

Sandalwood Park News

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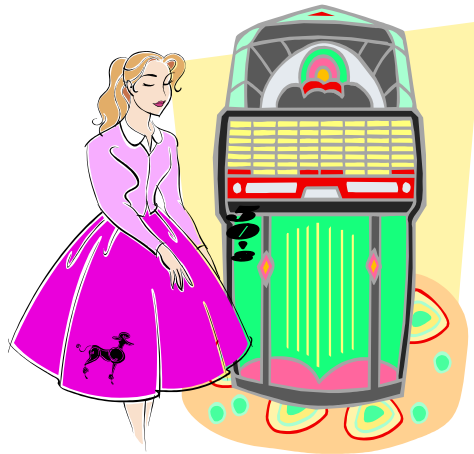


*Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc.
Venice, Florida*



THE FABULOUS 50'S

2011 SANDALWOOD PICNIC
MARCH 12, 2011 12:30-5 pm



MENU

CHICKEN
BAKED BEANS
POTATO SALAD
ROOT BEER FLOAT
KEG, WINE, TEA, WATER

*Costumes optional
Games after the meal*



\$6.00 and \$8.00 for guest
Tickets will be sold by Betty Pratt and Connie Bressler
and also available in the Sandalwood office.

Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc.
300 Sandpiper Drive
Venice, Florida 34285

*Resident Owned Community for persons
55 years of age and older*

Office Number
485-3646

In an Emergency Call
911

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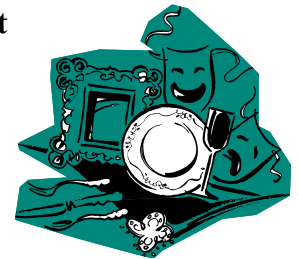
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WEDNESDAY IS GAME NIGHT

Do you like to play cards?



Come to the clubhouse on
Wednesday evening and
join the fun!

Everyone is welcome, the
more the merrier!

BINGO!

Tuesday & Friday 7 PM

So fun...try your luck.

*Come one,
come all.....
Leave all your troubles at
home, join your Neighbors
at the clubhouse and have a good time!!!*



NEWSLETTER MAILBOX

Submit letters or articles to Alice Fitzpatrick, 346 Longwood Drive or Pat Gleckler at patannee@copper.net. All correspondence must be signed. Contents may be edited for space, clarity and suitability for print.

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Board of Directors

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Carl Van Gilst (2013) President
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- Dan Hutchinson (2012) Treasurer
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- Sandra Marsocci (2014)
- Mitch Watson (2013)
- Norm Vandebusch (2014)
- Al Burns (2014)

Appointed by the board:

Marietta Jones - Assistant Secretary

The Sandalwood Board of Directors has the responsibility of administering the wishes of our shareholders. Contact any board member with your concerns or suggestions and they will act in the best interest of the park. Written comments may be sent to the office or e-mailed to vangilst@maplenet.net.



AD PAGE 1

Name this Resident

Hopefully, this newsletter article will bring in lots of old pictures. Do you know who this is? Can you guess??

*Please send a picture to publish in an upcoming newsletter and see how many can recognize you. Even baby pictures are fun. **Help us keep this article alive!** Give your picture to Alice Fitzpatrick (346 Longwood Dr) or send or email to Pat Gleckler.*

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Mystery person will be revealed in next month's newsletter.



**February Mystery resident is
Bob Koons**



HUFF AND PUFF
Starts on Friday, Jan 7th

MON, WED & FRI
AT 9:00AM

IN THE ACTIVITY ROOM

Alice St Onge, Leader

ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK

Thursday, March 17th

Cocktails 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.



Come and join the fun, we'll eat hearty, sing a few Irish songs and share our favorite Saint Paddy's Day stories! So wear your green (if you

like) and bring your favorite dish and we'll have a rollicking good time.

We hope to see all of you there!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday - March 19

Chef Tony Ellis will again be flipping the yummy flapjacks!!

\$2.50 per person

Tickets can be purchased at the Sandalwood office or from Tony or Joan Ellis or Betty Pratt.

