

Fantastic 50's Plus



2014

Your Social Teams

Fall: Tom Cusack, Harriet Shikes, Maryjane Evans

Winter: Gary Tomar, Pete Krasowski, Teresa Gizzi, Pat Jones, Jim Enright

Spring: Deanna Kingkiner, Hilda Sers, Joyce Beatrice, Harriet Shikes, Linda Switzer

Summer: Georgian Crusenberry, Loretta Krewson, Harriet Shikes, Betty Mckeown, Joan Knisell, Maryjane Evans

Operations: Pete Gentili, Georgian Crusenberry, Loretta Krewson, Tom Cusack, Den DiMarco, Gerri Mornell, Janet Kelleher, Don Nelson

Photographer: Barb Snow

Treasurer's report

Balance 7/31/14	\$2596.37
Deposits	\$1514.12
Expenses	\$ 275.51
Balance 8/31/14	\$3,834.98

Many thanks to our gracious and selfless hosts without whom there would be no Fantastic 50s!

Octoberber Events	2-3
November & Beyond	4
Calendar	5
Joining/Renewal Info	6

Bon Voyage to Bermuda!

By Don Nelson

Off we go in two small buses to Baltimore Harbor to board the "Grandeur of the Seas." Our spirits were high. Everything ran smoothly from the start, giving confidence that the



planning was very good. This was no small ship, the highest deck being number eleven. We're cruisin' with the birds.

In this floating city, activities run all day and half the night. you may



bask in the Sun, enjoy a show, have a massage, relax in the pool, gamble ... it never ends. One of the crazy bits of entertainment around the

pool was a "Sexiest Man Contest" You had to be there as about 10 studly shirtless guys paraded their stuff before four lady judges. Pictures would not do justice to the guys' presentations of

themselves to the judges or an occasional whack on a male posterior by a lady judge. We loved it! The true winner - the audience.

Our evening meal on board was a more formal gathering of the group. Out of 41 in Frannie's "gang", about 14 were Fan50 members. We always sat together, getting to know each other by comparing experiences. Other meals were unscheduled, allowing us to meet other passengers on the cruise. That's lots of fun, also.

We were directed to set

(Continued on page 5)

Antique Road Show is Back!

By Tom Cusack

Back by popular demand is the "Fan 50's Antique Roadshow" featuring Bruce Dooley. As in past years, Bruce will provide an assessment of antiques and/or interesting items brought to the Roadshow by Fan 50 members.

He will present to the group in attendance some interesting information about each item and provide an idea of what the item is worth in the marketplace. This has been a big favorite for the past couple of years, so don't miss it.

For all the details see the event description for the date 10/15.

We need your help!

Dear Fantastics:

The monthly newsletter is the critical component to keeping everyone in the Club up to date on forthcoming activities.

The role of "Event Collector" is vitally important to producing the monthly newsletter.

Janet Kelleher has been our Event Collector for several years now. Due to other personal commitments, Janet needs to step down from this role. We need another member to assume this role so we can continue to publish the newsletter.

(Continued on page 6)

Don't forget to mark your calendars!

Wednesday 10/1
Phase 10 6 pm
Pennsauken \$2

The Phase 10 games have been very enjoyable but there is room for a few more Phase 10 players. The evening games are hosted by Barbara Snow in Pennsauken. Players need a roll of quarters and a snack to share. Call Barbara at 856.665.5722 for directions and to reserve your spot. **Limit 12 Members.**

Thursday 10/2
Dance Party 7 pm – 12 am
Sewell No Cover

Dance to the oldies with Jack Peacock “live” at Seven Star Diner, 1890 Hurffville Road. Host is Toni 856.340.5473 or email CToni4Travel@aol.com.

Friday 10/3
Pinochle 7 pm
Sewell \$2

Join us for a friendly night of pinochle. Call Pete G at 856.270.2527 to reserve a spot and receive directions. Location is 31 Brighton Place. Please do not park in numbered spaces. Bring a snack to share. **Limit 24, Members Only.**

Saturday 10/4
Bird Walk 8 am
Clayton Free

Fall color will likely be at its best for this leisurely early morning walk. During the walks, we also enjoy the companionship of other nature lovers. Bring your binoculars and/or super zoom camera, and dress for the weather. Location is Scotland Run Park Nature Center, 980 E Academy Street, 08312. Register by calling Jill at 856.881.0845 or email LTaylor@co.gloucester.nj.us. To join a 7:30 AM Turnersville car pool, call Den at 856.842.1790.

