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Say Hello

By Peggy Schleicher

Emerald Court is magnificent with its green grass and manicured shrubs. Our outdoor space is a recognized asset. But Emerald Court has an even bigger asset in its friendly people. Here's some proof. EC walkers greet each other. Folks stop and chat with neighbors sitting on their front porches. They send emails and card when someone is sick or sad. They respond to calls for help! They stop and chat. They stop by with flowers or a cake, and there is so much more.

EC's caring is also recognized by others. For example, Project Wish has thanked us in advance for our 2023 holiday bags. Wish said that EC alone provides almost all of the needed gift bags for their homebound senior clients. These are examples of what makes us a community. New data indicates that saying hello to neighbors boosts wellbeing. (Source: Gallop Poll, CNN) People who walk and who greet others as they walk gain overall health benefits. EC walkers are already great at saying hello! ECers, walkers or not, say hello wherever they see a neighbor. We are a mosaic of people who have come together as neighbors and friends. EC has many ways to stay connected. Check the EC calendar, your email, the newsletter, the website, Connection Weekly and the information boards to see all of the choices available to you. Select something that interests you, something that makes you smile, then join in and say hello.

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EC Clubhouse Fun:

Upcoming Social Committee events:

Movie Night, Oct. 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Luncheon to honor EC Vets, Nov. 11th at 1:00 pm.

"Ball in the House", Dec. 16th at 3:00 p.m.

Next Clubhouse Breakfast is on the first Sunday of October. Info: Frank Carey (Unit 1221) - Magnolia; Ron D'Amato (Unit 16) - Villas.

Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the Clubhouse. Info: Peggy Schleicher, facilitator: - (Unit 74).

Movie Group meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 1 pm in the clubhouse. Info: Linda Carey, facilitator: - (Unit 1221).

Card Games:

- **SCAT** - Mondays at 1 pm. Info: Bert Lyons (Unit 1230).
- **Cribbage** - Mondays at 7 pm. Info: Bob Schleicher (Unit 74).
- **Poker** - Tuesdays at 7 pm. Info: Betty Fulginiti (Unit 1211). *Men & women welcome.*
- **Texas Hold'em** - Wednesdays at 7 pm. Info: John Tellier (Unit 1226).
- **Bridge Group** - Thursdays at 1 pm. Info: Ginny Thomas, (Unit 69).

Games & Chat Groups:

- **Chat Group** - Tuesdays at 2 pm. For info, contact Dorothy Caterino (Unit 1214).
- **Mahjong** - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. For info, contact Pat Stratis (Unit 89).
- **Rummikub** - Thursdays at 6:30 pm. For info, contact Kathleen Pimental (Unit 1105).

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Meet Your Neighbor

By Bob Schleicher

Welcome to the next installment of “Meet your Neighbor”. Without further ado, here are more bios of our wonderful community residents . . .



Regina Ugolini (Unit #27)

Regina moved into Emerald Court in October of 2007. She previously lived in Wilmington for 36 years. Before she retired in 2015, Regina worked as a real estate broker in the Wilmington / Tewksbury area for 36 years. She has one daughter, one son and one granddaughter. Her hobbies and interests include crocheting, walking her dog, Buddy, and talking with neighbors and other EC residents. Her husband, Don, passed away in March, 2019.



Carole Beaulieu (Unit #28)

Carole and her husband, Paul, lived in Revere, MA for 40 years before moving to Emerald Court in October, 2005. Carole was a tax accountant, starting out with BayBank and, as a result of bank mergers, retired from Bank of America 29 years later. Her husband, Paul, passed away in November, 2020. Carole, through her love of genealogy, discovered that she had four ancestors that came over on the Mayflower. She keeps herself busy volunteering at the Senior Center and enjoying many trips with them. She has one son and three grandchildren.



