1996 ~~~ CELEBRATING 20 YEARS RIVERSIDE! ~~~ 2016

Many heartfelt thanks to the 20th Anniversary Committee for scheduling outstanding events in observation of this momentous occasion. We also appreciate the lovely decorations in the lobby!

**Wednesday, September 28**
Float your Boat!
2:00-5:00 p.m. Riverfront and Pier

**Thursday, September 29**
A Toast to Asbury Solomons
2:00-4:00 p.m. Auditorium

**Friday, September 30**
Asbury Solomons Rededication Ceremony
10:30 a.m. Auditorium

**Saturday, October 1**
20th Anniversary Community Celebration
3:00-6:00 p.m. Community Center 2nd Floor
Residents only

**Sunday, October 2**
20th Anniversary Ice Cream Social
4:00-5:00 p.m. Auditorium
Residents only
Activities, Clubs, and Committees
Alzheimer's Group Dennis Poremski 3043
Asbury Sails Martha Canfield 3100
Art Frank Brooks 3298
Betty’s Closet Ruth Maxey 3466,
    Arlene Benson 3366
Bridge (Duplicate) Jerre Musser 2676
    Flora Russell 2639
Caregivers Linda Wooge 3556
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Computer Club Bud Edwards 2616
Entertainment and Travel Dick Staley 3174
Games Lillian Niederer 2660.
    Garden Jeannette Findley 2647
    Gentlemen Bridge John Gillham 3386
    GO Green Sue Hu 3541
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September 6, 2016

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Winnie Eliott
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ASSOCIATES’ CHRISTMAS FUND AND CELEBRATION

This announces the start of the 19th annual Associates Fund Drive.

Goal: To Raise $72,000 for our 250 Associates
Why?: To help make up for the strictly enforced Asbury “no tipping policy.”
How?: Drop off your gift check at Reception
Detailed Facts and Mechanics were distributed in Cubbies
Celebration Date – Wednesday, December 7, 2016 – Mark your calendar!
Resident Conducted and Asbury Endorsed
Howard and Carol Langdon (3261) Tom and Becky Stevens (3544)

E & T TRIP OPPORTUNITIES
1ST AND 3RD THURSDAYS

By Pat and Barbara O'Neal, Ruth Maxey, Judith Randall, Jackie Sminkey, Henry and Dorothy Szymanski, Barbara Walter,, and Larry Gruver

Thursday, October 6, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CALVERT COUNTY HISTORY TOUR
Tour beachside communities with Kirsti Uunila, County Archeologist and Historic Preservation Planner. Lunch on your own at Rod and Reel Restaurant.

Bus $ 5.00
Sign up at the front desk.

Thursday, October 20, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A TRIP TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE MALL, Washington, D.C.
Bus will stop and pick you up at the museum of your choice. These include American Indian, Air and Space, Hirshhorn, African and Asian Art and The Freer. Lunch on your own. Several of the museums and The Castle have lunch rooms.

Bus $ 8.00
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD ACTIVITIES
ASBURY MENTORING STEERING GROUP
Marie Andrews (3441), Becky Stevens (3544), Dick Staley (3174), Martha Horton (3216), Ann Houpt (3149), Paula Willoughby (2617)

Asbury Mentoring Steering Group (AMSG) has learned of immediate needs for volunteers interested in working with either high school youth at Patuxent High School or with young children at the Judy Center located at Patuxent Elementary School. We are hoping that some of our very talented residents of Asbury will be interested in sharing their knowledge, skills, and time to volunteer in one of these programs.

Patuxent High School has a large number of student clubs (over 50 different clubs) that meet for a half hour or an hour during the lunch period. These clubs are led by teachers and cover a huge variety of topics including: environment, finance, music, FBLA, STEM topics, legal, movies, robotics, theater, and government to name just a few.

Volunteers are needed to help the teachers with these clubs. Your help can be offered for one time only or several sessions or even regularly during the school year. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help with one or more of the lunch clubs, please contact a member of the AMSG to find out more information and to complete an AMSG volunteer application.