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NOTICE

DUE TO THE NEW PRIVACY LAWS THE PARK OFFICE WILL HAVE TO HAVE WRITTEN PERMISSION TO PUBLISH YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER IN THE PARK DIRECTORY.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE

I/We give our permission for our telephone number to be included in the Sandalwood Park directory.

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



MARCH CASINO TRIP

March 2, 2011
Depart Sandalwood 9:30 am
Leave the casino 4:30 pm

Cost per person \$20.00

You will receive \$25.00 free play + a \$5.00 meal voucher

The casino trips sell out quickly, so SIGN UP EARLY

Sign up in clubhouse

Submit payment to Alice Fitzpatrick
(Make checks payable to SAC)
346 Longwood Dr.
(Front door please)

St. Patrick's Open House

Saturday, March 19th 3Pm - 6PM



Mike and Susan Smith
476 Boxwood\

Everyone is invited...Wear
Green



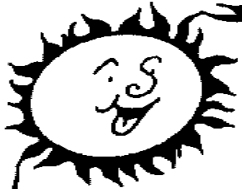
JANUARY CASINO TRIP

Fifty four enthusiastic gamblers boarded the bus at the clubhouse 9:30 for an exciting day at the hard Rock Casino in Tampa. On the ride to the casino everyone enjoyed a few games of bingo and a card raffle. Some won before they even reached the casino. A birthday hat was placed on Trish Vandebusch and she was presented with a birthday pin as the group serenaded her with Happy Birthday. After arriving everyone went their own way and met back at the bus which pulled out at 4:30. Many were winners and some were losers. For some reason the losers do not talk quite as much about their final outcome. It was a most congenial crowd and many were ready to sign up right away for the next trip on March 2nd.

As of this day, Feb. 13th, the March 2nd trip is completely sold out, surely a sign that it is a fun trip.

GRANDMA FRAUD ALERT

There is a group of people calling older adults and posing as a relative, usually an older grandchild in trouble. They present themselves as needing money because of a desperate situation, such as a car accident with the police being involved. Money is the centerpiece of the call. The caller will request you to take money from a bank account and wire it to them. Authorities are familiar with this tactic and call it "The Grandma Fraud". So Beware! Make sure that the person you are talking with is your relative before giving any information about yourself. Never wire money to anyone or you may find yourself in a desperate situation! Submitted by - Donna Eckman



Thanks

Look around and you are sure to see someone doing something that deserves a "THANK YOU" in the Newsletter.

Many thanks for all the cards, prayers and good wishes I received from my friends in Sandalwood. They were well received, lifted my spirits and brightened my days. Thank you.

Mary Lou Flinn

Thanks to everyone for the kind support on the loss of our precious dog "Luke". This special little dog was loved by all and entertained with his tricks over the years. We appreciate all of the kind words and cards from our Sandalwood friends.

Joe and Sandy Marsocci

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The smell of crispy sausages and warming pancakes wafted around our community center Saturday morning, the nineteenth. Over 80 family and friends enjoyed an "all you can eat" hot pancake breakfast with the camaraderie of their neighbors. Orange juice, fresh coffee, extra butter and syrup were also available for all the hearty eaters. Chef Tony Ellis and his crew were at the Sandpiper Room early in the morning to create the second pancake breakfast for the benefit of the SAC group, our activities program. The monies will be used for the future park's dinners, picnics and other social events. An extra 50/50's raffle was also held, and won by Harley Wheeler.

Once again our hard workers put together a warm and plentiful meal and social gathering. A grateful thanks from Sandalwood Park members go to Chef Ellis's committee for an outstanding Saturday morning get-together: Joan Ellis, Roger Ungrey, Bob and Chris Overbay, Bob and Barb Cronan, Marlene Ellis, and Tom Morgan on tickets. Chef Tony Ellis hopes to make this a monthly treat each year, so that everyone can get to know their new neighbors.

Submitted by Mary Ann Jenne

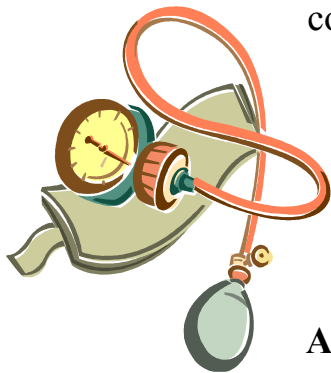
BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK UP

Keep your blood pressure under control with a FREE monthly check up.

