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FOR SHOW TICKETS ONLY: \$65 per person

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(Exception—single residents are allowed 1 (one) adult guest per day, free.)

Passes or cash must be placed in the ticket box upon entry.

Update to The Villas at Five Ponds Rules for the Clubhouse Parking Lot As of May 2026

DUE TO SEVERAL CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT ISSUES this past season, the Rules Committee recommended expanding the parking regulations. The board approved the following updates to the rules:

Vehicles parked in the clubhouse parking lot due to a winter weather event must remove their vehicle from the lot within 24 hours of completion of community snow removal (streets and all residential driveways). This will enable our snow removal vendor to properly clear the clubhouse parking lot. Cars must be parked in only the two center rows starting at the end closest to the pool entrance. If vehicles are not removed after the 24-hour period of completing the snow removal, residents will be fined \$100 and/or vehicles will be towed at the owners' expense.



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PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGES

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FREE events: Check their website!

Adult Art Series @ 6:30pm/Virtual/Register online

6/1 Mixed Media Garden Boats

6/15 Dinosaur Silhouette

Adult Craft Lab @ 6:30pm/In-person/Register online

6/23 Fourth of July Firecracker

Crazy Daisy "Juliette Gordon Low: Intrepid Founder of the Girl Scouts"

6/6 @ 12:30 pm | Large Meeting Room

Carol Simon Levin impersonates Juliette Gordon Low and tells how an impulsive, nearly-deaf, eccentric and fun-loving transatlantic socialite founded an inclusive movement which has empowered tens of millions of girls worldwide. ***Presented by the Friends of the Warminster Library

Hart 2 Heart Animal Rescue

6/27 @ 11 am

Hart 2 Heart is a foster-based, donation-based organization focusing on rescuing and nurturing abused, abandoned, and unwanted animals in Philadelphia and the surrounding counties.

Come in from 11 AM to 3 PM and find your future furry best friend, or make a donation to help them out.

6/30— Genealogy: Find a Grave

6/30 @ 6 pm | Register online

Find A Grave is a gravesite locator that can be used to find ancestors' burial sites, get pictures of tombstones, and sometimes obtain other information about a person, including their picture.

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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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JUNE 10,
2026**



A Documentary Film produced & directed by Steven Pressman
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Wednesday JUNE 24, 2026 • 7PM

Clubhouse Multipurpose Room • \$5 p/p

Doors Open 6:30 PM • No Walk-Ins • No Payments at the door

IN SPRING 1939, a Philadelphia Jewish couple, Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus, with the support of Brith Sholom, embarked on a bold plan to rescue 50 Jewish children from Nazi-occupied Vienna.

Kurt Herman, 9 years old, was one of the children rescued in this Kindertransport to Philadelphia.

The film based on Eleanor Kraus' memoir, *Don't Wave Goodbye*, tells the gripping story of two ordinary people who became extraordinary heroes.

Shari Herman Glaiser, Kurt Herman's daughter and a board member of the Holocaust Awareness Museum, will share Kurt's story as a Holocaust survivor and her experience as a second generation family member. She has been sharing Kurt's story for 12 years to keep his story alive and to encourage and support second generation family members in telling their stories.

50 CHILDREN: FILM AND DISCUSSION

Please return this completed slip and your non-refundable payment or check payable to: *The Villas at Five Ponds Social Committee*

____ Seat(s) Amount Enclosed _____ \$5.00 p/p

Name(s) _____

Phone or e-mail _____

Place this completed slip and your non-refundable payment in the bag on the front door of Suzanne Yeager 66 Villa Drive

Any questions? Call Suzanne (215) 394-8157

Sign-ups and payments accepted until Wednesday, June 18, 2026.

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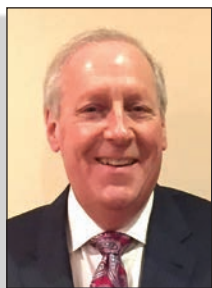
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■ DONNA BESIGNANO

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 KWIA TEK

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

LOOK FOR US on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7 PM in 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.

