCWEENEY	711B WOOTON COURT	JACKSON, NJ
KATHRYN O'NEILL	9A BUCKINGHAM DRIVE	STATEN ISLAND, NY
MICHAEL/MARY CURRAN	803A WESTMINSTER COURT	LEWES, DE

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Speaking slowly and clearly, leave a message including your name, address, telephone, when you became a resident, and when a welcome visit might be convenient. You will be contacted to arrange a mutually convenient appointment. We have so much important information to share about Leisure Village West.

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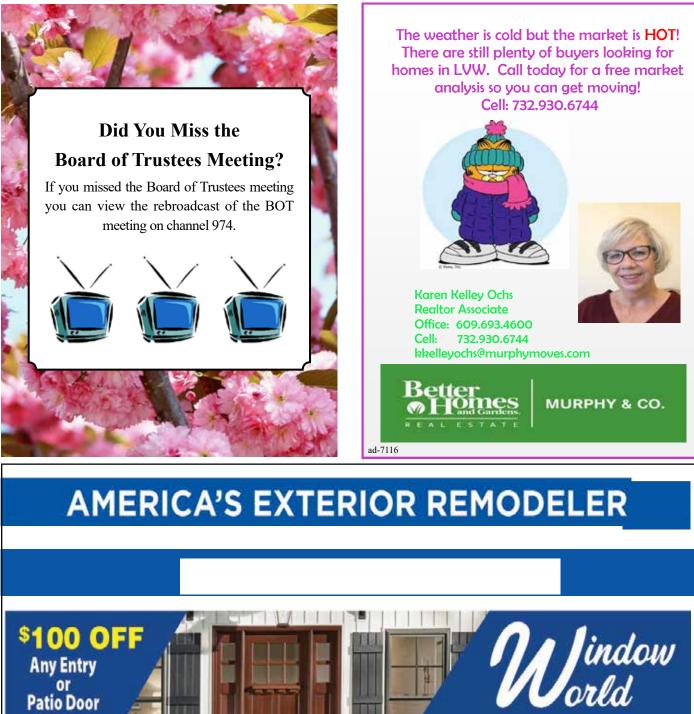
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### Leisure Village West 2024 OPEN BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 1:00PM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 1:00PM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 7:00PM WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 1:00PM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 7:00PM WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 1:00PM WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 1:00PM BUDGET MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 1:00PM FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 1:00PM ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 1:00PM *Open Board meetings are held in the Auditorium at Willow Hall unless otherwise notified.* 

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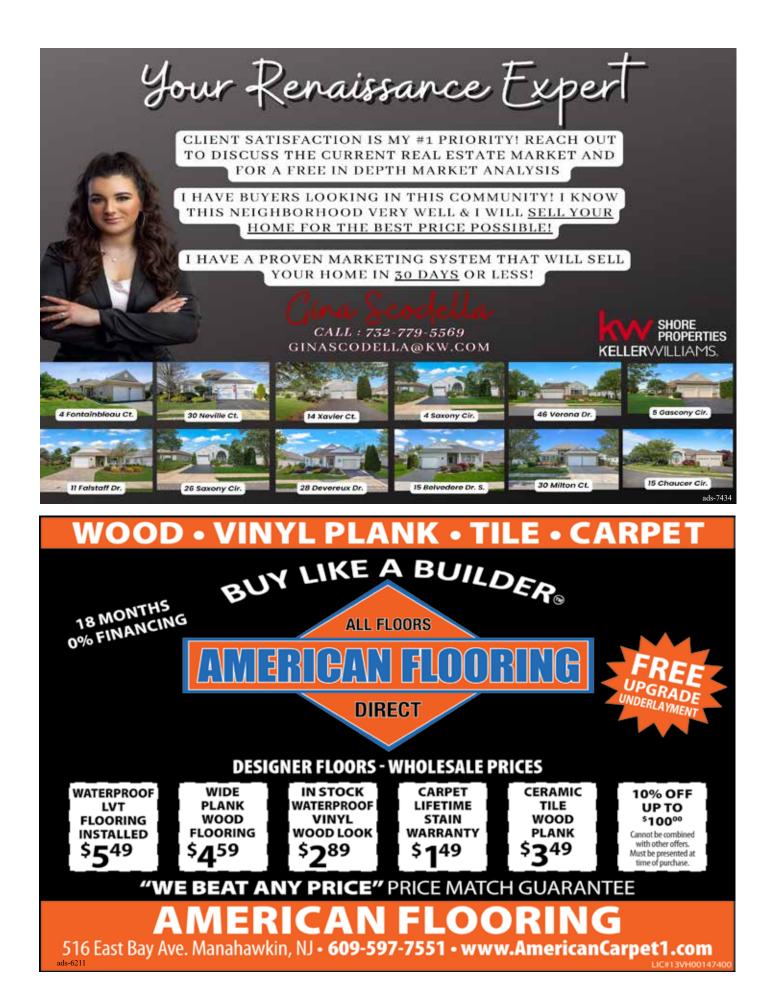
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### **Black History Month**



As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians that served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history. Three of these women, known as "human computers", quickly rose the ranks of NASA alongside many of history's greatest minds specifically tasked with calculating the momentous launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, and guaranteeing his safe return. Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson, and Dorothy Vaughan crossed all gender, race, and professional lines while their brilliance and desire to dream big, beyond anything ever accomplished before by the human race, firmly cemented them in U.S. history as true American heroes.





Manager's Corner



## Happy February! We are approaching the halfway mark of winter. Before you know it, spring will be in the air.

#### Proposed Amendment to By-Laws Pertaining to Fines:

The Board of Trustees is always looking for ways to improve our community. The Board is proposing an amendment to the Association's By-Laws to permit the Board to set the dollar amount of fines that can be charged for different kinds of violations of the Association's governing documents up to the statutory maximum. This amendment also clarifies the Association's right to charge the cost of enforcement, including attorneys' fees, to the offending Unit Owner(s).

#### At the February 7 Board of Trustee Meeting:

The Manchester Township Tax Assessor, Martin W. Lynch, CTA, CPM, will discuss Manchester Township's plans to conduct a complete reassessment of all properties in the Township for the tax year 2025.

#### **Parking:**

At the request of many residents, the Board of Trustees and staff have been working on a plan to create more Overnight Parking. The plan in devolvement is to create Overnight Parking at the Community Buildings, with a permit, at designated spaces and during specific hours. Look for more details as the plan is implemented.

#### **Quote of the Month:**

I have decided to stick to love...Hate is too great a burden to bear." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### **Did You Know?**

- February is Black History Month; it stands as a powerful testament to the resilience, achievements, and contributions of the African American community throughout history.
- On February 9, the Recreation Department will, again, hold the "TV Game Show" at Willow Hall. Tickets are on sale through the Recreation Department.
- All unit-owner's vehicles need to be registered with the Association.



## Helpful Healthful Tips From The LVW Nightingales

#### **By Carol Concepcion**

This month's article is about a medical event that can strike us all: Stroke

Many of us may have had family members or friends who have experienced this event in their lives. Some experience mild strokes and other may have experienced life-threatening changes.

Simply put, a stroke occurs when the blood flow to a particular area of the brain is blocked and/or cut off completely. There are many other terms added to describe the specific areas or type of stroke that has occurred.

