



2026: The Year of Kind Little Things

by Peggy Schleicher

As the New Year moves in, I find myself thinking about 2026. It would be amazing if 2026 was the year of small little kindnesses. You know, like when we sneeze and someone says, “bless you.” Or when we hear please, thank you, or sorry. Someone held the door open for me the other day. Made me smile. Have you ever thanked the grocery store clerk and seen her face beam? The deli worker smiles when asked how his day is going. I overheard someone thank our mail carrier and I saw him break out in a broad grin. Little things can make a big difference in people’s lives. Saying good morning in the elevator or when passing folks walking, remembering a birthday, making a phone call to check on a friend, thanking the workers, listening to others thoughts, pulling my legs in when someone wants to enter the row at the theater. The list goes on and on.

These small actions make others feel good and build relationships and community. They make the doer feel good too. Small stuff helps us “see” each other. Small kind things are just simple acts of courtesy and kindness. There are a lot of small, kind little things that go on everyday here at Emerald Court. Be on the lookout and you will be amazed. We are a fortunate community because we care about each other. Let’s keep it going and make 2026 the wonderful year of kind little things.

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EC Clubhouse Fun:

Upcoming Social Committee events:

LCR night - Jan. 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Clubhouse Breakfast is on the first Sunday of the month. Info: Frank Carey (Unit 1221) for Magnolia / Ron D'Amato (Unit 16) for Villas.

Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the Clubhouse. Info: Peggy Schleicher, facilitator: - (Unit 74).

Book-share Social meets on the first Thursday of every month at 1:30 pm in the Clubhouse. Info: Peggy Schleicher/Sandy Rosenbach: - (Units 74/83).

Movie Group meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 1 pm in the clubhouse. Info: Linda Carey, facilitator: - (Unit 1221).

-- Card Games: --

- **SCAT** - Mondays at 1 pm. Info: Bert Lyons (Unit 1230).
- **Cribbage** - Mondays at 7 pm. Info: Bob Schleicher (Unit 74).
- **Poker** - Tuesdays at 7 pm. Info: Betty Fulginiti (Unit 1211). *Men & women welcome.*
- **Texas Hold'em** - Wednesdays at 7 pm. Info: John Tellier (Unit 1226).
- **Bridge Group** - Thursdays at 1 pm. Info: Ginny Thomas (Unit 69).

-- Games & Chat Groups: --

- **Chat Group** - Tuesdays at 2 pm. For info, contact Dorothy Caterino (Unit 1214).
- **Mahjong** - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. For info, contact Pat Stratis (Unit 89).
- **Rummikub** - Thursdays from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. For info, contact Kathleen Pimental (Unit 1105).

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Warm Up Your Winter with Real Estate Insights!

As the frosty air settles over your community, I want to ensure you're cozy and comfortable with all your real estate needs. Whether you're considering a winter move or curious about market trends, I am here to help. I am ready to provide friendly advice to guide you through the season. Reach out today and let's make this winter a warm and welcoming one!

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Meet Your Neighbor

By Bob Schleicher

Welcome to the next installment of "Meet your Neighbor". Without further ado, here are more bios of our wonderful community residents . . .

Gerry & Jane Corbin (Unit #82)

Jane and Gerry, who made Tewksbury their home for 46 years, relocated to Emerald Court in September 2017. They chose this complex to remain in Tewksbury, to be close to their family and friends. The couple has been married for 53 years and are proud parents to three children (a daughter and two sons) and grandparents to five grandchildren, whose ages span from 8 to 25. Gerry



is a retiree from the IT industry, while Jane is a retired Registered Nurse. In their free time, they enjoy pickleball, reading, card playing, cooking together, and attending their grandchildren's sports games and dance recitals. They are very pleased to be here, and have made many wonderful new friends. They look forward to spending many more years at EC.



Sandy & Steve Rosenbach (Unit #83)

Sandy & Steve joined our community in March 2020 after living in Maryland near

Annapolis for 37 years.

They have two children, a daughter and a son. Their daughter lives in Wilmington with her husband, an eleven year-old grandson, and an almost-eight-year-old granddaughter. Their son lives in Philly with his wife and two sons, one ten and one almost six.

Sandy taught kindergarten in her home town of Montreal and again in Maryland, after which she became an assistant extraordinaire to an entrepreneur. She loves meeting new people and getting to know the area, especially great shopping and dining spots.

