

LAUREL ESTATES SOCIAL CLUB

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT . . .

Another good season is drawing to a close. In less than 2 weeks I will be back in Indiana—shoveling snow?? I can handle it!

I want to thank each and every one of you who helped make the flea market a resounding success. I cannot start listing names because I know I'd leave someone out. But I know who you are and I know a lot of you put in some long, hard hours. I also want to say thanks to those who donated items and those who purchased. We netted \$2499.18, and that included the 50/50 drawing of \$61.50 for the social club. Bette Gard of Lake Arrowhead won the other \$61.50. Several items of quality were taken to an antique dealer and will bring our grand total to over \$2500 when transactions are completed.

Last month, I noted that Mr. Parrish has contributed over \$2000 towards the cost of our improvements and I'd like to add that he also paid for one of the beautiful new game tables.

At the March general meeting, we voted on two By-Law changes: Proposal #1 to raise Social Club dues from \$5 to \$8 per year was defeated with 29 for and 42 against. Proposal #2 that nominations will be accepted at the November meeting was passed with a vote of 62 for and 7 against.

I'm immensely grateful to the officers I have worked with the past three years. You've all contributed to making my job much easier. Thank you so much. AND a special thanks to Joan Dunlap for the donation of her beautifully hand-crafted quilt as a special project for the Laurel Estates Social Club.

We've managed to accomplish quite a lot during the past three years and I want to express my appreciation to each of you for your support and help. When I became President of the Social Club, I claimed a phrase which you heard over and over again. **GIT 'R DONE** became my "bumper sticker." I've changed it to:

GOT 'R DONE

With that thought I want to express my wishes for a happy and healthy summer for each of you. If you are traveling North in the next few weeks, I pray for your safe travel. And, God willing, we will all meet again in the fall for another great winter here at Laurel Estates.

Bob L☺

A HUGE THANK YOU TO JAN ZYLSTRA for accepting the position of Newsletter Editor.

ALL newsletter articles should be hard copy or hand written and in her possession by the 20th of the month to go into the newsletter for the following month.

THE COPY MACHINE—will have a new home. Sometime during the week of March 22, the copy machine will be relocated at Jim & Joan Dunlap's residence. It is available for personal copies at 10 cents per copy. Please call ahead to schedule a time that is convenient. Thank you.

Phone Directory: Please make the following additions/changes to your directory:

(See the printed newsletter for the changes.)

Fisher, Tom & Martha
Miller, Harold & Edie

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

NOTE: Anyone wishing their cell phone number to be printed in the phone directory next year, please call Janice Ignatowski with your phone number, including area code. Only one phone number per household can appear in the directory.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

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

HOSPITALIZED:

2/21 Ed Weinmann—Southwest Regional
2/25 Maynard Ackley—Cape Coral
2/28 Bob Routzahn—Southwest Regional
3/2 Ray Malinger—Cape Coral
3/11 Martha Warneke —Tampa General

DECEASED:

3/1 Paul Angert 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.

NEW RESIDENTS WELCOME

Tom & Martha Fisher

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN....

Your joints are more accurate than the National Weather Service.
Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.

Your back goes out more than you do.

The twinkle in your eye is only the reflection of the sun on your bifocals.

You finally got your head together, now your body is falling apart.

Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.

Takes twice as long to look half as good.

People call at 9 PM and ask, "Did I wake you?"

Your mind makes contracts your body can't keep.

The Pharmacist has become your best friend.

There's nothing left to learn the hard way.

You come to the conclusion that your worst enemy is gravity.

Your idea of a night out is sitting on the patio.

You look for your glasses, only to find them on top of your head.

Happy Hour is a nap.

You begin every sentence with "Nowadays..."

You constantly talk about the price of gasoline.

You sing along with the elevator music.

Submitted by: Joann Maul

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 - NO CLASS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17. See Page 3 for more information.

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

March 26—Winter picnic. Bring a dish and table service and join us for burgers and hot dogs.

March 28 - Last morning for Saturday morning Café.