Some symptoms that can manifest are:

- Confusion
- Difficulty speaking
- Numbness or weakness of the face, arm and leg on one or both sides of the body
- Blurred vision or blindness
- Severe headaches
- Loss of balance and/or coordination Risk factors may include:
- High Blood pressure
- Smoking
- High Cholesterol
- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Family History

A stroke is a major medical emergency. If these symptoms become present in your life, report them to your Primary Care Physician or call 911 immediately. The sooner you get treatment, the better. Time is of the essence.

The next open meeting will be Friday, February 9 at 1 p.m. in the Willow Hall A/B Room. Our speaker, Thomas Lubrano, will be speaking on the "Healing Power of Music." Refreshments will be served following the presentation.

## Outdoor Friends of LVW By Mary Dunne

Hello friends, welcome to the month of February. Love is in the air at Leisure Village West. On February 18, in the Club Encore Auditorium, we are having a magical "That's Amore" celebration. Love is love here in the Leisure Village West community. All are welcome to attend. It is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

We are asking, if you join us, to please bring an appetizer dish, or a dessert to share with your friends. Also, please bring your own beverage. Singles are also welcome. We will have music, and giveaways. If you have any questions, please contact me at (917) 376-0640. Looking forward to seeing you all and making new friends.

## Financial Information Club

#### **By William Corrigan**

The coming year will bring us many new challenges; Artificial Intelligence, crypto currency, biotech, the U.S. Presidential election, to name a few. Fed rate cuts are coming, inflation is down, but let's not lose sight of a big election, November 5. Let's remember, we still have a \$33 trillion debt to repay!

As I write this blurb January 1, the Dow Jones stands at an all-time high of 37,689, up 14%, and the Standard & Poors at 4,769, up 24%. Overall, we are in a much better position than a year ago. 2024 should be a pretty good year.

Our next membership meeting is February 20, with the Informal/Workshop on February 6. We welcome all new Leisure Village West residents to join us.

Thanks to all who brought goodies and helped out during our December 19 holiday party.

P.S. To all those with cell phones and electronic devices, we recommend you change your passwords on a regular basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL WILLIAM CORRIGAN AT 201-264-2004.



#### By Ellen Jenkin

#### Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training

ORT's Annual Card and Game Party is almost upon us. On Thursday, February 1, at Club Encore, our day of fun will begin. Any game can be played, from Dominoes to Rummy-Q to Mah Jongg, and even Scrabble, or any other game of your choice. A delicious lunch will be provided by Jersey Mike's; including a choice of four types of sandwiches (Tuna, Turkey, Italian or Veggie); chips and cookies are included. There will also be a huge variety of desserts, coffee and tea to round out the afternoon. The event begins at noon and ends at 4 p.m. For tickets, call Joan (516-680-5546) or Ellen (732-657-4414). For \$15, what can be better than lunch and your favorite game?

ORT's March general meeting will take place in Club Encore on Thursday, March 7 at 12:30 p.m. Please save the date for this special program. Manchester Township Choral Group, under the direction of Andrew VonDongen, will perform a variety of musical scores. The Choral Ensemble consists of 16-24 students who audition for this extracurricular choir. They often sing acapella and travel to community events to entertain. Their talents are spoken of far and wide. Again, in March, ORT will be having an afternoon meeting beginning at 12:30 p.m. Of course, our delicious desserts will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend!

If you are interested in learning about ORT, please contact Ellen Jenkin (732-657-4414).

Happy Valentine's Day!

## **Current Events**

**Carol Hartman** 

February, the official month of love. Over time, there has been increased commercialization of what used to be a simple day of exchanging cards and letting people know they were in your thoughts. Perhaps as a child, I was a bit naive about what happened around Valentine's Day, but as an adult, there is no doubt I have seen the increased commercialization for a whole month.

Let all of us take this theme of love beyond romantic love. There is love of family, friend, neighbor, and love of country; all of which don't need a commercialized expression. And let us not forget something close to home. There is love of the Leisure Village West Community and the privilege of living here. At Current Events, we share that love by strengthening our communication with, and respect for, each other. No matter what difficult, painful, or unpreceded things occur in the news from any individual's perspective, we continue to converse. Along with increasing knowledge about a situation, stronger relations with community members flourish. Isn't this another type of love growing?

Current Events discussions are not an exclusive Club. Participation varies from meeting to meeting. But the one thing that remains constant is that we represent a wide variety of individuals with different backgrounds and experiences. Join us on the first and third Monday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. in the A/B Room in Willow Hall. If you would like an email reminder of meetings, contact Steve Leslierandal at: biodad510@aol.com.

## **Book Discussion Group**



By Jan Stubbs

How bare our homes are after we have put away the holiday decorations once again. I look at February as the beginning of looking forward to spring, and only a month away from the start of warmer weather. Is anyone else dreaming of being in one of our pools?

In Five Years, by Rebecca Serle, is this month's discussion book.

Where do you see yourself in five years? Lawyer, Dannie Kohan, lives her life by the numbers.

She is nothing like her lifelong best friend—the wild, whimsical, believes-in-fate Bella. Her meticulous planning seems to have paid off after she nails the most important job interview of her career and accepts her boyfriend's marriage proposal in one fell swoop, falling asleep completely content.

But . . . when she awakens, she's suddenly in a different apartment, with a different ring on her finger, and beside a very different man. Dannie spends one hour, exactly five years in the future, before she wakes again in her own home on the brink of midnight—but it is one hour she cannot shake. *In Five Years* is an unforgettable love story, but it is not the one you're expecting.

This book is a Good Morning America, FabFitFun, and Marie Claire Book Club pick.

*"In Five Years* is as clever as it is moving, the rare read-in-one-sitting novel you won't forget." —Chloe Benjamin, New York Times bestselling author of The Immortalists

Perfect for fans of *Me Before You and One Day*—a striking, powerful, and moving love story, following an ambitious lawyer who experiences an astonishing vision that could change her life forever.

Our February meeting will be held on February 14 at 7 p.m. in Rooms A/B at Willow Hall.

## **ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB**

#### By Peg Bernhardt



In December, we enjoyed a luncheon at the Great Wok, but more than that, we caught up with each other (the din of our conversations was massive!). Meetings resumed in January and new Block-A-Month patterns were distributed. I have to catch up!

I have a challenge to all our current and new Club members! We always enjoy a Show-and-Tell, when you present something you've made. I would like you to take a picture of yourself with the item and then it will appear in one of our monthly articles. Sounds fun, right? I'll start. Here's me with a shawl that I made. You can send pictures to me via Facebook or text (just ask me for my phone number). This will be fun! If you don't, I have plenty of items I can add each month (you don't want to see me each month.)

As always, we gratefully accept donations of craft supplies to make items that are donated to hospitals and other agencies throughout the year (lapghans, hats, scarves, soap sacs). Please drop them off on the days that we meet (first and third Thursdays of each month in Leisure Fair from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.).

REMINDER: Meetings are the first and third Thursdays of each month: February 1 and 15, March 7 and 21, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Leisure Fair.



