

Patriots Press



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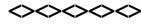
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Remembering ...

A TIME TO REMEMBER



To everything there is a season ... a time to be born and a time to die ... and in the midst of a world in Covid-19 chaos, a world of weeping and dying, Patriots Colony went into a lockdown from March 5, 2020, to complete reopening on June 23, 2021. During this time, one of our rituals for honoring residents who have died was put on hold. For Chaplain Travis Greenman, a sacred part of her ministry was missing in the remembering and celebrating of a life gone; for the residents, the grieving and celebrating together in community was no longer possible. The shutdown for those dying in Convalescent Care, Assisted Living, and Springhouse reduced human contact and increased feelings of loneliness – only a card, a face at the window, a brief compassionate visit, a zoom gathering. However, the Final Farewell ritual was performed by the staff when possible.

In Independent Living (IL), once we could begin again the community recognition for deceased members, the “how” and “what” became the issue. Chaplain Travis set the stage by gathering a committee and challenging it to determine a method for honoring the 30 deceased IL residents. The brainstorming began. (Although 30 IL residents died during lockdown, approximately 50 deaths occurred campus wide through the end of June 2021; none of these was due to Covid-19.)

A Grand Hall ceremony would be too large. Although two former IL residents, Jane McClellan and Maude Boring, had Zoom gatherings, that approach was considered impractical for a large group. Since the first issue was determining a place, the plan became arranging the Liberty Lounge as a Remembrance Room ... *a time to keep silence, and a time to speak ...* for honoring the deceased IL residents.

Chaplain Travis sent letters to family members detailing our plan for honoring the deceased and inviting the families to the event. Meeting weekly, plans included gathering photographs, printing and framing photos with personal information, creating a station for each deceased resident, publicizing the event in the *Colony Crier* each week, choosing music, arranging flowers, making memory books, preparing the Liberty Lounge, and other tasks too



numerous to mention. Each resident station contained a framed photograph of the deceased with dates of birth and death, branch of service, and residence here. In addition to the photograph, there was a small votive candle, service flag, a flower, and memory book for notes from family or friends. Hostesses were available to assist visitors.



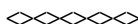
Alice Koyiades and her husband, Greg, were two of the first residents to move to Patriots Colony. She spent the last 25 years of her life in her villa and celebrated her 100th birthday just a few months before her passing. At 96, she participated in putting matches, did her own cooking, and worked jigsaw puzzles. She was proud of her Greek heritage and happy to share her sage wisdom for living life well.

Remembrance Days, September 3rd and 4th, were ... *a time to weep and a time to laugh ... a time to keep silence ... and a time to speak ... a time to embrace ... a time to heal ...* and a time of closure. It is the Committee's hope that on these two days, when 192 people visited or sent notes, they considered their time well spent as they came, reflected, and remembered these friends and others held in their hearts.

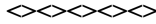
– Joann Dettmann –



Remembrance Committee: Rita Arnold, Joann Dettmann, Carol Feltman, Travis Greenman, Dale and Dodie Hruby, Mary Inskeep, Bonnie Jefferson, Charlene Rother, Jan Rueter, Rosemary Singhoff, and Barbara Smead.



NEWCOMERS



John and Joan Kohout 7117

John and Joan were high school classmates in Pleasantville, NY. They went separate ways for college -- Joan to Wellesley and John to the Air Force Academy. John completed pilot training at Selma, AL, and they married in August 1962.

John's first assignment was B-52s at Westover AFB, MA, where their first child, Jennifer, was born. An Olmsted scholarship sent the family to Paris for two years at *L'Institut d' Etudes Politiques*. After earning his degree, John was assigned to Clark AB in the Philippines, followed by orders to Viet Nam. Joan was back home in New York. Twins Rick and Caroline arrived, keeping the family busy. The Kohouts moved to Colorado Springs where John was on the faculty at the Academy. Then back to Loring AFB, ME, and SAC's B-52s.

From the snow of northern Maine, the family found itself in New York City with John at Columbia University's Institute of War and Peace Studies. At Columbia, Joan completed her MS in Library Service. There followed the Pentagon; Blytheville AFB, AR; SAC Headquarters in Omaha; and Stuttgart, Germany, where John was U.S. European Command's Deputy Political Advisor.

After retiring from the Air Force, John's second career was with the National Institute for Public Policy, working for Colin Gray and Keith Payne. Joan was a librarian and research analyst at DC law firms. With this move from Alexandria to Patriots Colony, John looks forward to more time to study public policy, and Joan to hours of good reading.



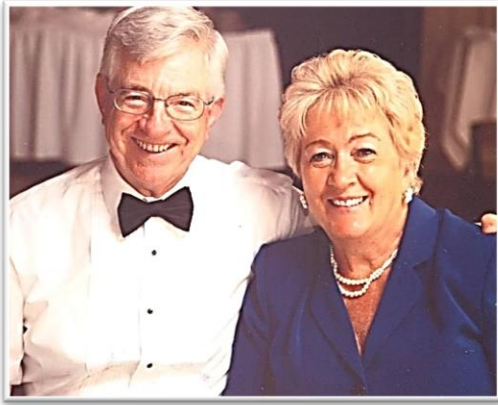
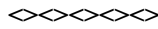
Walter "Woody" and Janet "Jan" Hogle 2215

Woody was born and raised in Pleasantville, NY; Jan in Westfield, MA. They met in Oneonta, NY, and wed in 1966. Soon Woody was accepted into Air Force OTS, followed by pilot training in Del Rio, TX. They had 35 years in the Air Force and raised three children and numerous dogs. They have six grandchildren.

