

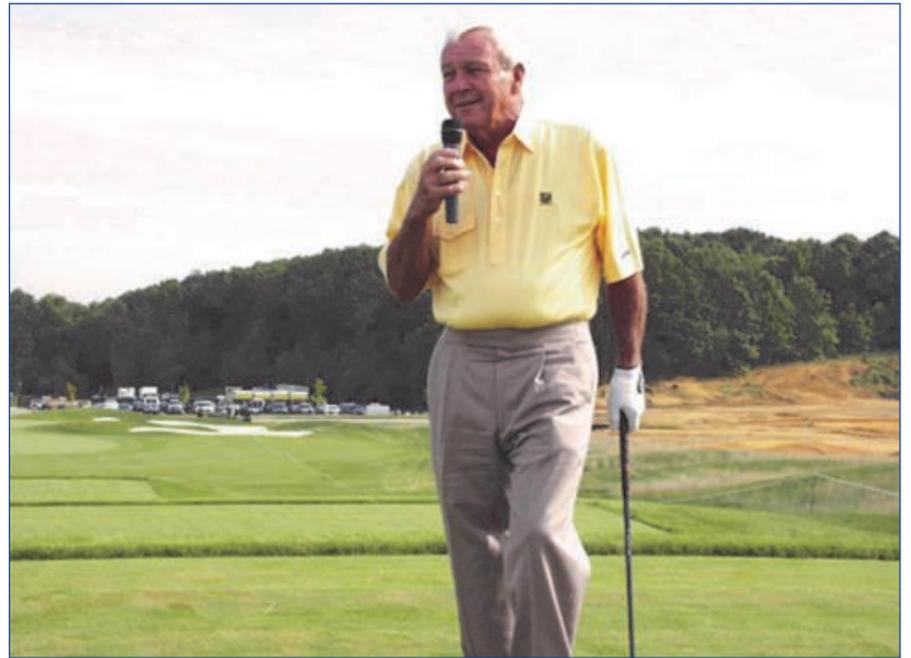
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Summer 2002, before Clubhouse completion: This was the first time Regency residents got together. The Grossman's and the Post's worked on getting the tents, food, chairs, etc. It took place on Hogan in the street in front of the Post, Schwartz and Grossman homes. That day the temperature was over 100 degrees and we ordered around 30 pizzas. We were all given name tags and many of us met residents whom we knew prior to moving to Regency.

Photo by Ron Post



Arnold Palmer came to Regency to dedicate our golf course. He played the nine holes and was one over par. Bill O'Leary was our first Golf Pro and he was Arnold's caddy.

Photo by Ron Post



Regency golfers were ready to hit the links on Opening Day, Saturday, May 3.

Photo by Sandy Newman



Above, Regency gals measure six feet for safe distancing. Now with masks you don't recognize your own friends when walking around. Stay safe, stay healthy when you are out for a walk.

Photo by Jeannie Gersten



On left, two little birds made a nest recently on my patio. We didn't have the heart to take it down. They worked all day making it. I believe the eggs are in it. One of the "parents" looks on, protecting the nest.

Photo by Johanne Sikorski

On right, the Blizzard of 2010!

Photo by Sandi Shumsky



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## Tribute to a Longtime Stalwart of the Regency Tennis Community

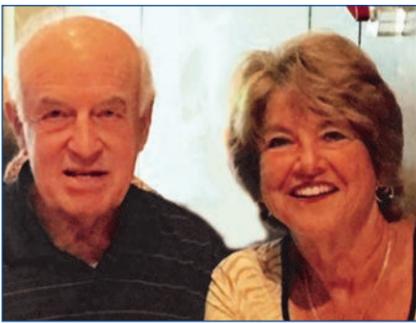
By Marcia Midler

For fourteen years, Arlene Eisenberger was the heart, soul, and organizational whiz that powered the Regency tennis community. She solicited new members, planned fun group events like “Breakfast at Wimbledon,” arranged catering, and fumed if a caterer fell short. When the new Tennis Pavilion and additional courts were being planned and built, probably partly due to her lobbying efforts, Arlene repeatedly suggested changes to initial designs. In the pretty pictures, she sensed scant knowledge of player experiences and preferences. “Are you going to listen to me, or do it over at greater expense when players are unhappy?” A force to be reckoned with, she won most of her points.

When husband Mike and I moved into Regency in 2004, our luckiest break was winning the neighbor lottery, landing next door to the Eisenberger's. We weren't tennis players and our politics didn't match, but it was unthinkable to Arlene that we wouldn't become good friends, so of course we did. Eventually, we became dear friends. Judging by the 550 Facebook comments and 200 participants in the recent Zoom “Cinco de Mayo Celebration/Funeral,” many felt the same. The date was appropriate. After son Gary co-founded the Karma

Tequila business, his Mom loved arranging barbecues, whipping up Karma margaritas while Ralph grilled. She supported her son by refusing restaurant tequilas not made with Karma, visiting liquor stores everywhere to buy a bottle and boost the brand.

Arlene's megawatt smile, beautiful blue eyes and outgoing personality lit up every room. She seldom met a new acquaintance before making them feel they'd always known her. On one occasion, Ralph dropped her off at a New York City restaurant. After parking, he found Wifey had befriended the folks at the next table, who were sending over meal tidbits to share! She insisted on addressing restaurant servers by name, making them feel seen and appreciated. When she suggested an impromptu trip to Mondello's - we were always game! - it was clear she knew the wait staff by name, their stories and family connections as well. As an active partner in the family sheet metal concern, she knew that the best way to ensure a thriving business was to treat the workforce like family. She organized picnics, remembered birthdays, and facilitated home buying and other worker aspirations with generous loans. If loyalty wasn't returned, or employees took



Ralph and Arlene Eisenberger  
Photo submitted by Marcia Midler

undue advantage, Arlene could be the bad cop should Ralph want to forgive all. When the Eisenberger's were ready to retire, they sold the business to long-time employees, keeping them on track through economic downturns to help the business survive.

Definition of family was always expansive. She took nieces, nephews, cousins, kids, and grandkids under her wing, making them all feel very loved, very special. The family home in Colonia was a gathering spot, where children's friends loved to congregate. Many considered her a surrogate Mom. As a community leader and Hadassah President (in Colonia), Arlene with Ralph would host very large groups for organizational lunches and meetings. Her first cousins felt like sisters. Sons-in-law and her children's mothers and fathers-in-law would all travel together companionably, an extended family of 30. With sister Carol, Arlene organized six person Sisters Cruises, along with their four daughters. The last one on February 28, found this hardy crew cruising to the Dominican Republic. Never mind the virus, never mind a lymphoma even unstoppable Arlene couldn't control, she determined to laugh, dance, sing, share love and celebrate life. She played her last tennis, though the woman who wanted to be remembered as a “vibrant tennis player” was sadly robbed of much mobility. It is rumored that Arlene passed into eternity wearing her tennis whites, a final salute to her beloved game.

Arlene's big heart was ever ready to embrace new friends not yet met. Our friends of forty years sold their old home before their Regency abode was ready.

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## A Note from the Board of Trustees

On behalf of the RESIDENTS OF REGENCY AT MONROE, a \$1,000 donation has been made by the Board of Trustees to the Monroe Food Pantry, which

serves the underprivileged and those severely affected by the crisis. One hundred percent of the contribution goes to the food pantry; there are no fees.

## Thank You Notes

Upon returning from Florida, I was overwhelmed by all the cards, texts and phone calls of condolences expressed by our community. I want to thank all of our friends at Regency for their love, kindness and support at this sad time on the passing of my sister Donna.

Shelly Wichansky

I would like to thank all my friends in Regency both in New Jersey and Florida for all the cards, emails, texts and phone calls. You cannot imagine how grateful I am for all your kindness and support during this very heartbreaking time.

Merrill Jaslow

When we lost our mom, Toby, we were devastated and heartbroken. We want to say thank you to the members of our Re-

gency family who called, sent cards, emails and donations in memory of our mom. Of course, we are still grieving, but feeling the love and warmth extended to us by all of you, has helped us to get through this time.

Ira and Caryl Cohen

Janet and I would like to thank our friends and neighbors for the immense outpouring of love, support and condolences. While the loss of my brother is devastating, knowing that we are surrounded by the Regency community gives us comfort. Please know that we appreciate each and every call, note and social distanced visit. Your prayers have also helped our sister-in-law on her journey to recovery. She is now home with her daughters and grandchildren.

Bob Pincu

## Fruits of Our Lives (Not the Pits)

By Christiana Barone

A Special Note to All Newcomers to Our Community

If there are any new additions to your family, an engagement/marriage of your son/daughter, yourself, or if someone close to you has joined the military defending our country and last but not least has received a special award, please let us know. All you have to do is drop a note of the forthcoming event in the mailbox of Christiana Barone, 8 Country Club Drive or e-mail me at ccbarone@aol.com with a reference in the subject box “Regency News” by the first of the month and magically it will



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## Calendar of HOA Events for 2020

We are hoping to hold an August event

- Saturday, August 8 - TBA
- Friday, September 11 - Trivia Night
- Saturday, September 12 - Regency Car Show
- Friday, November 6 - NEIL BERG Part TWO
- Thursday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

## Calendar of Coffee House for 2020

- Sunday, November 15 - Drachman/wan-Chi
- Sunday, December 6 - TBA

## 2020 HOA Public Board Meeting Schedule

Currently, all public meetings are held virtually.

