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A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.
 ~FRANCIS OF ASSISI



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**VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS
 LANCASTER
 GROUP TRIP**

A Fun Day!

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MAY 15, 2024

Bus leaves Clubhouse 8:45 AM • Returns to VFP 6-6:30 PM

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■ THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS EXECUTIVE BOARD

THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS BOARD would like to remind all Villas at Five Ponds residents who have registered their E- Mail address with Continental Management, to receive the community E-Blasts sometimes they wind up in your Junk or SPAM folders so you should be looking there often. (Note: If you need to register or make a change, there are blank registration slips on the front desk of the clubhouse with instructions where to send it to.)

The way to tell a genuine Villas at Five Ponds E-blast is in the subject line there will be 1 to 5 subjects separated by + signs. then a number, then the year.

EMERGENCIES

Why, if you have the unfortunate occasion and need to call 911 for an ambulance, despite our community's "complicated road and address system" they should be able to find your home quickly.

We have been told that each Central Bucks ambulance is equipped with a GPS (global positioning system) that is "tied to" the Bucks County 911 system. That should direct them to the end of your driveway where it connects to your street.

Almost a year ago Board members Larry Nodiff and Joel Mickelberg

gave the deputy chief of the Central Bucks Ambulance detailed maps of our community, one for our Phase 1 and one for our Phase 2. If you would like to see what those maps look like, go into the conference room in our clubhouse they are under the glass of the conference room table.

We have been told that those maps were loaded into the ambulance's on board computer. Thus once their GPS system gets them to end of the driveway an examination of the map on their computer shows them where a specific home/address is located up onto the driveway.

What are some things you can do to enhance that process?

- Have some sort of light installed that shines onto the address of your home on the wall of the home at night.
- Have some sort of solar light address sign in the mulch area near your home.
- Have some sort of blinking light or lantern that can be put near a window that faces out onto your driveway.
- Build some sort of emergency plan with your fellow close by neighbors so after you call 911, you can alert them so they could be out on the driveway to help direct the ambulance to you.

What are some of the uncontrollable things that can decreased response time?

- Problems with their 911/GPS system. Their system did have an issue not too long ago .
- How busy the Central Bucks ambulance system is, when your call comes in.
- Have the specific people on board the ambulance been trained, to look for our maps in their on board computer when responding to a Villas at Five Ponds call? They should !

COMMUNITY WEBSITE

Until our Villas at Five Ponds website issues are resolved please e-mail Joel, with your name address and request a copy of the last approved minutes of the monthly Board meeting.

MULCH

At our September 19th, 2023 open Community Meeting during the question and answer session one of our residents inquired about the possibil-

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~The Villa's Voice Staff



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Please fill out reservation form & entrée selection form!

Reservation Form/ Entrée Selections

Please initial an Entrée Choice for each guest—

- Chicken Marsala _____
- Filet of Sirloin *caramelized onions on side* _____
- Salmon *with Garlic Butter Sauce* _____
- Vegetarian Pasta Primavera _____

RSVP by MARCH 22, 2024

Guest Name #1: _____
Guest Name #2: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Seating Request: _____

If reserving a table for 10, please place all checks and forms together. **Non refundable checks of \$68/per person made payable to: Villas at Five Ponds Social Committee.**

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- Models sold included:
2 Mulberry, 3 Rosewell, 2 Willow and 4 Thornhill
- We are still in a Seller's Market

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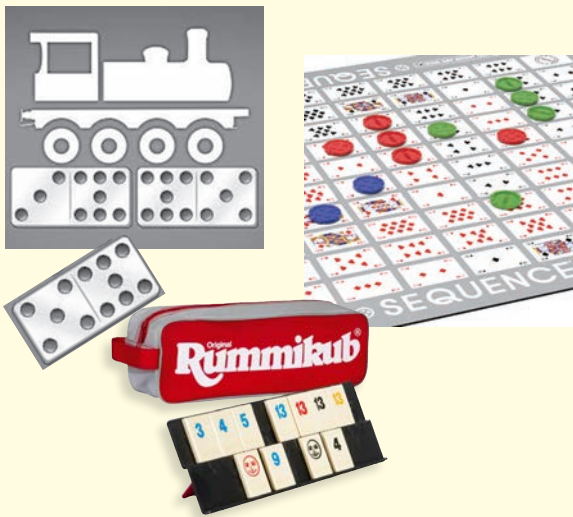


TABLE GAMES (DOMINOES, RUMMIKUB & SEQUENCE) AT FIVE PONDS EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

■ DONNA BESIGNANO

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS for a friendly, pickup game of either Rummikub, Mexican Train Dominoes or Sequence.

