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KATHY'S KORNER

KATHY PLATT

Hi all, time again for your monthly update from the Board. Leaves are falling and the cold air is setting in but your Board is still working hard to keep our community the best in Mercer County. The following are items we are working on:

1. The Board and a representative of Robertson Douglas will be meeting in mid-November with two members of the Township to discuss and negotiate the final phase of transition. We are hoping for an amicable conclusion so that transition can be completed.

2. Coast is scheduled to do some tree replacement in early November.

3. We have requested LMS to remove the trees in the front of the Clubhouse that have either died or are in very poor shape. At this time they will be removed and grass put in its place. If we find at a later date that trees should be replaced, we will do so in the spring.

4. The budget was ratified for 2015 and the monthly dues have been increased to \$210 per month starting in January. You will be receiving your new payment books soon. This is the first increase in three years

and is necessary to keep our reserves fully funded and the community kept in pristine condition.

5. The budget is posted on our web site for those interested in reading it.

6. Gates are finally repaired and working. A new Stop sign was installed on the corner of Sedona and Monte Carlo in an attempt to slow people down and prevent a potential accident from occurring. Please STOP at the sign and proceed at a safe speed.

7. The fine resolution will be ratified at the December 11th General Meeting. After it is ratified we will start to initiate fines to those who choose not to obey the rules of the community. You will be notified of what they will be prior to them going into effect.

8. The walkway around our pond will be repaired this week and crack filling in the development will also be done in November.

9. If you have not completed your census form please do so and return to First Service as soon as possible. We have had a terrific response to this and would like to get the last stragglers in also.

BOARD PRESIDENT - STEVE STATZ

I want to thank all of the volunteers in our various committees and clubs that help all of us to continue "Living the Dream". Volunteers are essential to our community to keep it running smoothly, and to lower our operating expenses. Being a member of a committee also helps form new friendships with our neighbors, and rewards you in unexpected ways. Please consider joining.

The business of the HOA continues to be routine. Our Annual Meeting included election of Jeff

Schenker and Stephen Statz (me) for three-year terms. Your association officers remain the same: Steve Statz President, Tony Gambino Vice President, Kathleen

Platt Secretary, Jeff Schenker Treasurer and Steve Fischberg Trustee. During the meeting, the budget for next year was approved by the Board and resulted in an increase in the Maintenance fee of five dollars per month.

I reported in the November Chant last year (and the year before) that we met with Robertson Douglas and reported that we would start work on replacing portions of our sidewalks and aprons. At the end of the summer, we replaced additional sidewalks that had been raised by tree roots and had become a tripping hazard. This cost was covered by our replacement reserves and will be a continuing expense. We also contracted for a paving company to fix our walking paths and repair part of the parking lot. It is now too late to place more concrete, since concrete work should not be done in freezing weather, or when salt



BOARD PRESIDENT CONTINUED

might be used. The work will be postponed until warm weather returns.

Tree removal and planting will be done this fall and continue in the spring.

Transition is moving at a snail's pace in accordance with the developer's available finances. Our Vice President, Treasurer and I have met with the Township to solicit their advice as to what our options might be. They have assured us that they will hold the builder to his bonded commitments.

It has become our custom to cancel the November meeting since it always falls on Thanksgiving, and since the December meeting would fall near Christmas, the next regular meeting of the Association will be held Thursday December 11th.

Please mark your calendar and attend the Tenth Annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 13, 2014.

BOARD VICE PRESIDENT - TONY GAMBINO

The Fall season is upon us and our community is dressed in the colors of red, yellow and rust. Residents and visitors remark about the beauty of our homes and grounds. Now that the outside of our homes have been attended to with the removal of weeds and pruning of shrubs it is time to concentrate on winterizing them before the Winter winds come howling through. Inspect your windows and doors to make sure they are air tight. Have your heater/air conditioner and hot water heater serviced and winterize your automobiles.

