



# re-Chant


## WINTER(JAN 2024)

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January – Chris Pontani

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## YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

We would like to welcome the following new residents to Enchantment:

Sebastian and Elaine Lombardi, 52 Monte Carlo\*\*Gary and Donna Bennett  
35 Portofino Drive



## SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

**Congratulations and best wishes to these couples who missed our special 50-year Valentine Celebration in this issue.**

John and Juliet Jablecki celebrated 33 years of marriage on  
11/24/23. Congratulations!

Linda and Mark Gilbert are celebrating their 49th anniversary on  
6/1/24. Congratulations!



## OUR COMMUNITY GIVING

Participation in our Thanksgiving food drive was overwhelming. This was a joint effort with Tom Harris, the Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus at St Gregory's Parish. He generously picked up the donations from the clubhouse and was grateful for the overwhelming response. We filled two truckloads!

After the Knights made the Thanksgiving baskets for the local families in this area, remaining contributions were donated to Mount Carmel Guild and the Knights at St Raphael's Church, also in Hamilton for their baskets as they were in much need of donations. Any additional unused contributions were then saved for the Christmas baskets.



## GRANDPARENTS CORNER

Gail and Pete Costanza's granddaughters, Alexis Antolick (14), and Emily Antolick (10), have qualified to compete in next summer's Junior Gold National Bowling Championship in Detroit. In addition, Alexis has made the Toms River High School Varsity Bowling Team as a freshman!

**Who does not like to talk about their Grandchildren? We need to hear from you.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't forget to watch for Committee sign-up and watch your email for notifications about our speaker from the Hamilton Historical Society, Trivia Night, and other chances to get together in this New Year.

# PICKLEBALL – A CLOSER LOOK

This year marks the 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the popular racquet sport called Pickleball. It all began back in 1965, when Washington State Congressman, Joel Pritchard, and his friend, Bill Bell, were on summer vacation with their families on Bainbridge Island, near Seattle. One afternoon, they decided to break the boredom and make up a game. They took ping-pong paddles and a light perforated ball to an old badminton court and started to play. Thus, was born the game of Pickleball. In 2022, pickleball was named the official state sport of Washington.

According to the Sports and Fitness Industry Association's "2023" Topline Participation Report. Pickleball is the third fastest growing sport in America. There are over 8.9 million players in the United States, starting from age 6. That is an increase from 4.8 million in 2022.



Although Pickleball was invented as a family activity, it has since gained popularity with older populations, especially in retirement communities, and at senior centers. It is ideal for players who are keen on exercising but want to avoid the risks of high impact sports. The rules are relatively easy, and people love the socialization aspect of the sport.

Pickleball was introduced to the Enchantment Community in 2014. Nancy and Jeff Christides learned the game while vacationing in Florida. They felt that the game would appeal to the residents here at Enchantment. Initially, they had to improvise. They got permission to put tape on our existing tennis

courts to conform to the requirements of a pickleball court. As the game grew in popularity, Jeff approached the Board and they agreed to have lines painted on the court and purchased portable nets.

Today, there are at least 20 residents who are members of the Enchantment Pickleball Club. Games are played on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and sometimes on weekends. The number of players can vary on any given day.

There are numerous places to play pickleball in Mercer County. Denise Raisch has been playing for several years. She plays year-round and uses some of the indoor facilities during inclement weather. They include Mercer Bucks Pickleball Club, the Sawmill YMCA, and Team 85 Fitness and Wellness.

If you are interested in learning more about pickleball in the surrounding areas, you can download the app, TEAMREACH. It is quite informative.

Pickleball, here at Enchantment, will resume in the Spring. Look for updates in the Spring edition of the re.Chant. You can also direct your questions to either Joe Magliozzo or LuAnne Van DeVelde.





## RON WOOLSTON AND HIS PASSION FOR FLY FISHING

The definition of the word hobby is “an activity done in one’s leisure time for pleasure.” For Ron Woolston the definition of the word hobby is Fly Fishing. Ron was first introduced to freshwater fishing by his dad when he was a teenager, some 60 years ago. As time went on, he gravitated toward Fly Fishing, a skillful form of fishing that requires commitment, patience, persistence, and commonly takes anglers years to master.

