

LAUREL ESTATES

Social Club Newsletter



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Greetings:

This is the last edition of our monthly newsletter for the season. So many fantastic events and activities have happened this month, I'm having trouble organizing them in my mind. We started off with the annual **Trash & Treasure** headed up by Larry Smith and his co-chair Tom Fields. Thanks to you, the residents, we had a wonderful assortment of gently used items to put in the sale. All of the volunteers who set up, organized, priced and then stayed to help sell plus a multitude of baked goods and fabulous food from the Laurel Cafe contributed to our most successful sale totaling a whopping 2,295.31!! Larry, it couldn't have happened without the many, many hours you spent picking up furniture and other donated items throughout the season. Tom, special thanks for your efforts and use of your pickup and to Joan & Jim Dunlap for letting us borrow their van. I'm PROUD OF ALL OF US.

The following Sat. was our **1st annual Owners Appreciation Picnic**. 215 of our residents signed up and enjoyed themselves. We were bustin' at the seams, but it was fun and provided another chance to talk with Don, Erik and Angel. I believe they were very pleased with the turnout.

Have you seen the **new laundry room**? Ray Crites, Bob Routzahn and Wayne Smithers rebuilt the entire NORTH wall and finished it off in a pretty gray/green panel. It looks GREAT. Sharon Smith and I painted the rest of the laundry room so it looks clean and fresh. The BRAND NEW washers & dryers plus new lighting add the finishing touches. Thanks to everyone and the volunteer spirit. You are definitely appreciated.

On the 15th, we had the social event of the season celebrating Jim & Esther Ritsema's 50th wedding anniversary, the Nonagenarians Dora Angert, Thelma Franklin, Flo Cummings, MaryAnne Egnew, Tommie Thompson, Marie Beyer, Kathrine Heisler, Audna Neimczyk and Irene Gentile plus the March and September birthdays. It was a very festive atmosphere with beautiful decorated tables for the honorees. Steve Anthony provided the laughs, great music and vocals with the traditional anniversary dance. 92 of us thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Congratulations with thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate with these special people.

Keep checking your calendar for upcoming events. Don't forget to sign up for **Easter dinner** at 1 pm in the clubhouse on Sunday, April 8th. Things definitely slow down in April as many of us are heading to our Northern homes. Be safe and enjoy your summer. I always look forward to fall and meeting all of our old friends again.

Thinking of you, Faye

PHONE DIRECTORY

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

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

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE AND THANKS TO EVERYONE involved in the **Red Hat Cookbook** project to help abused kids. Special thanks to the gals who gathered and helped proof the recipes: Donna Hamman, Judy Binsfeld, Becky Henry, Joyce Hammond, and Beth Thompson. Also to Donna Hamman and Lois Fritz who helped finalize and proof the final draft. Special thanks to the gals who donated books or book sales back to the fund: Flora Harvey and Louise Burns. Another special thanks to the gals who set up and sold cookbooks at special events: Karen Stockero, Judy Binsfeld, Louise Burns, Becky Henry, Jan Dumonson and Joyce Hammond. To all the Red Hat Jewels for their support. Last but not least, thanks to Beth for taking care of the finances involved and to our Queen Helene for supporting the project wholeheartedly. We thank each and every one of you who donated to the kids and received one, two, or many cookbooks....thanks to you we will be sending a check for \$685 to A.C.T. It was a great success and we could not have done it without you.

One final note:

(OOPS) Page 35, Fruit Cocktail Cake, Second ingredient should be 1 ½ cup sugar.

Mary Livensparger

Chairperson, Red Hat Jewel Cookbook
Fund Raiser for ACT (abused kids)

SUNSHINE REPORT

Hospitalizations:

Feb.	George Zimmer	in New York
3/12	Phyllis Scott	Gulf Coast
3/13	Mel Souders	Cape Coral

If you have not turned in your emergency contact form, please do so by April 6th. Call Beth Thompson if you have misplaced your form.

Current Events and News

A big thank you to all the ladies that came to the Club House on Wednesday mornings this season and let me share my sewing and craft passion with them. We had a lot of fun and I am sad to see them heading back to their summer homes. My challenge is for each of them to find a project they would like to try and share it with the group when they return. I will still be here for anyone interested in sewing during the summer months, just give me a call.

Joan Dunlap

Our food supply has been way down! Please give to those who are less fortunate; anything non-perishable will do. Many thanks, Earl Harvey. **The Easter food drive will end on April 6**—pick up will be at noon.

A special thank you to **Mo Campeau** for the beautiful mirror made and donated to the social club for the raffle. His donation raised \$82 for the social club and was won by Faye Souders. **Thank you MO!!**

We are in need of two or three people to serve on the **nominating committee for election of officers in December**. The job involves talking with people you think might be interested in being an **officer of the Social Club**. We need people to run for President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for a term of 1 year. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please see Faye for further information. We have several seats open for Officers. **We aren't above begging!!!!!!!**

The 2012 Trash and Treasure Sale was a great success. Our treasury grew by **\$2,295.31** thanks to your generous donations. We would like to thank those who worked in the kitchen, inside the clubhouse, outside the clubhouse, loading and unloading our treasures, bake sale participants, as well as those who helped with setting up and taking down the tables, plus all the shoppers. Without your support our sale would not have been possible.