Melodie & Howard Teich – (Unit #29)

Melodie and Howard Teich joined our community from Orangeburg, New York. Their connection to Massachusetts began more than 20 years ago, as both of their daughters earned degrees from BU. Their elder daughter, Hayley (who also earned a Master's from Harvard,) and her husband, Eric live in Billerica with their toddler, Braiden, who is the

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reason for their move. Hayley is a math teacher at Newton South High School. Their family also includes Eric's two children, Elena and Jack. Melodie and Howard's younger daughter, Marnie, along with her long-term boyfriend, John and their two dogs, recently moved back to Massachusetts from Dallas, Texas, where she worked as the Corporate Director of Finance Transformation at the corporate offices of Omni Hotels and Resorts. She continues to work remotely in that position. They live in Salem, Massachusetts with their remaining dog, Oscar. It is a dream-come-true for Melodie and Howard to have their entire immediate family living in close proximity for the first time since 2001.

Howard was a Vice President and Actuary at MetLife, where he worked for his entire career. Howard's interests include games, trivia, word and number puzzles, internet research, and of course, his grandson. Melodie was a paralegal and office manager at a legal/engineering firm for over 21 years. Her interests include travel (17 flights this year alone,) music, and streaming. She has a renewed passion for Mah-Jongg, and of course, her

grandson. You can find them both at the EC Clubhouse on Wednesday evenings, playing Poker and Mah-Jongg.



John & Marie Robinson (Unit #30)

John and Marie have joined our community from Ridgefield, Connecticut, to be closer to their daughter who lives in Andover. They have three children and nine grandchildren. John was a high school principal in New Milford, CT, and Marie was a kindergarten teacher in Ridgefield. Marie enjoys reading and needlework. Sadly, John has passed away on August 16th of this year.



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John and Lorraine Levreault (Unit #31)

John and Lorraine lived in Boxford, MA, for the last 30 years. They chose Emerald Court because they love the design of the community, its amenities, and the landscaping. They believe it meets all their needs and its location is very convenient. John and Lorraine have two grown sons who live with their families in Gloucester and Milton. John has been in electronics for his entire career, and Lorraine has been in accounting. They both still work. They love spending time with their grandchildren and going on vacations with the family. John enjoys listening to

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music, and Lorraine enjoys gardening. They both love to read. They shared that they have met some very nice people at Emerald Court and are very happy to be settling in here.



Tony & Annette Deloia (Unit #32)

Tony and Annette lived in Burlington, MA, before joining us here at Emerald Court. They have friends here and love the way everything looks. As they spoke to other residents they found that everyone loves it here. They feel blessed to have three children, seven granddaughters, and one grandson. Anthony worked at Raytheon for 40 years and Annette worked for a collaborative. They both enjoy playing whist and being with people.



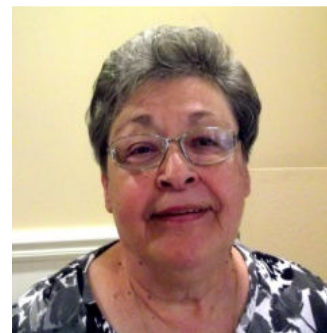
Barbara Swansburg (Unit #1123)

Barbara moved into Emerald Court fifteen years ago, in August of 2008. Prior to her arrival here, she lived for four years at Stonebury Crossing, a condominium also in Tewksbury. Of Barbara's many positions during her 10 year career at the Town of Lincoln, her favorite job was that of

dispatcher. After her retirement from the Town of Lincoln, she has and is still working part-time for JOH (Johnson O'Hare) in Billerica.

Barbara is a breast cancer survivor of 25 years and since 2005, she has volunteered in various hospice care facilities. She is still knitting "Prayer Shawls", which are hand knitted items, made with love, care and prayer, with the intent of giving the recipient a bit of relief from personal anxieties such as an upcoming major operation, or in many cases a serious or terminal illness.

Barbara enjoys music, the Red Sox and travel, especially the Canadian Rockies. She plays bridge twice a week and realizes how important it is to mingle, have friends and just be with other people. She misses playing Bingo in the clubhouse. The highlight of the year was the arrival of her first great grandchild.



Alice O'Brien (Unit #1124)

Alice comes to us from Wilmington, MA. She moved here ten years ago and was attracted to the floor plan of her unit. She has two daughters and one son. Also, she has three grandchildren, all boys. One is 27 and two are twins age twelve. Alice was employed as a bank teller for 20 years and retired a few years ago. She spends time enjoying her active grandchildren.