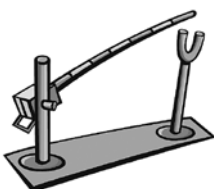
Our community has an abundance of recreational amenities to choose from including swimming, tennis, horseshoes, quoits, billiards, exercise room, pickleball, bocce and now ping pong. We would like to see a recreation committee formed which could have contests or tournaments among single or groups of residents or just have a day of fun and games for every one as was done in the past. Get in touch with any Board member to volunteer.

Thanksgiving is the holiday to give blessings and thanks for all we have. It is also the time to donate to the needy by dropping off non-perishable food items in our clubhouse bins. Then come the winter holidays where everyone celebrates in their own way and the children can't wait to open their gifts.

I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas and Hanukkah and look forward to a New Year filled with good will and peace as we all "LIVE THE DREAM AT ENCHANTMENT"



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BOARD TRUSTEE - STEPHEN FISCHBERG

First of all I would like to congratulate Jeff Schenker and Steve Statz on their election to the Board.

We have had many fun activities this past year and I would like to mention a few:

Hot dog day at the pool, the ice cream social, music by Larry, the pig roast. The Atlantic City bus trips as well as the annual holiday party.

This year our community added two new activities: Bocce and dinner- approximately 16 men take part in it. We've also started Pickleball within the

community; both men and women are having a great time exercising and laughing. Pickleball takes place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and Thursday evenings.

Also, I would like to thank all the volunteers who set up the clubhouse for events and those who help maintain and beautify our property. They all help keep the cost of our maintenance in check.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a happy healthy fall and winter.

BOARD TREASURER - JEFF SCHENKER

As 2014 comes to an end it's a good idea to look back and review what the year was like. We were battered by record breaking snow storms, went through our snow reserves, and yet we now come to the final month of the year in good shape.

Over the course of 2014 we accomplished a lot of things. We painted lines and purchased nets for the ever growing number of pickle ball enthusiasts and purchased a high quality ping pong table which is now in the rejuvenation room. We replaced a number of hazardous concrete squares and repainted and repaired the guardhouse. A number of trees were replaced in the spring and by the time you read this an additional planting will have taken place. The two walkways around our pond and retention basin were in need of repair so the board approved the replacing of the uplifted areas and sealing the cracks. In addition to these items the board approved any and all things necessary to keep our community in great shape.

It's hard to believe that we celebrated our 10th anniversary in September. Enchantment still remains a desirable place to call home. How many of you have heard compliments from friends and relatives about how great our entrance is landscaped and maintained? Have you gotten compliments on our clubhouse and pool area and other common areas? Over the last three years 25 new homeowners have purchased a home in

Enchantment. We as a community must be doing something right.

I have said in articles many times in the past that our volunteers make our community work. I would once again like to thank everyone who gives their time and effort in various capacities. A special shout out to Lee Levitt for putting together the Chant and Helen Schneid for helping out with our petty cash and social accounts. It helps make the board's job easier; knowing we have caring dedicated volunteers. For those 25 homeowners who have made Enchantment their home over the last three years, I urge you to get involved in our community. Join a club, join a committee, play some pool, pickle ball, tennis or bocce. Mahjongg, poker, and pinochle are played weekly. Weather permitting, get out and walk around our beautiful community. It's the perfect exercise.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who voted and reelected me to the board. For the past five years it has been a privilege and an honor to do my small part in making Enchantment a first class community. Having four reasonable, caring and committed partners on the board as well as a competent, responsive manager makes my job easier. I will continue to manage our finances, keep you informed and work with my partners to maintain and improve our community.

As a closing thought repeat after me NO SNOW IN DECEMBER!

BOARD SECRETARY KATHY PLATT

Where did the summer go? The leaves are changing color and falling and the frost is setting in. Winter will soon be here so get out the long johns, winter coats, hats and gloves. Change the heater filters and smoke detectors, turn off your sprinkler systems and make sure your home is ready for winter.