Woody's first assignment was flying the KC-135 quickly followed by assignment to fly a helicopter. Woody "volunteered" to fly the HH-43, the infamous Kaman "synchropter", the only AF aircraft that suffered "bird strikes from the rear!" After service in Vietnam, Woody's career followed a conventional path with Headquarters and flying assignments. Retiring from the AF in 2001, Woody worked for Raytheon, Affiliated Computer Systems, Lockheed Martin and Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, retiring in 2011. Woody remains active with mentoring budding entrepreneurs SCORE, Chamber of Commerce, and National Military Family Association.

Jan lived the nomadic life following Woody and the kids. Her favorite job was managing Bank of America's leadership training team for eight years. This job helped Jan discover her love for training adults in leadership and life skills. Currently, Jan conducts Bible studies, teaches life skills and is an Equine Assisted Learning facilitator. She has sung bass in barbershop quartets but will tell you the "pipes" are pretty rusty. They love the Williamsburg setting, the "kindred spirit" of residents and the security and peace of mind offered here. They look forward to meeting all the fellow residents at Patriots Colony and swapping stories.

NEWCOMERS



Jackie and Sam Bowlin

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Jackie and Sam met at work. Sam was widowed and had three small children. Jackie was divorced with one son. They have been married for almost 48 years. Together they have the four children, nine grandkids and three great grandchildren.

Sam spent his career with what is now the General Accountability Office. He was able to travel to well over 50 countries, including India, Afghanistan, and some nicer places. One of the nicer places was a four-year term in Frankfurt, Germany, where he headed the Europe and North Africa division. While there, he and Jackie took advantage of travel to most European countries.

Although she is from a small town in Pennsylvania, Jackie and Sam have traveled extensively, but they always enjoy getting back home. Now that things are open, they look forward to visiting their children who are scattered from Pennsylvania to the Carolinas. One son has lived in Basel, Switzerland, for eighteen years.

Sam and Jackie lived in northern Virginia for 27½ years before retiring to Williamsburg. While they do know some folks at Patriots Colony, they look forward to meeting new friends.

Jackie enjoys golf, bowling, cooking and is an avid reader. She has belonged to the same book club for 17 years. She is happy to be close to her old neighborhood where she can visit old friends.



Janet Kosidlak

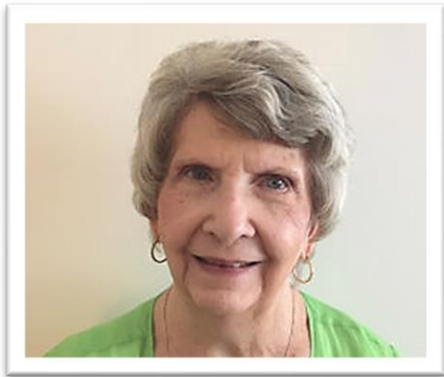
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Janet retired from the Virginia Department of Health after 30 years as a Public Health Nursing Director at various levels within the department. Janet's late husband, Stanley Walter Kosidlak, retired after 30-years' service as a pharmacist for the Veterans Administration. Stan's great support encouraged Janet's pursuit of master's degrees in public health nursing from Boston University, in public administration from The George Washington University and an education doctorate from Nova Southeastern University.

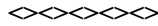
They were both gardeners, favoring roses. Both were certified by the American Rose Society as judges and consultants. Their national work with Home Depot earned them a citation from the President of the American Rose Society. Two of the most memorable events were attending a rose show at Hampton Court, England, and the International Rose Convention in Tokyo, Japan.

They both shared a love of travel and skiing. Stan died before fulfilling their goal of visiting every continent in the world. Visiting India and Antarctica were to be the last. Janet believed Stan was with her in spirit when she visited those locales.

Retirement has given Janet an opportunity to pursue her love of art history and history. The pandemic curtailed her volunteer activities as Docent at the Muscarelle Museum of Art (earlier at the Chrysler), Art history lectures at community venues, Tours at historic houses in Colonial Williamsburg and showing visitors around the museum at Jamestown Settlement. Janet hopes to resume these volunteer activities.



NEWCOMERS



Betty Somloi

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Betty was born and raised in Richmond. She earned a degree in education from Madison College, now James Madison University, and a Master's in Education from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania. Betty spent her career in education, except for a few years caring for their small children. She taught reading and language arts through 12th grade and held positions at the supervisory level. She taught in schools from Virginia to Utah to Pennsylvania. She also worked for a publishing company dealing with reading specialty products and issues supporting salespeople.

Betty's husband, Frank, had a storied youth. He was born in Budapest. When the Russians invaded during the war, the family moved to a Jesuit compound in Germany's Bavarian Alps. After the war, they moved to France to facilitate their ultimate move to the US, where they settled in Richmond. During high school, Frank joined the Virginia Air National Guard. Following high school, he earned both Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the University of Virginia, and an MBA from St. Joseph's University. He later studied at Lehigh University. An Air Force ROTC student at UVA, he was commissioned upon graduation and assigned to Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and the Minuteman Missile program. After his military service, he worked for Western Electric and Bell Labs.

Betty and Frank were married while he was doing graduate work at UVA. They have a son in Charlotte, a daughter in Philadelphia, and five grandchildren. Following their retirements, they eventually moved to Colonial Heritage, where they are active in Toano's Hickory Neck Episcopal Church. They enjoy meeting new people. Frank is currently living in the Convalescent Center; he hopes to join Betty in Independent Living.