Steve started his career as a mechanical engineer in the electric power industry and changed mid-career to IT, mostly working as a database developer. Steve LOVES talking about, teaching, and yes, actually doing photography. He designs and conducts photo tours in New York City, Boston, and elsewhere, and also teaches photography in person and online. He is also the organizer of Cityscape Photo Boston, a Meetup group that offers free monthly photowalks in the Boston area.

Since arriving here, Steve has spent a lot of time exploring and photographing nearby cities and towns and other areas of interest. He now considers himself a real New Englander, and fortunate to live

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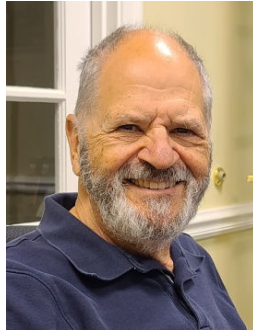
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in an area with so much natural beauty and so close to the ocean.

Sandy & Steve are both active members of Temple Emanuel in Andover, and spend as much time as possible with their grandchildren, both here and in Philly. Both feel that being grandparents is the best job they've ever had.

Alan Katz (Unit #84)

Alan is the Treasurer for the Communication Committee. He moved to EC in February 2005 from Burlington where he lived for 36 years. He worked for the US Army in Watertown as a mechanical engineer for 33 years and then for MJ Research Co. in Watertown and Waltham as a computer system administrator and network manager until retirement in 2003. He is interested in photography, reading, travel and walking for exercise.



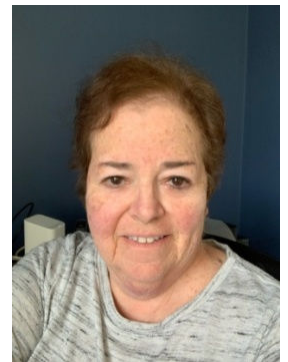
Mary & Tom Loguidice (Unit #85)

We both grew up in Somerville, MA. We married and moved to Wilmington where we lived for 34 years and raised our two boys. After we were empty nesters for awhile we heard about Emerald Court and thought it would be a great place to retire. We really enjoy living here and have met many really nice folks. We have family in the area so we were very familiar with Tewksbury. Our children live out of state so we travel a bit to see them and vacation a lot as well. We have one son living in San Francisco and our other son, wife and three children live in SC. We do spend a lot of time traveling to see them. Tom was

an electrician in Local 103 in Boston for 42 years. He was a Seabee in the Navy and did two tours in Vietnam. He enjoys golfing and playing cribbage at the club house on Monday nights. Mary worked for a manufacturer's rep in Wilmington for many years in the Sales and Customer service area. She enjoys reading, exercising, lunching with girlfriends and spending time with her sisters. She visits most nights with the grandchildren on FaceTime.

Wanda Corcoran (Unit #86)

Wanda joined our community five years ago when she moved from Andover, MA where she and her husband Jim, had lived for 49 years. Wanda was very familiar with Emerald Court as she had four good friends from Andover who had moved here when Emerald Court was first built. She had met these women on the sporting fields 42 years earlier when their sons were five. They have been close friends ever since then and to this day they play cards together on a weekly basis.



Wanda was born and raised in New York but in her early twenties she decided to come to Boston with a friend to teach for a year. She met her husband Jim, her third day in Boston at a "restaurant" (that's what she told her kids) in Kenmore Square. He had settled in Boston after graduating from Bentley University but had grown up in Vermont where his family still lived. They married a year after meeting. Three years later they began their family raising a son, Christopher, and a daughter, Lindsay. After Jim's passing in 2021 she felt it was her time to move and join her friends at Emerald Court. They are like family to her.

After moving to Boston she began her career teaching math and science in Wakefield, MA. She left teaching after nine years to start her family. While they were young she attended Tufts University and obtained her master's degree in Counseling Psychology. She then began a career as

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the School Psychologist at Northeast Metro Tech High School in Wakefield. She feels that she found her niche working with teenagers and stayed there until she retired eleven years later.

Wanda enjoys reading, writing silly poems, movies, a variety of crafts and mostly her weekly card games with her Andover friends at Emerald Court. The highlight of her life is spending time with her five grandchildren who range in age from six to thirteen. Thankfully her son, wife and three children live close by in Harvard, and her daughter, husband and their two daughters live in Andover. Whenever Wanda is asked how she likes living at EC her answer is always the same. "I love it".



