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From the Board

Dear Residents,

The weather is into its spring pattern at this time and we trust it is moving toward warmer weather and the lovely flowers and trees we see in our community. Enjoy!

We wish we had dates for you, but we still do not regarding what will happen, and when, re the basins and the sidewalks/driveways. It is not from lack of asking again and again and again and again (you get the idea). Thanks for understanding that these are beyond our control to determine time-lines, but we continue to be the bee caught in a person's hat--we remain there until this is over and done to our satisfaction.

Basins

There is no way to promise you again that it will begin on this date or that date. Too often now we have been told work would begin one week or another and it is good that we did not hold our breath since the work has not started yet. Here is what we know so far:

Basins #5 and #7 will be redone totally by the developer. We can all see the marking on Glasgow Avenue noting that "something" is to begin. We are constantly on our elected officials as recently as 3/31/17 asking for help again and sending emails/phone calls to the NCCo department every week.

Basin #4's reevaluation is almost done by Duffield Associates. They are doing similar tests as were done by GTA in its 12/2015 Report (on our website) that indicated this basin is functioning within appropriate parameters. This updated report will provide current information as the soil used in #4 is the same "crap" as was used in basins #5 and #7. We sincerely hope we can get all of that crappy soil out from all three basins.

Basin #3 had the grate filled in and grass will be regrown around it to further stabilize this small area found needing attention in the NCCo inspection conducted in 10/2016. We sent a picture to NCCo later that month showing that dirt fill had already been added as one member used a bag of soil for Enviro-Tech to do this fill-in immediately.

Basins # 1, 2, 6, 8, and 9 were cleaned up and mulched recently. They will be tended monthly and/or more frequently as needed as the company will be here on a weekly basis to do lawns (e.g., when there is heavy rain, water goes over the rocks quickly and can move the mulch). This will be smoothed out, called "fluffing," after it occurs.

Please remember that the basins are ours to maintain and we pay between \$3K-5K/year for annual maintenance. We use Capital Reserves for mulch replacement and/or shrub replacement, the latter still under the developer's responsibility. Any repair work on them will always be the responsibility of NCCo, not the VOLC MC as long as we maintain them properly--and we are to date. All repair work is borne currently by the developer, Eastern States, until at least 11/2017. It is up to NCCo to dismiss the developer from all responsibility.

(From the Board cont.)

ADA compliant driveways and sidewalks

Representative Earl Jaques and Lieutenant Governor Bethany Hall-Long have ensured that this repair work will be done for 30 residents here in the VOLC. Can we give a date? Not yet on this aspect either. As the weather is warmer, we expect to hear the details and start parking our cars on the street for a few days. This repair is worth a total of \$68 K, about \$ 2,267 per home for those repairs. Councilman Tackett has been active in this aspect of our needs as well. (We hear that between 5-6 a.m., Councilman Tackett is contacting NCCo on our behalf.) We are grateful to them all for their advocacy for us!

New Board Members Needed

We are grateful for those who are willing to serve moving forward. As the main issues facing the VOLC MC may be settled soon (basins, driveways, etc.), it might be time for the management company to take over more of the day-to-day operations of the business aspect of this community, the supervision of providers, etc. This would reduce the day-to-day responsibility of each board member volunteer. Other communities operate this way and it has proven itself a good partnership.

GDC--Voting right around the corner

The wonderful team on the Governing Documents Committee has submitted its work to the attorney, received input, and is finalizing its documents so that the VOLC MC can vote on the changes that the “Voice of the Community” and the workshop supported. Laws have also impacted a few changes that were warranted. Each lot gets one vote as is the same for the Board election and the annual budget. Look to your email for updated information regarding this vote. Hard copy will be provided to all for the vote. After the vote, residents will be given a hard copy of the new documents for their records (and it will be on our website) and these will be submitted to NCCo as required. This is almost a 2-year process these committee members have persevered and gotten what our community wants. We know you will be grateful for their work and the documents they have created for our decisions.

THANKS again to so many for so much

Eric for ensuring that the tree branches are no lower than 7'. (Did you see him with his long pole and its extension walking around more than once?) He and Jackie have this covered!

Sharon for the exceptional website of the VOLC MC due to her creation and ongoing updating of it. It is the model and envy of others; even our management company references it to other communities. Our elected officials have made awesome compliments as well.

Lois for taking pictures of important aspects of our VOLC so that these can be used to “show” what we need and what we have accomplished

The VOLC MC Board thanks you for your ongoing support of this community of ours and the volunteers who work so hard on the committees. God bless them all!

Sincerely,

The VOLC MC Board

Ray Krout, Jane Crowe, Susan Brubaker, Pam Smith, and Patti Abernethy



Committee & Club News

The minutes of all committee meetings can be found on the VOLC website.

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

Communications: The committee is sponsoring a safety presentation by Master Corporal Chris Gigliotti, outreach officer for the New Castle County Police Dept., on April 25, at 7 PM. Topics will include Personal Safety and Identity Theft, and Officer Gigliotti will answer questions after his presentation. Coffee, tea, and goodies will be served.

Barb Doto oversees the Neighborhood Directory and will take your requests for "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) information. Please remember that only one emergency contact will be entered per home. That contact can be either a resident or a family member.

