

"I'm a true Mainer," says **Pamelia (Pam) Adams** (Main Lodge). Born and raised in Orono, she described an active childhood, mostly outdoors, running through the woods, skating, playing football, and skating in winter. "We were a gang of kids when that word didn't suggest what it does today." And "active" is a spot-on description of OceanView's new resident.

At Orono High School, Pam met David Adams, whom she married after graduating from the University of Maine. A Colby alumnus, David was preparing for a career in medicine after graduating from Yale Medical School. He had various postings as an Air Force flight surgeon.

In 1969, the couple returned to Maine, where David signed on as one of four doctors in Maine Cardiology, a Portland-area practice now numbering 60 cardiologists. Pam kept busy shepherding their four children - two boys and two girls. Once all four were "settled" (as Pam put it), she and David were able to indulge their love of active adventure. They signed up for numerous Road Scholar trips, became avid long-distance bicyclists, bought an RV, and explored previously unseen parts of the United States.

Between adventures, Pam was active in many community organizations, including the Women's Committee and board of the Portland Symphony Orchestra. After relocating to Yarmouth in 1978, Pam joined the town's Zoning Board of Appeals, chaired both Yarmouth's Planning Board and School Committee, and was a trustee of North Yarmouth Academy. She also served on the Village Improvement Society and at the Yarmouth History Center. In 2015, the Town of Yarmouth honored Pam and David with the Latchstring Award for outstanding volunteer service.

Following David's death, Pam moved to an in-law apartment at her son's Freeport home before joining our OceanView community. Here, she continues her varied activities, including playing pickleball ("I'm addicted," she says); membership in the Pan Fried Steel Band, which recently performed at OceanView; and working out regularly with a trainer she's had for 20 years. Pam also partakes of OceanView events and especially enjoys the concerts arranged by Sue and Hank Schmitt. OceanView welcomes a new - and very active - friend in Pam Adams. (PK, 4/2024)



Living just a stone's throw from OceanView for 43 years, **Ann and Walt Allan** had little doubt about where they would like to resettle. Now comfortably at home on Homestead Lane, they both feel it is just right and are enjoying retirement. As Walt likes to say, "Retirement is like being a 12-year-old with money and no parents!"

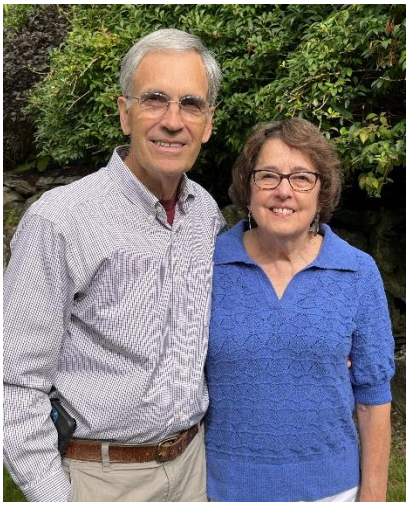
Their years in Falmouth have been an active and productive time. Walt, a pediatric neurologist with Maine Neurology for 35 years, was the first pediatric neurologist in Maine, which often required him to travel throughout state, consulting with local physicians about young patients with neurological disorders.

Exploring her interests in arts and crafts, Ann worked at Martha Hall's Yarmouth yarn shop. While assisting in the Falmouth Middle School Library, she enrolled in a library science master's program. After graduation, she accepted a research and information services position with Central Maine Power, later returning to library work at Falmouth High School.

Ann, raised in Fairfax, VA and Walt from Lost Angeles, met at the University of Missouri, while Ann was in the School of Journalism and Walt was getting a master's in biochemistry. Married in 1967, they moved to Syracuse, NY, where Walt finished his medical training at Upstate Medical University. Ann found especially rewarding work as a caseworker at the New York State Public Assistance Department, helping low-income and working poor residents.

After Syracuse Walt completed his residency in pediatrics at LA County/USC Medical Center, followed by military service at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, MI. This was a pleasant time for Ann and Walt, with Air Force friends and Michigan's many outdoor activities. Further study at St Louis Children's Hospital completed Walt's journey to become a pediatric neurologist.

Ann and Walt's son Ken, born in 1972, grew up in Falmouth. Professors of art history at Seattle University, Ken and his wife Naomi have a son, Everett. It would seem that the Allans have the best of both the East and the West coasts! (MBW)



Diana and Tom Allen (Whipple Farm) became a couple in 8th grade and have been married for 55 years. Oh, that we all knew the direction of our lives at such a tender age!

Portland natives and graduates of Deering High School, Diana attended Wellesley College and Tom headed off to Bowdoin, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and was captain of the football and track teams. Tom led the Bowdoin chapter of his fraternity out of its national association because of its racially discriminatory membership practices. He received a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University. During his first year at Oxford, Diana lived and worked in Boston. They were married and returned to England for the next two years until Tom completed his MPhil in Politics. Tom graduated from Harvard Law School in 1974, the same year their daughter Gwen was born. Returning to Maine, where Tom's roots go back for generations, he started a 19-year law practice at Drummond Woodsum. Their second daughter Kate was born in 1978.

Tom was active in civic affairs, serving two terms on the Portland City Council as his father and grandfather had done. From 1997 to 2009, as Maine's First District Member of Congress, Tom wrote ground-breaking health care and ocean acidification legislation, co-founded the House Oceans Caucus, and helped lead the opposition to the invasion of Iraq. After Congress, Tom was President and CEO of the Association of American Publishers for eight years.

While raising their daughters, Diana helped start a Rape Crisis Center, worked at Lincoln Middle School, served as a Hospice volunteer, and led activities for patients in a nursing home in Portland. Diana has loved pottery and is a calligrapher, knitter, embroiderer, quilter, and gardener.

Diana and Tom love spending time at the 19th century farmhouse in Sebago that Tom's parents bought when he was six. Tom manages the woodlot and serves as board president of the Maine Woodland Owners. The solar-powered farmhouse, with views of Mt. Washington and abundant bird life, is a beloved gathering place for their family, which includes five grandchildren, ages 9-16. (SS & NW, 2/2024)



With a wry smile, **Bill Allanach** (Main Lodge) states that the information herein is mostly true. Born in New York City, Bill grew up in Chappaqua, NY, completing his elementary and high school education there. He then attended the Pennsylvania Military College, earning an engineering degree. He also had the good fortune to meet Lynda Smith, a secretary in the Engineering Department. They married after Bill's graduation and their adventure began.

Bill was commissioned in the Army, serving two tours in Vietnam as a Huey helicopter pilot (earning a Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross). Following the war, he served in the Army Corps of Engineers, with assignments at multiple posts including Texas and Korea. His final military stop was at West Point, where he taught structural engineering.

After his military service, the family, which included two daughters and a son, settled in San Antonio, TX. Bill worked for the DFW International Airport as a professional engineer. This was followed by some municipal work and then contract work for the Air Force and Navy, leading to stints in Kauai, Kuwait, and Spain. Through all of this, Bill managed to earn a master's in civil engineering from the University of Arizona and an MBA from Long Island University.

As a military spouse, Lynda was busy raising a family through multiple relocations. She also volunteered for various organizations, depending on where they were living at the time. While in her 30s, Lynda earned both a bachelor's and master's in political science and urban planning. This led to work as a planner for the city of San Antonio, the Air Force, and DFW International Airport.

While having lived in many places, Bill and Lynda maintained an affinity for New England. As a result, they purchased a house on Thompson Lake in Poland, ME, while still living in Texas. Eventually, they retired to Poland full time. When Lynda needed additional support, she moved to Legacy. Bill is at the Lodge with weekend trips back to the lake house. Bill enjoys family, baking, travel, birding, volunteering, and new friends. (FF & BA, 6/2023)



Welcome to OceanView, **Elaine Ayer** (Cottages)! Elaine is a gifted gardener, accomplished author, devoted dog lover, avid collector, ardent Anglophile, and much more. She and her three siblings grew up in a hard-working family in Auburn, MA. Elaine married her high school sweetheart during the Vietnam era, and in those early years, took any job she could find, e.g., cashier and x-ray office manager. Daughter Liza was born in 1972, and the family moved to Bangor, ME, in the mid 1970s.

Following an amicable divorce, Elaine—much to her surprise and delight—met and married the love of her life, Fred Ayer, in 1985. Fred, a multi-talented Renaissance man, shared with Elaine a wonderful sense of humor, a love of travel, and an insatiable curiosity. Over the years, Elaine earned her BA in English from UMaine-Orono, and although her real interest was feminist literary theory, her concentration was in technical writing/editing (one has to earn a living!).

After moving to Portland in 1991, Elaine and Fred lovingly restored an architecturally distinctive Victorian home, and Elaine created its lush flower gardens. She also reluctantly agreed to her daughter's request for a puppy (after several glasses of wine) and then fell head over heels for the squirmy, little black Lab. Elaine

became a devoted volunteer at the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland. Five dogs later, her current canine companion Annie, a beagle-other mix, is the acclaimed poster dog for the League's fundraising campaigns.

While Fred worked in the hydroelectric-energy field, Elaine worked "translating" engineers' and attorneys' writing into understandable English. In addition, she's written for *Victorian Homes Magazine* and *Maine Sunday Telegram*'s community story-telling project. Elaine also spent twelve years as a quality-assurance consultant at Unum before retiring.

And all things British? Elaine and Fred's favorite destinations were the British Isles; numerous teapots in her extensive collection commemorate their many trips there. Plus, ask Elaine about her favorite British television shows and movies: excellent recommendations! Sadly, the catalyst for Elaine's move to OceanView was Fred's death in 2019 after a long, difficult struggle with Lewy Body Dementia. (MF, 3/2023)



Growing up in Amesbury, MA, **Pam Bacharach** (Hilltop) remembers how she loved watching things grow. As a child, she worked beside her parents in their family vegetable garden. During high school, she spent her summers waitressing at a restaurant where her mother was hostess. During school term, she volunteered in a group affiliated with her father's military police corps.

Aiming for a career in science, Pam was a pre-med major at Northeastern University and quickly secured a medical-research position at Boston's Veterans' Administration Medical Center. Her studies focused on endocrinology and involved ferrying blood samples between the V.A. and Massachusetts General Hospital. "We supported some of the early kidney transplant surgeries," Pam says. While at the V.A., Pam met a fellow researcher, David Bacharach, her future husband. Married at thirty-five, Pam continued her scientific work until, at age forty, she became the mother of son Jonathan. Later, when David launched his own business (Career Search) as a career-placement advisor for medical professionals, Pam became his assistant and office manager.

By that time, the Bacharachs were settled in Wellesley, but were drawn to Maine for their summer vacations. Eventually, they purchased a summer retreat on Sebago Lake, and Jonathan became a Mainer, now living in nearby Gorham.

In her later years, Pam adopted a health and exercise regimen. She enrolled in yoga, tai chi, and bones-and-better-balance classes at her local senior center. When the in-person classes ended with COVID's arrival, she participated through the marvels of Zoom and has continued to do so even after her recent move to Maine.

After David's death in 2007, Jonathan began trying to persuade his mother to move closer to his family. She finally relented and arrived at OceanView in April, along with her devoted dog Millie. "I call her a 'mutt-i-gree,'" Pam laughs. Millie's DNA test revealed a mixed heritage: Australian Shepherd, Chow, Tibetan Spaniel, and Greyhound. Pam and Millie have become a familiar sight, walking for miles every day throughout the OceanView campus. "We're very happy here," Pam states. "Everyone has been very friendly and given us a warm welcome." (PK, 12/2023)



In the Appalachian Mountain Club, they're known as **#178** and **179**, based on the order in which members of the Northeast 111 4,000-footer Club climbed all the highest peaks in New England and New York. Although their "hobby" sometimes meant bushwhacking through the night with only a map, a compass, and flashlights, **Warren and Jane Baldwin** (Whipple Farm) considered it "fun." After all, they had met hiking and climbing in the AMC. He had already climbed Popocatepetl, the second-highest peak in Mexico, and on their honeymoon they reached the top of Iztaccihuatl, the third-highest summit in Mexico.

When Warren and Jane married in 1971, it was the second time for them both. He had three children and she had four. Warren had graduated from Newton High School, Haverford College, and Harvard Medical School. As an intern and resident, he trained at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He had served twice in the US Army and was senior attending obstetrician/gynecologist at Maine Medical Center. Jane, a native of South Portland and an alumna of Westbrook College, was office manager in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Maine Medical Center. For 41 years the Baldwins lived in Portland's West End, but for 17 of those years they were official residents of San Miguel de Allende, a culturally mixed city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site in central Mexico.

The Baldwins' accomplishments are many and varied. In 1974, with his medical partner Stanley Kent (who also lives at OceanView) and two other physicians, Warren organized a residency program in obstetrics/gynecology at Maine Medical Center that graduates four fully trained specialists a year. He was founding member of The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. Jane introduced the entire Maine Med child psychiatry staff to hiking and climbing. The Baldwin's have made life-long friends on outings in Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Austria, and England.

Currently the Baldwins are busy donating portions of their international library of mountaineering books. Jane is designing an extensive garden around their cottage on Blueberry Lane and Warren enjoys attending Collective Wisdom with his friend and neighbor Ed Meehan.
(*Sadly, Warren passed away January 2022*) (NS)

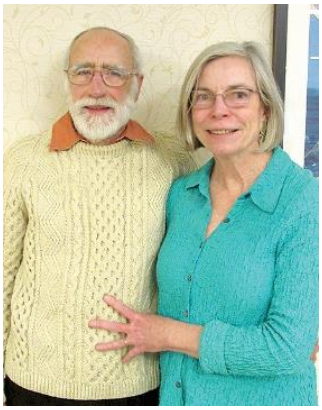


Born in Croatia, **Kresimir and Spomenka Banovac** (HTL), attended the same high school and university in Zagreb. He graduated from medical school, and she received her degree in romance languages. They met at the home of a friend and married in 1968. Kresimir took a position at the University of Zagreb School of Medicine while Spomenka taught French, Italian, and Latin at the high school level.

In 1970, they moved to Montreal, where Kresimir specialized in endocrinology at McGill University; then they returned to Zagreb. In 1982, they headed west again, this time to Miami, where Kresimir served as an internal medicine specialist for 30 years until he retired.

The Banovacs have two children, a son who is a physician associated with Georgetown University Hospital, and a daughter in Falmouth who earned an MBA from Columbia and is a partner in a consulting firm. Both have three children, one set of twins each! Kresimir, whose medical research was widely published, now writes books for his grandchildren on such topics as mythology; the history of music; Greek and Roman civilization; the history of France, Germany, and Russia; and the lives of influential people from Bach to Malcolm X.

Throughout his career, Kresimir and Spomenka traveled widely as he spoke at medical conferences worldwide. They have continued traveling, including ski trips to Austria and Switzerland. They also enjoy reading and sports. Central to their lives, however, is their shared love of music, especially opera. A warm welcome to our very accomplished new neighbors. (NS, 01/2023) Sadly, Spomenka died in July 2026.



Molly Morell and Michael Beaudoin (Cottages) enjoyed a life of travel and adventure before moving to OceanView. Molly grew up in Cleveland Heights, OH, and graduated from St. Mary's College, majoring in humanistic studies, before earning a master's in visual impairment from Boston College while teaching at Perkins School for the Blind. She returned to BC for a second master's in multi-handicapped education.

Michael, who grew up in Brunswick and attended UMaine, became one of the first Peace Corps volunteers from Maine, working in a small village in the Philippines. Post-college he returned to his Peace Corps roots, training volunteers in Hawaii, later joining the Peace Corps staff in DC, then earned a master's at the American University School of International Service. After directing an anti-poverty agency in Vermont and earning an Ed.D. from UMass, he returned to UMaine where he directed a bilingual and cultural program and met Molly who directed a program for severely handicapped children.

In 1980, they headed to Portland where Molly became director of an early intervention program and Michael was dean of a distance-education program at St. Joseph's College. Next stop, Heidelberg, Germany, where Michael served as a senior administrator for the University of Maryland-European Division, and they spent their extra time traveling, tallying 50+ countries so far. Michael was also a Fulbright Fellow in Ghana.

Following their return Molly taught head-injured adults at Perkins and then directed statewide community services at Maine Center for the Blind. She began a second career as program director at USM Continuing Education. Michael became founding dean of the College of Continuing and Professional Studies at the University of New England, launching several innovative online graduate programs. He is a recognized expert in distance education, having published extensively, including three books.

Molly, who loves to cook, read, and paint, serves on the board of Cliff Island's library and volunteers for OperaMaine. Michael describes himself as an aging athlete who, after many years of competition, still enjoys running, Nordic skiing, biking, and kayaking. They've renovated numerous homes, including a 1776 colonial. (NW & SS)



Walking into **Arlyss and Ray Becker's** Schoolhouse cottage is like visiting an art museum, showcasing Arlyss's work in various mediums. Born in Minneapolis, Arlyss earned a degree in art from St. Olaf College and taught for five years in the Midwest before marrying, moving to Brookline, MA, and having two children. Following her divorce, she resumed her career as an art teacher in the Westford Public Schools of Massachusetts.

Ray, raised in Grand Rapids, MI, earned bachelor's and graduate degrees in business and engineering from Dartmouth. Following his divorce, and while working at Raytheon, Ray was selected for the MIT Sloan Fellows Program in global business leadership, and received a Master of Science degree in management. After Sloan,

Ray and Arlyss married, blending their two families, including four children, then aged five through eight. Skiing at Sugarloaf and many other adventures created a lasting bond among the children.

Ray's job entailed extensive international travel, including a two-year stint in Saudi Arabia as a vice president of Raytheon Overseas Ltd., where Arlyss taught at Riyadh International School and formed lasting relationships with many students. After 20 years at Raytheon, Ray joined Keane, Inc., a software development company in Charlestown, MA, where he was a vice president, retiring after 10 years.

Arlyss continued studying art in the Boston area and at Haystack School of Crafts, expanding her repertoire to include printmaking, papermaking, and sculpture. Her studio at OceanView is filled with current projects and pieces from her many shows, including works with meaningful themes that were exhibited to raise awareness and support for many organizations in Maine and Colorado.

In retirement Ray remains active in Dartmouth alumni affairs. His post-retirement consulting has included short-term, pro bono assignments in Azerbaijan and Romania, and a longer assignment in Germany. In Lamoine, where the Beckers lived before coming to OceanView, Ray and Arlyss were active volunteers, Ray with SCORE, and Arlyss with the Abbe Museum and Lamoine Community Arts. Ray enjoys hunting with his dog, Abbie, and skiing in Colorado, while Arlyss passionately continues with her art. (NW & SS)



If you have met **Lois Beedy,** you know she lives her motto of "find the humor" in life. You may even have heard her infectious laughter as she tells a funny story from her decades as a teacher.

Born in New Bedford, MA, to a teacher mother and a lawyer father, Lois studied liberal arts at Westbrook Junior College, then transferred to New England Conservatory of Music for the next two years and married. Lois and her husband moved to Vermont, where she received her degree in elementary education at the University of Vermont. After various teaching stints in Vermont and the arrival of son Michael to join daughters Florence and Ann Marie, the family moved to Manchester, ME. Unable to get a teaching job initially because of state licensing regulations, Lois spent two years as dining room manager at the Holiday Inn. Eventually she became the migrant teacher at Maranacook Community School, where she conducted home visits and taught the children of chicken farmers. Next, Lois became the morning kindergarten teacher and ultimately the sixth-grade teacher at Mt. Vernon Elementary School, where she happily spent the rest of her career.

From a young age, Lois helped her mother make costumes for community theater. As a teacher, believing that drama builds self-confidence, Lois directed her sixth graders in one-act plays and musicals every year, painting the sets, sewing the costumes, and arranging community potluck "dinner theater" suppers. Her plays were always hits.

Lois found herself single again after 25 years of marriage until she met Del Beedy with whom she enjoyed 30 wonderful years. A highlight of their time together was a trip to Ireland, land of Lois's ancestors. She retired when Del got sick and, sadly, died four years ago. Lois's children—Michael, a lawyer in Colorado; Florence, a teacher of autistic children in Hawaii; and Ann Marie, a vocal arranger for Broadway shows—have given her four grandchildren. She spends much of her time writing and illustrating her second children's book. Once Covid restrictions are lifted, Lois looks forward to joining the OceanView chorus. (NW & SS)



Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands measures only about one square mile; but for the three years that **Tom and Alice Belknap** (Schoolhouse Cottages) lived on the isolated Pacific Island, they loved it. As a young attorney performing his military service in the Judge Advocate General's Corp (JAG), Tom was the only lawyer on the island. His client was the commanding officer of the US missile test site and Tom had cases ranging from logistic support to murder. Alice taught third grade on Kwajalein until the birth of their first child. While in the service, the Belknaps were able to travel to Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, and Bangkok. What prepared them for this great adventure?

Tom had grown up in Duxbury, MA and Long Island, NY. He graduated from Pomfret, Yale, and Vanderbilt University. Alice, from Harrisburg, IL, is an alumna of Southern Illinois University. She was teaching school in Nashville when a classmate of Tom's introduced them. Law degree and marriage certificate in hand, Tom and Alice moved to New York City where both Tom and Richard M. Nixon joined the same law firm on the same day (Nixon Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander & Mitchell), and Alice worked for Bristol Myers. After passing the bar exam in New York, Tom began his military service at Fort Hood, TX; a year later he was assigned to Kwajalein.

Military duty completed, the Belknaps settled in Ridgewood, NJ, and Tom returned to Nixon Mudge, in the Trusts and Estates Department, a field that he would pursue for the rest of his career. After the arrival of their second child, Tom and Alice moved to the Boston area so that Tom could join the firm of Hill & Barlow and eventually Ropes & Gray. Alice returned to teaching and then earned her real estate license. She also volunteered and served on two boards. She enjoys gardening and loves to play bridge.

After 14 years in Hamilton, MA, 29 years in Wenham, and 53 years of marriage, the Belknaps discovered OceanView, drawn to Falmouth by happy summer memories and their daughter nearby. Tom, who recently sold his 45-foot sailboat, plans to build a 14.5-foot sailing/rowing dinghy in their basement. Yes, the basement doors are wide enough!!! (NS)



As a young boy in South Portland, **Robert Bent** (Blueberry Commons) was entranced by the ships entering and leaving the harbor. After graduating from Maine Maritime Academy, Robert served as a Merchant Marine officer. His "informal education"—learning about and living in other cultures—had begun. Growing up in Bristol, RI**, Marta Bent** loved ancient history and vowed to visit Petra, Palmyra, and Persepolis. At the University of Massachusetts Amherst, she earned a BA in economics, then a master's degree in economic history at the University of Washington. But it was while she was pursuing another master's in international economics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University that she met fellow student Robert Bent. He had left the Merchant Marine, earned an undergraduate degree at Tufts in political science, and then served two years as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy.

Marta "married the right man." After three years in Washington, DC, she at the Department of Commerce and he at the Department of State, they began the life of their dreams. From 1959 through 1964, Robert served as economic officer at the American Embassy in Jidda, Saudi Arabia. Then for two years he was vice consul at the American Embassy in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic. After five years at the Department of State in Washington, he served as political officer at the American Embassy in Teheran, Iran.

The Bents' daughter Galen was born in Jidda and their son Geoffrey, in Damascus. The family always preferred living outside of embassy compounds. In Jidda their home was out on the edge of the desert, where water arrived irregularly and electricity was undependable. With friends of every nationality, however, they made their own fun, camping in the desert "where the stars were so thick you couldn't pick out the constellations."

After retirement in 1986, the Bents sold their home in Kensington MD and moved to Scarborough, ME. They continued to travel the world for pleasure and also devoted their efforts to a multitude of community organizations. Marta concludes, "I always knew we'd travel and I knew we'd retire to Maine." (NS)
(Sadly, Robert passed away in August of 2015)



John and Helen Bischof (Cottages) grew up in Rockville Centre, NY in houses that backed up to each other. Helen remembers her neighbor as a tall, loud young man whom she never met until 1959 when both were in a wedding party. Then it was five years until they encountered each other again. Not exactly love at first sight! But, then again, maybe in a way it was. After the second encounter, John asked Helen out for a date. They were engaged two months after the first date and were married two months after that, in May of 1965.

By the time they married, Helen had attended Hofstra University and Penn State, and John had graduated from Amherst College and Columbia Law School and had done military service in a legal office at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland, where he experienced the tense days of the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.

For 25 years John served as corporate attorney, ending up as an associate general counsel with ARCO Chemical Company, a subsidiary of Atlantic Richfield. This career necessitated a number of moves for the family, first from Rockville Centre to Colorado, then to Connecticut, then to Illinois, and finally to Pennsylvania. As an at-home mom, Helen focused on raising the couple's four children, two girls and two boys, including a set of twins. After retirement Helen and John relocated from Bryn Mawr, PA to Madison, CT and then to OceanView.

Helen is skilled at needle-related crafts, especially quilting and knitting. She is also an avid reader. John shares this love of reading, particularly history and biblical scholarship. He may also be seen tearing around OceanView on his bicycle or working out in the fitness center when not hiking or sailing. Together the Bischofs enjoy playing bridge and attending musical performances and theater. They have always been involved in their church and look forward to becoming active in a church in this area.

John and Helen have seven grandchildren, two in nearby Cumberland, two in Pelham, NY, and three in Germany (the Germans possibly relocating soon to the Portland area). Helen mentions that several of them have inherited her cowlicks, her gene for color blindness, and her left-handedness. John, however, points out that one of her real gifts to them all has been her wonderful sense of humor.
(Helen sadly passed away in 2014).



Life in the close-knit community of Western Reserve Academy plus deep roots in the state of Maine made OceanView a natural choice for **Christine Bradbury and Jim Bunting.**

Jim was born and raised in Montgomery County, MD by parents who came from Portland. As a child he spent summers at family properties on Thomas Pond (in the Sebago Lake area); he acquired them in 1988. A graduate of Rutgers University, he finished law school at the University of Michigan as a Marine, passed the bar, and served for four years. At the US Environmental Protection Agency Jim led the hazardous waste enforcement effort and helped set up the Superfund program.

A native of Alexandria, VA, Christine enrolled at the University of Virginia the second year the university accepted women and graduated in 1975. Then she moved to the EPA where the Clean Water Act was transforming American waterways. It was there that she met Jim. When the focus of funding changed during the Reagan Administration, Christine earned an MBA at George Washington University while working for the World Bank. Jim departed EPA for ICF, where he served as a senior vice president before leaving the company in the early 1990s.

He left environmental consulting to follow his dream—becoming a teacher of history. Christine switched to the IT field and they both landed jobs at Western Reserve Academy, a top-ranked college preparatory school in Hudson, OH. Jim taught American History and Constitutional Law. He earned a master's degree at Duke University and enjoyed research and teaching in the UK. Christine was responsible for WRA's publications and later became content editor for its web site. They loved the New England-like town, the lovely grounds of the Academy, the five-minute walk to work, and the lasting friendships they made.

After retiring in 2011, they cared for elderly family members in Wilmington, North Carolina and spent long summers in Maine. It was OV residents Liz and Jim Maier, neighbors on Thomas Pond, who told Christine and Jim about the OceanView community, where they now make their winter home in the Schoolhouse neighborhood. (NS)



Music has always played a major role in **Alice Bredenberg's** life, beginning with piano lessons, church choir, and organ studies. At the College of Wooster (Ohio), from which she graduated with a degree in music education, Alice was substitute organist in the college chapel.

Fresh out of Wooster, Alice married Bill Bredenberg, a medical student. While he finished medical school, she taught music in Fox Chapel, PA. Bill's career required several moves during the 1960s, so Alice adapted to life as a homemaker and mother of three (two sons, one daughter), finally settling outside Philadelphia.

Newly divorced and a single mother, Alice enrolled at Temple University for a master's in music education and resumed her career as a music teacher in the Philadelphia school system. When she learned of job openings in Portland, she came north, moving her family first to Yarmouth, where they spent 20 years, then to a home on Sebago Lake. Alice commuted to her teaching jobs in Portland and Cumberland, where she served as organist at the Congregational Church. At Lincoln Middle School, she spent

24 years building a strong music program. Awarded a Fulbright Exchange fellowship, she also spent a year in Swaffham, England.

In the early 1980s, Alice began studying for a master's degree in counseling at the University of Southern Maine. She completed the course work, and, when the position of school counselor opened at Lincoln, she was a natural choice for the job. She continued working with Lincoln students until she retired in 2000.

Retirement brought with it "joyous trips" with friends or tour groups all across the United States and to many corners of the globe. But, living alone in Sebago, Alice says, "I became aware of my need for a neighborhood." She came to OceanView last May, where she has quickly become an active member of the community. She immediately joined the chorus (and holds special practices for her alto section), attends exercise classes, book club meetings, lectures, and, of course, all musical performances. "In my fourth stage of life," Alice says, "I am enjoying every day in my Schoolhouse Cottage." (PK)



You may have spotted new resident **Barbara Briggs** walking around campus with her Australian shepherd, Bantey (rhymes with "bonsai"). Barbara, w hose husband's death prompted her move to OceanView after living in Portland's West End for more than 30 years, is an avid walker and recently spent two weeks walking in Switzerland through a Road Scholar program.

Born and raised in Barre, VT, the youngest of eight children, Barbara is a woman of many talents and interests. After studying out of state to become a med tech, Barbara returned to Vermont, where she met her physician husband. Twin daughters and three sons kept Barbara busy for several years while the young family lived in Cape Elizabeth and her husband, Dr. Russell Briggs, worked at Maine Medical Center as a radiologist specializing in nuclear medicine. With her children growing older, Barbara decided to earn a master's in library science from Simmons College in Boston, and then began a long career working at the Portland Public Library, where she found her niche as a cataloguer.

Working in a library fit perfectly with Barbara's passion for reading. She is a member of two reading groups. One meets at Longfellow Books in Portland and reads international mystery writers; the other is a well-established group of friends who rotate choosing books and leading the discussion. She also belongs to the Jane Austen Society of Maine.

One has only to peek at the new gardens emerging in Barbara's yard to know that she is a true gardener. She nurtured large perennial beds at her West End home and has been the volunteer gardener at her church in Portland, Sacred Heart/St. Dominic's, for many years. Expect her new gardens to appear on the OceanView Garden Tour in the near future!

Gardening must be in the family genes; a son is a plant geneticist in the Netherlands. Barbara's other children are accomplished as well: a therapist, a hospital administrator, a computer programmer with a master's degree in Greek, and a lawyer and bassoonist in Phoenix. Luckily for Barbara, her two daughters and four grandchildren live nearby. (ss and ns)



Jane Genske Briggs (Main Lodge) brings to OceanView a commitment to her family and community, as well as to adventure, art, and historic preservation. Raised in Buffalo, NY, Jane went to Skidmore College after graduating from Buffalo Seminary. A psychology major, she was a "Skidmore Ambassador" to Freiburg, Germany, her junior year where, as part of an innovative student exchange program to promote international understanding, she honed her communication and leadership skills.

Following graduation, Jane married Taylor Briggs, who became a prominent NYC attorney. They raised their three daughters and son on Staten Island and in Tuxedo Park, NY. Sparked by her curiosity and interest in art, Jane took courses in costume design and theatrical property-making, and enjoyed gathering and studying mushrooms with other mycologists.

Jane wanted to ensure her children experienced life beyond gated communities, however, and so began the adventure of their lives. The Briggses bought an uninhabited island near Grand Manan Island in the Bay of Fundy, where they were literally welcomed by Canadian Mounties. The island included an empty, vandalized herring-packing factory and out-buildings. Over time, Jane oversaw the renovation of one of the abandoned houses into a summer home, and the family had a lot of fun exploring the island! More than 50 years later, family members still return each summer, and Jane now enjoys her summers on nearby Grand Manan.

With retirement, Taylor and Jane moved to Williamstown, MA (site of his alma mater). Then following Taylor's death and encouraged by friends, Jane relocated to a historic Victorian home in Portland's West End. She recognized Portland was a city she would enjoy being involved in and was soon serving on the boards of Greater Portland Landmarks, Victoria Mansion, and Maine College of Art and Design. Over the years, Jane has also been an avid knitter, a watercolorist, and president of American Friends of Maru-a-pula School, providing support to a private Botswanan school where her son had taught. In Jane's words, "It's been a wonderful, interesting life." Yes, indeed! (MF, 8/2025)



High-energy people who love the outdoors, **Lew and Mary Brown** (Whipple Farm) recently completed their nineteenth move—to OceanView.

Born in Chestnut Hill, MA, Mary graduated from Sweet Briar College and taught fourth grade until she married Lew and began raising their family, returning to the classroom only after their children were all in school. Lew, who also grew up in Chestnut Hill, is an alumnus of Deerfield Academy and Harvard. Upon graduation, he joined the S. D. Warren Company, established in Westbrook in 1854 and known for the quality of its printing papers.

Starting in sales, Lew eventually led Warren's publishing paper operations, producing papers used in magazines, textbooks, and trade publications. Mill operations were in Westbrook, ME; Muskegon, MI; and after acquisition by Scott Paper in 1967, Skowhegan, ME. Expansion via the addition of several $400 million machines at the Skowhegan mill allowed for major increases in the textbook and magazine markets. Lew held the responsibility for salable product quality and publishing sales from the new equipment. Now owned by South African Pulp & Paper, the Westbrook and Skowhegan mills continue in operation.

While Lew spent huge amounts of time traveling to the mills and sales offices, Mary provided the center of gravity at their home in Duxbury, MA, where the four Brown children grew up swimming, sailing, and playing tennis and golf.

After retirement, Lew and Mary stayed in the Boothbay area and enjoyed cruising the coast of Maine, as well as the St. John Riverin New Brunswick. Active volunteers, Mary served as secretary of the YMCA board and Lew was president of St. Andrews Hospital. Skiing, hiking, and fly fishing lured them to Wilson, WY, for 10 years. They pursued their cruising interests via a tugboat in Annacortes, WA. They also continued volunteering, with Mary on the board of Jackson Parks and Recreation and Lew on the Jackson Recycling board.
At OceanView, Lew continues to tie flies for the fishing adventures that have taken them as far away as Alaska. (NS, 5/2023)



Lloyd and Evelyn Burckle moved to OceanView (Whipple Farm), from Pearl River, NY. Lloyd was born and grew up in Green Bay, Wisconsin. After graduating from high school, he began college at the University of Wisconsin, transferred to Brigham Young University taking a B.S. and an M.S. in Geology. Later he obtained a PHD from New York University. Drafted into the U.S. Army, Lloyd served two years in Panama as a military geologist, where he had two bouts with malaria. He also spent one year traveling around the world, including Antarctica, doing oceanographic research. Evelyn began life in Bellrose, Long Island, NY and after high school went to Adelphi University on a full scholarship, earning a B.A. in Music Education.

After her first marriage, Evelyn returned to Long Island with her one-year-old son and went to nearby Queens College for her master's degree while working as a substitute teacher. She and Lloyd were introduced in 1962 by mutual friends when he came to NY for a research position with Columbia University. They were married in 1964. Lloyd's primary position was climatology research at Columbia University (from 1961 to 2007). At the same time, he held a part-time faculty position with Hunter College then took a part-time faculty position at Rutgers University for another ten years. Lloyd retired from his Columbia position this August and Evelyn retired after 50 years of teaching piano.

For 45 years, they made their home in Pearl River, NY, a relatively easy commute to either Columbia or Rutgers. Two daughters were added to the family. Today, their son has three children and their younger daughter, who lives in Gorham, has one. Both Lloyd and Evelyn love to travel, and she enjoys chamber music, bridge, and mah jong. (*Lloyd sadly passed away in 2014*).



Dave and Louise Bush (Schoolhouse) grew up in Danville, PA, a small rural town in central Pennsylvania. Louise was raised on a working farm along with her six siblings. Dave's father was an orthopedic surgeon and chief of staff at Geisinger Medical Center. Dave also grew up on a farm—a gentleman's farm—so we are both farmers!

Dave went to Dartmouth College and then to medical school. Louise majored in French at West Chester University and became a teacher. While Dave was completing medical school in Boston, Louise was teaching at Wellesley High School. Our next stop was Richmond, VA for a two-year general surgery

residency for Dave and a teaching position for Louise, followed by four years of orthopedic training in New York City. At this stop, Louise stopped teaching and started to have babies, three sons in three years! Upon completion of his training, Dave served in the US Army in Landstuhl, Germany for two years.

Military obligations fulfilled, we returned to our home town, where Dave worked at Geisinger Medical Center and became director of orthopedics, continuing there until he retired in 2008. Louise spent those years nurturing the family and volunteering for every cause—school fund raisers, cub scouts, classroom support, hospital auxiliaries, church, and community service committees.

We are both enthusiastic Penn State fans. We enjoy almost all sporting events, especially when the grandkids are playing. We both like golf, boating, and trout fishing. We are both avid readers. Dave has a special interest in World War II and D-Day. He has a small gun collection and likes to shoot at targets. He used to be a hunter.

We are proud of our three sons. The oldest received his master's in structural engineering and his MBA and works at Cooper Hospital in Camden, NJ, where he is director of acquisitions and mergers. He has four children. The other two sons became orthopedic surgeons like their father and grandfather. They live in Falmouth and practice at CMMC in Auburn. There are six grandchildren in Falmouth, our reason for coming to live at beautiful OceanView!!! (Dave and Louise Bush)



We at OceanView love to celebrate "real Mainers," individuals whose lives have made a long-term contribution to the economy or culture of the state. **Paul and Jan Butler** (Cottages) are the genuine article.

Jan graduated from South Portland High School and the University of Maine with a degree in education. When Paul was three, his family relocated from New York City to Portland, where he attended Deering High School. As a first-year student at the University of Maine, he needed a date for a fraternity rush party. His girlfriend at home recommended Jan and by senior year they were pinned. After graduation Jan attended Katharine Gibbs School for a year in Boston. Then the Butlers spent three years in Hartford, CT, Paul in the insurance industry and Jan in the personnel department of Pratt Whitney.

When the first of their three daughters was born, the family moved home to Maine where Paul joined his father-in-law in the wholesale beef business. At first, they got their beef from Boston, then from the West. They sold to the "institutional trade," colleges, restaurants, and camps, so in the summer they worked seven days a week. In 1959, the meat came in as sides of beef, but by the early 1980s, it came packaged as cuts ready for resale. For many years their company, A.R. Bishop and Son, was one of 13 food wholesale businesses on Commercial Street in Portland.

In 1959, Paul and Jan moved to South Portland, then to Cape Elizabeth, where they lived for 45 years. As their children grew, Jan went back to work as a legal assistant at the law firm Pierce Atwood. The Butlers enjoy travel, including winter months in Florida, and serving their community. A Rotarian since 1974, Paul was also a volunteer driver for ITN America. Jan was a leader for Camp Fire and they both spent years volunteering for the First Congregational Church in South Portland.

Currently the couple's three daughters and four grandchildren all live in New England. Jan sings in the OV chorus. And, unique among OceanView residents, real Mainer Paul misses raking leaves and shoveling snow! (NS)



Polly Campbell (Main Lodge)–officially Mary Ellen Miller Campbell–grew up in the Germantown area of Philadelphia, PA. After graduating from Germantown Friends School, Polly earned a B.A. in chemistry from Mt. Holyoke College. This fortuitously led to a research job investigating basic sugar metabolism at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, where she met her soon-to-be husband, J. Colin Campbell, a medical school student. They married in 1950, and after two years stationed at Castle Air Force Base (CA) during the Korean War, Polly and Colin returned East. They settled in South Orange, NJ, in 1954, and Colin, an internist, opened his practice in East Orange, NJ.

The Campbells raised four children—Alan, Nancy, Andy, and Jean—during the tumultuous 1960s. Polly's dedication to family, education, and community was exemplified by her service on numerous nonprofit boards and in a variety of volunteer positions. Most significantly, Polly chaired the Board of Trustees of the Morristown Beard School in New Jersey, a private coeducational school for students grades 6-12. Under her leadership from 1973-1983, the board addressed the chaos resulting from the 1971 merger of the Morristown School for boys and the Beard School for girls–a merger fraught with the challenges of combining two student bodies, staffs, curricula, facilities, finances, etc. In honor of Polly's successful leadership, the school named her a lifetime honorary trustee, and her family established the Mary Ellen Campbell Scholarship. Always humble, Polly credits her success with her ability to recognize and welcome others' expertise and her own practical perspective.

Other activities Polly enjoys include summering at the Long Island Sound home in Madison, CT, that she (a "beacher") and Colin (a sailor) bought in 1968. She's also an avid bridge player and a lifelong worker in handicrafts. She loves the outdoors, music, and theater; practices tai chi; and is a former gardener and competitive tennis player. Following Colin's death in 2003 and son Alan's death in 2008, Polly moved to a retirement community in Maryland—and in 2022, to OceanView to be near her daughters who live in Portland and Falmouth. Welcome, Polly! (MF 10/2022)



Where **Ethel Carmolli** found limited opportunities, she expanded them—in the courts, in health care, and in business—anticipating the women's movement that would soon follow.

Ethel grew up in Portland and South Portland before enrolling at the University of Maine, Gorham. She left early to marry and took a job in Connecticut where her husband Dana was a student. Returning to Portland she worked for the law firm Perkins Thompson and they started a family. Then, after four years' experience in the Cumberland County District Attorney's office, Ethel moved on to the Portland Police Department Detective Bureau. There as a secretary, she took statements in shorthand from witnesses and defendants and transcribed them for the records. If she were called in after hours, she knew the case was homicide or an armed robbery. "It was a good education in how the legal system works."

After her divorce and while raising two children, Ethel "shifted gears" and took a position, again as a secretary, for the chief of anesthesiology at Maine Medical Center. Fascinated by "how hospitals work," she again dove in headfirst, obtaining permission to observe surgery, so she would have a better understanding of what she was writing about.

It was during this time that Ethel met Ernie Carmolli, an engineer who owned a precision machining shop in Massachusetts. After their marriage she took care of the books for his business, learning a third set of skills.

After retirement Ethel and Ernie moved back to Maine, living in Scarborough and summering at their cottage in Boothbay Harbor. They spent time with family, including 11 grandchildren! They traveled. Ethel became involved with Literacy Volunteers of America and the Center for Grieving Children. She sang in the Magic of Christmas chorus and Ernie played French horn in four different bands.

Having planned to move to OceanView, they had just sold their house when Ernie suddenly died. Since her arrival at the Lodge, Ethel has enjoyed book clubs, discussion groups, and concerts. She has always enjoyed journaling and plans to continue. No surprise there: She has much to write about. (NS)



Mary Jo Carpenter's (Pavilion) life reflects her love of family, music, theater, the arts, and a career built on identifying needs and initiating change. Born and raised in Missouri, she majored in English at the University of Kansas and began a master's program at the University of Wisconsin, leaving when she realized it would lead to teaching, a path she did not want.

In the summer of 1959 at the height of the Cold War, she joined a student group traveling behind the Iron Curtain to see communist countries firsthand. Afterward, she worked in Washington, D.C., at the American Alumni Council, an organization dedicated to educational advancement. There she met her future husband, Russ, a collegiate fundraiser.

After marrying, the couple worked at Smith College—he in development, and she in admissions until the first of their three children was born. Russ's fundraising career continued at the University of Vermont, and finally at his alma mater, Williams College in Williamstown, MA, where she lived for the next 47 years.

After the family moved to Vermont and their youngest was old enough to read notes left on the kitchen table, Mary Jo began volunteering at the local public radio station. There she identified the need for—and developed—a donor-relations program and soon joined the paid staff.

A similar pattern unfolded in Williamstown, where she started part-time at the Clark Art Institute, developing a membership program. Recognizing untapped potential for donor support, she developed communication and fundraising initiatives, launching a 20-year career and eventually establishing a Department of Publications. In retirement, Mary Jo volunteered for numerous organizations, most notably the Williamstown Finance Committee.

Throughout her life, Mary Jo has also enjoyed gardening, travel, and the arts—especially music, e.g., playing her grand piano, attending musical theater, and singing in church, college, and community choirs. Traveling was a great pleasure, but Russ's Parkinson's disease made it increasingly difficult. Sadly, Russ died in 2016, and after several more years in Williamstown, Mary Jo moved to OceanView to be closer to her son's family in Brunswick and to enjoy all OceanView offers. (MF/2026)



Debbie Carr was a cheerleader at Portland High School and **Tom** was a basketball player for Cheverus High School. They knew each other, of course, but Debbie was not about to date a Cheverus boy, even if he was a star athlete! Some years later, in 1976, they met again on a blind date, fell in love, and have been together ever since—42 years, to be exact.

