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Board of Trustees Meeting - September 4, 2024

Willow Hall Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Trustee, Fay Weinstein with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Trustees: Fay Weinstein, Wayne Steinman, Steven Leslierandal, Al DAMato, Ivan Gilbert, Louis Maiocco and Joyce Carmody.

Management Staff: Community Manager – Jim Snyder, Accounting Administrator – Michelle Lampard and Recreation Director – Mary Lighthipe.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:

S. Bowker, Administrative Assistant, stated the procedures for the 2024-2025 Election of Officers. The voting for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary took place and the results are as follows:

Reorganization of officers for 2024-2025 year:

Ivan Gilbert	President
Al DAMato	Vice President
Louis Maiocco	Treasurer
Joyce Carmody	Secretary
Fay Weinstein	Trustee
Wayne Steinman	Trustee
Steve Leslierandal	Trustee

I. Gilbert spoke about the priorities for the new Board and creating opportunities for the residents to express concerns, comments, and questions to the Board.

Liaison Assignments were assigned as follows by the Board President, I. Gilbert:

Administration Committee	Wayne Steinman
Architectural Committee	Joyce Carmody
Finance Committee	Louis Maiocco
Community Services Committee	Steven Leslierandal

- M.L. Doner, Election Chairperson, gave the official report from the 2024 Trustee Election.

ITEMS VOTED ON:

A.DAMato moved to waive the reading of the minutes. W. Steinman seconded. A vote was called and all were in favor. Motion carried.

A.DAMato moved to approve the August 7, 2024 minutes. F. Weinstein seconded. There was no discussion and a vote was called. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board tabled number three on the agenda for the Architectural Committee to rereview the revisions to Architectural Specification 2_5, "Installation of Garden Window – (Kitchen Window Only)" since there is another Specification being presented in New Business, Specification 2_10A, "Window Modification – Garden Window."

W. Steinman moved to approve new Architectural Specification 3_13, "Window to Patio/Deck Door – (Ritz Model Only) as amended. L. Maiocco seconded. There was no discussion and a vote was called. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- W. Steinman, Trustee, gave a report for the Architectural Committee.
- Michael Morizio, Chairperson, gave a report for the Community Services Committee.
- Chuck Corvo, Chairperson, gave a report for the Finance Committee.
- There was no report for the Administration Committee.

M. Lighthipe gave a report for the Recreation Department.

COMMUNITY MANAGER'S REPORT: (J. Snyder)

- The Board of Trustees has asked Management to get a quote to convert the Willow Hall wood-burning fireplace to natural gas. Gas Tech Services was contacted, who has completed work for the Association in the past with fair pricing and great results. They have furnished a quote of \$3,731.88 and Manchester permits for the conversion for \$300.00. If the Board wishes to proceed with this conversion, Management is recommending contracting with Gas Tech Services for \$3,731.88 and Manchester Township permits for \$300.00 to convert the Willow Hall wood-burning fireplace to a gas-fired fireplace for a total cost of \$4,031.88. The funds to meet this expense will be provided by account #3230 – Capital Replacement Fund/Common Buildings. The Board will vote on this at the next open Board meeting on October 1, 2024.
- The publishing contract with Senior Publications is coming to an end in November. The proposed renewal is for five years, December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2029. Everything is identical except the dates will start immediately after the current one. The Board will vote on this at the next open Board meeting on October 1, 2024.
- Due to the continued overnight parking violations, the Association will begin towing vehicles that are illegally parked on the street overnight at the owner's expense, since overnight street parking continues to be an issue. Ticketing of illegally-parked cars will continue.
- Willow Hall pool will remain open until September 30 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and the Club Encore pool will remain open until September 15 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, the Encore Hot Tub will remain open until October – closing date has yet to be determined. This extended pool season is for residents only.
- Residents are reminded that the best way for the Association to communicate to the Residents is through the One-Call system which provides direct and immediate access to community announcements. Opting out of this will prevent notifications regarding Maintenance services, Recreation events, etc.
- Update on Bocce Structure: framing permit was approved; electricians are hanging the soffit lights, then an electrical inspection will take place. The soffit will be closed and then the roof will be put on. The bottom of the courts will then be finished.
- Update on Club Encore Patio Structure: ran into a problem with the beam that runs across the front which is causing a delay to complete. The beam needs to be fixed to not sag and the engineer has taken full responsibility, which will be fixed at their cost.
- H. Height stated that the safety cover for the Encore Pool has many rips around the perimeter and is in need of repair or replacement. The cover had previously been repaired many years ago and showed its age. Management sent the cover out to Merlin Industries for inspection and they determined it was not repairable. The new Encore Hot Tub is also in need of a safety cover so the surface can be protected during the winter months. This year, Management has established a wholesale account with Baystate Pools and are now able to purchase supplies at wholesale pricing. The wholesale pricing for the new covers are as follows;

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Encore Pool Safety Cover (Prices include tax and shipping)

Vendor	Description	Price
Baystate Pools	Merlin Smartmesh (Retail Pricing)	\$22,371.96
Baystate Pools	Merlin Smartmesh (Wholesale Pricing)	\$13,127.68
Carmona Pools	Did not return bid	n/a
American Pools	Did not return bid	n/a

Encore Spa Safety Cover (Prices include tax and shipping)

Vendor	Description	Price
Baystate Pools	Merlin Smartmesh (Retail Pricing)	\$2,880.48
Baystate Pools	Merlin Smartmesh (Wholesale Pricing)	\$1,674.09
Carmona Pools	Did not return bid	n/a
American Pools	Did not return bid	n/a

Management is recommending purchasing the Merlin Smartmesh safety cover for Encore Pool from Baystate Pools for \$13,127.67 and the Merlin Smartmesh safety cover for Encore Spa from Baystate Pools for \$1,674.09, for a total cost of \$14,801.76. The funds to meet this expense will be provided by account #3150 – Property Fund. The Board will vote on this at the next open Board meeting on October 1, 2024.

- Residents are asked to refrain from using faux spider web decorations on the shrubs in the five-foot areas since this is dangerous to wildlife.
- Political signs for the national election may not be posted more than 45 days before the election. This year, signs may be posted at the units beginning Saturday, September 21, 2024.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE’S REPORT: (I. Gilbert)

- Rita Wing, volunteer in charge of the Food Pantry provided the Board with an update. The food pantry will accept non-perishable items on Mondays from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and Thursdays from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. These times are subject to change. If residents wish to receive items, they may stop by during collection times or pick up a form from the Association Office or Willow Hall. All volunteers have signed confidentiality agreements.

THERE WAS NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Revision to Architectural Specification 2_2, “Installation of Vinyl Replacement Windows” will be reviewed by the Architectural Committee to confirm the entire specification is up to date.
2. Revision to Architectural Specification 2_9, “Installation of New Construction Windows” will be reviewed by the Architectural Committee to confirm the entire specification is up to date.
3. Revision to Architectural Specification 2_10A, “Window Modification – Garden Window” will be reviewed by the Architectural Committee as it may conflict with another specification that already exists.
4. Revision to Architectural Specification 2_10B, “Window Modification – Double Hung” will be reviewed by the Architectural Committee to confirm the entire specification is up to date.
5. Revision to Architectural Specification 2_10C, “Window Modification – Double Hung to Picture Window” will be reviewed by the Architectural Committee to confirm the entire specification is up to date.
6. The proposed Architectural Specification 6_9, “A/C Condensing Units and Heat Pump Screens” was presented and will be voted on at the next open Board meeting.

The next open Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 1:00 PM in the Auditorium at Willow Hall.

There being no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at approximately 2:08 PM.



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BRIAN/LINDA MALONE	572A SHEFFIELD DRIVE	PASCO, WA
THOMAS/DARLENE BERROYER	72A CAMBRIDGE CIRCLE	LAKEWOOD, NJ
RAJAKUMAR SOUNDARA-PANDIAN	15A YORKSHIRE COURT	TOMS RIVER, NJ
JOHN/SONDRA LOHNES	885B LIVERPOOL CIRCLE	PAWLEYS ISLAND, SC
TERESA LYONS/ELLEN LYONS	1156A THORNBURY LANE	LONG VALLEY, SPARTA, NJ
RUTH INGANDELA	32B YORKSHIRE COURT	NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ
GLORIA WILK	35B EDINBURGH LANE	CARTERET, NJ
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Leisure Village West

2024-2025 OPEN BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 1:00PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 1:00PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 1:00PM

AUDIT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 1:00PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 1:00PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 1:00PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 1:00PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 7:00PM

BUDGET MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 7:00PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 TBD

ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 1:00PM

*Open Board meetings are held in the Auditorium
at Willow Hall unless otherwise notified.*

POSTED: September 5, 2024

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Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive will follow the same format as last year.

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Please make checks payable to LVW Association and indicate clearly, Thanksgiving Donation.

The cut-off date for donations is *Monday, November 18.* As always, thank you in advance for your anticipated generosity.

Please note: Frozen turkeys will be collected on Friday, November 22 ONLY from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Willow Hall.

Audience Comments - September 4, 2024

Willow Hall Auditorium

An open forum followed the business portion of the open Board meeting at 2:08 PM with residents raising questions or concerns or seeking clarification about a variety of issues. For exact content, please refer to leisurevillagewest.com for the video recording of this meeting.

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

Resident: Samuel Carollo from 1180B Thornbury Lane stated per comments made at the Candidates Forum that he is in favor of the Village self-managing itself rather than a management company, based from his own experiences.