The elections are over and Steve Statz and Jeff Schenker were elected to the two open positions. We would like to thank Bob Hearn for taking the time to run for office. He is certainly a great candidate and hope he will run again for a position on the Board next year. The officers remain the same; Steve Statz is President, Tony Gambino Vice President, Jeff Schenker Treasurer, Kathy Platt Secretary and Steve Fitchburg as Trustee.

The pool is now closed and the windshields for the tennis courts are coming down. Activities are moving inside. We have purchased a ping pong table for the Clubhouse for those that want to continue to keep active. It is in the rejuvenation room and the directions for its set up are on the wall. New games have been purchased for the card room also so come out and enjoy your Clubhouse.

I will continue to send the monthly newsletter to the homeowners. If you feel that there is something that you would like added please do not hesitate to contact me.



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ENCHANTED LADIES AT WINTERTHUR



Reaching a Milestone – 100 years strong



Dr. Stanley B. Apple, born on November 1, 1914, was one of 9 children. He lived the first 70 years of his life in Trenton & Princeton before retiring in Sarasota, FL. The last 8 years he & his wife Virginia have been residents at Enchantment.

Dr. Apple was a 4-year letterman basketball player at Trenton High School, a three-sport (basketball, football & baseball) Pennington Prep standout before taking his hard-wood floor proficiency to Wake Forest University where gained All-Conference status.

With his interscholastic & intercollegiate accolades in the books, his next chapter & first concentrated step toward becoming a doctor was enrolling in Philadelphia's highly respected Hahnemann Medical School In 1939.

After graduation he honorably served as a Navy doctor during World War II.

After the war Dr. Apple continued medical graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania, followed by his medical residency at Abington Hospital in PA.

He was a member of the American College of Surgeons and served as the Chief of surgery at Helene Fuld Hospital in Trenton for 20 years

After retirement at 70 he & Virginia moved to Sarasota, FL, where he focused this athleticism to the life time sport of golf playing until he was 90 years old age shooting his age & even a few 88s in his last year of fairway action.

Dr. Stanley Apple has 4 children, eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

SUDOKU

Sudoku #7

8		3	5			6		
				3			4	
		9		6	4	3		
4								6
		6	4		9	8		
3								5
		4	9	5		7		
	6			2				
		7			6	2		8

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Sudoku #8

	8	4	6					9
				3				4
7		2						
1	7			5				
8				1				7
				8			9	2
						4		1
5				7				
2					9	5	3	

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PICKLEBALL

JEFF CHRISTIDES

The fall was a great time to play Pickleball at Enchantment. As the hot weather faded away the fun and games heated up. Since Labor Day we have averaged over 30 residents a week playing. We conducted three tournaments where we created two teams and matched like-skilled players against one another.

With the weather turning the last week or so, it appears to be time to close it down. But fear not. We are working with the Saw Mill Y to come with an indoor winter season rate. If anyone not in my Pickleball mailing list is interested, they can call me for information

ENCHANTED LADIES SOCIETY

SHARON WEINER, CHAIR

We all enjoyed a great summer and are now back in the swing of things. Every Thursday from 1 P.M. until ? we enjoy playing Rummikub in the clubhouse. We have been teaching some new residents the game and now have 3-4 tables going at once. All new female residents are encouraged to join us.

We started October off with a trip to Winterthur. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed the trip. In November I have arranged a tour of Baps Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Temple in Robbinsville that is scheduled for November 18th. Flyers are being sent out and posted in the clubhouse.

December 2nd we will have our Holiday Luncheon at Mannino's 3. Last year it was a great success. In January we are having a Wine and Cheese, February soup/salad and sandwiches, March our St Patrick's Luncheon, April Grounds for Sculpture, May is our Tea and June is our Poolside Party. If you have any ideas for activities for the Ladies Group please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me.