Don't know how to play? We'll teach you. Newbies always welcome. No stress, just fun!

We get together EVERY Thursday at 7 PM in the Clubhouse and play according to the following schedule:

- 1st & 3rd Thursdays—Mexican Train Dominoes
- 2nd & 4th Thursdays—Rummikub
- 5th Thursdays—Sequence OR Players Choice

For questions, call Donna Besignano 908-672-1092.

NOTE: If it is a Rummikub night and you have a game, please bring it along to make sure that we have enough.



DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE RESTAURANT OR TAKE-OUT PLACE NEARBY?

WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT! Send your review to ronalddorfmandesign@comcast.net. (Original material only, no pick-ups from any other sources.)

We'll share them with the neighbors. One thing we do well here at Five Ponds is eat!

PING PONG PLAYERS WANTED!

■ JOE KWIATEK

PING PONG is played every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2 to 3:30 PM in the Clubhouse Sports Lounge. Join us.

For information, talk to us in the Clubhouse while we play.

I ♥ PING PONG



SPRING GREETINGS FROM THE 5 PONDS KNITTING & CRAFTING GROUP

Are you creative? Can you read a pattern?

■ DONNA BESIGNANO

JOIN US on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7 PM by the fireplace in the Multipurpose room of the Clubhouse.

Bring your own portable craft that you are working on and enjoy the friendship of the evening.

Questions? Call Donna Besignano 908-672-1092.

PROJECT LINUS GROUP PROJECT!

■ KATHY O'BRIEN

THIS FLEECE blanket was recently completed by our community volunteers for Project Linus.

It is so rewarding to provide security and comfort to children with this easy group project.

We would love to have more neighbors join us! We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM in the Clubhouse. Questions? Call Kathy O'Brien, 215-674-4729.





Jake Samson works on the Data Science team at Aramark Sports & Entertainment after completing a Masters of Business Analytics with a Sports Business Concentration at Drexel University. Jake is the grandson of longtime residents Beverly and Larry Samson

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 PHILADELPHIA 76ERS

■ JAKE SAMSON, THE VILLA'S VOICE GUEST SPORTS REPORTER

AS WE FLIP INTO MARCH, the focus begins on the NBA's stretch run. I'll fully admit, I have been a much more passive 76ers fan this year compared to years previously. Part of the reason have been various life commitments (work/friends etc.) to where I am not dialed into every single game. The other reasoning has been the expectations I have had for this team from the jump, and they seem to be projecting as I anticipated.

As I wrote this article, the 76ers are currently in the 5th seed in the Eastern Conference at 33-23 with 26 games remaining in the NBA regular season. Joel Embiid was seemingly cruising to the 2nd consecutive MVP until a torn Meniscus in his left knee derailed that campaign in late January. They expect Joel to return in late March-early April, but have been floating in

the water without him going 4-6 since he officially was ruled out on January 30th. They may be in 5th in the standings, but the Boston Celtics are 8 games ahead of everyone, with 2-8 very much in a tight pack.

Although there are things that are now different including a new coach, some better shooters and nobody completely sabotaging the team this year (James Harden, Ben Simmons etc.) the story seems to remain the same. When Joel Embiid is off the floor, the team can only survive for so long. Another story that has been a tale as old as time is the efficiency of the starting 5. The starting 5 had the best efficiency in entire league up until Joel went down.

Not to be the negative Nancy, but my expectations remain the same with this team. They are solid, but solid isn't going to win them a championship. I love Joel Embiid and Tyrese Maxey with all of my heart, but this team isn't good enough or deep enough

to win in June. They still are on a good trajectory for the future, will have Joel Embiid locked up under contract for the next 2 seasons, and Maxey extended for 4 more years after this season wraps up. They'll have a ton of cap space and really have one last chance to get a star to complement Joel and Tyrese, and finally have a coach who can help them win the close games. However, I don't think all of the pieces will come together in this campaign. If they can get out of the 2nd round

(something that the 76ers have failed to do since 2001), that would be a huge win for this campaign.