Saturday 10/4
Dance Party 7:30-11:30 pm
Sewell No Cover

Dance to the oldies with Jack Peacock “live” at Bogey’s Club & Café, 501 Pitman Road. Tables must be reserved in advance at 856.582.0160 or arrive early at 6:30 pm to get a seat at the bar. Host is Toni 856.340.5473 or email CToni4Travel@aol.com.

Sunday 10/5
Opera Gala
Tomasello Winery \$75

If you have not already ordered your tickets to Tomasello’s **Harvest Gala** on Sunday, October 5th, now is the time. The menu choices are Grilled Sirloin marinated with blue cheese, or Fresh Flounder stuffed with spinach and roasted red peppers. Please call Lori at the winery for tickets at 800.666.9463. The \$75 charge may be paid by check or credit card. For more information, contact your host Don Nelson at 856.772.9270 or donnels@yahoo.com.

Wednesday 10/8
Canasta 6:30 pm
Mount Laurel Free

If you are a member of the Canasta Club, join your group tonight at the Mount Laurel Community Center, 100 Walt Whitman Avenue. Only Fan 50 members who are already members of the Canasta Club may attend. We have a few openings at this time, so call Dot Crowe for information at 856.608.1068.

Thursday 10/9
Phase 10 1 pm
Sewell \$2

The Phase 10 games have been very

enjoyable. There is room for a few more Phase 10 players. Players need a roll of quarters and a snack to share. Call Jean at 856.256.9238 for directions and to reserve your spot. **Limit 12 Members.**

Thursday 10/9
Dance Party 7 pm – 12 am
Sewell No Cover

Dance to the oldies with Jack Peacock “live” at Seven Star Diner, 1890 Hurffville Road. Host is Toni 856.340.5473 or email CToni4Travel@aol.com.

Friday 10/10
Pinochle 7-10 pm
Voorhees, NJ \$2

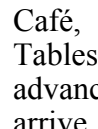
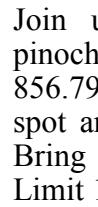
Join us for a friendly night of pinochle. Call Linda N at 856.795.0535 to reserve a spot and receive directions. Bring a snack to share. **Limit 16 Members Only.**

Saturday 10/11
Dance Party 7:30-11:30 pm
Sewell No Cover

Dance to the oldies with Jack Peacock “live” at Bogey’s Club & Café, 501 Pitman Road. Tables must be reserved in advance at 856.582.0160 or arrive early at 6:30 pm to get a seat at the bar. Host is Toni 856.340.5473 or email CToni4Travel@aol.com.

Wednesday 10/15
Meeting/Social 6 pm
Bellmawr \$4

Back by popular demand is the “Fan 50’s Antique Roadshow” featuring Bruce Dooley. As in past years, Bruce will provide an assessment of antiques and/or interesting items brought to the Roadshow by Fan 50 members. He will present to the group in attendance some interesting



So much to do, so little time!

(Continued from page 2)

information about each item and provide an idea of what the item is worth in the marketplace. This has been a big favorite for the past couple of years, so don't miss it.

Bring one item to be appraised at the "Fan 50's Antique Roadshow." At the front of the hall there will be tables set up for all the items to be displayed. Put your item on the display table immediately after you arrive and then enjoy the "munchies" (salads, snacks, appetizers, desserts, etc.) and socialize with your Fan 50 friends.

During the munching and socializing period (usually until around 7:15) Bruce will be appraising all the items. Starting around 7:15, Bruce will present to everyone his thoughts and appraisal for each item, one at a time.

Everyone in attendance gets to hear interesting information about not only their item, but interesting information about all the items presented for appraisal. This is a really interesting evening, and Bruce's presentation is excellent.

Doors open at 6 pm. Charge is \$4 per person plus a contribution to the munchies table. Soft drinks are served free of charge, but if you want to BYOB the bar will serve you and provide setups. The bar also offers a full selection of drinks for \$2. We will also have a 50-50 drawing.

Thursday 10/16
Movie Night 7 pm
Voorhees \$5

Join Hilda S and other Fan 50's for a movie at the Carmike Theater (formerly the Ritz 16) starting around 7 pm and join us for a snack afterwards. The discounted tickets are \$5.00. Call



Hilda at 609.859.2084 to get information about the movie.

Thursday 10/16
Dance Party 7 pm – 12 am
Sewell No Cover

Dance to the oldies with Jack Peacock "live" at Seven Star Diner, 1890 Hurffville Road. Host is Toni 856.340.5473 or email CToni4Travel@aol.com.



