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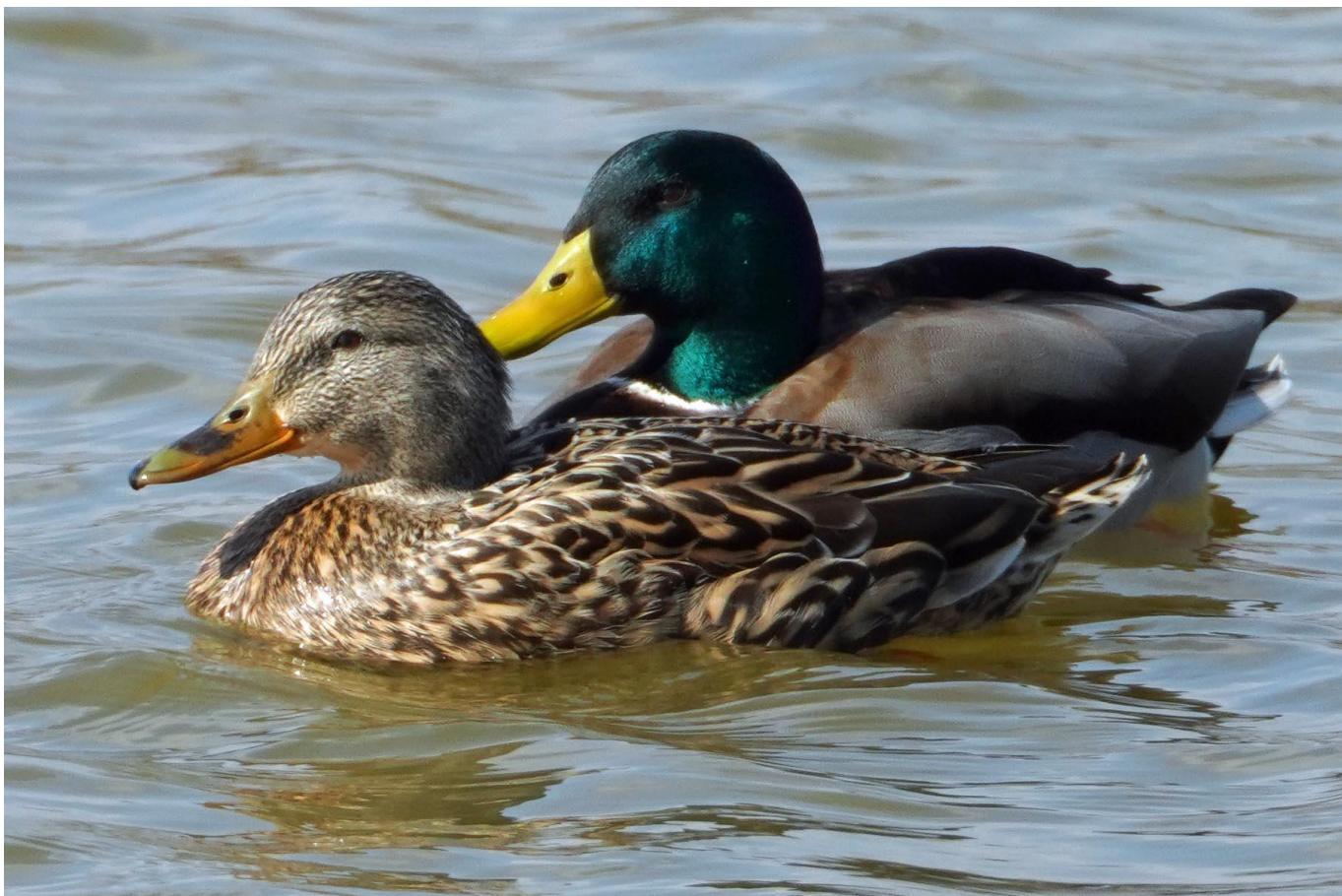


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THE MAINSTREAM ...

Notes from Executive Director Karen Main

A rainstorm is passing through this afternoon giving some relief to a hot and humid day! It is always wonderful to have relief from whatever we are going through that is uncomfortable. Of course, each of us has a different perspective on what we enjoy, what we are uncomfortable with and what relief is needed! I hope that each of you finds the relief that makes your day better so you can enjoy the rest of summer.

We are happy to report that the City of Frederick will be installing a pedestrian island at the intersection of Angell Avenue and Willow Road. This island is designed to allow safer crossing as we walk between both sides of campus. We are waiting for a project start date this summer.

Homewood will be moving forward with our Lodge expansion this summer!

