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“ Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down. ”  
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## AMERICAN TREASURE TOUR MUSEUM



**AMERICAN TREASURE TOUR MUSEUM**  
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**10:30 AM-12:30 PM**  
 COST: **\$16 per person**

**WE WILL BE CAR POOLING. DRIVERS are NEEDED!**  
 We will be leaving from the Clubhouse promptly at 9 AM. Following the museum tour, we have a reservation for lunch at **MAGGIANO'S LITTLE ITALY** Restaurant, 160 N Gulph Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406. Please make your non-refundable check for **\$16 per person** to "Villas at Five Ponds Social Committee" and deliver to: Steve Warshaw, 24 Villa Drive, 215-674-4894 (bag on door).

**For further information,** call Barbara Kains, 215-444-9908.

**Checks are due by no later than March 3, 2025.**

**AMERICAN TREASURE TOUR MUSEUM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE#/E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NO. of TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I/ We will be going to MAGGIANO'S for lunch. No. of Seats \_\_\_\_\_

■ THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS EXECUTIVE BOARD

### HOA MONTHLY FEE INFORMATION

Beginning in January of 2025 our monthly assessment amount is \$390.

Those who authorized Continental Management to automatically withdraw their monthly assessment from their bank, this is the majority of our residents, no action is needed, Continental will automatically "pull" the new amount, \$390 monthly on or around the 5th of each month.

Those who write a monthly check and mail it or take it to the management company, the check amount should now be \$390 made out as always, to: *The Villas at Five Ponds Homeowners Association.*

Those that have a direct arrangement with their individual bank, to send or wire transfer their monthly amount in, must notify their bank of the new amount, \$390.

For those that use numbers 2 and 3 as their method of monthly payment it is important to know the monthly amount must be paid by the 15th of each month or a \$15 late fee will automatically be assessed.

### MULTIPURPOSE ROOM ACTIVITIES

A reminder to all those who are involved in activities in the Multi-purpose Room in the clubhouse that requires movement of our card tables and chairs.

When moving them they must be lifted rather than dragged along by their legs. Dragging them loosens the legs and they can only be re-tighten so many times. Thank you in advance to your attention to this matter.

As a reminder if you are using our card tables in the multipurpose room to place food on during a "formal" or "informal" event, it is required that you place a tablecloth on each table used. The cloths can be found behind the bar in our Lounge. Thank you.

### SNOW PARKING

When you use our clubhouse lot for parking vehicles that cannot go into your garage, during a plowable snowstorm and while the driveways are being plowed, please

Use the following parking spots:

1. The two middle rows of the parking lot.
2. The spots back by the indoor pool.

Do not use the following spots:

1. The back row closest to Clubhouse Lane
2. The row of perpendicular spots to the left of the clubhouse main entrance.

Both of these must be kept vacant to facilitate plowing of the lot properly by a plow truck. Failure to abide by these requirements could slow the plowing of the clubhouse lot down and put your vehicle a greater risk of damage.

### GENUINE VFP E-BLASTS

Just a friendly reminder that our Continental Management Genuine VFP E-blasts often end up in JUNK or SPAM folders in your e-mail program. So, it's a good idea to check those folders regularly.

### ROOF UPDATE

Following, as discussed at the November 14, 2024 VFP Community "Shingle Replacement" meeting, is the contract price list (Exhibit B)

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As our community members, your comments and remarks are invited on any shared topic of interest.

~The Villa's Voice Staff

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**Saturday March 29, 2025**

Doors open 6:30 PM • Program begins at 7 PM  
Clubhouse Multipurpose Room • No walk-ins • \$10 p/p  
Refreshments will be served after the show.

JOIN THE PROGRAM CLUB as we meet George and Martha Washington and learn about their life, their love, and the American Revolution.

**Curt Radabaugh**, a veteran and retired law enforcement officer, continues his life of service portraying General George Washington, keeping history alive.

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[www.georgeandmarthawashington250.com](http://www.georgeandmarthawashington250.com)



### MEET GEORGE AND MARTHA WASHINGTON: A Love Story

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM and your non-refundable check payable to "The Villas at Five Ponds Social Committee." • \$10 per person • No walk-ins

Your Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone or e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payments accepted until Saturday, March 22, 2025**

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!

