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EC Clubhouse Fun:

Seven Rules of Life!

(From HFL Motivational Posters)

SMILE!

It always works out in the end!

BE KIND!

You have the power to make people feel good!

DON'T GIVE UP!

If it doesn't work the first time, find another way!

DON'T COMPARE!

Everyone is on a different journey!

AVOID NEGATIVITY!

Avoid negative thoughts, situations & people!

MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR PAST!

Focus on being present & creating a better future!

TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY & MIND!

One struggles to survive without the other!

This month's big event: Clubhouse Committee's BBQ, Saturday, July 16th at 1:00 pm - Info: Frank Carey (Unit 1221) - Magnolia; Ron D'Amato (Unit 16) - Villas.

Next Clubhouse Breakfast is on the first Sunday of September. Info: Frank Carey (Unit 1221) - Magnolia; Ron D'Amato (Unit 16) - Villas.

Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the Clubhouse. Info: Peggy Schleicher, facilitator: - (Unit 74).

Movie Group meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 1 pm in the clubhouse. Info: Linda Carey, host: - (Unit 1221).

Card Games:

- **SCAT** - Mondays at 1 pm. Info: Bert Lyons (Unit 1230).
- **Cribbage** - Mondays at 7 pm. Info: Bob Schleicher (Unit 74).
- **Poker** - Tuesdays at 7 pm. Info: Betty Fulginiti (Unit 1211). *Men & women welcome.*
- **Texas Hold'em** - Wednesdays at 7 pm. Info: John Tellier (Unit 1226).
- **Bridge Group** - Thursdays at 1 pm. Info: Ginny Thomas, (Unit 69).

Games & Chat Groups:

- **Chat Group** - Tuesdays at 2 pm. For info, contact Dorothy Caterino (Unit 1214).
- **Mahjong** - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. For info, contact Pat Stratis (Unit 89).
- **Rummikub** - Thursdays at 6:30 pm. For info, contact Kathleen Pimental (Unit 1105).

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EC's Volunteer Committees

by Bob Schleicher

In the October Newsletter, we introduced you to the members of the Communication Committee. Then in January you met the Social Committee. Next, in April we introduced you to the Clubhouse Committee. In this issue we'll share information about the Board of Trustees.

Then in October, we'd like to introduce you to the community at large. We'll put a section together in each issue entitled: "Meet Your Neighbor!" If you would like to be part of the newsletter, this is your chance. We'll let you know what is needed. Here's a big "Thank You" in advance. And now, here's your Board of Trustees.

Meet Your Board of Trustees



Peter McCoy (Unit #71) Peter is the Board of Trustee's chairperson as well as being liaison to the Communication Committee. He moved into Emerald Court in July of 2015. He previously lived in a condo community in Methuen for 8 years. Peter was in insurance claims for 39 years. He started as a

Field Claims Adjuster and retired as Vice President of claims from CNA Insurance, Quincy, MA. After retiring from CNA, he worked for a Third Party Administrator as their Executive VP for six years. Peter enjoys reading, playing Texas Hold'em, exercising and especially visiting his four sons (three locally and one in CA), and eleven grandchildren. He also keeps in touch and corresponds with friends he made while in the military. Being on the Board of Trustees here at Emerald Court and the Board Chairperson for the past four years certainly has been a gratifying and interesting experience.



Ray Adams Unit #1203) - Ray is the Board of Trustee's Vice-chairperson as well as being liaison to the Clubhouse Committee. He moved to EC in June 2007 from Tewksbury where he lived since 1965, with the exception of 5 years in Kansas City, MO. He was vice president for

17 years at Lasermax Roll Systems, a mainframe, high speed printing & graphic arts company. He is interested in boating on Lake Winnepesaukee, spending time with his grandkids, and DAV (Disabled American Veterans). Ray spent four years in the US Air Force, Strategic Air Command Reconnaissance. He grew up in Somerville and Saugus. Ray has been on the Emerald Court Board of Trustees since 2009.



