

Village of Long Creek

# Neighborhood Newsletter

*Holiday Edition*

*Happy New Year!*



*What will Winter bring this year?*

**Winter 2018**

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***and***

***Holiday Party Highlights on page 15.***

***And just to help you keep your mind active (fulfilling a common New Year's resolution!) check out the Halloween Neighbor Quiz starting on page 6 and Delaware Trivia on page 25.***

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Gene and Loretta Fitch  
Joe and Sonja Lemanski  
Jean Roberts

***VOLC Committees are open to all residents. Think about lending your help to any one of them.***

***You'll find their missions and procedures on the website.***

***<http://volcde.wixsite.com/volc>***

***Click on Documents, then Governance.***

***Committees and individual residents are asked to contact Mary Legreid to schedule the clubhouse for meetings or other activities:***

***302-834-2378 or [mrlegried@gmail.com](mailto:mrlegried@gmail.com)***

***This publication is written by and for the residents of the Village of Long Creek.***

***Contact Cheryl Werner, Editor, with suggestions or comments.***

**KNOW THE SNOW (2017-2018)** Rev 12/08/2017

Here is how the snow removal program works for this Winter for VOLC.

**For Lot Services:** No snow removal is authorized for accumulations of less than 1 inch. For Driveways and Sidewalks, removal services may start after the snow stops, for snowfall exceeding 1 inch. This is a judgment decision as in some cases rain or other events will result in rapid removal without our assistance.

**For the Streets:** Snow removal generally starts if the accumulation is 3" or more. The Board may elect to plow snow in streets if less than 3 inches has fallen.

**Ice and Freezing slush:** The board may elect to start removal early during an ice or freezing slush event to minimize subsequent frozen quantities. The board may elect **not** to remove ice, or freezing slush from roadside sidewalks depending on quantities and difficulty; and instead concentrate on driveways and sidewalks to the houses. In some situations, the board may need to simply let the ice melt even on driveways if it cannot be easily removed.

This winter, Altra, Inc., will be providing our snow removal services. Snow removal will only be performed under the direction of the VOLC Board. Altra, Inc. will be notified by either a Board member, the Grounds Chairman, or IPS (our management company).

Our snow removal company typically provides 6 - 8 workers, including the bobcat driver, who arrive within 60 minutes after it stops snowing. **No salt/ice melt is used.** Home owners may elect to use salt/ice melts on their own sidewalks and driveways.

The use of the bobcat greatly increases the speed of snow removal, thus reducing cost. However, the bobcat also may, on occasion, cause some damage to surrounding lawns and other areas.

Bobcats will only be used on the driveways and never on sidewalks. On sidewalks, only hand shoveling is done. Trucks with plows will only be used on the streets, never on driveways. Snow stakes may be used by owners to mark driveway edges if they wish. Red flags along driveway or walkway edge would indicate no snow/ice/slush removal.

**Damage to walkways/sidewalks/driveways/other should be reported with pictures, when observed, to IPS 302-994-3907 x 2. [cperonti@ipsde.co](mailto:cperonti@ipsde.co).**

**Damage to the grass should also be reported as it is noticed. At the end of the snow season a full list will be provided to the snow removal company. Grass repair will take place at the same time as spring clean-up.**

The snow removal company will be provided with guidelines for snow removal: addressing such issues as snow removal by the mail boxes, at the handicapped sidewalk ramps, and other issues raised by the residents.

All vehicles parked on the street and in driveways shall be removed (if possible), when it snows, to facilitate removal.

**The VOLC Snow Hotline phone number is: (302) 455-8428. This line receives text and will ring forward to the mobile for the current leader of the snow removal team – normally Steve or Eric.**

**Suggestions for snow removal guidelines may be sent to the G Team at [volc.ocks@gmail.co](mailto:volc.ocks@gmail.co).**

***Steve Brubaker - Grounds Co-Chair / Eric Dean – Board Grounds Liaison***





## Committee News

The Mission and Procedures of all committees can be found on the VOLC website.

<http://volcde.wix.com/volc> Click the Documents button on the upper bar and then Governance.

**VOLC Committees are open to all.**

**New volunteers are always welcome.**

**Activities:** A Community Brunch, the Big Bopper, and Ole Blue Eyes... watch for details on these and other events coming in the New Year. In the meantime, check the Activities Calendar on the community website for all dates and times. Just click the Activities button at the top of the home page. <http://volcde.wixsite.com/volc>

**Grounds:** With winter upon us, make sure to read “Know the Snow” on page 3, and keep the information handy for your reference. Pertinent phone numbers are listed there.

