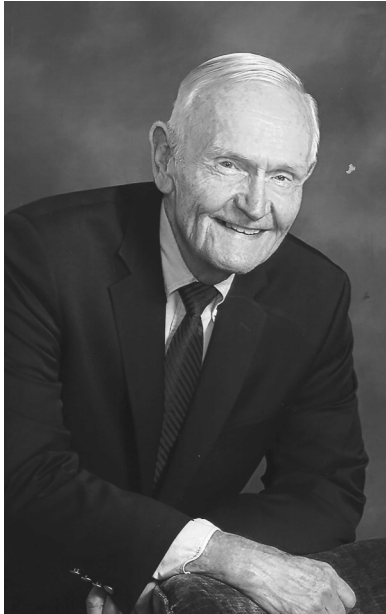


## The Moorings at Lewes Residents Association

### President's message



In the last issue of The Free Press I mentioned that the TMALRA board had asked me to form an Ad Hoc committee to communicate with management about issues related to the coming facilities

expansion.

That committee has been formed, developed a mission statement and communicated with Springpoint project management about its hope to be useful in facilitating communication between residents and management. Comments and suggestions on three different issues have already been reviewed by the committee and submitted. Particular attention to the Gift Shop and the Library was requested because they are managed by residents. Contact has been established between management and the committee chairs responsible for those two items. We expect that a meeting will soon take place between project management and committee members concerning all issues raised to date.

The members of the committee are Jim Keys, Carol Lader, Hugh Leahy, Don Smith, Sandy Spence and me. Please contact any

of these if you have a concern or an idea related to the expansion you think should be addressed. The committee has developed an orderly process to pass these on to management and to record and report responses.

In last issue I also suggested that we are not taking advantage of all the opportunities we have of really getting to know each other. I hope that Resident Agents will encourage new residents to use the Community App. to tell us about themselves and to not be bashful about relating their life experiences. I believe most of us are more interesting than we think. If you have not made entries in the biography section of your entry in the Resident Directory in the Community App., please consider doing so. There is very little pain involved.

By the time you are reading this, the summer will have about passed and we will be looking forward to fall and winter activities. Please consider getting involved with one or more of them. New residents have interests and abilities that the rest of us need to support what we are doing. Also some of the longer termed people could use a little re-energizing.

Please discuss opportunities with your Resident Agent or any committee chair. Let's do it.

### This just in.

Book Club for Mystery stories to meet 2nd Monday each month. Limit to 8 people so all can participate. If interested in joining contact Sandy Spence 302-841-2882 or [sandyspence325@gmail.com](mailto:sandyspence325@gmail.com). More details in the November issue.

## MONTHLY MEN'S LUNCH

### Board of Directors

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| President               | Ed Steiner    |
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| Treasurer               | Tom Reed      |
| Asst. Treasurer         | Larry Myers   |
| Secretary               | Jane Bretnall |
| Corresponding Secretary | Carol Lader   |
| Past President          | Don Smith     |

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|                 |                       |
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| Cottages        | Carol Lader           |
|                 | Walter Clarke         |
| East Wing       | Mary Lou Poffenberger |
|                 | Diane Bair            |
| West Wing       | Peg Partlow           |
|                 | Linda Trzyzewski      |
| Assisted Living | Gil Kaufman           |

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| By-Laws            | Jane Lord       |
| Communication      | Tom Reed        |
| Dining             | Franz Portman   |
| Empl. Appreciation | Larry Myers     |
| Finance Advisory   | Jim McMullen    |
| Gift Shop          | Diane Bair      |
| Library            | Judy Burgess    |
| Nominating         | Don Smith       |
| Program            | Rebecca Brenner |
| Wellness           | Gail Bourassa   |
| Wood Shop          | Richard Thomas  |

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| General Mtgs | 3rd Monday |

The monthly men's lunch event is not just for long-time residents—it's also an excellent opportunity for new residents to forge new friendships. Lunch takes place on the second Tuesday of each month at different local restaurants. It provides a space where everyone, whether new to the community or well-established, can come together to celebrate the camaraderie that makes our neighborhood special. Join us in creating shared memories over good food and even better company! Whether you're looking to share stories, get to know the community, or simply take a break from your day, this event is the perfect opportunity to do so. Come out and join us. Reservations can be made through the Community App or at the Front Desk. I look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me. (302-745-6613 or ) Thank you,