Every 3rd Thursday

10:00am-11:00am

IN THE SANDALWOOD ACTIVITIES ROOM



Sandalwood Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 26, 2011
Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner 6pm



Followed by dancing

SONNY & SABLE will entertain on March 26th at a Sandalwood Dinner Dance.

The theme is Jimmy Buffet's "Margaritaville".

Tickets are \$10.00 and will be sold in the Sandalwood office and by Barb Moore.



YOUR COOPERATION IS NEEDED

Everyone wants to keep Sandalwood a clean well kept community, so it's important that each resident has a registered caretaker for their property. (EVEN IF **YOU** ARE THE CARETAKER).

Forms are available outside the office door in the Activities Room.. Please pick one up and take a couple of minutes to complete it. **THANKS**

"MEALS ON WHEELS"

Venice Area Mobile Meals

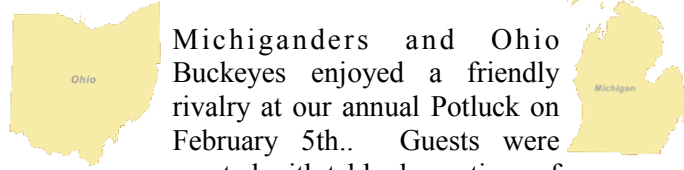
If you would like this service, or know someone who needs this assistance, a good meal is only a phone call away.

488-1889

Monday-Saturday 8am-11am

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OHIO/MICHIGAN POTLUCK



Michiganders and Ohio Buckeyes enjoyed a friendly rivalry at our annual Potluck on February 5th.. Guests were greeted with table decorations of cut-out maps of Ohio & Michigan, made by Donna Eckman. Ohio buckeyes and chocolate candy added to the decorating. Just so Michigan wasn't left out, Trish Vandebusch added U. of Michigan mints to the buckeyes.

The food was excellent - lots of it and quite a variety.

Master of Ceremonies, Al Burns, kept everything running smoothly, telling jokes and introducing the activities. We were treated to familiar songs by the quartet of Bob & Maryanne Koons, Sam Dicks and Johanna Lauzon with their harmonica playing friend. Sam sang a solo telling us "I don't look good naked anymore."

A big thanks to everyone who helped make this party a success. A special thanks to Donna Eckman, Al & Nancy Burns, Maretta Jones, Betty Pratt, Barb & Ken Jager and Tom Bressler. *Submitted by Connie Bressler*

JANUARY POTLUCK

Our January potluck began with Carmen asking everyone to please sign in as we dined on great food. Entertainer Bobby Holloway walked in with sax, bongo and guitar in hand. He was asked to pick out 3 numbers and Donna Eckman, Steve Demcher and Harley's daughter Diane came out the winners. They each received a centerpiece.



Following dinner Bobby asked if anyone would like to sing with him or play the bongos. Our fun loving Diane Purcell volunteered to be the bongo player and did her job well. I think part time she may be a professional bongo player somewhere.

Bobby took us back to the 50's and we all clapped and sang as they played. He then went from table to table with his mike in hand and we all got to show our talent. We then got to dance the stroll and the electric slide. Bert Hoflick got up and played the bongos as we all sang along.

Carmen and her group, you know who you are, did a great job. A great time was had by all.

Submitted by Loretta Demcher

IN MEMORY
Emily Rossi

1930-2011



Emily Rossi of 414 Longwood Dr .; passed away on February 14, 2011; in White Lake Twp., Michigan with her family by her side. Beloved wife of the late Lawrence G. Rossi; loving mother and best friend of Michael

(Glenda), James, Susan (Patrick McDade) Todd and John Rossi; cherished grandmother of Melissa (Chris) Marshall, Kelsey, Christine and Kaylen Rossi and Corey Todd and great grandmother of Ethan Lawrence Todd; dear sister of Mary Harrison.

IN MEMORY
Mary Annie Hastings

1934-2011



Mary Annie Hastings, 76, of 487 Ashwood, formerly of Ludlow, Mass., died Feb. 17, 2011 in a tragic auto accident.