Norm Johnson (Unit #1102) Norm is the Board of Trustee's Treasurer as well as the Social Committee liaison. He worked for the Immigration service as an administrative assistant. He spent the next 2 years on active duty with the US Naval Reserves aboard the submarine USS REDFIN

(SS272) as a YN3 SS. He moved into Emerald Court in June of 2006. Previously he lived in Wilmington for 42 years with his wife and their 2 daughters. Before he retired in January, 2000, Norm was a Senior Programmer Analyst at Textron Defense Systems. His hobbies are golf, photography, reading, card playing, exercise and travel. Norm's current EC Activities are: Communication Committee secretary, Assistant Webmaster, and PC Drop-in Tech.

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Tony Deloia (Unit #32) Tony is a Board of Trustee's trustee. He moved into Emerald Court in July of 2018. He previously lived in Burlington, MA for 57 years. Before he retired in 1999, Tony worked in quality control at Raytheon for 40 years. His hobbies include fixing things.

Tony has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 2018.



Tony Bariloni (Unit #8) Tony is a Board of Trustee's trustee. He moved into Emerald Court in October of 2018. He and his wife, Paula, previously lived in Billerica for 47 years. He worked for 27 years with New England Tel. and then with AT&T. He then worked for Lahey Clinic and after retiring in 2014, still works two days

a week there. Tony is enjoying retirement and his grandkids. In the summer he enjoys going up to Maine and sitting on the beach.



Alan Powers (Unit #1314) Alan is the Board of Trustee's Secretary. He moved into Emerald Court in January of 2007. He previously lived in Billerica for 30 years. Alan was employed as a senior purchasing agent for Analog Device Semi-conductor Division for 15 years. After leaving

Analog, he started his own painting company. Currently semi-retired, he is employed at Edgewood Retirement Community as a security officer. Alan has two daughters, one of whom lives in Tewksbury with two wonderful grandchildren. His hobbies include reading, fishing and tennis.




Meghan Tarr (Executive Director, Bayberry at Emerald Court)

Meghan is a Board of Trustee's trustee. She started working at Bayberry at Emerald Court in September of 2021. She lives in Windham, NH with her husband and three boys ages 11 and 7 year old twins.

Meghan was a nursing home administrator for almost 20 years before transitioning to assisted living at Bayberry. When she is not running around with her kids to their numerous activities, Meghan loves to read and go to the beach. She can't wait to meet more of her neighbors as Bayberry plans to have a few events throughout the summer that they would love to have all of us at!

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Elegant Tea Gathering at Emerald Court

By Frank Carey

The Emerald Court Social Committee was thrown a challenge when one of its members brought the idea of an “afternoon tea” event to one of their meetings. The committee had been discussing the possibility of holding one of their monthly events in the afternoon rather than their customary evening ventures. However an afternoon tea had never been part of their conversations. After the idea was presented, a dialogue followed which included mixed questions, and feelings regarding what exactly an afternoon tea was: what it would require, its cost and whether or not it would be of interest to people in the community? With a bit of angst, the committee decided to take a chance and go forth with a plan for an April 10th, 3:00 pm “Afternoon Elegant Tea” gathering.

Committee chair Peggy Schleicher and her very capable committee members immediately began researching everything they could about how to hold a successful “Tea”. They held a special meeting to share their combined information and strategized how they would stage and execute, successfully, this new type of Social Committee event.

One thing the entire SC had agreed on was a statement found while googling “Afternoon Tea” parties; *“When you're hosting friends for tea, ambiance is everything.”*

To this end the SC begged, borrowed, created, and purchased the items that were necessary to transform the EC function room at Emerald Court from a gaming/TV room into an elegant and charming setting fit for the special gathering they had planned. On the morning of April 10th at 10:00 am the Social Committee gathered in the function room to do just that.

Six round tables were covered with white table cloths on which were placed a pink scalloped faux linen table topper. Placed in the middle of each table was a center piece of beautiful faux flowers. Both the table topper and flower center pieces had been created by SC member Sue Sandler.