Welcome!

■ CASEY BAUER



ED & NANCY ASHE joined our community on April 24, just in time to attend Hoagie Night the following Friday.

They have resided in Warminster for over 50 years and had their eye on the Villas at Five Ponds since the first house went up. The time was right to join our community and we welcome them to 173 Villa Drive.

PROJECT LINUS GROUP PROJECT!

■ KATHY O'BRIEN

THIS CHILD'S 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 get together in the Clubhouse on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 PM. We'd love to have you join us.

Questions? Call Kathy OBrien 215-674-4729.





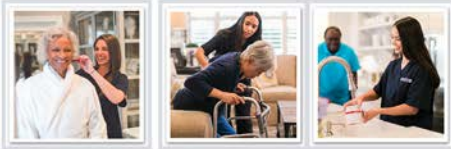
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SOLD	173 Villa Drive	\$720,000
SOLD	189 Villa Drive	\$780,000

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THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS MOVIE CLUB
By Popular Request!

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- Check-in begins at 7 PM • Movie begins promptly at 7:30 PM
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- No Walk-Ins • Reservations Required
- **Deadline for reservations: Sunday, June 12th, 2026**
- Cost: **\$3 per person**

Questions? Call Beth Edelman, 215-407-0177, Jimmie Edelman, 215-470-7212, Susan Budman, 215-858-3614 or Alan Budman, 215-858-9314.

JERRY AND MARGE GO LARGE

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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.

THE GOOD AND BAD @ THE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

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

ARONOMINK GOLF CLUB in Newtown Square hosted the 108th PGA Championship between May 11th-May 17th. The PGA Championship is one of the four majors on the PGA Tour schedule, and the first major that the Philadelphia area has hosted since 2013. I dragged my fiance to the Tuesday practice round and have been to 7 or 8 other PGA events in my lifetime so I've had some experience going into an event like this one. For this month's article, I wanted to recap the positives and negatives of the experience of my Tuesday at Aronomink.



Good: Practice Round Ticket Prices—With a tough weather draw for Monday and Wednesday practice rounds, we were able to snag a pair of practice round tickets for \$92 combined.

Good: Transportation—With an expected 20,000 people in attendance for each practice round, we decided to avoid the traffic in the area and rely on regional rail. They added extra trains on the Thorndale line for the event, and we took a 45ish minute train from Suburban Station to Paoli. Once we arrived to Paoli, they had plenty of buses ready to take us 10 minutes to the course. Overall, an extremely stress free commute.

Good: Concessions Included!—With your ticket, all concessions minus alcohol were included! You were only supposed to take three items per trip but that wasn't really policed. The selection of main meal items like burgers, chicken sandwiches, hot dogs and sausages was awesome. The quality wasn't incredible and the market locations were not centralized, but we certainly ate well.


Bad: Bottlenecks/Pace of Play—Being an old time style course, each 9 holes starts and ends back at the clubhouse. That's also near where the driving range and putting green is. The combination of all of those things created a humungous bottleneck even on a Tuesday. As the week continued, the pace of play got worse. Rounds were lasting over 5 hours due to a lot of green complexes and tee boxes being on top of each other. When talking about the amount of land Aronomink has, it's smaller than most courses that host majors, and it showed.

Good: The PGA Championship App—What an incredible application. We sat between holes 8 and 10 at the beginning, but the perk of having the app was having a mode for when you are on the grounds. If you activate that mode, you then have a "find my friends" like feature on every golfer on the property. If there is a guy you really wanted to see play, you could find him. Or, if you are sitting at a hole and are curious about the next group coming through, you would know. I really wanted to see Rory on the course, but he must have had a later tee time. The app showed he was at the driving range, so we walked over there to see him hit some shots before our train home.