**Don Smith**

## The Return of the Moorings Fleece Jacket!

Mark Your Calendar! Due to its popularity, the Moorings Fleece Jacket, complete with the Moorings logo, will be available for purchase again in late September, just in time to prepare for the cooler months ahead. Whether you missed out earlier this year or can't wait to grab another one, this is your chance to refresh your fall wardrobe. Remember this jacket is a full zipper, side pockets with zippers, inside pockets, and a draw string to make it feel cozy. Ordering details will be available between late August and early September. Estimated price \$40.00. Stay tuned for updates. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Don Smith (302-745-6613 or email ) or Peg Partlow (302-841-3339 or email ). Thank you.



## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR TMALRA BOARD: A FREE PRESS PROFILE

WALTER CLARKE      COTTAGE 32



Walter is the newest member of the TMALRA Board of Directors as of 6/9/25 when he was appointed as Area Representative for Residents living in

Cottages 25-48. Walter was born in The Bronx, New York where he lived until his family moved to Long Island. He lived in several Long Island communities into his adulthood and eventually moved to Morristown, New Jersey.

Employed for 35 years at various parts of the former Bell System including Western Electric, AT&T and Lucent Technologies, Walter had extended assignments in East Asia, primarily doing business computer design and programming. After retiring from the AT&T system, Walter took on a volunteer position as Business Manager at a Morristown Thrift Shop before his second retirement and move to The Moorings.

As an Area Representative, Walter is among the first to welcome new residents to our community and to help them acclimate to their new home. He is responsible for interfacing between Residents of Cottages 25-48 and the TMALRA organization by introducing TMALRA activities and the connection to The Moorings Resident Services.

When asked his view of his role on the TMALRA Board, Walter responded "The opportunity to share personal insight as a current resident to new residents of The Moorings provides a great start to their experience in this community. How things work and how to find their way through the multitude of activities, places and organizations all need explanation and some direction."

**Jim Keys**

## PROFILE GETTING TO KNOW YOUR TMALRA BOARD: A FREE PRESS PROFILE

Jane Bretnall      COTTAGE NUMBER 39

Jane Bretnall assumed the position of

Secretary to TMALRA's Board of Directors in March 2024, succeeding the long-standing Secretary, Kathy Holstrom.

Originally hailing from New York, Jane has lived in eight different states.

Throughout her professional career, she has held significant roles such as Vice President of Marketing and Development and Corporate Secretary. Jane resided in Rehoboth Beach with her husband, Jim Addison, for nearly 19 years before relocating to The Moorings in 2016.

As Secretary, Jane's responsibilities include generating minutes for both the TMALRA Board and All Residents meetings. She accomplishes this by collecting reports from individual Board members and consolidating them into a single document. These minutes are subsequently posted on the TMALRA website to provide a historical record of TMALRA's actions on behalf of residents.

When asked about her perspective on her role on the TMALRA Board, Jane remarked, "Since becoming Secretary, I have been impressed by the diligent efforts of various committees not only to provide activities and programs but also to advocate for the welfare of all Moorings residents."



**Jim Keys**

***The truth is rarely pure and never simple.***

***--Oscar Wilde***

## Genealogically Speaking

Are you taking advantage of all of the available resources in your genealogical research on your family's early history? In addition to checking out the sources in your local library, there are at least three others that you may want to investigate.