Gregory "Greg" and Donna Gorcys

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Donna grew up near Milton, West Virginia, home of the renowned hand-blown Blenko Glass Company. Greg was born in Newport News and raised in Warwick County. They met on a blind date at a Marshall University military ball in March, 1968. Donna was working in the University's Placement Office and completing her degree in Business Education. Greg was an Assistant Professor of Military Science, fresh from a tour of duty in Viet Nam. Their romance blossomed, resulting in marriage in August, 1969.

Greg received his Bachelor of Philosophy (PhB) in Political Science from the University of Detroit and was commissioned in the Regular Army. He received his MS in Education from the University of Southern California. In addition to the above, Greg served in Korea, Fort Sill, Fort Bliss, Fort Hood, Fort Monroe and Germany.

Since Army retirement, Greg worked for defense contractors: BDM in Norfolk, Allen Corporation of America in Hampton, and Military Professional Resources Inc. in Northern Virginia.

Donna taught keyboarding, accounting, and computer applications at Peninsula Catholic High School. Donna has worked for Sallie Mae, National Security Agency and Army Force Management School (Fort Belvoir).

The Gorcys have three children and five grandchildren. Donna's hobbies are sewing, knitting and reading. Greg is an avid reader and loves listening to music of all kinds. They are looking forward to becoming fully engaged in all Patriots Colony activities.

**Anne and Rex Prosser**

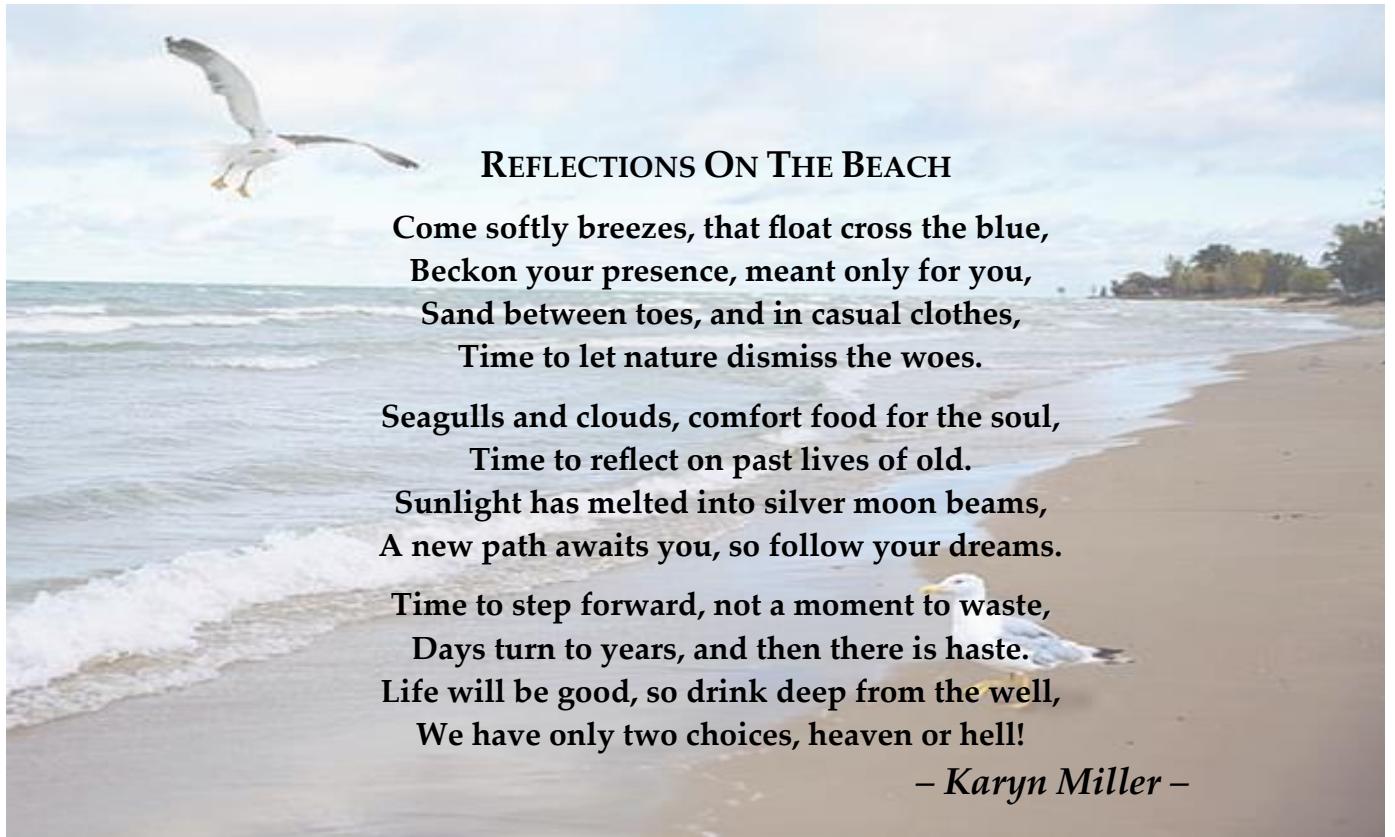
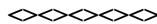
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Anne and Rex spent their formative years in Southern California. After high school, Rex enlisted in the Marine Corps for three years and attended a local junior college where he met Anne. They married in 1969. Rex attended Utah State University, earning BS and MS degrees. Their daughter, Katherine, was born in 1970. During these summers, Rex worked for the Bureau of Land Management in Carson City, NV, fighting range fires.



Rex was commissioned in the US Coast Guard with assignments to New York City (where daughter Brittany was born); Yorktown, VA; Washington, DC; and Houston, TX. His career interest in maritime inspection and safety led to his acceptance in UNC's School of Public Health and another MS degree. He became the USCG's first Marine Safety Industrial Hygienist. During this time, Anne was busy raising their daughters and earning her Business degree at the University of the State of New York. She later worked in contract administration at Johnson Space Center.