Beautiful formal china tea settings had been borrowed from SC members and neighbors. Pat Stratis and Sue Sandler oversaw each table setting. Small plastic white cake plates were placed in front of each chair, with a china cup and saucer positioned to the top right of each plate. Plastic, formal,

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silverware had been purchased and properly placed alongside each plate. Forks next to the folded napkins on the left of the plates, while on the right were placed the knives and spoons with each knife's blade facing the plate. Also placed on each table



were 3-tiered stands which would hold sandwiches, scones, and pastries along with beautiful china sugar and creamers. Also on each table was a container of assorted tea bags to hopefully satisfy each person's preference. For convenience, a small clear used tea

bag holder had been placed next to each place setting. Side plates of clotted cream and jam completed each table's elegant arrangement and completed a wonderfully luxurious sight when at 3:00 pm, 36 EC folks entered the room, took seats, and chatted with their EC friends as classical music played softly in the background.



Left to Right: Lucille McCoy, Bob & Peggy Schleicher, Betsy Travis, Sandy Rosenbach, Pat Stratis, Rose Antonuccio, Linda Dempsey, Kathleen Pimental, Roberta Caruso & Diane Fahey.



Left to Right: Midge Wilson, Gay Padur, Sharon & Tony Lopes, Linda Martin, Regina Ugolini, Melodie Teiche, Marie Robinson, Annette Deloia, Penny Anderson, Jan DiPietro & Ginny Thomas.

There would be no introduction or event agenda to this very distinct and stylish gathering. Instead Social Committee members donned in aprons, stood at the back of the room in front of a long table, covered with a lace table cloth, which held a large container of hot water, and 12 very delicate and beautiful china tea pots. As people arrived, SC members filled the pots with hot water and delivered them to each table. Their function for the rest of the afternoon was to keep the teapots full and, as needed, replenish the tiered stands with tea sandwiches, scones, and sweets.

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As mentioned earlier in this article, "When you're hosting friends for tea, ambiance is everything."



Left to Right: Mary Miano, Barbara Swansburg, Mary McElroy, Jeanette Lee, Frank & Linda Carey, Ruth Mosey, Bert Lyons, Joyce McKenna, Sue Sandler, Helen Wythe & Dee Vanderburg.

And on this particular April afternoon, "Elegance" was in full display in the EC function room. Folks had gathered to share tea, snacks, and conversation with friends and neighbors. It was a wonderfully exceptional, social, and, dare I say it again, "Elegant" afternoon gathering.

Thank you Social Committee for planning this unique afternoon event. It may be difficult to follow up with another afternoon event to equal what you achieved here. BUT we have learned to never underestimate the SC's innovative thinking.

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Computer Drop-In ...

Computer Drop-In is back in business. If you have computer questions / problems and are looking for a solution, stop by the Meeting Room in the Clubhouse on the 1st Friday of the month any time between 3:00 & 3:30 pm. We'll attempt to solve your computer difficulties - FREE!

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Remember Recess?

By Peggy Schleicher

Remember the games you played at recess? Red rover, red rover, send Peggy right over! How about hopscotch? Did you draw the grid on the black top and use chalk of many colors? There was jump rope with jumping rimes. "A" my name is Alice. My husband's name is Alan. How many babies will we have? Speed jumping and the roar of laughter and giggles followed! Remember the rime: "Five little monkeys, jumping on the bed, one fell off and bumped his head. Mama called the doctor. And the doctor said: 'No more monkeys jumping on the bed!'" We laughed so hard we could hardly breathe. Remember marbles, swings, the slide? As kids, we loved recess. We loved play. We loved joy! Recess put fun in our school day and smiles on our faces. We loved to laugh.

