

LAUREL ESTATES SOCIAL CLUB



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MARCH 2008

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT: I encourage you to attend your monthly general meetings. I was very disappointed at the attendance, or should I say lack of attendance, at our February meeting. Some important decisions were discussed and voted on. They may or may not have pertained to you, but you need to attend these meetings if you have any interest in how your officers manage the Laurel Estates Social Club. One of the issues discussed was how to handle residents who do not pay their Social Club dues. In the past, these residents have enjoyed the same privileges as those who do pay social club dues. They receive a monthly newsletter and birthday card. They also attend some of the social club events and participate in park activities that are sponsored by the Laurel Estates Social Club. The costs relating to printing as well as the rising costs of sponsoring these activities and events have gone up and up until it has now become an issue. Therefore, after some discussion, a motion was made, voted upon, and passed by a majority of members present that those who do not pay social club dues will no longer receive the newsletter nor can they participate in social club activities. To clarify this matter, let me say that residents who purchase tickets to a social club event or activity may attend even though they have not paid social club dues. They would be in the same category as persons outside the Laurel Estates park who purchase tickets and attend special events such as pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners or entertainment events. If you have any questions regarding this, do not hesitate to question me or one of the other officers. To the Block Captains: do not be alarmed. We are working on a system that will keep you appraised of eligible newsletter recipients.

Anticipating a very successful flea market, let me say a big THANKS to all who participate in any way.

BOB L ©

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES should be hard copy or hand written and in my possession by the 20th of the month..

COPY MACHINE IS AVAILABLE for your personal use. Please stop by or call to make an appointment that will be convenient for both of us. Thanks.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SOCIAL CLUB DUES??

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR SOCIAL CLUB DUES BY MARCH 1, THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER YOU WILL RECEIVE.

AT THE FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIAL CLUB, THE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS VOTED TO DISCONTINUE NEWSLETTER DELIVERY TO RESIDENTS WHO ARE DELINQUENT IN PAYING THEIR SOCIAL CLUB DUES.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW LAUREL ESTATE RENTERS & OWNERS

RENTERS:

Wittmeyer. Bob & Bev

OWNERS:

Ralya, Earl & Shirley

Warren, James & Wanda

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

(See the printed newsletter for addresses and phone numbers)

Burns, Louise

McGrath, Tom & JoAnn

Frank, Phillip

Frank, Mary

Please notify Jan Ignatowski of all directory changes. Thanks!

SUNSHINE REPORT:

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

HOSPITALIZED:

2/7 Jim Ritsema—Cape Coral Hospital
 2/13 Maynard Ackley
 2/17 Gayle Raith (Renter)
 2/18 Larry Jones — Southwest Regional
 2/19 Al Noland — Cape Coral Hospital

DECEASED:

1/30 Helen Mavis
 1/24 Judy Schlundt's brother in Indiana

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!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Scottie Keusch (who lives in our park) along with several others from our area, will be making a trip to Germany and Holland in April. They will be putting on a shuffleboard exhibition to help promote shuffle boarding in their countries.

Also, in September, Scottie and several others have been selected to play on the United States team in Australia in the International Shuffleboard Tournament. They will also be spending time in New Zealand.



BREAKING NEWS!

NUDE BEACH DISCOVERED AT LAUREL ESTATES
 GO TO : www.laurelestates for article and pictures.

REMINDERS: Computer Classes—Jim Rudolph will be teaching computer classes every Tuesday at 10 am. There is a signup sheet in the clubhouse.

Saturday Morning Café — Please join us. Have a fresh cup of coffee, breakfast roll, lots of smiles and friendly conversation. Saturday mornings 7:30 to 9 AM.

Craft Club—Carry-in Lunch March 12 at 11:30 am

Carry-in Dinner — None this month.. We will be having a St. Pat's dinner and an Easter dinner both in March. We are looking forward to our next potluck April 14 at 5 pm.

Blood Bank — will be March 13, from 1 to 3 pm at the clubhouse.

Laurel Book Club — Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 10 am. Our book for the month of March is The Kite Runner See page 3 for more details.

Social Club Board Meeting — March 3 at 8:30 am. All updates on the Committee Chairmen Guidelines must be presented to the president prior to this meeting. All officers and committee chairs should attend. If you are unable to be attend, please present your monthly report in hard copy to Beth Thompson.

Nonagenarian Party — March 9 at 2 PM. Please come.

Social Club Badges - Please remember to wear your 2008 badges to all Social Club events.

St. Patty's Dinner - March 17 at 5 PM.

Raffle Tickets—Don't forget to purchase your \$1 raffle tickets for the beautiful lead glass pieces donated by Mo and Marie Campeau. Drawing will take place at the St Patty's dinner. Need not be present to win.