Nominating: This committee is overseeing the recruitment of candidates and the election of a new Board of Directors in early May. Nominations are currently being accepted. A "Meet the Candidates" evening will be held on May 4. Packets with ballots will be delivered to each home with voting guidelines. Questions may be directed to any member of the 2017 Committee: Marilyn Abrams, Sharon Dickol, Brook Kortvelesy, Wanda Search, co-chairs Betty Schinzel and Cheryl Werner, and Susan Brubaker, Board Liaison.



Book Club News: Nancy Weldin sends along a warm invite from Florida to the Tuesday Night Wine and Dine Book Club. "We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month, gathering about 5 PM to go out to dinner at a local restaurant, where we enjoy a glass of wine and discuss the book." Contact Nancy at neweldin@aol.com.

Clubhouse Pool Playin' News: Pool players are now meeting Thursdays as well as Tuesdays at 2 PM. All are welcome.

Garden Club: Don Doto is looking for a few good men and women to help with spring planting at the Clubhouse. It's time to choose flower types and colors and then get them planted! This a great opportunity for some social contact and fresh air and exercise. And you help to beautify the neighborhood in the bargain!

Contact Don at 302-832-2118 or dondoto@aol.com

GRASS CLASS - 2017

PLEASE RETAIN THIS INFORMATION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

The following information describes the 2017 VOLC Lawn Care Program. Altra (Altra, Inc.) is providing services in 2017.

Services for lots are listed here and notifications will be posted, as needed.
The season is March - November.

Spring cleanup/mulching	March/April	1x/year
Mowing	Weekly (with exceptions for heat, rain)	25x/year (3 additional, if needed)
Edging walkway/sidewalk	Every two weeks (approximate)	12x/year
Weeding of Builder Beds	Monthly	6x/year
Fertilizing and/or weed control Grub control	Seasonal Part of one summer application	5x/year
Shrub/Tree pruning	Late summer/Late November	2x/year

Residents may choose to not have their builder beds cleaned up and mulched, to not have Altra provide their lawn treatments (subcontracted by Altra to TruGreen), to not mow their lawn in a given week, and to not prune plants in their builder beds.

If you DO NOT WANT your Builder Beds Cleaned and/or Mulched, multiple RED/ORANGE flags should be placed in those builder beds.

If you DO NOT WANT your LAWN FERTILIZED/TREATED for any application, RED/ORANGE flags should be placed both in your front and rear lawns on the day of service.

Residents declining Altra fertilization and treatment services for the entire season should also notify Steve Brubaker (volc.rocks@gmail.com or 302-455-8428) to be placed on a list as a double check.

If you DO NOT WANT your LAWN MOWED in a given week, RED/ORANGE flags should be placed both in your front and rear lawns on the day of service.

If you DO NOT WANT the PLANTS/SHRUBS TRIMMED/PRUNED in your builder beds, multiple RED/ ORANGE flags should be placed in the mulched area throughout the beds on the day of service.

Red/orange flags can be obtained from:

Lois Inglis, #106 (linglisa33@yahoo.com) Eric Dean, #47 (delawaredeans@gmail.com; 302-838-1805)
Gene Fitch, #90 (gfitc1124@aol.com) Steve Brubaker, #32 (volc.rocks@gmail.com; 302-455-8428)

Questions/Concerns regarding lawn care can be addressed to Steve Brubaker or Eric Dean. Any damage from Altra's services should be reported in writing or by phone within 48 hours of the event to Steve or Eric.

Additional Information:

Prior to any lawn treatment, a sign will be posted in the front of the VOLC a day or two ahead and you will receive notification.

For all lawn mowing, residents are reminded that nothing is permitted on the lawn area except splash blocks at the bottom of down spouts and ARC- approved mulched beds. Once the day is finalized for mowing (Th. or Fri.), **RESIDENTS WILL BE REMINDED NOT TO WATER THEIR LAWNS THE DAY BEFORE OR THE DAY OF THE LAWN MOWING.**

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Grass Class Continued...

Our lawn treatments are summarized here:

Fertilization & Treatment Program - Residents' Lots

- a. Early spring - fertilizer w/pre-emergent herbicide (March/April)
 - b. Late spring - fertilizer w/pre-emergent herbicide & broadleaf weed control (April/May)
 - c. Early summer - fertilizer, including grub control, liquid weed control (May/June)
 - d. Early fall - fertilizer & broadleaf weed control (September/October)
 - e. Late fall - fertilizer (October/November)
 - f. Notice of pending fertilization to be posted at front of VOLC 24 hours prior to application.
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Fertilization & Treatment Program - Common Areas

- a. Early spring - fertilizer w/pre-emergent herbicide.
 - b. Late spring - fertilizer w/pre-emergent herbicide & broadleaf weed control
 - c. Early fall - fertilizer & broadleaf weed control
 - d. Notice of pending fertilization to be posted at front of VOLC 24 hours prior to application.
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Families

At right, is Marilyn Abrams' granddaughter, Lindsay Hawtof, who recently performed in the demanding role of Cosette in the Newark Charter High School production of "Les Miserables." Shown over two weekends, the show was sold out most nights. Lindsay was also Belle in the school's production of "Beauty and the Beast" last year. A senior, she will be attending the University of Delaware in the fall.

