

# The Falls at Sheridan

Our Community Newsletter  
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## Presidential Ramblings

Greetings during a lovely, Hurricane free Fall. The sun is lower and the trees are losing leaves and the Snow birds are coming home to roost for the Winter.

The playground is receiving some much needed repairs. Please instruct your children [of all ages] to respect the area and leave it as they find it.

We are going out to bid for a new common area landscaping company. The choice will be made at the next Board meeting on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. Also, some bids are being received for pressure washing some common areas. We would love to pay for pressure washing the gutters of the development, but, we would have to raise our yearly fees. No one wishes that to happen. To avoid that, we ask you to please consider the gutter to be part of your property and clean that as you do your other areas. We are organizing a team of fence workers to remove encroaching brush and repair the staves and posts. If you see them, offer them a drink and please remember, they are volunteering their time!

We are very fortunate to have wild life attracted to our lakes and park areas. Please treat them as Wild and don't feed them. It only confuses them and can harm them [and us] in the long run.

We are lucky to live here. Please extend friendship to your neighbors and keep a smile on your face. Max, the wonder dog, and I will see you all in our appointed rounds now that the weather is cooling down.

*by Russ Schaad*

## Halloween Etiquette

Halloween will soon be here. It is hard to believe a year has passed since the goblins, ghosts, and witches roamed the streets. Anyhow just a reminder; please stay on the sidewalks. We know the younger children get excited and run through the lawns but tripping could be a problem with irrigation heads and path lights that protrude from the grass. Houses that do not have their lights on, generally, mean they are not participating. Trick or Treat ends at eight o'clock. Please do not ring doorbells after that hour. AND remember, it is a MUST, to say THANK YOU. Have fun and ..... Happy ~~Haunting~~!!!!

Christmas will be here sooner than you know. Is it really time to start thinking about the decorating at the gate??? A reminder: We decorate the entrance the SATURDAY after THANKSGIVING. Contact Ruthe Faust 727-3937 There will not be another newsletter before this date so please take this as your official notice. Mark your calendar if you plan to help.



The  
Falls  
Garage  
Sale Oct  
16 & 17

**CLEAN OUT THE GARAGE  
CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS  
YOUR JUNK MAY BE SOMEONE'S  
TREASURE!!!!**

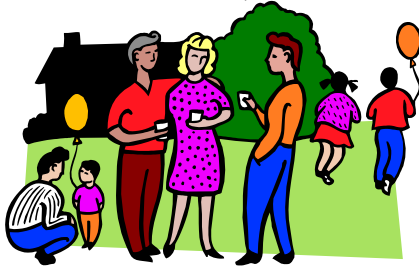
You may want to hang a balloon on your mailbox or place a Garage Sale sign by it to inform people you are a participant. Community gates will be open for those two days.

There is no charge to you. The Association pays for advertising the once a year event.

## COVENANTS BALLOTS

If you have not returned your ballot to the appointed person, would you please see that you comply. It is a very simple request and we want everyone to cast their vote. It only takes a few minutes. Thank you to all the residents who filled out their ballots and returned them. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. As soon as we receive all ballots, we will announce a place and day when the ballots will be counted. You may attend this meeting, however please be aware, we will be counting and recording the votes. There will not be any discussion period. It is a working meeting. Need a ballot??? Contact Ruthe Faust 842 Potomac 727-3937

**AROUND THE FALLS** *by Ruthe Faust!*



**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:**

*Celebrating Birthdays in Aug were:*

- Michael Douty 5<sup>th</sup>
- Bob Griffith 11<sup>th</sup>
- Vince Sammaritono 18<sup>th</sup>
- Computer guru
- Ted Wareing 29<sup>th</sup>

*Celebrating Birthdays in Sept were:*

- Kelly Merz 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Reese Stewart 15<sup>th</sup>
- Marie Williams 15<sup>th</sup>
- Matt Rogers 21<sup>st</sup>
- Carol Fischer 26<sup>th</sup>
- Betty Cammack 28<sup>th</sup>

*AND to all other residents celebrating their special day HAPPY, HAPPY birthday!*

**CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:**

*Celebrating Anniversaries in Aug:*

- Rosalie & Ted Wareing 31<sup>st</sup>

*Celebrating Anniversaries in Sept:*

- Evey & Dick Borysiewicz 21<sup>st</sup>

*and to all the other happy couples*

*HAP-HAP-py Anniversary!*

**HEALTH ISSUES**

We heard that **Ben Heyman** was not well. Ben was a past director for the Falls. We do wish him well. Also **Al Alford** of Potomac Drive had a short trip to the hospital. Hope everything is fine now.

We have a few residents sporting supports on arms, knees and elbows. Is this a sign of the times or is it the time of our life??