Resident: Eileen McCarthy from 11B Sterling Street welcomed back Trustees and confirmed with the Board that there will still be “Coffee with the Board” this Saturday. She asked who is hosting the next townhall meeting.

Response: The next townhall meeting will be hosted by I. Gilbert and F. Weinstein.

Resident: Stephanie Barnes from 575B Sheffield Drive stated she is going away and asked where her guest who is staying in the unit can park for two weeks. She complimented the Willow pool condition and stated the security staff was wonderful. The Pool Volleyball Group had an excellent season and will begin again next June.

Response: The Community Manager will discuss options for parking.

Resident: Karen Perry from 1230A Thornbury Lane expressed her concerns regarding staff using the lawn mowers.

Resident: Arthur Pedowitz from 1171B Thornbury Lane congratulated the newly elected Board members and the experience they bring. He asked the Board to address reducing the maintenance fees, improve internet services, including speed and LVW maintenance service. He requested that the Board investigate cars parked on the sidewalks.

Response: All the items mentioned are on the Board’s radar.

Resident: Carol Bird from 870B Liverpool Circle spoke about the time process for approving a new Architectural specification.

Resident: Marie Lamberti from 667A Farrington Court asked if the election software is owned by the Village and if there are additional fees. She spoke about the length of time it took to tally the votes.

Response: Yes, the software was purchased and there is a maintenance renewal fee each year for support.

Resident: Lucille Greer from 1150A Thornbury Lane asked for clarification regarding items that are permitted to be put out for bulk pickup. She asked if wood is permitted to be put out for pickup.

Response: She was asked to reach out to the Maintenance Department to see if the Village can use the wood pieces.

Resident: Margaret (Peg) Burke from 1060A Buckingham Drive congratulated the Trustees and their new positions on the Board. She thanked the Board for a wonderful summer at the pools and extending the season for the hot tub. She spoke about explaining to another resident as to why the Village chose to be exempt from having lifeguards at the pools.

Resident: Pat Masterson from 593A Burtons Court congratulated the new Board and thanked the previous Board for the work they did. She spoke about parking issues, including people moving in with more cars than spaces allotted. She asked if any proposals developed from the previous Parking Ad Hoc Committee. She also asked if cars can be parked on one side of the main street of Buckingham Drive and not the side streets. She also asked if the gas lines will come off Huntington Drive into the Sheffield Drive area.

Response: There were 72-hour parking spaces established throughout the Village. Additional overnight spaces for residents were added at the community buildings. The community has expressed they do not wish to have overnight parking on the main street of Buckingham Drive. Requests for a gas line must be made through New Jersey Natural Gas.

The meeting ended at approximately 2:38 PM.

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Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors: This time of year, we remind all residents to change the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If their detectors are older than seven years, please consider changing them. Fire extinguishers should also be checked for expiration dates, left out, and accessible.

Space Heaters: Please remember that space heaters are one of the most common causes of house fires this time of year. Please refrain from using space heaters of any kind.

Fireplaces must be checked and cleaned before using them this winter.

Outside Garden Hoses: Ensure you remove your garden hoses from your outside faucets to prevent freezing. This is one of the leading causes of water leaks within a unit, and insurance may not cover the damage if you do not remove your garden hose.

Quote of the Month:

“Don’t wait until the fourth Thursday in November to sit with family and friends to give thanks.
Make every day a day of Thanksgiving!”

– Charmaine J. Forde

Did You Know?

- **The History of Veterans Day**

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918 is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. A heartfelt thank you to all our veterans whose sacrifices allow us to live the life we enjoy every day.

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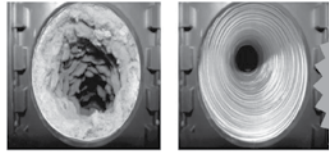
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Garden Club



By Patricia Hertz

Greetings, Garden Enthusiasts!

As we reflect on the past month, September saw the Garden Club’s fall season launch with the much-loved Annual Tea and Fancy Hats event. We enjoyed delightful tea sandwiches, scrumptious desserts, and a TED-Ed video on “The History of Tea.”

In October, our theme was *Spooky Garden*, featuring a guest speaker from the Master Gardeners, who gave an insightful presentation on worms and other composting creatures.

November Birthday Flowers

- **Chrysanthemum:** November’s primary birth flower, symbolizing happiness, longevity, and loyalty. These vibrant flowers come in shades of red, yellow, white, and purple.
- **Peony:** Though typically a spring flower, peonies are also gifted in November to represent love, honor, and compassion.

Please note that there is **no meeting in November**. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

However, don’t forget to mark your calendars for our **Holiday Gathering on December 18** at Willow Hall. We’ll be hosting a potluck luncheon. There will be no meeting in January, and the Club will resume on **February 25** with the theme *Love in Bloom*—stay tuned for more details on the guest speaker.



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Pickleball and Social Club



By Catwin

Hello Leisure Village West Residents,

The end of the year is approaching quickly. With that in mind; it is time for us to choose the Board members for next year. Nominations will be held on Tuesday, November 5 at our monthly meeting. Due to it being Election Day, our meeting will be held at Willow Hall at 7 p.m. If you, as a member, would like to run for a Board position, or if you would like to nominate another member, please contact Tim Erbe. He can be reached by direct message on Team Reach. We will also be collecting membership dues for next year at this meeting. The cost remains the same as last year, \$15 for full member and \$10 for social member. Please make checks payable to LVW Picklers & Social Club. Voting for our new Board will be at the December meeting; which will be held on Saturday, December 7 at 7 p.m., Club Encore. Please be sure to attend.

As the holidays approach, so do all the holiday parties of Leisure Village West Clubs. This year, the Pickleball Club will be having their holiday party on Tuesday, December 3, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Club Encore. Tickets will be \$35 per person and will be available to all members and significant others. Once again, we will be doing a dinner and comedy show. Our dinner will be catered by Jersey Kitchen. They will be providing a delicious buffet menu, including dessert for all to enjoy; BYOB. For our entertainment that evening, we welcome back, by popular demand, comedian Billy Garan. If you missed him last year, you'll want to be sure to catch him this year. Tickets will be available at our November meeting and other times TBD.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 5 at 7 p.m. at **Willow Hall**. As always, we welcome new members with or without Pickleball experience, and whether you are a playing member or a social member. Remember, Facebook and Team Reach are our social media outlets.



Cooking Club

By Carol Viola

“GOBBLE, GOBBLE”



Well, it's November and that means it's time for Leisure Village West's Cooking Club's Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon; it will take place on Tuesday, November 12 at 1 p.m. And you don't have to go over the river and through the woods to enjoy a wonderful lunch and fun with fellow pilgrims; just head down Buckingham Drive to Willow Hall where all the festivities will happen.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of this event and because we want to be prepared for all our guests, all pilgrims are welcome BUT you must be a member of the Cooking Club and you must have a ticket to attend. **THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE TICKET.** You can **pick one up at Willow Hall on November 6, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.**

The Cooking Club will provide turkey and ham for the feast and we ask members to contribute to our dinner by making their favorite side dish or dessert. Please let us know what you will bring when a Committee member contacts you; this helps us to plan so that all will have a delicious meal to share.

Looking forward to celebrating this Thanksgiving Luncheon with all our Leisure Village West Pilgrims!

In the words of Martha Stewart,

“July has all the Sunshine but November has the best food.”



Italian American



Social Club



By PaulaAnn Fazio

November is the time of year where we are approaching the fall weather. October foliage was spectacular! And the approaching winter months are near. It is the time of homemade, succulent, lip smacking dinners, desserts and gathering around the family table with our sons, daughters, grandchildren, friends, aunts and uncles and our own parents, if blessed to still be here at this time and moment.

It's a time of **Thanksgiving and being grateful** for every moment, for every day - since none is ever guaranteed - being neighborly, serving your community and doing what is right for your family and those around you. Thank you!

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are planning our menus. Decide on who and how many we are inviting to our table. How big of a turkey to feed everyone and what are we going to prepare for fixings? There is a resource we would like to share with you.

The Italian American Club has produced our very first calendar for 2024 – 2025, featuring our members' favorite recipes. There are 34 delicious recipes to choose from. It was created with you in mind...**pick one up today for \$10.**



All proceeds are going to the Club's fundraisers listed below:

This year, "The Club" is currently raising money to help those families in need who are with the Manchester Little League, and the Military Children at the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

We would like to offer a big "Thank You" for your attendance to our fundraising events and for your generosity!

****All members in good standing and new residents who would like to join our Club (\$10 per person - annual dues) are welcome to our November meeting. The meeting begins at approximately 7:05 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 for check-in or registration.*

There is no meeting scheduled for December!

We are preparing for our **Christmas Party scheduled for Monday, December 16.**

Look for more information to be posted on our LVW Italian American FB page, the Leisure Village West website and the Creeper regarding this event!

Grazi Mille!
PaulaAnn

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By Ellen Jenkin

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Excitement is in the air as ORT's annual Fashion Show and luncheon on Thursday, November 7 at the Clarion Hotel, Rt. 37 in Toms River is approaching. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. when all who are attending can peruse an amazing selection of gifts they can hope to win. A delicious three-course lunch will follow. The fashion show is sponsored by Chico's and Chico's Outlet Stores. A variety of fashions will be modeled by our own members. Everyone will have an opportunity to spend a wonderful afternoon with friends.

Leisure Village West ORT's Board meetings are held the third Thursday of the month in the morning. Afterward, we go to lunch to celebrate anyone's birthday that month. A different restaurant is chosen each time and we enjoy the food and socialize. All are welcome to join us, members and non-members. If you wish to come to lunch, please contact Susan Karsh (732-864-7397).