### **Volunteers in Service to Our Neighbors**

By Kathy Maiocco

#### LET'S KEEP THE LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP GOING!

There are so many versions of how St. Valentine's Day came about, but the most "popular" one I found was of a Roman Emperor, Claudius II, who executed two different men named Valentine. Interestingly, he executed both men on February 14, but in two different years during the 3rd Century. History tells us that these two men were priests who performed marriages for Christian soldiers, which defied the orders of the Roman Emperor. Claudius II had banned marriages because he believed single men made better soldiers; hence, the reason for their execution. At the end of the 5th Century, Pope Gelasius declared February 14 as St. Valentine's Day because the men were canonized as saints. At that time, it was more a religious day than romantic, as in the modern day.

I am glad that it came to be celebrated as a day of romance around the 14th Century and a true day of celebration for all those we love and care for. Let us continue that tradition and extend a loving hand of friendship and love to our fellow residents by becoming VISTON volunteers.

Any Leisure Village West resident, who would like to volunteer to be a driver, shopper, or a VISTON office worker, please call 732-657-1818. We would be happy to have you! If you call during off hours, please feel free to leave a message and your call will be returned within 24 to 48 hours. You may also visit in person on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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## **Jewish American Club**

**By Helen Epstein** 

We ended our season celebrating the Hanukkah holiday with a candle-lighting ceremony in December. Rhoda Pedowitz explained the meaning of Hanukkah, and Henry Shery lit the final candle. Following the candle lighting, we were entertained by Thomas Lubrano and his Tuesday Troubadours - Leah Beardsley, Peg Bernhardt, Florence Markowitz, Fay Weinstein and Ron Owens at the piano. We were treated to latkes, salad and delicious desserts. Thanks to Art Pedowitz for spending almost the entire day preparing the latkes for over 75 people and they were enjoyed by all.

The slate of officers for 2024 was officially installed. The elected officers are:

Co-Presidents:	Rh
Vice-President/Hospitality:	Ell
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At our next meeting, we will meet President George Washington. Dr. Jeff Schenker, President of Ocean County Historical Society, will present him in costume and will discuss the life of the President. The time for this interesting program is 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 22 at Willow Hall.

Our dues for 2024 are \$7 per person and are due now. We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in Willow Hall, with the exception of the February meeting, which is at 1 p.m.

We have an interesting lineup of programs for the coming year, which we know you'll enjoy. So, come and be a part of our Jewish American Club family.



## **Stained Glass Group**

#### **By Pam Hutchinson**

The Stained Glass Group has been a little quiet these last two weeks, due to closure for the holidays. I thought this would be a good time to share a little about myself, Pam Hutchinson. I was lucky enough to be taught stained glass skills by professionals 35+ years ago and quickly became impassioned by the beauty of stained glass. What started as a hobby, I managed to start a part-time business. Accomplishments include a drop-in bar ceiling, a restaurant sign, aquariums, lamps and items for display at various shows.

As my two children grew older, this hobby/business was side-railed as I decided to go back to school to become an Occupational Therapist, and enjoyed working in hospitals, senior centers and finally pediatrics (all ages). After retiring in 2021, I'm lucky, once again, to return to this wonderful hobby and help teach others to master the same rewarding skills.

Shown below are a few favorites of mine that include a bird oval that I made for my mom and a sailboat light that I made for my dad.

The third hibiscus design, I recently made for my neighbors, Sam and Michelle Carollo, who definitely deserve a 'best neighbor' award! They are considerate, respectful, intelligent, helpful, friendly, and the list goes on. I am truly fortunate and thankful to be living next door to this couple the last, almost, 5 years.







#### By Nicole May

Happy Black History Month! We have so much to share this month; the many upcoming and past events, updates and information.

Our Holiday Gala in December was a blast. Here are some more memorable moments. Please see/join the Facebook group for more pictures.



During our January meeting, the African American Club rejoiced in a Martin Luther King birthday remembrance celebration! The African American Club participated in a singalong, read MLK quotes and enjoyed food and festivities. See pictures and videos on our FB group pages.

Please join us during our February 9 meeting for Black History Month, featuring a speaker and social hour activities.

The African American Club meets every second Friday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Club Encore Auditorium, followed by our social gathering in the Queen Mary Room and Patio. Live streaming of meetings may also be available on Facebook for those who are unable to make the meetings (see below for joining group). Membership is \$5 per calendar year.

You may also connect with us for updates and events on our Facebook group page at https://www.facebook. com/groups/lvwaaclub or just search for LVW African-American Club (Be sure to answer joining questions).



LVW DANCE CLUB

By Barbara Genovese



I can't believe it is February. I totally missed January's newsletter, but I didn't miss out on the fun. Thanks to Bill and his photo booth, I have proof that everyone who attended the December dance had a blast. December's dance was fabulous, and as always, it's due to everyone who attended the dance. The Dance Club would be nothing without all the wonderful people that support this Club. It has been in existence for over 50 years and it is a reflection of the devotion, spirit and love of dance. The officers of the Dance Club will go out of their way to make sure everyone feels like they are a part of this wonderful community. We are no-frills; just a variety of music, snacks to soak up your BYOB, desserts, coffee, tea, and of course, chocolate, along with a warm environment where you can come dance, sing and enjoy the evening your way, with no ridicule. So come relive your ballroom, sock hop, and disco era and into the new wave of music. Let the Dance Club live on with the spirit that has kept this Club in existence for so many years. Dance on, LVW Dance Club.



On Sunday, March 3, we will be entertaining the Village with our First Annual "Performance for Pets." Talented residents from Leisure Village West will be performing in the show and proceeds will be donated to the s.a.v.e. Animal Rescue. We are excited to host this event and look forward to a large audience. Ticket sale dates will be announced on FRONTSTEPS and our TV Channel 971. Come out and enjoy an evening of Leisure Village West talent and fun!

#### Save the Dates:

Sunday, March 3 – "Performance for Pets" Talent show at Club Encore - More information TBA Wednesday – April 24 – Meeting 7 p.m. at Club Encore Wednesday – June 26 - Meeting 7 p.m. at Club Encore Wednesday – August 28 – Meeting 7 p.m. at Club Encore Wednesday – October 23 - Meeting 7 p.m. at Club Encore Sunday – November 10 – Holiday Photos with your Pet, 1 to 4 p.m. in Leisure Fair Wednesday – December 18 – Holiday Party

Do you want to give your dog a fresh baked fun treat? Below is a 4-ingredient recipe you can make for your dog! You will need:

- 1 small overripe banana
  - 1/2 cup peanut butter
    - 1/3 cup chicken stock OR beef stock for beef flavor
      - 1 cup wheat flour
        - 1/2 cup of powdered brewer's yeast (optional for flea treatment)
- Preheat your oven to 350° and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- In a large mixing bowl, mash your banana.
- Now, add peanut butter, beef broth, and a 1/3 cup of flour at a time until well-mixed.
- Use a spatula to take all your dough out of your bowl and form into a large dough ball with your hands.

• Roll your dough out with a rolling pin and use a bone cookie cutter to cut out your bone-shaped dough, press your fork in the middle of the bones.

• Bake your bone dog biscuits on your parchment paper lined baking sheet for about 16-18 minutes, depending on how thick your dough is.

• Let cool and give one to your happy pup!

Cat lovers! Look out for a fun recipe for your cat in next month's magazine!

