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Photos by Don Hobson, more on page 14

This week!

November "No-Cook" Pizza Happy Hour,

Friday, 11/4, 6 PM

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Coming Soon!

Annual Holiday Party

at La Casa Pasta,

December 11, 1-5 PM.

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www.myvolc.org

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around the clubhouse

Right**—September Birthday Babies—* ***Cheryl Werner, Christine Killian, and Nancy Halbedl

End of Summer Cookout!

***Above**— Clockwise from left— Stephano Medio, Nick and Lois Inglisa, Bernard and Carolyn Aresu, Fran Rapp and Barbara Medio*

*Residents gathered on September 11 **f**or an all-American cookout. Beef burgers, hot dogs and all the sides were on the menu, followed by make-your own sundaes, desserts and birthday cake.*

At Right—Passing the Baton

Jean Skelly accepted this tee-shirt in honor of the first Grounds chair, Tom Skelly. It was presented by new Grounds Chair Bob Leaming (who also served as Grill Master) and Steve Brubaker, departing Chair.

At left, from left— ***Judy Pannucci, Nancy Weldin, Norm Petterson, Joan Dreibelbis, and Jean Pokropski***

(Clubhouse cont.)

Coffee Klatch

The Activities Committee held its first Coffee Klatch on September 22. Treats provided by **Christine Killian and Jean Skelly** were enjoyed by all, along with coffee, tea, or soft drinks. Yummy as they were, the big draw was the opportunity to sit and chat with neighbors!

October's Coffee Klatch featured muffins and a birthday cake for **Dr. T.** Great time!

From left— ***Ray Whiteoak, Jean Skelly, Christine Killian, Chandrika and Dr. Thankappan***

Coffee and goodies were enjoyed by attendees

Fran Rapp, Tom Sutor, and Debbie Happold

Sharon Dickol and JoanMarie Powers

Paul Wellborn and Pam Smith

Oktoberfest!

The Activities Committee hosted an Oktoberfest celebration on October 2nd. Committee Co-chair, ***Christine Killian****, at right, shared aspects of her German heritage with authentic food, dancing, music, and videos.*

There were pretzels and there was beer ; there was laughter and there was dancing!

Janet and Stan Sanders

Oktoberfest cont.

Odette Haight, Mindy Steele and Marion Bowman *enjoyed the festivities.*

Barbara Lawrence and Steve Rapp *surveyed their food choices.*

Marilyn Abrams and Eric Dean

Who knew the Chicken Dance came from Germany???

The name of the original Swiss song was "Der Ententanz," or "The Duck Dance."
The dance first came to the United States in 1981 during Oktoberfest celebrations in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A German band wanted to demonstrate the dance in costume for a local TV station, but a duck costume could not be located, so a chicken costume was used.
Hence, chicken dance instead of duck dance.

More than 140 versions of the song have been recorded, selling 40 million copies worldwide.

Committee Work

Bob and Ruth Leaming *prove a power team as they work tirelessly to keep the VOLC looking its best! As Grounds Chair, Bob oversees the services for grass, trees and the coming snow. He still finds time to help wife, Ruth, Chair of the Garden Club and her team beautify our common spaces. After working on the entrance sign shown on the cover, Bob and Ruth added pumpkins to the clubhouse display of seasonal mums and native plantings.*

Christine Killian*, co-chair of the Clubhouse Committee (also in the Garden Club), does her best to make the clubhouse inviting, with her seasonal wreaths and hand-made sign to keep us all informed about what's going on!*

(Committee work cont.)

Community Outreach Organized by the Activities Committee

The Pajama Program!

After a successful collection of pet supplies, The Activities' Committee's yearly collection of children's pajamas and books was held during the month of September. It was yet another success due to the generosity of our residents. Over 50 books and close to 60 pairs of pjs were delivered to those who care for needy children. Close to $300 was also collected and sent directly to The Pajama Program. Thank you, VOLC!

The Committee followed up with a Craft & Bake Sale in October.

More info on the next page.

The Craft & Bake Sale

Our first-ever such event was held in the clubhouse on Saturday, October 29.