For those of you who might prefer to work with young children, the Judy Center at Patuxent Elementary needs volunteers to help with several activities that promote school readiness for children ages birth through five. Volunteers are needed to help in the following areas:

- Kindergarten classes. There are five very large kindergarten classes with 26 children in each classroom!

  Volunteers are needed to help the classroom teachers and teacher aides by: reading to children, helping with small group activities or having children read to them.

- Play groups for toddlers. Two different play groups meet Friday mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m. and 10:30-11:30 a.m.

- Head Start classrooms. Assist teachers with activities.

  4-H group. The 4-H group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month from 4:15-5:15 p.m.

If you love children and are interested in volunteering for any of these activities, please consider sharing some of your time to make a difference in the lives of these young people.

Please contact a member of the AMSG* for more information and to complete a volunteer application form. All volunteers will also need to complete a Calvert County Public Schools Volunteer Application which can be obtained from a steering group member or found at the Calvert County Public Schools web site.
On Wednesday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Asbury Auditorium, Jeannette and Dick Findley will present pictures of their river cruise from Antwerp to Amsterdam. This program will have pictures of the many places they visited on their river cruise, including the marvelous tulips of Keukenhof Gardens. The program will last about one hour. Questions? Call Jeannette or Dick at x2647.

A MESSAGE FROM THE STITCHERS

The Stitchers Group which meets every Thursday, at 1 p.m. in the Game Room, is always open to donations. They welcome baby yarns in pink and blue and 4-ply yarns in any color.

Baby hats that they make are for newborns at Calvert Memorial Hospital. Hats for children and adults are given to the Warm Hats for Cold Heads program of Calvert County.

New members are welcome at any time, or come just to look and visit.
Our annual Oktoberfest was held on Sunday, September 4, 2016, the fourteenth since Austin Canfield and Paul Curtis started it in 2003. Around 2005, Bob Delamarter and Margaret Hayes created the Party People and carried it forward. This year, a festive crowd of 117 residents and their guests enjoyed the more elegant setting of the River Views Dining Room for the first time, instead of the more casual Auditorium.

Another first was the provisioning, preparing, and presenting of the traditional Oktoberfest foods and drinks by the Dining kitchen and staff, instead of by volunteers. The typical German sausages (Bratwurst, Knockwurst, and Bauernwurst), red cabbage, German breads, pickles, applesauce were all there, as well as Martha Canfield’s famous sauerkraut. Dining even made two potato salads – a traditional one, and a German one. A dessert of delicious Apple Walnut Crumble Cake topped off the meal. It all exceeded the expectations of our taste buds. Now, it was no longer necessary for Ed Gies and Jimmy Delamarter to roast themselves outside as they grilled the sausages. On the drinks side, no longer was it necessary to tap the kegs outside in the heat as in the past – now the Oktoberfest beer flowed straight from the Pub’s taps, as servers kept each table’s pitchers filled. In addition, for the first time at our Oktoberfest, guests could also order from the Pub off-menu (cash-bar) drinks. To handle all this, the Pub had to remain closed to all but the Oktoberfest servers and Oktoberfest ticket holders.

It was a pleasure to see how the Dining staff got into the spirit of the event, with their O’fest uniforms, restrained but enthusiastic enjoyment of the music, while providing excellent service.

The band was the fantastic Heidi und Heimat Echo Band, which has played here for all of our Oktoberfests. Their music, singing, and infectious leadership always make the party lively.

Thunderstorms were always a concern over the years. But, amazingly, none ever developed, not even this year with a Tropical Storm offshore. So get your tickets early next year, and enjoy another delightful Labor Day Weekend transition from summer into the post-summer season.
Celebrate indeed! Asbury Solomon is blessed with having very accomplished residents, among them men and women with exceptional artistic talent. Joyce and husband Whitey Thayer came to Asbury in 2004, and further brightened Asbury displays. Artworks had been shown in the dining area before the “water fall,” which disrupted any number of Asbury activities. Now there’s a new art gallery on the first floor hallway leading to Assisted Living. Joyce helped coordinate displays there, which include Whitey’s photography, and she also assisted with “Frank’s Mural,” currently taking form in the art room.

