

Village Voice

Boundless Passion

Brushes, typewriters and guitars
are among the preferred tools
used by timeless artists
at Masonic Villages.



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Masonic Villages Earn “Best of” Awards

The Masonic Villages at Lafayette Hill, Elizabethtown and Sewickley have been recognized as the “Best of ” in retirement living in Pennsylvania for outstanding resident feedback on SeniorAdvisor.com.

“Every day I know that moving here was the best move I could have made. The security, the entertainment, food, available health care ... all the best I have seen anywhere,” Pat Brannigan said of Masonic Village at Sewickley.

“We moved here to take the worry out of our aging for our kids and grandkids. Who knew we would land in such a great place with everything at our fingertips,” Jim and Jean Tebay said of Masonic Village at Elizabethtown.

SeniorAdvisor.com, the largest ratings and reviews site for senior care and services in North America, recently



announced the Best of 2017 Awards, recognizing the “Best of the Best” providers as rated by residents and families. Over 1,000 assisted living, in-home care and other senior housing providers across the United States and Canada were recognized this year, but Masonic Villages are the only campuses in their respective communities to make the list.

According to SeniorAdvisor.com, this exclusive designation places the winners in the top one percent of senior care providers, based on the opinions of residents and their families. The site helps families research senior care options and locate reliable providers based on first-hand feedback from others who have been through the same experience.

Monuments Recognized for Design



Beautiful tributes to the sacrifices of our country's veterans, the Veterans Grove and Eternal Flame monument at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown received a Trumbauer Award from the Philadelphia Chapter of the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art for “Landscape Architecture & Design.” RLPS Architects, who designed the projects, accepted the award.

The Veterans Grove displays the conflicts our nation has fought in and the words of our country's leaders,

beginning with Thomas Jefferson's quote, “Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.” The central focus is on the Word of God, upon which our country was founded.

The Eternal Flame monument is lit 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year. A plaque on the front reads: “All gave some ... Some gave all.” A constructed pathway around the monument features pavers inscribed with remembrance messages from donors. (See p. 25 for information on sponsoring a paver.)

Masonic Village established the grove in 1920 in memory of Masons who gave their lives serving in World War I. It was updated in 2007 to honor all conflicts and veterans. The Eternal Flame monument was constructed and dedicated in 2014.

The Trumbauer Awards are named for internationally-renowned Philadelphian architect Horace Trumbauer (1868-1938) and recognize contemporary classical projects that express the breadth and inclusiveness celebrated in his expansive work.



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Life's Blessings (Times Seven)

Kelly Weaver tackles many roles in her life – the most recent being the newly-named executive director of the Masonic Village at Warminster. Beyond this, she is a wife, mother, swing pusher, trampoline jumper, early riser, animal lover and believer.

Early in her life, her ambitions were set on working with animals. After spending some time shadowing a veterinarian, she quickly realized that wasn't the career for her. An unfortunate event set the wheels in motion directing her to her true calling.

Kelly attended DeSales University, earning a bachelor's degree in psychology, and Chestnut Hill College, earning a master's degree in counseling psychology

and human services. The summer after she completed graduate school, her grandfather had a stroke.

"While he was rehabbing, I spent all of my free time at the facility," she said. "It was my first experience in a long-term care community, and I fell in love. I could not believe how caring and wonderful the staff were. It was a whole new world for me."

Kelly hadn't found a job yet, and when a position for a director of social services opened up at the community, it felt like fate. Sadly, her grandfather passed away, but the experience pointed Kelly down her future career path. She was hired as the director of social services, later transitioning to director of marketing

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and admissions, assistant administrator, personal care home administrator and, eventually, executive director.

“I honestly cannot imagine working in any other field,” she said.

After taking a brief break from her career to start a family, in 2012, Kelly saw the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill was looking for an assistant executive director. She served in this position for four years before being named the executive director of the Masonic Village at Warminster in December 2016.

“I knew I definitely wanted to work for a non-profit organization with an amazing mission, and I don’t know that I could have found a more mission-driven organization,” she said. “I truly believe that everything happens for a reason. The Masonic Village ‘door’ has been an amazing one thus far.”

As anyone working in long-term care can attest, there are daily challenges and rewards. When she’s not dealing with regulatory requirements and personnel issues, Kelly looks forward to spending 20 minutes with a resident and hearing a snippet of his or her life story. She also values her dedicated co-workers and watching them put their hearts into caring for residents and accommodating family members.

“These are my days,” she said, “filled with people, and people are my passion. What I love most about working at Masonic Village is that people are their passion, too.”

Kelly’s other passion in life comes in the form of 14 tiny feet – those of her seven sons, including

five-year-old triplets. Surviving the last few years and adjusting to being a parent, and a good one at that, has been one of her greatest accomplishments.

“In those early days after bringing the triplets home, our biggest accomplishment was getting a shower,” she said. “Now it centers more on remembering that they are each their own person and treating them as such. My family, honestly, is my inspiration and motivation. I feel incredibly blessed in that I have a fabulous family and an incredible career.”

When Kelly’s not at Masonic Village, she’s swinging, sliding, jumping, singing and reading – mostly books about cats and cars, but also the occasional novel. She dreams of writing her own book, most likely when her boys are older.

The triplets are at a fun age, with the magic of Santa and the Tooth Fairy inducing excitement. Santa’s recent gifts included a go kart, much to the chagrin of “Mrs. Claus.”

“There was so much joy and awe on their faces as they opened gifts and just tried to take it all in,” Kelly said. “To see the kids tearing around in this thing was hysterical.”

Kelly believes in living in the moment, even if it’s chaotic, and always reminds her boys to “be kind and love one another.” With seven times the challenges and fun, Kelly finds her role at home, as well as work, very rewarding.

A Small Revolution

“It was never about the money for me or the awards. The reward was helping people.”

John Kula was in his late 30s, working as a draftsman and raising four children, when it occurred to him he'd soon be facing a mountain of college tuition bills. Seeking to advance his career in engineering, for 10 years, he attended night courses at the New Jersey Institute of Technology and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering.

His decision benefited his children, who all made it through college. But his eventual contribution to the development of one of the “Ten Patents that Changed the World” (*Intellectual Property International* magazine, August 2002) impacted millions of people. And it saved lives.

After earning his degrees, John designed high speed printers and copiers. He was hired by Ethicon, Inc., a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, and helped to develop surgical staplers, eventually moving into management. Because of his background in small devices, John was approached with an opportunity to assist Johnson & Johnson in breaking into the cardiology field.

