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Bananas Are Delivered To Our Door

by Peggy Schleicher

The other day I was chatting with a friend here at Emerald Court. The chatter somehow moved onto the topic of how much we like living here because our neighbors and friends are so caring and kind. We shared how grateful we are to live in such a good-hearted, connected community. You know, a place where people pick up your mail for you, offer you rides to appointments, chat in the halls, share a hello while walking a dog, drop off bananas at your door, play cards, phone and email to check-in, lend you a highchair for your visiting grandchild. The list is delightfully long. Poet, Tony Hoagland wrote that "...we are up to our necks in miracles, every moment of every day." Be on the lookout for them, the small acts of kindness. Embrace them with gratitude and then "pay it forward" by sharing a kindness with someone else. I mean, that's what really matters, right? Gentle kindness. Acts of kindness have the potential to make the world a happier place. An act of kindness can boost feelings of confidence, happiness and optimism. Kindness also encourages others to repeat the good deeds they've experienced themselves and this builds a positive community. Kindness is catchy and it has a domino effect that sets off a chain reaction; it leads to more kindness. Imagine a flood of kindness spreading over everywhere! Lucky, aren't we, to live here where bananas are delivered to our door. Just noticing and smiling, that's all. Thanks, ECers.

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EC Clubhouse Fun:

This month's big event: Social Committee's Halloween Harvest & Pie Night, Friday, October 28th at 7:00 pm - Info: Linda Carey (Unit 1221) or Ginny Thomas, (Unit 69).

Next Clubhouse Breakfast is on the first Sunday of October. 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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Meet your Neighbors

By Bob Schleicher

In the last four Newsletters, you met our three volunteer committees (Communication, Social & Clubhouse) and our Board of Trustees. Now it's time to meet the rest of our wonderful community. In this issue we'll introduce you to the residents of the first few Villa and Magnolia units. And here they are . . .



Ron & Annette Overko (Unit #1)

Ron and I settled at EC in Oct. 2004 from Woburn, after 48 years. It was the best decision we ever made, enjoying 17 years at EC, and we would not change a thing. Our life here is full of the peacefulness, serenity and beauty of the changing of the season's landscape. It's a pleasure to wake up every morning to enjoy this. The residents are friendly and the friends we have made along the way are forever. We have many memories that we carry in our hearts for all of you.

Ron retired in 2013 as a Chemist and Process Engineer Mgr. with Parker Hannifin. I retired in 1998 as an Office Manager from a medical office after a diagnosis of MS. Ron enjoys his guitars, singing and entertaining, reading, crossword puzzles, and Wordle. I am an egg art crafter and a miniaturist along with jewelry crafting. I am remembering my

classes that all enjoyed when they went home with a sugared egg.

Our close-knit family, a daughter and son, with 4 grandchildren is our whole world. Our twin granddaughters are Medical PA graduates. Another granddaughter is a nutritionist to be and our grandson is a music major and composer. Many of you remember them at our "Toys for Tots" parties. We are happy to be a part of the EC community and have many memories before Covid. Well, here is to new beginnings, but, with caution, and may there be peace on earth.



Christine Rose (Unit #2)

I moved to Emerald Court in May 2012, I can hardly believe it has been 10 years. Before moving to Emerald Court I lived in Tewksbury for many years but I am originally from Revere. I retired from Bank of America in 2015 and I do not miss the commute to Boston. I enjoy doing crossword puzzles, reading and yoga.

Some of my family live on Cape Ann and in the summer I spend many days boating, and swimming with them. I love anything to do with the water. I also have a volunteer job called the Power of Flowers that is located in the Tewksbury State Hospital. It is one of the best things that I have done since I retired.

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I have met so many nice people there. I love living at Emerald Court, I find it peaceful, the people are friendly and I especially love the low maintenance.