Upon retirement, they achieved their long-time goal -- returning to Williamsburg to pursue mutual interests in volunteering. They both volunteer at Colonial Williamsburg. They have been active members of Bruton Parish Church. Anne also volunteers at Matthew Whaley Elementary School. Rex enjoys doing genealogy research. The Prossers have visited local area CCRCs and felt most at home here. They look forward to getting to know us.

**REFLECTIONS ON THE BEACH**

**Come softly breezes, that float cross the blue,
Beckon your presence, meant only for you,
Sand between toes, and in casual clothes,
Time to let nature dismiss the woes.**

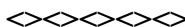
**Seagulls and clouds, comfort food for the soul,
Time to reflect on past lives of old.**

**Sunlight has melted into silver moon beams,
A new path awaits you, so follow your dreams.**

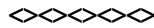
**Time to step forward, not a moment to waste,
Days turn to years, and then there is haste.**

**Life will be good, so drink deep from the well,
We have only two choices, heaven or hell!**

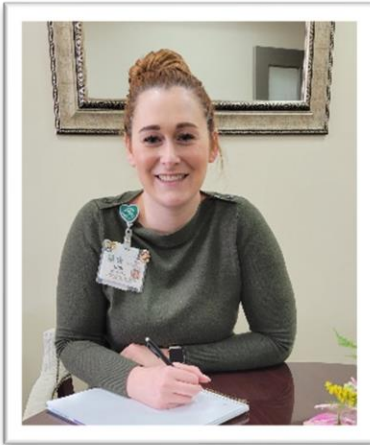
– Karyn Miller –



“THANKS FOR CHOOSING PATRIOTS COLONY ... HOW MAY I HELP YOU?”



It is a known fact in both the marketing and job interviewing processes that a first impression, once made, is hard to change. The concept applies here at Patriots Colony as it does elsewhere. That is why our Front Desk Receptionists are so carefully chosen to help ensure that the residents, staff members, guests and visitors receive the most positive impression and service possible.



Erin McCants, our Director of Resident Services, is responsible for staffing, training, and monitoring our Front Desk operations. She has one full-time, four part-time, and three “as needed” members staffing this position. In addition, it is not unusual to see other select members of the PC staff, including Erin herself, filling in up-front when necessary. In staffing this position, she looks for people with excellent communications and people skills. Backgrounds in administrative/receptionist type positions are important and a good working knowledge of computer programs, especially Microsoft Office programs, is necessary.

All new members of the team are given a tour of the facilities to learn where things are located, and to complete Riverside-provided computer-based learning programs. Then they serve an on-the-job period working with a seasoned Receptionist until both feel comfortable that the trainee is on her own. Besides answering phone and in-person questions, they assist in distributing the mail and provide just about every ad hoc service possible. So now let’s learn more about some of these most important people:

Cathy Hodock is our senior full-time Administrative Assistant and Receptionist. She was born in the Charlottesville area and grew up in a country environment. Cathy has completed extensive training to qualify herself as a Certified Professional Public Buyer. She has been a Procurement Officer for William and Mary College and a Senior Contracting Specialist for such places as York County, Dinwiddie County, Riverside Health Systems, and Chesterfield County. She served on the Board of Directors of the Virginia Association of Government Purchasing for 10 years, holding all the key senior board officer positions at various times.

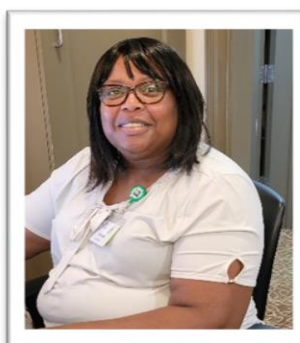
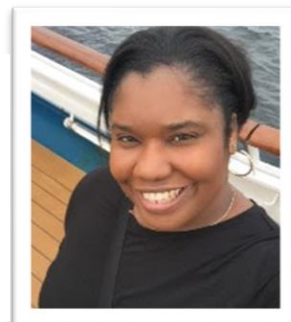


She has a son with two grandchildren and enjoys time with her mother, two sisters and a brother. Cathy likes the challenge of her job and the opportunity to deal directly with just about every resident and staff manager here at Patriots Colony. Working with a variety of people to help them resolve their problems gives her great satisfaction.



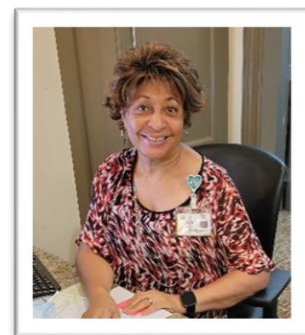
The most active of the part-time Receptionists is **Yolanda Jefferson** who has been with us a bit over three years and continues to provide help as needed at the front desk, as well as in other areas. You probably remember her as the cheerful lady “living” in our shed, taking our temperatures, and logging us in during the Covid-19 pandemic. She was born in Richmond and attended Charles City High School. Her first career was in the field of cosmetology. She then drove a school bus for a few years but says her time at Patriots is far more enjoyable. She is the mother of a son and has a 5-year-old grandson. She enjoys working with everyone here at Patriots and says she “has a community full of grandparents and parents.”

Keisha Orgain was born in Hopewell, Virginia, and now lives here in Williamsburg. She has studied psychology and is an RN nursing student in the Bon Secours Nursing Program. She spends much of her scarce leisure time with a younger brother and her parents. Her nursing studies take up a great deal of her time, but she enjoys the change and the opportunity to serve many people while working here at Patriots Colony.



