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## My First Message

– by Dan Hartley

As many of you have already heard, I have been elected your new president. It is a great honor and I shall work hard to justify your choice. In the same election, Dorothy (Dot) Treney from Fellowship Village was elected the new Secretary/Treasurer, taking over from Ann Cooper, who has fulfilled that post for many years. We owe Ann a very hearty thanks for a job well done. We also welcome Albert (Al) Lyter from Applewood Estates as Vice-President representing the Central Region of the state.

For those of you who do not know me, let me give you a bit of background. I have been at Winchester Gardens, WG, for about four years. During that time I became familiar with the ORANJ organization. Charles Germany, past president of ORANJ, and a resident of WG, introduced me to the ORANJ group. As a result I was involved in several studies and surveys.

These activities covered many areas; a Meal Credit Survey and an Efficiency Study on ways to improve operations and reduce costs were among them. Obviously these types of studies took on more importance as the financial crisis hit America and caused residents much concern. For more details visit our website at [oranjjccrc.org](http://oranjjccrc.org).

My involvement with ORANJ was very rewarding, and gave me a sense of accomplishment. The people I worked with were very cooperative, friendly, and eager to help and share information on common problems and concerns.



In addition to this, I became aware of the huge amount of talent available, and the high level of intelligence existing in the organization. Put this together with the size of the organization, the influence we can bring to bear on any problem, and you have a powerful unit. Obviously we need to encourage more residents to be involved with ORANJ, so we can continue to provide ideas and possible solutions to many of the common problems faced by CCRCs, Continuing Care Retirement Communities.

It is this influence, spirit, and ideas that can be used to suggest to management ways to improve efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance the quality of life for seniors living in CCRCs. We should aggressively pass these ideas on to management, and insist on these items being properly evaluated. We can also make our voice heard in Trenton when resident issues are at stake. Let's face it. We are a powerful, talented family, and when we work together there is nothing that can't be accomplished.

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## David Way

Vice President, Northern Region



David and his wife Dorothy have lived at Cedar Crest since 2001. He served on the Resident Advisory Council for five years and was president for two. During the seven years he was chairman of the Treasure Shop Committee the shop raised more than \$200,000 for the Cedar Crest Benevolent Care Fund.

Dave, who has a degree in mechanical engineering, worked for Curtiss Wright Corporation for 40 years and for John Deere five years for on their rotary combustion engine project.

He was mayor of Pequannock Township, NJ, for one year after serving three years as a councilman. He also served on the township's Library Board and Planning Board and for more than 30 years on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, several years as chair.

At ORANJ, he has been vice president for the northwest region for six years and a member of the Legislative Committee. He was active in the successful push to obtain passage of the act requiring that all CCRCs must have a resident-member on their Board of Directors.

## Dan's First Message *(continued)*

For the immediate future, I see the following as our priorities:

1. Encourage more people to get involved with ORANJ
2. Conduct more studies in the areas of a) financial aid to residents, b) resident rights when CCRCs are in bankruptcy, c) strategic alliances with other organizations to help residents, d) further efficiency and cost reduction studies, and e) lobbying Trenton on matters of importance to residents.

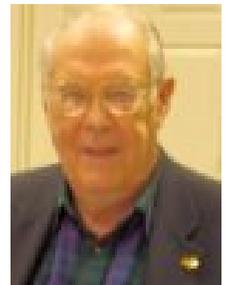
With your help, we will continue to make a difference to the 10,000 residents who live in CCRCs in New Jersey.

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## Meet the Presidents

Four ORANJ presidents, past and present, attended the first meeting of the 2009-2010 Executive Committee, led by newly elected President Dan Hartley. Immediate Past President Gary Baldwin of Seabrook Village received a plaque in appreciation of his services and to usher him into the post of president emeritus. We also welcomed Gary's predecessor, Charles Germany, a resident of Winchester Gardens where the meeting was held. A special guest was John Cook of Applewood Estates. John served as president in the nineties and recently retired as vice president for the central region.



John Cook



Charles Germany, Gary Baldwin, and Dan Hartley

## A Community Service Program at Crestwood Manor

Hartley (Buck) Field and his wife Marie have been living at Crestwood Manor since October 1999. Before coming they had volunteered over twenty years with one of the auxiliaries of Southern Ocean County Hospital and had known about their program of collecting tabs and other items. He decided that he could set up and manage such a program in his new home despite limited eyesight and he has found the program rewarding for himself, for the beneficiaries, and for Crestwood Manor to help them fulfill their mission and earn their not-for-profit status.

They have a threefold program. The first and largest is the tab collecting from soda, soup, cat and dog food cans, etc. He regularly visits his designated collection place where residents and employees bring contributions for the project, and when he has accumulated about 100,000, he brings them to the Long Branch McDonald Home. So far, he has turned over 1,200,000 tabs. The home turns the tabs over to a scrap metal dealer and receives payment, which is used to purchase extra items that patients and their families may need during their stay. A few years ago, he had a speaker from Ronald McDonald, who explained the program and its benefits.