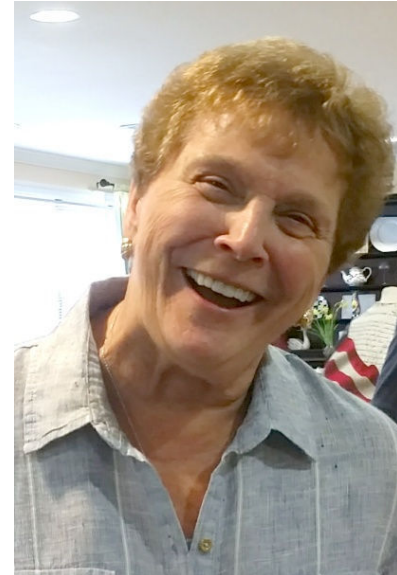
Bob & Midge Wilson (Unit #3)

In October, 2010 Bob and I left our Chelmsford home of 54 years to begin a new life in Emerald Court, Tewksbury. We were looking forward to a new experience, new friends, and, mostly less maintenance. All of these hopes were realized here in this beautiful landscape.

Bob had retired in 1993 from Sonoco Products after 30 years with the company. He had worked in Mystic, Connecticut, Holyoke and Lowell. Before Sonoco he was a LTjg in the Navy and had served four years, mostly at NAS Quonset Point. I retired from teaching 7th and 8th grade English in Chelmsford in 1993.

We raised three great children. Our son lives on the Cape. Our two daughters live in Newburyport. They gave us seven grandchildren who enhanced our lives more than we could ever have imagined. We are so proud of them all. Then we had a great-grandson! What a thrill! Our time with any of these youngsters is what we enjoy more than anything in life.

We have enjoyed Emerald Court in the twelve years we have been living here. It's a very beautiful and friendly place.



Joanne Spurio (Unit #4)

Joanne came to Emerald Court in October, 2004. Prior, she lived for 62 years in Somerville, MA. For 40 years, Joanne worked as a teacher and school administrator at Somerville High School before retiring in 2009. She enjoys cooking, traveling and keeping up with her high school friends, college friends and more recent friends from Emerald Court.

She moved to Emerald Court to be close to her two daughters and their families. She enjoyed baby-sitting for the children when they were young. Now they are adults and she enjoys hosting a monthly dinner to keep up with their busy lives. Joanne also has a home in Harwich, MA. She is happy that they all enjoy time on the Cape, and visit often.



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Red & Bernadette Harris (Unit #6)

Red and Bernadette come to us from North Falmouth, Cape Cod. They chose Emerald Court for its proximity to Andover and they had some friends live here in the villas.

They have two sons; Matt living in Andover and Todd living in Portland, Oregon. They have three grandchildren; two in Portland and one in Andover. Red is part owner of an environmental management firm.

Red retired in 2021. He is interested in golf, golf, and more golf! He was the Boston College quarterback in the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and was drafted by the Detroit Lions.



George & Jerri Hallisey (Unit #1101)

George and Jerri moved to EC in Sept. 2018 from Pelham, NH where they lived for 10 years. Prior to living in Pelham they lived in Reading, MA for 32 years where they raised their family, a son and two daughters who blessed them with four grandchildren.

George loved coaching little league baseball, basketball and soccer. He loved traveling and music.

Jerri was active in the Reading Junior Women's Club, enjoyed aerobics, painting classes and traveling.


George retired in 2006 after 32 years running his flooring business having locations in MA, NH, and ME. He loves music, sports, and traveling.

Jerri retired in 2005 from the Harvard Club of Boston where she was Secretary to the Director for 17 years.

George and Jerri love keeping in touch with friends, and going to their grandchildren's games of soccer, hockey and lacrosse.



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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.



Bernie & Claire Spillane (Unit #1103)

Bernie & Claire joined our community in August, 2021 from Lynn. They chose Emerald Court because it's quiet, no grass to cut, no snow to shovel, no two flights of stairs to do the laundry. The Spillanes have one son, one daughter, and two granddaughters. Bernie was a letter carrier in Lynn for twenty-seven years. Claire worked for Stop&Shop for twenty-nine years. They both love walks on the beach, doing puzzles, and, especially for Bernie, Patriots football.