If you missed the show, you can catch Lindsay singing on youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_ZK4IKSCJQ



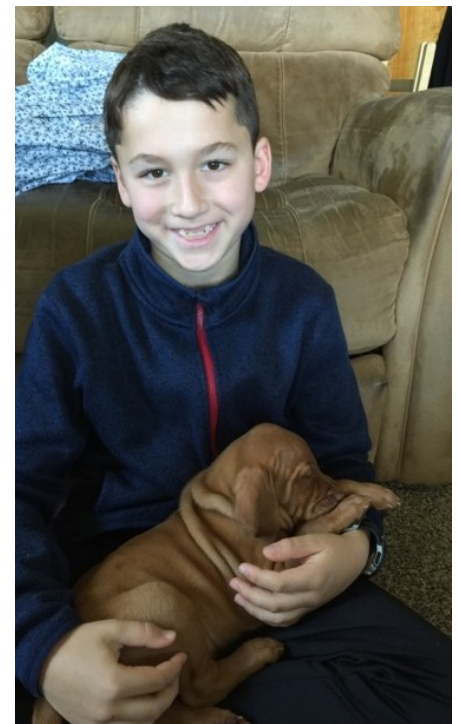
Meanwhile, Marilyn's grandson is in a state of pure happiness with his 8-week-old puppy.



Six-month old Garrett Michael Werner, first grandchild of Guy and Cheryl, seems to really like his first taste of carrots!



Christine Killian's granddaughter, Kendall, recently participated in a dance competition in the category of hip-hop.



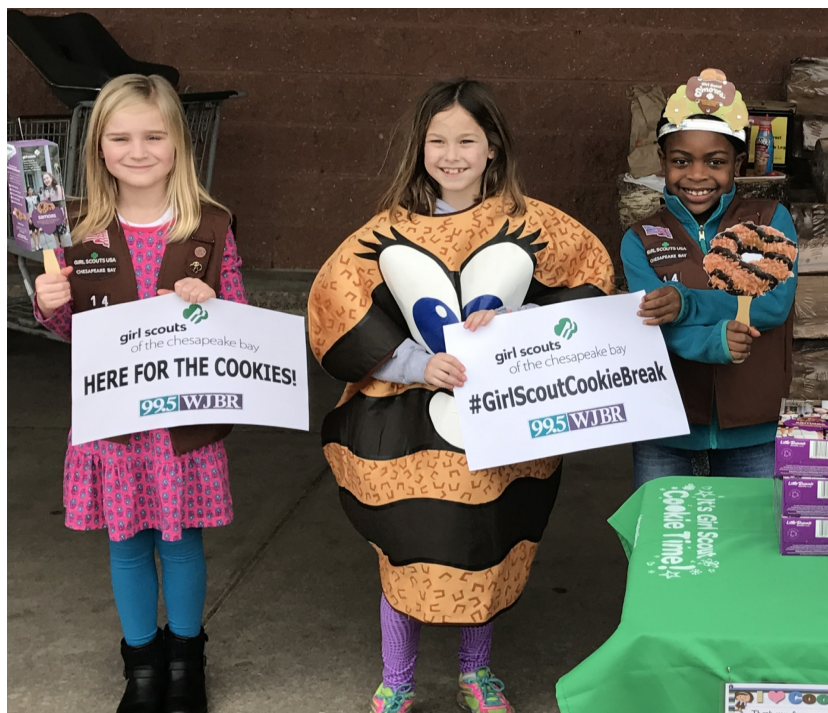
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With family members scattered around the globe, it was quite an event when three generations of the Powers Family gathered in Chattanooga TN to celebrate the Christmas holiday. Shown with Jim and JoanMarie seated in the front row are daughter, Janice, and sons, John and Jeffrey. In the second row - Spouses and Grandchildren.



At 18 months old, Janet and Stan Sanders' grandson, David, seems to already have a musical talent.



Dressed as a cookie, Christine Killian's granddaughter, Kelsey, center, did her part to make the annual Girl Scout fundraiser a big success.

around the



The Clubhouse Activities' Committee started the new year with good luck on Friday the 13th. VOLC neighbors gathered in the clubhouse to renew ties, share food, and wish the January Birthday Babies well at the first of the year's monthly Happy Hours. —From left: John Dean, Justine Gilbert, JoanMarie Powers, and Lois Inglisa.



On January 28th, residents celebrated the 2017 Chinese New Year, the Year of the Rooster. They feasted on traditional Chinese dishes and egg rolls, followed by almond and fortune cookies with ice cream. The clubhouse was decorated in festive red, and many folks wore the color, traditional for good luck.



Above—Susan Anderson models the gorgeous silk, embroidered coat she bought in 1985 in Beijing.



(Clubhouse cont.)



This year's Super Bowl Party was combined with Happy Hour and the February Birthday Celebration. At left, folks enjoyed good food before the big game. Below left, Ken Smith and Gary Legreid share a laugh. Below right, the Birthday honorees, from left—Loretta Fitch, Ray Krout and Maria DeArmas.



Some hot and spicy, some mild and light, five types of chili were offered at February's Chili Cook-off. Partygoers were urged to taste them all and vote for winners in fun categories like "Hot Flash" or "Most Likely to Make You Drink." Prizes were equally good-natured, making for a night of food and laughter.