Survivors include her husband, Jared; son Scott A. of Ludlow; daughter Susan Flanders of Springfield, Mass.; Sister Holly Koss of Venice; and six grandchildren.

Mary Annie was a member of the First Congregational Church of Ludlow. She was past queen of the Nyla Temple of Daughters of the Nile, and past matron of the James W. Hannum Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.





From the President:

Since I have been elected to serve as your President for a sixth year, I feel an obligation to point out a few things needed for Sandalwood remain the best place in the world to live.

There is a "NO SOLICITORS" policy in our park, but recently the meat peddlers returned, going door to door soliciting residents to buy their goods. Their favorite words are "God bless you". But when I confronted one of them, he told me what he really meant and it didn't involve God. I doubt that it was a coincidence that several bicycles were stolen during the same time period. If these vendors return, remind them of the "No Solicitors Policy" ask them to leave Sandalwood immediately or you will call 911. You can always call a Director or 911 for assistance if needed. Only deal with those who you have asked to provide services. If anyone else comes to your door, ORDER HIM OR HER OUT OF THE PARK.

Frequent rule violations will not be tolerated. We want to be a friendly park and not a police state, but we also need to keep ourselves in check. The "No parking on the grass" rule was modified to allow short-term daytime parking with two wheels only on grass. But now there are vehicles parked fully on the grass all day. If you need additional parking, a parking slab next to your carport can be evaluated, if room permits. Otherwise, parking by the clubhouse is provided and must be utilized for parking of extra vehicles. We do allow grass parking for events at the clubhouse.

Sandalwood is unique in allowing pets, and I think that is great. But, some abuse this privilege. Pets must be kept on an attended lease when outside. Fences, visible or invisible, are not acceptable or even allowed according to Sandalwood rules. Droppings must be picked up in ALL areas, including your own property. You must also prevent barking that might annoy neighbors.

Some units and yards are in need of attention. Our Beautification Committee should not have to remind you. But, if and when they do, please respond in a positive manner and promptly attend to their request.

Last, but not least is the biggest and most serious violation....SPEEDING! The road you are driving on is also our sidewalk. Don't be the driver that runs down someone coming out of a driveway in a wheelchair, on a bike or simply taking a walk. SLOW DOWN.

I'm fine with bending the rules a bit, like with the parking, but please don't break them. If your "self examination" reveals a violation, please do a "self correction". It takes everyone's cooperation to keep our park the great place where we are proud to live.

Carl Van Gilst

SENOR LUIGI WHEELIO'S PASTA NIGHT



Harley Wheeler may be known as Mr. O'Wheeler on March 17th but on Jan. 29th he was known as Luigi Wheelio. Boy does Luigi know how to put on an Italian feed. The

atmosphere in the Sandpiper Room equaled that of any Italian Bistro in America. The baskets filled with hot toasted bread to the pickle jars filled with skewers of cheese, tomato, pickles, hot peppers and olives plus a stalk of celery. Not only was this decorative but edible as well. A huge antipasto, made by Barb Moore and Pasti Fagoli made by Carl VanGilst, were the first things on the menu. The tables were cleared and patrons proceeded to be served pasta with white or red sauce, or both. Harley made the white and Pam Brown the red. Small éclairs, attractively served, were the dessert accompanied with coffee or drinks of your choice.

Harley knows how to surround himself with excellent workers and they did the job for him. Everything moved at a fast pace and in a professional manner. The kitchen help and the servers along with Harley worked for two days straight to make this affair so successful. The waitresses performed as if there would be a big tip at the end of the evening, of course "nada". Thanks for making a most pleasurable and leisurely time for everyone.

