

Village of Buckingham Springs



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I was food shopping not too long ago. After emerging from the checkout line I was waiting for my husband to purchase a lottery ticket and noticed a woman around my age with a large patch of pink hair.

“I love your pink,” I told her as she stuffed her purchases into a small plastic bag. “It’s the way I’m seen,” she responded. “When I got old, people ignored me. Now they don’t.”

She was right. I wouldn’t have noticed her, or engaged her in conversation if not for her splash of color. And, the incident made me wonder, do we become invisible as we age. Do we become invisible *because* we age?

I began talking about the issue with friends and listening more to conversations around me. I was surprised how many people agreed and how frequently ageism came up.

One friend in his seventies regretted the sudden absence of glances and smiles from the opposite sex. Another friend in her eighties said store clerks tend to respond immediately to “perky little things” while ignoring her efforts to ask a question.

I also overheard two teacher’s aides talking about their own outfits during a Wacky Wednesday at their school. “I would be embarrassed to go out in something like this,” one said, looking at her patterned tights and checkered top. “Oh, said the other, “just tell people you’re old. Then they won’t care.”

One would think that living in a retirement community would guard us against these prejudices. But no. I was taking pictures of a group of women on a recent trip when one urged me to hurry up before the “old” ladies approached.

It’s no wonder that people equate getting older with negative stereotypes. The media bombards us with bumbling, helpless, cranky ... even child-like older characters. We hear television announcers say someone is 100 years *young* as if even the word *old* is somehow pejorative.

Researchers at the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism determined that almost half of researched television programs featuring older Americans include demeaning language from younger characters and self-deprecating comments by older characters, including wisecracks about wrinkled skin and failing memories.

I think it’s time we reject this messaging, embrace getting older and appreciate our fabulousness. With retirement we have more time for loved ones. We have an opportunity to pursue long postponed dreams. We can sleep late, dine or play with our friends during the day ... and take advantage of senior discounts.

What’s not to love?

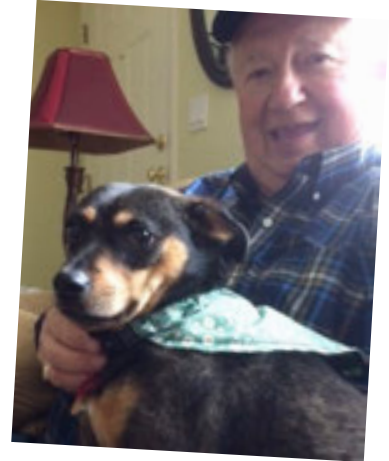
Gail Purpura

TALK OF THE TOWN

Don and **Kathy Kirkland** have fallen in love with the newest member of their family. Molly came to them in January when **Kathy** decided **Don** needed “something more in his life than just me! We had dogs when the kids were growing up, but not recently,” **Kathy** says. They decided to attend WAGS’ rescue event. They needed the signature of a family member who could take care of their rescue should they become incapacitated, so their middle daughter Kathleen (Inky) readily agreed. With Kathleen and her son, Kurt, **Kathy** and **Don** set out to find the right dog for the Kirklands. “It was bedlam,” **Kathy** says. There were crates all over with all kinds of dogs. “We were looking at an older rescue when Kurt said

we had to see another dog. She was quivering in the corner of her crate. We picked her up, and held her, then took her into the adjourning room” to get acquainted.” **Kathy** admits it wasn’t love at first sight, “but we felt she would be a good match. I can’t believe the way we feel now. And **Don**, it’s so funny. He’ll sit on the sofa and she’ll sit right next to him and he pets and pets her. She follows me around all day!”

One day recently, **Kathy** was walking with Molly when a friend with a large, happy dog approached them, jumped up on **Kathy** and knocked her over. Molly went running. Moments later **Kathy** found Molly quivering under a piece of covered furniture on their porch, scared, but unharmed. **Kathy** said they don’t know much about Molly’s background other than she was surrendered to a kill-shelter in Georgia, and WAGS rescued her. “I can’t believe the pleasure we get from Molly,” **Kathy** said. She added she’s even started sewing dog kerchiefs for their new addition.



Don Kirkland with rescue Molly

Pat Eagle is all smiles these days. Well, she’s typically a very happy person, but at the end of April, **Pat** is retiring from her job as a legal assistant working for Johnson & Johnson in Skillman, NJ. She’s worked there for 18 years, and while she’s been very happy with her job, she knows she’ll be even happier as a retiree. She plans to do a lot of bicycling, traveling and spending time with husband **Tom**, family and friends they’ve made in the village since they moved here in 2016.

It’s a very busy time for **Irene Kennedy’s** family recently. Her grandson, Tyler has just completed a work-study program with Michelin and has been debating about which job to take when he graduates this spring from Clemson University. An honor student, Tyler studied computer engineering and was recruited by the Michelin company for a work/study program, which **Irene** says he loved. Tyler will graduate from Clemson this spring and is pondering positions at a number of high profile companies. Irene notes that people in VBS might remember Tyler, who, along with sister Jessesa and dad, stayed with **Irene** years ago, when Tyler was six-years-old.

“Aside from being smart, Tyler is a wonderful young man who deserves the very best,” **Irene** says. And by the way, **Irene’s** granddaughter Corinna, a sixth-grade teacher in Philadelphia, was due to deliver her second daughter in March. We tried very hard to reach **Irene** to find out if the new baby had arrived, but couldn’t connect. We’ll have to wait for the June-July issue to update you on **Irene’s** news.

Do you have an item for Talk of the Town? Please send it to **Gail Purpura** at buckinghamspingsnewsletter@gmail.com; or call at 267-491-5854. Let others know your good news!