Jack & Linda Dempsey (Unit #1104)

Before coming to Emerald Court in October, 2019, Jack and Linda lived in Hanover, MA, for 45 years. They wanted to move closer to their family and this community had all the amenities they were looking for. Jack and Linda have two sons who each have a daughter and a son. Their oldest grandson is a senior

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at Dartmouth College in N.H. Jack was an electrician and worked for 25 years at Blue Cross-Blue Shield in Boston. Linda worked for the town of Hanover at the DPW. They love to travel, to garden, to play cards and games, and to play shuffleboard in Florida. They twice traveled across the country in their RV. They also spent sixteen winters in Naples, FL.

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Wish Project Gift Bag 2022

From Your Social Committee

During this coming holiday season, the EC Social Committee is again sponsoring participation in the Project Wish's Holiday Gift Bags for Elders. TO HELP in our 12th Annual EC Bag-it Project: fill a gift bag that is 8 by 10 or larger, a reusable bag is preferred. Add a \$5 to \$10 gift card and a fleece blanket throw, then add some of these items:

- This year, toiletries are much appreciated: toothpaste, hand cream, toothbrush, shampoo, conditioner, soap, tissues, floss, deodorant, nail files.
- Hand warmers
- Gloves, hat or scarf (handmade new are welcome)
- Blank note card sets with envelopes
- Stamps
- Candy bar
- Brag books for photos
- Hand tools like screwdrivers, wrenches for homebound men and women
- Batteries: AA and AAA
- Coffee / Tea
- Large print puzzle books or word find books
- Nice pens
- Address books
- Calendars

Items must all be new. Please no strong-smelling items or candles. Drop your gift bag off at Peggy Schleicher's house #74 by November 16, 2022.

Got questions: call or email Peggy Schleicher at 978-851-6569, peggyschleicher1@gmail.com

THANK YOU for doing so much good!

Social Committee Update

by Peggy Schleicher

The EC Social Committee is a 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. Save these dates of our upcoming events:

- Halloween Harvest & Pie Party, Friday, October 28 at 7 pm.
- Honor Veterans Night, Friday, November 11, at 6:30 pm.
- Holiday Singo Bingo, Friday, December 16 at 7 pm.

We look forward to seeing you at our events. All are welcome!

Your EC Social Committee members are:

Peggy Schleicher, <i>chairperson</i>	Linda Martin
Betsy Travis, <i>secretary</i>	Kathleen Pimental
Ginny Thomas, <i>treasurer</i>	Sue Sandler
Diane Fahey, <i>treasurer</i>	Pat Stratis
Linda Carey, <i>Welcome Team</i>	Regina Ugolini
<i>Coordinator</i>	

Norm Johnson - *Board of Trustees Liaison* •••



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Clubhouse Committee's BBQ 2022

by Frank Carey

July 16th was a beautiful summer day. Afternoon clouds blocked the sun, keeping the humidity low and a temperature in the low 80's. It was a very comfortable outside environment for barbecuing.

At 12:15 while EC folks slowly drifted into the Clubhouse function room, Clubhouse Committee members Ron D'Amato and "What's His Name" — Wayne Anderson — took their positions behind the two preheated barbecue grills located in the outside common area. They were surrounded by coolers holding refrigerated sausages, hot dogs and hamburgers which they immediately began to prepare for serving.

Meanwhile, CC member, Bob Anderson, sold 50/50 raffle tickets while other members Jerry Tirrella, Norm Johnson, and Frank Carey were busy prepping the inside kitchen area. They set up long tables and created a flow line for the hungry attendees who would soon be making their way into the kitchen, picking up a fork, knife, spoon, napkin, and a plate which they would fill to capacity with delicious summer fare. The CC members also warmed up cans of beans, peppers and onions, mixed up 2 large pans of green salad, and got containers of potato salad ready for serving.



They placed high top tables in front of the buffet which were quickly covered with the marvelous sweet desserts voluntarily brought in by EC folks as they arrived. Another table was set up on which hot

coffee and water for tea would be offered. Next to that table was placed a large bin that held a variety of iced cold drinks.

By 1:15, pans of barbecued meats were being placed on the serving tables. CC member Frank Carey welcomed everyone, informing all that they could thank **Patsy Chinchillo**, a RE/MAX Encore Realtor, who has been a very good friend of the EC Clubhouse committee and the EC community, for her generosity in covering the cost of this free event and especially the delicious food they were about to enjoy.

Frank also led the group in the singing of EC's theme song "Come and Participate."