Good: The Merchandise Selection—The PGA set up a 50,000 square foot merchandise facility and it did not disappoint. Every brand that you can imagine carved out a section of the tent, and there was no shortage of colors and sizes when I was there on Tuesday.

Bad: The Merchandise Prices—I know we have moved away from some of your typical golf brands that weren't as high of quality, but when did a normal golf hat become \$40? I went in with a budget how much I wanted to spend, and I did accomplish staying under that said budget. What that budget was? I'm going to keep that to myself.

Good/Bad: Philly Golf Fans—I'll start with negatives, the constant Eagles chants made us look stupid. It was funny to chirp Scottie Scheffler or Jordan Spieth who are Cowboys fans, but saying it when some random golfer from Denmark makes a par putt...we don't need that. However, the week at Aronomink proved that Philadelphia absolutely has the demand for a yearly PGA event. We are a knowledgeable bunch and with the number of great courses in the area, there are plenty of golf fans. As the PGA is looking to revamp their schedule, they are considering different summertime tournaments in larger markets. Philadelphia should definitely be in the running.



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GOOD NEWS in the NEIGHBORHOOD



Ellen Reilly, David & Elvy Reilly

HALL OF FAME HONOREE

ELLEN REILLY, DAUGHTER OF DAVID & ELVY REILLY was inducted into the *William Tennent High School Hall of Fame* on May 13, 2026 along with two other graduates. She graduated from LaSalle University and Drexel University, and went on to be the first female Chairman of the Board at LaSalle. She is now Chairman of the Board at SWARE Technologies—a health industry firm. She was introduced by her brother, Peter Reilly. Ellen was very active in Scouting and headed numerous charitable activities over the years including *Philabundance*.

LAW DEGREE GRANTED

TYLER GOLDBERG, grandson of Rick & Cheryl Goldberg, received his Law Degree from Stetson University Law School on May 16, 2026.

Congratulations!



Tyler Goldberg

FIVE PONDS SINGLES ■ MERRYL PELBERG

THE FIVE PONDS SINGLES are winding down the 2025–2026 year on a high note!

We will be seeing the musical “*Annie Get Your Gun*” at the Act II Theater on Sunday, June 14 with dinner following at Angelo’s Italian Kitchen in Ambler. Our annual closing luncheon will be at La Voglia Mediterranean in Huntington Valley.

Usually we don’t meet again until September but this year we want to get together a few times through the summer. On Saturday, July 18 we are planning to attend the one-time-only private screening of “*Before The Moon*” at the Centrifuge in Warminster where the astronauts trained. This screening will be the only private screening of the documentary. Of course, we will go out for a late lunch afterwards. We are also planning a group trip to the American Treasure Tour Museum in Oaks on Saturday, August 1 followed by lunch at Maggiano’s Little Italy in King of Prussia.

Our first meeting of the 2026–2027 year will be on Wednesday, September 9 at 7 PM in the Clubhouse Multipurpose Room. We usually meet the first Wednesday of every month. If you are single and would like to get together with friends and neighbors for enjoyable outings, theater, museums, delicious dining, etc, come out and join us!

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OUR LAST BUNCO TOURNAMENT WAS A BLAST! Participants went home with full bellies and some with full pockets. We're doing it again on **Tuesday, June 16, at 5 PM in the Club House.**

Date: **June 16** • Time: **5 PM** • Cost: **\$15 per person**

Dinner: Eggplant Rollatini, Sausage and Peppers, Salad, Italian Bread

Please bring either a small appetizer or a dessert!

Drop your checks made payable to *Villas at Five Ponds Social Committee* to Joanne Tevere at 197 Fairway Drive.

ACT FAST: First 64 people to pay get to play.

Place your check in the macaroni pot by the front door.

If you have any questions, give me a call or text. Joanne Tevere 215-813-0084, 197 Fairway, jtevere@verizon.net

BUNCO NIGHT!!!