**COMMUNITY SYMPATHY**

We extend our condolences to the family of **Ed Moore**. Ed died just

after the last newsletter went to press, otherwise would have been reported at that time. Ed was a loyal member of our Computer Club in the Falls and will be missed.

**VISITING IN THE FALLS WERE:**

We had a lot of Grand Children visit in the month of August. I can clearly see why you have your children when you are young. All the Grandparents loved having their grandkids but it was exhausting. Some of the Grandparents looked a little frazzled toward the end of the visit but a **good time was had by all!**

The **Wareings** had their daughter and 4 grandkids from Maryland.

The **Telegler's** had their grand kids from Long Island (two sets)

The **Schaads'** had their grandkids from Jacksonville. Fl.

**Elaine Bryson** had a niece from New York visit.

**Lorraine Douty** had 2 nieces from Connecticut and also a niece from Tampa visit with her.

The **Tegeler's** had both their daughters and children visit them but at different times,

**TRAVELING OUT OF THE FALLS:**

**Ronnie Schultz** spent a few days with her sister in Daytona.

**Jeanne Pannucci** went to New Jersey for a family reunion

**Bea & Alberto Vargas** visited family while vacationing in Mexico.

**Brian Valentine** went to Bike fest in Key West.

**Ronnie and Dave Schultz** went to Ocala to visit Ronnie's Aunt and Uncle.

**Dave Schultz** went back after many years to visit his sister in Pittsburgh, Pa. He tried to capture his youth by going to Kennywood Park and even rode the Roller Coasters. I spent

some days of my youth at this Park, too. But, no riding roller coasters for me now.

**Sally and Dan Young** visited Sally's brother in Ohio and had an enjoyable time.

A **BIG WELCOME** back to **Elisabete & John Mederios** (Sweet Tomatoes). It is nice to have you back in the community.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Amy Rogers!!!!** Amy has gotten her RN degree and is now pursuing the next level of education. Not only that, she has three children, a husband and a home to keep her more than busy. Good Luck, Amy. Great Job!

The monthly Board of Directors meeting is open to the whole community. Why not come and see how the community operates. This is a chance for you to get answers to any question you may have and for you to give an opinion. Remember you all are welcome.

The next BoD meeting is October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Wesley United Methodist Church.



**WATCH OUT!**

Since

**John Rhodes** is under construction and the police have really been patrolling Sheridan. I have seen them parked along the easements, at unexpected areas. They have been on motorcycles, in plain cars and of course, patrol cars. I have never seen so many cars pulled over. I know, we do not have anyone in our community that drives too fast (?) on Sheridan but do be careful. Speeding fines can be quite costly. A word to the Wise!

**DIDJA KNOW????**

The beautiful waterfall that greets you as you enter our community was constructed in 1995 when they were putting in the roads and streets. Thus came the naming of our community. THE FALLS AT SHERIDAN. The falls is constructed from coquina stone. Coquina stone is created from shells. Ken Schaeffer tells me the stone is prevalent in St. Augustine and probably was shipped from there. The falls were designed by Tim Bowman from Florida Falls. Originally, there were many Washingtonian palms lining the entrance. If I recall, we had approximately 23. It was a very impressive entrance. However, we had bores infest the palms, butt rot and, of course, the year 2004 Hurricanes. Little by little the palms had to be removed. In 2006 we planted 2 Foxtail Palms on either side of the entrance by the gates and they are beautiful specimens now. Then we re-planted 4 Foxtails on each side of the fences entering the community, 6 around the waterfall, 3 in the inside gate bed and 1 up front at the entrance side. That is a total of 18 Foxtails. I do believe our community has recovered from our loss and now we look better than originally. Foxtails are much nicer palms than the Washingtonians. Oh yes, we have one lonely original Robusto Washingtonian Palm in the center bed to your left as you enter the gate.

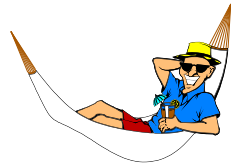
Catch you next time with some facts from The Falls. *Ruthe*

**BUNCO**

The Fall's Bunco group has just finished its third year of "rollin dice". We enjoy time together once a month and have a few laughs. We even win a little money! We meet the second Wednesday of the month

with members hosting at their home once a year. We always need substitutes, so if you need a break, why not join us for a gal's night out. If you are a working gal, we are usually finished by 10:00 PM. It's an early night. We would love to have you join us.

Contact Ruthe Faust 727-3937 or any of the Bunco gals.