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Closed	245 Fairway Drive	\$660,000
Closed	261 Fairway Drive	\$681,500

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC, PHILADELPHIA



**Sunday, July 28, 2024
at 1 PM**

SEATS AVAILABLE!

Limited Seats Available

Cost: \$155 per person
includes Bus Transportation

Dinner at La Scala (at your expense)

Bus leaves Clubhouse promptly at 11:30 AM.

We will be collecting checks starting Monday, January 8, 2024.

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Deliver to:

Reba Grossman, 235 Fairway Drive,
215-675-6883 or

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Please place checks in box by Barbara's front door.

Do not put checks in their mail boxes.

BINGO NIGHT AT THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS continues to be a great night of games and friendship. Many thanks to all of our residents and guests who attended.

Special thanks to Mary Lou Nodiff, Larry Nodiff, and Carole Denish for running a well organized kitchen, delicious hot dog dinner and to Sue Szabo for being our cashier.

As always, to Janet Lynch and Tina Talansky, who did a super job of keeping the numbers flowing at the head table. Mike Silverman, our Social Committee Treasurer, for doing a great job of controlling the monies, with speed and precision.

A shout out to Maxine Dublin, Alyse Silverman, and Lou Priluker, for calling out winning bingo cards and Donna Besignano and Lou Priluker for selling the 50/50 tickets.

Our Bingo Ladies: Barb Feldman, Janet Lynch, Kathy Lunde, Wendy Cohen and Alyse Silverman, for checking in our bingo players, distributing and selling bingo supplies.

Our Bingo Men: Jim O'Brien, Fran Foley, Joe Kwiatek, Tom Lunde, Larry Nodiff and Mike Perilstein, for working tirelessly, to set up and break down the tables and chairs in the Multipurpose Room.

Notice that it takes a "Village" to run any huge event in our community. Volunteering is always encouraged and welcomed. To be a volunteer helper, please contact Sam Feldman at 215-287-2819.

■ SAM FELDMAN, BINGO CHAIR



CASINO & RESORT TRIP • BETHLEHEM, PA
Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Cost for Bus Transportation: **\$19 per person**
Lunch (at your expense)

Bus will leave Clubhouse at 10 AM & leave Casino to return home at 4 PM.

This will give us the opportunity to have lunch, gamble and shop at the outlet stores.

Limited seating.

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**Friday
March
8, 2024**

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NOW OPEN to Family & Friends

Please Reserve ___ seat(s) Amt. enclosed \$ ___ (\$17 p/p)

YOUR NAME _____

YOUR PHONE OR E-MAIL _____

Place this completed form and your payment in the bag on the door of: Suzanne Yeager, 66 Villa Dr. (215) 394-8157 Please do not place in the mailbox. Thank you!

MY NAME IS BARBRA BY BARBRA STREISAND

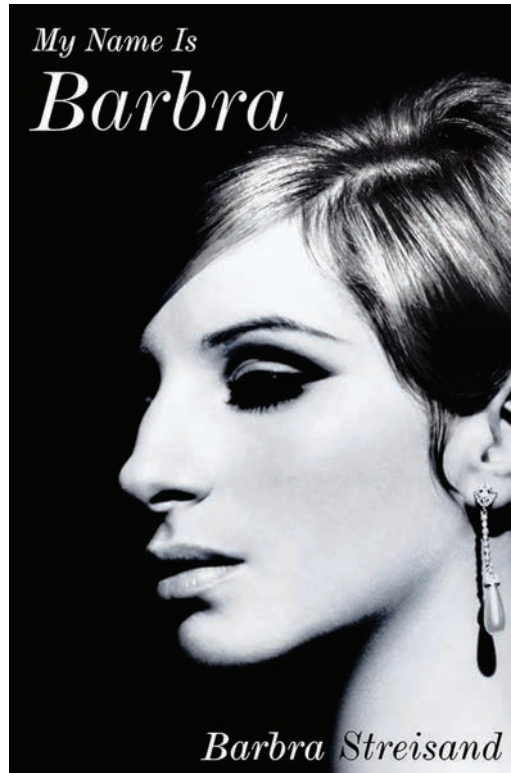
■ SHARYN POLSKY, BOOK REVIEWER

MY NAME IS BARBRA is a long awaited autobiography which chronicles the life of Barbra Streisand from her childhood in Brooklyn to her international acclaim as a singer, actor, director, producer, writer as well as being an activist and philanthropist. She tells the story of her life through anecdotes and recollections in a humorous and chatty style. She credits the people in the entertainment business who furthered her career and does not hold back from naming the people who were not supportive of her.