Twenty-seven out of the 31 apartments have deposits and excited people who want to become part of our community. We had a kick-off resident meeting with Wagman Construction and corporate members last month to discuss the construction and how it will affect residents' daily lifestyle. **The Lodge Expansion Groundbreaking is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12 at 11:00 a.m.**

Many of us are taking "nature walks" on the George Bolling Memorial Nature Trail located behind The Lodge. The trail circles the pond and recently has had benches placed

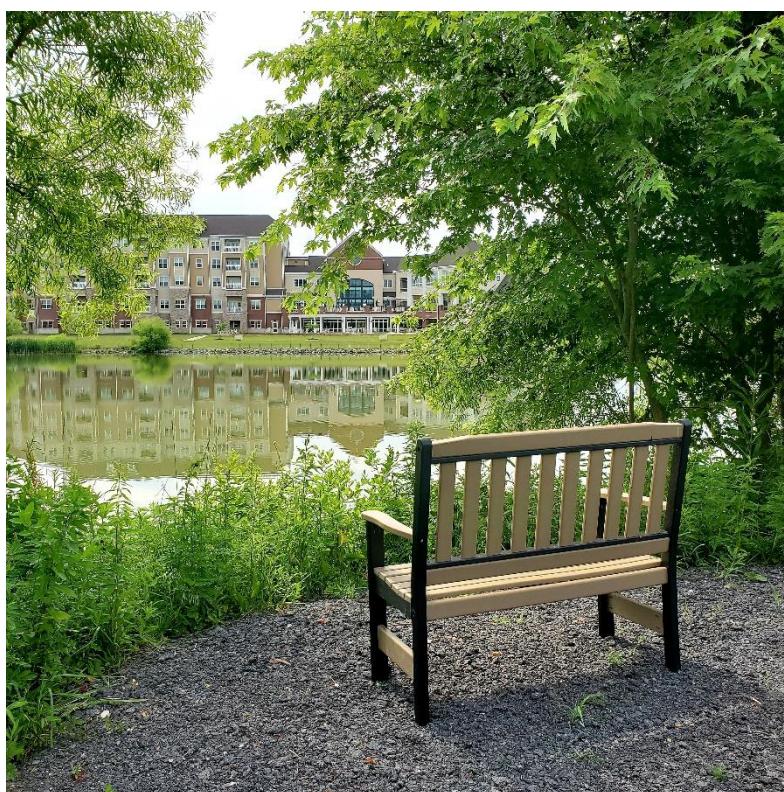
for walkers to take a break, enjoy the sights and sounds and reflect (see photo at left). **George's family has planned a dedication of the Nature Trail on Saturday, August 6.**

Join me for our next Campus Connection on July 7.

***Have a
Safe and Happy
Independence Day!***

Karen

(Photo by Nancy Hamstead)



INTRODUCING YOUR WILLOW ROAD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION 2022-23 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Front row, L to R: Jim Spiller, Claude Revis, Bill Weller, Roland Hobbs, Don Fox, Ray Green. Second row, L to R: David Carmack, Shirley Erdmanis, Connie Cranor, Joan Farrell. Third row, L to R: Barbara Kirk, Beverly Shively, Beverly Kohlhepp, Sue Chapin, Coralinn Kuehl. Fourth row, L to R: Anna Winegar, Libby Fuss, Margaret Perry, Maxine French, Art Elgin, Richard Fulchiron. Not pictured: Judy Vandever.
(Photo by Jerry Fuss)

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A NOTE FROM THE WRRA PRESIDENT

Return of the Yard Sale and The Treasure Corner!

This fall, the Willow Road Residents Association (WRRA) will again hold a Yard Sale on September 29 through October 1 at Crumland Farms.

In addition, I am happy to announce that the WRRA will be able to reopen The Treasure Corner at Crumland Farms in early October.

When these were announced at the June 7 Board meeting, a number of people asked for information about them, as neither has been operating for several years.

The Yard Sale is usually held in May, but it was delayed because of COVID concerns and getting everything up and running after a two-year hiatus. **Jean McGraw and Joyce Smith** co-chair the Committee, which includes a number of others as Section leaders. Donations of pictures, household goods, small appliances, jewelry, and other items (see the May issue of *The Chatter* for the full list) will be collected the last week of September. They will be sorted into the various Sections, arranged and priced for the three-day sale. The last few years (2017-2019) of Yard Sales provided around \$6,000 per year profit for the Association.

The Treasure Corner was originally established by **Mara Dudrow**, a long-time resident. Its operation began in October 2015, sharing space with the Catoctin Country Store. It closed temporarily in January 2020, after it was agreed that it should have a separate space so it could have different hours of operation than the Country Store. It operated throughout its past much as the Yard Sale does – seeking donations of items acceptable for resale in the space allowed with an emphasis on jewelry, novelty items and some clothing – thus fewer types of choices than the Yard Sale.