To prevent a long line to the kitchen, numbers had been placed on each table. As a number was randomly taken from a basket and called, that table moved to the serving area in the kitchen, (a Social Committee process that we adopted for this event. It worked very well. Thanks SC.)

The rest of the afternoon was spent with everyone just enjoying a home-style barbecue. Neighborhood friends sat around tables, chatting, laughing, and catching up on the local happenings, some making multiple trips to the kitchen for refills.

Cleanup was slow and comfortable. As folks began to leave for home, they brought their folded chairs to one of the storage carts. Some folks took their chairs outside where they formed a circle and continued catching up on each others' activities.

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As in the past, the barbecue event was a big, friendly, and casual, EC CC success. We were so glad to see a number of new owners at this event. Hope to see them and many other “newbies” at the next EC committee event.

Thank you Clubhouse Committee for all the hard work required of you, to put on this yearly event. We would also like to give another BIG thanks to **Patsy Chinchillo** for her continued generosity and support of this popular event.

FYI: The 50/50 was won by Elena Mahoney.

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Ranter or “Screw Your Neighbor”

By Frank Carey

The title of this article may sound a bit unusual, but the evening of June 24th brought together a group of Emerald Court folks who proved the Social Committee’s planned “Ranter” or “Screw Your Neighbor” event was anything but unusual. The 28 participants attending this event was somewhat small, but a friendly, and exuberant atmosphere filled the clubhouse to capacity.

“Ranter” or “Screw Your Neighbor” is actually an easy to play card game and was the evening’s main event. However the committee had scheduled an earlier 6:30 start time to the event so as to accommodate the appetizing buffet they had set up for the event’s participants. Tables in the kitchen had choices of ham, turkey, and roast beef sandwiches which could be made more delicious by adding one or more of the available lettuce, tomato, and onion toppings. The flavor of each sandwich could also be enhanced by the various condiments offered. Pickles and chips completed the evening’s main menu offerings. Mmmm so good! Of course for dessert there were all kinds of cookie options as well as the usual choice of coffee, tea, and water. All of which were made available throughout the evening.

Dining complete, SC Chairperson Peggy Schleicher explained how the game of “Ranter” is

played and why it is also called “Screw Your Neighbor”.

The game uses a regular 52 deck of cards and each game played requires a personal investment of 3 quarters. After a starting dealer is chosen, each player is dealt one card face-down, after which play begins with the player to the left of the dealer. The object of the game is not to be caught with the lowest valued card among all players. After examining their card, a player may either keep it or exchange it with their neighbor / player on the left. Thus if a player has an ace (Ace = 1) that person would probably want to get rid of it by trading it with his neighbor. (“Screw Your Neighbor”)

However if your neighbor has a King (The highest value card), you are blocked and cannot trade. (A bit confusing).



Play proceeds clockwise around the table, with the dealer playing last. Instead of trading cards with someone else, the dealer may exchange his or her card for the top one from the deck.

After all players have taken a turn, they turn their cards face-up and the one with the lowest-valued card loses one quarter which is placed in a center pot dish. If two or more players tie for lowest card, they each lose one quarter to the pot dish.

The deal rotates one position clockwise around the table for each new hand. Players who lose all their quarters are out of the game; the last remaining player wins and collects all the money in the pot.

As always, the goal and purpose of the Social Committee is to try to plan and provide relaxing and entertaining social events that will, hopefully, attract the many folks living in the EC community. This

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night's event exemplified again the results of those efforts. Every table was full of chatter and laughter, as well as the sad sound of a woe and giggle when one of the players had been "Screwed by their neighbor".

What a great evening it was. It was wonderful to see some new resident faces in attendance who were welcomed by their neighbors and having a real fun time. Time flew by. People were enjoying themselves so much that clean up was delayed. It seems a few folks were always trying to play, "just one more game." Fun, fun, fun.

Thanks, Social Committee, for a wonderful event. I think "Ranter" is one card game that EC folks may be sharing with their families during the holidays and get-togethers. I know I will. Thanks again for all the effort you put in planning and implementing these monthly popular and fun events.