Pay Your Rent Online or By Phone



You no longer have to walk or drive down to the office, or even find a stamp or two to pay your rent, water and service bills.

Recently the McKee Group partnered with RentPayment, an online payment service company to broaden the ways residents can make their payments. Through the company, residents can make payments online using debit/credit cards for a small fee, or e-checks for no cost. The program also allows residents to make payments by phone or by using an app they can download on their cell phone. In addition, the program offers a recurring payment option.

Village of Buckingham Springs Property Manager Amy Grzywinski said that partnering with RentPayment expands the options residents have to pay their bills. “People have been asking for this and we’re happy to provide it,” said Ms. Grzywinski. She said payments are credited to residents’ accounts within a day or two. Printed directions are in the clubhouse.

To sign up, residents go online to rentpayment.com. To read detailed instructions for registering, click on “Learn More.” To register, click on “Sign Up Now.” You will be told to enter the property name, Village of Buckingham Springs. The community name will pop up. Press select. You’ll be taken to a page with three steps. Click on “Set up Account.” You’ll be asked to fill in your name. You must use the name **as it appears on your water bill**. That’s the name provided to Rentpayment by the McKee Group.

Under Property Name, write in Village of Buckingham Springs. Under Property Street, write Durham Road. Complete the address with New Hope, select Pennsylvania on the drop-down menu and fill out 18938 for the zip code. You’ll be taken to a new page, where you’ll be asked to select your property from a list down the left-hand side of the page. Choose Village of Buckingham Springs.

The next page says “Set Up Your Account.” Choose your street from the drop-down menu. Press continue. The next page will have your name in the correct boxes. Under Select Your Address, find the number of your house in the drop-down menu. Then, create your login and password. If you have a cell phone, fill in the number. Under the number you’ll be asked if you want SMS (text) messages to remind you when rent is due. A second box is already marked. If you keep it marked, you will also receive news from Rentpayment. If you don’t want to receive these notifications, click on the box to unmark it. Finally, you must check the third box indicating you accept the terms of use.

If you want to make a payment, continue to “Make a Payment.” On that page enter your credit/debit card numbers or create a free e-check account by entering your bank routing number and checking account number. A diagram on the page shows you where you’ll find each number on your checks. At that time you can also choose to use autopay, which means the rent payment will be automatically taken out of your checking or savings account on a specific day of each month.

If you are having problems setting up your account, Rentpayment provides assistance. You can call customer service at 866-289-5977, or send questions via e-mail to customerservice@rentpayment.com.

This and That: Dates To Remember

DANCE EXERCISE:.....Mon. & Fri. 8:30 am
SEATED DANCE EXERCISEMon & Fri. 9:30 am
BEAD SOCIETY.....1st Wed. except Jan.; 6:30 pm
BINGO1st Friday of month; 7 pm
BOWLING ...Thursdays; 12:30 pm; Thunderbird Lanes
 Warminster
BOOK CLUB3rd Mon. 6:30 pm
BRIDGE CLUBWednesday 1-3 pm; Friday 1-3 pm
CHOIRWednesday 4 pm– 5 pm
CARDS.....Usually played in the craft room or ballroom
 except when other activities pre-empt the games
CANASTA CLUBEvery Mon... 6:30 pm– 9:00 pm
COMPUTER CLUB2nd, 4th Thurs. 7 pm craft room
 1st, 3rd Thurs. help for residents
CHAIR YOGA.....Wed. 6:30 pm
DARTS.....Wed., 7 pm upstairs board room
GOLF.....Mon. Gather 8 am; Tee off 8:30 am;
 Neshaminy Golf Club weather permitting
 Call Bob Ryan 267-491-5339

HOMEOWNERS' MEETING1st Monday of Sept,
 December, March, June 7 pm
INDOOR HORSESHOES.....Tues & Fri. 2-4 pm
JUST-FOR-FUN CARDS.....Tues. & Wed. 7 pm
KNIT & CROCHET CLUB...2nd, 4th Thurs 2-3:30 pm
LADIES BRIDGE.....Wed - 1 pm
LADIES NIGHT OUT ..Games/Cards Thurs 6:30 pm
LADIES SINGLES1st Monday 1 pm craft room
MAHJONG.....Wed. 1 pm
PICKLEBALL.....Wed. 2-4 pm
PARTNERS BRIDGE1st, 3rd Fri. 1 pm
POKER.....Wed. 6:30 pm
DUPLICATE BRIDGELast Fri month 1 pm
POOL.....Tues & Thurs PM
TEXAS HOLD-EM (ladies).....Tues & Wed 6:30 pm
TEXAS HOLD-EM (men).....every other Thurs 1 pm
SEATED FITNESS FIESTA...Mon.1 pm;Wed. 11 am
FITNESS FIESTAWed. 5:15 pm
SEATED YOGA.....Fri. 11 am – 12 noon

Buckingham Springs Trips

April 10Cherry Blossom tour of Washington D.C.
 3-hour monument tour, free time at Union
 Station. Lunch on your own \$65 pp
May 8.....Meghann and Guido's Wedding..\$99 pp
 When Irish and Italian cultures collide
June 20Resorts Casino...\$39.00 pp

August 8Rail and Paddlewheel \$99.00 pp
*Scenic ride on Middletown & Hummelstown railroad,
 lunch at Alfred's Victorian Restaurant and a sight
 seeing cruise aboard the "Pride of the Susquehanna"*

September 22 – 25.....Niagara Falls
 (No price yet.)

October.....The Great Pumpkin Blaze
 (Details to come)

November.....Sight and Sound
 (Details to come)

This and That: Dates To Remember

Social Events



April 1 – 28 Scavenger Hunt

(Your Scavenger Hunt Form is on Page 17)

April 11 Singles Fun and Friendship

Breakfast Bingo Peddler's Village Cock and Bull 9 a.m.