Installation of Officers for 2025 will take place at our Thursday, December 5 general meeting at 12:30 p.m. (a special time) in Club Encore. A luncheon, as well as entertainment, will be provided by Ocean Healthcare. Ocean Healthcare provides a comprehensive range of care for Ocean County residents.

We wish to thank our Nominating Committee for all their time and hard work. The committee consists of: Chairperson Sally Brosonski, Elaine Baron, Janice McDonnell, Rena Wilcox, Bonnie Frons, Tammy Gincel, and Ellie Kravetz.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy Thanksgiving!

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Helping Hands

By Joan O'Connor



Dance Club

By Barbara Genovese

So far, our dances have been a big success. For the October dance the entertainment was Don Pesce and it was an open dance. Meaning it was open to outsiders. If you haven't already, remember to become a member of the Dance Club. It is \$8 pp to become a member. The dances then are \$10 pp instead of \$15 pp if you're a non-member. Also, our last dance is always "member appreciation" along with installation of officers. It will benefit you in the long run to become a member. Also join the LVW DANCE CLUB Facebook page. On the Facebook page there are a lot of good tutorials for dances and upcoming events. You must be a resident of Leisure Village West to join the Dance Club Facebook Page. Here is the remainder of the schedule for the 2024 – 2025 Dance Club Season: Mark it down.

October 12 – Don Pesce

November 9 – T - Rex

December 14 - Joey D & Johnny

January 11 – Steve & Dee Fisher

February 8 – T-Rex

March 8 – Don Pesce

April 12 – Steve & Dee Fisher

May 10 – DJ Johnny

Friday, June 13 – Don Pesce at the Clarion and Photo Booth

Thank you from your 2024-2025 Dance Club Officers

Barbara Genovese - President

Donna Rathbun – VP

Catherine DiPaolo – Treasurer

Stephanie Barnes - Secretary

Hello, to all residents of Leisure Village West. We are now in the beautiful month of November. Helping Hands volunteers are willing to share their talents and time to help you with small jobs. We also lend out medical equipment that you may need. We have canes, walkers, wheelchairs, transport chairs, rollators and shower chairs.

Please call our service line at (732) 657-2842 for further information. When you call, please leave your full name, address and phone number with questions or a brief message and we will call you back. We also have flyers with additional information in Willow Hall, or look for us on the Leisure Village West website or the Creeper. Any Leisure Village West residents who would like to volunteer can call in to the service line.

Helping Hands would like you to meet two of our volunteers this month; Christopher Ritter and his lovely wife, Janet Ritter. Janet and Chris have lived in Leisure Village West for eight years. Chris is the current publicist and playwright for the West Village Players Club and sends out flyers for Westernaires and the Players Club. He provides tech support on the lights and sound. Chris also shows the free monthly movies for the Leisure Village West residents.

Janet Ritter creates PowerPoint slides for sing-along fundraisers. She has performed in many shows with the West Village Players Club and creates flyers for the Westernaires and Players Club. Helping Hands has asked Janet to work on the display board in Willow Hall, which Janet displays thank-you cards and letters. We have a beautiful picture of Chris and Janet for this month, which was given to us for the Helping Hands monthly magazine.

Helping Hands members would like you to know our efforts and sincere concerns are always for our residents. Small donations or thank-you cards are always appreciated.





By Ginny Wentworth

Happy Autumn

In September, Caritas Guild welcomed our members and guests back to a new year of charitable donations, entertainment, refreshments and friendships. A prayer was offered for those celebrating their birthdays in July, August and September. Sunshine Committee Chairperson Sheila Michaud reported the sad news of the passing of Carol Viola's husband Joseph, Jackie Dobler's son Michael and long-time member Joan Reed – prayers were offered for all the grieving families. On a happier note, we congratulated Pat and Kevin Kinane on their 64th wedding anniversary.

Pat introduced Mr. Alex George, Director of Student and Administrative Services for the Manchester School District. He expressed his gratitude for our annual support of the students with school supplies which our members had brought in. He told us that since Manchester now has a full-day program for 3 and 4 year olds, the consumable school supplies that we donate need to be replaced throughout the year and our donations are used for that purpose. I apologize for forgetting to take a photo of the bountiful tables filled with backpacks, notebooks, writing implements and more. But I did get the photo below of Mr. George and his assistant Todd as they began to load the supplies.

In the business portion of the meeting, we discussed ideas for possible upcoming events: a possible Rummage Sale in lieu of the Card Party, a celebration in the spring to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Caritas in Leisure Village West and upcoming entertainers for our meetings. Further information on all of this will be provided as more definite plans develop. Refreshments were provided by the Board members and served by our new Hospitality committee:

Carol Viola, Ellen Riscoe, Jean Drozdik, Rose Kestner and Nancy Krahn. We thank retired Chair Jeanette Nuss for filling in for the new Chairperson, Carol Viola. Our entertainment was provided by singer Pete Custode. He sang many familiar tunes, including songs dedicated to his wife and grandson and concluded with a rousing rendition of "My Way." Pete is always a crowd pleaser!

Our October meeting was held on Tuesday, October 15 at 2 p.m. in Club Encore. We celebrated a Baby Shower with donations going to the mothers of Birthright.



Alex George and Todd with school supplies



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Irish American Club

By Ellen Truberg

We saved the BEST for LAST: *“The Annual Salute to our Veterans.”*

All veterans and residents are cordially invited to attend our last meeting of the year on November 12 at 7 p.m. in Club Encore. The Color Guard from Manchester High School will once again be opening our meeting by presenting our colors. Entertainment will be provided by Alex Chernick, a former Veteran himself. And back by popular demand, we will be serving our traditional, homemade potato soup with all the fixings. Throughout the evening, gifts will be awarded to our Veterans.

Anyone who is present at our meeting is invited to speak at the podium regarding their military experience.

This month, we will be voting on our Executive Board. Our proposed slate of officers is:

President:	Fran Perry
1st Vice President:	Annie Turchiano
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Secretary:	Ellen Truberg
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Pres. pro tempore:	Joy Carmody

We are also pleased to announce that we have donated a file cabinet to the pantry and contributed to the Leisure Village West music license.

We'll keep you updated in the monthly newsletter, on social media, and on the new Leisure Village West website throughout the winter months. Our first meeting of 2025 will be on February 11 at 7 p.m. in Club Encore. We will be accepting dues of \$8 at this meeting.

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By Rita Wing

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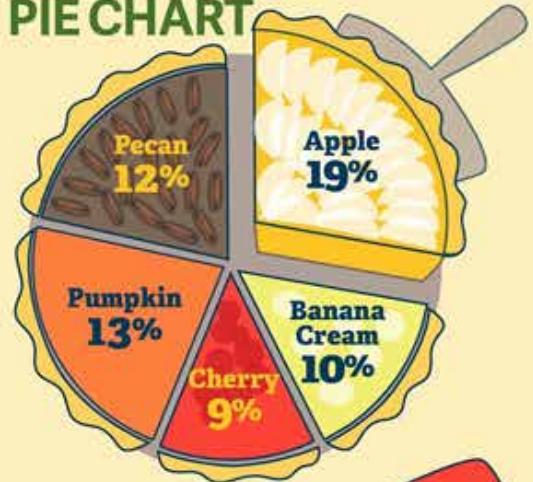
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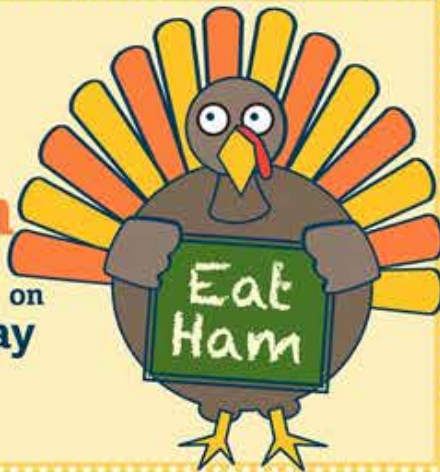


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By Nicole May



Thankfulness is a great way to head into this month! The AAC will be having a Potluck for its November meeting. Please bring your favorite dishes or donations for our membership meeting November 8, 2 p.m. at Club Encore.

The LVW African-American Club is gearing up for our Annual Holiday Gala, December 21, Willow Hall 5-10 p.m. We will have Music, Raffles, Dancing and Food (BYOB)! Tickets \$35 members and \$40 non-members, on sale now. Contact Lila Gilchrist 201-658-7140 or Paulette Gooden 908-986-7974.

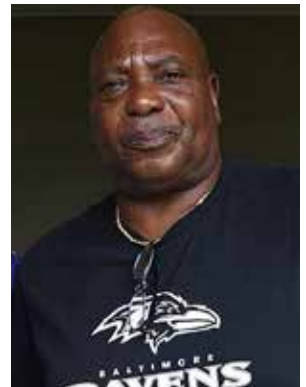
The AAC Club, through our Assistance committee, is accepting gift cards, ShopRite, Stop & Shop, Dollar Tree and Dollar General, all year long, to be utilized for those in need. The gift cards may be brought to the AAC mailbox at Willow Hall. All donations are welcomed.

This month in Black History

October has important moments from our ongoing, trans-generational American story. Listed below is just a sampling of moments from history.