The Lunch Bunch Committee invites you to...

## Winter Lunch AT THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS CLUBHOUSE

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 • 12:30 PM  
Buffet style in the VFP Multipurpose Room

- Salad with Apples & Walnuts
- Pasta Parmesan Salad
- Italian bread
- Chicken Picata
- Meatballs
- Roasted Vegetable Lasagna
- Assorted Desserts including cannolis, cream puffs, chocolate brownies, etc.
- Hot & Cold Beverages
- Open Seating

**SOLD OUT!**  
**Waiting List**  
**Available!!!**

**Please drop your non-refundable check of \$28 per person ASAP**

made payable to: The Villas of Five Ponds Social Committee to Sheryl Surkin, 39 Villa Drive.

Questions or concerns, Diane Polsky, 203-733-3929

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Lorraine Incollingo, Penny Barenbaum, Co-chairs \_\_\_\_\_



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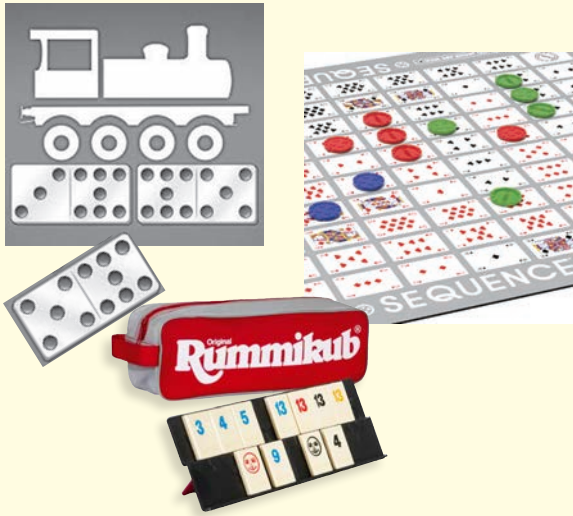
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### TABLE GAMES (DOMINOES, RUMMIKUB & SEQUENCE) AT FIVE PONDS EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

■ 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

(Check the calendar in *The Villa's Voice* for any changes to the regular schedule.)

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.

### 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



### JOIN US AT 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.

(Check the calendar in *The Villa's Voice* for any changes to the regular schedule.)

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.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**WEDNESDAY MARCH 12, 2025**  
Day Trips Committee & Mens Club are planning a trip to the  
**AMERICAN TREASURE TOUR MUSEUM** in Oaks, PA



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Pending	89 Villa Drive	\$589,000
Pending	36 Villa Drive	\$680,000
Pending	14 Fairway Drive	\$695,000
Sold	249 Fairway Drive	\$620,000
Sold	53 Villa Drive	\$679,900
Sold	253 Fairway Drive	\$718,000

*Data supplied by Bright MLS (10/30/2024—01/01/2025). Information deemed reliable but not guaranteed.*

# Welcome! NEW NEIGHBORS! • GUESTS • EVENTS

Photos: Casey Bauer



BETH & BRUCE APPELBAUM moved to 253 Fairway Drive in the fall and promptly made it their home. They had moved from Huntingdon Valley but their hearts are really in Penn State. Both graduated from there a few years ago but they return frequently to attend games and other activities. Beth continues to work as a speech pathologist but Bruce is sorta retired. We are very happy to have you at the Villas at Five Ponds. Welcome!



JULIE & GERRY MAGID joined our community in December moving into 249 Fairway Drive. Julie and Gerry had wanted to move to a 55 and older community for a while and they had looked at many communities but had liked the Villas at Five Ponds best. One of our other neighbors had told them about this house and they saw and bought as soon as it was available. Julie is looking forward to becoming involved in the community. And it turns out that their new neighbor, Bruce Applebaum, and Gerry know each other from their synagogue. We Welcome you to the community.



## 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 December, the Helping Hands Club of The Villas at Five Ponds wish you a happy day.

- GET WELL WISHES to Lorraine Incollingo, Sheryl Gilfor, Liz Lazenla, and Elliott Goldberg.
- CONDOLENCES to the families of dear neighbors, Bert Soltoff and Janice Callahan.

