

A Chronicle  
of the  
Pride of Wall Seniors

*September, 2012 through August, 2013*

**September**...We begin our 36<sup>th</sup> year by recalling all our deceased members and, by name, those since 2006...Police Chief Bruce Price and Lieutenant Detective Walter Humphry inform us of safety measures both in public and on the phone, and encourage us to register with *Global Connect* in preparation for emergencies... 113 are in attendance and membership stands at 123, with 14 new members...We learn about the New Jersey poet *Joe Salerno* and the New Jersey Boro *Elmer* ... Philip Barlow describes the wonders of mums and the fate of impatiens under attack from evil spores...At the end Mary Brennan draws a mum plant...Membership grows to 175...Forty one members bus to Eastern State Penitentiary, see Al Capone's cell and visit Reddington Terminal in Philadelphia... the Sunshine Spotlight shines on Ruth Myers for her 700<sup>th</sup> knitted cap for infants at JSUMC... We bring disposable medications to the Wall Police Headquarters...

**October**...Dr. Don Steinfeld, Podiatrist, shares his love for – and gives us samples of – his homemade Cranberry Apple Relish... We fill a bus and trip to Resorts Casino...We welcome Fall with the help of Dr. Joel Brooks, who tells us about Memory Enhancement... We remember to conduct the lottery for the Recreation Department trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse... Super Senior Marion Menaghan, a 20 year member, passes... Hurricane Sandy storms in on the 29<sup>th</sup> and many of us are two weeks without electricity...

**November**...Sandy's punch and an early snow storm blanket our "First Tuesday" meeting...Our visit to Hunterdon Hills is also a victim of the weather...With generators working at the Municipal Building, we are back to business by the "Third Tuesday"...The Steering Committee authorizes the purchase of a hot water heater for tea at our meetings...113 members are present as *Care One* treats us to sandwiches and Nutritionist Tricia McCafferty tells us about healthful eating...Ginny and Lou Acampora have *Senior Information Handbooks* available...

**December**...Elaine Doyle reports that an urn for heating water has been purchased for \$75, and that the PWS meat slicer is being kept in the kitchen closet and that membership stands at 200...Ginny and Lou provide news-letters about disaster planning and prescription drugs ...Jane Rowe gathers members' cell phone numbers for emergency calls... The chorus from Wall Central School, directed by Sandy Anderson, entertains us...We take a bus trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City...For our Winter Luncheon, 180 of us enjoy the hospitality of the Crystal Point and the music of Bobby Brescia... Jeff Foster, Ed Grill, Mary Ann Conte, Kate Khorl, Lorraine Kubacz attend... President Joan Campbell presents certificates of recognition to Josephine Lenard and Fran Scannell for their cheerful service for more than a decade as members of the Kitchen and Hospitality Committees...

**January**...Grace Rothery, formerly a Corresponding Secretary, passes ... Because of New Year's Day, we have only one meeting in January ... Kathleen Morrison of the Sheriff's Office speaks about services for seniors and stresses the importance of carrying identification at all times...She takes I.D. photos in the lounge for those who need them ...Ruth Brant thanks today's "cake bearers" and elicits 10 more for next meeting...Lou and Ginny inform us of Elder Abuse and information for senior drivers...

**February**...Dr. DeLuca, Debra Schneider and Lorraine Catalano speak of Heart and Brain imaging...Jack Gifford succeeds Mary Megill in bringing each meeting's food contributions to the West Belmar Methodist Church... The Nominating Committee (Jim Fanning, Joe Roma and Jane Rowe) begins preparation of a slate of Nominees for the first meeting of May...Members volunteer to "Read Across America"...June Coles speaks from her personal experience of acting FAST when someone exhibits symptoms of stroke...Dr. Jon Salisbury pays us a return visit, speaking about Visiting Physicians Services and caring for stroke victims...Elaine Doyle says "212 to date"... Meeting attendance averages 50% of membership...

**March**...With 112 in attendance, Jeff Brown and the Allenwood School Chorus sing for us...Super Senior Ruth Stout passes...The members begin looking toward June's election of officers...We treat ourselves to a "Welcome Spring" party with Turkey on Rye followed by Lee Sheehan and Bingo...113 brave the weather to be present...We fill a bus and try our luck at Resorts Casino, Atlantic City...Irving and Pearl Bauman celebrate their forty-ninth anniversary...

**April**...Membership reaches 219...Nick Curcio, Wall PD EMS, demonstrates CPR and stresses the need for timely action in emergencies...We conduct a lottery for two busloads to travel to *Li Greci*, Staten Island, for a show and luncheon... The trip is a success and everyone comes back in good spirits... Members participate in "Reading Across America"...Irv Bauman receives thank-you letters from *Old Mill School* students...Al Fariello and Earl Worthly win boxes of cookies...Former Wall Mayor Benjamin Danskin passes... Denise and Scott Wilcjeski bring Chauncy to demonstrate the friendly skills of a Komander...Lou Acampora informs us that outdated medications may be brought to Wall Police Headquarters on the 27<sup>th</sup>...

**May**...Joe Leone demonstrates his skill in salad preparation and the proof is in the sampling...The members accept the Nominating Committee's "slate" of candidates for next month's election of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-arms for two-year terms... There are no nominations from the floor...Florence (Jeff) Schlaflin, a member since 2001 and a 12 year volunteer at JSUMC, passes...Joan Jannarone, John and Jane Rowe conduct an enjoyable trip (2 buses @ 48) to DuPont Estates in Delaware...Arlene Schmidt mails invitations to 14 Super Seniors ...Four are able to attend the birthday party in their honor...Howard Parker enriches the celebration with his song and vitality... Ann Marie Conte is sworn in as the newest Monmouth County Library Commissioner...

**June**...At the last meeting of the year, the membership by unanimous acclamation elects Lou Acampora President and Matt McInerney Vice-President, and re-elects Gladys Gifford Recording Secretary, Elmer Myers, Jr. Treasurer and Nancy Fowler Sergeant-at-Arms... Carol Swinchoski brings her Old Mill School singers to entertain us... 159 attend our 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon at Crsytal Point, courtesy of the Township Committee...Clint Hoffman swears in our newly elected officers...Town Administrator Jeffry Bertrand and Town Clerk Lorraine Kubacz, are with us to enjoy the music of Ian Gallagher, with Garry Haggerman at the keyboard...Joan Campbell presents certificates to acknowledge the service of out-going Vice-President Lee Sheehan and outgoing Program Chair Mary Megill Program Chair... Lou Acampora presents an award to out-going President Joan Campbell for her service over the last four years...Pete Peterson, a member for 12 years, passes to the Lord...

**July...**In the middle of a heat wave, 75 of us share the out-of-doors comfort of the Oak Tree Lodge and the generosity of the Township Committee ... Some swim in the pool, others stroll along the shaded pathways and all enjoy the barbecued chicken...Jean Morton, a member since 1992, passes, joining her husband Ray, who was President from 1992 to 1997 and died in 1998...

**August...**63 of us gather for an Ice Cream Social...Ruth and Elmer procure the gallons of ice cream and the array of toppings...a slide show on a lap top shows what we looked like at Crystal Point and at several Spring meetings...Joan DeSarno, a member since 2002, a former Sergeant at Arms, Recording Secretary and Secretary of the Steering Committee, passed...

*Jim Fanning, September 3, 2013*