Over the past 50+ years Ron has made lots of fishing buddies and they’ve enjoyed many annual Fly-Fishing trips. These trips have taken the group to beautiful locations, with favorite spots in remote locations of Pennsylvania. They’ve also enjoyed fishing at pristine locations in New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, and New York. The sport is unique in that it’s done in streams, rivers, and creeks where there is moving water. If you’ve ever seen a movie or photo of someone Fly Fishing, you’ll noticed that they’re standing in sparkling water, wearing waders, holding a fishing pole, and casting a line. The sun is shining, and you can almost hear the water flowing. Ron shared more than once that there are pretty much no ugly places to go Fly Fishing.



Most times when you’re Fly Fishing you’re fishing for trout, (brook trout, rainbow trout and brown trout). Ron favors fishing for “native trout,” which means fish that have been born in the body of water where they reside, versus fish that have been stocked. Native or wild fish thrive and reproduce in water that is clean, clear, and cold. Native fish also appear different to the seasoned fisherman (like Ron). Their colors are bolder. Their spots more defined. Stocked trout are intended to be harvested, while wild fish should be caught and released unharmed, so they can continue to reproduce.

It’s interesting to note that the main source of a trout’s nutrition comes from eating bugs, and very small fish. When you’re Fly Fishing, you’re attempting to lure fish in with flies made to look like these bugs and small fish. The flies are made of materials such as feathers, hair, beads, and fur, and are attached to a hook. The art of Fly Fishing exists in the fisherman’s ability to select which flies to use on a particular day and then to use their rod, line, and leader to imitate the behavior of these two primary food sources. Ron made it clear that understanding the habitat and behaviors of the fish and their prey, will help you catch more fish. Quite simply, a Fly Fisherman works hard to basically “fool” the fish into believing the lure is food. When Ron spoke, it became apparent, that in addition to loving the sport, he has the utmost respect for the environment where these fish live and reproduce.

Ron also spoke about the most memorable fish he caught 30 years ago. According to him, it was a 2 ft. Rainbow Trout. I asked if he had a picture of it, which he didn’t. For a moment I thought, “maybe this is just a fish tale.” However, I quickly realized that was not the case, as his eyes lit up in speaking about the catch. It seemed like he had gone back 30 years and was reliving the moment. You see, Fly Fishing isn’t just a hobby for Ron, it’s a true passion. He explained how it “takes him away and transports him.” It’s not often that a person is lucky enough to find a hobby that becomes a true passion and lasts for the better part of their lifetime. Seems like when Ron was lucky enough to find Fly Fishing, that’s exactly what happened for him.







## A LOOK BACK ON THE CHANT-TONES

The Chant-tones were a singing group started by former resident, Lou DiPietro, in December of 2013. Lou really introduced the group to the joys of singing and his enthusiasm was infectious. They looked forward to their Wednesday afternoon rehearsals.

Many of them had not sung in a group before and learned pitch, tempo, and cohesion. They learned to sing together, at the same volume, and all these lessons were accompanied by a heavy dose of laughter and fun. The Chant-tones sang selections from The Great American Songbook, Broadway, and the movies. Not only did they play to the Enchantment community, but they performed at local nursing homes and neighboring communities.

This amazing group, by invitation, performed the National Anthem at a Trenton Thunder game. The live performances brought on a good deal of nerves, but one glance into the audience to see the smiles and friendly faces of the crowd, and the adrenaline from performing kicked in.

In researching for this article and talking to people who were a part of it, they spoke of their leader, Lou. He managed to find a way to let them find all the laughter, fun, and camaraderie a singing group should have, but knew when to rein the group in. He was able to teach from his knowledge of music in a way that all the former members still remember fondly today. Lou even penned a musical called "It's Never Too Late" which was performed in the clubhouse in June of 2019. Unfortunately, the pandemic, followed by Lou's move from the community, brought an end to this wonderful group.

We are fortunate to be able to see the joy of their performances on the Enchantment Website in the Photo Gallery. It's not the same as seeing them "live," but I promise, it will make you smile.



## THE CHANT-TONES IN PHOTOS



Thank you, MaryAnn Hughes and Jeff Christides, for sharing a bit of Enchantment past with the community!