Friday 10/17
Pinochle 7 pm
Mount Laurel, NJ \$2

Join us for a night of pinochle. Call Joyce C at 856.231.4535 to reserve a spot and receive directions. Bring a snack to share. Limit 20, **Members Only**.



Sunday 10/19 (rain date 10/26)
Fall Foliage Float Event 9 am
Eastampton, NJ Free

Canoe on the Rancocas Creek and see fall foliage as you float along. It all starts from historic Smithville Park. Paddlers will be shuttled back to the park for entertainment and activities for all ages. Canoeing and kayaking are free on a first-come, first-serve basis. Paddlers must sign a waiver which will be available online. Back at Smithville visitors can dance to music, tour the grounds or walk nature trails. Refreshments and unique crafts will be available for sale. Meet Marilyn at the park, 803 Smithville Road, Eastampton, NJ 08060 at 9 am at the launch site. For more information call Marilyn L at 856.529.2229 or email her at marilun2@gmail.com.



Sunday 10/19
Philly POPS-- Era of ABBA 2 pm
Kimmel Center, Philly
Relive heartwarming musical

memories with hits of the 70's including the Bee Gees, John Denver, Carole King and Elton John, reimagined for the incomparable Philly POPS Orchestral.

Then dance in your seat to a spectacular selection of ABBA music, featuring **Rajaton**, an internationally renowned vocal ensemble, direct from Finland. Enjoy ABBA's biggest hits from the Broadway smash hit *Mamma Mia!* and more, including favorites *Dancing Queen*, and *Take a Chance on Me*. **This event is for season ticket holders only.**

Contact Betty G at 856.787.8611 for any seats that may be available from the ticket-holders.



Wednesday 10/22
Canasta 6:30 pm
Mount Laurel Free

If you are a member of the Canasta Club, join your group tonight at the Mount Laurel Community Center, 100 Walt Whitman Ave. Only Fan 50 members who are already members of the Canasta Club may attend. We have a few openings at this time, so call Dot Crowe for information at 856.608.1068.



Thursday 10/23
Book Club 7 pm
Cherry Hill Free

The book discussed this month will be *The Boy Who Said No* by Patti Sheehy. The meeting will be held upstairs at Wegman's on Route 70. For info or questions, call Sallie U at 856.742.5540.



(Continued on page 4)

There is something here for everyone!

(Continued from page 3)

Thursday **10/23**
Dance Party **7 pm – 12 am**
Sewell **No Cover**



Dance to the oldies with Jack Peacock "live" at Seven Star Diner, 1890 Hurffville Road. Host is Toni 856.340.5473 or email

CToni4Travel@aol.com.

Friday **10/24**
Pinochle **7 pm**
Medford, NJ **\$2**



Join us for a friendly night of pinochle. Call Judie W at 609.654.4696 to reserve a spot and receive directions. Bring a snack to share. Limit 20, Members only.

Saturday **10/25**
Dance Party **7:30-11:30 pm**
Sewell **No Cover**



Dance to the oldies with Jack Peacock "live" at Bogey's Club & Café, 501 Pitman Road. Tables must be reserved in advance at 856.582.0160 or arrive early at 6:30 pm to get

a seat at the bar. Host is Toni 856.340.5473 or email CToni4Travel@aol.com.

Sunday **10/26**
Photography club **2 pm**
Turnersville **\$2**

Members will present and discuss their three best "Change of seasons" photos. Email your photos to DDM444@Comcast.net before the club meeting.



For directions call Den at 856.842.1790 or send him an email at DDM444@Comcast.net.

Thursday **10/30**
Dance Party **7 pm – 12 am**
Sewell **No Cover**

Dance to the oldies with Jack Peacock "live" at Seven Star Diner, 1890 Hurffville Road. Host is Toni 856.340.5473 or email CToni4Travel@aol.com.

This is also a wonderful opportunity to socialize and get some healthful exercise

Location is Scotland Run Park Nature Center, 980 E Academy Street, 08312. Register by calling Jill at 856.881.0845 or email at LTaylor@co.gloucester.nj.us. To join a 7:30 AM Turnersville car pool, call Den at 856.842.1790.

November and Beyond

Saturday **11/1**
Bird Walk **8 am**
Clayton **Free**

Fall color might still be wonderful for this leisurely early morning walk. During the walks, we also enjoy the companionship of other nature lovers. Bring your binoculars and/or super zoom camera, and dress for the weather.



