



LAUREL ESTATES SOCIAL CLUB

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December 2007

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT.You will undoubtedly see me before you see this newsletter. We plan to be in Laurel shortly after Thanksgiving Day. We are looking forward to seeing everyone, walking without sweatshirts and gloves, and maybe even some pool time. We've had a long and lovely fall, but now we are seeing a few snow flurries and it's time to get out of here before the really bad weather hits Indiana.

December is almost here.....a month of preparation. Decorating—inside and out—gifts to be bought and wrapped, candy making, cookie baking, frantic busy hours and days—on a countdown—to Christmas! I pray our busy minds and spirits slow down and quietly let our minds relax and enjoy the reason for the season.....let us enjoy God's many gifts to us. My prayer is for peace on earth; peace among all people, between all cultures, within our families, and here at Laurel.....



Ho! Ho! Ho!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
BOB L ☺

CORRECTION - to C.E.R.T. information in the November newsletter: Jack Goodwin, as well as the Alberghini's, needs to complete a class so they can receive their certification.

THANK YOU -

Doris Ray and all your wonderful helpers for a delicious Thanksgiving Day Dinner!! It was enjoyed by all. You did a great job!

Jan Zylstra and Mo Campeau recently patched and touched up the walls in the club house and Mo has donated another decorative mirror.

Also, a special thanks to **Patty Fox** for taking care of all the cans, etc., all through the summer months. She turned over to me more than \$111.

Jill Lincoln, Treasurer

WELCOME — TO OUR NEW LAUREL ESTATE RENTERS



Mel & Faye Souders

SLATE OF OFFICERS PLACED IN NOMINATION FOR LAUREL ESTATES SOCIAL CLUB IN 2008

President.....Bob Livensparger
First Vice President.....Beth Thompson
Second Vice President.....Earl Harvey
Secretary.....Pat Myrom
Treasurer.....Nancy Williams

The slate of officers was presented at the November General Social Club meeting, Earl Harvey asked if there were any nominations from the floor and there were not. Nominations are now closed and election of officers will be held at the December meeting.

Special Thanks to your Nominating Committee:

Judy Schlundt, Chairperson
Margaret Fanning
Donna Hamman

PHONE DIRECTORY: Please make the following additions/changes to your directory:

Mel and Faye Souders

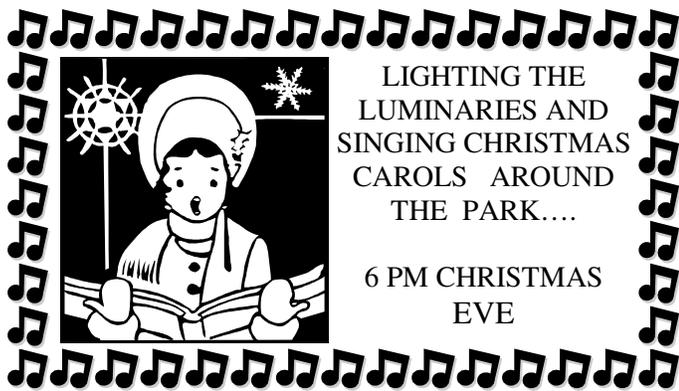
PHONE CHANGES:

(See the printed newsletter for new phone numbers.)

Jerry Raatz

Ken Clark

Reminder: Please notify Jan Ignatowski of all directory changes. Thanks!



REMINDERS:

Computer Classes—Jim Rudolph will be teaching a computer class, beginning in early January. We will be posting details and a sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the Club House.

Saturday Morning Café — Opened for coffee and rolls on November 17. Come one, Come all!! Have a fresh cup of coffee, breakfast roll, lots of smiles and friendly conversation. Saturday mornings 7:30 to 9 AM.

Pancake Breakfast — If you haven't already purchased your ticket for the pancake breakfast on Saturday, December 1, see Jim Morrison, Don Lizotte, George Lincoln, or Bob DeLane. Tickets are \$3 each and breakfast will be served from 8—9:30 am. Hope to see you there!

AARP Safe Driving Classes —December 13 and 14. The cost is \$10 (checks payable to AARP). Please be aware that your auto insurer may give you a discount for completing this class. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

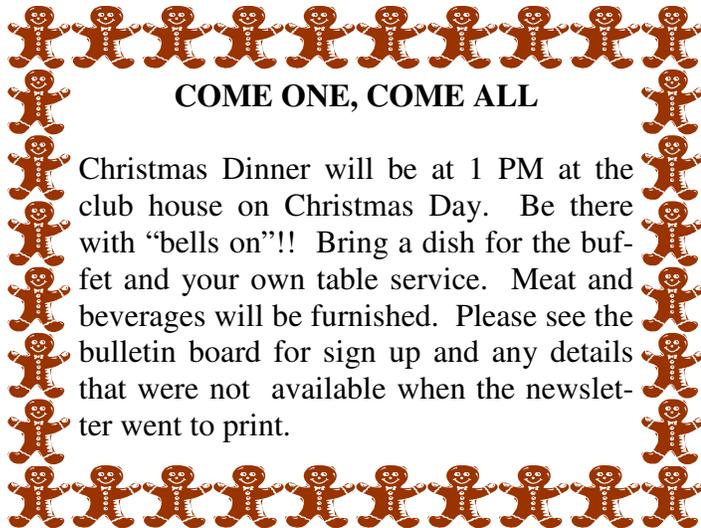
New Year' Eve Dance — Dennis Love will provide our music for the evening. It's BYOB and we will have mix and ice available. Also please bring snack foods for our continuous snack buffet. A champagne toast will be provided. Tickets will be available after December 1. \$5 per person.

