

LAUREL ESTATES SOCIAL CLUB

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MARCH 2009

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT . . When Mary told me she was ready for some “profound remarks” for the President’s column, I told her I was fresh out of profound remarks....

But I do have a few issues I want to address at this time. We’ve had very poor attendance at our General Social Club meetings for some time. This is the time that your officers bring issues to the general members that have been addressed in the board meetings. In this particular case, two (2) proposed By-Law changes were presented, motions made, seconded and passed to present to the members at the general meeting. Both proposed changes will be presented at the March general meeting. Briefly, (1) we will vote on an increase in the yearly dues, and (2) vote to accept nominations at the November meeting instead of December meeting. The details of both motions are in the February 13, 2009 minutes posted on the bulletin board. **Please** take the time to read the details of both motions and familiarize yourself with the content as well as the reasons for the proposed changes. Then, if it is important to you, come to the general meeting and cast your vote by secret ballot.

Also, we are very appreciative of the many volunteers who have stepped up to the plate and put their expertise to work for *the park community*. *We, the people in Laurel Estates, are enjoying the improvements we have made happen*. Perhaps, down the road, Mr. Parrish may also benefit. But right now, as I see it, we are reaping all the benefits.

I know there are differences of opinions and each one is entitled to his own. However, we did bring these projects to the people and received a majority vote to proceed. And I believe the majority of you appreciate the improvements we’ve made.

Mr. Parrish has contributed to the costs of the projects in the amount of over \$2000 for bulbs, paint, ceiling tiles, lights, plywood, shelf brackets, pool table refurbishing, balls, sticks, etc., and other miscellaneous items.

Finally, you’ll find a 2-page survey attached to this newsletter. Your response is important to us. We continue to strive to meet the needs and wishes of our park community. We need your input. Please, thoughtfully complete the survey and bring it with you to the March 13 general meeting of the social Club. Please help us that we might better serve you.

Bob L☺

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES should be hard copy or hand written and in my possession by the 20th of the month.. The copy machine will be available for personal copies at 2723 Breezewood Drive. Please call ahead. Thanks.

CORRECTION: The last newsletter incorrectly listed the address for Jan Ignatowski. Please note the corrected address in the printed version of the newsletter.

Please make the following phone change:
Jack & Janice Swick

Please notify Jan Ignatowski of all directory changes. Thank you.

LOT OWNERS Welcome Package Change;

Please correct the Officers/Board Members listing in your Lot Owners Welcome Package to *delete the northern address* for Gail Goad your LO Treasurer. Her phone number remains the same.
Thank you.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

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

HOSPITALIZED:

1/23 Leslie Utter—Southwest Regional
1/29 “Scottie” Keusch—Lee Memorial
2/5 Fred Borutzski—Lee Memorial
2/19 Martha Warneke—Cape Coral

DECEASED:

1/20 Laura Hagenbarth’s sister passed away
1/24 Grace Corso passed away
1/29 Vi Fisher passed away
2/05 Faye Souder’s mother passed away
2/18 Tom Williams’ father passed away

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

Tickets to the Annual Red Hat Ham & Bean Dinner are still available. See Helene Lizotte or any member of the Red Hat Jewels.

Menu:

Baked Ham, Baked Beans, Potato Salad,
Black Bread, Corn Bread,
Beverage & Dessert

March 3, 2009, 5:00 PM Donation \$7
Laurel Estates Clubhouse
Basket of Cheer Raffle, 50-50 Drawing
Entertainment

All Proceeds will be donated to A.C.T.
(Abuse Counseling and Treatment)

**FIDDLIN' BILL
& THE GOLDEN ROAD QUARTET**

Friday, January 30, 2009, saw a nearly full clubhouse enjoying the music of this special entertainment. Ticket sales brought in \$770 and a net profit of \$270 was put in the Social Club treasury. Thanks to all who helped make this a successful venture.

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.
- 7.

ALSO, CHECK OUT OUR 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 it, and return it to the library. You may also donate books to the library if you wish to do so.

REMINDERS:

Computer Classes - The next class will be February 24. Please make a notation of items of particular interest to you so that Jim may address them in an upcoming class.

Mah Jongg—Come join us for Mah Jongg Mondays at 1 PM. For information call Janice Ignatowski or Sylvia Wojcik.

Social Club Board Meeting— March 2, 8:30 am. Please plan to attend if you are an officer or a chairperson.

Lot Owners Board Meeting—March 5, at 7:00 P.M.

Social Club Dues must be paid by March 1,2009. The last day to pay your dues at the club house is February 26.

Wanna Dance? If you want to continue the dances here in the park, you might want to consider volunteering to chair the Dance Committee in 2010. Give Don or Helene a call for more information.