Tom was born in Asheville, NC, while his father was fighting in the South Pacific during World War II; in fact, Tom was three years old before he met his father. After the war, the family moved to Cape Elizabeth, where his father joined the family company, Carr Brothers Fruit & Produce. Tom remembers that he started driving the large freight trucks well before he was old enough to get a driver's license and he also remembers dumping a full load of watermelons on the street!

After graduation from Cheverus, Tom was selected to attend the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. His years in the Air Force were spent teaching pilots to fly at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, TX. Eventually, Tom returned to Maine to join his father at Carr Brothers.

Debbie graduated from Bates College in 1969 with a degree in sociology. Her first job as social worker was with the Portland Welfare Department. She then served at Franklin Towers and at Maine Medical Center. In 1980, she began work at Southern Maine Agency on Aging, retiring as deputy director 33 years later. Among her proudest accomplishments were helping to establish Money Minders, the Elder Abuse Institute of Maine, Martha's Cottage, and a state-wide program of home-based care. She also helped to found two adult day care centers, one in Biddeford and the other here at Lunt School, the Stewart Center, named for major donors Howsie and Tim Stewart.

Debbie and Tom and their dog Dixie, a well-behaved Blue Merle Border Collie, are happy in their Schoolhouse cottage, enjoy their new neighbors, and are delighted with all the support that OceanView has to offer. (MB) (Sadly Tom passed away in 2019).



Thought you had a long trip to work? For 18 months, banker **Mike Cassidy** (Blueberry Commons) commuted to Australia from Riverside, CT, where **Anne** managed home life for their four children. The Cassidys met in Chase Manhattan Bank's training program. Anne was a native of Lancaster, PA, and graduate of Wells College. Mike, born in New Rochelle, NY, grew up in the family's furniture business, and is an alumnus of Iona Preparatory School, College of the Holy Cross, and Air Force ROTC. Upon graduation, he was stationed in Michigan's Upper Peninsula for three years.

Mike started Chase's Visa card relationship. He went on to set up the bank's residential mortgage banking business and afterwards returned to Chase's Consumer Bank to oversee the New York Metropolitan Area branch network. Then came the Chase partnership with an Australian bank. In 1993, he retired from banking and transitioned to non-profit work as a trustee and volunteer at St. Luke's Lifeworks (now Inspirica), a non-profit in Stamford, CT. It provided emergency, transitional, and permanent housing and support services for homeless individuals and families in lower Fairfield County.

As the Cassidys' children grew, Anne volunteered in their schools and community. She spent more than 12 years on the board of a residence for low to moderate income well elderly and was instrumental in raising funds and building a new facility, doubling the number of apartments to 38.

In 1999, Anne and Mike moved to Greensboro in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. Anne joined the board of a Craftsbury assisted living residence. Mike became treasurer of the Land Trust and local golf club. Both were active in helping to maintain Greensboro's cross country ski trails. Their home has been a mecca for children, grandchildren (ages two to 21), and friends who enjoy beautiful Lake Caspian and the ski trails outside the front door. Anne and Mike deliver Meals on Wheels, which they find very rewarding.

Encouraged by their two daughters living in Portland, the Cassidys chose OceanView where they appreciate the warm, relaxed atmosphere and the opportunity to be outside. (NS, 10/2023)



John and Pat Chesebro (Principal Drive) moved to OceanView from their Portland home of 42 years. Pat, a native Mainer, was raised in Gorham, but spent much time at her grandparents' dairy farm in Thorndike. She loved horses, which she owned and rode for many years. Although John was Boston-born and raised in Newton, MA, his Maine roots are deep. His maternal great grandfather built a summer cottage on Linekin Bay in East Boothbay that remains in the family today. John's relative Ruth Montgomery took many historic pictures aboard her father's sailing ship; they are on display at the Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport. An oil painting of a sailing ship hangs above the Chesebros' mantel. John's fraternal great grandfather was her master. An intricate model of another sailing vessel is displayed in a glass case nearby.

John and Pat met while attending the University of Maine Orono. After marrying in 1962, they drove to Sanibel Island in their 1960 Triumph TR3 for their honeymoon. The Chesebros initially settled in Albany, NY, where John worked as a licensed bridge engineer and Pat began her career in insurance with The Travelers. In 1972, they moved to Portland, where John became Portland's City Engineer, their son Christopher was born, and Pat relocated to The Travelers as a Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter. A few years later, John joined a consulting firm, and Pat moved to the Hanover Insurance Co. The family enjoyed Boy Scouting, camping, kayaking, supporting Chris's Portland High ice hockey team, and spending weekends at their Sugarloaf chalet and Linekin Bay cottage. Tragically, John and Pat lost their beloved son in 2002.

The Chesebros spend winters at an active retirement mobile home park in Zephyrhills, FL. They enjoy socializing with friends, playing golf and bridge, and traveling, having taken wonderful river cruises in Europe, rail trips in Canada and the US, and cruises to the Caribbean and Hawaii. They love collecting antiques, as the many treasures in their home attest. Pat maintained beautiful gardens in Boothbay and Portland until back surgery forced her to curtail her gardening and skiing. (NW & SS)



A loving grandmother and a narrow-minded librarian shaped the life of **Nancy Cline** (Cottages). Born in Chambersburg, PA to hard working parents, Nancy was raised by her grandmother, a strong survivor of the Great Depression. Although Nancy was an early and ardent reader, the local librarian would not let her check out books she deemed "too old" for her. Aspiring to be "on the other side of the desk," Nancy started working in that library for 50 cents an hour, launching her career as a librarian.

After high school Nancy married and moved to UC Berkeley, where she held numerous jobs while completing a bachelor's in English and a master's in library science. A favorite position was working in Berkeley's Acquisitions Department, searching worldwide for rare and out-of-print books.

In 1970, Nancy moved to Pennsylvania State University, initially specializing in Pennsylvania government documents. Within a few months, at age 24, she was named department head, sparking her career in administration. Ultimately Nancy became Dean of University Libraries, responsible for the libraries at all Penn State's campuses. During this time, she married Larry Hettich, a talented woodworker, who died unexpectedly at 50.

In 1996, Nancy became Roy E. Larsen Librarian of Harvard College, responsible for the majority of Harvard's libraries, most of which had long standing relationships with libraries in Europe, Asia, and Latin America. International travel was a constant. Throughout her career Nancy participated in national and international library organizations, always dedicated to improving researchers' access to collections, including rare and special collections, and fostering international collaborations.

Upon retirement, Nancy unleashed her inner child on a trip to the Shetland Islands for Wool Week and on a Fiber Maine trip, rekindling her interests in knitting and weaving. Nancy's exquisite cross-stitch samplers and beautiful cherry loom attest to her skills. She also enjoys stamp collecting, a hobby begun when she discovered bags of old stamps while cleaning out Larry's possessions. Nancy serves on the boards of the Maine Historical Society and the Island Commons. (NW & SS)



It has taken **Nell and Don Colburn** (Schoolhouse) 53 years to make a home in Maine, even though they spent the first two weeks of their marriage exploring the state. They were married at Mount Holyoke College, where they met at a mixer, with a reception at Amherst, where Don graduated in 1969. After graduate school in Washington, D.C., they lived and worked there for many years. They've also lived in Delaware; Rochester, NY; Washington state; and most recently, 22 in Portland, Oregon.

Don had a long career in newspaper journalism as a medical reporter for the *Washington Post* and the *Oregonian*. He was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for an in-depth story about a burn-trauma center in Seattle. During a mid-career Knight Fellowship at Stanford, Don became interested in poetry. He later earned an MFA degree in creative writing. He has published five poetry collections, including one full-length book and four chapbooks. All five won or placed in national contests.

Nell is passionate about getting children and books together. She spent forty-one years in children's services in public libraries. Nell reports the high point of her career was chairing the 2009 Caldecott Award Committee.

Another honor was being dubbed “the book fairy” by one of her four-year-old story hour regulars. She wrote a popular column on early literacy for *School Library Journal*, and she served on the advisory committee of the Library of Congress Children’s Literature Center, the Newbery Award Committee, and other children’s book award panels. She also served on the board of directors of the Association for Library Service to Children, and she edited one of their bestselling books on early literacy.

Don and Nell share a love for Celtic music. Don is still learning to play the penny whistle, a skill he picked up in middle age. The Colburns have hiked and skied all over the Pacific Northwest. They left their VW “Westy” camper van in Seattle with friends and look forward to summer “van life” out West. They are delighted to be settling into OceanView’s active community. (NC & PP, 1/2024)



Sue Comstock (Main Lodge) feels her life has been magical and blessed. The oldest of four girls, she grew up in Dover, MA, spending childhood summers on the ocean in Cohasset, Cape Cod, and Maine. When her family went fishing, they would drop Sue off on an island to read. Still an avid reader, Sue loves living mere steps away from the OceanView library.

Sue attended Beaver Country Day School and studied child development at Mt. Vernon and Wheelock Colleges. She built a career in preschool and parent education, also working as a consultant and mentor to teachers at Head Start and Pine Manor College’s child care center. She was working at a private preschool when she first glimpsed Bill Comstock and was immediately smitten. Two years later they were married in the Wellesley Congregation Church where Sue became a Christian Education consultant. Their two sons were born in 1966 and 1968. Her older son died at age 38 having lived happily in Maine after struggles with addiction.

Nearing retirement Sue and Bill fell in love with the music of the Benedictine monks of the Weston Priory in Weston, VT. The Comstocks built a small house beside a brook and worked for 22 years in the priory with Bill as the monks’ property manager and Sue as the retreat center’s housekeeper. Using Bill’s marketing skills and Sue’s experience working with children and families, the couple started a business offering parent education and running marriage enrichment weekends and support groups for children experiencing divorce. They loved their life, especially when working together.

After they finally retired, Bill and Sue took a few magical trips, including one to Lake Thun, Switzerland, and another, to see the monarch butterflies in their wintering grounds in Mexico to celebrate Sue’s seventieth birthday.

Two years ago, after all treatment options for Bill’s COPD had been exhausted, Sue took him home to their house by the brook for his final five months. With her son and two granddaughters living nearby in Scarborough, Sue sees her move to OceanView as the start of a whole new chapter in her life. (NW & SS)



Writer, traveler, hiker, and volunteer **Miriam Congdon** (Blueberry Commons) brings a wealth of life experiences to OceanView. While she was growing up in the Boston area, her high school English teacher encouraged her to write. After graduating from Brandeis University and acquiring some career experience at Harvard, Miriam moved to Washington, DC, where she worked for Congressman Alphonzo Bell, answering constituent letters and writing speeches and newsletters. At a party, Miriam met her future husband, Don, also a Congressional staffer. During the Vietnam War, Don enlisted, received Army Intelligence training, and was posted to Oberammergau in the Bavarian Alps, where the Congdons' daughter, Deborah, was born.

After Don began working at AT&T in Atlanta, GA, Miriam took a job on Jimmy Carter's paid campaign staff. She answered letters from key Democrats as well as old friends from Plains. At one point, the Carters needed to send daughter Amy home from a campaign trip, so Miriam and Deborah met Amy at the airport and effected the transfer to her grandmother, Miss Lillian.

After Don moved to AT&T in New Jersey, Miriam worked as a freelance writer. She was active in the Morristown Unitarian Church and volunteered in the chaplain's office of the regional hospital, where she found immense satisfaction in helping a diverse population of patients.

Given the opportunity to open a new AT&T office in New Zealand, Don and Miriam lived there for three years, learning to avoid sheep in the road as they drove. They hiked regularly with a group of New Zealanders and traveled widely in Asia.

Next stop: AT&T Belgium. For seven years, the Congdons traveled and hiked throughout Europe. Miriam volunteered on an English-language help line set up by the British to answer expat questions ranging from availability of familiar foods to suicide prevention.

In 2004, shortly after their return to Morristown, Don died. In 2010, Miriam relocated to Scarborough, ME, and became active in OLLI. She enjoys being near her daughter and granddaughter, both psychotherapists based in greater Portland. Throughout her life, Miriam has continued to write short stories and poems. (NS, 5/2025)



Joe and Pat Cuccaro (Whipple Farm) moved from Freeport, where they had lived for the past six years. Pat was born in Portland, graduated from Falmouth High School, earned a B.S. in Nutrition at UMaine and served an internship at Mass General Hospital in Boston. Joe was born in Plainfield, NJ. After high school he too went to UMaine graduating with a B.S. in Fish & Wildlife Management.

Shortly after he and Pat married in 1961, he joined the Army, served in the airborne infantry for 27 years, including two tours of duty in Vietnam. When stationed in West Berlin before the wall came down, they found the contrast between East & West Berlin, and the reality of conditions there to be startling. Upon retirement, as a Colonel, he joined the E.C. Jordan Company, an environmental engineering firm in Portland as Regional Program Manager responsible for cleaning up military installations. Although they moved often as a military family, Pat took occasional interim food service positions in hospitals and schools. She retired in 1998 as Director of Food Service for the Cumberland, ME school district.

Pat and Joe have two children and one grandchild. Pat enjoys gardening, cooking, and reading. Joe likes to fish and to play golf and cribbage. (*Sadly, Joe passed away in 2020*).



A love of music is the thread that weaves through the life of **Nancy Cunningham**, a new cottage resident. During her Winchester, MA childhood, Nancy's family sang together on car trips, usually standards from the 1920s, and she has never stopped singing. She joined high school choruses and later the choir and glee club at Mount Holyoke.

After college graduation Nancy married her high school sweetheart and settled in Winchester. She became an administrative assistant at Tufts, where she was known as “the grammarian” because of her command of the complex rules of the English language. The following years she focused on raising her three children, Cindy, Laura, and Ross.

Nancy's divorce after 12 years of marriage led her to join the Unitarian Church, which introduced her to Ferry Beach Park Association in Saco, an independent arm of the UU Church. She worked for 10 years in human resources at Tufts while completing a master's degree and enjoying summer forays to Ferry Beach. Her singing during that period was in church choir, a local Gilbert & Sullivan society, and the Folk Song Society of Greater Boston. After moving to Maine, Nancy was a tax professional with H&R Block for 27 years. She also worked for several years at L.L. Bean and was a founding member of Women in Harmony. Since coming to OceanView, she has enjoyed her first spring without the rigors and pace of the tax season.

In 1999, Nancy partnered with long-time friend and Ferry Beacher, Marcia Payson. Living in Biddeford and Saco, the couple had 14 happy years together, singing in the Portsmouth-area chorus, Women Singing Out!; joining a group of 12 women known as The Yum Yum Sisters, who traveled together to several locations up and down the East Coast; and overseeing their large family of five children, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Nancy continues to sing in the Allen Avenue UU Church Choir and is a member of Harbour Singers, a hospice choir that performs, when asked, at the bedsides of sick or dying patients. (NW & SS)



Phil and Joan Davies (Schoolhouse Cottages) are water people. You can ask their Maine Coon Cats, Androscoggin and Allagash. A competitive swimmer at Abington Friends School, Joan continued swimming with the Vesper Boat Club and at the University of Pennsylvania. A swimmer who grew up in Lancaster County, Phil graduated from The Hill School and met Joan at Penn. While she majored in art history and studied in Paris, Phil completed undergraduate and graduate degrees in economics. Afterward he served in the US Coast Guard, while she worked for TWA.

Phil then joined the Opinion Research Corporation in Princeton, NJ, commuting from Philadelphia, where their son was born and where the family lived in a 1740s house on Elfreth's Alley, the oldest residential street in America. After five years, the Davies moved to Princeton, where they would live for more than 30 years. Their daughter was born and Phil continued his career in marketing and opinion research at Prudential Financial in Newark. As the children grew older, Joan graduated from a nursing program and worked first as a labor and delivery nurse who also taught childbirth education. Then she became a nurse practitioner, first at Princeton University and then as the first N.P. for Princeton Medical Group. She earned a Master of Science in Nursing from Seton Hall University.

While the children were young, the family started sailing on the Chesapeake Bay and scuba diving in Maine, the Caribbean, and the Florida Keys. Later Phil and Joan crossed the Atlantic several times on the QM2, “drove” a barge through southern France, and explored the Caledonian Canal (Loch Ness) and the Thames River. The Rideau Canal is next!

Phil and Joan retired in 2001 and moved to Jackson, NH where they helped build the new community library. Joan served on the Jackson zoning board and as a trustee of the town's trust funds, Phil, on the hospital board. They also met several couples who are now their neighbors at OceanView. The Davieses look forward to spending more time at OceanView and to introducing their four grandchildren to the glorious waters of Maine. (*Sadly, Phil passed away in February 2023*) (NS)



Suzy Deitz, a cottage resident, has a remarkable heritage. Her father, the captain of the U.S. track team at the 1906 Athens Olympics, was chief judge of the Appellate Court of Illinois. Her mother, a suffragist, was recently seen in a PBS special, marching to promote votes for women. Suzy, a Chicago native, spent summers at her beloved Eagle River in Wisconsin, riding horses and enjoying water sports. She attended Grinnell College and graduated from Pestalozzi-Froebel Teachers College before marrying the son of her parents' best friends. After living in Hawaii during her husband's naval career, the couple moved to Chicago, where their three daughters, Laurie, Duffy, and Susan, were born. A life-long hater of gardening, Suzy knew her marriage was over when her husband gave her a lawnmower for her birthday.

Newly divorced, Suzy flew by herself to New York, hired a cab, and asked the cabbie to recommend a place for her family to live. The kind cabbie turned off his meter and drove her to a recently constructed complex in Port Washington. After Suzy signed a lease, he accompanied her to a hardware store to buy everything she needed until her furniture arrived. After getting settled, Suzy scouted out the Pierce Country Day School, which her daughters attended and where she taught kindergarten for the next seven years.

Through a family friend, Suzy met Herb Deitz, a widowed lawyer and father of two. After marrying, they moved their blended family to The Beresford on Central Park West, spending weekends in East Hampton at a glass house they built in the midst of a pine forest. Suzy volunteered for the Board of Guardians, shepherding young children through the court system. After learning to play bridge, she joined the Regency Whist Club, a five-story perpetual home for New York City bridge players, where she reigns today as the Club's longest member.

Suzy cherishes weekly lunches with her daughter in Portland, keeping up with eight grandchildren, and playing bridge at OceanView and with a duplicate bridge group in Portland. She is also enjoying “never having to cook again.” (NW & SS)



Ann Deering (Hilltop Lodge) moved to OceanView two weeks before Covid-19 arrived! Quarantine began, so not the best start, but friends from her college days and a long residence in the Portland area made the transition a positive one. Plus, her mother and uncle had been among the original residents of OceanView.

Ann was born in Winchester, MA, an only child whose father died when she was four. Her mother, a school teacher, took advanced education courses every summer so Ann went to Girl Scout Camp Weetamoe in New Hampshire where she thrived. She graduated from Wellesley High School and went on to Colby College where she spent four happy years majoring in Spanish. She had wonderful roommates and joined the Colbyettes, a women's octet harmony group.

In her junior year, she met Jack Deering, an Air Force veteran, who returned to Colby to finish his degree on the GI Bill. Jack had been stationed in Tripoli, North Africa during the Korean War. They married two weeks after graduation in June 1955, and moved to Boston where Jack trained at Coffin and Burr investment company. In l956, they moved back to Jack's beloved home state and he and long-time OceanView resident Carl Barker formed a certified financial advisory firm. They partnered successfully together for 35 years!

Ann worked for the American Red Cross aiding servicemen's families and she and Jack started their own family—Janet, now with four daughters and one granddaughter; Ellen, a hospice and Red Cross volunteer; and son Richard, Birch Rock Camp director and real estate broker. Ann has volunteered at Foreside Community Church, her children's schools, the Sweetser board, Friends of Maine Medical Center and was a real estate broker for many years. Together she and Jack stayed closely connected to Colby College, serving on its boards and working on every Colby campaign. Jack died in 2015. (MB)



Adventure has been the hallmark of **Florence Donigan's** (Cottages) life. After growing up outside Philadelphia, Florence graduated from Centenary College, majoring in chemistry, and, at the tender age of twenty, married. On her honeymoon, the Korean War broke out, and her husband Jack's ROTC training landed him in the Air Force for two years. Next stop: Pennington, New Jersey, where the couple built a house, lived for two decades, and raised two sons. The young family camped in Canada and Maine, where they fell in love with the state's beauty and vowed to return.

Jack's career took them to Florida, where the couple lived on a barrier island and enjoyed sailing. With their family grown, they decided to take a sailing trip for more than a year, exploring the Caribbean, Grenada, and Venezuela. After a hurricane damaged their boat, they lived in Puerto Rico until the boat was repaired. Jack and Florence traveled extensively around the world, visiting Antarctica and China, and bicycling through France and Holland. After Jack retired, they bought a pop-up camper and drove from Florida to Alaska, where they spent the summer. Returning home via Maine, they discovered and fell in love with Winslow Park in Freeport, where they returned in subsequent summers with a dinghy and their bikes. After searching for land for five years, they bought six acres on the Harraseeket River, where they designed and built a house. Builders put up the shell and drywall, painted the ceilings, and installed the sub-floor. Florence and Jack did all the rest, cutting down trees from their land to be milled and used for the floors.

After Jack was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, they bought a house in Texas near one of their sons and split their time between Texas and Maine, where their other son lives. After Jack died, Florence decided to make Maine—and OceanView—her full-time home.

An antiques and auction lover, Florence's cottage is filled with treasures from her travels and auctions. Grandmother to two and great-grandmother to three, she loves gardening and investing in the stock market and real estate. (SS & NW, 7/2022)



Harry and Jeanette Duvall (Cottages) bring to OceanView a commitment to community developed during a lifetime in Needham, MA. Born and raised there, they were sweethearts at Needham High School. Returning as adults, they raised four children, led youth sports, and were active in the Episcopal Church.

Jeanette attended Miami University of Ohio, where she majored in English, minored in Spanish, and enjoyed international roommates. Back in Needham, she received a teaching certificate from Tufts and taught high school English; as the Duvall family grew, she tutored students and volunteered to teach English to immigrants.

Because of his love for the ocean, Harry joined the Coast Guard after high school. After studying electrical engineering at Clarkson University (formerly CCT), he worked for the Coast Guard for more than 28 years, designing the electronics for search and rescue operations, then automating and solarizing lighthouses. Traveling by boat or helicopter, he has worked on nearly every lighthouse in New England. Starting when their children were young, the Duvalls made youth sports a family affair. Jeanette served as publicist, then for 25 years as director of Needham Youth Hockey; she was inducted into the Massachusetts Hockey Hall of Fame. Harry coached hockey for 35 years and girls' softball for 15 years. The Duvall children and grandchildren (5) reflect their family's passion for sports and their commitment to young people. They also love to return to the Duvalls' camp on Vinalhaven—to watch birds with Jeanette and kayak with Harry. Fans of college hockey, Harry and Jeanette have attended 17 Frozen Fours, men's championship matches, using each as an opportunity to explore a US city that was new to them.

Jeanette mentions that having had polio as a high school student, she has spent most of her life on crutches and now uses a wheel chair. Harry adds that that has never kept Jeanette from doing what she wanted to, which is clear from all that they have accomplished. In 2013, the National Exchange Club awarded the Duvalls their Book of Golden Deeds, "honoring their history of selfless contribution and dedication to the Needham Community." (NS)



Perhaps you've seen the bumper sticker that says, “Not from here, but I got here as quick as I could!” That pretty well sums up how **Bart and Sally Dunning** (Schoolhouse Cottages) feel about their move to Maine and OceanView. They are delighted that they've finally made it.

Their journeys began in Pennsylvania for Bart and Michigan for Sally. In elementary school each started what would eventually become a career in music—Bart on the bass (“because I was the tallest boy in the sixth grade”) and Sally on the cello. Bart attended high school at the Interlochen Arts Academy, which led to a scholarship to the University of Michigan School of Music. It was there that he and Sally met.

After receiving their undergrad and graduate degrees, Bart and Sally married and began playing with the Toledo (OH) Symphony as well as teaching music, Bart in public school and Sally privately as a Suzuki teacher. They raised a daughter and a son. Along the way, Sally added an MSW degree and worked as a clinical social worker both in private practice and in hospice while continuing her musical activities. Perhaps the highlight of their long orchestral careers was playing in Carnegie Hall in 2011. It was thrilling to play on the stage where so many famous musicians had performed.

The Dunnings loved Ann Arbor as students and lived there until retirement. It was a great place to raise children and would have been a great place to stay had Maine not worked its magic on them. In 1970, however, Bart had begun teaching at New England Music Camp in Sidney, and every summer they began to feel more and more like Mainers. So, they bought a summer cottage on Lake Messalonskee, which is close to the camp where Bart still teaches and a popular destination for the whole family.

The Dunnings' children live in Boston, each married to a musician, carrying on the tradition of living life by an orchestra schedule. Bart and Sally particularly enjoy hopping on the southbound train for a visit with their three grandchildren. (SD)



Marcia Dworak (Blueberry Commons) credits her “happy brain chemistry” with directing the arc of her life. Despite difficult early years growing up in Los Angeles, Marcia's life has been a series of important mentors and serendipitous events.

Bored in school, the young Marcia educated herself at the public library. She married right out of high school and had two children by the age of 21 without any plans to pursue higher education. At 26, however, her life began to change. She started modeling, enrolled in college, and agreed to be the assistant leader of her daughter's Brownie troop. After the leader absconded with the cookie sale money, Marcia became leader of the troop and received the formal training that prepared her for life.

After divorcing her husband, working in the library at California State University, Fullerton, and attending college and graduate school part-time for the next 12 years, Marcia earned a B.A. in history and master's degrees in library science and administration. The young girl who educated herself in the public library would ultimately spend her entire career in academic and library administration.

Marcia attributes much of her success to two important mentors: her supervisor, who arranged for her to pursue her education while working full time in the university library, and an inspiring professor, Robert, who eventually became her husband for 37 years.

After receiving her bachelor's and master's in library science, Marcia moved with Robert to Illinois, where she joined the faculty at the University of Illinois, Springfield, and earned her master's in administration. Four years later, the couple moved to Maine, where Marcia served as library director at the College of the Atlantic and grew close to three students, who joined her family as “acquired daughters” for life. Robert and Marcia made their home in Pretty Marsh and became active in the Bar Harbor community, where Marcia chaired the Board of Trustees for Mount Desert Island Hospital. In 2004, they retired to California. After Robert died in 2010, Marcia continued living in Mariposa until 2015 when, happily, she decided to join our OceanView community. (NW & SS)



Cindy Estes (Blueberry Commons) is a Mainer, through and through. She was born in Portland, raised in Saco, and graduated from Colby College as a philosophy and religion major. While attending a senior seminar taught by Colby President Julius Seelye Bixler, Cindy gained a life-changing insight regarding the unlimited power of the mind. Later, she was honored to be asked to write an article about President Bixler for the *Colby College Quarterly.*

Following her marriage, Cindy moved to Pennsylvania, where she enjoyed working in the Haverford College Library while her husband attended business school at the University of Pennsylvania. After her son Scott was born, she became a stay-at-home mom.

The family moved to Albany, NY, where Cindy and her husband eventually divorced. She began working for the State of New York, first as an administrative assistant and later as purchasing coordinator the Dormitory Authority. Cindy’s goal was to gain a pension by working for 20 years, which she succeeded in doing. While working for the state by day, she worked at a women’s clothing store, Town and Tweed, by night.
Later in life, Cindy re-connected with a former neighbor, Al, whose wife had died. Because Al loved hiking as much as Cindy did, the two became partners as they hiked in the Adirondacks and the national parks in the West, particularly enjoying Zion and the Grand Canyon. Twice Al and Cindy hiked the Bright Angel Trail to Indian Gardens, five miles down into the Grand Canyon. The second time they intended to hike farther to catch a glimpse of the Colorado River, but they turned back when they realized the temperature had hit 112 degrees in the shade. After Al died Cindy eventually decided to move back to Maine to be near her brother, who lives in Falmouth.

Cindy has been an active volunteer throughout her life, serving various organizations including Cub and Boy Scouts, PTA, Bethlehem Senior Services, and the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. She enjoys spending time with her two granddaughters, playing bridge, reading, and walking. (NW & SS)



Jack & Noreen Evans (Whipple Farm) moved to OceanView from their home in Yarmouth. Jack was born in Lancaster, PA, where he lived until moving to NYC to begin his career in banking. Jack graduated from the Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, NJ and Wesleyan University with graduate studies at NYU, Wisconsin and Harvard Business School.

Noreen was born in Grosse Pointe, MI, where she lived until she was 14 and moved with her family to Bronxville, NY. After attending a preparatory school in Canada, Noreen graduated from Endicott College. It was during Jack's senior year at prep school that the two met and went to his senior prom together. Five years later, they were married while Jack was on active duty with the US Air Force. After discharge from active duty, Jack rejoined the Hanover Bank.

The Evans then lived briefly in NYC before moving to Cold Spring Harbor on the north shore of Long Island, where they resided until Jack's retirement in 1988. Three children—two girls and a boy—came along and are part of a close-knit family. Jack's entire career was spent with the Hanover Bank and its successors. He retired as Vice Chairman of Manufacturers Hanover, now a part of J.P. Morgan Chase. His non-bank activities included: Trustee, Depository Trust Co.; Trustee, National Genetics Foundation; financial responsibilities at the diocesan and parish levels, Long Island Episcopal Church; Trustee, Huntington Hospital, NY; Trustee, Sons of the Revolution, NY; Director of the Computer Museum, Boston. Noreen, in addition to raising three "great children", became involved with the Junior League, Planned Parenthood, the Garden Club, and Holiday House (Herald Tribune Fresh Air Camp).

In 1990, they moved to Yarmouth where they built a house on the Royal River. Jack became involved in a number of pro-bono institutions including: Trustee/Interim Director, Portland Museum of Art; Trustee/Interim Director, Victoria Mansion; a Founder, President and CEO of Maine Life Care Inc.; Trustee, Greater Portland Landmarks; Corporator, Maine Medical. He is currently serving as a Trustee of Southern Maine Agency on Aging. Summers are spent with friends, children and grandchildren at their family camp on Squam Lake, NH. Traveling, sailing, OLLI and "wood butchering" (woodworking!) round out the picture.
(Sadly, Jack passed away 2019) (*j.&n.e.)*



They talked about it forever—move to Maine! It took forever, but they finally did it and they're glad they did. **Cyndi Farquhar** (Schoolhouse Cottages) started coming to Maine at a young age to visit relatives in West Gardiner. In 1958, her parents bought a camp on Penney Pond in Belgrade, and it would become central to the life of the family. **Fritz** was a camper, then a counselor at Pine Island Camp in Belgrade, which has seen four generations of Farquhars. It was on a return visit to Pine Island that he met Cyndi, who was helping to run a day care program there for children of senior staff.

Fritz and Cyndi were born six weeks apart at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut. Cyndi grew up in Wethersfield and graduated from Wheelock College to become a teacher. A native of West Hartford, Fritz got an AB in Architectural Sciences from Harvard. After graduation Cyndi returned to Connecticut to teach while Fritz went on to the University of Pennsylvania to earn an MA in architecture. A year later they were married. While living in Drexel Hill, just outside Philadelphia, their family grew to include two sons. Eventually, feeling too far from family and from Penney Pond, they returned to the Hartford area, where they would remain for more than four decades.

As the boys grew, Cyndi returned to teaching, worked for the Red Cross on their blood mobile program, and then taught second grade for 25 years at the Renbrook School, retiring in 2007. Fritz spent 13 years working for a number of firms in the greater Hartford area, focusing on architectural design, space planning, and urban design. In 1982, he opted to become “a one-person corporate giant.” He worked from his house for the next 35 years, officially closing the doors a month prior to moving to OceanView.

The Farquhars’ older son and his family live in southern California. Their younger son lives in Gorham, ME, with his wife and two daughters, which is “wonderfully convenient.” And Penney Pond is lightyears closer! (NS)



Audrey Fatula (Cottages) is originally from Montreal, Canada. Loving adventure, Audrey became a stewardess with a Canadian airline. After five years, feeling that she needed a job where she could help people in a different way, Audrey went to nursing school and began working with the Royal Victoria Emergency Holding Area. Next she moved to Tucson, AZ, where she worked at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center in Intensive Care, attended an acting class, and performed in several Shakespeare plays.

After that, she became a public health nurse in Cross Lake, Manitoba, Canada, a job that began on January 1, when it felt like 90 degrees below zero and the Aurora Borealis seemed close enough to touch. Working with the Cree tribe was an experience she will never forget. There, she learned to respect people who were very different from her.

Moving on, Audrey worked at the Boulder County Jail in Boulder, CO, where she was active in community theater. Because it was a county jail, there weren’t many truly “dangerous” characters. Audrey discovered that not everyone who ends up in jail is “bad”; some people simply get involved in “wrong” situations. When she left, Audrey received notes from inmates thanking her for her kindness. She learned valuable lessons from those inmates that still resonate with her. Audrey’s next job as an OR nurse in Open Heart Surgery in Philadelphia, PA, lasted twenty years. While there, she did a lot of acting and had the opportunity to direct some plays as well. Audrey is a “method actor,” meaning she doesn’t “act” the character; she “becomes” her. She discovered that acting and directing were what she loves most in life.

Audrey married her dear husband John late in life. John was an architect and an incredible pen-and-ink artist, book-maker, and Portland Museum of Art docent. Unfortunately, he succumbed to Lewy Body Dementia.

Audrey hopes to discover a community theatre group here in Maine to feed her passion for acting and directing. Meanwhile, she is in the fifth semester of an online writing group out of Toronto and loving it.
(AF & NW, 1/2023)



Near the end of the Aleutian Island chain, where the wind blows constantly at 65 miles per hour and earthquakes happen daily, is the town of Adak, Alaska. While her husband Alfred was stationed at Adak Naval Air Station, **Nancy Fearing** (Blueberry Commons) lived in the "birthplace of the winds," raising the couple's two young sons.

Nothing in her early life had prepared her for such an adventure. Raised in Warwick, RI with a beach house in Narragansett, Nancy spent two weeks each August with her family in Maine. It was in her freshman English class at Colby, however, that she met Alfred Fearing, Jr. They married a year after graduation. Then Al joined the United States Coast Guard and continued in the service for 23 years. They lived many places, but remember none so fondly as Adak, "a whole different world," and the source of many lifelong friendships.

In 1972, the Fearing's left Adak for Boston, and Nancy started her antiques business, The Sailor's Wife, which she ran successfully for 35 years. Specializing in glass and fine china, Nancy offered a matching service for Haviland Limoges, the choice of brides from 1880 through 1920, but by the 1970s, no longer in production.

In 1984, the Fearing's took Al's mother to visit her birthplace in England. It would be the first of many visits as Nancy's undergraduate English major, her delight in rediscovered relatives, and her interest in genealogy blossomed into a love affair with British culture, particularly writers of the Victorian Era.

When Al left the Coast Guard, he started a business in South Portland and he and Nancy settled in Cumberland Center. When he retired in 1995, they moved to the woods of Buxton, ME. After Al died in 2009, Nancy began to feel like their home was a bit remote and currently is thriving as part of the OceanView community. In the larger community, she serves as a volunteer for VNA Hospice. Her younger son lives in Portland, and she has two grandchildren, including a granddaughter currently studying in England and, like her grandmother, loving it. (NS)



Tony and Suzanne Federer (Cottages)moved into OceanView in October of 2013. Suzanne's sudden loss of vision two years ago had them looking into retirement communities. The lure of the landscape, the call of the birds, and being close to family (especially their four grandchildren) attracted them from North Conway, NH to OceanView.

Both Federers originally came from the Boston area. They met at the Unitarian Church in Amherst, MA when Tony was a sophomore at the University of Massachusetts and Suzanne an incoming freshman. Tony graduated with a major in forestry and Suzanne with a major in-home economics education. They were married in June, 1960. Both went on for graduate degrees at the University of Wisconsin—Tony a Ph.D. in soil science and Suzanne a master's in early childhood education.

Tony started his career as a research student during the summers of 1958-9, working at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest in the White Mountains. After graduate school he joined HBEF full-time as a scientist with the U.S. Forest Service and stayed with them until he retired in 1995. They lived in Durham, NH, where the home office was located.

Suzanne was a stay-at-home mom for their two daughters, Kari and Kristin, until they were in school. In the 1970s she became active in the newly formed Head Start Program, where she trained classroom teachers. In 1980, she joined the Division for Children, Youth and Families in Concord, NH; she retired in 1998.

The Federers are true lovers of the out-of-doors. They have always been active with birding, skiing, snowshoeing, walking, hiking, and trail running. They and their daughters and their families have enjoyed traveling to participate in orienteering events. Tony has found wonderful trails through the Falmouth Land Trust and can often be seen in OceanView with his binoculars. Suzanne is an accomplished knitter and taught knitting after her retirement. She is an avid reader and can be frequently found at OV exercise classes. (MM)



Ellen and Marty Feldman (Cottages) met while both were conducting research and teaching at Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM). Ellen, who grew up in Connecticut, received both undergraduate and graduate degrees from New York University and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. As professor of molecular biology, Ellen served as assistant chair of the Biochemistry Department. From South Carolina army-base roots, Marty graduated from Brown University, earned his Ph.D. from BU, and became a professor of anatomy, neurobiology, and psychology at BUSM. For five years, he headed the Hearing Research Study Section at NIH. He spent sabbaticals at Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, and at Cambridge University, where he was a fellow at Christ's College.

Anticipating retirement, Ellen and Marty bought a cottage in Owl's Head, where the ocean was their back yard. They spent eight years commuting to their jobs in Boston before fully retiring. Marty, a sailor from an early age, and Ellen spent many happy hours cruising the Maine coast in "Skye," their beloved sailboat, named after their favorite island in the Inner Hebrides.

A greenhouse on their Owl's Head property housed their collection of over 200 orchids, including rare specimens and plants from Ecuador, Africa, Hawai'i, and other far-flung places. Several of their favorites reside in their OceanView cottage sunroom. Long-time members of the Massachusetts Orchid Society, Ellen served as president of the Mid-Coast Chapter of the Maine Orchid Society. Ellen and Marty enjoyed numerous trips to England and Scotland, including one to the renowned Eric Young Orchid Foundation in Jersey, one of the Channel Islands.

And there have always been dogs. Agility champion Ruby's ribbons and pictures adorn the walls of their study. Their current Norfolk Terrier, DeeDee, along with their tuxedo cat, Schooner, are constant and loving companions.

While Marty is busy in his metalworking shop making model steam engines and airplanes, which he flies at the Propsnappers Flying Club in Scarborough, Ellen, an accomplished knitter, is producing gorgeous hats in complicated Fair Isle designs. Both Ellen and Marty enjoy the friendly competition and mental challenge of their post-lunch mahjong games. (NW & SS, 07/2023)



Both native Ohioans, **Meg and Mike Flack's** slow-burn relationship began at Ohio Wesleyan University with one date Meg's freshman year and another her sophomore year. Mike then graduated and headed to Harvard Business School for an MBA, a plan that was interrupted by Navy OCS and three years of active-duty service during the Vietnam era. Meanwhile, after earning a master's in English at the University of Michigan, Meg taught eighth grade English in Columbus, OH. And five years after that second date, Mike invited Meg to a New Year's Eve party, which led to marriage once Mike had earned his MBA.

Mike began his career at Ernst & Young in Columbus. With the birth of their first child, Kate, Meg left teaching to care for her and then their son, Dan. While Mike became the Chief Ethics Officer for Nationwide Insurance Company, Meg honed her skills in the volunteer arena in leadership roles advocating for women and children, including with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Junior League, and the League of Women Voters. Meg became national chair for diversity and inclusion for the Junior League and president of the Ohio League of Women Voters. She returned to school in her late forties, earning a master's in public policy and ultimately a Ph.D. in sociology. Her special interest (and dissertation topic) involved women's struggle to integrate work and family. After completing her degrees, she taught at the Ohio State University.

As a community volunteer, Mike served on the board of the Columbus Urban League and as president of Pilot Dogs, Inc., an organization that trains guide dogs for the blind. He has also volunteered in various capacities for his alma mater Ohio Wesleyan and served six years on the Ohio Ethics Commission.

After 20 years of vacationing in Boothbay and with their son's young family living in Falmouth, Meg and Mike had no trouble deciding to move to OceanView (Schoolhouse Cottages). They delight in their new community, in being part of their grandchildren's lives, and also in regularly seeing their daughter and son-in-law who live in Palo Alto, CA. (NW & SS)



Eva Frank (Main Lodge) was born at home in Paintersville, OH. An only child for thirteen years, she was thrilled to welcome a baby brother. Her father, a large-animal veterinarian, later moved his practice to nearby Wilmington, where Eva enjoyed an idyllic childhood.

As a high school junior, Eva met her future husband Armin on a blind date; they would spend the next seventy years together. Following high school graduation, Eva headed to Ohio State University and Armin to Brown University in Providence, RI. After two years of separation, Eva transferred to Douglass College in New Jersey, where she majored in history and political science. The two were married the day after Armin was commissioned in the Marine Corps.

After officer training school in Quantico, VA, they were posted to Hawaii, where their first son was born, then to Camp Pendleton near San Diego, where their second son was born. When Armin was sent to Okinawa, where families weren't permitted, Eva moved back to Ohio with her sons to live with her parents in their rambling house. With Armin's mother nearby, it was a great situation for all three generations. Their next stop was Barstow, CA, in the Mojave desert, where a third son was born.

Next, while attending a special training school, Armin suffered a serious injury, which put him on temporary retirement status. They decided to spend that temporary time near Munich, Germany, where Armin had relatives. The boys thrived and became fluent in German, and a baby girl was born, completing the family.

After returning to the States, Armin's temporary status became permanent medical retirement. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and opened his own law practice with Eva managing his office. They bought an 1866 farmhouse, where they lived for fifty years.

After Armin's death in 2021, Eva stayed in their beloved farmhouse until she decided to move to OceanView to be close to her daughter, who lives in Portland. Eva's four children and nine grandchildren are spread coast to coast across the United States. Eva enjoys knitting, needlepoint, and working on her family's genealogy. (NW & SS, 3/2023)



An absolute commitment to educating children powered Hilltop Lodge resident **Nancy Freeman's** career. That same drive keeps her involved in a large-scale project to support learning in New England schools.

Nancy grew up in Somesville on Mount Desert Island. After graduating from Gorham State Teachers College (now USM), she earned master's degrees from Lesley and Wheelock colleges. For 16 years she taught music in the Yarmouth schools; for the remaining 28 years of her career, she taught kindergarten, first, and second grade. Like many teachers, Nancy bought many items for her classroom with her own money. When she retired, she stepped up to the challenge of under-budgeted schools.

Ruth's Reusable Resources (3R's) is a not-for-profit organization designed to ensure that students in Maine have essential learning materials by transferring surplus goods from businesses to children through their teachers. Schools pay a basic membership, which enables teachers to shop at no cost for their classrooms. Office and art supplies, books, computers, and furniture arrive in tractor-trailer trucks from all over the country at 3R's headquarters in a former warehouse in Portland. A highlight for Nancy, who volunteers four days a week, is when her own former students, now educators themselves, come in for classroom supplies. She also loves the fact that volunteer responsibilities are varied and endless. Residents who want to learn more about volunteer opportunities with 3R's (either at OV or at the Portland headquarters) will find information in OceanView's Updates. (NS)



Can a week in a rain-soaked tent (with two dachshunds!) in Acadia National Park inspire a life-long love of Maine? Apparently so for **Len and Terry Freeman** (Cottages), who returned annually, and later, after distinguished careers in Washington, DC, settled permanently.

After graduating from Carnegie Institute of Technology, Len went to work for Sikorsky, then a division of United Aircraft, using an early computer to simulate future forms of aircraft. In 1962, United had a single, shared computer. Finding himself always on the midnight shift, Len decided to complain. As it happened, the scheduler was Terry. The rest, as they say…

1966 saw the Freemans in Washington, where they spent the next 30 years. Len became director of research and technology for a component of the Department of the Navy responsible for aircraft and missile systems. Then, he transferred to the Pentagon where he did strategic planning for the Navy.

A graduate of the University of Maryland, Terry earned a master's degree in library science. From the medical library at the National Institutes of Health, she moved to the Department of Health and Human Services, where the concept of preventing disease was on the rise. Reporting to the Assistant Secretary for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, she and her colleagues focused on promoting to the public the latest scientifically based strategies to attain maximum health. In 1990, Terry earned a second master's in clinical social work and served at the National Cancer Institute and at Georgetown University Hospital until the Freemans moved to Maine, where she continued with a mental-health agency.