Our meetings are held bi-monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Club Encore Auditorium. Our next formal meeting will be on April 24. You do not need to have a pet to join the Pet Club; just your love of animals. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Fishing & Social Club



#### by Tom Tyls

Being indoors and warm is a pleasant choice over being in or on the water during the winter months. The cold has definitely taken its toll, with Aspercreme being a good friend. The air and the water are both cold now and there are no fishing reports to speak of. Blackfish season is open until the end of February. There may be a schoolie or two in the surf to be caught, and there should be White perch to be caught on bait or artificials in Toms River for the adventurous.

Fishermen usually enjoy a good seafood meal, and my thanks to Gail Dylewski for doing some excellent photographic work at the Shrimp Box.

But let's be real...and warm. Right now is the time to take inventory of your equipment for the upcoming season. Have your reel serviced. Grumpy's does good work. Remove the last 10 or so feet of your line from your reel that may be frayed and sharpen or replace your hooks. Season openings are not the time to find out what you don't have or should have done.

Fishermen like their toys, and with cabin fever, it is an excellent opportunity to take in the outdoor shows and flea markets in the area. For as little as a \$5 fee, you might get a great deal on rigs or new or used equipment. You may also learn a thing or two.

Let me list a few with contacts:

Saturday, February 10, Manahawkin, Southern Regional High School, JHoch@SRSD.net

Saturday, February 10, Port Monmouth Hi-Mar Flea Market, fleemarket@hi-mar.com

Sunday, February 25, Pt. Pleasant 25th Annual Flea Market, fishmarket@ofct.com

Saturday, March 2, Forked River, Fish Hawks Flea Market, www.fishhawksnj.com

NO meeting in February. Next meeting will be the first Thursday in March. Those of you that cannot make daytime meetings, drop me an email. Thank you.

### Health & Wellness Challenge

A FREE 12-week program to be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Willow Hall Ceramics Room, beginning February 6.

The objective is to promote healthy eating habits, personal growth and confidence, learn new skills and acquire knowledge as well as experience – BECOME THE BEST VERSION OF YOU.

Weekly weigh-in and measurements will be available for those wishing to participate. This program will serve as a support system working toward a common goal of proper nutrition and exercise. Encourage accountability in a fun and positive environment.

Facilitated by Priscilla Vidal-Peck.



#### **Recreation Notices**

All Association Offices and Departments will be closed on Monday, February 19, in observance of Presidents' Day. There will be regular bus service on this holiday.

Please Note: Winter months can bring bad weather and very often cancellations of club meetings and activities. Please watch the Creeper and Frontsteps for the latest information.

Please note: Kiosk assistance for Frontsteps applications is available at the Association Office.

Please log in to FRONTSTEPS or watch TV Creeper channels 970 & 971 for the latest information.





MOBILE UNIT PHLEBOTOMY SERVICE WALK-IN Blood Drawing Service

Conveniently located in the WILLOW HALL CERAMICS ROOM EVERY TUESDAY

TIME: 7:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

(No appointment necessary)

LAST BLOOD DRAW IS 10:45 a.m.

BE SURE TO BRING YOUR PRESCRIPTION, IDENTIFICATION, INSURANCE CARDS and/or MEDICARE CARDS

NOTE: PLEASE HAVE DOCTOR PROVIDE HIS/ HER FAX NUMBER ON THE PRESCRIPTION FORM TO INSURE TIMELY RESULT REPORTS. LabCorp: 800-631-5250

### **Township Recycling**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AND WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 BULK PICK-UP: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

#### LVW NEWSPAPER RECYCLING:

The trailer has been relocated to the front of the Maintenance Building.

The trailer will be open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm.

Notice: Residents are reminded if the fire alarm sounds in the clubhouse they are to evacuate the building immediately. Don't assume the alarm to be a test or false alarm.

#### **Important Notice:**

Clubs are requested to please follow the newsmagazine submission guidelines. Club articles are not to exceed one page. Lengthy articles will be edited. A maximum of three clear photos are allowed. Clubs are asked to submit the correct dates advertising the happenings of the current month's magazine.

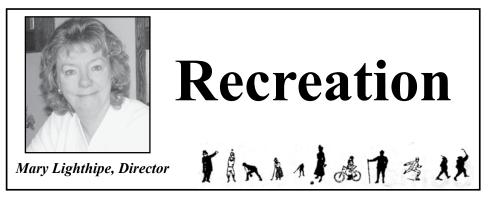
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As winter lingers on, cold gray days are warmed with the celebration of Valentine's Day. Sweethearts exchange flowers and chocolates, timeless expressions of love. Seeds are waiting to sprout under the cloak of winter as the famous groundhog predicts the arrival of spring. "Live every moment...Laugh every day... Love beyond words." Happy Valentine's Day!

During February, we celebrate Black History Month. A month dedicated to commemorating African American people who have made a positive impact on American society. We have included a brief article on three women who significantly impacted NASA during the space race of the 1960s.

Beat the winter blues and join us at our Live TV Game Show on February 9. A professional entertainment company will host the evening with popular categories such as Let's Make a Deal, Oldies Jeopardy, Name That Tune, and Simon Sez. Form teams and win prizes! Please refer to the ad in this issue for details.

Our Sunday Dinner trip will take us to Roxy's Bar & Grille located in Toms River on February 11. Enjoy a varied menu, good company, and leave the driving to us.

The monthly movie will feature "The Holdovers" on Saturday, February 17 in Willow Hall at 1 p.m. A curmudgeonly instructor at a New England prep school remains on campus during Christmas break to babysit a handful of students with nowhere to go.

Back by popular demand...Thistle's Fish & Chips will return on Friday, March 8. Enjoy English Pub Style Fish and Chips or Country Fried Chicken Tenders, fresh and delicious and cooked on premises. Don't delay, this event sells out quickly. Please refer to the flyer in this issue for additional information.

A first at LVW....an unforgettable evening is planned when we host a Casino Night on Saturday, March 16. Willow Hall will literally be transformed into a Las Vegas Casino! Professional dealers will oversee eight gaming tables. Each participant will be given a \$500 chip to use for play throughout the evening. At the end of the evening, your chips will be converted into raffle tickets toward numerous exciting prizes. Enjoy an evening of gambling with free chips while having great fun without losing anything. Hot dogs, chips, and soda will be provided throughout the evening. Please refer to the ad in this issue for additional details.

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#### **SUNDAY**

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	. Yin Yoga	W
10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Table Shuffleboard	LF
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Ping Pong	LF

#### **MONDAY**

9am-10:15am	Chair Yoga	
9 a.m.	Westernaires Sectionals	Е
9:30am	KLVW-TV	W
10am	Ladies Exercise	W
10am – 12pm	VISTON 3D Bucking	ham
11am - 1pm	Model Railroad	W
11am - 1pm	Ceramics	W
12:15pm	Bridge	LF
2pm - 4pm	Ceramics	W

#### **TUESDAY**

7:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	LabCorp Blood Draw	W
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Ping Pong	LF
9 a.m.	Westernaires Rehersal	W
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Mah-Jongg for Fun	E
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Ping-Pong	LF
6 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Bridge	LF

#### **WEDNESDAY**

9 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Intermediate Yoga	LF
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Stained Glass Group	E
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	VISTON 3D Bucki	ngham
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Ceramics	W
12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Open Table Games	LF
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Pine Tree Quilters	E
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Ceramics	W
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Model Railroad Club	W
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Dominoes	E

#### **THURSDAY**

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m	. Stained Glass Group	E
10 a.m.	Art Class	W
10 a.m.	QiGong	W
1 p.m.	Caregivers Support Gro	oup E
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Ping-Pong	LF
6 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Bridge	LF
7 p.m.	Because It's Thursday	LF

