

LAUREL ESTATES SOCIAL CLUB

APRIL 2007

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Spring has sprung — it is getting warmer up North, flowers are starting to poke their noses through the earth at my lake home in Indiana and the ice on the lake is thawing.... my thoughts are turning towards grandchildren, cross country track and ball games. Time to go to my other home. As you read this, I will be packing up or — I'll be on my way.

We've had a busy year and I want to say "thanks" to every one of you who stepped forward with words of encouragement or to lend a helping hand when needed. But I would be remiss if I did not say a special "thanks" to my fellow officers and a very special "thanks" to Bob LeDane. He made a commitment to stand behind me during my first year as President of the Social Club. His knowledge and support have been invaluable. Bob and Jo are active in their church and have asked to be relieved of some of their responsibilities here at the park—although they insist that they will always be available to help—they no longer want to act as chairs with all the responsibility entailed. So a very special thanks to Bob and Jo LeDane. When you see them out and about—give them a "pat on the back" and let them know you appreciate all they've done.

In conclusion, let me wish each of you a really great summer—whether you stay here in the park or head north. May God be with you and bless you, make the sun shine upon you and those you love. And may we all meet again when the Winter season approaches — back among Laurel Estates family and friends.

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!!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2008 SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS

Judy Schlundt, Chairperson

e-mail: nominations@laurelestates.com

Margaret Fanning

Donna Hamman

Please contact one of the above committee members if you are interested in placing your name in nomination for any of the following offices:

President; First Vice-president; Second Vice-President; Secretary; or Treasurer.

Thank you.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

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

HOSPITALIZED:

- 2-7 Elizabeth Rogers home
- 2-21 Terrie Harkness - Cape Coral
- 2-27 Vera Blocker-Southwest Regional
(breathing problems)
- 3/3 Barbara Jackson - Lee Memorial
(breathing problems)
- 3/7 Alan Noland— (heart) by-pass surgery
- 3/12 Barbara Jackson—Taken to Gulf Coast

DECEASED:

- 2-25 Virginia Shellenberger



**A VERY WARM WELCOME TO
OUR NEWEST LAUREL ESTATE
RESIDENT:**

Suzanne Davis

COMMUNITY THANK YOUS

Mo Campeau has generously offered to donate mirrors or stained glass items to be placed on the walls of the clubhouse. THANKS MO!!

Mary Louise Filer will resume her job as Sunshine Chairperson on March 1. Welcome back Mary Louise! And thanks so much to Flo Cummings for assuming the job of Temporary Sunshine Lady.

A HUGE thanks to Bob and Jo LeDane for another successful flea market and a profit of over \$1400. Thanks to Jan Ignatowski and her kitchen help for making and serving lunch. A special thanks to all who helped make the bake sale a success—whether you were there working or whether you were baking. A great big thanks to all who helped. All items that weren't sold were donated to Suncoast Missions.

Twenty-two signed up for the computer classes taught by Jim Rudolph. Thanks Jim. Hope you will do this again next year.

Earl Harvey reports that food donations are going well and food is still being accepted. He has collected \$121 for the Hope Fund. Thanks to all who have donated.

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS....

Friends at Laurel Estates:
My father, Willis Shellenberger, and I would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards and food we received since my mother, Virginia Shellenberger, passed away. She will be dearly missed. Thanks again for everything.

Rick Shellenberger and father "Shelly"

DANCE COMMITTEE

Our dance season is complete and I would like to thank everyone for your attendance, which made each month a fun social event for our park. We have enjoyed planning these events the past three seasons, and look forward to more good times next season with the new dance committee.