April 26 – Singles Fun and Friendship 7 pm

(All singles welcome)

April 28 Birthday celebration

April 28 Open Mic/Covered Dish

(This month's theme: sandwiches)

May 2 Fashion Show

Carole Keyser and Pat Salmon

May 18 Oldies Night

Wilma Wydro

May 27 Memorial Day Picnic and ceremony

Veterans

June 15 New Resident Pancake Breakfast

Ron and Kathy LeDonni

June 21 Welcome Summer Movie Night

Ice cream and movie

June 30 Birthday Celebration

July 4 4th of July Clubhouse Picnic

Veterans

July 27 Beef and Beer

Barbara Jones and Wilma Wydro

August 16 Crab Cake Dinner

Veterans

August 24 Luau

Kathy Conti and Pat Eagle

August 25 Birthday Celebration

September 13/14 Flea Market

Donna Hilton

October 12 Italian Night

Ron and Kathy LeDonni

October 19 Holiday Craft Fair

October 27 Birthday Celebration

Howl-o-ween Pet Parade

Pat Salmon

December 7 Lunch with Santa

Bill and Eleanor Madera

December 14 Holiday Party

Bill and Sue Wark

December 29 Birthday Celebration

Newsletter Deadline

The Buckingham Springs Newsletter is published bi-monthly. Deadline for submission of articles for the June/July newsletter is May 13. Please submit to Gail Purpura at buckinghamsspringsnewsletter@gmail.com. Or call 267-491-5854. Story suggestions or comments welcome, but please honor the deadline.

From the Management Office



Spring is here! I hope this newsletter edition finds you healthy and enjoying the warmer weather!

You are now able to make your rent, water, and service payments online. Go to Rentpayment.com, click on the “New to RentPayment?” blue link, then click on the “Sign up Now” button. You can set up recurring payments that will automatically be sent each month....one less thing to worry about! Look for the article on Page 3 of this month’s newsletter that gives you more detailed instructions. There is also additional literature and instructions in the sales office.

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find some updated information from Waste Management regarding recycling in The Village. Please look for the insert in this newsletter edition.

Welcome New Residents!!

January

MaryAnne and Glenn McMillan

594 Spring Meadow Circle

Robert McDermott 57 Wildflower Court

Matthew Hieber and Pricilla Santos

20 Wisteria Court

February

Evelyn Houston 239 Thrush Circle

Marjorie J. Steele 321 Blackberry Circle

Recently, many homes in the community experienced a power outage. When your power goes out, do not call the management office. There is nothing we can do to help you. If the office is also experiencing a power outage, our phones will not ring. During a power outage you should call PECO to report the outage as soon as possible. The phone number to call is 1-800-841-4141.

The pool will be opening May 27 for the season. Pool hours will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12 pm – 8 pm and Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11am – 7 pm. As a reminder, residents must show their Village ID card to gain access to the pool. If you do not have your resident ID card, please bring a small picture to the management office and we will make one for you. Sue Wark is leading our pool committee. If you would like to join the committee, please contact Sue directly.

The management office will be closed on May 27 for Memorial Day.

Trash will be picked up one day later than usual during the week of May 27 due to the holiday. Trash will be picked up on Wednesday, May 29 and Saturday, June 1.

Sincerely,

Amy Grzywinski
Community Manager

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Bring sandwiches, salads or desserts

Open Mic, Covered Dish On April 28

The village's third open mic variety show and covered dish supper will be held April 28. This month's food focus will be sandwiches. A sign-up sheet already hangs in the clubhouse and is awaiting your signature!

Dale Cagenello, who helps plan open mic events said the food focus this month will be sandwiches. Attendees are asked to bring hoagies, perhaps join with others to bring a sandwich tray, salads and desserts.

Dale added that seven talented singers/musicians are already lined up for April:

John Austin, Brad Cagenello and Diane Ferrone who play the guitar and sing; and singers **Sam Conti, Melinda Brennian and Judy Morrell**.

Dale said the covered dish supper begins at 5:30 pm with the show starting at 6:15 p.m. Singers will focus on their favorite songs.



Last month's open mic. Photo above right, Dale and Brad Cagenello. Photo below, left back row, Barbara and Bill Knipe, front row, Ruth Hauler, Sarah Barnes and Maureen Austin. Center photo: singer Judy and Bill Morrell, photo right Linda Bowers and Donna Kealey. Bottom photos: left magician Roy Lewis, center photo, Ing Zielke and Ellen Brettle; photo right singer and guitarist John Austin.



Club News



Fahrenheit 451

By Ray Bradbury

Back to the future with this 1953 novel that most of us read in high school.

It is considered one of the major novels of the 20th Century and won numerous literary awards as well as a Grammy nomination for the e-book version – read by the author himself.

The group's overall rating for this classic science fiction story was a six, with opinions ranging from an "awful" - two to a "really liked" - 10. The storyline is set in the future when books -- forbidden by a totalitarian regime -- are burned. The main character, Guy Montag was a fireman whose job it was to start fires. The system was simple and everyone understood it -- books were for burning ... along with the houses in which they were hidden.

Guy Montag enjoyed his job and never questioned the midnight runs with a hose full of accelerant nor watching pages consumed by flames ... until he met a 17-year-old girl who told him of a past when people were not afraid. Then he met a professor who told him of a future in which people could think, and Guy Montag set his life on a different path.

Donna Hilton reported that in an interview with Bradbury for the National Endowment for the Art's, the author acknowledged that his inspiration for this

novel was Hitler who burned books in the streets of Berlin.

The members agreed that the book was thought provoking and even more relevant today than it was in the 1950's. Despite its dark tone, it held many comparisons to today's societal ills, e.g., the decline of print materials, social media replacing human interactions, and an over-abundance of TV viewing.