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.

## FREE TAX PREPERATION FOR SENIORS

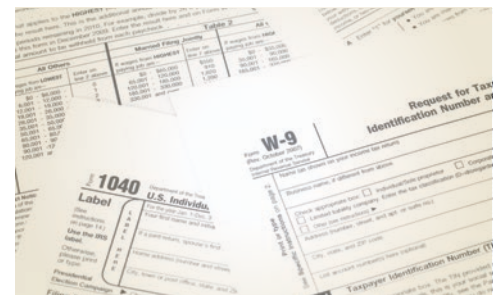
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**Please contact me with any questions or to volunteer:**

David Gilfor, davidgilfor@gmail.com, 72 Villa Drive, 215-205-6175.







*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*

## IT'S TIME TO BLOW UP THE 76ERS

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

IT'S A HARD ONE TO WRITE. A team that I have defended for so long...one of their biggest fans has officially given up. Sitting at a 15-26 record as I write this, with their best player playing 30% of their games halfway through the season, it is time to shift this franchise in a different direction.

The 76ers are truly the team of the "what ifs". I don't really want to go down the painful rabbit hole that is the decisions that the 76ers should have made, but instead, I want to illustrate what they need to do in order to move on. Move on from what you may ask? Unfortunately, it's the guy who was the MVP just 18 months ago.



I've defended Joel Embiid for so long, but even the staunchest of defenders has now had his mind flipped, and it began shortly after this offseason. Joel was not right at the end of last season, sped through a "recovery" in order to play for the Olympics, and never got fully healthy to begin this year. In result, it has led him to play 13 of 41 total games, in what was supposed to be the "Championship Window" 2024-2025 season of sorts.

After another (at least earlier) disappointment of a season this year, it's time to change things. The 76ers aren't a bad team, but they also aren't a top 8 team in the NBA as things stand (regardless of record). The team is extremely lucky they have drafted well in the past couple of years, scoring Tyrese Maxey and Jared McCain, two young studs who may be able to be a 1 and 2 on a playoff team. The problem now is Joel Embiid and Paul George, who are under huge contracts for this team until 2028 and 2027 respectively.

General Manager Daryl Morey is going to have to trade the 2 for probably 40 cents on the dollar, in order to keep a long term vision of winning a championship in the future. Right now, they are stuck in the worst place ever, NBA Purgatory. Not good enough to compete for a championship, but not bad enough to get a top 5 pick to fully rebuild. They need to get out of it, before its way too late.



## Hello Five Ponds Neighbors!

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■ SAM AND BARB FELDMAN

ONCE AGAIN, Bingo Night on January 14, 2025 at Villas at Five Ponds, continues to be a rousing success. Many thanks to all of our residents and guests, who return on a regular basis, for fun and friendship.

Special thanks to all of our volunteers. We couldn't have done this without you. Your hard work and dedication to our community is noted and commended.



Photos: Tom Lunde



**HAPPY HOUR, HAPPY VIBES!**  
**“HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR”**

■ KATHY LUNDE AND SUZANNE YEAGER CO-CHAIRS, PROGRAM CLUB

HAPPY HOUR WAS CALLING 100 RESIDENTS to relax and unwind in our beautifully decorated multipurpose room. We sipped, savored, and shared holiday greetings, as we enjoyed the tasty bites of happy hour food provided by all who attended.

Our gift exchange game, lead by Janet Lynch, was so much fun. Dianne Geoghegan's gift was traded the most and ended up with Penny Barenbaum.

We always thank Fran Foley and Sam Feldman for gathering the guys to set up and put back all the furniture. Our clubhouse events wouldn't be possible without your hard work.

Thank you to our Program Club members, Diane Polsky, Barbara Feldman, Wendy Cohen, Casey Bauer, Gail Saifer, Lorraine Incollingo, Ellen Weiss, Linda Alten, Janet Lynch, Susan Larrieu, Mary Lou Nodiff, Karen Krieger, Carole Denish, Sheryl Surkin, Sharyn Polsky, Cheryl Goldberg, Wendy Demp, who helped plan, set up, and clean up during a very busy time of year.