Payments

Unless otherwise noted, please send all payments/bills to:

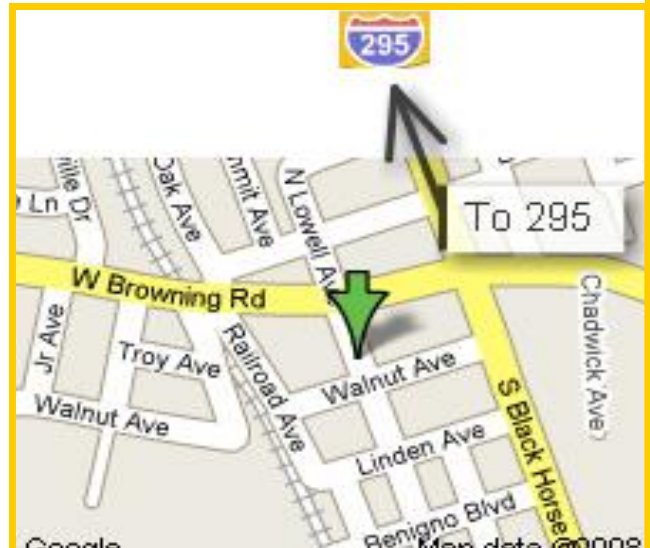
Fantastic 50s
 c/o Loretta Krewson
 237 S. Atlantic Ave. East, Unit B
 Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Deadline for November Newsletter

Monday, 10/20, is the deadline for event info/articles to appear in the next newsletter. Call Janet Kelleher at 856.608.1436 or email her at jpkelleher368@yahoo.com

**Meeting/Social Location: 81 S. Lowell Avenue
 Bellmawr, NJ 08031**

From Route 295, take exit 28 for State Hwy 168 S toward NJ Tpke/Runnemede/ Bellmawr, then Black Horse Pike south a few blocks to a right on Browning Road, then left on S. Lowell.



Were you here?!

(Continued from page 1)

our clocks ahead an hour on the first night. This would be Atlantic Time which is the time of Bermuda. OMG! ... The next day, hundreds of passengers with iPhones found their time to be three hours off. HAD WE BEEN HI-JACKED? Were we wrong to discard our wrist-watches? Steve Jobs, where are you when we need you? Someone figured we were on Greenwich



Horseshoe Bay

Mean Time, GMT, the world standard from London. Will our iPhones ever be right again? Good fortune was ours as the electronics magically corrected during the next night. Whew!

It's difficult to understand the group of islands known as



Downtown Hamilton

"Bermuda." Seven large islands are inter-connected by bridges forming what looks, from the air, like a giant fishhook. These are "the main event" for most tourists. Scattered around the area are over a hundred smaller islands, some privately owned with homes, accessible only



City Hall & Arts Center, Hamilton

by boat. The islet count includes many formations too small to be useful. Tour guides and published literature do not agree on the number which varies from 130 to over 700.

Bermuda enjoys sub-tropical climate thanks to its proximity to the Gulf Stream. Gorgeous tropical flowers are found everywhere. Tropical fruits and vegetables also



Ellie Peterson, Barbara Snow, Maureen Ford, Joan Knisell

thrive. What cannot thrive in this paradise is crime. It is just too expensive for criminals to survive.

Our time on the islands was limited to two days and a few hours so it must be spent efficiently. A tour by bus was one choice for this vacationer. We traveled the far



Pink Building in St George

western and the southern coasts viewing the pink beaches, beautiful flowers, and a stop and tour of the Crystal Caves.

I hadn't been to a cave for years so found this enjoyable. A friend said "Once you've seen a cave, you've



Ebenezer Methodist Church, St. George

seen them all." Not so! This one had still water about two feet deep with its own unique collection of droppings. Anyone care to jump in? The year round temperature was 71 degrees, a bit warmer than the 56 degrees in caves closer to home.

On the return we stopped at the Aquarium



and ended in Hamilton where we had time to browse.

Hamilton has some lovely areas, like Church Street lined with gorgeous Poinciana trees that are in full bloom with large red flowers in August. One thing that stopped me short was business men walking around town in shorts wearing suit-coats and neckties in 90+ degree weather. Who would believe?

Curiosity had this writer wondering what goes on in the far

Or did you miss out?!



Replica of the "Deliverance", Sir George Somers Ship, St. George

north-eastern island of St. George. It was the first island to be inhabited by the British in the early 17th century. This start was not by chance. The islands are surrounded by a reef, which, while providing a protective barrier, also prevents friendly ships from landing. The only pass through the reef is in the northeast near St. George Island.