Mark your calendar!

- **Ball in the House,**

Saturday, December 16th at 3:00 pm.

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Patty Carroll (Unit #1125)

Patty moved into Emerald Court fifteen years ago, on Valentine's Day, 2008. Prior to her arrival here, she lived for twenty-seven years in Medford. She worked for eleven years at Bentley University in undergraduate admissions before she retired. She has one son and one daughter, both in the area. Her walls are decorated with photos of her four granddaughters.

Patty enjoys the Red Sox, reading mysteries, politics and travel. She has vacationed often in the California area where her sister lives. Her other interests include checking out Antique Shops and researching her Ancestry.

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Newsletter can be downloaded from
the EC website.**

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Carolyn DiBella (Unit #1126)

Carolyn joined us after living in Reading. She was drawn to our community because her daughter and her three beautiful grandchildren live nearby. Carolyn was in banking for many years and retired eight years ago. She loves gardening, reading great mystery books, and spending time with her grandchildren.



Liliana Cohen – (Unit #1127)

Liliana joins us from Pittsfield, MA. She is very impressed with the Emerald Court community and the units in Magnolia. She especially loves the Roman/Greek columns that are part of the decor. Liliana has two sons, Robert and Andrew, and lots of grandchildren. She worked in N.Y., first at an insurance company and later at a publishing house. Her interests include politics, people, and teaching Italian. Liliana was born in Italy and lived there until she was nineteen. She remembers as a child the experience of living through WWII in the Italian war zone. If you want to know more about Liliana, check out the three-part series in the January, April and July 2023 EC Newsletters.

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Terry Caton (Unit #1128)

Terry comes to us from Wakefield where she lived for 30 years. She was attracted to EC because of its beautiful condos and surroundings. She also appreciated its convenient location to New Hampshire as two of her children live there. She has three children; her two daughters live in N.H. and her son lives in Hershey P.A. Terry is blessed to have seven grandchildren. She worked for 35 years in Cambridge as Human Resource and Benefits Administrator for an architectural firm. She is very active in her church, singing in the choir and volunteering in various capacities. In addition to volunteering, Terry enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends, especially any time spent with her grandchildren.

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Social Committee Message

By Peggy Schleicher

Your EC Social Committee is an active team whose goal is to help nourish community, connections, fun and caring at Emerald Court. We are a hardworking group who create and host many EC activities. We are always interested in ideas and suggestions from the Community. We value your input as we plan events for EC. Got ideas? Email peggyschleicher1@gmail.com or call 978-851-6569. We invite all ECers to join the fun at our events and activities.

Emerald Court is a busy place! In June the *EC Magic of Music Extravaganza* started out strong with a rip-roaring, cabaret performance by singer, *Lisa Johnson*. Then in September, our clubhouse welcomed the *Eric Baldwin Trio*. Eric freelances in the New England area with many of the area's top acts. The Trio delighted the audience. Coming up on Saturday, December 16 at 3 pm, the A Capella group, *Ball in the House* will present a concert. The group holds international fame, has won competitions, and performs all over the world. Save the date. Be sure to come and sit back and enjoy some great music!

Also planned are a *Movie Night* on Friday, October 13 at 7 pm and EC's annual *Veterans' Day Commemoration* on Saturday, November 11 at 1 pm. Watch for details!

Remember: Project Wish gift bags for homebound seniors are due to Peggy by November 4. THANKS in advance!

Your EC Social Committee members are:

Peggy Schleicher, <i>chairperson</i>	Linda Martin
Betsy Travis, <i>secretary</i>	Kathleen Pimental
Ginny Thomas, <i>co-treasurer</i>	Sue Sandler
Diane Fahey, <i>co-treasurer</i>	Pat Stratis
Linda Carey	
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EC Welcomes New Residents

New residents to Emerald Court since July:

- Fred Deloruso (Unit #47)
- Denise Abels (Unit #59)
- Kendra & Rick Sheehan (Unit #1218)
- Dean & Marcia Gibbons (Unit #1310)

We at Emerald Court wish you all the happiness that we've found here.