Thursday, June 4, 2020, via Zoom  
Candidates Night

Wednesday, June 10, 2020, via Zoom  
Public Board Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Ballots will be mailed to residents and can be dropped off through a window at the Clubhouse on June 17.

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

6:30 p.m. – Public Board Meeting in Ballroom

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

6:30 p.m. – Public Board Meeting in Ballroom

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

6:30 p.m. – Public Board Meeting in Ballroom

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

6:30 p.m. – Public Board Meeting in Ballroom – Budget Presentation

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

6:30 p.m. – Budget Presentation if not previously approved in October  
Public Board Meeting in Ballroom

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# Up Close and Personal

By Barbara Bickel (\*\*)

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 - Abdullah Ali/Barry Levinson  
 2 - Richie Greenberg/Gail Herman/Marcy Smith  
 3 - Harvey Abramson/Carolyn Bernstein/Jaya Gupta/Agi Hirsh Frank/Ellen Rosenthal/Susan Schwartz/Steve Taplits/Vincent Valerio  
 4 - Ivan Linden/Rosa Turano/Toby Weissman  
 5 - Bill Begley/Roz Esserman/Arty Siegel  
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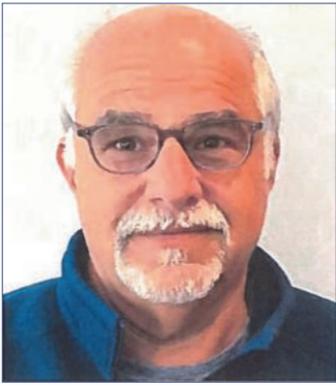
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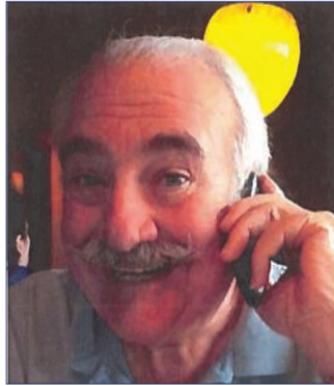
In Alphabetical Order



**Joe Conti**  
Whistling Straits Drive

My name is Joe Conti. Together with my wife Sharon, we moved into 16 Whistling Straits Drive in November 2019. Lifelong residents of northern New Jersey, we are very much enjoying our new home and our wonderful community and neighbors here at Regency at Monroe. We also have two wonderful sons, Andrew our oldest and Daniel our youngest both have graduated and are currently employed and living in Massachusetts and Connecticut, both working in the real estate industry. I am currently employed by The Hartz Mountain Corporation in Secaucus, NJ, as the Senior Director Regulatory, Research, Development and Quality. You may be familiar with Hartz Mountain, if you reflect on your childhood trips to the supermarket and purchasing those bright orange boxes containing all of your pet needs. Hartz almost 100 years later continues to be a major company supplying all types of pet products most requiring research, development and ultimate government approval. Prior to my time at Hartz, I worked for a successful start-up, Bayer, Lonza and two Washington, DC, law firms all dealing with the registering and government approval of products ranging from disinfectants, household and golf course chemicals and finally pet products.

My education includes a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Peter's College, and master's degrees from both Farleigh Dickinson University and Seton Hall University in management and biology respectively. My board experience includes 15 years (five elected terms) to the Franklin Lakes Board of Education serving as president for one year and heading the finance and personnel committees on a number of occasions. As a company executive, and member of management, I [am] currently responsible for a team of more than 30 people across a number of areas from product development, licensing and customer satisfaction all contributing to the company's success. I believe my experience as an elected board member and executive have provided me the experience to be a member of our Homeowners' Association Board and I look forward to the opportunity to work and contribute to the board.



**Michael Drobnis**  
Beth Page Drive

Please allow this brief summary to be an introduction, to outline some of my qualifications to be considered as a candidate to the Regency Home Owners Board of Trustees.

Spring Hill Village (Home Owners Association Board - 2013-2019)

- Member for 6 years. Several Different Positions - Worked Closely with Management Association Advisors.

- Met with Various Contractors: Lawn Maintenance, Irrigation Specialist, Road and Storm Drain Contractors, Video Inspection of Storm Sewers, Tree Maintenance, and Removal Contractors, Snow Removal Contractors

Maintained HOA Dues for five Years (No increase), Negotiated Liability Insurance

Business Experience  
Manufacturers Representative (1996-2012)

- Develop Relationships to Maximize Profits, Develop Private Label Programs, Design New Products with Design Engineer, Coordinate Product Development (Baby and Youth Wood Products), Oversee Safety Protocols

Orbelle Baby Products (2012-2019)

- Set up Programs for National Chain Stores, Develop Private Label Programs (Major Store Chains, and dot com's)

- Changes in Packaging, Test Procedures become more stringent, Develop Images needs for Chain Stores and dot com's, Amazon.com takes over everything

Ashland Chemical (1986-1995)

- Area Sales Manager, National Sales Representative, National Sales Manager, ISO 9000 Instructor

- New Construction Coordinator (Developed Specifications), Oversee New Construction and Installation

Olin Chemical (1975-1986)

- Entry Level Sales Coordinator, Entry Level Sales Associate, Promoted Sales Territory Manager

- Promoted Area Sales Manger, Increased Sales Highest Level in Company History, Become Facilities Project Manger

Responsibilities to Oversee the Following:

- Potable Water Systems, Waste Water Systems, Fire Suppression Systems, Oversee New Construction

- Concrete and Steel Construction, Low and High Voltage Electrical Systems

Military Experience - US Coast Guard (one year Active Duty) 1970, Active Reserves 19 years.

Educational Experience

Bentley College, Waltham, Massachusetts, Major in Business Management (Bachelor of Science), Minor in Accounting, Year of Graduation 1974



**Gerry Guidice**  
Tournament Drive

I am currently a Board member of the Regency Board. I have served for two years. I am also currently employed by Munich Re Group as the Head of Real Estate and Facilities in the United States. I currently work in Princeton, New Jersey. I have spent the last two years working on a number of key issues for the Board.

- Transition 2 negotiations - on a team with Management and another Board member continuing to negotiate a deal with Toll Brothers. Deal is 100% complete.

- The balance of the accomplishments are NOT mine alone but working with the Board and influencing decisions for the future of the community:

- Working on re-bidding the Management of this community 60% done

- Successfully restructuring the committees and having them deliver goals, objectives and structure.

- Successfully delivering transparency at the open meeting with committee presentations, town halls, and regular communication, one on one's to the public.

- Successfully delivering structure to the Strategic Committee - so that community leaders have a voice with the Board.

- Successfully delivering SLA's and KPI with the current management company for enhanced reporting and cost savings.

- Successfully assisting the Board in delivering a much improved approach with dealing with the community — we eliminated the divisive culture at public meetings or in the Board meetings.

- Increased the education of the Board members by Management and participation in industry events.

- Participated in up-grading the cafe provider in supporting the key Board members truly responsible for this upgrade

The Board deserves leadership that is NOT self-absorbed or divisive in any way. The community deserves forward thinking leadership that has the best in mind for the community. I advocate for new leadership on the Board. As a Board, we would benefit from NEW thought leadership and we would benefit from a diverse team of volunteers that bring this community to the next level.



**Richard Lans**  
Beth Page Drive

I have lived in Regency for fifteen (15) years and currently serve as a home owner resident trustee for the community. I am a full time resident and not a snow bird. Currently I am the vice president for the Home Owners Association. From the very beginning of my moving to Regency I have been active not only in our community but at the township level as well. I have been appointed by the Mayor to serve on three Monroe Township Boards. They include Zoning, Cable and Affordable Housing. I am also on the CAI Home Owners Leader Committee, which is a PAC for associations. In addition, I represent the HOA on the township's Mayor's Senior Advisory Board. Since being on the Board I have been instrumental in a variety of projects. Some of these improvements included improved lighting at the front gate, adding chairs and shade to the outdoor pool, selecting a new vendor for the grill room, a new and expanded dance floor, refurbishing project of the Clubhouse and increasing the handicapped spots at the Clubhouse [parking lot]. In addition, I helped spear head the new Tennis Pavilion and the bocce/shuffleboard areas and completion of Transition 1 with Toll. As a Board member I recognize the importance of listening to our residents, women, men, singles and couples. All are equal and every voice and opinion is respected. I pride myself on being both responsive and respectful. After all I represent you and you need to be heard. Your ideas or suggestions need to be considered. We are a large community with a wide range of talented people. It is important to reach out and make use of those that want to volunteer. I too live in this community and want to ensure that we maintain high standards.

Prior to moving to Regency, I served as the President and Treasurer of my community and successfully negotiated a final settlement with the developer on transition. I believe that my overall qualifications, experience and strong commitment to our community make me well qualified to pursue another term as your resident trustee. I have been proud to serve as your resident trustee. I bring continuity and commitment to the Board as well as the community and request your support for another term as your resident trustee. I suggest that you give careful thought as to who you vote for and why. Experience, knowledge, negotiations and the ability to put in the necessary time should be in the forefront as to who you select to represent you and the community. This position, although voluntary, also requires considerable time in building relationships. I feel confident that with my experience at Regency and at the township I can best represent all our interests. Once again, I thank you for your support to date and hope that I can continue to serve you and our community.