Many of the residents (and their guests) in Assisted Living and the Health Care units found The Treasure Corner particularly attractive as they had little opportunity to go out to peruse options when seeking to buy a present. Annual proceeds in 2016 through 2019, generally in excess of \$10,000, were contributed to the Homewood Benevolent Fund. The new space will be off the Crumland Farms corridor past the Catoctin Country Store (where the bank used to be, for those who remember the Woodsboro Bank space).

I am looking for several people with retail experience to assist me in determining how to reopen The Treasure Corner and best utilize the space. If you have such experience, please send me an e-mail at wcweller67@outlook.com.

--Bill Weller, WRRA President

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



July is a big month for birthdays in my family. My husband, older son, mother and sister all celebrate, as well as my husband's niece and nephew. Sometimes it gets difficult to keep track of them all. But when I remember how important each one of these people is to me, taking note of their special days becomes a joy, rather than a chore.

"Another birthday!" is something we often grumble about as we age. We no longer feel a sense of excitement about these days as we did when we were younger and celebrated with parties, cake and presents. Instead, we may

sometimes feel that all we have to look forward to is another year of aches and pains and health problems. It can be hard to get past this feeling. But perhaps there is more to a birthday than a new year of life. Perhaps a birthday is really about us and who we are.

My mother once had a friend who, on noting that someone close to him was celebrating a birthday, would remark, "Thank you for being born!" At first I chalked this up to his unusual sense of humor. After all, nobody has anything to do with his or her own birth. But then I realized that what my mother's friend was really saying was, "I appreciate you and I'm glad you were born."

Each of us brings a unique set of gifts and talents to the world. As is often said, just like snowflakes, no two people are perfectly alike. Having a birthday is an opportunity to celebrate the special mix of characteristics that makes us who we are. It can help us to remember that we can be a blessing to others in ways that no one else could.

John O'Donohue, in his book To Bless the Space Between Us (Doubleday, 2008), has written a beautiful blessing for birthdays. I share a portion of it at the right.

Whether you are celebrating a birthday this month or not, may you always remember that you are a miracle and a blessing to others. Thank you for being born!

--Chaplain Shelley Weakly

*"Blessed be the gifts you never notice,
... eyes to behold the world,
Thoughts to countenance the unknown,
Memory to harvest vanished days,
Your heart to feel the world's waves,
Your breath to breathe the nourishment
Of distance made intimate by earth.*

*On this echoing-day of your birth,
May you open the gift of solitude
In order to receive your soul;
Enter the generosity of silence
To hear your hidden heart;
Know the serenity of stillness
To be enfolded anew
By the miracle of your being."*



HOMEWOOD'S ANNUAL YARD SALE

Thursday, September 29,

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

(residents and staff only);

Friday, September 30,

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.;

Saturday, October 1,

8 a.m. to noon

HOW TO DONATE

To donate items for the Yard Sale, please make sure all items are clean, in good condition, and in working order. If you would not buy it in its current condition, please do not donate it.

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS FOR DONATING:

BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO CRUMLAND FARMS YOURSELF: If you do not want a pick-up, bring your donations to Crumland Farms on Wednesday, September 28 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

CRUMLAND FARMS RESIDENTS: Put all donations outside your apartment door no later than 8:30 a.m. on September 28 for pick-up.

COTTAGE RESIDENTS: If you want a pick-up, contact **Jacque Janss, 301-253-2889 / janssjac@comcast.net, from Monday, September 5 through Wednesday, September 21**, and she will make the arrangements. Place all items outside near your garage door, or if raining, on your front porch, no later than 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 28. Put small items in a box or bag labeled "YARD SALE."

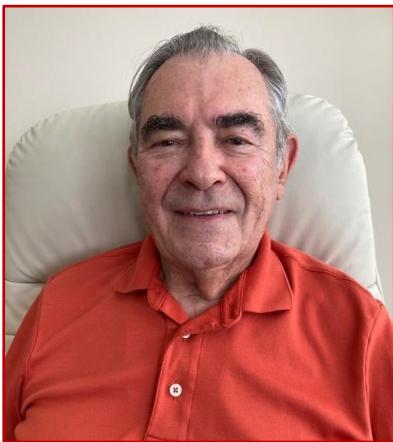
PATIO HOME RESIDENTS: If you want a pick-up, contact **Hazel Stewart, 240-457-4961 / hazelhh@msn.com, from Monday, September 5 through Wednesday, September 21**, and she will make the arrangements. Place all items outside in your driveway, or if raining, on your front porch, no later than 8:30 am on the morning of Wednesday, September 28. Put small items in a box or bag labeled "YARD SALE."

