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Door Sensors Help Guard Our Safety

by James Giese

If you're going to be away from Collington overnight, fill out an absence form. That's always been advisable, but it's more important than ever since Security has installed sensors on the entrance doors of all apartments and cottages.

In addition to filling out the absence form, residents who plan to be off campus for more than a day should advise Karen Cheney, chief of Administration. They should stop newspapers or other routine deliveries.

The sensors notify Security every time a door is opened. While the individual comings and goings of residents are not monitored, if a door remains unopened from 12:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m., the resident will receive an automated phone call inviting them to press 1. If that isn't done, Security will come to check on the resident, says Kendall Brown, Collington's security chief.

The "door check" is just one of many ways Security contributes to our lives at Collington. The third-floor Security Desk has a staff member on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, always



This little box knows if your door has remained closed for 18 hours or more.

reachable by dialing 2020.

There may not always be a guard at the entrance to our community, but the gate is always closely monitored by the Security Desk staff with video cameras and two-way audio communication. Delivery persons, contractors, tradesmen and all private-duty aides must register with Security

upon entry. Even friends and relatives need to give sufficient identification.

Security keeps a log book of all entries by non-residents and Collington staff. The book also records fire, police and ambulance calls and incidents such as resident falls or deaths.

Another responsibility of Security personnel is to patrol Collington's extensive grounds and buildings. There are monitors throughout the campus at which patrollers are required to check in. They are expected to report anything suspicious (they have two-way radios), lights burned out and other maintenance needs. When a door is found open in a home, a window left open in

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a car, or newspapers not picked up at the entry, the patrolling guard will ask the desk to call the resident to determine if everything is OK. If there is no answer, the home will be entered to assure that everything is all right.

Security staff monitor other systems that might indicate a resident needs assistance. Many residents wear the SARA (Situational Awareness Response Assistant) pendants. If a resident should fall or otherwise needs assistance, a push of the SARA button will alert Security and a built-in GPS system will tell Security where the resident is located on campus. The system does not work off-campus or on a portion of the Perimeter Trail near the 5100s, where warning signs have been posted. Those without pendants can purchase them at Security.

Each home has at least two pull cords to summon help from Security. Others can be added at the resident's expense. Dwindle Robinson, director of environmental services, recommends that residents check their pull cords once each quarter but call Security before doing so. Kendall says Security gets five to ten calls a month from SARAs and pull cords.

Security is also notified whenever a smoke, fire alarm or sprinkler system head goes off. While the Security Desk can override a smoke alarm, it cannot do so with the sprinkler system alarm. Recently two sprinkler heads turned on in the apartment building, causing the alarm to go off and inflicting water damage. It took considerable time before the alarm could be silenced, much to apartment dwellers' dismay.

Kendall said he is required to conduct fire drills monthly in the Health Center – one for each shift.

He seeks permission to use a resident's unit for the drill and then pulls the alarm. Every worker then turns their portable radio to Channel 1. The dispatcher announces a Code Red and its location. Kendall checks how rapid the response is.

Dwindle displayed his emergency preparedness manual. It is a loose-leaf binder about three inches thick.

Crime has not been a serious problem at Collington, although thefts were recently reported from donation boxes for the Library and Flower Committees. Nine out of ten calls for missing items turn out to be unfounded after the misplaced item is found, according to Dwindle. Where there has been theft, it usually has been from a vehicle or residence left unlocked.

"Lock your cars and homes," Dwindle and Kendall admonished.

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The Collingtonian invites all Collington residents to submit articles, photographs and story suggestions, preferably concerning Collington and its people. We also welcome "Letters to the Editor" commenting on the Collingtonian and its content. Submissions may be e-mailed to collingtonian@gmail.com or placed in the Collingtonian mailbox. All submissions are subject to editing for length, clarity and style.

Seeking Four-Legged Friends

Pet Adoption Sources for Collingtonians

By Mary Bird

When Helen Weinland moved to Collington, she brought her 17-year-old cat, Frankie. Buying cat food at the Largo PetSmart, she met volunteers caring for cats under the Last Chance Animal Rescue (LCAR) program. They encouraged her to volunteer too. After



Lovebug, one of many pets without a permanent home. Photo by Animal Medical Center of Watkins Park.

Frankie died, one of the rescued cats entered Helen's heart, so she adopted her.

