

Village of Long Creek

Neighborhood Newsletter

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Coming up:

End-of-Summer Party

Sunday, September 7

5 PM



From Summer...

Board's

Wine and Cheese and Chat

September 11, 6:30

(Details to follow...)



First day of Fall

Monday, September 22

...to Fall

"Adopt the pace of Nature: her secret is patience"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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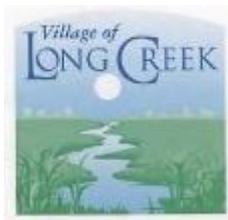
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Who is this woman??

It is Maria deArmas who lives at #46! The photo was taken sometime in the '80s, when Maria was working for Avon here in Newark. The fashion show was a fun event for the employees and many of them participated.

Thanks, Maria, for being our model and such a good sport!!

Now...Try to identify the lovely ladies in the photos below and on the next page. Answers are on the last page.



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Twenty five people submitted guesses on the identity of the Mystery Woman. Four of them guessed Maria correctly, but Jean Skelly was the first.

Congratulations, Jean!

It has been suggested that we do this again in the next newsletter. Send photos to cherylwerner@verizon.net.

Any men? We have one so far....



Helpful neighborhood men ensured that a neighborhood woman safely exited the clubhouse!

From left: Bill Anderson, JoanMarie Powers and Donnie Thompson.



Happy Birthday



September

Cheryl Werner	6th
Nancy Halbedl	12th
Mim Krout	12th
Christine Killian	18th
John Johnson	23rd
Grace Hobson	25th
Debbie Fry	26th
Phil Pannucci	27th

October

Maria Tricarico	9th
Theresa Han	9th
Susanne Getty	14th
Dean Rapp	15th
Jackie Roark-Martin	16th
Lenny Tricarico	17th
Stan Sanders	21st
Sam Ferrara	30th



JoanMarie Powers became a great-grandmother on July 11, when grandson Dillon and his wife welcomed their first child. Remi Chen Powers weighed in at 9 lbs. 14 oz. At right—JoanMarie’s son, Jeffrey, meets his grandson. At left—Jeffrey’s dog, Sadie, wonders what all the fuss is about.



Happy Birthday, Remi Chen!



Odette Haight, Jean Skelly, and Cheryl Werner took The Original Brooklyn Pizza Tour with Delaware Express. The photo at left shows them under the famed Brooklyn Bridge.



The narrated trip across the borough offered views of iconic bridges, famous

film locations, and stops at two popular pizza restaurants. The tour culminated in steady rain at Luna Park on Coney Island.

VOLC Wildlife...

*At right— a smiling frog peeking into the front of **Ken and Paulette Francis**' house and a Dogbane Tiger moth looking in through their sliding glass door.*

*At left, top - The hydrangea gracing the side of the **Werner** house last year!*

The one below? This year's plant after the deer had a feast!

Below—a family of spider webs took up residence in some welcoming shrubs.



The folks who attended the Monday luncheon at Café Napoli enjoyed the food and large portions.

Next up? Two Stones Pub in Middletown on September 2. Held every month, these outings provide an opportunity to try a new restaurant and get to know your neighbors better! Contact [Christine Killian](#).



The Clubhouse remains our social hub, both at Happy Hour (left) and Friday Meetup (below.)

All are welcome!



*Eric Dean, Marilyn Abrams,
and Maryann Fagan*

Bob and Sharon Dickol

(Neighbors cont.)

Summer on the Sports' Trail!

It's become a summer ritual for Carol and Donnie Thompson—following their grandkids' sports teams.

Oldest grandson, Noah, plays for the Aces, a Delmarva College Prep Travel Team.

Noah is 16, and is a junior at St. Marks High School this year.

Ava is 14. She also plays travel volleyball in the fall and is now playing for Padua Academy.

The youngest in the family, Colin, plays soccer.

Donnie says,

“We definitely enjoy traveling around different states for each sport!”

This summer, that involved a family trip to Boston and the surrounding area, watching Noah's team play at different colleges in Massachusetts. After NE, it was on to Atlanta, making memories along the way...