When she was in *"Funny Girl"* on Broadway her co-star Sidney Chaplin (son of Charlie Chaplin) wanted to have an affair with her. He gave her diamond and emerald earrings. When she did not return his affection, he would whisper negative epithets to distract her while she was saying her lines.

It takes 970 pages to tell her story because she includes reviews of her performances as well as mentioning all of the people she dealt with in the entertainment business throughout her long career.

She never knew her father as he died when she was a toddler. Her mother never complimented on her talents because as she said she didn't want Barbra to get a "swelled head". She did not come to one of her concerts because she was "too nervous." Her mother



was envious of Barbra because her career as a singer never came to fruition.

Although she really wanted to be an actor, her early success came from singing. She started out in a small club in Greenwich Village and now has millions of fans.

Her first marriage to Elliot Gould only lasted eight years. They met when both of them were in the Broadway show *"I Can Get It for You Wholesale."* She never explains why the marriage failed.

She had long term relationships with Jon Peters, her former hairdresser, turned film producer and Richard Baskin, film composer and producer, but Jim Brolin is the love of her life. They have been married for 24 years.

When Barbra sets her mind to something she never waivers until her vision is fulfilled. She wanted to create the movie *"Yentl."* She persisted even though she was told it could not be a financial success. The film went on to win a Golden Globe for Best Motion Picture—Musical or Comedy. The film was chosen by *Time* magazine and the National Board of Review as one of the top 10 movies of 1983. Barbra was the co-writer, co-producer, and director of *"Yentl."*

She belongs to the elite group of entertainers (E.G.O.T.) who have won Emmys, Grammys, Oscars and Tonys. Barbra has won eight Grammys, and an Oscars for Best Actress in *"Funny Girl"* and Best Original Song, *"Evergreen,"* the love theme from *"A Star is Born."*

Even though it is a very long book, it is well worth reading and gets many positive reviews.

THE ENGINEER'S WIFE TUESDAY NIGHT VFP BOOK CLUB SELECTION

■ ELVY REILLY, BOOK REVIEWER

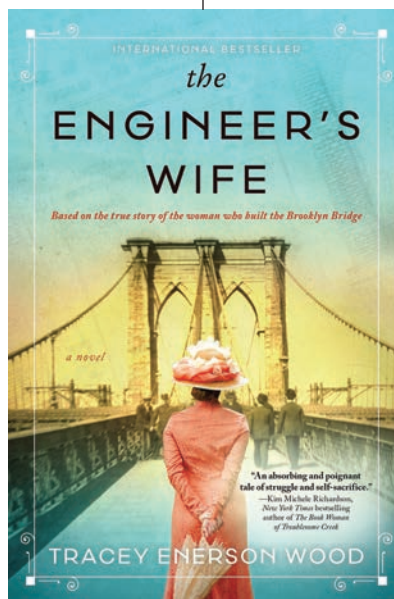
THIS HISTORICAL FICTION BOOK is about the building of the Brooklyn Bridge and the people who had that dream.

The story tells of a woman of the 1800's involvement in creating the bridge. Emily Roebling was a woman whose choice in life was to marry, raise a family and follow her husband's path in life as was the custom for young women at that time.

Her father-in-law, John Roebling, immigrated from Germany, trained in infrastructure and obtained his wealth through his creation of cable wire. It was his dream to build suspension bridges and, in particular, link Brooklyn and Manhattan Boroughs in New York City,

The project starts, but a freak accident to John causes him a foot injury—and when it was improperly cared for—causes his death.

His son, Washington Roebling, and Emily's husband take over the job of building the bridge.



John also develops health issues connected to his on-site-involvement descending to great depths underwater and becomes incapacitated. It is here where Emily becomes vital to the building process. She is prepared due to her knowledge and intelligence. She becomes the messenger for her husband to the site and also vital in obtaining financial help which, at times, was an issue.

Most of the information in the book is factual but the author chose to introduce P.T. Barnum as a person involved with Emily. This is total fiction.

What is important is that Emily Roebling received recognition for her achievement. She went on to be involved in women's rights and the book leaves you with insight as to how it must have been for a woman to be in a man's world at that time frame.