#### **FRIDAY**

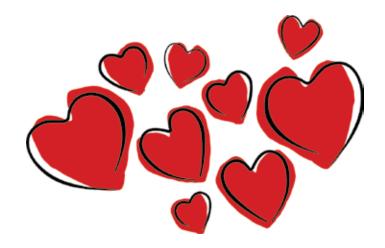
9am - 11 am	Chair Yoga	LF
9am - 12pm	Ping-Pong	LF
9:30am - 11am	KLVW-TV	W
9:30am	Sticks Alive	Е
10am - 12pm	VISTON 3D Buckin	igham
11 am	ZUMBA Gold	Е
12pm - 4pm	Open Table Games	LF
2pm - 4pm	Ping-Pong	LF
6pm - 8pm	Rummy Q	LF
6pm - 8pm	Ping-Pong	LF

#### **SATURDAY**

Ping-Pong

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

LF





Join us at Willow Hall For Afternoon Bingo

Kitchen now offering A variety of light refreshments.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m Games begin at 1 p.m. Sharp!



Admission \$2 - includes entry board Regular bingo prizes - \$25 Special bingo games - \$50 \$100 - full board 50/50 Games - payout ½ of proceeds New Multi-color game with percentage payout.

Friday, February 2 and Friday, February 16

#### Sunday Dinner Bus Trip



**Toms River, New Jersey** 

February 11, 2024 1 p.m. \$5 p.p. (Bus Only)

This trip is taken on the Village bus, which begins at Willow Hall and circles the Village following the regular bus route. Purchase tickets at the Recreation office.

TICKET PURCHASES ARE LIMITED TO TWO PER RESIDENT.

### The Recreation Department

### Presents

"Brain Challenge" Live TV Game Show

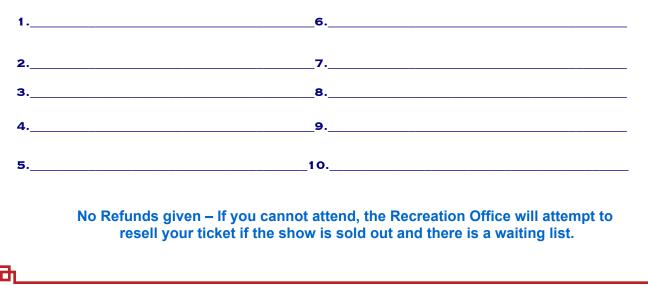


Friday, February 9 Willow Hall - 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$22.50 per person

5:30 p.m. Start the evening with delicious sandwiches, chips, dessert, coffee and tea. BYOB.

7 p.m. Let the games begin.....Hollyrock Entertainment is our host for a professional TV Game Show. Find yourself laughing out loud with categories like Let's Make a Deal, Oldies Jeopardy, Price is Right, Name that Tune, Simon Sez and more!

Compete as teams to win prizes. A fun-filled evening guaranteed!





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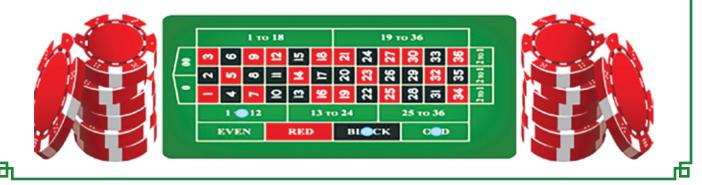
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Saturday, March 16, 2024 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Willow Hall Auditorium Tickets \$30 per person

Each ticket holder will receive a \$500 chip to use throughout the evening at 8 gaming tables. At the end of the evening, your chips will be converted into raffle tickets for numerous exciting prizes. (For each \$50 chip you will receive 1 raffle ticket.) Hot dogs, chips, and soda will be provided

throughout the evening.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedn
<b>4</b>	5 10 a.m. Helping Hands Meeting (E) 1 p.m. Creative Classes (E) 2 p.m. Current Events (W) 7 p.m. Bocce Club (W)	<b>b</b> 2 p.m. Financial information Workshop (E) 5 p.m. Sticks Alive (W) 7 p.m. Picklers & Social Club (E)	<b>7</b> Townsh 1 p.m. Trustee M 4 p.m. Chair Volle
<b>1 1</b> 7 p.m. Just For Laughs (W)	<b>12</b> 1 p.m. Veterans Club (E) 7 p.m. LGBTQ+ and Friends (W)	<b>13</b> 1 p.m. Cooking Club (W) 5 p.m. Sticks Alive (W) 7 p.m. Irish American Club(E)	Image: Additional system   Happy     7 p.m.   Karaoke (L     7 p.m.   Book Discus
<b>18</b> 4 p.m. Outdoor Friends of LVW (E)	Presidents' Day All Association Offices are Closed 1 p.m. Creative Classes (E) 2 p.m. Current Events (W) 7 p.m. Italian American Club (E)	20 10 a.m. Financial Information Club (E) 5 p.m. Sticks Alive (W)	<b>21</b> Townsk 4 p.m. Chair Volle
<b>25</b> 2 p.m. Friends of Latin America Group (E)	<b>26</b> Bulk Pickup 7 p.m. Nature Club (W)	<b>27</b> 1:30 p.m. Garden Club (W) 6 p.m. Players Club (W)	28



esday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	12 p.m. ORT Card Party (E) 1 p.m. Arts & Crafts (LF)	<b>2</b> 1 p.m. BINGO (W)	<b>3</b> Coffee with the Board 9 a.m. (E)
hip Recycling	8	Brain Challenge Live Game Show (W)	10
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Valentine's Day	15	16	17
F) sion (W)	9 a.m. Westernaires Welcome Back Meeting (W) 1 p.m. Arts & Crafts (LF) 7:30 p.m. RV Club (W)	1 p.m. BINGO (W)	1 p.m. Movie (W)
hip Recycling	22	23	24
eyball (LF)	1 p.m. Jewish American Club (W)		6 p.m. Bocce Red Party (W)
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## AN AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

Starring: Paul Giamatti, Da'Vine Joy Randolph, Dominic Sessa, Carrie Preston.

The dramedy tells the story of a disagreeable schoolteacher named Paul Hunham. With no family or friends, Paul ends up staying at school during Christmas break to supervise holdover students who can't travel home for the holidays. Troublemaker Angus and head cook Mary build an unexpected bond with Paul on campus.

Together, they go through hilarious adventures, celebrating Christmas in their own unique way.

> R 133 minutes Saturday, February 17 2024 Willow Hall Auditorium at 1 p.m.

No tickets are required. Seating will be on a first-come basis.





## Westernaires

#### By MaryAnn Earlman

#### **Welcome Back Meeting**

The Westernaires will be resuming their rehearsal schedule this month after meeting at 9:30 am on Thursday, February 15 in Willow Hall to receive their spring concert music. Current members are asked to return their winter concert music with all markings erased.

Do you like to sing? We would love to have you join us. New members are always welcome. Call Marie Kearney at 732-600-8053 if you are interested in joining us at this time.

We will be celebrating our golden anniversary - yes, it has been 50 years since the first concert by the Westernaires, June 7, 1974. Their theme was "Say It With Music."

In future issues, I will relate some of the history of this organization.