**Communications:** Plans are in the works for several information sessions to be held in the clubhouse. Watch for details.

You can always check the website for the Resident Directory, assorted forms, and documents. Just click on Documents, and, if asked for a password, use **volc19702**.

**Clubhouse Committee:** The Clubhouse Committee seeks a Maintenance Director. The primary duty of the person who fills this position is to serve as liaison between the VOLC Clubhouse Committee and IPS who will handle maintenance, repairs, etc.

The donations to our Clubhouse Library continue to come in. If you haven't already, be sure to check it out.

And here's something new—Watch for scheduled times for friendly instruction in Pool, the Exercise Equipment Room and other new hobbies offered by neighbors.





# Halloween



*Cheryl Ford's granddaughters trick or treated with friends.*

*In the photo at right, Alaina is dressed as Belle, and Lila, on right, as Moana.*

*Left, oldest sister, Anna, reigned as the Unicorn.*



*Above, Nancy Halbedl's grandchildren smile for the camera. Daniel, age 2, is a Dalmatian and Annie, age 4, is Cruella deVille.*

*At right—Ray and Mim Krout's five year old grandson, Graham, loves Star Wars!*





Halloween cont.



At left, Donnie and Carol Thompson's grandkids: Ava, Noah, and Colin. (dressed as an Eagles spinner)

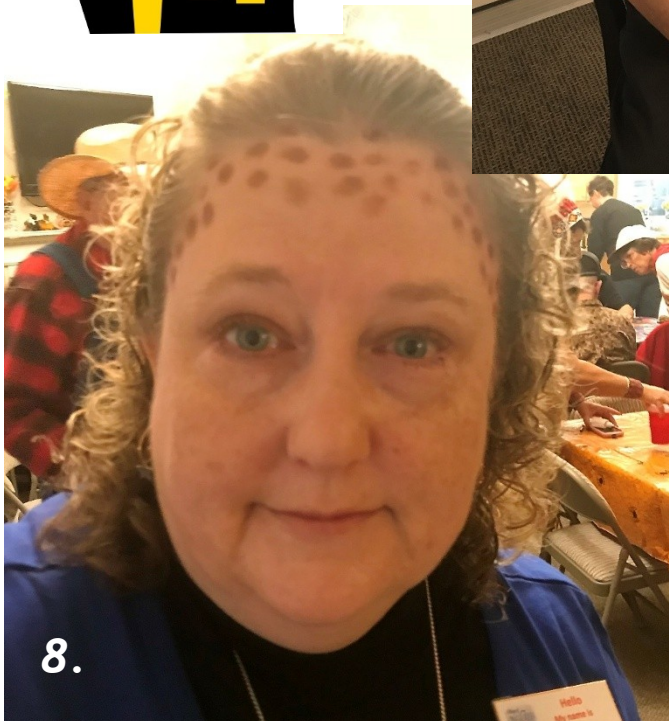
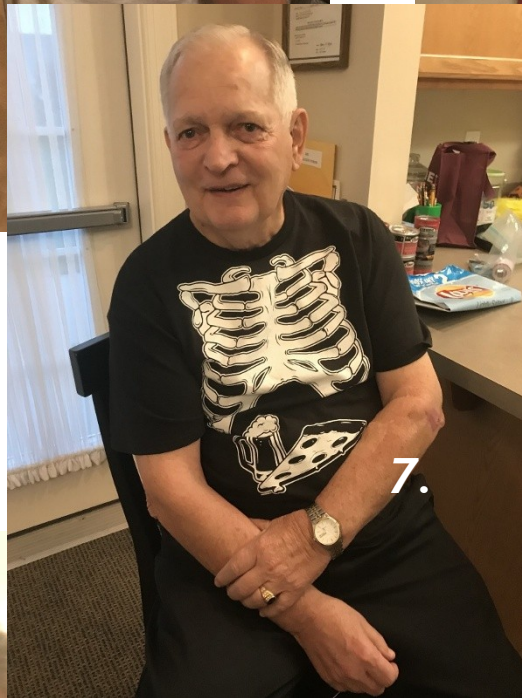
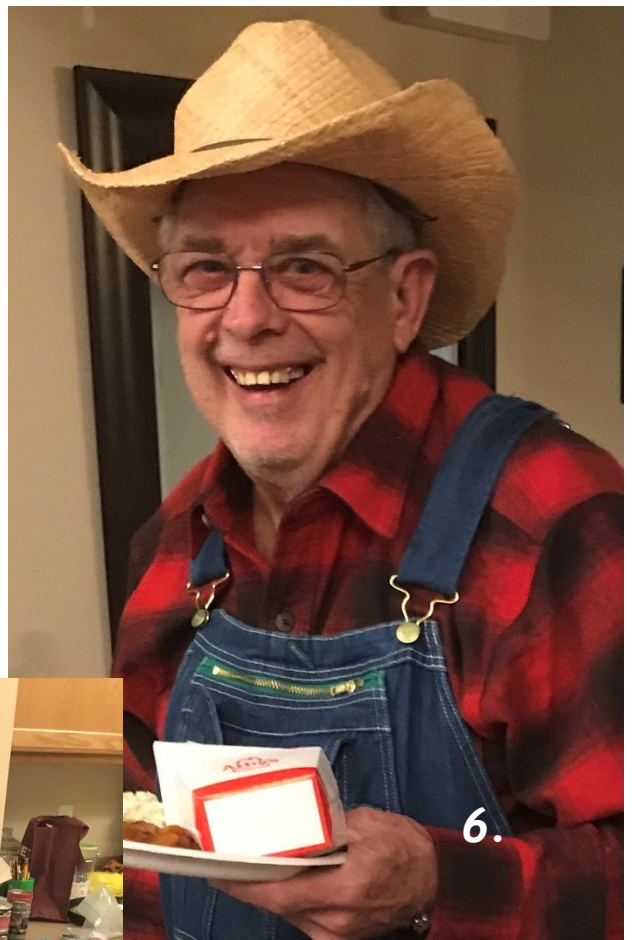