LODGE RESIDENTS: If you want a pick-up at your apartment, call or e-mail **Nancy Revis, 301-378-9661 / nancyrevis3@gmail.com, from Monday September 5 through Wednesday, September 21**, and she will make the arrangements. If you are able, take your items to the closest elevator. All donations must be in the hall no later than 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 28. Put small items in a box or bag labeled "YARD SALE."

IF YOU WILL NOT BE AT HOMEWOOD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28: Contact **Truby LaGarde, 301-639-8374 or Jean McGraw, 240-877-7216** to have your donations stored in a garage. Please leave a message if no answer.

If you have questions, contact **Jean McGraw, 240-877-7216 / ocracokefan@comcast.net** or **Joyce Smith, 520-820-8510 / joycesmith1279@gmail.com**.

MEET YOUR NEW (AND NOT-SO-NEW) NEIGHBORS



BOB VESPICO has enjoyed living in a patio home since June 2018 when he moved from Warrenton, Virginia. Born in Reading, Pennsylvania, Bob graduated from Albright College and then entered the Air Force where he trained to be a pilot and attended the USAF Navigation and Electronics School. He also studied at the American College of Economics and Finance.

Bob was a helicopter rescue pilot during the Vietnam war and was a member of the U.S. team that finished second in an International Helicopter Meet in Denmark. After concluding his military service, he worked in the equities and insurance field and was a rural route carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. Bob was a member of the Lions Club and has lot of other interests including bridge, tennis, pickle ball, fishing, hunting and computer technology.

He has three children, three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, some of whom are in this area.

PAT and JIM ATKINS moved to Homewood from Columbia, Maryland in March 2022 and are enjoying their new Patio Home. They both were raised in York, Pennsylvania and went to high school together before following different career paths.

Pat graduated from Dominican University where she prepared to be a computer programmer and worked at Monumental Life Insurance Company. She was active in PTA, Girl Scouts and in their church, and now enjoys walking, swimming and doing jigsaw puzzles.

Jim earned degrees from the University of Notre Dame and the University of Maryland and has a Ph.D. in physiology and an M.D. He served in the U.S. Army and was a nephrologist and researcher at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. Jim has been a Big Brother and has a wide range of hobbies from golf, biking, and wood carving to playing the hammered dulcimer.

They are glad to be living near their family and able to visit with their two children and six grandchildren.

--Leslie Hobbs

MEET YOUR NEW (AND NOT-SO-NEW) NEIGHBORS



BRUCE WILSON came to Homewood with his wife Gerri in June 2019 at the recommendation of friends; Gerri passed away in 2021. Throughout his life, Bruce has been involved with all aspects of choral music, having earned Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. degrees in music from the University of Michigan. His education was enhanced through numerous other workshops as diverse as choral arranging, oral history, archival techniques, video production and institutional fundraising.

Bruce served on the music education faculty at the University of Maryland, College Park, following several years of teaching general music and leading choral groups in Michigan public schools. He also pursued a specialty in archiving special collections in performing arts in the University of Maryland Libraries, and later became head of its Performing Arts Library. During his teaching and library careers, Bruce has directed church choirs, been a professional chorister, and assisted in choral arranging workshops at the Westminster Choir College.

In retirement, he developed his interest in the paper arts and worked actively in promoting community arts programs. Leisure pursuits included hiking, skiing, gardening, reading, and other people's dogs. Since living at Homewood, Bruce sings with the Noteables, performs with the Senior Theatre, and manages art exhibitions.



ELEANOR MILAZZO is another native Pennsylvanian who recently joined our community. She was born in Winder, Pennsylvania and attended high school there. She moved to her Crumland Farms apartment from Millersville, Maryland in April 2022.

Eleanor enjoyed her working years as an apartment rental agent. Her hobbies include reading, crafts and cooking. Eleanor has two children, eight grandchildren ... and seven great-grandchildren!

--Leslie Hobbs and Barbara Kirk

LOOKING FOR AN EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT AT HOME?

Here are the newest DVDs available to borrow in our Crumland Farms second floor Library:

Barefoot in the Park
Grease/Grease 2
Play It Again, Sam

Doctor Zhivago
Mouse Hunt
The Rainmaker
We Were Soldiers

El Cid
The Pelican Brief
To Kill A Mockingbird

MEET YOUR NEW (AND NOT-SO-NEW) NEIGHBORS



BARBARA SANOWER moved to her Crumland Farms apartment from nearby Walkersville in April of this year. Originally from York County, Pennsylvania, she attended Maryland Medical Secretarial School in Hagerstown after high school. Barbara spent her working years as a certified dental assistant and receptionist.

Barbara has done volunteer work with her church and homemakers groups, and served on the Board of Record Street Home, an assisted living facility in Frederick. In her spare time she enjoys knitting, reading, games, cards, attending her granddaughters' sporting events and visiting with friends. Barbara has three children and six grandchildren.