You have to wonder what the settlers' life was like in the 17th century. What



Tobacco Bay

crimes, if any? What discipline was needed? Wooden stocks used to punish minor crimes are still on display in the courtyard of St. George. The current residents make fun of one early law by staging a trial and punishment of a woman who **talked too much**.

Dressed in the garb of the day, several men try the poor woman (when they can get a word in.) She finally is convicted and sentenced to be dunked. The dunking is done with a contraption undreamed of in those days, where the woman is tied in a seat attached to a Rube Goldberg device which drops her into St. George's Harbour. As water flies in all directions, the crowd cheers!

With so much more to see, there's no question; the trip ended too soon. We

need to plan another cruise to Bermuda.

Thanks go to our host, Toni, and Frannie M., our travel agent, who did a lot of planning that made the trip such a success. Several others joined the effort



Don's room mate after a long night

to compose this article by submitting pictures. Pat N., Frannie M., Barb S. and Mary N. joined the author.

(Help Continued from page 1)

The Event Collector receives information from various club members that are hosting events, and develops this information into copy for the newsletter. This role also involves contacting certain club members that host events each month (e.g. card games, movie night, dance parties) to gather event information and develop into copy for the newsletter. This contacting happens once a month, usually via email and occasionally by phone.

You would need a basic knowledge of email and Word. Much of the work is copy & paste, often simply reusing previously used event descriptions, and changing the event date and time. You may call Janet for more details at 856.608.1436 or email her at janetkelleher@verizon.net. She will train you as the new Event Collector and help you get started.

As you know, the newsletter is the lifeblood of the organization, so we need your help. - Regards, Tom

Picnic Photos








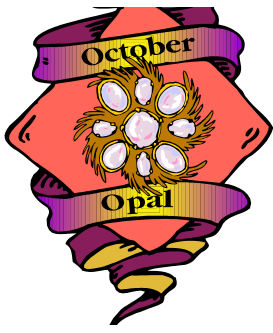
Picnic photos by Den DiMarco



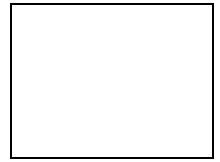
OCTOBER 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Phase 10 	2 Dance @ 7 Star Diner 	3 Pinochle 	4 Bird Walk  Dance Party @ Bogeys 
5 Opera Gala Tomasello Winery 	6	7	8 Canasta Club 	9 Phase 10  Dance @ 7 Star Diner 	10 Pinochle 	11 Dance @ Bogeys 
12	13	14	15 Meeting/ Social— Antique Road Show 	16 Dance @ 7 Star Diner  Movie Night 	17 Pinochle 	18
19 Fall Foliage Float  Philly Pops Era of ABBA 	20	21	22 Canasta Club 	23  Dance @ 7 Star Diner 	24 Pinochle 	25 Dance @ Bogeys 
26 Photography Club 	27	28	29	30	31	



Fantastic 50's
521 Whitman Drive
Turnersville, NJ 08012



Joining and Renewing!

To join, or to renew your membership, send a check made payable to "Fantastic 50's" for \$20 and mail to **Fantastic 50's, 521 Whitman Drive, Turnersville, NJ 08012**. Write *Membership* on the check and include your email address and phone number so that we may update our membership records. If you're a member of Fantastic 50's, and you'd like to know **when** to renew, check the address label on your newsletter. There you'll see "Your membership expires mm/dd/yyyy" (where mm/dd/yyyy is your date of expiration.) Renew a month **before** then!

Our Club—A Quick View

When we started this club in October of 2000, our goal was to provide interesting social activities for people over 50 years of age.

Since that time we've sponsored thousands of activities from free concerts in local parks to trips to Hong Kong.

While not intended to be a partnership meeting place, many of us have found lasting friendships. We've noticed that the more involved you are, the more

satisfying the friendships become. As you might expect, we've seen our share of marriages as well.

Some other events include dance parties at local clubs, pinochle games, Kimmel Center concerts, dinners, trips and special interest groups like photography and birding.

We have no limit as to what adventure might be sponsored. Belonging is lots of fun. Lonely nights tend to disappear.

We provide descriptions of events and current information by way of a monthly newsletter, a web site and a weekly email. We email special changes as needed.

The basis of our club is members hosting events for other members. That is what keeps the club vibrant and moving forward. So think of something you would like to do or attend, and host it as a club event. We need your participation.