**Judy Nicolosi**  
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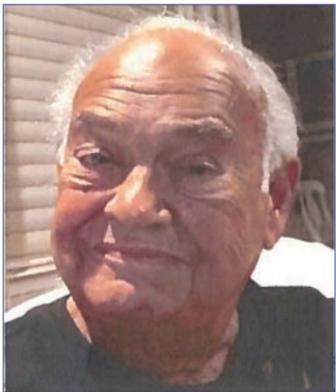
As a proud native New Jersey resident and newcomer to Regency as of December 2019, I'm excited to meet all of you in the community and ask for your vote in this year's election for the Board of Trustees. In June I'll have been married 45 years to my husband, Carmen, also a native New Jerseyian, and am the proud mother of two ladies and two young grandsons. In fact, the only time I haven't resided in New Jersey was during my college years at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1987 I left corporate America to raise my two daughters but kept my skills honed and started Nicolosi Consulting, resulting in many years adjunct faculty teaching computer classes and coaching HR skills at Mercer County Community College. Some of my biggest clients were McGraw-Hill Education, Standard and Poor's, Princeton Plasma Physics Lab, the State of NJ and University of Lebanon. Since these opportunities were at the beginning of the digital revolution, I wrote and published a 'how to' book used by educational institutions in the Dominican Republic. In 1995, I went back to work full-time at Standard and Poor's Global. I was fortunate to have worked in many different corporate departments, my favorites being Mergers/Acquisitions and Human Resources because for me it is all about helping the human side of change, which as we all know is inevitable in business—and life! Change management is the process of helping people transition from a current state to a desired state, assisting with integrating different cultures. It involves communications, leadership, vision, strategic analysis and planning and digital literacy. In one of my greatest achievements I became Six Sigma Black Belt certified, which is continuous process improvement.

I had a strong commitment to my prior local community, West Windsor, in a number of different ways having been active as a founding member of our church, volunteering at Recording for the Blind, serving as class resource mother for both of my daughters during their elementary school years, and serving in various PTA board member positions. My favorite activity is golfing. I'm currently a member of the NJ Judiciary league that plays on Thursdays in Cranbury but am mostly looking forward to being able to get out on the beautiful golf course here at Regency. My other hobbies include photography, gardening, strength training and travel. Carmen and I recently joined the Italian American Club here at Regency and are excited to become involved in their activities. If anything has been made clear during the Covid-19 crisis, it takes a village, and in order for that village to thrive it requires lis-

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## Board Candidate Bios

In Alphabetical Order



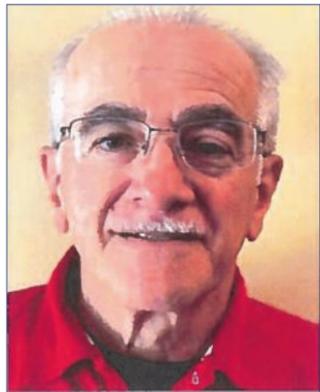
**Jack Steng**  
Sahalee Drive

I completed a BBA from City College in Advertising and Marketing. I earned 15 credits towards a Marketing Research Masters from City College. I was President of the Professional Advertising Fraternity (ADS) at City College. My business life took me to running my own Television Programming Company called Program Partners. I was President and creative head of a TV syndication company that produced shows such as *Thunder in Paradise* with Hulk Hogan, a court show with Mills Lane, a Reno Judge, and a famous prizefight referee. I won an Emmy in 1983 for the Best Informational special called *America Remembers JFK* and produced a few other documentaries. I've worked with many Hollywood studios such as Disney, Paramount and Warner Bros. I have the ability to solve problems from a creative (out of the box) point of view, and can bring this view in solving Problems this community might run in to. I can bring a new point of view to the entertainment side of community life, which is important to the future of "Regency" and make it the premier Resort Community it wants to be. I have the time and desire to devote to making Regency the best community and I hope you can help me accomplish the goals we set for ourselves.

### Judy Nicolosi

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tening and helping one another. As a Board member I expect to hear all of your voices and listen to what you have to say in order to be able to positively effect change when and where appropriate. It is my hope that I can be part of that change and give back to my community by listening to you.



**Donato J. Tanzi, PE**  
Riviera Drive

I am a member of the Regency Strategic Finance Committee and a Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of New Jersey. My engineering background and professional expertise and experience assisted the Regency Board, and our Engineer in Transition 1 and 2. I continue to assist the Board on various engineering and technical issues as requested. I have a AAS degree in Electro-Mechanical Technology and a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering Technology. I am an appointed member of the Monroe Township Zoning Board and I hold a Substitute Teacher's Certificate for [the] Monroe Township school system. My business background contains executive experience and employment by such companies as General Electric Corporation; Bechtel Associate Professional Corporation; Kimberly-Clark Corporation and Johnson & Johnson. In addition, as Chief Engineer/Division Manager for the Middlesex County Utilities Authority I was responsible for overseeing a significant part of the Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts, where I coordinated the emergency restoration, and redesign of medium voltage switch gear and controls for wastewater pumping systems located at three sites here in New Jersey and responsible for coordination with FEMA, NJDEP, USCOE, and other agencies to support emergency and permanent restoration of these damaged Facilities.

I am confident that my experience, expertise and leadership abilities under crisis management would be an asset to all of us homeowners here at Regency at Monroe. Finally, my wife Rose and I have been married 46 years residing at 38 Riviera Drive for the past 10 1/2 years. I often do feel that I can do much more for the REGENCY Community than wait to be called upon when needed. Therefore, I decided to step up and become a candidate for the Board of Trustees. I hope this will ENTICE all others to do the same and make this Community second to none.

### Rabbi Louis's Class

A class of Jewish ethics, values, beliefs and traits of character," will begin for this season when the Clubhouse reopens and run through early fall. The class will meet each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and will be held in Ballroom 1. All are welcome.

## Upcoming Virtual Meetings

Currently, all public meetings are held virtually

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Candidates Night

Wednesday, June 10, 2020,

Public Board Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Ballots will be mailed to residents and can be dropped off through a window at the Clubhouse on June 17.

## Harmony in Motion 2020 Calendar

We are hoping to be able to hold these events

- Saturday, August 22, 2020 - Summer White Party
- Saturday, October 31, 2020 - A Halloween Party
- Saturday, December 5, 2020 - Membership Party free event



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- Fitness Studio
- Gym

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We also have one (1) at the outdoor pool and one (1) at the pickleball courts.

**The Regency Women's Group Remembers**

All photos submitted by Barbara Wilner



Bingo 2014



Pinot's Palate 2015



Canasta Tournament Winners 2017



Painting Wine Glasses 2016



Making pizza 2017

**The Regency Women's Group**

By Carole Goldman and Barbara Wilner

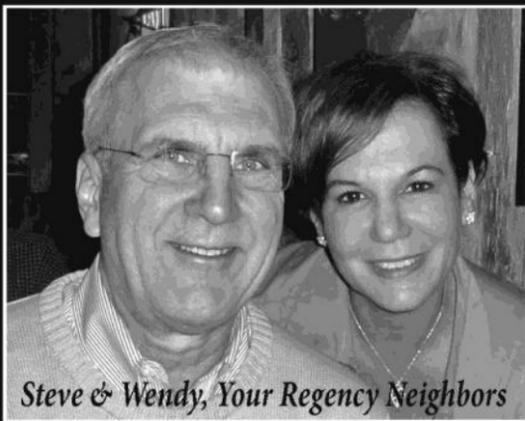
The Women's Group has enjoyed bringing our members varied monthly meetings, events and bus trips. We hope the attached photos bring back memories of good times we shared. Our twice yearly Bingo nights, yearly Canasta tourna-

ments and Military Bridge events are always back by popular demand. It has been our pleasure to hostess our three big yearly functions - the December Holiday Party, a Father's Day Brunch in June and our Membership Dinner in October. Hiring what we hope will be great entertainment, choosing menus and decorating the ballroom is always fun.

Donating to charities dear to our members is a central part of who we are. Thanks to your generosity we have been able not only to help our local schools and the Monroe Township Food Bank, but to contribute to causes that make a difference in the lives of so many. Bus trips have taken



us to see so much. We look forward to many more when possible. Monthly we have danced, sang, painted, eaten, listened and enjoyed not only the programs presented but the friendships we share. Wishing you and your families the best of health. We look forward to the good times that the future brings.



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Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

The Editorial Board

## Remembering Some of the Men's Club's Past Trips

All photos by Art Cooper



Above and Below: On April 20, 2010 the Men's Club visited the Friar's Club in New York City



On July 25, 2011, the Men's Club had what at that time was their annual Men's Club Bash.



Above and on right: On October 10, 2012 The Men's Club had a trip to the Hagley Museum in Wilmington, Delaware, site of the gunpowder works founded by E. I. Du Pont.

## Men's Club Events Calendar

We are hoping to be able to hold these events

- Monday, August 10 - Men's Night Out Dinner and Movie
- Friday, August 21 - Monmouth Park Race Track
- Sunday, August 30 - Monthly Meeting and Guest Speaker



Photos above and below: On April 10, 2013 The Men's Club took a trip to Newark, which included the historic part of Newark airport and into downtown Newark, where there is an Underground Railroad Sculpture in the Newark Subway.



On July 5, 2010 The Men's Club made a trip to the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum's Annual World War II Show.