--Barbara Kirk

UKRAINE SUNFLOWER PROJECT A ROUSING SUCCESS

The Woodpeckers' Ukraine Sunflower Project has come to an end. We had quite a time keeping up with the demand. Thanks to the generosity of our Homewood family, we were able to sell 285 sunflowers (we had hoped to sell 100). Here is a summary of the funds raised:

Sales to be matched	\$1,110
Woodpeckers match	1,110
Donations	325
Unmatched sales	<u>325</u>
TOTAL	\$2,870



A check for this amount will be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through UMCOR's Global Ministries, 100 per cent of this money will "provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries."

The Woodpeckers extend a sincere "thank you" to all who contributed to the success of this project, especially **Barbara Bowers, Kathy Dollar and Ruth Edder** who helped with the painting.

--Ed Edder

A REMINDER ... Active Ladies of Homewood Association (ALOHA) programs are on hiatus for the summer. Watch the September issue of *The Chatter* for more information on their Fall kick-off.

JUST A LITTLE MUSIC ...

If you wander over to the second floor of The Lodge, you are apt to see some interesting collections displayed there. In May the collection was miniature pianos belonging to **Dottie Winter**.

Since her father played the guitar and the harmonica and her grandmother played the pump organ, Dottie grew up surrounded by music. She has always loved the arts and started dance lessons when she was 8 and piano lessons when she was 10. By the seventh grade she was so accomplished that she was asked to accompany the school chorus. She began playing the organ when she was 15 and at age 16 started substituting for the organist at various churches.



When Dottie went to Bridgewater College, she wanted to major in math and minor in music performance, but that was not allowed by the school. She ended up majoring in English and minoring in music performance and French. With a teaching certification, she briefly taught French and English after graduation.

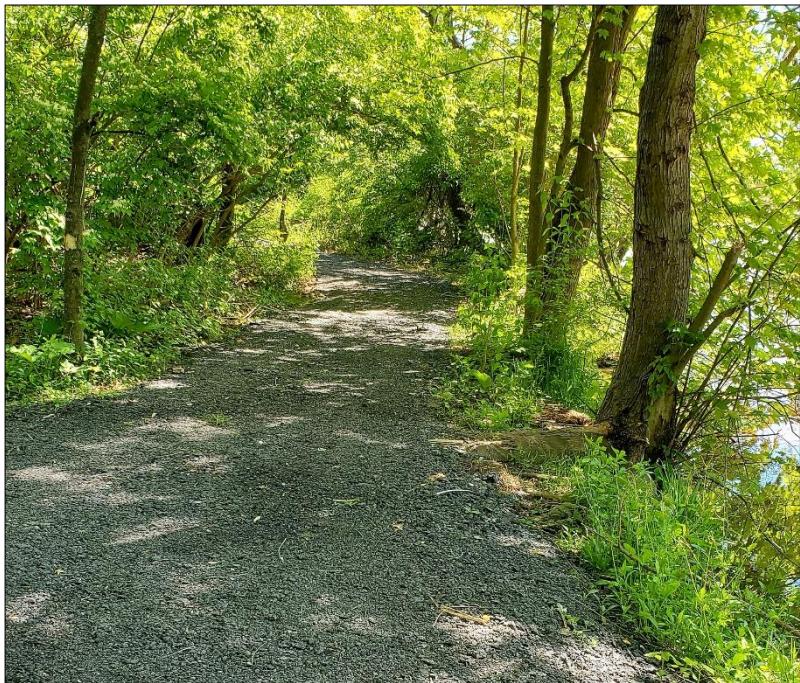
After her marriage, Dottie found that teaching piano lessons and substituting as organist and pianist fit her family life better than the full-time jobs of teaching or being an organist. Her collection was started at this time by gifts from her piano students. It grew to over 20 as additional miniature pianos were given to her. One of her favorites is an unusual one made out of wire (shown with her in the photo above). She also has many piano-themed Christmas tree ornaments that were given to her by her students.

When Dottie finally went back to work full-time, it was NOT in the music field. Her love of math took over and after going back to school, Dottie became a computer programmer and a systems analyst. She worked for 20 years on a contract for the U.S. government in the Immigration and Naturalization Department. Since moving to Homewood in 2016, she has shared her talents by giving performances here and playing occasionally for the church services in the chapel. Dottie also substitutes as pianist and organist at various churches in the area.



--Jacque Janss

SCENES AROUND CAMPUS ...