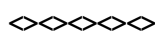
Carol Burks is another outgoing Front Desk person who loves working in the healthcare industry. She is also a native of Richmond; she grew up in Gloucester and graduated from Gloucester High School. She spent some time at Thomas Nelson Community College and her regular position is Administrative Program Assistant for the York/Poquoson Social Services organization. She is a busy wife, mother, and grandmother with three daughters and four grandchildren. She loves to help others learn and enjoys her work here. She says that everyone makes you feel welcome.

Faye Garner is another of our part-time people on the front desk. A Virginia girl, Faye was born in Emporia. At age 18, she joined the U.S. Air Force. She attended Montgomery College in Maryland and Bowie State University, also in Maryland. She retired a few years ago after 34 years of Federal service, mostly in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency. She has been married 48 years and has three children and 9 grandchildren. Retiring almost 14 years ago, she felt herself far too young to not be engaged with people, so began her part-time duties here at Patriots. She says she works with the best team members possible and enjoys her dealings with all the residents. “This place is just right for me,” she says.



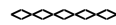
While these ladies are our principal “greeters”, there are a few other people who work more on an as needed basis. These include Monika Prokopowicz, Courtney Browder, and Roneshia Mabry. We are truly blessed with an all-star team of friendly and competent people eager to service us. So, next time you’re near the Front Desk, take a moment to thank these wonderful people for their dedication and service that keep Patriots Colony the best in class!

– *Lew Mabie* –



Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary How Does Your Garden Grow?

(continued)



The Residents Garden is thriving! While most plantings are vegetables, there is a wide assortment of beautiful flowers among them. By far, most of the vegetable plants are tomatoes: roma, cherry, and beefsteak among other varieties. Some plants have characteristics of both vegetable and fruit. There are also cucumbers, eggplant, cantaloupe, squash, strawberries, etc., etc.

At this writing in July, it is difficult to count the tomato plants, but with 32 of 33 garden plots containing tomato plants, there are minimally 150. If each plant produced 20 tomatoes (conservatively), we are at 3,000 tomatoes. If a fifth of the plants (30) are cherry tomatoes that produce, say 70 tomatoes (an additional 50 per plant), that is another 1,500 tomatoes ... see where this is going?

The accompanying photos attest to the interest, taste, and dedication of our gardeners:

1 - Rufe Harris stands beside his 11½-foot sunflower (measured from garden bed to top) on June 25th.

2 - This cucumber from the DuPuy garden was gifted by Ted to John Anderson. After John took a bite, the remaining cucumber reflected a near perfect human face.

3 - Joani & Bill Wallis claim ownership of the beautiful, multi-colored zinnias – seeds by Nan Mabie.

4 - These beautiful red geraniums in the garden of Wynne and Dick Beale can be seen from their adjoining villa.

5 - This beautiful dahlia, a “dinner plate” species, was in Idanna Bowman’s garden.

6 - Lesley and John Miner claim ownership of the elegant Carolina phlox accented by swamp milkweed.

7 - Tomatoes from one of 32 gardens having tomato plants.

8 - Diane and Jack Scholz have cucumbers growing in their garden. (75 harvested as of late July).

9 - Babs and Dan Carlson’s garden contains this squash, botanically a fruit, nutritionally a vegetable.

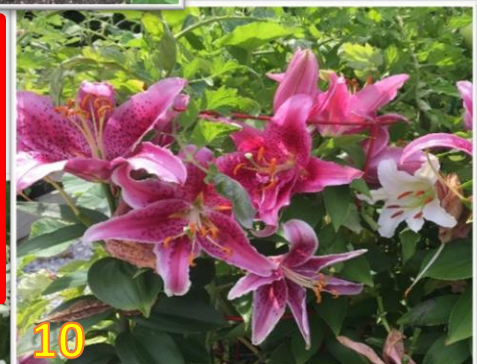
10 - These spectacular stargazer lilies from the oriental lily collection were in the Shirley and Rufe Harris garden.

11 - Mary Inskeep was the caretaker of this beautiful daisy bed.

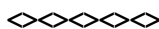




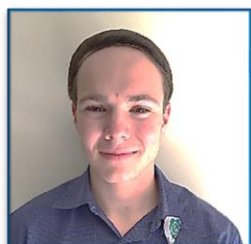
*Everything here is
(or was) growing
in our garden.*



THE BISTRO FIVE



Long before our Bistro reopened in June, Michael Gaudreau, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, and his staff were focused on recruiting additional dining service staff. A big help came from then current server Carson Holdcraft, the only high school student on staff at the time. He recruited three classmates who joined the staff and were ready to serve when the Bistro reopened. Trent Holdcraft, who graduated high school a year ago, also rejoined the staff. Regrettably (for us), by the time this is being read, all five will have left for college or military service. Fortunately, three hope to return from time to time when back in this area.



TRENT Holdcraft was born in Alexandria, VA, and moved to this area in 2013. Having turned sixteen in April 2018, he joined the Bistro staff that July, balancing school studies and job work. Together with Carson, Jackson, and Garrett, he served as coxswain on the Williamsburg Boat Club rowing team. Last July following his graduation from Jamestown High School, he took a leave of absence from his job at Patriots Colony to join the Navy. He completed his initial orientation and indoctrination (“boot camp”) in October and then completed Intelligence Specialist School in March of this year. He will spend six years in the Naval Reserve drilling with his Defense Intelligence Agency unit. When asked about his experience in the Bistro, his response was immediate, “It is the best!” He thoroughly enjoys the residents. “They are why I have been here for three years. It is like a home away from home.” On August 24th, Trent left for Old Dominion University, where he will study maritime business. We are grateful for his years of service on our behalf and hope to see him back here when home during breaks.



