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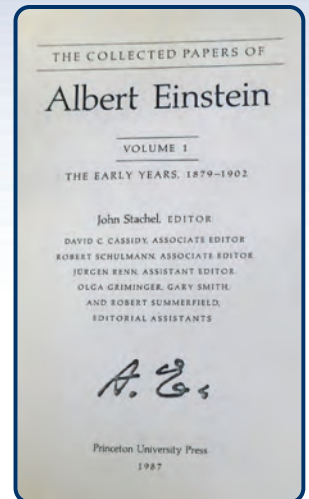
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In Memoriam

Einstein & I

When I entered first grade in 1939 in Munich, Germany, students were taught to read and write in the old German script called “Gothic.” In 1942, this script was changed to the modern “Latin.” Years later, due to my knowledge of the Gothic script, I obtained a position as an editorial assistant at the Princeton University Press to specifically work on the publication of the 1st volume of *The Collected Papers of Albert Einstein, Volume One: The Early Years, 1879 -1902*. Since Professor Einstein wrote in Gothic until 1905, I was seen as the perfect addition to the team at Princeton. I was asked to translate his personal papers from Gothic to English, such as: his birth certificate, grades and courses in school, his mother's letters to her sister, and his letters to Mileva Maric, whom he married in 1903. These letters offered a unique opportunity and opened a window into Einstein's professional and personal life and showed his deep imagination, creativity, and passion. After translating his personal documents, I would then transcribe them, as well as some scientific papers, including correspondence with friends and teachers, into an updated working document. These transcripts had to be an exact replica of what Professor Einstein created. For example, if Einstein misspelt a word, or he crossed out words, I had to do the exact same in the translation. I measured the space required for his graphs and calculations and left the equivalent space on the paper. My transcripts were then given to the editor who was a professor of physics and he would add the applicable graphs to the content. Then the papers were checked for accuracy by the associate editor, who was a professor of history of science. After all the final reviews were complete and we received approval, the material was sent to the printer.



Following the publication of *The Collected Papers: Volume One*, I was asked to translate communications between Professor Einstein and Russian & French scientists. These scientific papers were also published and used by many scientists, often from foreign countries, who came to Princeton University to view Einstein's papers. The visiting professors often found time for friendly leisurely lunches and coffee chats with the staff.

The first volume of *The Collected Papers* was officially published - mostly in German - in 1987. A ceremony in honor of the publication was held at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington D.C., to which my husband and I were invited. I was thrilled when I received praise and much applause during the award speeches, for my contributions to this project. The team continuing to publish Einstein's work moved to Boston University in 1984. I was asked to move and continue my work with the team in Boston, but unfortunately I could not do so at that time in my life.

My experience working on Einstein's collected works was the opportunity of a lifetime and I felt like I was able to get a peek into his secret world. It was an honor and a part of my life I will never forget.

Article by: Olga Griminger

Photos by: Housing & Marketing Services



The editorial team at the Princeton University Press. (1982)

Pictured Left to Right: Dr. Robert Shulman - Associate Editor; Mrs. Olga Griminger - Editorial Assistant; Dr. John Stachel - Editor; Dr. John Norton - Editorial Assistant



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Creating Pen-Friends & Giving Back

Founded in 1992, the Friendship Center at Schooley's Mountain was the very first Intergenerational Childcare Center in Northwest New Jersey. The idea for the school was sparked by former Heath Village Board of Trustees member John Reynolds and then Executive Director, Patrick Brady who believed that the school represented an opportunity to provide a unique learning and development experience for the children while enriching the lives of Heath Village residents at the same time.

Central to the school's mission is its award-winning pen pal program designed to bring together residents and the students ages two through five. Every pre-K student is assigned a Heath Village resident pen pal.

Pen pal meetings are held monthly and usually include a number of activities to help the children and their pen pal get to know one another. They may sing songs, read, play silly games, or do an arts & crafts project. Oftentimes, in between their get-togethers they write notes to one another. Some of these special notes grow into letter writing between the resident and their pen pal that continues well beyond the time the student graduates from the Friendship Center.

Jennifer Jensen has been the Director of the Friendship Center since 2006. "One of the things that drew me to the position was the special connection to Heath Village and the programs that we share with our resident volunteers. The Pen Pal program right from the start became one of my favorite parts of my job. We look forward to our gatherings throughout the year for our students and pen pals to enjoy! Get Acquainted Day, holiday parties, and my personal favorite, the Thanksgiving Feast...to name a few," said Jennifer.

