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YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

We would like to welcome the following new residents to Enchantment:

- Nick and Karen Serritella
31 Monte Carlo Drive
- Aida and Stanley Howell
34 Monte Carlo Drive
- Edward and Amelia Kintis
3 Sanibel Lane
- Ram Puranam and Kusuma Tenneti
117 Monte Carlo Drive



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations and best wishes

Nan and Rich Ionato – 25 years on May 1st
Tess and John Bartolino – 56 years on July 2nd
Aida and Stanley Howell – 40 Years on August 7th
Isabel and Henry Hersh – 58+ Years on August 16th
Donna and Robert Decker – 56 Years on August 20th
Jack and Barbara (Babs) Porcelli – 40 Years on August 28th
Jody and Steve Cohen – 20 Years on October 6th
Bob and Maria Hearn – 60 years on October 14th



COMMUNITY SHOUT-OUTS

Susan Maloney has dedicated her time and talents by offering various types of exercise classes to the homeowners. Her classes are designed to attract every level of ability and are offered on a weekly basis (Mon, Wed, Thurs at 10:00 a.m.) at no expense to the participants. The Enchantment Community appreciates her hard work and dedication in keeping us healthy.

Mark Maleson is our very own Enchantment “website guru” with software skills that are second to none. He is our behind-the-scenes guy who keeps the community connected. The website he has created contains a wealth of information at our disposal with a click of a button and offers easy access to communicate with others within our community. Thank you, Mark, your web knowledge and contribution to the community is invaluable!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Every happiness this year from the Enchantment Community.

MaryAnne Komianos- September 18th; Bill Komianos – November 28th; Pete Costanza – December 4th; Jodi Brigman – December 29th

Remembering Shirley Colabella

In this issue of the re-Chant, we would like to pay tribute to Shirley Colabella. Shirley and her husband, Frank, moved here from Plainsboro in 2014. Sadly, Shirley passed away on November 8, 2021, after bravely battling breast cancer for 22



years. Frank recalled meeting Shirley at Elgin Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Shirley was an Air Force “brat” and was raised in Europe. They were set up by a mutual friend. She captured his heart, and they were married on July 4, 1969. They had three children and six grandchildren.

Many in our community knew Shirley, and we would like to highlight her for the impact she made on the numerous people with whom she came in contact. Her friends here at Enchantment use words like positive, inspiring, brave, and resilient when describing her. During the 22 years that she battled breast cancer, Shirley was very active as a volunteer with the Robert Wood Johnson Cancer Center. She distributed lunches at the infusion center and often sat with patients while they were getting their treatments. She participated in fundraisers and was a speaker at certain events.

While speaking of his late wife, Frank recalls a lively and outgoing lady who encouraged him to travel with her to many places, including Europe and Alaska. She was an active member of the Enchantment community. She joined the Chantones singing group, chair exercise, Social Committee, and the Sunshine Club. Shirley loved crafting...knitting, crocheting and jewelry making. She loved gardening, bird watching, and shopping. Little did Frank know how much Shirley loved shopping! He discovered that her craft room was overflowing with supplies.... yarn, knitting and crocheting, needles, beads, precious gems, and tools and machines necessary for making jewelry. Continuing with Shirley’s generous spirit, Frank donated the yarn to the Knitters and Crafters Club here in Enchantment. The ladies made blankets that were donated to Mobile Meals of Hamilton and the Veteran’s Home in Mercer County. They will soon begin making lap blankets for cancer patients to use while getting treatments. The beads, semi-precious gems, and tools were given to a young man named Ben. Ben is 16 years old and has a small business called Jewelry by Ben. He sells his jewelry on consignment at a small shop in Allentown N.J. Ben was so appreciative that he made jewelry for Shirley’s children and grandchildren as mementos of their loving mother and grandmother.

Shirley’s spirit lives on, and we are certain she is very proud of Frank’s generosity.

RESIDENT PROFILES OR NEWSLETTER ARTICLE IDEAS

Please help us learn more about the residents in our community, the activities you participate in, or what you have discovered that you think others might want to know about. We welcome your feedback. Send to re.Chantnews@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

Thank you, Steve and Alice Statz

Steve and Alice Statz are two original owners of our community who have dedicated the entire time they have lived at Enchantment to making it a better place.