Submitted by: Jan/Bruce Zylstra, Dance Committee Chairs

NONAGENARIAN PARTY

We would like to thank all the committee heads and their workers for a great job. Thanks to Bob LeDane, Norm Burke, John Alberghini, and George Lincoln for putting the tables back in place. If anyone needs a dishwasher, George Lincoln does a great job—Thanks George! If you did not attend, you missed a great time. A surprise group of three from Naples (grandchildren of Don Bacon) entertained with gospel music—very good. Plus, we had Dennis Love at the piano and Nancy on the spoons—what a treat! Our own Gene Elwell and Joanne Maul entertained with solos. If you did not come, you missed seeing the expressions on our 90's faces — seeing all the people who were there to honor them. Many of us may not meet that age—and don't realize the lonesomeness it is not to see their neighbors. You may not know them but they are your neighbors. It cost nothing only a little time to be considerate.

Submitted by: Joanne Maul

SHUFFLE BOARD

We want to thank everyone who helped to keep our shuffle-board team up and running; Blaine Stroble for taking care of the courts, waxing all those disc and setting them up for us. Harvey for tugging all those chairs in and out for our games. I also want to thank anybody who helped Harvey and Blaine from time to time. Thank you Harvey and Blaine for washing the scoreboards for the games. Also for the people who painted and worked on our scoreboards to make them look so much better—I think it was Joanne, John, Gary and Mike Maul, Flo Cummings, Blaine and Myrna Stroble. I also want to thank Doris Ray for making sure there were people to provide refreshments and to the people who provided them. A big thank you to Joan Brink and Dorothy Lowery for serving our refreshments, also Jeanne Elwell. A big thank you to all who filled in for us in our practice, especially George and Jill Lincoln, Gene Elwell, David Angert, and our new couple, Jim and Esther Ritsema.

We will see you all in the fall when we will once again attempt to make those crazy discs go where we wish them to go.

Have a great healthy and happy summer.

Submitted by Edie Smith

The End of Summer Picnic & BBQ will be held on October 28. Please plan on attending if you are in the park at that time. Bring your favorite picnic side dish or dessert. Thank you.

Submitted by: Jack Goodwin

DON BACON CELEBRATES 99TH BIRTHDAY

The March and September birthdays were celebrated Friday March 16. Entertainment was provided by the "Notebusters." Thank you to the cake bakers: Judy Binsfeld, Virginia Chamness, Jim Dunlap, Jeanne Elwell, Lill Flanders, Helen Mavis and Judy Schlundt. The April-October birthday party will be held April 20 with the Turner Tappers providing the entertainment.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

One-hundred-fifty-two tickets were sold for the March 17 St. Patty's dinner. Thanks to the many residents and guests who helped make this event a success. Bob Hamman won the 50/50 drawing. The social club cleared a profit of \$540.93 after expenses.

EASTER DINNER

Sign up by April 4 for the Easter dinner on April 8 at 1:30 PM. Meat, potatoes and beverages will be furnished by the social club. If anyone needs a carry-in dinner, please call Beth Thompson to have a meal delivered.

Submitted by: Beth Thompson

NOTICE!!!

The copier is no longer with us. It quit working while we were copying the March newsletter. We contacted the company that originally sold the machine only to find that it is no longer manufactured and they have no service man in our area. We did some checking and we were unable to find anyone who could service or repair it. The board of directors will look into the feasibility of purchasing a new machine next year. Meantime, the newsletter is being copied at a local office supply store.

Also, this will be the last newsletter until the November issue, which I plan to do from our home in Indiana. If you have information to be placed in the November newsletter, please send it to me at:

Mary Livensparger
Email: newsletter@laurelestates.com

As always, the newsletter will be available to you on the Laurel Estates website: www.laurelestates.com
Also, Pay Myrom will handle the copying and distributing of the newsletter here in the park. Thanks Pat.

MARCH POTLUCK

Good food at the potluck. Some of the people enjoyed themselves and sat around and visited. Fifty-two attended—best people around.

THERE WILL NOT BE A POTLUCK IN APRIL.

NOTE: We will continue to have pot luck dinners throughout the summer. Watch the bulletin board for details.