Retiree's News  
By  
Ruthe Faust

The Retiree's will be holding a Fall gathering at The Olive Garden on October 24<sup>th</sup>. It is a "glad to see all the Retiree's back" party. We were so happy with last event at the Olive Garden, we decided to "DO LUNCH AGAIN". A flier will be delivered to you soon and a committee member will call you for your reservation. We are looking forward to seeing you. **DO NOT FORGET THE HOLIDAY PARTY WILL BE DECEMBER 6th.** We had a great response last year. We hope to repeat the attendance. Don't get confused now :

October 24<sup>th</sup> Fall Gathering  
Olive Garden  
December 6<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party.....  
Holiday Inn

**MARK YOUR CALENDERS NOW**

*The following is a report from Dick O'Donnell on his trip to Normandy this summer.*

**D-DAY PLUS 65** – Tears and cheers marked each day in Normandy, France as people of many nations marked the passage of 65 years since the invasion of France (or the *Débarquement de Normandie*, as the French term it).

Dick O'Donnell of 760 Conestee Drive was fortunate enough to

spend eleven days in Normandy this year. As the National Chairman of the "Family and Friends of the 508th PIR Association" he attended numerous ceremonies in honor of the men who fought and died there during June and July of 1944.

Interestingly, Dick was just a toddler when the invasion took place and was never a parachutist himself.

In the 1990's he was deeply involved in family genealogy and stumbled across a relative who had risen from a hard life in the coal-mining region of Pennsylvania to become a Captain in the Army. In fact, this cousin, Gerard A. Ruddy, had been amongst the earliest of paratroopers, a member of the 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR) while a low-level enlisted man. He was subsequently nominated for OCS and became the commander of the Headquarters Company, First Battalion of the 508th PIR. Unfortunately, Gerard was a casualty on D-Day and today lies in Ste. Laurent Sur Mere – the Normandy cemetery spotlighted in the movie "Saving Private Ryan".

Fascinated by the man's achievements, Dick began researching the 508th itself and in 2003 learned they were seeking a webmaster. He has since created their website ([www.508pir.org](http://www.508pir.org)) which is updated almost daily and now contains over 3,500 pages and thousands of photos. He also founded the Friends and Family association with a huge membership, including a few hundred of the remaining 508th WW-II veterans.

**Astounding Find**

During recent research on a James R. Hattrick who had been listed as KIA but with an indefinite date of death, O'Donnell came across a photo of a small tablet in the Gourbesville cemetery. This small

village lies about 6 miles SE of Ste. Mere Eglise and the famous Omaha and Utah beaches. But Gourbesville itself was, and is, just a tiny hamlet with little notoriety.

The tablet had the French inscription of *"In the memory of JAMES R. HATTRICK, a soldier in the 82nd Airborne Division, and the 300 other men who died in combat in Gourbesville, from June 6 to 16, 1944"*

Dick wondered why James had been singled out from the other 300 casualties. He began working through various contacts living in the area in an attempt to find out about the tablet's background.

The research took many twists and turns that make a story too long to be told here but the mystery was finally solved after months of effort.

### D-Day Morning, 1944

Hattrick's aircraft was supposed to deliver its load of paratroopers over Ste Mere Eglise but, like many others, was forced off course by weather conditions. At 2:45 a.m. the green light went on and the "stick" of 18 paratroopers exited the aircraft. Hattrick was followed by R.B. Lewellen who had been standing immediately behind him.

James Hattrick came down just outside the village square. His best friend, R.B. Lewellen landed near a huge oak tree about a hundred yards away. R.B. (who had been christened only with initials) had no idea where James or any of the other 16 men were.

James Hattrick, research finally determined, was hiding behind a woodpile and sniping at German soldiers. A German officer in command of locally garrisoned troops thought the sniping was the act of French resistance fighters and confronted the mayor. Pointing his

pistol at the mayor, the officer demanded that he make the sniping stop. The mayor, of course, had no more idea of who was at fault and undoubtedly feared for his life. It was at that point that Hattrick killed the officer. Unfortunately, German troops spotted him in the woodpile and shot James in the head.

Meanwhile, R.B. Lewellen with his designated LZ (landing zone) nowhere in sight had aimed for a pie-shaped field with a large tree in the middle. Once he landed and removed his chute, R.B. ran for the tree. He spotted three German troops and fired two quick shots killing one man and perhaps wounding a second. Return fire shattered R.B.'s left hand and also struck him in the thigh. He was captured and brought to a German aid station that had been established in the village schoolhouse. An American major was also there with a hip wound. Neither knew the other.

Incredibly, the German doctor spoke perfect English. Captured by Americans in Italy, he had been treated fairly and allowed to attend to German wounded. Now it was his time to reciprocate.

R.B.'s hand had been mangled and had to be amputated. The doctor spoke with pride that he had left a good stump for a future prosthesis. Shortly after that, R.B. and the major were put on a bus and taken to the first of a few POW camps where they lasted out the war.

**... Fast Forward, 64 Years** – *to be continued in our next edition.*

*Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.*

Next Newsletter Dec 1, 2009, *The Editor*



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