For now, here is a picture of our "feuding Christmas trees," who entertained us at our winter concert. We hope you were present for this holiday presentation. Several of our choristers had come down with Covid, but as the saying goes, "the show must go on" and it did, quite successfully. Thanks to all who participated and supported our efforts.



Santa Claus (Michael Pryor), live tree vs. Peg Burke, artificial tree.

The body may age, but the spirit stays young When there's music to play and songs to be sung!

**Our 50th Year** 



**By Ginny Wentworth** 

#### Deck the Halls



The Caritas Guild Annual Christmas Luncheon was held in Willow Hall on December 19. Our festive members were delightfully entertained by students of the Manchester High School Music Department. Andrew Fodor directed the Jazz Band in several uplifting medleys of holiday music. Many of the multi-talented students performed on a variety of instruments, changing to suit the music. Their performance was followed by the Choir, led by director Andrew VanDongen.

Their voices harmonized beautifully with a wide vocal range. Many students demonstrated their talents in both the instrumental and vocal offerings. The musical selections included tunes for Christmas and Hanukkah, and other traditional favorites. We are always so grateful and appreciative of the talent of these students and their teachers.

Following the performance, President Pat Kinane led us in a Christmas prayer for ourselves, our families and peace in the world. She then spoke of the need for volunteers to prepare for our April Card Party. Vendor letters are available from Pat to request donations

for prizes from businesses that we use. Members are also encouraged to collect and donate items for the gift baskets. This is our only fundraiser for the year. All proceeds are donated to very worthy local charities.

We do not meet in January and February. Our March charitable collection will be of food items for the St. Vincent DePaul Society Food Pantry at St. Joseph Church in Lakehurst. The following items are particularly needed, so members are asked to look for sales on these items to stock up in the coming months.

Sugar-free: jams, jellies, pancake syrup, etc.

Fruit: canned – lite, all varieties

Coffee – canned

Tea bags

Pasta sauces: Francesco Rinaldi, Ragu, etc.

Pasta: any kind other than spaghetti and elbows (provided by Fulfill)

Hearty soups: Progresso, Campbells Chunky, etc.

Sugar cereals for kids: Fulfill provides healthy cereals

Canned pasta: Beefaroni, Spaghettios, etc.

Our April collection will be supplies needed by a local Animal Shelter and a preferred list of items will be provided.

Following the business meeting, we enjoyed our sub sandwiches from Wawa, along with salads, sheet cake and other desserts. With an unusually small crew of helpers, our Hospitality Chairperson, Jeanette Nuss, graciously prepared the tables and served our luncheon. The day was concluded with the traditional "Left/ Right Family" story. Lucky winners took home the lovely centerpieces and 50/50 winnings.

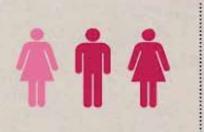
We hope everyone enjoyed their holiday celebrations with their families and friends and stayed safe, warm and healthy through the winter months.



HEART MONTH

February is American Heart Month, a good time to think about the facts about heart disease.

#### BE IN THE KNOW



1 IN 3 U.S. adults is currently living with a type of heart disease.



HEART DISEASE is the leading cause of death in the United States and a major cause of disability.



DENTAL HYGIENE Taking care of your teeth can impact heart health by reducing your chances of having a heart attack or a stroke by 50%.



#### MORNING IS PEAK TIME FOR HEART ATTACKS

The majority of heart attacks happen during the hours of 8 and 9 in the morning.



In 2010, heart disease cost the United States \$444 billion. This total includes the cost of health care services, medications, and lost productivity.

# STATISTICALLY MOST HEART ATTACKS OCCUR ON MONDAYS



START MOVING

The risk of heart disease doubles in inactive people versus people who get regular exercise. Aerobic activity, like running, swimming, jump roping and biking, are good choices for reducing the risk of heart disease.



By Jane Siegmund & Cathy Fuller



Happy Valentine's Day to all. The holiday of LOVE started with the Roman festival of Lupercalia. Then, it became known as St. Valentine's Day. Americans adopted the celebration in the early 1800s. Love being the meaning of this day, we selected the LVW Bocce and Social Club's hospitality members to highlight this month. The five ways love is expressed and received, also known as the five love languages, include: 1. affirmation, 2. quality time, 3. gifts, 4. acts of service, 5. physical touch.

The LVW Bocce and Social Club hospitality members are a group of women who exemplify the five ways someone can express love and caring. Each attribute has a particular meaning. For example, affirmation means supporting and encouraging friends, partners, and the ones you love. At the same time, quality time is referred to as the time you spend with people conversing and getting to know one another. The love language, known as acts of service, means doing helpful things for those you care about. Finally, physical touch is represented by being close to someone; sometimes, everyone may need a hug.

Mary Ann McCauley, the LVW Bocce Hospitality Committee chairperson, moved to Leisure Village West in June 2013. She started playing bocce after her neighbors encouraged her to form a team. Mary Ann loved the game and wanted to share her enthusiasm with others off the court. Mary Ann joined the dedicated hospitality committee using her 25 years of knowledge in the catering business and her waitressing expertise. Mary Ann supports the Club through her leadership, affirmation, organizational skills, and coordination of hospitality events.

Annette Baskinger became a resident of Leisure Village West in 2018 and joined the Bocce Club. She feels the importance of the Hospitality Committee being goodwill ambassadors to the Bocce and Social Club members. Annette and the committee strive to ensure all members feel welcome and comfortable. You often observe her introducing new members to established members.

Marie McIlwrath started playing bocce in 2015. Marie feels fortunate to be part of this behind-thescenes, caring group. She loves interacting with people. She recognizes that all members cannot selfserve their coffee/tea at events, so this is an act of service she performs.

Vivian Beltempo moved to Leisure Village West in 2016. She grew up in Manhattan's Little Italy section. Bocce was an important community sport played in the streets. She worked for 35 years for Monmouth University as an event planner. She brings those skills to the Club, assisting the chairwomen with purchasing supplies for activities. Vivian recalls how well this group works together; many nights in the kitchen filled with laughter and fun.

Barbara Marcincak was new to Leisure Village West in 2021, and her friends brought her into the Bocce Club, informing her of the camaraderie and friendships. She finds it rewarding and helpful to work with people.

Vicky Maiorino became a resident in 2020 and heard people say, "If you want to have a good time and meet great people, you should join the Bocce Club." Not only did she join the Club, but she also jumped in and volunteered to be a hospitality member. Her dedication to volunteering stems from assisting in the kitchen at her children's schools.

Collectively, as a group, they share the story of the importance of not only serving sugar, but pink, blue, and yellow sugar substitute packs to top off the members' tea and coffee, putting a smile on their faces. This team of women all have hearts of GOLD and LOVE what they do. They are very selfless and have the best interests of the Leisure Village West residents at heart.

# **Helping Hands**

#### By Joan O'Connor

Helping Hands welcomes our new residents, and would like you to know that we are a volunteer service that can lend out equipment and assist with small jobs. We have wheelchairs, shower chairs, canes, rollators, walkers and knee scooters available. This is a free service; we only ask that when equipment is no longer needed, please contact us and we will pick it up for return.

Willow Hall also has flyers available which describe small jobs we are able to do. Some jobs include changing light bulbs, changing batteries for your smoke detectors, help with your TV remote problems, attach or detach your garden hose, and other small jobs. Please give us a call and we will see if we can help you with your needs.