Joyce was born and raised in Baldwin, Long Island, NY, and received her elementary and high school education there. At age 19 she married Whitey. They met at an ice cream parlor, and she suspects that at first he was mostly interested in her folks’ empty garage where they could build a sailboat. They did finish the 19’ Lightning sailboat, and it was the beginning of much happiness out on the water. As the years went by, the family, which now included three children, sometimes lived and traveled on their 40’ motor sailboat for a month or more at a time.

Joyce continued her education after marriage, and has never stopped going to school to learn about any subject that interested her, and there were many. Music with the oboe and English horn were early loves, which led to playing with many different orchestras, including concerts in China. She enjoyed studying both music and art history. Taxidermy also caught her interest, and she’s done some lovely work. Her grandfather was an artist and her mother was a singer as well as an expert seamstress, so she comes by her talents naturally. A major challenge was being dyslexic, which must be addressed by the early teens. She continues her work with helping young people manage the problem.

Music accomplishments came before Joyce’s art success. It was later in life that she began studying with world-renowned wildlife artists, and soon had her first gallery displays. These were very well received, and her talent was recognized by winning many ribbons and making sales. Private and public school teaching, family responsibilities, and extensive traveling kept her busy. Now Asbury is the recipient of some of the Thayers’ work. Joyce and Whitey moved from their cottage to an apartment about a year ago. Their range of interests is evident in their lovely apartment, and even extends into the hall outside their door. Take a look outside of their apartment 102 in the north wing.
WERE YOU THERE?
By Dorothy Szymanski

Sept. 1 Did you see the announcement and learn that our next Executive Director will be Brad Andrus?

Sept. 1 Did you begin to use Dining's new Rinse and Return Program?

Sept. 6 Did you make it to the Resident Meeting, the last with Andrew Applegate in attendance?

Sept. 6 Did you then go to the reception for him in the Dining Room and say goodbye?

Sept. 7 Did you join the other men at Chewin' the Fat to learn more about Matt Hardman, new Maintenance Assistant?

Sept. 8 Did you see the eagle posing for the folks on the Willowby's Bird Walk?

Sept. 10 Did you watch Aida with the opera lovers?

Sept. 14 Did you go to Computer Club to learn the latest on Computer Security?

Sept. 14 Did you play games with the ladies at the Coffee Klatch?

Sept. 14 Did you marvel at Asbury talent as you viewed The Gallery at the Art Reception?

Sept. 15 Did you take the trip to St. Mary’s County to Piney Point Lighthouse, Courtney's and Slack Winery?

Sept. 17 Did you walk, volunteer or donate at the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's?

Sept. 17 Did you view "Finding Forrester", the Movie with Spirit?

Sept. 20 Did you like Jim Bershon's choice for the month, "The Letters", about Mother Teresa?

Sept. 24 Did you support Benevolent Fund by shopping at The Shoppes at Asbury sale?

Sept. 24 Did you rest by watching "La Boheme" or "Pay it Forward"?

Sept. 24 Did you go to the pier to watch the Oyster Planting on our breakwaters?

Sept. 26 Did you see the movie classic, "To Kill a Mocking Bird?"

Sept. 28 Did you "Float Your Boat" at the riverside activities?

Sept. 28 Did you attend “New Beginnings?”

Sept. 29 Did you sign up for the trip to the National Arboretum in Washington?

Sept. 29 Did you raise an Anniversary Toast remembering friends no longer with us?

Sept. 30 Did you help to rededicate Asbury Solomons at the Anniversary Rededication Ceremony?
Both trestles had been complete by the end of 1889 as was much of the grading along the entire line. As many as 55,000 railroad ties had been delivered by local contractors to the lower end of the line by February 1890. Work had been commenced on the remaining section in and around the County, but on May 31, 1890 a suit was filed by thirty Anne Arundel taxpayers, contending that the agreement was null and void. Eighteen years had elapsed and the city of Baltimore had not fulfilled a contingency of the agreement subscribing to the amount of $500,000. The Baltimore and Drum Point Railroad Company was entirely out of money by January of the following year and requests for the appointment of a receiver were made to ensure the payment of debt. A rash of lawsuits and countersuits began but work ceased and would never continue. The tangle of lawsuits and a series of aborted efforts to resurrect the work remain to be studied, but the story of the construction of the Baltimore and Drum Point Railroad is at an end.