The Men's Club visited the Hagley Museum.

# The Culture Club and the Food Pantry

By Marcy Smith

For the last 15 years the Culture Club has held a food drive every May to benefit the Monroe Township Food Pantry. In the past, we have collected enough food and dry goods to fill four to five SUVs. This year we have been sidelined by Covid-19. Although food and packaged items are no longer be accepted, monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to Friends of the Senior Center and note "Food Pantry" in the memo section. Checks should be mailed to the Senior Center at 12 Halsey Reed Road, Monroe.



Marilyn and Steve Wandy reminding their neighbors of the beautiful place in which we live. Photos by Steve Wandy



SUVs, packed to brimming, in the Clubhouse parking lot before heading to the Food Pantry. These donations were all collected on May 7, 2016. Photos submitted by Marcy Smith



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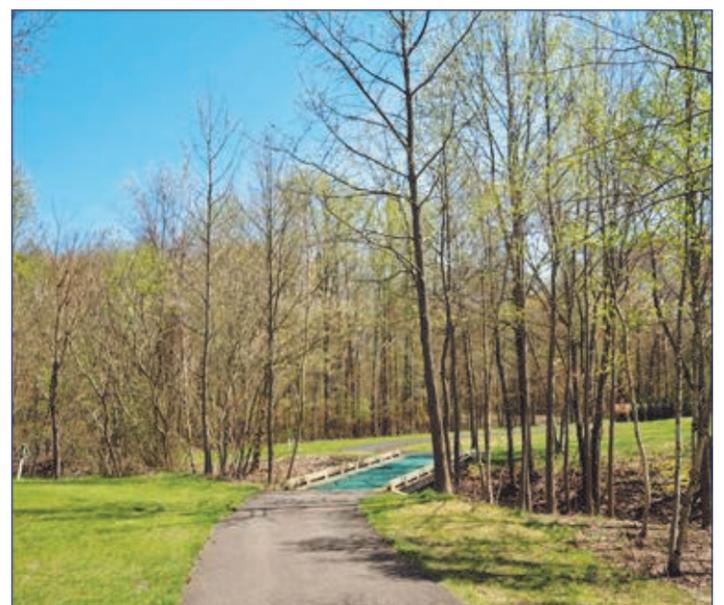
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# A Look Back at Regency Entertainment

All photos submitted by Shelly Senack



The Cameos, New Year's Eve 2015



Neil Berg with his wife Rita Harvey - July 12, 2014



The Unexpected Boys - April, 2017



Sarge - May, 2016



Abba Tribute Band - July, 2017

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### Singles Mingle Monthly Meeting Schedule

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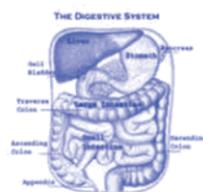
- August 5 – Rescheduled Mystery Dinner (Tentative)
- September 2 – Paid-up Barbeque Dinner (Weather permitting)
- October 7 – Election of 2021 Officers, dice/card games, light refreshments
- November 4 – Speaker: Ziegfeld Girls (Ballroom)
- December 2 – Holiday Party

Stay tuned for more details!



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## Greetings and Best Wishes from Your IAG Friends!

By Anil Shah

I hope you, your family and friends are keeping safe and coping well with current conditions. Each of us has been blessed with all the comforts and safety our great nation has to offer. Unfortunately, during recent years, we have also witnessed or experienced a few natural disasters such as: hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, typhoons, cyclones, wildfires

and floods. Scientists believe some of these disasters are attributed to global warming, which is a subject for a debate at some other time! However, none of these disasters had impacted the daily life of hundreds of millions of people, globally, in a way the current crisis has. Who had expected a toilet tissue paper roll to become a “precious” item here in the USA?! Sadly, the long term impact of this crisis remains unknown. **Everyone has been humbled by COVID -19.** While we are staying at home, the First Responders, Health Care Professionals, and Essential Workers have been risking their own health by providing long hours of service with very limited resources and/or supplies, and/or regular meals. As good citizens, it is our duty to appreciate their work and thank them for their dedicated services.

The Ad-Hoc Committee of IAG welcomed a suggestion by Neeta Khurana and we immediately initiated a campaign to raise funds by requesting donations

from our members. Thankfully, we received very enthusiastic and generous support from a vast majority of IAG members. I am very pleased to inform you that on April 20, IAG made the following donations:

\$1,001 to Centra State Health Care Foundation, Freehold, New Jersey

\$ 501 to The First Aid Squad of Monroe Township, NJ

\$ 501 to The Community Food Bank of NJ

Our goal is to continue raising more funds and help support these or similar local organizations. For further information, please send an email to: IAGRegency@gmail.com.

Our Jaya Gupta coordinated an ANTAKSHARI program on May 10, 2020. ANTAKSHARI is played in the Indian sub-continent. This word is made up of two Sanskrit words “Ant” (end) and “Akshar” (letter). In this game, a contestant from one of the two teams sings a verse of a song that starts with the ending letter of a song recited earlier by the previous contestant from the opposite team. A contestant may sing a song in any language. Occasionally, a joke is allowed as an alternate to a song. I am not aware of a direct version of this game in the USA. However, this game may be called “Sing Along” in English! A number of members participated and made it a grand success. An email for June’s activity with basic instructions was sent to all IAG members.

Monthly Gatherings of IAG members, at the Tennis Pavilion on the Second Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m., have been postponed until further notice. With an effort to continue interaction between all members of IAG, the Ad Hoc Committee is planning online activities (by Zoom) for the next two to three months.

This is how some of our members are being innovative and spending their time. Last month, Usha and Deepak Sondhi had driven by every member’s house to say “Hello” from the roadside. Neeta and Sat Khurana had also made house calls and shared halwa with members. Neeta has also made and distributed many face masks. Jaya Gupta has continued her Yoga classes by Zoom. Pranayam and Meditation sessions are also available by Zoom. Some of our members are actively participating in other online activities of their choice for fun. Regency at Monroe is also the best place for daily walks and/or bicycling so long as safety and guidelines for social distancing are followed. This is also an ideal time for catching up on reading, watching old movies and recorded shows, practice playing or learning musical instruments, singing, sharing different recipes with friends, trying your skills at gourmet cooking, Face Timing with family and friends, and decluttering or organizing personal filing. The weather has improved, and it will allow us to add more activities to this long list. Everyone is encouraged to stay positive and stay actively in touch with each other!

Each of us has become a “slave” to the normal comforts

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Sunset from the Shah’s patio.

Photos submitted by Anil Shah



Anil and Chandni Shah biking.



Meal times on the Shah’s patio.

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## Charity Event for MS Revisited

By Howard Wichansky

As you are well aware, the Corona Virus forced this year's MS Walk 2020 to become a virtual event. It did not, however, stop the generous residents of Regency from making their donations to support those with Multiple Sclerosis. Our "thank you" goes out to all of

you who have made this year's walk a success. But now that we are all staying home, why not take a look back at the most outrageous fundraiser for MS - Charity Day 2013. Yes, a whole day devoted to raising money was sponsored by the Tennis Club lead by Arlene Eisenberger. It was an ambitious idea that was carried out over three years for three worthy charities, the last for MS. Every inch of turf on the Regency "campus" was pressed into action. This included the Clubhouse, tennis courts, golf course, and streets occupied by walkers. Fifty signs were deployed recognizing the major donors.

## The Regency Book Club

By Nina Wolff

The Regency Book Club discussed *The Honey Bus*, by Meredith May at its first Zoom Book Club Meeting on Tuesday, May 12. Approximately 20 Book Club devotees joined the meeting to discuss this wonderful book. Regency Residents can find a previously written review of *The Honey Bus* by Joyce Cohen in the May Regency Reporter online on Ron's email.

In an effort to read a more uplifting book during these serious times, we have chosen for our June Zoom Meeting *Have You Seen Luis Velez*, by Catherine Ryan Hyde. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9 at 4 p.m., although it is hoped that by June 9, we may be able to find a spot outdoors where we can social distance and discuss the book. A reminder will be sent to all Book Club members and Marcia Midler will send out the link. We thank Carol Okin for recommending the book, Joyce Cohen for facilitating the online discussion, and Marcia Midler for arranging with Stephanie Harmon for us to use the Regency Zoom.

The day was the culmination of months of planning, fundraising, gift soliciting, and flier distribution by so many volunteers. Beyond the outdoor activities there was a luncheon with good food, speakers, tons of raffles, and a trivia contest complete with video clips. The ballroom was overflowing as people checked out over 50 raffle prizes and 16 silent auction items, including VIP tickets to the *John Daly Show*. The highlight of the luncheon was a presentation by Rachel Wichansky telling her personal story of how it is to live with Multiple Sclerosis and staying positive, which was met with applause. A representative from the National MS Society educated the audience on MS and the research underway. The day ended with a Happy Hour in the Grill Room with David providing his touch as a celebration for all the volunteers.

The Regency community truly mobilized for a cause that resonated among all participants. The money raised at Charity Day set a record for the Metro Chapter that year. So many made that epic day possible - the Tennis Club, tons of fundraisers and gift seekers, street captains that passed the word on, and all that turned out. We will never see the likes of this all encompassing event at Regency again.



The crowd is lined up to look at the abundance of prizes dominated by jewelry and hair salon gift cards.