**Linda & Chick
Langone
(Unit #87)**

Linda & Chick joined our community in January 2005 after living in Andover for over 30 years where they raised their two children

and never looked back. They love living in EC and love the community it has become over the last 20 years. They have a daughter, son in law and an eleven year old grandson, Lukas, who live in Cambridge and a son, daughter in law and a ten year old granddaughter, Valentina, who live in Stockholm, Sweden where she does gymnastic, dance and violin. Linda & Chick grew up one street from each other with their parents knowing each other in Somerville till the building of I-93 knocked both of their houses down. They have been married for 52 years.

Chick attended Lowell Tech (now UMass-Lowell) and joined the Air Force ROTC with a degree in Electrical Engineering and served four years with worldwide assignments in communications and navigational aids during 1969-1973. After the USAF he worked for Motorola and

RCC Consultants for years before starting his own Consulting business 25 years ago and is working still. Linda was the HR and Payroll Admin for Jackson Lumber and Millwork for 34 years and retired in 2016 but continued working on their books from home part time for the next nine years with finally retiring this August.

They both love traveling and enjoying all sports and were lucky enough to follow their son who played baseball after college for two years in Canada then nine years in Italy with tournaments all over Europe. Now they travel locally following their grandson's hockey, soccer and lacrosse games. They also go to Florida in March for a few weeks. Linda loves cards, games and casinos and Chick enjoys watching sports on TV.



**Jean Seero
(Unit #1320)**

Jean and Ed Seero moved to Emerald Court in October, 2018. They met on a blind date in 1971 in San Diego. Ed was a US Marine Corps officer, Jean a US Navy Nurse. Ed was from Andover and Jean from Texas. They married in 1975 and welcomed a son, Edward Vincent Seero, IV. Ed worked for Raytheon and Jean, a Registered Nurse, worked in various health care positions, adjusting to family needs. They spent seven years in Saudi Arabia where they welcomed another son, Steven, finally settling in Andover, MA.

Ed developed CTE from playing college football and passed away in 2022. Jean has four grandchildren in North Andover and Groton. Jean attends many hockey, lacrosse, ballet recitals cheering Ivy, Eddie, Charlie and Vivian.

She also volunteers for St Vincent de Paul, plays Bingo with the Vets at Bedford VA Hospital and can be found walking the halls of Magnolia most every day. Jean loves Emerald Court and appreciates all the wonderful volunteers that make EC so special.

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John & Anne McDermott (Unit #1321)

John and Anne joined our community from Cape Cod where they lived for ten years. Before they moved to the Cape they had lived in Tewksbury for many years. They chose our community because they know several people who live at E.C., and Anne and John thought the units were lovely and spacious. They raised three daughters in Tewksbury before moving to the Cape. They now have seven grandchildren, six boys and one girl, and five great grandchildren.

Anne was a teacher in Tewksbury for 12 years, and she taught for six years at M.C.C. (Middlesex Community College). John was Assistant Superintendent of Shawsheen Tech in Billerica for



25 years. John is currently being cared for by his daughter and her husband in Tewksbury.

Anne's interests include movies, books, walking, knitting, and Mahjong. She is participating in many of the activities available right here at Emerald Court.

Dolores & Al King (Unit #1322)



Al and Dolores came to Emerald Court from Billerica. They chose EC because they love the area, the privacy, and the social

life available. They have one daughter, Marci Ross, who is a school teacher in Billerica. They also have two grandchildren, Jackson, who is 14 years old, and Emily, who is 10. Al was born and raised in Medford and received his degree from the University of Lowell. He retired from his engineering work with Raytheon. Dolores grew up in Somerville and Medford and attended Wyndham Secretarial and took finance courses at Babson College. Dolores had always worked in banking. Al is a wine master and loves golf. Dolores likes to shop, read, and socialize.