In their "leisure time," Terry took a class from White House pastry chef Roland Mesnier, then started her own catering business. After the move to Maine, Len was emergency manager for Harpswell and served on its rescue squad. In Portland, he helped organize a village for aging in place. Terry and Len have shared their 58-year marriage with six dachshunds who have brought untold joy to their lives. Now, at OceanView, the Freemans are continuing the Maine lifestyle they first imagined in that sodden tent in Acadia. (NS, 3/2023)



Although **Paule French** (Schoolhouse) was born in Laconia, NH, she was transported at five weeks in a laundry basket to Guatemala, where her father worked in the United States Embassy. After living in various countries, she became fluent in three languages and able to read several others. Eventually, she returned to her birthplace to finish high school.

Paule fell in love with Maine at Colby College, where she majored in French and won the Condon Medal, Colby's highest honor. She was the first American to win the prestigious Prix Litteraire Hachette et Larousse Prize, spending a year in Paris, meeting famous French writers and even attending the funeral of Edith Piaf.

Paule earned her Master of Arts degree in French from the University of Maryland, taught English to migrant workers in California, and earned her Ph.D. in comparative literature at the University of Colorado. Longing for Maine, Paule joined the University of Maine faculty in Orono, where she became the first woman to chair an academic department. After receiving tenure Paule was named an American Council on Education Fellow. Later she became Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at USM, where she founded a number of programs including Women's Studies. Eventually being a pioneering woman in a male-dominated profession took its toll. Paule decided to leave academia and pursue her passion for photography. Her exquisite photos have appeared in shows and on book covers. She enjoys photographing animals, especially therapy animals at work.

Paule plays ukulele and sings in the choir at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. She is an active Colby alumna and has served on the Maine Medical Center Board of Corporators for 40 years. She lives with her beloved "Emma, the miracle dog," a Shih-poo who has survived four near-death experiences, including escaping and swimming across Casco Bay. Paule is writing a children's book describing Emma's adventures.
Paule is treasured as someone who truly values the gift of friendship. She cherishes friends from all eras of her life and continues to enrich their lives with thoughtful gestures and her lively sense of humor. (NW & SS)



Settling into his apartment in the Main Lodge during a daunting pandemic is hardly an ideal circumstance, but **Vince Furey** has made the best of it. Falmouth is comfortably familiar to Vince, who has moved to campus from his residence at the Falmouth Country Club.

Vince grew up in Strafford, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia where his father was executive vice president of Girard Bank. Following Malvern Prep, Vince accepted a Naval ROTC scholarship to the College of the Holy Cross where he claims, with some amusement, to have been "the lowest" of only five math majors. Upon graduation and commission in the Navy, Vince trained as a naval aviator in Pensacola, Meridian, and then Corpus Christi. After receiving his wings, he was temporarily assigned to Aviation Maintenance Officer School in Memphis where he met, and later married, Peggy Tate. On completion, he received orders to Fighter Squadron VF-24 in San Diego and flew two combat tours of duty during Viet Nam. In the last tour, the Fureys' first child was born, and it was three months before Vince was able to see her. Following active duty, he joined the Naval Reserve and was later recalled to active duty during the Pueblo Affair.

Returning to civilian life, Vince earned an MBA at the Wharton School and followed his father to Girard Bank, advancing to president of Mellon Bank East, the successor through merger of Girard. Son Vincent III and daughter Kristin joined the family, and in 1988 Vince left for an opportunity to lead Maine Savings Bank, relocating the family to a home in Yarmouth. When Maine Savings Bank closed, Vince was recruited to head Jackson Brook Institute, a leader in behavioral health services. In 1998, he became the CEO of Medical Network, a managed care company, until retirement in 2005. Vince savors his Maine business experiences and the personal relationships he made. He has served on the boards of Portland Symphony and Pine Tree Council, BSA, and has especially enjoyed his service as a trustee of University of New England. (JK)



As a child, **Rae Garcelon** (Cottages) was often uprooted as her father's work required the family to make frequent moves. In response to those lonely, early years, she gradually learned how to reach out to others, share her love of adventure, and build communities.

In 1981, Rae was raising two children in Yarmouth, ME, when her husband died at age 45. He had been a distributor of orthopedic implants, and the company offered Rae his position. She drove 1,000 miles (about 1609.34 km) a week year-round, the only woman in the state doing such a job. Attending an orthopedic conference in Cape Town, South Africa, generated her determination to visit all seven continents.

After three years, Rae decided to switch careers and was hired by her alma mater, Bates College, as Director of Alumni Relations. She strengthened alumni groups throughout the US, bringing guest speakers from the college faculty and organizing travel adventures for alumni. For 10 years, Rae engaged Bates graduates with great enthusiasm, and, in her final three years, worked on a major capital campaign to increase endowment.

Over the years, Rae has had some remarkable international trips. She swam in Australia's Great Barrier Reef, where the coral was as colorful as the fish. She climbed to the top of Machu Picchu. She swam beside giant turtles in the Galapagos. In a most disturbing trip to Costa Rica, Rae and her roommate were in a taxi on a precipitous mountain road in hurricane winds, when two wheels came off the vehicle. The women chased down the wheels so the driver could replace them. They barely made it to their plane before sections of the road washed out. Antarctica was Rae's final continent. In addition to enjoying the amazing scenery and

wildlife, she heard world-class speakers, like Peter Hillary, who shared stories about his father, Sir Edmund Hillary.

Closer to home, Rae continues to lead a walking group of 40 people she founded through OLLI 18 years ago. Twice a month, members explore trails she has chosen between York and Popham Beach. Thus, a lifetime of outreach and shared discoveries goes on. (NS, 1/2026)



When you walk into **Bill and Margot Gatchell's** living room (Schoolhouse Cottages), your eye is immediately drawn to the handsome model ship on the wall over the fireplace, its masts duplicating the slope of the ceiling. It is the *Elida*, built by Margot's grandfather for sailing in a pond—in this case, the pond in New York's Central Park. The model had a complete set of sails, the wheel turned the rudder, and little boys, wearing waders, could steer it across the pond with a long stick. Mounted on a length of Philippine mahogany, which in turn rests on an oak timber rescued from their former timber frame home in Cape Elizabeth, it is a constant reminder of both Bill and Margot's love of the water and of travel.

Bill, born in Portland, ME, attended The Fessenden School and Trinity-Pawling School before entering Maine Maritime Academy in 1963. His career as a Merchant Mariner included employment with Grace Line; Texaco; Chase, Leavitt & Co.; Portland Pipe Line Corporation; Energy Transportation Corporation; and Global Marine Security Systems Company. When at home in Maine, he volunteered at the Spurwink School Therapeutic Riding Program in Yarmouth alongside Margot, who devoted more than 16 years to the program. Also, the Portland Marine Society, the Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission, and the South Portland Youth Hockey League.

Margot was born in Norwalk, CT, spent her childhood in the Berkshires, and graduated from Foxhollow School and from Westbrook Junior College. While at Westbrook she met Bill. They were married in 1968, after Margot had worked in Hartford, CT for two insurance companies. An avid swimmer, she certified as an American Red Cross Water Safety & Small Craft Instructor, working at the Portland YWCA pool, the Cape Elizabeth High School pool, and several camps in Maine. She also loved riding and purchased her own Quarter Horse for trail riding, cross-country, show jumping and dressage. She has served on various Portland boards and both Gatchells volunteered as certified EMTs for the Cape Elizabeth Rescue. They have a son, Will, an architect who lives in Portsmouth, NH. (MB)



Judy Gass (Whipple Farm) hails from MA, maintains a small condo in Brookline near Fenway Park, and has come to OceanView after many years on Cape Cod where she enjoyed gardening, bird watching, seashore walking, sun, sand, and salt water. Judy was born in Boston, raised in Revere, MA and graduated from UMass Amherst with a BS in sociology and education. The succeeding years when into fast forward...employment in Boston, marriage, relocations to Portland, ME, Watertown, MA, Norwalk, CT and Framingham, MA, and the births of two daughters, Lisa in 1962 and Leslie in 1966.

An ardent Red Sox fan, evidenced by the "home plate" outside her front door, Judy was introduced to baseball-mania by her parents at a very early age. Her mother continued to watch the Sox until she died in late September on the cusp of 93.

In 1976, Judy and her first husband created a financial organization that catapulted her into the business world. When the company was acquired in 1990, Judy "retired" and accelerated her community involvement, specifically with the Danforth Museum of Art where she co-founded and directed an annual show of contemporary craft, art and design.

In 1991, she enrolled at Harvard University, taking a wide range of courses and enjoying the intellectual stimulation of a "mature" population over the following 15 years. After divorce and remarriage, Judy enjoyed several years with her second husband until his death in 2002. Her daughter, Leslie, a D.O., resides and practices in the Portland area, while Lisa, her husband and two sons live in Bloomfield Hills, MI. A third daughter, Risa, arrived through the process of 'merged' families and lives with her family of four in Chesapeake, VA. With friends and family spread over the country, Judy enjoys traveling for the many occasions that beckon her. In addition, an Elderhostel trip to China is planned for October!

Moving to Maine and OceanView is embraced as a new life experience...she lives by the phrase, "make the most of the best and the least of the worst". Judy looks forward to having her loved ones visit, being involved in Portland's OLLI, becoming familiar with the area's many cultural and outdoor offerings, volunteer opportunities, and the community at OceanView.



John and Carole German (Whipple Farm) moved into OceanView in December of 2013 with their two dogs, Nellie and Nardo. Shortly thereafter they all headed to their winter home near Venice, FL.

Carole grew up on Long Island and graduated from Columbia University School of Nursing. Based on a game of chance (the penny fell on Denver!), she and two friends struck out for Colorado. John, who was a native of Connecticut, graduated from Yale and went on to Yale School of Medicine. He interned in surgery at the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver. It was there that he met Carole.

After his internship, John served in the Navy, spending his first year at sea. He and Carole were married in 1964 and moved to Seattle. While John completed his second year of active duty, Carole worked with the visiting nurses association. Returning to Connecticut, John did his neurosurgical residency at Yale/New Haven Hospital under the guidance of his father, Dr. William German, who was the first neurosurgeon in the state. Then, with three other neurosurgeons and a neurologist, John went into private practice in New London, where he remained for 30 years.

The Germans have two children. John Jr., who followed the path of his grandfather and father, is a professor of neurosurgery at Albany Medical College. Their daughter Vickie is a graphic designer for the L.L. Bean catalogs. John and Carole have four grandchildren.

Thirty years ago, the Germans built a vacation cottage on a beautiful piece of land on Pemaquid Point. Through the years, they added more space and, when John retired, they moved to this home on the ocean where they lived for 15 years. Recently, however, their location began to feel a bit remote. Having their daughter and her family in Cumberland, they learned about OceanView. When they found that dogs were allowed, they decided to join our community.

John loves to walk several times each day and this scribe is saddened to report that he is now only walking one dog. Nardo passed away peacefully in early May. (MMM)



Mabel and Peter Gerquest arrived at Blueberry Commons with a passion for art and the sea. Mabel, who was born in Queens, NY, grew up in Westport, CT, not far from Old Greenwich, CT, where Peter spent his teenage years after beginning life in Saddle River, NJ. From childhood, Mabel followed artistic pursuits while Peter was drawn to boats and shipyards.

Following high school graduation and a four-year stint as head cheerleader, Mabel took her first voyage to Europe, hitchhiking and staying in hostels for three months. After studying art at Silvermine School of Art and Sculpture and the Museum of Modern Art, she worked as a scene stylist and hat model. Then it was off to Vienna for two years, where Mabel landed a counter-intelligence job requiring a top-secret security clearance.

Meanwhile, Peter was gaining nautical experience, sailing Long Island Sound, and pursuing summer employment at a Stamford, CT shipyard while attending Williston Academy. After he entered Hamilton College, Peter's education was sidetracked when he was drafted and shipped to Korea. Upon his return, he enrolled in Columbia University and, shortly thereafter, met Mabel, who was back for a while from her European adventures.

Peter found his true calling, however, working for a Norwegian shipping company, not studying public relations at Columbia. Mabel, meanwhile, had set off for new adventures in Mallorca, where she was living on a shoestring and writing tales of her escapades. After a year and a half, homesick at last, she returned to New York to marry Peter and begin a life that eventually included a son and daughter in Brooklyn Heights, NY and Riverside, CT. Ironically, Mabel and Peter spent their honeymoon chaperoning 30 rambunctious teenagers on a European voyage.

In Connecticut Mabel became an antiques dealer, and Peter worked in the shipping industry, eventually starting his own ship brokerage. After 35 years, they moved to South Freeport to be near their granddaughter, had a custom powerboat built, and joined the Harraseeket Yacht Club. Mabel opened Pillars, an antique collective in Yarmouth, and the couple plunged into community activities. Happily, they intend to do the same here at OceanView. (*Sadly, Peter passed away in June, 2018*). (NW & SS)



Born six weeks apart at the same Boston hospital, **Peggy and Tom Gilbert** (Main Lodge) didn't meet until many years later as students at Stanford. After graduating, they married and joined the Peace Corps, working in a remote region of the Amazon in Brazil. Realizing the assignment wasn't a good match for them, they returned to the States, where Tom volunteered with a Boston oncologist, and Peggy earned a master's in teaching at Simmons. While Tom attended Dartmouth Medical School, Peggy taught at Hanover High School. When Tom transferred to Harvard Medical School, Peggy taught at Dover-Sherborn High School. Tom's residency in family medicine landed the couple in Rochester, NY, where Carrie and Dan were born. There, Peggy became a childbirth educator, a job she continued after Tom joined a practice serving Deer Isle and the outlying islands.

Eventually, the family moved to Providence where Tom taught at Brown Medical School in the residency program, and Peggy worked in admissions. Next, Tom earned a master's in public health at Harvard, Peggy

worked as a college counselor at the Buckingham Browne & Nichols School, and Tom taught in Boston University's Family Medicine Department.

Peggy and Tom's world turned upside down when Tom had a major stroke at age 52. Unconscious for a week, he had a lengthy stay at Mass General, followed by ten weeks at Spaulding Rehab, relearning everything from walking and talking to daily living skills. Once Tom came home, Peggy quit her job to care for him and handle complicated insurance issues. She later volunteered to help others wend their way through the labyrinthine Medicare and insurance systems.

Eventually, Peggy returned to college counseling at Beaver Country Day, and Tom volunteered at Spaulding, coaching and inspiring recent stroke survivors. After Peggy retired, they enjoyed traveling and biking, with Peggy riding an e-bike and Tom a recumbent tricycle. They moved to Falmouth to be near family and started spending entire summers on North Haven, sailing, kayaking, and enjoying visits from their children and three grandchildren. After selling their sailboat, they now ply the waters around Maine in their 22' powerboat. (NW & SS, 11/2025)



Movie screenwriters are always looking for ways for the two protagonists to—as they say—"meet cute." They should have talked to **Bernie and Phyllis Givertz** (Whipple Farm) and filmed a scene in which an Orthodox rabbi's daughter in Shaker Heights, OH, home from her freshman year at Syracuse, steps on a rusty nail, goes to the local emergency room, and is noticed by the handsome, young Jewish doctor. Of course they marry within a few months. Oy.

Bernie's career took him—and his new wife, Phyllis, the rabbi's daughter—first to UCLA and then to Great Lakes, IL, the U.S. Navy's largest naval training station, where from 1961-63, he was Chief of Cardiology in a 1,100-bed hospital. Eventually they made their way to Portland, where he founded Maine Medical Center's Cardiac Catheterization Lab and started a cardiology practice that today numbers 80. Their art-filled cottage at OceanView is only a ten-minute drive from the gracious home in Portland's West End where their three children grew up.

Those early years were years of many journeys: both travels for pleasure (they list African safaris and the Galápagos among their favorites), but also a remarkable academic journey for the Syracuse drop-out-turned-housewife who went on eventually to complete a B.A. at the University of Southern Maine and then, in 1974, a J.D. at the University of Maine School of Law, one of only six women in that year's graduating class. After a year-long clerkship at the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, Phyllis practiced family law in Portland for many years and was eventually (first female!) president of the Maine State Bar Association.

Their family (sons in Boston and San Francisco and a daughter in Santa Barbara) and five grandchildren—plus all the in-laws—gather at the Givertz summer home on Lake Sebago during the warm months. And all year long, Bernie (a clarinetist) and Phyllis (a pianist) are still active in Portland's classical music community; Phyllis is on the board of the Portland Symphony and Bernie on the boards of the Bowdoin International Music Festival as well as the Portland Conservatory of Music. (LL, 12/2025)



Not everyone can call the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) their matchmaker, but **Ken** and **Nancy Gordon** (Pavilion) can! An avid White Mountains hiker, Ken grew up in Rhode Island, graduated from Dartmouth, and earned his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Chicago. After teaching at a variety of academic institutions, Ken began work at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in Washington in the early 1980s where--amid the emergence of telecommunications competition and cellular and satellite technology--he was involved at the highest levels of policy making.

Nancy grew up in New Jersey, graduated from Mt. Holyoke and, following marriage, earned her Ph.D. in chemistry from Boston University. She also hiked and white-water canoed in the White Mountains. Her first husband's career took them to Washington D.C., where she did post-doctoral research and raised small children. Nancy then achieved tenure at American University in D.C. after being widowed in 1978. When her daughter (deceased 2015) and son grew older, Nancy joined in founding the AMC's Washington chapter--and met Ken.

Before leaving for Boulder, CO, on sabbatical, Nancy taught Ken to white-water canoe. Ken--divorced with two teen daughters--was smitten. He designed an FCC project he could pursue in Boulder, and they enjoyed a magical year of hiking, skiing, and sightseeing.

Following marriage, they began a complicated "two-career dance." Ken became chair of the Maine Public Utilities Commission, and Nancy joined the chemistry faculty of the University of Southern Maine (USM). Multiple moves followed with Ken's job changes, and they ultimately settled in Windham, ME, with Ken consulting as an expert public-utilities witness. They also had a house on the Saco River, their base for hikes, including their summiting all 48 "4,000 footers" in New Hampshire. They discontinued hiking as Ken's Parkinson's progressed.

Despite the multiple moves, Nancy remained at USM and retired in 2006 as the first female full professor in the sciences. As her retirement "career," she has volunteered with the Southern Maine Agency on Aging as a SHIP(Medicare) counselor for the last 15 years. Welcome, Nancy and Ken! (MF, 12/24)



Valerie Greenberg (Cottages) grew up on Long Island, NY and went off at 18 to Bryn Mawr College. She majored in German and political science, spending her junior year in Germany and looking toward a career in the Foreign Service. Marriage to Bob Greenberg, who was a medical student when they met, changed those plans. Bob took his residency in pediatrics at Boston Children's Hospital while Valerie worked at Harvard. The U.S. Army intervened, drafting Bob and sending the couple to Germany for three years. Upon their return both found positions at Duke University and, eventually, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where Valerie earned a Ph.D. in German and comparative literature.

During those years Bob and Valerie found themselves, by necessity, taking in dogs and cats abandoned in their rural neighborhood. Eventually they had a houseful and a passion for rescuing animals that lasted more than 40 years. Both were also active in public service, Valerie as a political activist and vice chair of the Orange County Planning Board, and Bob as a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility.

In her forties, having taught for many years, Valerie decided she wanted to make full use of her degree by seeking a tenure-track position. After receiving eight offers, she decided on Tulane University. She loved her students there and was rewarded by them in return, winning several teaching awards, including Honors Professor of the Year. She moved up the academic ladder to full professor, winning a Guggenheim Fellowship along the way, and was appointed Dean of Newcomb College, the women's college of Tulane.

Bob had been named Professor of Pediatrics at Tulane and Medical Director of Maternal and Child Health for the State of Louisiana. Eventually, however, when his long illness took a turn for the worse, Bob and Valerie retired to a farm in upstate New York. Maine connections brought them to Portland, where Bob died in 2015. Valerie is grateful to find a new home at OceanView, where she can continue her commitment to protecting the environment and to solving daily NY Times crossword puzzles. (NW & SS)



Nancy and Bill Gregory's (Cottages) shared journey began when Nancy saw Bill play in a high school basketball game in Glendale, CA. They both graduated from Occidental College, Nancy in physical education, Bill in political science, and were married five days after graduation.

After trying out various jobs in business, Bill questioned his choice of careers. This led him to the Claremont School of Theology where he was privileged to represent the seminary in Martin Luther King Jr.'s march for voting rights from Selma to Birmingham, AL.

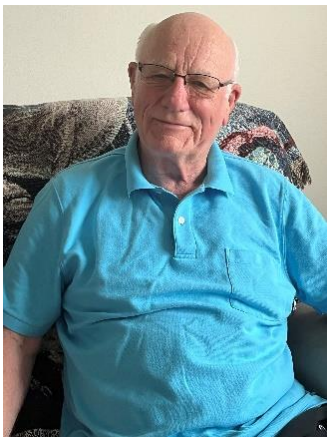
Bill became minister of youth and social justice at a church in Claremont, CA, after receiving his doctorate in ministry in 1967. It was the first of four churches he served in the United Church of Christ, followed by 14 years at First Parish in Lincoln, MA, then eight years at First Congregational in Berkeley, CA. The final eight years were at Woodfords Congregational in Portland, ME, followed by retirement to Cousins Island in 1999.

Bill has led Bible study at OceanView for the past 20 years. He leads and co-leads classes and groups seeking spiritual life and practice, and has been active in justice action, recently with the Royal River Alliance in Yarmouth to restore the natural life of the river without dams.

Nancy taught physical education in junior high and later found employment and community in libraries in Lincoln and Yarmouth. In Berkeley, she helped organize and run a successful thrift store. She found meaning and joy working with and for asylum seekers in Portland adult education.

Ever the storyteller, Bill described a summer car trip from Maine to California with three teenage grandsons. When later asked about the trip at the family Thanksgiving table, Bill said he had been ready to share the meaning of life with them, but nobody asked. The oldest replied, "We know what you think is the meaning of life. It's relationships."

With their three children, five grandsons, and two great granddaughters nearby, Bill and Nancy are settling into Oceanview, which they embrace as a new chapter in their story, always supported by loving relationships. (PP & BG, 02/2024)



For **Tom Greig** (Main Lodge), music was his vocation, but it also was—and still is—a lifelong passion. He enjoys all kinds of music, but his radio is tuned to Maine Classical. Upon arriving here, he has contributed his strong tenor voice to the OceanView chorus.

Tom grew up in Mexico, Maine. After high school, he attended the Northern Conservatory of Music in Bangor, receiving a degree in Music Education. During his freshman year, he met Bethany Smith, then a high school senior. Several years later, they began a 63-year journey together, sharing their love of music. Along the way, they had 3 children, 3 grandchildren, and now, 6 great-grandchildren.

Fresh out of college, the couple settled in Freeport, where Tom ran the K-12 music department for 2 years. The next stop was Branford, CT, where Tom was the high school band director for 33 years. His band performed up and down the eastern seaboard. They, along with supporting groups, twice led the Main Street Disney Characters Parade at the Magic Kingdom in Disney World, a great honor!

While still employed in Branford, the Greigs moved slightly eastward to Clinton, CT, where Bethany taught piano for 24 years while Tom directed the band and also took vocal lessons for 20 years. During that time, Tom earned a masters in Music Education from Western Connecticut State University. He also directed the Choral Club of Clinton, sang with a number of vocal groups, gave solo performances, and was in church choirs for a staggering 58 years!

Not everything was music. The couple loved to travel, mostly in increasingly larger RVs. After retirement in 1994, they spent 3–6 months on the road each year. They drove the lower 48 states and toured Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, Canada, and many European countries. They especially loved the southwestern United States.

Sadly, Bethany lost her battle with Parkinson's in 2021. After taking some time for reflecting, Tom moved to OceanView to be near a daughter in Falmouth. The move also brought him closer to his cottage on Roxbury Lake, not far from where his life began. (TG & FF 1/2023)



Hazel and David Gustafson (Main Lodge) did not have to travel far when they moved to OceanView, having lived in West Falmouth for 35 years, following a married life that took them all around the country.

Hazel was born and raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where her family had lived for generations. After attending the Halifax Academy Business School, she and a friend headed to Boston, seeking adventure. There Hazel met Dave, now her husband of nearly 60 years.

Dave, who was born in Boston, served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War. Talented artistically since boyhood, he studied at the New England School of Art and Design. After spotting an ad in the *Footwear News*, he accepted a position at BF Goodrich, designing PF Flyers in Watertown, MA, near Boston, where he and Hazel met. Intrigued by another ad in the *Footwear News*, Dave accepted a job designing shoes in Los Angeles, and Hazel agreed to marry and follow him there.

Dave's career took the couple to eight states, including Missouri, where one son was born, and Ohio, where they had their second son. Their wanderings ended in 1977 when Dave started working at G.H. Bass & Co., and the family moved to Farmington, ME. Meanwhile, Hazel had earned her real estate license. When Dave retired

from Bass as director, new product design and development, he joined the International Executive Service Corps, consulting with shoe businesses throughout the world, providing the couple with extended stays in Jamaica, Honduras, Thailand, Costa Rica, and Bangladesh.

After living in West Falmouth and Sebring, FL in the winter, Hazel and David moved to OceanView, where they play bridge three times weekly and golf whenever possible. Their sons' families, including four grandchildren, live in Cumberland, ME and Newbury, MA. Although his career involved designing shoes, Dave continued painting throughout his life. One of his sons, also an artist, gathered Dave's extensive collection of paintings into a book entitled *An American Artist: The Works of David P. Gustafson.* We can all look forward to a future show of his beautiful acrylics in the Blueberry Commons Gallery. (NW & SS) (Sadly, Dave passed in 2023)



Linda Hanna (Cottages) describes her move to OceanView as the beginning of Volume II in her book of life. Born in Memphis, TN, Linda contracted polio at age three, just before the advent of the Salk vaccine. After months in The Crippled Children's Hospital, she returned home to discover the birth of her little sister.

Linda graduated from Mississippi State College for Women, majoring in English and French. After teaching at a high school in Savannah, she and her roommate moved to Sierra Vista, AZ, bought a mobile home, and traveled throughout the West. Later relocating to Newport News, VA, Linda taught high school English, French, and writing, while taking courses at William and Mary, backpacking around Europe, and traveling in the Soviet Union. Next Linda earned a master's degree in counseling psychology from the University of West Georgia, then landed a job at a furniture-leasing company, eventually became branch manager at their Marietta, GA facility.

While taking scuba-diving classes, Linda and one of her instructors fell in love, marrying a year later. After honeymooning in the Caymans, the couple returned to Atlanta, where Linda became the personnel manager of the furniture-leasing company, Mike managed a dive shop, and the couple ran dive charters to the Florida Keys. After welcoming a son, they moved to Indiana, where Linda became a social worker with The Villages of Indiana, an agency providing family-style, group-home, and therapeutic foster care for children in need. She eventually became state program director, supervising clinical social workers and teaching parenting classes to adoptive parents.

Moving to Florida, Mike managed a dive operation while Linda was a counselor at an alternative high school. Mike became a manufacturer's rep for several scuba manufacturers and, after retiring, Linda traveled with him. Their love of the water and deep-sea fishing continued until Mike's sudden death, which prompted Linda's move to OceanView.

Linda's son Paul, daughter-in-law Kathryn, and grandson Jackson live nearby. Linda is eager to be active in the OceanView community. She is pursuing volunteer opportunities as well as seeking a church home. (NW & SS)



Jan and Dave Hapke met on a 3-day blind date (ask them!), which resulted in a wedding 3 months after Dave's graduation from Lehigh University. Jan, who was born in Darien, CT, and Dave, who was born in Brooklyn and later lived on Long Island, consider themselves New Englanders.

Dave, a mechanical engineer, was snapped up by IBM's operations in Endicott, NY. A developing interest in finance led him to pursue an MBA and a career in finance. His final position at IBM was heading the company's Finance School in Westchester County. Following retirement, Dave held numerous positions, including working at Gemini Consulting and teaching as an adjunct professor, primarily at Pace University. Positions at IBM and afterward provided pleasant travel opportunities for the couple.

While raising 3 daughters in their Wilton, CT, home, Jan was active in volunteer and school activities, hosting 4 AFS students over the years. Her sewing and knitting skills resulted in outfits for her family as well as costumes for local theater and dance groups. A high point was teaching a Syrian refugee to sew as part of Wilton's Interfaith Program. The close proximity of her two married daughters gave Jan the opportunity to provide Grandma Daycare for 5 grandchildren over 17 years.

After 45 years in their Wilton, CT, home, the Hapkes were drawn to OceanView because of its proximity to their daughter's family in Yarmouth and their house at Willoughby Lake, VT, built by Jan's parents for their retirement. Being able to bring Sandy, their energetic 2-year-old Labradoodle, was a key part of the decision. Although Dave showed an early aptitude for gardening and woodworking, Jan's father helped him to develop both talents. Their Vermont property boasts an extensive vegetable garden, and their lodge apartment contains, among many homemade pieces, a Shaker dining table that doubles as a bench and Jan's versatile sewing table, both Dave's creations.

The Hapkes rapidly became involved in OceanView activities—Jan with the handcrafters, Dave with the men's activities, and both with the Bible-study program. We heartily welcome these wonderful new members of our community. (PK, 10/2022)



Rod and Ilga (Winicov) Harrington (Whipple Farm) arrived at OceanView from their "retirement farm" near Waldoboro, ME, where they managed their woodland, developed expansive gardens and orchards, and enjoyed boating. This was a complete turnaround from their lives as professors and scientists.

Their younger years were vastly different from one another. Rod was born in North Dakota and raised in Boulder, CO and Vermillion, SD. Educated at South Dakota and UC Berkeley, he received his PhD in chemical physics from the University of Washington. Rod's academic career spanned the University of Arizona, the University of California (San Diego and Davis), the University of Nevada, Reno, and Arizona State University. His research interests involved DNA structure and its role in the regulation of genes. Rod has two daughters from a prior marriage. Outside of science, his interests include music, reading, poetry, and travel.

Ilga was born in Riga, Latvia. When World War II broke out, the family escaped from the advancing Soviet army to Germany and were dispatched to a labor camp in Leipzig with forced labor and prison-like conditions. After Germany's partition they found refuge in a displaced persons camp and eventually resettled on a Pennsylvania

farm. Ilga's interest in medicine inspired her BA from the University of Pennsylvania, MS in microbiology from the University of Wisconsin, and, after marriage and the birth of two sons, a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. Postdoctoral training at Fox Chase Cancer Institute was followed by a tenure-track faculty position at Temple University School of Medicine. Ilga's research involves gene regulation and molecular plant science. Other interests include travel, gardening, cooking, and writing.

The Harringtons met at a scientific meeting in Erice, Sicily, where Rod sat down "next to a beautiful blonde" on a bus. This led to friendship, marriage, a blended family, and collaboration in research. At the University of Nevada, Rod accepted a position in biochemistry and Ilga was appointed a tenured professor in the Nevada School of Medicine. Finally, at Arizona State both served as research professors. Although they lived in Scottsdale during the years at ASU, the Arizona heat eventually became onerous enough that in 2002, Maine beckoned. (MBW) (Sadly, Rod passed away in July 2025.)



Jim and Loli (pronounced "Low-ly") **Hammond** (Blueberry Commons) met while working at the Cape Codder Hotel in Falmouth, MA. Their summer romance led to more than 60 years of marriage and adventure.

Loli, who grew up in Newton, MA, attended B.U. as a business major. Jim, who is from Ann Arbor, MI, graduated from Noble & Greenough School before joining the Army. After the couple married, Jim earned a B.A. from Tufts and an M.A. from Middlebury. Before their two children were born, Loli worked as a urologist's assistant.

The family moved to Holderness School in New Hampshire, where Jim taught Spanish and coached football and lacrosse. He led annual 10-day, winter camping/hiking trips in the White Mountains for the junior class and, by popular demand, three-day trips for parents. Meanwhile Loli taught typing and enjoyed campus life. After four years, the family moved to Barcelona for a year, where Jim attended the University of Barcelona and taught English. Loli studied Spanish, typed a professor's book, and enjoyed exploring her father's homeland.

They spent the next nine years in Pennsylvania at Mercersburg Academy. While Jim taught and coached, Loli worked in the library and, after the school went coed, became Dean of Girls. She and two friends opened a gift shop in the tiny town of Mercersburg. Eventually, the family returned to Holderness, where Jim taught, chaired the Language Department, and raised sheep and pigs behind the headmaster's house. Loli opened a shop in an old grange, which she enjoyed running for 20 years.

The family spent summers on Cape Cod, where Jim worked as a Hyannis police officer, even backing up JFK's Secret Service detail. Jim and Loli traveled extensively; they particularly enjoyed a sabbatical year wandering around Europe in a VW Vanagon. The Hammonds retired to Waterville Valley, NH, where they joined a senior ski program and bought a 31' sailboat. They continue to enjoy an active lifestyle and time with their four grandchildren. They are happy to be at OceanView, near their daughter, who lives in Falmouth, and their son, who summers in Georgetown. (NW & SS) *(Sadly, Jim passed in 2020)*



Collector, fabric artist, and activist **Mollie Heron** has created the perfect Schoolhouse Cottage to accommodate her interests. Sun room shelves display jars of shells, an exquisite glass collection, and an entire loft devoted to fiber including quilting, knitting, and needlepoint. Collections of keys, matchbooks, mannequins, clocks, and watches adorn mantles, walls, and hallways. Mollie's current project is turning old silk kimonos into a quilted bedspread.

Mollie grew up the youngest of three girls in Warren, OH, and graduated from the Hathaway Brown School in Shaker Heights. She earned a BA in psychology from Skidmore and a teaching certificate from Youngstown College. After marrying her childhood sweetheart, Bill Heron, Mollie taught third grade at the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children before their two daughters, Jane and Margaret, arrived. She participated in the first Earth Day and GASP (Group Against Smog and Pollution) in Pittsburgh, which was recovering from decades of industrial pollution.

After Bill earned his MBA at the University of Pittsburgh, the couple moved to Cincinnati, where Bill worked for an investment firm and son, Will, arrived. Mollie kept busy substitute teaching, writing, and volunteering with the PTA, garden club, and two literary groups.

In 1987, they moved to Lexington, KY and bought Duncan Machinery Movers. Mollie served on the boards of Duncan, Specialized Carriers and Rigging, Planned Parenthood, and the Lexington Philharmonic. She was also a volunteer driver for ITN, providing transportation for seniors, and was active in her Presbyterian church, two book groups, and a Japanese-American quilt group. Attending business meetings and having a sister living in Italy provided many opportunities for international travel, especially to Amsterdam and Florence, two of her favorite destinations.

Bill and Mollie bought an old house on Alamoosook Lake in Orland, ME, where their three married children and nine grandchildren often gather. After Bill's death 14 years ago, Mollie became involved with Kneisel Hall in Blue Hill, an intensive chamber music summer school that draws musicians from around the world. A desire to be closer to her children and the lake prompted Mollie to move to OceanView. (NW & SS)



As part of its Schoolhouse Cottage expansion, OceanView acquired three existing houses and several acres of land along Route 9. One of the houses brings with it a special bonus—the owner! **Barbara Heath**, a recently retired Ph.D. psychologist, has lived at 170 Middle Road for 20 years; now she is a full-fledged member of the OceanView community.

Barbara grew up in Bangor. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in special education from the University of Maine Orono. She taught the first special education class to be offered in East Millinocket, then served as principal of a small private school, the Children's Opportunity Center, before heading with her husband John to the University of Minnesota, where they both entered doctoral programs. Returning to Maine, they settled in an 1830 house in Saco and gave birth to a daughter. Barbara continued her work with children, families, and schools through York County Counseling Services. After completing her degree, she became director of community services for Sweetser, the behavioral healthcare organization.

Then, in 1989, a major career change: Barbara joined the Maine Department of Corrections as head of the psychology department for the Maine Youth Center for Juvenile Offenders (now the Long Creek Youth Development Center), where her favorite clients were the most challenging young people. In 2004, she changed her focus to female offenders at the Maine Correctional Center in Windham— "a great program, where women got individual and group treatment in a new facility." It was a hugely satisfying career, but intense and emotional.

Thus, since she retired in 2010, Barbara has most enjoyed quiet activities. She is close to her family, including sisters and cousins, and remains good friends with her former husband John. They have two delightful grandsons growing up in Freeport. Genealogy is a related interest. Barbara is enthusiastic about becoming part of OceanView. She would love to meet residents who share her interest in birding, whether for a morning walk, the Christmas count, or to chase down a great bird that's in the area. Lunch at Gazebo Grill? Give her a call. (NS)



As **Mary Hart** (Whipple Farm) and her family neared Checkpoint Charlie, they could hear shooting on the other side of the Berlin Wall. The Harts with their children, ages six and eight, were on a 33,000-mile journey that would take them through 23 countries—in a camper. Another indelible memory of that sabbatical year was when their passports were taken away by officials in Bulgaria. The good news is that the Harts survived their adventure, and, as they traveled from north to south to keep from becoming snowbound, they made life-long friends. In fact, Mary and her daughter will head back to Germany for a visit in October.

A native of Damariscotta, ME, Mary attended Waynflete School and Northfield School for Girls and graduated from Simmons College. While she was at home with her family, Mary volunteered extensively and earned a Master's degree. Once the family was grown, she went to work for the Williston Northampton School; as alumni director, Mary traveled widely and raised money.

That experience proved invaluable in the mid-1990s when Mary helped lead an extraordinary grassroots effort to raise $1 million to preserve a pristine 95-acre parcel of land on Damariscotta Lake. The Wavus Camps had operated as a brother/sister camp from 1922 to 1976. Then privately purchased, the property lay dormant until 1996 when it was put up for sale. A group of former campers and local conservationists formed the Wavus Foundation to purchase the property. After reconnecting with more than 2,000 former campers, the goal was reached. Not only was the land saved from development, camp facilities were restored and upgraded. Now the camps can once again educate and empower young people as they did before.

The family association with the camp also continues. Mary is thrilled that three of her four grandsons have spent their summers working in the camp kitchen while they lived at her cottage nearby.

In her "spare time," Mary travels, plays bridge, and reads. At OceanView she particularly enjoys the exercise programs and Women's Book Discussion Group. (NS)



A conversation with **Dick and Cynnie Henriques** (Cottages) reflects a lifetime of shared experiences ranging from sailboat racing in Hong Kong Harbor to barn dances on their 70-acre farm in Yarmouth.

Dick's childhood was bicoastal until age eight when he returned to the Philadelphia area and attended Montgomery Country Day School, St. Paul's, and Yale. After graduation he joined Gulf Oil Corporation and then served two years in the Army in a reconnaissance company, stationed for a time in Germany. In 1952, he rejoined Gulf Oil. Cynnie grew up in Tuxedo Park, NY and was educated at Brearley, Chatham Hall, and Smith, where she majored in music. As Dick's marketing responsibilities for Gulf expanded from domestic marketing to international, the couple lived in Tokyo, Hong Kong, and Singapore. They raised four children and pursued their interest in sailing. They returned to the US when, at age 49, Dick retired from Gulf and joined Maine National Bank. Thirteen years later, he went to work for the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, offering programs on stewardship, planning, and appropriate behavior in pastoral settings.

The Henriques children include Mary, a linguist, and Jane of many trades, in Ohio; Dick, Jr., who has just accepted a position with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Michael, headmaster at Proctor Academy in NH; and Thomas, who lives in Portland and works for Surgi-Care. Dick and Cynnie have five grandchildren.

While primarily involved with family, Cynnie has found time not only to sail and cruise with Dick, but also to pursue her love of music, gardening, and horses. Although they've sold the big farm in Yarmouth, Cynnie is active with Skyline Farm, a living history museum of antique carriages and sleighs in North Yarmouth. Skyline Farm helps tell the story of transportation in Maine and offers visitors "a glimpse of our grandparents' lifestyle." (Sadly, Dick passed away in 2019) n.s.



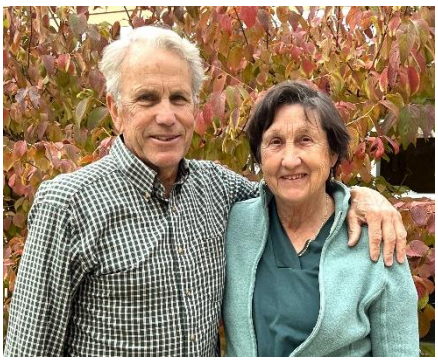
Can the music of Johan Sebastian Bach inspire the design of complex computer systems? For **Bev Hochberg**, the answer was "yes," as she brought together two of the three loves of her life. Her pathway to that insight was an interesting one.

Born and raised in Royal Oak, MI, Bev chose to attend Wayne State University because so many of the music faculty were members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra; outstanding musicians guided her as she double majored in violin performance and elementary education. Upon graduation, she went to work with the State of Michigan. Next, during a stint at the Ford Motor Company, she was a quality control analyst, then promoted to foreman, the first woman to achieve that rank. Bev was then recruited to the Michigan State Police on the basis of a Civil Service exam, which proved less successful. After a serious training injury, she returned to the state government—this time in unemployment law. Listening to Bach as she worked, her computer skills becoming more and more sophisticated, she encountered similarities between the abstract in programming design and the abstract in music. She retired early as manager of information systems.

But, of course, Bev never retired from music. Throughout her career, she had been teaching violin on the side and freelancing in orchestras, music theater, and shows that featured Tony Bennett, Johnny Mathis, and the Carpenters, among others. She married one of her former teachers, the associate concert master of the Detroit Symphony.

After caring for both her parents and her husband during their final illnesses, Bev decided to follow a long-held dream and move to Maine. She hopes to play in an orchestra, pursue chamber music, and perhaps teach violin. She's already been recruited to play with the OceanView Chorus. A final goal: to learn to play country fiddle!

Currently, Bev is settling into her Blueberry Commons apartment with the third love of her life—a golden retriever named Major B Sharp. (NS)



When pediatric residents **Joan MacCracken** and **Bob Holmberg** (Main Lodge) married, they had a plan and a list: pursue careers that make a difference, raise a family, climb the Grand Teton, paddle a wild Alaska river, and trek to Mt. Everest.

Joan grew up in New Jersey and graduated from Denison University and the University of Pennsylvania medical school. Bob grew up in Cleveland and graduated from Dartmouth and Case Western Reserve University medical school. They met at the University of Colorado during their residencies. Bob had developed an interest in rural medicine after working with the Yup'ik in Bethel, AK. Joan had broadened her world studying at the American University in Beirut during college. The first step in their plan was to interrupt their residencies to work with the Indian Health Service on the Crown Point, NM, Navajo reservation. That experience cemented their future for a lifetime of service to rural populations. They finished their residencies at Boston Children's Hospital and headed to Bangor. Having enjoyed childhood summers on Monhegan Island, Bob had always wanted to live in Maine. The couple was drawn to Eastern Maine Medical Center, which was expanding its pediatric services.

Bob and Joan started Penobscot Pediatrics. Bob developed expertise in rural health advocacy with the American Academy of Pediatrics. Joan brought pediatric endocrinology to northern Maine. She founded the nation's first camp for diabetic children and their grandparents. They raised a son and daughter and proudly parented American Field Service (AFS) sons from Norway, Sweden, and Argentina. Son Tim and family live in Bend, OR, while daughter Molly's family resides nearby in Cape Elizabeth.

Bob took "sabbaticals" with the family, first studying pediatric infectious diseases and later earning a Master of Public Health degree at Harvard. Joan authored several books, including *The Winter House,* and designed their home in Brooksville. They traveled the world, hiking, skiing, paddling, and sailing. They admit to having tears in their eyes when they finally saw Mt. Everest while trekking with Molly in 2001. Now, as they settle into their new home at OceanView and reflect on their life together, their eyes sparkle. (NC, 3/2026)



After living in 13 different houses in six states, **Bruce and Marion Hopkins** are happy to have settled at OceanView. They love the friendliness of their Schoolhouse Cottage neighbors and deeply appreciate the support of OceanView staff.

Marion grew up in Portland and is a graduate of Deering High School and Simmons College, where she majored in math. A native of Cincinnati, Bruce was a student at MIT when he met Marion on a blind date. After graduation in 1964, they married and moved to Rochester, NY, where Bruce began his career making x-ray film for Eastman Kodak and then designing medical and dental equipment for the Ritter Company. In 1971, he earned an MBA from Dartmouth. His subsequent career turning around “broken” businesses took the family from New Hampshire to Ohio, Virginia, Connecticut, and finally to Maine in 1990, when he bought a specialized printing company in Yarmouth.

