

Laurel Estates

Social Club Newsletter

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APRIL 2011

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

We're winding down after a fun filled , activity loaded season. Many will be leaving soon for the summer months. If you have food left in your pantry, please consider donating it to the School. You may leave it in the clubhouse. Earl Harvey will see that it is delivered. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated volunteer. Thank you Earl.

If you are involved in special activities such as bingo, shuffleboard, bowling, etc. check to see if your activity is going to extend into April.

NOTE: The **birthday party** this month will be **APRIL 8th at 7:30 p.m.** It was necessary to change the date so we could have the Steel Drum Band from North Ft Myers Academy of the Arts. It should be a very special evening. I hope you can all come to see some of the children we support throughout the year perform. There are 14 members in the band.

The **general meeting** will be held on **April 14th at 7:30 p.m.** to wrap up the season. We will be discussing ideas and thoughts about next season. Of course we'll wrap up with something fun.

Please sign up for Easter dinner if you're planning to attend. Easter this year is April 24th.

Many thanks to the social club board for their support this season and to all of the volunteers who work to make things happen at Laurel Estates. I appreciate all of your efforts.

Sincerely,
Faye

This is our last newsletter for the season! Next issue will be November 2011. Please place notices in the newsletter mailbox in the clubhouse or send to Jan Zylstra at newsletter@laurelestates.com - deadline will be October 20. Thank You!!!

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

The Laurel Book Club is reading THE BEACH HOUSE by Jane Green. Please note the change of date for discussion. It will be APRIL 11, 2011. We will meet in the clubhouse at 10:00 am. New members always welcome. Books can be pick up from Esther Ritsema.

Once again, we're collecting non-perishable food for the Suncoast Neighborhood for Easter. We'll be collecting until April 23.

Please place any items on the table to the right of the west door of the clubhouse.

And, again, thank you so much for your generosity to our neighbors!!

Earl Harvey

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

We are so grateful for the many residents and guests who helped with the annual corned beef and cabbage dinner held Thurs. March 17th. With names too numerous to mention we Thank You. The ticket sellers, ticket and poster maker, purchasing, preparation and serving people, meat cutters, servers and all those who helped with the clean-up. Special Thanks to the co-chairpersons, Sondra Clark and Judy Schlundt. A big thank-you to Tom Fields for the great entertainment and to the Red Hat Jewels of Laurel for the "Maxine" skit. Yes, we do have some great actresses in our park.

All in all the dinner was a big success, one hundred sixty tickets were sold with a total income of income of \$1254.25, including the resale and 50/50 raffle. The expenses this year were \$591.86. Leaving a balance of \$662.39 deposited in the Social club treasury.

Plans are in progress for next years dinner. However, electrical and refrigeration improvements must be completed if another dinner is to be hosted.

Beth Thompson

FLEA MARKET ITEMS

Please contact one of the following co-chairs for the 2012 flea market for pick-up of items:

Larry Smith

Tom Fields

Thank you. Bob Schlundt

SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS:

Hospitalizations:

3/14 Dick Samuelson—Cape Coral

Deceased:

3/1 Mike Freedman's sister

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

PHONE DIRECTORY

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

Janice Ignatowski

LOT OWNERS NEWS

Reminders from the Lot Owners Board of Directors:

NO SOLICITATION: Please remember that there is to be no soliciting of business in the park (sign at entrance). If there are any problems, call Julie Wilson (218-8049) and explain the situation. If you do hire someone, **DO NOT** pay them up front!! A percentage initially paid is acceptable, but the final payment should not be made until the work is complete and you are satisfied.

SUMMER SECURITY: If you are leaving for the summer, make sure that your home is secure. Make sure all doors, windows are locked, motion lights working, and all awnings down or arrangements made for someone to lower them in case of a hurricane.

VIOLATIONS PROCEDURES: The forms to report violations of the deed of restrictions and/or park regulations are in the clubhouse on both the Soc. Club & Lot Owners boards. Directions to complete are on the back.
Bruce Zylstra, Pres.

Jim/Joan Dunlap, Phil/Mary Frank, Earl/Flora Harvey, Larry/Sharon Smith, and Mel/Faye Souders went to Orlando on Mar. 3 to see the **Arabian Nights**. We enjoyed the bus ride (& the on-board entertainment); stopped at McDonald's/Taco Bell for lunch; toured a citrus candy factory; had time to explore Old Town; and had a wonderful dinner and show. The horses were beautiful. It was a fun day, to say the least. We would all like to thank Faye for organizing this wonderful day for all of us.