Sue Sandler (Unit #1323)



Sue moved to Emerald Court in August 2017. She is originally from Baltimore, MD, and lived for 51 years in Latham N.Y. She heard wonderful things about the Emerald Court community and she wanted to be closer to her family. Sue has three grown children and five grandchildren. Her son lives in San Francisco, CA, her daughter lives in Tewksbury, MA, and her second daughter lives in Hamilton, NJ. Two of Sue's granddaughters live in our area. Sue is a registered nurse graduating from Maryland General

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Hospital in Baltimore, MD. After graduation she worked in pediatrics at Tampa General Hospital in Tampa, Florida. Before she retired in 2007 she worked as a nurse in a family practice office in Troy, NY for ten years. She loves playing cards, word games and crafting cards. She loves being closer to her family here in Tewksbury and also meeting a wonderful group of new friends at EC. ■■■

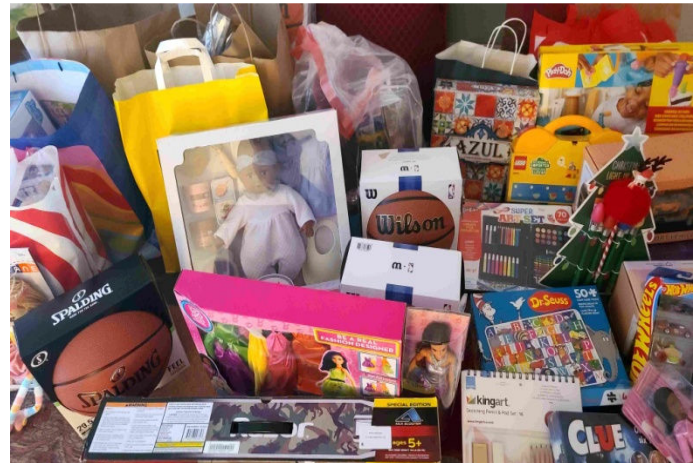
Emerald Court Cares

by Peggy Schleicher

Thanks to the generous and caring folks at Emerald Court, two car loads of beautiful, new toys were delivered to The Wish Project for distribution to needy kids in our area. Thanks for being a caring community, and a special thanks to Linda Langone for helping Bob and Peggy Schleicher deliver the toys to Wish!

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Happy New Year from the Emerald Court Book Club


by Peggy Schleicher

Founded in November 2005 by Kathy Walsh, the EC Book Club is still going strong. In October, we celebrated our twentieth birthday! Over the years, we have read 240 books, and nourished many friendships. The book group meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the clubhouse. New members are always invited to join. Contact Peggy if you'd like more information. Taking turns selecting the book to read and discuss, the group agrees that we have read many, varied books and expanded our thinking. We use a book rating system. Each member ranks each book read on a scale of 0 to 10 with ten being a "wow" book.

Our top-ranking books in 2025 were:

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|---------------------------------|----------------|-----|
| • <u>West with Giraffes</u> | Lynda Rutledge | 9.0 |
| • <u>The Book of Lost Names</u> | Kristin Harmel | 8.8 |
| • <u>The Henna Artist</u> | Alka Joshi | 8.3 |

In addition to the toy drive, ECers generously contributed to a monetary food drive to benefit the Tewksbury Community Pantry. Your Social Committee, Communication Committee, and Clubhouse Committee all made contributions. Individual EC folks made donations as well. The final amount presented to the TCP from Emerald Court was **\$2,077.00**. ■■■


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ELVIS NIGHT

By Wanda Corcoran

On October 17, 52 people came together to shake, rattle and roll.

You see, Elvis had arrived at Magnolia with entertainment as his goal.

He was dressed in sequins but didn't pretend he was the King

Mike Slater's plan was to regale us with old songs we could sing.

And so for the next hour we tapped our feet and reminisced

Brought back to an era I'm sure we all missed.

We knew we were CAUGHT IN A TRAP as he started to croon

ALL SHOOK UP we were as we listened to tune after tune.

SWEET CAROLINE made an appearance with some words to render

"Please be warm and caring and forever LOVE ME TENDER.

Don't be a DEVIL IN DISGUISE and DON'T BE CRUEL if you do.

For the truth is, I CAN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE WITH YOU".

By the end of the evening one question was in play ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT? We all answered "no way".

So as I LAY MY HEAD UPON MY PILLOW and drift off to sleep

I'll dream of my old HOUND DOG and the memories I'll keep.

These songs are cherished and we'll remember them forever.

A reminder to enjoy each day's moment for it's NOW OR NEVER.

A secret donor had left chocolates on each and every table.

We would thank whomever if only we were able. Many thanks go to the bakers who provided the goodies.

Although some of us may have absconded with a few in our hoodies.