There are still some places in Prince Frederick to look to see where the railroad would have been. From the intersection of Route 231 and Church at the traffic light, turn left and go to the intersection past Trinity Church. Look to your right and you see an indentation to your right where the railroad would have been, which meant, of course, that that entire intersection to your left would have been railroad tracks.

I can remember when I was a kid at the elementary school in Prince Frederick, the elementary school which is now the Masonic Temple. Behind the school in my day was the wooded area and I remember walking back down through there, and even then in the very early 1930s there were still piles of railroad ties still there. It is very difficult to say what might have been if the railroad had been completed and its impact on the Solomons’ area. Even if it had been built and used and still there today, it would have been a great means of transportation north from Solomons to Washington and Baltimore.

**ASBURY SAILS GIFT SHOP**
by Martha Canfield

HALLOWEEN is coming! Be ready to celebrate this scary event with pumpkins, witches and spiders galore. We have all these fun items for sale in our Gift Shop as well as cards to send to your friends and loved ones.

Come shop with us and support our Benevolent Care Fund.

Store hours:
Monday ~ Saturday
11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
by Vivian Aldridge

The Bank of America, 11780 HG Trueman Road, Lusby, Maryland will be closing on December 6, 2016

There is a branch of the BB&T Bank here at Asbury.
This bank is open
Monday and Wednesday 9:00—12:00 a.m.
And
Friday from 9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

This bank is located opposite the Auditorium and is interested in serving new clients.
When I was a child, the Elson Readers for 5th grade had this poem celebrating October. We were asked to memorize at least three verses, and to be able to explain any words in the verses we chose. Most of the girls memorized the entire poem, but the boys carefully picked the verses that had the fewest new words!

**January Knox**

**October's Bright Blue Weather**

O suns and skies and clouds of June, and flowers of June together,
Ye cannot rival for one hour October's bright blue weather;

When loud the bumble-bee makes haste, belated, thriftless vagrant,
And golden-rod is dying fast, and lanes with grapes are fragrant;

When gentians roll their fringes tight to save them for the morning,
And chestnuts fall from satin burrs without a sound of warning;

When on the ground red apples lie in piles like jewels shining,
And redder still on old stone walls are leaves of woodbine twining;

When all the lovely wayside things their white-winged seeds are sowing,
And in the fields, still green and fair, late aftermaths are growing;

When springs run low, and on the brooks, in idle golden freighting,
Bright leaves sink noiseless in the hush of woods, for winter waiting;

When comrades seek sweet country haunts, by twos and twos together,
And count like misers, hour by hour, October's bright blue weather.

O suns and skies and flowers of June, count all your boasts together,
Love loveth best of all the year October's bright blue weather.

**SOUVENIRS ON DISPLAY**

By Tahleen Nabors, Showcase Coordinator

From the French “to remember” and the Latin “to come to mind”, souvenirs are mementos that evoke memories of past events and occasions, of people we have known, and of places we have visited.

The Showcase displays tangible and visible souvenirs which serve as reminders of Asbury Solomons’ continuous growth during the past twenty years. As we sail on through the years, may we always appreciate what we have accomplished, and may all of us, residents and associates alike, confidently tackle any challenge we are asked to face.
ASSOCIATE MATT HARDMAN  
By Shirley Coops

What career path to follow was the question facing Matt after 20 years in the Navy. Born in Dayton, Ohio, and receiving elementary and high school education in Indiana, Matt has never stopped attending classes and learning. In the Navy he received tuition assistance to attend “every school the Navy has.” Now, under the GI Bill, he's carrying a heavy load of compressed classes leading to double masters in Intelligence (counter and cyber security) and National Security Studies. He received practical education in his various duties while serving on a variety of Navy vessels: submarines, carriers, amphibious assault ships, a “school bus for marines,” he says, and his final service was on destroyers. After six times to the Middle East, missions to other danger spots, and his last Navy duty to Somalia and the Caribbean, Matt is happy to be a civilian and in a place with “no shooting.”