Steve was a former, longtime President of the Board for many years and led the community with class and dignity. He used his engineering background to help the community, in many cases saving us money and time. He was the principal person in developing many of the programs we are proud to continue to have in our community today. Steve continues to consult informally as an adjunct to the current Board by sharing his expertise. His wealth of knowledge is greatly respected.

Alice has served our community by being a committed member of many clubs and committees. Alice has always volunteered behind the scenes to take care of the kitchen. She is the person who makes the purchases of paper goods, coffee, cookies, etc. and keeps everything well stocked. She also organizes drawers, cabinets, pantry, etc. Alice has always volunteered her baking skills for every Enchantment occasion, even if it's just the ladies getting together for cards or games.

Thank you, Alice and Steve, for your leadership and commitment to the Enchantment Community.

MOVIE TRIP FOR THE ENCHANTED LADIES

Members of the Enchantment Ladies group met to view the much-anticipated DOWNTON ABBEY movie. Prior to the show, they met at a Chinese restaurant enjoying a meal together while discussing Downton's storylines. The ladies loved the movie so much they wanted to watch it again!



ENCHANTMENT PET PROFILE

Luna joined the Enchantment Community in January of this year. She is a Cavapoo (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel/ Poodle Mix). She came to MaryAnne and Bill Komianos from



a breeder in Arkansas. She loves her walks through the neighborhood, and she has made several friends including Daisy, Katie, and Pixie. She also loves going to the Mercer County dog park to run and play.

Luna is nine months old and weighs 16 pounds. She loves her treats and is a great addition to the family. Her favorite game is "tug," and they have some good battles. She also loves tissues and will steal them out of MaryAnne's pockets every chance she gets.



POOLSIDE LUNCH AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On a beautiful sunny and warm summer day, residents came together to socialize and enjoy lunch including Jersey Mike's subs, chips, drink, and a 'Good Humor' selection of ice cream treats. The success of the event led to the organizing of our Pool Closing Lunch and Social.



SANGRIA AND SOCIAL

The Enchanted Ladies group hosted a *Sangria and Sunshine* event on July 7th. This event was a big success in gathering a mix of approximately 40 old and some new friends. The hostesses prepared white and red sangria while those who attended brought with them a delicious variety of both appetizers and desserts. A great time was had by all!





RED LENTIL SOUP WITH LEMON (ADAPTED FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES, 2008)



This is a winner: deep flavor, beautiful color, easy to throw together in an hour. There's no need to rinse or soak the lentils. If you're not a lentil lover (I am not), red lentils might win you over.

Ingredients

3 tablespoons olive oil, more for drizzling
1 large onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 teaspoon ground cumin
¼ teaspoon kosher salt, more to taste
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
Pinch of ground chili powder or cayenne, more to taste
1 quart chicken or vegetable broth
2 cups water
1 cup red lentils
1 large carrot, peeled and diced
Juice of ½ medium lemon, more to taste

3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro (or for cilantro haters, parsley)

Directions

In a large pot, (enameled cast iron works well) heat 3 tablespoons oil over medium-high heat until hot and shimmering. Add onion; sauté until soft, about 4 minutes. Reduce heat to medium, add garlic, and continue until it is just golden. Stir in tomato paste, cumin, salt, black pepper, and chili powder or cayenne, and sauté for about 2 minutes longer until the paste darkens a bit, and the spices are fragrant.

Add broth, 2 cups water, lentils, and carrot. Give all a good stir. Bring to a simmer, then partially cover pot, and turn heat to medium-low. Simmer until lentils are soft, about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Taste and add salt if necessary.

Using a blender or food processor, purée half the soup, then add it back to pot. Soup should be somewhat chunky. Stir in lemon juice, and drizzle with olive oil.



THE ROBBINSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

The Robbinsville Senior Center offers a fantastic opportunity to socialize and participate in a wide variety of events and activities. It is open to residents of Enchantment. If you are interested in their lunches, speakers, etc. you would need to pay a small annual fee of \$48 and complete the sign-up forms. In addition to the many activities on site, they also sponsor trips. These trips do not require that you pay the annual fee, but you will still need to complete the sign-up form. Two upcoming trips are:

Holidays at Mount Hope which includes an interactive lunch at the Mount Hope Mansion, as well as a tour of the Winery and a tasting on December 1st, just the thing to put you in the spirit. In March, they'll bring out the Irish in you with a trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for an Irish Cabaret. These Trips include transportation.