Best Wishes to Scottie Keusch and others who will be making the trip to Germany and Holland. And **CONGRATULATIONS TO SCOTTIE** and those who have been selected to play on the US team in Australia. How Awesome!!

SHUFFLEBOARD:

March 5 Laurel Estates/Twin Pine Away game
 March 12 Laurel Estates/Tamiami Away game
 Watch for possible obstacle games at Laurel Estates
 Also possible singles playoffs

LAUREL ESTATES

**“IT TAKES TWO”
WITH
DEBBIE & REX**

**Date: March 22, 2008
7:30 to 10:30 PM**

50’S, 60’S, Country, Classic Rock & Roll

B.Y.O.B.

Price: \$5 per ticket



SAINT PATRICK’S DAY DINNER



Monday, March 17 at 5:00 PM will be the “Wearin’ Of the Green” Dinner at the Laurel Estates club house. Ticket sellers will be going door to door beginning March 3. The dinner will be the traditional corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, and carrots. Dinner tickets are \$6.00 and must be purchased by March 14. Plan now to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with your friends and neighbors. Be sure and purchase your tickets on the beautiful mirrors and picture hand crafted by Mo Champeau. With the luck of the Irish you could be a winner as the drawing will take place at the St. Patrick’s dinner..

Beth Thompson

ARROWHEAD ENTERTAINMENT

KARLO RADOSAVLJEVIC

**DANCE: Saturday, March 15, 2008
7—10 PM**

\$5/ticket BYOB

NONAGENARIAN PARTY

Sunday, March 9, at 2 pm, you are invited to come out and meet your elderly neighbors. They would love to meet you. Some of our 90+ residents do not get out and about too often and they love seeing their neighbors and appreciate your honoring them with your attendance. Some of us will never reach that age, and I ask you to please come and make these people happy. Thank you.

Joanne Maul

Laurel Book Club

Our book for the month of March is The Kite Runner by Khaled Hassini. It is an epic tale of fathers and sons, of friendships and betrayal. An unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father’s servant. It is about the power of reading, the price of betrayal, and the possibility of redemption.



No need to buy the book or go to the library. You can pick up this book from Esther Ritsema. Our next meeting is March 17 at 10 AM at the clubhouse.

Esther Ritsema

EASTER DINNER MARCH 23, 1:30 PM

Plan now to attend the Easter Dinner and sign up on the bulletin board by Thursday, March 20. Meat, potatoes and beverage will be furnished by the Social Club. If anyone needs a carry-in dinner, please call Beth Thompson for delivery.



Beth Thompson

FROM THE LOT OWNER’S CORNER

On March 7, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Lot Owners Association will be distributing the Amended and Restated Deed of Restrictions and the Amended By-laws at the Clubhouse, 8:00 AM to 12 noon.

Each lot owner will be required to acknowledge receipt of these documents and provide specific information on a Pet Registration Form, if appropriate.

Each lot owner will be required to submit a Property Owner Information Form including any vehicle or object stored in the Storage Compound.

Since these documents are intended to remain with the property, any owner or guest or renter presently occupying the property may receive the documents on March 7, 2008.

John Alberghini, President
Lot Owners Association

RED HAT JEWELSfrom Queen Helene

Friday, January 18 - Our day with Captain JC for a buffet cruise was terrific. Hosted by Wilma Gibson and Edie Smith, thirteen Red Hat Jewels attended this event. The buffet was delicious. An entertainer played the piano and sang. The girls line danced and the people on our floor joined in. On the return, people stopped by and thanked us for the fun day they had. That in itself made the day perfect.

Sunday, January 27 - Our trip by bus to Tampa for a luncheon and "HATS" the musical — We had a wonderful lunch and the show was hilarious! We never laughed so much. Only 5 attended. We had a great day.

Friday, February 1—Time to make Wine—ten of us attended First we had the wine tasting, then we chose the wine, then we made the wine. We had a ball! It is a very interesting process and fun to do. Afterwards we stopped at Applebee's for lunch.

Thursday, February 7— Our regular Red Hat meeting—Mary Livensparger surprised us with a Red Hat birthday cake, to celebrate the February birthdays of Judy Cook, Judy Binsfeld, Queen Helene, and Vi Fisher. Thanks, Mary, for a pleasant surprise.

Thursday, February 14 — A Valentine tea at Beth Thompson's home at 1 pm, was hosted by Beth, Faye and Vi. There were 22 RHJewels in attendance and one guest who also entertained us. The decorations were beautiful; food presentation was both lovely and delicious. We played games and everyone received a gift. Great girls—it made for a truly special valentine's day.