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When Sad Things Happen

The Emerald Court Community is saddened to learn of the passing of John Robinson (Unit #30). John passed away on Wednesday, August 16th, 2023. Our sympathy is extended to Marie and her entire family.

Because we care about our community, if you are aware of the passing of any of our neighbors, please inform us at bobschleicher1@gmail.com so we can get the information out to the community in a timely manner. One person's loss diminishes us all.



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Did you know that the latest version of the Vendor List (1/30/2023) is at the bottom of the EC website "Home Page".

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Writer's Window

Six-word Stories

by Jack McDonough

For some reason I don't recall, the following, very sad six-word story recently came to mind: "For Sale. Baby shoes. Never worn."

You can't ponder those six words very long before getting choked up. At least, I can't.

That "story" is most frequently attributed to Ernest Hemingway but the reference is very likely apocryphal. Sometime in the 1920s Hemingway is supposed to have won a \$10 bet from a group of fellow writers for, presumably, composing the shortest story – and Baby Shoes was the winner.

However, versions of the story date back as early as 1906 when a publication on the west coast carried a story headlined "Tragedy of Baby's Death is Revealed in Sale of Clothes."

Fifteen years later the item on sale was a baby carriage, according to another publication. But that one had a happy ending. As that story went, the carriage in question was inadequate because the mother didn't have one baby, she had twins.

The version about Hemingway and his \$10 bet didn't emerge until 1991, thirty years after the writer's death. Although Hemingway was known for his spare writing style, it's highly unlikely that he penned the original Baby Shoes story.

If you Google "six-word stories" you find that these brief lines are quite popular. There's even a book of them: "Not quite what I was planning. (Six-word memoirs from writers famous and obscure)."

The stories come in subject matter that ranges from sad to funny to clever to puzzling to indescribable.

Here's a 15-story sample:

- Time travelers wanted. Inquire within. Yesterday.
- The waterproof mascara was a lie.
- Don't put that in your mouth.
- Never, never refuse a breath mint.
- Goodbye Mission Control. Thanks for trying . . .
- "Wrong number," says a familiar voice.
- "You're not a good artist, Adolf."
- "Together," they whispered. Only one jumped.
- Time traveler dies tragically. 1964-1614
- Sticks. Spears. Swords. Guns. Nukes. Sticks.
- For sale. Writer's notebook. Never opened."
- Menu illegible. Tough choices to swallow.
- Expect and accept the unexpected and unacceptable.
- Dream it. Believe it. Build it.
- Anticipation is not just about ketchup.

Finally, here's mine:

- Looked for essay topic. Found it.

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Special Friends

By Jack McDonough

I have had a few special friends in my life and I suspect that's probably true of everybody. You enjoy each other's company, you share common interests and, especially, the same sense of humor.

One of my special friends was a guy named Donn, whom I met when we worked together at the United Press International (UPI) news wire service in Boston. UPI was, for many years, a chief competitor of the Associated Press (AP).

By any standard, our office downtown wasn't fancy but for any young man infected with the thrill of having his work sent out to the world over a teletype wire, it was the place to be.

My earliest memories of Donn are when it was just the two of us working the overnight shift (11 p.m. to 8 a.m.). It soon became obvious that we shared the same bizarre sense of humor. The longer the night wore on, the nuttier it got.

For example, one night we imagined calling the very reclusive Howard Hughes at 4 a.m. and having him actually answer the phone. ("I'd like to speak with Howard Hughes, please." – to be told, "This is he speaking.")

When we got off work in the morning, we'd sometimes stop in at the tavern downstairs for a few beers. I remember one morning the place was humming with the breakfast crowd. Then it emptied out and someone was vacuuming the rug. When the lunch crowd began filing in, I thought it would be a great idea to have Donn ride the subway back to my apartment with me and have my wife, Betty, make us lunch.

Wives love surprises like that. (My marriage remains intact.)

In time, we both found other jobs – I at a local university and he a writing job in the Bahamas where he met Carol.