Due to teamwork and help from neighbors—we raised $2,000 for the Cancer Research Institute, a cancer charity highly rated by Charity Navigator and Charity Watch.

https://www.cancerresearch.org/

https://www.charitynavigator.org/ *- A great way to know if a charity is a good one to give your money!*

A lot goes on before every event! The hard-working members of the Activities Committee work to "set up," making sure that everything is ready, and attendees are welcome and comfortable! And they do it with a smile!

Left—Cheryl Ford, Center—Loretta Fitch, Right, Janet Sanders

Some of the beautiful items for sale!!!

Craft & Bake Sale cont.

Thanks to those who baked, those who sold, those who crafted, those who ate, and those who shopped, like ***State Senator, Stephanie Hansen****, shown below with her grandson and Fran Rapp.*

Brubaker Farewell Party

Always ready for a party, **Susan and Steve Brubaker** threw one themselves on September 23 to thank the VOLC community for close to seven years of fun and friendship. Originally planned as a yard party, the location was changed to the clubhouse due to the weather.

Susan and Steve offered subs from Casapulla's with chips and sides. Friends donated to the buffet.

Left—Christine Killian answered Steve's request for a Black Forest cake in celebration of the Brubakers' 55th wedding anniversary.

Susan and Steve

Martyanne Grabusky and Justine Gilbert

Janet and Stan Sanders

Pat Crowe #48, sent along more pictures from our Farewell Party for Patti Abernethy

Right—Patti, with family members and State Senator Stephanie Hansen (second from left) and Councilman Dave Tackett (second from right)

Chandrika Thankappan *continues her winning way with flowers. Her sunflowers were spectacular! Below right—-neighbor* ***Jane Crowe*** *used the amaranth as a necklace.*

Above—Maria Tricarico's *family surprised her with a birthday celebration at a winery, followed by lunch at a Kennett Square restaurant where she was serenaded by a robot!*

From left—Hubby ***Lenny****, Maria, daughter, Maria and son-in-law, Kevin.*

Slim traveled along...

Mount Rushmore—South Dakota

Bob and Sharon Dickol *embarked on a cross-country trip in their RV, their touring car trailing behind, Slim as driver.*

After months of meticulous planning, Sharon and Bob were able to get up close and personal with some of the most spectacular sights are country has to offer! After traveling west via the northern route, they met up with friends in California, and then followed a southern route on the way back home.

Grand Canyon at sunrise—Arizona

The Rockies

Badlands—South Dakota

Coming birthdays...

November

Ginny Pelachick	*1st*
Wanda Search	*3rd*
Brenda Simmons	*12th*
Nancy Weldin	*12th*
Gene Fitch	*24th*
Jean Pokropski	*26th*

December

Odette Haight	*3rd*
Janet Sanders	*3rd*
Nick Inglisa	*8th*
Mike Ostroski	*8th*
Martyanne Grabusky	*17th*
Debora Johnson	*18th*
Joan Dreibelbis	*21st*
Linda Watson	*23rd*
Hank Bole	*26th*

*From **The Months** by Sarah Coleridge*

Dull November brings the blast,

Then the leaves are falling fast.

Chill December brings the sleet,

Blazing fire and Christmas treat.

The Village of Long Creek at Halloween

Don Hobson *took a walk around the neighborhood, camera ready to go, and created a photo album of the VOLC in October.*

(Neighbors cont.)

From State Representative, Eric Morrison

The 27th District currently has the most major DelDOT projects of any representative district in the state. Although this requires patience from drivers, it's great to see so many necessary road improvements happening in the district.

I-95 & SR 896 Interchange

The project will implement interchange improvements to improve safety and reduce congestion. Project design is complete, and advance clearing and utility work has begun. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2023.

US 40 & SR 896 Improvements

The project will construct a grade-separated interchange to improve safety and reduce congestion. Design is progressing for Alternative 1, and advance utility work is scheduled to start in 2024. The project's schedule may be adjusted to account for other projects occurring in the area.

