



# Vintages



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## THE CARING CONNECTIONS

The Board of Trustees

This past month we lost Valerie Kent, a very good friend and valuable asset for Four Seasons. Valerie participated in multiple committees and was influential in starting our Caring Connections Committee.

We are attempting to make Caring Connections more active. This would make Valerie proud.

Please read Page 5, describing the Caring Connections mission.

To volunteer to help your neighbors please complete the form on Page 6.

NOTE: Pages 5 and 6 can be removed from Vintages to be saved/copied for future use.

### SAVE THE DATE Upcoming Open Board Meeting

7pm on Thursday, December 7, 2023

In Person or Virtual



### GROUP OUTING

Thursday, February 8, 2024

The Paper Mill Playhouse

1:30pm matinee to see

## After Midnight

Tickets are \$50.00 each and we will carpool  
Please contact Kathy Mokes as soon as possible  
so tickets can be reserved at this great price.

RSVP by Jan. 20/24 to:  
Kathy Mokes (908-246-2652)  
Kathleenmokern@gmail.com

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**R**ECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING is scheduled for Monday, December 4 at 10am at the Clubhouse. All residents are welcome to attend and participate in these meetings.

**H**OLIDAY GALA on December 9 begins at 6pm at Black Oak Golf Club, 169 Bartley Rd, Long Valley. Dinner, Dancing and Fun  
House wine will be available at \$12.00 a bottle and there will be a Cash Bar to purchase additional drinks.

Entertainment is DJ/Saxophone player Joe Blow  
Cost is \$80.00 per person.

Checks payable to Recreation Committee  
RSVP to Linda Diforio, 2 Brown Court, 973-598-5586, Ldiforio@gmail.com by November 30  
Cancellations are non-refundable after December 3  
Tables will seat 8. Please indicate seating preferences if appropriate and if you need transportation.

**H**OLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE (LADIES ONLY) on Tuesday, December 12 begins at 6pm at the Clubhouse.

Bring your homemade cookies to exchange along with the recipe.

Bring an appetizer to share. Enjoy Champagne Punch or BYOB.

Contest will be held, holiday clothing welcome.  
RSVP Theresa Pensak at tpensak@aol.com no later than December 7.

**B**OOK CLUB MEETING will be Wednesday, December 13 at 1pm at the Clubhouse. December's book is **A Girl Called Samson** by Amy Harmon.

Jan. 10/24: **The Dance Teacher of Paris** by Suzanne Fortin

Feb. 14/24: **The Covenant of Water** by Abraham Verghese (Long book, start early!)

**J**ULS Christmas Luncheon at Redwoods begins at noon on Friday, December 15, 2023. All ladies of the Four Seasons community are invited to join the JULS ( Just Us Ladies) for their annual Christmas luncheon.

The cost of the luncheon is \$48.00

Please give your money by December 5 (Checks made out to Dey Tino) to

Louise Saliceti, 14 Young Court, (908) 879-1660

Or

Dey Tino, 4 Wyckoff Way, (973) 769-4420

We especially hope our new residents will join us.

**R**OMEIO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) is on Wednesday, December 20, the third Wednesday of the month. Meet at noon at the Chester Diner. For more information or have questions contact Greg Faughnan 908-955-7727 (h), 914-329-6581 (c) or email: gregoryfaughnan@gmail.com

**J**ULS DISCUSSION GROUP (a discussion group of topics important to women) will not meet in December. Will resume in January.

**M**AHJONG in December will be Monday night from 6:30 to 9:00 pm and Friday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. The times and dates will be confirmed by Beth Kline:  
emk635@yahoo.com/ 908-879-1997 (h).

During the Holiday Season regularly scheduled programs may be changed or cancelled.

Check with the coordinator if in doubt.