Non-refundable **\$15 check pp** payable to:
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PLEASE INDICATE WHAT YOU PLAN TO BRING and kindly consider dietary issues by labeling your side dishes with ingredients. Thank you!

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DESSERT _____

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

■ AILEEN SALUS, CHAIR

I JUST GOT BACK from the Memorial Day bbq, rescheduled due to the inclement weather. Kudos to Mary Lou Nodif and Barbara Feldman and their committee who decided to use the rain date and move the party inside. Great idea!! Plenty of room, plenty of food, plenty of time to meet with our neighbors.

Coming up—Bunco, June 16. See JoAnn Tevere to sign up for a chance to win and have a fun night.

Lunch Bunch—June 17 at UVA. See Diane Polsky to get your name on the wait list.

Finally, on Wednesday evening June 24 Shari and Herman Glauser will present a program entitled '50 Children'; as it relates to their family and the Holocaust.

60TH ANNIVERSARY!

FIVE PONDS' JO ANN & DAN ROBBINS celebrated their June 19th 60th wedding anniversary during a recent NCL cruise out of Philadelphia to Bermuda & Charleston, SC.

Celebrate early & often!!!



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.

HELPING HANDS CLUB

■ MARY LANGDON, CHAIR

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

- GET WELL WISHES to Albert Panebianco and Steve Gelfand.
- CONDOLENCES to family and friends on the loss of Harriet Lichtenstein.

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

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“THE BOOK CLUB FOR TROUBLESOME WOMEN” BY MARIE BOSTWICK

■ SHARYN POLSKY, BOOK REVIEWER

“THE BOOK CLUB FOR TROUBLESOME WOMEN” is an historical fiction novel that explores friendship, women’s independence, social expectations, and personal growth during the 1960’s. The story follows a group of suburban women whose lives begin to change after they form a book club and read controversial literature that challenges the traditional role of women. The first book they chose to read was “*The Feminine Mystique*” by Betty Freidan. This book critiqued the idealized image of domesticity in postwar America. Freidan argues that many suburban housewives, despite having material comfort, felt unfulfilled and trapped in the roles society imposed on them. The book gave a voice to women who felt something was missing beyond just being a wife and mother.

Margaret Ryan decides to start a book club so she can meet her neighbors, Charlotte, Viv and Bitsy. Together they form “the Betty’s”, where together they support each other through personal challenges involving marriage, identity, family and independence. They support one another as they confront social pressures and difficult choices.

This book was inspired by Marie Bostwick’s mother who she describes as a “vibrant, passionate person and a lifelong reader who experienced a sort of personal awakening when she read “*The Feminine Mystique*” back in the early “60’s. The characters in the book are fictional but they are based on her mom’s experience and that spirit of defiance.

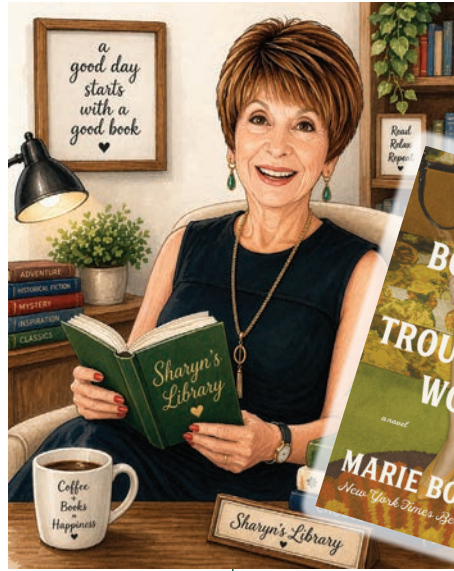
I identified with the themes in this book because I started my career after I graduated college in the 1960’s and experienced some of the same issues as the characters in the novel.

At that time a women had limited career choices. She could be a teacher, a nurse, social worker or a secretary. My first job after graduating college was at the State Employment Office as a counselor whose job was to help ‘disadvantaged youth’ obtain and retain employment. The office was called South Human Resources Development, an objective that was never achieved.