Glasgow Avenue, SR 896 to US 40

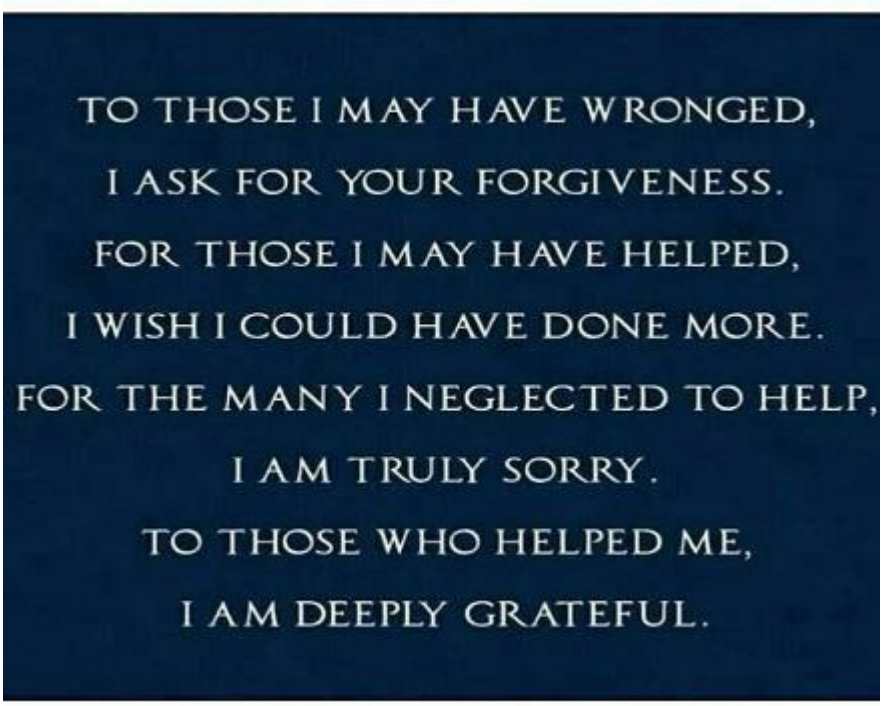
The project will implement a "Main Street" concept by reducing travel lane width, modifying shoulders, adding turn lanes and transit amenities, and providing bicycle and pedestrian accommodation on both sides. Also, safety improvements at Old County and Paxson Drive will be included. The project is in the design phase, and a public workshop will be held in the winter.

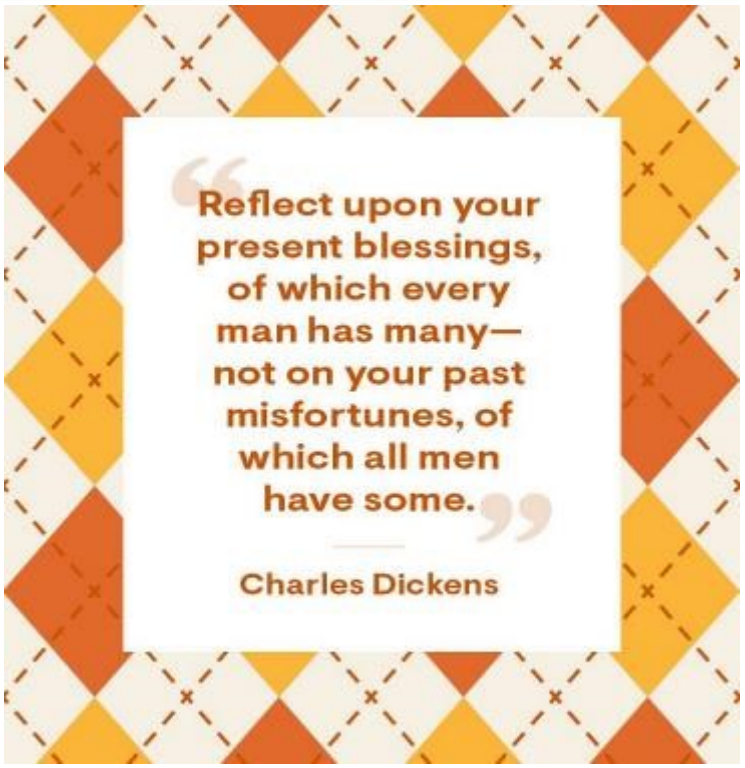
US 40—Salem Church Road to Walther Road

The project will provide an additional travel lane in each direction, as well as multi-use paths on US 40 from Salem Church Road to Walther Road. Design is ongoing and right-of-way acquisition has begun.