Arlene Eisenberger, center, is shown with several women tennis players who joined the men for drills and play on our two tennis courts.



Rachel Wichansky giving her inspiring story on living with MS.



A group of men are ready to play in their shot-gun round of golf with many holes having new and unique places to tee off.

## IAG Friends

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and luxuries available to us. These trying times have reminded me of a simple fact that I can manage to lead a good quality and peaceful life with minimum requirements and that isolation is also good for my physical and mental health. Until we are able to go to public parks and facilities, my wife Chandni and I are very much enjoying our three daily meals with beautiful views from our patio (see attached pictures). We can't wait for things to return to normalcy and be able to have our friends join us. I remain optimistic. Humans are very innovative and resilient. This crisis too shall pass.

BE SAFE AND BE WELL!

## The Herb Zuckerberg Yiddish Club

2020 Events Calendar

We are hoping to be able to hold these events

- August 16 - 10:00 a.m. - Breakfast Program - Ari Axelrod - "Celebration of Jewish Broadway"
- September 28 - 6:30 p.m. Break the Fast with Jewish Trivia
- November 8: - 10:00 a.m. - Breakfast Program - Johnny Lambert, Comedian



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By Al Musto  
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On November 17, 2019 The Yiddish Club celebrated Renea Zukerberg's ninety-first birthday. Renea is shown surrounded by her family.  
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**Tribute**

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Though total strangers to her, she didn't hesitate to offer them her empty house. And when wonderful Ralph succumbed to a rare cancer, Arlene showed a brave face. As she explained when I marveled at her ability to

project upbeat cheer, "Laugh and the world laughs with you. Cry and you cry alone."  
Luckily for Arlene, a mutual friend introduced her to Jerry, a new friend she wasn't sure she was ready to meet. Very shortly, they were inseparable, acting - as her kids put it - "like two teenagers in love." Three days before

her death, the kids put on a commitment ceremony for the pair, at which they first honored their two long, very happy marriages. Though she was in a wheel chair, Arlene still looked beautiful, flashing that radiant smile.

The kids had also put together a tape of the ceremony, during which close family members - a large crew! - wished them well, fighting back tears, knowing that the ceremony was an acknowledgement of a bond not fated to endure much longer. In fact, Arlene died three days later, in her home, surrounded by loved ones. This happened because physician daughter Debra came from California, entering the hospital wearing medical scrubs and wielding official IDs. She rescued her Mom from an environment where no loved ones were allowed to visit, even when patients like Arlene did not have the Covid-19 virus. Full of energy and enthusiasm to the end, she was a picture of grace, bravery and calm. In her last days, Arlene Face Timed with grandkids she adored, who adored her. Her Goldie summed it up for all of us, when she said: "She will always leave a hole in my heart."

What follows is a link to Arlene's Zoom Shiva:  
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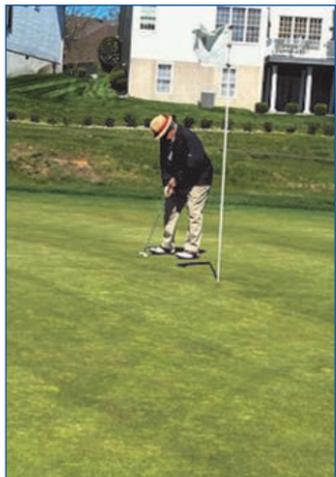
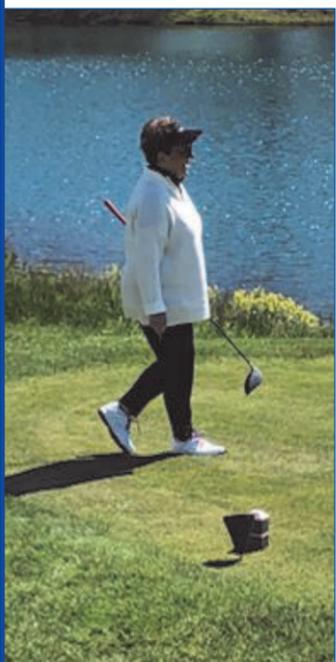
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**Editorial Correction**

The poem about the pandemic appearing on Page 4 of the May Reporter was incorrectly credited to Kathleen O'Mara and written in 1869. The poem was actually written this year by Kitty O'Meara, from the state of Wisconsin. We thank Sue Gartman for bringing this information to our attention.

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## Beyond Words

By Cecile Spector

### It Was Not on My Calendar

I never penciled in a pandemic on my calendar, it just popped into my life unannounced. “Surreal” is the word that comes to mind for this surprise occurrence. As always, I find terminology fascinating. I considered some words used during this *Covid-19* pandemic and find that many now have different connotations. For instance, *social distancing* was used in sociology to mean, “the extent to which individuals or groups are removed from or excluded from participating in one another’s lives.” Now, however, it means not interacting with people, other than those in your own household. Trips outside the home such as going to restaurants, supermarkets, movies, concerts, sporting events, and so forth, must be limited because in these venues it would be impossible to maintain an appropriate distance from others. It’s probably better to use the words *physical distancing*, given that people should try to maintain social interactions with others using technological means such as *Facebook*, *Skype*, *Zoom* conferences, etc. Other examples of words with changes in connotation are *self-isolation*, which now means stay at home, but usually means voluntarily removing oneself from society (a hermit), and *shelter-in-place*, which means to seek safety in the building you already occupy (i.e., find interior room/s without windows) wherever you happen to be during a tornado, hurricane, or other disastrous event, but during this pandemic merely means stay at home.

*Pandemic*, a global outbreak of a disease, happens when a new virus emerges and, because there is no preexisting immunity, it spreads easily from person-to-person all over the world. *Covid-19*, a new type of *Corona virus*, is such a pandemic. *Herd immunity* is another aspect of viral infections that has been discussed in connection with *Covid-19*. The process of becoming immune includes the production of antibodies specific to the virus. These antibodies can be acquired when you have the disease. Of course, a better way to

develop the antibodies that would give you immunity to the virus would be by being vaccinated. So far, a vaccine has not yet been developed and approved. When a large percentage of the population has antibodies, those who are not immune are protected by the high population immunity; the virus eventually stops; it has nowhere to go.

We keep hearing about trying to *flatten the curve*. This “curve” refers to the projected number of individuals who will contract the virus over a period of time. When the number of cases increases rapidly the curve rises to a peak, which has the potential to overload hospitals and medical services, in general. When the numbers stay the same, the curve is considered flattened. This means that the same number of people will probably get infected, but over a longer period of time. This helps the health care system because it will not have to contend with treating a huge number of people all at once. We attempt to flatten the curve by *mitigation*. That is, social distancing, self-isolation, hand washing, and so forth, anything that will lessen the effects of *Covid-19*.

Who would have thought that *antiseptic wipes*, *paper towels* and *toilet paper* would be a hot commodity? The terms *masks*, *gowns* and *gloves* also are somewhat different from the way we usually think of them (a masked ball, perhaps?). While we know a bit about *ventilators*, *antibodies* and *vaccines*, the connection of *bats* to viruses may not have been on our radar. Having someone else shop for



us, and then picking up the items ordered *curbside*, is something many of us never considered. This service is good and bad. Good because you don’t have to go into a supermarket and risk coming into contact with others who may have or carry the virus, and bad because you don’t always get the items you asked for. Ordering low sodium V-8, for example, seems straightforward enough. But did you know it comes in a spicy hot variety? If you are making a Bloody Mary it’s probably ideal; for breakfast, maybe not.

Socializing on *Zoom* has been a new experience for many of us, but we learned fast. Family celebrations – birthdays, religious holidays, weddings, funerals, book clubs, social groups, etc., would have to be cancelled or occur virtually. Many businesses have been using *Zoom* and other virtual conferencing methods for a long while, now we, out of necessity, have joined their ranks. Did we ever think people all over our nation would stand and cheer every day for those who work in hospitals, and other high-risk locations? These *front-line heroes* certainly deserve a show of our appreciation. Phrases most heard during this pandemic – “Stay safe,” the “new normal,” and “Wash your hands!”

## Tech Trends

By Don Haback

### What Happens When our Computers Get Old?

Everything in life ages – including our personal computers. The software and hardware both get old, and eventually we must do something about it. Here are some thoughts and ideas for your consideration. First, most computers have hard disk drives - HDDs - (disk memories) and fans. These two elements are those most likely to fail –**their Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF) is about five years.** They are the two elements with moving parts – driven by electric motors – which are the parts that usually fail in them – but why is this true? Think for a moment about the incandescent bulbs in your house. When do they fail? When you turn them on? Why then? Because they start with a surge of current, which quickly drops as the bulb heats up. The failure mechanisms of electric motors are similar to those of bulbs. This is one reason that I recommend that we DO NOT turn our computers off. They don’t use much current when they’re idling – and their rotating parts keep going. Both the fans and disks

can be replaced – I’ve been doing a lot of this through the years, and it is not hard. My main PCs were bought in 2012 and they still happily run every day.

However, in recent years an alternate to replacing the HDD has become cost effective. It is the use of Solid-State Drives (SSDs). These are semiconductor memories, roughly equivalent to the flash drives that some of us use for removable memory. They are larger, more reliable and MUCH faster than the old HDD technologies. A one TB (one Terabyte) SSD - has twice the capacity of most current HDDs – and costs less than \$300 today. Getting all your data from your old drive onto the new SSD takes a few hours but will be well worth the expense! I must also note that you SHOULD NOT ‘defrag’ solid state drives. They don’t need this – and it can hurt them too.