Diana Rickards loved the story despite its "Picasso-like" style of storytelling. She, along with many other readers, admired the author's great vision in 1953 to write about ear buds and portable televisions.

Similarly, **Jane Ann Trimarchi** appreciated the author's imagination to include touch-command doors, robotic dogs and a dedicated team of medical technicians who treated a full nightly roster of accidental -- or maybe purposeful -- overdose poisonings.

Wilma Wydro enjoyed the ending -- especially when Guy Montag found liberation from his job, his wife and his old mindset and met a tribe of like-minded individuals determined to keep books alive by memorizing them.

Gail Markfelding enjoyed the current HBO-movie version better than the book and shared that the original 1950's version of the movie was good for a laugh!

The author, Ray Bradbury, was born in 1920 and died in 2012. His more than 500 published works, including *The Martian Chronicles*, *The Illustrated Man*, and *Something Wicked This Way Comes* are timeless masterworks.

Kathy Conti

Club News

News of The World

By Paulette Jiles

The book club spent some cold January days enjoying another great read – members gave this novel an overall rating of 8.3. The historical fiction incorporated post-Civil war history, a great storyline and interesting characters.

The timeframe is 1870 and Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through northern Texas, giving live newspaper readings to paying audiences hungry for news of the world. An elderly widower, who has lived through three wars and fought in two of them, enjoys his rootless, solitary existence.

Summary: (from Goodreads) *In Wichita Falls, [Kidd] is offered a \$50 gold piece to deliver a young orphan [Johanna] to her relatives in San Antonio. Four years earlier, a band of Kiowa raiders killed Johanna's parents and sister. Sparing the little girl, they raised her as one of their own. Recently rescued by the U.S. Army, the ten-year-old has once again been torn away from the only home she knows.*

Their 400-mile journey south through unsettled territory and unforgiving terrain proves difficult and at times dangerous. Johanna has forgotten the English language, tries to escape at every opportunity, and refuses to act "civilized." Yet as the miles pass, the two lonely survivors tentatively begin to trust each other, forging a bond that marks the difference between life and death in this treacherous land.

Arriving in San Antonio, the reunion is neither happy nor welcome. The captain must hand Johanna over to an aunt and uncle she does not remember—strangers who regard her as an unwanted burden. A respectable man, Captain Kidd is faced with a terrible choice: Abandon the girl to her fate or become—in the eyes of the law—a kidnapper himself."

Diana Rickards, who chose this great selection for us to read, gave the book a "12," and shared that she loved how the lead character – a man of 72 – was still working and making contributions to society. **Maryann Vagas** agreed that Captain Kidd was a "wonderful character." Most everyone in the group agreed that they never heard of "news reader" as an occupation, but realized that it made perfect sense since news was not easy to come by on the prairies and many folks at that time were illiterate.

I was not sure that a cowboy and Indian-theme would appeal to me. But watching the paternal relationship develop between "Cap-Tin" and his young charge, Johanna, was thoroughly enjoyable ... and the author's descriptive style of their journey and rugged lifestyle was fascinating.

Donna Hilton gave it a "10" citing a complex plot and great character development.

Judy Quattrone learned a lot and enjoyed the book's ending. **Gail Markfelding** said that the book was probably written on a 5th grade level, providing for an easy read.

I won't give the ending away, but it made **Cindy Taylor** cry!

Kathy Cont

Club News

Indoor Horseshoes



Hope everyone is getting ready to welcome spring after this very cold and mostly rainy winter. It still was better than having lots of snow!!

Bill & I would like to welcome our new neighbor, **Glenn McMillan**, to our horseshoe group. He has come down a few times and we hope to see more of him in the future. We were happy to have **Maria Luna** come down and play and hope to see more of her too. It did not take her very long to start getting ringers and lots of points. It came quite easy for her.

It was nice to have a much larger group during the winter months and we were especially glad to see **Vivian Dietrick**, **Pearl Lang**, **Elfriede Fleschar** and **Johanna Geiger**. They all bring lots of fun to our group.

Happy anniversary goes out to **Bonnie** and **Russ Wilson** on April 9. We hope you celebrate in a special way and the year brings you both much good health and lots of happiness!

Happy belated birthday to **Barbara Knipe** (March 6) and **Bill Knipe** (March 29.) And birthday wishes also go out to **Vivian Dietrick** (April 15) and **Donna Kealey** (April 19.) If I left anyone out please remember to put your anniversary and birthday dates on my horseshoe sheet.

These past two months were quite busy and not only was the attendance better but the plays made by our horseshoe friends were very good too!

I will start with who made six packs. **Inge Zielke** got two six packs, **Bill Knipe**, **Helen Brettle** and

Ruth Hauler all got six packs. **Ruth Hauler** actually got a six pack on her first play of the day which was February 22. **Bill Knipe** made another six pack only to have **Donna Kealey** take it away with her great throw by moving his horseshoes completely off! That does not happen very often.

Inge Zielke topped **Donna Kealey's** ringer for six points, **Helen Brettle** topped **Donna Kealey's** ringer for six points. **Ruth Hauler** topped **Donna Kealey's** ringer for six points, **Bill Knipe** topped **Maria Luna's** ringer for six points and **Glenn McMillan** topped **Barbara Knipe's** ringer for six points.

The most challenging play we had was when **Donna Kealey** and **Bill Knipe** were playing against **Ruth Hauler** and **Barbara Knipe**. **Donna** and **Bill** were way ahead of **Ruth** and **Barbara** and just about ready to win the game when suddenly they both started to catch up and **Barbara** surprised them with a ringer to end the game. **Bill** never forgot that and continued to remind her many times afterwards.