Not to be outdone by the kids, some fun-loving VOLC residents dressed for the clubhouse Halloween party.

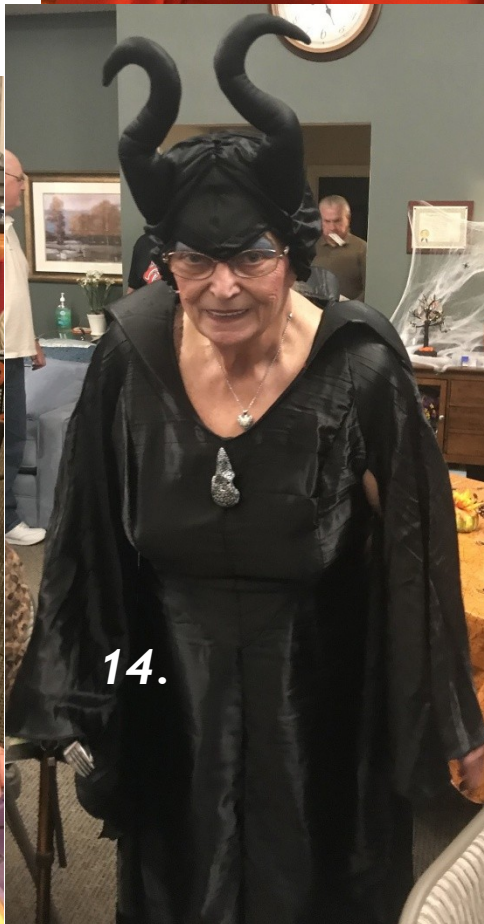
Can you name these folks below and on the next pages.











**How well do you know your neighbors?**

1. Janet Sanders 2. Stan Sanders 3. Mary Legreid 4. Jean Skelly  
5. Susan Brubaker 6. Paul Wellborn 7. Ray Search 8. Mary Ohara 9. Wanda Search 10. Gary Legreid 11. JoanMarie Powers  
12. Loretta Fitch 13. Joe Strasser 14. Mabel Chadwick 15. Pam Smith





# Did you know...



...that you can have massage therapy right in your own home? Tracey Stevenson, LMT, BCTMB, has helped several neighbors in the VOLC. Tracey's phone number is 302-598-0256.

[www.trace.massagetherapy.com](http://www.trace.massagetherapy.com) Recommended by Maria DeArmas.