His team consisted of himself, a marketing specialist

and his boss. Their task was to find the “next big thing” in cardiology that would catapult Johnson & Johnson to the number one or number two ranked company in cardiovascular products and devices.

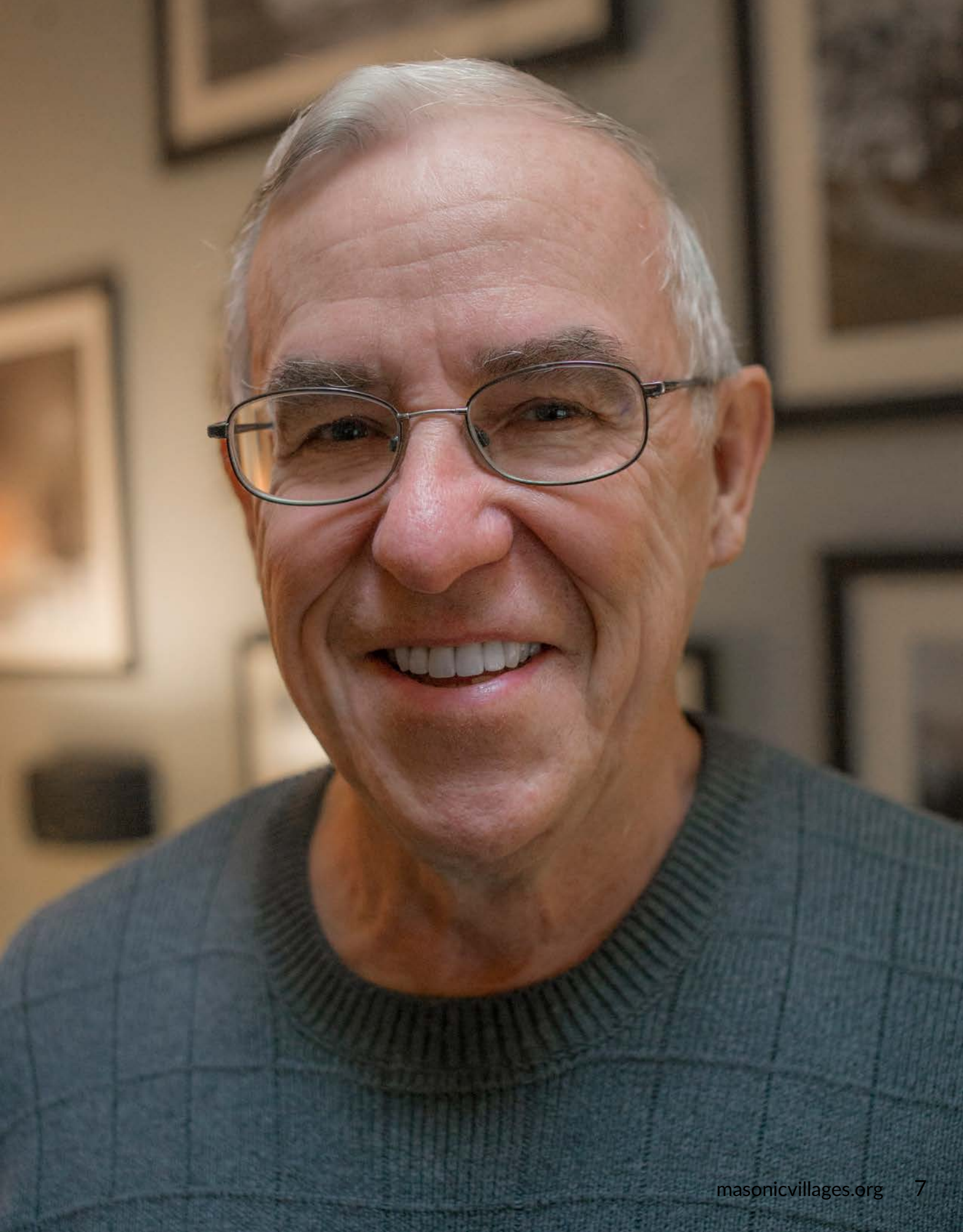
In the early stages of the project, John didn't feel much pressure. His team was encouraged to take risks.

“It was fun to have a challenge,” he said. “Could we do it? As an engineer, that's exciting.”

During their search for the “next big thing,” they attended cardiology conferences and came across all kinds of ideas, such as a laser that could vaporize clogged arteries. One concept caught their attention. Dr. Julio Palmaz, a vascular radiologist, had designed a variation of a stent, a tiny metal tube used to open up arteries, made of stainless steel mesh. He was inspired while riding over a bridge and created a mock up by soldering metal. John's team signed a contract with the doctor, which was the easy part. They still had to ensure it would work in humans because when a foreign body enters the bloodstream, antibodies “fight” the object.

“‘Find another project’ doctors told me,” John said. “It will never work.”

Their challenges included picking the material to make it, determining its strength, figuring out how to implant it and testing it. Lacking a medical background, John took some crash courses in plaque and arteries, which included shadowing a chief of surgery and making trips to the Yale School of Medicine to sit in during autopsies and poke around hearts to determine how strong a stent would need to be. It was definitely an education for him.





"I was in my upper 40s at the time," he said, "and looking at the damage to these bodies in their 30s and 40s, it made me change my whole lifestyle."

They eventually developed a demo. It was 6-8 mm in diameter woven with mesh no larger than a human hair. They also had to develop a drug regimen that would help the body recognize the foreign object and prevent clots from forming. After experimenting, doctors finally discovered the right combination.

The next stage was human trials.

"We knew what it could do," he said. "We just had to prove it."

The first stent was implanted in a man who is still alive today. It took four hours, and he was awake during the procedure. Today, the procedure takes about 20 minutes, and patients return home the same day.

Once the group had a product to demo and the vision was closer to becoming a reality, everyone started paying attention.

"That's when they sent us a limo," John said.

He rode in a corporate jet (accumulating more than one million miles over his career), flying to Germany and other European countries for trials and training. Suddenly, there was a lot riding on the project.

More than 5,000 clinical trials were done with each one requiring a mountain of data. Patients included Mother Teresa who had a heart attack, but was too frail for surgery. She was accepted into the trial as a passionate use case and had three stents implanted.

It took almost 10 years to gain approval from the FDA, but the stent was finally approved for use in peripheral arteries in 1991 and for use in coronary arteries in 1994. John's team of three increased to 2,000, and sales grew from \$15 million to \$750 million in the first year of coronary approval. Johnson & Johnson manufactured them 24/7 and quickly captured 90 percent of the stent market. Every surgeon wanted to be trained in implanting a stent.