We also had lots of ringers and good plays made by **Louise** and **Wayne Hartman**, **Bonnie** and **Russ Wilson**, **Ruth Hauler** and **Alice Burns**.

As always **Bill** and I would like to thank our group for always lending a helping hand. We are always happy to see new faces so please come down and join us. We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and Passover!

Barbara & Bill Knipe

Club News - Bowling



We are winding down this season as you read this. Our official last day is Thursday, May 2. Our banquet was changed to the third week in May instead of the second week, as it has been for the last 20 years. I found out my grandson Tyler is graduating with honors from Clemson University on May 9, with a degree in computer engineering, in South Carolina. I would not miss this for the world. I took a poll to see if there were any objections to the change and the majority agreed that the banquet will be on May 16, at 2 p.m. at Villa Borolo again. Thank you all for your flexibility.

We are continuing to wish **Charlie Monahan** a full recovery as well as **Sue Wark** after having some complications with her new knee replacement. **Melissa Abbedessa** has been dealing with her husband's medical issues for some time and we pray that he will be on the mend soon so she can get back to bowling again. We are happy to see **Steve Masters** back on the lanes after an extended medical absence. It's been a tough winter and I'm hoping once the weather warms up, everyone will be good and healthy again.

We have a lot of good scores to get to, and these are all at least 40 pins over average, here goes:

John Feather 243, 203; **Walter Lange** 235, 224, 218; **Larry Bloch** 224 twice and 234; **Tom Eagle** 215, 213; **Dave Moss** 214; **Steve Masters** 212; **Mike Schiller** 211, 195; **Russ Wilson** 210, 173; **Frank Acord** 209; **Charlie Davis** 207, 191; **John DiRusso** 204; **Bob Gianfortune** and **Mike Short** 203; **Rick Wichner** 202, 198, 188; **Mark Gonzalez** 197, 194; **Bill Wark** 197; **Jake Malanchak** 192; **Stan Tymusczuk** 192, 190, 188, 184, 180; **Bob Ryan** 189, 188; **Bill**

Knipe 185, 178, 175; **Charlie Monahan** 183 twice; **Sam Conti** 189, 175; **Jim Kinsey** 174; **Mike DeMarco** 172; **Paul Kelly** 168; **John Vagas** 162; **Phil Hartman** 160; **Steve Pineno** 159; **Walter Paget** 151; **Bill McBride** 144 and **Wayne Hartman** 140.

The ladies also did well. **Carol Lingerfeld** bowled 92 over her average for a 194, beating her high of 160 a few weeks back. **Hazel Orchowski** 192, 187, 185, 182; **Geri Knudsen** 192, 184, 181; **Irene Kennedy** 185; **Patti Leckner** 181; **Barbara Howard** 174; **Cheryl Gonzalez** 184, 170; **Edie Lange** 172, 163; **Mary Lou Malanchak** 169; **Marie Whitlow** 168; **Donna Kealey** 160, 157; **Patty DiRusso** 158, 150; **Janet Cimino** 151; **Maryann Vagas** 142 and **Doris Diller** 148.

Here are your splits. **Frank Acord** 5-10 twice and 3-10; **Bob Gianfortune** 4-10, 5-7 twice; **Tom Eagle** 5-7; **George Long** 1-7; **Doris Diller** and **Irene Kennedy** 5-10; **Jim Kinsey** 1-2-4-10 and **Marie Whitlow** 2-7.

We're still getting used to the new lanes, some faster than others. I gave up on my ball and bought a new one, which hasn't arrived yet. I was told that my old ball was hooking faster on these lanes than the wooden ones. So I got a ball that hooks later (I believe everything they say, lol). If the new ball doesn't work I have no more excuses and will have to admit that I'm just getting older. Grrrr!

It's not too late to come down and try your hand at subbing because we always have people absent. It's a great way to meet a lot of fun people. Call **Bill Wark** or me, or just come down on a Thursday at 12:15 p.m.

Till next time.

Irene Kennedy

Computer Club Now The Electronics Club;



After a monumental struggle, the aging Computer Club has changed its name to the **Electronics Club**.

Many years ago this name change was first suggested because we had started to discuss other technologies.

Recently, Pat

Salmon reinstituted the suggested name change and gathered the support of **Larry Yesiorky** followed by a growing number of members each time the subject was introduced. Finally, at our February 28 meeting, **Dennis Wuestkamp** called for a vote and the name-change became official by a unanimous vote of those present. We are now the **Electronics Club**.

This name change was prompted by the expansion in technology to cell phones, Smart Phones, iPads and other digital devices while discussions at our meetings related to website development, drones, TV connections, cable TV, photography and any other electronic technology that could benefit the VBS residents. It has taken a long time and we didn't want to lose the identity and good reputation that the Computer Club had

established, but the time has come and we're introducing a new name!

Not only have we changed our name, we also conducted the **Electronics Club's** first workshop on March 7. As Workshop Coordinator **Diana Martinez** stated, "We had a full house" with 23 attendees and four regular club members who conducted the workshop.

Along with a description of how the Internet works, a key element of the discussion was assignment and control of users' passwords. To assist with password control each person attending the workshop was given a booklet to enter and keep track of his or her active and previously assigned passwords.

This is an important issue that our service technicians continually report as one of the major problems our users have with their computer and digital device operations.

Website Developer **Tom Eagle**

continues to add to and refine the residents' website. You

will find this site useful for seeking information about the happenings within VBS, including descriptions of the various clubs and activities and other useful information.



Website Stays Same: www.vobsc CPA.com



Our service technicians continue to be active and helpful to residents with telephone responses, in-home visits and hosting electronics

clinics – personal services for community members seeking assistance. Clinics are held on the first and third Thursday evenings.