The first is *Ancestry.com*, an American genealogy company based in Lehi, Utah, the largest for-profit genealogy company in the world. *Ancestry.com* operates an online network of genealogical databases, historical records, and related genetic genealogy websites. Its resources include databases of newspapers from around the world, useful for obituaries and family news items from years ago. It is unique in one feature at least in that it aids users in building their family trees online and retains them safely even if you are no longer an active paying member. For research, *Ancestry.com* does require paid membership on a monthly, semi-annual, or annual basis. *Ancestry.com* is accessed from any computer equipped for online searching

The second resource not to miss is *FamilySearch*, the online database of the Church of Latter-Day Saints, often referred to simply as LDS or the Mormon Church. Because the Mormons pay special attention to preserving their family's history, they systematically search church data sources around the world for family histories, and in their effort to be exhaustive, include all family histories in their database, not just those of their church members. If you are able, I recommend traveling to the LDS Temple home library in Kensington, MD outside Washington, DC (see photo), or one of their local branches for easiest access to their worldwide system because of the personal assistance you can get in searching their data, saving much valuable time and helping locate data you might otherwise miss. There is no charge to search their sources. They were particularly helpful to me because their sources included the Protestant Church of

Minfeld, Germany, where my forebear Johannes Kauffman worshiped, and they recorded that in 1752, he traveled via Rotterdam to Philadelphia.

The third genealogical resource I would like to call attention to is DNA testing, available through several U.S. agencies, the top rated of which are CRI-Genetics, AncestryDNA, and MyHeritage. I have used both CRI-Genetics and AncestryDNA and both provided very helpful though slightly different results. Both charge something under \$100 for each test series dependent upon periodic specials and both require samples of saliva provided in special capsules which they supply. CRI-Genetics provides not only the regions from which individuals' families originated but also a variety of character traits about the individual whose saliva is tested. DNA results are unlike those from the other resources mentioned, as they reach back hundreds or thousands of years, and may provide insights well beyond those of the others. They may also be used to identify potential extended family members, i.e., those with overlapping DNA structures, that you had no other way of knowing about.

If you are unable or uninterested in doing family genealogical research yourself, consider mentioning these resources to others in your family who take the lead in that fascinating adventure.

**Gil Kaufman**

LDS Temple, Kensington, MD site of LDS Genealogical Archives.



## Who's Who at The Moorings – Jay & Olga Brocco

For Jay and Olga Brocco, coming to The Moorings was a very logical choice. They lived in nearby Reston Va for many years and vacationed often in Lewes and, in fact, watched Cadbury at Lewes being built. Also, Jay's parents were residents in Cadbury at Cherry Hill so they were very much aware of the benefits of living in a Life Plan Community.



Jay was born in Philadelphia but grew up in nearby South Jersey. He attended Merchantville High School, then on to Marietta College for a BS degree before gaining an MBA from Fordham University.

Jay started his career with General Diversified Industries in Philadelphia but quickly moved on to Planning Research Corporation in New York City to take on a far-ranging career in finance and accounting that would include, for a time, Jay, Olga and their young daughter living in London. During his time in London, aside from financial oversight of European operations, his responsibilities included helping establish a corporate presence in Saudi Arabia. He then moved on to the Washington DC corporate office of Planning Research Corporation to deal with business divestitures in Singapore and Hong Kong. The knowledge and experience gained in these positions enabled Jay to become CFO of Vinnell Corporation, a defense contractor with major DOD contracts in Saudi Arabia and other Middle Eastern countries, and later to various financial positions at Northrup Grumman which had acquired Vinnell.

Olga was born in Salt Lake City, Utah to Greek immigrant parents but grew up in Manhattan where she attended high school. Jay and Olga were married in 1971 and Olga studied interior design at Sacred Heart University. When Jay's work with Planning Research Corporation moved to

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**Donna Blomquist**

**Floyd Cook**

### **New Residents**

**Bill & Martha Pastis**  
**Cottage 29**

**Barbara Merkel Apartment**  
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Washington DC and they settled in Reston, Olga obtained her interior design license and maintained a successful business in Northern Virginia for 20 years. They have one daughter and three grandchildren living in Westport, Ct.

With his CFO experience, Jay has been a significant contributor to our Financial Advisory Committee (previously the Financial Working Group) and aided in establishing working guidelines for our treasury function.

We are fortunate to have Jay and Olga among our population.

**Gil Kaufman**

## Ducks in a row.

Joan Sabbato's morning visitors on the East Pond, George and Gracie, turned out to be excellent parents. During Gracie's pregnancy, George guarded her jealously and chased away any drakes that seemed desirous of her charms. None could avoid his raucous squawks and determined chases. This ensured that Gracie could produce 8 little ducklings and between them, the proud parents kept them hidden away in the foliage to ensure that all of their progeny survived every threat until Gracie could take them out to visit the west pond and all the sights in between east and west.