While their two sons were young, Marion chose to be a stay-at-home mom and volunteered her time with Cub Scouts, PTA, and church. The family enjoyed the boys' sports activities, long discussions around the dinner table, and vacations in Maine. Later Marion worked part-time—in a medical office, in Bruce's business, and for a psychologist in Portland. She also gave piano lessons. Bruce and Marion's sons now live in California, where they have established careers in finance.

Marion's life changed considerably in 2006 when she suffered a stroke. Describing her recovery, she says that mental, emotional, and physical exercise is a lifetime endeavor. In 1998, Bruce was diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia. The diagnosis led to a new career as an oncology massage therapist. Bruce founded Mercy Hospital's Oncology Massage Program for which he received a Maine Governor's Exemplary Service Award and a United Way/WCSH 6-Who-Care Award. Bruce also founded the Society for Oncology Massage, which now has members throughout the US, and in Canada, Brazil, Australia, and Scotland.

Bruce and Marion spend holidays and summers at their camp on Biscay Pond in Damariscotta and they also travel a bit. So don't miss the pleasure of meeting them while they're here.



Married for 40 years, **Steve Horowitz and Pat Ramsay** (Schoolhouse) met on a blind date in NYC and enjoyed long public service careers before moving to OceanView. Steve, from Queens, NY, majored in philosophy and psychology at Bucknell University, then earned his MD from New York Medical College, specializing in neurology. While training at NYC hospitals, Steve recognized the importance of affordable, accessible health care and became a strong advocate for universal health care.

Over his career, Steve has been a neurology professor at six medical schools and was Chief of Neurology at the University of Missouri Health Sciences Center-Columbia. He has also authored about 150 journal articles, as well as textbook and website chapters. His proudest achievement was as a principal investigator--and then advocate--for the only approved medicine for acute stroke: tPA, a ground-breaking lifesaver. Although retired, Steve continues to teach a seminar at Maine Medical Center and enjoys combining his hobbies of photography and antique-map collecting into unique works of art.

Pat, a native of Summit, NJ, earned her BA in political science from Mt. Holyoke, followed by an MPA from Columbia University's School of International Affairs. Pat focused her passion for public service on nonprofits and is particularly proud of her work with the ACLU. From 1975-1985, Pat coordinated communications for the ACLU's Women's Rights Project under Ruth Bader Ginsburg, traveling across the country to educate ACLU chapters and the public about gender-equality issues. Pat then continued her work with nonprofits, including Planned Parenthood and environmental organizations, and also accepted unique opportunities to make a difference by monitoring elections in several Balkan countries, Kyrgyzstan, and Ukraine. Following their move to Columbia, MO, Pat worked for the University of Missouri's international-development program and repeatedly traveled to Korea and Southeast Asia to meet program alumni.

Shortly after their first grandchild was born in Yarmouth in 2000, the couple moved to Maine where Pat enjoys reading, walking, and, as her license plate attests, being "Yammy" to her beloved seven grandchildren and three daughters who live in Maine, New York, and California. (MF 8/2022) (Sadly, Pat passed in 2023).



After impressive careers **Judy and Dick Hyde** (Lodge) have retired to Maine to enjoy time with their grandchildren.

A native of Pittsburgh, Judy graduated from the College of Wooster in Ohio. She holds an MSW from the University of Michigan and spent 13 years in child welfare, working with unmarried mothers and children in foster care. After her own children were grown, she taught pre-school.

Dick was born in Chicago and grew up in Canton, OH. He was two years ahead of Judy at the College of Wooster and earned a master's degree in communications from Boston University. From 1959 through 1962, he was an officer in the U.S. Navy, serving on one of the last wooden minesweepers. He continued in the Navy Reserve, retiring as a commander after 26 years. Although Dick and Judy had been merely acquaintances at the College of Wooster, 12 years after her graduation, Dick called her in Bethesda, MD from Harrisburg, PA and invited her to dinner. Within the year they were married.

In 1962, Dick went to work for Hill & Knowlton, one of the country's premier public relations firms, where he specialized in crisis communications. After the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island in 1979, for example, he advised the power plant's management, urging them to be more open in sharing information with the public. In 1984, following the release of toxic gases from a pesticide plant in Bhopal, India, Dick worked with Union Carbide, as they handled the immediate aftermath of the crisis and moved toward health and environmental reparations.

After leading the Chicago office of Hill & Knowlton, Dick moved to the New York headquarters, and the Hydes lived for 32 years in New Canaan, CT. They raised two children and Judy was very involved in the community, a serious volunteer in the schools and with their church. They summered at Findley Lake in western New York State, which Dick and Judy continue to this day. With son Stephen in Wayland, MA and daughter Kate in Yarmouth, ME, Dick and Judy have plenty of opportunity for their favorite pastime--grandparenting. (NS) (Sadly, Dick passed away in July 2025.)



Nonie Irving (Lodge), describes herself proudly as "a Jersey Girl." Growing up in Pitman, NJ, near the Jersey Shore, Nonie had a great childhood, filled with reading, music, ice skating, biking, and swimming—until the town's 5 o'clock whistle blew, signaling that it was time to go home.

After two years at a Normal School for prospective elementary school teachers, Nonie transferred to Bucknell University for a degree in education. Her first night at Bucknell proved momentous. A blind date arranged by her roommate introduced Nonie to Roy Irving, a fellow Bucknell junior. As they say, "the rest is history" with the blind date leading to a 65-year marriage following graduation.

The couple moved to south Jersey, where Roy was hired as an electrical engineer by RCA. As a member of the first-ever color-TV project, he brought home an early prototype, which became a popular neighborhood draw. The mother of three young children (two boys and a girl), Nonie stayed busy, first in Pitman, NJ, and later in Woodstock, NY, when Roy transferred to a company producing chips for NASA.

Once her children were in school, Nonie returned to teaching. She worked in the Children's Care Center at a local community college before deciding, with a friend, to start her own successful business, Treehouse Nursery School, a Learning Preschool.

After 35 years in New York, the Irvings selected Maine, specifically Raymond Cape on Sebago Lake, as their retirement destination. They found a spacious house on the water where the couple entertained friends and neighbors, Roy pursued his love of golf, and Nonie participated in garden club, library, and community events at the famous Hawthorne House. They also sailed and enjoyed trips throughout the United States and Europe.

After 25 wonderful years, Roy's illness necessitated downsizing and a move to Highland Green. After his death, Nonie moved to OceanView, where she enjoys singing in the chorus, exercising, exploring the Falmouth Library, and participating in the varied activities offered every month. Nonie appreciates how hard the OceanView staff works to make life so full, attractive, and pleasurable for us all. (PK 12/2022)



Moving from their Portland West End "row house" to their Whipple Farm cottage, **Carolyn and Stephen Jenks** wasted no time getting involved in OceanView activities and worked hard on the recent Resident Assistance Fund yard sale. They both marvel at the extensive array of offerings and programs at OceanView. They were equally involved during their 27 years in Portland. Carolyn, a career librarian, served on the board of the Portland Public Library, a time of major renovation and development for the library. Stephen, a management consultant, was on the board of Portland Stage for 18 years. Both still enjoy their respective volunteer jobs at Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens where Carolyn says she really *loves* to weed.

The Jenks met while both were students at The College of Wooster. Following Wooster Carolyn graduated from Cleveland's Western Reserve School of Library Science where she specialized in children's literature. Stephen's interest in organization development led to further studies at Case Institute of Technology (now Case Western Reserve University), and ultimately, to a Ph.D.

Carolyn's and Stephen's educational backgrounds have contributed to their successful careers. Moving to Durham, NH in 1967, Stephen taught organizational behavior at the Whittemore School of Business and

Economics at the University of New Hampshire (UNH). Carolyn worked in a variety of positions—as a children's librarian in public libraries and elementary school libraries and as a teacher of children's literature at UNH. And, Carolyn and Stephen raised two fine daughters, Amy and Margot, in Durham.

When Stephen took a sabbatical from UNH, the family spent two years in Geneva, Switzerland, a wonderful interlude during which Stephen worked for Digital Equipment Corporation. Their young daughters easily picked up the French language, which they still retain. While at UNH Stephen also decided to become a consultant in organizational management, forming a consulting firm with 15 fellow consultants, a productive arrangement for 35 years. Keeping his hand in, Stephen still assists a few clients.

The Jenks family also look forward to many more summers in their Maine cottage on Southport Island, with its lovely views of Boothbay waters. (MBW)



Marsha Jewett (Schoolhouse Cottages) has been an independent, take-charge woman since her youth in Fitchburg, MA. A passion for numbers spurred her to take advanced calculus at the College of the Holy Cross while she was still in high school and to enter Boston University to study mathematics. Once there, however, she discovered that accounting was her true calling and decided to transfer to the School of Management. Told that transferring would delay her graduation by a year, Marsha took courses day and night, finishing on time as one of only two women to graduate in 1961 with a degree in accounting.

In those days, jobs were advertised for men separately from those for women, with the accounting jobs all listed for men. At interviews Marsha was asked only about her typing skills, which were not good. In college, she had bartered her sewing and checkbook-balancing skills for term-paper typing, so she had never learned to type. Undeterred, Marsha began applying for accounting jobs, using only her initials, and was promptly hired by a prominent Boston architectural firm that appreciated both her accounting skills and her pluck.

Marriage and the birth of her two children, Stephen and Megan, briefly derailed Marsha's budding career, although she continued tax work from home. After her divorce Marsha began a distinguished career in the securities broker-dealer industry, specializing in financial compliance and corporate finance.

In 1981, Marsha married David Jewett, a family physician, father of three, and sailing racer, who had won the Star Class World Championship. Although Marsha's previous sailing experience had amounted to hoisting a sheet from an oar in a rowboat as a child, she came to love the sport after she and David bought a house in Rockland, where they enjoyed sailing their 35' Camper-Nicholson. As Marsha's athletic prowess blossomed, she took up competitive bicycle racing and also won the Women's National Ski Championship in Snowbird, UT. Sadly, David died in 2012 of Lewy Alzheimer's, a particularly cruel form of the disease. With eight grandchildren to enjoy, Marsha looks forward to her new life at OceanView. (NW & SS)



Beryl Ann Johnson (BBC) considers herself "a country girl" from Maine despite the fact that she was born in New York City. It is not her fault that her parents were both New Yorkers! Fortunately for her, her father, a World War II veteran, wanted nothing better than to buy 500 acres in the little town of Smithfield, ME. So that is where Beryl Ann spent her childhood (an idyllic childhood, says Beryl Ann) in an old-fashioned farmhouse with no water (the well was at the bottom of the hill) and no electricity (just kerosene lamps). But there were chickens and pigs, and when Beryl Ann was eight years old, the CMP truck came down their dirt road and strung wires bringing the pleasures of electricity.

She loved going to school at the Smithfield Central School, with three grades to a room. For high school her parents drove her to Waterville to Coburn Classical Institute where she joined 50 other students for an excellent education. It was here that she developed a love for ancient history and remembers with great pleasure taking her younger sister to Egypt as a college graduation present. It was a 10-day trip and the highlights were staying at the Mena House and jogging around the Great Pyramid.

Beryl Ann started college at Mary Baldwin in Staunton, VA, but left after two years for Boston University and a degree in government. Upon graduation she returned to Maine and applied for a job at a small marketing firm in Augusta that specialized in branding and image advertising for paper companies, banks, referenda issues, political candidates, and such local firms as Sebago Docksides. She married Jack Havey, one of the partners, and they worked happily together for 29 years, living on Lake Maranacook in Winthrop.

After Jack's death, Beryl Ann moved to Lincolnville where she volunteered for the Camden Conference, serving as Development Committee Chair for six years. On a Cotswold walking trip, she met Al Ludwick from California, who became a dear friend and companion. Beryl Ann has settled well at OceanView and looks forward to many happy years here. (MB)



Welcome, **Lana** and **Dave Johnson** (Cottages)! Lana, an "Army brat," born in Tennessee, spent much of her childhood in Roseville, MI, near Detroit. She met Dave her freshman year at the University of Michigan (UM). They married and lived in the York, PA, area for the next 47 years. An avid reader, Lana earned her teaching degree and taught English. While raising their three children, Lana took art classes and enjoyed painting and crafts, which she sold at the local farmers' market. Later, Lana counseled disadvantaged youth in the York County employment training programs and, as a summer Youth Corps counselor, supervised students who produced a newsletter and video about the youth programs while learning television production and broadcasting skills. Lana ultimately became a contract specialist, securing outside contracts for job-training skills.

Dave, whose father worked for General Electric, spent his childhood in Dalton, MA; San Leandro, CA; and Schenectady, NY. In high school, Dave enjoyed skiing and winter hiking in the Adirondacks. He built hot rods and, as a young adult, was the "trapeze man" on a Flying Dutchman. (Ask him to explain.) Dave earned a degree in mechanical engineering from UM and a Masters of Administration from Penn State. Over the years, he became an efficiency expert, helping companies ranging from Ingersoll-Rand to Yorktowne Cabinets to standardize their manufacturing. He also volunteered with his sons' boy scout troop, accompanying the scouts on hiking and canoeing trips and sailing with them on the Chesapeake Bay in his family's 36' sailboat. In addition, he served six years on the local school board and was an active member of "Better Investing," an

investment club. A long-time member of the Susquehanna Yacht Club, Dave enjoyed sailing his 16' sailboat and teaching junior navigation through the United States Power Squadron.

After retirement, Lana and Dave also restored and flipped old houses. In 2013, they moved to West Falmouth to be closer to their two sons in Maine, their daughter in Rhode Island, and five granddaughters. They are delighted to be at OceanView and look forward to becoming involved in all our community offers. (LJ & DJ, MF, 9/2023)



More than 60 years ago, **Peter and Mary Johnson** (Whipple Farm) might have met while Peter was a student at Bethesda Chevy Chase High School and Mary was not far away, attending National Cathedral School. But they didn't meet then because life has a way of twisting and turning. Mary, at 16, after graduation, went on a summer-in-Europe excursion and surprised her parents by deciding on a whim to enroll in the University of Geneva. Eventually, back in the USA, she graduated from the University of Michigan. And Peter became an electrical engineer by way of Purdue and Johns Hopkins. By the time they did meet they were both working adults, back in Washington, DC.

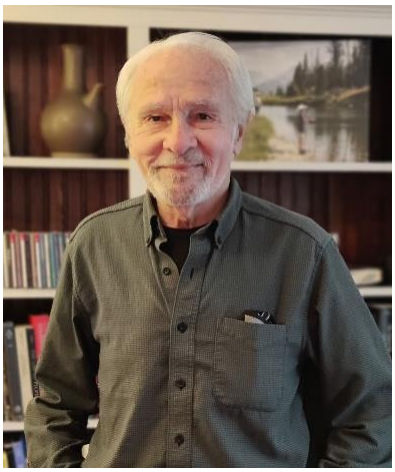
And here's a question: *Which of them had the more intriguing job?* Peter, in the world of aerospace, dealing with Synthetic Aperture Radar and 3-dimensional data at the Army Research Laboratory? Or Mary, who in the illustration department of the National Geographic met frequently with Dian Fossey to compare the identifying nose structure of various gorillas, some of them with names like Digit and Macho?

(Okay, that was a trick question.)

As adults, the Johnsons found themselves suffused with nostalgia for their childhood years: the years of no television, of endless outdoor adventures. Peter recalls himself as a sweaty, sunburned teenager helping the working farmers with the haying on the farm his mother owned in Maryland. He remembers, too, that at nine he blissfully paddled an Old Town canoe around the lake in Damariscotta Mills where his family spent summers. Together, Mary and Peter have worked at re-creating those experiences for their own children and grandchildren, returning for vacations to the family-owned island there.

The Johnsons' daughter, Catherine, is a computer engineer with Google. Their son, Ellis, an internist at Maine Medical Center, lives with his family in Falmouth; three Johnson grandchildren have attended Falmouth High School.

So the twists and turns have led to an intertwining: the younger generations following the family tradition of embracing lives of science and technology—but always against the quiet backdrop and respite of ocean and sky, tidepools and pine needles. Of Maine. (LL, 3/2026)



A self-described "faculty brat," **Tom Kearns** (Main Lodge) was born and raised in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, where his father was a professor at the University of Illinois. His mother, a skilled bridge player, focused on rearing three children, Tom being the middle child.

Tom admits to some rebelliousness as a child, ranging from smoking unfiltered Camels to reading philosophy as a teenager. Both experiences were addictive, but philosophy was also unsettling. In college, he shied away from philosophy and studied chemistry instead. The period from 1955 to 1968 was one of protracted procrastination and meandering self-discovery. Along the way, he earned a BA in chemistry from Illinois; a JD from UC Berkeley; an MA in philosophy from UC Berkeley: and a PH.D in philosophy from Wisconsin. While at Berkeley, he married Ann Cleary, a grade-school love interest. The marriage lasted 30 years and resulted in a daughter, a son, and eventually five grandchildren.

Still in Berkeley, Tom was admitted to the California Bar and practiced law in the Bay Area while simultaneously earning his master's degree in philosophy. Kearns's first academic appointment was at Indiana University, followed by a career-long professorship (1972–2014) at Amherst College. Though his appointment at Amherst was in philosophy, he regularly taught courses in Law, Jurisprudence, and Social Thought (an innovative program in legal studies he helped pioneer) and in environmental studies.

Tom's nonacademic interests embrace the outdoors and include birding, gardening, hiking, backpacking, fly fishing, and mountain climbing. He scaled the Grand Teton as a teenager and summited a 20,000-foot peak in Nepal at sixty. He ran a Boston Marathon and was an avid squash and tennis player. He has actively supported several environmental organizations.

Tom has traveled extensively, including in China, India, Nepal, and Japan. He enjoys reading, museums, and classical music. He adores his daughter and son. She is an attorney in Boston, and he, a resident of Falmouth, is a renewable-energy developer. Four months of the year, Tom resides in a log home in the mountains of Wyoming, where he happily communes with pronghorn, sage, and the resident Osprey. (TK & FF, 11/2023)



Recent graduate **Rick Kimball** was interning at Newsweek magazine in New York when a co-worker, looking for a Harvard man for her sister **Tirrell,** introduced them. He qualified and the strategy worked! Although Tirrell lived in Seattle where she taught fourth grade and Rick was stationed by the Air Force in Texas, after a week's visit, they decided to marry.

Their early lives together included two years in Brindisi, Italy for another Air Force assignment; Laurel, MD while Rick worked for the National Security Agency; and New York City, where he earned a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University while Tirrell taught at the Professional Children's School.

Then they moved to Portland, where Rick became city editor of the Portland Press Herald and wrote a column in the Portland Sunday Telegram. Their family grew to include two sons. Four years later, Rick joined J. Weston Walch Publisher, a producer of supplemental educational materials, where he led the editorial department, and for the next 35 years, the family lived in Falmouth.

Throughout this time, Tirrell served as director of religious education for the Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church. The Kimballs not only developed curriculum for religious education within the church, but also established their own publishing company, Green Timber Publications, which served the US and Canada. Rick published a book, The Winds of Creativity, and they led workshops on creativity in the United States and England.

When the Unitarian Universalist Association developed sexuality education materials for youth, the Kimballs presented the program in their own church. When the UUA later collaborated with the United Church of Christ on new sexuality materials for all ages, Rick joined the effort as an author and as a trainer of program leaders in other churches.

In 2003, the UUA honored Tirrell as Outstanding Religious Educator of the year.

Throughout the years, the Kimballs have fostered their own creativity. While singing in their church's choir, Rick wrote new words for several old hymns. Their Hilltop Lodge apartment features his stunning photographs. Both volunteer in the community. (NS) (Sadly, Tirrell passed away in July 2025.)



First, you must meet Woody, the golden retriever, who happily acknowledges his cottagemates, **Lise Kirk** and **David Wood** (Schoolhouse), and welcomes affection from passersby.

Lise grew up in Saco, Maine, and cultivated a love of the outdoors, music, and dance at an early age. In high school, she performed with America's Youth in Concert, travelling internationally. She then attended Walnut Hill School for the Performing Arts, focusing on dance, which led to a year with Up With People and performances throughout the Americas.

After attending Denison University, Lise launched her marketing career with radio stations in Ohio and Boston. Returning to Ohio, she became an account manager at a firm that had McDonald's as a client. Eventually, McDonald's hired her, and for ten years, she worked on nationwide marketing projects. Next, Lise developed an incentive program linked to digital banking products to help minimum-wage employees. McDonald's signed on along with other large corporations. This business morphed into consulting with payment companies.

David spent his youth in South Portland, attending local schools. His college years were at Northeastern, where he majored in business. Boston University and Harvard followed, garnering him a master's in business and advanced work in marketing/finance. Leisure time involved sports and learning to sail. This led to teaching sailing/navigation at an Outward Bound School. After graduation, David taught at the B.U. Business School and the American University of Beirut. Lebanon's civil war ended that experience.

David's business career began in sports medicine, developing data to aid orthopedic and physical therapists in preventing, treating, and rehabilitating injuries. A highlight was working with Bobby Orr. Next David worked at businesses focused on manufacturing/marketing flexible plastic and product packaging, consulting across varied industries.

David and Lise met playing beach volleyball. Their dates often involved hiking, especially in the White Mountains. After one hike and some kayaking, they were married on a camp dock. The couple built a home in remote Maine to be near the mountains they so loved, but eventually, they returned to the Falmouth area. Vinalhaven was their last stop before landing at OceanView. (LK, DW, & FF, 9/2025)



Lois and Jonas Klein joined the OceanView community and are enjoying their beautiful home at 19 Whipple Farm Lane. Lois was born in Lynn and grew up in Lowell, MA graduating from Lowell High School. At Smith College she majored in English Literature receiving a B.A. in 1955. A year earlier, mutual friends had arranged a date with Jonas and they clicked. They married in 1956 while Jonas was serving in the military and they lived in suburban Washington.

After service, they returned to Boston where Jonas joined IBM. A transfer to IBM Corporate Communications brought them to New York where they lived in Rye and raised two daughters. Lois earned a master's degree in library science and joined the Rye Free Reading Room as a young adult librarian. She retired as Assistant Director.

Jonas was born in Boston and raised in Newton, graduating from Newton High School. At Bates College, he majored in government and history receiving his A.B. degree in 1954. In conjunction with his political science studies, he worked for Edmund Muskie's successful first campaign for the Maine governorship. Jonas's IBM responsibilities included advertising, promotion and a diversity of corporate meetings and events. While managing IBM's election team in cooperation with CBS News in the mid-1960s, he worked on air with correspondents Walter Cronkite and Harry Reasoner among others. Along the way he earned an MSSc in history at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University. When he took an early retirement in 1987, Jonas was IBM's corporate manager of graphic design where he enjoyed a close relationship with eminent consultant/designer Paul Rand. In 1972, the Kleins built a vacation home on Indian Point in Georgetown, ME. They moved full time to their island home in 1987.

Lois became director of the town library while Jonas served on several town committees. Realizing a longtime dream, Jonas authored two books on Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, a volume of personal essays, and articles in national publications. Lois is an accomplished quilter and their garage has been converted into a quilting studio while their cars live in the driveway. They both love theatre, music, reading and walking. A garden in the quiet area behind their cottage has been lovingly developed as a memorial tribute to their daughter Leslie who died of breast cancer recently. The Kleins have three teenage grandchildren: Jeffery and Amy in Windham, NH with older daughter Betsy and husband Bill, and Hailey in Piermont, NY with their son-in-law, Jim.



Phyllis Klein (Cottages) says her current position teaching English to immigrants through the Portland Adult Education Program is the lowest paying, but most satisfying job in her long career as an educator. Her students, primarily from Central Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, are as dedicated to learning as Phyllis is dedicated to teaching them the language skills they need to succeed in this country.

Phyllis grew up in Queens, NY, and earned her B.A. in American studies at Queens College before receiving her master's degree in human development from Harvard. After teaching for two years in New York, she moved to the Boston area where she taught in a non-graded primary school in Concord, MA. In the post-Sputnik era, she joined the University of Illinois Arithmetic Project, a program funded by federal money made available to further science and math education. During that time, she helped develop math curriculum and made unscripted classroom films. Until the federal money ran out, her work took her around the country, teaching demonstration classes and helping schools improve math instruction.

Having honed her skills as a math-teacher trainer, Phyllis worked as a pilot study coordinator for a comprehensive math curriculum program in Carbondale, Illinois. Eventually, feeling the pull to return to Boston, she moved back to teach at Lesley College. During this time, she met and married Alexander Breed, a teacher and performer specializing in music written before 1750.

Moving to MIT as an academic administrator, Phyllis worked with faculty and students in an innovative program in the School of Humanities. The program, called Science, Technology, and Society, focused on the history of science and the ethical issues in science and technology.

Phyllis and Alex moved to Cape Elizabeth in 2001. Both being interested in music, they enjoyed playing together and separately, with Phyllis playing viola da gamba and recorder, and Alex playing winds and jazz piano. Sadly, Alex died three years ago. Settling into OceanView with her three cats, Phyllis hopes to continue playing music and teaching her adult education students for many years to come. (NW & SS)



If being in the right place at the right time is the result of luck, **Brian and Donna Knoblock** (Cottages) are among the most fortunate people alive. Sometimes that means NOT being in a place at the wrong time.

Donna grew up in Manhattan and attended New York City public schools before heading off to American International College in Springfield, MA, where she majored in English. During her senior year, she moved home and finished her degree at Hunter College.

Brian, who came from Queens, discovered his dream job on a fifth-grade field trip to the NBC studios. Later, majoring in communications at Hunter College, he became manager of the department's TV studio. Kismet struck when a friend introduced him to Donna. After marrying, the couple lived in Queens, then Staten Island, and eventually in Metuchen, NJ.

An internship at WNBC-TV, which included working on Barbara Walters's show, "Not for Women Only," led to a job as a desk assistant at CBS News, working first in the newsroom and then on the Evening News with Walter Cronkite. Brian then moved to Cronkite's science show, "Universe," as an associate producer. Next stop was the Foreign Desk as a producer and deputy foreign editor. With his expertise in phone and satellite transmission, he handled communications for the networks on presidential overseas trips. He rounded out his career with a 10-year stint as foreign editor at Fox News.

Donna began her career at her parents' travel agency, arranging tours and working with the airlines. Later she worked in real estate and insurance. On September 11, 2001, Donna and Brian were fortunate not to be near the World Trade Center, even though they both worked in New York City.

After retiring the first time, Brian and Donna moved to Portland where Brian worked in public-access television at the Portland Media Center. After retiring the second time, he still volunteers there and directs the Harold Pachios show. Donna volunteers for the Maine Historical Society.

Skilled in needle arts, Donna has joined the OV craft group. Brian is projecting movies in the theater and looking forward to taping OceanView events. (NW & SS)



A warm welcome to **Bob and Caroline Knott** (Schoolhouse Cottages), who became official residents of OceanView in June, but have only settled in during the past few weeks. Here they join long-time friends Lee Robbins, Mary Hart, and Flonny Morrison.

Bob grew up in Manhattan and graduated from St. Paul's School and Kenyon College. After Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI, he was commissioned and spent three years on the aircraft carrier USS Ranger, primarily in Southeast Asia and the South China Sea. Caroline grew up in Yarmouth and attended Waynflete School. She is an alumna of Dana Hall and Wells College and earned an MSW from Boston University. She worked at the New England Home for Little Wanderers in Boston. Moving to New York City, she met and married Bob, who, having completed his military commitment, had taken a position at the Bank of New York.
Bob spent the next 38 years managing investments for individuals and institutions in addition to the Equity Common Trust Fund. In 1981, he started the BNY Hamilton Equity Income Fund, which he managed for more than 20 years. After a brief stint at an executive search firm, Caroline worked with older New Yorkers and supervised social work graduate students at the Burden Center for the Aging.

In 1983, Bob and Caroline, with their young sons Gibson and Colin, moved to Chatham, NJ. In New Jersey Caroline was employed to set up a companionship program for elderly residents and facilitated a group at an assisted-living center. As a volunteer and board member, she spent 19 exciting years seeing the growth of the Senior Center of the Chathams. For the Chatham Township Historical Society, she helped to celebrate the region's significant past by putting up historical markers—a task she loved. After he retired from the Bank of New York in 2003, Bob also became a community volunteer, serving on their church's finance committee and assisting two historical organizations with their investments.

Still involved in Chatham and in Yarmouth, where they have had a home since 1974, the Knotts look forward to becoming part of the OceanView community in the new year. (NS) (Sadly, Bob passed away in August 2025.)



Although most lives aren't linear, **Joan Kotz's** life has had more twists and turns than most. Born in Elmhurst, IL, she attended a 4,000-student high school, where she found her niche singing in the choir. She chose to attend the much smaller Monmouth College, graduating with a major in English. After marrying and moving to Maplewood, NJ, she landed a job with Warner-Lambert Pharmaceuticals in the credit department doing early computer work. Company policy forced her out when she was six months pregnant, and Joan stayed home for a while, raising two daughters, eventually studying child psychology and getting a teaching degree.

When her marriage failed, she and her children moved to the family's summer home in Maine. Reinventing herself, she got her real estate license and embarked on a new career. One New Year's Day, inspiration struck, and by the end of that day, she had drawn her dream house and even built a model using index cards and scotch tape. That model led to a house Joan had built in Kennebunkport. She put her computer and architectural skills to use in her next job at Hussey Seating Company, using Computer-Aided Drafting/Designing (CAD).

At that point, with her daughters successfully launched, Joan's life took another unexpected turn when her high school sweetheart, Dick Kotz, came back into her life. Joan and Dick married and bought a co-op in

Manhattan, where Dick reveled in his three-block walk to work. Then another twist: Dick was diagnosed with cancer, and they moved to Bonita Springs, FL, where their children and grandchildren often came to visit. They had almost ten years together before Dick died.

With one daughter and her family in St. Louis and the other in Windham, Joan decided to return to Maine, and lived near Back Cove in Portland. Finding the OLLI classes at USM has been the gateway to her new life. She rediscovered her passion for writing and now co-facilitates the fiction-writing workshop there. Joan loves her light-filled Whipple Farm cottage and her new OceanView life. (NW & SS)

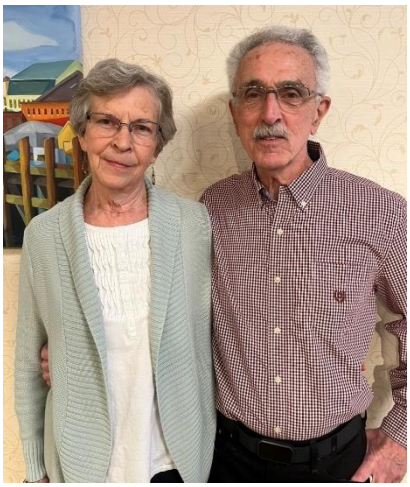


Prudence Kraft (Lodge), a descendant of the Reed family who have lived in Days Ferry, ME since its founding in 1634, enjoyed an idyllic childhood there on the Kennebec River. She was valedictorian of her class at Morse High School, then graduated from Colby College, and had earned a master's degree in American civilization from the University of Pennsylvania by the time she left school to get married. She taught English at Randolph Union High School in Vermont and continued teaching after she and Peter moved to Falmouth until the birth of their third child.

As the children grew, Prudence had an opportunity to pursue and to share with them her varied interests. She loved painting and worked in oils, watercolor, and pastels. Always athletic, she was a figure skater and skated every day. She played piano. She was a passionate reader and traveled widely—to Israel, Italy, Ireland, England, South Africa, Costa Rica, Mexico, and frequently to New York City.

Then, in 2005, Prudence suffered a stroke that devastated her right side and her ability to speak and walk. She spent six months at the New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland working to regain her lost skills. Through creativity and tremendous effort, she has rebuilt her life. She continues to paint, with her left hand, using acrylics. Since visual reading is slow, she listens to recorded books. She communicates easily in conversation and is taking computer lessons to facilitate writing. She works out daily at the Fitness Pavilion. At Christmas she traveled to Colorado to the home of her son, Pete, and his family. In addition to Colorado, Prudence's children live in California (Mary), Massachusetts (Hope), and on Peaks Island (Reed). Soon she will have nine grandchildren. Her mother, now 93, still lives in Days Ferry.

What a road Prudence has traveled since her youth in that rural village. What an inspiration! (NS)

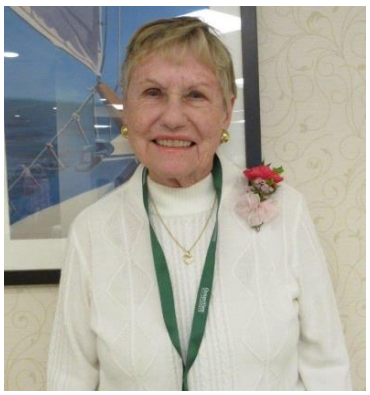


Welcome, **Jaime Krenn** and **Steve Pinto** (Whipple Farm)! Jaime, born in Massachusetts, lived in West Virginia and New Jersey before her family permanently settled in Rockport, MA, when she was 11. Keenly interested in animal behavior, Jaime majored in biology at Smith College, then earned her MS in zoology from the University of Rhode Island, focusing on the play behavior of captive lion cubs (which involved "a lot of watching cubs sleep"). Jaime found her life's calling at Millipore, an international manufacturer of ultrafiltration products for biological/medical research. There, she happily progressed from technician to QC manager to technical writer, retiring after 37 fulfilling years.

Meanwhile, Steve spent his youth primarily in Saugus, MA. After graduating from Culver Military Academy, he earned his BS in chemical engineering and his MS in civil engineering from Northeastern University and later an MBA from Babson College. Steve's work path brought him to Millipore, too, where he met Jaime while he was cleaning lab equipment, a task definitely not in his managerial job description, but definitely reflective of his can- and will-do spirit. Steve's 35-year Millipore career included sales, marketing, product design, troubleshooting, and lots of travel.

After they married, Jaime and Steve settled in Georgetown, MA; raised two sons; and--given Jaime's love of animals--also raised a menagerie of amphibians, reptiles, birds, rodents, and miscellaneous homeless animals. In addition to family and work, Jaime enjoyed volunteering for more than a decade at a cat shelter, making soap and jewelry, and nurturing their gardens of vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Steve ("Mr. Fix-It") has been a dedicated volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in Massachusetts and Maine, as well as at Camp Denison (a Massachusetts conservation area). He now volunteers at the Falmouth Land Trust and Maine Audubon, and as an OV projectionist. Together, Jaime and Steve were long-time volunteers with their church, love exploring new towns, and enjoy hiking and other outdoor activities.

With their children and grandchildren in Windham and Lewiston, Jaime and Steve are delighted to be at OceanView with its welcoming environment and numerous activities. (MF, 6/2024)



Eleanor "Pixie" Kubeck (Lodge) feels best when she's fit and loves the support she receives from OceanView's award-winning fitness staff. Typically, Pixie starts the day with an exercise class, often followed by a session with her trainer, Shelby. In the afternoon she works out on the stationary bike and treadmill in OV's fitness studio. In between she walks her dog, Dylan!

Pixie grew up in Chevy Chase, MD, attended the National Cathedral School, and majored in English at Mount Holyoke. After earning a master's in English from UC Berkeley, she returned to the East Coast and was immediately hired to teach English at Sweet Briar College in Virginia. In 1963, she went to the University of Oxford, where she met future husband, Tom. They married, returned to the US, and had a son, Freddy, who was born with hemophilia. Tom went to work for the US Public Health Service and later the National Center for Health Statistics. After the birth of their second child, Lisa, Pixie worked part-time at home on publications for the National Cathedral School. When Lisa entered kindergarten in 1974, Pixie joined NCS's development office staff, ultimately serving as the school's alumnae director from 1988 until her retirement in 1997.

Fred died in 1988. The following year Tom retired and the Kubeck's bought a condo in historic Pawleys Island, SC, where he could fish and play golf. Pixie would join him on school vacations until they left Washington to

build a home at Pawleys in 1998. In 2006, they purchased a camp on North Pond, outside of Norway, ME, spending summers seeing Lisa and her husband Don, who live in Falmouth. With Tom's passing in 2008, Pixie now plans to spend winters at OV, near Lisa, who, like her mother, is an English teacher.

Pixie is unqualified in her praise for OceanView. She loves singing in the newly formed chorus; she plans to join the women's discussion group; and she enjoys lunch at the Gazebo Grill. Pixie concludes, “I'm really starting to feel like I belong here.” (NS)



If you want to know what active retirement looks like, look no further than **Sandy Labelle** and **Scott Searway** (Whipple Farm). Both Sandy and Scott were born in Maine. Sandy comes from Auburn, and Scott was born in the tiny town of Masardis in Aroostook County. Their beautiful OceanView cottage is filled with paintings by Maine artists.

Scott graduated from Deering High School in Portland and Maine Maritime Academy. He spent a few years after graduation at sea but gave up that life once he started a family. He worked for an engineering firm in Boston before becoming CEO and co-founder of SW&B Construction Corporation, a large industrial construction company that completed projects in over 30 states. Scott also co-founded Cormier Equipment Corporation. Both companies were eventually acquired by large national organizations. When Scott retired, he became majority owner of the Chebeague Island Boatyard. He has been elected to the Wall of Honor at Maine Maritime Academy and has endowed a scholarship open to students at the Academy. Scott has three daughters and seven grandchildren.

Sandy worked for the Maine Department of Marine Resources promoting underutilized seafood, particularly mussels, pollack, and eels. She and the rest of her team went to festivals around the state displaying samples of seafood. Sandy also worked at L.L. Bean for 15 years. She has hiked most of New Hampshire’s White Mountain Presidential Range, summited Katahdin three times, and was a tournament-level tennis player, competing in the USTA Adult National Tennis Tournament five times. Why stop there? She also plays pickle ball. Sandy has a son who lives in California.

Both Sandy and Scott play golf. Scott plays in Maine senior golf events and spends a lot of time on his road bike. They both enjoy the house on Chebeague Island and cruising the Maine Coast on their powerboat “Grace.”

Scott and Sandy spend winters in Naples, Florida. They plan to eventually become more involved in OceanView, but right now they are having way too much fun participating in activities they have spent a lifetime enjoying and perfecting. (PP, SS, & SL, 9/2024)



Judy Lambert (Blueberry Commons) states unequivocally that close proximity to water and expansive viewscapes nourish her soul. She has enjoyed both on her life's journey. That journey began in Memphis, TN, where she was born, the first of four children in a military family. After two years, the family moved to Garden City on Long Island, where she lived into her early teens. The next stop was Chappaqua, NY, where she started her junior year at Horace Greeley High School. It was there she met Jim Lambert, her future husband.

After high school, Judy attended Green Mountain Junior College in Vermont for a year. That was followed by two years in New York City, attending the Laboratory Institute of Merchandising. Her career began as a buyer for Filene's in Boston. She and Jim got married during his junior year at Colby, settling in Waterville. Jim's career in banking took the couple to Bridgton and Portland as Jim moved up the ladder with Judy working in retail. Their big move came when they purchased a 200-year-old house on 60 acres in Gray, where they raised their two daughters and a son. They did extensive gardening, raised assorted animals, and hiked, skied, and boated for fun. During this period, Judy continued in retail and coached the Gray-New Gloucester High School cheer team. This stint was followed by a five-year stay in Hanover, NH.

In the late 1980s, the family moved to Martha's Vineyard. Judy helped The Black Dog launch an on-island retail store and catalog/mail order business. Sadly, Jim died very unexpectedly, and, in 2003, Judy moved to Falmouth to be near her eldest daughter. Shortly thereafter, Judy's mother, Ann Carpenter, moved to Oceanview.

Judy's two daughters live nearby, while her son lives in Maui. She has eight grandchildren and a great grandchild, who bring her immense joy. She has loved traveling extensively and continues to embrace the Maine coast. She has a family camp on the water in Phippsburg that is her happy place. (FF, 6/2026)



Want to know all about mosses growing in Maine? Fly fishing around the world? How to restore a Greek Revival farmhouse? How to hybridize daylilies? If you answered yes to any of the above, you need to meet **Pat and Dave Ledlie** (Whipple Farm).

Dave grew up in New Jersey, but fell in love with fly fishing, flora, and fauna while spending summers in Vermont. He majored in chemistry at Middlebury College and completed graduate work in organic chemistry at MIT. While in Boston, Dave met Pat, a social worker who hailed from NYC, attended the Brearly School, and graduated from Wellesley College, majoring in Biblical History and Greek.

Dave taught chemistry at Middlebury College and the University of Vermont before moving to Bates College. He served as editor of the *American Journal of Fly Fishing* and managed to fit in a plethora of fly fishing trips to exotic places around the world. His extensive fly fishing library was donated to the Bethel Historical Society. Pat started Patricia Ledlie Bookseller, Inc., issuing catalogues (before going online) of natural science and conservation biology books. She took many trips searching for exotic birds. Later in life, Pat developed a passion for mosses and traveled all over Maine making collections that will be donated to the University of Maine herbarium. She co-authored *Maine Mosses: County Checklist.*

The couple settled into an 1844 Greek Revival farmhouse, known as the Record Farm, in Buckfield. For the next 45 years, they lovingly restored the house and succeeded in having it added to the National Register of Historic Places. Their work is detailed in *Restoring Your Historic House* by Scott Hanson. In the process, Dave developed woodworking skills he used to build many pieces of fine reproduction furniture. He also cultivated hundreds of varieties of daylilies and planted trees from seeds collected on his travels around the world.

Fly fishing has always been an integral part of the Ledlies' lives. The couple honeymooned in Newfoundland where Pat, a fly fishing neophyte, caught the three biggest salmon. Dave has lectured on fly fishing and traveled the world plying his sport. (NW & SS, 6/2023)



Peter and Kay Leslie (Blueberry Commons) met in Princeton, NJ, where he graduated with honors from Princeton University and she received undergraduate and graduate degrees from Westminster Choir College and the New School for Music Study. Fluent in Spanish, Portuguese, and French, Peter worked for seven years with Citibank in Brazil, then joined a Bahamas-based investment bank. He traveled in Latin America, Europe, and the Middle East.

Kay recalls their lives in Nassau, Bahamas. She taught music and accompanied the Nassau Civic Ballet. They joined an international folk music group; she played guitar and he played banjo. They established many friendships in Nassau's multi-racial society.

In 1971, the Leslies settled in New York City, and soon thereafter, Peter founded Leslie, Weinert & Co., Inc., a firm whose clients were governments, corporations, financial institutions, and the United Nations. They lived for 12 years in Manhattan, and spent summers and Christmas in Kay's native Waterford, ME.

In 1984, Peter retired from active management of his company to devote time to public service and private business. They moved to Maine. From 1987 to 2017, Peter served as advisor, trustee, and board chair of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, helping to raise it from the bottom three among U.S. state systems to the top ten.

Kay was active as a musician and volunteer. She was part of Greater Portland's Sister Cities program with Archangel in northwestern Russia, a national initiative that endeavors, through local governments and people-to-people exchanges, to build a solid structure of world peace. She took calls on the Alzheimer's Association helpline. She served on the boards of the Deertrees Theater in Harrison and the Portland String Quartet.

Peter was active in a variety of positions, including the National Commission on Responsibilities for Financing Postsecondary Education, the United States Commission on Improving the Effectiveness of the United Nations, the Maine Health Care Finance Commission, the Cape Elizabeth School Board, the Maine Audubon Society, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The Leslies' two children and four grandchildren live in Wayzata, MN, and North Bend, WA. (NS, 10/2022) (Sadly, Peter died in February 2023.)



Ann Hinckley Levy (Schoolhouse) shares her multiple lives…
In my first life, I was born in Bar Harbor, ME. My father started and built Hinckley Yachts. I attended Dana Hall, then studied illustration at Rhode Island School of Design. There I met Francisco Oliva-Esteva from Caracas, Venezuela. We were married in December 1959.

My second life was living 18½ years in Venezuela. What a culture shock for this traditional New Englander! The dictator, Perez Jiminez, had just been overthrown. I could hear gunfire and bombs every night in the city as the rebels tried to take over the country. However, by enrolling in every available Spanish class, I became fluent in the language. My children were born in Caracas. Our neighbors were of many different nationalities. And I loved traveling throughout the country, staying wherever we could. Living in Venezuela gave me an entirely different perspective on just about everything.

Because women had few rights under Venezuelan law, when I decided to divorce, I had to earn my way out of the country, first as a travel agent, then as a bilingual secretary. I gave my husband half the profit from a successful real estate transaction to obtain his written "permission" to leave the country with my children.

Florida was the setting for my third life. In 1978, I purchased a home in North Palm Beach near my parents, enrolled the children in school, and took a job, working my way through the ranks at Tropical Shipping. Ten years later I met and married the love of my life, Melvin Joel Levy. He had recently retired as a major real estate developer and didn't know what play was—so I showed him how to have fun and he encouraged me to get involved in genealogy and dog training, which have been passions of mine ever since.