CARSON Holdcraft was born in Alexandria, VA, and moved to this area eight years ago. He is a recent graduate of Jamestown High School. He chose German for his language as a freshman and became so interested that he studied it for three more years and was instrumental in establishing a German Club at the school. Carson will soon embark on service with the US Navy, heading to boot camp at Great Lakes, IL, on August 30th for the 2½ month program. Following boot camp, he will go to San Antonio, TX, for twenty-weeks’ training for the Hospital Corpsman rating and eventually to the Naval Reserve. (This rating is the most decorated in the US Navy and the most decorated job in the US Military.)

Next fall, Carson plans to attend Virginia Tech to study Biochemistry and eventually attend Medical School. Carson has been a stalwart here at Patriots Colony since October 2019 and will continue to work here when in the area. He cites interaction with the residents as the most satisfying aspect of the job. We appreciate his years of service to us. He will be sorely missed.



JACKSON Lauber was born in Atlanta and has lived in this area since 2010. He is a recent graduate of Jamestown High School. While in school, he was active in a Model United Nations organization for four years. Different groups addressed and debated subjects such as hunger, culture and arms and competed among fifteen other schools in competitions at Old Dominion University. Jackson was also a member of a Williamsburg Boat Club rowing team. He applied for a dining staff position in January and completed his indoctrination and training in March. While we were still in carry-out mode, he participated with the rest of the staff in assembling our take-out orders. He specifically mentioned the double and triple checking to ensure that orders were accurately filled. He described it as a tough job, but most satisfying when everyone was in sync. He particularly enjoyed the interaction with the residents. Regrettably, Jackson left us, at least temporarily, in late July. He will be attending College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. He hopes his departure is not permanent, hoping to fill in as needed when he is back in this area. We thank Jackson for his fine service, wish him success in college, and look forward to seeing him back again.

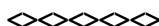


GARRETT Wright (the tall gent) was born in Woodstock, IL, but has lived in this area most of his life. In June, Garrett graduated from Lafayette High School here in Williamsburg. He was a member of Key Club and played the double bass in the school orchestra. He took many “AP” courses and was elected to the National Honor Society. Garrett met Trent, Carson, and Jackson while a member of the Williamsburg Boat (rowing) Club. He applied for a dining staff position and joined us in April. A big challenge was carrying a tray of beverages and not spilling any. It was a concern to him when not all meals for a specific table were ready at the same time. He enjoyed the availability of leftovers to get him through his online classes. Regrettably, Garrett also left us in late July. He will be attending George Mason University this fall, majoring in Bio-Med Engineering (or possibly aeronautical or chemical engineering). Prior to going to George Mason, he will attend a two-week engineering introductory course at Virginia Tech. His efforts on our behalf were appreciated.



ALEX Klee has lived his entire life in the historic district of Williamsburg and graduated in June from Lafayette High School. He was a member of the varsity soccer team for four years and the swim team for three years. He was also vice president of the National Honor Society and upon graduation received a national merit commendation. Alex also helped coach a summer swim team. He joined the food service team at Patriots Colony in early spring, working 10-20 hours per week. He was particularly complimentary of the helpfulness of his fellow food service team workers. He also appreciated the opportunity to share delicious food leftovers with his co-workers. Unfortunately, Alex also left us in late July to join family at Cape Cod. On August 18th, he began his freshman year at Virginia Tech where he will study Mechanical Engineering. We are grateful for his service on our behalf.

– Jim Gear –



KILROY WAS HERE!

Do you remember this character? I do. So should anyone born between 1940 and 1950! Appearing in thousands of places around the world, he was made famous during World War II. More recently, this has been recognized in the relatively new National WW II Memorial in Washington, D.C. where he appears engraved in stone in a small alcove where very few people have seen him. (See below.)



Becoming a part of our American history, he has traveled around the world, thanks to the U.S. military. No one knows why he was so well known, but everybody seemed to get into it by placing him in their travels. Once in 1970, I visited Point Barrow, Alaska, and there he was, on a sign post showing direction and distance from Point Barrow to the North Pole, Wall Drug in South Dakota, and many of the world's cities.

So, who was Kilroy? In 1946, the American Transit Association, through its radio program, "Speak to America," sponsored a nationwide contest to find the real Kilroy, offering a prize of a real trolley car to the person who could prove himself to be the genuine article. Nearly 40 men responded, but James Kilroy from Halifax, Massachusetts had the required evidence.

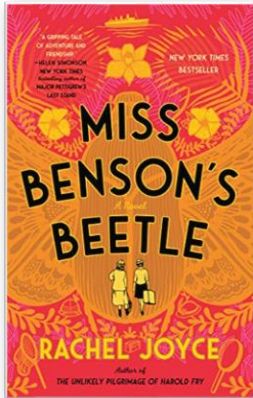
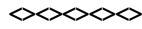
He was a 46-year-old shipyard worker during WW II in the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, MA. His job was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. Riveters were paid by the number of rivets installed. Kilroy would count a block of rivets and put a check mark in semi-waxed lumber chalk, so they wouldn't be counted twice. When Kilroy went off duty, the riveters would erase his marks, thus causing them to be counted twice by the next inspector, this increasing their pay. When Kilroy was informed about this problem, his first thought was to paint the check mark, but the many tight spaces he had to crawl through would be difficult dragging a paint can and brush. His solution was to stick with the waxy chalk but add "*Kilroy was here*" in king-sized letters next to the check. Eventually, he added the sketch of the chap with the long nose peering over the fence. This solution stopped the riveters from trying to wipe away his marks and solved the paying twice for each rivet problem. With the urgency for ships during the war, the Quincy Yard didn't have time to paint over the marks.