This month, we would like to share some information regarding shower chairs. Shower chairs are useful for residents who may be recovering from hip replacements or leg injuries. They give comfort and stability in your shower. There is a picture below.

We, at Helping Hands, would like you to know our efforts and sincere concerns are always for our residents. To all volunteers and coordinators, thank you for all your dedication.

Residents, please call (732) 657-2842 and leave your name, address, phone number and a brief message so that we can address your call.



#### **PING-PONG CLUB** A Club Where Everyone Knows Your Name



#### By Wynn Faulkner



While in the throes of this cold winter, shall we reminisce? It was only a couple of months ago. It was this last holiday season. For the Ping-Pong Club, it was time for our holiday party. And what a party it was – remember?

The main room of Leisure Fair had been festively decorated. The tables were set and the holiday music was playing. The atmosphere was set, thanks to Jack and Judy Warburton and their minions of helpers (Ron and Phyllis Pohle, Jerry and Judy Clarke, Charlotte Bonilla, Sheila Hoffman, and Nick Rosatelli). It was ready as the Club members came in, bringing their scrumptious entrees and delectable desserts. We were ready to dig in, and that we did! No one left hungry!

Then, it was time to be enlightened and entertained. Phyllis Gudewitz enlightened us with a reading on the meaning of Hanukkah. After this, a trio of Millie Agostino, Barbara Corrigan, and Chris Faulkner sang some Christmas carols with a unique twist – the lyrics pertained to the ping-pong talents of some of our members. Very entertaining! Then, Barrington Gooden favored us with a couple of Christmas songs, highlighting Joseph's point of view in the Christmas story. The duet of Barrington and Barbara also entertained us with a Hanukkah song. The varied talents of the Club members were wonderfully on display during this party. Speaking of the varied talents of our members, Americo Guerriero, at a recent Club meeting, changed his personality and delighted us with his impression of the legendary Rodney Dangerfield.

It was a very enjoyable afternoon! Hopefully, on these cold days, this memory will warm your innards. If you need further warming up, you can come down to the ping-pong room and join us in running around while slicing, spinning and slamming the ping-pong ball!





# **Cooking Club**

By Carol Viola



#### FUN TIMES IN FEBRUARY

It's February, the second and shortest month of the New Year, but also a month of celebrations - there is Groundhog Day (didn't you love that movie?), the Super Bowl, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day and Mardi Gras! Mardi Gras is also called Carnival or Fat Tuesday, but no matter the name, it's a day of revelry that includes parades, parties and gastronomic indulgence before the Christian fasting season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. This annual celebration of excess is observed everywhere, from Rio de Janeiro to Venice and particularly here in the U.S. in New Orleans, The Big Easy! But you won't have to travel to any of these places to celebrate Mardi Gras this year; just drive down Buckingham Drive to Willow Hall for our "First Annual Mardi Gras Luncheon" on Tuesday, February 13 at 1 p.m. And, by the way, Mardi Gras is also called "Fat Tuesday" because the French had the custom of eating up all the fats in their homes before Lent in preparation for fasting and abstinence. Masks and purple, green and gold beads are also another tradition of Mardi Gras; no one seems to know why those colors were chosen, some conjecture: purple represents justice, green represents faith, gold represents power; masks were used to hide the identity of a person.

Food, glorious food, is a big part of Mardi Gras and New Orleans cuisine has been influenced by its multicultural heritage; so you can enjoy French, Italian, Cajun and Creole dishes during this celebration! Some favorite sandwiches are the Muffuletta and the Po'boy, while Gumbo, Jambalaya, Shrimp Creole, along with red beans and rice are also popular at meals. Pancakes, beignets and the star of desserts, "The King Cake," are delicious sweets; even served at breakfast! Now that you have a few ideas about what foods are eaten at Mardi Gras, we ask you to bring your favorite dish to share at our celebration - it can be an appetizer, main dish, or dessert.

We have also cooked up a few surprises for this Fat Tuesday event!

And let's not forget Valentine's Day on February 14, perhaps you have a favorite dish or dessert that you want to share at our Mardi Gras lunch.

Looking forward to all the wonderful and delicious food and fun we will have at this first annual Mardi Gras Leisure Village West luncheon on February 13.

As always, our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at Willow Hall (we are off July and August). Membership begins in January; dues are \$8 for the year. If you want to participate, but cannot cook, you can pay \$7 to join in the fun and taste the dishes of the month. We also have Lucky Bucks each month, \$5 for 10 tickets.

In closing, here is a quote from New Orleans' famous Chef Emeril Lagasse -

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# **Italian American Social Club**

By PaulaAnn Fazio-Escudero



#### A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we move forward into this New Year of 2024, we look back at what we have in our lives, who is in our lives and where we plan on going... what are our intentions for ourselves and those surrounding us.

My wish for you all is to be abundant, happy and healthy in the days to come!

Come join the Italian American Social Club on Monday, February 19 at 7 p.m. in Club Encore for the: Second Annual Feast of the Carnival!

Carnival, the period between the Epiphany (January 6) and the beginning of Lent, when people have parties, parades, entertainment, food, and music!

Costumes and masks are optional! A King and Queen will be crowned Open to all members! Ciao! PaulaAnn



Christmas Party 2023 In-Coming President, 2024 - PaulaAnn Fazio and Friends



Christmas Party 2023 Madame President Rae Tutella, Barbara Genovese, Al Damato and Friends



Christmas Party 2023 Left to Right Pilot Dave, VP Camille Cecora and Retired Airforce Attorney, Greg Kruse Joined us in celebrating in the fun.

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#### **By Joy Carmody**

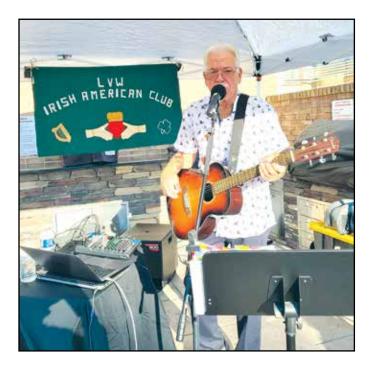
Are you ready for another fun packed season with the Irish-American Club?

A year of diverse activity is planned for our members and friends. Here, you can see the tentative list of planned activities we have for our Village, so save these dates:

Feb. 13:	"Celebrate St. Brigid's Day" - Learn a little, play a lot and laugh loads
March 10:	Join us in Willow Hall for a great St. Patrick's Day dinner-dance
April 9:	April Fools and Halloween all wrapped into one
April 14:	Come Paint and Sip with us at Club Encore
May 14:	"All About Ireland and Her People"
June 11:	Experience a fantastic Craft & Vendor Fair at Club Encore
July 9:	The fabulous "Christmas in July" even bigger & better
August 13:	Party at the Club Encore Patio with our incredible Summer Social
Sept. 10:	Fun and excitement at our laugh-out-loud game night
Oct. 8:	Enjoy a new experience with our ethnic potluck dinner
Nov. 12:	Tribute to our Leisure Village West Veterans
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Watch for details about our events in our monthly magazine and don't miss a second of the excitement and pure enjoyment we have planned for you. It wouldn't be the same without you!