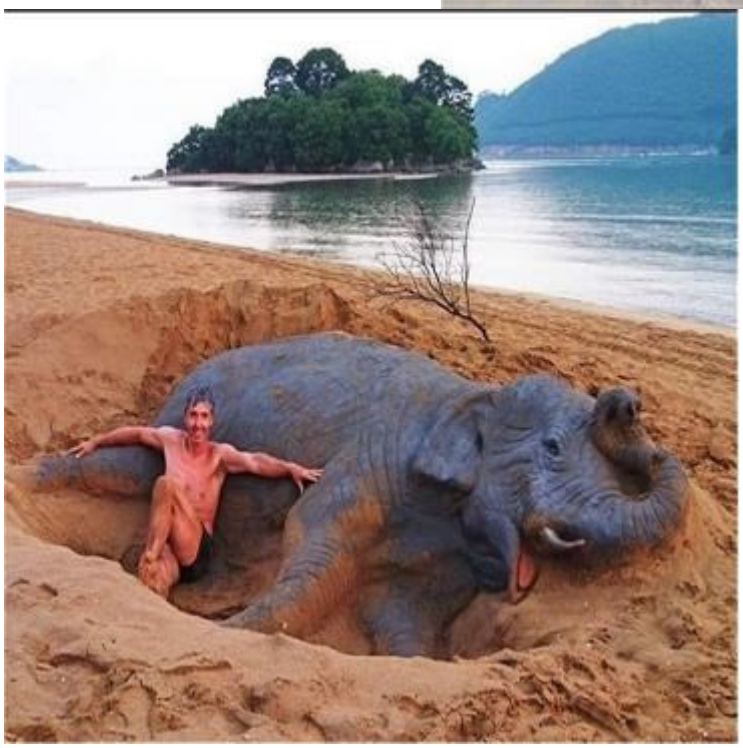
Right—Sharon Dickol *shared this traditional poem, often reflected upon in the days leading to Yom Kippur.*

Its meaning is universal, and its reminder of gratitude seems appropriate at Thanksgiving Time.

