

LAUREL ESTATES SOCIAL CLUB

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APRIL 2008

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT.....

And so, another season draws to a close. Seems only yesterday we were putting up Christmas decorations. Time moves on and we try to keep up with it!!

It's been a good season and I feel we've accomplished a lot. I want to thank my officers and all of the chairpersons who have helped to make my job a lot easier. We've all worked hard and we've had a lot of fun doing it.

The flea market was a huge success. The bake sale netted \$310.85. Profit for the Laurel Food Stand was \$324.22. Total income for both Friday night and Saturday was \$2462.93. Total expenses were \$332.38, for a profit of \$2130.55. An additional donation of \$45 from one of our satisfied residents brought our grand total to \$2,175.55. My sincere thanks to all chairpersons, all helpers, residents who donated various items and last, but not least, a big thanks to the shoppers.

"Mirrors by MO" was also very successful, with all four items going to members of our own park. Chuck Lorenz was the first name drawn by Mo and he received the leaded glass picture of the ship. The second ticket drawn was the ticket of Dick Samuelson., who received the beautiful insert. It seemed to be a family thing we had going, but the third ticket drawn changed the picture (no pun intended) and Becky Henry was the happy winner of a mirror by Mo. The last ticket drawn was Larry Thompson for the last mirror. Thanks to each and every one of you who bought a chance on the beautifully crafted artwork of Mo Campeau. A total of 426 tickets were sold and every dollar was total profit.

I wish you all safe travels, a healthy and happy summer with family and friends Until we meet again at Laurel Estates to GIT-R-DONE!

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.

FROM YOUR WEBMASTER: Jim Rudolph

The Lot Owners Association will begin using e-mail to forward important information to residents. The association will keep a list of residents who wish to receive these e-mail messages. If you want your e-mail address added to this list, go to the Laurel Estates web site, www.laurelestates.com, and look for the Lot Owners page. Follow the instructions on that page to add your e-mail address to the Lot Owners Notices list.

!!NOTICE!!

PLEASE REMOVE PAGE 4 FROM YOUR EXISTING BY-LAWS AND REPLACE IT WITH THE ENCLOSED PAGE 4. (REVISED MARCH 2008) THANK YOU.

WELCOME — TO OUR NEW LAUREL ESTATE RENTERS & OWNERS

NEW OWNERS:

Harold & Edie Miller
Breezewood Dr

Steve Pomeroy & Nancy Noffke
Breezewood

John Houle & Laura Young
Breezewood Dr

NEW RENTERS:

Richard & Frances Miller
Breezewood Dr

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

Wendell & Phyllis Cross.....Cell Only

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:

2/20 Jack Goodwin—Southwest Regional Hospital
 2/21 Joe Cook—Southwest Regional Hospital
 2/29 Doris LeBlanc—Cape Coral Hospital
 3/13 Ella Olson—Cape Coral Hospital
 3/13 Helen Onyett—hospital

DECEASED:

None

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!

CORRECTION

The February newsletter listed Wendell and Phyllis Clark as having a cell only. Please see the printed newsletter for the correct listing. It has been listed on page one of this newsletter correctly. My apologies to Wendell and Phyllis Cross.

NOTICE

All residents should be aware of the bookshelves located on the west wall of the clubhouse. Many items may be found on these bookshelves:

1. **Pop tabs—for the Ronald McDonald house.** Why not save your tabs and drop them in the container on the shelves to help benefit this worthy cause.
2. **Campbell labels for the Shriners.** Again, take a moment to save Campbell soup labels and place them in the appropriate container.
3. **Eye glasses** — donate old eye glasses/sun glasses to the Lions Club for their eye care programs.
4. **Neighbor** — a weekly North Fort Myers publication full of information, advertisements, and upcoming events. A must for all the T&T addicts in the park.
5. **Periodicals** — a variety of periodicals with helpful information for Seniors.
6. **Lost and Found** — various items that have been lost or misplaced.

REMINDERS:

Computer Classes—Tuesday, March 18, was the last computer class for the season. A really big thanks to Jim Rudolph for generously donating his time and knowledge to all we “would-be-gurus.” Jim will continue to assist you with computer related problems or questions. Just give him a call or stop at his residence. He has also agreed to do another class next year.

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. April 12 will be the last Saturday Morning Café for this season.

Craft Club—The craft club meets every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11:30 am at the social club hall. Potluck lunch will be April 9 at 11:30 a.m.

Potluck Supper — Sign up sheet on the bulletin board for April 14, at 5 PM.

Library— Check out the books in our library which is located in the pool/card room. You will find a large variety of books for your reading pleasure. We do not check books out or in...simply take the book of your choice home with you, read and return it. You may also donate books to the library if you wish to do so.

Lost & Found — We currently need owners for two pairs of sun glasses, one watch and one lady's sweater. These items are located on the shelves on the west wall of the clubhouse. Take a look and see if any of these items belong to you.