There is so much to do, we encourage you to look on-line at some of their events at https://www.robbinsville-twp.org/departments/senior_center/index.php and click on the link to Activities to see for yourself. They are open Monday-Friday 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.



FALL-WINTER SAVE THE DATE

Watch your email and save the date for these exciting events:

September 21st – Join us at a **Paint Party**. This is a fun event for all and benefits Mobile Meals

October 6th – An Afternoon with **Julia Child**

October 7th – **October Mixer** and help us break in our new Karaoke machine. Our Musical Theme is sure to be fun

October 13th – **Capital Health** will be here to tell us about new product offerings. Lunch will be served.

October 23rd – **Halloween Madness** for your kids, your pets, and yourself!

November 4th – our **November Mixer**

December 4th – **Holiday Traditions** guest speaker will share those special traditions that make the season special

December 17th – **Enchantment Holiday Party** at Noon



IT'S GAME TIME AT ENCHANTMENT

It's a known fact that as winter approaches and the days get shorter and colder, we spend a lot more time indoors. Have you thought about how you'll be spending your indoor time? More Netflix or Hulu...ugh! Why not consider joining friends and neighbors for some good old-fashioned fun at the clubhouse? There are many options. Take a look at the variety of activities available.

-Book Club-Meetings are held monthly in the library (usually the 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m.) to discuss the current selection and to select a book for the upcoming month. The group selects from many different genres. All those who enjoy a good book are welcome. Contact Nancy Christides at oc23girl@yahoo.com.

-Mahjong (less/inexperienced players)-This is a game of skill and chance and challenges players on several levels. Mondays at 7:00 p.m., the less experienced players get together to play in the Card Room. Anyone interested in learning to play or looking to refresh "rusty skills" is encouraged to consider joining. Contact Arlene Petruska at arlenepetruska@yahoo.com.

-Mahjong (experienced players)-Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., the experienced players meet in the Card Room. This is a perfect group for experienced and competitive players to join. Contact Arlene Petruska at arlenepetruska@yahoo.com.

-Men's Poker-This group meets 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Tuesday nights. They're looking for more players and are willing to teach the various poker games played. So, if you "know when to hold 'em, and know when to fold 'em" or you want to learn, this could be a great fit for you. Contact Lee Levitt at leeandsarag@gmail.com

-Nines (card game)-This fun card game involves both planning and luck. This group of men and women meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Card Room and are happy to train new players. Contact Sharon Weiner at sharon.weiner46@gmail.com or Ronni Epstein at re1217@aol.com.

-Pinochle-This group is actively looking for new players to join them. They are willing to train/explain the rules but would much rather have anyone interested in playing come and observe. They play Tuesday nights. Contact Floyd Weiner at fs.weiner43@gmail.com.

-Rummikub-This game is great for people who enjoy playing cards and are looking for something a little bit different. Experienced and inexperienced players are welcome to join on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. in the Card Room. There are many similarities to Rummy, so those who have played cards in the past should pick it up quickly. Contact Sharon Weiner at sharon.weiner46@gmail.com

-Billiards-We're trying to organize a group to play billiards. No need for previous experience. Why not come out and see if this game is a fit for you. Who know, you may have some hidden talent? Contact Jim Leth at jim2leth@yahoo.com.



THE WOMEN OF BOCCE BALL



This summer, the ladies of Enchantment started a club and meet every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. If you want to have some fun and join these women, just stop by, no prior experience or skill is required. You can learn along with them (although a few might be ready for the pro-circuit); just stop by the courts.



A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT AND CELEBRATION OF LIFE...

Leonard Petruska, 82, is celebrating 22 years since his life-saving liver transplant. To document his journey, Len published an article on the NJ Sharing Network website this past July. The following is an excerpt from that article. Read the full article: <https://www.njsharingnetwork.org/2022/07/13/leonard-petruska/>.