And now, the kids are back to school—this year in three different schools in three different directions!



Devices that help



Nancy Weldin visited the Delaware University Center for Disabilities Study and sent these pictures of some of the items available there. Located near The Grove at 46 Wyoming St., the center develops assistive devices to make life easier for those with hearing or sight impairment or other issues. Nancy was astonished by the number of items that could help as we age and experience physical challenges. Check the website for more information and learn how to make an appointment.

<https://www.cds.udel.edu/>



TRANSPORTATION OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC WORKSHOP

See transportation projects that are planned for the next four years in New Castle County and share your ideas for future improvements

Monday, September 29, 2025
Stop in any time between 4:00-6:00 p.m.
The UD Health Sciences Complex Atrium
540 S. College Avenue
Newark, DE 19713

Please park only in spaces designated as "Visitor", not "Patient" parking.

www.wilmapco.org | For more information call (302) 737-6205, or email info@wilmapco.org.



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Senior Citizen Discounts at Restaurants in DE

Discounts at restaurants often change over time, so it's smart to contact your local restaurant to verify which senior citizen discounts are available. Many restaurants only apply the discount if you ask. Here is a partial list:

Applebee's has a 15% discounts for seniors citizens for seniors 60+ with Golden Apple Card

Arby's has a 10% discount available for senior citizens age 55+ in Delaware

Austin's Restaurant has a 20% discount for seniors citizens 55+

Auntie Anne's Soft Pretzel's has a 10% discount for seniors citizens 65+

A&W All American Food has a senior citizen discounts available for seniors 55+

Ben & Jerry's has a 10% senior citizen discount available for seniors 60+ in Delaware

Bennigan's has a senior citizen discount available for seniors 60+

Blimpie Restaurants Sub Sandwiches has senior citizen discounts available for seniors 60+

Bonefish Grill has a up to 15% discount for AARP members

Boston Market has a senior citizen discount of 10% for seniors 65+

Burger King has a 10% senior discount available on beverages for seniors 60+

Captain D's Seafood has a discount available for senior citizens age 62+ in Delaware



(Restaurant discounts, cont.)



Church's Chicken has a 10% discount for seniors 55+

Chick-Fil-A has a 10% senior discount or a free small beverage for seniors 55+ at participating locations

Chili's has a 10% senior citizen discount for seniors 55+

CiCi's Pizza has a 10% senior citizen discount for seniors 60+ in Delaware

Culver's has a senior citizen discount of 10% for seniors 60+

Dairy Queen has a 10% senior citizen discount for seniors 60+ at participating locations

Denny's has a 10% senior citizen discount for seniors 55+ in Delaware

Dunkin' Donuts has a senior citizen discount AARP members

Egg&I has a 10% discounts for seniors 55+

Einstein's Bagels has a 10% senior citizen discount for seniors 60+ on certain bagels

Friendly's—Freebies like complimentary coffee at breakfast or small sundae any other time of day, plus 10% off other menu items. Ask.

Fuddrucker's has a 10% senior citizen discount on certain meals for seniors 55+

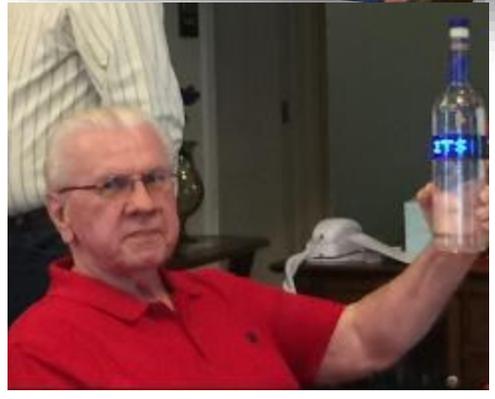
Gatti's Pizza has a 10% discount for seniors 60+

Golden Corral has a senior discount of 10% for seniors 60+

Hardee's has a discount available on beverages for senior citizens 65+

IHOP has special menu for seniors 55+

The VOLC Wayback Machine



Karl Markiewicz spent his vacation driving up the coast of Maine, fishing, duck hunting, and visiting friends.