Weeks later, Mamma Mallard proudly paraded her almost grown up babies around the Moorings grounds, but alas, only six had survived. Has anyone seen a fox or snapping turtle around lately?

**Joan Sabbato**



## Reminder

Email sent through the Moorings members list is still being incorrectly identified as SPAM in many cases. The Communications Committee is looking into this. To avoid missing important messages please always check your SPAM folder regularly.

Also be aware that U.S. Government agencies including the IRS, Social Security and Medicare NEVER initiate contacts through email or the telephone. They always use the Postal Service which is the most secure method of communication. The Internet is not secure and is subject to continuous interception of traffic.

***There is no such thing as "just a cat"***

***--Robert Heinline***

## Cottage Driveway repairs.

With warmer weather, the Moorings has begun repairing cracked driveways at the cottages. If your driveway is selected, Maintenance will notify you of the scheduled date. Step one, see illustration, is the removal of the old concrete, which is placed in a dumpster and hauled away. Step two



-Drainage pipes may be installed in the subsoil to keep the new surface from being undermined by runoff from the downspouts, as needed.

One of the more mystifying aspects of this process is that once the removal of the concrete is completed, several days of rain seem to follow, relegating your automobile to on-street parking and rendering the cottage accessible only from the back door. The driveway replacement between Cottage 13 and 14 experienced sixteen weeks of intermittent rain.

The resulting quagmire enticed alligators to move in. (See previous issue of the Free Press Vol 16, No1, Feb. 2023)

Once the subsoil has dried sufficiently the concrete truck will appear and the newly poured concrete will be smoothed and allowed to cure. Your driveway will once again be accessible and rubber boots will no longer be needed to get to the mailbox.

## OUR CANINE AND FELINE FAMILY MEMBERS

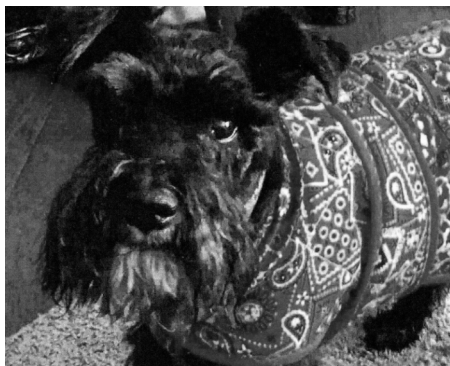
Especially when we are in our senior years, our canine and feline pets are more than ever real parts of our family. Our human children are grown and even our grandchildren and great grands are generally off living their lives off somewhere else, so we see them only occasionally. As a result, our animal friends become our important day-to-day family members

Therefore, it seems appropriate to recognize as many of those canine and feline family members who have lived with us here at The Moorings as we can with a photographic record. I am establishing such a record starting off with Otis, our own family addition for 15-1/2 years, including seven here at Cadbury/The Moorings at Lewes. Also we have Lacy of the Nickerson/Proud family, Morgan from Judy Burgess, and Chowder from Rebecca Rogers.



Otis Kaufman, guarding Cottage 9

Lacy, of the Nickerson/Proud Family



Morgan from Judy Burgess



Chowder from Rebecca Rogers



Hemingway from David Bleil

To fill out this record of important family members, I am asking all of our readers who have had or still have what they consider important canine or feline family members with us here at Cadbury/The Moorings at Lewes to please forward to me via e-mail or hard copy photographs of their pets. My e-mail address is [gil.kaufman@comcast.net](mailto:gil.kaufman@comcast.net) I will scan any photos not already in digital format, and all will be included in our new record on the History shelf in the Library titled "Canine & Feline Family Members at The Moorings at Lewes."

I emphasize we are interested in pets who have since deceased as well as those still with us and also, while dogs have had the greatest visibility, we are also interested in photos of cats who have been important members of your families like Hemingway the polydactyl (6 toed) feline family member of David Bleil.