Though Denise Bunting has two cats in her cottage at Collington, she accepted Helen's urging to volunteer with the LCAR cats. Both Helen and Denise can help match residents with cats. Not only the Largo PetSmart but other PetSmarts and PetCos in the area provide space for LCAR to house and care for adoptable cats

The Prince Georges County Animal Shelter has cats and dogs for adoption. The adoption application form and other details are on the web site (see box, p.11). Independent living residents can get a letter from Natosha Bomgardner, the social worker in our clinic, saying they are able to care for a pet and allowed to have one. This is required by the shelter.

Dr. Maturo, the veterinarian who makes house calls at Collington, frequently comes across a cat or dog suitable as a companion pet for older adults. Currently her veterinary clinic is fostering Lovebug, a lap cat who was rescued after an unfortunate encounter with a car.

Sandy Short, in Marketing, is a volunteer for K9 Lifesavers. It places animals, mostly dogs, with foster families, and holds adoption days.

Occasionally a pet owner has food, toys, or bedding to donate, which Sandy can channel to an appropriate organization. Cause for Paws Cares is another non-profit, in Bowie, that holds adoption events.

If you don't feel able to adopt, but miss the joy animal care brings, consider

volunteering. A volunteer trainer for LCAR is at the Largo Pet Smart most mornings. The training takes about two and a half hours. Volunteers clean cages, replenish food and water, and take cats out to play. Prince Georges County Animal Rescue announces volunteer training days on its website (see box on p.11). Cause for Paws Cares needs volunteers for education programs and to work with the City of Bowie Trap-Neuter-Return program for free-roaming community cats. Check the websites in the box on p.11 for more volunteer opportunities.

When residents plan to have a cat or dog with them in Collington, they are asked to fill out a Collington Pet Care Questionnaire. An experienced dog trainer comes to Collington to assess a dog's behavior before they are accepted into the community. The trainer's fee is paid by the dog owner.

The chairmanship of the Residents Association Pet Committee recently passed from Pat King to Pat Kirkham. The Committee helps arrange veterinary visits by Dr. Maturo to Collington about

see Adoptions, p.11

We Welcome Our New Neighbors

Ann Carlson (Cottage 1203, Ext. 7326): Accountant and Bookstore Owner

By Pat Bozeman

Collington was the destination for the last of many moves during Ann's lifetime. Although she was born in Indiana, her family moved

frequently around the Midwest and, for short stints, as far east as North and South Carolina. She laughs and says, "I don't really have a home, which makes it easy to move." She began to think about where she would put down roots when it became difficult to find appropriate elderly housing for her mother.

Following her mother's death about a year and a half ago, Ann actively began researching a retirement community for herself. It was good fortune that a customer came into her bookstore in Georgetown, S.C., and told her about the Kendal facility in Ithaca, N.Y. Drawn to the principles by which Kendal affiliates were run, Ann first visited Admiral at the Lake in Chicago – "too pricey!" Her next visit was to Collington - a "much better fit," which had the added advantage of being not far from a son in Clarksburg, Md.

She has another son who lives in St. Louis and a daughter who lives in Japan who has met Gerry Ash's son, who works there. Small world!

Ann first earned a double bachelor's degree in history and economics at Franklin College, a liberal arts institution in the Indianapolis area. She says her "favorite" educational experience was at the University of Missouri – St. Louis, where she



was able to count previous working experience to obtain a degree in accounting. Later she was awarded Masters in Business Administration at Washington University, St. Louis.

As noted earlier, Ann owned a bookstore in historic Georgetown, S.C., which deals in a mix of genres and some Lowcountry specialties of South Carolina such as local history and nature, rice cultivation, the ante-bellum period and Gullah descendants of enslaved Africans, who live in the Lowcountry regions of South Carolina and Georgia.

Not surprisingly, Ann loves reading and enjoys puzzles. She is scheduled to work in the Country Store and is attending various committee meetings to find a good fit for her knowledge and talents.

Asked if there was anything else she wanted to share with Collington residents, Ann says she was "fascinated" by the breadth and richness of people's skills in companies for which she earlier worked - for instance, as a comptroller for a silk screening company and then a sheet metal company. She also found it interesting to rub elbows with an array of psychologists, while working as the CFO for the company that publishes and distributes the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator instrument and peripheral materials and the Strong Interest Inventory for career assessment.

Irmgard Dugge (Cottage 1214, Ext. 7245): From Germany to Michigan to the IMF

By Pat Bozeman

Irmgard looked at various retirement communities while still living in her Bethesda, Md., home, knowing she didn't want to live in an apartment setting. Although she'd received literature from Collington, her first reaction was that it was farther from Washington than she wished, but that changed once she came for a visit and loved what she saw.