- **November 1, 1945** – Ebony Magazine published for the first time
- **November 16, 1873** – Father of the Blues born. Musician, composer William Christopher Handy born in Florence, Alabama.
- **November 22, 2002** – Ozzie Newsome made NFL history, when he became the first ever African-American general manager in the league. Newsome is currently the Vice President of Player Personnel of the Baltimore Ravens.

The African American Club meets every second Friday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Club Encore Auditorium. You may also connect with us for updates and events on our Facebook group page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lvwaclub>. Membership is \$5 per calendar year.



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West Village Players



By Christopher Ritter

Here we are again. Hanging on to memories of summertime and fall foliage, while we prepare for holiday spectaculars, and traveling over rivers and through woods to grandmother’s house. The Players Club is sending our best wishes for happy, healthy and safe holiday celebrations for all.

The Players Club has some important information for you all, as November brings our annual elections of the Executive Board. At our September and October meetings, nominations were held, and plans for the election process are being put into place. I am now going to relate the most important item of this letter, so pay attention... The date of our November meeting has been changed. Our regular monthly meetings are always held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, which would be November 26. This year, however, we have moved the date up one week, to Tuesday, November 19, at 7 p.m., in Willow Hall Auditorium. The reason why, you ask? Our November 26 meeting would be during the week of Thanksgiving when everyone is traveling over rivers and through woods to grandmother’s house. So...In order to facilitate the participation in our election process, for as many people as possible, we have rearranged the Caesarian Calendar just for you. (We extend our thanks to the Recreation Department, and to Sticks Alive, for allowing for this change.) There will be flyers, emails and further information as the date draws closer.

I now have to relate the most important item of this letter, so pay attention (again)...We are proud to present a special group who will provide your entertainment while the votes are counted. We welcome “Granny and The Boys,” a product of Albert Music Hall in Waretown, NJ, who will perform a variety of classic and contemporary country music for you to tap your fingers or your toes, or shuffle your feet to. All manner of dancing is welcome and encouraged. Our meetings are free to members, and \$7 dues paid now will satisfy membership through the end of 2025.

Now...for the most important item of this letter, mark your calendars for the upcoming Players Club stage production, “What The Hell Was That?!” being presented Saturday, November 16 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, November 17 at 3 p.m. in Willow Hall. This play is a “dramatic comedy” loosely based on the classic radio play, “War of The Worlds.” Tickets in advance are \$15, and \$18 at the door. Miss Duloxatine and Fayette Von Vulca already have their tickets.

Speaking of...Fayette has found the perfect nesting spot inside the roof of the Encore patio pavilion. The workers won’t know she’s there before they put up the ceiling. Question is...will she and her nestlings be ready? We have to wait and see, because...

... There’s no business like show business...So, let’s go on with the show...

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Monday, November 11 is Veterans Day. All Association Offices and Department will be closed. The Village Bus will run.

We celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29. All Association offices and departments will be closed. There will be no bus service on Thanksgiving Day. The Village bus will follow the regular Friday schedule.

The General Election will be held Tuesday, November 5, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Please note: Districts 21, 22, and 23 vote at Leisure Fair, and Districts 28 and 29 vote at Club Encore. Leisure Fair will be closed to all other activities on this date.

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The trailer will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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. Due to space limitations, we ask that no more than TWO photos per club be submitted with your monthly newspaper article. Clubs are asked to submit the correct dates advertising the happenings of the current month's magazine.



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Recreation



Cooler days have arrived, and vibrant autumn colors are everywhere. Families gather to give thanks for the blessings we enjoy. Fall activities are returning, and we look forward to holiday events. The Recreation Department extends our best wishes to all of our Village residents and their families for a Happy Thanksgiving.

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Districts 21, 22, and 23 vote at Leisure Fair, and Districts 28 and 29 vote at Encore.

All Association Offices and Departments will be closed on Monday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. The Village bus will follow the regular Monday schedule on Veterans Day.

Bingo games will be held in Willow Hall on Friday, November 1, and Friday, November 22. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and games begin at 1 p.m.

We celebrate Veterans Day on Monday, November 11. The LVW Veterans Club and the LVW Association invite all residents to an indoor assembly program in tribute to all Veterans. Please plan to join us in Encore at 11 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

Our Sunday Dinner trip will take us to the Shrimp Box located in Point Pleasant on November 10.

Join us for our monthly movie on Sunday, November 24 when we present “Fly Me to the Moon.” A romantic comedy set against the backdrop of NASA’s Apollo 11 moon landing.

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive tradition will continue this year and we will, again, partner with the Senior and Social Services Department of Manchester Township to distribute funds to those in need. **ONLY MONETARY DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED.** Checks should be made payable to **LVW ASSOCIATION** and can be dropped off at the Recreation Office or placed in the Recreation mailbox located in Willow Hall. **The cut-off date for donations is Monday, November 18.**

Please note: Frozen turkeys will be collected on **Friday, November 22 ONLY from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** in front of Willow Hall. Thank you in advance for your anticipated generosity.

We celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday on **Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29.** All Association offices and departments will be closed. **There will be no bus service on Thanksgiving Day.** The Village bus will follow the regular Friday schedule on November 29 and the usual weekend schedule for Saturday and Sunday.

The Recreation Department will sponsor a **Holiday Craft Fair** in Willow Hall on Saturday, November 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents and clubs are welcome to participate. Crafts, including jewelry, holiday items, handmade crafts, and other forms of art, will be sold. Tables are \$15. each with a limit of two per resident or club. Please sign up at Willow Hall if interested. The Holiday Craft Fair is limited to residents only. Start your holiday shopping with us!

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming holiday bus trips. Scheduled trips include SurfFlight Theater’s Miracle on 34th Street on December 8, and A Longwood Gardens Christmas on December 19. All of the exciting details are included in this issue.

Our **Holiday Open House** will be held in Encore on Sunday, December 15, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Live DJ music, light refreshments, eggnog, and coffee will complete the afternoon. Meet with friends and neighbors while exchanging holiday greetings

Plans are being made for a Recreation-sponsored New Year’s Eve Dance at Willow Hall.

All of the exciting details of the New Year’s Event will be detailed in the December magazine.

So....get your tables together and be first to sign up as we welcome in 2025!

November 2024

RECURRING EVENTS

SUNDAY

9:30am -10:45am	Yin Yoga	W
10am - 1pm	Table Shuffleboard	LF
2:30pm - 4:30pm	Ping Pong	LF

MONDAY

9am - 1pm	Food Pantry 3D Buckingham	
9:30am	KLVW-TV	W
10am – 12pm	VISTON 3D Buckingham	
11am - 1pm	Model Railroad	W
11am - 1pm	Ceramics	W
1pm – 4pm	Bridge	LF
2pm - 4pm	Ceramics	W

TUESDAY

7:30am - 10:45am	LabCorp Blood Draw	W
9 am – 1pm	Food Pantry 3D Buckingham	
9am - 12pm	Ping Pong	LF
1pm - 4pm	Mah-Jongg for Fun	E
2pm - 4pm	Ping-Pong	LF
6pm - 9:30pm	Bridge	LF

WEDNESDAY

9am – 1pm	Food Pantry 3D Buckingham	
9am – 10:15am	Intermediate Yoga	LF
9:30am - 11:30am	Stained Glass	E
10am - 12pm	VISTON 3D Buckingham	
11am - 1pm	Ceramics	W
12:30pm -4pm	Open Table Games	LF
1pm - 3pm	Pine Tree Quilters	E
2pm - 4pm	Ceramics	W
6pm - 8pm	Model Railroad Club	W
7pm - 9pm	Dominoes	E

THURSDAY

9:30 -11:30am	Stained Glass Group	E
10am	Art Class	W
10am	QiGong	W
2pm - 4pm	Ping-Pong	LF
4 pm – 6pm	Food Pantry 3D Buckingham	
6pm - 9:30pm	Bridge	LF
7pm	Because It's Thursday	LF

FRIDAY

9am- 10:15am	Chair Yoga	LF
9am - 12pm	Ping-Pong	LF
9:30am - 11am	KLVW-TV	W
9:30am – 10:30am	Sticks Alive	E
10am - 12pm	VISTON 3D Buckingham	
12pm - 4pm	Open Table Games	LF
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Art Class	W
2pm - 4pm	Ping-Pong	LF
6pm - 8pm	Rummy Q	LF
6pm - 8pm	Ping-Pong	LF

SATURDAY

9:30am – 10:30am	Beginner Yoga	LF
2pm - 4pm	Ping-Pong	LF



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The Shrimp Box Restaurant
Point Pleasant, NJ
Sunday, November 10
1 p.m.
\$10. per person (Bus Only)

This trip is taken on the Village bus with pickup at Willow Hall.

Purchase tickets at the Recreation office.
Ticket purchases are limited to two per person.

AN AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES



“Fly Me to the Moon”

Starring:
Scarlett Johansson, Channing Tatum, Woody Harrelson, Anna Garcia, Stephanie Kurtzuba.

Brought in to fix NASA's public image, sparks fly in all directions as marketing maven Kelly Jones (Johansson) wreaks havoc on launch director Cole Davis's (Tatum) already difficult task. When the White House deems the mission too important to fail, Jones is directed to stage a fake moon landing as backup and the countdown truly begins.

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Sunday, November 24, 2024
Willow Hall Auditorium at 2 p.m.