Asbury has other advantages, too. Matt found his job as Operations Manager here after posting his resume on Linkedin. He was pleased to see a job was available in southern Maryland, applied, was interviewed, and in a week or so received a call from George Beyer. Matt is now responsible for maintenance, which isn’t easy, but Matt finds it less stressful than the Navy. His first day of work was July 18. It’s a challenge to change from military to a civilian way of doing things. His priority is to keep the building safe. A major challenge was his recent move to Lexington Park. It wasn’t a long distance, but it resulted in $3000 worth of damage to the family’s possessions, which no doubt will take a while to resolve.

Matt enlisted at age 17, and soon after found the love of his life, Ashley, at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. They now have six children, three boys and three girls. The youngest, a seven-year-old daughter is “daddy’s girl,” whose charms Matt finds hard to resist. The oldest is 17, and we’ll assume he finds discipline a bit easier with the older ones. The family is planning a Thanksgiving trip to the Universal Studios in Florida, and the Harry Potter venue is of particular interest. Those weren’t Matt’s favorite books. He very much enjoys the classics, and started reading them when he was very young. He read The Count of Monte Cristo before every deployment. Matt also likes to write and has two books on Amazon. They will soon be in our Asbury library.

Another of Matt’s interests is wrestling, which he also started at an early age, and found success with winning the national championship in his weight class, and then going on to win the world championship in 2010. He tried out three times for the Olympics, the last time in 2012. He very much enjoyed watching “every minute” of Olympic wrestling. Matt has already gained recognition at Asbury by often being seen attired in salmon colored pants. You can’t miss him. Say hello!

ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK  
By Dorothy Szymanski

The choice this year is All American Boys, made by the Maryland Center for the Book at Maryland Humanities. This is a novel about eight momentous days in the life of two teenage boys, their families, friends, school and city. One boy is black, one is white. The authors, Jason Reynolds who is black and Brendan Kiely, a white man, co-wrote the book. An incident in a corner store sets the scene for a wide-ranging look at racism in America. It deals with the complexities, the misconceptions, the fears involved.

Although the book uses a lot of teen language and idioms, the themes speak to concerned people of all ages. It is a thought-provoking book well worth reading. The local Southern Branch of Calvert Library has donated a copy of All American Boys to our Asbury Library. Check it out.
OCTOBER EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS
By Sarah Gross, Human Resources

October Anniversaries

Kazuka Sinkular (GNA) 10 ears
Charnell Mackall (GNA) 7 Years
Debra Berens (GNA) 7 Years
Vidalia Trujilio (GNA) 6 Years
Renee Stewart (Cook) 5 Years
Kaitlin Lilly (GNA) 5 Years
Seth Gyorgy (PCA) 5 Years
Susan Wommack (PCA) 3 Years
Nellie Windsor (Lead PCA) 3 Years
Shaneakqua Parmley (PCA) 3 Years
Donna Lewis (PCA) 3 Years
Christy Stauffer (Lead Dining Room Attendant) 2 Years

October Birthdays

Charles Harrell (Director of Pastoral Care) 10/1
Michelle McGown (Lifeguard) 10/2
Tammy Daye (Clinical Manager) 10/7
Jasmine Fritch-Wooge (Scheduling Coordinator) 10/8
Marisa Bailey (Dining Room Attendant) 10/8
Beth Wickwire (Charge Nurse/RN) 10/8
Nidia Smith (PCA) 10/9
Kristy Scheufele (GNA) 10/11
Lora Jarboe (Nurse Manager, MDS Co) 10/13
Dorothy White (Companion) 10/17
Cory Kelly (GNA) 10/18
Kazuku Sinkular (GNA) 10/20
Arianna Hunter (Dining Room Attendant) 10/21
Angela Keemer (Cook) 10/24
Morrighan LaFave (Scheduling Coordinator) 10/28
Tyshia Gantt (GNA) 10/30
Kelley Hall (Office Manager) 10/31

OCTOBER HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS
By Terry Morr

When the Julian calendar bumped October from 8th to 10th, numerous attempts were made to rename the month after various notable Romans, but October stuck. “A season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,” Keats called it—a luminous month of glowing fall foliage, bright orange pumpkins, and a bittersweet sense of change.