Thanks to the Social Committee for the donation of our plates, napkins, and cups.

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# Milestones, & Memories, Messages

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](mailto:RonaldDorfmanDesign@comcast.net)



Thank You

THANK YOU for your kind words and generosity during this difficult time. I am so fortunate to have such supportive neighbors. Your thoughtfulness is of great comfort as I grieve the passing of my wife Diann.

~Sincerely, Howard Rabinovitch

THANK YOU for sending in a Shiva dinner card, donations, and phone calls for the condolence of my husband Bert Soltoff, who passed away on December 28th. Thank you all my wonderful friends and neighbors of Five Ponds. Your care and condolence love was very much appreciated.

~Love Harriet and the Soltoff family

## Movie Club • FILMS • GROUP SHOWINGS



### DON'T MISS THIS EXCEPTIONAL MOVIE!

WHEN 93-YEAR-OLD THELMA POST gets duped by a phone scammer pretending to be her grandson, she sets out on a treacherous quest across the city with her friend, Ben, to reclaim what was taken from her. The film stars June Squibb who sets out to find the perpetrators with the help of her grandson, Fred Hechinger, and friend, Richard Roundtree, in his final role. Clark Gregg, Parker Posey, and Malcolm McDowell also star in the film. Released in 2024, Thelma is a true story based upon the experience of Josh Margolin, the director's grandmother.

Salt Lake Film Review says **"Overall, Thelma is easily one of the best films I've seen so far this year. June Squibb delights in every second of having a role finally worthy of all she always has done so well. Every performance is pitch perfect and the story is fast-paced and genuinely has something to say about what happens to a person as they age... There is so much vividly crafted truth and enormous love onscreen here, and you'd be a fool to miss it."**

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 2025 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: Wednesday, February 19th**
- Cost: **\$3 per person**

### THELMA

Please send your non-refundable payment made out to **"Villas at Five Ponds Social Committee"** along with this coupon to Karen Krieger, 52 Villa Drive.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Karen Krieger, 917-545-7481 or [kmskrieger@gmail.com](mailto:kmskrieger@gmail.com)

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for those items that potentially, as applicable, could be solely a homeowners' individual financial responsibility.

The specific charges will vary from house-to-house, dependent upon the individual issues identified and involved, and will be documented by the roofer to you—the homeowner—as the work progresses. Note that some issues are “hidden,” that is they simply cannot be identified until the work on the house has commenced, and the “old” shingles and roof are removed to expose them for inspection. It will be mandatory and required that all these issues, if any, be corrected during the roof replacement process. Failure to do so will affect the shingle warranty for the 4 attached home building. The only exception is the “Gutter Tune Up,” which is optional.

**EXHIBIT “B”**

The Villas at Five Ponds Homeowners Association Homeowner Responsibility Component

Unit Cost:	
• ½” CDX plywood	\$ 75.00/sheet
• ½” FRT plywood (fire resistant— if required)	\$ 90.00/sheet
• Dryer/Bathroom vent caps (only)	\$110.00 each
• Dryer/Bathroom vent—full installation	\$225.00 each
• Baffles	\$ 7.00 each
• Carpentry/siding repairs	\$ 65.00/hour + materials
Gutter Tune-Up (Optional)	\$175/Unit (house)
• Attic Fan Removal:	
A. Retrofit wiring back to junction box (labor and parts)	\$125.00/unit
B. Plywood to recover opening (as required—CDX)	\$ 75.00/sheet
• Skylight (Velux Model D06)	<i>No longer available</i>
• Lifetime Tool “Ultimate” Pipe Flashing	<i>No longer available</i>
• Tyvek Installation	\$ 2.00/sq. ft.
• Masonry	<i>No longer available</i>

**FUTURE TRASH DAY**

Please be aware the next PLANNED change of trash pickup day, is the week of Memorial Day, 2025.

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**A fun and educational event that will help you spot and avoid FRAUDS & SCAMS that target our residents.**

**Thursday, May 8, 2025**

**1–3 PM • Clubhouse Multipurpose Room**

Scam Jam is an informative and interactive event featuring presentations on recent elder financial abuse, top scams in our local community, and investment and general fraud protection.

We will play Fraud BINGO, complete with prizes for winners!