There’s another issue that must be considered – does your computer have a current Operating System (OS)? Almost all PCs run some version of Microsoft’s Windows OS. Just for a short history course - Windows was first introduced in 1985, XP in 2001, Vista in 2006, Windows 7 in 2009 and Windows 8 in 2012. The current version, Windows 10 is now five years old. Each version of Windows

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## M&M Movie Minutes

By Marcia Milgrom and Marilyn Jaclin

### Uncut Gems

Working from our respective homes *M and M* decided to see a Netflix film that had originally been in the theaters. The star of the movie, Adam Sandler was nominated for an Academy Award. **Uncut Gems** came out in 2019 and was considered a crime thriller. There was much talk that Adam Sandler was phenomenal in a non-comedic role. In 2013 gambler/addict Howard Ratner (Adam Sandler) runs a jewelry store KMH in the diamond district in New York City. He is trying to pay off his gambling debts in the sum of \$100,000 to Arno (Eric Bogosian) his loan shark brother-in-law. Meanwhile, we see scenes with Howard's estranged wife Dinah (Idina Menzel) who has agreed to a divorce. We also see his girlfriend Julia (Julia Fox) who works at the jewelry store.

Howard's business associate Demany (Lakeith Stanfield) brings the actual well known Celtics basketball star Kevin Garnett to KMH. While there, a big black opal arrives from Africa. We already have seen a flashback in Africa where a rare stone was cracked out of a cave. Howard finds out about the gem and orders it. Garnett, seeing the stone becomes obsessed with it. He wants the opal for good luck with his game. Howard agrees, but asks for Garnett's championship ring as collateral.

After Garnett leaves the store Howard pawns the ring. With the money he gets he places a six way parley on Garnett and the Celtics instead of paying his debt. Garnett does play well in that game and Howard wins \$600,000 that night. Howard rushes off to see his daughter's school play but was stopped by Arno and his bodyguards Phil and Nico. Arno explains that he put a stop on Howard's bet since he owed him money. Phil and Nico lock Howard up naked

in the trunk of his car. Howard calls Dinah to get him out of the trunk, and then he goes to see the show. Howard now looks for Demany and finds him at a party. Demany tells him that Garnett has the opal. At this party Howard finds Julia and a man called The Weekend both snorting cocaine. He now feels betrayed by Julia and tells her to move out of his apartment. Howard then pleads with Dinah to take him back after an uncomfortable Passover dinner. She refuses.

An auction is about to take place and Garnett returns the Opal before the auction starts. He wants to purchase it for \$175,000, but Howard refuses because his appraisal was worth one million dollars. Later he finds out that it was not worth that much. Howard convinces Gooley (Judd Hirsch), his father-in-law, to bid on the gem at a higher price to get the bidding up. In the end he had to buy the opal, which made Gooley furious at Howard. But, he did get the opal to Howard. Julia and Howard reconcile and Garnett still wants to purchase the stone. Howard bets on a three way parley on Garnett's perform-



ance. He tells Julia to travel to Mohegan Sun to place the bet. She flies there by helicopter and places the bet and leaves. Arno and bodyguards arrive at the jewelry store. Howard locks them up and watches the game. The Celtics win and Howard is to get \$1.2 million. He now frees Arno, Phil and Nico. Phil is raging and shoots Howard. Julia leaves the casino with the winnings. Phil and Nico loot the store and the police arrive.

Josh and Benny Safdie co-wrote the screen play based on their own father's jewelry store. They wanted Howard to be a Jewish stereotype. Sandler played remarkably in his role, always a loser, even through his winnings. Some felt he was snubbed by the Academy for his performance.

*M and M* were entertained by this movie but cannot wholeheartedly say we recommend it. It was hard to follow the story. No one was likable, too much racing around, and too much violence.

## Stay Tuned

By Barbara Potasky

Since this issue of the *Regency Reporter* is somewhat of a retrospective issue, I thought that I would revisit television shows from decades past and pick a favorite show from the 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's. As I started looking online and recalling all the shows that I used to watch, I realized that I had set a difficult goal for myself. How could I possibly choose one favorite among all the shows that I loved in each decade?

Let's start with the 60's when I was just a kid. Almost everything I watched was a comedy: *Bewitched*, *I Dream of Jeannie*, *My Three Sons*, *Petticoat Junction*. The list goes on. I'm going to cheat a little bit and choose a show that premiered in 1969 and ran through 1974. "It's the story of a lovely lady who was bringing up three very lovely girls..." You guessed it, *The Brady Bunch*! I still remember watching that show for the first time and envying the beautiful long hair that middle daughter Jan had. There were so many classic episodes: Marcia getting hit in the face by a football the day before her big date with the high school quarterback and yelling "My nose!" is probably the episode most remembered. I faithfully watched all five seasons. The series has aired on TV over the years and occasionally I have caught some episodes. I still love that show from my childhood. My runner up is *That Girl*, starring the fabulous Marlo Thomas, which premiered in 1966 and ran for five seasons.

It does not get any easier to choose a favorite in the 70's. So many shows, and so little time. There were no DVRs back then. If you missed an episode, you couldn't watch it later. If two shows were on at the same time, you had to pick one to watch. How did we choose? We are so spoiled today with DVRs, On-demand, and streaming platforms, but back then it was tough. I remember watching *The Bob Newhart Show*, *Charlie's Angels*, *Facts of Life*, *The Partridge Family*, *Happy Days*,

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## Tech Trends

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typically also had several updates through its life. Windows 7 was recently removed from Microsoft support. We know of a very small number of people still using Windows XP – possible ONLY IF IT'S KEPT OFF THE INTERNET (the only way to avoid unwanted issues). Several folks (and a lot of corporations) are still using Window 7 machines. Some large companies are actually paying Microsoft to provide support, but a number of third-party security applications are also capable of doing this for individuals. There are several potential issues involved if you want to continue using a Windows 7 machine, issues with the applications and hardware used. Some third-party applications, especially business-related, may have been updated for newer machines and will simply not operate on older ones. Some newer peripherals (printers, graphic devices, etc.) may also not work on older ma-

chines. You must be careful with your choices of security (Anti-Malware, Anti-Virus, Virtual Private Network, etc.) software.

In general, we recommend replacing any machine more than 10 years old, especially if you're using anything more than, for instance, Microsoft Office and basic Internet connection software. If you replace your computer, you should insist on an SSD as standard equipment. If you want to continue using your old machine, we highly recommend replacing your HDD with a new SSD. By the way, this discussion applies to Apple products as well as PCs (especially as it relates to SSDs). Apple computers more than nine years old typically cannot have their operating systems (MAC/OS) updated to the newest versions. However, their hard drives can certainly be replaced. I did exactly this replacement with my eight-year-old MAC Mini and the improvement was immediately noticeable.

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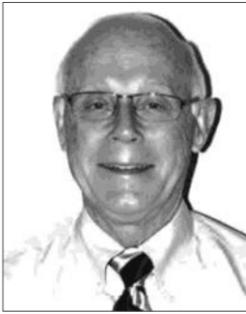
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## Schools Respond to Pandemic



By Doug Poye

During its virtual meeting in April it was evident that both the Board and the Administration of the Monroe Schools were responding effectively to the pandemic that began in February. Students have not attended classes in the buildings since back in March and, with Governor Murphy's declaration, will not be in them for the remainder of the school year, which will end later this month. Nevertheless, remote learning via technology has become the norm with students kindergarten through high school. Assistant Superintendent Adam Layman reported that approximately 50 to 60 families without the appropriate technology were

provided with iPads or Chromebooks and assisted with connecting to the Internet so that all pre-high school age children would have the same virtual learning experiences. All students in high school already have one-to-one technology. Superintendent Dori Alvich reported that on-going staff development with teachers during the afternoon is assisting teachers who need help with technology or developing lessons for virtual learning. Alvich also mentioned that teachers are working among themselves in an effort to provide an appropriate experience for their students.

There is nothing that can replace the richness of in-class instruction where teachers have a personal interaction with their students and can read their body language to assess understanding of the content and activities. Students also learn from questions and comments from fellow students as well as many social skills when in a classroom setting. Nevertheless, comments from parents who called in during the public sessions of the board's meeting

reflected support for the work being done by the teachers and administrators for their children. Interestingly, some parents acknowledged the difficulty of teachers who were presenting lessons on line while also having to be parents and assisting with the learning of their own children. Alvich invited parents to contact principals and teachers if they felt a need to do so.

Turning to other issues, the Board decided to return a policy dealing with the public's participation in Board meetings to the policy committee for possible revision. Past meetings had witnessed members of the public being antagonistic in their comments toward the Board or its individual members. On some occasions members of the public

faced possible removal by security when the Board president deemed their behavior inappropriate. Even though the intent of the policy is to promote a more civil interaction between the public and the Board, some members felt that the wording of the policy could be seen as stifling public input. A second issue arose over a motion to adopt a resolution in support of the municipal government's efforts to ban truck traffic on streets connecting Cranbury and Monroe. These streets run by residential neighborhoods as well as the site for a potential school. Additionally, the tractor-trailers then use Applegarth Road on which two elementary schools are located to access Route 33 and the turnpike. Clearly, Monroe's roadways and the schools in that

area would be safer without the extra truck traffic coming from Cranbury. Such traffic can easily use Route 130 to get to the turnpike or Route 33. Board members Peter Tufano, Michele Arminio and Ken Chiarella objected to the resolution on the grounds that it was not the district's business to engage in the problem of truck traffic and that it should not be supporting the Mayor's efforts to secure the ban. Nevertheless, the motion was passed by a majority of the Board when the vote was taken.