- Clockwise from upper right:
1. One of the Canada Geese strolling on our grounds. (*Photo by Skip Stewart*)
 2. An heirloom Bearded Iris that **Marlea Fulchiron** replanted from her mother's garden. (*Photo by Nancy Hamstead*)
 3. Tranquility abounds along our new nature trail. (*Photo by Nancy Hamstead*)
 4. Sunset viewed from a Crumland Farms apartment balcony. (*Photo by Barbara Kirk*)

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION EXTENDS APPRECIATION FOR OUR HOMEWOOD AT FREDERICK HEROES



This is one of my absolute favorite photos. In the dreary times since March 2020, we could look at this picture and it reminded us of the wonderful, caring and compassionate staff that took such excellent care of us, meeting our daily needs during the COVID pandemic. They also did everything they could (within COVID guidelines) to go above and beyond to keep us living as normally as possible in very trying times.

Each year in December, the Residents Association, through the generosity of the residents, family and friends show their appreciation with a monetary gift to all employees. In 2021 we gave an additional mid-year gift of \$50 to 299 employees. It was greatly appreciated by the staff. The Appreciation Fund Committee decided to do another mid-year appreciation in 2022.

On May 25 “Meals in a Bag for Four” were distributed to 236 employees. They had a choice of Olive Garden’s Five-Cheese Ziti Al Forno, Fettuccini Alfredo or Spaghetti with Meat Sauce. The dinner also included salad and bread sticks. Residents assisting with distribution were **Barbara and Phil Young, Sonya and Art Elgin, Margaret Perry, Ernie Kessler and Shirley Erdmanis**.

Many thanks to Karen Main, Lynn Lawler, Liz Kannenberg and Maintenance for assisting us in obtaining staff selections and other aspects of the project.

--Shirley Erdmanis



Pictured is a group of co-workers ready to pick up their Olive Garden meals. (L to R) (seated) Juana Hernandez, (standing) Rosario Martinez and Maria Hernandez, (seated) Maxine Pearson (Assistant Director), all from Housekeeping. Seated at the right is Araminta Finn from Activities.

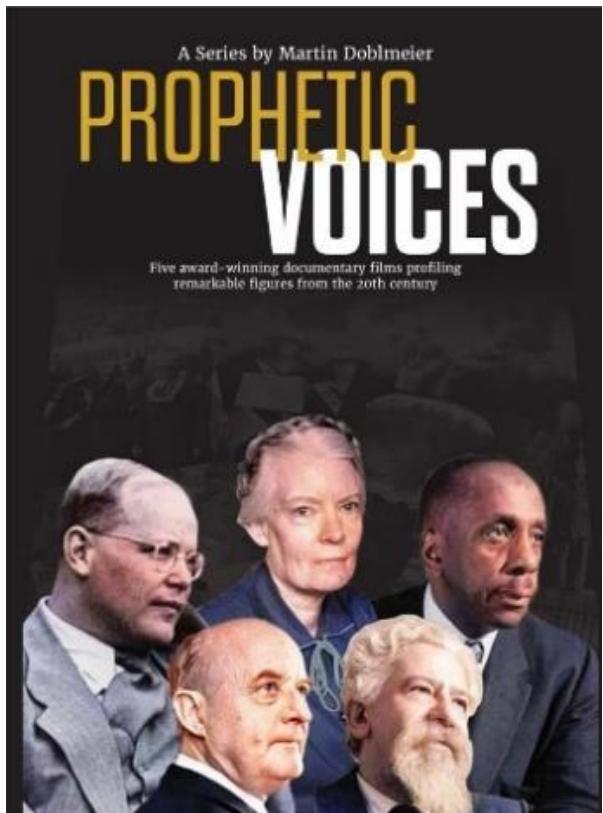
Residents who assisted with the project were (L to R) Art Elgin, Sonja Elgin, Shirley Erdmanis, Phil Young, Barbara Young, Margaret Perry, and Ernie Kessler.

(Photos courtesy of Shirley Erdmanis)



HOMewood AUTHOR PUBLISHES SECOND BOOK

Lodge resident **Alice Haber** recently had her second book published. Entitled The Souls of Seniors: A Study, this is a collection of remembrances from a group of the author's contemporaries who come from a wide variety of backgrounds. The author hopes to inspire younger generations by demonstrating how older adults are using their extra years and vast life experience to be productive members of society. The book is available in paperback or Kindle format from amazon.com.



PROPHETIC VOICES: A Special Series Offered by Homewood's Retired Clergy Group

When the word prophet is mentioned, often Isaiah or Jeremiah come to mind. However, there are modern day prophets from whom we can learn.

Join the Retired Clergy Group as they facilitate discussions about modern-day prophets starting this fall. Sessions will be offered September through January on the third Monday of each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Crumland Farms.

Each month's discussion will feature an award-winning film followed by a time of reflection.