The entertainment was very satisfying to the crowd. Music played, a lot with Italian flavor, before dinner, during and after. The dance floor was crowded all evening and others clapped and tapped, this is a sure sign the entertainment is "really good." I think Sandalwood has some candidates for the TV show "Can You Dance"

I spoke to Harley and he was very emotional about the wonderful hardworking committee he had that night. Harley was not feeling well, recuperating from knee surgery, and was not able to do much that evening but felt that his committee picked up the ball and carried it forward. He felt the waitresses and kitchen workers went beyond the call of duty to make sure all the diners had a wonderful evening. He had great praise for all who contributed to a most successful evening. His committee: Connie Wheeler, Barb & Larry Moore, Pam & Al Brown, Loretta & Steve Demcher, Tom & Sally Thompson, Bob Hastings and Sylvia Buchanan, Don & Diane Souza. Their hard work paid off -- **bella , bella!!!!!!**

NOTE: I want to add my personal heartfelt thanks to all of the above for their unfailing cooperation. This could not have happened without you. I love you all! ! Thanks again from the bottom of my heart. Harley Wheeler

SANDALWOOD PARK

SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS, INC.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 09, 2011

All present stood for the pledge of allegiance

Meeting: Called to order by President Carl Van Gilst

Roll call: Present were Carl Van Gilst, George Taylor, Harley Wheeler, Dan Hutchinson, Sandra Marsocci, Joe Cromwell, NormVandenbusche and John Dane. Absent Mitch Watson

Reading of Minutes: Minutes of January 12, 2010 meeting were approved.

Treasurers report: Read by Dan Hutchinson and filed for audit.

Consideration of Communication, Resignations and Elections : **George Taylor** introduced candidates running for election. They are Carl VanGilst, Sandra Marsocci, Al Burns and Norman Vandenbusche.

Reports of officers and employees:

Reports of committee:

Unfinished business:

464 Boxwood Dr: Carl VanGilst stated mobile had been removed and we had requested quote from Abbott's Backhoe Service to remove gas tank and concrete.

351 Longwood Dr: Carl VanGilst reported on the clean up of exterior of home. He will contact our attorney and proceed. (see attached letter) **Motion by John Dane 2nd. By Norman Vandenbusche Motion approved**

Fire Ant Contract: Carl VanGilst stated it was time for the annual treatment. **Motion by John Dane to spend up to \$4,500.00 for treatment 2nd by Harley Wheeler Motion approved**

Property update: Carl VanGilst reported on the sales of homes and lots in the park. (see attached)

Other resolutions and new business:

Annual Meeting: Carl VanGilst stated that Laura Shook would be the guest speaker. Meeting Feb. 17, 2011 @ 2:00 p.m.

I.R.S. Annual Report: George Taylor has 8840 Closer connection forms if anyone needs them.

Reporting thefts to Sheriff: Norman Vandenbusche asked everyone to call and report any theft and unusual activities, also report it to the office.

Maintenance contract on A/C units: Carl VanGilst reported Charlie Kane was getting quotes.

Veterans Park: Sandra Marsocci has established criteria for the park (see attached) and posted on the bulletin board.

Keeping prospectus up to date: George Taylor stated the most people are not keeping their book up to date. Will be addressed at March meeting.

Motor Bikes Decibel tests: Carl VanGilst to revise testing rules. **Motion by John Dane 2nd. By Sandra Marsocci Motion passed**

Next Meeting: Agenda : Wed. Mar. 02, 2011 @ 9:00a.m. (Sandpiper room)

Board: Wed. Mar. 09, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m. (Sandpiper room)

Meeting adjourned by President Carl Van Gilst.

Respectfully Submitted, George Taylor, Secretary

CONCERT SERIES



The first of the concert series was held Jan. 16th and was a rousing success and a great beginning for the series. "Diva Legends", featuring Donna Moore, was equal to any Las Vegas revue. Donna had the voice, the moves and all the props to convince the audience that they were being entertained not by one but about a dozen famous singers. She had Cher's moves down to a tee and Dolly Parton's was easily identifiable with her physical attributes prominently displayed. Connie Francis, Liza, Tammy, Janice Joplin were a few others she impersonated. Donna was extremely personable and related to the audience very nicely.

The second in the concert series on Feb 10th was equal to the first. Our committee has picked out great performers and all ticket buyers seemed well pleased with their performances. Dominic, a male singer mingling with the audience in a jovial manner brought smiles to the audience. He sang the songs associated with many famous singers of a few years ago, all familiar to the audience. He did not try to imitate anyone, not necessary as his rendition could stand alone. His talented voice and personable manner made for a most pleasant evening.