"Gratitude takes three forms: A feeling in the heart; an expression in words; and giving in return."

HAPPY RED HATTING!
Queen Mum, Helene



The Wedding Anniversary celebration was held on Sunday, February 10 at 2:00 PM. There were about 60 in attendance. Honored for 50 years of marriage were Butch and Virginia Chamness, Carl and Karen Leonard, Jimmie and Mary McElroy, Jim and Kathy Morrison, and Harold and Barbara Pritchard. Carl and Karen were the only ones in attendance. Also honored for 60 years of marriage were Bob and Donna Hamman, Chuck and Edna Howell, Maynard and Audrey McDonald and Blaine and Myrna Stroble. The Hammans and Strobles were the only ones able to attend. Special recognition was given to Dora and Paul Angert who will be married 75 years in September. Unfortunately, they were unable to attend. Edie Smith did an excellent job as Mistress of Ceremony. **THANKS** to all who helped make this a party a success—the entertainers, the greeters, servers, cake bakers, guest book attendant, decorations, printer, photographer and co-chairmen.

Louise Burns, Chairman

THANK YOU

to: **Louise Burns, Beth Thompson, and Mary Livensparger** for a lovely Anniversary party. Also, we applaud each person who attended and the many helping hands who made the event possible.

to: **Joan Alberghini** for cleaning the kitchen stove and oven — she really deserves a super thanks for a job well done! And—a *gentle* reminder to all who use the kitchen to PLEASE clean up after you use it.

to: **Earl Harvey**—funds collected for Garden Street School amounted to \$150 and Earl sends special thanks to all who contributed.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The annual Ice Cream Social was held Sunday, February 17, at 2:00 PM. Forty-seven enjoyed a real ice cream feast with many toppings. Thanks to all who helped make this a successful event: Chuck Howell, Bob Schlundt, Dick Samuelson, Cathy Karcher and Beth. A special thanks to Faye Souders for helping set up the social hall as well as serving.

Ice Cream Social Chairperson, Beth Thompson

SOCIAL CLUB BIRTHDAY PARTY

A great celebration for the February and August birthdays was held Friday, February 15. The one-hundred plus attendees enjoyed the music by Dianne and Dick as they sang along or danced to the oldies. Special thanks to Flora Harvey for contacting the cake bakers; Judy Binsfeld, Jane Kohn, Madeline Lorenz, Nina Moore, Helen Onyett, Lou Shanabarger, and Karen Stockero. Thank you for the delicious cakes that made our party a success. Plan to join us March 21 for the March and September birthday celebration. Entertainment will be provided by: Fiddlin' Bill.

Beth Thompson

February Potluck

Yum-Yum—plenty of good food was devoured and a good time was had by all. Thank you everyone who helped clean up. Great bunch of people. If you missed it — so sorry — We had 68 people. Thanks to all who came. It makes us feel good to have a full house. Be sure to attend the other dinners in March.

Joanne Maul

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



ENTERTAINMENT: **Fiddlin' Bill**



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 Zillmer
14 Ella Olson
15 Robert Wirick
16 Marie Antonelli
20 Roger Pelletier
20 Lucille Shanaberger
21 Thomas Clark
22 Rebecca Henry
23 Mohammad Fatayer
26 George Henry
26 Sue Noland
26 Bob Onyett
27 Regina Sand
29 Joyce Hammond
30 Flora Harvey

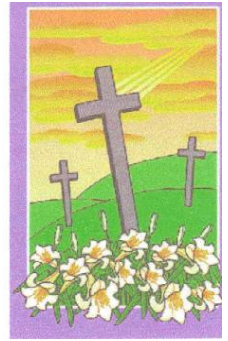
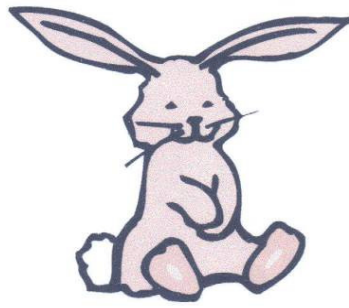
Renters/Winter Visitors

20 Faye Souders

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Nancy Love
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 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
24 Ray Crites
24 Mary Livensparger
25 Janet Schroeder

Renters/Winter Visitors



EASTER FOOD APPEAL

PLEASE HELP PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE
FOR OUR LESS FORTUNATE NEIGHBORS
ONCE AGAIN

BOXES WILL BE PICKED UP ON
MARCH 19th, WEDNESDAY

IN NEED OF CANNED

HAM, pkg. POTATOES, PASTA+SAUCE,

SOUPS, MAC+CHEES, CEREAL, P`NUT

BUTTER, ANTHING NON PERISHABLE

MANY THANKS

EARL HARVEY