...Government guidelines suggest adults over 65 should get at least two and a half hours of moderate exercise per week (brisk walking, for example) and do muscle-strengthening activities that work all major muscle groups twice a week? According to AARP, there is strong evidence that exercise is the most effective way to stave off dementia.

... that the bad news about our "connected" society is the resultant exhaustion and anxiety? The good news is that because older Americans didn't grow up with smart phones, they may be better equipped for serious thinking and complex tasks. (We already knew that!)

...that during the next few decades, Delaware is expected to undergo several demographic changes in the composition of its residents?

New Castle County is expected to peak in population around 2045, then begin a slight decline.

Sussex County will grow the most in absolute numbers (54,799) and percentage (25%)

The 65-and-over population will continue to grow rapidly, roughly by 75% from 2015 to 2050. New Castle County is expected to increase by 66,000, topping out at around 144,000 residents over the age of 65 by 2050. (Source—DE Population Consortium)

...that honey can be just as effective as OTC drugs in soothing a sore throat? And that scientific evidence exists to prove that chicken soup is indeed effective to combat congestion? (Source—Consumer Reports)

...That learning NEW things is one of the best ways to stimulate your brain and help it make new connections? The Council on Aging recommends that you take up a new language, a new dance step or a new cause — whatever interests and excites you. Even adding some novelty to an old hobby can help. Crochet something other than the same old pot holder; or take your Sudoku or crossword game to the next level.



around the



*Wanda Search and Gene Fitch celebrated their November birthdays with friends and neighbors at the VOLC clubhouse.*



*October birthday babies, Sam Ferrara and JoAnne Skidmore, share a laugh.*



*December birthday ladies, Joan Dreibelbis and Janet Sanders, were feted at the New Year's Eve party.*



(Clubhouse cont.)



***The Stitch 'n Bitch group sponsored a Craft Show and Sale in November.***

***These talented ladies showed their wares—from a large variety of beautiful knitted and crocheted items to gift cards and bags and quilted centerpieces and pillows. Some neighbors got a head start on holiday shopping.***

***Above left, Jean Skelly.***

***Above right—Linda Watson.***

***At left, Joan Dreibelbis with browsers, Cheryl Dean and grandson, Brandon.***

***Below—Sue Bifano with her knitted treasures.***





(Clubhouse cont.)

## JANUARY

Justine Gilbert	1st
JoanMarie Powers	2nd
Sharon Mutschler	3rd
Jane Crowe	16th
Lois Inglisa	17th
John Dean	27th



## FEBRUARY

Maria De Armas	2nd
Ray Krout	8th
George Middleton	9th
Loretta Fitch	12th
Alice Clabaugh	27th
Joe Lemanski	27th
Bob Kortvelesy	27th

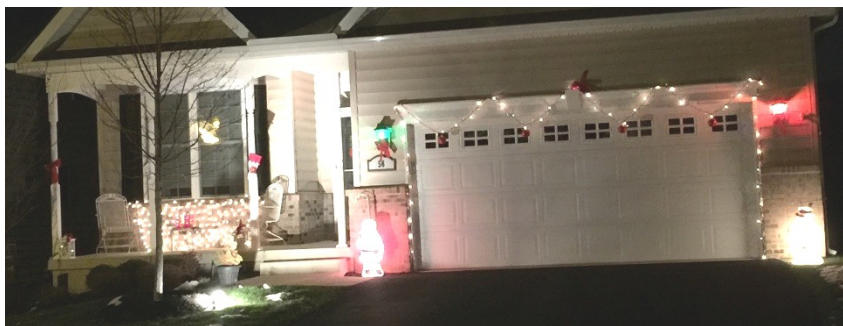
## MARCH

Ray Whiteoak	8th
Bob Dickol	10th
Steve Brubaker	20th
Monica Chan	23rd
Pat Crowe	25th
Rossana Palermo	26th