**Gil Kaufman**

## Re-cyclers ride.

The "Re-cyclers," bicycle riders from the Moorings, ride Fridays at 10:15 a.m. from the main entrance of the big house, weather permitting. We generally ride 8 to 10 miles at a modest speed of 8 to 10 mph. Occasionally we go on longer rides, always announced in advance.

Over the last couple years, more e-bikes have been on the ride, and there are now two e-trikes as well. All are welcome!

July 4, five of us went on an earlier holiday ride through Cape Henlopen State Park, by Gordon's Pond, and back from Rehoboth by the J and B trail, for a total of 16 miles. This enjoyable ride took a bit longer than planned, as one of our number had a flat tire in the park. Our ride leader, David Bleil, was able to install the spare the rider carried (a very important detail!), using another rider's pliers, and yet another rider's pump. This communal effort demonstrated that we never leave anyone behind, or to their own devices!

One important caveat is that our bike mechanics cannot deal with the complexity of e-bikes. If an e-bike is disabled on a ride, a call for rescue and repair will need to be placed. We still won't leave you behind but cannot offer mechanical help on the spot.

Safe and fun cycling to you during these trail-crowded months! Be extra vigilant,



and carry a spare tube and plenty to drink. And remember, it's better to bike with one or more friends.

**Rebecca Brenner**

## By Any Other Name

by Jodi Picoult 2024

This novel begins slowly. As I read on, however, I gained more and more sympathy for Emelia, a girl who had lost her mother, played recorder, loved stories, and wrote, wrote, wrote, then was sent out to a well-to-do 15th century family to be prepared for a future as a courtesan. A young woman who chafed against perceived and real limitations simply because she was female.

The novel moved more quickly as I read on and was drawn into the vicissitudes that the 1600s and the 2000s present to a young woman. Emelia (17th century) and Melinda (21st century) were each talented, energetic and stymied over and over by a world that seemed formed to defeat a female, sometimes to hurt her deeply.

I sympathized. And wondered how brave I had been as I fought my way through college without full parental support to earn graduate degrees and to jobs in an educational, professional system that seemed deliberately designed at many junctures to handicap me. However, along the way, there were some fortunate turns of events and the love of a man who supported me financially (mostly) and emotionally as I bore children and searched for ways to be my own woman, a wife and a mother at the same time.

Emelia in the 1600s was not able to choose her life's path and had to suffer the indignities put upon her by an insufferable man. Melinda's place in the 2000s still inhibited her way to become her best self.

The book proposes that the woman of the 17th century, who did publish a book of poems against great odds, might have written many of Shakespeare's plays. There have always been questions about the authorship of the plays attributed to him. The proposal that Emelia may have ghosted at least some of the plays is

credible and well presented. Emilia wrote even as she was abused.

Melinda's world gave her greater opportunity than Emilia's would have but still kept her in a lesser role than it would have given a white man.

However, what struck me most in the book was the authenticity I felt about the power of creativity and of hardships, then and now, and at the same time of a deep love of children, friends and partners. I cared about the characters (although it was a harsh caring sometimes) and about the lives they led.

Did Emilia write some of what is now attributed to Shakespeare? Possibly. Did she have a love affair with the Earl of Southampton? Possibly. Was she abused and did she have miscarriages? Many women suffered these things. What I came away with were the possibilities of fortunes and disasters, of deep feelings and of the encumbered lives of women. Of men, too, somewhat, but mostly of women.

It is not a political or a polemic novel, just a deeply felt and clearly presented one.

**Sharon Hoover**

***A simple man will rob from a freight train, but give him a college education and he will steal the whole railroad.***

**– Will Rogers.**

## Live Well—a Life Plan

LivWell—Springpoint's wellness program—lists six areas for residents to consider for healthy living. I decided to test myself. How many do I achieve: physical, social, intellectual, vocational, environmental, and spiritual?

Physical is easy. Since I live at the end of the hall, I walk to the bistro, the fitness room or the pool or use the exercise room. Monday, I go to Qigong. Tuesday, I skip, except for singing, walking the halls, and playing recorder in rehearsal. Wednesday, I trek to the grocery store or to exercise. Thursday, I do yoga. Friday back to exercise, Saturday walk, Sunday, the NuStep. I also go to the Lewes library once a week. I have exercise covered. You can add the aqua rockets (pool), horseshoes, balance class, ping pong, walking club, Recyclers, and water volleyball if your interests go in one of those directions.