Even though the evening was a great success, the Committees here at EC are always looking to increase participation at their events. To that point I have included, in this article, the words to a parody of the song "Come to the Cabaret". I hope you read and or sing it, and then consider its message. We'd love to see you at the next committee event.

COME AND PARTICIPATE

What good is hanging around in your home,
Come have some fun today.

Life can be fun at Emerald Court
Come and Participate.

Put down the knitting, the book and the broom,
It's time to enjoy the day.
Life can be fun at Emerald Court,
Come and participate.

Come join the games,
Come eat the food,
Come join your friends, start celebrating,
Right this way your tables waiting.

What would permitting some profit of doom,
To wipe every smile away.
Life can be fun at Emerald Court,
Come and participate. ■ ■ ■

EC Welcomes New Residents

New residents to Emerald Court since July:

- Larry & Ruth Camerlin (Unit #20)
- Janice McCoy (Unit #1114)
- Liliana Cohen (Unit #1127)
- Linda Bishop (Unit #1227)
- Donna & Edward Coleman (Unit #1306)

We at Emerald Court wish you all the happiness that we've found here.

Writer's Window

What are you reading these days?

By Jack McDonough

What's on *your* bookshelf?

Crime novels? Romance? History? Art? If someone peeked in your window, what would they find? And what would those books say about you? Huh?

Grant Snider puts it another way. He's a cartoonist who has produced a book titled, "I Will Judge You By Your Bookshelf."

The publisher describes it as "a lighthearted collection of one- and two-page comics" in which Snider "explores bookishness in all its forms..."

But enough about Snider. What about you and me?

If you're like me you have more than one shelf. I have thirty shelves in five bookcases in a room that I call the library. (How's that for creativity?) It's where I sit in my recliner, read, do crossword puzzles and fall asleep.

My collection ranges from yellowing paperbacks to hardcover fiction and non-fiction to a set of World Book Encyclopedias (with annual editions through 1984). The encyclopedias were for our children but I still use them occasionally, especially for "research" when doing crossword puzzles.

One question that's often asked of book collectors is, "How do you arrange them on the shelf?"

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Some people arrange them alphabetically by author, others by the color of their covers, and some just keep them in piles all over the place.

I arrange fiction alphabetically by authors' last names because that makes it easy to find a particular book I might be looking for. Non-fiction is grouped generally by subject matter – biographies, writing and writers; WWII military history; crime; memoirs; and humor.

So, what do my books say about me?

The yellowing and cracking mass market paperbacks say I used to take the train when I commuted to work in Boston and I'd always bring one to read. I have to weed those out periodically to make room and also because they're falling apart.

Altogether they reflect my taste in authors. It's a long list but some of the names are John McPhee, Irving Wallace, Elmore Leonard, Kurt Vonnegut, Jonathan Franzen, John Cheever, Joan Didion, Stewart O'Nan, Larry McMurtry and on and on. It's an eclectic bunch.



There's also a shelf and a half of books signed by authors including John Hersey, Richard Russo, Robert Stone and Elmore Leonard. Are they valuable? Not likely except maybe for Hersey's limited first edition of "Blues." Even then, not likely worth very much.

I also have a mint-condition copy of Aristotle's "The Republic" that I bought for 50 cents at the Tewksbury library. I've thought of signing it "To my good friend, Jack. Kind regards, Aristotle" and

keeping it on that shelf.

Also resting on one bottom shelf is my Remington Standard typewriter, purchased reconditioned for \$84.50 in 1961. I occasionally consider finding a new ribbon and trying to type on it again, just for old times' sake.

The inevitable question is why don't I get books in electronic format? They're less expensive, easy to take on trips, and their illumination makes them easier to read in bed at night. My answer? Between my computer, cellphone and TV, I have more than enough screen time in my life. But more than that, I like the feel of books. I like their looks. I like to be able to flip back and forth in the pages. I like bookmarks!

So, back to the question: What do my books say about me? I suppose they say I enjoy both fiction and non-fiction. I have an interest in writing and writers. And the many books about World War II might suggest I was in the military, which I was. Navy.

But, back to Grant Snider, who says he'd judge you by your bookshelf? If someone were to sneak into your condo unit (certainly not I) and scan your book collection, how would they judge you? Huh?