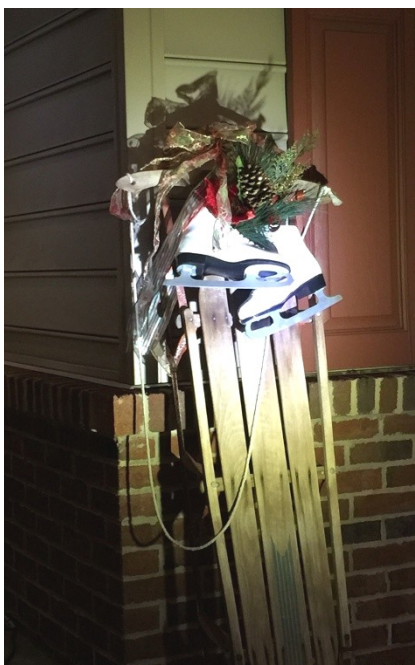


# *VOLC Christmas –at night...*



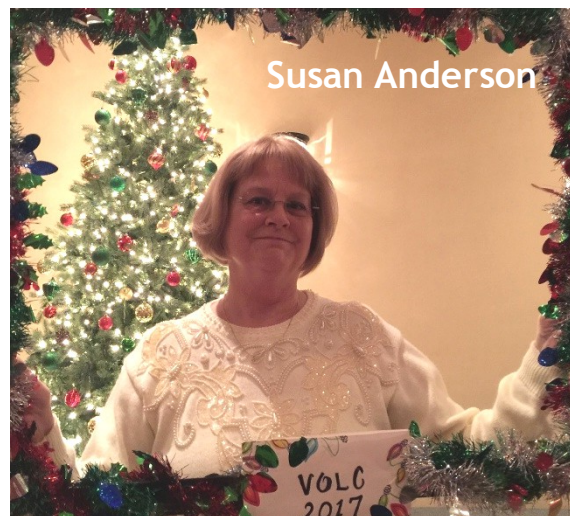
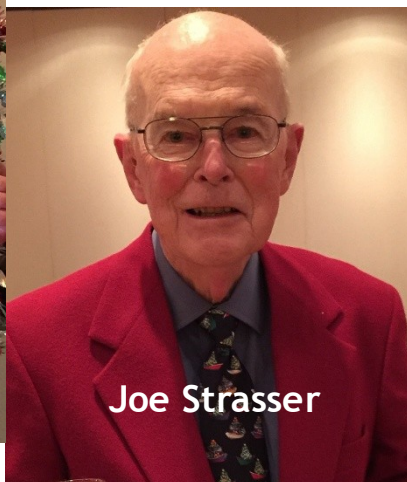


## *VOLC At Night cont.*





# Holiday Party







Sue and Fran Bifano



New Venue

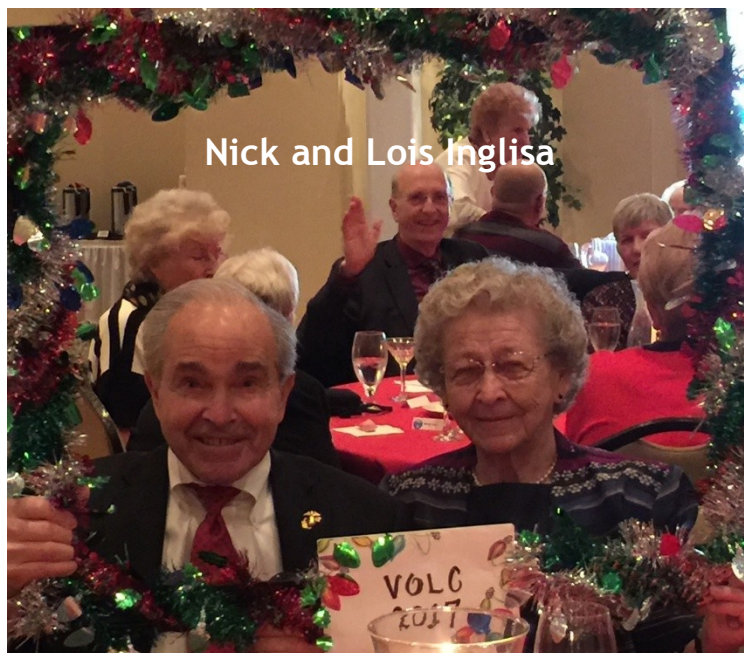
Executive Banquet Hall



Jo Skidmore, Mary Legreid, and Nancy Halbedl



Nancy and Sam Ferrara



Nick and Lois Inglis



# Remember these Toy Crazes

## Through the Years?



### Mr. Potato Head (1952)

The first Mr. Potato Heads ever produced included only plastic eyes, ears and other extremities that kids plunged into an actual potato (or "any fruit or vegetable"). More than a million units were sold the first year, and Mrs. Potato Head arrived a year later. It was the first toy ever advertised on television. In 1964, Hasbro introduced the plastic potato body. Mr. Potato Head quit smoking in 1987 when Hasbro removed his pipe.