So new and old residents, please join us for games and fun activities.

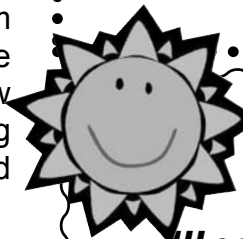
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KNITTERS AND CRAFTERS

SARA LEVITT, CHAIR

Welcome knitters.

We want to thank Debbie Shuman and all our other knitters for knitting baby hats for our baby hat drive which were donated to the Robert Wood Johnson Hospital preemie unit. We have received over 50 knitted and/or crocheted hats which I have dropped off at the hospital. Attached is a thank you letter from the hospital.

We would also like to thank Betty's granddaughter, Jacqueline, for showing us how to arm knit. It was an enjoyable evening. Thank you again, Jacqueline.

We would also like to thank everyone who participates in our Knitters and Crafters Club to make it such a successful club within our community. We are always looking for residents who have ideas and projects that we can share together.

Hopefully, old and new faces will continue to enjoy our activities at Enchantment.

Please join us on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the library.

Enchantment Seniors Knitters Club,

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took time to make such
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MELA GRIFFITHS-SECRETARY, DEE GAMBINO- COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR, CALENDAR GIRLS AND I GUY

It doesn't miss a beat---the Calendar is merciless as it flips its pages making the days / weeks and months zip by. The last page of the Calendar months is creeping up and the Social Year of 2014 is coming to an end. Can't complain about 2014 because it was a busy and successful year. It was filled with diverse and fun to do events and presentations. We assisted with the birth of Lou DiPietro's Chant- Tones and they filled our halls with the sound of music---and they did the same for numerous nursing homes. Clap! Clap! Clap!

We celebrated St. Pat's Day and The Oktoberfest and the Children's Halloween Parade with 67 Goblins; cheered for the Trenton Thunder Ball team as the Chant-Tones sang the Star Spangled Banner; visited the State Police Museum and heard about the dastardly deeds of the Lindberg Baby case; ate Ice Cream like there was no tomorrow while Music Man Larry Guest entertained us; turned the clubhouse and pool area into a Western Hoe Down and last but definitely not least celebrated the 10th Anniversary of Enchantment---a glorious day!!!!!! November is our brain storming month to select the events for the next year---2015. Hope to come up with more for you to enjoy.

November will also see the beginning of an Ethnic Cooking Series. Rabbi Yaakov Chaiton's wife Chana will do a history and tasting of Kosher Cooking. If we have enough interest we will do 4 more in 2015. If you know of a good one let us know. Saturday – December 6, from 7PM to 9PM, we will be co-hosting a holiday night of delightful songs and delectable desserts with Lou DiPietro and the Chant-Tones.
How great is that?????????

December 13th, we will continue our 10 year celebration at the 10th Annual Holiday Party. Brett Gash Is the DJ who blows your mind out

and your feet off. There will be memorabilia from past parties and who knows but The Shadow--- what else?



Before I sign off, I want to introduce you to a new member of the Social Committee, Stuart Goss---who will be our new Chair of the Presentation Sub-Committee. Stuart has a great interest in this undertaking---it is “right up his alley” so to speak.

He may call on you for your thoughts and opinions about some interesting subjects. Perhaps even invite you to join in the search for them. But we are all looking forward to a great year. Thank you, Stuart.

Happy Holidays to All ----don't forget to get a 2015 Calendar.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

KEN PRIZEMAN, CHAIR

The Finance committee was requested by the HOA board to put together a proposed budget for the 2015 year. Our committee received input from different members of the board and the committees concerning their ideas for the proposed 2015 budget. In our meeting we then had a very lively discussion concerning the various expenditures for 2015. We arrived at a budget that the committee submitted in August to the HOA board for their review and approval.

The finance committee would like our Treasurer Jeff Schenker and Vice President Tony Gambino for their input in putting together the 2015 proposed budget.