"I tried to keep a fun atmosphere," John said of his team. "We had a bowling alley in the office and played practical jokes. If people like coming to work, the creativity flows. You get the most out of people."

The stent is still used today, and not just for clogged arteries in the heart. It can be used in the brain and even in children who have tumors to help them live the best life they can.

President Bill Clinton awarded Johnson & Johnson a National Medal of Technology for the development. John also received a Johnson Medal, which is the equivalent of the company's Nobel Prize, and a Senior Engineers Fellow Award.

"It was never about the money for me or the awards," John said. "The reward was helping people. It really changed the treatment of coronary artery disease."

John retired from Johnson & Johnson at age 57, and for 10 years, he managed his own design company which produced stents and delivery systems (catheters). He holds more than 18 patents on office equipment and medical devices. John now spends his days with his wife, Eileen, at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, enjoying golf and the plethora of activities offered on campus.

When stents come up in conversation, which is often since almost everyone knows someone who has one, John uses it as an opportunity to educate people about the importance of good health and why clogged arteries occur. He's also able to put people who are in need of a stent at ease by assuring them it's easy to implant, and it works.

"Life is too short," John said. "I have a unique experience of seeing people in misery. I don't let the small things in life bother me."

Although stents are tiny in size, their impact has been nothing short of revolutionary.

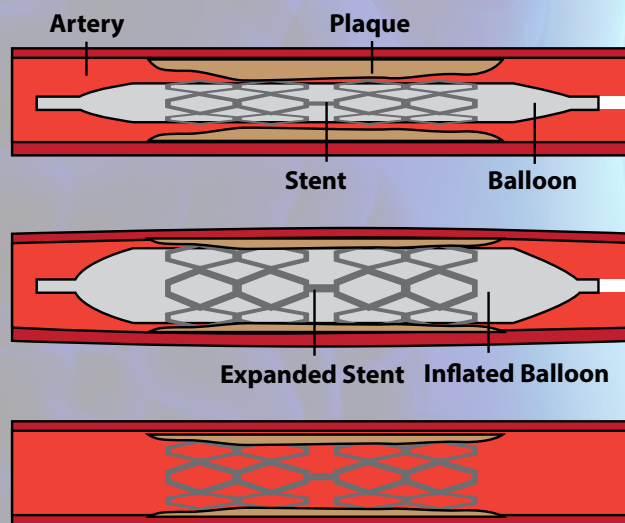
A Stent at Work

The number one cause of death in the United States is heart disease. The result of poor eating habits, lack of exercise, smoking or genetics, coronary arteries can become blocked by plaque which is a build-up of blood, fats such as cholesterol, calcium and other substances. Clogged arteries prevent the flow of blood and oxygen.

Early treatments of blocked coronary arteries included bypass surgery, whereby a healthy blood vessel from another part of the body is grafted onto the blocked coronary artery, creating a “bypass.” There are more risks involved in such invasive surgery, and it can psychologically impact patients, leaving them with a large scar running down their chest.

Regular check-ups can catch blocked arteries before they do permanent damage. Otherwise, a person may experience shortness of breath or chest pain, which can eventually lead to a heart attack or stroke.

1. A stent is inserted either through the arm, neck or groin using a balloon catheter.
2. Special dyes enable a doctor to follow the blood vessel to the coronary arteries.
3. The balloon is inflated, expands the stent and locks it in place, opening up the artery and enabling the blood to flow freely. The balloon is deflated and removed.
4. A filter on the stent prevents blood clots and plaque from floating freely, and the patient will need to take medication to prevent clotting. The tissue of the artery merges with the mesh of the stent, permanently strengthening the artery.





Road to 100

Paved in Labor & Love

Anna Wolf has gained a lot of knowledge during her 100 years on earth, perhaps the most significant of which relates to growing tobacco.

"There's so much labor involved," she said. "People don't realize how much work it takes to get tobacco to grow."

Farming is in Anna's blood. It provided income for her family, and during the Great Depression, it provided enough food for her family – including her five brothers – to survive. Her grandfather worked the fields until he was 72. At a time when little was known about the health hazards of tobacco, Anna and her brothers helped strip tobacco in the basement of the farmstead.

"We never thought we were poor, but we were," she said. "Fancy things didn't matter. Small things meant just as much. We had coal for the furnace and food to eat. We never felt left out. Family was the most important thing."

The family farm still sits in Salunga, the small town where Anna was born and raised.

"It was a little town with big people. It was full of helpers," she said. "Groceries would just appear on porches of families who needed a little help."

She has fond memories of ice skating on a frozen Chiques Creek, attending services at the local Mennonite Church and pushing her family's first Model T Ford up Pinch Hill in Mount Gretna.

Anna will tell you as many stories as you want to hear. And she'll also listen. That's what she believes has gotten her to 100 years of age – lots of friends – a result of being a good listener.

"And patience," she said. "With a capital 'P.' What you do – it's not just about you. It's about how you can make your

town or your country better. People working together is what makes things successful. And God in your pocket."

Anna grows giddy with excitement when she tells how she met the love of her life, Hunter. "I do remember the story!" she exclaims.

She was working at the Woolworth's Five and Dime in downtown Lancaster, earning \$1.90 a week. In the basement one day, she met a handsome young stock boy. He asked her if she had anything to feed a cat, which was allowed to live in the stockroom to catch mice. The two eventually went on a date, which led to a marriage and three daughters. Their home always included a cat.

Anna had several jobs throughout her lifetime, including as a server at Bob Evans. She continued to work for the restaurant when she and Hunter moved to Rehoboth, Delaware. They both loved the ocean and always wanted to live near the beach. After Hunter's passing, Anna stayed in Delaware. She celebrated her 100th birthday there, and in Salunga, last May. In the fall, she moved to the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown.

"I'm very comfortable here," she said. "Every day, I take a walk and make friends along the way. It's a nice life I'm living."

Family remains important to Anna, and she has a lot to be thankful for: 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

"Some days, I just look in the mirror, comb my hair and say, 'Wow! You're 100. How did you get to be 100?'"

To those who know Anna, it's obvious – she still has more stories to tell.

The Writer in Us All

The library in the Brown Apartment Building at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown includes glossy hardcovers by the likes of Tom Clancy and James Patterson. It's a cozy spot where residents borrow books, play games and piece together puzzles.

One book, titled "My First Ninety Years," sits on a table. It's an unassuming white cover bound with plastic rings. To resident Edith Raup, however, the book is more than a best seller. It's her life. In print.