As a result, Kilroy's inspection "trademark" was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troopships built in the Quincy Yard. That led to it appearing all over Europe and the South Pacific. Before long, "Kilroy" appeared everywhere there were servicemen including both ground troops and the Army & Navy air forces, even on the noses of planes. Kilroy became the super-GI who had always "*already been*" wherever the military went. It became a challenge to place the logo in the most unlikely places imaginable! He is atop Mt. Everest, inside the Statue of Liberty, on the underside of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris and scrawled in the dust on the moon by our astronauts! Someone painted him inside the outhouse used by Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill at the Potsdam conference. The latest is on the wall outside Osama bin Laden's house where he was killed. Travel on, Kilroy. You are still famous.

– Bryce Hollingsworth –

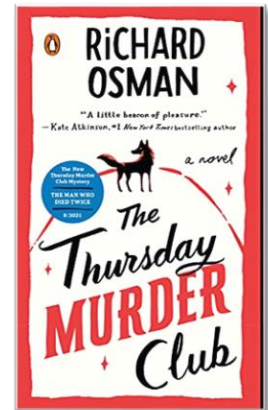
BOOKS FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE



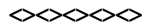
English author, Rachel Joyce, wrote the story of *Miss Benson's Beetle*. A spinster teacher receives a caricature and mean-spirited message from her students. She leaves the note on her desk and departs. But not before she steals a pair of boots. Later, after hiring an assistant, they go off to find the gold beetle in New Caledonia. Margery's father had told her about it before he shot himself. Poignant, precious, mysterious, with well-defined characters and a sprinkling of humor, it is well worth your time. (334 pages)

– Recommended by Joann Dettmann –

If you live in a retirement community, love old people, love mysteries, and British humor, then *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman is the book for you. It sold a million copies in the UK. Four elders, amateur sleuths meet weekly—on Thursdays—to solve unsolved murders. Eventually, they become involved in a real murder. Osman, Star of the UK TV show “Pointless,” was also selected as best author in the UK. It will be in paperback in September. Copies are also available at the WRL. A favorite line: “Big is the same as small. There's just more of it.” Laugh out loud when appropriate. (355 pages)



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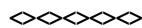
ACTIVITY ALONG THE BLUEBIRD TRAIL

Our last issue identified our Bluebird Trail and its 21 bluebird houses. Following is an activity update for the trail as of August 1st:

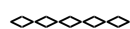
27 nests
117 eggs
92 eggs hatched
92 fledged (able to fly)

A few houses are still having new nests. A wonderful year for Bluebirds at PC!

– Don Scott –



GENEALOGY—FUN AND INTERESTING



Mary and Dan Harrington joined us at Patriots Colony during the pandemic. Like most people, Dan was not interested in “old stuff” during his younger years. About fifteen years ago, after his retirement and joining the Sons of the American Revolution, he became a more active researcher. Dan recently provided Patriots Press with a summary of his sixteen years of genealogy research along with a penciled note, “... if you are interested [in this] for the paper ... feel free to edit or place in the circular file.” Your editors did find it interesting, with familiarities along the way and an unexpected ending.

Dan is a twelfth generation Harrington here in the US. His 9th great grandfather, wife and three children arrived in the Colonies (Boston harbor) in 1630. The father died on arrival; the mother two years later. Son Benjamin was dissatisfied with Puritan beliefs and, after a dispute with an uncle, “ran away” to Rhode Island and the Roger Williams Community. (Roger Williams University/Community is inextricably connected to the 17th century leader devoted to freedom of conscience, social justice, and nurturing the growth of vibrant and open societies.) After four generations in Rhode Island, several Harrington brothers moved to Pownal, VT, just east of Albany, NY. Dan’s ancestors remained there until recent times; others moved to the Cleveland area.

The father of James Fenimore Cooper owned one hundred thousand acres of wilderness in Otsego County, NY. In 1790, he began selling parcels. Five Harrington brothers, three Church brothers, two Church sisters and their spouses, and others, more than a dozen families in all, bought land in this area, forming a town named Burlington (population 1,140 in 2010 census). Most of these early settlers were veterans of the Revolutionary War; one was Benjamin Harrington, Dan’s 4th great grandfather.

The most noteworthy Harrington participation in the Revolutionary War was its presence at Lexington on April 19, 1775. There were ten Harringtons – sons, brothers, or cousins of Robert – in Captain Parker’s company of Minutemen. Two, Jonathan and Caleb, (distant cousins of Dan’s branch) were killed in that action. Mary and Dan visited Lexington in 2019 and saw Jonathan’s home.

Many decedents of Benjamin of Rhode Island were also participants in the war. Dan’s 4th great grandfather and his brothers were in RI, VT, and NY militia units. While in many different actions, not one was at Lexington.

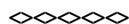
Dan’s mother was from the Cady/Church line. The Cadys were an old and large Windham County, CT, family. Their founding father in the states was Jonathan, who was on these shores by 1630. He, too, had a descendant at Lexington on April 19th. Some Cadys also moved to Otsego County, NY, in the 1790s. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, well known for her abolitionist and women’s suffrage activities, was descended from Jonathan, as was Dan. (His mother was another Elizabeth Cady.)