New residents, Roger and Sue Getty, second and third from left, chat with Paul Wellborn and Tom and Jean Skelly.



Wanda Search models the chili pepper sunglasses she was awarded for her "Most Popular" chili.

(Clubhouse cont.)



St. Patrick's Day came early when residents gathered to celebrate the big day on March 10. There were lots of green decorations, green clothing and even green hair, as everyone was Irish for the night!

At center, Bob Dickol and Steve Brubaker blow out their birthday candles. At left, in foreground, Susan Brubaker with green top hat and Sharon Dickol with shamrock face adornment. Cheryl Ford, with her own festive hairpiece, looks on. And on the right, A Happy Man! Is Tom Skelly just happy to be Irish for a night, or could it be that he's happy he's no longer the Grounds Guy???

BACK TO THE HOP

With the Big Bopper

At left, Mary Legreid and Wanda Search, co-chairs of the Activities Committee, are



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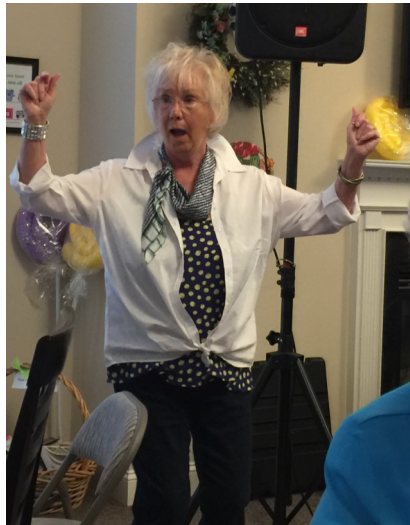
shown at the March 25th clubhouse event, Back to the Hop with the Big Bopper. Together with their hard-working committee members, Loretta Fitch, Cheryl Ford, Christine Killian, Mary Ohara, JoanMarie Powers, Janet Sanders, and Jean Skelly, they managed to turn back the years with creative decorations and retro goodies. They even managed to create space for The Big Bopper and his gear, 40 attendees, and a dance floor! The result was a fun evening for all!



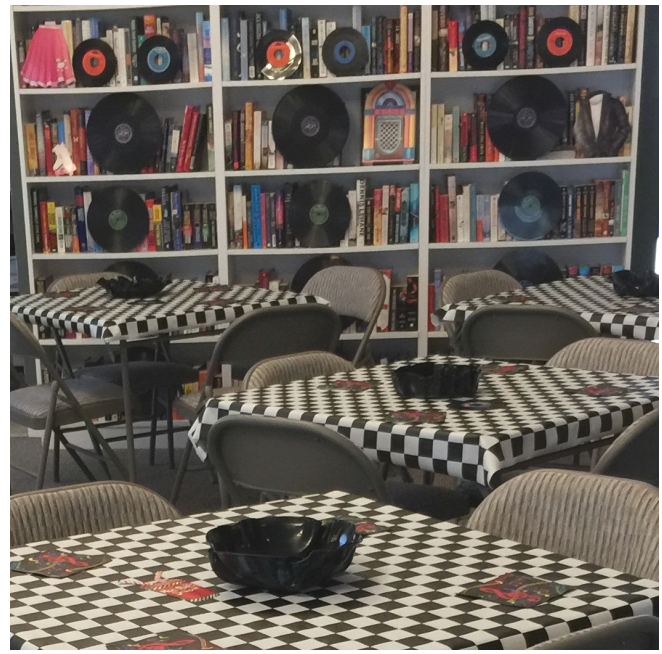
Back To The Hop



Gary Baker, pre-performance, with his wife of 48 years, Buttons, who runs the sound board.



Loretta Fitch danced the night away.



Tables harkened back to a simpler time, complete with real vinyl record bowls full of home-made Chex mix.



Poodle skirts were the fashion of the evening! Above, Cheryl Ford with The Big Bopper and, at right, Janet and Stan Sanders.



Jean Skelly came in full "Hairspray" mode.

At Home

With JoanMarie and Jim Powers

Jumping into Life

Jim Powers was drafted into the US Army in 1946. He served in the states and The Philippines during WWII, eventually becoming a Green Beret with the US Special Forces. He joined the National Guard after discharge, and never looked back. In 1958, he married JoanMarie Hineline, and together they built a life and a family strongly influenced by their commitment to service. The memories they willingly shared at their VOLC home tell an American love story.



Both Jim and JoanMarie were born and raised in Pennsylvania and met while both were working for the Budd Company in Philadelphia. Jim likes to say that they met while JoanMarie was hitchhiking. JoanMarie tells the story with a bit more detail—her regular carpool driver had to drop his car off for repair on the way to work and suggested that she watch for anyone passing whom she might know from work. Well, along came Jim, a man she'd seen every day right across the hall! She flagged him down, he asked her out, and the rest, as they say, is history.

After the army, Jim continued his education, earning a bachelor's degree from Drexel and a Master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania. (Later, he would teach math at community colleges in both New Jersey and Maryland.) Career opportunities blossomed, and his employment by Thiokol (Now ATK) in Elkton MD brought the couple to Delaware to live for the first time. Their three children were born here, but the family shortly moved to West Virginia as Jim's career progressed, then to Virginia, and later to New Jersey, and back again to Delaware. Jim was gone for long hours testing rockets, and JoanMarie was busy with their three kids. When all three were out of school, she continued her own secretarial career— in a New Jersey high school and later in a Delaware dentist's office. Wherever they lived, she volunteered, sometimes in hospitals, and here in Newark, at the blood bank.