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## Stay Tuned

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*The Love Boat*, and so many more. I have three favorites from the 70's – absolutely one of my favorite decades. *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* – what a gem with Ed Asner, Betty White, Gavin MacLeod, Valerie Harper, Ted Knight, Cloris Leachman, Georgia Engel, and of course Mary! They certainly don't make theme songs like they used to, and this show had one of my favorites, "Who can turn the world on with her smile..." And who does not remember Mary twirling and throwing her hat up in the air at the end? Some of you might not remember my next pick of the 70's, a drama called *Family*, which started airing in 1976 and ran for five seasons. The show focused on a family in Pasadena, California. The parents were played by Sada Thompson and James Broderick. They had three children played by Meredith Baxter Birney, Gary Frank, and Kristy McNichol, who became a star. The show dealt with issues from the times, and family relationships. And my final pick of the 70's is a show that aired just one season on CBS in 1978 before moving to *Showtime* for another three seasons. And it wasn't until I was doing research for this article that I even realized that three seasons aired on *Showtime*, because I didn't have *Showtime* back then. The show I am referring to is *The Paper Chase*, starring the inimitable John Houseman, who played a law professor at a prestigious Ivy League college. The series was based on a book, and there was a movie that preceded the series. When I saw there were three more seasons I searched to see if I could watch on a streaming network, but unfortunately it is not currently playing. I am going to keep checking, because I would love to watch the entire series.

And now we move on to the 80's – so many classics in this

decade – *Murphy Brown*, *Cagney and Lacey*, *Cheers*, *Taxi*, *Golden Girls*, *Wonder Years*, just to name a few. The 80's was also the decade of the "primetime soaps:" *Dallas*, *Knot's Landing*, and the one that I watched, *Dynasty*. But my two favorite shows of the 80's were probably *Family Ties* and *LA Law*. Who can forget Michael J. Fox as Alex P. Keaton, the Republican son of Democrat parents Elyse and Steven Keaton played by Meredith Baxter Birney and Michael Gross? Wouldn't you just love to see a reboot of that series today? *LA Law* had a terrific ensemble cast and produced several stars such as Harry Hamlin and Jimmy Smits. And what a treat it was to see Susan Dey all grown up after watching her in *The Partridge Family*.

With all the terrific shows in the 90's, this is an easy pick for me. *Seinfeld* is one of my favorite shows of all time, despite the finale, which I did not enjoy at all. I watched every season including the first season when the show was called *The Seinfeld Chronicles*. That first season hardly anyone watched, and the show was almost cancelled. I remember telling all my friends how funny it was. Luckily the show caught on and became wildly popular. It made stars of not only Jerry Seinfeld, but Julie Louis-Dreyfuss, Jason Alexander, and Michael Richards. My number two pick for the 90's is the very popular *Friends*, which became a hit with a whole new generation when it started airing on Netflix.

That wraps up my trip down memory lane. Hopefully while reading this you thought of some of your own favorites from decades past. With all the choices available since the advent of streaming, I don't think I could choose a favorite from the past couple of decades. I would have so many favorites that I would need a separate article for that. As always, enjoy whatever you are watching, and stay tuned.

## Healing Ourselves Naturally

By Steven Soffer N.D.MH

### History Repeats Itself... Learning from our Past Mistakes

Last month, in early April, I first wrote about Covid-19. At the time, four thousand people had died in America. Now, one month later again I am writing about Covid-19. In the past month, seventy thousand more people have died. In just one month! Many, many states are re-opening, and regrettably none of them are following the guidelines for safe opening from the CDC... not even phase one of four necessary steps. Many states have opened even though mortalities in their states are rising. The only place the curve is flattening right now is our tri-state area.

Strong social distancing, many people wearing masks, and following basic lockdown suggestions have flattened the curve here in New York and New Jersey, the states with the highest mortality rates. More people at Regency are walking around wearing masks as per the CDC's suggestions, but many still are not. Some states are opening bars, nail salons, restaurants, movie theaters and more. But people are still afraid and for good reason. There is no cure for this and various treatment options have shown little or no success. Testing still needs to be ramped up throughout the nation. Until this is done, opening up is risky business.

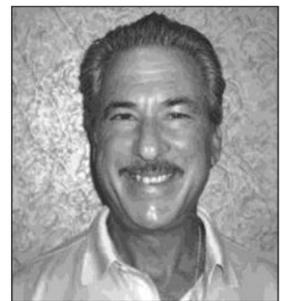
The economy has taken a big hit. The market is down, thirty million people have applied for unemployment and the numbers keep rising daily. One state opened up and closed back down the next day. California had opened their beaches only to close them again and yet many states in the Southeast and the Southwest have beaches open. It is very difficult practicing social distancing there and many people may be taking a great risk.

If we look at the past, there is much for us to learn. The Spanish flu pandemic, which originated in America in 1918 offers much for us to learn from. Similar problems existed then and the country was also in lockdown. It began for one month, just like here. Social distancing and people wearing face masks

did have an affect in flattening the curve. Then, like now, people started getting antsy. They started getting anxious. They were tired of being sequestered and just like now, they started to rebel against authority. President Wilson was largely in denial and made attempts to play everything down as much as possible. Well over half a million Americans died then because when social distancing restrictions were eased, people got sick again. We need to look at this and learn. We've already been told that by June first, approximately three thousand people will perish daily and that this is the price that we have to pay as a nation to save our economy. As a healer, this makes absolutely no sense to me. We see that social distancing works. As previously mentioned, the curve has flattened in New York and New Jersey, the two most virulent states. We still need to be vigilant. Dr. Fauci, the head of the CDC task commission has already said the virus will be back in the fall and winter and most probably more virulent than ever. What do we do?

Steve Maraboli, who speaks on Business and Behavioral Science says, "Acceptance makes an incredible, fertile soil for the seeds of change." We are all uncomfortable. We all feel the effects of the lockdown. Nobody has been out to eat for a long time or done anything socially. Many marriages have been challenged by this and families all over the country as well. There is no school, lots of kids, layoffs, unemployment, and many shortages at the few places we are allowed to shop. Clearly this is a very difficult situation. Regrettably the situation is what it is! I really want to, but I know I can't change it. I can't just make it go away or speed it up, it exists. So what can I do?

I can decide by choice to deal with it with as much class, understanding and grace as possible. I'll start watching my



thoughts more...what I am thinking, what I am saying...and make every effort to show more appreciation and kindness to myself and others. Deep in my heart, I am a spiritual person. I know there is a bigger picture; I just can't see it yet. What I can do is be a more healing, calming, and peaceful influence. Paying attention to my attitude, I can see now how impatient these circumstances make me. Before I can successfully practice patience, I must learn from my impatience. Practicing patience creates patience! What I need to do now is pay more attention to the frustrations and resentments I experience when things aren't going my way... when the universe is throwing me a curveball.

One of my greatest teachers is my own impatience! What I need to learn is simply acceptance. By leaning into the situation, rather than resisting it, the gift of more patience grows as I choose to practice it. As my patience continues to grow (regrettably slowly), the ability for me to be kind to myself and others grows too. What I focus on grows. If I focus on gratitude, I find more to be grateful for. If I complain about how difficult the situation is, it only gets more difficult. I always get to be right but the choice of rightness can go in either direction. I will get through it by co-creating my tomorrows through the way I act today. Except for myself, everything else is out of my hands but a new positive thought can change my direction immediately. Having trust and faith is the key. We will all get through this together! Angels fly because they take themselves lightly.

Steve encourages questions and comments from free-thinking individuals.

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nwolff0325@aol.com

# Getting the Mail during the Pandemic

By Cecile Spector

Oh, for the good old days. I used to run out to the mailbox wearing my slippers. I'd bring in a hand full of envelopes, grab my letter opener and make short work of the missives. Who would ever think that getting the mail would become an event that required intricate planning. We have been warned that many objects have the Covid-19 virus living on them. Cardboard, plastic, paper; how long before the invisible killer dies? The Corona Virus could be lurking amidst these white and manila rectangles. Someone at the post office has touched our mail besides the mailperson. Are they Covid-19 positive? So, here's my routine: First, the mail must go where it could not contaminate anything else in my house. A large basket in the corner of the dining room was a safe choice. Next, off with the slippers and on with my outdoor shoes, which can easily be removed before I walk into the

house. Then, on with my jacket and hat (my hair is not ready for prime time). The shirt I've thrown on doesn't really match my sweatpants, but my jacket will cover it, and the color of my socks are a lovely contrast, so I'm good to go. Next, I open the front door before I put on my gloves since I don't want to touch the doorknob with my potentially contaminated gloves when I come back in. Okay, on with the gloves and out to the mailbox. I grab all mail, being careful not to let any of it touch my jacket, especially the cuffs, and bring it to the door, where I kick off my shoes and put on my slippers; wouldn't want to bring low lying virus into the house. Have you ever seen how many people cough, sneeze or spit toward the ground? I throw obvious junk mail into the trash can, which had been placed there before I went outside, and then place the remaining letters and/or small parcels into the basket. Finally,

I remove my gloves and drape them over the edge of the basket. Hand washing is the next step. It isn't easy washing my hands for 20 to 30 seconds without getting my jacket cuffs wet, but I don't want to touch my jacket zipper with my possibly contaminated hands. At last I can take off my jacket and hat! Now the contents of the basket can sit there long enough for the virus to die – three hours, three days, more? This batch will be moved onto paper toweling on the kitchen counter when the next mail delivery arrives. When it feels safe to touch the envelopes, maybe two days, I use a letter opener to slit them open and shake out the contents, dropping each envelop into the trash can. Next step, I use an antiseptic wipe to clean the letter opener, or scissors when necessary. After reading the contents of the letters I do the hand washing thing again. I can hardly wait for tomorrow's mail!