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



Join us at Willow Hall

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A variety of light refreshments.**

Admission \$2 - includes entry board
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Friday, November 1 and Friday, November 22
Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and Games begin at 1 p.m.
Volunteers are needed - Call 732-657-9109





**Veterans Day Ceremony
Monday, November 11
11 a.m. Club Encore**

All residents are invited to attend an indoor assembly program in tribute to all Veterans of the United States of America. We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the servicemen and women who have so bravely defended our freedom. This program will be hosted by the Leisure Village West Veteran's Club and Leisure Village West Association.

Refreshments will be served.



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because of the brave*



Saturday, November 23 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Willow Hall

**Residents and clubs are welcome to participate in the
Recreation Department's Holiday Craft Fair.**

**Make the Holiday Craft Fair your first stop for holiday shopping.
Shop many new crafts as well as old favorites. Highlights include
jewelry, holiday items, handmade crafts and other forms of art.**

**\$15. PER TABLE
(Limit 2 tables per resident or club)**

SIGN UP AT WILLOW HALL

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Come Shop or Browse.....Great Buys Sure To Be Found!!
Light refreshments available for sale.**



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An Afternoon at the
SURFLIGHT THEATRE



Long Beach Island, NJ
Presents

“Miracle on 34th Street”

Sunday, December 8

Depart Encore: 10:30 a.m.

Showtime: 2 p.m.

Cost: \$116. per person

(All inclusive: Lunch, Show, Bus, and Gratuities)

Depart LVW Encore Parking Lot: 10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.: Nestled along the Forked River waterfront is, aptly named, The Waterfront Restaurant, which is our host today for lunch. This delicious meal includes salad, choice of Jumbo Lump Crab Cake with Wild Grain Rice, Fish and Chips, Coconut Shrimp Basket, Stuffed Flounder with Wild Grain Rice, Chicken Francaise, Penne Vodka with Grilled Chicken, Teriyaki Chicken Bowl w Stir-fried Vegetables, Chef's Choice Dessert, Soft Beverages, Coffee and Tea. After lunch depart for SurfFlight Theater.

2: p.m.: It's Showtime! SurfFlight Theatre is a staple on Long Beach Island of professional community theater and an all-time favorite group destination. Now it's time to get into the Holiday Spirit with the eternal musical favorite "Miracle on 34th Street." The story of single mother Doris Walker who doesn't want her six-year-old Susan's head filled with romantic notions. Their neighbor, Fred Gailey, tries to woo Doris by charming Susan and taking her to see Santa at Macy's, where Doris works. Doris is not impressed, but when it turns out that Macy's Santa may be the real Kris Kringle, a wave of love spreads across New York City that melts even the most cynical hearts. Filled with humor, spectacle, and beloved songs, this joyous, heartwarming musical is pure entertainment and holiday magic. After the show, return home.

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No Refunds – If you are unable to go on this trip, the Recreation Office will attempt to resell your ticket if the bus is sold out and there is a waiting list.



All Residents Are Invited To Our Annual

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, December 15

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Happy Holidays



Happy Holidays

Club Encore

Live DJ Music

Light Refreshments

Eggnog and Coffee



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>3 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 a.m. Helping Hands Meeting (W) 2 p.m. Current Events (W) 7 p.m. Bocce Club (W)</p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>Election Day</i> 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. <i>Districts 21, 22, & 23 (LF)</i> <i>Districts 28 & 29 (E)</i></p> <p>7 p.m. Picklers & Social Club (W)</p>	<p>6 <i>Doolan Rec</i></p> <p>4 p.m. Chair Volle 7 p.m. Trustee Me</p>
<p>10 <i>Sunday Dinner Bus</i></p> <p>10 a.m. Pet Club Holiday Photos (LF)</p>	<p>11 <i>Veterans Day</i> <i>Association Offices closed</i> <i>Village Bus will run</i></p> <p>11 a.m. Veterans Day Ceremony (E) 5 p.m. LGBTQ+Friends (W)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10 a.m. Arts and Crafts Autumn Sale (W) 1 p.m. Cooking Club (W) 5:30 p.m. Players Club Tech Rehearsal (W) 7 p.m. Irish American Club (E)</p>	<p>13 <i>Townsh</i></p> <p>6 p.m. Golf & Social 7 p.m. Karaoke Gr 7 p.m. Book Discus</p>
<p>17</p> <p>3 p.m. Players Club Play (W)</p>	<p>18 <i>MVC Mobile Unit</i> <i>9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (W)</i></p> <p>1 p.m. Creative Classes (E) 2 p.m. Current Events (W) 7 p.m. Italian American Club (E)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10 a.m. Financial Information Club (E) 2 p.m. Caritas Guild (E) 7 p.m. RV Club (E) 7 p.m. Players Club (W)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>4 p.m. Chair Volleyb</p>
<p>24</p> <p>2 p.m. Movie (W)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 p.m. Comedy Improv (LF) 7 p.m. Nature Club (W)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5 p.m. Sticks Alive (W)</p>	<p>27 <i>Townsh</i></p>

November 2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1 p.m. BINGO (W)	2 9 a.m. Coffee with the Board (E)
n's Shore Club Recreation Trip yball Group (LF) eting (W)	7 <i>Fishing Club Out of Village ORT Fashion Show out of Village</i> 2 p.m. Travelers Club (W)	8 1 p.m. Nightingales (W) 2 p.m. African American Club (E) 2 p.m. Ping Pong Awards Meeting (LF)	9 6 p.m. Dance Club (W)
ip Recycling al Club (W) oup (LF) sion Group (W)	14 <i>Bally's Casino Recreation Trip</i> 5:30 p.m. Players Club Dress Rehearsal (W)	15 6 p.m. Players Club Dress Rehearsal (W)	16 7 p.m. Players Club Play (W)
ball (LF)	21 <i>12 p.m. Monmouth Medical Southern Campus Lunch & Learn (W)</i> 1 p.m. Arts & Crafts (LF)	22 <i>Turkey Collection 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. (W)</i> 1 p.m. BINGO (W)	23 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Holiday Craft Fair (W)
ip Recycling	28 <i>Happy Thanksgiving All Association Offices Closed Village Bus will not run</i>	29 <i>All Association Offices Closed Village Bus will run</i>	30

Longwood Gardens Christmas

Thursday, December 19
Depart: Encore 11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$94. per person



1:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Longwood Gardens, located in Kennet Square, PA is known as one of the premier horticultural display gardens in the U.S. Get ready for an eye popping new display- a sweeping reimagination of 17 acres of the Longwood Gardens Conservatory and grounds. Calling it their “most magical moment in a century,” and three years in the making, Longwood Reimagined is a collection of: Amazing new experiences, inviting new gardens that transport you around the world, a stunning new glasshouse that seems to float on water, new landscapes to stroll and new displays that inspire. Couple all of these experiences with the splendor of A Longwood Christmas only makes this trip even more magical. Enjoy time on your own to allow everyone to go at their own pace as they discover the beauty of Longwood. There are dining options (on your own) of an on-site Café featuring an a-la carte menu as well as their prized fine dining option of The 1906 Restaurant (if interested in popular 1906, advance reservations are required by calling the restaurant directly at 610-388-1000). Enjoy the dazzle, the lights, the brilliance of Longwood at this time of the year and don't forget to enjoy the live holiday organ music beginning at 5 p.m.

NO REFUNDS GIVEN – If you are unable to go on this trip, the Recreation Office will attempt to resell your ticket if the bus is sold out & there is a waiting list.



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Thursday, November 21 | Noon
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Leisure Village West

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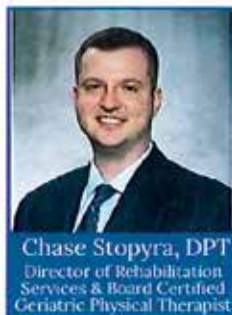
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Pet Club

By Christina Basile

Fall into the Holidays!

As Thanksgiving draws near, we have many reasons to give thanks! We have enjoyed a fun-filled year of interesting guest speakers. Shawn Emmons and his Great Danes came to visit us on October 23, along with President, MaryFran Cini from the Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue. The Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue helps Great Danes find a loving “forever” home. They are staffed completely by volunteers. All dogs coming through the program are spayed or neutered and vetted before being adopted out to families.

Blessing of the Animals took place on October 5 in the Club Encore Overflow Parking Lot. We are very fortunate to have Monsignor Richard Ruscoli as a fellow resident. We thank him for taking part in the Pet Club’s yearly celebration of the Blessing of the Animals.

Save the Dates

Sunday – November 10 – Holiday Photos with your Pet, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Leisure Fair

Wednesday – December 4 – Holiday Party at Café Napoli 5 p.m. Price TBD

*Appointments for your Holiday Photo with your pet can be made by calling Kathy Kennedy at 732-245-6914. Please note: You do not have to have a pet to take a photo. There is no charge for the digital photos, they will be emailed to you. This is the Pet Club’s gift to the Village.

Our meetings are held bi-monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Club Encore Auditorium at 7 p.m. Our next formal meeting will be on January 22. 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!

Happy Thanksgiving





Volunteers in Service to Our Neighbors

By Kathy Maiocco

LET US GIVE THANKS

During this holiday season, we reflect more on what we have to be thankful for in our lives.

VISTON would like to express thanks and gratitude to our volunteers. We appreciate the efforts of all the volunteers, past and present. Volunteering is a way to become smarter, happier, and wiser in our own lives. It is a wonderful feeling to help your friends and neighbors in times of need which translates to much pride in ourselves. We are still in need of drivers. Please help in whatever capacity you are able to; whether it is one hour a month or as many hours as you can per month. Remember, you may need some future help, too, so be kind.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS A 7-10 DAY WINDOW TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT FOR THOSE IN NEED. EVERYONE MUST CALL AT LEAST 7 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMENT DATE TO ARRANGE FOR A RIDE; OTHERWISE, THE AVAILABILITY OF A RIDE WILL BE LIMITED AND WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR REQUEST.