Also, our dance committee will be begin meeting with the Arrowhead committee to coordinate dances for 2008 and 2009. We will submit events for their newsletter as they will also submit events to be entered in ours. The first event for Arrowhead will be the Holiday Bazaar on Saturday morning, December 1. They also have scheduled a concert with Johnnie and Carol for Sunday, December 2, 6 to 8 PM at a cost of \$5 per ticket.

Carolyn Luke would like to remind you that dart baseball will begin right after the new year. Come on out and give it a try!

Carry-In Dinners —Joanne Maul says that potluck dinners will start up again on the second Monday of each month, beginning in January.

Food Drive — Earl Harvey reports receiving very few donations to date. With so many construction workers out of work in our area, it is vitally important that we share non-perishable food items with those in need. All donations will be received until November 22.



COME ONE, COME ALL

Christmas Dinner will be at 1 PM at the club house on Christmas Day. Be there with "bells on"!! Bring a dish for the buffet and your own table service. Meat and beverages will be furnished. Please see the bulletin board for sign up and any details that were not available when the newsletter went to print.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

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

HOSPITALIZED:

October 24 to November 24

11/09 Betty Stewart.....tests at Cape Coral

11/15 Leighton Fritz.....surgery at Parkview
Returned home 11/17

Vaun Bergerback surgery at SW Regional

DECEASED:

11/12 Bea Haller passed away....Calousa Harbour

NOTE: Please do **NOT** remove cards and obituary notices from the bulletin board. This is the responsibility of the Sunshine Lady, Mary Louise Filer. Thanks!



Friday, December 21, 7:30 PM

*Everyone is invited to a special celebration of
December/June birthdays
And Christmas
All in one evening*

*This will be our only Christmas event, so we hope
Everyone will attend for our sing-along
and other Surprises!*

*Bring your Christmas spirit and any
Friends or family that may be visiting.*

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS
JOYOUS SEASON!**

RED HAT JEWELSfrom Queen Helene

“We are starting another busy Red Hat season.”

First, we will be attending the McGregor Baptist Christmas Pageant. The date is **Sunday, December 9**. The cost is \$7 per person and I have already purchased the tickets, so you can reimburse me. We will be sitting in the balcony and there will be 30 attending: 13 Red Hatters and spouses and friends. Please plan to meet at the Club House by 6 PM. Tickets will be distributed at that time and we can car pool (call me) to the event. Remember—it’s cold in there so bring a sweater or wear something warm. It may be in the 80’s outside but it’s cold in there. B-r-r-r-r!

Ladies—mark your calendarsFirst Thursday of the month is our Red Hat Meeting, from 1 to 3 PM at the Club House.

“Friendship improves happiness and abates misery, by doubling our joy and dividing our grief.”

(Joseph Addison)

HAPPY RED HATTING!!
Your Queen Mum,
Helene



The Whittles

They lived in Humbleburg,
as poor as poor can be,
But all the neighbors loved them for their generosity
For tho’ their shelves were bare,
and cottage tumbledown,
When Christmas came,
they made a toy for every child in town.

On Christmas Eve they climbed in bed,
after all the toys were made
And while they dreamed of better times,
the Whittles were repaid.

That night 3 Christmas angels came,
to give them a reward—
For heaven will not leave an act of kindness be ignored.

One angel searched the cupboard and found a crust of bread.
“Now, this won’t do”, she whispered.
“Let’s have a feast instead.”
The angels flapped their magic wings,
as only they are able,
And in a flash, a flood of food
was on the shelves and table!

The tiny house looked quite drab, it needed to be cheered.
And as the angels waved their wings,
A Christmas tree appeared.
Two angels trimmed the pretty tree,
the third flew to and fro,
Hanging bells and holly boughs and sprigs of mistletoe.

Outside, the angels dressed the house
with icicles and snow,
And on the door they hung a wreath,
complete with bright red bow.
They had finished all they’d come to do
before the break of day,
And as the Whittles roused from sleep,
the angels flew away.

Now, when the Whittles saw the food
and all the decoration,
They pinched themselves and wept for joy
—then danced in celebration!!
As word spread throughout the village,
of their heaven-sent surprise
Every Humbleburger came to see—
with their very own two eyes!

The Whittles shared their Christmas feast,
They emptied all the shelves;
Their kindness wouldn’t let them keep
Good fortune to themselves.

When everyone had cleaned their plate,
They all joined in a song.
And up above—though no one heard—
The angels sang along!

P.Z. Mann

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A COMBINATION
BIRTHDAY & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Janice Swick
- 6 Mary McElroy
- 8 Star Gordon
- 9 Ilene Jones
- 13 Mary Engle
- 15 Joanne Maul
- 15 Gae Plourde
- 17 John Fink
- 20 Betty Groves
- 20 Dick Samuelson
- 21 Louise Burns
- 21 Jim Rudolph
- 22 Hilda Miller
- 23 Carl Leonard
- 23 Verne Weatherholtz
- 24 Dora Angert
- 24 Jane Bacon
- 27 Therese Powers
- 28 JoAnn Goldschmidt
- 31 Carleen Staup

- 3 Mary Ellen Utter
- 4 Pat Goodwin
- 7 Priscilla Weatherholtz
- 8 Nelita Trahan
- 9 Ken Clark
- 9 Leighton Fritz
- 10 Dominic Piscopo
- 11 Katharine Morrison
- 11 Martha Warneke
- 11 Bruce Zylstra
- 12 Del Miller
- 13 Mary Louise Filer
- 16 Betty Turner
- 17 Phyllis Cross
- 20 Sondra Clark
- 23 Walter Hampson
- 25 Sonny Femino
- 27 Chuck Lorenz
- 28 Jerry Raatz
- 29 Shirley Weinmann
- 30 John Dettrey