Irmgard grew up in northwest Germany near the Hanseatic city of Bremen as a war refugee.



Her father was a doctor who ran an institute for lung diseases. Times were very difficult following World War II. Living space was rationed because there were so many displaced persons and food was

very scarce. Irmgard and her family were allowed by local farmers to dig potatoes and harvest cabbages; they picked mushrooms in the woods and purchased whatever meager goods were available in stores.

Her schooling was completed in Germany, culminating in graduation from a commercial college with a concentration in languages – English, French and Spanish. She went directly into the import-export business, where her language facility was a decided plus. But Irmgard's desire was to go abroad, and through a friend she found sponsorship through a small-town Michigan banker. This enabled her to immigrate to Cass City, Mich., a small village north of Detroit and just west of Lake Huron, where she worked in banking. She then was employed in an advertising agency in Detroit, where she joined an international club and met her then-husband, whose parents were immigrants from Sweden.

Following their marriage and travels to Mexico, the next stop was Cambridge, Mass., where her husband earned a Ph.D. in city planning at MIT, and a son and daughter were born. Irmgard stayed home to raise her children there and in Ann Arbor, Mich., their next home. Bethesda would be Irmgard's last home – for 50 years – before coming to Collington.

After she and her husband grew apart and went their separate ways, Irmgard went to work for the World Bank in 1981. Four years later, she took a position with the International Monetary

Fund. She was with the IMF until her retirement in 2000, but during her 15 years there enjoyed many interesting and challenging adventures all over the world.

At Collington, Irmgard has become active in the Weed Warriors. She's a member of the Washington Area Bicycling Association and used to bicycle to and from work. She looks forward to more cycling adventures in Prince Georges County while plogging.

Plogging?? That's an eco-friendly exercise out of Sweden that combines jogging (or in Irmgard's case, biking) with picking up litter – a worthwhile cause for this environmentally-friendly community.

Did You Know?...

Compiled By James Giese

- That you can wash your car at a hose spigot just before the carport for the 3000s? You'll need to bring your own sponge and soap. Oh, and the hose spigot is turned off during the winter.
- That there is lox for your bagel at Sunday brunch? You must ask for it at the omelet bar.
- That you can join others at self-serve, open-seating tables, space available, and not wait to be seated on the Auditorium side of the buffet counters? But you must do your own place setting, pour your own drinks and put in your own special order, if you don't do the buffet. Also, you clean-up when you're done.
- That there is a hearing loop in the Auditorium that works with many modern hearing aids? Check to see if yours has that feature. Sound reception is better in some parts of the auditorium than in others, so if your aids are not picking up the sound well, try another location.

Group Tackles Global Issues

By George Newman

What do Turkey, Zimbabwe, Korea, China and Saudi Arabia have in common?

All have been topics for Collington's monthly Foreign Affairs Discussion Group (FADG), the brainchild of resident Carl Brown.

Carl, long a professor of history at Princeton, is one of America's leading authorities on the Middle East, author or co-author of more than a dozen books and recipient of numerous awards, including a Guggenheim Fellowship. Yet it wasn't just Carl's erudition that led him to organize FADG more than two years ago.

"I thought Collington didn't have enough groups that encouraged participation," he said, and of course foreign affairs have been his life-long interest.

Many regular FADG participants have lived



Carl Brown. Photo by George Newman

and worked overseas, in government service or other capacities. But no expertise or experience is needed to join the discussions, which are based on readings from sources such as Foreign Policy magazine. Meetings are usually on the fourth Friday of the month at 11 a.m. in the Game Room.

Health concerns have forced Carl to give up active leadership of FADG, whose chair is now Pat Zelman, but he remains active in the discussions.

A binder with FADG readings is housed in the reference corner of the library. In addition, Laurie Rogers, the group's secretary, distributes digital copies by email to those who have signed up for them.

Come join the discussion and expand your horizons!

Flower Art Blooms in Sketchbook



An example of Clarita Ricketts's flower art.

"I have always wanted to paint pictures of some of your gorgeous arrangements," Clarita Ricketts recently told Pat Duggan, head of the Flower Committee. And a new job was born -- Flower Committee artist-in-residence.

Pointing out that the women who produce the many arrangements decorating our halls also qualify as artists, Pat observed that their work, however, is perishable. Now a permanent record of many of their creations will be on file in Clarita's new sketchbook.