Turns out recess is **not** just for kids. Adults need recess too. We never outgrow recess! Dr. Stuart Brown from the nonprofit called the National Institute for Play reports that "Play is something done for its own sake." He explains: "It's voluntary, it's pleasurable, it offers a sense of engagement. It takes you out of time. The act itself is more important than the outcome." Recess is play. We are never too old to play. *Why play?* Playing is how we connect. Playing is a way to stay sharp. There are loads of

benefits to recess, to playing! The old maxim is true. "All work and no play make Jack a dull boy." Without some fun, some joy, some recess, a person becomes both bored and boring." (James Howell's Proverbs) Play helps relieve stress, improve brain function, stimulate the mind and boost creativity. Play improves relationships and offers connection with others. In the words of George Bernard Shaw, "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing." Adults need to laugh and play. We live in very intense and stressful times. The daily news gives us many reasons to languish and feel anxious. Laughter is a salve, an ointment to counter stress. I have a laugh goal. I try to include laughter in my morning routine. I might read the joke of the day, or enjoy a bad joke someone emails to me, or check out a favorite cartoon. Maxine, the grouchy comic lady, makes me smirk. For example, she notes: "Water is just coffee that has not reached its potential." I dug out my old riddle jar. It is just that, a jar filled with bad riddles. Back in the days when I was working, I used my riddle jar to create a few laughs and groans with my students. Remember: there are lots of ways to have recess and a laugh. Living here at Emerald Court gives us many opportunities for recess. Check out the monthly EC calendar and find Social Committee events, Clubhouse monthly breakfasts, card games, chats, a computer drop-in, a book club and a movie group. These are all ways to connect with others and share some fun and laughs. The science is clear. Joy nourishes our minds as food nourishes our bodies. Think recess! Oh, got to go now. I think I hear the recess bell.

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**Be the change you
wish to see in the
world!**

Forgot Your Password?

By Jack McDonough

Some questions can be very annoying.

“Are you really going to wear that shirt? Are we going to have those same meatballs again tonight? Do you mind not drumming on the table like that?”

But there’s nothing more annoying, infuriating, outrageously maddening than the one you get when you’re trying to access the website of a company that sells – oh, let’s say – t-shirts. You’ve dealt with this company before and you’ve used the same password for years.

But not this time, pal. Here comes the dreaded question:

“Forgot your password?”

I don’t know what others do at this point but as a mature, educated adult I explain, at the top of my voice, “NO. I DIDN’T FORGET IT. YOU LOST IT, YOU MORONS.”

And, by the way, you’re buying a cotton t-shirt here. You’re not buying drugs or guns or nuclear secrets. Who for the love of God needs a password to buy a t-shirt?

Do I forget passwords? I do not. I have two sides of a standard sheet of copy paper covered with passwords. About fifty of them. Typed. I even have one for my dermatologist.

These companies really insult customers when they imply that it’s you and not they who “forgot” the password. Not only that, but sometimes they double down on the confusion. They say, “Forgot your ID or password?” Now you don’t know which one they’ve lost.

To create a new password you’ll often need to enter a five-digit verification code to prove you’re who you claim to be. They’ll send these numbers as a text to your cell phone.

Right away, this is a problem for me. First, I usually don’t know where my cell phone is. Second, I do not “text.” I’ll be fluent in conversational Sanskrit before I take the time to become facile in texting. The comedian Paula Poundstone once said,

“Texting would be great if somebody hadn’t already invented the telephone.” She was right.

But let’s assume that you somehow find this five-digit number and you’re ready to create a new password that this company will lose in a few months. You’ll need to make one that meets certain requirements that will foil Russian spies who want to know all about your taste in clothing. And your sizes!

In the old days your password could be “password.” Remember those days? Well, forget them. Now the password must be at least 35 characters long and include capital and lowercase letters, numbers and a whole lot of things like #\$\$%& or @.

And don’t write that password down where enemy agents could find it. These people rummage through dumpsters to find the email passwords you use to buy your underwear from Walmart.

Assuming you somehow manage to resolve the problem with the password that the company lost, one or more additional “levels” exist that may eventually cause you to lose control of all bodily functions. This challenge is known as “multi-factor authentication.”

If this is too much for you, you can always call the company’s 800 customer service number. If you do, listen carefully to the recorded message because their menu will have changed. It apparently changes weekly.

Or, here’s a better idea. Just hop in the car and drive to the mall. You won’t need a password there. Only a credit card.

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**Stay positive,
every mistake you
make is progress!**

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Social Committee's LCR Pizza Event Oh, What A Night!