A couple of years later I flew there to be the best man at their wedding after which they would fly to Europe on their honeymoon. On the eve of the ceremony, Donn and I were, oddly enough, sitting at a bar when I observed that "Tomorrow at this time

you'll be over the Atlantic. Or in it." The gallows humor hadn't been diminished by the passing of time.

Turns out that they were never over or in the ocean the next day. They stayed too long at the wedding reception and missed their flight.

In the ensuing years we both moved around but never lost contact. I looked forward to Donn's interesting and amusing letters and marvelously offensive birthday cards. The arrival of a letter in an envelope is a pleasant experience lost in these days of electronic messaging.

When Donn and Carol's older son, Mike, was married in Aruba, Betty and I scheduled a vacation there for that week and attended the ceremony. Leading up to the day of the wedding, there was a get-together at the bride-to-be's family home.

Predictably, Donn and I got to regaling ourselves with stories and comments we found hilarious. The others somehow failed to join in. What they did do is invite us to continue our portion of the reunion outdoors. It wasn't until years later that I learned we actually had been banished because we had been a disruption. Who knew?

Sadly, Donn left us some years ago. I still miss him.

To this day there's still an entry for him in my address book.

It's in pencil but I can't bring myself to erase it.

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Did you know that the Emerald Court calendar can be downloaded from the EC website "Home Page".

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Computer Drop-In ...

Computer Drop-In is back in business. If you have computer questions / problems and are looking for a solution, stop by the Meeting Room in the Clubhouse on the 1st Friday of the month any time between 3:00 & 3:30 pm. We'll attempt to solve your computer difficulties - FREE!

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2023 Clubhouse Committee Barbecue July 22, 2023

By Frank Carey

After an evening of fierce thunder and lightning storms, the skies cleared, the sun appeared, creating an 80+ degree summer day, perfect for the scheduled EC Clubhouse Committee's annual barbecue.



This very popular event has been free of charge for many years due to the generosity of Patsy Chinchillo, a local REMAX Encore realtor and Emerald Court friend to many in the EC community. This year Patsy, once again, covered the cost of all the food items purchased.



Delicious aromas drifted throughout the court yard as hot dogs, hamburgers, and sausages were being calmly and carefully prepared by clubhouse committee members Ron D'Amato, Al Capone, and "What's His Name" Wayne Anderson.

In contrast, the clubhouse was abuzz with activity as a steady stream of ECers made their way through the Magnolia foyer, stopping only to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets from clubhouse committee member, Bob Anderson, before quickly moving into the clubhouse function room to search out their seats. Once their spot was established, folks floated around from table to table joking, laughing, chatting and just enjoying the good hearted neighborly atmosphere that all EC events create.

Meanwhile, clubhouse committee members, Jerry Tirella, Mac McElroy, and Frank Carey scurried around in the kitchen prepping the tables for what they hoped would be an orderly flow of participants when the perfectly barbecued items arrived. Gerry prepared a tossed salad and his very popular peppers and onions, while Mac started heating up the baked

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beans and set out the plates, napkins, and eating utensils. Frank put out the potato and macaroni salads, then filled pans with the various rolls that would soon be filled with yummy meats.



Thinking about it now, I would say that the scene in the EC clubhouse and kitchen was one of somewhat organized, controlled chaos, clubhouse committee members and event participants all enjoying the fun and excitement which, invariably, seems to accompany this particular event.

At approximately 1:00, committee member Frank Carey got the “thumbs up” that everything was ready to serve. After leading the group in the singing of

the EC theme song, “Come and Participate”, lines were quickly formed on both sides of the buffet tables where plates were filled with as many of the delicious items the plates could hold. Carefully balancing their plates in one hand, using their other hand, folks grabbed cold drinks from the ice filled tubs as they made their way back to their seats.

As has been the custom at these yearly barbecues, folks overwhelmed the tables that had been set aside to receive the requested desserts brought, voluntarily, by so many of our EC participating neighbors.