We still have a need for a Nominating Committee— If you can help meet this need, please contact either Bob Livensparger or Beth Thompson.

Volunteers needed to work Flea Market. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for workers. If you have items for pickup call, Bob Livensparger, Bob Schlundt, Don Lizotte, or Dick Samuelson.

Ham & Bean Supper - Tuesday, March 3. Please remember this is a benefit to help abused children and women, as well as a delicious meal and entertainment all for \$7. See Helene or any Red Hat Jewel if you have not yet purchased your ticket.

John Alberghini reminds everyone of the Bocce on Saturday mornings after coffee. Come to watch or play...all are welcome.

Helene & Don will continue to host the Saturday morning coffee café through March 28, 7:30 to 9 am. Thanks to the Lizottes and Leight, the donut man, for their early morning efforts to brighten our days.

The Laurel Estates Newsletter has been an important communication tool in our park. We need a volunteer to continue this publication. Mary Livensparger has resigned effective April 2009. (April Newsletter will have been delivered) If you have an interest in taking over this responsibility and would like more information, please call Mary.

SPECIAL THANKS: To the men who hung the accordion doors. To Beth and her Committee for another very successful and delicious Ice Cream Social. To Flo Cummings and her helpers for the pot-luck supper. To Louise Burns and her committee for the lovely Anniversary party. (See page 4) To John Alberghini and his helpers for the delicious Spaghetti Supper.

MARCH LEAGUE SHUFFLE SCHEDULE

Mar 4 Cypress Woods & Laurel Estates There

Spring banquet will be at Pioneer Village at 6 P.M., on March 26, 2009. All Bayshore League shufflers are encouraged to attend.

Edie Smith

“ Friends & Fun”

Come join us every Wednesday morning at 9 A.M. in the club house. We are making beautiful jewelry. Next lesson will be “One Stroke Painting” by Jan Ignatowski. The March pot-luck will be held March 11 at 11:30 AM. Everyone in the park is welcome to join the “Fun & Friends” activities.

Beth Thompson

LAUREL ESTATES BOOK CLUB

Do you enjoy reading? Come and join the Laurel Estates Book Club on March 16, 2009. We meet at the clubhouse at 10 A.M.

This month we are reading PEACE LIKE A RIVER by Leif Enger. A short summary of the book is posted under “Activities” on the bulletin board at the club house. There is no need to buy this book or go to the library. You can pick up a copy at 2793 Wedgewood.

Esther Ritsema

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

The annual Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner will be held Tuesday, March 17, at 5 PM at the Laurel Estates Club House. The meal includes: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes, Bread & Butter, Beverage & Dessert. The cost is \$6 per person. Tickets will go on sale March 1 thru March 13. Advance tickets only. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Ticket sellers for the 2009 St. Patrick’s Dinner are:

Breezewood	Bob & Judy Schlundt
Deerfield	Larry & Beth Thompson
Wedgewood	Mel & Faye Souders
Teakwood	Bob Binsfeld
Indianwood	Edie Smith

Purchase tickets from your neighbor and plan now to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day at the Laurel Estates Club House with your friends and neighbors.

NOTE: the lucky raffle ticket will be drawn for the beautiful hand-crafted quilt donated by Joan Dunlap sometime during the course of the evening, so make sure you purchase your tickets if you have not already done so.

Beth Thompson

WINTER PICNIC

The 4th Annual Winter Picnic for all Laurel Estates residents will be held Thursday, March 26, at 5 PM at the club house. Meat, buns, condiments and beverages will be furnished by the social club. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the picnic supper with your friends. Delicious hot dogs and hamburgers will be cooked by the Laurel Estates Grill Masters. If you plan to attend, please sign the Winter Picnic sign up sheet on the bulletin board by Saturday, March 21.

Thank you.

**LAUREL ESTATES BLOOD DRIVE
AT Laurel Estates Clubhouse
Thursday, March 5, 2009, 12:30 to 3 PM
BLOOD URGENTLY NEEDED**

The number of participants here has dwindled down because of illness and certain medications.

Many residents in our park have had the need of transfusions and the need increases every year. Please give.

Thanks.

Earl Harvey

We are looking for more people to become active in the C.E.R.T. program.

C.E.R.T. means Community Emergency Response Team and is trained by the North Fort Myers Fire Dept. and we are trained to assist in an emergency. Most types of emergency that we might be called for are (but not limited to) storms, floods, hurricanes etc.

We now have 11 trained members in Laurel Estates, however most are not here during the Summer months and do not arrive back in Laurel Estates until December or January. As the main storm season is from June 1 through November 30. Although things have been relatively quiet since 2004 and hurricane “Charley” I am sure you can see where we could be caught short handed.

I would like to have at least 15-20 trained people in Laurel Estates if possible. You do not have to be year round residents but 3-4 more would be nice.

