

LAUREL ESTATES SOCIAL CLUB

MARCH 2007

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT: It's hard for me to believe we've been back at Laurel Estates for three months — time flies when you're having fun. And it's been fun! There's been some hard work, but it's mostly been **team work** and that's what has made it fun. This park has so many really great people. I'd like to express my thanks to so many individuals who have offered compliments, words of encouragement, been there to lend a helping hand when needed, volunteered to chair a project or program.... The list goes on and on. And I dare not start mentioning names because I would inadvertently miss someone. But you know who you are. And I thank you.

There are bound to be some changes under a new regime and I hope they will prove to be for the better. Do not hesitate to approach me or any of your Social Club officers if you have questions or comments. We are here to serve and we hope to please you....

BOB L ☺

NOTICE !!! THE CLUB HOUSE WINDOWS HAVE BEEN COVERED WITH FILM TO REDUCE GLARE AND HEAT PENETRATION. DO NOT PLACE POSTERS OR ANY TYPE OF NOTICE ON THEM! PLEASE!!

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Please notify your block captain of hospitalizations or deaths in your neighborhood so they can notify the Sunshine Lady.

PHONE DIRECTORY

Changes:

Clark, Ken & Carol

MASA - Medical Air Services Association.

Donald Abberger, MASA representative, called to explain that he was unable to make the scheduled presentation here at Laurel Estate in February. He was unavoidably detained by an accident. He apologized and asked to reschedule. The new date is Saturday, March 10 at 8 AM at the Club House. Please come and enjoy free coffee and donuts as you listen to his presentation.

REMINDERS

Newsletter articles **must be in my hands by the 20th of the month to go into the newsletter for the following month.** Also, please have it in writing (hand-written or typed) I need hard copies for my files.

Copies can be made for a nickel a copy. Call to set a time that is convenient for both parties.

SAVE! SAVE! SAVE! Pop can tabs for Ronald McDonald—Campbell soup labels for Shriners—used eye glasses and cases for the Lions Club. Containers for these items are located on the shelves, west wall of the clubhouse. And don't forget Patty Fox is recycling aluminum cans. Please place them in the white recycling container.

Blood bank will be here March 5, 10 to 11:30 A.M. Donors are **ALWAYS** needed. **PLEASE DONATE.**

An amendment to the Social Club bylaws will be voted on at the March general meeting. This amendment will establish 90 plus residents as Lifetime members who will no longer be required to pay Social Club dues. It is currently being practiced. A majority vote to change the bylaws will make it official.

Set up for Flea Market Friday, March 2, 8 AM. Flea Market & Bake Sale Saturday, March 3, 8 AM to 1 PM

St. Patty's Dinner Saturday, March 17 at 5 PM the Club House will be filled with the aroma of a traditional corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots Irish dinner. Tickets for this event will be sold by Bob & Judy Schlundt, Sue & Al Noland, Edie Smith, Tom & Nancy Williams, Mary Louise Filer, Larry Thompson, Bob Binsfeld, Jim Ritsema, and Rick Shellenberger. Purchase tickets from your neighbor and celebrate the evening. Tickets are \$6 each and must be purchased by March 12. See you at the "Wearin' O' the Green" on March 17.

Winter Picnic The second annual Winter Picnic for all Laurel Estates residents will be held Thursday, March 22 at 5 PM at the club house. Meat, buns, condiments and beverage will be furnished by the social club. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the food and fellowship. If you plan to attend please sign the Winter Picnic sheet on the bulletin board in the club house.

.....Reminders.....Cont'd from Pg 1)

Nonagenarian Party on March 11 at 2 pm. Please come and join us as we honor our 90 Plus residents.

Note the Daylight Savings Time change on your calendars..... Begins at 2 AM, March 11.

Potluck dinner 5 PM March 12 at the clubhouse.

COMMUNITY THANK YOUS

Earl Harvey reports \$110 received in the month of January for the Hope fund—Academy of Arts.