Gloria DiSerio won the 50/50, her ticket proved a safe bet

But we all were winners as we hummed the tunes we'll never forget.

Check out some of the EC residents enjoying the show.



Helen Wythe, Linda Sheehan, Karen Maguire & Mark Lloyd



Linda & Frank Carey, Mary Ann Puntonio & Betty Fulginiti



Rich Humphrey, Wayne Anderson, Peter & Lucille McCoy



Gene Sdoia & Lennie Digiorgio and Rich Digiorgio

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Laura Thursby, Pat Stratis, Barbara Swansburg & Linda Martin



Val Capone, Gloria DiSerio, Elena & Al Mahoney



Jan DiPietro, Al Capone & Joe DiSerio



Alan Katz, Donna Davis, Bill & Betsy Travis



Bert Lyons, Diane Fahey, Penny Lambroukos & Denise Abels

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Wanda Corcoran, Linda Langone & Mary Loguidice



Linda & Jack Dempsey, Sue Sandler & Kathleen Pimental



Meredith Cohen, Elaine Williams & Joyce McKenna



Bob & Peggy Schleicher AND the 50/50 winner, Gloria DiSerio

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Did you know that the latest version of the Vendor List (6/1/2024) is at the bottom of the EC website "Home Page".
ec-tewksbury.com



Left to right: Chick Langone, Jim Korba, Peter McCoy, Bill Travis, Kevin Walsh, Tom Berrigan, Tom Loguidice, Allen Capone (*Uncle Sam*), Jack Dempsey, Ralph Parla, Jean Seero, Mac McElroy, Al Mahoney & Rich Humphrey.

Veterans Day Celebration

By Mary Ann Famiglietti

Every year on November 11th we take the time to recognize, honor, and thank the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces.

There are a number of meaningful ways to honor and thank the veterans. Emerald Court always takes the time to celebrate and thank the veterans living here. On Saturday, November 15, 2025 Emerald Court residents held a Veterans Day event sponsored by the Social Committee.

The event was to honor and thank the veterans for their selfless sacrifice, courage, and bravery. We are all grateful for their service and the sacrifice they made for our country. Their courage and sacrifice have safeguarded our freedom.

The features of the event included a wonderful lunch with dessert and coffee, sing-alongs, readings and raffles. Fifty-four residents attended the celebration including fourteen veterans.

It was a great event that reflected Emerald Court's appreciation of the veterans. May we always honor the sacrifices they made and protect the freedom for which they fought.



The event included a visit from Uncle Sam and also featured a beautiful quilt made by Elaine Williams and given to one of Emerald Court's veterans.

This year's lucky recipient was Kevin Walsh.

The 50/50 winner was Mary Parla.

Veterans, Thank You for your Service.

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Greetings from Your Social Committee

by Peggy Schleicher

Your EC Social Committee is an active, twelve-member team whose goal is to help nourish community, connections, fun and caring at Emerald Court. We are a hardworking group who create and host many EC activities.

Your EC Social Committee members are:

- Peggy Schleicher#74*chairperson*
- Betsy Travis.....#77*secretary*
- Diane Fahey.....#1115*co-treasurer*
- Ginny Thomas#69*co-treasurer*
- Linda Carey#1221
- Kathleen Pimental#1105
- Sue Sandler.....#1323
- Pat Stratis.....#89
- Linda Martin.....#25
- Valerie Capone.....#52
- Denise Abels#59
- Linda Sheehan#1303
- Victor Corbin..... *Board of Trustees Liaison*

**Check out the
Emerald Court website:
<https://ec-tewksbury.com>**

When Sad Things Happen

Because we care about our community, if you are aware of the passing of any of our neighbors, please inform us at bobschleicher1@gmail.com so we can get the information out to the community in a timely manner. One person’s loss diminishes us all.

Get Yourself Published

“Writer’s Window” is still looking for budding writers. It is an open space for airing the **creative talents** of Emerald Court residents. If anyone has an interest in seeing their own article appear in the Emerald Court Newsletter, send it to bobschleicher1@gmail.com or call him at (978) 851-6569. It will appear in a future issue. It can be ‘fact’ or ‘fiction’.

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EC Welcomes New Residents

New residents to Emerald Court since October:

- Allen & Anne Kieslich (Unit #11)

We at Emerald Court wish you all the happiness that we’ve found here.