*Presented by the PA Dept of Banking and Securities.  
Sponsored by the Program Club.*

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS**

■ AILEEN SALUS, CHAIR

NOW THAT THE DEEP FREEZE IS OVER (at least temporarily), it's time to think spring. Although the February Lunch Bunch is sold out, it surely will be a nice change of pace if you were able to sign up in time. Looking forward to a buffet lunch in the clubhouse. Also on February 21 the Movie Club will present the movie, *Thelma*. If you haven't seen it, it is very relatable for our community. It's funny and a little sad but definitely worth the \$3 that includes refreshments. See Anne Leskowitz at 42 Villa Drive to sign up.

On Wednesday, March 12, the Day Trip Committee and the Men's Club have joined together to arrange a trip to *The American Treasure Museum* in Oaks, PA. The museum features memorabilia from the 50's, 60's and 70's on a tour by trams or walking tour. The cost of the museum is \$16. Please get your check to Steve Warshaw, 24 Villa Drive, Barbara Kains, 114 Villa Drive, or Reba Grossman, 235 Fairway Drive. Following the museum tour, we will have lunch at Maggiano's in King of Prussia (at your own expense). Since we will be carpooling, we will need drivers. Let us know if you can volunteer to drive.

Saturday evening, March 29 at 7 PM, join us as we *Meet George and Martha Washington: A Love Story*. Please get your check for \$10 to Kathy Lunde, 19 Fairway Drive or Suzanne Yeager, 66 Villa Drive. Also, the Programs club asks that you Save the Date for Thursday, May 8 from 1– 3 PM. They have scheduled \$cam Jam. This will be held in the clubhouse. More information to follow.

Saturday night, May 3, Parties Plus has scheduled a spectacular event at the Bucks Club. This affair will be a *Casino Night*, dancing and a chance to win fabulous prizes. The evening will begin with butlered hor d'oeuvres; followed by a buffet dinner. Please get your check for \$74 per person by April 15, to Leenie Rogovitz, 98 Villa Drive.

And Save the Date for *Trivia Night*, Friday, May 16. Ron Gordon will challenge you to rack your brain for the answers to a variety of questions and the chance to win cash prizes! Please get your check for \$10 to Anne Leskowitz, 42 Villa Drive.

**A business note**—All checks for every event should be made out to *Villas at Five Ponds Social Committee* and are non-refundable.

**FIVE PONDS SINGLES**

■ MERRYL PELBERG

THE FIVE PONDS SINGLES held their first meeting in 2025 on January 15 due to a postponement because of extreme cold weather. We usually meet on the first Wednesday of each month. We are planning quite a few new and fun day trips and activities ending with our closing luncheon in June.

If you are single and would like to get together with friends and neighbors to enjoy good times, fun and interesting day trips and enjoyable dining experiences, come out and join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30 PM in the clubhouse multipurpose room. New members are welcome!

### THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS SOCIAL CLUBS WARMINSTER, PA

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**New members  
always welcomed!**

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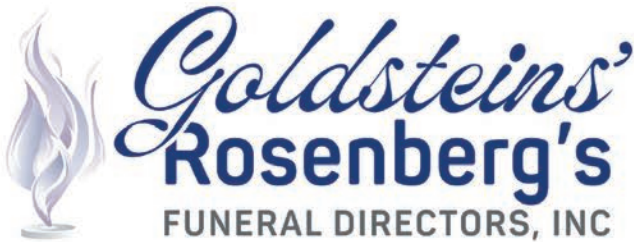
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## “THE MANY LIVES OF MAMMA LOVE”

BY LARA LOVE HARDIN

■ SHARYN POLSKY, BOOK REVIEWER

BUCKLE UP BECAUSE this is going to be a wild ride. The memoir of Lara Love Hardin is a story where the truth is stranger than fiction. She grew up in Massachusetts in a dysfunctional family. Her first addiction was books. This was a means of escape. When she read, she pretended she was someone else. Reading doesn't usually lead to trouble. After all, as Lara says, "There are no book club interventions."