Thanks to Jo and Bob LeDane for spearheading the CERT training.

Thanks to Beth for a great Ice Cream Social.

Thanks to Bob LeDane for heading up the Pancake breakfast and Spaghetti supper.

Thanks to Louise Burns and the many helping hands who pitched in to help her as she chaired the anniversary party. It was a lovely party, Louise. Good job!

A very special Thank You to Ken Clark from yours truly for coming to my rescue when my computer booted up with the "Blue Screen of Death." Ken has very generously supplied me with a computer to use until such time as mine is well? Or replaced? Anyway, thanks to Ken, this newsletter should be delivered in a timely manner.

A NOTE OF THANKS....

The Filer family, Chuck and I, want to thank those of you who sent flowers, food, cards, and called during Bill's illness. "Thank you" for the concerns, prayers, and sympathy cards at the time of his death. They were greatly appreciated.

A special "thanks" to Flo, who stepped in and did my job while Bill was sick so I could spend time with him, especially when he was in the hospital and rehab.

God Bless
Mary Louise

DANCE

Laurel Estates Clubhouse Saturday, March
24, 2007

7:30—10:30 P.M.

BYOB/SNACKS \$5/PERSON

Entertainment by:

"IT TAKES TWO"

DEBBIE & REX

Country & Classic Rock

50's & 60's

THEME: "A little bit of Country

A little bit of Rock & Roll"

**DRESS YOUR WAY—DANCE THE
NIGHT AWAY!!**

Submitted by: Jan Zylstra

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The annual Ice Cream Social was held at 2 PM , Sunday, February 4. Fifty-one residents braved the cold weather and enjoyed the banana splits with a variety of topping. Special thanks to those who made this event happen: Chuck and Edna Howell, Bob Livensparger, Dick Samuelson, Bob and Judy Schlundt and Beth and Larry Thompson.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

The February and August birthday celebrants were honored Friday, February 16 and were entertained by the TuTu Wahines. Thanks to the cake bakers for the delicious cakes: Carol Clark, Jo LeDane, Becky Henry, Cathy Morrison, Mary Reda and Edie Smith. We apologize to Paul LeBlanc for missing his August birthday.

Next birthday party will honor the March and September birthdays and will be held Friday, March 16. Hope everyone can attend.

BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES

Jim Rudolph has offered to teach a very basic Computer class designed to help beginners. Details are not available at this time. However, if you have any interest, there is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse. When Jim returns, he will decide if there is enough interest to have a class and details will become available shortly thereafter.

Jim is also our webmaster and is responsible for getting the newsletter and calendar on the web and making sure they are kept up to date. Thanks Jim for all you do.

WE'RE ON THE WEB

www.laurelestates.com

Check us out. When you are up north you can keep up to date with happenings here in Laurel.....how many of you viewed the pictures after the storms? How many of you go there on a regular basis just to see if there are any new pictures ??

And—I just can't keep it under my little red hat—there's a strong possibility that Jim will design a page for the Red Hat Jewels on the Laurel Estates website. That would be awesome!

Red Hat Jewels of Jewel

Page 4 has an account of our activities for the past few weeks. We are busy gals! The page is full and I need to make a couple of announcements. March 10 we will celebrate our second year anniversary .

Date: March 10 **TIME: 1:00 PM**

PLACE: 2773 Teakwood Dr

Hostesses: Karen Stockero, Judy Binsfeld, Bonnie Knaub, Katie thelen & Jerri Dickman

Also, Ladies, we are in the process of updating our roster. When we have completed the process, copies will be available for .05 cents each. If you are aware of changes, updates, or corrections that need to be made, please call myself or Beth Thompson.

REMEMBER THE NURSING HOME VISIT ON MARCH 15.....