By Frank Carey

On Friday, May 20th, the Social Committee held a fantastic game of chance event in the EC clubhouse. The event provided and or provoked, healthy doses of neighborly connections, a continuous flow of laughter, fun and friendly trash talk. Prior to the games, people at each of the 5 tables were invited to the kitchen to partake in what turned out to be an all you can eat food fest. Long tables had been filled with pepperoni, mushroom, cheese, gluten free, pizzas, tossed salad, and an array of sweet desserts. As always coffee, tea and water were available to help all the goodies go down.



“LCR” (Left, Center, Right) was the evening’s game of chance. A very fun game that required no skill except being able to roll 3 dice onto the table. To make it more entertaining the event required each participant to invest 3 quarters for each game which amounted to a total of \$3.75 for the scheduled 5 games to be played. Based on 6 people at a table each game would see the winner gathering a windfall of \$3.75 in quarters. (Almost enough for a cup of coffee at Dunkin’s)

So, for those of you who didn’t attend the event or don’t know how the game is played, let me make this article longer by explaining the rules. (Everybody else can skip the next paragraph.)

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There are 3 dice used. Each die has 6 sides. Each side of each die is marked with an L, R, C, or a black dot. Each person at the table places 3 quarters in front of themselves. A person is chosen to start the game. That person rolls the 3 dice and is required to move the quarters in front of them in whatever direction is shown on the 3 dice. L means he/she moves a quarter to the person at their left. R means they pass a quarter to the person on their right. The C means they must place a quarter into the pot dish located in the center of the table. If a black dot is shown on a die, the person does not have to move a quarter in any direction. As the game progresses, all the players, except one, will have placed all their quarters into the center bowl. The last player left with quarters in front of them wins the pot. Simple, fast, and so much fun.



While the games were being played, the clubhouse was abuzz and loud with so many happy sounds. It was also wonderful to see recent residents sitting with some of the very welcoming veteran residents,

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joking, ribbing, and just enjoying each other's company. Great karma.

Half way through the games the customary 50/50 drawing was made with Alan Katz taking home the bag full of loot.

Almost every table finished their 5 games at the same time after which they worked together putting their chairs and tables away, making cleanup easy peezy.

AGAIN, we want to thank the Social Committee for a wonderful, stress free evening of fun.

Social Committee Chair, Peggy Schleicher, has made many of us at EC aware that fun, especially laughter, is very good for your health and well being. She is so right!

Below is a bit of information I found substantiating her claims.

FYI, The Mayo Clinic says: When it comes to relieving stress, more giggles and guffaws are just what the doctor ordered.

These are just a few of the benefits of laughing.

It stimulates your heart, lungs, and muscles, and increases the endorphins that are released by your brain.

It can relieve pain.

It can increase personal satisfaction.

And, of course, it certainly can improve your mood.

Check out the benefits of laughing at:

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/stress-management/in-depth/stress-relief/art-20044456>

So **COME AND PARTICIPATE** at any of the EC events shown on our monthly calendar. It could be good for you.

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Everyone has a chance to make a difference!

You are capable of more than you know!

Social Committee Message

By Peggy Schleicher

The EC Social Committee is an active team whose goal is to help nourish community, connections, fun and caring at Emerald Court. We are a hardworking group who create and host many EC activities. We try to host an event each month. We are always interested in ideas and suggestions from the Community. Got ideas? Email peggyschleicher1@gmail.com or call 978-851-6569. We invite all ECers to join the fun at our events and activities.

We are saddened by the death of our long-time member, Roberta Caruso. Roberta added enthusiasm, commitment, hard-work and energy to our Team. From bringing smiles as a holiday elf to participating in our shows and events, Roberta always engaged with gusto! She loved playing LCR. She worked as co-treasurer for the Social Committee. We were fortunate to have had her as a part of our team. She is deeply missed. Thanks to Diane Fahey who has stepped forward to take on the co-treasurer responsibilities. The Social Committee also welcomes Kathleen Pimental to our team. Thanks to Kathleen for volunteering.