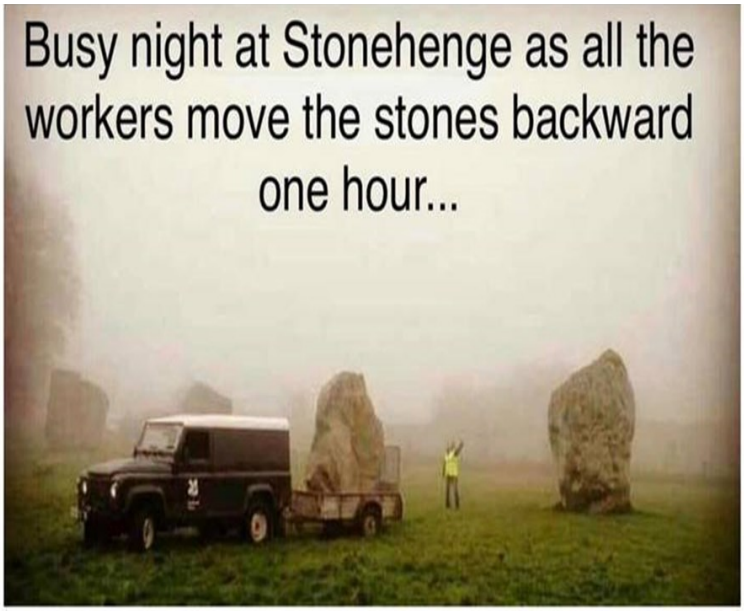




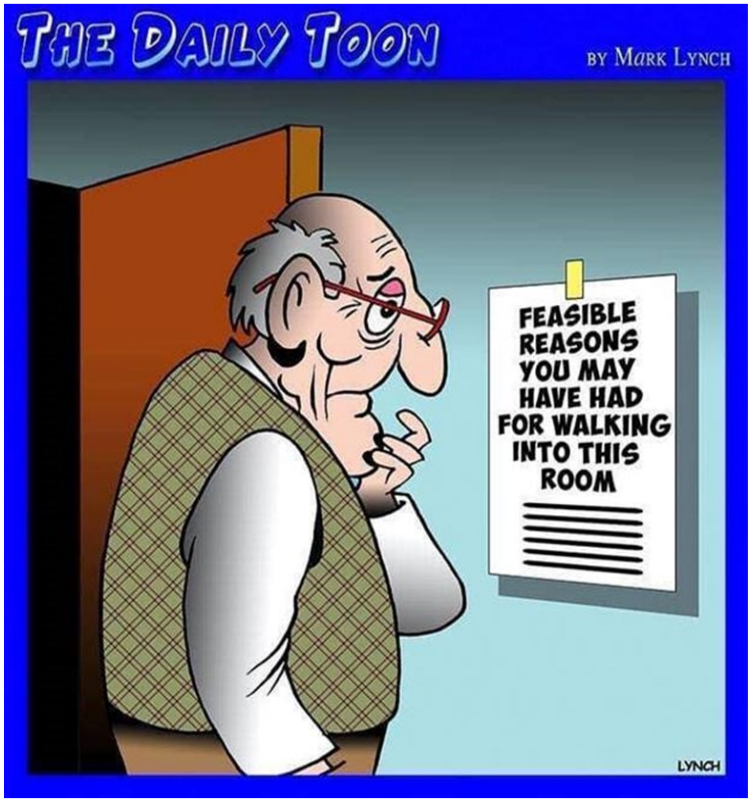
Lois Inglisa *sent these pictures of remarkable sand sculptures that look too real to be sand! The Spanish artist, Andoni Bastarrika, says he started this hobby in 2010 when he was with his daughters on the beach and wanted to make a mermaid sculpture for them. He had found his ideal medium, and the rest, as they, is history!*

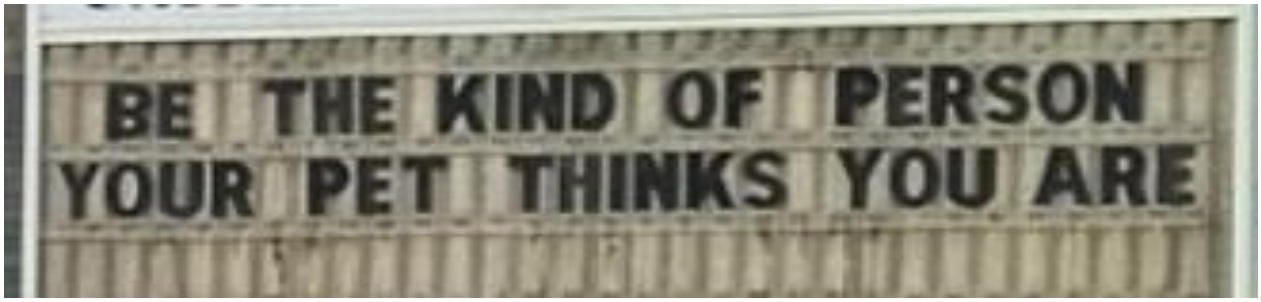


(Senior jokes from Charlie Pinchot.)



What happens when Old Car Guys get sent to a nursing home ...





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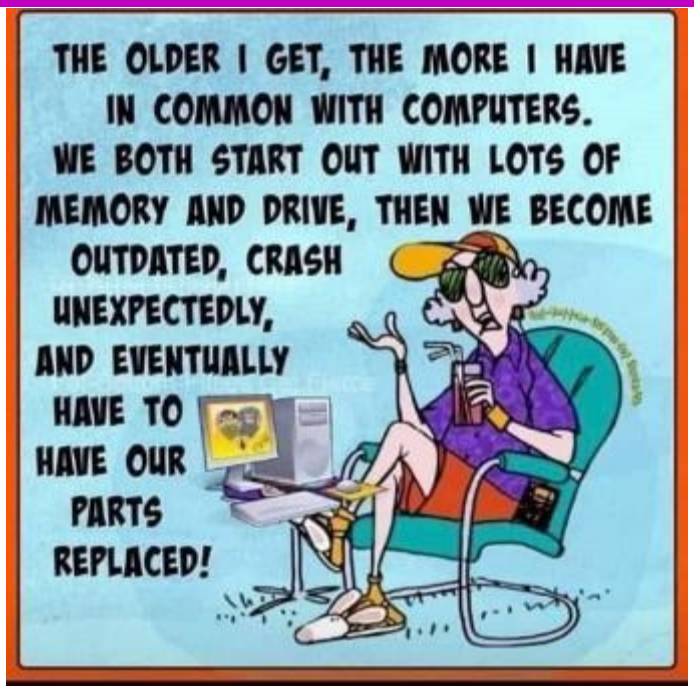