Oct 4, 1957 The Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the first man-made satellite, into orbit.
Oct 5, 1921 A World Series baseball game was broadcast on radio for the first time.
Oct 8, 1871 The Great Chicago Fire leveled 3 ½ square miles of the city.
Oct 10, 1865 John Wesley Hyatt patented the billiard ball.
Oct 13, 1792 The cornerstone of the White House was laid.
Oct 14, 1947 Pilot Chuck Yeager became the first man to break the sound barrier.
Oct 15, 1918 The Spanish influenza struck Philadelphia, where about 4,500 people died during the third week in October.
Oct 17, 1888 The first issue of National Geographic magazine went on sale.
Oct 22, 1987 The first volume of the Gutenberg Bible was sold at auction for $5.39 million.
Oct 28, 1886 The Statue of Liberty was dedicated.
ASBURY PREPARED FOR HAUNTED HOUSE

By Betty Peterkin

High on my Thanksgiving list is “Thank you for Asbury”, a place where many people enjoy their second childhoods in caring ways. Whether the emphasis is on “enjoy” or on “caring ways” is a toss up. Both come into play in most activities we tackle. A good example was our Halloween revelation at Annmarie Garden.

At this free event, some 3,000 children and their parents from the Calvert and surrounding areas came to beautiful and safe Annmarie Garden. They came to “trick or treat” along the Haunted Trail where community businesses and organizations participated in spooky costumes and atmosphere. Asbury was there in style, making clear our capacity for fun and caring.

We were wild! And we were noticed!

All residents were a part of this event—the creators of our haunted house and surroundings, the costumed attendants and you residents who gave and bagged the candy. You all deserve a pat on the back.

Briefly, here’s how it all happened. A group of Asbury’s creative crazies came together to brainstorm. Inspired by childhood memories and lifetimes of skill building, they conceived and built a plywood haunted house that could be collapsed and used in the future. This house of horror was designed to terrorize, with creatures that crept, screams, spewed smoke and lit up its dark interior with beady eyes. I hope you saw it in the Lobby the two days before Halloween.

For additional atmosphere, costumed witches, aliens, clowns and other unmentionables provided effects. Witches stirred a stew of bones, organs and eyeballs in blood gravy with arms and legs found in some resident’s garage. Asbury garages are not for cars anymore.

Only after these thrills did children get the treats you gave so generously. You placed over 200 bags of candy in the orange pumpkin box. This provided treats for some 3,000 children who passed our way. The committee and the children thank you. This was a truly great collaborative effort supported financially by the Administration, the Wood Shop, the Travel and Entertainment Committee, the Bonfire Event and by residents who cheerfully opened their billfolds as needed, because they wanted to. I am thankful every day to be a part of this place, Asbury, with its fun loving and caring residents and associates.
ASBURY SOLOMONS BIRDS, THE AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

By Ernie Willoughby

The American Goldfinch, popularly known as “wild canary,” is one of our most brightly-colored resident birds on campus. The summer male’s bright yellow body, contrasting black cap, and black and white wings and tail, and the female’s greenish-yellow body, and black and white wings and tail are distinctive. Residents tending their garden plots on the north side of campus see these little birds as they descend in pairs or small flocks to eat seeds from the many flowers such as sunflower, zinnia, cone flower, cosmos, being cultivated there. The goldfinches perch on the flower stalks, sidle to the tip and tamely pick seeds out of the mature flower heads while gardeners work nearby, so they are easy to notice.

