

LAUREL ESTATES

Social Club Newsletter



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MARCH 2012

Friends, Romans and Countrymen, lend me your ears!!

It's MARCH and we're on the downward slide of another fabulous, fun, super busy season. Where does the time go? The spaghetti dinner was excellent; some of us ate our way thru the Michigan picnic and onto the Potluck. We tried to work off all of that delicious food at our **first Annual Valentine Parade**. It was a really fun event. We had lots of laughs and have plans to repeat the event next year with many more participants. We had an independent panel of judges, cash prizes and homemade decorated heart shaped cookies. The winner of the bicycle division was Irene Gentile and Emily Senecal. She had some pretty stiff competition, but came out on top. Margaret Fanning, Tommie Thompson, Terry Harkness and Madeline Clark took the golf cart division with Lesley Utter hot on their heels. The walking division was won by King Plunger and Queen Mop aka Boomer & Judy Binsfeld. The judges were very impressed by the effort, creativity and originality that went into our entries. Several of us adjourned to the club house for Happy Hour so we could continue the festive atmosphere of the parade. The Feb-Aug birthday party set another record with 97 folks in attendance. We have someone new for March. Mike Arnone is a vocalist, has played lots of different venues and if his telephone voice is any indication, you definitely NEED to be in the audience. I'm really looking forward to a special evening of wonderful music.

Trash and Treasure begins setting up on Thurs March 1st. The Laurel Cafe will be open Friday starting at 4 pm serving until 6 pm. Come on down for a great meal at very reasonable prices. We'll have shopping for residents, renters and guests beginning at 6 pm FRIDAY night. The actual sale which is open to the public will be Sat morning from 8 to 1 pm

Tickets will be on sale for the St Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner soon. It's always a full house with only one seating time.

Keep Smilin' and get out and enjoy our remaining time together.

Faye

PHONE DIRECTORY

PLEASE NOTIFY JANICE IGNATOWSKI WITH
ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORY.

Anyone who has not received a phone directory, please contact Janice.

WELCOME LADY:	Beth Thompson
SUNSHINE LADY:	Mary Louise Filer
E-MAIL:	newsletter@laurelestates.com

 ★ **The flag of the United States** that is now in the clubhouse
 ★ has seen her military duty as part of "TOP COVER" (in
 ★ layman' terms, the first line of defense) for North America
 ★ from 4 June 1989 until 31 August 1991.
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 ★ This flag was on display at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska in the
 ★ office of Senior Master Sergeant Larry Smith, who served
 ★ as the First Sergeant of the 5099th Civil Engineering
 ★ Squadron and the 21st Security Police Squadron.
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 ★ Noticing that our previous flag was soiled, it is the consid-
 ★ ered opinion of Sharon & Larry Smith that this was a
 ★ golden opportunity to put this flag back in a place of honor.
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 ★ **THANK YOU, Larry & Sharon for sharing it with us!!**
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Current Events and News

Baked goods needed!!! For the **Trash 'n Treasure Sale**. Please package your "goodies" for sale.

Call Larry Smith or Tom Fields for pick-up or bring your items to the clubhouse on Thursday, March 1 **after 12 noon**.

If you are not listed on the board and would like to help, please see Larry or Tom.

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Plan now to attend the **St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Sat., Mar. 17 at 5:00 pm. Tickets will go on sale Mar. 1—Mar. 10. Tickets are \$8.00 with advance sales only; no tickets will be sold at the door.** Anyone needing a carry-in dinner, please contact **Beth Thompson**.

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EASTER FOOD APPEAL!! Please help put food on the table for our less fortunate neighbors once again. **Boxes will be picked up on Fri., April 6 at NOON .**

In need of: canned ham, packaged potatoes, pasta & sauce, soups, mac/cheese, cereal, peanut butter, as well as anything else non-perishable.

For those who are leaving for the summer: **this is a great opportunity for you to donate items which are left in your pantry!!!**
 Many thanks, Earl Harvey

The next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be Mar. 12, from 1-3 pm in the clubhouse parking lot. *******PLEASE GIVE*******

Welcome New Owners:

Karen Mitchell
Phil/Mary Frank
 (new address "up the street!")

Renters:

Robin Cole/Richard Kerkhof - IN
Tom/Helen Reed IN
Ken/Joy Hoard WI

SUNSHINE REPORT

**Email request to be published:
 Dominic Piscopo's wife, Alyce, passed away
 on Jan. 27 on the Florida east coast.**

DIRECTORY CHANGES:

Bob & Mary Livensparger

L. E. Book Club will host another "book chat" at 10 am on Mon., Mar. 19. This is an informal "chat" about books we have read & enjoyed.
Esther Ritsema

Fun & Friends

Come join your Laurel "Friends" every Wed. at 10:00 am in the clubhouse and have "Fun". We are making necktie purses and roses, fabric flowers for embellishments, CD holder picture frames and shell pictures. Some are knitting and making jewelry. Thanks to Joan Dunlap, everyone is having "Fun" with their "Friends"!! You can too - Wed. morning at 10:00!!

Beth Thompson

Volunteer of the Month:

If you've been down by the pool most every morning, year-round, you've most likely seen some very healthy exercise going on!!! Thelma Franklin, at 97 yrs. young, has been leading the morning exercise class forever!!!!!!

We should all be in such a healthy state whatever age we are! We salute you, Thelma - forgive most of us for just-watching!!