Socializing is easy, too. I greet others while walking the halls or exercising or going to meetings. I sometimes talk with others while doing a puzzle in the hallway or meeting them at mealtimes or happy hour. Every exercise class and game provide ways to socialize. There's trivia, opera & ballet buffs, bridge, 5 crowns, canasta, cribbage, bark in the park, quilting, poker, and all the many resident committees plus the men's and ladies' lunches and the Friday night movie.

Intellectual is a little trickier. Some folks read to the children in the local school, but I mostly peruse our library and participate in the book club. Many who drive or can catch a ride, enjoy lifelong learning programs or programs at the local library. Some residents hook up with trips planned by The Moorings or by the Lewes or Rehoboth Beach senior centers. Some trips are a part of a day; some are for several days. I travel little these days, but I have a bookmark that says, "Reading is good for your health." I read.

Vocational is tricky, too. Fortunately, The

Moorings has had several people who volunteer as AARP tax consultants. We have had beekeepers. We have a few pastors who serve at The Moorings and in the community. We serve each other in many ways from helping one another with moves, to providing minor repairs, to donating to the food pantry and to thrift shops. The men in the woodshop often repair wobbly chairs and tables or create small bedside tables. I write for the newsletter or for my religious groups. Paper crafts might count for some residents.

Environmental means I throw recyclables in one can, trash in another, grow indoor plants. People pick up pet waste, decorate lawns and doors, turn out unused lights or appliances that are rarely used. Some are "citizen scientists" who report birds they observe at [ebird.com](http://ebird.com).

That leaves us with spiritual. At The Moorings, several residents, especially Joanne Nichols, keep the Catholic services updated with announcements in the bistro. There is an ecumenical service each Sunday afternoon in the auditorium, an Episcopal service each Wednesday afternoon and a silent Quaker meeting each Sunday morning. All residents are welcome at these.

I wondered what local places of worship residents might attend, so I began to ask people. Here is the list I collected (please forgive me if I missed yours): St. Jude the Apostle or St. Edmond Catholic Church, Groome or Epworth Methodist Church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Conley's Chapel, Lewes or Westminster Presbyterian Church, Metropolitan Community Church, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, the Unitarian Universalists and the Seaside Jewish Community. Also, there is the Insight Meditation Community of Lewes, Yoga, and I imagine that many folks have their own daily and/or weekly devotions. From what I see around me—people bicycling, walking, playing shuffleboard, talking, singing, laughing—I think that Springpoint's LivWell program is alive and well at The Moorings!

**Sharon Hoover**

## The Joy of Jigsaw Puzzles

British cartographer John Spilsbury invented the jigsaw puzzle circa 1760 for educational purposes. He called them "Dissected Maps." As saw tool technology evolved, the original wooden pieces became more intricate, and production increased. But their sales fell when improved methods led to increased prices, they were soon to be replaced by less expensive versions made possible by the improved processes. Historical demand for the entertainment value and diversion of puzzles grew in the early 1900's, the Great Depression, during World Wars and conflicts, and during COVID.

Jigsaw complexity evolves with age. Readers might recall doing 8 to 16 large pieces when six years old, 50 to 100 as a teen. As we age, we can master more complex puzzles, although that mastery may reverse once the 500 to 750 piece-range is exceeded. The Largest Jigsaw Puzzle had 551,232 pieces and measured 48 X 72 feet. Not sure we Moorings'



puzzlers can challenge that record!

The Moorings has four puzzle "stations" distributed among "Big House" wings and floors. Inventories have ebbed and flowed, generally in the 500-to-750 puzzle range. A puzzle can be an individual effort but 3 or 4 people typically work on a given puzzle at various times. New lighting brightens each station, helping puzzlers to place those tricky middle pieces from the separation trays they use.

Puzzlers seem to adopt a similar strategy,



working from the straight edges, four distinct corners and looking at the box top for pattern hints. An unnamed source told this reporter that someone has been surreptitiously hiding or moving pieces between stations to foil the puzzlers.