March 30 8:30 AM is the April Social Club Board Meeting— Please attend if you are an officer or chair.

John Alberghini reminds everyone of Bocce on Saturday Mornings at 9 am and Tuesday evening at 7 pm.

Easter Dinner - April 12 at 1:30 pm . See Page 3

Volunteers Needed: We need someone to chair the Dance Committee, Pancake Breakfast, Nonagenarian and Anniversary Parties, and Fun & Friends. We don't want to lose these activities. Please, we need volunteers.

THANK YOU....

To: Hilda Miller for 25 years of teaching Line Dancing here at Laurel. Just think of the enjoyment this great lady has given to many, many people.

To: Jack and Janice Swick for donating the new Canadian flag.

To: Jan Zylstra for taking over as Editor of the Laurel Estates Social Club Newsletter.

To: Don & Helene Lizotte and Jim and Cathy Morrison for chairing the Dance Committee the past three years ... for the fun, fellowship and just pure pleasure as we whirled and twirled or sat and listened to the music..

To: The Lizottes and Leight, the donut man, for the Saturday morning donuts and coffee. Don and Helene will resume the Saturday Morning Café when they return to Laurel Estates in November.

To: Everyone who participated in any way to make the Flea Market a smashing success. See the President's comments on page one and check the bulletin board for detailed financial account.

To: Nancy Williams, Jan Zylstra, and Doris Ray for volunteering to be the Nominating Committee for 2010.

To: Mr Parrish for the purchase of a new game table.

To: Bob and Judy Schlundt for the donation of a new cover for the refurbished pool table.

To: Each of you! I'll take advantage of a captive audience one last time to share some personal thoughts. I've enjoyed doing the LE Newsletter and thank you for the opportunity to serve in this way. Bob and I have both enjoyed the past 3 years as **we have all worked together to make our park a better community.** We sincerely appreciate all who have supported us in our efforts, whether you volunteered for a special project or been there for us with words of encouragement and support. We both want to say a simple heartfelt THANKS.

C.E.R.T. There will be a C.E.R.T. team meeting with Julie Wilson in the Clubhouse on Monday, April 6 at 1:00 P.M. All C.E.R.T. team members should attend. Anyone else who would like to join our team is also welcome to attend. *Thank you.*
C.E.R.T Chairman Jack Goodwin

COMPUTER CLASSES—Whether you just got a new computer and want to learn how to turn it on, or if you are a computer nerd, geek or guru— computer illiterates and know-it-alls are all welcome to come to the computer class taught by Jim Rudolph on Tuesday mornings at 10 AM. There is no need to sign up. No need to bring a laptop. Just come. Jim will present a class on Spreadsheets on March 24, Word Processing on March 31, and April 7 will be Internet Searching Techniques—how websites are indexed and how to find the information you are looking for, along with other information. April 14 will be Q&A. Bring questions and we will try to give some answers, and April 21, will be discussion time—whatever anyone wants to discuss. This is a wonderful opportunity to pick up some computer knowledge at absolutely no cost to you. Don't sit at home and wonder about it. Don't let the brain cells die. Come to the clubhouse Tuesday mornings at 10 am. Everyone is welcome!

LAUREL ESTATES BOOK CLUB - Laurel Estates Book Club will meet on Monday, April 20, at 10 AM. The book for the month of April is BEL CANTO. You can read a short summary of the book under Activities on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. There is no need to buy this book or go to the library. It can be picked up at Esther Ritsema's house. If you enjoy reading and the insight of others, come and join us.

Esther Ritsema

Easter Dinner will be held April 12, at 1:30 PM at the social hall. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board by Wednesday, April 8, if you plan to attend. Ham, rolls and beverages will be furnished by the social club. If anyone needs a carry-in dinner, please call Beth Thompson to have it delivered.

Beth Thompson

QUILT RAFFLE NETS \$108

Thanks to the generous donation of Joan Dunlap, a quilter of extraordinary talent, a beautiful quilt was raffled and won by Beth Thompson at the St. Pat's dinner on March 17. A great big thank you from the Laurel Estates Social Club to Joan for her donation.