Currently, we handle about three to five service calls every two weeks. These calls are reported at our regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. We feel that this continues to be one of the real values that the club provides to our residents.

At our January 24th meeting we even branched out with **Joan Whitehair**'s presentation on free Federal Income Tax preparation provided by AARP through Representative Wendy Ullman. You can avail yourself of these free services by calling Wendy at 267-768-3670.

Come join us at one of our meetings or sign-up for a workshop as presented by members of the newly named **Electronics Club!**

We are including tips for residents in each of our newsletter articles. Our newest electronics tip follows:

Remember your passwords!

- Passwords **MUST** be used to protect your electronic devices
- Passwords should not be real words, names or public information associated with you (e.g. Social Security Numbers, family names, pet names, birthdays, phone numbers, addresses, etc.)
- Do not use obvious passwords (e.g. 111111, 123456789, iloveyou, etc.)
- The components of a good password include **ALL** of the following: both upper and lower case letters, numbers, special characters (the symbols above the numbers on your keyboard), be 8-12 characters long and not easily decipherable at first glance
- Record your passwords in a booklet, do not use scraps of paper or sticky notes and be sure to differentiate between a number '0' and a letter 'O' and a number '1' and a letter 'l'
- The same password should **NOT** be used for all your sites.

Dick O'Neal
Club President



Police, Senior Protection Watchdog



VILLAGE OF BUCKINGHAM SPRINGS

HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MINUTES: March 4, 2019

President, Bob Blum called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Trustee Mike Hennelly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION BY BUCKINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT/ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Detective Corporal John T. Bailey from the Buckingham Police Department brought a prescription drop off box for residents use at the meeting along with a variety of literature regarding senior services. He and his partner, Detective Logan, are available for any resident questions and/or concerns. The non-emergency dispatch number for Buckingham Police Department is 215-794-8811. He introduced David Shallcross, Director of Senior Protection Unit, from the Attorney General's office.

Mr. Shallcross advised the group that his office is available Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Senior Help Line phone number (866-623-2137.) In honor of National Consumer Protection Week, Shallcross provided the following fraud detection tips:

- Check gas pumps for skimmers by checking for false fronts – tug or twist prior to use.
- Use credit cards at gas stations rather than debit since debit charges immediately come out of your account, while you have 30 days to flag credit card charges.
- Use newer gas stations since they have the best security and technology and use a gas pump that is closest to cashier windows and in a well-lit area.
- It is a bad idea to give your credit card to a server at a restaurant – they could be concealing a pocket-sized skimmer.
- Chip readers were to have been in place at all retailers by October 2015; December 2017 for gas stations. If a retailer is not chip accessible, they are responsible for fraudulent activity at their store.
- EMV (European MasterCard/Visa) chip technology is the current best practice; but information can still be stolen through the use of thin skimmers
- Put Tap or Wave cards into an RFID sleeve (radio frequency) -- similar to EZ Pass technology
- New passports also now use chip technology and should be enclosed in an RFID sleeve.
- Remove labels from medicine bottles; your caller ID may look like a drug store name calling you about a prescription, but it could be someone “Spoofing” the call; do not trust caller ID
- Never give out credit card info to callers; only provide 3 digit security code for online and phone purchases
- If the caller warns you of problems on your credit card, call your card's customer service to confirm if there is really a problem.
- Be wary of “too good to be true” online offers. It could be “Click bait” to get you to download a virus to steal information from your computer.

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treasurer Mike Hennelly,
624 Silverwind Ct. W, or
call him at 215-598-9547

Warn Against Consumer Frauds;

MINUTES:

Bob Blum advised that since minutes are now included in the VBS Newsletter – which is received by every household -- as well as on the VBS Website and distributed via email, there is no need to read the lengthy notes at the HOA meetings. In addition, a copy of the agenda and minutes were available on each table. In response to a resident's concern about their comments not being included in the December notes, HOA vice president Donna Crane assured them that all conversations at the HOA meeting are recorded for the use of the board and their subsequent meetings with McKee property manager Amy Grzywinski, but some editing is required prior to distributing the written document to the entire community.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Mike Hennelly, reported that through 3/4/19, the various HOA accounts (checking, money market, petty cash, and 50/50) total \$6,025.46. Income year to date for 2019 is \$200 with \$155 in expenses. Hennelly reminded residents that he is currently updating the VBS directory and requested that any changes/additions be sent to him as soon as possible. Motion to approve treasurer's report was accepted.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Sue Wark, representing the Pool Committee, advised that the pool will open on Memorial Day weekend. A Photo ID will once again be required; if you need an I.D. card, please contact the office to obtain a duplicate. McKee will be employing the same pool company as last year, but our lifeguard has not yet been confirmed.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Donna Hilton, Chair of the Social Committee reported on the following social activities:

December 2018 to February 2019 Events:

- Holiday party: \$280 profit; social committee donated \$400 to pay for servers.
- December 29 Birthday Celebration: Wilma Wydro hosted 18 celebrants and 30 attendees at this event for a cost of \$51.
- January 18: Movie night (hosted by Pat Salmon) featured a viewing of *Crazy Rich Asians* and included a concession stand with candy and snacks for a cost of \$43.
- February 9: Horse Race/Beef and Beer – kudos to Barb Jones, who with 24 volunteers, organized a community favorite event with a \$1,300 profit.

March to June, 2019

- March 15: a free Trivia/Dance Party for residents (hosted by Kathy Conti) with entertainment by D.J. Jenny. The first hour (7 to 8 p.m.) will be a trivia contest that includes prizes followed by a dance party from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.
- April Scavenger Hunt: Pat Salmon will be providing details for this new, fun-for-everyone activity later in the month.
- April 28: Birthday Celebration
- May 2: Fashion Show (hosted by Carole Keyser and Pat Salmon) with merchandise from Cotton Company and Brighton.
- May 18: Oldies Night with D.J. Jenny (who has become a VBS favorite!) will include best costume prizes along with many other surprises in the works.