THANKSGIVING OBSERVANCE (author unknown)

Count your blessings instead of your crosses,
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes,
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears,
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean,
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth,
Count on God instead of yourself.

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY BLESSED AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING!





By Greg Prelich

Ducks

One of the nice things about living in New Jersey is the changing of the seasons. The gradually decreasing temperatures at this time of year initiate changes in our environment; the leaves change color and drop off, some wildlife such as frogs and turtles and butterflies disappear until spring returns, but thankfully, new wildlife visits us again for the winter. A large group of birds that visits us at this time of year is the ducks, which spend summers north or west of us and then head towards NJ as the water freezes on their breeding grounds and food becomes scarce. Much of the general public is only aware of one species of duck, the Mallard that is so common in local parks and ponds. But a total of 29 species of ducks can be spotted in NJ each year, along with six rarer species that only visit occasionally. The great thing about ducks is that they are easy to spot out on the open water, unlike the smaller woodland birds that are very active and seem to hide behind every leaf and often in the upper reaches of trees, making it difficult to see them clearly. Let's face it; ducks are much more cooperative. Ducks are sexually dimorphic, with females tending to have relatively drab plumage that allows them to blend in with the background when they are nesting, but males typically have distinctive and colorful (and sometimes spectacular) patterns that make their identification simple. There are few birds that can match the beauty of male Wood Ducks or Harlequin Ducks. Ducks fall into two groups based on their feeding behavior; dabblers are found in shallow ponds and feed at the surface by tipping over and sticking their butt in the air vs. the diving ducks that are found in deeper water and dive below their surface for their food. If you want to see some new ducks, they can be found in nearly any open water in season, ranging from the ocean surf to Barnegat Bay to freshwater ponds, and with each of those habitats hosting different species. More specifically, the two most productive locations are either Forsythe NWR in Oceanville (viewable from the comfort of your car on the 8-mile drive!) or the jetty at Barnegat Lighthouse State Park. So go outdoors this winter and see how many different species of ducks you can find. In the meantime, our meeting on November 25 will be about Turtles of NJ, which had to be rescheduled from earlier in the year.





Jewish American Club

By Helen Epstein

What a pleasant evening we had at our September meeting. Deb Lyons, who is familiar to theatergoers for her starring roles in several productions on Broadway and London's West End, performed songs from shows such as Smokey Joe's Cafe, Chicago, South Pacific, Hamilton, Cabaret, to name just a few. Her interaction with the enthusiastic audience was delightful and her songs were presented beautifully, with the accompaniment of the very talented John Bianculli on the keyboard, as they took us on a trip down memory lane. Deb also toured with The Mamas and The Papas around the world for several years.

President Rhoda Pedowitz wished the audience a Happy New Year as she announced our potluck Sukkot dinner, which took place in October.

A reminder: There will be no meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

We will celebrate Chanukah on Thursday, December 26 with a candle-lighting ceremony and music performed by Thomas Lubrano and friends. Join us at this festive time of year.

Our calendar for 2025 is set and you won't want to miss anything. So become a member for only \$7 per person and join us on the fourth Thursday of the month at Willow Hall. Meetings are generally at 7 p.m. with a few exceptions during the winter months. Check the Leisure Village West News, the Leisure Village West website and the Creeper for the latest news.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

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Stained Glass Group

By Pam Hutchinson

Get ready...get set...GO...to the Leisure Village West Craft Fair on November 23 at Willow Hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As a collective endeavor, the Stained Glass Group has been very busy designing pieces for the Fair. Below is a sneak preview of some of the designs. Please take the time and stop at our table when attending the show. Thank you in advance!

The more experienced Group meets Wednesday and new learners attend the Thursday Group. Both Groups meet from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



LGBTQ+

& Friends

By Wayne Steinman and Lou Venezia

Greetings, Village people,

The LGBTQ+ & Friends Group proudly sponsored a celebration of Leisure Village West residents ages 90 and older. Held on October 23, the luncheon was very well attended. Thank you to the Tuesday Troubadours who provided entertainment, and to the many, many people who donated their money, time and effort to make this annual event a success.

The LGBTQ+ & Friends Group will be gathering for a FRIENDSGIVING celebration on Monday, November 11 at 5 p.m. in the Willow Hall Auditorium. Turkey is being provided. Bring a dish to share and BYOB, plus our leader always has something surprisingly extra in the mix.

The LGBTQ+ & Friends Group continues its supportive environment for everyone in Leisure Village West. We welcome our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning residents, plus our friends, to join us.

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Westernaires

By MaryAnn Earلمان



Behind the Scenes

The Westernaires are grateful to all our dedicated members, but I'd like to tell you about one of the busiest members of the chorus, our Concert Manager, Marie Kearney. Marie joined the Westernaires in 2012 as a baritone. It didn't take her long to become very involved, joining the music committee, membership committee, and assisting the concert manager the following year.

Let me outline all that she currently does. Prior to the beginning of our spring or winter season, Marie sends out reminders to current choristers announcing the Welcome Back meeting. Originally, she sent postcards, but has advanced into the technological age and now texts everyone. At the Welcome Back meeting, she provides all with a rehearsal outline, concert call times and performance times, and description of concert dress. As a reminder to all that markings on music should only be made in pencil, she provides a new pencil with a large eraser on top to each member. Included in the outline, choristers find a list of concert selections and the order of the program. The new music packets, prepared by the music committee, headed by Donna Carlson, are presented to the choristers.

Marie also prepares a list, at a later date, of all the members with contact information she derives on the dues envelopes she has prepared, listing name, phone numbers, email addresses and voice part. Lots of details... she is so efficient!

Now we are into the rehearsal months. Marie will text reminders to choristers of needed information. She arranges for rehearsal setups with the Recreation Department for our Tuesday morning rehearsals. At concert time, she arranges for the stage setup, the lighting and sound, has tickets printed and distributed and prepares the printed program. Occasionally, she also makes the corsages the women wear for performances (in her spare time!).

When we have our fundraisers, or after-concert luncheons, Marie is very much a part of the preparation; she is very organized, as you might have figured. And as I told her a while ago, the Westernaires' lucky day was when she joined the chorus.

A large round of applause for our Concert Manager, Marie Kearney!

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Be sure to attend one of our performances next month.

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Book Discussion Club

by Jan Stubbs



The Maid, by Nita Prose was called ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR (2022): Reader’s Digest, The Washington Post, The Guardian, Glamour, Elle, PopSugar, Newsweek, Mental Floss, She Reads, Kirkus Reviews, and it was a *Good Morning, America* Book Club pick.

WINNER: The Anthony Award, The Fingerprint Award, The Barry Award

Twenty-five year-old Molly Gray is not like everyone else. She struggles with social skills and misreads the intentions of others. Her gran used to interpret the world for her, codifying it into simple rules that Molly could live by. But, since Gran died a few months ago, Molly has been navigating life’s complexities all by herself.

No matter—she throws herself with gusto into her work as a hotel maid; her unique character along with her obsessive love of cleaning and proper etiquette make an ideal fit for the job. She delights in donning her crisp uniform each morning, stocking her cart with miniature soaps and bottles, and returning guest rooms at the Regency Grand Hotel to a state of perfection.

However, Molly’s orderly life is upended the day she enters the suite of the infamous and wealthy Charles Black, only to find it in a state of disarray and Mr. Black, himself, dead in his bed. Before she knows what’s happening, Molly’s unusual demeanor has the police targeting her as their lead suspect.

She quickly finds herself caught in a web of deception, one she has no idea how to untangle. Fortunately for Molly, friends she never knew she had unite with her in a search for clues as to what really happened to Mr. Black.

Will they be able to find the real killer before it’s too late?

A Clue-like, locked-room mystery and a heartwarming journey of the spirit, *The Maid* explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different—and reveals that all mysteries can be solved through connection to the human heart.

It is in development as a major motion picture.

We will discuss this book at our November 13 meeting at 7 p.m. in the A/B Rooms at Willow Hall. And, don’t forget, our Holiday Social will be held on December 11 at 10 a.m. in the Queen Mary Room of Club Encore.

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Bocce and Social Club

By Cathy Fuller & Jane Siegmund



What are you thankful for this year? With autumn upon us, it is that time of year to reflect and show gratitude; it is also when many of us focus on being thankful. It is recognizing and expressing appreciation for good things in our lives. The Leisure Village West Bocce and Social Club have many things to be Thankful for this year. We are all grateful for the membership. The benefits that all the players and members bring to the Club are visible through the new courts, events, and the friendships that have developed.

The Western Night on September 28 was **“Rooting Tooting”** fun. Willow Hall had been decorated with a rustic theme, with hay tablecloths and bandana centerpieces. Leisure Village West’s Bocce and Social Club’s Western Night was underway. Guests arrived wearing cowboy hats, boots, plaid shirts, and fringed accessories. Cowboy boots and hats were on the dance floor, tapping forward and back all night while being entertained by **Jake’s Rocking Band**. During the night, cowboys and cowgirls joined in a lesson on the skill of line dancing to traditional country music. A classic country BBQ was served for all to “chow down” on during the night’s events.

Fall play was exciting and successful. Players started on new teams, allowing members to interact with new friends and mentors.