## CHESTER LIBRARY ADULT PROGRAMS FOR DECEMBER 2023



- 12/1 at 10:30am: Art Enthusiastic Club; Paint, draw, sketch  
 12/2 at 6pm: Grand Tasting Fundraiser. General Admission \$75.00/person  
 12/4 at noon: SRC Lunch and Learn (Full)  
 12/6 at 9:30am: Classic Yoga with Danielle  
 12/6 at 7pm: Creating Christmas - How a centuries old European celebration became something uniquely American (Virtual Only)  
 12/7 at 7pm: Baking with Chef Jay - learn how to make four scrumptious desserts.  
 12/11 at 6:30pm: Evening Jewelry Making for Adults  
 12/12 at 12:30pm: Mahjongg - instructor led  
 12/13 at 4pm: German conversational group with Ashley  
 12/15 at noon: American Red Cross Blood Drive  
 12/17 at 2:15pm: Holiday Extravaganza - Music, Food and Fun  
 12/18 at 11am: Adult Jewelry Making with Julia Commick  
 12/19 at 9:30am: Morning Book Club  
 12/21 at 9:45am: Just 4 Kid Writers Group; creating children's stories & books  
 12/21 at 6pm: Evening Yoga with Danielle  
 12/27 at 6pm: Art Journaling  
 12/28 at 11:30am: Bunco  
 Knitting Group: December 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30am

**Register for all programs at  
 chesterlib.org  
 Need Help?  
 Email  
 contactus@chesterlib.org  
 or  
 Call 908-879-7612**



### POOL COMMITTEE CHANGES

Greg Faughnan

Thanks: The Pool Committee would like to thank Lynne Melillo and Louise Saliceti for their years on Pool Committee.

Welcome: The Pool Committee would like to welcome Joan and Roger Off, the newest members to the Pool Committee

### SCIENCE DISCUSSION GROUP ENDING

Due to ongoing family health issues Allan Newcomb is no longer able to lead the discussion group either in person or remotely.

The community thanks Allan & Barbara Newcomb for their active engagement in the community from the beginning. Included in their activities was the creation and running of the discussion group based on the weekly Science Times section of the New York Times.



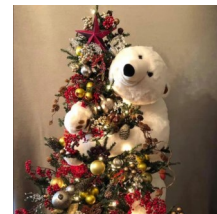
## FESTIVAL OF TREES

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 2 TO SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

Merry & Bright Festival of Trees *20th Anniversary!*

Location: The Barn at Highlands Ridge Park, 100 North Rd, Chester, NJ

Sue Nissenblatt



Festival of Trees is a community event sponsored by the Senior Resource Center (SRC). It features a spectacular display of decorated holiday trees of all sizes for viewing and for sale within a winter wonderland setting. Visit Santa and enjoy entertainment throughout the week. Visit the gift table for holiday items at reasonable prices!! All proceeds benefit the SRC.

Cost: Adults: \$10, Seniors & Students: \$5. Credit cards accepted

For hours and additional information: <https://www.srcnj.org/events/> .

Senior Resource Center: 908-879-2202

**WELCOME**  
A NEWCOMER

**Save The Date**  
**Sunday, January 7 at 5:00 pm**  
**SOUPS ON**  
**and**  
**NEWCOMERS WINE and CHEESE**



The winter season is the perfect time to enjoy some delicious soups prepared by volunteer cooks in the Four Seasons community. Guests can sample each soup. These soups are a secret, so you will have to join us to find out what the cooks are preparing.

Wine (BYOB if wine is not your thing), salad, cheese, bread and dessert will also be served.

Cost is \$5.00 per person

Newcomers will be invited free of charge

RSVP information to follow.

### Volunteer Chefs Wanted

#### Newcomers/Soups On Event

If you'd like to prepare a soup for this event, please contact Hope Swarts by December 29 at:  
908-955-7727 or  
[hopeswarts@gmail.com](mailto:hopeswarts@gmail.com).



Angelo Sciortino unwrapping his triple layer "Brown Derby" cake at the Men's Brunch. Nearly the entire cake went to happy diners.

## THANK YOU TO ALL THE CHEFS WHO PREPARED FOOD FOR THE MEN'S BRUNCH

Hope Swarts

It was a wonderful success and the food and the company were terrific.

What a lovely way to spend a Sunday with friends and neighbors at Four Seasons!



## THE CARING CONNECTIONS

Our community is blessed to have many wonderful, caring neighbors who are willing to volunteer and help each other. Reaching out and offering assistance when a neighbor is ill, frail or recovering from surgery is a natural response for neighbors, in general. We recognize that this already happens at Four Seasons but “Caring Connections” will formalize it and offer all residents an opportunity to participate as a volunteer or recipient.

We are a "clearing house" for requests and a “short-term helping hand” to our neighbors. Some of the things we do are: provide meals, do grocery shopping, pick up medications, drive to doctor appointments and maybe just stop in for a short visit.

Please sign up on the next page if you can join this committee or sign up for something you are interested in helping with.