It is an interesting read and can be supplemented with a *Youtube* video produced by the Brooklyn Bridge historical society.

Game Night

GROUP ACTIVITIES • FUN!

QUESTION:

WHAT'S RETURNING TO THE VILLAS
AT FIVE PONDS SOON?

ANSWER:



WHEN???

ANSWER: MAY 3RD, 2024

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

Check-In begins at 7 PM • Games start promptly at 7:30 PM

**Space Is Limited • Reservations A Must • BYOB
Light Refreshments • CASH PRIZES! • No Walk-Ins**

COST: \$10 pp (\$100 per table of 10.) There will be a maximum of 10 teams—**10 People per team, per table.** (Pick your teammates for their "smarts"—not because they are your best friends!)

QUESTIONS or if you need help filling your table: Call Ron Gordon at 215-674-3838 or 215-884-4000.

RESERVATIONS: Please make check(s) payable to: Villas at Five Ponds Social Committee and insert the attached form & checks in an envelope. Place in bag inside door at Anne Leskowitz's home, 42 Villa Drive, 215-313-5250.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK(S)

Name of the **CONTACT PERSON** for the table: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (Include all checks for your table with this form)

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THIS SECTION features personal community messages, extended family notes, and special events. Your free listing is welcomed. Please provide information and/or photo via email by the 15th of the month preceding publication. Send to: RonaldDorfmanDesign@comcast.net

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY THANKS to my friends and neighbors at Five Ponds for the overwhelming show of love and support as I recover from my major unexpected surgery. My family will never forgot the phone calls, gift cards, gifts, meals, flowers and plants from my stay in the hospital. When people say it takes a village, it is true. And we're glad to be a part of this village— We knew a long time ago that Five Ponds is a caring and generous Community. Thanks again,

~Carole Denish

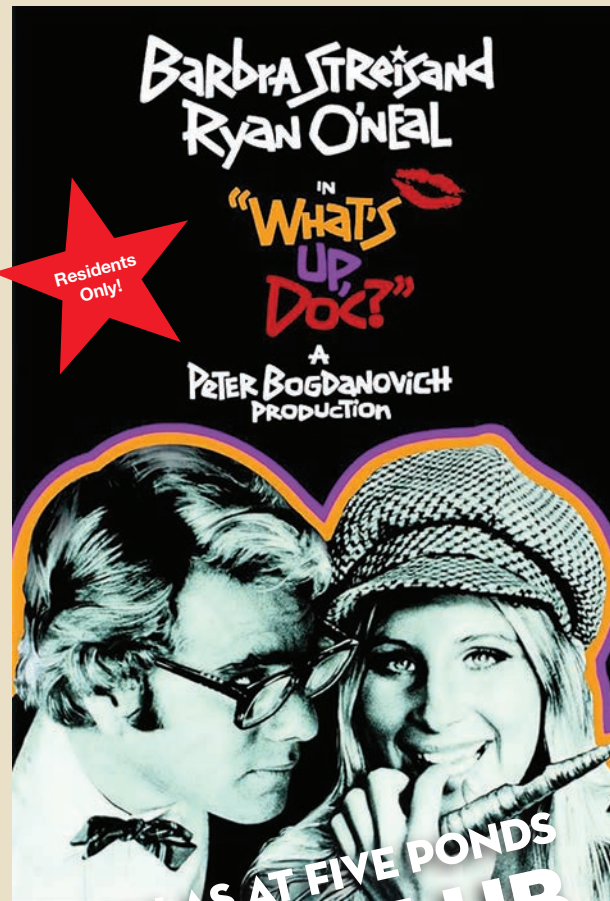
SUPER BOWL PARTY ■ STEVE WARSHAW

WE HAD 28 PEOPLE attend the Super Bowl viewing and dinner. Everyone had a great time getting together with their friends and neighbors. It was a great game. Unfortunately, neither team was from Philadelphia.

Hopefully, we can get together again next year with the Eagles in the contest.



Movie Club • FILMS • GROUP SHOWINGS



“A SCREWBALL COMEDY. REMEMBER THEM?”

THE ACCIDENTAL MIXUP of four identical overnight bags is just the beginning of this hilarious 1972 screwball comedy. The Villas at Five Ponds Movie Club presents...

WHAT'S UP, DOC?

starring Barbra Streisand, Ryan O'Neal and Madeline Kahn.

Don't miss out on this fun evening!