At right—early morning the first day—Karl went fishing as soon as he got out of the car!

Below—An osprey carries it's meal



Center—Back in the VOLC—

Branchman—Keeping the VOLC safe from low-hanging branches—one branch at a time... Guess who...



*Above—**Dick and Dorene Grant** spent time in Maine and Canada, visiting Dick's family and taking in the sights. They visited Campobello Island, a Canadian island located in the province of New Brunswick, near the United States border in Maine.*

(Neighbors cont.)



Christine Killian is shown with her granddaughters, Kendall and Kelsey at the 2025 Gaufest (Festival) held at the German American Club right here in Newark.



A Gaufest is a four-day festival held every odd-numbered year by the Gauverband Nordamerika, an organization dedicated to preserving Bavarian and Austrian culture. It's a gathering of German folk dance groups from across the US and Canada, featuring competitions, workshops, and social events.

*The **Delaware Sangerbund** (club) has close to 1,000 members who meet at the clubhouse. Besides an active chorus, the club sponsors a Bavarian folk dancing group ("Enzian Volkstanzgruppe"), a Ladies' Auxiliary in charge of food preparation (the "Ladies of the Delaware Sangerbund"), youth soccer teams (the "DSB Kickers"), a teenage group, a genealogy group, and German language classes for both adults and children.*

Kendall and Kelsey wore blue ribbons to identify them as members of the Delaware Club. They have three different dirndls to wear for certain activities. The Festtracht (festival attire) featuring flowers in the front is only worn on very special occasions like the Gaufest, so they wore them for the Saturday night banquet and dance. Christine says that In Germany, mainly in the Bavaria, brides used to wear the Festtracht on their wedding day. Some still do.

On the other days of the Gaufest, Kendall and Kelsey wore one of the other club dirndls, (on right.)

For a taste of authentic German tradition, watch for details of the annual VOLC Oktoberfest, overseen by Christine.

Around the clubhouse



Linda Trach, Karl Markiewicz, and Marion Bowman



Cheryl Werner and Chandrikamma Thankappan



Bill and Judy Anderson, Joe and Sonja Lemanski



Christine Killian and Loretta Dougherty



Bear Skelly



...★ 4TH OF JULY ★...
INDEPENDENCE
day
Cookout



Ken and Susie White, Odette Haight, Chandrika Thankappan, and Maria deArmas

*Get Artsy #5
Wood Slices
and Autumn
Bows*



Sue Gandy



*Chandrikamma
Thankappan*



Grace Hobson



Odette Haight



Judy Anderson



Mary Ohara



Maureen Graham



Nancy Halbedl



Get Artsy #6 Diamond Painting

A group of crafters gathered to work on individual projects from kits they had purchased. The technique of diamond painting involves setting small plastic “diamonds” on an adhesive grid. The results are striking!

*The framed pictures at left were produced by **Janet Sanders** and hang in her home.*

*At right, **Judy Anderson** finished a cute pouch.*



Upcoming one-time events...

More artsy crafts!

*September 26, 2 PM
October 24, 2 PM
November Date TBD*

Watch your email for details.

*Wooden Christmas decorations
Sea glass pendants and/or earrings
Fresh greens centerpieces for the holidays*

Speaker Series

*September 18, 6 PM
October Date TBD*

*Healthy Bones, a presentation by Valerie Hughes
A presentation on Aging and Memory by
Dr. Christopher Higginson, Professor, Loyola University, MD*

And a new activity!

Friday Board Games

First Friday of the month at 2 PM, starting September 9.

We're working to keep you young!

Right—Clubhouse Committee members **Bill Anderson, Joe Lemanski and Linda Trach** are shown with **Chandrika Thankappan**. Chandrika donated this tree at the clubhouse in memory of her husband.

Bill, Joe and Linda dug out sod and laid topsoil and mulch to prepare for the clubhouse sign coming soon. **Judy Anderson and Cheryl Werner** also helped with the process.