FROM THE LOT OWNER'S CORNER

The Board of Directors has been requested by Management to reconsider our proposed changes to our Deed of Restrictions. A *committee composed of Board Members and lot owners has been meeting during the month of February and is ready to finalize a restated proposal of changes to our Deed of Restrictions to Management and his attorney for their consideration and ultimately work to reach mutual agreement on an amended and restated set of Deed of Restrictions. For the most part, the revised proposal of changes is very similar to those proposed to Management initially with some rewording of articles with which Mr. Parrish expressed concern. The Board will seek legal advice from counsel prior to reaching any preliminary agreement on any and all changes to our Deed of Restrictions.

Once the parties have reached agreement regarding the amendments and revisions to the Deed of Restrictions, Parrish Properties will send notices to all lot owners within the community and the Lot Owners Association may request (in writing) a meeting with Management and his attorney to discuss the proposed changes to

the Laurel Estates documents. Ultimately, each owner will have the opportunity to approve or disapprove each of the amended articles with Management seeking at least fifty-one (51%) percent approval.

We have been informed that a number of the violations existing with the current Deed of Restrictions have been identified by Management and that Management and/or his attorney have sent letters to the residences in question. We have also been informed that in some of these instances, the violations have been removed.

John Alberghini
President, LOA
3/1/07 Newsletter

*Larry Thompson, John Alberghini, Bruce Zylstra, Del Kohn, Theresa Harkness, Tom Williams

Red Hat Jewels.....

Mad Hatters Luncheon at Lake Fairways:

The Red Rhinestones of Lake Fairways welcomed seventeen Red Hat Jewels of Laurel on January 21. With other red hatters from the area, there were over 100. There were also vendors selling everything from shoes to hats. One side of the club house looked like a Red Hat Store..... And so we shopped!!☺

The lunch was great. Norma Martin entertained us by singing several songs. There was a lampshade hat contest, raffles, and door prizes. Some of our group won prizes. Edie Smith entered a horse race and we placed our bets. Edie didn't win, but she did get to keep her horse. It was a lot of fun. We had a great day!

submitted by Queen Mum Helene

HAM & BEAN SUPPER

Thursday, January 25, 2007. Our Ham & Bean Supper was a great success. The hall was beautifully decorated in Red and Purple. We all wore our colors and the servers wore purple aprons that were made by Judy Binsfeld and Karen Stockero. We had a speaker, Pat Chamness from ACT (Abused Counseling Treatment Center). She explained what they do and who they help. We also had entertainment by Norma Martin from Arrowhead. She is also a Red Hatter and the Vice Queen of the "Tropical Divas of Paradise." Everyone enjoyed her music immensely. Richard Menzel took some great pictures for us. They are on the bulletin board and also on the Laurel Estates website.: www.laurelestates.com

We reached our goal! We sent a check for \$1000 to ACT on January 27, 2007. We received many compliments....we were told it was very well organized function....food was great....some asked if we would do it again next year? Most important, we were complimented for making the effort to help the children. We received a Thank You letter from ACT and it is on the bulletin board for all to read.

Again, I want to thank all that took part in making this a great success. A special thanks to all Red Hat Jewels. This would not have taken place without each and every one of you.. **WE MAKE A GREAT TEAM!!**

Submitted by Queen Mum Helene

AN AFTERNOON AT THE THEATRE

Sixteen Red Hat Jewels, resplendent in their red and purple attire, departed from our club house on Sunday, January 28, and traveled to the Cultural Park Theatre in Cape Coral for their presentation of Meredith Wilson's "MUSIC MAN." It was the final performance of the show and it was great!! As we departed the theatre, we greeted and complimented the cast on their performances; in turn, they complimented us on our appearance and expressed their delight that we had come. It was sunny and warm when we entered the theatre, but cool and windy when we left. The hostesses for the event, Lois Fritz and Mary Livensparger, had made arrangements to stop at the "Fabulous Fifties" for a Sweet Treat and so most of us braved the cool weather and had ice cream.....