Card Shower — for Dora and Paul Angert who will celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary September 06, 2008. Mark your calendar and send a card to them.

Potluck

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. This will probably be the last meal together for a lot of people. We will surely miss the many great dishes that are brought in. Let's make it a good one that you won't forget and you will want to come back.

We'll miss all of you. Have a great summer.

Joanne Maul & Flo Cummings

END OF SUMMER PICNIC & BBQ

The date will be Sunday, October 26, at 5 pm, weather permitting. Rain date will be November 2. Please bring a dish to pass.

Sign-up sheet and proper notice will be posted in the clubhouse around the 1st of October.

JackGoodwin

LAKE ARROWHEAD DANCE**OMAR BAKER****SUNDAY, APRIL 6
7 pm to 10 pm****\$5.00
B.Y.O.B.****LAUREL BOOK CLUB**

Twelve members met on Tuesday, Mar 17, to discuss "The Kite Runner." All agreed that it was very challenging and most agreed that it was a good read. The discussion was lively and interesting as we agreed and/or disagreed on different points. All in all, it was a delightful hour and we all thanked our leader, Esther Ritsema, for the time and effort she has put forth to make the first season of the Laurel Book Club successful. In honor of St Pat's Day, we enjoyed Irish refreshments — compliments of Esther Ritsema and Faye Souders. If you wish to join us during the summer months reading, "Can't Wait to Get to Heaven" by Fanny Flagg, we will discuss it on the 3rd Monday of December when we return to Laurel Estates. Mark your calendar and join us on December 15.



Line by line, moment by moment, special times are etched into our memories in the permanent ink of everlasting love in our relationships.....

Gloria Gaither

NONAGENARIAN PARTY

A joyous Sunday afternoon with our nonagenarian people. Ella Olson, Mary Reda, Thelma Franklin, Hilda Miller, Pete DeLoge, Maynard Ackley, and Mac McCree. I believe this is the first time they were all there. Flo and I were well pleased with the number out—67. Thank you all. We enjoyed all those who participated and we have the best singers around. It was just beautiful with "How Great Thou Art" as closing song. Be careful! Hollywood will call!! Haha. A great big thanks to all the workers and cake bakers. Dennis and Nancy, you put the frosting on the cake. Thanks. Love you all.....

Joanne Maul and Flo Cummings

COMMUNITY THANKS

Everyone who helped make the Flea Market a huge success. To the Chairpersons, to the workers, to all who donated and/or purchased items.

Helene Lizotte and Kathy Morrison for the hours spent collecting social club dues.

Joanne Maul and Flo Cummings for chairing the Nonagenian Party and to all the helpers for another enjoyable celebration.

Beth Thompson, Judy Schlundt and Sondra Clark for chairing a wonderful St. Paddy's dinner. Also, thanks to **Faye Souders** for a wonderful sing-a-long and the Irish humor she dispensed along with it.

Mo and Marie Campeau for their generous donation of the mirrors and leaded glass pieces that netted a tidy sum of \$426 for the Laurel Estates Social Club.

Pat Myrom for housing the copier and Treasurer's books during the summer months.

Edie Smith for chairing the Nominating Committee of Kathy Jones and Pat Myrom for the upcoming season.

Please contact one of the above if you are interested in running for an office in the Laurel Estates Social Club for the 2008-2009 season.

St Patrick's Day Dinner

How many hands does it take to make a traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner at Laurel Estates?

We are so grateful for the many people who lent a hand to the annual corned beef and cabbage dinner held Monday, March 17. With names too numerous to mention, we thank you, all of you, for your help and assistance. To the ticket sellers, ticket & poster maker, purchasing, preparation and serving people, meat slicers, those who sold the 50/50 raffle tickets, and those helping with the clean-up. Special thanks to the Co-chairpersons Judy Schlundt and Sondra Clark; Faye Souders for the great "Wearin' of the Green" entertainment and Richard Menzel for the photographs.

The answer to the introductory question is 90. Yes, forty-five Laurel Estate residents and friends contributed to the success of our dinner. One-hundred-sixty-eight dinners were served, including the twenty-four take-outs. Income for the evening included \$1008 from the ticket sales, \$59 from the 50/50 raffle and \$29 from the sale of leftovers. Deposited in Laurel Estates Social Club treasury \$618.52. Thanks for attending and thank you all again for helping.

Beth Thompson, Chairman

RED HAT JEWELSfrom **Queen Helene**
Tuesday, February 26, our Ham & Bean supper was successful. We raised \$1,125 for the abuse counseling treatment center. I would like to thank all that attended. Without you we could not have done this. Also, I want to thank all my girls for all their time, money, and hard work. I have a great group of caring girls! We are a team and none of this could have taken place without all who took part. Thank you.

Wednesday, March 5— Pat Chamness from A.C.T. came to the clubhouse so we could give her the check. Richard Menzel took our picture. The acknowledgement from ACT is on the bulletin board. Afterwards, 16 of us headed to the German Club for a luncheon and style show and the opportunity to meet other red hatters. There were prizes given and a few of us received one. We had a nice time.