The Church family originated in colonial America with Richard Church, whose wife was Elizabeth Warren, daughter of Richard Warren, a signer of the Mayflower Compact. The Church brothers who moved to Burlington in 1790 were Amasa, Willard, and James Cady Church, named for his maternal grandfather, James Cady (a Church/Cady tie even in the 1790s). Like the Harringtons, the Church family had many participants in the Revolutionary War, including Amasa, Dan's 4th great grandfather. Willard was a member of General "Mad Anthony" Wayne's force that captured the British fortress at Stony Point, NY, with unloaded muskets and fixed bayonets. Amazingly, they incurred only light casualties and captured 546 prisoners including the British commander. Willard's grandson Francis was the *New York Sun* editor who wrote the reply to young Virginia O'Hanlon's question "... is there a Santa Claus?"

In tracing Mary's ancestry, they came across the name "John Knapp." In 1630, Knapp had immigrated to the Colonies with a family including two daughters, one of whom married Nicholas Cady and became Dan's 9th great grandmother. The second daughter married Thomas Smith and became Mary's 9th great grandmother. Mary and Dan are not only wife and husband, but also long-lost cousins!

It took almost 400 years to "reunite" the family!

– *Dan Harrington* –



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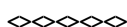
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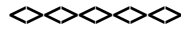


The Club meets on the third Friday of every month, except December, at 1:30 p.m. in the Liberty Lounge.

The purpose of the Club is to provide members with the methods and resources needed to conduct genealogical research. In addition, members can assist other members with their individual research.



HANDICRAFT SHOP



There is a small, garage-type building on the left side of the road leading to the kitchen/maintenance area. A small sign near the door identifies it as the Handicraft Shop. But, what is it? According to the Resident Handbook, it is a woodworking and repair shop. This shop is organized and run by member residents on a volunteer basis.



New Chair Leg

In the late 1990s, about a dozen residents got together and began organizing what was known as "The Woodcrafters." They stated, "Several of us have given up tools and materials of a lifetime that we would rather have continued to use for enjoyment and benefit of family and friends." But they needed a building to work in. On January 19, 1999, the Handicraft Shop was born. The garage had been erected by the contractor to

hold his tools and supplies during the construction phase of the Tower apartment building and the villas.

Kitchen Shelves

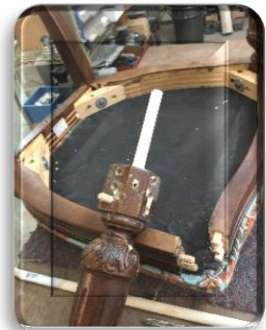


Bookcase

Over the years, members worked to improve the facility and transform it into what it is today. Walls and ceilings were redone, and central heat and air were installed. Electrical upgrades provided extra outlets, LED lighting, and dedicated 200 volt outlets for some of the heavier equipment. PCAW contracted to have plumbing installed to include a bathroom and a utility tub with eye wash capabilities. Most power tools have been upgraded, thanks to the generous donation of one of our members.



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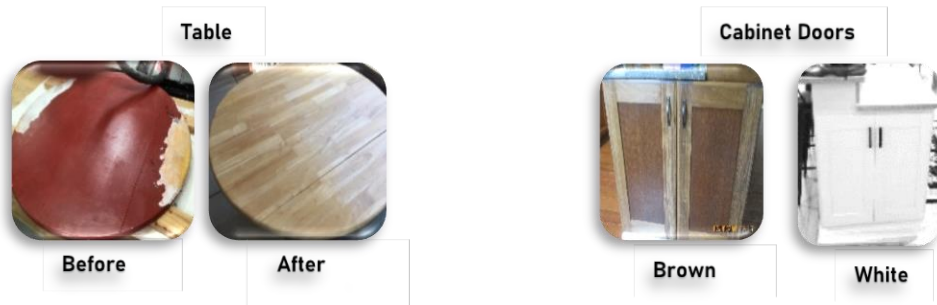


Chair Repair



Chair Back Repair

This is a well-equipped facility, with an amazing array of high-quality tools. It is open to all residents, as long as they pay their dues, sign a liability waiver, and attend a safety and orientation briefing. Some members spend more time there than others. These are the ones



who will repair your lamps, re-glue your chairs and tables, assemble and, in some cases, build your furniture (bookshelves, TV/printer stands, etc.). We have been known to perform honey-do jobs, computer and audio hookups, limited refinishing, and picture framing.

We charge \$7.50 per man-hour of work (with a \$5.00 minimum), and costs of supplies are passed on without mark-ups. Monies earned are used to maintain and improve the Shop. Excess funds are funneled to the PCAW Patriots Fund and/or the PCAW Scholarship Endowment fund. Since the Shop's inception, we have donated almost \$20,000.00 to these funds.



Chapel



Puzzle Table



Lathe Bowl

Some members use the Shop to hone their skills on particular machines. One example is the state-of-the-art lathe. Some pictures will illustrate the talents of these members. A recent addition to the tool inventory is a welding machine. A few jobs have already been completed for residents, with satisfactory results.

If you have questions, or want to have some work done, please call Glyndon Bruhl, President; Don Scott, Foreman; or Dave Lester, Treasurer. We are all in the book. The shop phone is answered only when someone is there.

– *Dave Lester* –



Bathroom Cabinet



Wedding Wreath



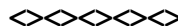
Corner TV Stand



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Rehabbed Trailer



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The Holiday Appreciation Gift Fund is the mechanism for expressing our deep appreciation to the PC staff for their many services provided during the past year. Art Sommers will chair the campaign this year.

Now is the time to begin reflecting on this opportunity and considering a generous contribution for those who do so much for us every day. The actual campaign will occur in November.