Mel passed away in 2014 and my daughter Cindy encouraged me to look at OceanView. Here my fourth life is just getting started. I have begun a genealogy group and look forward to becoming more involved as I get settled.



Does anyone who loves Mount Desert Island remember the little treasure of a bookstore called Port in a Storm, located on the water's edge in Somesville on the way to Southwest Harbor? **Linda Lewis and Marilyn Mays** (Lodge) were the founders, owners, and booksellers there for nine years in the 1990s.

Born in New York City and raised in Winnetka, IL, Linda graduated from Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield, MA before heading off to Hollins College in Roanoke, VA. After college she married an Episcopal priest; she has one daughter, Molly.

Marilyn was born in Fort Worth, TX, but her father's job with the FBI and later in the oil business kept her family moving, first up and down the east coast and as far west as New Mexico. She attended Lindenwood College in St. Charles, MO as well as the University of Oklahoma. She married an oilman and became what she calls a "corporate gypsy," living all over, including stays in London and Pittsburgh. Her three children were born in Hawaii, Houston, and New Jersey.

Linda and Marilyn met in Wilmington, DE and discovered that both had ties to Maine. After their divorces, the two women migrated to Mount Desert Island and founded Port in a Storm bookstore, which became an integral part of the local community. The bookstore was open all year round, closing on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Boxing Day. After nine delightful and intensely busy years, they sold the bookstore and bought a house in Herefordshire, England, to be nearer Marilyn's daughter in London. They continued to spend time

there several times a year until 2013, when they sold the house. Marilyn and Linda both still own property on Mount Desert Island and enjoy the summers there. Marilyn has seven grandsons, including 12-year-old twins. Linda is the owner of Maggie, a black labradoodle, now seven years old. Marilyn is owned by her demanding marmalade cat, Gizmo.

Linda, who loves to sing, is eager to join the OceanView Chorus. Both women enjoy cooking, reading and travel; Linda enjoys Mah Jong and Marilyn is trying to relearn bridge. (NW & SS)



Jean Locey (Hilltop Lodge) is an artist and feminist whose work in photography and print making reflects the evolving identity of women during a period of rapid social change. A professor emerita of Cornell University, her work has been inspired by the power of Maine's coastline.

After growing up in Williamsville, NY, and earning a B.A. in fine arts at SUNY Buffalo, Jean sold tickets for United Airlines until she decided that her true calling lay elsewhere. Returning to academia, she received an M.F.A. from Ohio University and subsequently taught at Webster College (now, University) in Missouri, then part time at Pratt, Parsons, and The New School until 1980, when she was invited to join the faculty of Cornell. In the School of Art, Architecture, and Planning, she taught photography and, in 1993, became the first woman to chair the Art Department.

Jean's own artistic work examines female form—both natural and cultural—as a site of social meaning. While in St. Louis, she started a group of women artists. Later she was influenced by two ground breakers in her field. One was Miriam "Mimi" Shapiro, one of the foremost pioneers of the feminist art movement in the U.S. The other was Judy Chicago, the American feminist artist whose work addresses women's history and cultural representation and is best known for *The Dinner Party*.

With an early focus on the shape of rocks and water along the coast of Maine, Jean later seized a sabbatical opportunity to photograph the same elements in the Hebrides islands of Scotland. She also taught at Cornell's study abroad program in Rome. In 1993, she returned from one such trip to encounter at a wedding an old friend from her undergraduate days, also an artist and teacher. The next year Jean and Bruce were married and enjoyed living in a historic house in Ithaca, near Cornell, until his death in 2022.

Because of the joy she found photographing the coast of Maine, Jean chose to retire to OceanView, where she is discovering friendly people and excellent programming with a strong emphasis on the arts. (NS, 7/2026)



A chance meeting at a dinner party led to **Valerie and Steve Loring's** 55-year marriage and their lives devoted to family, careers, service, entrepreneurial adventures, and traveling the world.

Val has spent nearly all her life in Worcester, MA, where she was born and returned with Steve to raise their children. She graduated from The Ethel Walker School and Sweet Briar College and earned her masters from Simmons College School of Social Work. Val was working at a child guidance clinic in Boston when she met Steve.

Steve grew up in Boston and Duxbury, MA, attending Exeter and earning a degree in industrial engineering from MIT. After completing Officer Candidate School and spending three years in the Navy, Steve began working for a consulting firm before joining the Wyman-Gordon Company. Worcester became the family's home. There they met life-long friends, OV's Margaret and Robert Cope. After two sons and a daughter were born, Val focused on homemaking and volunteer service. She put her social work skills to use as a volunteer, starting a daycare center in a housing project and supporting in different ways the Girls' Club and a residential hospice. Perhaps her most significant achievement was her 40-year commitment to envisioning, designing, building, and nurturing Briarwood, a retirement community in Worcester.

After many years in industrial engineering, Steve decided to embark on several small business ventures, including his son Rob's company, Dovetail, specializing in custom, hardwood furniture making, and daughter Elizabeth's ribbon-belt and bag company, The Belted Cow, in Yarmouth. Steve was also a dedicated volunteer for Briarwood; and he served as a board member of many organizations, including his church, The Bancroft School, the EcoTarim (a science and nature museum), and the Greater Worcester Community Foundation.

Steve and Valerie have eight lucky grandchildren who have accompanied their grandparents on wonderful trips. Determined to take every grandchild on a special journey, they took one granddaughter on safari in Tanzania, three grandsons to the Galapagos Islands, and three granddaughters to Costa Rica. In 2015, the Lorings took the whole family to Tuscany, staying a La Foce. (NW & SS) (Sadly, Steve passed away in 2025.)



Lois Lowry, Whipple Farm Lane. I moved into OceanView expecting to find myself in a sea of strangers, only to discover that one neighbor had attended the same school I did in Tokyo when we were adolescents; that another neighbor had been a friend at Pembroke College in the 1950s; and a knock at my door revealed a couple from Whipple Farm Lane who said, “Remember us? We spent a day hiking together in Hawaii in the early ’80s.”

So, there is a feeling of full-circle about OceanView for me. I had actually lived in Falmouth years ago— my four children went to school in the buildings that OV has recently acquired. Various life changes and adventures and misadventures transplanted me to Cambridge, MA until I sold my house there this past spring and returned to Falmouth.

My children are grown: a daughter in San Francisco, a daughter in New Hampshire, and a son here in Portland. My other son, a USAF pilot, was killed in the crash of a fighter jet in 1995; his widow and daughter remain a vital part of my life, though they live in Germany. My other three grandchildren are nearby. And my pals, Tibetan Terrier Alfie, and cat LuLu, have made themselves at home on Whipple Farm Lane.

I spend summers in an 18th-century farmhouse in Bridgton. In both places—OceanView and Brigham Hill Farm—I spend most of my time at work. I write books for what publishers call a “young adult” audience, and my career has me on the road often, for speaking engagements: as I write this, I see I have Brooklyn, Los Angeles, Tucson, Charlottesville, Toronto, and Salt Lake City on the calendar in the coming months. And I am involved in the making of a movie (to be filmed in South Africa, starring Meryl Streep and Jeff Bridges) based on one of my books. So, although age has crept up on me it has not been accompanied by lethargy! (LL)



Jean Lundman (Schoolhouse) is delighted to be at OceanView! She beams when talking about the OV residents and staff, her Schoolhouse cottage, and the activities she's engaged in.

Jean's journey to OceanView began as a child. Born in Rome, NY, she grew up in Highland Park, NJ, and Champaign, IL. Her family began renting a cottage in Boothbay Harbor when Jean was 10. Jean later vacationed at the same place with her own family and still vacations there each summer. So, deciding where to retire was easy: Maine was already in her soul.

Growing up, Jean was fortunate to travel extensively with her family. Her father, a business professor, taught abroad for USAID enabling Jean to spend time in Ethiopia, Kenya, Egypt, and South American countries; and travel across Asia. Later, she spent a college semester in Spain and camped throughout Europe. From these experiences, Jean gained an appreciation of cultural differences that impacted her education and career choices.

Jean majored in sociology at Beloit College (Wisconsin) and earned an MSW at the University of Chicago. She then worked for four years as a school social worker in Illinois and Minnesota. She loved counseling junior high students, but next took on the role of raising her own family, son Bob and daughter Julie. The family settled near Columbus, Ohio, where Jean enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom, volunteering, and attending innumerable soccer and lacrosse games.

As her children grew older, Jean returned to employment as a clinical social worker and program coordinator at Ohio State University's Hemophilia Treatment Center. For 24 years, she counseled, educated, and advocated for her hemophilia patients and received a statewide advocacy award. Jean was honored to work with her courageous patients as most in the 1980s contracted AIDS from their blood-product medication.

In retirement, Jean's family, which now includes five grandchildren, continues to be important to her. Son Bob lives in Washington, DC, where he is an environmental appeals court attorney in the Justice Department. Serendipitously, daughter Julie, a midwife, moved to Yarmouth, making Jean's decision to retire here prescient. (MF)



Linda MacDougall (Main Lodge) comes from a family committed to community service. Her grandfather volunteered with incarcerated young men; her grandmother provided support for single, pregnant women, one as young as 14 years old. Her parents continued the tradition, hosting kids and adults in their Lexington, MA, home.

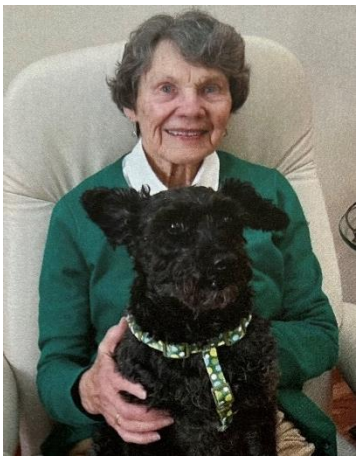
No surprise then that Linda chose a four-year nursing program at Russell Sage College and has worked in the nursing field throughout her life. She earned a master's degree at Northeastern while working in Hanover, NH. When Linda and her husband lost an infant son, she started a support group at Dartmouth for other parents who had suffered the death of a young child. The group SHARE is still ongoing today.

Linda has two living children, a daughter in Salt Lake City and a son in Missoula, MT. While they were growing up, the family skied at Jackson Hole and in British Columbia. They also loved being at the family cottage on Pemaquid Pond, which Linda's father had built to encourage his children to be still and to be with nature. They also enjoyed their time at Groton Pond, the Ricker family camp.

But Linda's drive to community service never abated. Through her church, she did mission trips to Central America, to New York after Super Storm Sandy, and to Austin, TX.

She has also volunteered for Preble Street Teen Center and Girl Scouts and is hoping to volunteer for Hospice of Southern Maine.

Linda feels privileged to live at OceanView, enjoying "a lot of fun things with a lot of fun people." She believes community connection is great for physical and mental health and recently took part in a Fifth Graders' Visit to OceanView. From this setting, too, she hopes to continue making a difference in people's lives. (NS, 11/2024)



Cynthia Mahoney's (Main Lodge) rich and rewarding life has centered around her family, helping others, outdoor activities, and arts/crafts. She spent most of her life in the Syracuse area, and earned a BA in science education with a concentration in botany at Syracuse University. Her plan to get a graduate degree and teach at the college level, however, was superseded by marriage and children. By the time Cynthia and her first husband settled in Manlius, NY, her family of four children was complete.

Those early years, Cynthia focused on parenting, working in a physician's office, and volunteering at her church and in the Head Start program. Then she learned to ski – but not just to ski for fun. She honed her skills and also mastered Red Cross first aid, becoming a first-aid instructor for the Song and Labrador Mountain ski patrols. For 23 winters – a couple long days each week – she oversaw the safety of skiers and administered emergency first aid to the injured. She loved the challenge and responsibility, and most of all, loved helping those in need.

Cynthia met Jerry Mahoney (probably skiing), and their loving marriage of 40 years was filled with family adventures. They especially enjoyed hiking and camping year-round at their Adirondack camp, regardless of the snow (lots of snow!); skiing Stowe and out West; and beach-combing on Cape Cod.

Cynthia also joined the YMCA, immersing herself in its volunteer service programs (e.g., providing services for veterans), hiking and book clubs, aerobic and art/craft classes, and pickleball. The Y, filled with great people doing good things, was a perfect focus for Cynthia's supportive, creative, and adventurous spirit, and she formed an extensive social network.

After Jerry died in 2022, daughter Lauren, in Falmouth, urged her to move to Maine. Cynthia, who had spent many wonderful summers at Lauren's China Lake camp, was sorry to leave New York state, but delighted to be moving near family. With Minnie, her devoted Schnauzer/Poodle mix, Cynthia is happily settling in at OceanView, enjoying its welcoming residents and staff, and its full range of activities. (MF, 9/2024)



Upon entering **Liz and Jim Maier's** light-filled Schoolhouse Cottage, it's easy to see that family is central to their lives. A large dining-room table, holding center stage, is the scene of regular Thursday night family dinners for 10, including the Maiers' two daughters, their spouses, and four grandchildren. Four more grandchildren, who reside in Norway, have prompted numerous trips abroad and daily Norwegian language lessons.

Liz grew up in West Chester, PA, the only girl among three brothers. Liz's family regularly attended the Presbyterian Church, where faith became, and remains today, a central tenet of her life. She graduated from Westtown School, where she met Jim. Jim's father, an anglophile, Quaker lawyer loved dressing his two sons in English schoolboy clothes and caps. Immersed in Quaker values, Jim enjoyed hunting and fishing on his family's expansive farm in Bryn Mawr.

After Westtown, Liz went to Brown and Jim to Amherst. Soon after graduation, they were married in Westtown's outdoor amphitheater. The couple moved to Boston, where Jim enrolled in Tufts Medical School, Liz taught fourth grade, and daughter Lydia was born. When Jim accepted a residency in Portland, the young family moved to Maine, where son Sam arrived. Daughter Sarah, born in Philadelphia, completed their family. Sadly, they lost Sam seven years ago, following a recurrence of bipolar disorder. Fortunately, lithium had allowed him to live a good life and raise a family for many years.

Jim, a psychiatrist, maintained a private practice in Portland and later joined the cutting-edge PIER program, researching early intervention for families with young people developing severe mental illness. He volunteers as a facilitator at the Center for Grieving Children. At age 39, Liz got her Master's in library science and served as a librarian at Waynflete for 20 years. One of her claims to fame is helping to birth goat triplets. She is currently clerk of the Portland Friends Meeting and served on the board and building committee of the new net-zero Friends School of Portland.

What do Liz and Jim like best about OceanView? “The people and the pool!” (NW & SS)



Nancy Mallory was born in Port Chester, NY and attended local schools until high school. Her family spent summers in Maine, first at a farm in St. George and then at a home they built in Tenants Harbor. Growing to love Maine, she attended Oak Grove School for Girls in Vassalboro beginning in the 10th grade. That place is now the Maine State Police Academy; on a fascinating recent tour, Nancy and some classmates even saw the safe room offered to her fellow students and their families if needed during the Cuban Missile Crisis – how lucky it was never needed! As a teen, she participated in a summer exchange program in Norway, beginning a life-long interest in travel.

Following her studies at the University of Vermont and Katherine Gibbs in NYC, Nancy ran the office of a general and vascular in Essex, CT for ten years, as she raised her daughter, Liz. Those years held an early divorce, and a new marriage.

With Ted, Nancy shared a wonderful 40- year marriage, raising their blended family in Madison and Waterford, CT. For ten years, she absolutely loved teaching 3rd and 4th grades in Madison. After Ted died in 2015, Nancy decided to return to her beloved Maine where most of her family is now living. In September 2019, she moved into her beautiful cottage built on the edge of the woods at Cumberland Crossing, and now enjoyed gathering

with her local family for picnics on the Cumberland Green. Most recently, Nancy has moved to the OceanView campus in a beautiful apartment in the Main Lodge Expansion.

Ten grandchildren fill Nancy's heart: Liz has three daughters, two living in in Washington, DC and one in Boseman, MT; Nancy's two stepdaughters, Karin in Walpole, NH and Lynne in Cumberland Foreside, each have two daughters. Nancy's youngest daughter, Kate, is raising three sons, ages 9, 7, and 3, in nearby Brunswick.

Nancy and her sister winterized the family home they share in Tenants Harbor, now a wonderful gathering place for her entire family.



Andrea and John McCall (Cottages) came to OceanView from South Portland, where they lived for nearly 40 years. Before that, they followed very different yet connecting paths.

John grew up in a clergy family in Oregon, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Andrea's Air Force family was in Germany when she was born, then on bases all across the United States, moving so often that she went to secondary schools in four different states.

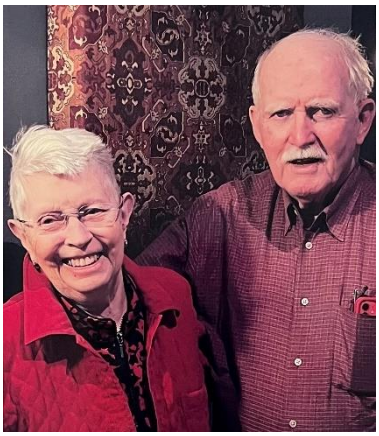
John became politically engaged as a 17-year-old college freshman, marching with Martin Luther King in Selma, AL. Andrea was an activist against the Vietnam war in high school while her father and brother served in Southeast Asia. Both are still politically engaged, though in "age-appropriate" ways.

John's decision to go to theological school (at Chicago Theological Seminary) was natural, following in the footsteps of both parents and two grandparents. On the other hand, Andrea's decision to attend Colgate Rochester Divinity School as a first-generation college student from a non-religious family was surprising but prompted by early and lifelong spiritual experience and curiosity.

Neither is a Maine native, but each had chosen northern New England before they met as United Church of Christ (Congregational) clergy colleagues in New Hampshire in 1985. They married in 1986 and moved to Maine in 1989 with their infant son. John was a parish minister for 42 years, the last 24 in South Portland. Andrea, a pastor in Vermont and New Hampshire, pursued post-graduate study in American religious historiography and served as Associate Dean of Students and Interfaith Chaplain at USM.

In retirement since 2013, they have loved travel and volunteering in the community. Andrea loves yoga, gardening, and reading, and John pursues a long-held avocation in family history and genealogy. They're delighted that their son and daughter-in-law live nearby so they are able to care for their little grandson regularly.

Spirituality has been central to John and Andrea's lives and careers, though since retirement they have not participated in any formal way. Their spirituality is far less traditional now, but remains a core of who they are as lifelong spiritual seekers. (AMcC, JMcC, & CMcD, 2/2026)



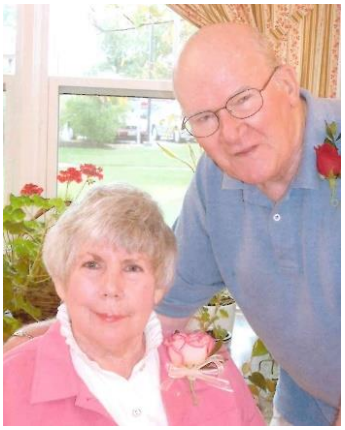
OceanView fans of racket sports will find kindred spirits in **Ellen and Peter McCarthy** (Main Lodge), whose passion for tennis and platform tennis, a variation that can be played all year round, became a lifelong commitment.

Peter was born in Manhattan and grew up in Elizabeth, NJ. Ellen grew up in Cape Elizabeth and Portland, ME. They met at the University of Pennsylvania where, as treasurers of the men's and women's student governments, they spent time together planning budgets for the campus clubs. After Peter's graduation, he began a career at Western Electric, part of AT&T. Two years later, when Ellen had her diploma in hand, they married.

Indianapolis was their first posting, followed by seven or eight transfers as Peter moved from Western Electric's manufacturing division to marketing and sales. Ellen taught for 18 months until the first of their two daughters was born. Later, she would continue her professional career as a tax accountant. The McCarthys spent 17 years in Madison, NJ, with sports as the family's focus; Peter was elected president of the New Jersey Platform Tennis Association.

In 1996, after retirement, Peter and Ellen returned to her old stomping grounds, living in Scarborough on the beach and then at Two Lights, becoming reacquainted with old friends and savoring the Portland Symphony Orchestra and the Portland Museum of Art.

When they were ready for the next phase, they "chose the best," delighted with OceanView's Fitness Pavilion ("unbelievably well equipped") and its friendly, outgoing staff. An extra bonus is having a daughter in Manhattan, where they enjoy the open space along the Hudson River, High Line Park, and of course easy access to US Open Tennis. (NS, 4/2024)



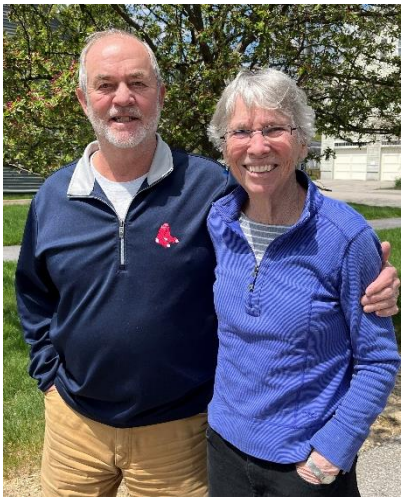
Many OceanView residents are "from away." Not so for **Bud and Janice McCue**, (Whipple Farm). Bud and Janice are natives whose family reflects the state's proud heritage. Bud's grandfather, for many years the oldest active lobsterman in Maine, worked alone out of Boothbay until well into his 90s. When grandson, Eric, was injured in Iraq in 2003 at age 21, he was widely recognized as the war's first service casualty from Maine.

Bud admits to having been born in Connecticut, but he quickly returned to Portland where he attended Lincoln Junior High and Deering High School with current OV residents Carl Barker and Ed Beaulieu. With World War II raging, Bud left school during his senior year to spend two years in the Navy as a weatherman on an aircraft carrier. The ship's mission was the training of fighter pilots. In 1954, with degree in hand from Syracuse University, Bud began a 30-year career as dealer relations manager with General Motors in Portland and South Portland.

Meanwhile, Janice grew up on the Eastern Promenade and went to Portland High School with Gretchen Reiche Terhune, now a Whipple Farm neighbor. After attending Simmons College and Westbrook Junior College, Janice joined General Motors, where she did secretarial, accounting, and training work—and met Bud. The couple was married in 1987 and she retired in 1988.

Janice and Bud have shared a love of two special houses, one Janice's family home on the Eastern Promenade, recently sold, the other, a summer place on Great Diamond Island, where they walk, swim, relax with family (Bud has four children from a previous marriage), and visit with neighbors.

The McCues learned about OceanView from Gail Eaton, who had been doing Janice's hair for 30 years and is now the OceanView stylist. Bud called for more information and the rest is history. "It's such a relief here not to have to get out with the snow blower or chop the ice!" And Janice keeps in close touch with the Portland friends she grew up with. (NS)



Cathy and John McDowell (Whipple Farm) wanted to make a difference with their lives--and they have! Each grew up in a Philadelphia suburb, but they didn't meet until students at Smith and Amherst Colleges, respectively. After graduation, they reconnected and married while John was at Yale Medical School. John initially focused on pediatrics, but ultimately found family medicine more appealing and happily became, in his words, "a disappointment to Yale," where the intent was to train academicians and researchers. John interrupted his residency program to fulfill his obligation to the US Public Health Service in return for scholarship support.

He was assigned to a family practice site in Gorham, NH--a rural area with limited specialist availability and few high-tech resources. But the area was friendly and welcoming: nice folks, including many with significant health issues, and many living at or near poverty level. There, Cathy and John found a sense of belonging and the opportunity to make a difference. Their two-year assignment became a forty-year commitment to the community. John co-founded the area's first family practice group. He later worked as an ER doctor, a hospitalist, and then director of care management at the local hospital. In 2010, John received the Clinician of the Year award from the New England Rural Health Association.

Cathy found other ways to address the needs of the community. She founded the first family-planning program in Coos County and went on to create and direct several non-profit organizations focused on supporting families and children--always, always collaborating to ensure a holistic approach to families' well-being. In 1991, she founded the Family Resource Center in Gorham (NH), which continues to offer comprehensive resources, education, and support for individuals and families. Cathy also served on many local, county, and state boards, including the NH Commission on the Status of Women where she served with Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, and received numerous awards for her work.

In addition, over the years the McDowells raised two sons; spent summers on Kezar Lake; and enjoyed hiking, biking and skiing in the White Mountains. They've made a difference, indeed! (CM & JM, MF, 01/2024)



Born and raised in Delaware, OH, **Marilyn McDowell** moved to Columbus to study at Mt. Carmel Hospital in its three-year "diploma nurse" program. On a blind date she met Don McDowell, an accounting student at Ohio State University. After graduating, they married and moved to Toledo and then Atlanta, where Don was employed by General Motors. Marilyn worked briefly in Toledo, then focused her attention at home when the first of their five children arrived.

In 1961, Don became an administrator at the University of Florida and the McDowells moved to that state, where they would spend the next 15 years. In 1974, Don Joined Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, serving first as the executive director of operations and then as vice president of finance.

In 1980, Don and Marilyn relocated to Maine. During the next 21 years, Don moved from executive vice president and treasurer to president of Maine Medical Center, and then became CEO of the parent company, MaineHealth. The McDowells lived in Cape Elizabeth, Portland, and then Yarmouth. They raised two girls and three boys. With their sons playing baseball and Don coaching, Marilyn says that they "lived at the ball park."

Serious baseball fans, Marilyn and Don also spent a month in Florida each year, driving from town to town to watch various teams during their spring training. Summers found the McDowells at their camp in Casco, ME on Pleasant Lake. "Between moving and children," Marilyn kept busy working, entertaining, and volunteering at Maine Medical Center, most recently in the flower shop, where she met some of the friends who would be her neighbors at OceanView. Don died in 2014 and about a year later, Marilyn moved to the Lodge. Marilyn loves the OceanView library and is excited about OceanView's role in the expansion of Falmouth Memorial Library. She also enjoys OV's fitness program, history lectures, musical performances, and summer dance program. The McDowells' youngest son lives in Yarmouth. Altogether, there are 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren, who each summer come to the family camp in Casco. (NS)



In 1800, when the federal government moved from Philadelphia to Washington, DC, **Sandra McElwaine's** ancestors moved with it. Sandra lived in the capital area for more than 50 years, witnessing key events in the history of her own time. Sandra's mother died early and, after her father remarried, Sandra became one of five daughters, all horseback riders. During World War II, her father served in the Army Air Corps Ferrying Command and the family followed him to such far-flung destinations as Wendover on the salt flats of Utah. Sandra attended Mount Holyoke College, but left to marry before finishing. The first of her two sons happened to be born on her 21st birthday.

As a young mother, Sandra was an active volunteer, particularly with the Red Cross. She drove jitney vans and converted station-wagon ambulances in Washington at civil rights demonstrations, at the 1965 march on Washington to end the Vietnam War, on June 8, 1968, when crowds gathered around the train carrying the body of Robert F. Kennedy to Arlington National Cemetery, and during the riots that followed the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Later, Sandra graduated from George Washington University and spent 18 years as a stock broker and investment advisor. Bob, her second husband, was an independent press agent who served as head of publicity for film producer Samuel Goldwyn and for performer Danny Kaye. Later, in New York, Bob worked in advertising and as director of public relations for Mercedes Benz. In Washington he served as head of a trade

association that represented imported automobile dealers. After they retired to Bluemont, VA, Sandra became a volunteer EMT and taught CPR and first aid for the Red Cross. Bob died in 2010.

Sandra moved to OceanView (Whipple Farm cottage) to be near her son Michael, an attorney, and his family. She has two grandchildren. She is already enjoying OV's tai chi and yoga classes. In the future she hopes to join Collective Wisdom and also to continue working with the Red Cross. (NS)



DeCourcy (Dick) McIntosh (Schoolhouse) had a varied career in the art and non-profit world and, thanks to friendships formed in college, had a long association with Prouts Neck before moving to OceanView in late 2023.

Dick was born in Baltimore, grew up in rural Baltimore county, attended Phillips Exeter Academy, and then Harvard (class of 1965), where he concentrated in English and art history. After Harvard, he entered foreign-service graduate school at Georgetown University to prepare for a State Department career, but the Vietnam-era ban on overseas hiring put an end to that career plan.

While in Washington, Dick had met and married Susan Bell of Pittsburgh; with foreign service plans on hold, he and Suzy moved to Suzy's hometown. There he worked for the R. K. Mellon family office, managing aspects of that family's educational, civic, and cultural philanthropy. A daughter and son were born to the couple during this time. The daughter now lives in New York and has twin sons; the son lives in Florida.

In Pittsburgh, Dick developed an interest in historic restoration that eventually prompted a move to Savannah, where he directed the Historic Savannah Foundation. Next, the family headed to St. Paul, MN, where Dick managed the transformation of the Old Federal Courts Building into a headquarters for arts organizations. Three years later, he crossed the Mississippi to be V.P. for Development of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

The next career shift was to return to Pittsburgh for a 17-year stint as director of the Frick Art & Historical Center, an outgrowth of the art museum the daughter of industrialist Henry Clay Frick had established on her estate. There, Dick oversaw the restoration of the Frick mansion and the development of the estate into an active center for local history and for exhibitions of old-master and 19th century art.

In 2001, Dick shifted his focus to research and writing about the growth of art collecting in America, his research based on the vast archive of M. Knoedler & Company in New York, as well as on primary sources in France, England, and Germany. (DM & FF, 2/2024)



What does **Betty-Jane Meader** (Main Lodge) have in common with Margaret Chase Smith, Frances Perkins, Janet Mills, and Susan Collins? Well, keep reading.

A native Mainer, Betty-Jane grew up in Dover-Foxcroft, earned a B.S. in home economics at Farmington State Teachers College, and then pursued an M.S. at the University of Maine, Orono. She met her husband, Dick, at Farmington. After they married, she taught second grade in Newport and then high school home economics in Nokomis. When Thomas College in Waterville was developing a new program in fashion merchandising, Betty-Jane signed on and never looked back. At Thomas, she taught fashion merchandising and retail management for 41 years.

What fun she had—school breaks in Manhattan to take courses at the Fashion Institute of Technology and trips to study fashion in Thailand, Hong Kong, and Paris. During spring breaks, she took her seniors to Manhattan, visiting designers' showrooms and ad agencies and enjoying behind-the-scenes tours at Macy's and Bloomingdale's. And there were fashion shows. Lots of fashion shows. Betty-Jane loved it all.

Volunteer work was also an important part of Betty-Jane's life. She was a mentor for Girls' Day at the State House for many years. She served as president of the Waterville branch of the American Association of University Women and later as state president. She was also president of the Maine division of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Along the way, she became known as "Meader the Leader." She continues to serve on the state boards of both associations.

Betty-Jane and Dick had two sons, Lance and Daren, who live close to OceanView, along with four grandchildren and four step-grandchildren. Lance and his wife Amy own Rivalries, the popular Falmouth sports pub. Dick, a beloved college basketball coach known throughout Maine, died in 2022.

To get back to our opening question: What does Betty-Jane have in common with a select group of Maine women? She was inducted into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame in 2020 for achievements that "significantly improved the lives of women in Maine" and have "an enduring value for women." Wow! (NC, 6/2026)



Jean Meakin (Lodge) has deep roots here, with ancestors on both sides of her family hailing from Maine. Born in Caribou, she moved to Orono as a child, where her father and grandfather worked at the University of Maine, her grandfather as dean of the College of Agriculture. Jean followed in her family's footsteps, earning a degree in agricultural economics from the University of Georgia after her marriage to a Georgia native. The couple went on to make their living as beekeepers.

Later Jean moved to Bar Harbor and served as general manager of RainWise, manufacturer of professional meteorological equipment. Five years later she left to earn an MBA at UMaine. She never expected to work at the university but took a job there as director of the Purchasing Department. In that capacity she traveled as a consultant to the American University in Bulgaria to set up their purchasing system as the country emerged from communism. After 17 years in Orono, she transferred to the UMaine system office in Bangor where she was responsible for a software implementation that upgraded procurement practices for the entire system.
Jean's second husband, Don, lived in Round Pond. Because Jean was still working in Bangor while Don was very involved with his community, they traveled back and forth for five years.

In 2007, Jean retired and moved to Round Pond where they enjoyed sailing, traveling, and just being together. This marriage also brought Don's two adult children and eventually grandchildren into Jean's life. With her sister Jean also traveled to Ireland, Iceland, and Tanzania. In 2010, Jean suffered a life-altering back injury and Don was diagnosed with dementia. Jean cared for Don until 2014, when he was moved to long-term care. His death in 2016 prompted Jean's move to OceanView.

While she has had to give up three favorite activities because of her back—gardening, walking, and cooking—she is happy to be at OceanView, where she enjoys fitness programs that have helped immensely. Jean is also a genealogy enthusiast, thanks to her forebears who saved many boxes of family history. (NW & SS)



Even in a community full of active, friendly people, **Ed and Margo Meehan** (Whipple Farm) are stand-outs. They have passionate interests; they reach out to people; they love life.

As a soprano in the boys' choir of Washington National Cathedral, Ed attended St. Albans School on the Cathedral grounds, then went on to graduate from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. At age 17, Margo moved with her parents next door to Ed's family in Bethesda, MD. She completed her senior year at Bethesda Chevy Chase High School and enrolled at the University of Maryland. Although she left the university to marry Ed, Margo later completed the work for her degree, and, at age 50, received her diploma. Ed entered the life insurance business and became a partner in a large brokerage firm specializing in using life insurance to provide supplemental retirement benefits to executives in smaller hospitals and banks. In Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA, the Meehans raised four daughters. At the same time, they established Maine roots: They built a large summer home on a lake in Shapleigh and two of their four daughters (and three of their sons-in-law) graduated from Colby College. Ed has always enjoyed woodworking and making furniture; Margo creates quilts; and together they travel and play Bridge. But it was for golf that they moved, after Ed retired, to Quail Creek Estates in Naples, Florida.

Shortly thereafter, during a game of golf, Ed suffered the stroke that has limited his mobility, but not his enthusiasm for activity. You may have seen him walking pugs Bridget and Bailey as he wheels around the OceanView campus in his Jazzy Power

Chair. He also attends the Collective Wisdom and Men's Discussion groups. All four daughters with their husbands and 12 grandchildren live within a 10-minute drive from OceanView. The family still gathers at the house in Shapleigh with its kayaks, canoes, and ski boats. In June 2013, Ed and Margo celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. (NS) (Sadly, Ed passed away in 2020)



Patty Meyer discovered OceanView 20 years ago when her weaving group joined a similar group that met in the Main Lodge. From that time on, Patty knew exactly where she wanted to live one day! Now Patty has moved into one of the brand-new cottages on Principal Drive. Weaving is one of her passions and, in her second bedroom, she has created a perfect studio. Murphy bed tucked into the wall, her loom and many-colored threads on spools adorn the area, while a computer office is tucked behind her closet door. Patty weaves monthly with a group at St. Mary's Church and she is a member of the Boston and New Hampshire Weavers' Guilds.

A native of Pennsylvania and an alumna of the George School and Centenary College, Patty, with her three boys, married John Meyer, with his eight children, after John had retired as vice president and CFO of United Shoe Machinery in Boston. In 1977, they moved from Cohasset, MA to a large farmhouse in Windham, where the family became involved with 4-H and the Maine sheep industry. They raised beef, goats, and sheep. The sheep wool was the catalyst for Patty's interest in weaving. Patty and John were married for 33 years before he passed away.

They also designed and built a post and beam summer home on Frye Island in Lake Sebago. Patty still loves the hustle and bustle of construction and enjoys being a part of all the new homes and landscaping going up around her at OceanView.

Patty is an avid golfer, playing several times each week. She plays on Frye Island and on several courses in the Portland area. She is delighted that OV residents can play at Falmouth Country Club. Another delight for Patty is her yard and the spacious rock wall where she will create a garden in the spring. Her sunroom is filled with happy plants that enjoy the warmth of her home during the cold winter months. Patty loves living at OceanView and being close to all the people she enjoys. She has 17 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. (MMM)



There have been three constants in **Bobbe Miller's** (Main Lodge) ever-evolving life: family, spirituality, and Maine. Bobbe grew up in Wakefield, MA, where her father, an Episcopalian minister, served. She began her spiritual journey early on, a journey that includes prayer, meditation, Bible study, and a commitment to good works. Bobbe's love for Maine also began early. Her family summered on Southport Island, and she embraces all Maine has to offer: its amazing land and seascapes, outdoor activities, extraordinary people, and, above all, time with family.

After earning a nursing degree at Russell Sage College, Bobbe married her soulmate, Dick, a Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute graduate. They first lived in San Francisco where Dick worked for Stauffer Chemical Company. Then they moved to Fairfield, CT, where they raised their son and daughter. Over the years, Dick oversaw a variety of chemical-related businesses, and they lived in Chicago, Houston, the Netherlands, and Bedminster, NJ. But always there was Maine and their summer home on Southport Island. Finally, in 2004, Bobbe and Dick achieved their goal and permanently settled in Cape Elizabeth.

And her ever-evolving life? Bobbe's first career was as a stay-at-home mom, whose busy schedule included co-operating a part-time catering business (competing with Martha Stewart? no threat) and as a Junior League volunteer, surveying and then facilitating communication among area youth agencies to enhance their effectiveness. When her children reached their teens, Bobbe began her second career. She returned to nursing, providing homecare and hospice support via agencies in Connecticut, New Jersey, and Maine. Most memorable to Bobbe, and valued by her, was managing a clinical team that served disadvantaged people living in Bridgeport, CT's, high-rise projects, who would otherwise have had no access to healthcare. Throughout, she has continued her spiritual growth as a follower of Christ.

Following Dick's death in 2022, and despite her own mobility challenges, Bobbe ("stubborn" according to her children) refuses to leave Maine, where she has found so much joy. She's brought her warm smile and compassionate spirit to OceanView, where "there's a lot more going on than bingo." Bobbe is enjoying everything the community offers. (MF, 1/2024)



To create positive change through a collaborative group effort: **Judith Moll** (Fitness Pavilion) has pursued that ideal throughout her life.

Graduate degree from the University of Minnesota in hand, Judith arrived in 1972 at Northeastern University in Boston. As a faculty coordinator of cooperative education, Judith developed paid career-relevant placements and supervised students in education and human services throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states for nearly 20 years.

Then, while on sabbatical at a higher education institute program, she decided to change her career course. She earned a second master's degree, this one in social work from Smith College. After gaining experience in mental-health centers, Judith developed a private practice in South Portland, providing psychotherapy for 16 years.
Judith's love of the outdoors brought her to Maine, where she especially enjoyed skiing, having done some ski racing in high school. For 21 years, she volunteered at Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation, skiing weekly with physically challenged participants at Sunday River. Being part of the close-knit MAS family was a great joy in her life.

Also key to her development was her work between 1980 and 1985 with the Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women, a board of citizen volunteers who worked to ensure equity for women and girls in economic, political, social, and educational opportunities throughout the city.

Judith pursues her life ideal through involvement in two spiritual communities. As a student of Buddhism for 35 years, she is a meditation-group member and attends retreats. With training from the University of Massachusetts medical school, Judith taught mindfulness-based stress reduction in medical settings.

Her second spiritual community is the Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church, where she came to know OceanView through several members who reside here. Judith is happy to have joined our community and is already becoming actively involved. (NS, 7/2022)



If you visit the apartment of **Mary Beth and Jerry Morris** (BBC), you will be greeted by Stella, a gorgeous tortoiseshell cat. She is a blackish/brown golden beauty with handsome white whiskers, definitely queen of all she surveys, and happy to be at OceanView with a good view of the bird feeders outside her favorite window.

Mary Beth grew up in Schenectady, NY and Pittsfield, MA. She earned a degree in physical therapy from Simmons college and went to work at New England Medical Center. Attending the Old South Church, she met David Stevens. They married, moved to Canton, and had two children while Mary Beth continued working for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Unfortunately, David developed ALS and died after 10 years of marriage. Mary Beth and David had been attending meetings of the Couples Club in Boston, where they became friendly with another couple, Jerry Morris and his wife. They also had two children, very close in age to the Stevens kids. Not surprisingly, when Jerry lost his wife, he and Mary Beth got together as their children were already playmates, and marriage soon followed.

Jerry was born in Boston, graduated from Braintree High School and, in order to avoid the draft, joined the Army and chose to attend public information school. He served for three years, working in public relations, and

attained the rank of sergeant. On leaving the Army he took and passed the Civil Service Exam, but decided against working for the US government and took instead a job at the Quincy Patriot Ledger. From there he moved to the Boston Globe, eventually becoming travel editor. He and Mary Beth took many wonderful trips, including a special trip to Scotland where Mary Beth visited the ancestral home of her father.

Mary Beth went on to attend Boston University School of Theology, becoming the thirteenth female to be ordained in the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She served churches in Orange, MA and Woonsocket, RI, and is now, after a two-year course at the Anglican Cathedral in Amesbury, a certified spiritual director. (MB)



The musical community at OceanView has been enriched by the arrival of **Tom and Nan Morrisette** (Cottage). Nan enjoys playing classical, American standards, and Spanish classical music on her three pianos and two accordions. Tom is a drummer.

From Manchester, CT, Tom enlisted in the Navy during the Vietnam War. Twenty-five years later he retired as a commander, having graduated from Vanderbilt University and served in Newport, Mayport, Key West, Monterey, Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, and Bath Iron Works. He was commissioning first engineer on frigates and trained sailors in the operation of the ships. For five years after retirement, he trained the crews of the Aegis destroyers at Bath Iron Works.

Nan grew up in Portland and Falmouth, graduated from North Yarmouth Academy in 1964, and attended Pratt Institute. She and Tom both took classes at Bangor Theological Seminary. Nan lived in a commune for two years. She was briefly married and has a daughter, Jenny.

Nan's father, Ladd Heldenbrand, a veterinarian in Portland, founded Land Reclamation, Inc., an industrial waste management and recycling company. Nan joined him in the business, and helped develop a new division, Confidential Destruction, the first company in the US that securely destroyed documents. She then started and developed Confidential Records Center in Portland, which she ran for 30 years. She has published seven books for the financial industry.

Tom and Nan first met flying hot air balloons. They met again in 1991 and married under the flag on the Fourth of July by the ship channel in South Portland. Tom joined the Confidential Records Center, helping to facilitate its eventual transfer to Iron Mountain.

After selling the records center, Nan started Rising River Thread Express, buying and selling needlework threads online from around the world. She also sold her own line of imported hand-dyed Chinese silk thread and ribbon and needlework kits of her own design.

The Morrisettes moved to OceanView after several years in Ocala, FL, delighted to be near Jenny and her family, who live in Portland. Tom's three sons live in Ocala, upstate New York, and Boulder, CO. (MMM)



Sherlyn Morrissette (Main Lodge) is a "yes" person. "Never say no" is her motto. She attributes that positive attitude to her thoroughly happy childhood. As the youngest of six sisters with a "baby brother," she grew up outside of Amarillo, TX, on Sunshine Ranch. The ranch made headlines in 1960 when Sherlyn's parents were selected to represent United States "dry farming" (wheat and cattle) at the World Agricultural Exhibit in Cairo, Egypt.

Early in life, Sherlyn developed an interest in nutrition, perhaps because of her mother who, as a young school teacher, provided hot lunches for students in her one-room schoolhouse—the first time in Texas. After two years at Amarillo Junior College, Sherlyn transferred to Duchesne College in Omaha, NE, which offered a degree in dietetics. As a junior, she met her future husband, Peter Morrissette, on a blind date.

Following their graduations, the couple arrived in Boston, with Sherlyn as an intern—later an employee—at Beth Israel Hospital and Peter as a law student at Boston College. The couple married in 1966 and moved to Peter's hometown of Lyndonville, VT.

Sherlyn was immediately recruited by a local hospital and, as the only registered dietician in a wide swath of Vermont, began a long career as a consultant to ten nursing homes and hospitals. As Peter established his law practice in Lyndonville, the Morrissettes settled into his family home, where they raised two children, Amy and Mark.

Always willing to try something new (like parasailing, ziplines, glider planes, and hot-air balloons), Sherlyn and Peter took the children on exciting vacations. Once Amy and Mark were grown, their parents took off to visit all fifty states, over 100 different countries, and every continent except Antarctica. To escape Vermont winters, they purchased a three-month timeshare in Key Largo. Through the years, Sherlyn has always remained close to her family, connecting with her siblings every month.