In a separate project, he collect new and used greeting cards, calendars, picture labels, etc. These are given to the New Lisbon Developmental Center for use with their clients. New cards are given to residents to “send” to their friends and the used cards are utilized for craft items. Old eyeglasses are also collected and given to the Lions Club. In addition, the Activities Director collects food box tops of certain foods, which are given to a local school.

Other community projects include the Crestwood Manor sewing group, which makes crafts for an annual Christmas tree display in one of the local village centers. The Crestwood Manor Residents Association extends their efforts by giving \$100 per month to the Whiting Food Pantry. They have two baskets in the dining room to collect food items donated by residents. The Association also gives an annual donation to the C.A.R.E.S. program, the Fire Company and the First Aid Squad.

Finally, the Fields have publicized their program by inviting a speaker from the Ronald McDonald House, which turned out to be a very successful event.

As the Fields point out, “The project is neither hard nor heavy work. All you need is a place to store the items until you deliver them.”

## Dot Treney Secretary-Treasurer



At Fellowship Village, where she has lived since 2004, Dot has made a lot of new friends. For recreation she plays duplicate bridge and for exercise she takes part in pool aerobics and walks around the grounds when the weather is nice.

Dot is a native of Summit, NJ, and attended Brown University. She studied in France as a junior at the Sorbonne. Her first job was with the American Embassy in Paris. Eventually she moved back to the States and received an MA in French literature from Rutgers. Her husband is French and she has 3 sons and 4 grandchildren.

Dot spent most of her life teaching French at the HS and college level. After retirement, she volunteered as an ESL teacher and served on the Board of Trustees at the Summit Area Community School.

In 2009 she was elected Secretary-Treasurer of ORANJ and is still getting set up and “learning the ropes.”

# FELLOWSHIP VILLAGE GOES SOLAR GREEN

Since midsummer, Fellowship Village residents have been having a treat listening and watching as their new solar-electric power system was put into place. It went from

- fastening of brackets on the roof attached to the rafters of buildings in every court of the Village,
- to the installation of 3058 solar panels in those brackets,
- to the running of heavy copper wires in large diameter conduit from the panels to six foot high electrical inverter equipment mounted on thick poured concrete pads on the ground, and
- to final connection of the wiring from the inverters to the electric utility lines in every court.

The job was carried out by a friendly and highly professional team from Absolutely Energized Solar and was completed on schedule in October. Approval by the state and Jersey Central Power and Light is all that remains before switches are thrown to begin transfer of energy from the sun to electric power in the buildings of the Village and beyond.



**Installing solar panels on the Health Center**

It is with great satisfaction that this new green, renewable source of power has been completed after three years of engineering and financial planning. It is one of the largest residential solar-electric installations in New Jersey. It has the capability of providing nearly 700 kilowatts of electric power when the sun is overhead on a cloudless day. Taking account of the motion of the sun during the day and the days with clouds or rain or snow that reduce the sunlight reaching the panels, it is estimated that in an average year the system will generate 800,000 kilowatt hours of electric energy. That is about 14% of the annual electric energy used by the Village, and the Village power

bill will be reduced accordingly. In addition, the Village will receive Renewable Energy Certificates that can be sold to a New Jersey electric utility company in lieu of their own generation of mandated renewable energy. Over the anticipated 25-year life of the system FV expects to realize a net financial gain of \$5 million.

The solar-electric system that has been installed is made up of crystalline silicon solar cells with a sunlight to electric power efficiency of 20%, the highest commercially available. The 32-inch x 58-inch panels on the roof each have 72 closely spaced active device regions and each of these is capable of producing about 3 watts of electric power under full sunlight. A panel produces 225 watts and the 3058 panels a total of 688 kilowatts. The electric power from the panels is DC and sophisticated inverters transform the power into AC at the frequency, phase and voltage of the power provided by the local public utility. In addition the inverters continually modify the details of the inversion to maximize the power available from the solar panels depending on the sunlight conditions. The panels are black in appearance and are installed so that they do not compromise the aesthetics of the Village.

Brian Lawrence, the newly appointed president and CEO of Fellowship Village, arranged a meeting on October 21 to celebrate completion of the installation of the solar-electric system. Residents, friends and members of the press were invited. Talks were given by Brian Lawrence, Bernards Township Administrator Bruce McArthur, Caren Franzini representing the NJ Economic Development Authority that provided important loans for the project, and Dan Lichtman, president of Absolutely Energized Solar, the company that installed the system. There were lots of detailed questions from the audience. This major green endeavor is clearly a winner for Fellowship Village, the township and the state.

-Walter Brown

*Dr. Walter Brown, a resident of Fellowship Village, was educated as a physicist and had a 52-year research career at Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, NJ. After retirement in 2002, he became an adjunct professor in the Materials Science and Engineering Department at Lehigh University, where he works with students on research projects on the properties of micro and nano materials.*