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[In the February Collingtonian, p.3 there appeared the first part of an article describing the "Public Hearing on the Preliminary Master Plan Amendment" regarding zone changes in Prince George's County. The following is an account of some specific problems of land use and some possible solutions. Ed.]

Collington was represented by Edward Behr. Ed gave the most polished speech of the evening, asking that a zoning change which would permit a high rise apartment on Lottsford Road immediately west of the Collington entrance drive not be rushed into. This is a very sound, constructive proposal that will benefit the County as well as Collington.

What is not realized immediately, but is true nevertheless and must be faced, is that the land east of Landover Road (Rte. 202) from a point of the Beltway well above the Landover Mall property down to about one half the way to Lake Arbor Drive from Lottsford Road, is ideal for development into what is euphemistically called an Employment Area. The term is like most planning designations, subject to wide interpretation. What is hoped for would be office buildings in an open, landscaped setting, called a campus plan, that would be sufficiently well done that it would attract as tenants firms doing business with the Federal Government. First, the area is adequate in size, and second, the transportation and utilities are all in place. Third, there is convenient access to BWI and National airports without going into Washington. Interstate 95 runs by the door. Routes 202, 50 and 214 all lead directly into Washington,

while the Beltway provides access to the Pentagon, Gaithersburg, and NASA, not to mention Dulles airport. The METRO system has plans to extend the Addison Road line east of Rte. 202. Amtrak stops at New Carrollton. The planners reason that if they can attract the kind of tenant mentioned above, a hotel will be needed and such convenience facilities as banks, restaurants, drugstores and the like. But most importantly is the type of man or woman who would be employed here. Well-to-do, perhaps affluent, desirous of the best, with the result that any housing that is built, would be more upscale than anything built in the County to date. If all of this sounds like "pie in the sky", don't sell it short. Stranger things have happened! The key is to do what Ed Behr asked, that is to take the time to do the job properly.

So the bad news may, and the emphasis is on **may**, turn out to be good news. Whether it does, or does not, will depend on many things, not the least of which are our own efforts. Let us keep our eye on the Planning Commission. [See the reference to Dick Van Wagenen's Task Force in the report on the Residents Council Meeting. Ed.]

Kelsey Saint

THE GREAT SALE

For two days we gathered in the Auditorium for a mammoth sale to raise money for the Fellowship Fund and the Residents Association.

All those possessions that we thought we couldn't live without we brought with us for sale to others who also had too many possessions.

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THE GREAT SALE (cont.)

Glassware, linens, cooking utensils, pictures and whatnots, and knickknacks of all kinds were there. What stories all these could tell and what memories they bring!

As the resident who was auctioneer (did he get his training at Sotheby's in London?) started his offering, my imagination turned to thoughts and stories about those who had owned these items and how they happened to have them. There was that big golf bag chockful of putters, 5-irons, 9-irons, drivers, all the essentials (and nonessentials) of an avid golfer. Had these been used on courses in Florida, Maine, Augusta and now the owner was too old and too tired to cover even a 9-hole course and can only watch the Hawaiian Open on TV? There is that exquisite blue embroidered Chinese Mandarin coat bought in Hong-kong on a trip around the world; the African shield and knife, of no use whatever, but what a way to recall that safari; the box of 4 pairs of white kid gloves (long) bought in Italy and brought to Collington, hopefully, to wear on formal occasions. There was the color TV given at retirement, with appreciation after 40 years with the same company. The charming mink jacket may have come from one of the residents in the Health Center, no longer able to wear it. It was modeled by a resident who looked charming in it, a perfect fit. The antique bench with a seat that lifted up which could have held children's toys or wood for a fireplace was bought by a member of the staff who had "just the place" for it beside an open fireplace.

All the residents had an opportunity to help Janet Jenkins in many ways, pricing, setting up, selling, and hostessing. Not the least of these were the many ladies who brought homemade delicious cakes and cookies to accompany the coffee. Though we have delicious meals in the Dining Room, the residents have not forgotten their

knack of making all kinds of delicious desserts.

Cornelia Marshall

RESIDENTS COUNCIL MEETING

The February 21 Residents Council Meeting was largely devoted to finances, Collington's and the Association's.