You can also find Thelma selling tickets at Bingo on Wed. night!!!!!!



Please be thinking about how you can get involved in the activities of Laurel Estates. We will need many new volunteers to keep everything fun!!

Serve on the board? Chair an event?

Shuffleboard News

March 7,2012 Laurel Estates plays Bayshore Village, away.

March 14, 2012 Laurel Estates plays Lazy Days ,also away.

Our Bayshore League tournament will be March 19th and 20th. 2012.

Our spring banquet is March 25. Smoke N Pit will be catering at Forest Park

Fun obstacle game will be March 21, here at Laurel Estates

Thanks for the response to old towels and music. Edie

The 3rd annual **Potato Bake** was held Sun, 2/19. Sixty residents enjoyed delicious baked potatoes w/ toppings too numerous to mention! An abundance of desserts were also served.
Thanks to **Lucky & Carol Louchart** for chairing the event and their committee; **Joan Brink, Carlene Staup & Beth Thompson**. Of \$67 brought in, \$20 was given to cover the cost for the potatoes and the remaining \$47 balance was donated to the NFM Academy of the Arts.
We're looking for to next years **Potato Bake!**
Beth Thompson

RED HAT MATTERS - March 2012

Our 4th event of the season took place Mon. Feb. 20th at noon, at my home for lunch and games and fellowship.

The 5th event took place Mon. Feb. 27th: a Red Hat Gala, at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater for a Buffet and entertainment - sixteen attended.

I would like to welcome a new member, Joy Hoard, to our group .

Again I would like to thank all that gave a donation of \$10 dollars for the Abused Children of Domestic Violence and received a cook book .We have received many compliments on our book

A BIG THANKS FROM THE JEWELS

*Lead the life, that will make you kindly and friendly, to everyone about you.
And you will be surprised ,what a happy life you will live.*

Queen Helene

WEEKLY ACTIVITES FOR THE SEASON

MON. - SAT.

9:00 am - Pool Exercise

MONDAY:

9:00 am - Fun Golf

12:30 pm - Fun Shuffle

1:00 pm - Mahjongg

6:00 pm - Poker

6:00 pm - Euchre

TUESDAY:

10:00 am - Computers

12:30 pm - Shuffle - Team Practice

7:00 pm - Pinochle

WEDNESDAY:

10:00 am - Fun & Friends

12:30 pm - Shuffle League

6:00 pm - Poker

6:30 pm - Bingo

THURSDAY:

8:00 am - Open Golf

9:30 am - Line Dancing

7:00 pm - Ladies Fun Cards

FRIDAY:

9:00 am - Fun Shuffle

SATURDAY:

7:30 am - Coffee Café

9:00 am - Bocce (Jan.)

SUNDAY:

7:00 pm - Dart Baseball

CUT THIS OUT AND MARK YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITIES ON YOUR CALENDAR!!!!

Opportunity for Owners of Homes for Rent

We're launching something new and we're ready now to give you an excellent opportunity to advertise your rental on our Laurel Estates website!!! Following are the guidelines which will be followed:

*You may enter an advertisement for your rental by submitting a written description to: rentals@laurelestates.com. This ad is to include address, whether in a pet or no pet area, dates available, rental terms/mo., your name, phone number and **email address**. This will be the only way to provide feedback.

*There is a \$10 fee which covers your listing for one year.

*Submit a check for \$10 payable to "Laurel Estates Social Club" and mail to Jan Zylstra, newsletter typist.

*A photo of your home will be taken and placed on the website along with your advertisement.

*If the available dates change or the rental has been filled & no longer needed to advertise, notify by email to: rentals@laurelestates.com.

Special NOTE: Reminder that rentals are to run for a period of no longer than six (6) months. No personal info. will appear on the website.

Many people are visiting our website and you have a great way to get the word out "CHEAP"!!



Have Your Taxes Prepared for Free

The AARP Tax Aide program is again this year providing free tax return preparation assistance and free e-filing of your federal taxes at the North Fort Myers Library and the North Fort Myers Community Center located in the park behind the library. Assistance is provided on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday beginning February 1st through April 14th. There are appointment signup sheets in the North Fort Myers Library for both of our locations.

If you have questions or are unable to travel to one of our locations for tax preparation please contact Jim Rudolph.

Thanks to all who came to the Pancake Breakfast. To the "regulars" and to new guys who helped this year - we're looking forward to seeing more next year. A special thank you to the ladies who helped out this year.

Tickets sold: 195

Profit to Social Club: \$435.03

Bob (Boomer) & Judy Binsfeld

It's Another Birthday Party!!

March Birthdays

3 Bill Dornback
5 Charles Howell
6 Diane Smith
9 Wendell Cross
9 Jim Ritsema
10 Joan Zillmer
12 Steven Brice-Nash
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



September Birthdays

1 John Houle
1 Wayne Smithers
3 Vaun Berger
3 Jim Dunlap
4 Ray Malinger
6 Lesley Utter
8 Daniel Fredette
9 Pat Davis
9 Mary Anne 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
28 George Davis
30 Edna Grondin



Renters/Winter Visitors

8 Helen Funck
18 Dick Hemker



Renters/Winter Visitors

8 Mariann Frei
9 Marilyn Hemker
22 Larry Vogel
29 Phyllis Clark

Entertainment By:
MIKE ARNONE