Clarita is a recognized artist among those who specialize in miniatures and is a member of the Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Engravers Society of Washington, D.C.

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Ike, Squirrels, and a Future Admiral

By Frances Kolarek

Reading a recent John Kelly column in the Washington Post was like bumping into a long-lost friend in an airport -- ‘Well, hello! Good to see you. So long.’

Kelly writes about the time squirrels were giving President Eisenhower fits as they dug holes to bury acorns on his White House putting green. The assignment to get rid of the rodents fell to a young Naval officer named William Crowe. The name rhymes with now.

Well, whaddaya know! Admiral Bill Crowe, one-time U.S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James (Great Britain), chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, etc., etc., and one-time Collington resident!

And a very popular Collington resident who would introduce himself, ‘I’m Bill Crowe from Oklahoma,’ tell a funny story, and amid the laughter come up with a second. Wait! Here’s



Admiral Crowe. U.S. Navy photo.

comes Number Three. He had an inexhaustible supply – and, remarkably, remembered the lot.

With his wife Shirley, he entertained in his villa with some frequency, never inflated his past achievements, or even mentioned them.

When he fell ill in 2007 and spent his last weeks in hospital, we missed him, and at his death we mourned him. He had, in a short

time, won our hearts.

How young Bill Crowe managed to rid the White House grounds of the pesky squirrels is never made clear. Kelly tells us that there was the inevitable foofaraw in the press about ‘Operation Squirrel’ as one headline put it. But you may be sure ‘Bill Crowe from Oklahoma’ prevailed. And probably made a funny story out of the experience.

Music and Literature

Among the many April events in the Auditorium were a concert by the Greenbelt Wind Ensemble, including our own Mary McCutchan, left, and a talk by Suzy Hansen, author of ‘Notes on a Foreign Country: An American Abroad in a Post-American World.’ Hansen’s appearance was something of a coup for the Speakers Committee: A few days earlier, her book had been named a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction

Photos by Peter Pfund



Crowded Primary Looms for Md.

By James Giese

Collington residents, along with other Maryland voters, will see a formidable ballot in the June 26 primary. This election will decide party nominees for the November General Election. To vote in a primary election in Maryland you must be registered to vote and declare a party affiliation. The primary is only for Democrats and Republicans,

The ballot will contain choices for U.S. Senator, District 4 Congress representative and state Senator, Comptroller, Attorney General, Delegates (3) from the 24th Legislative District and circuit court judges.

Also on the ballot will be numerous candidates for Prince George's County Offices, with two more added this year for at-large county council seats. County offices on the ballot are County Executive, Fifth District Council member, clerk of the Circuit Court, register of Wills, judge of the Orphans' Court, sheriff, and party Central Committee members. Candidates for the non-partisan offices of Sixth District school board member and six judges of the Circuit Court will be on both party ballots. Six standing judges, who were first appointed, are running for the six judge slots.

Maryland leans Democratic and Prince George's County is strongly Democratic. For all county offices, state legislators and our congressional representative, winning the Democratic primary will be tantamount to election, making this election as important as November's. Even at the state level, the only race where Republicans appear to have a good chance of winning is that of governor, where polls show strong support for re-electing Larry Hogan.

With Hogan unopposed in the primary, Col-



lington Republicans' most important choice will be their candidate for the U. S. Senate. Eleven Republicans are seeking to challenge Democrat incumbent Ben Cardin. Republicans will also seek nomination for other offices, but for many local offices no one will

have filed.

Seven Democrats are running for governor. At the county level, the most open and widely followed Democratic contests will be for County Executive, County Council and State's Attorney. Incumbents are either term-limited or are not seeking re-election.

To begin to cope with the overwhelming number of names on the ballot, go to elections.state.md.us, the Maryland Board of Elections website. It provides information on registering and how to vote, and lists candidates and their websites for all state and county offices. The Prince George's County League of Women Voters (www.lwvmd.org/prince_george_s_county) will provide a voter's guide, which you can request on line. It should be available by May 12 and one or more print copies should be available at Collington.

Several candidates' forums have been held, including one at Collington for the at-large County Council seat. Resident Laurie Rogers was the chief organizer of that event and has posted reports of other forums on collingtonresidents.org. On May 24 Collington will host a candidates' night for district delegate candidates.