FRIDAY, MARCH 15th at 7:30 PM

- Check-in begins at 7 PM • Movie begins promptly at 7:30 PM
- Refreshments will be served
- No Walk-Ins • Reservations Required
- **Deadline for reservations: Tuesday, March 12th**
- Cost: \$3 per person

WHAT'S UP, DOC?

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Questions? Contact Karen Krieger 917-545-7481, Anne Leskowitz 215-313-5250 or Sue Gordon 267-968-0705.

MEN'S CLUB MIDDLE EAST PRESENTATION

■ STEVE WARSHAW & HOWARD RABINOVITCH,
Co-CHAIRS



THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS MEN'S CLUB proudly presents a speaker on a current condition in the Middle East. Rabbi Jason Bonder of Congregation Beth Or will give a presentation on the history of Israel and how that history affects current events there.



Rabbi Jason Bonder

Rabbi Bonder traveled to Israel weeks after the terrorist attack there on October 7, 2023 and will provide an insight on the situation that is taking place in that location.

This event will take place on **Monday March 18, 2024** at our Five Ponds Clubhouse in the Multipurpose room. All residents of Five Ponds, both men and women, are invited to attend. Doors will open at 7 PM with the presentation beginning at 7:30 PM. We will provide coffee and donuts to all attendees.

There is a \$5 per person charge per guest.

Please provide a reservation and non-refundable check made out to *Villas at Five Ponds Social Committee* to Howard Rabinovitch

at 63 Five Ponds Circle, or Steve Warshaw at 24 Villa Drive.

All residents of Five Ponds— both women and men— are invited to attend.

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

■ AILEEN SALUS, CHAIR

SO MANY WONDERFUL PROGRAMS being planned for the next few months. If you haven't signed up for the them, it's up to you to take the initiative and participate.

We begin on March 8 with an evening of entertainment presented by Eric Kearns, singer and impressionist. It's not too late to get your check for \$17 to Suzanne Yeager, 66 Villa Drive and sign up.

March 15 is Movie Night at the clubhouse. For \$3 you get to see "What's Up Doc?" with Barbara Streisand and Ryan O'Neal, plus refreshments. You may have seen this movie before, but you may not remember, so you can see it again! Please see Anne Leskowitz, 42 Villa Drive, to sign up.

On Monday, March 18, the Men's Club has arranged for Rabbi Jason Bonder to speak about the Israel/Hamas War. Rabbi Bonder recently returned from a trip to Israel and will share some of his experiences. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Howard Rabinovitch, 63 Five Ponds Circle or, Steve Warshaw, 24 Villa Drive, with your check for \$5 .

Wednesday, March 20, the Day Trip committee has arranged for a trip to Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem. \$19 covers the cost of the round trip bus that will leave from the clubhouse at 10 AM. Take advantage of a variety of restaurants, outlet shopping and, of course, gambling at your own expense. Get your checks to Reba Grossman, 235 Fairway Drive.

Proving that 'what's old is new!!' Please sign up for the Spring Fling on Saturday evening April 13 at the Bucks Club. Bring your friends and neighbors for a lovely evening that includes dinner, entertainment and prizes. It's not too late to sign up—so get your check for \$68 to Leenie Rogovitz, 98 Villa Drive.

Finally, please sign up for the Lancaster Group Trip on Wednesday, May 15. This trip includes round trip bus from the clubhouse, reserved seats on the historic Strassburg Railroad Train, buffet lunch at Loxley's, and the ice cream experience at Turkey Hill lab. Get your check for \$150 to Reba Grossman, 235 Fairway Drive.

Wishing those who celebrate a happy Easter and Passover.



HELP IS AVAILABLE! ■ MARY LANGDON

IF YOU ARE RECOVERING from an illness or are home-bound we would like to help. Would you like a visit? Need errands run?

Please consider using Helping Hands. We have "Hands" ready to assist the needs of our residents. Contact Mary Langdon, 30 Villa Drive, 215-441-8093, edmaryl@verizon.net.

HELPING HANDS CLUB

■ MARY LANGDON, CHAIR

TO OUR NEIGHBORS who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary during the month of March the Helping Hands Club of The Villas at Five Ponds wish you a happy day.

• GET WELL WISHES to Carol Denish, Donna Besignano, and Peter Kains.

Please tell us if you know of anyone who is ill/hospitalized, lost a loved one, or just needs a "helping hand."