Community, Spring Social Events Discussed

- June 21: Welcome Summer Ice Cream Movie Night
- June 30 – Birthday Celebration

Donna Hilton advised that this year's Flea Market will be held on the weekend of September 13 and 14.

Donna Crane reported that Betts Slim has 45 complimentary tickets for Riverside Symphonia Concert on March 16th at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Buckingham. Title is *SYMPHONIA IS A WOMAN* featuring contributions women have made to music.

UPDATE ON HOA HAPPY HOUR: March 24

The inaugural HOA Happy Hour will be held on March 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. Organized by Trustees, Maryann Vagas and Anne Foster, appetizers, desserts, coffee, soda and water will be provided. Guests are asked to bring their favorite "happy hour" adult beverage and Sharon Shaw will lead a sing-a-long for your entertainment. Please join HOA board members and your neighbors to socialize and welcome spring.

RESIDENT OPEN FORUM

The December HOA Minutes that were included in the newsletter did not include the AED instructions, which were discussed at the meeting. These instructions were emailed to the community and appear on the Buckingham Springs community website (<http://www.vobscpa.com>.) A copy of those bullet points has been framed and is displayed on top of the AED unit in the clubhouse.

Resident discussion regarding service charges involved with the new online rent program confirmed that there are no fees for the payment service *unless* you pay your lot rent and/or water bill with a credit or debit card, rather than an electronic check. It appears that the site is pre-loaded with your current charges for both expenses.

HOA vice president Donna Crane confirmed that all "voice box" suggestions are reviewed and prioritized appropriately. The HOA board will follow up with the office to determine an installation date for the bench in front of the clubhouse to be used as respite area for those in need.

The Homeowners Association meets quarterly. The next meeting is June 3 at 7 pm. All are welcome.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Kathy Conti

The Buckingham Springs Homeowners' Association Board of Directors

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Complimentary Social Committee Event

It's a VBS Spring Scavenger Hunt!

Take a walk, drive, or bike and look high, look low and even win a prize! Around our Village "circles" hidden treasures await your discovery. Write in the house # where you see the items below. (Psst...need assistance? Ask the grandkids to help!) Note: These "objects of art" can be seen from the street. **(Only one winner per household.)**



Location _____



Location _____



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Location _____

VBS resident: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

Complete and return this VBS Scavenger Hunt page to the Scavenger Hunt Answer Box in the Clubhouse by April 28. (Copies also available in clubhouse.)

Questions? Pat S @ 201-669-3421 or pjsalmon@yahoo.com

Spotlight On:

Tom and Pat Eagle



Pat and Tom Eagle, toasting Tom's alma mater, Penn State

Pat Williams was ready to quit. She'd been on the online dating service for six months and her subscription was expiring that day. She'd met no one electrifying. Well, she decided, if this was God's plan for her life, she knew she could make it on her own.

Then a profile popped up. The man liked bowling, dancing and origami, interests shared by **Pat**. And his thoughts about relationships grabbed her. "I'm looking for someone who is kind with a positive outlook on life. I believe relationships are two-way streets, where caring and giving go both ways."

Tom Eagle's words stirred her interest. But again, it was her last day online. She stepped out of the recommended confines of online dating and sent **Tom** her personal e-mail address, saying he could use it if interested. He was. **Pat's** profile described a woman he believed could be a life partner. They emailed, and then set up a telephone date.

Pat stood him up.

"But later, when she told me why, I understood," **Tom** says. A widowed friend of **Pat's** was in crisis and Pat forgot about the call. They laugh about it now. "She called me about one in the morning, explained and apologized. The next day they went on their first date; bowling and lunch.

"In three hours I knew she was the one," **Tom** says now. "We had so much in common." "I told him things I'd never told anyone," adds **Pat**. I felt so open with him."

Individually, **Pat** and **Tom** are kind, gracious and loving. Together they're formidable. When they met, they lived 90 miles apart. They took turns traveling between their homes. Ten months into their relationship, **Tom** learned his company was planning to outsource its human relations department and fire all its employees, including **Tom**.

No worries, they agreed, he would retire instead, sell his home in Mount Laurel, in South Jersey, live with **Pat** in Port Murray, in North Jersey and look for another job there. He quickly landed one as a web designer at a bank across the river in Bethlehem, PA.

Then there was serendipity. One day **Tom** told **Pat** he had to go to the hospital because his back hurt him so much he could hardly walk. X-rays showed that **Tom** had cancer. Multiple Myeloma causes cancer cells to accumulate in the bone marrow, where they crowd out healthy blood cells. Both the disease and the treatment affect the body's ability to fight off infections. And often it goes undetected



Tom and Pat married in October, 2012

Spotlight On:

Tom and Pat Eagle



Pat and Tom's second anniversary at Epcot's annual wine and food festival

until treatment is futile.

This is where the formidable comes in. **Pat**, a legal assistant in Johnson & Johnson's consumer division's law department, immediately got on the phone. She learned that **Tom's** best bet was the Hunterdon Regional Cancer Center in Flemington NJ. She connected with one of the top doctor's in the area and within two days, **Tom** was his patient.

"**Pat** and I never gave up," Tom said. "Once we found out I had a problem, she

took control. She learned everything she could about my cancer." They also agreed on other life-changing decisions. Tom would go on disability. Pat would transfer to J&J's Skillman location, closer to Flemington. Later they would decide to sell Pat's

mountain-top home and move to a 55+ community. They found Buckingham Springs.