### Barbie (1959)

Ruth Handler, the wife of Mattel co-founder Elliot Handler, got the idea for [Barbie](#) after seeing a doll while touring Germany. Within a year after she was first introduced in 1959, Barbie was the best-selling fashion doll of all time. Sales have rarely slowed over the years, and the line has evolved and diversified to keep pace with the changing role and perception of women in American society.



### Chatty Cathy (1960)

Though it wasn't the first doll that could talk, Chatty Cathy was the first to gain mass popularity. Released by Mattel just a year after Barbie, she uttered 11 phrases, such as "I love you." and "Take me with you" via a tiny phonograph that activated by pulling her string.

### Easy Bake Oven (1962)

The original version, which generated heat by two 100-watt bulbs and allowed kids to make their own mini cakes and treats, immediately became the hottest toy of the Christmas season. Its safety has sometimes been called into question, but its popularity has endured. It's in the National Toy Hall of Fame.



### Spirograph (1966)

Kids suddenly discovered that math could be fun with this geometric drawing toy that uses its holes and interlocking edges to make all kinds of groovy illustrations. In its first 2 years, more than 5.5 million kits were sold. Re-launched in 2013, Spirograph was a finalist for the Toy Industry Associations Toy of the year—47 years after it had won that honor in 1967.



*Toys cont.*

## Electronic Football (1977)

Long before Madden Football became the best-selling sports video franchise of all time, kids had this virtual football device right in the palm of their hands. It somehow simulated the real thing via a few blinking red-dash signs on a black screen. Through the late 70's, they were hard to keep in stock.



## Star Wars Figures (1977)

The original Star Wars film was such an unexpected hit in 1977 that toy-maker Kenner, unprepared, wasn't even able to get the figures into stores for Christmas. Instead it offered coupons for the figures to be used once they were in stock.



## Cabbage Patch Dolls (1983)

The poster toy of holiday shopping crazes, Cabbage patch Dolls exploded in popularity when they were released by Coleco in the summer of '83. By October, 2 million had been sold. When supplies vanished during the Christmas season, riots broke out, and fights over the dolls were common in the rare stores that had them in stock.



## Teddy Ruxpin (1985)

This cuddly teddy bear was Chatty Cathy with a cutting-edge twist. Designed by a former Disney Imagineer, the animatronic Teddy had a cassette tape player in its back. When a tape played, he blinked his eyes, moved his head, and recited a story. When supplies ran low, resellers were asking for double and triple the \$70 retail price.

## Tickle Me Elmo (1996)

Tyco Toys gave the giggling version of the Sesame Street monster a low-key launch in mid-1996. Sales unexpectedly picked up when Rosie O'Donnell gave the toy an impromptu plug. By Thanksgiving, it was impossible to find a Tickle Me Elmo. There were reports of fights and panic. The retail price was \$29.95. In December, online sellers were asking as much as \$10,000.







## Tamagotchi (1997)

These keychain-size virtual pets needed near-constant attention, requiring owners to feed and care for them lest they get sick and die. For reasons that eluded most adults, the toys flew off the shelves during the holiday season, and manufacturer Bandai Electronics has sold more than 82 million in the years since. This year, a 20th anniversary version was released.

## Furby (1988)

These electronic creatures, powered by an early version of AI, came out of the box speaking their own language, Furbish, then they slowly learned English as they “grew.” Furbies were the runaway hit of the 1998 holiday toy season and stayed popular for several years after. The fact that no one knew quite what they were didn’t seem to matter.