Larry Thompson

In appreciation. The Angert Family would like to express their appreciation to those who attended the Memorial Service, sent cards or gifts, or expressed their sympathy in other ways. They would especially like to say Thank You to those who contributed in any way to make the Memorial Service a success, including: Blaine and Myrna Stroble, Joanne Maul, Doris Ray, Flo Cummings, Bob Livensparger, Bruce Zylstra, Larry Trahan, Lew Byrd, Del Kohn, John Maul, Beth Thompson, Faye Souders, Joan Brink, Dorothy Lowery, Madelyn Lorentz, Sylvia Bordo, Jean Conrad, and the gentlemen who re-set the tables and chairs, after.

SHUFFLEBOARD

Another shuffleboard league year has ended. I want to thank everybody who helped to make this league possible and a success. David Angert for all that disc waxing and team support in spite of family obligations and sorrow. Flo and Joann for heading up the refreshments. A big thanks to Dorothy Lowery and Joan Brink for serving our refreshments every Wednesday. You two are wonderful! Blaine and Myrna for sticking it out almost to the end of the season. We wish them the best in their league retirement. Harvey and his helpers for setting up our courts for the games. And everyone for their understanding, support and encouragement. Rita for coming on the league as my partner. We are having fun. We welcome Mike and Joann Sanborn to our league.

Enjoyed everybody who came out to the Obstacle Fun Day. Trust you all had fun. Look forward to seeing all of you next season.

Edie Smith

BASIC FIRST AID CLASS

We had a good turnout at the Basic First Aid Class given by Mary Havenor of the North Fort Myers Fire District. The class was also quite informative.

I am looking at some other classes that could be beneficial to us here in Laurel Estates that will be probably next season after all get back in Florida.

The classes are Basic Fire Extinguisher use and Fire Safety in a manufactured home and those 2 are free.

The last class is CPR and that has a cost of \$12.00 per person and I believe is limited to 12 participants.

If you are interested in any of them, please let me know either by e-mail to CERT@laurelestates.com or by phone. Thanks.

Jack Goodwin

St Patrick's Day Dinner

We are very grateful for the many residents who helped with the annual corned beef and cabbage dinner on Tuesday, March 17. With names too numerous to mention, we thank you for your help and assistance. To the ticket sellers, ticket/poster maker, purchasing, preparation and serving people, meat slicers, and all those who helped with the clean up. Special thanks to the co-chairpersons Judy Schlundt and Sondra Clark. Jim Morrison and Earl Harvey for the wonderful Irish sing-a-long and Richard Menzel for the great photography.

Everyone enjoyed the Calendar Girls skit and the singing of "Sisters" by the Red Hat Jewels of Laurel.

We sold 155 tickets, requiring 105 # of corned beef, 50 # of carrots, 50 # of red skin potatoes, along with 75 # of cabbage to be prepared and served. We are assured that no one went away hungry. The income for the evening was \$930 from ticket sales and \$140 from the 50/50 raffle. The winners of the raffle were Larry Vogel and Jack Staup, each receiving \$35. The total expense for the dinner was \$440.03, leaving a balance for the Laurel Estates Social Club treasury of \$559.97. Thanks for attending and thank you all again for helping.

Beth Thompson

ATTENTION

The Notebusters are in need of a piano player for next season. We not only perform at Laurel Estates and Lake Arrowhead, but at nursing homes. The residents at the nursing homes really appreciate it when we perform for them.

You do not have to be a professional piano player. The Notebusters enjoy music and have a fun time singing. So even if you don't think you play that well, give it a try. You might surprise yourself and enjoy playing for us. If you are interested, please contact our music director:

Bobie Nase.