**Larry and Sharon Smith
Tom and Sue Fields**

A HUGE THANK YOU to the many residents who helped with the preparation of the food and setting up the dining room for the annual **St. Patrick's Day dinner**. To those who served: Tom Clark, Teri Harkness, Kathy Morrison, Bob Schlundt, Louise Burns & Suzanne Davis. Thanks Lew Byrd & Chuck Howell for slicing the 100# plus corned beef and Judy Schlundt and Chuck Lorenz for selling the raffle tickets. Thanks to the ticket sellers Bob Binsfeld, Bob Livensparger, Bob Schlundt, Edie Smith and Larry Thompson. We had a sold out event serving 165 dinners, including the 22 carryouts. A total of \$1320 was taken in from ticket sales, and \$55 from sale of leftovers and \$56 from the 50/50 raffle. Total income was \$1431. Expenses were \$579.39, leaving \$851.61, deposited in the Social Club treasury.

Thanks to everyone for making this event a HUGE success.
 Sondra Clark, Judy Schlundt, Beth Thompson
 Co-chairs

Spaghetti Supper Appreciation

Many thanks to one and all who attended our Spaghetti Supper on Feb. 10. We're especially grateful to all the workers who contributed to our success with door-to-door ticket sales, working the dining room to mopping the floors! We sold 151 tickets, served 137 dinners, and deposited \$761.49 profit to the Social Club.

John & Joan Alberghini

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!!

Welcome New Owners:

Marvin & Pauletta Perry

Zeke Bosteter

Correction:

Karen Mitchell

Red Hat Matters

Our **last meeting** of the season takes place **Thursday April 5th** 2012, at 11 am. Our 6th event of the season took place Mon. Mar. 5th, hosted by the Wisconsin and Michigan gals. We celebrated our 7th Jewels Anniversary at Fish Bones. We had a great lunch. We played a game and we all received a nice gift. And we also had dessert - a nice Anniversary cake, We had a wonderful day girls - Thank you.

The 7th event took place at the Moose Hall in Cape Coral on Thursday March 8th. The theme was Mystery Theater. The buffet was great, grab bag gift, a skit, and raffle prizes. Marie Beyer was one of the winners - another great day.

The 8th event was a fashion show held at Belks on Tuesday March 13th, Flora organized this event and 14 attended .We had a nice \$5 dollar box lunch and lots of prizes given away. 4 of our girls won a gift. It was another day well spent.

The 9th event will take place Tuesday April 10th with a Buffet Cruise with Captain J. C., hosted by Edie, Laura and Sharon. We have done this a few times and enjoyed it every time - looking forward to it girls!

The 10th event will be on Friday April 27th. We will be celebrating the 14th Anniversary of the Red Hat Society . We will go out to lunch; at the moment we have not decided on where we will go.

There are people we count on, whose wisdom and caring, help everything work out just right Wonderful people, who shine in our lives with their gentle and beautiful light.

Another season is over; it truly goes by so quickly. See you all next season.

I want to wish you all a wonderful summer.

Stay well, 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 - Mahjonn

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 Caf 

9:00 am - Bocce (Jan.)

SUNDAY:

7:00 pm - Dart Baseball

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

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.

LOT OWNERS NEWS

I am confident that all of those who attended the " appreciation cookout" on March 10 enjoyed the food, the fellowship, and meeting Angel, Don, and Erik as well as their families. They deserve a great big thank you. It is very pleasing to have management "say what they will do and do what they say".

The drain repair has been completed although after the last rain, I understand some areas of the park still had "high water". We will address that with management. While Angel was here, I did suggest that the ditch on Indianwood should be cleaned out again so maybe the water could flow a little easier. Patching work on the streets is on- going as well as edging along the streets. All this is being done in preparation for the seal coating which should done a couple of months from now.

COMPOUND GATE HOURS: Management has notified us that the gate to the compound will be open from 6:00am – 2:00pm (these times are posted by the gate). From 2:00pm – 6:00pm, one-half of the gate will be open to allow foot, bicycle, and golf cart traffic. The gate will be closed after 6:00pm. The compound will not be open on the weekends.

LEAVING FOR THE NORTHLAND: It is that time of the year when many are preparing to "go north." If you are in that group please consider the following

- Per the Deed (Page 9, Article L) any owner shall notify management when your home will be vacant for a period in excess of six months. While many of us have not done this in the past, it would be a good idea to make a quick call to Indianapolis and let them know this information.
- Secure your home for the hurricane season. Lower the awnings or have a plan for someone to do so for you. Lock the doors (this is directed to me!!!) and have someone who will check your place several times during your absence.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer wherever you spend it. The Lot Owners Board is excited about the coming year. We look forward to working with management; continuing the improvement process that has begun. Bruce Zylstra, President

Seasons Last Birthday Party!!

April Birthdays

1 Sylvia Wojcik
5 Phil Frank
5 Helga Michaelis
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 Sofia Gillis
19 Pat Fox
19 Mila Grindle
19 Earl Harvey
19 Kathy Jones
19 Esther Ritsema
20 Mary Frank
24 Tom Roberts
25 Jake Grine
25 Tracey Windes
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
7 John Warneke
8 Larry Jones
9 Richard Bacon
9 Ron Hagenbarth
9 Alan Noland
13 Margaret Fanning
14 Carolyn Luke
16 Cliff Hunter
17 Myrna Stroble
20 Joan Brink
21 Phyllis Scott
21 Clarene Trexler
22 Fred Borutzki
22 Florence Cummings
22 Carolina Raatz
22 Keith Windes
24 Jean Conrad
28 Souni Goodling
29 Janice Ignatowski
29 Madelyn Lorenz
29 Donald Nelson
30 Ralph Grondin

Renters/Winter Visitors

1 Dorothy Cale
7 Alex Patterson
11 Bonnie Knaub
24 Gerry Frei
28 Mary Monson

Entertainment By:
RICK HAMMOND