Sharon Smith

HYMN SING

Please join with our first Hymn Sing at **Lake Arrowhead on Palm Sunday (April 17) at 7:00 pm**

Bring your friends and join in singing the beautiful old hymns of our youth...and still enjoying today.

Refreshments will be served. Please sign up on the bulletin board to let us know how many we can count on!!

Everyone Welcome!!
Donation: 1 can of food for the needy.

Sylvia Wojcik

I want to express my appreciation and thanks to everyone who supported our Trash/Treasure sale in any way..from those who donated and purchased items to all those who did the "in between". I cannot start listing names because I would, without a doubt, miss someone. So a huge THANK YOU to all!! Special thanks to those who chaired the advertising, food mart, bake sale, outside sales, inside sales, layout and finance. Also, let me express my gratitude to Bob Schlundt & Ray Crites. Without their help in picking up, transporting, storing, delivering, & all that entails, we would not have had such a successful sale. When you see them, give them a pat on the back and say THANKS!! This is the last Trash/Treasure I will chair and my goal was to hit \$3,000 or at least do better than last yr. Larry's figures tell the story..... we grossed over \$3000 and the total profit was \$2,986.24!!!!!!
Again, THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!!

Bob Liversparger

Happy Birthday to You!

April Birthdays

1 Sylvia Wojcik
5 Phil Frank
5 Helga Michaelis
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
15 Sophia Gillis
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

Renters/Winter Visitors

6 Karen Stockero
13 Geno Stockero

October Birthdays

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
29 Donald Nelson

Renters/Winter Visitors

11 Bonnie Knaub
28 Mary Monson

Entertainment by:
N. Ft. Myers Academy Steel Drum Band

PHONE NUMBER CHANGE

As noted in your recent water bills, the customer service phone number has changed for Lee County Utilities to 239/533-8845. Please change this number in your Lot Owners package under Utilities. Judy Schlundt

If you presently hold a volunteer position in the social club and wish to continue for another season, please call Faye as soon as you decide. Each of you play a very important part in putting together a fun, successful program for the benefit of all of the residents of Laurel Estates. Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to serve.

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

SHUFFLEBOARD NOTES:

If you are reading this, our games are over for this season. & hopefully we are displaying a trophy. Our banquet is at Tamiami Village, catered by Smoke and Pitt. By now we should know how we faired in our Bay-shore tournament which takes place March 21st & 22nd.

I want to thank everybody for all their help in making this year successful and fun. Flo and Jo for chairing the refreshments. David, for all the waxing of the disc. Mike and David for the sweeping of the courts & setting up all those chairs, and washing score boards. I want to thank anybody and everybody who may have helped Mike and Dave. I want to also say a special thanks to Mike for his faithful Monday practice since he plays golf, Tuesday, our regular practice day. And last but certainly not least, I want to thank Joan Brink and Dorothy Lowery for serving our refreshments. You ladies are very special to us.

Edie Smith

RED HAT MATTERS

On Mar. 10, we celebrated our 6th anniv. For the Red Hat Jewels. It was held at the clubhouse, hosted by the Wisconsin gals—it was fantastic, decorated in Red/Purple, the lunch was wonderful, we played Bunco (some won money)! And we also received great gifts. Thanks girls.

On Mar. 15, we had lunch at the Dolphin Room, hosted by Queen Nancy Askin of Tamiami Park. We met a lot of RH girls, there was a belly dancer, a funny fashion show and lunch which was great.

Nine gals enjoyed the St. Pats program in the clubhouse, doing a skit of Maxine. Thanks girls; you did a great job!

Next events coming up:

Sun., April 10—Cultural Park Theater to see “She Loves Me” Show time is 3:00 pm, and is hosted by Laura, Edie, and Jill.

Mon., April 25—Morgan House for lunch to celebrate the 12th anniv. Of the RH Society. Joining us will be the Classy Ladies from Lake Arrowhead.

To all of you that are leaving us here in FL and heading home for the summer: Have a safe trip and we'll see you all next season.

FRIENDS ARE CONNECTED
DISTANCE AND TIME

HEART TO HEART
CAN'T BREAK THEM APART

Queen Helene