When fellow Brown Apartment resident and former professional writer and journalist Marjorie Keen started a chapter of the Lancaster County Life Story group at Masonic Village in 2015, Edith signed up.

"I never did any writing before," she said. "The class is just such fun. Marj has a great writing background. It's all very interesting. At first, I just read my stories aloud in class and didn't take it any further."

In the fall, inspired by her upcoming 90th birthday, Edith decided to put together a collection of her stories.

Story by story, Edith's life filled the pages. She added some photos, headed to Staples and bound her book. Copies were sent to family and friends, and her neighbors at Masonic Village requested a copy for their treasured library.

The book starts with her birth story. It's a short one, since like most people, Edith can't recall many details of her youngest years. As she started writing, more memories came back to her. Growing up during the Depression, "as children, we didn't know we were poor. Everyone was," she wrote.

There's the story of Edith and a friend attempting to get the attention of her friend's crush who was attending a Boy Scout meeting at a church. It ended with the two girls having to pay for a new window. In high school, her friends formed the Club of Girls, or COG, and they even had bracelets engraved with the acronym. "Guess we thought we were hot stuff!" she wrote.

Edith met her husband, Sam, on a blind date, and they were married in 1947. They had two daughters,

Gretchen and Laurie. Edith's family now includes three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She also details her family's travels from Sunbury, Pennsylvania, to Spain to England and back again because of Sam's job as an architect designing American air bases. The family later resided in Harrisburg and New Jersey.

One of her favorite stories involves retired Senator Bob Dole. Bob and Sam both served in the 10th Mountain Division and fought in the hills of Italy during World War II. "They were sometimes considered the 'elite' group as many were already world class skiers, cowboys, rock climbers and Ivy Leaguers from universities such as Harvard, Dartmouth and Yale," Edith wrote.

After Sam was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease with Lewy body dementia, the Raups moved to the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown in 2005. Edith would visit Sam every day in the Masonic Health Care Center and often read to him, including "One Soldier's Story," Bob Dole's memoir. When Edith read a passage in which Bob detailed how he was wounded and airlifted by medics to an Army Jeep transport driven by a medic named Herb Wolf, Sam excitedly yelled Herb's name. They were good friends with Herb and his wife, Marion, while living in Sunbury.

Sam passed away in November 2005. Edith wrote to Bob a few months later, and she received a personal letter in return. He wrote: "I believe that we must have many mutual 10th Mountain Division friends. By the time you reach 82, you learn over and over again just how small the world really is. ... I am sorry to hear that you lost Sam, but glad to know that you have found comfort in your new community in Masonic Village."

One important thing Edith has learned while writing is what makes her most proud of her first 90 years: her family. She can't remember every detail of her life, but this book shares a few highlights with her children and grandchildren, as well as future generations of her family she may never meet.

Edith encourages everyone to find their inner writer. "Do it," she said. "Don't wait. Most people don't get around to doing it."



Preserving Moments in Time



Art has always been Ralph Dukstein's oasis, and he's happy to have gotten back in the groove since moving to Masonic Village at Sewickley.

Originally from Bethel Park, situated in the South Hills of Pittsburgh, Ralph's first job was with DuMont Television Network, one of the world's pioneer commercial television networks. There, he did camera work and publicity.

From 1953 to 1955, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a motion picture photographer.

When Ralph returned to civilian life, DuMont had been bought by Westinghouse Electric and became known as KDKA-TV. He ended his career doing photography and production work for the station.

Although television was a fun artistic experiment, Ralph's interest was always oil and pastels, which he uses to create portraits and landscapes.

He is most at home nestled in a quiet place by the window in the art studio, where there's always good light. He is known at Masonic Village as the "watchdog of the art studio," where his easel and pastels are neatly aligned.

An artist since his teenage years, Ralph made his mission in retirement to grow the campus studio, both physically and in membership. In the last 10 years, the studio has taken flight. Currently, the walls are adorned with artworks and custom cabinets. The studio has become an oasis of sorts, where anyone suddenly inspired can come to work.

"It's amazing to see things done by people who never lifted a colored pencil or paintbrush," he said.

Ralph and other artists show tutorial videos periodically and even gather to select and hang their pieces in Executive Director Eric Gross' office. On average, nine paintings are hung in his office and rotate every six months, eventually returning to their original creators.

"With art, you only capture a short part in someone's life, in nature or even in your own imagination, but it's a moment," Ralph says. "You're preserving a moment forever."







The Soul Guru

If you listen closely, you'll hear deep soulful sounds reverberating from an apartment at the Masonic Village at Dallas. Retired from his days on stage, at the recording studio and in the classroom, Wally Richardson still doesn't miss a beat on his guitar.

Born to a spirited gospel singer in Harlem, New York, Wally first explored his musical prowess on the piano and through his voice. He found his true calling at age 15 when his brother, Al, suggested he pick up a guitar. His father bought him his first

amp and guitar, and he hasn't put it down since.

Wally frequented the Apollo Theater in Harlem, which featured the likes of Louis Armstrong, Dinah Washington, Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie, Billy Eckstine and many other acts.

"The music was very open," he said. "It would just light you up and inspire you. I'd admire the different musicians and the way they played. As a kid, seeing them let go, I knew that was what I wanted to do."

Wally performed in his high school's band and joined his brother, a pianist, in his dance band. They played at weddings and performed at dinner dances.

"We were pretty good," Wally said. "We took it very seriously and rehearsed often."

In 1951, Wally was drafted into the U.S. Army and served with the 173rd Army Band at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and 9th Army Band at Ladd Air Force Base in Fairbanks, Alaska. After being discharged, he married his wife, Vivian, a registered nurse.

He recorded or performed with such artists as King Curtis, James Brown, Eartha Kitt and the Four Tops, and also accompanied different acts at the Apollo Theater. He worked as a studio backup guitarist with several acts, including "The Queen of Gospel" Mahalia Jackson, Etta Jones, Tony Bennett, B.B. King and Louis Armstrong. The artists he has accompanied throughout his career are numerous.

"Performers ranged from those who were popular to those who were not so popular but were excellent as well," Wally said. "Some of my best recorded work was with Buddy Tate, who recommended me to Benny Goodman."

Wally preferred to play jazz, but he also covered gospel, rhythm and blues, rock 'n' roll, pops, blues, funk and soul. He recorded his own album, *Soul Guru*, in 1968.

He was a "musician's musician," according to a 2014 article in *Flashback* magazine by Scott D. Wilkinson. He didn't seek the spotlight. His "impeccable chops made him one of New York's most prominent sidemen during the 1950s and 1960s," the article states.