Somewhere along the way, Jim picked up a hobby that became a business—out-of-print and hard to find books. Originally looking for books that might tell him a bit more about his mother's homeland of

Poland, the self-proclaimed bibliophile found just such a book at the Strand Bookstore in New York, known as a booklover's treasure trove. Eventually, he picked up books for others and developed a catalog of his own. Their VOLC home still contains crates of cherished volumes.

Jim continued in the National Guard Green Berets—in PA, WV, and MD, (in NJ, it was the Army Reserves). He retired as a Major and still wears the insignia on his collar. He recalls several Guard call-ups, like the time his battalion helped keep the peace in Baltimore after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.



Jim says he's jumped from jets, planes and helicopters without a problem. But, in 1991, while attending an Army reunion in Poland, he jumped from a Russian helicopter with a Polish parachute, and ended up in a German hospital with a broken hip! He received a hip transplant and was hospitalized for three weeks, enjoying visits from the other parachutists before being flown to Bethesda Naval Hospital. Back at home, JoanMarie worried and held down the fort. And they both say the hip has never caused a moment of trouble!

The couple has done their share of traveling, including frequent trips to Hawaii during the ten years their son, Jeffrey, lived there. They also toured Canada and Europe, enjoying the sights in Spain and Ireland, Germany, France, Italy, and Portugal. JoanMarie also traveled with a friend to Switzerland, Austria, France and Italy. And, as she likes to say, together, she and Jim have visited every battlefield and out-of-print bookstore on the east coast and beyond!

When the children married and scattered about the country, Jim and JoanMarie made a point of visiting each of them at least three times a year. These days their children and grandchildren often visit them. Jeffrey, a retired naval captain, lives in Seattle with his wife. Jim got the unique pleasure of traveling from Vancouver, BC to San Francisco on a nuclear submarine that Jeffrey commanded. To make it even more memorable, Jim had actually worked on the engines powering the sub! Second-born John is currently working in Saudi Arabia for Saudi-Aramco, and lives in Chattanooga with his wife. Janice and her chef-husband live in Macon, Georgia with their daughter, Olivia. Powers grandchildren have lived and worked in varied locales like China, New Orleans and New York City, embracing new adventures and travels as has been the family way.

Jim and JoanMarie are happy with their retirement choice of the Village of Long Creek. JoanMarie still plays with her long-time bridge clubs, keeps up with her old friends, and attends the same church she's belonged to for nearly thirty years. She's a frequent traveler with Delaware Express, going into New York for Broadway shows and shopping almost monthly. As a member of the VOLC Activities Committee, she's made many new friends here, and enjoys playing cards on Wednesday nights. At clubhouse events, the 6' 4" Jim makes quite the quiet presence and enjoys the camaraderie of other residents, swapping stories and telling jokes. Here, as they have in so many places, they jumped right in!



Story by Cheryl Werner

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Oscar Connections



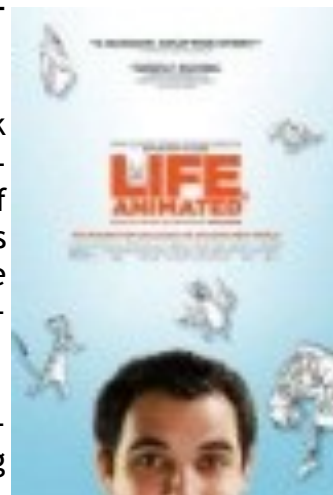
When the Academy Awards ceremony was held on February 26, residents of the VOLC had big reasons to cheer for three nominated films.

Kubo and the Two Strings, a production of Laika Entertainment, LLC was nominated in the category of Best Animated Feature Film. Joseph Strasser, son of our own Joe and Barbara, is Lighting Technical Director for Laika, and served as such on this film. The stop-motion fantasy film was also nominated for Best Achievement in Visual Effects. The film revolves around Kubo, who has magical powers and whose left eye was stolen. Kubo's chance for survival rests on finding the magical suit of armor once worn by his fallen father, the greatest samurai the world has ever known. Summoning courage, Kubo embarks on a thrilling odyssey as he faces his family's history, navigates the elements and

bravely fights for the earth and the stars. While not a winner at the Oscars, the film won the Best Animated Feature Film Award from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) and the top honors from the Visual Effects Society, winning over the Walt Disney Company, which had won 19 animation awards in a row. Joe Jr. and his family live in Oregon where Laika is located. Barbara and Joe are justifiably proud and would be happy to share a Kubo DVD.

Life, Animated, nominated for Best Feature Documentary is based on a book by Ron Susskind, a student of Paul Wellborn at Concord High School in Wilmington. Paul taught history and international relations and was part of a group of young teachers who devised a program of integrated study, with all disciplines emphasizing writing. Might Susskind's years in Wilmington be what put him on the path leading to a Pulitzer Prize for feature writing, along with numerous best-selling books?