## LINDA MANNHEIM, LIFE'S WORK THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Linda Mannheim is a two-year resident of the Enchantment community, who has used her love of dance to positively impact the lives of folks who have been dealt a difficult blow...Parkinson's Disease. For the last 12 years Linda has become very passionate about her teaching work with "Dance for PD." This internationally acclaimed program offers dance classes for people with Parkinson's Disease. Classes are designed to empower students to explore the benefits of music and movement. These sessions also provide social stimulation and support, which can be helpful in reducing depression and improving overall quality of life for those with Parkinson's Disease. Classes are available on Harrison Street in Princeton and are funded by Princeton University. The best part is that they're free to those afflicted with Parkinson's Disease, as well as their caregivers.

You may wonder why Linda is qualified to teach such a class. Well, she began studying dance when she was 16 years old, and since then has been a devoted student, performer, and teacher of dance. Her hard work led her to her love of modern dance and her time performing with the elite Martha Graham Dance Company. As a professor/teacher at American University, Rider University, Princeton Ballet, Washington Ballet, Princeton Dance Theater, etc. she taught ballet, modern dance, Pilates, and stretch techniques.

Linda's career achievements are nothing short of exceptional. She's certainly an accomplished dancer, but she's so much more...an educator, a rehabilitator, and mother of two. She's someone who uses her skills to improve lives. What could be more rewarding? That's why over the years, her love of dance has not waned, but her love of teaching dance and movement to those in need has slowly overshadowed it.



*(If you know someone who has Parkinson's and could benefit from attending these classes, please reach out to Linda for more information. Her email address is: [lemannheim1@gmail.com](mailto:lemannheim1@gmail.com))*

# Apple Cider Donut Cake

Warm spices with a true apple flavor. This cake is so moist and luscious. The shredded apple adds a little bit of texture and isn't too piece-y or crunchy. The reduced apple cider packs a concentrated apple flavor, and the apple butter adds warm, apple-y sweetness. The butter and cinnamon-sugar finish really gives this that "cider doughnut" feel. You could substitute Honeycrisp with really any apple. I used Smucker's apple butter, but there are so many to choose from - use your favorite or even make your own homemade apple butter. Reducing the apple cider allows the apple flavor to really concentrate and intensify, meaning you can add less of it, and add more of the other yummy wet ingredients like buttermilk, apple butter, oil, etc.

## Ingredients:

- 1½ cups apple cider
- 1 tablespoon vegetable shortening, or as needed.
- 3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 2 teaspoons baking powder 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon ground cloves
- 3 ½ teaspoons ground cinnamon, divided.
- 3 large eggs
- 1cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup canola oil
- ½ cup whole buttermilk
- ¼cup apple butter
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract cup white sugar, divided
- 1 medium Honeycrisp apple peeled and grated.
- ¼ cup unsalted butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350°.

- Pour apple cider into a medium saucepan and bring to a boil over high heat. Cook, without stirring, until reduced to about ½ cup, 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.
- While cider reduces, preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Generously rub shortening all over the inside of a 12-cup Bundt pan. Sprinkle some flour all over inside of pan over shortening, and tap around to completely cover in flour. Tap out excess flour and set pan aside.
- Whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, nutmeg, cloves, and 2 teaspoons of the cinnamon in a medium bowl.
- Whisk together eggs, brown sugar, oil, buttermilk, apple butter, vanilla, 2/3 cup of the granulated sugar, and reduced apple cider in a large bowl. Add half of flour mixture to egg mixture and stir to combine. Add remaining half of flour mixture and grated apple and stir until just incorporated, but some lumps remain, and making sure apples are evenly incorporated (you may need to use a fork to separate apple pieces). Pour into the prepared pan.
- Bake in the preheated oven until golden brown and a toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean, 50 to 55 minutes. Cook cake in the pan on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Remove cake from pan to a wire rack to cool completely, about 1 hour.



## SURVIVING THE LONG COLD WINTER

Many of us wonder how to combat the post-holiday winter blues. Several residents offered recommendations on film, television, and books. Most agree that 2023 has given us a lot of quality and diversity in all entertainment areas, and with the end of the writers' and actors' strikes, more good product is on the way. The challenge for many is keeping track of what is available and where. Accordingly, the list below is grouped by service. You'll hopefully find a few that appeal; these are just a sample of what's available now or coming soon.