Wally was passionate about performing, but as freelance work began to subside, and with a wife and son to support, Wally decided to go to college. He graduated from Rutgers University in 1978 with a bachelor's degree and certification in music education.

"I was fighting for my life when I went back to school," he said. "There were so many young students who helped me. In turn, I was able to share my experiences with them."

He taught at Essex County College, the Jazzmobile workshop and with the Teaneck and Englewood School Systems in New Jersey. On Wally's website, wallyrichardson.com, former students praise him for his patience and for instilling perseverance and drive in them.

"Preparing, organizing your thoughts and watching someone else absorb your thoughts and feed them

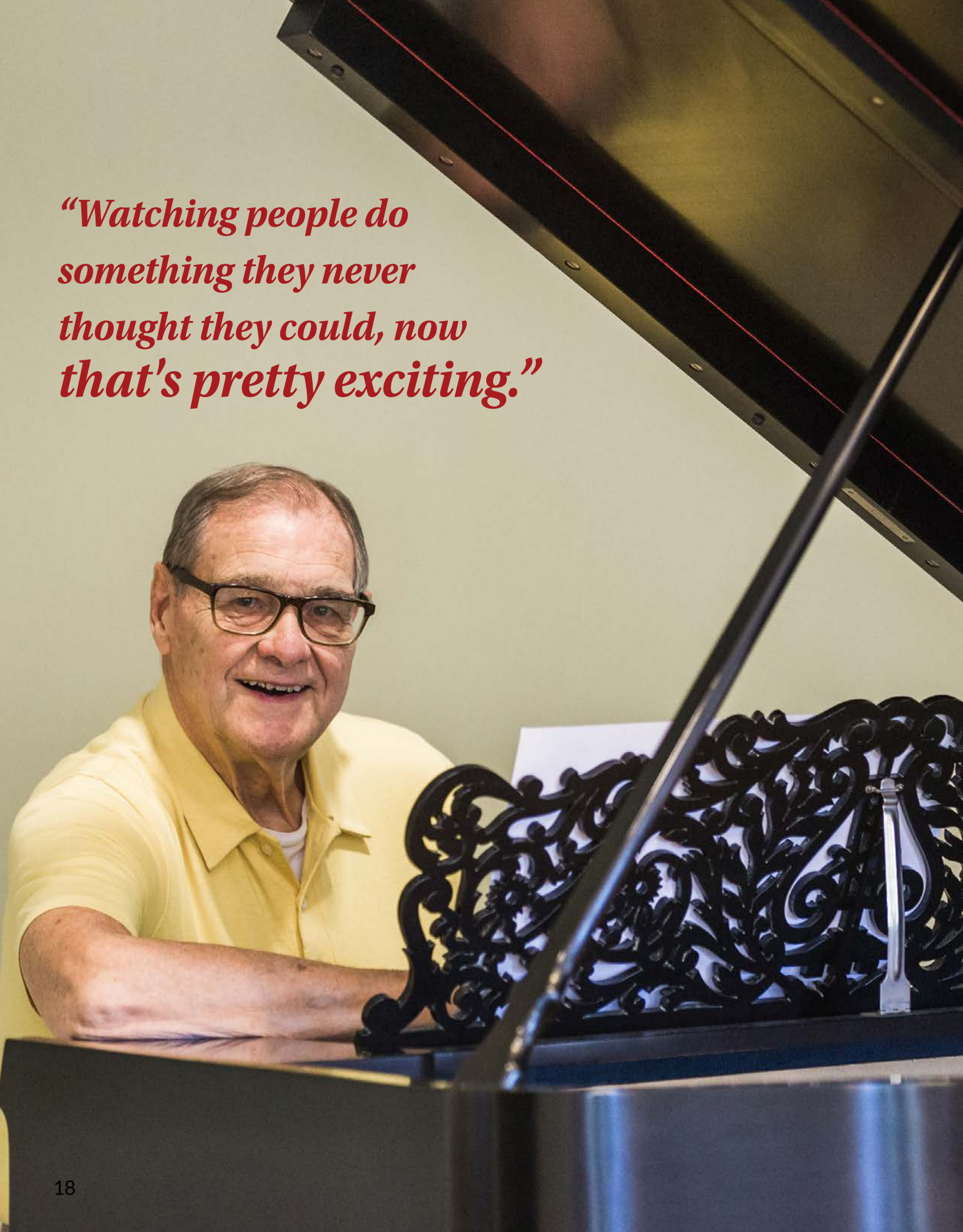


"Life pushed me. Outside of my wife, education and music got me through."

back is the most rewarding," he said of teaching. "I watched kids grow through music. Music became a fraternity. They moved each other to get better and try harder. They grew together, just like a sports team."

Wally is a musician and a teacher, but he is also a perpetual student, listening more and talking less. As he told one former student who credited Wally for inspiring him to continue a lifelong journey of learning, "Continue to surround yourself with those who are looking for answers and beware of those who say they have found them."

"As a youngster, I never thought I'd accomplish some of the things I did," he said. "Life pushed me. Outside of my wife, education and music got me through."

A photograph of an older man with glasses and a yellow polo shirt, smiling and sitting at a black grand piano. The piano's lid is open, revealing the ornate black metal frame and the keyboard area. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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An Agent of Good

Many would be surprised to hear an insurance agent belt out a show tune. That's what John Barkley has done his whole life – surprise people – and it hasn't stopped in his retirement. His range of talent, patience and willingness to give anyone a shot is quite powerful.

A retired casualty underwriter and risk manager, John now spends his time at Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill planning shows to star both residents and employees. When he hears a song, his mind can't help but race with lyrics, instrumentals, costumes, lights and stars.

John began directing shows at age 23 with community youth. Fast forward 25 years, and he was putting together shows with his coworkers for annual Christmas parties.

Now, he faces a new kind of challenge: directing older adults, some without a musical bone in their body. Fortunately, that's the beauty of it. Anyone can be the star of a famous John Barkley show, no matter your age or talent level. All that's required is heart.

A rehearsal with John is never dull. He enters the room with a bright-colored binder full of shuffled programs, penciled ideas and old sheet music. From there, it's all positive, even though many people he coaches have never been on stage before – the shakiness in their voice often gives them away. Their fear doesn't faze John in the slightest. "All I say to them is, 'Don't be afraid to try. Trust your voice, because you can do it,'" he said.

Luckily, John's mentees perform for the greatest audience in the world: their peers. "They love everything, that's what's so great about it," he says. "The first feeling you get on stage may be panic, but the most important thing is to have fun, because everyone is out there rooting for you."