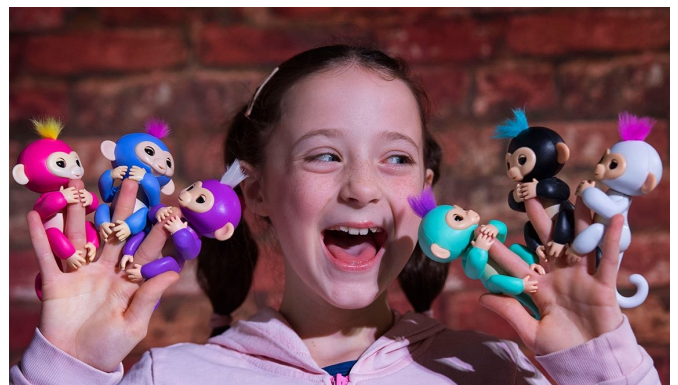


## Nintendo Wii (2007)

Every few years, a new video console becomes one of the hot new toys of the holiday season. But when the Wii was released in 2007, it sparked a frenzy like no other system before it. The Remote Controller removed the pesky wires and a wide variety of get-off-the-couch games appealed to players from preschool to senior centers. In its first eight days of release, more than 600,000 units were sold.

## Fingerlings (2017)

This year’s hottest holiday toy was a \$15 little monkey that wraps itself around your finger and clamps down with a gentle robotic grip. It goes to sleep if you cradle it quietly and responds to sound, motion, and touch with blinking eyes, head turns, and silly monkey babble. And like toys from Christmases past, stores are having a hard time keeping it in stock. “Our lives are at the whim of 5-9 year olds,” said one executive at WowWee, the Canadian toymaker behind Fingerlings. “It’s crazy.”



**Do you have a collectible toy worth money? AARP says that mint-condition, vintage playthings like Barbies, GI Joes, and old metal cars have enduring appeal and value, especially if they’re in their original packaging.**

*Source for all—AARP*



# VOLC Travels

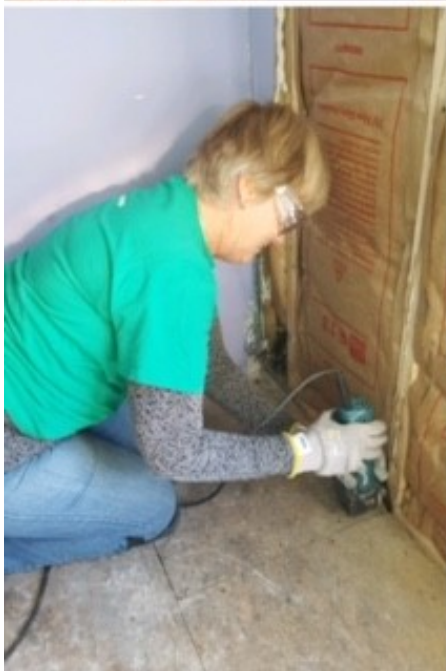
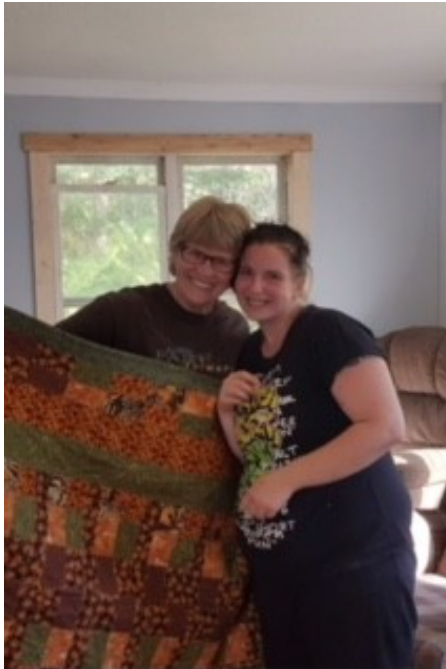


Mim Krout grew up on a farm in Oxford, PA, one of six siblings. She says that during the summer, removed from town, she and her sisters and one brother had only each other to play with. So play they did, and play they still do, gathering together each year from homes as scattered as Utah, Florida, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware!

Mim says, "This was the 31st year for the sibling trip. We have traveled all over the United States, usually in areas where we can go hiking. This year we went to Davis, West Virginia, near the Monongahela National Forest. It rained four of the days, but we still had a wonderful time playing childhood games—pick up sticks, jacks, hula hoops and other silly games. The first day the sun was out we went to Cass, VA and rode a logging train."



(Travel cont.)



## Ray and Mim Krout's Mission Trip

Mim's tale—

Helping families repair their homes to make them Safer, Drier, Warmer is what the Appalachia Service Project is all about. On October 15th, fifteen volunteers from our church (Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church) traveled to Guyan Valley and Brenton, West Virginia to help families there. As always, we stayed in an old converted school, sleeping in segregated dormitory rooms on bunk beds, eating on colorful food trays in the cafeteria (there is a cook who makes our breakfasts and dinner) and doing daily chores to keep the center clean and running smoothly for the total 77 people it can accommodate.