Kathryn Brod presented the administration's explanation of the announced 8% raise in monthly fees. The factors considered, she said, are this year's financial experience, inflation, the bond holders' requirements for reserve and replacement funds and the anticipated mortality rate. Reduced revenue because of the changed policy of eliminating a 100% markup on bills for Health Center services and supplies accounts for 2% of the raise. One percent is added to increase reserves. Health Center revenue now exceeds cost, due to the use of the Center by non-residents. Collington as a whole is expected to break even by 1996. All short-term indebtedness has been paid off.

Gail Kohn announced that the 90% occupancy will be achieved by April 1. The goal is 95%.

Association Treasurer John Jay distributed a suggested Association budget for the coming year, to be considered at a later meeting. The Council approved changed allocations in this year's budget. John recommended and the Council voted to solicit and distribute the Employees Appreciation Fund once a year instead of twice, as originally planned.

Morris Oxman announced that assurance has been received that after April 1, Health Center services and supplies to residents will be billed at suppliers' prices without the previous 100% markup. No reply had yet been received to the Council's request to the Board to reconsider making the change retroactive. Unofficial reports indicate that they are unlikely to do so. Dr. Oxman suggested that individuals discuss their bills with the administration. A

compromise agreement on distinguishing individual and Collington responsibility for cost of supplies in the Health Center has been arrived at. The list is available to residents in the Library.

Charles Trammell reported that a request for a Rotary International grant to improve Collington's trails has been submitted, thanks to quick weekend work by Gail Kohn.

Dick Van Wagenen invited participation by those with a vital interest in zoning in a group formed to follow Prince George's County zoning actions. It will cooperate with our neighbors of the Lake Arbor community.

President Wall announced that another Town Meeting will take place the first Friday in April.

Margo Labovitz

DAY BED FOR SALE

I am considering putting my day bed up for sale. It's still in pretty good condition except for a slight depression down the middle. The problem is that I am becoming too attached to it and it demands too much of my time. When I moved into my cottage 16 months ago, the den seemed to be the perfect place for the day bed, and it fit snugly along the wall to the left as you enter the room.

In no time at all, DB and I had developed a beautiful relationship. It always welcomed me warmly for that after-lunch nap, and it proved to be the ideal place for prone problem solving. After several months of this happy association, however, it became apparent that the relationship had progressed beyond the casual friendship stage. This became clear when I was trying to determine why my desk was permanently layered with a collection of unfinished tasks. Analyzing the situation, I noted that the day bed partially obstructed the approach to the desk. All too often I headed for the latter, filled with determination and resolve, only to be deceitfully deflected by my alleged friend.

Recently I devised a strategy for thwarting my feckless cottage mate. I quietly approach the den entrance, place a hand over my left eye, and with three quick steps land at the desk. This procedure has enabled me to tackle the paper backlog with persistence and energy. Just last Tuesday, for example, I worked steadily for almost 17 minutes before yielding to the seductive siren song of you know who.

To be fair, I can't place all the blame for the paper buildup on my friendly recliner. The desk chair also bears some responsibility. I am convinced that it was improperly assembled, for sitting in it for as little as ten or twelve minutes causes excruciating back pains. I get a similar reaction from sitting at my typewriter. Relief from such severe pain, I have discovered, comes only by extending my body horizontally on a level, lightly padded surface for thirty or forty minutes.

Today I skipped my after-breakfast newspaper and raced to my desk without so much as a sideward glance at DB. I recently read a good article on bolstering will power, and I am determined to make this month's **Collingtonian** deadline. I had a good night's rest and I am raring to go. I have now worked steadily for 12 minutes and am gaining confidence. If only this chair doesn't let me down. Just then there was a slight twinge beneath my left shoulder. But I am willing to bear these minor problems. The pain has moved to my middle back and I am experiencing difficulty breathing. I know that I can carry on, however, and have completed another sentence.

It would probably not matter much if I miss this one deadline. There's always the next month. Perhaps, if I rest for just five minutes, the pain will abate and I can resume writing. It's worth trying.

Walter W. Ristow
P.S. Please cancel the "Day Bed for Sale" ad.

WHO CARES?

Have you ever wondered what might happen to you if you should become ill while alone in your apartment or cottage. Let me tell you of my experience. At 10:30 one night I became ill and called the Health Center. Within a very few minutes a nurse was in my cottage. After making an assessment, Mrs. Tate called my doctor. Between the three of us we decided that even though I felt near despair, I could wait until morning to see a doctor. The following day I saw my doctor. He treated me and sent information concerning my health back to our Health Clinic. It is my subsequent experience that I wish to share with you.

For the next 10 days or so one of the Nursing Assistants visited me every day. All were kind, caring and most reassuring. Not only did they visit every day, they made me feel they were only a telephone call away if they were needed. In addition, I was contacted daily for my food preferences, and meals were sent to the cottage every day. Even after I no longer needed the service, I had frequent calls from Dr. Rodriguez or a member of her staff checking on me. I cannot express how reassuring this has been.

I wanted to share this experience with others in the event they too may be concerned about being alone and in need of help. I also want to express my deep appreciation to Gail Whitehead and her Health Service. They do care.

Iladene H. Filer

HEALTH SCALES

After moving to Collington I added a few pounds during the first months. Then, my weight leveled off at an acceptable figure. Not the best. But it would do. So I reveled in all aspects of the wide area of good things to eat. Of special interest were muffins, soups (cream or otherwise), lemon meringue pie, raisin rum ice cream and frozen chocolate yogurt. To make sure I was staying put, from time to time I stepped on the

scales. And each time I was delighted to see the pointer stop at the same spot.

One Sunday I had some trouble in getting a skirt fastened around the waist. And again several times in the next two weeks, things were tight. The full-length mirror in the living room revealed a shorter length to my outfits. But the scales gave no indication of any gain. Something must be wrong. I picked up the scales and placed them in a new spot -- in the kitchen. To my horror and chagrin, the pointer registered 15 pounds higher. Again, in the bathroom, the acceptable figure, 15 pounds less, appeared. It was perfectly clear: no more muffins, no more desserts, no more soups until 15 pounds disappear.

The moral of the story is that scales cannot be trusted when placed directly on a carpet with crinkled padding underneath.

Anonymous

MARTHA BLAKESLEE

All Collington residents, whether they realize it or not, have owed a "thank you" to Martha Blakeslee. It is she who has made our distinctive name-tags. And when we have lost or misplaced our tag, she has graciously produced a second.

To date, Martha has made over five hundred of the calligraphy name-tags, as well as designing the heading of this publication, **The Collingtonian, News & Views**. She has also made numerous posters for various meeting, location signs for the Library, and labels for special exhibits, such as those of the Gift Shop, maps and the recently exhibited Hummel figurines.

Her other talent, which we have also enjoyed, is in music. Many of us heard her and her husband Newton play at the Valentine Birthday Party and at a special recital, with Martha and Newton both playing recorders.

Martha Furman



"EN GARD!"

Congratulations to Dick Steere!

He has been fencing since 1926 and is still competing.

Dick and his older brother became interested in this sport, which also is an art, when his brother was a freshman at the University of Chicago. As a senior in high school, Dick considered himself most fortunate to be able to learn and practice with the University fencers. Here he won his first match. In Annapolis at the Naval Academy, Class of '31, Dick quickly learned a different style from his new coach, went on to captain the team his first class year, and was one of two Naval officers on the six member Olympic Foil Team in 1932. They brought home the bronze medal, the highest medal yet won in team fencing by the USA.

Finding it very convenient to pick up his bag with fencing gear

to take to sea, Dick continued to practice on shipboard throughout his Navy career. Local clubs welcomed him ashore; he has fenced in France, Denmark and Puerto Rico. From 1926 to 1990, there have been changes in the sport, yet most traditions linger. The padded buttonless jacket and pants are still white, originally to facilitate judges seeing weapon hits, but no longer necessary with electronic tips which light up an indicator for scoring. When the foil went electric, the wire-woven lamee vest was introduced to register the legal hits with this weapon to the chest and waist areas. To my surprise women have traditionally had fencing teams at the Olympic Games. Now that they are part of the service academies, women are represented at all levels of competition.

In March 1989, Dick celebrated his 80th birthday. The year before in Orlando, Florida., at the United States Fencing Association national competition, he won the foil event for entries over 65. Then he went on to place fifth among entries over 40. His local division in its newsletter recognized Dick's birthday and outstanding avocation in fencing by reprinting four pages of letters that had been sent in for this occasion. One man, Don Driskill, catches the flavor of many. He writes about the encouragement Dick had given him when he first started and how important this was to him as "Capt. Steere was the first Olympian I had ever met...In May 1982, I became a finalist at the National Championships...To have Capt. Steere be the one who stepped onto the platform to shake my hand, made the moment complete and unforgettable."

Dick is still fencing in excellent style by all reports. A real master with the foil (preferring this weapon to the epee or saber), he prefers the classic French school over the Italian or newly emerging Eastern European
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styles. As a class A competitor from '31 - the '60s, Dick is now a contented class B in the local Ohlson Fencing Club matches in Prince George's County and down at the Academy in Annapolis.

Hearty...direct...fully attentive...and quick: Dick Steere. Fencing has surely reinforced Dick's natural abilities and given him grace and stamina. He is giving fencing his best, a true Olympian.

Mary MacMartin

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Refunding the Fellowship Fund Grant

Many of you attended the ceremony in which the \$250,000 grant plus accumulated interest was given to Collington by the Washington Episcopal Diocese. It was this grant which enabled Collington to accept as residents persons who were expected to need help paying entrance and monthly fees. Collington's resulting economic diversity makes this Community special among continuing care retirement communities across the nation. You are urged to help Janet Jenkins, Collington's Development Coordinator, identify prospective sources of funds that will facilitate further Fund growth.

Expanding Cottages

As always residents have first priority for available cottages and apartments. Those who want to consider moving to a different unit should contact Resident Services (x2250). You must proceed immediately if you wish to move in order to exercise your priority. Since cottages are being expanded to match available units with demand for more space, you will want to send information about the larger units to friends and relatives who feel they need such units.

One Bedroom Cottages and Apartments

Remember, the residents in all units receive the same services. Also, the common rooms of the Creighton Center furnish additional spaces for recreation. A direct mailing to physicians in the area

is expected to be one source of referrals for available units.

Lifecare For Persons Needing Personal Assistance

A limited number of persons will be offered residence in the Creighton Center. Those who require some assistance in the activities of daily living will be guaranteed access to additional health care if needed. The direct mailing to area physicians will also describe this option for residence at Collington.

Gail Kohn



JANET EBERHART, SOCIAL SERVICE COORDINATOR

It is fun to interview the Collington staff; each turns out to be a person with a sense of mission. That is most certainly true of Janet Eberhart, our Social Services Coordinator. Truly she is our advocate.

Janet has, in a sense, had two careers. She was married before she finished her undergraduate program at Middlebury and chose the role of homemaker while her children were growing up. Bruce, her husband, was a chemical engineer when he decided to go to seminary and become an Episcopal priest. She supported but did not welcome that decision which, among other things, caused her to take a full

time job and nearly brought an end to her active volunteer involvement. Bruce began his ministry in Houston. After they came to the Washington area she decided to return to college. This time her major was Family and Community Development and she devoted special attention to the concept of life care. After graduating from the University of Maryland in 1979, she was Director of Social Services at Thomas House in Washington before becoming part of a Collington team engaged in the task of starting up a new facility. She feels especially fortunate to have worked for organizations which have supported her quest for a deeper understanding of her field. Post graduate courses have enabled her to be licensed as a nursing home administrator and to sharpen her counseling skills.

She had a ready answer when I asked her about her goals. Janet and I spoke for about an hour, but the message which she conveyed can be quickly summarized. She is very anxious to help residents. She wants to listen, to respond to people's concerns, whether their own or those of a neighbor or friend, and she wants to foster residents' efforts to help one another.

Her first task is to make us aware of her availability; she cannot respond unless she knows our concerns. She also seeks our confidence. Someone, fearful of change, may be reluctant to share worries that could raise doubts about their status. Be assured that Janet is committed to the Collington goal of supporting residents' efforts to remain self-sufficient. She and the staff teams she chairs are responsible for making decisions about whether individual residents are functioning successfully. Sometimes hard decisions must be made; another level of care may be needed.

There are several things she would like us to understand about staff evaluations. She is here because Collington wants someone who

knows and understands us to be available to us. Concerns about an individual's ability to function are assessed on the basis of knowledge about that individual and need not result in change of status. The process would be quite different if we had to depend on state agencies and outside groups. As we learn to know and care about one another, we will become increasingly willing to give the support which will sustain our friend's life-style. Thus, through our expressions of concern we can support the staff goals. Our last point. Our staff takes seriously the need to protect the privacy of residents. Therefore, although your insights about a neighbor who seems depressed or is perhaps having a difficult time coping are valued, and although staff understand that your concern does not end when you share it, it may not be necessary or appropriate for you to be involved in the response which is worked out with or for that person.