We were about ten recent college graduates who felt an obligation to make the world a better place.

When I had to leave when I was pregnant with my first child, I asked for a leave of absence so that I could keep my options open. However, the manager said absolutely not. “That is a job a man could have”.

While employed at that job I was offered the opportunity to earn a Master’s degree with free tuition. I was so excited by this opportunity I couldn’t wait to tell my cousin. He replied “so what is Bob going to be—a house husband?”



When I was home raising my children, my friend decided to return to teaching even though her children were young. While taking a walk she encountered an acquaintance of hers. She wanted to make it abundantly clear that it wasn’t that her husband couldn’t support her, it was that she

needed adult conversation and intellectual stimulation. Later she told me the teachers at lunch only talked about the recipes they were making for dinner!

Unlike the women in the novel, I did not always get support from other women. When I was downsized and looking for employment, I went to an employment agency and filled out an application. The interviewer was a woman who appeared older than myself.

She asked me what year I graduated from college. I asked her how that was relevant. Her reply was “If you answer a prospective employer like that you will never get a job”. I did.

Since I was not able to change the world, I had hopes for my daughters would do so.

The theme for my daughter’s Bat Mitzvah was “From the crib to Women’s Lib”. I made a collage of her photographs from an infant to the image of a woman called “Madame President”.

Remember that Virginia Slims commercial that said “You’ve come a long way, baby”? We have. It is hard to believe that women had to get permission from their husbands before they could get birth control until 1965 (Griswold V. Connecticut) and that a woman could not open her own bank account or get a loan without their husband or father co-signing because their income was considered unreliable. This did not change until 1974 with the Equal Credit Opportunity Act. However we still have not elected a woman president. Many countries are way ahead of us in that respect. Also, women have not yet secured equal pay for equal work. Remember that Virginia Slims commercial that said “You’ve come a long way, baby”? We have. It is hard to believe that women had to get permission from their husbands before they could get birth control until 1965 (Griswold V. Connecticut) and that a woman could not open her own bank account or get a loan without their husband or father co-signing because their income was considered unreliable. This did not change until 1974 with the Equal Credit Opportunity Act. However we still have not elected a woman president. Many countries are way ahead of us in that respect. Also, women have not yet secured equal pay for equal work.

The novel traces the evolution of the characters from navigating the challenges of being a women in the 1960’s to their metamorphosis to becoming fulfilled in their aspirations, to become more than the keepers of hearth and home amid a backdrop of the turbulent events that ensued in their lifetimes.

This quote was attributed to Eleanor Roosevelt: “A woman is like a tea-bag, you can’t tell how strong she is until she’s in hot water.”

Welcome Back!

ON FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026, this energetic group of Villas at Five Ponds volunteers assembled a fantastic Hoagie Night in the newly refreshed Multipurpose Room at the Clubhouse.

Neighbors & friends who had missed getting together while the building was being rehabilitated were excited to once again share some food and fun while planning for great summer activities to come.



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Memorial Day Party RAINY? NOT HERE!



DESPITE A STORMY START, we pulled off a fantastic community barbecue! It was wonderful to catch up with neighbors and friends over some great food. Once again, our incredible volunteers completely saved the day and made it a huge success!

Photo: Ron Dorfman



the villa's VOICE

THE INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SERVING THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS

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COMING 2026 VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- JULY 8.** "South Pacific", Bucks County Playhouse.
- AUGUST 26.** "RENT", Bucks County Playhouse.
- SEPTEMBER 9.** *Singles Club*
7:00 PM.
- SEPTEMBER 25.** "Dueling Pianos"
7:00 PM. Save the date!!!
- OCTOBER 9.** *TRIVIA!* A fun event.
Save the date!!!

THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS COMMUNITY

Calendar

Clubhouse flood remediation has been completed.
Check calendar & committee info inside for activities.

JUNE 2026

■ AILEEN SALUS, (215-441-9339)

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