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

FLOYD WEINER CHAIR

Your Clubhouse Committee continues to keep the clubhouse as pristine as possible.

Keep in mind that the Mahjongg players (Tuesday evening game 7P.M-experienced players), Pinochle players double deck (Monday evening 7 PM players needed) (Tuesday evening game single deck 7 P.M. Players needed), Ladies games (Thursday afternoons 1P.M.), and Thursday evening poker (7P.M.,sometimes Wednesdays) are always looking for additional players. All new residents welcome to join. Follow upcoming events on your E-Mails and in the Chant.

A Ping Pong table and equipment have been delivered and now reside in the rejuvenation room.

Winterizations of the clubhouse and campus have begun. Pond Aerator has been removed and will be picked up by Black lagoon to be cleaned, repaired if needed and stored. Front fountain has been turned off. Stop sign for Sedona/Monte Carlo was installed. We have received the bill for the damage to the front gate that was caused by a non-resident individual. The Homeowners' Association will be contacting them. If they do not pay they will be charged with criminal mischief. The police are aware of the situation.

As more things get done in and around the clubhouse we will keep you advised. Please continue to note any problems you find in the building (problem sheet on front desk). New residents needing pool passes or key fobs should contact Sally Ashmen (24 Monte Carlo 609-585-3476). Our residents are the eyes and ears of the community, and all input is greatly appreciated.

Remember to sign up for committees as new blood is always welcome and everyone is encouraged to join.



LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

LORRAINE BEAN, CHAIR

The mums are in full bloom as I write this and soon enough they will be replaced with the winter Pansies. Can it truly be another year has gone by?

It has actually been an almost perfect year, (forgetting the snow). We had a real spring, lovely summer and this fall is one for the books. The mature trees colored the community with splendor.

The islands at the Monte Carlo entrance have been replanted with something that hopefully will thrive with the lack of water and the overabundance of tire tracks. The same issues are present at the Sedona gates, so they too will be replanted. Some issues always persist.

The Landscape Committee welcomes anyone to join and bring fresh ideas to the table. We meet once a month as needed during the gardening season. Meanwhile, the pots will be filled for the Holidays and we will await the coming of spring and watch for all the spring bulbs to poke out of the ground. Another year! Yikes!!!!



PUZZLE ANSWERS

Sudoku #7

8	4	3	5	9	7	6	1	2
6	7	2	8	3	1	5	4	9
5	1	9	2	6	4	3	8	7
4	2	8	3	7	5	1	9	6
7	5	6	4	1	9	8	2	3
3	9	1	6	8	2	4	7	5
2	8	4	9	5	3	7	6	1
1	6	5	7	2	8	9	3	4
9	3	7	1	4	6	2	5	8