Left—**Monica Chan's** granddaughter, **Natalie**, continues her winning ways on piano! Natalie won 1st place at the West Coast Satori Summer Music Festival and also played at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles. Natalie is a high School student in California.

Center—**Jane Cheek** relaxes on her front porch surrounded by beautiful hydrangeas

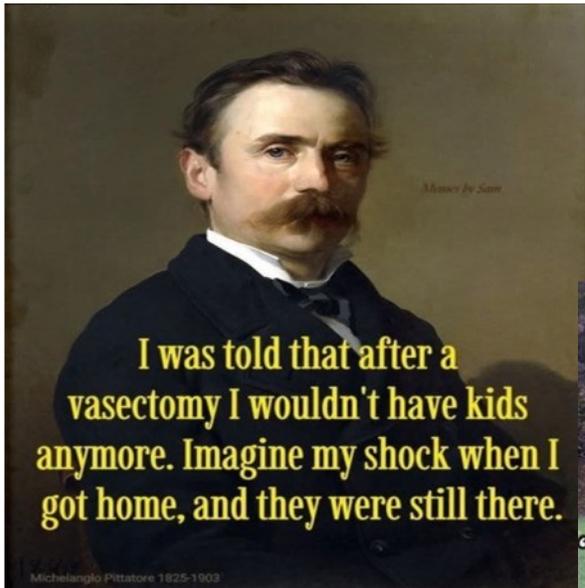


Right—**Odette Haight's** granddaughter, **Kaitlyn**, graduated from eighth grade in June and just started high school in Voorhees, New Jersey.



Aphorisms (Pithy expressions of a general truth...)

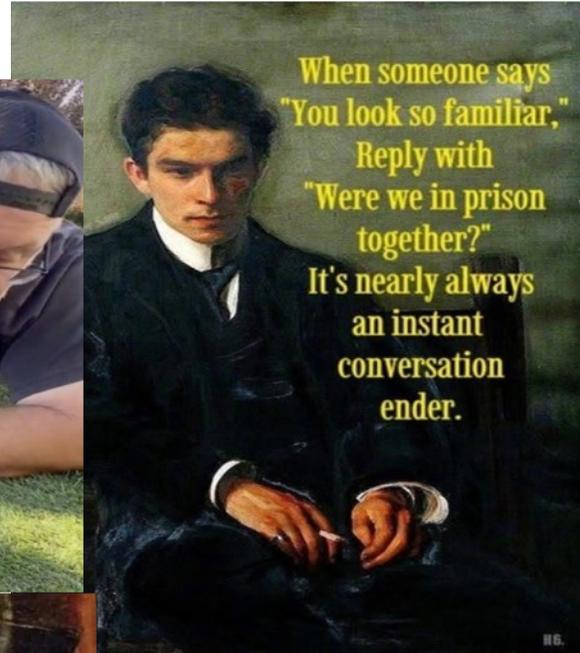
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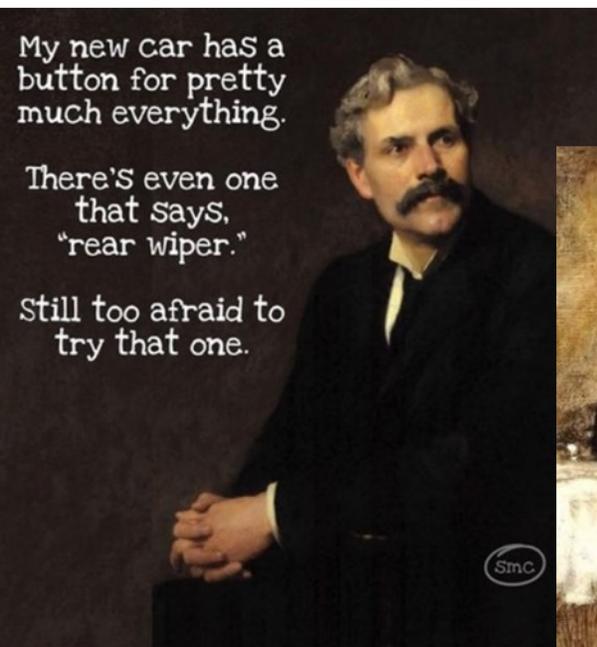
I was told that after a vasectomy I wouldn't have kids anymore. Imagine my shock when I got home, and they were still there.



