

# *Laurel Estates Newsletter*

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*January 2013*

*Happy NEW YEAR !!!!!!!!*

## **LOT OWNERS NEWS**

At the last Social Club meeting on Thursday, Dec. 13, the members present voted 49-5 (with 2 abstaining) to join with the Laurel Estates Lot Owners Assoc. Inc. on a trial basis for the year 2013. This action was necessary because our social club is no longer recognized as a corporation by the State of Florida. All social activities for Laurel Estates will be under a "social committee" with a chair person to be named by the president of the lot owners assoc. All events currently on the calendar through April will be held as scheduled. Monies now in the social club bank account will be transferred to the lot owners bank account. Accounting by the treasurer will show two separate funds and will be reported as such. Dues for this coming year have not been determined as of yet. The lot owners board will make a recommendation re: dues at their January meeting with approval to be voted on at the annual meeting Jan. 18, 2013. Any changes to the lot owners by-laws will not be made until the annual meeting in 2014.

At their December meeting, the lot owners board of directors approved a change to the monthly meeting agenda by voting to allow residents to address the board during a time of "public comments". This change will begin with the Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Residents may address the board (with a 3 minute time limit) on any subject. The monthly meetings will be held in the large social room.

From Ultra 5 - the annual picnic to say "thank you" to the park residents will be on Saturday, March 9, 2013. **Mark your calendars.**

**Bruce Zylstra, Lot Owner President**

**REPORT FROM MYRNA STROBLE  
(SUNSHINE)**

**Hospitalized:**

Jim Dunlap  
Roy Walters  
Pat Goodwin  
Tommy Thompson  
Phyllis Norris

**Deaths:**

Ed Weinmann

**Other News:**

**Margaret Leas** may be reached with this address: 4186 Stone Ridge, Rootstown, OH 44272

**Sondra Goodling** had a house fire in PA - she lost everything—even her dog.

**Welcome - New Owners**

**Luther & Judy Fox**

**Mark Thomas**

**Wayne Kapp**

**Harvey/Carolyn** Luke of Wedgewood purchased 2777 Wedgewood

We have added **14 new home owners in 2012** and have/will have many seasonal renters. Extend yourself and welcome the new people. **Who knows, they could become your new best friends!!!!**

Many thanks to all who generously donated toys and food to the school, who distributes it to the needy in our neighborhood. It certainly was greatly appreciated.

**During 2012, Laurel Estates owners have donated \$962.00 and 16 boxes of food to help those who have great needs in our area. Thank you all.**

**Earl Harvey**

**Red Hat Matters**

Here we are Jan. 2013 already. I'd like to welcome all that have just returned. Our 3rd Red Hat meeting will be Thursday Jan 3rd at 11 AM. Our last R.H. Event took place Sun. Dec.9th hosted by Judy, Beth, Marie, and Wilma. We saw an off Broadway Show at the The Broadway Palm Theater ("*I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*"). Very funny; we all enjoyed the show. Afterward, we had lunch at the Elephant bar— 13 of us attended, and we each received a ticket. Louise Burns won a beautiful gift. Great job girls; another great day!

Next Event takes place this month, hosted by Mary and Joanne. No date has been set.

**Thought for the Day**

*A Smile CAN START A CONVERSATION WITHOUT SAYING A WORD*

Queen Helene

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Sun. Jan. 20th at 2:00 P.M.

Lots of delicious ice cream and toppings will be available: Bananas, strawberries, hot fudge, butterscotch, chocolate, marshmallow, whipped topping, nuts and cherries. Make your own "banana split" for \$3.00. We will also be serving sugar-free products.

If you plan to attend please sign the sheet on the events bulletin

board by Thurs. Jan. 17th. so we can prepare for your enjoyment.

See you at the Social. Beth Thompson

The Book Club will meet on Jan. 21, 2013 at 10 am in the club house.

All women who enjoy reading a wide variety of books are welcome to join us in the discussion of **LONG WALK TO WATER**. Books are available from Pat Myrom on Wedgwood.

A sincere *THANK YOU* to the many friends and neighbors in Laurel Estates who have sent good wishes, phone calls, cards, notes and Christmas cards to Leighton this past year since his stroke in Nov. 2011. We both appreciate your concern and prayers. May you have love, good health, peace, and happiness in the coming year - 2013. *Leighton & Lois Fritz*

Don't miss **Movie Night** at the Laurel Estates Club House. Our first Movie Night of the season is Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. We supply the movie, popcorn, and ice water. Bring your beverage of choice and even some lawn chairs if you want to sit back and watch in comfort. As always we appreciate a small donation to cover the cost of the movie and popcorn. Watch the bulletin board for more information and the movie title.