Contact Mary Langdon, 30 Villa Drive, 215-441-8093, edmaryl@verizon.net.

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FIRE SAFETY: DO YOU HAVE FAMILY INSURANCE?

■ Ed Pfeiffer, Firefighters Preventing Fires, LLC

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EVERY HOMEOWNER BUYS FIRE INSURANCE in response to the possibility of a fire. None of that money provides any level of protection for the family. Family Insurance is described as a series of smoke detectors that sound the alarm whenever one of the detectors in the series senses smoke. The earliest warning of smoke in the house provides the greatest amount of time to escape. Not knowing there is smoke in the house can lead to a fire.

Adequate Family insurance requires all detectors to be interconnected, and that they be less than 10 years old. Manufacturers of smoke detector only warranty their products for 10 years. Any detectors over 10 years old are subject to failure at the most critical time.

How much have you spent on Fire Insurance in the past 10 years? How much have you spent on Family Insurance in the past 10 years?

Family Insurance is often overlooked and not given the attention it deserves. The costs of Fire Insurance and Family Insurance are not equal, and they are not all financial. For example, how do you put a price on a lost family member?

Wireless, Interconnected smoke detectors cost approximately \$50. each, and every room in the house needs one, excluding bathrooms and closets. A typical 4-bedroom home requires 7 detectors; one in each bedroom, one on each floor (including the basement). The total cost is approximately \$350. plus, the cost of installation (programming, mounting, proper locations, testing, etc.). If the basement has divided into rooms, finished or unfinished, an interconnected detectors is required for each room. Finally, to complete the requirements for Family Insurance, a single carbon monoxide/smoke detector is added at an additional cost of approximately \$40. The price of Family Insurance is approximately 5% of your annual fire insurance premium, when you compare the once every 10-year purchase of detectors (with 10-year batteries, no battery changes for 10 years) vs 10 years of Fire Insurance premiums.

All new homes are required, by fire codes, to be built with interconnected smoke detectors in every bedroom and on each level of the home. If you live in a home built before the adoption of these codes, wireless smoke detectors provide a cost-effective way to upgrade the fire safety of your home to match the safety of a newly-built home. If you presently have a hard-wired smoke detection system, many options are available to expand your system using wireless detectors. Choosing the correct detectors for your home may require professional help.

Smoke is nature's way of providing a pre-fire warning. Smoke must always have a clear path to a detector. Doors block that path. Typical kitchen, dining room and living room areas only require one detector (no doors). When you are asleep, knowing your bedroom detector will alert you of smoke's presence somewhere in your home, provides a great deal of comfort.

Wireless interconnected technology provides you the ability to install Family Insurance to your home. Why buy Fire Insurance and fail to provide Family Insurance? Protect your investment and your family.

BOARD NOTES / MULCH: Continued from page 2

ity of the Association "supplying better mulch in our mulch beds"

When a certified landscaper is asked about supplying "better mulch", they equate that to, mulch that has a bolder and richer color, versus "natural mulch", which what is presently used here at the Villas at Five Ponds.

The Villas at Five Ponds has always stayed away from bolder richer color mulch, for three reasons, because of the way it is produced, it is far less "pet friendly" than natural mulch, it does not do a better job of retaining moisture to facilitate healthy growth of the shrubs planted in the mulch beds and finally it costs more.

However, to some of our residents the term "better mulch" means, mulch that is in some way treated to decrease or eliminate weeds in the home mulch beds. That too would bring significant extra cost to our Association members.

In addition, our by-laws clearly state that "weeding of the home mulch beds" is the responsibility of the Homeowner, not the Association. Therefore; The Villas at Five Ponds Board has concluded it alone doesn't have the authority to authorize the expense of in essence "weeding the home mulch beds", that change would require a vote, following the procedures laid in our by-laws, in order to change the by-laws by vote of Association members.



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■ KAREN KRIEGER

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BBQ**

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DETAILS WILL FOLLOW

**COMING 2024
VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS
EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

APRIL

Apr. 13. *SPRING FLING* at
The Bucks Club.

MAY

May 3. *Trivia Night*
May 8. *Ladies of History,*
Multipurpose Room, 7 PM
May 15. *Lancaster Trip*
May 25. *Memorial Day BBQ*

JULY

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MARCH 2024

■ AILEEN SALUS, (215-441-9339)

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