- ✚ **Network TV (coming Jan/Feb):** The Bachelor (ABC) · Chicago Franchise (NBC) · The Good Doctor (ABC) · Law and Order (NBC). The Neighborhood (CBS) · The Rookie (ABC) · Young Sheldon (CBS)
- ✚ **PBS/Britbox (subject to local availability):** All Creatures Great and Small · Call the Midwife · Death in Paradise · Father Brown · Finding Your Roots · Nova
- ✚ **Amazon Prime:** Bosch · Class of '07 · Reacher (season 2, Dec) · Role Play (Jan)
- ✚ **Apple TV+:** Black Bird · Killers of the Flower Moon · Lessons in Chemistry · The Morning Show · Napoleon Severance · Ted Lasso
- ✚ **Hulu (most ABC shows also stream here):** The Bear · Murder at the End of the World · Only Murders in the Building
- ✚ **MAX (best service for films, includes all of HBO):** Barbie · The Gilded Age · House of the Dragon · Succession · The Last of Us · True Detective. The White Lotus
- ✚ **Netflix:** All the Light We Cannot See · The Crown · Maestro · The Night Agent · The Diplomat · May December
- ✚ **Books:** It Ends with Us (Colleen Hoover) – fiction · The Exchange (John Grisham) – fiction · Holly (Stephen King) – fiction · My Name is Barbra (Barbra Streisand) – nonfiction Spare (Harry the Duke of Sussex) - nonfiction

If you're looking to escape the big screen, here are some suggestions:

- Declutter! If you keep it around because 'it might come in handy someday,' it's time to let it go.
- If you like to cook or bake, explore the food of other cultures (or even some favorites you haven't made in years), and invite some friends over.
- Join a group in Enchantment.

Happy winter!



## SHOUT-OUTS

Arlene Petruska and her husband ,Len, have lived in Enchantment since 2005 and have been making an impact in the community ever since. Early on, Arlene welcomed new residents at the Clubhouse desk. Once the community became established, this became the "Welcome and Sunshine Committee," which she continues to chair. Arlene also served on the Social and Landscape Committees for many years, has spearheaded many Enchanted Ladies activities, as well as supporting various functions. She and Len also started the Maintenance Committee now named "Properties." Arlene is a consummate Monday night Mah Jong player and now helps teach new players. She also enjoys playing Rummikub weekly. In short, Arlene is just one of the many volunteers who has helped Enchantment grow into a great place to live and to enjoy our golden years. Thank you, Arlene, for all you do.

A huge shout out to Sharon Weiner. Sharon, along with Alice Statz cofounded the Enchanted Ladies. This organization plans activities and events, both in the clubhouse and outside, for all the ladies of Enchantment. In addition, Sharon also organizes both Rummikub and The Game of Nines. She welcomes new players each week and helps to show them the games. Thank you, Sharon, for what you do.

Congratulations to our community resident, Jack Kemler, who won the 2023 election for Mercer County Sheriff.

Thank you to everyone who participates in our committees and events along with the Board for helping to make 2023 wonderful. We look forward to 2024. Watch for committee sign-ups, it takes a lot of work to keep us this active!





**50+ GLORIOUS YEARS – HOW MANY COUPLES CAN YOU NAME?  
ANSWERS AT THE BOTTOM!**

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## MORE WEDDING PHOTOS

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## AND YET MORE WEDDING PHOTOS

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CAN YOU BELIEVE MORE....









## LAST BUT NOT LEAST, AND WHO ARE ALL THESE LOVELY COUPLES?

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*Thank you all for sharing your photos.*

1. Isabel and Henry Hersh – 53 Years
2. Patricia and Donald Walinski – 62 Years
3. Theresa and Bill Finnegan – 65 Years
4. Tessie and John Bartolino – 57 Years
5. Mary Ann and John Hughes – 53 Years
6. Dawn and John Koetting – 56 Years
7. Minda and Chito Allard – 53 Years
8. Diane and Andy Litecky – 51 Years
9. Roseanne and Ralph Carbonara – 55 Years
10. Candy and Bill Rerecich – 52 Years
11. Joan and Joe Magliozzo – 53 Years
12. Patricia and Dominic Reggimenti – 58 Years
13. Joanne and Bob Kramer – 54 Years
14. Nancy and Jeff Christides – 53 Years
15. Maryann and John Donahue – 57 Years
16. Cheryl and Tony Vecchiolla – 56 Years
17. Mela and Scott Griffiths – 52 Years
18. Alberta and John Noon – 53 Years
19. Diane and Rich Stefani – 60 Years
20. Linda and Jim Leth – 50 Years
21. Susan and Jed Kadish – 51 Years