"Throughout my years at the Friendship Center, I have been lucky enough to become friends with so many wonderful Heath Village residents who have shared their talents, expertise, life experiences and laughs with us! Some residents have shared their time for a year or two, while others for almost 20 years. I love it when a pen pal tells me the Friendship Center is the reason they chose Heath Village," continued Jennifer.

Pat Taylor has been a part of the program for 18 years. "We are so fortunate to have the Friendship Center here on our campus. I couldn't imagine not having it in my life. Residents read stories to the children when they visit our campus library for story time and help them check out a book from our children's section designed specifically for them. Other residents teach simple words in a foreign language, play musical instruments, and sing songs with the students. This relationship is so enriching for both generations. It helps keep us young," said Pat.

A former high school math teacher, Bill Blaskopf is both a pen pal and a volunteer at the school for two years now. He visits the 4-year-old classes every Tuesday for about 45 minutes to play a math game with them. "I do not usually refer to what I am doing as a 'math' game, I just say that I am sharing one of my favorite games with them. The kids are so open to what I bring and are truly excited to participate. They share with me that they can't wait for my return. There is nothing better than walking into a classroom and hearing a group of young voices calling 'Mr. Bill, Mr. Bill,'" said Bill.

The Pen Pal program continues to make a positive impact in our community and is definitely one of the many reasons why Heath Village is truly a unique retirement community.

Article by: Friendship Center Director Jennifer Jensen and Heath Village Residents Pat Taylor & Bill Blaskopf

Photos by: Friendship Center Staff and Housing & Marketing Services



Resident Bill Blaskopf with his friends at the Friendship Center playing a game



Resident Pat Taylor enjoying story time with her Friendship Center pals in the Heath Village library.

A Growing Appreciation

As told by The Heath Village Story, found in our library, The Employee Appreciation Fund was first established in 1971 as the Employees' Christmas Fund. Since employees cannot accept gratuities, the residents established the fund to show our appreciation and gratitude for the help and services provided by staff members.

Fifty-two years later, Heath Village has more residents, more services, and more employees. As a result, and thanks to the generosity of our residents, the Fund has grown exponentially. In 2023, residents contributed a record \$95,500; an increase of 26% over the previous year! Two hundred seventy-four eligible employees received appreciation checks on December 15. The average check amount was \$348.54, which, I am sure, brightened their holiday season. Many thanks to everyone who donated this year.

Fund donations affirm our appreciation for our employees faithful efforts to keep residents safe, clean, comfortable, entertained, and deliciously fed on two beautifully landscaped and maintained campuses. We all have "special" employees that we personally rely on in healthcare, dining, and housekeeping services. However, many of the employees whose daily work activity we greatly value and that plays an important role in our community are less visible. The fund remembers them as well.

It is never too soon to "grow" the 2024 fund balance and personally, I have already begun planning my 2024 tax-deductible donation. We have three donation collection boxes throughout our campus located in Heath House, Mayflower House, and the Meadows. We plan to raise the bar this coming year and continue to show our growing appreciation to all Heath Village employees. It takes a village to build a village!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Article by: Dick Kline, Residents' Council Treasurer

Photos by: Housing & Marketing Services



Dick Kline, pictured with the Residents' Council and Kelly Stiles – Human Resources Director, addressing the Heath Village employees prior to distributing appreciation checks.

Christmas Joy Celebrated Every Day!

What better way to get our Heath Village residents into the Christmas spirit than with our annual trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse!

We started our meal with a delicious salad and coffee or tea or a drink from the bar. We were then served our meal of choice - the pot roast and chicken franchise were excellent. Following our meal, we were able to select from an array of yummy desserts! We were advised the dessert table would disappear once the show began so we took advantage of getting a full buffet and brought them back to our table to receive our sugar high prior to the show!

Prior to the show, an announcement was made that there would be two acts as well as an intermission. Instead of the usual large chorus and Hunterdon Hills orchestra, the show featured eight performances. The theme of the show was how a lack of Christmas spirit can be changed if we believe in celebrating the joy felt during this time of year EVERY DAY, not just on Christmas Day. The talented actors conveyed this meaning through beautiful songs and the storyline.

The show was wonderful and really made you excited for Christmas. The message deeply resonated with the audience. We were part of the show too, as the audience at the end of the show was encouraged to sing along with some favorite classic holiday songs we all remember from childhood. Overall, just a terrific day to get all of us in the Christmas spirit. Great food, wonderful desserts, and a show not to be missed at a beautifully decorated venue for the holidays.

A quick ride back to Heath Village and we were once again home. A great day indeed. My wife and I can't wait to go next year!