The American Goldfinch, *Spinus* (formerly *Carduelis*) *tristis*, is unique among our birds in at least two ways. One way is that it nests very late in the season, after nearly all the other birds are done raising their broods. Instead, goldfinches wait until late June or July to begin laying eggs and raising their early broods. This is probably because they feed nearly exclusively on small seeds. Throughout the year, goldfinches rely on small seeds of all kinds, and they even raise their young on seeds, which they swallow into a pouch on their esophagus, and then regurgitate, pre-moistened with mucus, into the mouths of their nestlings. Therefore, we think they wait until mid to late summer when the supply of seeds is abundant and nesting success is more assured.

Another way by which they are unique is that of the whole family of birds that includes goldfinches, finches, and siskins, they change their appearance completely from summer to winter and back again through two complete changes of their body feathers. In autumn, the yellow body feathers of both sexes fall out and are replaced by tan feathers, and the males lose their black cap. At the same time, the pink bill turns to a grayish brown. Then the young of the year, and adults all look alike. In March and April, they all lose their tan body feathers, and grow their distinctive yellow and black feathers again. Even their closest goldfinch relatives, the Lesser Goldfinch (*S. psaltria*) and Lawrence’s Goldfinch (*S. lawrencei*) of our western states either do not change their appearance with season even when they molt twice a year (Lesser), or change color somewhat not by molting but by wearing off of brown feather tips that veil underlying colors (Lawrence’s). Why the American Goldfinch is unique in this way remains an unanswered question, but I think it may have to do with coordinating and easing social relationships within the sometimes very large (more than 100 birds) wintering flocks that occur throughout the winter range, which includes all of the USA except for the northern Rockies and upper midwestern states.

Here at Asbury Solomons I have not seen any flocks numbering more than about a dozen birds in summer or winter. However, a few are present all year long. In winter goldfinches visit our feeders with other finches, so as winter approaches, be on the lookout for the much less striking tan goldfinches switching from the gardens and fields to our bird feeders.
Alfred Nobel invented dynamite and used his fortune to establish Nobel Prizes.

Find the names of the 48 scientists, past and present (mostly past) whose names are scattered about the grid. The names are up, down, across, backward, and diagonal. Letters overlap. The 16 leftover letters reveal one of the major scientific areas studied by Linus Pauling. The solution will be posted in the cubby room a few days after publication. Questions or comments, call Terry Morr, x3198.

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Matthew Hardman, our recently hired Plant Operations Manager, gave a presentation at Talk of the Town. As he summarized his impressive twenty year Navy background, he mentioned his two published books.

My order with Amazon was promptly filled. Here’s my take on our new engineer as author: *The Enterprise Hall Sketches*, published in 2016, is a collection of eight short stories. The stories stand alone, each featuring a different character. Matthew is a meticulous writer with vivid details. Each story establishes the major character and his environment so clearly you can almost see them.

As is traditional in many short stories, each tale ends with a surprise. Sometimes these endings are unusually creative.

I think this collection of stories demonstrates that, at this time, Matthew is most comfortable writing about men. Only one of his main characters is a woman (The New Girl) and she didn’t come across as “real” to me. My favorite story was The Concert.

The full title of the second book is: *Fighting Back: The Inside Story of the Sailors of the USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS*. It describes the last three years of Matthew’s naval career on a destroyer and the engineering challenges that transpired.

There are challenges for the reader, also, unless you share a knowledge base with these sailors. I knew I was in trouble early on when I meet the following sentence: *This valve has a piece of threaded stock maintaining pressure on a spring which maintains pressure on a diaphragm and eventually helps control the compressor pressure.*

However, I kept reading because I did understand the essential functions of the malfunctioning equipment: refrigerating food, processing safe drinking water, and air conditioning enclosed spaces.

Complicating the action is the background of the James E. Williams, a ship with a “tarnished reputation”, hinted at, but not fully explained. To preserve confidentiality, the sailors involved in the painstaking repairs are not identified by name. Getting to know some of the actors in this drama would have produced a warmer feeling for me than simply cheering for the team.

Reading this carefully written book was reassuring. Matt Hardman will be professional and persistent in assuring that the systems keeping us comfortable and safe work smoothly.

**Note:** These books are available in our library.

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