In 1998, I became very ill and was told to get my affairs in order as the doctors told me I had only about 12 months to live. I was in desperate need of a liver transplant. My name was added to the transplant waiting list, where I remained for two years before a donor's organ was available.

During the Memorial Day weekend in 2000, Thomas Sozzi, a local business owner and amateur drag race car driver, was hit head-on by a school bus and in critical condition. Tracey, his wife, recalled Thomas saying if something ever happened to him, he would want his organs donated so others might live.

After the transplant, the following months were filled with recovery and rehabilitation. I was incredibly grateful for being given a second chance at life. Life took on a new meaning. I was more in love with my family and friends. Everything about everything took on new dimensions and appreciation.

I felt compelled to write my donor family with the support of the NJ Sharing Network team. On a Thanksgiving Day, Tracey called me, and we ended our conversation making plans for our families to meet the day after Christmas. Since then, our families remain in close contact as they will always be in our hearts and prayers.

Apart from general organ transplant protocol, I have led quite a normal life. In all these years since my life-saving transplant, it is easy to forget my wait for this transplant until bedtime when I thank God and pray for the donor and his family.

Over the last 22 years, I have made it a priority to support organ and tissue donation and transplantation by sharing my story. Organ and tissue donation does not have an age limit. The easiest way to register is on your NJ Driver's License or online www.njsharingnetwork.com.



18 YEARS OF ENCHANTMENT



In July, we marked 18 years as a community, when George and Camille Hoffman our first residents settled. They moved into 50 Sedona Blvd. There were dirt roads, no clubhouse yet, no pool, no model homes, and yet the dream of living here began. Thanks to the early pioneers, Abruzzo, Bartolino, DiMatia, Furman, Gambino, Hersch, Kelliher, Locane, Roth, Smith, Wybreniak, et al.



WAIT, WHAT? DID WE REALLY HAVE A SYNCHRONIZED SWIM TEAM THIS SUMMER?



BEEN TO ALLENTOWN LATELY? SOME IDEAS AND DISCOUNTS FOR THE SEASON



We at the re.Chant heard that there are good things happening in Allentown, so we set out to find out what the Buzz was about. We visited the quaint town during the week and parking was a breeze. Our first stop at **Perennial Home**, 24 S. Main revealed that they have a parking lot in the back with back door access. This lovely shop sells beautiful and unique items for your home, gorgeous jewelry, baby gifts, and so much more. The owner, Karen, moved her shop from Hightstown in March of this year. Much of her inventory comes from local artisans ranging in age from age 16 to 90. Stop in, mention you are from Enchantment, and receive a 15% discount till the end of the year.

Our next stop was right next door. **Ivy on Main** is a floral design shop and boutique based in Allentown, New Jersey, offering a carefully curated collection of floral arrangements, clothing, home goods, and apothecary. They specialize in event floral design and offer local delivery of floral bouquets, plants, and sympathy arrangements. Say you are from Enchantment and receive a 15% discount on your first purchase

Adjacent, in the same lovely building is **Fringe Hair Boutique**. Owner, Gabriella Kotelnicki, has worked professionally as a hair stylist for 16 years and has been a business owner for 3 years. She is a master at cutting, coloring, and styling. Her warm and caring manner makes for a unique, relaxing, and high-end salon experience. Their stylists have over 32 years of combined experience. Training in today's trends and techniques is at the forefront to meet customers' desires for the perfect haircut, color, and style. Stop in for your first visit, mention you are from Enchantment, and receive 10% off and a free gift.



CALLING THOSE WHO KNIT OR CROCHET FOR OUR FALL-WINTER PROJECT

For the past two years we, who knit or crochet, have donated lap blankets for Mobile Meals of Hamilton. This year we are once again calling on our crafters to donate their talent to create Hand Made Blankets for the **Infusion Center/Oncology Department at Capital Health Medical**. Patients receiving infusions often feel cold and blankets in any dimension will be donated to them on behalf of our community. Additionally, for those who can make Mittens/Gloves, Hats, Scarves or Ear Warmers we will be donating those handmade items to a charity called **Knit the Rainbow**. This organization helps LGBTQ+ homeless youth in need. If you have any questions or have items to drop off please contact Jody at 16 Portofino; Nancy at 116 Monte Carlo, or Jeanine at 38 Portofino. The deadline is December 4th.

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