If any one is interested, please let me know and I will find out when and where new classes will be available.

Thank you

C.E.R.T Chairman Jack Goodwin



MUSIC by KARLO

**LAUREL ESTATES DANCE
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009**

7 TO 10 PM

BYOB \$5 PP 50/50

**LAST DANCE THIS SEASON
LET'S MAKE IT A GOOD ONE**



NOTICE;

Saturday, March 28, is the last day for the **Saturday Morning Café** until November when Don and I return to the park.

Thank you all, for joining us on Saturday mornings!

Don & Helene

ANNIVERSARY PARTY 2009

The anniversary party was held on Sunday, February 15, 2009 at the club house at 2:00 P.M.

There were about 70 people in attendance. Edie Smith did a wonderful job as Mistress of Ceremonies. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment. Faye Souders sang "Grow Old With Me" accompanied by Dennis Love. Hilda Miller read a poem. The prayer and toast were performed by Bruce Zylstra. Nancy Love played the spoons accompanied by Dennis.

Faye Souders made the beautiful wedding cake and Judy Binsfeld's decorations and flowers were just gorgeous. Thanks to Richard Menzel for the photography. You should soon see the pictures on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. (also, check our website: www.laurelestates.com).

Thanks to all the wonderful helpers, the cake bakers, the servers, those that helped with cleanup, moving tables, and assembling and then taking down the arch. Thanks, also, to the Routzahns for their donation of plates, napkins, and supplies.

Louise Burns, Chairperson

**ST PAT'S DANCE
AT LAKE ARROWHEAD
"BIG JOHN"
SATURDAY, MARCH, 14 2009
7 TO 10 PM**

**B.Y.O.B. 50/50 DRAWING \$5PP
SEE HELENE FOR TICKETS**

**RED HAT JEWELSfrom Queen Helene
Red Hat Matters:**

Feb 3 We were off to make wine—8 of us. First, we did the wine tasting to choose the wine to be made. Then we enjoyed a terrific lunch at Shiraz Café. Afterwards, we had a great time making our wine...a lovely Honeysuckle Merlot. It's always a fun day in Cape Coral when the Red Hat Jewels are making wine! We return on March 13, to bottle our vintage.

Feb 16 Sixteen of us, along with a sister Red Hatter from Lake Arrowhead, went to the Butterfly Estates on Fowler in Ft. Myers. We had a wonderful lunch in the café and afterwards 8 of us took the tour— very informative on the life of the butterfly. There were all kinds of butterflies, all colors, all in a lovely setting with waterfall, plants and trees. There was a beautiful gift shop, Ice Cream and Chocolate shop. This outing was hosted by Donna Hamman, Flora Harvey and Linda Zimmer. Unfortunately, Donna was unable to join us due to recent surgery. But she's doing fine and will soon be back in Florida with us. We all received a lovely hostess gift...GREAT DAY GALS!

Feb 24 We will be going to Mardi Gras at Broadway Palms.

Mar 3 We will host our Annual Ham & Beans supper. This is a fund raiser with all proceeds going to A.C.T.

Mar 10 Tea Room in Punta Gorda. We will be celebrating our Red Hat Jewel Anniversary! Need drivers.

Mar 12 Style Show at Carriage Village. 10:30 AM. Need drivers.

Mar 13 Bottle wine at Cape Coral. Leave approx 11:30 a.m. Need a count for lunch reservations.

Queens Quote: A smile can start a conversation without saying a word.

HAPPY RED HATTING!!
Queen Mum Helene
Red Hat Jewels of Laurel



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



March Birthdays

- 5 Charles Howell
- 5 Joyce Wallace
- 8 Helen Funk
- 9 Wendell Cross
- 9 Jim Ritsema
- 10 Joan Zillmer
- 15 Robert Wirick
- 20 Roger Pelletier
- 20 Lucille Shanaberger
- 20 Faye Souders
- 21 Thomas Clark
- 22 Rebecca Henry
- 23 Mohammad Fatayer
- 26 George Henry
- 26 Sue Noland
- 26 Bob Onyett
- 27 Regina Sand
- 29 Joyce Hammond
- 29 Alyce Piscopo
- 29 Ande Smith
- 30 Flora Harvey

September Birthdays

- 1 John Houle
- 3 Vaun Berger
- 3 Jim Dunlap
- 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 Donna Forsythe
- 13 Donna Hamman
- 15 Bob Binsfeld
- 16 Manfred Post
- 21 Roy Walter
- 24 Ray Crites
- 24 Mary Livensparger
- 25 Janet Schroeder

Renters/Winter Visitors

- 10 Martha Manges

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- 28 Dick Watkins

ENTERTAINMENT: COASTAL BLEND