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**CARING ELDER CARE**- We will help you with the care you need including personal care, household tasks and outdoor errands. (646) 413-0813, Elizabeth.

**AT ANGEL TOUCH HOME CARE** we provide excellent care for the elderly with licensed, insured and bonded thoroughly screened aides. We are a company that cares for our patients and makes sure they are treated by the best. 24-hour care (living with resident). Elderly companionship. Call (609) 907-6059.

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### Recycling

Mixed recycling is now collected each Wednesday. All recyclables (paper, bottles, cans, plastic, etc.) can be placed in the same container and put out each week.

## The Pet Corner



Nine year old Golden Retriever, Buster Wagner says, "Hi" to everyone as he strolls down the street with his favorite person, Barry. This handsome canine with his shiny coat is ready to sit and give a high-five with his paws. Buster loves his walks, and if you stop to say "hello," to him, be ready for Barry to tell you a joke. Yep, they're "best buddies."

By Bea Siegel

### Canine Cabin Fever

Symptoms of canine cabin fever - pacing back-and-forth, but not having to go, sitting in front of you and scratching themselves, but there's no skin irritation (they know how to get your attention), rolling around the carpet, taking all their toys out of their basket, but really couldn't care about playing. Other symptoms are - some destruction, like tearing up paper or stuffed animals, barking, howling or whining, and of course running to the back door and front door. You say, "No one's there, and they're saying, "Hey, I'm tired of being cooped up, let's go for a walk, or to the park, play ball, or walk a different route so I can pick up different scents." It's good for their nose, it excites them and they love the change of scenery. Just like us, they need to get out and enjoy the fresh air. All dogs display these silly behavioral antics, hoping you understand their body-language, and when they're stretching or doing their play-bow, they mean business. So, you and your canine companion go have fun!



pet to and is about 30-40 minutes from here.

- Garden State Veterinary Specialists, 1 Pine Street, Tinton Falls, NJ, 732-922-0011
- Red Bank Veterinary Hospitals, Specialists in Veterinary Medicine
  - ◊197 Hance Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ, 732-747-3636
  - ◊1425 East Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, NJ, 856-429-4394
  - ◊210 Route 206 South, Hillsborough, NJ, 908-359-3161
  - ◊535 Maple Avenue, Linwood, NJ, 609-926-5300
- Jersey Shore Veterinary Emergency Service, 1000 Route 70 East, Leisure Square Mall, Lakewood, NJ, (Ocean County) 732-363-3200
- Ocean View Veterinary Hospital, 2033 Route 9 North, Cape May, NJ (Court House), 609-

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### 24 Hour Emergency Animal Hospitals

- Northstar Vets - Veterinary Emergency Trauma and Specialty Center, 215 Robbinsville-Allentown Road, Robbinsville, NJ, 609-259-8300. Northstar is also a referral hospital that your veterinarian might refer your

## LABORATORY AND NURSING SERVICES

Available at Regency at Monroe Penn Medicine Princeton Health exclusively offers Regency at Monroe residents phlebotomy and nursing services in the Clubhouse. See details below.

### LABORATORY SERVICES

Phlebotomy services (blood draw) are provided Every Tuesday from 7:15 a.m. – 9 a.m. By appointment in the Clubhouse.

To make an appointment with our assigned phlebotomist, please contact Regency at Monroe's concierge desk at 732-605-9800.

Please note: a laboratory prescription from your doctor is required at the appointment.

### NURSING SERVICES

Blood sugar testing, blood pressure checks, and health counseling are offered by the assigned nurse on the dates and times listed below:

First Tuesday of the month: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Second Tuesday of the month: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Fourth Tuesday of the month: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

We hope you enjoy the convenience of the Tuesday phlebotomy and nursing services.

For more information, call 732-605-9800.

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# The Pet Corner

# Monroe Township Schools Planning for School Closure through June

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- 486-5025
- Animal Medical Center, 510 East 62 Street, New York City, 212- 838-8100
  - Center for Veterinary Care, 236 East 75 Street, New York City, 212-734-7480
  - Veterinary Surgical and Diagnostic Specialists, 34 Trenton Lakewood Road, Clarksburg, NJ, 609-259-8300
  - Central Jersey Veterinary Emergency Service, 643 Route 27, Iselin, NJ, 732-283-3535
  - Brick Town Veterinary Dental Referral; 251 Chambers Bridge Road, Brick Town, NJ, 732-477-9440
  - AHC - Animal Health Care of Marlboro, 299 Route 9 South (at Union Hill Road, near Shop Rite), Englishtown, NJ, open seven days a week
    - ◊Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
    - ◊Saturday - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00

- p.m.
- ◊Sunday - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 732-972-320;
  - ANIMAL POISON CONTROL, 888-426-4435

### Specialists

- Animal Dermatology, 82 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ, 973-832-2383
- Veterinary Oncology, West Chester, Pennsylvania, 610-692-6272

### If you need a license for your dog or cat:

- Contact Monroe Municipal Clerk's Office, Municipal Plaza, Schoolhouse Road, Room 108, 732-521-4400

### If your pet is lost, call this non-emergency police number:

- 732-521-0222, or call Animal Care Control, 732-521-0222, x 225.
- For animal abuse, call Police Headquarters, 3 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township.

### By Dr. Dori Alvich, Superintendent of Monroe Township Schools

This March, school districts were given the daunting task of moving to remote learning for all students during the COVID-19 crisis. On May 4, Governor Murphy issued the order for all schools to remain closed for this school year. Our staff has been working extremely hard to provide remote instruction for our students for the past several weeks, but we know it is not the same as being "in school," and we miss our students. The district now has the daunting task of closing our schools for the summer. This includes collecting all textbook and supplies from students and having students pick up their personal belongings from classrooms and lockers. All of this

while we continue to protect ourselves and others during this health crisis. And of course, our Class of 2020 is missing so many celebrations for all of

their years of school. We are planning some alternate activities to celebrate them. We will be sharing all of our plans with families once they are finalized.

### Proposed Truck Ban Has Municipal and County Support

May 12, 2020 – Monroe Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro will be scheduling a meeting with state Transportation Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, seeking her approval on a popular ordinance that bans heavy tractor-trailers on three residential roads along the Cranbury town line in Monroe.

Middlesex County recommended the ordinance to the state in February. The proposed law, which has received overwhelming support in Monroe, would ban trucks weighing more than eight tons from Cran-

bury Station, Prospect Plains and Cranbury Half Acre roads, west of Applegarth Road. The Township Council unanimously approved the ordinance in October, with more than 300 residents attending the meeting to voice support.

On April 21, a supervisor in the state Transportation Department's traffic engineering bureau responded to the county engineer, saying he is against recommending the ban. The state official contended the safety issues did not rise to the level of weigh restrictions. He also believed that closing the roads to heavy trucks would add travel time and inconvenience to truckers who would have to deal with detours.

"This state official, with all due respect, failed to recognize that a steady stream of truck traffic heading to and from Cranbury all day long is a detriment to the safety and quality of life of the residents who live along these streets," Mayor Tamburro said. "That is why we are meeting with Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti and requesting her to act. This is a delicate issue involving senior citizens, school children and residents who live with a daily barrage of truck traffic. This is also a site of a future school. It cannot be fully understood by just reading studies in Trenton and then rendering recommendations."

Mayor Tamburro said it is important to note that weight restrictions are enacted on sections of these same county roads in Cranbury, recognizing concerns with truck traffic. Monroe is simply seeking the same protections for its residents.

The mayor also intends to ask Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti about the proposed two-mile "Liberty Way Bypass," a road on Cranbury's master plan that would have diverted tractor trailers directly to Interchange 8A of the New Jersey Turnpike.

Because this traffic solution was never completed, Cranbury-based truck traffic now steadily traverses Monroe's residential neighborhoods.

The Monroe Planning Board adopted a resolution in support of the pro-posed bypass, which was to include a bridge over the Cranbury Brook.

At that time, Monroe officials expressed appreciation to Cranbury, saying the bypass sends a "positive message" to neighboring communities about the growing traffic problems from the Cranbury warehouses. South Brunswick approved a similar resolution on July 22, 2014, saying the bypass would remove 14,000 vehicles from Route 130, providing "much relief." At that time, the chair of the Cranbury Planning Board called the two-mile Liberty Way a "no brainer."

## SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

Patients with COVID-19 have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness.

Symptoms\* can include

FEVER

COUGH

\*Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

SHORTNESS OF BREATH

Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.



For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms)