

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

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### **Board of Directors:**

**Robert. Abplanalp,**  
President

**Ted Jamison,**  
Vice President/Grounds  
**Bud Maher\***  
**Ray Bleiweiss\***

**Charles Conley,**  
Treasurer

**Barbara Johnson,**  
Correspondence Secretary

**MJ Abplanalp,**  
Reporting Secretary  
/Newsletter

**Mike Blakely,**  
Maintenance

**Mike Chadwick,**  
Website

**Debbie Detwieler,**  
Planning & Development

**Dave Wiseman,**  
Architecture

**Ken Yankowski,**  
Lakes

**Marion Moates\***  
Hospitality

**\*Non Board Members**

### Reflections of 2014

The annual Medford Commons Board of Director's Meeting was held on November 14, 2014. Each officer gave an overview of accomplishments during 2014. Highlights included: New treatment plan for the lakes, repair of the bubblers in Lake #1, along with the repair of the spillway in Lake #1; installation of the fountain in Lake #2; new vendor for landscaping; removal of dead or at risk trees; repair and painting of mailboxes. It was noted that a successful Spring Clean Up event of the grounds was held by residents. The treasurer's report was given and review of the decision to increase the assessment to \$1,000 for 2015 was discussed. Payments can be made in one payment before January 15 or in two payments (\$500 each) – 1<sup>st</sup> before January 15 and 2<sup>nd</sup> before May 15, 2015.

### Appointment of Officers

The Board met on December 8, 2014 and unanimously appointed Bob Abplanalp as President, Ted Jamison, Vice President; Barbara Johnson, Correspondence Secretary; MJ Abplanalp, Recording Secretary. Mike Blakely was unanimously elected at the annual meeting to a three year term to the board. Mike's oversight will be Maintenance.

### Reflections of 2015

Looking forward to 2015 we anticipate more concentration on tree maintenance, lake and ground maintenance, which will include a spring clean-up day and home inspection.

### Storm Poles/Reflectors

As you drive around the Commons, you will note that storm poles with reflectors have been placed at strategic points on Barnstable and around the circle. These are provided for snow plowing purposes to advise where the road ends and grounds begin. They are also used as a deterrent from trucks and other vehicles from parking on the grass areas.

### Trash Containers

It has been noted that some residents have been putting trash in the trash cans without having it in bags. This presents a problem in that trash not contained in bags can be left behind on the courts, which blow on the roads and the property of other residents. Please be mindful of this when you are placing trash in cans.

*Congratulations*

## Best Wishes to the Danielkos

This year we say Good bye to one of the original families to buy in Medford Commons. Both Vince and Eileen Danielko have been strong contributors to the growth, development and spirit of the Commons. They will be missed, and we wish them well and are hopeful they will still keep in touch with their many friends here.



*Hope & Peace  
For the New Year*

*Smiling is  
Infectious, you  
catch it like the  
flu,*

*When someone  
smiled at me  
today, I started  
smiling too.*

*I passed around  
the corner and  
someone saw my  
grin, when he  
smiled, I realized  
I'd passed it on to  
him.*

*I thought about  
that smile, then I  
realized its'  
worth,*

*A single smile just  
like mine could  
travel around the  
earth.*

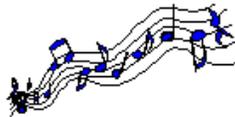
*So, if you feel a  
smile begin, don't  
leave it  
undetected, Let's  
start an epidemic  
quick, and get the  
world infected.*

*-Russell H. Conwell*



## Reading Club News

The Reading Club held its holiday luncheon at the home of MJ Abplanalp, where they shared friendship and their observations on reading; The Christmas Box by Richard Paul Evans. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13 at 12:30 at 5 Nantucket Court (home of Marion Moates). Each member will read their own book selection and give a critique. If you would like to attend (need not be a present member) please contact MJ Abplanalp (609-57-3389) or Barbara Conley at (609 654-5087). All are welcome!



## Music of the Season

Congratulations to Mike and Suzanne Chadwick of Nantucket Court on bringing joy to the Christmas season. Mike and Suzanne Chadwick, along with George Ross Somerville and Brenda Belohoubek, make up the principal singers for the choral quartet "The Village Carolers" ([www.thevillagecarolers.com](http://www.thevillagecarolers.com)). The Village Carolers performed this past season at numerous events in five states throughout the mid-Atlantic region, dressed in Victorian period costumes. They brought their professional voices and demeanor to enhance the holiday spirit at various private and public events. Suzanne has been singing professionally in the area, using her talents to enhance various choral groups, societies, and last summer was part of a world premiere performance of a new musical, "The True Legend of Sleepy Hollow". The Village Carolers recently released their first recording, entitled "Sing We Now of Christmas", which can be purchased directly from the Chadwicks, through their web site [www.thevillagecarolers.com](http://www.thevillagecarolers.com), or through various digital publishers including iTunes, Amazon, CD Baby, and many others.



## Fun for April, 2015

The Pinelands Auxiliary of Virtua Hospital is presenting a "Chocoholics Day in Philadelphia" on Thursday, April 16. Itinerary includes: Lunch, art exhibits, chocolate & wine tasting, shopping and so much more. Transportation is included.

Contact Barbara Conley or MJ Abplanalp for more information and a flyer.