Susskind's memoir *Life, Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes, and Autism*, published in 2014, describes the Susskind family's two-decade journey in connecting with their youngest son, Owen, who was diagnosed at age 3 with regressive autism. Owen lost his ability to speak, and then developed an obsessive interest in Disney movies. Once the family discovered that this obsession could be a way to reach him, they began to play the roles of animated characters and conversing in Disney dialogue - a method that over years helped their son regain speech. Ron Susskind and his son, Owen, appear in the film, which has garnered acclaim from a number of groups, including teachers, and a curriculum guide has been developed to help teachers deal with autism in the classroom.



A Man Called Ove was a favorite choice of the Thursday VOLC Book Club. Nominated in the category of Best Foreign Film, the Swedish entry, faithfully based on the novel, tells the story of a 59-year-old curmudgeon, who finds life totally without color after his beloved wife, Sonia dies. He decides he needs to join her in the next world, but finds his plans for suicide constantly interrupted by friendly, insistent new neighbors and a series of neighborhood incidents requiring his help. Referred to as "charming" by numerous reviewers, the book has gained an adoring worldwide audience. The film was nominated for six awards, winning two, at the [51st Guldbagge Awards](#) in 2016 in Sweden. Catch it when it shows in the clubhouse. You'll laugh and cry along with the book club.



Recommended day trips

On the cover— Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ (suggested by Cheryl Werner)

Grounds For Sculpture is a 42-acre sculpture park and museum located in Hamilton, NJ. It was founded in 1992 by John Seward Johnson II, (grandson of Robert Wood Johnson I, the co-founder of Johnson & Johnson) an artist whose works have been shown around the world. The venue offers contemporary sculpture by varied artists, and more recently, sculptures that Johnson designed based on famous paintings. The exhibit shown on the cover is titled "Copyright Violation," and is based on the Terrace at Sainte-Adresse' by Claude Monet. On a hill above this display, you'll find Monet supposedly painting Johnson's sculpture, thus the amusing and pretend copyright infringement. Many of the installations have amusing titles/or stories, and an occasional nude may make children giggle just like the indoor museums. Overall, the grounds are beautiful and there's a surprise around every corner, some figures so life-like, you'll think they're real people, and others so large you'll stare up in awe.

There are several options for dining at the park, including Rats, a charming restaurant with a Wind in the Willows theme. It's always crowded, and service can be slow. Grounds for sculpture is approximately an hour and a half from VOLC.

<http://www.groundsforsculpture.org/>



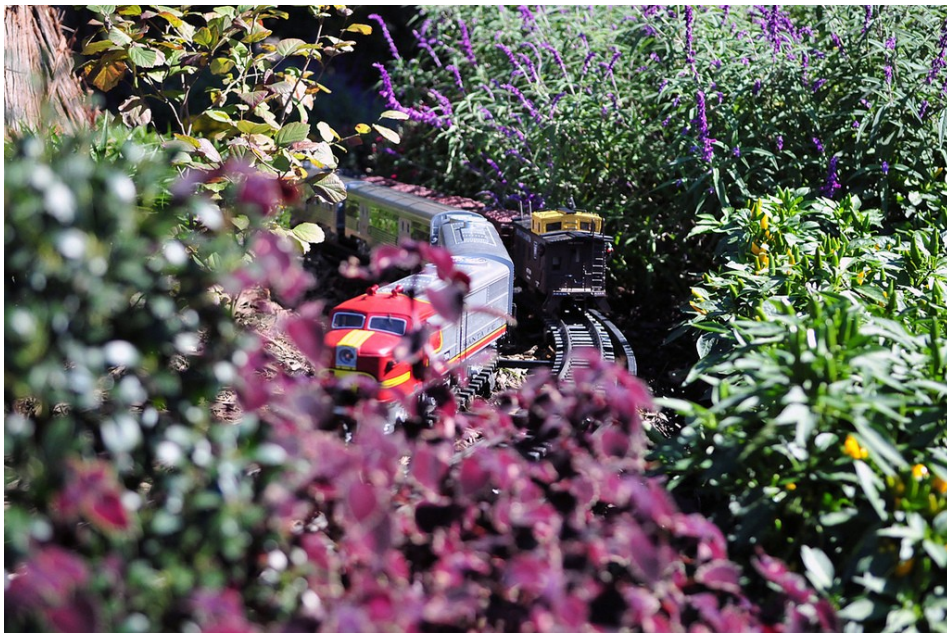
Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA (suggested by Joann Sabato)

Longwood Gardens consists of over 1,077 acres of gardens, woodlands, in the Brandywine Creek Valley. It is one of the premier horticultural display gardens in the United States and is open to visitors year-round to enjoy exotic plants and horticulture (both indoor and outdoor), events and performances, seasonal and themed attractions, as well as educational lectures, courses, and workshops.

Joann says, "A trip to Longwood Gardens is my favorite. There are always different displays throughout the year and my grandchildren absolutely love the children's garden. Be prepared with a change of clothes and a towel (although they do provide towels) because they will get soaked as they enjoy the garden. Both the formal dining room and the café have amazing food with lots of choices and

fresh local veggies in season. The gift shop is fun to explore for unique gifts for others or yourself."

<https://www.longwoodgardens.org/>



Day trips cont.