The films include:

“Bonhoeffer” - profiling the young German theologian who joined the plots to kill Adolf Hitler;

“An American Conscience - The Reinhold Niebuhr Story” about America's great public theologian;

“Bucks Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story” about the man who became spiritual mentor to Martin Luther King, Jr. and the entire Civil Rights Movement;

“Revolution of the Heart: The Dorothy Day Story” about the Catholic radical and founder of the Catholic Worker Movement; and

“Spiritual Audacity: the Abraham Joshua Heschel Story” about the man who barely escaped the Holocaust and became a champion for interfaith dialogue and American Civil Rights.

Across the series, viewers will hear from President Jimmy Carter, Civil Rights icons Andrew Young, Jesse Jackson and John Lewis, writers David Brooks and Barbara Brown Taylor, plus Martin Sheen, Susannah Heschel, theologians Walter Brueggemann and Stanley Hauerwas, historian Taylor Branch and many others.

All Independent Living residents are invited. No need to register. Come to one or all of the sessions. The prophet to be featured for the month will be listed in Homewood's APP under Activities. If you have questions, contact **Jerry Fuss** at gffuss827@comcast.net.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER STICK TOGETHER

These past two months, **Judy Vandever** has been enjoying her own nature video, up close and personal, taking place daily on the second floor balcony of her apartment at The Lodge. On April 24, two white pigeons came house hunting and found exactly what they wanted in Judy's flowerpot with a rock and a green frog peeking over the edge of the pot.

Two days later, there were two creamy white eggs behind the frog. While one pigeon sat on the eggs, the other scavenged for sticks to build the nest. On April 29, Judy assumed it was "he" who dropped off the sticks and "she" who built the nest. It appeared to Judy that the pigeons worked in shifts—one was on the nest around 4 p.m. each day and the other flew in between 8 and 10 each morning.

Added drama for Judy occurred when she noted that the nest was unattended for several consecutive days. Once she saw one white pigeon land on the balcony railing and the other walking on the floor, she felt a sense of relief. On May 15, the young pigeons hatched. Through her research, Judy learned that when pigeons hatch, they are not fully developed. The larger species of these birds are called pigeons, the smaller ones, doves. Through appearance and behaviors, Judy has identified her birds as rock doves.

On May 27, Judy observed that the doves had all white feathers, the heads were bald and



they were trying to stand up. On June 1 (first photo), one dove worked its way out of the nest and landed on the bench. The following day, it had a buddy on the bench. And there they have remained, snuggling

close to one another awaiting their next feeding (second photo).

The doves have acclimated to Judy's presence in their lives (third photo) and have not yet tested their wings but I am sure that once she reclaims her balcony and the doves have left for good, there may be a twinge of loneliness as she glances toward the corner where the now-empty flowerpot stands with the lone green frog peering over the rim.

--Nancy Hamstead

(Photos by **Nancy Hamstead**)



TEMPLE TRIP PROVIDES RARE OPPORTUNITY

On May 17, our trusted driver Roger steered a packed bus of eager residents through the flowing traffic on I-270 to a magnificently serene destination in South Kensington, Maryland—the Washington D.C. Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This was the first time the church has opened its doors to visitors since it was constructed in 1974.

As we toured the recently remodeled interior, two rooms were visually memorable: the Baptistry featuring the baptismal font supported by twelve oxen symbolizing the twelve tribes of Israel referred to in the Old Testament, and the Celestial Room, a peaceful, quiet space of contemplation and prayer brightened by magnificent crystal chandeliers suspended from the ceiling as if they were dangling from the sky. Members who attend classes and spiritual events in the Temple change from everyday clothes into white clothing in Dressing Rooms while in the Temple. The white apparel is symbolic that all are equal before God.



Afterwards, we strolled around the manicured grounds peppered with an array of colorful beds planted with a variety of flowers each jockeying to blend its specialness into the beauty of the whole.

Photography was not permitted indoors but photographs of the Temple are available at dctemple.org.

--Nancy Hamstead

Pictured on the steps of the Temple are (front row L-R) Joyce Smith, Jacque Janss; (second row L-R) Joyce Howes, Margo Stevenson, Cindy Abbott, Pam Zusi, Barbara Taylor; (third row L-R) Beverly Kohlhepp, Judi Adams, Bev Willich, Harry Smith; (4th row L-R) Neil Adams, Pat Atkins, Nancy Marron; (top row L-R) Dave Hamstead, Tom Willich, Jim Atkins, Ted Marron. (Photos by Nancy Hamstead)

WE'VE BEEN TRAVELIN'!