Submitted by: Joanne Maul

Social Club/Lot Owners committee on the condition of our clubhouse/grounds. We, the committee, feel that several good things have been accomplished through our joint efforts on behalf of our homeowners. There are a few current requests that have been made to management, which hopefully will be completed in the next few months. We appreciate all the efforts of the volunteers who have helped to bring us to this point. Our goal is to keep our clubhouse/grounds attractive/useful for the benefit of everyone and we will continue to work toward that goal. Thank you again for all your support.

Jan Zylstra, Chair

Judy Schlundt, Social Club Representative

Beth Thompson, Low Owners Representative

IT'S OFFICIAL At the general meeting of the Social Club, Beth Thompson read the proposed amendment to the by-laws:

"Any resident member who has attained the age of 90 years will be exempt from paying Social Club dues."

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed. The by-laws will be updated to reflect this change.



**HAPPY
EASTER
TO
YOU**

RED HAT JEWELS OF LAUREL

Thursday, march 1—Our regularly scheduled meeting for the first Thursday of the month was held in the clubhouse. Queen Mum Helene brought us up to date on current happenings and upcoming events.

Fifteen RED HAT JEWELS OF LAUREL and two Red Hat guests toured ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization) on Wednesday, February 21, 2007.

Most were surprised to learn of this wonderful Christian mission, about eight miles east of us, just off Bayshore Road (Rt 78). Box lunches were delivered from the “Horsin’ Around Deli” to the pavilion where we enjoyed a social hour. Linda Zimmer and Donna Hamman hosted this event.

Submitted by: Donna Hamman

Note: We surprised our Queen Mum with a birthday cake when we returned to the club house.

Saturday, March 10, 2007 - Eighteen Red Hat Jewels celebrated our second anniversary at the home of Judy Binsfeld and Marci Conrad. The gals that hosted this event were Judy, Katie, Karen, Jerri and Bonnie. The lunch was superb—beautiful presentation and also very tasty. Games were played, prizes given, and each lady was presented with a long-stemmed purple rose in honor of the occasion. It was a great day and lots of fun. Girls, you did a **great** job!! Beautifully done!!!

Thursday, March 15, 2007 Nine Red Hat Jewels visited the Consulate Health Care Center on Pondella. Debbie Reed, the Social Director, made the arrangements for our visit. We arrived at 2 PM and met over 30 of the clients. Edie Smith made red hat pins and we had fun pinning them on all of them. We also had 29 lap robes we distributed—we let them pick the one they wanted. We also passed out 30 stuffed animals and they loved them! The ones that were able, enjoyed visiting with us. They smiled and they laughed and made us glad we were there. The elderly enjoyed our company as much as we enjoyed theirs. It was a wonderful afternoon we will never forget. Afterwards we treated ourselves with a sweet treat at the “Fabulous Fifties” ice cream parlor.

Thanks to the girls who made the lap robes: Marie Beyer, Edie Smith, Judy Binsfeld, Karen Stockero, Katie Thelen, Jerri Dickman, and Bonnie Knaub. Thanks also to Scottie Keusch and Joan Alberghini for donating lap robes. The stuffed animals were donated by Queen Mum Helene and her sister, Pauline.

Submitted by: Queen Mum Helene

On March 28, the Red Hat Jewels of Laurel will again make a trip to the winery, “Time to Make Wine”, in order to bottle the wine that we made in February.

The roster for the Red Hat Jewels has been updated by Pat Goodwin. Queen Helene will be in charge of their distribution. Thank you ladies.

Jim Rudolph is establishing a Red Hat Jewels of Laurel page on the Laurel Estates website. I do not know when it will be ready for viewing. There is a lot of information to be processed. If YOU have information you would like to see on the Red Hat page, please give the information to either Mary L, Queen Mum Helene, or Pat Goodwin....and don't forget to check the laurelestates.com website from time.

