

Laurel Estates Social Club

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January, 2010

President's Inaugural Address !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dear Laurel family,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you in the capacity of President. I promise that I will do my very best not to disappoint you. I am not taking on this project alone. **Mike Sanborn** is the new **Vice-President** and **Beth Thompson** is our **second Vice-President**. **Joan Dunlap and Kathy Jones** have graciously agreed to continue as **secretary and treasurer**. I know that we're in good hands with all of these capable people. This is all new for me and I know I'll make some misstates, just hope they aren't too big!! A leader is only as good as the people who follow, so this year I'm really depending on you, the residents of Laurel, to step up, volunteer to help with various projects. I believe that each and every one of you has something to offer, whether it's advice, suggestions, cooking, cleaning, writing, serving, entertaining, making phone calls.....You each have a gift and I hope you'll put it to use this year.

Sixty-one (61) residents enjoyed the December Christmas/Birthday Party. If you were unable to attend, you missed a fun evening of fellowship, singing and LOTS of yummy treats. Hope to see you next month. More fun and surprises to follow.

I personally want to thank the past administration, Bob Livensparger, Beth Thompson, Earl Harvey, Joan Dunlap and Kathy Jones for the excellent job they've done for all of us. They are going to be a tough act to follow.

I love being at Laurel with all of my fine neighbors and am excited about working for you and with you.

Best Wishes for a wonderful New Year - Faye Souders

The Christmas Food & Toy Collection was a great success!! Many boxes of food and toys were collected for families in our area, who are in need. A total of \$712.00, in money, was given by you all this year.

Many thanks for your generosity.
Earl Harvey

PHONE BOOK DIRECTORY CHANGES

(See the printed Newsletter for phone number)

George/Becky Henry

Please notify Jan Ignatowski with any additions/changes to our directory.

LEE MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE Mon., Jan. 11 1-3 pm

Blood is badly needed. Even if you've never given before, please consider coming to the clubhouse and checking if you are eligible. So many in our park have required blood in the past, and this is such a convenient way to help out our community - you don't even have to drive anywhere - they come to us!!!

Thanking you, in advance
Earl Harvey

Current Events

Be sure to check your calendars for what's happening!!

Important dates

Friday, Jan. 15 7:00 p.m.

Lot Owners Annual Meeting

Sat., Jan. 16 2:00 p.m.

Old Fashioned Sunday Potato Bake
NO CHARGE/COME ENJOY!!

Sunday, Jan. 31 2:00 p.m.

Ice Cream Social

Entertainment for the Dance on Sat., Jan. 31 is "Karlo". A variety of music - come out and get those joints loosened up!!

Tickets are \$5/ea. and are available from Helene Lizotte, Edie Smith or Jan Zylstra. Make sure you reserve a table spot by signing up in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Events

Pancake Breakfast - Sat., Feb. 6 from 8-9:30 am

The guys & gals put out a great breakfast for only \$3.50. It's a "great deal for a great meal"!! Bob "Boomer" & Judy Binsfeld are chairing this event. Watch the board for ticket sellers or call Bob/Judy.

Save the date of Sat., Feb. 13, 4:30-6:00 pm for a **Spaghetti supper**. More details will be in the Feb. newsletter.

FUN & FRIENDS

Fun & friends meets every Wed. morning from 9-11:30 at the Social Hall. Many projects are ongoing: jewelry making, scrap booking, painting and purses from old blue jeans. If you have a special project please bring a sample to share and join us. The second Wed. of each month we enjoy a pot-luck luncheon at 11:30 following the project session. Bring a dish to pass and join the fellowship with your Laurel Estates friends.

SUNCHINE REPORT:

HOSPITALIZED:

11/16 - Bob Miller - Gulf Coast

11/27 - Don Leas - Lee Memorial

12/7 - Judy Schlundt - Lee Memorial - knee surgery

? - Martha Warneke - hospital

DECEASED:

10/23 - Margaret Leas sister

10/31 - Frank Filer - former resident

10/31 - Marge Bishop - former resident

11/4 - Marie Ridenour - former resident

11/16 - Helen Ferrenburg - former resident

11/21 - Terry Wilson - former resident

11/29 - Gil/Mary Dickerson's son (OH)

12/17 - Earl Weener - renter (MI)

12/20 - Julie Wilson's mother

Please notify your block captain of hospitalizations or deaths in your neighborhood so they can notify the Sunshine Lady. Please do not remove cards from the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

I want to thank everyone for the good thoughts that I brought with me on my trip to the White House. I did meet Mrs. Biden and Mrs. Obama...and Homeland Security Sec'y Napalitano at the Tea. Mrs. Roosevelt was the first to host a tea for Women in Military, and I am so happy Mrs. Obama decided to also host one. It was held in the East Room, the tables were lovely with flowers and the White House china. Everyone was so friendly.....
Thanks again, Tommie Thompson

COOKIE EXCHANGE IS A BIG SUCCESS !!