Mary C. MacLean

LIBRARY NOTES

When leaving gift magazines in the drop box, please leave your latest issue only. Multiple copies and back issues are not needed.

A second library table has been donated by Kara Cowley, daughter of Karl Wirth and President of The Other Store (commercial interiors). The gift of these two tables has enabled the magazines to be displayed in an orderly and attractive manner, doing away with the unsightly boxes previously holding supports for the magazines. Many thanks to Mrs. Cowley.

Two recent acquisitions are worthy of everyone's examination:

Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary. 27th edition. Saunders, 1988.

How to Prevent a Stroke; a complete risk prevention, by Peggy Jo Donahue and the Editors of **Prevention Magazine.** 1989.

John Voorhees
Chair, Library Committee

MUCH MORE THAN A "GIFT SHOP"

The room marked "Gift Shop" on the Creighton Center's first floor offers a very attractive array of potential gifts for family and friends, as everyone who has visited there can testify. But its contributions to our community by no means stop there. Many items often needed by residents themselves are on sale. Furthermore, through the dedicated efforts of the Gift Shop Committee -- one of the largest and most active committees of the Residents Association -- the shop has become a real economic success and the Association's chief income source.

The Gift Shop's profits during the 1990 fiscal year (ending March 31) will total about \$5,500, or 62 per cent of the Residents Association's total income. It is hoped that in 1991 these figures will be even higher. Clearly, the Gift Shop makes possible many Association activities -- such as , publication of this **Collingtonian**.

Lest anyone think these Gift Shop profits result from high prices, we should like to emphasize that this is definitely not the case. The prices charged there are often significantly lower and certainly no higher than those charged for the same items commercially. The Gift Shop can charge very moderate prices and still make profits because all the work is done by dedicated volunteers, not paid staff, and there are no rent, mortgage, or utility bills to be paid.

About 25 members of our community are now working for the Gift Shop -- some of them for a good many hours a week on a regular basis, some more irregularly. Whenever the Gift Shop is open, at least two people have to be on duty, as sales clerk and cashier. In addition, deciding on the items to be ordered from wholesalers for sale at the shop is a very demanding job. It took three committee members a whole morning just to select from catalogues the Christmas cards on sale last fall and

they have spent whole days selecting items at trade fairs. It of course takes hours also to unpack incoming merchandise and label and arrange each item for sale. Let us all say "Thank You" to the Gift Shop Committee for its efforts!

The things on sale at the shop are divided about 50/50 between attractive gifts, such as, jewelry, toys and greeting cards, and things Collington residents have said they would find useful for themselves, including hospital gowns, nighties, sweaters, bathing caps, and little animal magnets which both ornament refrigerator doors and help in sorting out the cans which should and should not be put out for recycling.

Suggestions as to additional items residents would like to have on sale are always very welcome. However, as one committee member put it, the Gift Shop does not have space to become a department store. It has to operate in one moderate-sized room, with some very limited storage space in the basement below. We would note that this storage space consists of cupboards designed and built for the purpose by three Collington residents, to whom the committee is very grateful.

Despite the limited space, the Gift Shop has achieved a broad assortment and an artistic arrangement of sale items. One special feature is the Children's Corner, which offers, among other things, very cute plush animals, children's books and drawing books at modest prices (mostly under \$5.00). The shop is also very pleased to announce the recent arrival of stationery with our Collington address.

In addition, as the author of this article discovered after some exploration, most unusual items are to be found on the shelves. For example, there are some charming pottery pots, handcrafted for the Collington Gift Shop, which are designed to hold moisture and thus provide an ideal growing place for African violets and other moisture

loving plants. And of special interest to ladies without pierced ears, there will soon be some ear-ring attachments which make it possible to wear any earrings without any surgery!

One question raised by many Collingtonians is why the Gift Shop is open only three afternoons a week (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday). The answer is that this is as much time as can be managed by the present volunteers. Additional volunteers are much needed and would be most welcome. To volunteer, please call Elizabeth Dougherty (7234) or Helen Hollingsworth (7314).

Helen Wood

MYSTERY BIRD

Was it a duck? Or a goose?
Or a creature of the imagination?

One day in February several Collington bird-watchers spotted a mystery bird on the lake. It plainly resembled a duck, but it was bigger than most ducks and its neck was almost as long as a goose's. This bird was generally light reddish-brown in color, with a black bill, black ring around the neck, black tail feathers and red legs. No such bird appears in the field guides for this part of the world. Some of the watchers wondered if they were dreaming.