Or, horrors! Maybe you don't have any books at all.

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New Resident Snapshots 2022

The Welcome Team from the Social Committee introduces you to some new residents of our community. See their brief profiles below. You may have met some of them already. We are always

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confident to encourage new neighbors to join in the many social activities available in our community as we are sure of the big welcome you will give them.

Linda Carey



Melodie & Howard Teich – (Unit #29)

Melodie & Howard Teich joined our community from Orangeburg, N.Y. They have two daughters who attended BU. Their elder daughter, Hayley and her husband Eric, live in Billerica and have a 17 month old son, Braiden. Their family also includes Eric's two children, Elena and Jack. Hayley is a math teacher at Newton South High School. Melodie and Howard's younger daughter, Marnie, lives in Dallas, Texas with her long-term boyfriend, John, and their two dogs. She is the director of finance transformation at the corporate offices of Omni Hotels and Resorts. They will be moving back to MA soon and they all are excited to have the whole family together in the near future.

Howard was vice-president and actuary at MetLife, having worked there for his entire career. Howard's interests include trivia, games, word and number puzzles and, of course, his grandson. Melodie was a paralegal and office manager at a legal/engineering firm for 21^{1/2} years. She is interested in travel, music, streaming, and her grandson.

The Teichs bought their unit here in October of 2020. It has taken them 20 months to finally move in completely. As of July 15 they are both "official MA residents!"



Liliana Cohen – (Unit #1127)

Liliana joins us from Pittsfield, MA. She is very impressed with the Emerald Court community and the units in Magnolia. She especially loves the Roman/Greek columns that are part of the decor.

Liliana has two sons, Robert and Andrew, and lots of grandchildren. She worked in N.Y., first at an insurance company and later at a publishing house. Her interests include politics, people, and teaching Italian. She hopes to continue meeting people and making friends.

Liliana was born in Italy and lived there until she was nineteen. She remembers as a child the experience of living through WWII in the Italian war zone.

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Chocolate and Trivia Night A Very Sweet Event

By Helen Wythe

On Friday, September 4th, four tables consisting of twenty seven Emerald Court residents enjoyed a well planned evening playing trivia games while snacking on delicious chocolate treats including huge bowls of trifle.

We began with Peggy Schleicher leading all in the singing of the Emerald Court Anthem, "Come And Participate", while the lyrics were shown on the TV screen. The music is to the tune of "Cabaret" and the lyrics were written by our own Frank Carey.

A new concept has been introduced and used by the social committee at their last 3 events: NAME TAGS. Most of us know a lot of the residents at EC

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especially within our own local area. But it's hard to know everyone, thus the use of name tags at the SC events. In fact, there were four new Emerald Court residents at this event who were introduced by Peggy and welcomed by the crowd.



Liliansa Cohen Elisabeth Desmaris Sally McCarthy Howard Teich

To further help folks get to know each other a little better, the SC had planned an ice breaker for each table. A color-coded chart had been placed on each table. Each person was then given a small bag of M&Ms. We proceeded to take turns around each table selecting one M&M from our bag. We then followed the color-coded chart that had been placed on each table:

- Green - Tell what you liked about your last job.
- Red - Tell about a childhood memory.
- Blue - Tell about a great place you visited.
- Brown - Tell a joke or riddle. (Riddles were scattered over each table.)

It was really fun and got everyone in the mood for what was to follow.



Table#1: Norm Johnson, Howard Teich, Peter & Kathleen Pimental, Penny Lambroukos & Jan DiPietro



Table#2: Linda Martin, Helen Wythe, Sally McCarthy, Rose Antonuccio, Gay Padur, Dee Vanderburg & Ginny Thomas

Peggy S. followed the ice breaker fun with an explanation of the evening's main event: a trivia contest. Both Peggy and tech-hubby Bob S. had compiled a series of hand outs, and various types of visual and auditory trivia clues which were used for

the planned 8 segment trivia contest. Each table was



Table#3: Sam & Liz Vucina, Sue Sandler, Pat Stratis, Elisabeth Desmaris & Liliana Cohen



Table#4: Regina Ugolini, Bill & Betsy Travis, Alan Katz, Donna Davis & Bob Schleicher

given a number and a sheet on which to record their answers for each game segment. Our memories were challenged from the beginning. There were true and false questions, pictures of famous people when they were young, naming of manufacturers of products by listening to partial commercials, and guessing objects from a partial picture (e.g. picture of a cat's tongue). After each segment, the table's sheet was checked for correct answers and passed in to be recorded on a score board located at the front of the room. Linda Martin kept score while people at the four tables amicably competed against each other.