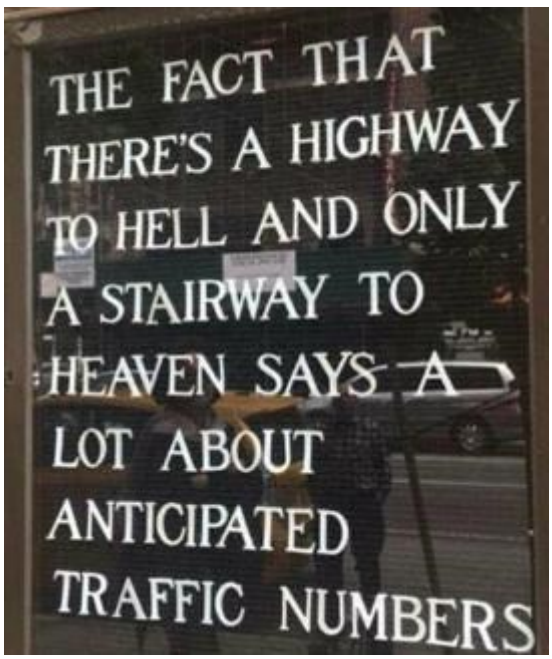

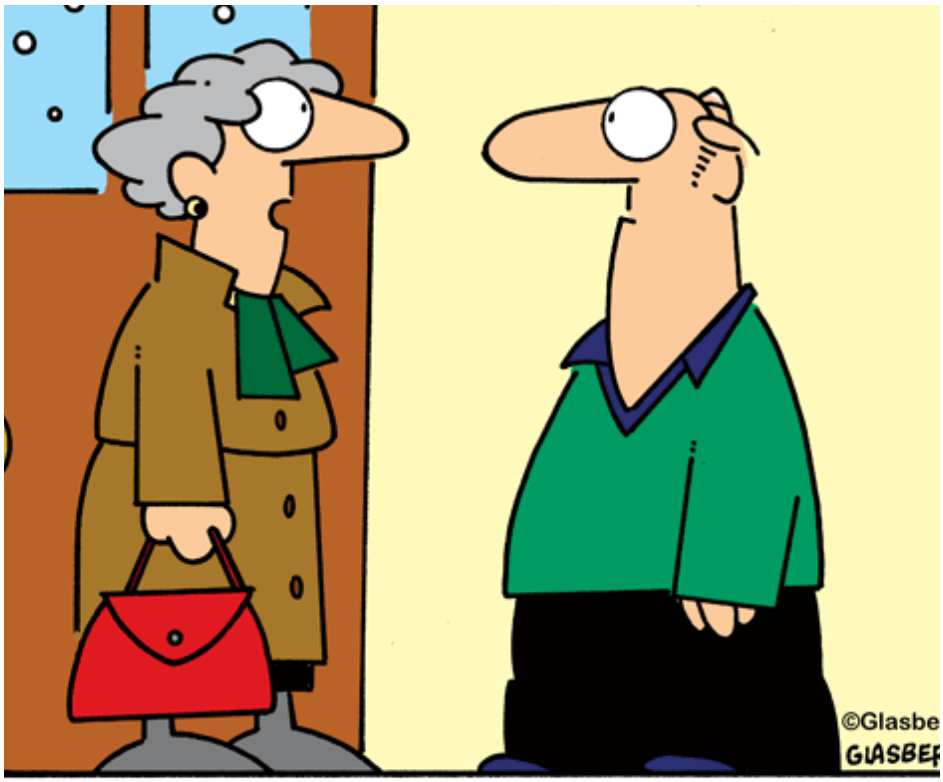

"Jack Frost was nipping at my nose, so I pepper-sprayed him. I'm not really into the holiday spirit yet!"