Hundreds of homemade cookies were shared at the cookie exchange on Wed. Dec. 16. Numerous sampler plates were made and delivered to residents.

Thanks to all who participated: Marie Beyer, Lois Fritz, Joyce Hammond, Scottie Keusch, Mary Livensparger, Helene Lizotte, Sally Rudolph, Faye Souders, Beth Thompson and Jan Zylstra.

Plan to join in next year !!!!!!!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Sun., Jan. 31 at 2:00 pm. Lots of delicious ice cream and toppings will be available: Bananas, nuts, cherries, hot fudge, butterscotch, chocolate, whipped cream and more!! We will also be serving sugar-free products.

Plan now to attend and please sign the sheet on the bulletin board by Thurs., Jan. 28 so we can prepare for your enjoyment.

The cost will be \$3.00 per person and will be collected at the door.

Beth Thompson

2010 Social Club Dues

Dues will be collected on Mondays & Thursdays, from 9-11 am in the clubhouse.

Dues are \$5.00 per person for the year.

The deadline to pay dues and stay current is March 1, 2010.

Helene Lizotte

After being in charge of luminary lighting for ten years, I am stepping down. I wish to thank Blaine Stroble for the use of his truck, Norman Burke for his help & his tractor, the people who folded the bags and, over the years, the folks that assisted putting bags out and picking them up in the entire Park and everyone who helped me in many ways.

Earl Harvey

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

1. **Pop tabs**, for the **Ronald McDonald** house. Why not save your tabs and drop them in the container to help benefit this worthy cause.
2. **Campbell labels** for the **Shriners**. Again, take a moment to save soup labels and place them in the appropriate container.
3. **Eye glasses**—donate old eye glasses/sun glasses to the **Lions Club** for their programs.
4. **Neighbor**—a weekly NFM publication full in info./ads/upcoming events.
5. **Periodicals**—a variety of helpful information for seniors.

6. Lost and Found

Also, check out our library

We do not check books in or out.....simply take a book home with you, read it, and return it to the library. Donated books are always welcome!!

A new addition are movies for you to enjoy and return—here also, donations are welcome!

RED HAT MATTERS

Our second event of the season took place on Sunday, December 13, 2009. We started at the beautifully decorated home of Faye Souders (our Sunshine Princess) and we enjoyed a lovely luncheon of finger foods, punch and eggnog. Each lady received a beautiful Christmas ornament, before we headed for the main event: “*A Season of Joy*” presented by the Fort Myers Woman’s Community Club. Holiday House 2009 was a tour of the Langford-Kingston home and the Burroughs home—both historic homes were absolutely gorgeous and beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. We enjoyed a brief respite as we were entertained by tiny dancers down by the river. And as we made our way back to the parked cars, we were dazzled by the gardens lit up with thousands of white lights. Definitely worth the trip! We proceeded to the home of Beth Thompson. Again, beautifully decorated from the Christmas village on the lanai to the beautiful and enticing display of sweets for our dessert.

Everyone signed their name for a door prize and Wilma Gibson’s name was drawn for a beautiful purple shawl.

This event was hosted by Faye Souders and Beth Thompson and was attended by 13 Red Hat Jewels. Great Job gals, it was terrific!

Queen Helene

“*Youth is the gift of nature, but age is a work of art.*”



Red Hat Jewels of Laurel are sponsoring a “**Concert**”.

Music Atelier by David J. at Laurel clubhouse on **Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010** from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Admission: Five (5) non-perishable food items or a donation for the Harry Chapin Food Bank or the Salvation Army. **Sign up in the clubhouse on the Podium.**

Refreshments will be served.

Thank you, Queen Helene

LADIES OF LAUREL ESTATES

If you are a resident of Laurel Estates and if your Social club dues are paid up to date, and if you desire to join a bunch of gals who celebrate *Life After 50, Fellowship and Fun*; in other words if you’d like to join the Red Hat Jewels of Laurel, please contact Queen Helene for details.