At the end of the games, Linda Martin announced there was a tie between tables 2 and 4. Peggy broke the tie by asking a very, very, very, very difficult question, first to table 2. Table 2 was unable answer it, but a very, very, very, very, fortunate table 4 got it right. Yes, full disclosure, I was at table 2. (See question at end of article.) Lottery tickets were given to each of the players at the winning table.

It was indeed a wonderful and fun evening. A lot of hard work and planning was done by the Social Committee and executed well.

Thanks to all the Social Committee members! FYI: Lucky Regina Ugolini won the event's 50/50.

Tie breaker question: What M & M color was removed and replaced by the blue M&M in 1995?

Do you know the answer? **I DO NOW!!!!**

Answer: The color tan was replaced by the color blue.

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Grab a Book

Emerald Court Book Club

by Peggy Schleicher

Did you know that reading reduces stress levels by 68%? According to a study at the University of Sussex, people only need to read silently for 6 minutes to slow down their heart rate and ease tension in their muscles. Listening to music reduces stress levels by 61%, a cup of tea by 54 %, taking a walk 42%. Reading topped the list. (Source: anxietycentre.com)

TV and electronic devices are shrinking reading time. According to the Nielsen Company, the average American watches more than 4 hours of TV each day. According to Data Reportal, the average American spends 7 hours and 4 minutes looking at a computer screen every day. Huffpost reports that 42% of college students will not read a single book after graduation. **Fortunately, EC has a book club.** The Emerald Court Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the clubhouse. New members are always invited to join and reduce stress while talking about books with friendly readers! Good books and good friends are a good combo! Check us out! Email:

peggyschleicher1@gmail.com

for more information about the EC book club!

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Get Yourself Published

“*Writer’s Window*” is still looking for budding writers. It is an open space for airing the **creative talents** of Emerald Court residents. If anyone has an interest in seeing their own article appear in the Emerald Court Newsletter, send it to bobschleicher1@gmail.com or call him at (978) 851-6569. It will appear in a future issue. It can be ‘fact’ or ‘fiction’.

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When Sad Things Happen

The Emerald Court Community is saddened to learn of the death of Dorothy Young (Unit #1219). Dorothy passed away on Friday, August 12th, 2022. Our sympathy is extended to her entire family.

We are also saddened by the passing of Joe Andizzoni (Unit #1327). Joe passed away on Monday, August 29th, 2022. Our sympathy is extended to Josephine and her entire family.

Again we are saddened to learn of the passing of Dick Pothier (Unit #13). Dick passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022. Our sympathy is extended to Barbara and her 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.

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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!**

EC SOCIAL COMMITTEE: the one-question SURVEY 2022

The Emerald Court Social Committee actively works to provide the EC Community with a variety of enjoyable events and activities that bring us together to build community. We strive to continue those events that have become favorites and also to consider new events while attempting to offer activities that appeal to the diverse members of our community.

Here is your EC Social Committee Survey.

Please share your thoughts by **October 15, 2022.**

Your survey is also on the back page of your October EC newsletter.

To respond, pick the way that is easiest for you:

- Use the survey sheet in the Newsletter. Detach it. Fill it in and deposit it in a SURVEY BOX in the Villa Mail House or Magnolia Lobby.
- Print this email, complete the survey, and put it in a SURVEY box.
- Email your response to peggyschleicher1@gmail.com
- Call Peggy at 978-851-6569 and share your thoughts.

Your Social Committee values your input.

What are your thoughts?

Please share all ideas and suggestions of events/activities that you'd like your EC Social Committee to sponsor.

Thank you for taking the time to share your ideas.

Your EC Social Committee

Responses are confidential. Name/Unit # (optional) _____