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New Resident Snapshots

Social Committee member, Peggy Schleicher, introduces you to more new residents of our community. See their brief profiles below. You may have met them already. We are always confident to encourage new neighbors to join in the many social activities available in our community as we are sure of the big welcome you will give all of our new residents.

Allen & Anne Kieslich (Unit 11)

Allen and Anne came to Emerald Court via Colchester,



Vermont and Florida where they also reside. After looking at many 55+ communities, they were delighted to find Emerald Court. They found the selling price, architectural design, and reasonable condo fee to be assets. They are also pleased to be close to their family, good medical facilities and Logan Airport. Allen and Anne have four daughters and sons-in-law and nine grandchildren.

Both Anne and Allen were employed by Verizon. Anne also has experience as a home health care professional and a buyer for women's clothing. Allen's many professional experiences include real estate development, business analysis, and Urban Planning and Design. He also is involved with long-term, national health care facility analysis. Allen enjoys playing pickle ball and pool. He is an avid, competitive sailor. He owned the first Beneteau sailboat in North America. Anne and Allen are delighted to be at Emerald Court and have found the folks here to be warm, friendly, and helpful.

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Need Computer Help?

In an effort to make the Communication Committee's Tech Team more available to you, we are now offering a "Call to Schedule Appointment" format. That way we can service your needs in a way and time that is convenient to you – and it's FREE.

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Alan Katz (978) 851-3852 - or -
Steve Rosenbach (443) 510-4123

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**It's not just the Festival of Lights.
May it also be a festival of hope,
happiness, love, and health.
Happy Hanukkah!**



Deck the Halls



By Wanda Corcoran

Saturday, the 13th of December over 50 EC residents assembled at the Clubhouse. Some came with a friend and some with came with their spouse. Why, you might ask, did they all gather together? Why would anyone venture out in such freezing cold weather? They all came to spend time to sing the songs of the season, To “share tunes with their neighbors” they said was their reason. Two performers had come to regale us with holiday cheer, So we joined with our voices singing out loud and clear. Lisa Johnson, cardio nurse by trade, but a singer at heart, Graced us with her music and songs right from the start. Accompanied by Al Cameron, who played the piano for the night, A great team they made fitting together just right. Tune after tune they entertained us with joy, Then encouraged us to join in and to please not be coy. So our voices rang out as we all joined in each song, Loud and proud we were to be singing along. From White Christmas to Frosty and Rudolph we did croon, Stopping only at the end when Santa entered the room. With his belly and beard we knew him right away But I noticed something different about him on this day. He bore a strong resemblance to one of our own Is it possible Santa’s related to our Al Capone? Special thanks to Joan Jackson Realtor for funding this event, And to the social committee for all the goodies they sent.

It seems fitting at this point to include the wonderful poem, written by Pipsy, who is non other than our own Val Calpone.

A Shocking Christmas Surprise !

By Pipsy (Val Capone)

Christmas will be arriving and Santa will be here soon.
The reindeer get ready to pass by the moon.
Big deal I say, What about me?
I have worked hard all year with my buddies you see!
My name is Pipsy, I’m not the prettiest elf
But I surely do more than the elf on the shelf.
I cook and I bake and make some of the toys,
All for the good little girls and the boys.
I fill in for Mrs. Claus whenever I can
I am Santa’s Puttanna and I made him my Man!
While his old lady sits sleeping in her big rocker,
I run out to meet him at the meat locker.
Those HO HO’s you hear and those rosey red cheeks
Are because of me, Pipsy, I just gave him a peak
When everyone is sleeping and the day is done.
Santa comes knocking. He wants some more fun.
I was the one who kissed him under the tree.
It was not your mother. It definitely was me.
When visions of sugarplums dance in your head
I will be waiting in the back of the sled.
The reason to confess is simple you see.
Nothing is happening, we are old as can be.
Santa this has gone on for so many years,
So Nick get ready to shed some tears.
So! I saved Christmas all along but
Never mentioned in one hit song.
The elves were not as important as the other two
Santa of course and Rudolph who has no clue.
Therefore I am quitting in a matter of time
Another woman will step in write her own rhyme.
Soon I will travel, I’ll go out of sight.
Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

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Some of the many ECers enjoying the Emerald Court Holiday Concert



Happy Holidays to all and a safe New Year!