....or maybe coffee or hot chocolate. Purple flower soaps were presented as favors to all the girls and 2 of the soaps had RED HAT Society stickers on them, indicating a hostess gift was theirs also. The owner of Fabulous Fifties also gave two gift certificates for free sundaes on a return visit.

F.Y.I. NOTE: The Jewels, showing good taste and proper etiquette, wore small red hats. Those wearing larger hats removed them during showtime.

Submitted by: Mary Livensparger

TIME TO MAKE WINE

Thursday, February 8, 2007, fourteen of us met at the clubhouse for a 9:45 AM departure. We were headed for the Shiraz Café at "Time to Make Wine." Our reservation was 11 AM for the winery tour which was very interesting and was given by one of the owners. Also, there was a small gift shop at the end of the tour and some of the girls bought a few things. They couldn't resist! Also a few bottles of wine were purchased. Smile.

Then we had a terrific lunch and dessert and.... not to forget...4 different wines to taste! We had to taste the different wines to see which we liked best BECAUSE we decided to make our own wine....we all participated in the process with the help of one of the owner's wives. We had a ball while making the wine. We chose to make a White Zin and we will return on March 28 to bottle and label the wine. The girls said this was the best!!

Submitted by: Queen Mum Helene

A VALENTINE TEA

On February 13, a Valentine Tea was held at the home of our Vice Queen, Flora Harvey. Nineteen Red Hat Jewels attended and everyone enjoyed the finger foods and drinks served. The house was decorated with red hats and red hearts and all of the Jewels were dressed in their red and purple finery. Many thanks to Flora for having us. It was a great day!!

Submitted by: Flora Harvey

RED HAT SHOPPING SPREE

with T.J. and Efie from Fleamasters on Wednesday, February 14 at 8 AM. T.J. with her handcrafted designs and Efie with her hats and decorations brought many of their items to the clubhouse for the shopping enjoyment of the Red Hat Jewels. The girls came in to look and shop at their leisure. We served coffee and coffee buns, coffee cakes, and breads baked by Beth Thomson, Karen Stockero, Becky Henry and our own Queen Mum Helene Lizotte. Efie donated a red hat to raffle off. Also, those who had something written under their dessert plate were able to pick out a small gift done by Queen Mum Helene. Marci Conrad picked the winning number for the raffle and it was my name and number—Helene Lizotte. I won the hat, girls!! ☺ T.J. and Efie got a laugh out of that. They said they had a great sale and thanked me. It was a nice morning.

Submitted by: Queen Mum Helene

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3 Doris LeBlanc
 5 Charles Howell
 5 Joyce Wallace
 8 Myrtle Goodin
 9 Wendell Cross
 9 Joanne LeDane
 9 Jim Ritsema
 10 Joan Zilllmer
 14 Ella Olson
 15 Robert Wirick
 16 Marie Antonelli
 20 Roger Pelletier
 20 Lucille Shanaberger
 21 Thomas Clark
 22 Rebecca Henry
 23 Don Bacon
 23 Mohammad Fatayer
 26 George Henry
 26 Sue Noland
 26 Bob Onyett
 27 Regina Sand
 29 Joyce Hammond
 30 Flora Harvey
 30 Robert Utter

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Vaun Berger
 4 Ray Malinger
 6 Joe Cook
 6 Lesley Utter
 8 Daniel Fredette
 9 Pat Davis
 9 Mary Ann Egnew
 9 Carol Louchart
 9 Mary Pavelko
 9 Mike Testa
 10 Scottie Keusch
 13 Maynard Ackley
 13 Jim Dunlap
 13 Donna Forsythe
 13 Donna Hamman
 13 Mary Reda
 15 Bob Binsfeld
 16 Manfred Post
 21 Roy Walter
 21 Bertha Wilson
 24 Ray Crites
 24 Mary Livensparger
 25 Jeff Plott
 25 Janet Schroeder
 29 Phyllis Clark