Thank you so much!

Kathleen Moke, 11 Brown Court

Kathleenmokern@gmail.com / 908-246-2652



# FOUR SEASONS CARING CONNECTIONS

## Volunteer Form



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to volunteer to provide the following services to a neighbor in need:

TRANSPORTATION \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Is your vehicle easily accessible to a neighbor with minor Disabilities?

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you able to drive outside of Chester for medical appointments?

MEALS \_\_\_\_\_

ERRANDS \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any additional skills or experience in an area of our community life you would like to offer as a resource? Please list below.



### CONFIDENTIALLY STATEMENT

I agree to respect the confidentiality of any shared with me by the people I volunteer with.

## COMMUNITY PROBLEMS / QUESTIONS ?

Taylor Management, our property management firm, creates work orders and interfaces with contractors about any questions regarding landscaping, maintenance or other problems in the community.

When you have any questions or concerns, please contact Martha Basich at marthab@taylormgt.com or call 973-867-6237 direct.

Clare Ramirez, Property Manager can be reached at cramirez@taylormgt.com or call either 732-764-1001 x131 or 732-357-8441 direct.

Clare is onsite on Thursdays.

Clubhouse office phone is 908-879-7635

## WHO'S WHO?

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President - Tim Stewart (2025)

Vice Pres./Facility - Mike Pelepshin (2024)

Treasurer - Jeffery Rasmussen (2026)

Secretary & Amenities - Sue Nissenblatt  
(2024)

Trustee - Karen Newhouse (2024)

### COMMITTEES

#### Architectural Modifications

Bob Duffy, Chair  
Marie & Charlie Bryant  
Jim Daly  
Roger Off

#### By-Laws

Bob Ardis  
Bob Duffy  
Len Palamaro

#### Clubhouse

Gail Knight  
Lynne Melillo, Holiday Decor  
Joel Melillo, Exercise Equipment  
Leslie Murphy, Supplies  
Joan Off  
Rosanne Palamaro, Library

#### Covenants

Bob Ardis  
Peter Spera

#### Facilities

Fred Karasek  
Bob Reigrod  
Steve Schlesinger

### Finance Advisory Group

John Fuss

### Forest Management

Beth Kline, Chair  
Greg Faughnan  
Steve Hansbury  
George Salamy  
Barbara Stewart

### Insurance Advisor

Rick Resnick

### Landscaping & Trees

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Colleen Hamrah  
Leslie Murphy  
Eileen Nixon  
Diana Schlesinger  
Carolyn Shefsky

### Pool

Greg Faughnan, Chair  
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Eileen Nixon  
Eric Nixon  
Joan Off  
Roger Off

### SUPPORT COMMITTEES

#### Caring & Newcomers

Kathy Moke, Chair  
Joan Off  
Pat Perkins  
Laura Pesce  
Mary Jane Rasmussen  
Susan Wallis

#### Resident Directory

George Kline, monthly electronic  
Gail Knight, printed

### Media Committee

Steve Schlesinger

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Hope Swarts, Chair  
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Marie Bryant  
Patricia Cable-Perkins  
Linda Diforio  
Judy DiLascio  
Lucille Duffy  
Colleen Hamrah  
Kathy Moke  
Sue Nichol  
Sue Nissenblatt  
Eileen Nixon  
Joan Off  
Theresa Pensak  
Lisa Resnick  
Barbara Stewart  
Lori Tolento

### Vintages

Gail Knight - Editor  
The Klins - Backup

### Information Distribution

George Kline, Email  
Toni Archambault, Flyers

### EMERGENCIES

Clare Ramirez, Property Manager -  
EMERGENCIES ONLY  
1-888-992-9288


### Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

Located in the fitness center at the  
Clubhouse — Call 911



# December 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>TEMPORARY</b>	Attention Exercisers Temporary Suspension of 10:30am Body Fitness Classes			1 5pm Happy Hour	2 9:30am Aerobics
3	4 10:00am Recreation Committee Meeting 1pm Bridge	5 9:30am Aerobics 10am Current Events <b>RSVP JULS Luncheon</b>	6 6:30pm Duplicate Bridge	7 9:30am Aerobics PM: Clubhouse cleaning <b>RSVP Cookie Exchange</b>	8 5pm Happy Hour	9 9:30am Aerobics <b>6PM: Holiday Party</b>
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