Thus, after sitting back, rubbing their bellies, and stating they couldn't eat another bite, those same folks made their way to those dessert tables. After a bit of time and difficulty they finally made their selection picking up a cup of coffee or tea to accompany that final wonderful taste of a true New England barbecue.

It was a fantastic day. For three hours there was nothing but neighborly camaraderie. It was especially wonderful to see so many new faces at this event. I'm hoping this is a trend and that we will be seeing an increase of new and veteran participants at all the EC functions.

They are all fun, enjoyable and most importantly welcoming.

COME AND PARTICIPATE.

FYI: The barbecue's 50/50 raffle was won by Ray Adams. Thank you, Clubhouse Committee, for continuing to provide the community with this yearly barbecue event.

Also, a big thanks again to everyone who brought salads and desserts to this function and to Patsy Chinchillo for her generous contribution.

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Resident Snapshots

Social Committee member, Linda Carey, introduces you to another new resident of our community. See a brief profile below. You may have met him already. We are always confident to encourage new neighbors to join in the many social activities available in our community as we are sure of the big welcome you will give all of our new residents.

Linda Carey



William Santoro (Unit #1219) - Bill moved to Emerald Court from another part of Tewksbury in order to downsize. He is single and has two brothers and 2 sisters-in-law. One brother lives in Seabrook and has two sons, the other lives in Billerica and has one son and one

daughter. Bill has been an electrician for more than 25 years. His interests include puzzles, games, watching T.V. and sports. He is looking forward to socializing at Emerald Court as he would like to become more socially active.

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A Cabaret at Emerald Court

By Frank Carey

*What good is sitting around in your home?
Come hear the music play, Come to the Cabaret.*

A "Cabaret" is defined as entertainment held in a nightclub or restaurant while the audience eats or drinks at tables.

On Friday, September 15th the EC Social Committee really outdid themselves when they

worked hard to transform the EC Clubhouse from its standard function room look, into an area with the appearance and ambience similar to that of a small nightclub "Cabaret".



Six tables were elegantly set with white table cloths, red place settings, and flickering candles set atop beautiful silver candle holders of various heights. Also, in the middle of each table was a chrome holder for the menu

card on which was written, in beautiful script, the appetizers being served at this event.

The evening's performers, "The Eric Baldwin Trio" had arrived early and had set up in front of the room's fireplace. The trio included vocalist Sarah Gardner, bassist Mark Carlson and guitarist Eric Baldwin.



On the right side of the double doors to the kitchen was a cocktail bar. Two Social Committee

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members acted as bar keepers preparing and serving mock "Lime Ricky" and "Mojito" cocktails.



Seven fellow Social Committee members served as waiters, all uniformly dressed in black and white. As tables filled they quietly set dishes with the described menu appetizers on each table.

At 7:00 SC Chairperson, Peggy Schleicher, welcomed all and presented committee member, Pat Stratis, who introduced and gave a brief narrative about the trio. A bank of clubhouse lights were then turned off creating a dimmed lighting effect more like that of an authentic cabaret.

As described in the event's brochure this trio specialized in jazz and swing music and for the next hour the very talented musical ensemble treated the

audience to some really great, easy listening jazz.

Guitarist Eric Baldwin and bassist Mark Carlson opened their evening's twenty song play list with "C Jam Blues", a Jazz standard written by Duke Ellington.

I personally am not very familiar with jazz music but was blown away by the talent and skill this group exhibited through their music. During the entire hour they played, feet tapped and heads bobbed to the beat of every musical selection on the trio's play list. Vocalist Sarah Gardner sang songs that were familiar to most everyone e.g. "It Had To Be You", "On the Sunny Side of the Street" and "Blue Skies". Mark and Eric added wonderful solo instrumental jazz components (riffs) to each song between her verses.

The cabaret venue, and atmosphere, created by our very innovative Social Committee, and the amazing musical talents of the "Eric Baldwin Trio" made this a spectacular live EC event.

This was the second in a series of three live performances planned this year by the volunteer EC Social Committee. The third will be "Ball in the House", an a cappella group which will be held on Saturday, December 16th, at 3:00pm. Tickets again will be limited, so be sure and sign up early. ■■■