Monday, March 10 — The third anniversary for the Red Hat Jewels and 22 went to the Oyster Bar at Fishermans Village in Punta Gorda for lunch. Afterwards, we drew names and each received a gift. The hostesses were: Judy Binsfeld, Bonnie Knaub, Katie Thelen, Jerry Dickman and Karen Stockero. We did some shopping and had a great day.

Friday, March 14—Finally! Time to head for Cape Coral. Our mission? To bottle the wine we made back in January. Twelve of us headed for “Time to Male Wine” and, as always, we had a lot of fun. We bottled 31 bottles of Honeysuckle Red — a light merlot. Then we ate lunch at the winery cafe and opened one bottle to enjoy with a delightfully tasty lunch. We will do this again next season.

Thursday, March 20 — Some of the girls will be leaving at the end of the month, so we met to make some plans for next season. Also, we enjoyed birthday cake and ice cream to celebrate March birthdays: Flora Harvey, Becky Henry, Doris LeBlanc, and Faye Souders. Happy birthday and many, many more!!

Tuesday, March 25 — Twelve of us will headed to the Broadway Palm theatre for lunch. The theme is “Under the Big Top” and we will all be dressed in theme costumes. Lunch at 11:30 am and the show stats at 1 pm. It will be a fun day.

Wednesday, April 2 — Thirteen will be going to lunch at the Veranda in downtown Ft Myers. This outing is hosted by Flora, Pat, Marie and Mary Miller. Afterwards, we will return to Mary Miller’s for coffee and cake, fellowship and organ music by Mary.

Thursday, April 24 — The Red Hat Society will celebrate their 10 Anniversary this year. Flora Harvey, myself, and Cathy Thompson from Arrowhead will attend the celebration at Fishbones. Then on the 25th of April,

Morgan House for lunch to officially celebrate the tenth anniversary of The Red Hat Society.

You will have to wait until next season to hear about these last four events. Thank you for a great season. Till next time.....

Fondly,
 Queen Mum

“Treat your friends like family
 And your family like friends.”



FROM CERT

Our Laurel Estates CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) grew this month and we’re so glad! John and Joan Alberghini and Jack Goodwin are completing the classes they missed for certification and Madeline Clark and Mary Louise Filer are completing their basic training in the next couple weeks. WELCOME!! We pray that 2008 will be a quiet season and our services will not be needed, but preparation is always good. So, here we are: Bruce & Jan Zylstra, Bob & Jo LeDane, Del & Jane Kohn, Pat Myrom, Louise Burns, John & Joan Alberghini, Jack Goodwin, Maddie Clark and Mary Louise Filer.

Jan Zylstra

IRS STIMULUS REBATE

Do you qualify for the IRS Stimulus Rebate this year? Do you expect to see the check some time in May? If you don’t file a tax return you will **not** get a check. Even if you owe no tax and have not filed a return for several years, you **MUST** file a return to be eligible for the Stimulus Rebate.

But the filing process is very simple if you owe no taxes. There are just a few lines that need to be completed on a single form. If you have any questions, need a form to fill in, or want help completing the form, you can contact Jim Rudolph. Jim has copies of the required form and can assist in filling in the blanks. Remember, if you do not file a tax return in 2008 you will not get a Stimulus Rebate check.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sylvia Wojcik
- 5 Phil Frank
- 5 Nancy Williams
- 5 Frances Yoemans
- 6 Rosemary Hemenway
- 7 Bob Livensparger
- 8 Phyllis Norris
- 8 Earl Ralya
- 10 Doris Ray
- 12 Ray Poquette
- 14 Jack Goodwin
- 17 Don Campbell
- 18 Jim Engle
- 19 Patty Fox
- 19 Mila Grindle
- 19 Earl Harvey
- 19 Kathy Jones
- 19 Esther Ritsema
- 20 Mary Frank
- 21 Amy Allen
- 23 Hazel Pike
- 24 Tom Roberts
- 30 Frank Egnew

RENTERS/WINTER VISITORS

- 6 Karen Stockkero
- 13 Geno Stockero
- 28 Janice Dumonson

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Janice Kenny
- 5 Geoffrey Ignatowski
- 5 James Warren
- 6 Karen Martin
- 7 John Warneke
- 8 Larry Jones
- 9 Richard Bacon
- 9 Ronald Hagenbarth
- 9 Alan Noland
- 10 Sue Zamzow
- 13 Margaret 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 Fred Borutzki
- 22 Flo Cummings
- 22 Carolina Raatz
- 24 Jean Conrad
- 24 Bill Hine
- 28 Sondra Goodling
- 29 Janice Ignatowski
- 29 Madelyn Lorenz
- 30 Elaine Overly

RENTERS/WINTER VISITORS

- 11 Bonnie Knaub