Happy Birthday

Entertainment by: Amos & Cookie

January Birthdays

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| 2 | Teresa Provencher |
| 4 | Cheryl Tobin |
| 5 | Tommy Thompson |
| 9 | Irene Wendland |
| 10 | Helen Onyett |
| 11 | Lois Fritz |
| 11 | Marcy Linton |
| 12 | Jim Powers |
| 12 | Jerry Forsythe |
| 13 | Joan Alberghini |
| 14 | Harvey Luke |
| 14 | Sue Suhr |
| 15 | Jane Kohn |
| 16 | Harley Lowery |
| 18 | Madeline Clark |
| 20 | Dorothy Lowery |
| 20 | Judy Schlundt |
| 22 | Jack Swick |
| 23 | Robert Routzahn |
| 26 | Michael Tobin |
| 29 | Betty Stewart |

July Birthdays

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| 1 | Pat Borutzki |
| 4 | Lee Lipp |
| 5 | Carol Clark |
| 5 | Joyce Crites |
| 5 | Richard Menzel |
| 9 | Philip Trexler |
| 10 | Theresa Krieger |
| 11 | Tom Williams |
| 12 | Steve Smith |
| 14 | Karen Leonard |
| 15 | Gail Goad |
| 19 | Nina Moore |
| 19 | Larry Trahan |
| 20 | Sandra Routzhan |
| 22 | Pat Myrom |
| 23 | Pat Hunter |
| 26 | Dan Wallace |
| 28 | Sylvia Bordo |
| 28 | Penny Smith |
| 30 | Laura Hagenbarth |

Renters/Winter Visitors

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| 31 | Shorty Manges |
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COMPUTER CLASSES BEGIN !!

The Laurel Estates Computer Class will return for the season with the first class on **Tuesday**, January 19, at 10:00 AM in the clubhouse. This class will be "Computer Selection and Use" which will cover what to look for when purchasing a computer, what software to add onto your computer, how to get connected to the Internet, and how to stay safe while browsing the Internet.

Newsletter articles are due on the 20th of each month and should be placed in the newsletter box in the clubhouse or emailed to Jan Zylstra at newsletter@laurelestates.com.

Thank You.

LINE DANCERS NEEDED

In the absence of our beloved Hilda, we will strive to continue the Beginners Line Dance Class—with some minor changes. We will meet with beginners at 9:30 AM and will repeat, repeat, repeat, to the extent needed. At 10 AM, we will move forward with the music doing dances that are well known (eliminating the need for repeats) and at 10:30 to 11 AM we will introduce new dances.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!! IT HELPS WITH BALANCE PROBLEMS, KEEPS THE OLD BRAIN ACTIVE, AND IT'S A GREAT WAY TO EXERCISE!!!

ATTENTION, ALL HOMEOWNERS

Parrish Properties is offering Laurel Estates Mobile Home Park for sale. As required by Chapter 723, Florida Statutes, the owner is granting the right of purchase to Laurel Estates Lot Owners Association, Inc. In a meeting with Mr. Parrish, the following information was obtained:

Asking price - \$1,400,000 paid as follows:

A) Earnest money deposit of \$10,000

B) \$1,390,000 cash at closing

As some of this information has been circulating for some time now, there are many questions that need to be answered. The Board has set a meeting for **Monday, January 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.** in the clubhouse. This is a question and answer session for all homeowners. At this meeting an FMO representative will be available to answer questions as well as discuss the pros/cons of such a purchase. All homeowners are urged to attend this meeting.

FINAL VOTING ON THIS ISSUE WILL BE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON JANUARY 15, 2010 AT 7:00 p.m.

SHUFFLEBOARD SCHEDULE—JANUARY, 2010

Wed., Jan. 6 - Lazy Days & Laurel Estates - there
Wed., Jan. 13 - Forest Park & Laurel Estates - here
Wed., Jan 20 - Laurel Estates & Pioneer Village - here
Wed., Jan 27 - Cypress Woods & Laurel Estates - there

ANNIVERSARY PARTY

There will not be an anniversary party this year as we do not have any couples married 50 yrs. in 2010. We would like to congratulate those married:

Fifty-five Years

Dallas & Wilma Gibson, Don & Margaret Leas, Harley & Dorothy Lowery

Sixty Years

Leighton & Lois Fritz and Cliff & Pat Hunter

Sixty-five Years

Del and Jane Kohn