Article by: Gary Hills

Photos by: Activities Department



Festivities at The Farmhouse



As the trees, lights and decorations were going up all over our campus, I thought, “why not in our beautiful Farmhouse as well?” I discussed this idea with my co-workers, and we agreed that for those traveling to visit their loved ones and staying at our bed & breakfast for the holidays, it would make their stay more festive. Seeing a decorated tree, lights and garland may remind them of holiday memories from their childhood.

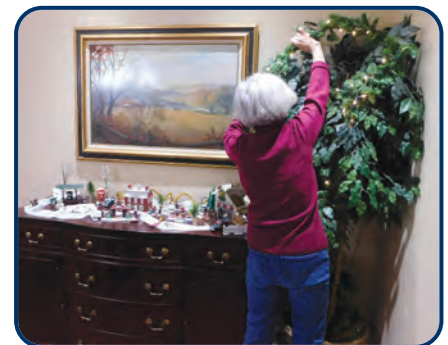
I decided to reach out to our enthusiastic and creative residents for help. Who better to ask than them? A great group of residents jumped at the chance to decorate the Farmhouse for the very first time in the history of Heath Village since we

began offering this guest accommodation back in November 1997! Decorating included a bright, twinkling Christmas tree in the window, a cozy, small town village on the fireplace mantle and Santa greeting you at the door with a candle to offer a warm welcome.

Adding to the festive decorating party was Erna Dietz who was the life of the party in her head to toe elf costume. Carolyn Morton, Barbara Hills and The Nicolichs decorated the tree. Mary Jane Purdy, Rich Kennedy, and Joyce Bryson setup the Christmas village while our resident "DJ" Gary Hills, kept the holiday tunes playing. Many thanks to all who participated and or donated decorations to create a beautiful festive farmhouse visit for family and friends of Heath Village.

Article by: Patricia Cristo, Housing Coordinator

Photos by: Housing & Marketing Services



Newcomers



Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating 275 Years of Living at Heath Village

Happy Heath Village Anniversary to our residents celebrating a milestone anniversary of 10 years or longer. At our annual Christmas Tea, Heath Village recognized 23 residents who have lived at the community for 10 or more years. Together, these residents represent an unbelievable 275 years of living at the Village. We hope they have enjoyed their many years at our village half as much as we have loved having them here. Please help us wish them a Happy Anniversary and cheers to many more wonderful years together!

Article by: Housing & Marketing Services

Photos by: Housing & Marketing Services



Happy Heath Village Anniversary!



In Memoriam

Freda Gerardi
Phyllis Wahl
Evelyn Maline
Mary Zinkann

10/14/23
10/29/23
11/8/23
11/20/23

Pauline Hudock
William Herling
Paul Conigliari

11/28/23
12/9/23
12/27/23

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The Friendship Fund Charitable Gift Annuity

Making an annuity gift: You irrevocably transfer money or securities to our Friendship Fund. In exchange, we pay you (and another, or a survivor, if you like) a fixed amount annually for life. In effect, your transfer is doing two things -making a charitable gift and purchasing a fixed income for life.

Income tax benefit: You get an income tax charitable deduction in the year you make your gift. If you let us know your date of birth and the amount of your contemplated gift, we can calculate your deduction.

How annual payments are taxed: A large portion of each annuity payment received is tax-free. The tax-free amount is fixed at the outset and remains constant for the period of your life expectancy.**

The rate of return is attractive and guaranteed for life - without investment worries or responsibility.

Rate Examples:
One-Life Annuity Rates
1/1/2023

Age**	Rate
75	6.6 %
76	6.8 %
77	7.0 %
78	7.2 %
79	7.4 %
80	7.6 %
81	7.8 %
82	8.1 %
83	8.3 %
84	8.5 %
85	8.7 %
86	8.9 %
87	9.1 %
88	9.3 %
89	9.5 %
90+	9.7 %

The Friendship Fund Charitable Gift Annuity is a wonderful opportunity for giving, as it benefits the donor as well as residents of Heath Village. We hope that you will discuss this opportunity with your legal or financial counsel.

Enjoy campus life at HEATH VILLAGE A UNIQUE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Independent living in one of the garden-type units ranging in size from studio apartments to two-bedroom cottages. Dining and meal plans are optional.

Hotel-style living in **Heath House** where meals, housekeeping and linen services are included.

Mayflower House is a residential health care facility with 24 hour staff, meals, housekeeping, laundry, medication monitoring all included in the monthly cost.

The Meadows Nursing & Rehabilitation offers long-term care, sub-acute, rehabilitation and respite care services in a new state-of-the-art facility.

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