The members of your Social Committee are:

Peggy Schleicher #74 - Chairperson
Betsy Travis #77 - Secretary
Diane Fahey #1115 - Co-treasurer
Ginny Thomas #69 - Co-treasurer
Linda Carey #1221 - Welcome Team
Coordinator
Linda Martin #25
Kathleen Pimental #1105
Sue Sandler #1323
Pat Stratis #89
Regina Ugolini #27
Norm Johnson #1102 - Board of Trustee Liaison

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New Resident Profiles:

By Linda Carey



Jeanette Lees (Unit #1217) - comes to our community from North Street in Tewksbury. She has lived in Tewksbury for over 50 years and chose our community so she could remain here. Jeanette has two sons and one daughter. One son lives in Freedom, N.H., one in Londonderry, N.H. and her

daughter lives in Leominster, MA. Jeanette has four grandchildren. She graduated from Beth Israel Hospital School of Nursing and worked in the Boston Area as an R.N. She eventually moved to the Lowell Hospitals; St. John's Hospital and Tewksbury State Hospital. She and her late husband enjoyed camping, traveling (Norway, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, China) and across the U.S. visiting many state parks especially in California. Her hobbies include reading, sewing, and water aerobics.



Bob & Mary McCabe (Unit #1112)

– come to Emerald Court from Chelmsford. They chose our communit-

ity while looking to sell their house in order to downsize. They have four children, three sons and one daughter; three daughters-in-law and one son-in-law; and eleven grandchildren, six girls and five boys. The oldest is 21 and the youngest is 6. Bob is a retired firefighter who worked for the city of Lowell, and Mary is a former teacher. They enjoy reading, walking, playing cards and playing golf. They spend most of the winter in Titusville, Florida.



Elisabeth Desmarais (Unit #1315) - has been a long time resident of Tewksbury. She moved to Emerald Court to remain close to family and friends. One son and his wife have two children and live out of state. Another son and his wife have two children and live locally. Elisabeth has spent more than 50 years as a librarian and as a

bookseller promoting books and reading, She loves reading, gardening, and doing arts and crafts with her grandchildren.

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12 Years of EC Off-Site Fun

By Frank Carey

September 5th will mark Linda's and my 12th year here at Emerald Court. I can remember when we first drove into the complex. The Magnolia and surrounding Villas looked like they were well maintained. The grounds were lush, perfectly manicured, and absolutely beautiful. The condo we chose to move into was designed and laid out exactly to our wants and needs. Although a bit nervous about leaving our house and community of 42 years, and

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being 70 years of age we thought and hoped this was going to be a smart move.

So, you may ask, how did it work out? To say wonderful, wonderful, would be an understatement. Over these past twelve years, the volunteers on Peggy Schleicher's Social Committee, and Artie Dell'Arciprete's Clubhouse Committee have kept us active and close to our neighbors with weekly, monthly, and yearly, on-site, fun events. Bob Schleicher's volunteer Communication Committee has helped us and our neighbors with individual tech support when needed and have also kept us informed through the EC Newsletter which it publishes 4 times a year.

But there's another reason we love EC and the folks who keep the community so active. As I mentioned all events planned by the committees were on-site events which were limited to EC residents only. One EC resident wanted to expand the community events by planning and offering EC folks fun experiences and events that she knew were accessible off site. These activities would not only be available to EC residents but also to their friends and family. That person was **Diana D'Amato**, who at the time was a member of the EC Social Committee and became their off-property coordinator.



While we have been here at EC, Diana has provided a magnitude of off-site events for the community. There isn't enough space in this newsletter to describe them all so I will attempt to compile a list of Diana's awesome litany of off-site events, most of which

Linda and I have attended during our 12 years here at EC.