Collington is in the 4th Congressional District, the 24th Legislative and Senatorial District, the 5th Councilmanic District, the 7th Circuit Court District, the 13th Election District and the 6th School District.

Restaurant Review: A Star is Born on Central Avenue

By Carl Koch

The Harvest Thyme Tavern, 12 miles east of Collington on Central Avenue (Route 214), opened this past November with the slogan “Fresh Made from Scratch Modern American Cuisine.” The owner/chef is a third-generation restaurateur trained at the Culinary Institute of America. It shows in his food preparation and his tavern’s smooth operation.

The prices are higher than chains such as Applebee’s but so worth the difference. The most extensive wine list in the area is another feature.

The “American Cuisine” includes American, French, Italian, and Spanish dishes. The menu lists eight appetizers, two soups, three salads, four sandwiches and burgers, seven entrees and five desserts. A special entree is offered each day.

A retail wine business on the premises offers 90 wines that may be purchased and served at your table for a ten-dollar corkage fee. Also, you may bring your own wine and pay the ten dollars to cover glassware and service. The retail wine prices are good and even with the corkage fee amount to less than at other restaurants except perhaps Jalapeno’s in Annapolis.

Recently my wife, Joyce, and I had lunch at Harvest Thyme after hearing rave reviews from several Collingtonians. We had the charcuterie plate as a starter but were served instead the Harvest Board, a combination of their charcuterie and cheese plate. The meats, salami, Waygu beef sausage, ham and prosciutto were terrific,



Trip Advisor Photo

as were the cheeses -- St. Nectaire, a local cheese, Manchego and Gouda. We took much of the meats and cheeses home and shared it for dinner.

Joyce ordered the steak frites and it was the best ever! Our previous experience with this dish included several dozen such meals in France. The thick tender piece of beef was cooked

perfectly to medium rare, cut on the bias and served with very good french fries. I ordered a Margherita pizza and it was good, not as good as Vin 909, which is a similarly themed restaurant in Annapolis, but better than anything else close to Collington.

The bill was \$74 without tax or tip but including a \$12 Argentine Malbec and the \$10 corkage fee. The room is beautiful, well planned and the seats comfortable. The diner can sit facing a huge wine rack or the large open kitchen if they wish. Overall it was a pleasurable experience for both of us.

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*www.harvestthymetavern.com
Lunch Tuesday – Sunday – 11:30 – 3:00 pm
Happy Hour Monday – Friday – 3:30 – 6:30 pm
Dinner Monday – Thursday – 5:00 – 9:00 pm
Friday – 5:00 – 10:00 pm
Saturday – 4:00 – 10:00 pm
Sunday – 4:00 – 9:00 pm*

A Day to Honor Valiant Sacrifice

By Carl Koch

Each year on Memorial Day we remember and honor those brave individuals who gave their lives for our country. Since Memorial Day was made an official holiday soon after the Civil War, more than 1.3 million people have died while serving.



This Memorial Day I would like to acknowledge those who died on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Most of these men participated in the largest amphibious landing in history, while others parachuted into Normandy the day before. Imagine if you can, riding in rough waters in a small landing craft with 40 other men, half of whom were vomiting, and emerging on a foreign shore to a hail of gunfire.

Many of us have seen captured German film taken from their vantage point, showing the first wave of Americans being cut down as they landed. Stephen Spielberg's film, "Saving Private Ryan," made in 1995, showed in graphic detail the horror of the Omaha Beach landing. No other D-Day movie captured so well the chaos and slaughter.

Who were these men who landed in those first waves onto Omaha Beach? Where did they come from?

The 29th Division was comprised of National Guard units from Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania that had been federalized shortly before Dec. 7, 1941. These men were in Cornwall, England by October, 1942, training for the D-Day landing. The 29th was comprised of three infantry

regiments and support units such as artillery, tanks, medical and others.

One of the infantry regiments, the 116th, was from the Virginia areas of Roanoke, Harrisonburg, Lynchburg and Bedford. Companies A and B

(Bedford and Lynchburg) were in the first wave onto Omaha Beach. Company A in the first wave included 25 men from Bedford and of these men, 19 were killed in the first few minutes. Only 6 of the 25 who landed survived that day.

Bedford, Va., is a small town (population 3,000 in 1944) halfway between Roanoke and Lynchburg. No other town suffered anything near to the loss that befell Bedford during World War II. Forty men from that small town were killed in Europe over the next two years. It would be as though 347 men from Annapolis were killed in the first minutes of D-Day and over 530 during the liberation of Europe.