Ray's team did siding on the exterior of a house and did drywall inside and my team shored up a floor, removed old dry wall, added new insulation and then put up new drywall. We presented the two families with quilts, hand made by ladies in our church as a way to remember us.



*Travel cont.—to warmer climes...*



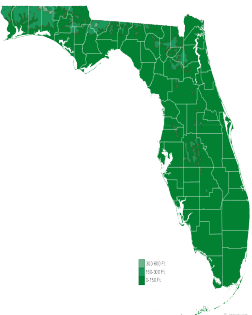
*Linda and George Middleton have enjoyed get-togethers and reunions with Linda's family in Henderson NC. Above, a gathering of friends and family included fun at the Pirate Show in Myrtle Beach in SC.*

*Below, the family gathered at the home of a cousin prior to the formal reunion.*

*Below, the Reunion.*



*At right —Nancy Weldin took a quick trip to FL to check out her place after Hurricane Irma. Fortunately, there was little damage, and she found time to enjoy a cappuccino in the French Café in Naples.*





# Family

**Ray and Mim Krout with Family at Longwood Gardens—**

**At right—Mim with her son, daughter in law and two granddaughters.**

**Mim says “We walked around for 3 hours, more amazed at each turn.” Below—Ray is dazzled by one of the displays.**



**At right—Take a seat! Stan and Janet Sanders’ two year old grandson, David, found himself a great seat as he waited to open his gifts. The Sanders’ Family celebrated the Holiday early.**







*Family and friends gathered at La Casa Pasta on December 20 to celebrate Jim Powers' 90th birthday. Jim served in the military for 32 years, exercising discipline. He kept his birthday wish to himself!*



*Carol and Donnie Thompson's grandchildren, Ava, Noah, and Colin, were all dressed up for Christmas Day.*



*Fifteen month old Garrett Michael Werner, grandson of Guy and Cheryl, was intrigued by his wagon full of gifts from Santa!*



*Mugsie Tricarico, who lives with Lenny and Maria, croons some holiday tunes along with friends from New York.*





## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW DELAWARE - GEOGRAPHY?

1. How many counties are there in Delaware? Name them.
2. The western boundary between Delaware and Maryland follows what historic survey?
3. Most of the city of Wilmington lies between which two rivers?
4. What is the capital of Delaware?
5. From what does the Delmarva peninsula get its name?
6. Approximately how many miles is Wilmington from both Washington D.C. and NYC?
7. Delaware lies between which two large bays?
8. What small airport is located next to DE 896 north of Middletown?
9. Native Americans mined flint for arrowheads in what area near Newark?
10. What is the only river that flows west to the Chesapeake Bay?
11. The names of what 5 towns in DE end with the suffix *ford*?
12. Legend says Slaughter Beach got its name from what event?





## *Sights around the neighborhood...*



*Make yourselves at home! Susan Brubaker took this photo and titled it "The VOLC Aviary."*



*A welcome sight, this visitor arrived on December 31! Other sightings that day included robins. Could this be a sign?*



*Winter sunrises have been spectacular from our point of view! Take a peek toward Glasgow Ave a little before 7 AM.*



*This cheery little guy was an early harbinger of December snows.*



***In the 'season of love' - "What does love mean?"  
From the Mouths of Babes...***



'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore.. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.'  
Rebecca- age 8

'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.'  
Billy - age 4

'Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.'  
Karl - age 5

'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.'  
Chrissy - age 6

'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.'  
Terri - age 4

'Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.'  
Danny - age 8

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen.'  
Bobby - age 7

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate. '  
Nikka - age 6

'Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day.'  
Noelle - age 7

'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.'  
Tommy - age 6

'During my piano recital , I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.'  
Cindy - age 8



*Love cont.*

'My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.'  
Clare - age 6

'Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.'  
Elaine-age 5

'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.'  
Chris - age 7

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.'  
Mary Ann - age 4

'I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.'  
Lauren - age 4

'When you love somebody , your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.'  
Karen - age 7

'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.'  
Jessica - age 8

And the final one:

Who can beat this definition?

The next door neighbor of a four year old child was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said,

'Nothing, I just helped him cry'

***Submitted by Christine Killian***