The lifelong vocalist directs an average of two shows a year, cashing in all his energy for one moment. "Watching people do something they never thought they could," he said, "now, that's pretty exciting."

Shows he has presented at Masonic Village include Stage Door Canteen, spotlighting World War II era classics; Philly Favorites, including songs from Eddie Fisher, Frankie Avalon and Chubby Checker; and Broadway Hits.

Occasionally, John enlists help from Frank Kaderabek, a former principal trumpet player in the Philadelphia Orchestra, and fellow resident Sid Macleod, a retired theater professor at La Salle University.

"Singing is my first love, and I don't consider myself a musician or a top-notch actor," he says.

He remembers the love beginning at age 13 when he was singing along to Frank Sinatra, thinking he wasn't half bad. His mother stopped her vacuuming abruptly with amazement.

"She told me I was better than Sinatra," he said. "We all know that's not true, but it was the push I needed."

His mother enrolled him in church choir at age 16. He continues to sing in his church choir and, in 1954, began singing with the Roxborough Male Chorus, which performs throughout Philadelphia. The chorus' talents range anywhere from classical to doo-wop.

Music has carried John throughout his life, and he's always gotten out of it exactly what he puts in – heart and soul. "Most importantly, I'd like to thank all the people who have worked with me," he says, "and for giving this old guy a shot."

Village Happenings



Traveling in Good Company

Dallas residents visited Mackinac Island in Michigan, where they toured attractions and sampled local German cuisine.



Simply the Best

Thanks to the readers of Montgomery Media newspapers for voting the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill the No. 1 Retirement Community in Montgomery County. We couldn't agree more!



Hope, Love & Memories

Masonic Village Hospice staff and patient families celebrated hope, love and memories among friends and food at the annual hospice event in Elizabethtown. Guests placed candles in memory of loved ones.



Furry Friends

Warminster residents and staff love welcoming visitors to their community, especially furry ones!



Veterans Day

In Elizabethtown (top photo), two services honored veterans. Children from the Masonic Village Child Care Center also participated. In Lafayette Hill (middle photo), the Warriors' Watch Riders visited veterans. In Dallas (bottom photo), veterans were honored with a special service and cards from local elementary school students.



Harvest Ball

An evening of elegance, gourmet food, entertainment and, most importantly, time with friends and staff, the annual Harvest Ball in Lafayette Hill is a resident favorite.



Exploring America's History

Dallas residents took a trip to Gettysburg, where they toured the battlefields and visited the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial. Thanks to Meridian Sun Masonic Lodge No. 2 for helping with the costs of the trip.



Pastor Appreciation

The Congregation of Sell Chapel recognized and honored Pastor A. Preston Van Deursen, who serves as the director of spiritual care in Elizabethtown. Preston provides guidance, care and support to residents and employees alike.



Santa's Helpers

Residents in Sewickley hosted a party for kids from the Masonic Village Child Care Center.



Holiday Happiness

Santa spread holiday cheer in Lafayette Hill (top photo), Sewickley (middle photo) and Dallas (bottom photo).



Warm Gesture

Residents of the Bleiler Caring Cottage in Elizabethtown collected 50 blankets to donate to the Water Street Mission in Lancaster.



Operation Christmas Child

Residents in Elizabethtown packed 226 shoeboxes full of toys and supplies for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child and donated more than \$1,300 toward shipping costs. The boxes were delivered to children in need around the world. Over the last 10 years, residents have packed 1,672 shoeboxes and donated \$9,652 to this worthy cause!



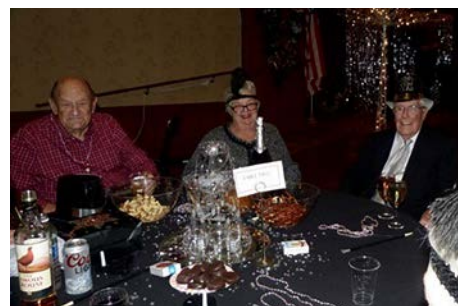
Special Guests

Jerusalem Lodge No. 506 stopped by Elizabethtown to visit with youth from the Masonic Children's Home and residents of the Bleiler Caring Cottage. Santa came along, and everyone enjoyed presents and caroling together.



Beautiful and Delicious

Two staff in Elizabethtown created a beautifully intricate gingerbread house which was displayed throughout the season.



Worthy of a Party

In Sewickley, residents counted down to 2017 in style - Great Gatsby style.



Dancing in the New Year

Elizabethtown residents rang in the New Year with a toast, music and dancing with friends.

A Blessed Life

Russell Decker considers himself blessed. If he were to tell this to his 19-year-old self, he would've been looking into the wide eyes of a perplexed young man.

At age 19, in January 1943, Russell was preparing to serve on the front lines of the U.S. Army fighting in the Invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge, which eventually led to the liberation of France and the end of World War II.

His unit, the 465th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion - Battery B, was part of General George Patton's Third Army. In July 1944, when they landed at Utah Beach, their missions included protecting the supply route and communication lines of U.S. troops as they entered the Normandy Peninsula, often facing fire from German soldiers. Russell was part of a five-man crew, which manned four .50 caliber machine guns mounted on a half track.

"We were a band of brothers who covered each others' backs," he said.

Among the young man's experiences were running into enemy fire to save an injured comrade, an incident which earned him a Bronze Medal. Another vivid memory was seeing a fatally wounded soldier lying on a tank. Russell recognized him as a lifelong friend from his hometown. There was also the moment when a fellow soldier, who had just cautioned Russell he'd be sent to Japan next, was hit by a German artillery shell, landed in Russell's arms and died.

One of Russell's more jubilant memories was in December 1944, when he discovered an orange for the first time in almost a year in his supply package. Before he had a chance to enjoy the delicious fruit, a French officer passed by pushing a badly injured young girl in a wheelchair. He knew what he had to do and gave her his orange.



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The same officer returned with cases of 40-year-old Champagne and invited Russell and his unit to dinner.

"I was a boy who didn't have anything on his mind," he said. "I did what I was told. We trained very hard prior to going. More so than anybody. I was up for an experience, which I definitely got. I've had many, many experiences being in four major battles. Everything in my life hasn't been planned."

Russell's unit was relieved by British forces, and he returned home to Altoona in October 1945, at the age of 21.

"I'll just tell you - I would give a million dollars not to do it again, or a million to do it again," he said. "I'm glad it's over, but glad I did it."