Lancaster PA (suggested by Cheryl Ford)

There's so much to see in Lancaster County PA! Known as "Antiques Capital, USA", it's loaded with small towns like the quaint and historic Ephrata, Lititz, Mount Joy and Elizabethtown to the north, Amish & Pennsylvania Dutch Country to the east where horse-drawn buggies share the road, and downtown Lancaster, boasting seven square miles, packed with art museums, historical attractions, restaurants and cafes, theatres, shops and boutiques. Add in the many tourist attractions, and you may need more than a day!



Dutch Wonderland Family Amusement Park, just east of Lancaster is one of the many things to see and do in the area.

Cheryl says, "It's one of my favorite places— both for the quaintness, the sightseeing and the many outlets."

<http://www.discoverlancaster.com>



Cheryl Ford also recommends Bethany Beach, which she says always makes a good beach day. And there are special events, like a Seaside Craft Show and a 4th of July Parade.

<http://de-bethanybeach2.civicplus.com/>

Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library, Winterthur, PA

(suggested by Cheryl Werner)

If you haven't been to Winterthur yet, it's well worth a trip. From the website— "Founded by Henry Francis du Pont, Winterthur (pronounced "winter-tour") is the premier museum of American decorative arts, reflecting both early America and the du Pont family's life here. Its 60-acre naturalistic garden is among the country's best, and its research library serves scholars from around the world." The house boasts 175 rooms, and house tours change on a revolving basis. So even if you've been once, you'll see something different on your next visit. Every general admission ticket allows for a house tour, a tram ride of the grounds, and admission into the galleries, which also change periodically. Winterthur was the site of the only American display of the Costumes of Downton Abbey, with its juxtaposition of the Grantham and DuPont Families. There is a cafeteria style restaurant, a gift/garden shop and a bookstore.



<http://www.winterthur.org/>

'Ya Gotta Laugh!



Cactus Wisdom... (submitted by Barbara Strasser)

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

Living on earth is expensive, but it does include a trip around the sun every year.

Ever notice that the people who are late are much jollier than the people who were waiting for them?

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.



(Aunty Acid mug short from Mary Legreid)



(Lexophiles from Barb Doto)

..I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

..I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

..I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

..A boiled egg is hard to beat.



"On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."

OBITUARY: THE SAD PASSING OF COMMON SENSE

Submitted by Joan Dreibelbis

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting (adults, not children, are in charge). His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned, but overbearing, regulations were set in place.

Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teenagers suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition. Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they had themselves failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin, or apply sun lotion to a pupil, but could not inform the parents when a pupil became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home, but the burglar could sue you for assault because you protected yourself and your own.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion, his daughter, Responsibility and his son, Reason. He is survived by three stepbrothers; I Know My Rights, Someone Else is to Blame, and I'm A Victim. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized that he was gone.

If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

Author Unknown

Did you know?

...that **Waste Management Services** requests that totes be spaced 3 feet apart on days when both trash and recycling pickup is scheduled? This allows the truck's "arms" the room they need to grasp the containers.

...that the old farmhouse between our community and Glasgow Avenue is being torn down? Ray Krout received word from the owner.

...that there is a new museum in our area called **The Pencader Heritage Museum**, located at 2029 Sunset Lake Road, in the Cooch Dayett Mills Complex (corner of Old Baltimore Pike and Route 72)? The museum's mission is to create an educational environment for students, teachers and interested residents to learn about the history and culture of the Pencader Hundred. Permanent and temporary exhibits feature photos and artifacts and there's even a "Please Touch" area. For more information and for museum hours, visit the website at <http://pencaderheritage.org/main/museum/museum.html>. Thanks to Paul Wellborn, a member of The Pencader Heritage Association for this info.

...that our **Clubhouse Library** is open to all residents with no checkout? Just take the books you want and return them to the basket by the door whenever you're finished. Donations can also be left in the basket. (Thank you!) Fiction titles are arranged in order of the author's last name, non-fiction titles loosely by subject (bottom right.)

... that the new pharmacy at the Medical Center on Glasgow Ave., called **Glasgow Pharmacy**, has free home delivery?

<http://www.glasgowpharmacy.com/>

...that the **Medical Aid Unit** at Glasgow Medical Center is now called Christiana Care Care Now? (Repeated word is correct.) <https://christianacare.org/services/medicalaidunit/>

...that the home delivery service of **jet.com** is free for an order of \$35 or more? There is no membership fee and Maria Tricarico reports that the prices are good, the items are fresh, and they arrive in excellent condition. Delivery is in 2-5 days. This is another home delivery option when getting to the market isn't in the cards! <https://jet.com/>

... that the new **Center for African American Heritage**, named for Jane and Littleton Mitchell, is now open at the Delaware History Museum in Wilmington? It's listed along with a number of other attractions and events in the Wilmington and Brandywine Visitor Guide. You can request a free copy, either digital or print, and can also sign up for the free monthly e-newsletter.

<https://www.visitwilmingtonde.com/plan-your-trip/request-visitors-guide/>

Upcoming Birthdays!