It is important that we remember all who died in battle.



Bill Preston on Gardening



Fear of 'GMO' is Overblown

What does "GMO" mean to gardeners? This term (meaning genetically modified organism) engenders fear in some, who consider it a dangerous system designed by scientists that will cause harm to the human race.

We recognize that humans have been genetically modifying and selecting crops and livestock for centuries. The purpose is to produce superior strains that grow better, resist diseases and pests, and compete favorably with other natural organisms. Extensive breeding programs require years of crossing and selecting to get the desired characteristics in our crops and livestock, and this is an ongoing effort.

Now science has been able to select desirable genes in certain organisms, and insert these genes into our already superior strains without the need for lengthy, expensive and extensive cross-breeding programs. This process results in genetically modified organisms – "GMOs."

A good example is when scientists inserted certain genes from a bacterium into corn varieties that resulted in repelling the notorious corn earworm. What a remarkable outcome: no more wormy ears! This one example resulted in millions of dollars saved by not having to spray to repel those worms in sweet corn and field corn.

So where did the negative public concern come from? First, worry about the scientists' creation of "Dolly" the sheep and other cloned animals. Then an American company used gene selection to develop grain crops resistant to their herbicide (weed-killer) product. If farmers wanted to grow weed-free corn or grain, they

would have to purchase the company's seeds and their herbicide, too. Then the company got noticeably belligerent when it suspected nearby farmers were harvesting seeds in competition with the company. With this bad publicity and the public suspicions about "scientific meddling with genetics, GMO became a cause for alarm.

Hopefully, the fear of the new genetic technique will subside, and we can reap the benefits of needed improvements in agriculture for farmers and for us gardeners as well.

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You must register to vote by June 5. You can do this on line as well as using an application form available here. Collington residents can vote by absentee ballot. Ballot requests must be received at the Board of Elections by June 19, but you have until June 22 if you go on line. Residents may also vote early, from June 14-21 at a nearby location, or at our polling precinct on election day.

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every two months. Pet owners should give Pat Kirkham details of what their pets need, so Dr. Maturo can come prepared to treat them in their homes. Owners are billed by the veterinary clinic.

Get More Information

Cause for Paws Cares:

www.causeforpawscares.org

Dr. Maturo: www.suematurodvm@aol.com

K9 Lifesavers: www.K9LIFESAVERS.ORG

Last Chance Animal Rescue:

www.lastchanceanimalrescue.org

Prince George's County Animal Shelter:

Google Prince George's County Animal Shelter

Courtyard Gains New Life

By Frances Kolarek

A grant of \$17,895 from the Collington Foundation has been awarded to the Ad Hoc Courtyard Committee headed by Anne Stone to complete work on its renovation of the Courtyard, “the centerpiece of the campus’s main building.” The grant covers additional plantings as well as labor costs of planting, fertilizing and mulching, and enough new furniture to accommodate the needs of our growing population, which enthusiastically attended events held last year in the Courtyard.

Collington is covering the cost of a new fountain, removing the present one, a gift of a resident, from the center of the Courtyard where it hinders the more flexible use of the space for buffet tables, bar service, placement of guest seating, etc. Its replacement awaits installation near the library wall.

Reading between the lines of Peggy Latimer’s expertly crafted grant application, a picture emerges of a much hard work already accomplished by residents including Pat Duggan, who has been a prime mover and shaker of this project, along with landscape architect James Curley and horticulturalist Alice Nicolson.

As we waited out springtime, while temperatures toggled between summer and winter, we watched beds of purple and yellow hyacinths appear, blue and yellow pansies



Among those enjoying a spring day in the revamped Courtyard were Kendal CEO Sean Kelly and Board Chair Joan Countryman. They were taking a break from a Kendal Board meeting held at Collington. Photo by Peggy Latimer.

bloom, the magnolia trees blossom in palest pink, azaleas and rhododendrons flower, and clumps of red tulips magically appear. A few intrepid self-serve diners, whose needs had already been anticipated by the culinary staff, ventured out for an *al fresco* meal.

To all, it was welcome news that the Hospitality Committee planned a party on May 5. Predictions of rain for that evening were met with boos. However, at five o’clock, with showers still threatening, crowds began to gather at the refreshment table for drinks and snacks while the Kolling Kats provided music. Again, this successful celebration of Cinco de Mayo was proof positive that we need this additional space for occasions to get to know each other as newcomers continue to arrive.