Thank you

Janice Ignatowski

RED HAT JEWELSfrom Queen Helene

Red Hat Matters:

Feb 24 Sixteen of us attended the Mardi Gras at the Broadway Palms Dinner Theatre. We all dressed for the occasion. There were vendors galore with Red Hat items for sale, photos for a small charge, and a Fat Tuesday parade just like in New Orleans. A delicious buffet lunch was served and it was a really fun day.

March 3 Ham and Bean Dinner— we all know, the proceeds go to the Children's Treatment Center of Ft Myers. And, again, it was a success! The food was great and we had entertainment. We turned over a check for \$1150 to A.C.T. We had a sell-out crowd and wish to thank all who attended. Great job girls!!

Mar 10 Our 4th anniversary of RED HAT JEWELS We traveled to the Encore Tea Room in Punta Gorda. This event was hosted by the Port Washington Red Hats: Bonnie, Judy, Karen, Katie, Jerri & Dorothy. We had a lovely tea, with tiny sandwiches, and scones with lemon curd, devonshire cream and strawberry jam for dessert. Our hostesses provided a gift for each of us. We had one guest, Dorothy Cole, and 23 Red Hat Jewels in attendance. Kudos to our hostesses!!

Great job girls!!

Mar 12 We're off again! This time we are headed for Carriage Village and a Red Hat Style Show, with lunch and shopping. We arrived at 10:30 to allow time to shop prior to lunch. There was a very nice selection of Red Hat items, followed by a great lunch and style show. Mary Livensparger won 2 money prizes, and Jill, Marie, Karen, and Edie all won door prizes. All the queens that brought their girls received a tea cup and saucer. It was another fine day and Faye Souders received a Red Hat tote umbrella and a "Sorry Faye—you're a good sport."

Mar 13 Only eight of us went to "Time to Make Wine" to bottle the wine we made in February: Mary Livensparger, Faye, Wanda, Wilma, Bonnie, Jill, Flora and Queen Helene. First, we had a nice lunch of quiche with a glass of wine and sherbet for dessert. We let Wanda and Flora do most of the bottling and labeling of the wine as they had never done so before. It was another fun day.

Mar 17 St Pat's Day. Corned beef and cabbage supper at the clubhouse. A really delicious meal, followed by Irish sing-a-long led by Jim Morrison and entertainment by 12 of the RED HAT JEWELS doing a skit of "Calendar Girls" with music by Neil Sedaka and "Sisters" with music rewritten by Mary Miller. We've been practicing for some time to prepare for this and we expect to hear from Hollywood in the near future. Actually, we had a lot of fun doing it and received a lot of nice comments. Go to www.laurelestates.com to see the pictures.

Unless you are advised differently, please plan to meet at my house for our monthly meeting at 1 PM on Thursday, April 2.

Queens Quote: Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them is the measure of our thanksgiving.

HAPPY RED HATTING!!

Queen Mum Helene
Red Hat Jewels of Laurel



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU.....

April Birthdays

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



October Birthdays

- 1 Janice Kenny
- 1 Sue Zamzow
- 4 Steve Pomeroy
- 5 Geoffrey Ignatowski
- 5 Chamai Krutel
- 5 Jim Warren
- 6 Karen Martin
- 6 Maynard McDonald
- 7 John Warneke
- 8 Larry Jones
- 9 Richard Bacon
- 9 Ron Hagenbarth
- 9 Alan Noland
- 13 Margaret Fanning
- 14 Carolyn Luke
- 16 Cliff Hunter
- 16 Don Leas
- 17 Myrna Stroble
- 20 Joan Brink
- 21 Phyllis Scott
- 21 Clarene Trexler
- 22 Fred Borutzki
- 22 Florence Cummings
- 22 Carolina Raatz
- 24 Jean Conrad
- 28 Souni Goodling
- 29 Janice Ignatowski
- 29 Madelyn Lorenz
- 30 Elaine Overly

Renters/Winter Visitors

- 6 Karen Stockero
- 13 Geno Stockero

Renters/Winter Visitors

- 11 Bonnie Knaub
- 28 Mary Monson

Entertainment By: NORMA MARTIN