ABOVE: A photo from a recent trip to the Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, Maryland captured Homewood residents gathered in front of the statue of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton seated on a rock with several of her students. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is remarkable as the first American-born Saint who founded the first community of religious Sisters in the United States and, only a year later, founded its first free Catholic School for girls. Pictured from L to R are: **Don and Elaine LeBlanc, Nancy Hamstead, Cindy Abbott, Nancy Ahr, Pam Zusi, Helen Hahn, Jacque Janss and Bev Shively.**



AT LEFT: **Dave Hamstead, Bob and Donna Coulson, Lindsey Williams and Elaine and Don LeBlanc** stop for a short rest before resuming their tour of the beautiful grounds at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, Maryland.

(Photos courtesy of Nancy Hamstead)



FITNESS EVENT WINNERS NAMED

We held our Fastest Fitness Course event in honor of National Senior Health and Fitness Day on May 25. Over 35 residents attended and participated in the balance and agility course. Winners received a beautiful etched glass with the event and placement on it.

Pictured left to right are: **Bob Coulson** (first place, Men's event), **Kathy Dollar** (first place Women's event), **Kim Sines** (2nd place Women's event) and **Bob Mayernik** (2nd place Men's event).

(Photo courtesy of the Fitness Staff)

DELAPLAINE PRESENTS OVER 70 SHOW

The Over 70 Show is Delaplaine Arts Center's highly awaited annual showcase of works in a variety of media featuring artists age 70 and over. The show runs from July 16 to August 28. For more information, visit delaplaine.org.

Delaplaine Arts Center is located at 40 South Carroll Street in downtown Frederick, housed in the 100-year-old Mountain City Mill along the banks of Carroll Creek. Hours of operation are Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are closed most holidays.

Admission is free. In past years, several of our Homewood artists have had their work displayed in the showcase.



DID YOU KNOW ...

This year's theme is "FIND A WAY TO SERVE." Please help us this September by encouraging friends and family to sponsor live Balsam Wreaths at \$15 each to be placed on Veterans' graves at Mount Olivet Cemetery by volunteers on December 17.



ANGLERS REEL 'EM IN AT OUR POND!

Homewood residents **Joe Loetell, Don LeBlanc, Bob Kinsey** and **Skip Stewart** (in photo at far right), along with some family members, participated in our Father's Day fishing tournament this year at The Lodge Pond. The day's catch included three sunnies, one crappie and four catfish.

Bob Kinsey's grandson Cooper (shown in first photo) proudly shows off the biggest catch of the day, a 21-inch catfish that his stepfather Doug landed. Who knew there was that big of a fish in our little pond! We're planning another fishing event in September or October.

(Photos courtesy of the Fitness Staff)



WRRA PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP TO CO-WORKER



Willow Road Residents Association's (WRRA) Appreciation Fund Committee is pleased to announce that the winner of this year's co-worker scholarship is Adriana Posada.

Adriana has been with Homewood for 6-1/2 years as Director of Housekeeping. She will use the scholarship for courses toward becoming a Certified Custodial Supervisor (C.C.S.) This will give her the latest in technical skills used in the workplace and enable her to have a better understanding of building-services operations.

Adriana has had over 18 years' experience in the housekeeping field, having worked in healthcare arenas in several states as well as serving as a manager in commercial cleaning operations. She is looking forward to learning new things and keeping up with all the changes in the field. Congratulations, Adriana! WRRA President **Bill Weller** is shown presenting the check to Adriana in the photo above.

(Photo by Shirley Erdmanis)

UPCOMING JULY EVENTS

Friday, July 1 –

“Hello, Summer Dance,” 6:30 to 9 p.m. at The Lodge – with DJ! Snacks, skits and games! Everyone is invited. Wear red, white and blue to get in a festive mood for the holiday weekend!

Thursday, July 14 –

Want to learn more about **Pickleball?** Meet at the playground behind Crumland Farms at 11:30 a.m. to walk to the court and try it out for yourself. The Fitness Department will supply everything you need for this one-time-only information session and practice.



Friday, July 15 –

Square Dance demonstration and lessons 6:30 p.m. at The Lodge.

Tuesday, July 19 –

Jimmy Buffet Pool Party / Chill and Grill – two spectacular events in one evening! Chill and Grill, featuring Jimmy Buffett’s signature chicken sandwich, from 5 to 7 p.m. on The Lodge Patio; sign up with Dietary. Pool Party (no sign-up necessary) from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at The Lodge Pool with games, margaritas and key lime pie.

Wednesday, July 20 –

Art and Hobby Show at The Lodge Event Center – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up with Julie or Sarah to reserve a spot to set up your hobby or collection for the day.

Wednesday, July 27 –

Tech class – 2:30 p.m. in the Crumland Farms Multi-Purpose Room. This will be a hands-on technology support session. Bring your devices (computers, phones, etc.) and have Prelude work with you for training and/or resolving issues.

Friday, July 29 –

Taylor Marie Clothing sale – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Crumland Farms Multi-Purpose Room.

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