The contributions of the Third Army, including Russell's unit, were summarized by General Patton in a General Order, dated May 9, 1945:

"During the 281 days of incessant and victorious combat, your penetrations have advanced farther in less time than any other army in history. You have fought your way across 24 major rivers and innumerable lesser streams. You have liberated or conquered more than 80,000 square miles of territory including 1,500 cities and towns and some 12,050 uninhabited places."

In 1947, his unit received the Croix de Guerre, or French Cross of War. A commendation signed by U.S. Army Chief of Staff Dwight D. Eisenhower, Capt. W.F. Schell and Major General Edward F. Witsell stated: "(The unit) was called upon to make frequent changes of position and, though barely installed and without protection, it met waves of enemy aircraft, shooting down, in nine days, 93 planes, 32 of which were probable, and damaging a very considerable number."

Upon his return home, Russell continued his job with the Pennsylvania Railroad. He later worked as a foreman at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard until his retirement in 1986. He had four children with his wife, Audrey, who passed away in 1996. He later married Louise, and between the two of them, they have five children, 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

In December 2013, Russell came home from his regular visit to the sports club when Louise told him the French Embassy called. He spoke with a representative who invited him to Washington, D.C., on Jan. 28, 2014, for a ceremony. Seventy years after his service, Russell was one of 11 veterans being inducted into the Legion of Honour as a Knight for risking their lives during World War II to fight on French territory. Napoleon Bonaparte founded the honor in 1802 as France's highest award of gratitude.

"I was very much surprised," Russell said. "It was quite an honor. I've had many honors given to me, more than I ever dreamed I was worthy of."

The memories of Russell's service resurfaced when he was unpacking boxes after moving to the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill in 2015. He discovered a collection of letters he'd sent his mother while serving overseas. When she died, his children saved them, and unbeknownst to Russell, they'd packed them along with his other possessions.

"It's been 70 some years," he said. "I have a pretty good memory – a lot of things I'm good at remembering, but some things are vague. Sometimes, I lay awake thinking about that time."



Russell, far right, with his machine gun crew

Russell was never eager to share his experiences, concerned people wouldn't believe the stories, they may be taken out of context or he may recall the facts incorrectly. A few years ago, he was convinced to speak about the war with a group of school-age children.

"I never talked about it before then," he said. "They opened me up like a can opener. I had tears rolling down my cheeks from their questions. At first I didn't enjoy it, but after a while, I was able to give them better answers."

Russell was invited to Fort Dix in New Jersey on Dec. 10 to give a speech to Army officers and wives. He was also interviewed by the local FOX 29 TV station, and the segment was broadcasted nationally.

"I've had many accomplishments," he said. "Some of them were planned, some accidental. Some of the accidental ones worked out the best. I've never been afraid to tackle something. I really enjoy life, and I've had a full life."

Military awards and medals aside, one of Russell's biggest honors was being the namesake for one of his great-grandsons: Russell Patton Decker. He can only imagine the experiences Russell Patton will have by the time he is 19 years old.

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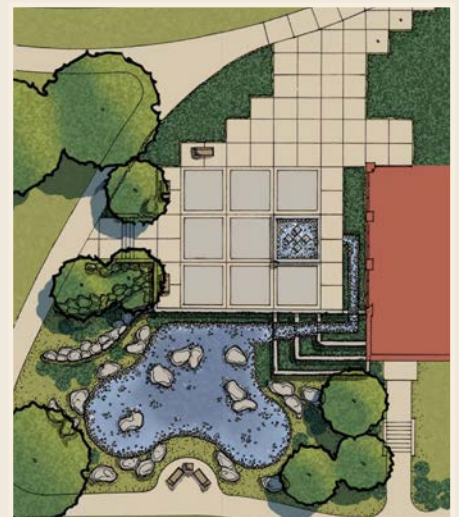


NEW VETERANS GARDEN IN SEWICKLEY

Masons have long supported our military who sacrifice daily to preserve our freedom. With the extensive interest shown in the Veterans Grove and Eternal Flame in Elizabethtown, the board of directors have approved the construction of a Veterans Garden and Pond at the Masonic Village at Sewickley to recognize and honor veterans on the other side of the Commonwealth. A life-sized bronze statue of Brother George Washington in his military regalia will be prominent in the Sewickley design. An unveiling and dedication ceremony will take place in fall 2017.

Several featured items such as the statue, water fountain, pond and benches are available for individual recognition on a bronze or Corian tile. Contact the Office of Gift Planning for more details at 1-800-599-6454.

Individuals and Lodges may purchase pavers to be inscribed with the name of donor(s), veteran(s) or loved one(s) serving in the armed forces. The sale of the pavers supports the construction and maintenance of this sacred area.



VETERANS GARDEN

VETERANS GROVE & ETERNAL FLAME IN ELIZABETHTOWN



Part of the Veterans Grove, the Eternal Flame monument was dedicated in 2014 in tribute to all military and veterans. It is inscribed with the words "All Gave Some - Some Gave All." Pavers surrounding the monument are engraved with names of those who have served or are serving as designated by loved ones who have purchased them to support the construction and maintenance of the monument.

The Veterans Grove features 268 oak trees representing the Masons who died serving our country during World War I. The monument encourages reflection of wars past and the continuing potential for peace and freedom. The walking paths and picnic area are provided for people to take time to remember, honor and pray for those currently serving in our armed forces and pay respect to all veterans who have sacrificed to preserve the freedom we enjoy each day.

DONATION FORM

A paver can be inscribed to permanently honor an individual(s) service to our country. Indicate the location where the paver is to be installed:

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☐ Elizabethtown Veterans Grove

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90+	9.0%	85 & 90	7.3%

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WISH LIST ITEMS

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Thank you to the following individuals who have provided for the following items since the last issue:

Masonic Children's Home

Wayne and Nancy Lee Garafola: Various items

Ronald and Judy McKnight: Various items

James Robb: Holiday gift cards

Leatrice Warner: Two computer chairs

Masonic Village at Elizabethtown

Paula Hess: Two silent alarm systems

Hospice

Masonic Village Piece Makers Quilting Club: Special moments

Beatrice Row: Special moments

Bleiler Caring Cottage

Ted and Meg Lichtenwalner: Fire pit

There is an all-inclusive wish list posted on the Masonic Charities website at MasonicCharitiesPA.org, or feel free to contact the Office of Gift Planning at 1-800-599-6454. Please note that if funds donated for any item listed are over-subscribed, the funds will be used for additional wish list items or needs in the same service area.



