

Laurel Estates

Social Club Newsletter

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MARCH 2011

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

I think we're having a wonderful season with lots of activities and some new events to enjoy.

The photo directory committee has been working very hard to bring you a new fun book. We are hoping to mail it to the publisher on Tues of this week. The goal is to have it back and in your hands before you go home this spring.....no promise or guarantee our timeline will work out.

The St Patrick's Day corn beef and cabbage dinner is coming up soon. Get your tickets so you don't miss this annual event. There will be special entertainment that evening as well.

At this month's general meeting we will be voting on a proposal to change the day of the birthday parties and general meetings in the by-laws permanently to THURSDAY evenings. This is your chance to have your voice heard. We have been having general meetings on Thursdays this season on a trial basis to see how it worked out for the residents.

Last minute collections for Trash and Treasure can be brought to the clubhouse on Thursday March 3rd. See you Fri the 4th for residents only dinner and shopping. Saturday the sale starts at 8 a.m.

Faye

ALL OWNERS, RENTERS, GUESTS!! PLEASE observe our 15 mph speed limit in the park!!!
Also, please use the stop signs (both drivers & bikers). Many residents walk and bike and we don't want any accidents due to not following the limits/signs. Thank you, a concerned owner

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th for the following month's newsletter.
Please place them in the newsletter mailbox in the clubhouse or send to Jan Zylstra at newsletter@laurelestates.com

WELCOME LADY: Joann Goldschmidt
SUNSHINE LADY: MaryLouise Filer
E-MAIL: newsletter@laurelestates.com

**ANNUAL LAUREL ESTATES TRASH/
TREASURE SALE !!!!!!!!!!!**

Thurs., March 3 Set-up
Fri., March 4 4:30—Dinner
6:00-Owner Shopping
Sat., March 5 8:00am-1:00 pm

**Be sure to check the schedule in the club-
house for duties & hours for those who will
be helping with the sale!!!**

End of Season Picnic
Thursday, Mar. 31 5:00 pm

Bring a dish to pass and come join in !!!

Questions: Bruce/Jan Zylstra

NOTE: Bible Study Cancelled!

The Friday afternoon Bible Study has been cancelled for the year. Lack of interest & attendance.

Phil Trexler

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
DINNER**

The annual "Wearin of the Green" dinner will be held **Thurs., March 17 at 5:00 pm** in the social hall. Tickets will go on sale Tues., March 1st. The dinner will be traditional corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots.

Tickets are \$7.00 and may be purchased from the following:

Bob Binsfeld
Bob Livensparger
Bob & Judy Schlundt
Edie Smith
Larry & Beth Thompson

Advance ticket sales only; no tickets will be sold at the door.

Plan now to celebrate with your friends and neighbors.

Anyone needing a carry-in dinner please contact Beth Thompson

LEE MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, March 28 1-3 pm

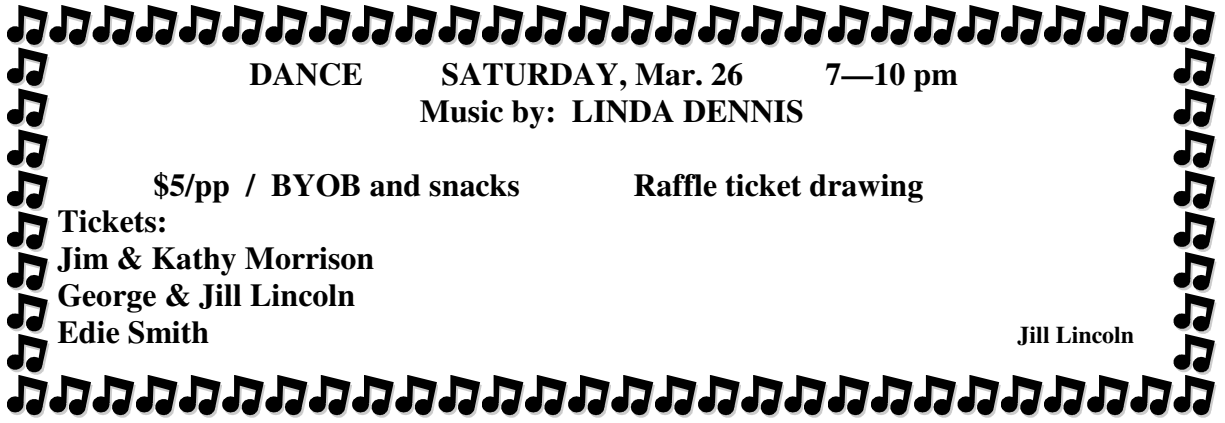
Blood is still badly needed!! Please consider coming to the clubhouse and checking if you are eligible to give. Many in our park have needed blood and this is such a convenient way to help our community - they even come to us!!
Thank you, Earl Harvey

Please contact MaryLouise Filer for updates to the bulletin board!!

SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS:

Hospitalizations:

2/3 Laura Young—Health Park 2/7 Madeline Lorenz—Gulf Coast
2/11 Dick Samuelson—Gulf Coast 2/13 Don Leas—Cape Coral
2/18 Madeline Lorenz—Lee Memorial



DANCE SATURDAY, Mar. 26 7—10 pm
Music by: LINDA DENNIS

\$5/pp / BYOB and snacks Raffle ticket drawing

Tickets:

Jim & Kathy Morrison
George & Jill Lincoln
Edie Smith

Jill Lincoln

A Bit of Trivia: Ever wonder which residents have lived here the longest? Well, wonder no more because Lois Fritz did some research and interviewed various residents. **Hilda Miller came in 1975 followed by Cletus Mavis & Don/Margaret Leas in 1976. In 1978 we added Audna Niemczyk. Thelma Franklin, Harold/Barbara Pritchard and Leighton/Lois Fritz joined us in 1979. 1980 brought Rosie May & Marie Beyer, rounding out the team!!**

Other long time residents from the '80's are Phil/Mary Frank, Cliff/Pat Hunter, Norm/ Minnie Burke, Flo Cummings, Chuck/Edna Howell, Betty Starr Stewart, Harvey/Betty Groves.