When Peter died last summer, after 56 years of marriage, Amy, now an attorney in Kennebunk, and Mark, a Portland businessman, encouraged Sherlyn to move to OceanView, which she describes as her "new resort, retirement community." (PK, 2/2023)



David and Denney Morton (Hilltop) are both lifelong teachers, eager to share their experiences. David grew up in Philadelphia and earned a degree in economics from the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania. Then, quite incongruously, he enrolled in Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree and completed a parish internship at the Presbyterian Church in Charleroi, PA, an active, steel-producing community.

In the 1960's, David and his first wife Betsy joined the Ecumenical Institute: Chicago, a semi-monastic, religious order, living together under modified "vows" of poverty, chastity, and obedience, with a teaching mission to update local congregations in the Neoorthodox theology of Paul Tillich and the Niebuhr brothers. They taught innumerable courses in Chicago, Champaign-Urbana, Dallas, Seattle, as well as in Europe, Asia, and Australia. They left the Institute to live on their own when Betsy contracted ovarian cancer.

David and Denney met and married in 1992. Denney, born in Portsmouth, VA, was a “Navy Junior.” Her Dad, an Annapolis graduate, rose to Admiral and eventually became a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. After spending five years in post-war Germany, Denney returned to the United States and majored in political science at Trinity College, hoping for a career in journalism. Her senior year, she worked on Capitol Hill for a congressman—a job she absolutely loved. Denney married a doctor who taught pediatrics at Maine Medical Center. They raised three daughters, one of whom is an artist in San Francisco, another a private detective in Vermont, and the third an OBGYN surgeon at Maine Medical Center. All this time, Denney taught English at the Waynflete School in Portland, where she thrived.

After retirement, both taught classes for more than a decade at OLLI with David in philosophy and Denney running workshops in poetry and fiction. The family maintains a log cabin, as part of a family compound in Wonalancet, at the foot of the White Mountains in New Hampshire. This is a favorite spot for a family filled with people who care about conservation, both at home and abroad. (MB, 1/2023) (Sadly, Dave passed 2023).



As their Cessna 206 descended through the clouds, pilot and co-pilot **Larry and Jill Nixon** (Whipple Farm) recalled many happy years of flying together. This trip was to deliver some of Larry’s beautifully crafted wooden furniture to their daughter in Yarmouth, ME, but they had flown all over North America, from the Rocky Mountains to their home state of Illinois.

Larry and Jill grew up on farms five miles apart in central Illinois (Abe Lincoln country), but it took a friend from California to introduce them at the University of Illinois, where Larry completed undergraduate and graduate degrees in electrical engineering and Jill majored in recreation and municipal parks. While she finished up, he went to Georgetown University School of Law, employed daytime by General Electric and then, at their request, by the US military.

Meanwhile Jill moved east, where she worked for the recreation department of Prince George’s County, for the American Forest Institute, and then in human resources at AAA before taking time off to begin a family. As the Nixons raised two children on Lake Barcroft in Fairfax County, VA, Jill continued to teach aquatics to infants through seniors.

Larry began his legal career at Cushman, Darby & Cushman in Washington, DC. Then with four other attorneys (and the help of their wives), he started a new law firm in Arlington, VA. Nixon & Vanderhye grew to more than 100 employees, becoming one of the world’s most trusted intellectual property law firms.

In addition to fine woodworking (he has a shop in South Portland), Larry’s interests include cooking and singing. For years, he sang barbershop in the Alexandria Harmonizers. Jill swims every day and works out. Like Larry, she is a licensed pilot. They retired in 2020. After a careful search, they chose OceanView and are delighted that, “everyone is so friendly here.” They will maintain their condo in Arlington and continue to travel back and forth, spending winters in Virginia, but letting someone else do the flying. (NS, 6/2024)



Tina Noyes (Main Lodge) is a lifelong Mainer with an adventurous spirit and a warm, generous smile. A Falmouth native, she is the proud, loving, and beloved matriarch of a family of 37 offspring and spouses, all of whom live within 11 miles of OceanView. And within the family, which includes 19 great-grandchildren, she's known as “Nana.”

Tina has witnessed Falmouth’s evolution from a mostly rural community with one grocery store (Town Landing Market) to a bustling Portland suburb. She loved attending Falmouth schools and participated in a wide range of activities, especially girls’ sports, with her 47 classmates. Following graduation from Northeastern Business College, Tina worked in the investment and insurance industries until her marriage to Les Noyes, whom she met after high school. They were “meant for each other” and enjoyed 69 wonderful years together before his death in 2023.

Raising their son and daughter, Tina was the consummate community volunteer, e.g., involved in her church, the library, the children’s schools, scouting, St. Mary’s Garden Club, and The Women’s Exchange. The family also enjoyed traveling, boating, and skiing together and hosted a menagerie of animals – with following generations of family inheriting their love of adventure and animals. With family and friends, Tina and Les helped build a family camp in 1967 on Great Moshier Island in Casco Bay. The island still has no ferry service nor roads – only trails – but it’s treasured by four generations of the Noyes family, and Tina celebrated the 4th of July on the island with them.

After the children were in college, Tina began working with Les, now owner of Earle W. Noyes & Sons Moving. Upon retirement, they started touring the country in 100-year-old cars with Tina as navigator. She continues to enjoy attending antique car events and continues to cherish gatherings with family and friends, such as the surprise housewarming party her family gave to celebrate her move to OceanView. Tina thoroughly enjoys her new home, OceanView’s wonderfully helpful staff, and her many encouraging and nice, new friends. Welcome home, Tina! (MF, 4/2024)



Karen Nelson and **John O’Brien** met in the seventh grade of grammar school in Cleveland, OH. By the time they were freshmen in high school, they had been “going steady” for two years, even though they had yet to have their first date. Undeterred by nuns, they persisted, and now, sixty years later, here they are setting up house at OceanView (Blueberry Commons) with Emma, their English Cocker Spaniel.

After college at Immaculata and Georgetown Universities respectively, Karen became a clinical dietician, and John earned his MA in English from John Carroll University. They married in 1968 and honeymooned in Deerfield, MA, where they spent the next 32 years teaching, coaching, and counseling teenage boys and girls at Deerfield Academy. While John was in the classroom and on the playing fields, Karen became a dormitory parent. His field was poetry; hers was empathy.

In addition to their dorm family, Karen raised two girls and two boys; John spent summers studying for the MLitt (Master of Letters) at The Bread Loaf School of English in Vermont. In 1983, the family moved to England, where John served as a Fulbright Exchange teacher at St. Edward’s School in Oxford. After returning to Deerfield, he chaired the English department, became a college counselor, co-founded The Deerfield Press, and coached several sports.

Upon retiring to their summer home in Waterford, ME in 2000, the O'Briens eagerly set about discovering "life after high school," traveling widely in the US, Ireland, and Europe. Back in Maine, Karen assisted in the ESL (English as a Second Language) program at Portland Adult Education, joined the board of the Waterford Library, and rejuvenated the beautiful gardens at Freshfields, their century-old lakeside home. John taught courses at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute branch in Bridgton, built a replica of Henry Thoreau's Walden Pond cabin beside Keoka Lake, and served on the Waterford Planning Board and the board of the Lakes Environmental Association.

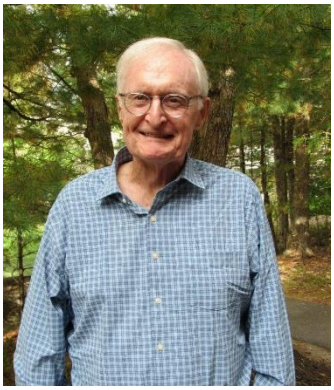
Nowadays Karen follows the exploits of seven grandkids spread around Maine and Massachusetts. John follows Karen, while continuing to pursue his lifelong love of nature, poetry, and choral music. (JO)



When **Julie O'Gorman** (Cottages) arrived at OceanView in late April, she was, in a very real sense, coming home. Julie grew up in Falmouth and graduated from Falmouth High School, located then in what is now the Plummer School. Motz School, where her mother taught fourth grade for 25 years, housed the elementary and junior high schools. Julie has fond memories of her childhood here, including the one day each year when students were excused from school to attend the Cumberland Fair.

Julie graduated from Northeastern Business College, where she was introduced to early digital computers that used punched cards for data storage and where she acquired skills that would be updated throughout her life. Taking part in a friend's wedding, Julie met her future husband. After their marriage, the O'Gormans moved to Dover, NH, where Jim worked for A&P and their children Doug and Debbie were born. At every opportunity, they returned to Falmouth. "We'd get to about Biddeford and we'd be able to small the salt air." So, they relocated. Jim became an area supervisor for a food company in Maine. The children attended Falmouth schools. Julie and Jim also built a large house in Rangeley, a family vacation "camp." After Jim died suddenly at age 55, Julie sold their Falmouth house and took a condo in Portland. She put her computer skills to work helping local nursing homes transition to the state's newly computerized system of medical record keeping. After "retiring" she taught pre-K for eight years at the Cathedral School, an experience that she treasures. Her son Doug died two and a half years ago, but Debbie lives with her family, including two daughters, in North Yarmouth and works in Falmouth.

Julie is close to her family and maintains her friendships with the Cathedral School staff. She was delighted to learn that her dogs, Daisy and Rose, would be welcome at OceanView and is enjoying her new garden, a "surprise," that was buried deep under the snow last April when she came home to Falmouth. n.s.

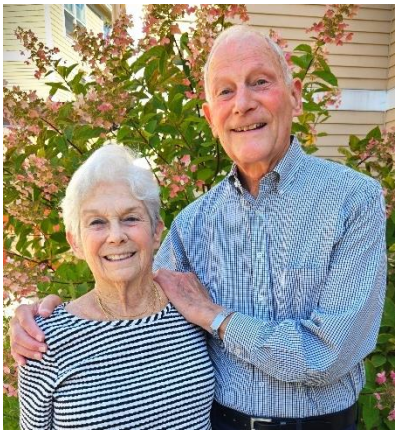


Tim O'Neil (Hilltop Lodge) was born in Geneva, NY and grew up in Binghamton. He worked his way through Colgate University, graduating in 1957. While there he met and married his wife, Angie.

Tim's first full-time job was with Goodyear Tire Company, but he much preferred working closer to customers, and grabbed a chance to get into service store management with Goodyear Tire. That meant eight moves in nine years across the northern tier of states, ending in Portland, ME, where he became a retail sales manager for Noyes Tire. He led the company into the under-car business in their 14 stores. During this period, he polished his people skills as a Dale Carnegie instructor, as scout master, as president of a sales and marketing club, and as member (and president) of a YMCA board. He also spent 15 years on the board of the Foundation for Blood Research and was a loaned executive for United Way.

In a big change, he accepted a neighbor's invitation to join a struggling but growing business, the Portland Glass Company, which he helped expand to 43 stores and more than 600 employees while learning a great deal about commercial real estate and ending up as CEO. Tim's final major business effort involved the purchase and turn-around of Hascall and Hall, a masonry restoration company. Always attracted to service businesses based on trust, Tim also bought and sold D&M Distributors and Kaplan Vending, and served on MEMIC's board for eight years in their formative stages. He was on the 4x4 committee of insurers and business owners that established a new workers' compensation market here in Maine.

Meanwhile his family flourished in Portland and Cape Elizabeth, and even got a winter place in Florida. Angie presented him with four kids, two boys and two girls, and they in turn have produced numerous grandchildren, many of whom have settled in Maine themselves. For Tim, who lost Angie to a heart attack three years ago, they have provided much close-range comfort. Wobbly knees and all, Tim will still play you a game of tennis if you ask. (KK)



Marianne and Jim Paley (Blueberry Commons) met while Jim was at West Point and Marianne was attending Farleigh Dickinson School of Dental Hygiene. Born and raised on opposite coasts (Marianne in White Plains, NY, and Jim in Spokane, WA), they were the first couple to be married in Jim's class, warranting a photo of their wedding, complete with dress uniforms and raised swords, in the centerfold of the *New York Daily News.*

After earning a master's degree in civil engineering at the University of California at Berkely, Jim went to Vietnam while Marianne stayed in California, working in dental offices. Over the next 60 years, they moved at least 12 times, including stints at NAPO Shape Support Group in Belgium and in Worms, Germany, where Jim obtained a master's in business from Boston University's overseas program.

After leaving the army, Jim worked for Exxon in Athens, Houston, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Paris, and Fano, Italy. During these years, Marianne became involved in planning travel for various groups and working on other committees. While living in Athens, they went on a trip to China with a group of children from an international school before Nixon helped to open the country to the rest of the world. Separately and together, Marianne and Jim traveled extensively, including trips to Kenya, Istanbul, Indonesia, South Korea, and Singapore.

After living all around the world, including seven years in Greece and 32 years in Houston, they moved to Prescott, AZ, which they loved. Eventually, they decided to relocate to Maine to be close to Marianne's sister

and her children. So far, they are loving Maine and especially OceanView, where they have found everyone to be so friendly and helpful.

Marianne still enjoys playing tennis while Jim would rather be out on the trails, hiking. After their first 30 years exploring cities and the next 30 years hiking in the countryside, they are look forward to staying active and seeing all of Maine. (MP & NW, 10/2025)

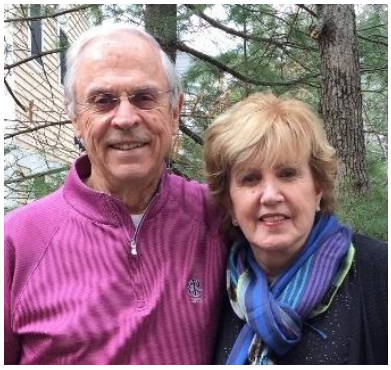
Paul Pappas (Lodge) says that his presence at OceanView is courtesy of the Witness Protection Program! Paul has a wry wit. Actually, Paul is no stranger to OV. His in-laws were residents for many years. When it became his turn, the decision was relatively easy.

Paul was born in Stafford Springs, CT, but was adopted very young and relocated to Lima, OH, where he spent his elementary school years as one of six adopted children. As a teenager he lived in Perrysburg, OH. After high school, Paul enrolled at the University of Delaware, where he earned a dual degree in chemistry and business. He did not want to be a bench chemist, but the world linking technology and business appealed to him.

Upon graduation Paul went to work for DuPont in Wilmington, DE, where he remained for 13 years. His focus was on technical fibers (Nomex, Kevlar), and as he moved up through the ranks, he became heavily involved in the marketing of products at the national level. He had married Esther Marshall, with whom he had two sons and a daughter.

As his entrepreneurial ambitions took hold, he moved to Yarmouth, ME to be close to his wife's family. He started a successful business named N.E.W. Tires in Scarborough. It succeeded in no small measure due to Paul's concern for the well-being of his employees. After eight years, Paul sold the business and created two new companies that invested in commercial real estate in Portland and Augusta. His two sons run the commercial real estate ventures, while his daughter invests in real estate and owns/runs Smith's General Store, which produces and sells modern quilts online.

Paul is still actively involved in his companies, to the point where he has not had time yet to fully embrace the OV community. What leisure time he has is spent with family, including two grandsons, in Yarmouth and Freeport, or at a summer place on Squam Lake in New Hampshire and at another home at Sugarloaf. Paul loves music (having played both keyboard and oboe), camping, hiking, and vintage cars. A barn in Freeport holds his substantial collection. (FF)



The peripatetic childhood of **Judy Parkhill** (BBC) was far from normal. Her father, a structural-steel engineer for American Bridge, traveled all over the United States. Judy does not remember how many schools she attended, just that she always seemed to be the new girl, constantly having to make new friends. Eventually, her father settled in Easton, MA, where she attended high school. Upon graduation, her best friend decided to take up nursing, and Judy, with no one to guide her, joined her. After graduating from nursing school, she worked for two years at Mass General in Boston, where she met and, in 1967, married Sam Parkhill, who was attending law school there.

Judy soon realized that nursing was not for her and that she preferred the corporate world, especially non-profits. Over the years, she raised three children while earning a BS degree at Lesley College in Cambridge and an MBA at Babson College in Wellesley. She joined the League of Women Voters of Boston, first volunteering

and later leading training sessions in management and group dynamics. She also started her own consulting business, offering training in corporate strategy and leadership skills. Finally, she ended up at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care as Vice President for Sales and Customer Services, leaving in 2000 after fifteen years of service.

In 2005, Judy and Sam moved to Maine to be near their daughter, an orthopedic surgeon. Their two sons, a lawyer and a real estate manager, live in California. They bought a condo at the corner of Fore and India Streets and a sailboat, often spending many weeks on board for long voyages. Volunteer work continued to be a big part of their lives. Sam was chair of the Board of the Portland Symphony Orchestra and on the board of Opportunity Farm. Judy has served on the boards of Wolfe Neck Farm, Partners for World Health, and Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, as well as a Guardian Ad Litem for CASA, assisting courts in child-protection cases.

Sadly, Sam died shortly after moving to OceanView in 2022. Fortunately, Judy has the companionship of Bandit, a five-year-old Havanese, her watchdog and protector. (MB, 8/2022)

Peg and Michael Paules (Main Lodge) met at Girl Scout camp. Mike was not a camper, of course, but his sister was a counselor, and Peg was her assistant. Peg eventually asked Mike out, and their relationship took off. They skied in North Conway on their honeymoon and will celebrate their sixty-eighth wedding anniversary in December.

Mike had grown up in York, PA, and attended Franklin & Marshall College, where he majored in business. An ROTC graduate, he joined the Air Force as a pilot, serving in Texas, where son Michael was born, and in North Carolina, where they welcomed daughter Michelle (Shelly). Military service complete, Mike was recruited into the family business, Fulton, Mehring, and Hauser, a hardware and industrial supply distributor, which had been founded in part by his grandfather. So York was home base from 1962 to 1998, when Mike sold the company.

Peg's father worked for General Electric, first in New Jersey, where she was born, then in Schenectady, Houston, and Ashburnham, MA, where Peg spent two years at Cushing Academy before the family moved to York, PA. She began her college education at Pennsylvania State University, finishing only after she had raised two children, the same year that Shelly graduated from Colby.

The Paules family enjoyed skiing together. Mike and Peg also played tennis and golf, but most of all, they loved to travel, eventually exploring Japan, China, Australia, New Zealand, South America, Russia, the Baltic countries, Turkey, Greece, Morocco, and, of course, northern Europe.

After spending several seasons as snowbirds in Hilton Head, NC, Peg and Mike decided to buy into TidePointe, a retirement community there, which is where they lived until 2025, when they moved to OceanView to be near Shelly. Son Michael lives in Colorado. The Pauleses have three grandchildren and a soon-to-be great grandchild—a future Scout, perhaps, in the family tradition. (NS, 10/2026)



Although you might not have met new residents **Jackie Peppe and Anita Jones** yet, you may know their five-year-old rescue dog, Macey. Practically moments after arriving at OceanView, Macey was named Pet of the Month. Now you have a chance to get to know her owners.

Jackie grew up in Cape Porpoise, with a lobsterman father and a mother who took her hunting and rowing to nearby islands. Jackie went to North Carolina Wesleyan College for a year, came home, and married the local pastor. She waited on tables in area restaurants and eventually gave birth to two sons and adopted a daughter. After 20 years, when the marriage ended, Jackie became a fixture at L.L. Bean, working as a mechanic in the bike shop. Ultimately, she moved to L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery Program teaching courses and training instructors.

Anita, the oldest of three girls, was born in Springfield, MA, where she returned after graduating from Dennison University in Ohio, concentrating in English and French. She married a man she had met in Sunday school and known for years. They moved with their son and daughter to Portland, where her husband founded a law firm. After caring for their children at home during their early years, Anita jumped into the world of work, starting two non-profits. The first—the Center for Voluntary Action—was eventually subsumed by The United Way. Inspired by a course in mediation, she founded the Community Mediation Center for neighborhood disputes; then she focused on victim/offender work and court mediation.

Anita's and Jackie's lives converged when Anita hired Jackie, through the L.L. Bean Outdoor Discovery Program, to organize and lead a canoe trip for a group of friends. As the only two women on the trip without partners, they shared a tent, laughed, and talked all night, and "knocked each other's socks off." Subsequently they joined forces and have been living together happily for 20 years.

Keep an ear out for Jackie's granddaughter, Morgan Peppe, an accomplished violinist who has graced OceanView with her concerts in the past. (NW & SS) (Sadly, Jackie passed away in 2022.)



Sandy Perry (Cottages) likely wins the OceanView prize for living the farthest from her hometown: Sydney, Australia. A third-generation Aussie with a warm smile, Sandy became an RN and midwife. Then seeking adventure, she worked in Calgary, Canada ("You've got to see the Stampede!") and Hampstead, England. On her way home through San Diego, she met and married Frank Perry, one of the original Navy SEALs, after a six-week courtship. Adventure, indeed!

Sandy and Frank spent the next ten years in San Diego, where their two daughters, Suzie and Kathryn, were born. Following Frank's retirement from the Navy, the family moved back to his home state, Maine. They settled in Durham, where Frank became a gentleman farmer, complete with chickens, pigs, and a horse. Sandy got involved in retail, first at L.L. Bean, then at a variety of stores, while also volunteering at her daughters' schools.

Sandy's daredevil spirit led her on many more adventures, from sky diving, hang gliding, rappelling down a New Hampshire waterfall, and white-water rafting, in places like Alaska and Costa Rica—to mastering a mermaid class (you'll have to ask) and polar dipping (a three-minute dip in the Atlantic Ocean each winter month, and no wetsuits allowed). Her intrepid spirit also extends to travel, including to Uganda, Kazakhstan,

Kyrgyzstan, Ecuador, and the Galapagos Islands—and to any trip involving hiking, biking, mountain climbing, rafting, or snorkeling (including with nurse sharks). Sandy is also an avid skier, knitter, quilter, and sewer.

After thirty-seven years on the farm, she and Frank moved to Gorham. Frank's death eight years later was the impetus for Sandy's move to OceanView, where—no surprise—she can frequently be found at the pool. Sandy continues to travel, polar dip, knit, and spend time with her beloved family: Kathryn, her husband, and Sandy's granddaughter in Cape Elizabeth; and Suzie and her husband in Florida.

And what has a lifetime of adventure taught Sandy? To be patient. To go with the flow. To care for people. To enjoy what she does. And to appreciate how fortunate she is. Welcome to OceanView, Sandy! (MF, 5/2023)



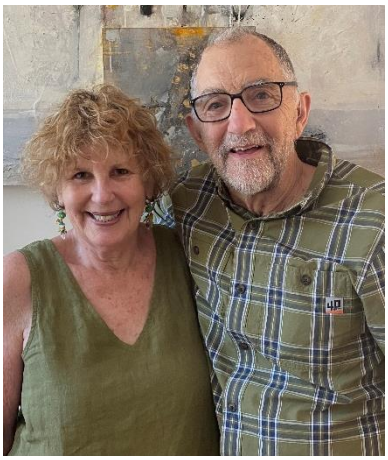
Her arrival at OceanView last September marked **Maggie Philbrick's** third move to Maine. It was the first for her Brooklyn-born husband, **Gerald Sacks**, but he has already taken to living near the ocean in their lovely cottage on Whipple Farm Lane.

Maggie grew up in northern Indiana but went to Simmons College in Boston and fell in love with New England. Her first Maine home was Brunswick where she was associate editor of the *Brunswick Record*. After continuing newspaper work and teaching elementary school in Virginia and Massachusetts, she returned to Maine with her first husband and raised three children in Falmouth. In 1983, she became director of development and public relations at a private girls' secondary school in Connecticut, then, in 1989, director of major gifts at Boston University. Finally, she worked at Harvard for Elena Kagan, then dean of the Law School and now an associate justice of the US Supreme Court. Maggie met Gerald at a Valentine's Day party in 1996.

Gerald received bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering and his Ph.D. in math from Cornell University. After serving three years in the US Army, completing his education, and teaching for four years at Cornell, he moved to the Boston area where he joined the faculty of MIT. His specialty is mathematical logic. The only math professor ever to be tenured at both MIT and Harvard, he taught at both institutions for 40 years. His years as an academic gave him wonderful opportunities for world travel and stays at other universities. A marathoner, he ran both Chicago and New York several times.

Between them, Gerald and Maggie have seven children and five grandchildren living across the country and one son, Matthew Sacks, stationed in Cairo with the US Foreign Service. The family gathers every July in Truro on Cape Cod to enjoy the ocean, seafood, and good walks.

After living in the city, Maggie and Gerald love the peacefulness of OceanView. Maggie goes to exercise classes, loves to walk, hopes to play bridge again, and is enjoying neighbors. Gerald is a voracious reader and movie buff. Sadly, Gerald died in October, 2019. (MMM)



Larry Pixley and Robin Ratcliffe (Schoolhouse Cottages) met in 2002 on match.com. Three years later, they married and spent the next 18 years living just two miles from OceanView.

Larry grew up in upstate New York and completed his undergrad at SUNY Albany and a MSW from Simmons University. He first worked in Roxbury and South Boston. Following the siren call of the "back to the landers" in the 70s, Larry and his first wife moved to Bangor. Quickly disenchanted, Larry instead completed an MS in Healthcare Finance from the University of South Carolina while his daughter and son were children. In 1985, he co-founded Stroudwater Associates, a national healthcare consulting firm. He also learned to play the bagpipes and balalaika, served on the Orono Town Council, was a volunteer fireman and ardent canoe racer. Larry moved to Portland in 2001 to join Stroudwater's home office. He retired in 2009 following a Parkinson's diagnosis and fulfilled his dream of having a boat shop to build canoes.

Robin grew up mainly on the West Coast, moving frequently due to her dad's job transfers. Though difficult at times, she credits her sense of adventure and her comfort meeting new people to those moves. Robin graduated from UC Santa Barbara where she studied political science and Spanish, married, had a daughter who now sings for Cirque du Soleil, and began her PR and tourism career designing alumni travel programs. Following a divorce, she worked at a Los Angeles-based PR firm specializing in cruise-ship christenings. Later, living in Pittsburgh, Robin engaged her design sense to renovate old houses. In 1997, she moved to Boston as VP of Communications for ACCION International. Robin's work took her to South America, Africa, and India.

Since retirement, Robin and Larry have traveled the world. Larry especially treasures helping nomadic Mongolian reindeer herders establish financial and communications systems to help grow tourism income. Robin marvels at their rafting the savage Zambezi River, their skydiving over Las Vegas, and her 700-foot bungee jump off an Auckland, NZ, tower. For Robin and Larry, life truly is an adventure!
(MF 7/2022) (Sadly, Larry passed away in 2023)



Business is in the blood of **Patti and Malcolm Poole** (Cottages). The two met on Patti's first day at the W.H. Shurtleff Company, Malcolm's family's chemical distribution business, founded in 1890. Patti recently retired after 40 years in the chemical distribution industry. Malcolm's family, going back eight generations to 1793, also owns Custom Float Services and a portion of Union Wharf on Portland's working waterfront.

Patti grew up in Hartford, attended Simmons College, and graduated from UNH with a degree in zoology. During college, she waitressed summers at Old Orchard Beach before beginning work at W.H. Shurtleff in Portland, developing their new computer system back in 1979. Shurtleff was sold to a company in Massachusetts and then to Azelis Americas, a global chemical distribution business, and her job grew with each move. She married, gave birth to a daughter and a son, and later divorced. In retirement, she continues to work part-time for Eastern Trail.

Malcolm comes from a long line of Mainers, growing up in the West End of Portland, attending Waynflete, Kent School, and Trinity College. He rowed during his school years, sailed, and skied. After a stint in the Coast Guard, he joined the family salt and chemical business, married, and became the father of three children, who are now spread across the country. Forty years later, he manages the family business, which is primarily

commercial real estate. He will speak on a panel here at OceanView in November on a topic of interest to residents: ice melters and the environment.

The two remain active, despite Malcom's heart attack, which solidified their move to OceanView from Scarborough. Patti sadly left extensive gardens behind and is working to develop new gardens around their cottage. They walk every morning, ski, and snowshoe in winter. Malcolm is involved with Maine Adaptive Skiing and Friends of Casco Bay, and served on the Board of Portland Stage Company. Their 29' cabin cruiser is their summer cottage that ensures time on the Bay. Malcolm regularly sails on other people's boats from Maine to the Caribbean. (NW & SS, 8/23)



Jim Poppell (Lodge) hails from Albany, GA, which, he points out, is in South Georgia, "so nobody will think I'm from Atlanta!" He graduated from Georgia State University in Atlanta. **Julia** was born in South Carolina. After graduating from the University of Georgia in Athens, she worked for a law firm in Atlanta, the city where they met and married in 1965. Throughout most of their adult lives this couple has served on the front lines of the war against cancer.

For 35 years, Jim worked for the American Cancer Society (ACS). He began as a field rep in Fulton County, where he developed administrative units of medical and lay volunteers to work locally toward the goal of eliminating cancer. As he moved up the ladder within the organization, the Poppells moved to Richmond, VA, then back to Atlanta to the ACS national office, then on to Arizona, and back to Richmond.

The struggle against cancer became more personal when the Poppells' son Charlie was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease his senior year in high school. He was successfully treated, but the experience inspired Julia to devote the next 20 years to volunteer work in a pediatric oncology unit in Richmond. She engaged the young patients in recreational activities and provided understanding and support to their parents. In the last year before they moved north, Julia took on a new responsibility: she became a "cuddler" in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit, providing premature infants with physical contact and comforting words when the parents could not be there.

Despite Jim's pride in his South Georgia roots, he had traveled north—very far north—as a 19-year-old Army recruit, first to Fort Devens in Massachusetts, then to the Aleutian Islands of Alaska, to track Russian communications. So, although it was hard to leave their home of 40 years in Richmond, they are happy living in Maine. The Poppells enjoy OceanView and have discovered lots of friendly people. Best of all, their son Charlie, now a physician, lives nearby in Cumberland with his wife and two sons. (NS) (Sadly, Jim passed 2023).



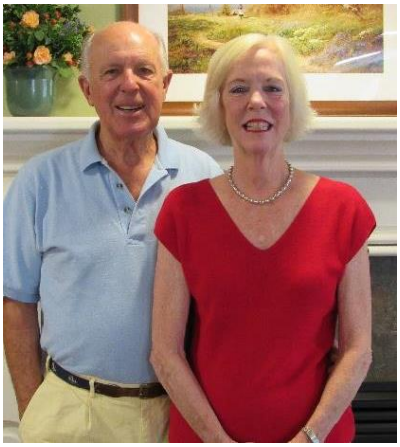
Katie and Jim Porter and their Norwich Terrier, **Dover**, arrived at Schoolhouse Cottages the end of July. They are natives of New Jersey, Jim from Summit and Katie from Short Hills.

Jim graduated from Syracuse University. Katie graduated from Bradford College and attended La Sorbonne and L'Ecole du Louvre. Jim was president of the casualty insurance agency started by his grandfather. He was active in the community, serving as chairman of the Summit YMCA and in Newark as chairman of the New Jersey Historical Society. He also chaired the board of the Greater Newark Conservancy and the Judith L. Shipley Urban Environmental Center.

Katie has served as chair of the National Recreation and Park Association, a commissioner of the Morris County Parks Commission and the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, and a board member of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation. Katie was mayor of the Mendham Township Committee. Currently she is a board member of the National Recreation Foundation.

For 40 years Jim and Katie lived on a farm in Mendham where they converted a barn into their passive solar residence. Jim, a car buff, had a barn with five antique cars from the early 1920s to the late 1930s. Their neighbors on the farm, Chris and Alan Willemsen, recently moved into a Schoolhouse Cottage!

The Porters have found life much simpler and easier at OceanView. They enjoy being minutes from Portland and all that that small city has to offer. Jim and Katie have two daughters, a son, and five grandchildren. Their youngest daughter, Clara, and her family live in Portland. The Porters enjoy gardening and look forward to enhancing the outdoor areas around their cottage. Jim plans to get back to the painting that he loves. They have joined the Episcopal Church of Saint Mary. Katie and Jim appreciate how welcoming everyone has been and look forward to getting to know their neighbors. (Sadly, Jim passed away in 2019) (MMM)



What happens when three independent-minded people, with distinctly different skills but common interests, decide to join forces to buy a small marina in South Portland? In this case the trio, **Lee and Lloyd Reynolds** and Lloyd's son Kip, invested in and developed over the past 23 years South Port Marine, LLC. The marina has expanded from 60 to 175 slips and now serves as one of Portland Harbor's most protected and full-service family facilities.

During those 23 years, Lee and Lloyd commuted monthly to South Portland from Malvern, PA to provide direction for Kip, who, with his boat building and marine skills, now serves as the COO; Lee, with accounting credentials and management experience is CFO; and Lloyd, with an entrepreneurial, naval, and financial background, the CEO.

Lloyd, who has worn many hats, was born in Philadelphia and graduated from the Peddie School and Trinity College, where his love of sailing and rowing led him to co-organize the post-war renewal of crew there. Commissioned as an ensign and trained as a deep-sea diving and salvage officer, he joined the USS Currituck (AV-7) and then was accepted to flight training in Pensacola. Transferring to Naval Reserves in 1966, he retired as commander in 1982. Other employment: He became an estate planner for Aetna Life, acquired an MS in Financial Services, and formed Reynolds Financial Services in 1975, retiring in 1996.

Lee contributes financial and organization expertise, essential for any successful business. Born in Boston and raised in Wilmington, DE, Lee graduated from Virginia Tech, with additional graduate training in accounting at the University of Richmond.

Early on she focused on the travel industry, starting with an agency branch that was considerably under-utilized. Lee steered the branch into a more professional and profitable operation and, in time, was to become the operating manager of Thomas Cook Travel, Eastern Region. She managed Bryn Mawr Travel before retirement in 1996, having excelled as a "turn-around" business executive.

Lee and Lloyd now live on Marion Way, and hope to continue their involvement with South Port Marine in South Portland, while enjoying the many activities offered by OceanView.
(MBW) (Sadly, Lloyd passed away in 2023)



Bienvenue, **Charley Ann and Henry Rhoads** (Whipple Farm), who have arrived from Harrisburg, PA and Orr's Island, ME.

Charley, a French linguist and teacher, was born in Virginia, but her father, an Annapolis graduate and Navy pilot, moved with his family around the world on his various assignments: Hawaii, California, Trieste, Boston, and Iceland. Charley's schooling was international and included Cheltenham Ladies' College in England. She graduated from Dickinson College and received an MA in French from Middlebury College. An interest in drama and the theater led Charley to study at the Dallas Theater Center. Following that she focused on teaching French, eventually moving to Harrisburg, PA and teaching French at Dickinson College in Carlisle.

Henry is a pure product of the Keystone State: born in Harrisburg and raised in Harrisburg, attending Harrisburg High School. After majoring in the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, he graduated from Princeton University and from Harvard Law School and returned to Harrisburg to practice law with his father, also an attorney.

Charley and Henry met through friends and lived in Harrisburg for 55 years. It was a wonderful community in which to raise their family, a son and two daughters who settled nearby. Charley kept busy with family and volunteer work and Henry served on the boards of local education and service organizations. Charley also pursued her interest in art and painting and later graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design and attended the Maine Media Workshops in Rockport, ME, becoming an accomplished photographer.

A rare opportunity occurred when a lawyer from Zimbabwe, sponsored by Rotary International, came to Harrisburg and described his struggles in the opposition party to secure greater human and civil rights in his African nation. Henry joined a group of Americans working to support democracy in Zimbabwe, visited the country several times, and has remained a close friend and advocate for the cause.

The Rhoads visited Maine numerous times and in 2002 found a home on Orr's Island that provides their children, grandchildren, and friends a special place in which to enjoy the many summer pleasures of Maine's coastal communities. (MBW)



Dolores (Hahn) Rimkunas (Cottages) was born in Brooklyn, NY and grew up with her three younger brothers in Queens. She attended Bishop McDonald High School in Brooklyn and commuted each day on the subway with her future husband, "Jack", after having met at the record hops at their church. They would catch the same train in the morning so they could be together.

After high school, Dolores worked for the phone company in lower Manhattan and continued to commute with Jack while he attended New York University. They married in December 1957, after his graduation with a degree in meteorology.

They soon had three children. Jack joined the Navy and was stationed in Brooklyn and later worked at the National Weather Service at Idlewild Airport (now Kennedy Airport). When he became the state weather forecaster for Connecticut, they moved to Windsor Locks and remained there for nine years and had three more children!



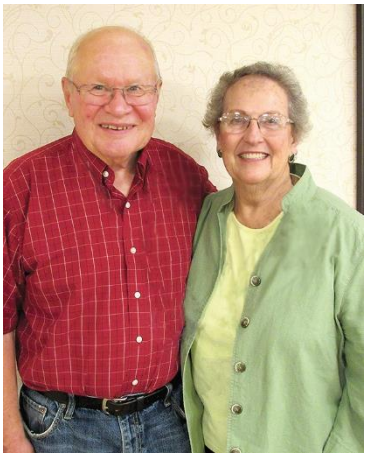
In 1971, they moved to Falmouth, ME and had their seventh child! Dolores was always busy as a volunteer involving the children's activities, including classroom mother, scout leader, etc. She became very involved in Girl Scouts as a leader and became Director of Camp Soci for 7 years. Other jobs Dolores held included receptionist at Falmouth By the Sea and school secretary at McAuley High School. She is currently President of the Order of the Silver Trefoil (registered Girl Scouts for 25 years), a lector at Holy Martyr's Catholic Church, and a volunteer at the Falmouth Library and the Good Cause Thrift Shop. She loves murder mysteries. Her 7 children all live in New England and she has 13 grandchildren! **Lee Robbins** (Schoolhouse Cottages) laughingly describes herself as a "fall crocus," because of her late arrival in her birth family. At age four Lee moved to Maine from Boston with her two older siblings and her parents, who refurbished an old Falmouth tavern on Blackstrap Road. Set on 90 acres with a huge barn, this home provided a glorious backdrop for a carefree childhood. After beginning her education in a one-room schoolhouse, Lee entered first grade at Waynflete and joined a Brownie troop where she met her lifelong friend, OV resident Mary Hart. A future OV resident, Caroline Knott, joined Lee and Mary as the "Third Musketeer." After graduation, Lee and OV resident Flonny Morrison attended Wheaton College together.

One glance around Lee's cottage establishes that an artist resides within. Lee's mother, an artist, ignited Lee's love affair with art by encouraging her and her sister to take a sketch pad and colored pencils on trips to record their experiences. Many years later Lee attended a Radcliffe art seminar, where she began a painting relationship with other students that lasted for the next 30 years. Lee's cottage provides a perfect setting for her beautiful watercolor paintings. Even her garage walls are covered with the fruits of her talent.

Following graduation from Wheaton, Lee apprenticed as a teacher at Shady Hill School in Cambridge, MA. In 1960, she headed to San Francisco where she taught kindergarten at Marin County Day School. When she returned to teach at Shady Hill School, Lee met and Married Joe Robbins, a Boston lawyer. Lee and Joe bought a house in Cambridge, where they raised their two sons, Loring and John.

During those years, Lee began volunteering in the Cambridge Public School libraries. She also became the first president of the Cambridge School Volunteer Board. After completing a course at Massachusetts General Hospital in the Orton-Gillingham Method of teaching dyslexic children to read, Lee volunteered as a teacher of

young at-risk readers. Lee enjoys hiking, playing tennis, skiing, traveling, and spending time with her two granddaughters. (NW & SS)



If you visit **Ken and Marcia Rockwood** in their Hilltop Lodge apartment, be prepared to be greeted by Rowdy, their short-haired dachshund and a rescue dog. He rules the roost and is eager to be the center of attention!
Ken was born in Norfolk, MA and attended Norfolk County Agricultural High School. He then went on to the agricultural school at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for two years, and then to Kansas State University in Manhattan for veterinary school. He has a master's in nutrition (his thesis was on cattle nutrition) and a DVM, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Marcia was born in Winfield, KS on a dairy farm. She went to a one-room school, grades one through eight, riding there on her horse. High school was farther away, so she drove there, herself; after all, she had been driving a tractor since she was nine! She clearly remembers an incident when she was 17 years old. She was driving the tractor, her father was behind the tractor, and she was backing up. The pedal was slippery, she was idling too fast, and the tractor lunged back and hit her father, breaking a bone in his foot. So, Marcia had to milk the cows, morning and night, and it took several hours each time to milk all 30 cows.

It was while Ken was at Kansas State that he met Marcia, who was at the university majoring in elementary education. They met on a blind date for the "Spring Fling," and at first Marcia was dismayed: his hair was so blond she thought he was bald! But then she discovered his blue eyes and the date was a success. They corresponded all that summer and she took him home to meet her parents on Thanksgiving.

In 1975, Ken and Marcia moved to Farmington, ME, where Ken set up his veterinary practice. Marcia taught school, helped run the business, joined Ski Patrol, and had two daughters.

Here at OceanView, Marcia enjoys the Women's Book Group and quilting; pre-pandemic she and Ken could both be found at BYOBs and the movies. (MB) (Sadly, Ken passed away in 2023.)



As his health failed, **Ralph Rogers** wanted to ensure continued security and quality of life for his wife, **Lyall**. Together they chose OceanView. Sadly, Ralph lived for only two months after they moved into the Lodge and Lyall is tremendously grateful to the staff members and residents who reached out and took good care of her at that time.

Lyall was a student at Scarsdale (NY) High School when she first encountered Ralph, who lived nearby and whose family attended the same church. Also as a student, she visited the Scottish Highlands, where she met relatives, many for the first time. Lyall went on to graduate from the College of Wooster in Ohio and had begun a master's program in education at Harvard when she left the university to marry Ralph. An alumnus of Harvard's Graduate School of Business Administration, Ralph served in the United States Navy, then went on to a varied and successful career in business. He co-founded Christian Career Development, putting his skills to work for others.

Living in Greenwich, CT, Ralph and Lyall adopted four children. As the children grew, Lyall was a busy community volunteer, active with the Brownies and in the family's church. Later she taught preschool. In 1988, the Rogers moved to Cumberland Foreside, ME, and Lyall continued volunteering for nonprofit organizations, including the Root Cellar in Portland.

At age 59, Ralph enrolled at Bangor Theological Seminary. As he worked toward master's and doctoral degrees, Lyall was able to take classes along with him (drawing the line only at Greek!). Ralph was subsequently ordained and served in many pastoral roles while continuing his career in business as well.

Lyall and Ralph loved to travel and took many wonderful trips together. Their children, whose careers range from military intelligence officer to opera director, live in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maine. Lyall and Ralph have seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. (NS)



It doesn't take long to realize how important family is to **Marlene Russell** (Cottages). Marlene delights in her extended family and has fond memories of large family meals followed by noisy family game nights. Marlene met her first husband while she was working at Prudential Insurance Company in Portland. They began their married life in New Jersey, where their first daughter, Kathleen, was born. When Kathleen was a year old, they moved back to Maine to raise their family. A second daughter, Lynn, was born, and Marlene enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom.

After a divorce, Marlene found herself a single mother with two young daughters. She began working for Casco Bank & Trust Company and enrolled at Westbrook College. It was during this time that Marlene met her second husband, Harry Russell. When they married, they became a blended family of four daughters that has now increased to seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Marlene's next career was with the United States Postal Service. She held several positions in the human resource department, including retirement counseling, and finally in the accounting department as a postal systems examiner. Harry was active in Dartmouth activities. He and Marlene participated in many alumni events including a cruise in Alaska and another on the Mediterranean. Marlene is a member of the Portland Pipeline Annuitant Club and enjoys her time with all the annuitants.

After she retired, Marlene volunteered at the Children's Museum in Portland and became a docent with the Longfellow House. She particularly enjoyed the history of Portland and sharing the history with school children when they visited the Longfellow House. Marlene loves to read, especially historical fiction. She was a competitive runner, played tennis, and now enjoys pickleball. She has played bridge with the same group for the last eighteen years. She says they laugh a lot, settle all the world problems, and still manage to get in some fun bridge. She loves outside sports and is looking forward to participating in OceanView fitness activities, becoming active in the women's book group, and volunteering in the library. (PP, 7/2023)



If you were a Bates College student with impacted wisdom teeth between 1963 and 1993, you have probably, to your great relief, already met **Ray Roy.** For much of that time, he was the only oral surgeon in Lewiston, with offices first on Lisbon Street, then right near the Bates campus. Ray and **Maggie Roy** (Hilltop Lodge) both grew up in Lewiston and met as high school students at Saint Dominic High School. Then he was off to Saint Michael's College in Vermont and the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, the world's first dental college, where the National Museum of Dentistry displays George Washington's false teeth. “Do you think they were as uncomfortable as everyone says?” “More so,” replied Dr. Roy in a recent conversation. “As you relaxed, the dentures would open your mouth… but, he did very well with them.” After a three-year specialization in oral surgery, with a year of internship at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford followed by a rear of residency at Boston City Hospital and a year as chief resident at Saint Francis, Ray and Maggie returned to Lewiston.

