

A Chronicle  
of the  
Pride of Wall Seniors

*June, 2011 – August, 2012*

**June**...Janet Van Natten of the Wall Library informs us of services available to Seniors... Membership stands at 217...On the day of Solstice we celebrate our 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon at The Barclay, Belmar, courtesy of the Town Committee ...Mayor Ann Marie Conte and Committeeman George Newberry attend...The Mayor swears in our newly elected officers: Joan Campbell, President, Lee Sheehan Vice-President, Gladys Gifford, Recording Secretary, Elmer Myers, Jr., Treasurer and Nancy Fowler, Sergeant-at-Arms...and 160 of us enjoy the music and singing of Janet Genaro and the cuisine and service of The Barclay...

**July**...84 of us attend our annual Picnic at Red Oak Lodge...Andy Chapman passes to the Lord...

**August**...Our *Ice Cream Social* draws 50 of us together in the Community Room...Bill Paxton and Jane Panek pass to the Lord...

**September**...We recall all our deceased members...June Cole shares her interest in art, dance and clothing, with a display of some of her work...We begin our year with 125 dues-paying members...Lou and Ginny Acampora tell us of the "Silent Senior" program (for Seniors who live alone) of the Office on Aging...A fire drill catches us by surprise before our 9/20 meeting...Dee Sherman and her two daughters tell us of their Alpaca Farm and show samples of their knitting...We take a bus trip to Camden to explore the Battleship New Jersey and hear the music of the "Andrew Sisters"...

**October**..."Dr. Don" Steinfeld shares his hobby of canning and leaves us with samples of his Beach Plumb Jelly Quince...Elaine Doyle reports membership at 187...140 "Welcome Autumn" with a treat from Meridian Sub-Acute and a presentation by Stacy Davis...A bus brings us on a visit to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City...

**November**...Bob Shank, consultant pharmacist, spoke to us about the benefits and risks of medications...The membership amends the By-Laws to add the Financial Secretary to those authorized to sign the organization's checks...We learn that the Barclay in Belmar must close for repair of recent rain damage...Clair Chester, Marie Moen and Tootie Rutledge pass...Membership is at 197...We mark the anniversary of the Statue of Liberty...Vic Cipolla of Waterbrook Florist shows us how to make a Thanksgiving centerpiece (and reveals the secret of the "oasis sponge") ...The Sunshine Spotlight lights on Ruth Myers who has recently completed knitting her 630<sup>th</sup> baby cap donated to JSUMC...

**December**...Jon Huston and the West Belmar Elementary School Chorus entertain us with a selection of seasonal songs...Thanks to the generosity of the Town and the help of Ed Grill, 168 attend our annual winter luncheon at the Crystal Point, our first time there ...President Joan Campbell awards certificates of appreciation to Immediate Past-President Joe Roma, Past-President and current Chaplain Jim Fanning and Sunshine Chair Mary Fanning...Bob Brescia was our singing disk jockey...Mayor Ann Marie Conte and Township Committee Members were present...

**January**...Elaine Doyle distributes the membership list...Ray and Alma Walton attend their final meeting before moving to Silver Ridge, Toms River...Joan Campbell presents them with a certificate of thanks for their 20 years of service to Pride of Wall Seniors and to Wall Township...Met Life gives us a treat and a presentation on financial planning...Joe Rizetello and Rick Henderson speak about fire safety at home and at our meetings...Marie Price joins the Kitchen Committee...West Belmar Church thanks us for our food donations to their pantry...Lou and Ginny Acampora inform us about blocking unwanted cell phone calls and getting help with tax preparation at the Wall Library...Inez Boyan reports 64 pairs of glasses sent to New Eyes for the Needy...

**February**...Rita Palaszewski, June Humenick and Marie Silva pass away...Our membership stands at 199...Rose Smith and Monmouth County SPCA volunteers bring therapy, and bring "doggie bags" for the pets...Cheri Klinker explains the art and importance of bee keeping...