My wife just said "we need to talk" after I finish cutting the grass



When someone says "You look so familiar," Reply with "Were we in prison together?" It's nearly always an instant conversation ender.



My new car has a button for pretty much everything.

There's even one that says, "rear wiper."

Still too afraid to try that one.



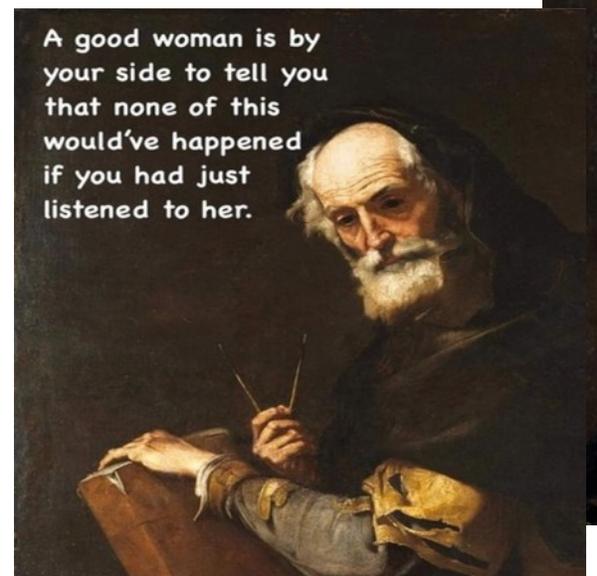
Why do the French eat snails?

We don't like fast food.



I finally know why they call me a "grown up"...

I groan every time I get up.



A good woman is by your side to tell you that none of this would've happened if you had just listened to her.



I asked my wife what women really want. She said "a tent of lovers." Or perhaps it was attentive lovers — I wasn't really listening



WHEN SOMEONE ANNOYS ME, I LEND THEM MONEY

AND I NEVER SEE THEM AGAIN IN MY LIFE

Gas station wisdom

Sent by Barb Doto, former VOLC neighbor

A gas station has become quite a landmark in Gauteng, South Africa with its daily #PetrolPumpWisdom.

Some people have altered their daily route just to drive by.

The uplifting quotes are written on a chalkboard.



Cable repairman was on my street and asked me what time it was. I told him it is between 8 am and 1 pm

Wife crashed the car again today.... She told the police the man she collided with was on his mobile phone and drinking can of beer ! Police said he can do what he likes in his own living room !



Your call is important to us... Please continue to hold.



So a friend of mine works at a car dealership, a young person came in with an older car and wanted to know why his iPhone charging port is scratching his screen and not charging!





Sometimes you have to do it yourself if you want it done



IDOLIZING A POLITICIAN IS LIKE BELIEVING THE STRIPPER REALLY LIKES YOU

IF ANYONE GETS A MESSAGE FROM ME ABOUT CANNED MEAT, DON'T OPEN IT. IT'S SPAM.



SO WHEN IS THIS "OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW BETTER" SUPPOSED TO KICK IN?

THE BAD NEWS IS, I ACCIDENTALLY TOOK THE WRONG MEDICATION TODAY.

THE GOOD NEWS IS, I'M NOW PROTECTED FROM HEARTWORMS AND FLEAS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.

I'm not saying I order from Amazon a lot, but I just received a wedding invitation from one of their drivers.

The Ladies featured in our Guess Who? game are:

1 Jean Skelly

2 Marilyn Abrams

3 Cheryl Dean

4 Christine Killian

5 Loretta Fitch

6 Joan Dreibelbis

7 Cheryl Werner

8 Nancy Weldin

9 Cheryl Ford

10 Sue Gandy

11 Chandrikamma Thankappan

12 Paulette Francis