There they raised four children, three sons and a daughter. The boys all excelled at ice hockey, daughter Michel at swimming, and Ray coached youth hockey for more than 20 years. While the children were still young, Maggie undertook a new challenge—to earn her degree in English. The courses were offered through the University of Maine, but classes were held in a variety of locations. So, her winter evening commutes took her all over central Maine. Not only did she complete her Bachelor's and Master's, she published a memoir, 20 years in the making, about her mother's life. During this time Ray served on a number of boards and became chief of surgery at Central Maine Medical Center and president of the medical staff.

After he retired in 1993, the Roys moved from Lewiston to Auburn and wintered in Sun City Center near Tampa, FL. They had time to play golf. But some things never change: now they have eight grandchildren including hockey and lacrosse players with matches throughout New England.
(NS) (Sadly Ray passed away in 2017).



There must have been something special in that Portland water when **Ann Sanborn** (Cottages) was growing up. Born, bred, and schooled in Portland, Ann was to return to Portland, and it was in the Portland area that her diverse interests developed.

After attending elementary schools in Portland, Ann went to Deering High School, joining its band and playing alto saxophone which became a lifelong interest. In later years she and her husband both played their saxophones in the Westbrook City Band, celebrating Memorial Day, July 4th, and city events, and offering concerts for local retirement/assisted living centers. As Ann has said, “It was all great fun.” Ann graduated from Syracuse University with a BFA in interior design. Married soon after, her son Bryan arrived, and she and Bryan returned home to family in Portland after the brief marriage ended. Portland offered a number of venues for Ann to work as an interior designer, which led to a position with Robert’s Office Supply where she designed offices for clients. Later Ann and some of the staff left to form a new entity, Corporate Environments, on Free Street in Portland.

During those years Ann kept her saxophone busy by her involvement with the Westbrook City Band, and it was there that she met her husband George, a saxophonist by avocation and an educator professionally, with an array of credentials. They were married in 1997 and their common interest in music and the saxophone added

to a warm and loving marriage. After Ann retired in 2004, another musical chapter began when she and George spent summers in music camps at various sites in the Northeast, where learning and playing music was a popular pastime for musicians. Wonderful friendships developed over the many years they assembled. Sadly, George died in 2018.

Ann is known at OceanView for another skill: the Church Bus Driver Lady. After years of driving a mobile home on vacations with her family, driving the Sunday bus for the Falmouth Congregational Church was "a piece of cake." Before the pandemic Ann arrived Sundays promptly at 9:30 at OceanView to pick up churchgoers. Toot . . .toot! (MBW)



"I was an Air Force brat," **Kathleen Sanders** (Main Lodge) says, recalling her childhood. Born in Omaha, NE, she moved frequently across the United States and to Germany and England, where her father was stationed. Kathy received her high school diploma from the American School in London.

Her next move was to Plattsburgh, NY, where Kathy enrolled in Plattsburgh State Teachers' College. Among the student body was a group of GIs, recently returned from Korea, including a young man from nearby Peru, NY, named Herb Sanders. Herb and Kathy were both preparing for careers in education—he as a middle school earth science and general science teacher, she as an elementary school teacher. They married following Herb's graduation and were fortunate to find teaching jobs in Burnt Hills, NY, not far from Albany.

Long before Earth Day, Herb championed environmental safety. Concerned about his students' exposure to asbestos in the school building, he fought for its removal. He also analyzed the effect of fluorocarbons in the school's fluorescent-lighting system. Kathy and Herb were deeply involved in their teachers' union, both at the state and local levels. Herb was a delegate for New York State United Teachers, an advocacy group for teachers' rights and general education issues. Kathy served for years as secretary for the local chapter. "I take good notes," she says.

Herb retired in 1990, and Kathy spent the six years before her own retirement with a dedicated team of fifth grade teachers. "Those were wonderful years," she recalls, "because I could devote myself to teaching, knowing I had a skilled househusband to support me!"

Kathy and Herb raised two children: son Mike, an English professor at Kent State University, and daughter Casey, in nearby Raymond, who is a mother, chaplain, active volunteer, and, most importantly, the reason for Kathy and Herb's move to OceanView. Kathy and Herb left the Albany area and settled into their Lodge apartment in August. Sadly, Herb, who had been suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, died in February. No longer a 24/7 caregiver, Kathy can now begin to explore the many opportunities for involvement offered by OceanView. (PK, 4/2023)



Take note, OceanView governing bodies: Between them, **Bruce and Susan Saunders** (WF), not to be confused with Susan *Sanders*, have years of leadership experience in town government. Susan exudes energy and enthusiasm, with Bruce's quieter approach complementing her perfectly.

Susan and Bruce were born in Portland and grew up in Westbrook, where Bruce's family ran Saunders Brothers, a business that made dowels for the retail market, along with Tinker Toys, wood turnings for Fisher-Price Little People, and products for many other markets. Beginning at an early age, Bruce spent his entire career there, with only a brief detour, serving in the Army as an intelligence analyst after graduating from Harvard and the University of Virginia School of Law.

Susan, whose father was superintendent of paper machines at S.D. Warren (now Sappi Paper), had the best-paying summer job in town—sorting paper. Following her graduation from Colby Junior College, she worked as a secretary in Cambridge, MA. After they married Susan and Bruce moved to Westbrook, where their two daughters were born.

Restoring and settling in a 1912 stone house on Sebago Lake in Raymond, the young family, which soon included a son, enjoyed boating, swimming, and skiing. Bruce, who had served on the Planning and Appeals Boards in Westbrook, joined the Budget Committee and Appeals Boards in Raymond. He headed the United Way (later United Fund) in Westbrook; has served for 40 years as a member of the Cornelia Warren Foundation, improving life in Westbrook; and succeeded OV resident Howard Reiche as president of the Warren Memorial Foundation. Susan served as tax assessor, selectwoman, and a School Board member in Raymond. She was probably best known for organizing a ski program for countless Raymond school children at Pleasant Mountain. She also taught tennis and organized soccer programs for youth. Susan has the distinction of blowing out her knee four times while skiing (she still skis!) and raising a flying squirrel named Christopher.

Moving to OceanView was a natural next step for Bruce and Susan, both of whose mothers were early residents here. The couple has four grandchildren. (NW & SS)



Dave and Martha ("Marty") Scarlett (BBC) feel like they have finally arrived at a happy and settled time in their lives after much moving around during Dave's career in insurance, where he proudly became a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. Born and raised in Erie, PA—laughingly referred to as "dreary Erie"—Dave attended the University of Rochester where he majored in economics and minored in math. He then took a job with Connecticut General Life Insurance Company in Hartford, where he met Marty.

Marty was raised in Needham, MA, but claims a long association with the state of Maine; her family has owned property of Sebago Lake since 1890. She graduated from the University of Maine at Orono with a major in economics, but with a minor in art. She also was hired by Connecticut General where she met Dave. Their marriage in 1967 was followed by many moves as Dave ascended the career ladder: from Hartford to Springfield to Wellesley to South Yarmouth to Minnesota and finally to Portland. At one point, as a consultant, Dave flew more than two million miles on Northwest Airlines, coming home, according to Marty, only long enough to pick up clean underwear. They have two sons, both surgeons, one in Charleston, one in Philadelphia, and four grandchildren.

Marty and Dave both loved sports—golf, tennis, skiing, snowshoeing, swimming, bowling, hiking, running, and camping. Marty spend many years attending Camp Moy-Mo-Da-Yo in Limington, finally teaching swimming at the camp. Both have spent many hours volunteering. Dave drives for ITN (Independent Transportation Network, Dignified Transportation for Seniors) and Marty did Boy Scouts, drove for Meals on Wheels, and, for eight years, served as ombudsman for hospital patients.

Marty and Dave both have passions that they hope to indulge here at OceanView and at their cottage on Sebago Lake. Dave is an amateur photographer and belongs to the Portland Camera Club. Marty has a handsome embroidery sewing machine with racks of spools of thread in gorgeous colors and is decorating an umbrella raining cats and dogs! (MB)



They've been harmonizing for years! **Sue and Hank Schmitt** (Lodge) met at Tally-Ho Music Camp in New York's Finger Lakes at age 14. Sue grew up on Long Island, and Hank, in Pittsford, NY, marrying in 1964 after Sue graduated from Eastman School of Music and Hank earned his finance degree from Lehigh.

The newlyweds settled in Port Washington, Long Island, where she taught music while he, a transportation security analyst, commuted to Wall Street. They moved to Silicon Valley in 1978 when Hank became vice president of a major trucking company. Sue opened a piano studio and performed publicly (ragtime, her specialty), while Hank played saxophone in local bands. During their 33 years in California, the Schmitts were tennis and golf enthusiasts, winning championships in both sports. Passionate NHL hockey fans, they happily overdose on televised professional sports.

Early retirement enabled them to pursue another passion—extensive independent international travel. Highlights were multiple European driving excursions, two African tent-safaris, and three small-ship expeditions to Antarctica. (Their truck license plate is ANRTICA with an "*I Break for Penguins"* bumper sticker.)

In 2011, the Schmitt's daughter Valerie informed them from Maine that she and husband Rob intended to adopt a baby. Her news prompted a major life change: their relocation to Maine was a no-brainer. They became strong supporters of the Portland Symphony Orchestra. Hank was named PSO Historian after researching and writing a history of the organization (PSOHistory.org). Both volunteer for the PSO's Explorer Program, introducing children to musical instruments and their sounds. Sue frequently gives volunteer performances at area retirement centers, hospitals, and nursing facilities.

Since moving to OceanView in September, where they sometimes host Trevor, their five-year-old grandson, the Schmitt's are actively expanding our community's cultural offerings. In September they arranged four college concerts plus an OV gig by ragtime pianist Adam Swanson. Currently they are hosting on-campus gatherings to introduce members of the PSO. Sue's beautiful Steinway grand piano has been donated to OV and now graces the Community Room in Hilltop Lodge. Thanks to Sue and Hank Schmitt, OceanView's halls are "alive with the sound of music!" (PK)



As children, **Jack and Diana Schultz** (WF) spent summers at their families' multi-generational camps on Great Pond in the Belgrade Lakes region. As teens, they dated a bit, but then went to college and married other people. They reunited in 2003, after discovering each was divorced and living in Maine, and married in 2005. They then built a farmhouse in Rome, ME, living there until their move to OceanView in 2022 while continuing to summer at the Schultz family's Camp Happy.

Diana, who grew up in Bath, ME, graduated from Oldfields School—a girls' school in Maryland—and Garland Junior College in Boston. After her marriage, Diana's family, including her daughter (now living in Maine) and son (now in Massachusetts), settled in Huntington, CT, and spent their summers in Belgrade Lakes. Diana raised and showed Gordon Setters and managed Hallmark card shops. She remains an avid quilter, knitter, and gardener. Prior to reuniting with Jack, Diana lived in the Portland area for 20 years and watched OceanView flourish. Thus, she was delighted to move here, serendipitously into a cottage whose previous resident was an Oldfields alumna, too.

Jack grew up in Short Hills and Chatham, NJ, graduating from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a degree in business. He worked at Bloomingdale's for 25 years, rising to become Executive VP of merchandising and advertising, and traveled the world, discovering and introducing several fashion designers, such as Givenchy, to the American public. In the 1980s, Jack became B. Altman's president and CEO and, in the 1990s, concluded his career as president of the National Retail Federation. Every summer, Jack and his family (two sons, now deceased) returned to the camp his grandmother had built in the 1930s. Now summering with Diana at Camp Happy, Jack is involved in Belgrade Lakes' land conservation programs, participates in the annual loon count, and revels in piloting his 1956 White Lapstrake Lyman speedboat around Great Pond.

Together, Diana and Jack have traveled widely and enjoyed many happy adventures, but none better than spending summers with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren at Camp Happy. Happy, indeed! (MF, 11/2022)



What could be better than "summering" in Prout's Neck and "wintering" at OceanView? It's the best of all worlds for ***Josie and John Scully***, recently relocated from mid-state New Jersey to 42 Whipple Farm Lane.

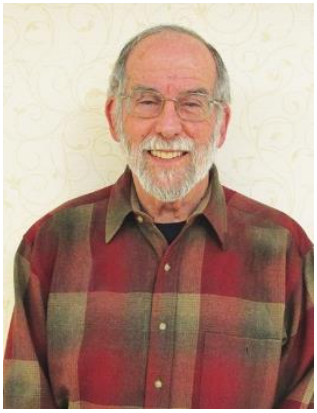
John, raised in Scarsdale, NY, attended St. Paul's School in New Hampshire and Yale, where he earned degrees in history and international relations. After a stint in the Army, stationed near Frankfurt, Germany, he joined the Philadelphia National Bank as its New York representative. This was followed by a 30-year career with JP Morgan, mainly with the international division. During this time Josie and John lived for five years in London.

Josie grew up in Chestnut Hill, PA and went to Westover School in Connecticut and Briarcliff Jr. College, where she majored in cartography. The Scullys married in 1959 and moved from the Philadelphia area to New Jersey, where they began raising three sons in 1961.

A person of wide-ranging interests, Josie helped to develop a therapeutic horseback riding program for individuals with developmental disabilities while the Scullys lived in London. She also owned and operated a

gift shop on Prout's Neck for 20 years. The shop's name was White Pepper, the maiden names of the two principals! Josie took up painting six years ago and is now studying in Portland with Maine artist Mark Haltof.

Years of hunting and fishing for salmon and trout made John a natural leader for conservation and environmental organizations, including trustee of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. He continues traveling to far-off locales to engage his sporting pursuits, most recently a fishing trip to Scotland.



Moving "from sea to shining sea," most particularly, from the California coast to Casco Bay, aptly refers to OceanViewers **Steve and Sue Shane**. The Shanes spent most of their adult and professional lives in Marin County, CA before relocating to Falmouth. Steve, a Los Angeles native, early on taught commercial diving and the use of medical hyperbaric (high pressure oxygen) chambers.

When installing a medical chamber in a San Francisco hospital, Steve was aided by Sue, then the hospital's ECU (Emergency Care Unit) head nurse. A native of Fall River, MA, Sue had earned her master's degree in public health from the University of San Francisco. Their hospital collaboration led to marriage and a home in nearby Mill Valley where Steve embarked on a deeply satisfying 35-year career as a middle school science teacher while earning a doctorate in education from Pepperdine University. Sue left nursing when their youngest son was born and began creating bird watercolors and producing art cards.

When Steve retired, the Shanes chose to move to Falmouth. Sue's parents then lived in an Owl's Head (ME) cottage that today remains in the family. The ever-active Shanes plunged into boating and wildlife activities, with Steve becoming an active member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Their boat was commissioned as an "Operational Facility" and he was in uniform while actively participating on auxiliary patrols. Both joined the Friends of Casco Bay, and Sue served several terms on the board of the Maine Audubon Society.

Moving to Maine brought the Shanes closer to the Dover, NH and Woburn, MA homes of their sons and families that include two granddaughters and one grandson—two in college and one, a toddler. Memory issues, in time, led to Sue's residence in OceanView's Legacy Memory Care unit in 2019. Steve joined the OV campus in early 2020, moving into his unique Whipple Farm apartment. He visits Sue each day, and when he can, enjoys racquetball, swimming, and a new-found interest in walking. Steve looks forward to participating in OV activities and building new relationships. (JK)



Clair and Tom Sharpless were recent college graduates when they heeded that call and were among the first class of volunteers who enrolled in the Peace Corps, established in 1961 by President Kennedy. They met during an intensive training program at Penn State University. Along with some 300 other volunteers, they were assigned the Philippines: their mission—to teach English as a second language and to teach elementary school science. Since Clair and Tom were sent to different islands in the Philippines, traveling to see each other presented its own challenges.

Teaching science came naturally to Tom with a college degree in science. Born in the Washington, DC area, his family moved to Coral Gables, FL in 1949, where he spent his formative years. After two years at Swarthmore College, he transferred to the University of Miami, graduating in 1961. The

Peace Corps offered an exceptional way to serve. Following the Peace Corps, Tom studied at the University of Florida, Gainesville, receiving his Ph.D. in organic chemistry in 1968.

Clair was born and raised in Cincinnati, OH and graduated from Northwestern University. After two years in the Peace Corps, she returned to Northwestern to study speech pathology. Clair graduated in 1966 with a master's degree from the University of Florida, later using those speech therapy skills professionally.

Clair and Tom were married in 1964 and moved to Connecticut in 1968, where Tom taught organic chemistry for 29 years at the University of Hartford. Residing in Simsbury, CT, they raised their two daughters, Becky and Kathy. Clair was involved in community activities, helping to initiate and develop a cable TV community access channel in Simsbury.

Tom and Clair have been avid gardeners for years. Expect to see a transformation of their Homestead Lane cottage! And, as Tom is an experienced and dedicated food lover and cook, don't be surprised if some delicious fragrances waft your way. (MBW) (Sadly, Clair died in March 2023)



When you sit with your feet under someone else's table, you learn best about the lives of other people," according to **Tom Simmonds**. He and **Ellen**, (Main Lodge), have done exactly that—in Japan, Korea, Russia, Cuba, South Africa, Peru, Germany, England, Belgium, Austria, Sweden, and Northern Ireland. They travel as citizen ambassadors through Friendship Force International, a nonprofit organization that has been promoting cultural understanding through homestay exchanges since 1977. They returned most recently from Brazil, a mystery exchange that Ellen directed through the Coastal New Hampshire Club (chapter) of Friendship Force. Where did they acquire their taste for travel? Perhaps it began with the many moves they have made during their 53 years of married life. Tom grew up in Littleton, NH, served in the Navy during the Korean War and, after his return, graduated from Babson College. Ellen was born in New Jersey, attended St. Johnsbury Academy in Vermont, completed her education at Lasell College, and met Tom while there. During Tom's 36 years in the insurance industry, they relocated no less than 12 times.

Tom and Ellen have three married children: daughter in Falmouth, son in Saco, and a daughter in Virginia, and six grandchildren. One teenage granddaughter spent a week with them in Germany on an exchange, attending school and developing a lasting friendship with their host family's granddaughter. Their son and another granddaughter endured bomb threats in Northern Ireland. When hosting inbound exchanges, Ellen has responded to visitors' curiosity about our Thanksgiving holiday by roasting a turkey with all the trimmings—no matter what the season. They gained some insight into a German guest's life when she initially hesitated to eat Thanksgiving turnip; turnips were all she had had to eat during the final months of World War II.

Tom and Ellen are loving life at OceanView. Discussions of discrimination at Collective Wisdom, for example, relate directly to experiences they have had both in Northern Ireland and in South Africa, where they stayed with a local host in Cape Town and visited Soweto. (NS) (Sadly, Ellen passed in 2020)



As one enters **Anne Spencer's** Whipple Farm cottage, the first thing that comes to mind is the 1985 Oscar winning film, "Out of Africa." Since childhood, Anne has been fascinated by Africa. Her home reflects this passion wherever one looks, with many treasures from two wonderful trips to this vast continent.

Born and raised in West Hartford, CT, Anne married her high school sweetheart after college. They headed west to California for Ted's two years at Stanford Business School. It was there that their first daughter, Karin, was born. After graduation, they returned to West Hartford. Eighteen months later a second daughter, Lynn, arrived. Sadly, the couple divorced and later both married others, but they always had a special bond.

In 1977, Anne and her girls moved to Waterford, CT. "Windswept," a beautiful 1820s house overlooking Long Island Sound was her home for the next 19 years. Anne served on the Board of Trustees of the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center and offered her carriage house to visiting actors and directors. Meryl Streep and Michael Douglas are just two of the actors who got their start there, and Robert Redford patterned Sundance after the O'Neill.

Anne's next move was to Naples, FL, where she quickly became involved with two more passions: singing and baby tigers. She enjoyed many years singing in Voices of Naples. A newspaper article led to her involvement with a wildlife sanctuary where she could "parent" baby tigers! Anne's other interests include theater, art, interior decorating, and traveling—to China, parts of Europe, and, of course, Africa.
With her daughters and four granddaughters nearby in Cumberland and in Walpole, NH, Anne is pleased to be back in New England. She is busy getting settled at OceanView and is happy to be close to family. (AS & MBW)



Nancy (Horvath) Stahl (Cottages) was born and raised in Lakewood (Cleveland), OH, the oldest of 3 girls. Her husband Ken, (recently passed) an only child, was born in East Orange, NJ, and moved to Lakewood when he was twelve. They both attended Lakewood High School and met at a church picnic at the start of Ken's senior year, Nancy, a junior.

Ken went off to Lehigh University and Nancy to Western Reserve University and St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing. They married at the beginning of Ken's senior year. Ken worked on campus in the Admission's Office, received his degree in Economics and started graduate school. Nancy worked as an operating room nurse. Ken was called to active duty in the Air Force Reserve. They drove cross-country to Park's Air Force Base, CA and Nancy worked in a doctor's office.

At the end of the two-year tour, they returned to Bethlehem, PA with their three-month-old son. Ken completed his MBA and accepted a job at Eastman Kodak in Rochester, NY as a financial analyst. In 1967, he joined Xerox Corporation where he held several management positions. He is so proud to have been part of those years of growth and innovation. His last position was as Operations Manager of an R&D group, fondly called the Skunkworks and included in Tom Peters' book "In Search of Excellence."

They had three children, Ken Jr., Elizabeth, and Suzanne. During those years, Nancy did volunteer work and took workshops in drawing and painting. When their youngest was in high school, Nancy resumed her serious education at Rochester Institute of Technology, including internships, and completed a degree in Social Work. She was hired by the Town of Brighton Recreation Department to develop a full program for Senior Adults in a

recently vacated school building. The empty nesters continued to enjoy time at their camp at Pemaquid Point, ME. Through the years, Ken had volunteered for the Boy Scouts (having been an Eagle Scout himself) and did beautiful wood working.

They retired in 1987, sold their Brighton home to their son, and built a house on Fripp Island (Beaufort), SC. They spent wonderful years dividing their time between there and the Pemaquid camp. They feel very fortunate to have six grandchildren. Ken Jr. has raised his boys in the old home, Elizabeth lives in Belmont, MA and teaches 2nd grade in Newton and Suzanne has settled in Yarmouth. When Ken was diagnosed with late-stage Lyme disease, they moved to Maine full time, building a house in Damariscotta.

They moved to Ocean View in 2002. Ken supported Alzheimer's Association work and medical research issues regarding neurological diseases. They have kept the Pemaquid Point camp which the growing family still enjoys today. Her beagle, Abby, is a cherished member of their family.



It's easy to imagine a young **Pam Strayer** as Cinderella or Malinky the Monkey in children's theater productions. Pam, who grew up in Portland during the Depression, was inspired by her Waynflete English teacher to join a theater troupe that performed for children all over southern Maine, leading Pam to become a theater major at Skidmore College.

A budding entrepreneur, Pam babysat, mowed lawns, and raked the beach at Waite's Landing in Falmouth to earn enough money to fix up an old boat she rowed around the cruisers and destroyers that filled Casco Bay during the war. Pam's father's heart attack forced her to leave Skidmore before graduating. After getting married, Pam had her first child using a new, revolutionary method of natural childbirth called the Reid Method. After having her second child, Pam moved with her family to Garden Grove, CA, where her third child was born. In 1962, the family moved to Villiers-sur-Loir for a year. Despite the machine guns positioned atop the Arc de Triomphe in Paris and a very cold winter spent in a large, stone house, Pam enjoyed the happiest year of her life.

A divorce ushered in a new chapter in Pam's life. She became the librarian at the Orange County Junior High School, graduated from Chapman University, and obtained her teaching credentials. While enjoying her position as a junior high English teacher, Pam became intrigued with the school's room-sized computer. After buying her own computer and teaching herself how to use it, Pam was soon working for the Orange County Education Department, teaching computer skills to teachers and to her favorite students, a group of nuns from Los Angeles.

Pam remarried and enjoyed 40 years of traveling, hiking, and cycling with her psychologist husband, spending summers at Panther Pond. She decided to move to OceanView, where her aunt had lived from age 100 to 104. Playing golf, maintaining the websites of four organizations, learning to sew, and keeping up with her two grandchildren and great granddaughter keep Pam's life interesting. (NW & SS)



Nancy Struve, (Whipple Farm). Husband Gary Struve grew up in the heart of America's dairy land in Ellsworth, Wisconsin while his bride-to-be was raised in a comfortable Westchester County suburb of the largest city in the United States.

They both followed Horace Greeley's advice to "Go west..." and met on a mountainous geology walk as students at the University of California Berkeley. Before that, Nancy had followed her father's path to Lewiston, Maine and an undergraduate degree at Bates College. She went on to a master's degree at Boston College, which led to a career in teaching people who are blind or visually handicapped.

After receiving a B.S. in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin Madison, Gary had begun graduate work when he was drafted into the U.S. Army. His posting as a clarinetist in the 3rd Armored Division Headquarters band in Frankfurt, Germany "probably saved my life," he said in a recent interview, "for it was the time of the Vietnam War." He returned from the military to complete his doctorate in chemistry at Berkeley.

Both Gary and Nancy are outdoors people—skiing from the Sierra Nevada in California to the Swiss Alps—and avid hikers—including the most remote 100-mile stretch of the Appalachian Trail just south of Mount Katahdin. And Gary is a marathoner, with 25 Bostons under his sneakers. Gary spent most of his career in medical diagnostics, designing the chemistries for automated testing equipment used in hospital laboratories. Wherever she landed, Nancy taught blind children in the public schools and college courses for teachers in training. As the number of blind children diminished, she moved to a new field of interest—fund raising for historic preservation in New York's Hudson River Valley.

Gary and Nancy found their way to OceanView through Nancy's sister, who scouted out retirement communities in southern Maine. They are delighted to be near family, including son Greg, who lives in Portland and works at Bates. The Struves were "more than ready to have someone else rake the leaves and shovel the snow." However, after a recent snowstorm, Nancy was spotted skiing—down the Whipple Farm Lane hill! (RM) (Sadly Gary passed away in 2012)



Polly Taylor (Main Lodge) lived for most of her life in Marblehead, Massachusetts, where she enjoyed her childhood and later returned to raise her family, always sailing and spending lots of time on the water. When she was young, she had a Brutal Beast on which she learned to sail. Later, Polly and her husband raced a Tiger Cat. In between, she did some dinghy frostbiting and had great fun riding the trapeze on a Jollyboat.

In grade school, Polly walked a mile each way—to school in the morning, home for lunch, and back again in the afternoon. For her high school years, she went to Winsor School in Boston, commuting each way by foot, train, subway, and bus, which took an hour and a half in each direction.

After earning her degree in psychology at Sweet Briar College in Virginia, she spent a year in NYC, working in the Time-Life Picture Collection. Then she returned to Massachusetts, where Polly worked as an assistant to a graduate student in the Psychology Department at Harvard. When he completed

his degree and went into business for himself, she continued as his assistant, writing teaching-machine programs (programmed instruction) for a few years.

Polly married and raised a family of three boys. Her husband, an engineer, ran a small business, so Polly became adept in small-business operations. She handled the payroll, taxes, and other things, including occasionally wiring electrical test-set panels for him. Polly also took charge of a sideline product for which she developed a marketing approach and handled manufacturing. As her sons grew older, they participated, which was a great way for them to learn to earn and save money.

On the side, Polly enjoyed learning BASIC and COBOL programming languages. In her fifties, she pursued a master's degree in information systems at Northeastern University and became a software developer.

After retiring, Polly explored the United States by train and took two trips to Europe. She documented her family history, wrote a genealogy of her father's family, and pursued her favorite activities, including walking, bicycling, gardening, rowing, and sailing. (PT, PK, & NW, 2/2024)



Decades before Sheryl Sandberg urged women to "lean in" and become corporate leaders, there were a number of women who leaned in as professional volunteers in their communities. **Joan Teare** was among them. Recently, in her woodsy OceanView cottage, Joan recounted how, after growing up in small towns in Iowa and Minnesota, she came to embrace the New York metropolitan area as wife, mother of five, and community volunteer.

After attending the College of Saint Benedict, a small women's college in Minnesota, Joan took a job for Eastern Airlines in Chicago. There she met Malcolm Teare, who was in an insurance industry training program. They married and moved east to New York City, where Malcolm joined the family insurance business. The Teares settled in Murray Hill, then in Peter Cooper Village, where there were many young families and they made life-long friends. They enjoyed the city, but when the Teares' fifth child was born, they relocated to Summit, NJ, where they would live for nearly 30 years.

In Summit, Joan became a full-time volunteer. Her project committee established a preschool for deaf children and a Santa Claus Shop, and, among other endeavors, provided staffing and funds for a day care center, an art center, and a First Aid Squad. Joan initiated a volunteer group for the middle school, worked in a school library, and was a member of the community Board of Recreation. The Teares also had an 1853 house in rural Sussex County. When Malcolm retired and they were able to live in Sussex full-time, Joan joined the historical society, helping to preserve the area's Revolution-era homes and managing a community garden.

After Malcolm's death in 2013, Joan's children encouraged her to move close to one of them. Given the choice, she opted to try "someplace new." Another plus for Maine: Joan's youngest son, Matt, had worked for OceanView's owner, John Wasileski, for 18 years. As she anticipated, Joan is discovering a vibrant community here, not too distant from any of her 12 grandchildren. And who knows—she may bring some of that volunteer energy to restoring the garden in her new yard. (NS)



Frances Thayer (Main Lodge), nicknamed "Fluff" after her great-aunt, grew up on Long Island, NY, with a passion for sailing, Great Britain, the environment, and her family. At age eight, she began sailing in the Atlantic with her father. She loved the technical aspects of sailing, and as she got older, loved sailing competitively and teaching in junior sailing programs. Most of all, Fluff loved being outdoors, overcoming the sea's challenges – and the camaraderie which develops among a boat's crew.

Following graduation from Northwestern University with a B.A. in English, Fluff took a "hobo tour" of Europe, backpacking from Holland to Italy to England. This remarkable experience set the stage for her work in NYC with the English-Speaking Union (ESU), whose goal was to promote friendship between the United States and British Isles. Fluff interviewed ESU participants visiting the U.S. – fascinating people, such as a Scottish shepherd, an Irish poet, and a member of Britain's Parliament – then, with the U.S. Government Affairs Institute, developed a plan for each visitor to meet with Americans sharing similar interests. It was rewarding work, and Fluff became a confirmed Anglophile, especially enjoying later trips to Britain and reuniting with her ESU visitors.

Fluff married Alec Thayer, also of Long Island, in 1959, and as his Wall Street career blossomed, she raised their three children in Oyster Bay, NY, and continued sailing, now with her family. Fluff also participated in numerous volunteer activities, chief of which was with the local chapter of Garden Clubs of America (GCA). She was an early environmental advocate for clean water, air, and land in her community, and after Alec retired and the couple moved to Casey Key, FL, Fluff's advocacy expanded to include meetings with her congressional delegation in D.C. She also founded and published a quarterly newspaper in Casey Key and volunteered with the island's library.

Widowed in 2011, Fluff began spending summers with daughter Ann in Yarmouth, with son Seth close by in Northport, and daughter Jennifer and two grandchildren in Albany. Moving to OceanView with her devoted Westie, Janney, naturally followed, and Fluff is delighted to be here. (MF 12/2025)

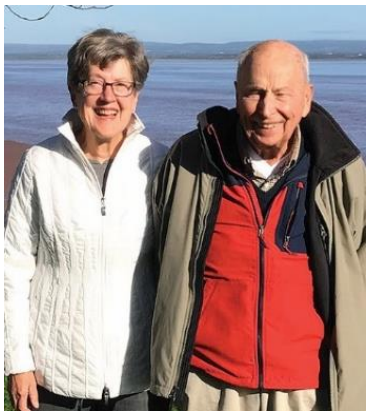


Bev Thomas's early life is steeped in history. She was born in Wood River, IL, the starting point of Lewis and Clark's expedition in search of the Northwest Passage. She and her five older siblings were orphaned when Bev was eight years old. They went to live with two aunts and a grandmother in Edwardsville, IL, in a large 1820 brick house built by U.S. Representative Col. Benjamin Stephenson, which the state later purchased, restored, and turned into a museum.

Always an eager student, Bev enrolled at Bradley University in Peoria, where she met and married her husband, Bob. She followed him to the Chicago area where he was stationed in the Army and where their first two children were born. After Bob completed his active duty, the couple built a house in Crystal Lake, IL, where they had two more children. Sadly, one of their sons died by suicide.

While Bob was busy establishing his career in publishing, which included such women's magazines as *Ladies' Home Journal, Mademoiselle,* and *Bride*, Bev was a homemaker. When Bob was named publisher of *Ladies' Home Journal*, it required a move to New York City, and Bev, a lifelong Midwesterner, went "kicking and screaming" to live in New Canaan, CT. Following a fire, they restored their house so beautifully that *Ladies' Home Journal* published a feature article on the rebuilt home. Bob was also publisher of *Bon Appétit.*

Bev started a small business called “Bev’s Bounty” after she began haunting tag sales to find antiques for Bob to repair and her to refinish. As a passionate gardener, she spent years volunteering at the New Canaan Nature Center and the Garden Center, helping to maintain the town gardens. Bev and Bob were also active in their Presbyterian Church. Bev enjoys reading and quilting, machine-piecing and hand-quilting her creations. (NW & SS)



Through mutual friends who were sailors, **Cathy Thompson and Ed Manuel** (Cottages) met in 1991 and began long distance sailing from Long Island Sound to Penobscot Bay. They fell in love with each other and coastal Maine and married in 1995. Some years later their dear friends Mabel and Peter Gerquest introduced them to OceanView.

Ed was born in Evanston, IL. He grew up on a small farm in western Cook County where he experienced farming with horses and attended a one-room country school.

Ed attended the Elgin Academy and went on to Oberlin College, graduating with a major in American History. He received his law degree from the University of Michigan. He practiced law in New York City for 54 years, representing banks in financial transactions. When the firm he was with moved from near Grand Central to Broadway, he decided he was not ready for Broadway and retired. Ed has written a book, “Memoirs of an Illinois Farm Boy,” about his experiences during the 1930s and 40s and how a local livery stable run by his veterinarian grandfather became a major bus company serving the Chicago northwest metro area.

Cathy was born in Detroit, MI where her grandfather was a former mayor. She attended the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grosse Pointe. She graduated from Newton College of the Sacred Heart in Newton, MA and received a Master of Arts degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Michigan and a law degree from Wayne State University. Cathy worked first as a high school guidance counselor, then in the human resources and legal departments of Chrysler Corporation, and finally as a labor and employment lawyer in Connecticut. She retired in 2011.

After retirement Cathy and Ed established a seasonal home in Sedgwick Village on the Blue Hill Peninsula of Maine where Cathy is grateful to be able to host visitors and serve as their “camp director.” Their large extended family resides all over the US and includes Ed’s four children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren and Cathy’s two goddaughters, 12 nieces and nephews, and 23 great-nieces and nephews. (CT & EM)



Karen Thorpe and Susan Whitford (Whipple Farm) met at Ogunquit's July 4th fireworks display nearly 29 years ago. They have been together ever since.

Karen, a born-and-bred Mainer, grew up in Auburn and graduated with a B.A. in Mathematics from Bates College, right across the river from home. She loved playing softball and probably has the distinction of being the only female at OceanView to have tried out for major league baseball. Years ago, scouts traveled around the country, ferreting out promising players. Karen had to challenge the authorities to become the only girl in a sea of boys to participate in the tryouts.

After graduation, Karen began working at Liberty Mutual, where she stayed for her entire 31-year career. While there, she earned an M.S. in Management from Antioch New England Graduate School and became a team leader, with teams spread across four time zones—from Seattle to Belfast, Northern Ireland.

A leap-year baby, Susan was born in Watertown, NY. She majored in English at Oswego State College, leaving before graduation to get married. After her children were born, the family moved around for Susan's husband's job with Gulf Oil, ending up in New Hampshire. She graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a B.A. in Criminal Justice and Leslie University with an M.S. in Training and Organizational Development.

After getting her criminal justice degree and with her marriage ended, Susan was hired at Caring Unlimited in Sanford, ME, working with domestic violence victims and training police officers how to respond to domestic violence calls. She then became director of the Strafford County Victim Assistance Program and served on numerous local and state boards and task forces, dealing with domestic and sexual violence and child-abuse and neglect.

Susan was a founding singer and 26-year member of Voices from the Heart, a Portsmouth, NH, women's chorus that has grown to 200 singers. With the chorus, Susan toured Ireland, where they sang in the Waterford Crystal Factory and raised money for domestic violence victims; and Croatia and Slovenia, raising money to clear mine fields. She is a quilter and art-doll maker. (SS & NW, 1/2023)



Harvard Business School student meets math major her freshman year at Wellesley College. Romance blooms, marriage ensues, and decades later, **Betsy and Jerry Tipper** (Schoolhouse) happily settle into their cottage at Oceanview.

Jerry, who grew up in Waterville, ME, graduated from Deerfield Academy, Williams College, and Harvard Business School. Betsy, who enjoyed a happy childhood in Franklin Lakes, NJ, graduated as valedictorian from the Dwight School for Girls. At Wellesley, she sang with the Widows, a traveling acapella group. The couple married at the end of Betsy's junior year when Jerry accepted a job at Corning, necessitating a move to New York where Betsy took advanced courses from Cornell and graduated from Elmira College. She then started working at IBM as one of the first women system engineers.

Following transfers to St. Louis and Chicago, the couple moved to Waterville, where Jerry took over the Cascade Woolen Mill, a family business founded in 1852. They raised two daughters, Ellen and Kim, and enjoyed all the outdoor activities that Maine offers. Jerry chaired multiple boards, including the hospital and Boys and Girls Club, and co-founded the Mid-Maine Global Forum.

Meanwhile, Betsy became an adjunct professor of computer science at Colby and Thomas Colleges. After earning a degree from Bangor Theological Seminary, Betsy landed her dream job as a women's business counselor at Coastal Enterprises, Inc., which was the perfect marriage of her computer skills and seminary training.

In 1990, the couple built a house on East Pond in the Belgrade Lakes, where Jerry co-founded the Youth Conservation and collaborated with Colby College and the 7 Lakes Alliance to undertake a major restoration of East Pond. Betsy enjoyed kayaking, and Jerry raced ice sail boats.

Both Tippers love music, especially singing in the OceanView chorus and choirs at St. Mary's and their church in Boca Grande, FL. Jerry's passion for golf and fly fishing continues unabated. Betsy's memory-loss issues prompted their move to OceanView, where they appreciate the support and friendship they have found. (NW & SS, 12/2023)



"Maine has always been an important part of my life," says **Sandy Traister**, who moved into her Lodge apartment last January. Born in Cambridge, MA to an accountant father and a musically gifted mother, Sandy grew up in Brookline and Chestnut Hill, entering Tufts University in 1961. She graduated with a degree in early childhood education and taught pre-kindergarten through grade eight.

Maine? Maine was summer! From age 10 until she was in college, Sandy came north, first as a camper, ultimately as a counselor and waterfront director at several Maine summer camps. One notable summer she met Barry Traister, an Auburn native and, at the time, a business major and ROTC candidate at the University of New Hampshire. Following his graduation Barry headed to Texas and a series of Air Force Assignments, returning to New England where the couple were married in 1965.

Sandy began post-college life as an Air Force wife on Cape Cod, teaching first grade in Falmouth, MA. When Barry completed his service, the Traisters were off to Buffalo, Syracuse, Medfield, and Cleveland for Barry's first jobs in the automobile industry. Sandy became the full-time mother of three, two daughters and a son.

In 1975, Barry took a position in the Wilner Wood Products Company, based in Norway, ME. The family moved into a spacious home in Auburn where Sandy supervised her growing children. Following Barry's untimely death at age 49, Sandy resumed her career in Lisbon, teaching kindergarten, first grade, and special education, while she took courses toward her master's degree at the University of Southern Maine.

In 2005, she transitioned to part-time work, taking advantage of her increased freedom to spend the winter months in a rental condo at the Delray Beach, FL, Racquet Club.

Always athletic, Sandy was an accomplished swimmer, an avid tennis player and golfer, and, as she recalls, "head of the Tufts Women's Bowling League!" Currently she is a devoted member of Auburn's Temple Shalom and, until the Covid-19 emergency, an enthusiastic participant in OceanView mahjong and Scrabble games. Sandy's is now a familiar face in the halls at Ocean View! (PK)



Merle Marie Troeger and **John Workman** (Schoolhouse) met in 2024 while hiking in the Alps. After returning home, John to New Jersey and Merle Marie to Maine, their email correspondence soon became an epistolary romance. So many shared interests and parallel experiences!

Merle Marie earned a B.A. in classics at Cornell University, a J.D. from Albany Law School of Union University, and a Master of Arts in religion from Yale. She practiced law for 25 years, publishing, teaching, and serving as an officer of state and regional bar associations before deciding to focus instead on various church and social justice groups. Active as a spiritual director, she developed and led a four-year theological education program in church history and theology. Besides loving the outdoors, she has a deep interest in the arts, poetry, literature, and classical music and a strong commitment to community service. In 2015, she and her husband Tom moved to OceanView, where they continued a rich and active married life of 54 years together before he died of cancer in 2022.

John received his B.A. in history from Hendrix College, did graduate study in German, French, Latin, and history at Columbia University, and received his M.A., M. Phil., and Ph. D. from Yale. He founded Hudson Strategies, Inc., a crisis communications consulting firm known for its work with healthcare providers, as well as conservation and environmental organizations. His work included counseling senior management of major medical centers, hospitals, universities, and colleges. He was a founding member of the Children's Board at Columbia University Irving Medical Center in New York; for more than 25 years, he supported research at the Medical Center's Division of Child Neurology. During their marriage of 32 years, John and his wife Andrea raised two children. Andrea died of cancer in 2016.

When John and Merle Marie met, she was already a well-loved member of the OceanView community. Since John joined her here in May, they have pursued their delight in classical music and continued their outdoor adventures throughout the United States. John concludes, "We found that being together was even better than writing emails." (NS, 11/2025)



Andre and Joyce Turenne moved to OceanView last October but claim that they are still not settled. It's true—their garage is still filled with boxes—but their Blueberry Lane cottage looks lovely, from their cozy sun porch overlooking a forest of trees to the gorgeous seascape hanging above the fireplace.

Andre was born in Peabody, MA and earned his BS in commerce and economics from the University of Vermont. As a graduate of ROTC, he went directly into the Air Force, joining the Air Police. They sent him to Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, NM. Joyce grew up in West Baldwin, ME. She received her RN at Maine Medical Center's School of Nursing and joined the military, ending up at the hospital on that same Air Force Base! That's where she met Andre, "hanging out at the Officer's Club," and they were soon married. After three years at Clovis, they were assigned to a Royal Air Force Base in Woodbridge, England, where they spent another three years—traveling all over England and Europe, especially enjoying a 30-day Mediterranean cruise.

Andre retired from the military as a captain and went into business with a partner as a manufacturing representative selling stainless steel pipe fittings and fabrications. They moved to Southborough, MA, and Joyce continued her education with a master's in counseling and psychology, becoming an LPC (licensed professional counselor). They then moved to Grantham, NH, where Joyce started Lifequest, a personal development and counseling center.

Through all these years, Andre and Joyce indulged in their great love for golf, playing in many tournaments. They retired to Callawassie Island, SC where they lived for seven years in a golfing community. Longing again for New England, they moved to Maine and built a home on Belfast Harbor, enjoying their beautiful view and many rounds of golf. For 25 years they have had a timeshare in the Disney Vacation Club and still frequently visit Disney World. Now that Andre is unable to play golf, they have started on their next retirement, at OceanView, and hope to enjoy many new activities. (MB)



The first time **Norman and Beverly Wakely** met at a University of Maine fraternity party, Norman knew he would marry her. Now, after decades of marriage, family, and adventure, these two retired educators live happily in Hilltop Lodge.

Norman, who grew up in Topsham, graduated from the University of Maine and completed his graduate work at Teachers College, Columbia University. Beverly, who hails from Braintree, MA, graduated from Bridgewater State University and did graduate work at Columbia and Boston University. Although both taught at various schools in New England, Cardigan Mountain School in Canaan, NH, was the lucky recipient of their talents for most of their careers. Beverly and Norman settled into Cardigan, a boarding school for middle-school boys, and immersed themselves and their four children in the school community. Norman began his Cardigan career teaching but was soon named headmaster, and served in that capacity for 29 years. Beverly, a reading specialist, developed a learning center there, and, in her words, taught "kids about how they learn." In 1982, the Wakely Athletic Center was dedicated in honor of Norman.