Qty	Item	Unit Cost
Masonic Village at Elizabethtown		
10	Nursing/Personal Care clothing certificates	\$50
20	Home Care gift certificates	\$50
113	Silent alarm systems	\$174
42	Specialty wheelchair cushions	\$500
30	EZ Repositioners	\$700
10	Isolation carts	\$800
11	Bose stereo systems	\$1,100
3	Electric lift recliners	\$1,200
3	Chair scales	\$2,000
2	Eva pneumatic platform walkers	\$2,000
13	Automated vital signs machines	\$3,500
2	Specialty beds for resident mobility	\$3,700
1	Dining room table and chairs	\$4,500
7	Bariatric/transfer lifts	\$5,000
1	Patio furniture set for Personal Care	\$5,000
5	Ceiling mounted lifts	\$7,000
2	Gazebos for Memory Care neighborhoods	\$8,000
1	Pharmacy delivery vehicle	\$15,000
Hospice		
5	Gift cards to local spa	\$100
1	Week at the shore	\$1,500
Bleiler Caring Cottage		
10	Folding chairs for gatherings	\$30
8	Adirondack chairs	\$100
	New window blinds	\$2,500
	New family/living room furniture	\$2,500
Masonic Children's Home		
	Camps/excursions	\$3,500
4	Office chairs	\$100
6	College books stipend	\$1,000
	Barnstormers game	\$1,500
	Hersheypark trip	\$2,250
	Wildwood, N.J. shore trip	\$5,950
Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill		
	Allentown Band performance	\$1,400
1	LIFEPACK CR Plus	\$1,900
	Harvest Ball event	\$2,500
	Drama lessons/activities for residents	\$3,000
Masonic Village at Sewickley		
1	Camel lift	\$3,000
1	4-Channel electric stimulation	\$4,400
Masonic Village at Dallas		
1	Cot or roll away bed	\$250
2	Awnings (retractable)	\$2,300
Masonic Village at Warminster		
1	Raised garden bed	\$1,200
2	Digital vital sign monitors	\$1,864
1	Broda wheelchair	\$2,550
1	Pergola with awning	\$6,000

Memorial Gifts

August 1 - October 31, 2016

Below is a list of individuals (names are shown in red) whose loved ones have made a gift in their memory to one of the five Masonic Villages located at Dallas, Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill, Sewickley or Warminster. We have taken great care to ensure the accuracy and thoroughness of the names listed below. We regret any errors or omissions. If an error has been made, please contact the Office of Gift Planning at 1-800-599-6454; 717-367-1121, ext. 33003; or by emailing giving@masonicvillages.org. Thank you.

We apologize for this error in the Fall 2016 issue of the Village Voice. The following is the correct listing:

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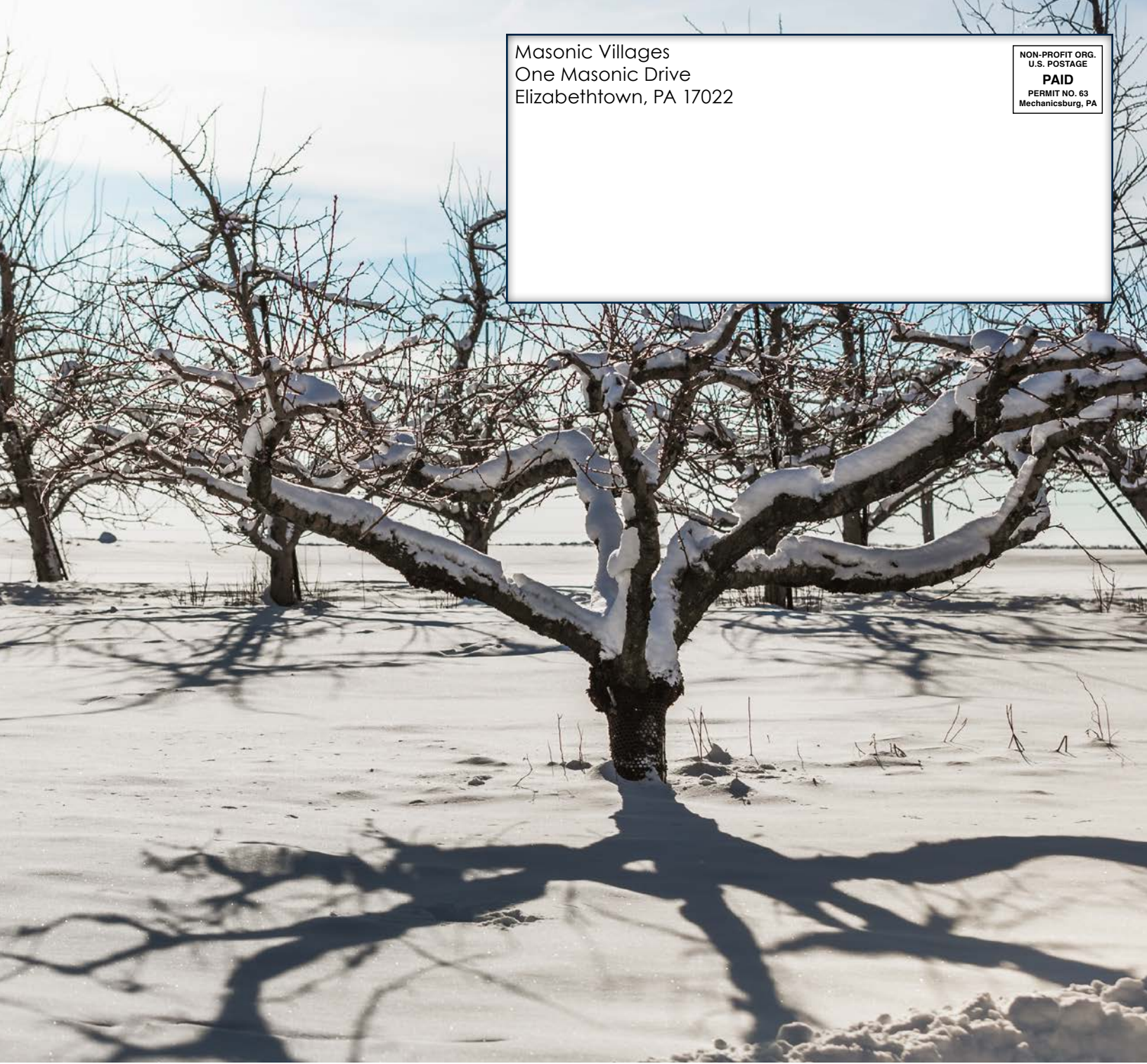
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