THANK YOU THANK YOU

To all who helped serve the Ice Cream Social on Sun. Jan. 30th. Forty-five enjoyed the old-fashioned social; a real ice cream feast!!

To Scottie Keusch for hosting, making sloppy joes, delivering invites to the **MI Picnic Sun. Feb. 13th.** Thirty-two people with Mich. roots enjoyed the delicious pot-luck meal & the talk about the weather up north. We also adopted our Alaska & Canadian neighbors—thanks for joining us!!

I really do not know how to say thanks to Bruce & Jan Zylstra for making a **new baseball dart board** for us. There was no schematic, no measurements, and no real knowledge of the composition of the old board. All we knew, it was too heavy. They came up with a new board that we can lift and our darts stay in. **It is WONDERFUL. THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!**

Edie Smith

Special thanks to **Suzanne Davis** for hosting the Sat. mornin' cafe' during Feb.—great job! **Jan/ Bruce Zylstra will host for Mar.**

PHONE DIRECTORY

PLEASE NOTIFY JANICE IGNATOWSKI WITH ANY ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO OUR DIRECTORY.

Anyone who has not received a phone directory, please contact me & I will see that you receive one.
Janice Ignatowski

Happy Birthday to You!

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF OUR NONAGENARIANS !!!

March Birthdays

5 Charles Howell
6 Diane Smith
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 Ande Smith
30 Flora Harvey

Renters/Winter Visitors

8 Helen Funck

September Birthdays

1 John Houle
3 Vaun Berger
3 Jim Dunlap
4 Ray Malinger
6 Lesley Utter
8 Daniel Fredette
9 Pat Davis
9 Mary Ann Egnew
9 Carol Louchart
9 Diane Pomeroy
9 Mike Testa
10 Scottie Keusch
12 Sandra Nelson
13 Donna Forsythe
13 Donna Hamman
15 Bob Binsfeld
16 Manfred Post
18 Cheryl Urquhart
21 Tom Fields
21 Roy Walter
23 Mike Tebeau
24 Ray Crites
24 Mary Livensparger
25 Janet Schroeder
30 Edna Grondin

Entertainment by:
Colleen Kelly Reynolds (Irish music)

The **Laurel Book Club** will meet in the clubhouse at **10:00 am on Mar. 21.**

We will discuss "**The Book Thief**" by **Markus Zusak**. If you enjoy reading and the insight of others, join us! Books are available from Esther Ritsema. For a summary of the book, see the book club notice on the activities board.

Questions? See Esther Ritsema

REMINDER: books are due March 10

What a glorious way to spend a Sunday afternoon. The **dessert gala** was everything it promised. There were cheesecakes, torts, cookies, cookie bars, gooey, sweet concoctions, cakes plus ice cream.

If you weren't in attendance, you truly missed a gourmet delight!

WELCOME !! NEW OWNERS

**Straley, Tom & Denise
(from Ackley)**

Trivia question:

Which street in Laurel Estates has the most palm trees lining it???? No, it's not a contest and there isn't a huge prize - just a curiosity!!

Movie Night

Due to the St Patrick's dinner and festivities, **MOVIE NIGHT** will be held on **Friday, March 25th** this month **ONLY**. The movie will be **South Pacific**. It will be a special evening

Bring your favorite beverage and a small donation (50 cents per person) to help cover the cost of the movie and popcorn.

SHUFFLEBOARD NOTES:

Our last 3 games will be as follows:

Mar. 2, away at Crystal Lakes

Mar. 9, here with Poinsettia Park

Mar. 16, here with Forest Park

Everyone is welcome to come watch the games!!

Our **Bayshore Ellsworth Heating & Cooling spring tournament** will be **March 21 & 22.**

Our **Bayshore Shuffleboard league banquet** will be **Sunday, March 27 at Friendship Hall in Tamiami Village**. This event will be catered by Smoke N Pit.

Choice of 1/4 BBQ chicken or pork. Served w/ baked beans, coleslaw, roll and butter, beverage and Klondike ice cream bar. **Price is \$10/pp.**

Stay tuned for **obstacle fun shuffle** the **later part of March**. Lots of fun!!

Edie

RED HAT MATTERS

Our last event took place Fri. Feb. 11th. We took a 3 hour cruise with Captain J. C. We had a great lunch Buffet and there was entertainment. This was Hosted by Becky Henry and Louise Burns. The weather was not the best but it did not spoil our day of fun. We all received a Long Stem Chocolate Red Rose. Nice Touch girls - we had a great time.

Our next event takes place Mon. Feb. 21st at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater. Its a Red Hat Gala - "Women of all Ages". Eighteen of us will attend.

The Red Hat Jewels have put together a cook book with our favorite recipes, which we are having printed. We are very excited about this project. The books will be available next season. If you donate \$10 for the Abused children, you will receive a cookbook. So please think about this.

Thank You

A memory lasts forever; never does it die. True friends stay together and never say Good-Bye
Queen Helene