Retiring from Cardigan in 1989 did not end Norman's and Beverly's careers as educators. After their move to Lyme, NH, Beverly developed a learning program at Kimball Union Academy. She taught for 62 years, until she was 75. Post-Cardigan, Norman first ran Crossroads Academy, a private K-8 day school in Lyme, and then worked in development and taught cross-country skiing at Dartmouth.

Beverly and Norman have lived an active life, sailing both the Maine and South American coasts and traveling the world. Norman has run seven half-marathons and a full marathon in Hawaii with his son and daughter. Two years ago, Beverly walked the Mothers' Day 5K with two of their nine grandchildren. An avid gardener and reader, Beverly loves stenciling and painting with OceanView's art group. Norman has an extensive collection of hooked wall hangings to his credit. Both enjoy being near children and grandchildren, and all the opportunities for music, theater, and culture that are available in Portland.
(NW & SS) (Sadly Norman passed away Oct. 2016)



Nancy Wanderer and **Susan Sanders** (Cottages) moved here after 23 years in Topsham. Susan, who was born in Overland Park, KS, and graduated from Vanderbilt University, recently retired from a career in education. She began by teaching children who were developmentally disabled, deaf, and blind, in Scituate, MA, before marrying, building a log home in the Maine woods (initially without indoor plumbing), and raising her son and daughter. Later, as an itinerant teacher and classroom consultant, Susan taught braille and helped mainstream blind and visually impaired students into public schools. After earning her master's degree in counselor education at USM, she served for 20 years as a guidance counselor, first at Lewiston High School, and later as director of guidance at Wiscasset High School.

Nancy grew up in New Kensington, PA, and graduated from Wellesley College, where she was a classmate of Hillary Rodham Clinton. After marrying, giving birth to two sons, and earning a master's degree in education, she moved to Maine and started teaching at Unity College. After earning an advanced degree in counselor education at UMO, she became a guidance counselor at Skowhegan Area High School and, later, associate director of career counseling at Colby College. There she became interested in issues involving discrimination, leading her to attend the University of Maine Law School at age 39. After clerking for Maine's highest court and practicing for five years, Nancy returned to her *alma mater* to found and direct the Legal Research and Writing Program at the law school, where she is still teaching. Nancy has served in leadership roles for the Maine Women's Fund, the Women's Section of the Maine State Bar Association, and the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services.

Nancy and Susan came of age during an exciting period of social change. Their journey, along with those of several other members of the Class of 1969, was explored in the Frontline documentary, "Hillary's Class," which focused national attention on the changes that reshaped society. In 2009, after Nancy was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, Susan and Nancy decided to marry in Massachusetts, where she would be undergoing a stem cell transplant. Describing their journey on a Caring Bridge site, the couple has shared the joy and wholeness of their relationship with hundreds of readers. To date, their site has received over 85,000 hits, demonstrating the depth and commitment of their supportive, caring community. (NS)



Toby and Stacie Webb (Whipple Farm) both fell in love with Maine as young children. Raised in the suburbs of New York City, they both spent happy childhood summers with grandparents on Chebeague Island and in South China, ME, respectively. Toby has missed only one Maine summer, when his Navy ship was deployed overseas. Now Stacie and Toby are summer residents of Chebeague, while winter finds them in a light-filled cottage overlooking OceanView conservancy land.

The Webbs, who are both attorneys, also share an avocation. They are avid singers and credit their love of choral music for bringing them together. They met when Stacie was singing in a Brooklyn church choir and attended a choir party at Toby's brother's home. Now they sing with St. Luke's Cathedral Choir in Portland, Stacie, full-time, and Toby, seasonally.

Stacie graduated from Boston University and New York University School of Law. She practiced law with a variety of non-profit organizations while raising two sons.

Toby graduated from Amherst College and after a four-year stint in the Navy, attended Harvard Law School. He worked for several years in a New York City law firm, then moved to Boston in pursuit of more family-friendly work. He joined New England Telephone shortly before a series of mergers made the telecommunications industry anything but settled. Toby found himself working for NYNEX, then Bell Atlantic, and the Webbs moved every three years, living in New York, Massachusetts, and Washington, DC, before landing in Westchester County, NY, for 23 years. Toby was in charge of public affairs for Bell Atlantic when the scary night of December 31, 1999, approached. As the new millennium arrived, and it became clear that no phone systems were crashing around the world, Toby retired right after midnight.

Since then, Toby has taught college graduates in an MBA program, served on many nonprofit boards (a favorite was the Folger Shakespeare Library in DC), and became a board-certified genealogist. Stacie's days are filled with walks, cooking, reading mysteries, grandchildren, and of course, music. (NC, 12/2025)



Although **Marcia Webber** (BBC) still remembers him as a "naughty little boy in my kindergarten class," today **Peter** is her husband of 65 years. Natives of Portland, their paths first diverged in high school, Marcia graduating from Deering and Peter heading to Indiana to attend Culver Military Academy.

At Simmons College Marcia completed the physical therapy degree program and put it to use in Burlington, VT after her 1954 marriage to Peter. Graduating from Bowdoin, Peter decided to follow his father into medical practice; he received his degree in 1958 from the University of Vermont and interned for two years at Rhode Island Hospital.

An ROTC student at Bowdoin, Peter owed the Army two years of active-duty service. Although he was first stationed at a remote site in Alaska as post surgeon, Marcia and their three children were able to join him. With a growing family to support, Peter decided to extend his service time, first for two years of residency at Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco, then at Kirk Army Medical Center in Maryland. There, in 1965, he received orders to reactivate and command the 5th Field Hospital overseas. No families were permitted, so Marcia sold their Maryland house and moved the family back to Cape Elizabeth.

In the Khorat area of Thailand, Peter's unit assisted the 13th Field Hospital in an old World War II Japanese facility. Then Peter was ordered to take over an R&R hotel in Bangkok and convert it to a station hospital. Discharged in 1967, Peter headed to Portland to join his cousin in practicing internal and general medicine. They expanded their group to seven physicians, built a facility in the Long Creek area, and eventually became one of the founders of Intermed. Peter retired from active patient care in 1995, but he continued to serve as a medical expert for the SSA Office of Disability Adjudication & Review until 2018.

Now very much at home at OceanView, Marcia and Peter enjoy gathering with fellow residents and commend the OceanView staff for helping to create the atmosphere of "sociability" that is a hallmark of the community. (PK) (Sadly, Marcia passed away in 2023).



Upon moving to OceanView (BBC), **Vicki Webster** discovered the web of connections that exists here. Two OceanView residents played a significant role in Vicki's previous life. When Vicki was growing up in Melrose, MA, Priscilla Depetris was her babysitter, and for many years Wilma Kennedy has been Vicki's Duplicate Bridge partner at the South Portland Congregational Church.

Although Vicki has lived in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, her Maine roots go deep. She has spent most of her summers at her family's waterfront property in Belgrade. Her mother, Mabel Hatch, was a resident of OceanView in the 1980s.

After high school, Vicki went to nursing school at Massachusetts General Hospital. She subsequently worked at Brookline Hospital and then in a physicians' general practice. Vicki married and moved to Derry, NH, where her three daughters were born. She was active in the community, serving as president of the Derry Junior Women's Club. Following her divorce Vicki moved to North Bridgton, ME, where she ran a flower shop for three years until nursing called her back. While working at North Cumberland Memorial Hospital, Vicki began commuting to USM to earn her BSN. After a temporary assignment as head nurse at Maine Medical Center, Vicki accepted the position of nurse analyst, a job that lasted 19 years and prompted her move to Portland, where she lived for 27 years before moving to OceanView.

Vicki loves playing Bridge. For 14 years she and the same three friends have played at the Maine Mall Food Court before the mall opens. She also enjoys playing Duplicate Bridge twice a week. In addition to working out, Vicki has been active in the Portland Recreation Department's 62+ Adult Program, which offers many activities including hiking, canoeing, bowling, and theater trips.

Vicki has traveled extensively. Her favorite trip was a week-long, white-water rafting trip on the Colorado River with her family. After the week of rafting, they all helicoptered to a ranch to clean up, and then flew by small plane to Las Vegas before heading home. Vicki's three daughters live in Boston, Portland, and Jonesboro. She has two grandsons. (NW & SS)



Activist, educator, storyteller, poet, therapist, mother, and Bube (grandmother) are a few of the roles that larger-than-life **Deena Weinstein** (Hilltop) embodies. Born in Syracuse, she got her B.S.Ed. at Buffalo State University College. In her senior year, she met University of Buffalo graduate student, Jacques, on a blind date. It was love at first sight. A self-described flower child, Deena protested the Vietnam War, although Jacques (aka Jack) was in ROTC while an undergraduate student at NYU and, seven months after their wedding in March 1970, shipped off to Vietnam.

When he returned, they camped cross-country, arriving in Maine in June 1971 during the back-to-the-land movement. They bought a fifty-acre farm in Garland, built a barn and sauna, raised sheep and trees, and created a land-management plan and large gardens. Jack still resides there and has his own business as a real estate appraiser in Bangor.

While teaching in area schools, Deena earned her M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling from UMaine. Ben was born in June 1979, Rachael in April 1981. Both children started their college funds by raising, showing, and selling their sheep. Deena "schlepped" the children from Dexter schools to Bangor for their Jewish education. The Conference on Judaism in Rural New England in Lyndon, VT, became an important annual trek for the family, and the source of life-long friends.

As their children grew, Deena wore many hats: member of the Firemen's Women's Auxiliary; school board director; nursery school teacher; migrant program recruiter, educator, and director; nutrition teacher with Cooperative Extension's EFNEP program; school counselor; hospice volunteer; and founder of a Montessori preschool. In 2004, she opened a private counseling practice entitled Life Transitions: Thriving with Illness, Aging, Dying, and Loss. She has been a proud delegate to every Maine Democratic convention since 1972, except for the year she was in treatment for breast cancer.

Her love of storytelling and the close proximity of children and grandchildren drew her to Portland fifteen years ago and, ultimately to OceanView, where she has been active in many facets of the community for the past ten years. (NW & SS, updated 12/2023)



Born over 4,000 miles apart into very different worlds, **Jonathan** and **Dace Weiss** (Cottages) have shared a life studying and teaching French. At age two, Jon's mother recorded him singing "Frère Jacques." Dace (pronounced like Datsun without the "n") was born in Riga, Latvia, and grew up in Ontario, Canada.

While Jon was growing up in New Britain, CT, Dace, a baby, was living with her family in Latvia as World War II was winding down. After learning they were on a Russian deportation list, her father went into hiding, and her mother secured passage for the family on a German ship evacuating wounded German soldiers. What was expected to be a short stay in Erfurt, Germany, ended up being four years in displaced persons' camps in the American sector, before they were allowed into Canada.

Jon majored in French at Columbia and earned his Ph.D. in French literature at Yale. Striving to be a bridge between American and French cultures, he worked summers for the State Department, where one of his assignments was interpreting for Martin Luther King Jr. and Francophone-African dignitaries visiting the United States.

At the University of Toronto, Dace majored in Modern History and Modern Languages, spending her junior year in Strasbourg, France, and later earning her master's degree in French. She spent summers waiting tables, including as a barmaid at the '67 World Expo in Montreal.

After meeting on the SS United States, carrying Jon to his Fullbright position in Paris and Dace to her job as a teaching assistant at the University of Lyon, they became a couple, marrying upon their return to the United States.

After teaching in England at the University of Warwick, Jon joined the French Department at Colby, becoming department chair and associate dean, and writing two books along the way. Dace, mother to three sons, became an assistant professor, volunteered as a consumer mediator in the Attorney General's Office, and worked closely with refugee families. For many years, she and Jon directed the Colby in Dijon study-abroad program.

Dace and Jon are wildly happy at OceanView, with two sons and three grandchildren living nearby in Yarmouth. (NW & SS, 01/2025)



Lise Wellehan (Blueberry Commons) was born in 1940 in northern Sweden, where her grandparents had a farm. Until age five, Lise was raised by her mother while her father ran war-time convoys from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to London, a treacherous undertaking as the Germans destroyed 15 of his 20 ships. There were food shortages, but Lise remembers spending blissful summers on an island surrounded by family and friends.

When Lise was 13, her father was promoted, and the family moved to Stockholm. In high school, Lise studied English, German, Latin, French, and Spanish. At Stockholm University she remembers having a great social life, but not much sense of direction. Her mother urged her to get a job. As a nurses' aide, she encountered a variety of medical specialties and chose to study physical therapy. A friend from physical-therapy training encouraged Lise to join her in traveling to the United States by ship.

On board she met a man—an American law student from a Swedish family. After a year in the United States, they returned to Sweden to be married in December 1964. For the next three years, they lived in New Jersey, giving birth to a daughter and a son. Lise became a childbirth educator, among the first to include fathers in her classes.

In 1967, Lise and her family moved to Maine. They settled in Falmouth, near the land that is now OceanView. Lise was recruited by the PT department at Mercy Hospital, where she supervised PT students and remained for most of the next 25 years. The family enjoyed skiing and boating. They restored an old fort on Cushing Island for a summer home. Eventually, however, the couple divorced.

Ten years later, Lise met the man who would become her second husband, a successful shoe manufacturer and historian with six daughters. They lived in a house they restored in Yarmouth. After his death last year, Lise chose OceanView, where she enjoys art, music, exercise, and cooking for friends. Above all, she is an avid correspondent, exchanging letters with friends dating back to elementary school in Sweden. (NS, 8/2025)



Beware: **Sally Wheeler**'s (Main Lodge) infectious sense of humor is catching! A great admirer of OceanView's atmosphere, amenities, residents, and staff, Sally is also thrilled she doesn't have to cook anymore. Indeed, a plaque proudly given to her by her daughter attests, "The only reason I have a kitchen is because it came with the house!"

Sally joins us from Grosse Pointe, MI—a lifelong Detroit Lions fan (lots of heartbreak there) and University of Michigan fan (Go Blue!). She graduated from Emma Willard School (Troy, NY) and Lake Forest College (Illinois), where she majored in psychology. Her second major was accounting, which led her to return to college to attend more classes. Eventually, Sally took a job at North Sails Detroit. After twenty years, she decided it was time to retire and start doing some volunteer work.

In Michigan, she was a dedicated volunteer for the Michigan Humane Society and the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Then she set her sights on local food banks. After a year of volunteering at Forgotten Harvest, which is an organization that rescues over 40 million pounds of food a year, she was hired to work in the development office. This past May, after fifteen years there, she decided to retire and move to Maine to be closer to family. Sally has embraced volunteering at the Falmouth Food Bank and the OceanView gift shop, and she's looking forward to becoming more involved supporting those in need. She also continues to enjoy

meeting new people, reading, and playing cards and board games. Though she no longer plays competitive tennis, Sally hopes to play pickleball after her upcoming knee-replacement surgeries.

Most of all, Sally delights in being with her family. Her son and daughter-in-law, her sister, and her sister's extended family are all in southern Maine. And although Sally regrets not living closer to her daughter's family in Minneapolis, she relishes annual trips to Las Vegas with her daughter and son—trips filled with lots of adventures, laughter, and love. (SW & MF, 12/2023)



"The Adventurer" might be the moniker that best describes **MJ Whitney** (Schoolhouse). Born and raised in New Jersey, MJ attended a private girls' school followed by Mount Holyoke College, where she majored in the sciences. In both settings she made life-long friends who still meet regularly all over the country. During vacations, she biked thousands of miles around Europe, the United States, and Canada on American Youth Hostel trips, exploring ice caves in the Alps and climbing Mount Hood in northern Oregon. On these trips, MJ learned three valuable lessons: how to live with little, be self-reliant, and trust her ability to do anything.

Postponing graduate school, she married and moved to Virginia, conducting research in a tissue-culture lab. When her husband left the Marines and began graduate work in forestry at Yale, MJ worked in the forest pathology lab. She also spent summers cooking for the forestry school summer camp. Then, with their two children, the family moved to a large, hilltop parcel of land in East Barnard, VT, owned by the New England Forestry Foundation, where she grew the family's food, keeping the grocery bill under $10 a week, and navigated 10 miles of dirt road even in mud season.

Moving to Maine, MJ lived in an old house with a barn on five acres in North Yarmouth, taught school, and earned two master's degrees. Thus began her final career following her divorce, working in the South Portland School District as a SPED consultant, assessing children, consulting with teachers, counseling parents, and developing psychological services. She also played tennis and golf at Val Halla and other courses, while working on handicapping and becoming a rater of southern Maine golf courses for the USGA. Additionally, she became a motorcyclist, trail riding and becoming the first Maine woman to qualify for Enduro Rally competitions.

In her early forties, MJ built a passive solar house, and at age 60, she retired to begin spending more time, especially traveling, with her children, now living in France and the United States. She did not give up long-distance biking until age 70. (NW & SS)



Jim and Mary B Whittemore moved to OceanView after living for 17 years in the historic coastal village of Castine. Jim was vicar of Trinity Church, Castine, for six years until his retirement in 2000. Recently, the parish hall, which Jim initiated and helped to build was dedicated and named Whittemore Parish Hall in his honor.

Born in Michigan, Jim is a member of the Class of Yale 45W, having served in World War II in major action in the Pacific and as commanding officer, bringing his LST back to San Francisco, then returning to Yale to graduate in 1947. With family roots in Martha's Vineyard, he is a lifelong sailor who carries on a tradition of sea adventures that originated with his whaling captain ancestors. In 1951, Jim

graduated from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA and subsequently had parishes in Hamilton-Wenham, MA and Princeton, NJ. For many years he was the executive director of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York and New Jersey, a historic center for maritime education, social services, and seafarers' rights around the world.

Mary B comes from Charlottesville, VA. Her father was a West Pointer so she grew up in many places and attended 17 different schools. After graduation from William and Mary in 1958, she raised a family in Princeton, NJ, then attended Rider College and The New School for Social Research, graduating with an MA in administration. Then she became a professional fund raiser for non-profit organizations, which included land-use organizations, social service agencies, and hospital systems.

Jim and Mary B married in 1982 and between them have five children, scattered along the Eastern seaboard, and 10 super grandchildren. Mary B and Jim are happily enjoying their new life at OceanView, especially the many cultural and educational opportunities here and in the city of Portland. Both love music, travel, reading, and exploring this area of Maine, so different from Mid-Coast Maine. The discussion groups at OceanView continue to interest Jim, and Mary B is usually found in her small garden surrounding their home at 7 Whipple Farm Lane. *(Sadly, Jim passed away 2015)* c.h. and d.h.



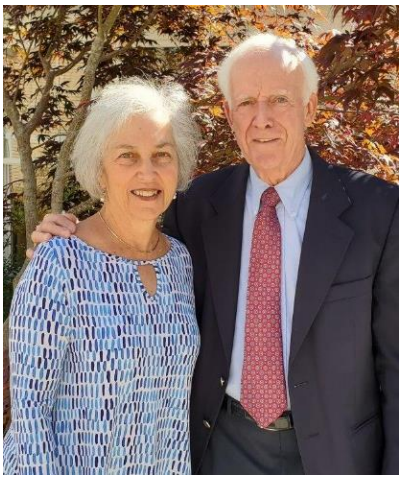
There was no electricity or running water in the bush of Burkina Faso (then, Upper Volta) when **David and Karen Wilcock** and their infant son first lived there. It was 1977, but as an agricultural economist working for the US Agency for International Development (USAID), David, with his new PhD from Michigan State, and his MSU rural development team were charged with promoting the use of animal powered agriculture. Karen gave birth to the couple's second son on home leave, but they returned to the challenges of life in rural Africa only seven weeks later.

The Wilcocks' lifetime commitment to scholarship and international engagement began early. After graduating from the University of Illinois, David joined the Peace Corps and taught English in Ivory Coast. He received a master's degree in political science from UC Berkeley, and worked at the Bureau of Social Science Research in Washington DC, where he met Karen. Karen's family had been evacuated by ship from Korea in 1950, when she was five years old. Then she lived in the Philippines, India, and Germany before returning to the US for an undergraduate degree from George Washington University, an MPH in Epidemiology (University of Michigan), and a PhD in Public Health/Epidemiology from the University of Massachusetts.

From Burkina Faso, the Wilcocks returned to the US where David was assistant professor at Umass Amherst and Ag Extension specialist while Karen completed her doctorate and learned to weave. The traveling couple moved to Virginia, where David joined Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI), a USAID contractor and Karen, Environ in epidemiology and environmental risk assessment.

With postings in Rabat, Morocco and Rome, Italy, David continued to work on alleviating world hunger. Karen consulted on various research projects in Morocco and, from their Rome base, worked in Russia on environmental epidemiology and risk assessment, until hired as a pharmacoepidemiologist by the Swiss company Hoffman-La Roche in Basel, Switzerland and later in New Jersey.

Since their retirement in 2014, the Wilcocks have remained active professionally and as volunteers in and around their home community of Corea (a village in Gouldsboro, ME). (NS)



Circumnavigating the globe—a six-year voyage aboard a 42-foot ketch—been there, done that! Doing it again—this time hiking, cruising the Yangtze in a Chinese boat, riding the Trans-Siberian Railway—done that too! Meet **Eunice and John Wilcox** (Schoolhouse).

John, a Massachusetts native with a degree in electrical engineering, moved to Maine in 1969. A gifted singer, John sang with the Handel and Haydn Society and soloed at Boston's Symphony Hall before moving north. In Portland he became a founding member of the ChoralArt organization and joined the Falmouth Congregational Church Choir in which he and Eunice still sing.

New Jerseyite Eunice headed south to Johns Hopkins University and Hospital, receiving nursing and academic degrees. In 1972, she moved to Portland and enrolled in Mercy Hospital's nurse anesthetist program. For the next 25 years, she worked as a certified registered nurse anesthetist. She met John in 1975 and within five months they were married.

The couple combined careers with numerous outside interests. In 1985, they embarked on a 57,000-mile voyage around the world. An experienced sailor, John mastered celestial navigation; he and Eunice are both ham radio operators. They home schooled their six-year-old daughter en route. Returning home in 1991, they picked up their previous jobs until their retirement in 2000. To celebrate they again traversed the world, traveling by air and train, backpacking, and hiking. In 2013, they purchased a 40-foot trawler, living aboard for three years while navigating "the Great Loop," 6,000 miles of waterways spanning parts of Canada and the eastern US.

Eunice shares John's love of music and community service. He has been a Maine state water monitor, a board member for Friends of the Kotzschmar Organ, and Falmouth High School robotics team mentor. They both serve as docents at Victoria Mansion. Eunice is a dedicated quilter, sews American Girl doll clothes, and volunteers for the Salvation Army's fabric sale. They are the proud parents of four: their daughter and John's three sons by a previous marriage, plus 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

OceanView is happy to welcome these two human dynamos to our community. (PK)



David and Dodie Willcox (Cottages) are residents of tiny Randolph, NH. Educated at Haverford College and Yale Law School, David first went overseas to India as one of a Ford Foundation team working with state government officials to create and effectuate the Calcutta Metropolitan Planning Organization, in an effort to ameliorate urban problems in the Calcutta (now Kolkata) metropolitan region.

Dodie grew up in Grosse Pointe, MI. Inspired by two summers spent working at Bay Cliff Health Camp for handicapped children in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Dodie transferred from Mount Holyoke to the University of Michigan to earn undergraduate and graduate degrees in speech pathology. She was teaching in Ypsilanti when she met David, who was involved in a government evaluation of Detroit's Model Cities Program.

After marriage they lived and travelled extensively in Asia and the Pacific. David undertook assignments for the UN and other international aid organizations in New Delhi, Western Samoa, and Malaysia. He taught at University College London. The Willcoxes then spent years in Bangladesh and Indonesia with shorter visits to Pakistan, Fiji, and Bhutan. In Malaysia Dodie volunteered with a deaf club and school founded by Tan Yap, a Malaysian pharmacist, which taught American Sign Language. She was the speech part of "total communication." In Bandung, Indonesia, she worked with the Cleft Palate Foundation (Indonesian oral surgeons, under the leadership of Prof. drg. Tet Soeryati Soeparwadi, who provided free surgeries) to organize a multidisciplinary team modeled after the one in New Hampshire, using materials provided by the New Hampshire coordinator.

Back in the US between projects, David and Dodie settled in Randolph, NH. Randolph, a town that includes part of the White Mountain National Forest, is heavily wooded, and has long had a summer population devoted to its mountain trails. When an opportunity arose, local town officials, of which David is one, worked with federal, state and local resources to create a 10,000-acre community forest, owned and operated by the town. Currently the Willcoxes divide their time between OceanView and Randolph, where David hikes in the forest that he and Dodie worked so hard to conserve. (NS)



George, Betty and Mark Willhoite (Hilltop). George was born in Sac City, Iowa, spent 10 years in MN, and later attended Roosevelt High School in Des Moines when the family moved back to IA. He went on to study political science at the University of Iowa where he graduated in 1943, but not before meeting a pretty fellow "poli-sci" major named Betty Peterson.

Betty was born in Grinnell, IA and grew up in Madison, SD. The two were married in January 1944, shortly before George was sent to Europe with the Army in WWII. He was a member of the 707th Tank Battalion and participated in some of the worst battles of the war including Huertgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge.

Back home in 1947, George completed his law degree at the University of Iowa in 1948 and went to work for Amoco. Betty taught debate in high school and college during the war years. The couple spent the next ten years in TX where their two sons, Mark and John were born. Amoco transferred George to NYC in 1958 and the family moved t o Stamford, CT where the boys grew up over the next ten years. In 1968, Amoco moved its headquarters to Chicago, and the Wilhoitte family headed back to the Midwest.

For most of the 35 years that they lived there, they made their home on the 64th floor of the John Hancock Building in downtown Chicago. George traveled all over the world as Director of International Employee Relations for Amoco, defining employment policies for American expatriates and nationals who worked at Amoco's foreign subsidiaries.

Betty was President of the League of Women Voters of Chicago and was active in civic and education affairs, including establishing debate in Chicago high schools. George retired in 1984, at which time he, Betty and Mark traveled widely through Europe, the Middle East, Russia, and Scandinavia. George became an active volunteer with the Art Institute of Chicago, the Executive Service Corps and the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum.

Their son, Mark, lived in Chicago as well and worked at the Mercantile Exchange for 26 years. He also worked for Scudder Kemper and Target. He loves music and has an extensive CD and DVD collection and is teaching himself to play the guitar. He also volunteers at Falmouth House. Their other son, John, attended Bates College and stayed on in Maine. He now lives in Freeport with his wife and their college age children. Betty, George, and Mark have moved to Maine to be closer to John and his family. George enjoys photography and Betty remains connected to coalition activity. Both love movies, plays, and music – jazz to symphony. (Sadly, George passed away in 2014 and Betty in 2018).



OceanView fosters friendships, both old and new. Indeed, it was former neighbors, now OV residents John and Josie Scully, Jim and Robin Collins, and Jim and Katie Porter who urged **Alan and Chris Willemsen** (Schoolhouse Cottages) to choose this retirement community. Kerck Kelsey, a fellow Princetonian, and Kerck's wife Susan rounded out the Willemsens' first group of OceanView friends.

Chris Willemsen grew up in Hinsdale, IL, graduated from Vassar College, and met Alan during her senior year. Alan, a New Jersey native, is an alumnus of Phillips Exeter Academy and Princeton. He served for three years in the US Air Force, training as a navigator in Houston and serving on air refueling tankers out of Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, NH.

His military obligation fulfilled; Alan entered the reinsurance business as a broker. In 1968, Alan became the first American to work at Lloyd's of London. After a couple of years in England, the Willemsens returned to New York and Alan continued to develop an international focus in his work, later progressing from broker to underwriter. He retired in 1995.

Meanwhile, Chris's career took some interesting twists and turns. While the Willemsens lived in Texas, she served as a probation officer. At home with their young daughter and son, Chris proof read for a local newspaper. She was a Junior League volunteer. Her principal interest, however, was the art and science of growing plants, and she became a horticulturist for a big firm. She served as president of the Garden Club of America and still judges horticulture at flower shows like Newport and Philadelphia. She looks forward to becoming involved with the greenhouse here at OceanView.

For 38 years Alan and Chris had a working farm in Mendham, NJ, where they raised chickens and Angus beef cattle. Alan enjoys birding and served on the board of New Jersey Audubon. He was also chairman of the local planning board. They summer in Little Compton, RI. The Willemsens were accompanied on their move to OV by their recently retired barn cat, Grey Cat. (NS) (Sadly Chris passed away June 2022)



For a good time, call **John** and **Courtney Wilson** (Schoolhouse)! With their wide-ranging interests, experiences, and skills (plus puppy, Bodie), they are great fun to be with. John—born in Mentor, OH—moved to the Boston area when he was 13. He married his high school sweetheart, dropped out of college, and crisscrossed the country in a VW camper before settling in Vermont. John then mastered carpentry and woodworking, earned a forestry degree at the University of Vermont, and, after a variety of jobs and family moves, earned his Ph.D. in economics from UMass-Amherst and became a macro-economic forecaster. His work for UNUM

brought the family (now two sons and a daughter) to Maine, and, in the early 2000s, built a home, the family's primary residence, on Chebeague Island. Throughout, he honed skills renovating antique homes, playing guitar and mandolin in folk-rock bands, and sailing the east coast and Caribbean. Widowed in 2012, John eventually reconnected with Courtney, a long-time family friend.

Courtney, a native of Davenport, IA, spent three amazing years as a young teen in Europe when her father's work took the family to Germany. She further enhanced her German to "bierstube fluency" when she spent a year in Bavaria while earning a degree from the University of Colorado. Then, having enjoyed summers at her family's ancestral home in Rhode Island while growing up, Courtney and her husband built a home in Carlisle, MA, before moving to Los Altos, CA, for 16 years with their two daughters. Courtney earned her M.B.A. from Santa Clara University and worked as the business director of a non-profit school. Following an amicable divorce, Courtney joined her daughters in Portland, OR, where she became finance director for the Columbia Land Trust until she and John married.

After retiring, Courtney and John divided their time between Chebeague and, at first, Oregon, then Florida, then Portland's East End, and now (hurrah!) OceanView. Every summer, members of their blended family gather on Chebeague Island, where the Wilsons joyfully teach their grandchildren how to sail, build—and sometimes blow up—things, and enjoy life. (MF, 4/2026)



Norm and Judy Wilson (Blueberry Commons) moved to OceanView this past April. In their apartment, one is struck by the bright, colorful and open living area they have created, with paintings by Maine artists and eye-catching photographs taken by Norm decorating the walls. Norm's photographs (his passion since age 10) tell the story of the Wilsons. They focus on whatever catches his eye—mainly people, creative scenes from their extensive travels, and informal family portraits.

Judy and Norm originated from the Boston area, where they received their undergraduate degrees. Judy moved to New York, where she studied at Columbia University School of Social Work, and Norm started medical school at Thomas Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. After their wedding in 1968, Judy finished her graduate work at the Bryn Mawr School of Social Work and Social Research in Pennsylvania. While Norm completed his medical studies, Judy spent two years as a social worker in Jefferson Hospital's Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. In 1971, they moved to Hartford, CT, where Norm was an intern at Hartford Hospital, and Judy worked as a school social worker. They moved back to Boston for Norm's residency at Massachusetts General Hospital. Their son Josh was born during that time. Norm did his military service as a "Navy doctor" at the Naval Hospital in Bethesda, MD, where their daughter Sara was born. Their last move was to Portland, ME, in 1977, when Norm joined the Department of Anesthesiology, and Judy opened a private practice as a licensed clinical social worker.

Judy and Norm led active lives outside their work. They have taken extensive bike trips throughout the US, Canada, and Europe. They rode a tandem bike loaded with paniers, usually traveling 40 miles a day. Judy has graduated to a recumbent electric bike, and Norm is still contemplating his cycling choice. In addition to biking, the Wilsons have enjoyed cross-country skiing, hiking, and snowshoeing. The Wilsons were also leaders in their synagogue and active in the Portland Jewish community. Their faith and their family have formed the fabric of their full lives. (CMcD 12/2025)



Jeanette Wiggin (Schoolhouse) is a true Mainer, born and raised in Houlton. She attended the University of Maine, Orono, and there met and married Davis. They served as house parents at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield, where Jeanette juggled raising two sons while teaching English. She discovered that she loved teenagers and teaching, a good thing since she spent the rest of her career involved with both.

The Wiggins moved to Castine where Davis coached football for Maine Maritime Academy, a daughter was born, and Jeanette continued to teach English. The unexpected inheritance of New England Music Camp in Sidney from Davis's father changed their lives forever. Not being musicians, themselves, they gathered experienced faculty around them, sought advice, and set about helping to grow the programs and stabilize the physical structures at the camp. Jeanette's motto, “Look forward, don't look back,” and her willingness to plunge into challenges not necessarily of her own choosing served her well with the camp and also with her career in education.

In Manchester, CT she was asked to take over the school's reading courses and later to be an assistant principal. “I kept saying no,” Jeanette reported, but she accepted each assignment and then set about learning to do the job well. Next came a request to be principal of Granby (CT) Memorial High School and later, assistant superintendent. By then, she didn't even bother to say no, since no one listened! With all these responsibilities, she still found time to complete masters and doctoral degrees at the University of Connecticut.

Jeanette and Davis were co-directors of New England Music Camp for 40 years before passing the baton to their son John who has continued to grow the summer camp and established the year-round Snow Pond Arts Academy.

Jeanette loves gardening and travel, visiting such far-flung places as Africa, China, Egypt, and Russia. Following Davis's death, Jeanette has continued to spend summers at NEMC and winters in Bonita Springs, FL, where she plays duplicate bridge. In the interim months, OceanView is home, and Jeanette enjoys the sense of community, exercise classes, bridge, and the movies. (SD)



Throughout their demanding professional careers, **Fred and Trudy Winne** (Schoolhouse Cottages) have always made time to serve their neighbors as volunteers. From Antioch youth ministry in New York to the Longfellow Garden Club and the Portland Museum of Art, the Winnes have generously given back to their communities.

Fred hails from the Inwood section of upper Manhattan. Following four years as a statistician in the Air Force, he earned a BS from New York University, with a major in accounting. After starting at an accounting firm, he went to work for Texaco as an auditor in New Orleans. There, on a blind date, he met Trudy, who had grown up in Pottstown, PA and New Iberia, LA before graduating from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette while working for Southern Bell. They were married in St. Louis Cathedral, complete with carriage ride through the French Quarter of New Orleans.

From Chicago, where they confess to becoming Cubs fans, to Atlanta and throughout the Southeast, Fred and Trudy pursued their careers, he as an auditor for Texaco with growing responsibilities and she, within the Bell

system. While in Atlanta Fred earned a law degree. After 10 years Fred moved to the Texaco headquarters in Purchase, NY as manager of international audit and Trudy joined AT&T in Basking Ridge, NJ. They settled in Pleasantville, NY. Both pursued second careers after corporate life.
There was much to enjoy during their 17 years in the metropolitan area, from cultural events in New York City to the Caramoor music festival in Katonah, but this was also where the Winnes first undertook commitments as volunteers, helping to transform the lives of teenagers through the Antioch youth ministry program.

In 1996, Trudy and Fred moved to Portland. While living at Chandlers Wharf in the Old Port, they expanded their volunteer commitments. She became president of the women's Woodfords Club and the Longfellow Garden Club. He served on Portland's Board of Assessment Review, worked at the St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen, and became a docent at the Portland Museum of Art. (NS)



From the airy, lighthearted Fragonard Room to the more austere atmosphere of the Living Hall, the galleries of The Frick Collection on East 70th Street in New York evoke the elegance of a time gone by. Imagine creating floral arrangements to complement each of the mansion's varied spaces! That was the responsibility of **Julie Woods**, then of Baltimore, now of OceanView. Among her stories about 25 years in the floral design business is the time she accidentally spilled water on one of Henry Clay Frick's antique tables while a museum guard, horrified, looked on.

Julie's interest in flowers began early. During World War II, her family moved to a farm in upstate New York. She and her mother, who was a member of the Garden Club of America, held the GCA flower shows in their barn. The barn also sheltered a number of farm animals, an indoor skating rink, and a poodle-breeding enterprise.
The family summered on Nantucket and there Julie met the man who would become her first husband. After graduating from Briarcliff College (where OceanView resident Trudy Marvin was her roommate), Julie married and had three children. It was later during her second marriage, to Alan Woods, a surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital, that Julie completed the requirements for becoming a Garden Club of America Judge and, with a friend, started a floral design business. She particularly loved arranging the flowers for weddings. In between times she raised about 125 Standard Poodles.
After Alan's death, Julie married a naval officer who had survived the sinking of the USS *West Virginia* at Pearl Harbor. They traveled extensively—throughout Europe and to China, Egypt, Malta, Tahiti, and Russia. Julie has lived on Nantucket and in Mexico in a house built by her family.

She finally settled in Maine (Whipple Farm) to be near a daughter, a granddaughter, and a great granddaughter, but she plans to keep traveling. The adventure continues! (NS)



Bonnie and John Yelverton met in Chapel Hill, NC in 1965, but many years passed before they got together and married.
John was originally from North Carolina, and did all his university studies, BA, PhD and later an MA in Library Science, at UNC Chapel Hill. He enjoyed his undergraduate German class so much he majored in it, spending a year in Göttingen, where he met his first wife, and did his graduate work in Germanic linguistics.

Bonnie grew up in NJ, OH and PA, went to Oberlin College in OH, and then, in 1965, to Chapel Hill to study Germanic linguistics, where John

was one of the more advanced students. In 1968-69 both spent a year in Copenhagen, where John worked on his dissertation and Bonnie met her first husband, whom she brought back to Chapel Hill, where her first child was born.

Finding the job market in our field difficult, John took an MA in Library Science and then moved to Atlanta, where he was a library administrator, first at Georgia State and later at the University of Georgia.

Bonnie--whose parents in the meantime had lived in Tennessee and then moved to Denmark, ME--moved back to Denmark, Europe, with her Danish husband. There, in the town of Aarhus, her second child was born, and she took a Danish MA in German and English to be able to teach high school, which she did for about 15 years. After that she first worked as a technical writer and then established a diaper service.

In about 1995, John reconnected with Bonnie through the newfangled Internet, and then came for a visit in 2000, when he asked her to come join him in southern California, to which he'd retired. Since Bonnie at the time was free, except for her now adult daughter, she took the chance, and they've been married now for 20 years. She worked for a time as a technical writer, and then took an MA to teach HS math and science for several years.

Bonnie and John are both musical. Both played the piano for many years. Bonnie has enjoyed singing in choruses and is looking forward to when we can sing again here. John started playing classical guitar several years ago and enjoys playing a variety of pieces.

Both have also enjoyed learning languages, starting with German. After living in Denmark so many years, Bonnie is fluent in Danish, which John has been learning. Bonnie has also been enjoying learning other languages more recently, from Spanish (necessary in southern California) to Greek. She is looking forward to being able to keep up some of these languages with other residents.

They are also very concerned about the environment and try to live as plastic-free as possible. Bonnie's children live in Copenhagen and Switzerland, while her grandchildren are in Copenhagen, London, and Sweden.



A chance meeting at the top of Wildcat Mountain changed the lives of **Walter and Lana Yaceshyn** (rhymes with Acheson). Although both had been working at the Polaroid Company in Boston, they had not met until that day on the slopes, a day that led to more than 50 years of marriage, beginning with a honeymoon ski trip through Austria, Switzerland, Italy, and Germany.

Walter was born in Waltham, MA and earned an associate degree in mechanical engineering from Wentworth Institute in Boston. After graduation he took a job with Polaroid, where he worked until his retirement 39 years later.

Lana, who grew up in Ridgewood, NJ, graduated from Westbrook Junior College before going to work at Polaroid. After Walter's service in the Air Force Reserves during the Bay of Pigs invasion, the couple married and lived in Arlington, MA. In a sign of the times and according to company policy, Lana was forced to leave her position at Polaroid when she was seven months pregnant. She stayed at home while their two sons were young, eventually working part-time in real estate and at the local library. Later she worked in the health and safety division at W.R. Grace, an international chemical company whose Woburn, MA plant dealt in fertilizer and asbestos. If that name rings a bell, think of *A Civil*

Action, the legal drama documenting a court case about environmental pollution in Woburn. Lana was right in the thick of things as the story unfolded in the 1980s.

After Lana and Walter retired, they built a home in Jackson, NH, where they have enjoyed gardening, golf, easy access to ski slopes, and great times with their children and grandchildren. Lana volunteered with the Chamber of Commerce and Walter became active in the Mt. Washington Valley Kiwanis and served on the Board of Directors of Jackson Touring. Throughout their marriage they have shared a love of the outdoors and all things active: cycling, golfing, RV camping, and, of course, skiing. They have visited most of the national parks and still have big plans for future trips in their RV camper. (NW & SS)



Pam Yale (Pavilion) grew up, one of four kids, riding horses on her father's hundred-acre dairy farm in rural Connecticut. After graduating from the Mary Burnham School in Northampton, MA, she married Montgomery Yale, a young man from Maine, who bought a branch of the Arctic Insulation Company. They moved to Yarmouth, ME.

While Montgomery worked and traveled to grow the business, Pam became a nurse. She gained experience on the cancer floor of Maine Medical Center, then moved to an outpatient clinic for kidney dialysis. During the next twenty years, she was part of a revolution in patient treatment as the new dialysis machines were refined and improvements to non-rejection drugs expanded kidney transplantation.

Pam and Montgomery raised their family, a daughter and two sons, in Yarmouth, a "Norman Rockwell" town. The Yale children attended Yarmouth schools and had the run of the village on their bikes. The family had boats. Montgomery raced, and the family sailed; they loved to spend weekends camping on the islands of Casco Bay. They found kindred spirits and had lots of friends at the Portland Yacht Club. Through Arctic Insulation, the Yales traveled in Europe, China, and Japan.

After retirement, Montgomery and Pam spent winters at their home in a golfing community in Sarasota, FL, and summers in Yarmouth. He played golf. She "made friends and had fun."

Montgomery died about ten years ago, but their children are close and supportive. Pam's daughter Joanne remains in Florida, but sons Chris and Skip live in Cumberland and Yarmouth with their families. Interestingly, both work for Yale Cordage in Saco, a company founded by Montgomery's father. They are glad that Pam chose OceanView, near grandchildren and a great grandchild, just turning four.

"It's hard to start again," Pam concedes, but she loves the OV staff and is getting to know more and more residents through activities, including Mahjong, movies, birthday parties, the Christmas concert, and chair cardio. She also enjoys swimming and reading. (NS, 1/2024)



Mary and Dean Zeilon (“zay-lawn”) grew up in Beverly, MA. After dating in high school, they went their separate ways to college, Mary, to major in English at Bryn Mawr and Dean, to study mechanical engineering at MIT. By junior year, however, they were reunited and they married soon after graduation. To fulfill his Air Force ROTC commitment, the couple moved first to San Antonio, TX and then to Dayton, OH, where Dean worked in the Grass Roots Improvement Program (GRIP). In San Antonio Mary was hired by the San Antonio Public Library and directed a library branch in the Mexican barrio, a job she loved.

After Dean's discharge from the Air Force in 1957, he joined Proctor & Gamble, and the couple moved to Quincy, MA, the first of many moves throughout the Midwest and to Japan. Mary concentrated on raising their two young children, Carl and Rebecca, until they were in middle school. Then she went back to school to pursue her master's degree in diagnostic and remedial teaching. Dean, meanwhile, worked in various areas, starting with Charmin production and ending as the director of international manufacturing for P&G's pharmaceutical products.

Mary and Dean bought property and designed and built a home in Naples, ME, with plenty of finishing work remaining to keep Dean busy in retirement. The house features a walnut-paneled living room, handcrafted cabinetry, extensive gardens, and views protected by conservancy. In Naples Dean and Mary both volunteered for the Naples library. Dean was instrumental in computerizing the library and installing computers for patron use before that was common practice. Dean served as president of the MIT Club in Maine while Mary earned her Master Gardener certificate and volunteered at the McLaughlin Gardens in South Paris. In between their volunteer activities, they enjoyed traveling around the world through the MIT alumni program and visiting their children in Minnesota and California.

In addition to their two children, the Zeilons have two grandsons, both engineers, and a cat named Cooper. Mary and Dean are looking forward to becoming active members of the OceanView community. (Sadly, Dean passed away November 2021) (NW & SS)