There's no cure for Multiple Myeloma. **Tom** will continue having chemo treatments monthly for the rest of his life. He will always have reduced ability to fight off infections. But both he and **Pat** feel blessed. Blessed that they found each other, blessed that they can manage Tom's health, blessed that they have been able to find close friends in their new community, blessed by their family.

"Tom didn't have an easy childhood," **Pat** says. "Yet he has no animosity, he sees the glass as half-full. It easily could have been another way." When **Tom** was two years old his father left the family. His mother couldn't take care of him, his twin brother and their two sisters. Tom was brought up in a private school, separated from his siblings, although they have all remained close.

Tom's family now includes Pat's two daughters, Nicole, 33 and Paige, 30. "They made everything easy for me," **Tom** says. "They are so accepting. We hit it off right away." In fact, they call **Tom** TT – **Tom** Terrific.

Not long after they moved into Buckingham Springs, **Tom** joined the bowling team and attended a computer club meeting. There he learned they needed someone to continue the work **Bob Phillips** had done setting up a community website. **Tom** took it over. "The website is a godsend for me because it keeps me busy," **Tom** says.

And Pat quickly joined the social committee and has planned several events, including country-line dancing and DJ Jenny (with **Kathy Conti**.) She and **Kathy** are also planning this year's Luau.

Pat's looking forward to retiring at the end of the month. She'll join the bowling league, sign up at a local gym with **Tom**, travel and enjoy life with friends and family.

Not long ago, **Pat** decided to get a custom license plate that reflects her life. It was an easy choice. It says "**BLESSED**."



Pat, daughter Paige, Tom and daughter Nicole

Gail Purpura

DJ Jenny Returns for Trivia, Dancing



With St. Patrick's Day approaching, DJ Jenny Burke returned to the village recently for another night of trivia and dancing. For an hour new and old friends huddled over answer sheets to debate the correct answer to meaningless and inconsequential questions. Then the dancing began!

Photo left: front left to right, Sam and Kathy Conti join Pat Eagle, Jenny Burke and Tom Eagle. Pat and Kathy co-chaired the event. Photo below, from left Dee Frank and Carole Keyser smile through the night.

Photo below left, back row from left Ned Cooney and Bettie Maiolino; front row from left, Stan Tymusczuk and Janet Vissonnette.



Photo right, Melinda and William Brennenan



Photo above, back from left Ed and Candida Hall, front row Jim DeSantis and Patrick Amone

Club News

Darts



As you read this, the Buckingham Springs Dart League 2018-2019 season has ended. But because of deadline requirements, reporting of the final two weeks of the season will be included in June/July edition.

As of mid-March the black team with **Frank Keller, Bill Wark, Walt Boston** and **Ray Brettle** were in first place. The winning team will get into the playoffs at the end of the season.

The gold team with **Bill Lingerfield, Tom Whitcraft, Bob Christmas** and **Jim Hargraves** are in the playoffs after winning the first third. The blue team with **Frank Kulsick, Bob Phillips, Fred Munz** and **Joe Shirey** won the second third and will also be in the playoffs.

Records so far after the first fourteen weeks are: The high three games of 39, 37 and 31 are held by **Charlie Monahan**. **Charlie** also has the top two three-game-series of 101 and 100.

Dennis Whalen has the third high series with 88. **Bill Wark** shot a game of 18 over his average for the high game over average. **Jim Sherer** was second with 17 over his average and **Bob McLeod** was third with a game of 15 over his average. **Charlie Monahan** also has the record for a high series over average (three game total) of 26.

Bill Wark was second with a total of 25 over his and **Wayne Hartman** was third with 23. The green team has the team records of high game with 93, with no spot points (an average of 26 for each player) and high series of 236, again with no spot points.

Eight in one inning, so far this season, was shot by: **Bob Christmas, Rich Lucas, Fred Chropka** and **Ray Brettle**. **Dennis Whalen, Mark Gonzales, Bob McLeod** and **Mike Hennelly** have accomplished shooting eights in one inning twice. **Frank Kulsick** has the only “Ginsberg,” nine in one inning!

Mike Hennelly

Golf

Typically the community golf report would have its own story. But the winter weather has wreaked havoc with local courses. “Due to the weather we’ve been having this winter, there is little to report about golfing,” reports **Bob Ryan**. “Several of us tried going out but it was cart-path only and the fairways were three inches of mud, so we stopped going,” he added.



“Some of us did try the golf simulator at Bay Links Golf in Newtown, but it didn’t feel right for a few of us hackers. Here’s hoping that “Punxsutawney Phil” is right and we have an early warm dry spring!!!”

Veterans' Corner

April - May



We just had our 1st hot dog bingo in March and it was a success. From comments of those who participated, the dogs were good and the price was right. We hope to have another hot dog night in May or June. We have been experimenting with different configurations for our specialty games. Some have worked out well, however I think we drove most of our players nuts with the 'Left Arrow' game. We are considering getting some more of the bigger cards. We are always open for suggestions regarding what food to serve and/or special types of bingo games that we might try on our bingo nights.

Upcoming is our annual Memorial Day services. This year they will be held on May 27 at 11 a.m. That will be followed immediately by our Memorial Day picnic at noon, which is open to all of our villagers and their families. The menu this year will be the following: hot dogs, hamburgers/cheeseburgers, hot and sweet Italian sausage, roasted pepper and onions, sauerkraut, baked beans, coleslaw, macaroni salad, potato salad and water. We are not asking for any covered dishes, however you may bring your own beverages and desserts. This year there will be a \$5 non-refundable charge per person. Children 12 and under can eat free. Tickets will be available on two dates, May 4th 10-noon and May 7th 6-8 pm.

This year we will be hosting the 4th of July picnic. The details will be basically the same as our Memorial Day picnic regarding food offerings and ticket charges.

Wayne Hartman
Board member