But Mary MacMartin has apparently cleared up the mystery. She had seen such birds on the Eastern Shore and she felt confident that this was a cross between the familiar mallard and the muscovy duck, a big, gooselike bird brought to the U.S. from Central and South America. In fact, the mystery bird was consorting with several mallards. A telephone consultation with a leading local expert supported Mary's conclusion. No one had been dreaming.

Edward Behr

WATER CAUGHT 'ER - II

Our nun, as she rode out the flood,
Cried out to her Saint and her

Gaud.

To finish the tale:

She lodged in a swale,

Then staggered back home in the
mud.

R.W.V.

"VOLUNTEERS"

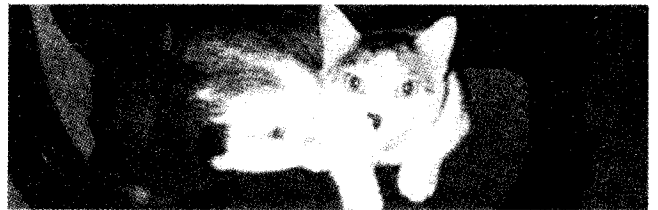
Many will be shocked to find
When the day of judgement nears;
That there is a special place in
heaven

Set aside for volunteers.
Furnished with recliners,
Satin couches and footstools;
Where there are no committee
chairmen,

No group leaders or carpools;
No eager team to need a coach;
No bazaar and no bakesale.
There will be nothing to staple,
Not one thing to fold or mail.
Telephone lists will be outlawed,
But a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinner,
Rare feast for queen and king.
You ask, "Who will serve these
privileged

Who work for all their worth?"
Why, all those who reaped the
benefits
And not once, volunteered on
earth.

Author Unknown



COLLINGTON PETS

Patches Wood is a precious little cat with unusual calico markings of black, tawny and white who resides in Cottage 4116 with Helen Wood. Helen adopted her as a kitten when she was two months old. She is now nearly twelve. Patches immediately adjusted to Collington when Helen moved into her cottage and began looking around in every room. Being very curious, Patches loves to get on top of the kitchen cabinets and into the closets.

One of Helen's friends, Pat Miller, says she should be called "Your Majesty" because she wants to be on top of everything. Patches is strictly an indoors cat. She loves Helen and her friends. Pick her up and she purrs. As for food, Patches has gourmet tastes. She is especially fond of Fancy Feast's Salmon/Shrimp combination.

Bob Willing

KEEPING FEEDERS DISEASE-FREE

It is very important to keep your bird feeders clean so that they don't become hosts to deadly diseases. Aspergillosis is a fungus caused by moldy food. Birds inhale the fungus spores which then lodge in the bird's lungs and air sacs, causing pneumonia or bronchitis. As the birds are dying, they wheeze, gasp, have diarrhea and sit with their feathers fluffed out.

Using clean, mold-free seed is a good preventative measure. Check your feeders after rain or snow and remove any wet seed in the bottom so that birds cannot find it.

Salmonella is caused by bacteria, particularly among flocking birds. The disease is contained in the feces and will remain on contaminated soil, foliage and feeders for months. Birds surviving this infection, in turn, become carriers. Birds stressed by crowding or cold will become lethargic and die of pneumonia.

Don't place your bird seed in areas where the birds might come into contact with droppings. Use hanging feeders which have staggered feeding ports. Clean the feeders at least once a year with a diluted solution of water and bleach. If you know the disease to be in your area, disinfect your feeders more often.

Always clean up the seed debris beneath your feeders at least once a week as a precaution.

Adapted from an article in the October 1989 issue of **Nature Society News**. Distributed by the Audubon Society.

Danny Poet, Conservation Chair

BIRD OF THE MONTH: AMERICAN KESTREL

On a sunny afternoon look for this bird on the signs or on the building at the hill top garden. Perhaps you remember him by his former name, the Sparrow Hawk.

Yes, he does feed on small birds, but also on rodents and insects. The male is about the size of a jay with pointed wings and a long tail -- characteristics of falcons. He is a beautiful bird with blue-gray wings and a rusty-colored tail and back. Although the female lacks the blue wings, both sexes have an interesting mustached black and white face pattern.

We hope they'll nest on our property.

Peggy Croft

**SOLUTION TO FEBRUARY'S
A PRESIDENT'S PUZZLE**

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