Sudoku #8

3	8	4	6	2	5	7	1	9
6	9	5	7	3	1	2	8	4
7	1	2	4	9	8	3	6	5
1	7	9	2	5	6	8	4	3
8	2	3	9	1	4	6	5	7
4	5	6	3	8	7	1	9	2
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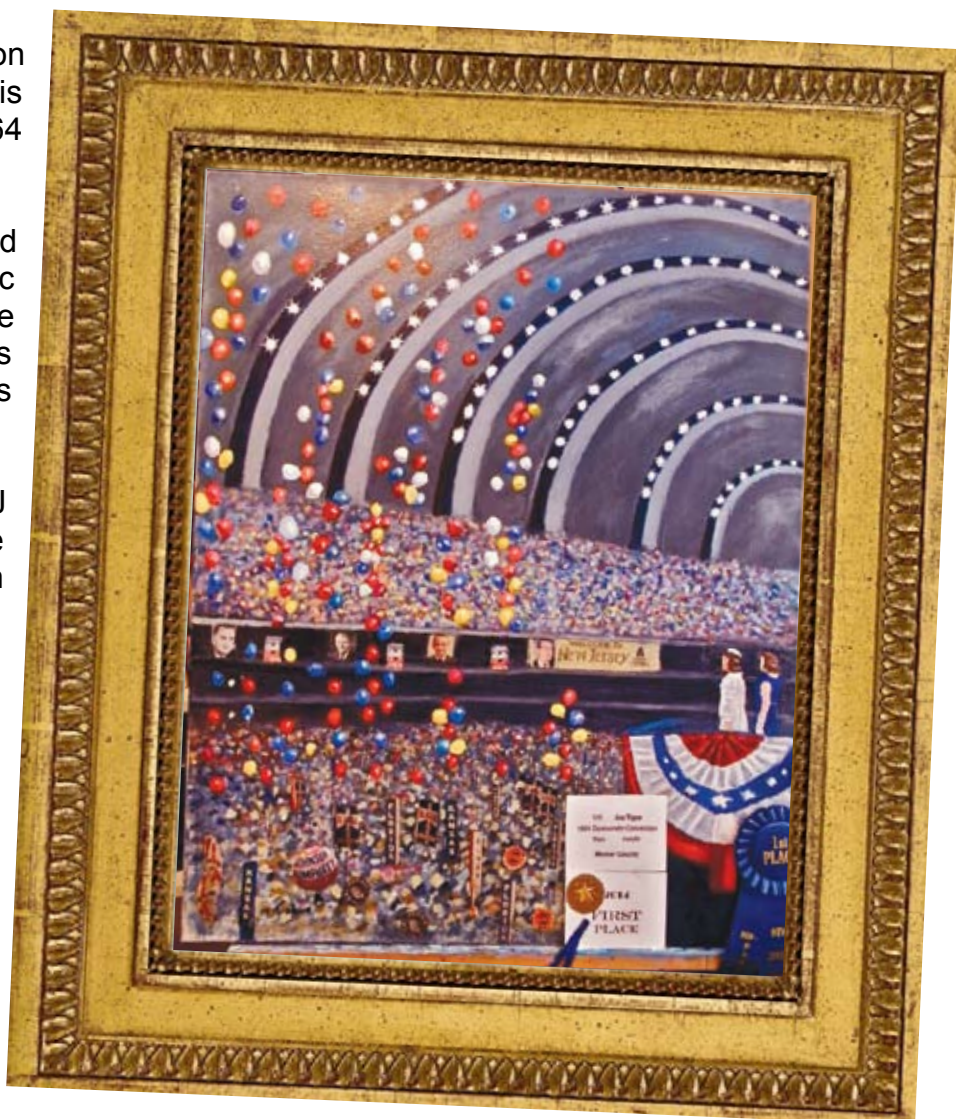
Art Show Release

Joe Tighue, of 7 Amalfi Court won a first place blue ribbon for his 24x30 acrylic painting of the 1964 Democratic Convention.

As a Young Democrat, Joe attended the national convention in Atlantic City and served as a driver for the late Senator Robert Kennedy. Photos taken at the convention served as the inspiration for the painting.

The award ceremony for the NJ senior citizen art show took place October 30th at Meadow Lakes in East Windsor Township.

It concluded a month long art show of several hundred works of art submitted by senior citizen artists from all over the State of New Jersey. Before moving on to the State competition the artist must first had to win their category in their home County competition. Tighue was originally awarded first place for non-professional acrylic painting at the Mercer County Office on Aging Art Show.



The show is an annual event that is sponsored by the New Jersey Council on the Arts, The Mercer County Division of Culture & Heritage and the New Jersey Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

Awards are given to senior artists in the professional and non-professional categories.

Now retired Joe Tighue, served as a Mercer County Freeholder from 1969 through 1979, he served as County Surrogate and Judge of the Probate Court from 1980 through 1990 and is the former President of both the Tighue Realty Company and The Tighue Appraisal Group. He is a self taught artist that began painting in 1960.



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