**March**...We welcome Spring with a luncheon prepared and served by Atria...Jeff Browne and the Allenwood 4<sup>th</sup> Graders entertain us...Elaine Doyle reports membership at 200...We fill two busses for a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City...

**April**...Articles V and IX of the By-Laws are amended...Matt Miller of Family Focus tells of the importance of balance and of the need to "practice, practice, practice" ...Dr. Ralph Del Negro gives a presentation on cataract surgery...The Sunshine Spotlight points to Louise Palmer for generously crocheting items for cancer patients throughout Monmouth County and for completing her 500<sup>th</sup> baby cap for JSUMC...

**May**...On a misty, drizzly day, we bus to New York City for a boat excursion and lunch on the Hudson River...Lou and Ginny tell us that May is "Older Americans Month", and Joan Campbell reads a proclamation by the Township Committee...The Nominating Committee presents a slate of Arlene Schmidt, Jane Rowe and Mary Burne as candidates for reelection as recording Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms respectively. There are no nominations from the floor...Rudi Towle passes...The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus of Wall Elementary School enriches us with a program of historical and patriotic songs...Mary Fanning shines the Sunshine Spotlight on Marge Krupin for her ongoing care for Louise Alfonse at Sunrise at Wall...We honor our Super Seniors and Military Veterans with a party and the music of Ian Gallagher. 140 attend to give thanks for Marion Meneghan, Chris Tomassi, Irv Bauman, Ruth Stout, Helen McNally, Pete Peterson, Angela Jacobi, Hester Rubano, Terry Beriont and Lillian Kraus...2 busses take us to Li Greci's Staaten on Staten Island, N.Y., for a lunch and a USO Stars and Stripes show starring Mike Byrne...

**June**...The Algonquin sends us Keyboardist Bill Whitefield and Soprano Julie Nagy to enchant us with show tunes...The members re-elect Arlene Schmidt, Jane Rowe and Mary Burne to the offices of Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms respectively...The Sunshine Spotlight focuses on Joan Campbell, Lee Sheehan, John and Jane Rowe, Joan Jannarone, Mary Megill, the Kitchen Committee and the General Membership...We wonder about 1710 Route 71, D-Day, and the Transit of Venus...Inez Boyan reports that we have donated more than 150 pairs of eyeglasses to New Eyes for the Needy...Membership stands at 211...Super Senior Anna Vitale passes away at age 100...Chris Tomassi passes away two weeks before her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday...We cross the river to Crystal Point 162 strong to enjoy our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon with the assistance of the Township Committee...Ann Marie Conte, Liaison to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, swears in our re-elected officers Arlene Schmidt, Jane Rowe and Mary Burne...Lorraine Kubacz, Town Clerk, and our new Township Administrator Jeff Bertrand also honor us with their presence...Janet Genarro energizes us with song and gives us reason to dance and sing, even "Dear Old Donegal"...Grace and Pete Peterson acknowledge their approaching 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary...

**July**...65 of us brave a heat wave to enjoy the annual Picnic at the Oak Tree Lodge, thanks to the generosity of our Town Committee...The Coast Star lets us know what Fran Scannell thinks about campaign funding and shows us Mary Burne with the South Monmouth Board of Realtors...Mary Southcott passes...Eleanor Lukowitz celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday...

**August**...In our last formal activity of the year, Elmer and Ruth Myers bring the ice cream and trimmings for our Ice Cream Social. Mary Fanning and Alice Towle set up the water and soda, while 50 of us enjoy cheerful conversation, delicious dessert and a slide show of our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon.

*Jim Fanning*  
*September 4, 2012*

**BY-LAWS**  
*Amended April 17, 2012*

**ARTICLE V MEETINGS**

- A. All meetings, at which the business of the Organization shall be conducted, shall be held at 12:30 P.M. in the Community Room of the Wall Municipal Building on the first and third Tuesday of each month from September through June, except when a luncheon, banquet or legal holiday occurs.
- B. The Organization's year shall commence at the Call to Order of the first Meeting in September and shall conclude at the Call to Order at the first Meeting in the following September.