Upon completion, the puzzler faces a recycling decision: disassemble after appropriate moments

of pride, frame, or put under glass for a tabletop. One puzzler had two puzzles framed and hung — one above the puzzle table on the second-floor West; the other on the first floor East.

Benefits of working jigsaw puzzles include increasing cognitive abilities in the early years. Some of us learned the geographic relationship and names of the lower 48 States and their capitals from doing a wooden puzzle (before Alaska and Hawaii joined the Union). Puzzles do keep your brain active which may reduce the risk of Alzheimer's. Jigsaws have been known to promote cursing and sighs of frustration, particularly if one piece is missing (that unnamed culprit!!) or one is left over. One participant indicated that puzzles can promote or cure insomnia!! But she provided no scientific evidence for this claim.

A site survey of our four puzzle stations at various times and days of the week found that not all stations were in use at any one time. Not one cottage resident was seen. Where are the suburbanites in The Moorings' puzzle mania? To be fair, doing puzzles in your cottage or apartment is an option. Cottages do have the "garage advantage"— more space for larger puzzles. One former East Wing puzzler now prefers online puzzles at [jigsawplanet.com](http://jigsawplanet.com).

For those seeking a challenge combined with travel, consider the World Jigsaw

Puzzle Championship, September 15–21, 2025, at the Plaza del Milenio in Valladolid, Spain (NW of Madrid). The championship supports teams, pairs, and individual entries.

No matter how you approach jigsaw puzzle solving at The Moorings, there are benefits galore. Give it a try!!!!

***By the Anonymous Cub Reporter***



**Sometimes the bridge does open**

The canal between Lewes and the inland bays was intended to shield boat traffic from German U-Boats during World War two. It no longer serves that purpose but does provide boat access to the interior bays. Sailboats making that passage are infrequent, but they require opening of the drawbridge in Lewes and the one in Rehoboth Beach. Sailboat traffic is so infrequent some folks have never seen the bridge open except when it is being painted. Rebecca Brenner happened to be biking past the bridge on a day a large sailboat traveled up the canal and the bridge opened. She took this photo.

***Markets can remain irrational  
longer than you can remain solvent.***

***– John Maynard Keynes***

## Even More Connections!

And the beat goes on....

From John Goebel, "I have known Pat Petka and her four sisters since high school in Wilmington, Delaware which goes back to the 1950's. We both moved to the same development in the Rehoboth Beach area in the early 2000s. Also the Nolans, who recently moved here, and I have been friends since we both lived in the same development in New Castle, Delaware and our youngest daughters have been friends ever since kindergarten and still see or talk to each other often. What a small world we live in."

Many of our residents first met each other in the classes of what is now called Osher Lifelong Learning. The Duncans were very active for years. Bob Duncan and I taught classes for the Academy. The Elder Moments Chorus of OLLI has included at various times Dorothy Danneger, Betty Carnahan, Ann Lyn Martin, Bob Porta and I. (Terry August currently is a singer in the group).

Bob Porta, Richard Thomas, and Pat Ward discovered that although they never worked together at the same facility, that they had all worked for parts of what used to be called the telephone company and they could speak a common language.

Paula Luddy and Marian Hetrick learned that they each had sons who live in Bel Aire, MD. When Paula planned to stay there overnight before a Baltimore medical appointment, it was convenient to travel with Marian, who was visiting her son after hip replacement surgery. The sons live only 2 miles apart!

Let me know if I've missed any!

**Sherry Chapelle**

## The Longest Day Picnic

Instead of the June 20 Happy Hour, the Moorings celebrated the Longest Day of the Year 2025 with a Happy Picnic! Held in the greenway between Friendship and West Cadbury Circles, celebrants enjoyed picnic food and drinks accompanied by Bud Hirschmann's band "Electric Smoke" with Bud at the keyboard. They played old favorites and responded to a few requests.

One resident expressed joy to notice that the position of the greenway between two of our streets prevented the loss of this ideal event space from The Moorings planned expansion! We're looking forward to more events there in the future.



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