Live theater was always a favorite of Diana and the EC community. Thinking that Boston, was too

far to travel and its live theater scene could be a bit expensive, she opted for the live performances offered at the "Stoneham Theater," aka "Greater Boston Stage Company." The productions were first rate and she, somehow, was always able to get seats in the front rows for the group from EC. Thus, through her efforts, EC folks were able to enjoy live stage performances which included dramas, comedies, musicals, and mysteries. There were also shows headlining impersonators, and well known singing groups. Prior to each show, Diana would also establish a time and choose a restaurant where participants could leisurely dine together. Some of the shows were better than others, but all the dinner and theater events were wonderful and enjoyable experiences.

Our off-site adventures were enhanced by the day trips Diana would set up with "Fox Tours" e.g. a trip to Boston to see the "Tall Ships" in 2017. In other years there were trips to Foxwoods Casino, Martha's Vineyard, Provincetown, and New York City.

She also tried to be sure that EC folks were able to celebrate New Year's Eve by planning celebrations either on a Boston sightseeing lunch/dinner cruise in Boston Harbor or at a special holiday show at the Stoneham Theater.

Diana also planned exciting multiple day trips for us, which included Washington D.C., Niagara Falls, Saratoga Springs, Erie Canal, Montreal Canada, and a spectacular 7 day cruise to Bermuda. HOLY COW!!!!

Yessiree, Linda and I along with so many other EC residents have had some really good times at the expense of Diana's time and effort. She did the researching, planning and coordinating for all these super off-site excursions.

But, like everywhere else, so many things here at EC have had to be curtailed over the last 2-3 years due to COVID. Diana's off-site trips had to be stopped. And as they say "you don't know what wonderful things you have until they're gone".

It is with that fact in mind that this article is written. On behalf of those of us who have taken advantage of and enjoyed so many of those past off-

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site events, we want to express our gratitude to you, Diana, for what you have done over these many years as EC's off-property coordinator. Along with the other EC committees, you have contributed so much to help make living here at EC all the more active and fun. We never say it enough but thank you, thank you, thank you. We love ya, kid, and have appreciated the work you have voluntarily put in, creating the off-site experiences, that have kept us physically and mentally animated and enjoying life. You are a treasure.

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When Sad Things Happen

The Emerald Court Community is saddened to learn of the death of Roberta Caruso (Unit #1107). Roberta passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 19th, 2022. Our sympathy is extended to her entire family.

We are also saddened by the passing of the passing of Al Ausiello (Unit #52). Al passed away on Thursday, June 16th, 2022. Our sympathy is extended to his entire family.

Because we care about our community, if you are aware of the passing of any of our neighbors, please inform us at bobschleicher1@gmail.com so we can get the information out to the community in a timely manner. One person's loss diminishes us all. ...

The Emerald Court Book Club

by Peggy Schleicher

Founded in November 2005 by Cathy Walsh, the EC Book Club is still going strong. Over the years, we have read about 200 books, and nourished many friendships. The book group meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the clubhouse. New members are always invited to join. Taking turns selecting the book to read and discuss, the group agrees that we have read many, varied books and expanded our thinking. We use a book rating

system. Each member ranks each book read on a scale of 0 to 10 with ten being a "wow" book.

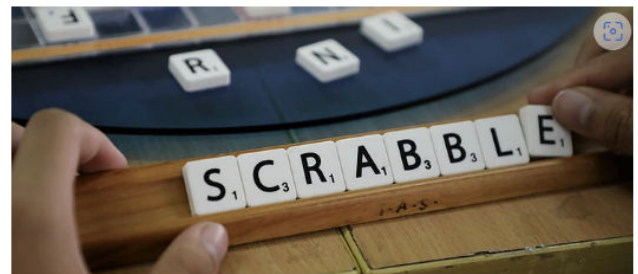
Our top-ranking books from January 2021 to April 2022 are:

- The Day the World Came to Town
by Jim Defede - 9.2
- Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend
by Matthew Dick - 8.6
- The Paris Library
by Janet Skeslien Charles - 8.4
- The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek
by Kim Michele Richardson - 8.3

Happy reading! Book Club is talking about books with friends. You are invited to drop in and check us out!

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Board Game ... With A Twist



**Yesterday I saw a guy spill
all his Scrabble letters on
the road. I asked him,
"What's the word on the
street?"**

*Above compliments of
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