SANDALWOOD PARK

SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS, INC. PRESIDENTS REPORT OF BOARD ACTIVITIES ANNUAL MEETING 2/17/11

While the most significant accomplishment of last year was the completion of the clubhouse addition, the most significant accomplishment this year was paying off the loan to build it. It's a pleasure to inform the membership that we are again debt free. We are very pleased to see the facility is quite busy and that it has fulfilled the needs of our community. With increasing demand for use for private parties, the board adopted a \$100 user fee for use of the Sandpiper room when it is not being used for park activities.

Furnishing of the Exercise Room was completed with the purchase of a television. This room, made available with our clubhouse expansion, has proven to be a well used addition to our facilities.

Golf carts are now officially approved for use in Sandalwood but must be registered with the park office.

A generator was purchased for the price of \$300.00 to provide basic power in case of an extended outage.

SPH accepted the donation of mobile homes on rental lots 400 Longwood, 554 Aspen, and 421 Boxwood. Each home was removed and lots offered for sale at the \$50,000 share price. Lots 551 Aspen (previously donated) and 400 Longwood were sold at the \$50,000 share price while 554 Aspen, 421 Boxwood and 464 Boxwood are for sale as vacant lots. Our park is improved by new homes at 405 Longwood and 551 Aspen with another being planned for 400 Longwood.

The front retention ditch was cleaned at a cost of \$5,000 to provide additional runoff capacity. Also, \$4,200 was spent on road repairs. We have now committed to totally resurface all asphalt within the park at a cost of \$180,155.00. The work is to be completed during the summers of 2011 and 2012 as funds become available through lot sales. No funds are to be borrowed for this improvement, nor are maintenance fees to be increased.

Norm Vandebusch was appointed to fill the board position created by the death of Henry Bukowski. Henry was recognized for his long term dedication and service as a member of the Board.

Veterans Park was established on the recommendation of the Beautification Committee. This area near our main entrance is available for memorials to veterans who have lived in Sandalwood.

The annual trimming of palm trees was completed as was the annual spraying to control fire ants. We renewed the \$4,500.00 contract for the very effective annual fire ant prevention.

We continue to operate very efficiently with just two part time outstanding employees. We are very fortunate to have dedicated park residents in these two positions. Marietta Jones works approx. 20 hrs/week as office manager. We truly appreciate her skills in all office functions as well as handling share sales and transfers. Our maintenance manager, Charlie Kane, continues to excel in maintenance, grounds keeping and janitorial duties. He works 35 – 40 hrs per week.

The board of Directors serving for the past year were Carl Van Gilst, President; Harley Wheeler, vice president; George Taylor, Secretary; Dan Hutchinson, Treasure; Joe Cromwell, Assistant Treasurer; John Dane, Henry Bukowski (replaced by Norm Vandebusch), Sandra Marsocci, and Mitch Watson. Appointed by the board as assistant secretary was Marietta Jones.

Our share price remains at \$50,000.00. Three of these shares are currently for sale by the corporation while we have nine remaining renters. Our goal is to become 100% resident owned. As our treasurer has reported to you, we are very sound financially with very adequate, and growing, reserves to meet any emergency. We do not anticipate any increase in maintenance fees in the foreseeable future. The value of our corporation remains at \$12,000,000.00

Respectfully submitted by Carl Van Gilst, President



Life in Lee's eyes

Back in the middle of the 20th century it was not uncommon for a prospective groom to ask a father's permission to marry his daughter. Many prospective brides insisted on it. Mine was one of them and I was not overjoyed about that. What is this? Is he going to make decisions for us throughout the marriage? "No way" thought I. As time passed and the date of the wedding "we" had decided on approached, the subject of fatherly consent kept being mentioned not only by my prospective bride but also my future in-laws. A show-down loomed in the future.

It's hard to back down but I decided there were more serious challenges in the world than giving in, one time, to a future father-in-law. One time. Arranging a meeting was simple. We met in his living room while all his family members hidden behind furniture or doors waiting to hear the vital decision. When I asked for his permission to marry his daughter a big smile came across his face. "Oh yes, please do. I've always wanted a son-in-law close to my own age". Apparently, my early loss of head hair was misinterpreted. And not funny. Later on I discovered my future bride's family had a sense of humor and with vigor I intended to surpass it.