We are most grateful for our family and friends. We are thankful for the LVW Bocce and Social Club and what it means to be a part of this family. Let us not forget our fellow residents who are in need during this holiday season. Your donations to the LVW Food Pantry make a significant difference in their lives. Please consider contributing.

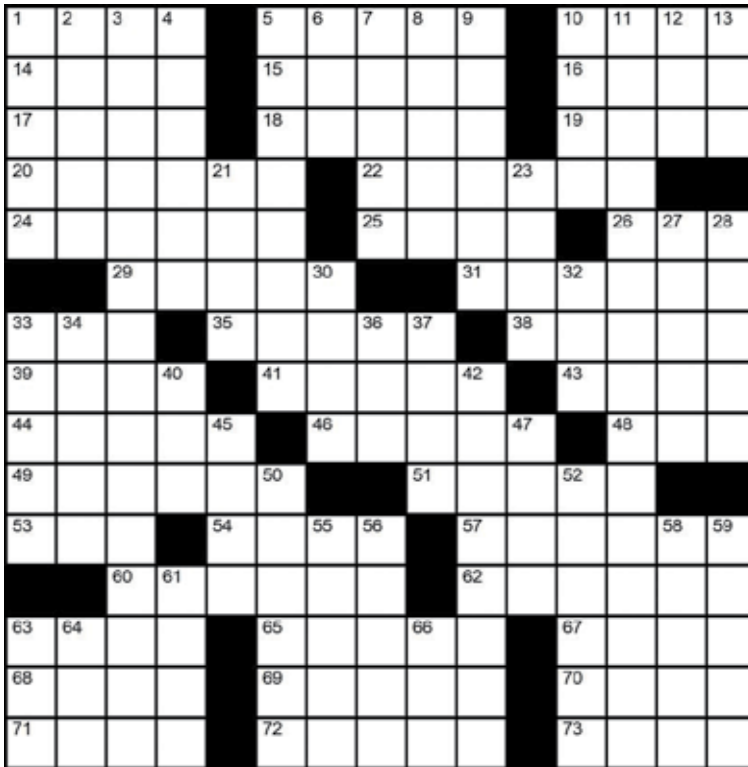


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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 5 Pistol-packing
- 10 Simmer
- 14 “ --- in the Money”
- 15 Riyadh resident
- 16 Words of woe
- 17 Bagnold or Blyton
- 18 Two lanterns meant this to Paul Revere
- 19 Fix up again
- 20 Character
- 22 Insignia
- 24 Hooks’ opposites, on course
- 25 Completed retail transaction
- 26 Plump
- 29 Take care of
- 31 Fish hawk
- 33 Auto info
- 35 Roman meeting place
- 38 Smooths wood
- 39 Fashionista Chanel
- 41 Brushwood
- 43 Kia EV
- 44 Clergymen collectively
- 46 Pond scum
- 48 Québécois negative
- 49 Source of lubrication
- 51 Served hash
- 53 “--- Light Up My Life”
- 54 Section of the brain

- 57 What MLK did
- 60 In a huff
- 62 To what length
- 63 Amazon ID
- 65 Best of a group
- 67 “ ... --- cost to you!”
- 68 Orator’s place
- 69 Light metal maker
- 70 Man of refinement
- 71 “Amo, amas, --- ... “
- 72 Esteemed
- 73 Spans of history

DOWN

- 1 1936 Olympics star Jesse
- 2 Pertaining to the kidneys
- 3 Found between WA and YT
- 4 Entice
- 5 Refractory material
- 6 Narrow beam of light
- 7 Inspiring goddesses
- 8 Bodily swelling
- 9 Spanish devil
- 10 Annoyed
- 11 Hangover time
- 12 Segment of a game of bowls
- 13 Solicit
- 21 Rock ridge
- 23 To a smaller extent
- 27 Peter in Pamplona
- 28 Iron Mike ---
- 30 Oceanic predator
- 32 Greek god of shepherds
- 33 The real ---
- 34 Paralysing viral infection
- 36 Site address
- 37 Assaults
- 40 AMEX alternative
- 42 One with nothing on top
- 45 Thirty minutes of football
- 47 Maltese money
- 50 There is --- in love (I John 4:18)
- 52 Alternative philosophy
- 55 Beautiful in Bologna
- 56 Decree
- 58 Celestial chow
- 59 Some left-wingers
- 61 Of the current month
- 63 Highest Cretan mountain
- 64 “Casablanca” pianist
- 66 Golf club tip

Ladies Inside Golf

By Barbara Corrigan

Ladies, it is the end of our 2024 Ladies Inside Golf season. I would like to thank each and every one of you, as I had a wonderful time. All of you were so cooperative and easy to work with.

The Championship was played on September 12 and the 2024 winners are:

Flight A	1st	Peggy Tavalare
	2nd	Marianne Merwede
	3rd	Chris Armstrong
Flight B	1st	Barbara Leone
	2nd	Ann Silcox
	3rd	Kim Totaro
Flight C	1st	Sandy Falcone Groves
	2nd	Deb Soriano

Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 season.

We had our End of Season Luncheon on September 19, and it was well attended. I wish to thank all those who helped to set up and clean up. It was very much appreciated. At that luncheon, monetary rewards were given out to all who placed first, second and third in each flight at all of the inside tournaments.

As you know, there will be a new crew at the helm of the Ladies Inside Golf league in 2025 and I am sure they will do a tremendous job. They are Gerry Pizzi, Chris Armstrong and Kim Totaro. I wish them good luck and know they will have a fun time.



COMEDY IMPROV GROUP



By Barbara Genovese

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Our first Improv in September was a hoot, thanks to everyone who participated. It was because of you that helped make it a wonderful evening. October 28 was even better; like fine wine, we just get better. They say laughter is the best medicine. So come and join us, and be prepared to have a belly chuckling, snorting, and rolling on the floor evening of laughter. I know everyone out there has a funny bone in their body.

So, get that funny bone in action and come and join us. You can create your own skits alone or with others. Or be your own comedian. Still thinking? No problem, we can make your mind up for you. Remember, it's improv; we will start it off with a short skit to get the evening started. Then the floor is open to everyone for a night of fun and laughter. Remember, this is comedy improv; there are NO FILTERS. As the Surgeon General would say: Warning: This group may be detrimental to your thought process; you can try to hide, but darn it, you're going to have to laugh.

Hope to see you on November 25 at 7 p.m. in Leisure Fair. There will be tables set up, so bring a group of friends and join in with the laughter. BYOB.

This group is hosted by Robin London, along with her counterparts Barbara Genovese and Donna Rathbun. Need I say more?

For more information, call Robin London at 516-652-4527 or Barbara Genovese at 908-910-4515.





Leisure Village West Travel Club



By Maureen DiStaulo



November - This is the month we start planning ~ planning for the HOLIDAYS. As we get closer to Thanksgiving, we are sometimes overwhelmed with the food preparations; also, with all the seasonal items in the stores. We want to say, "One holiday at a time please!" It's also a good time to plan a winter getaway, or maybe even a bigger trip, for the year ahead. It does get our mind off how big a turkey we need! The Travel Club had a very informative meeting about all the upcoming trips.

Lisa Donini, Owner/Manager of Toms River Travel, gave us all the necessary details about our Club's upcoming trips. Just as a reminder:

1. London---March 27 - April 1
2. National Parks---May 27 - June 4
3. Bermuda Cruise--- June 1 - June 8
4. Classic Ireland---August 31 - September 9
5. Hawaii---October 16 - October 25
6. Costa Rica (all inclusive)--November 10 - November 17

Come to our Travel Club meeting on the second Thursday of every month at 2 p.m. in Willow Hall. Remember, many if not all, of our upcoming trips are as a direct result of membership recommendations. Dues are \$5 per calendar year and remember that a non-member may travel with a member. So, invite that sibling, friend, travel buddy who is not a Leisure Village West resident.

Look for our trip flyers in the Willow Hall clubhouse. Hope to see you at our next meeting! A few years from now, you won't remember the cost, but you will remember the memories.



LVW Golf & Social Club

By Iris Planamento

You were not bored in September if you are in the Club! Our calendar was filled with many fabulous events:

Outside Golf:

Bey Lea Longest Drive contest winners: Anna Horn and Phil Jefferies.

Closest to the Pin winners: Phil Jefferies and Lin Lin.

Hanover contest fell through.

Cedar Creek Best Ball Ladies winning team was headed by Marianne Merwede and Lillian Delello.

The Men's winners were led by Bob Horn and Phil Jefferies.

Atlantis and Lakewood, both Par 3/Closest to the Pin

Men's Inside Golf:

3-Club Challenge: First, Frank Lepore, Second, Kevin Murphy and Charlie Groves; Mike Mercer, Closest to Pin.

9/13 Closest to the Pin

Ladies Inside Golf:

Championship was held 9/12

Flight A Peggy Tavalare
Marianne Merwede
Chris Armstrong

Flight B Barbara Leone
Ann Silcox
Kim Totaro

Flight C Sandy Falcone-Groves
Deb Soriano



In addition, there was a Ladies Golf End of Season Luncheon and Fun Golf event held on 9/21. There were also three end of season fun tournaments scheduled:

9/26 2 Clubs and a Putter – Pines, 9 a.m. Winners were Peggy Tavalare, Gloria Kealy and Deb Soriano

10/10 Closest to Pin, Every Pin

10/24 Mulligan Golf - Pines

An additional mixer was held on 9/21.