APRIL

Joan Holstein	5th
Patti Abernethy	7th
Ray Search	9th
Pam Smith	9th
Marilyn Abrams	9th
Mary Legreid	10th
Linda Trach	15th
Paul Wellborn	17th
Don Hobson	18th
Sonja Lemanski	18th
Fran Bifano	19th
MT Lednum	24th
Joann Sabato	29th

MAY

Becky Noetzel	2nd
Jean Skelly	14th
Richard Cutone	24th
Bill McNamee	25th
Don Doto	29th
Dennis Sabato	30th
Barbara Strasser	30th

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

Norman Petterson	7th
Dot Dube	12th
Judy Anderson	21st
Cheryl Dean	23rd
Joe Doto	23rd
Sue Bifano	25th
Paula Kendrick	25th
Ken Riley	27th
Sharon Dickol	28th



Barb Carter's Spring Movie Review

Fences

Denzel Washington, Viola Davis

Director: Denzel Washington

Rating: A

The late August Wilson wrote a series of 10 plays about the lives of black Americans living in the Northeast in the decades after the Great Migration. This one, *Fences*, earned Viola Davis her first Academy Award a few weeks ago.

Wilson was one of those writers who had an ear for the way “real” people talk, and it’s always been a pleasure for me to watch actors do his plays. They don’t sound forced or like they’re really thinking through the dialogue; they sound just like people sitting around talking. There are usually no key lines delivered with emphasis. The story just plays out and you make what you want of it.

This story is about Troy Maxson (Washington), a garbage collector in Pittsburgh, and his wife Rose. Troy has a big personality and everyone seems to like him, but he doesn’t think he’s gotten what he deserves out of life. He has a son from another relationship—he’s not the marrying kind—but the son he has with Rose has a different future in mind than the one his father has imagined for him. Rose tries to mediate between the two, but there just doesn’t seem to be enough room in this house for her and her husband’s dreams.

The title refers to the fence Troy is gradually building in his yard—a fence he wants to keep others out. But the fence becomes a symbol for the way he’s keeping his loved ones locked into his way of life and denying them anything better. His focus on his own needs leads to his betrayal of Rose, who continues to do the right thing in spite of his actions. And he tears down his son’s dream of a football scholarship and a better, bigger life. Troy thinks his loved ones don’t deserve anything better than what he’s given them over the years. No happy ending here, but lots of room for thought about pride, jealousy, and built-up anger.

I liked the way most of the film took place in the small house and even smaller backyard, much as it probably did on Broadway. The small set contains the actors’ emotions just as Troy’s fence contains their lives.

Denzel Washington is as good as he gets, and Viola Davis was a no-brainer for this Academy Award. *Fences* was a very good movie in the rather thin crop of good films last year.

THAT WAS US...

By Anonymous

A little house with three bedrooms,
One bathroom and one car on the
street,
A mower that you had to push
To make the grass look neat.

In the kitchen on the wall
We only had one phone,
And no need for recording things,
Someone was always home.

We only had a living room
Where we would congregate,
Unless it was at mealtime
In the kitchen where we ate.

We had no need for family rooms
Or extra rooms to dine.
When meeting as a family
Those two rooms would work out fine.

We only had one TV set
And channels maybe two,
But always there was one of them
With something worth the view.

For snacks we had potato chips
That tasted like a chip.
And if you wanted flavor
There was Lipton's onion dip.

Weekends were for family trips
Or staying home to play;
We all did things together -
Even go to church to pray.

When we did our weekend trips
Depending on the weather,
No one stayed at home because
We liked to be together.

Sometimes we would separate
To do things on our own,
But we knew where the others were
Without our own cell phone.

Then there were the movies
With your favorite movie star,
And nothing can compare
To watching movies in your car.

Then there were the picnics
at the peak of summer season,
Pack a lunch and find some trees
And never need a reason.

Get a baseball game together
With all the friends you know,
Have real action playing ball -
And no game video.

Remember when the doctor
Used to be the family friend,
And didn't need insurance
Or a lawyer to defend?

The way that he took care of you
Or what he had to do,
Because he took an oath and strived
To do the best for you.

Remember going to the store
And shopping casually,
And when you went to pay for it
You used your own money?

Nothing that you had to swipe
Or punch in some amount,
And remember when the cashier per-
son
Had to really count?

The milkman used to go
From door to door to door,
And it was just a few cents more
Than going to the store.

The mailman knew each house by name
And knew where it was sent;
There were not loads of mail ad-
dressed
To "present occupant."

There was a time when just one glance
Was all that it would take,
And you would know the kind of car,

The model and the make.

They didn't look like turtles
Trying to squeeze out every mile;
They were streamlined, white walls,
fins, and they really had some style.

One time the music that you played
Whenever you would jive,
Was from a vinyl, big-holed record
Called a forty-five.

The record player had a post
To keep them all in line,
And then the records would drop down
And play one at a time.

Oh sure, we had our problems then,
Just like we do today;
And always we were striving,
Trying for a better way.

Oh, the simple life we lived
Still seems like so much fun,
How can you explain a game,
Just kick the can and run?

And why would boys put baseball cards
Between bicycle spokes
And for a nickel, red machines
Had little bottled Cokes?

This life seemed so much easier,
Slower in some ways.
I love the new technology
But I sure do miss those days.

So time moves on and so do we,
And nothing stays the same,
But I sure do love to reminisce
And walk down memory lane.

With all today's technology
We grant that it's a plus!
But it's fun to look way back and say,
HEY LOOK, GUYS, THAT WAS US!

Submitted by Mary Legreid