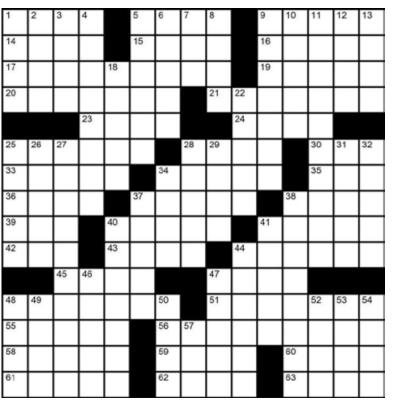
May green be the grass you walk on. May blue be the skies above you, That pure be the joys that surround you, May true be the hearts that love you.







## **CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



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# **TABLE SHUFFLEBOARD**

#### By Pat Hansen

WHEN: Sunday morning 10 a.m. January 7 until the end of June WHERE: Leisure Fair Ping-Pong Room

Our fall/winter 2023 season closed on December 17. We followed our last game with our end-of-season luncheon and awards ceremony. Thank you to Clair and Lou for all your hard work at the luncheon. Thanks to our Board members, Clair, Lou, Gail and Joann, for keeping the Table Shuffleboard Club running!

Table Shuffleboard is a great place to come and meet new friends, have a great time, and lots of fun. Thanks to our scorekeeper, Magic Mike. He can shoot the pucks with either hand. Thanks to Vinny DePalma for our wonderful dessert cake. Thanks to all the members who contributed to our dessert table. We had so many wonderful desserts, including cream puffs and brownies, to name a few. Congratulations to our winning team, Tom (our own resident Santa), Dee and Kate. Better luck next year, Harvey!

We also crowned our Hanger King and Queen, Bill and Marilyn.





We look forward to another year of exciting Table Shuffleboard. By the time this article is published, we will be well into our winter/spring 2024 season. Looking forward to seeing you all at Leisure Fair on Sunday mornings for another exciting season.





**Pickleball and Social** 

Club

**By Cathy Sutton** 



Happy New Year to our Leisure Village West community and their families. The Pickleball Club is entering its second year and with the new year, we have a new Board. Please welcome:

- Tim Erbe President
- Bill Burns Vice President
- Sandy Falcone Treasurer
- Susan Nutt Secretary
- Cathy Sutton Communications

Last year, we held our first fundraiser; chili cookoff and cornhole tournament. It was a great success and lots of fun and awesome chili tastings. December 14 was our holiday dinner and comedy show. Great food from La Gondola, and comedian Billy Garan kept us laughing. A big shout out to Kathi Gottesman and her team of volunteers, who pulled off a wonderful evening in a comedy club-like atmosphere.



In the New Year, the Club already has some plans in the works. February, we will be having our first pickleball winter challenge. It should be a lot of fun, not only to participate, but to watch. The challenge will be held each Sunday in February from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the courts. Come on out and support the Club.

Next, stay tuned for our guest speaker, who will talk about and give tips for safety on the courts. Just as we're all ready for winter to end, we will be having our spring kickoff party. Not to mention the ongoing indoor play at Abundant Grace Church in Toms River. Many of the members have taken advantage of playing indoors. If you're not in a small group, speak to some members at the next meeting to become part of a group.

Speaking of the next meeting, it will be February 6. If you're already a member, come out and support the Club. If you're not a member; think about joining, either as a playing member or a social member.

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# **Garden Club**



By Pat Hertz



We extend a warm welcome to all for the upcoming Garden

Club meeting on Tuesday February 27. Join us for enriching events filled with engaging guest speakers, handson activities, and support for local charities.

February's speaker will be Joann Sheehan, who will share how the Butterfly Garden was established.

The Garden Club's Mission: To instruct the residents of the Village on horticultural subjects and educate members on the use and care of flowers and plants in the home; and to promote improvement in planting, landscaping, conservation, and beautification of the area while cooperating with other programs sharing similar objectives.

Happy Birthday to those born in February!

February's Flowers of the Month: Violet, Iris & Primrose

- Violet: Purity and Loyalty
- Iris: Hope, Eloquence, Faith, Communication and Wisdom
- Primrose: Youth and Renewal

"Surely as cometh the Winter, I know

There are Spring violets under the snow."

- R. H. Newell

Garden Club of Leisure Village West Officers:

- President: Janis Marano
- First VP: Patricia Hertz
- Second VP: Joann Sheehan
- Secretary: Dolly Johnston
- Treasurer: Margie Leitmeyer

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# **Puzzle Solution**

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It's always nice when we see the grandchildren. Getting great pictures of them helps preserve those memories forever and allows us to revisit those moments when they are not around. There are a few things we can do to improve our images.

If your grandchildren are still quite small, your images will be much better if you get lower and shoot them at eye level. By shooting into their eyes your image portrays the world as they see it, rather than how we see it. This helps capture the wonder and joy we see in their faces.

When they are playing try to catch them at the peak of the action. Getting posed images are nice but the candid shots better show their personalities. Capture images where they interact with their siblings, parents and grandparents. These are the lasting memories we'll cherish forever.

That's it for this month. As always you can send me an email at <u>bill@kirmsphotography.com</u>. If you'd like to see more of my images visit my web site at <u>www.kirmsphotography.com</u>. Keep shooting and trying to improve your images, but most importantly, have fun with your camera.







#### **By Greg Prelich**

#### **Rare Birds in New Jersey**

One of the joys of birdwatching is finding or seeing a bird that is rare for your area. As of the summer of 2023, a total of 497 species have been reported over the years in NJ, and each year, the birding community expects one or two species to arrive that have never been seen previously in the State. 2023 has been no exception, especially near to us. In mid-November, a homeowner posted a photo on Facebook of a Limpkin in her Manasquan backyard, a first for the State. This is highly unusual, since Limpkins are a southern species of wading bird that feeds in wetlands, mostly on snails, and only strays occasionally, outside of Florida and the Gulf Coast. It is not so easy to find a Limpkin, even in Florida, so seeing one in a Monmouth County lawn in November is borderline ridiculous. After about three days, this bird was judged to be unhealthy and in need of help, so it was captured, brought to a rehab center, and released. Then, on December 5, things got really interesting when Harry Riker, a novice birder in Whiting, took a photo of a small bird with an iridescent blue tail in his backyard that he didn't recognize and asked others online what it might be. The response was shocking. He had found a Red-flanked Bluetail. Virtually every birder in NJ then asked "A Red-flanked WHAT?"



This species is so exotic and off-the-radar that most of us had never heard of it. It is normally found in Asia



westward to Finland, is extremely unusual for anywhere in North America, with a small handful of rare sightings in Alaska and the West Coast, and has never been seen in the U.S. east of a single record in Wyoming. Yet here it was; a lost bird in a yard five miles from Leisure Village West. As of this writing, birders are still flocking (yes, I unabashedly said that birders are flocking) to Harry's yard and neighborhood. On the day that I visited, there were folks from Nova Scotia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and North Carolina. Harry and his wife, Barbara, have been extraordinary hosts, even offering food to visitors, and neighbors that I met were friendly and delighted by their newly-found notoriety, despite hordes of visitors walking around their neighborhood with binoculars and cameras with long lenses.

The lesson from both of these examples is to keep your eyes open, take photos of anything that you see, and then ask for help. So, now we have 499 species seen in NJ. What will number 500 be, and who will be the lucky person to find it?

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Model	2023 Sold Price Range
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