Our Holiday Party will be on December 11 at Willow Hall, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. DJ Andy will host. Tickets are still available at \$25 members/\$30 non-members. All information is posted on the LVW Golf & Social Club Facebook page.



Our entertainment for the September monthly membership meeting was Redbird Flying Solo and the October meeting entertainment was *Play with a Pro*, followed by our annual SUPER 50/50 Raffle Drawing. Raffle tickets were sold out, so one very lucky winner went home with \$2,000! Winner to be announced in next month's Leisure Village West News. The Play for Pink event will be highlighted in the next edition of the Leisure Village West News; however, we are happy to say it was sold out. In addition to the breakfast, there was a round of golf where holes could be sponsored for \$30 in memory of a loved one or to honor a survivor. There were also games (Bingo, golf games).

Audio Training Class

Audio training classes will be held November 20 at 1 p.m. and a repeat class at 7 p.m., also on November 20, for the purpose of acquiring the ability to properly run the audio consoles in both Willow Hall and Club Encore auditoriums for Clubs and performances. No previous experience in electronics or technical equipment is necessary. It may allow you to become involved in some of the LVW activities in the coming months in the Clubs you belong to now and in the future. Many Clubs need expertise in this area. Please register at recreation@lvwservice.com or you may contact Don Spitzmiller at don.spitzmiller@verizon.net with any questions. Pre-registration will help with supplies of informational handouts.



LVW Libraries

Libraries are located at Willow Hall and Club Encore.

The libraries include novels, non-fiction, large print books as well as DVDs.

All materials have been donated by residents.

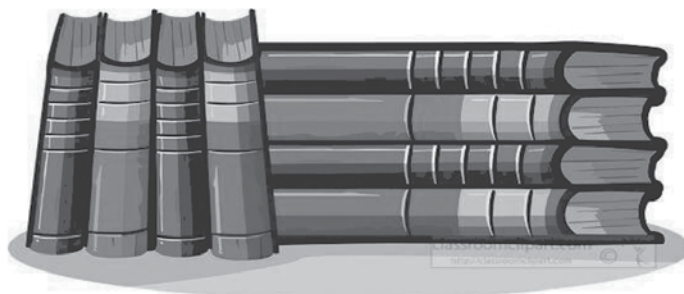
Books may be borrowed and returned to either library.

Please return all material in a timely fashion.

Our literary collection is for the enjoyment of the entire community.

Donated books should be less than ten years old.

Our thanks to the resident volunteers who donate their time to organize and maintain this wonderful amenity.



Fishing & Social Club

By Tom Tyls

Gone are the unbearable days that we had this summer. Oppressive heat, continual rain or no rain; take your choice. There is still good fishing available but now we will say that it is too cold to go in the morning. The Sea Bass, Tog, Ling and Stripers are still around and there are some comfortable party boats to fish on. The freshwater scenery alone is worth it. The Bass, Pickerel, Crappies, Bluegill etc. will not be looking at foliage; they are more interested in your offering. Changing air and water temperatures will make it more pleasant with the fish being more cooperative.

True fishermen are sportsmen. They have an unselfish gene that wants to share, with others, the enjoyment of the sport. My thanks go to Julie Welsh for donating some of her freshwater fishing outfits to the Club. I also want to thank Alan Keidong, who will be relocating to Pennsylvania, for his generosity, as well as donating his saltwater outfits.

This month, the Club will be enjoying dinner at the Shrimp Box. Plans have not been finalized as of this printing, but the Club will assume a good portion of the expense of the meal (sans liquor) and the membership can consume Mahi-Mahi, salmon, fried or broiled shrimp, scallops or flounder, maybe with crabmeat stuffing. The Shrimp Box puts out a nice spread and it's just nice to be with friends enjoying a pleasant dinner. Details will follow by email. **THERE WILL BE NO NOVEMBER 7 MEETING.**

At this time of year, some of us will be cleaning and putting our equipment away till next season. For those of you having difficulty obtaining spare parts for your reels, contact MysticReelParts.com, who may have what you need.

In the meantime, Good Luck and Tight Lines, Tom

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Current Events

By Carol Hartman

Recently, a Current Events discussion was about media. Years ago, Canadian Marshall McLuhan set forth several principles that define all media. Media can be something inanimate, such as a car or light bulb. Often it is something we associate with print, TV, radio, music, the internet or AI. The Current Events group concluded that it is incumbent on each individual to be aware of the influences of media and seek other points of view from your opinion. In today's world, it is almost impossible to know real facts and find truth.

When applying one's due diligence with the media, understanding other of McLuhan's principles and definition of media are helpful. All media are constructions created for a purpose. What is that purpose? Media has economic and social implications. Also, very important, is the fact that media is subject to the interpretation of the consumer of that medium. Therefore, a consumer needs to be alert to how the media is constructed, both verbally and visually, to best reach its ultimate purpose.

By the time you read this article, or soon thereafter, all votes in the 2024 election will have been cast, but the influences of the media may still last. It may or may not affect our acceptance of the outcome. The results likely will not be known until all late mail-in and overseas votes are counted. There may even be recounts or challenges due to late changes in voting regulations. No matter what the eventual outcome is, it is incumbent on all of us to live with those results, and to bury the hatchet, as the saying goes, with those who opinions differ from yours. After all, those of us residing at Leisure Village West have similar goals; that of a healthy, happy and stronger community.

November Current Events Meetings

Monday, November 4 at 2-4p.m. in Willow Hall A/B Room

Monday, November 18 at 2-4 p.m. in Willow Hall A/B Room



PING-PONG CLUB

A Club Where Everyone Knows Your Name

By Wynn Faulkner

On September 20, the Ping-Pong Club held a brief meeting to read the Nominating Committee's nominations for the slate of officers for the coming year. Their report is as follows:

President:	Wynn Faulkner
1st Vice President:	Barrington Gooden
2nd Vice President:	Jack Warburton
Secretary:	Phyllis Pohle
Treasurer:	William Corrigan

On Friday, November 8, there will be a General meeting of Ping-Pong Club members to vote for the officers, and awards will be given to the winning team in the Team competition and the Singles' Tournament. Of course, we will enjoy a time of comradery while eating pizza. All members are welcome.

The Ping-Pong Club has a celebrity in its midst. At the NJ Senior Olympics in Woodbridge this last September, Mr. Bob Nucci was the tennis champion! He won the men's singles, men's doubles, and mixed doubles competitions in the over 80 bracket. Move over McEnroe; Nucci's in the house! Congratulations Bob!

If you remember back to the July issue, one of our long-time members was highlighted. As mentioned in the article, Mr. Joe Verdi had been a member of our Club for 21 years. So, we are saddened to report that Joe passed away on Saturday, August 17. Joe was a joy to have in the Club. He had such an infectious smile! We will miss you, Joe!



Arts and Crafts Club



By Peg Bernhardt

Brrrr. The autumn ocean breeze is really blowing! I hope you are warming up with your handcrafted blankets and sweaters. Do any of you go to the beach this time of year? It's cold! But has a certain charm.

REMINDER: Stop by the Autumn Craft Sale in Willow Hall on Tuesday, November 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in partnership with the Pine Tree Quilters.

REMINDER: \$5 Club dues are requested, if you haven't paid yet. Checks should be made out to LVW Arts and Craft Club.

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving. Most times, our past menus for Thanksgiving included turkey and all the traditional trimmings. It's really about the time with family and friends, not the menu, right? I know that there was one year I served lasagna! And last year, we went to a restaurant for Japanese food. No matter what you eat or who you celebrate it with, I wish for it to be a healthy and peaceful day. Many of us do not have family living nearby so "family" becomes newly made Leisure Village West friends. Friends, new and old (not necessarily age-wise) are very important. Frequent contact by phone or in person nourishes our hearts and brings joy in our lives. Doesn't it bring a smile when you see someone you haven't seen in a couple weeks? I think that our Club meetings are a great source of camaraderie and discussion catching up with what's happened in our lives. I know that I've made some sweet friendships sitting at a table crocheting and chatting. If you have thought about joining in on the activities with us, just stop by one of our meetings. Consider this my personal invitation.

This month's Show and Tell is by Anita; a pretty paint-by-number lakeside scene which says farewell to summer and hello to autumn.

As usual, for anybody (member or otherwise) wanting to donate yarn, you can bring the yarn to an Arts and Crafts meeting. If you no longer drive, just send me a text or call me and we can make arrangements.

November meeting dates are Thursdays, November 7 and 21, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Leisure Fair.





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Submitted by Ron Owens

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If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish some place, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the one million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a religious service without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world.

If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare, even in the United States.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are truly blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them, or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer the healing touch.

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing- first that someone was thinking of you, and furthermore you are more blessed than over 2 billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

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2. You ate today.
3. You have a good heart.
4. You wish good for others.
5. You have clean water.
6. Someone cares for you.
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9. You have a dream.
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This month I'd like to discuss a very important rule of composition that is too often overlooked - what to include and what to exclude. Often we are so focused on our subject that we fail to see all the other elements that will be in or image.

Any element that diverts attention from your subject will weaken your image. You may have to change your position to find an angle that better suits your composition. Slowing down a little and reviewing the scene will pay big dividends in your final image.

Try shooting from a few different angles to see which works better. Once you've decided on a good position take a look around the edges of your image to make certain you don't have anything peeking in from the sides.

That's it for this month. As always you can send an email to bill@kirmsphotography.com. Check out my web site www.kirmsphotography.com if you'd like to see more of my images.

Keep shooting to improve your images, but most importantly, have fun with your camera.



Puzzle Solution

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