Eventually the reading turned to writing. When she wrote short stories in school it got her the attention she craved. She took loans and put herself through UC Santa Cruz. She was the first person in her family to go to college. She obtained a master's degree. She majored in Creative Writing so she could continue reading and writing and keep escaping. She transformed herself into a California hippie. She thought that education equaled inoculation and that she could outrun whatever afflicted her family. When this was not enough, she turned to sex and drugs. She started with Vicodin because it helped her pretend that she was happy.

Her addiction led to using heroin. It gave her everything she had ever wanted—peace, joy, escape. At first, she and her second husband, had a good life in a beautiful home in suburbia. Soon their need for

heroin put them in debt. Desperate for money, she stole her neighbors checks and credit cards. They were in so much debt that they could no longer pay to keep the lights and the heat on. They moved to a hotel

using one of the credit cards she had stolen. Security called and informed her that the card was stolen. She has to make a quick getaway in her SUV. A year ago, she was clean and sober and running a successful business.

She comes up with a scheme to bilk the utility company. She pretends she is a new renter and has just moved into the house so she can get a month's time before the electricity will be turned off again. The police pound on her door. She is looking for a place to hide the heroin. She is handcuffed. Her three-year-old son, Kaden is taken away from her. She thinks "I did this. This is what I have done."

In jail she learns there is a class system. It is a study in racial segregation worthy of the South in the 1950's. She doesn't know the rules. She feels lost. She finds out that she can't afford the \$250,000 bail. She feels desperate enough to try to take her own life. When she imagines her children's lives without her, she feels it is better, easier for them to have a dead mom than one who is in prison. She somehow falls asleep with the

sheet tied around her neck. She hears the call for breakfast and realizes, unfortunately, that she is alive. She is angry that she has to endure another day of detox before she can try again.



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# Game Night

GROUP ACTIVITIES • FUN!

**QUESTION:** WHEN EVERYONE HAS A FUN NIGHT AND YOU WANT TO DO IT AGAIN, WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

**ANSWER:**



**WHEN???**

**ANSWER: MAY 16TH, 2025**

**FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025**

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

**Space Is Limited • Reservations A Must • BYOB  
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**QUESTIONS** or if you need help filling your table: Call Ron Gordon at 215-674-3838 or 215-884-4000.

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**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)  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_  
The people at my table are: **PLEASE PRINT** all names (maximum of 10 people per table)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Help!** We need help filling up our table. Please help us make a table of 10.

In jail was when she became "Momma Love". She quickly determined the pecking order. The other inmates started to look up to her after she tells them how she could create working credit cards numbers without having an actual credit card. She empathizes with the other inmates. Word gets around that she has a master's degree so the girls who dropped out of high school start coming to her for advice. They come to her for legal advice and for her to write letters for them to their families or to their lawyers.

She gets bailed out by her mother-in-law. Her public defender urges her to plead guilty even though she did not commit all the crimes attributed to her. Unfortunately, when she gets out of jail and reunites with her husband, he reintroduces her to heroin. She goes back to court and gets a plea deal. She has to go back to prison for a year and attend Family Preservation classes

When she completes her sentence, she is on probation. By a stroke of luck, she gets a job doing what she loves, writing. She gets to meet Desmond Tutu, the Dali Lama and Oprah when the subject of a book she co-wrote with a prisoner who spent thirty years in jail before he was found innocent, appears as a guest on Oprah. She co-authors a book on forgiveness with Archbishop Tutu and ultimately learns self-forgiveness.

I highly recommend this book. I could not put it down. It is an amazing story about how Lara Love Hardin went from suburban mom to heroin addict to convict and ultimately turn her life around to be a successful writer and owner of her own literary agency.

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## COMING 2025 VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**MARCH 12, American Treasure  
Tour Museum, 10:30 AM.**

**March 29, An Evening with  
George & Martha Washington,**  
Programs Club.

**APRIL 2, & Juliet, Show,**  
Academy of Music, Philadelphia.

**MAY 3, Monte Carlo Night,** at the  
Bucks Club, Jamison.

**MAY 8, Scam Jam,** 1-3 PM.

**MAY 16, Trivia Night,** 7 PM.

THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS COMMUNITY

# Calendar

## FEBRUARY 2025

■ AILEEN SALUS, (215-441-9339)

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