March 22, 2007

I would like to clear up the misunderstanding about the By-laws and Deed of Restrictions that are given to all newcomers. Just like Pauline Ford, who did the welcoming before me, everyone new coming into our park is given a folder with By-laws and Deed of Restrictions along with all activities and advantages of our park, garbage pickup, pool rules, speed limits, etc. If the people have already received the deed of restrictions and By-laws from the realtor, I put one in their packet so it won't get lost.

I try to impress upon them to read them at their leisure instead of taking up their time when they are busy getting settled in. They are also given a list of current officers with phone numbers to call if they have any questions. I assure them that they will receive answers. They also receive a phone book, newsletter and license plate.

I hope this clears up the subject of the disbursement of the By-Laws and Deed of Restrictions .

Flo Cummings

THE LOT OWNERS CORNER

The March 19, 2007 meeting with Mr. & Mrs. Parrish and their Attorney Christina Schwinn was well attended. Approximately 145 owners were present representing 94 owner families. With 10 homes empty at the present time and with 23 additional owners not in residence at this time, it appears that the remaining 63 owners were unable to attend.

Many questions dealing with motorcycles, the domestic pet issue, the 55 or older requirement, the enforcement of the deed of restrictions, and the citing and reporting of violations were among the more frequently mentioned concerns by the owners. Attorney Schwinn briefly outlined the procedure which Mr. Parrish would follow once a violation notice had been sent to an owner identifying the violation and the request to remove the violation within a specified period. If there is no compliance, litigation may follow if necessary, possibly resulting in a court appearance.

The restated proposed changes to the deed of restrictions distributed prior to the meeting on March 19, were a **draft** only and contained those items in which some revisions are being recommended for your consideration. These revisions are the result of all the input obtained from many owners during 2004-2006 periods of data gathering and discussions. We are still awaiting a working draft of the entire deed of restrictions from Mr. Parrish's Attorney which should be forwarded to the Lot Owners Association board within a few weeks, according to Attorney Schwinn. Reserve any and all of your considerations of approval and/or disapproval until we receive the complete restated deed of restrictions.

The Lot Owners Association has the following reminder to those owners who leave their homes for the summer and hurricane season. You must place your own window awnings in the closed position if that is your preference. Those owners remaining in the park will NOT close awnings that have been left open in the event of storms or hurricanes. Thank you for your attention.

J. Alberghini, President, LOA

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



ENTERTAINMENT: TURNER TAPPERS

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sylvia Wojcik
- 5 Phil Frank
- 5 Nancy Williams
- 5 Frances Yeomans
- 7 Bob Livensparger
- 8 Phyllis Norris
- 10 Doris Ray
- 12 Ray Poquette
- 14 Jack Goodwin
- 15 Bea Haller
- 17 Don Campbell
- 17 Jim Engle
- 19 Pat Fox
- 19 Mila Grindle
- 19 Earl Harvey
- 19 Kathy Jones
- 19 Esther Ritsema
- 20 Mary Frank
- 22 Helen Mavis
- 23 Hazel Pike
- 24 Tom Roberts
- 29 Elmer Jones
- 30 Frank Egnew

RENTERS/WINTER VISITORS

- 6 Karen Stockero
- 13 Geno Stockero

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Eugene Elwell
- 1 Sue Zamzow
- 4 Tom Cox
- 5 Geoffrey Ignatowski
- 5 Chamai Krutel
- 6 Karen Martin
- 7 John Warneke
- 8 Larry Jones
- 8 Evelyn Weithman
- 9 Richard Bacon
- 9 Ron Hagenbarth
- 9 Alan Noland
- 13 Margareet Fanning
- 14 Carolyn Luke
- 16 Cliff Hunter
- 16 Don Leas
- 16 Maynard McDonald
- 17 Myrna Stroble
- 20 Joan Brink
- 21 Phyllis Scott
- 21 Clarene Trexler
- 22 Flo Cummiings
- 22 Carolina Raatz
- 24 Jean Conrad
- 24 Charles (Bill) Hine
- 28 Souni Goodling
- 29 Janice Ignatowski
- 29 Madelyn Lorenz
- 30 Elaine Overly

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