**Computer class** begins Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM in the clubhouse. We meet each Tuesday morning at 10 for about 90 minutes. The first two sessions will cover what to look for when purchasing a new computer or tablet. For more information contact Jim Rudolph at 656.4104.

The **cookie exchange** was a great success. Not only did all the bakers get an great assortment of delicious cookies, we were able to deliver 30 plates of cookies to our residents. Thanks to all who made this such a success.

## ACTIVITIES FOR 2013

For the remainder of the 2012-13 season, activities posted on the calendar will continue as scheduled. Watch your newsletters for upcoming events. There will be several opportunities for you to volunteer to help make these events happen.

FYI: Your drink of choice is acceptable at the holiday dinners throughout the season.  
Per ULTRA5 management

**PHONE DIRECTORY**

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

**New phone number:**  
Denise Strahley

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

THANK YOU

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON JAN. 26!!! Tickets will be available as soon as the Binsfeld's arrive from WI. Tickets will be \$4.00 this year.

**Have you been finding things in your home that you don't use or want anymore?** If it still works and is in good condition, call Larry Smith and arrange a pick up. Your items would be greatly appreciated for our **Trash and Treasure sale in March**. Sorry, we are not able to accept mattresses or clothing.

Wi-Fi Internet access is available in the clubhouse. You can use your laptop, tablet, or smart phone to access the internet using this connection. The access point is named "Laurel Estates" and is password protected. The password is posted on the bulletin board. This connection is family friendly and blocks access to known adult content sites. If you need assistance using the connection contact Jim Rudolph at 656-4104.

**AN EARNEST PLEA!!!**  
The **blood drive** will be on Jan. 21, at the clubhouse, from 1-3 pm. We were, in the past, receiving 18-20 pints and now we are down to only 5-7 with each drive. **PLEASE GIVE** if you can - it's needed badly!!

The AARP Tax Aide program will be providing free tax preparation assistance again this season beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Last season we prepared over 1800 federal tax returns at our two nearby locations at the North Fort Myers Library and the Community Center behind the library. We are looking for volunteer tax preparers and greeters to join our team. Computers and software are provided by AARP and IRS training is scheduled for January. For more information contact Jim Rudolph at 656-4104.

**VOLUNTEER FOCUS**

For the month of January 2013 we selected an extremely worthy recipient - **Patty Fox**. She's the lady on Breezewood who recycles all of our aluminum cans. She used to have a helper, but for the past couple of years, she does this all by herself. She has a large trash

can on the side of her lanai for aluminum soda and beer cans.. All of the cans must be flattened so if the donated cans aren't crushed, Patty takes care of it without a single complaint. She then takes the cans to the recycling station where they are weighed. Any monies are turned into the lot owners association for their treasury. This is a huge job. Patty is to be commended for her dedication and countless hours spent on our behalf.



**Thank you very much for your time Patty, we appreciate your efforts!!**



# Birthday Party !!!

### January Birthdays

|    |                   |
|----|-------------------|
| 2  | Teresa Provencher |
| 4  | Cheryl Tobin      |
| 5  | Tommie Thompson   |
| 10 | Helen Onyett      |
| 11 | Lois Fritz        |
| 11 | Marcy Linton      |
| 12 | Zeke Bosteter     |
| 12 | Jerry Forsythe    |
| 13 | Joan Alberghini   |
| 14 | Harvey Luke       |
| 14 | Sue Suhr          |
| 15 | Linda Barber      |
| 15 | Jane Kohn         |
| 18 | Madeline Clark    |
| 20 | Judy Schlundt     |
| 22 | Jack Swick        |
| 23 | Robert Routzahn   |
| 26 | Michael Tobin     |

### July Birthdays

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| 4  | Frances Cobb     |
| 5  | Carol Clark      |
| 5  | Joyce Crites     |
| 5  | Richard Menzel   |
| 9  | Philip Trexler   |
| 10 | Theresa Krieger  |
| 11 | Linda Ossowski   |
| 12 | Steve Smith      |
| 14 | Karen Leonard    |
| 15 | Gail Goad        |
| 19 | Eli Alvarez      |
| 19 | Larry Trahan     |
| 20 | Sandra Routzhan  |
| 22 | Pat Myrom        |
| 23 | Pat Hunter       |
| 28 | Sylvia Bordo     |
| 28 | Penny Smith      |
| 30 | Laura Hagenbarth |

### Renters/Winter Visitors

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|----|-------------|
| 10 | Mel Reid    |
| 30 | Bonnie Reid |

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Entertainment by:  
**Academy of the Arts Steel Drum Band**