We come now to a different century, with people in a completely different circumstance and certainly a difference in a financial position. Can you believe that Kate Middleton, the English commoner, and Prince William, heir to the English Throne are getting married and Kate has asked William to request her father's approval? William agreed to do so.

Imagine the conversation that went on in Mr. Middleton's living room: "Mr. Middleton, sir, you know that Katie and I have been seeing each other for quite a few years now and have developed a sincere fondness for one another" "Yes, Billy, Kate's mother and I have noticed that fondness and have been concerned about some of your trips to family castles in foreign countries and your yacht trips" "Let me

assure you, Mr. Middleton, that my intentions toward Katie have always been honorable". Well now Billy. let's remember that I've known your daddy for a long time and I'm aware of all the fun and games in the back hallways of Buckingham with Camilla"

"You know, Billy, that marriages cost a lot of money these days". "I know that, Mr. Middleton, but you should be aware of my future as King of England. And if that isn't enough assurance Grandpa Philip says we can remodel and sell expensive condos' in the west wing of Buckingham. Billy, that's all well and good but you can't count on kingships staying afloat these days. There are many royals on the dole. Now if you are serious about Kate, why don't you come and work for me?" You could do the king things part time and your marriage would be financially secure".

Obviously William asked for Kate's hand in marriage and based on the diamond and sapphire ring she wears permission was granted. Security guards probably guard her and the ring. It looks as big as the proverbial bread box. Looking back to mid 21st century my future father-in-law and family members looked sad when I gave his daughter a "big as a bread box" package. Little did they know that inside the bread box package was a much smaller package with an engagement ring in it.

Looking ahead fifty years it wouldn't surprise me if marriage arrangements and actual marriages took place over the telephone. The new Verizon I Phone technology does everything that can be done with human contact. Dick Tracy is old hat. Consider a young man calling up his girl friends' father and saying "Hey dad-eo. If you and mom-eo aren't doing anything Saturday night come and see us get hitched. Your lovely daughter-o gave me permission to have you in my family". Times change but marriage permission still seems important.



SOME WILL BE HEADING BACK NORTH SOON....

NEED HELP WITH MAINTAINING YOUR PROPERTY WHILE HERE OR AWAY?

THERE ARE RESIDENTS WHO ARE OFFERING PROPERTY CAREGIVER SERVICES IN SANDALWOOD PARK.

PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE CLUBHOUSE FOR DETAILS.

VALENTINES DAY POTLUCK

- Our Valentine Pot luck was held on Saturday, Feb 12 and was enjoyed by all.
- The SAC committee and the volunteers outdid themselves with beautiful decorations which were appreciated by all of us.
- The entertainment which was Karaoke with Tom, was great fun with the brave ones singing and the audience applauding. Song books were provided with thousands of songs to choose from to amaze the audience.
- The food was especially good, especially the chocolate brownies. A special thanks to whoever baked those.
- We thank our SAC committee and the volunteers who made this such a fun night.

Welcome Newcomers



Lucille Mitton lives at 555 Aspen Ave and comes from Dennis port, (Cape Cod) MA.

She lives here full time with the exception of 4 months in the summer. She has 1 daughter and 1 grandson. She is a Realtor on a part time basis. She chose to buy in Sandalwood as her best friend lives here and it is a great

location, well cared for, low fees, small and friendly!

Lucille enjoys all activities, sports, boating, dancing, cards and just having fun! Her favorite food is pasta, favorite sport, likes them all but favorite teams are the Red Sox & Patriots. Soft Rock and Oldies are the kind of music she enjoys most. In her spare time she likes the pool and beach, playing games and cleaning. Lucille loves helping people and enjoys bringing laughter into their life! (and she does)



Robert & Mary Ann Jenne

reside at 542 Walnut Circle during winter months, their permanent home is in Plaistow, NH. They have 1 son, 1 daughter, 1 grandson and 4 granddaughters. They are both retired, he was a postal clerk and she a 6th

grade teacher. They purchased property in Sandalwood because they could own their own land and the people are friendly.

Robert's hobbies are reading and horseshoes, Mary Ann's are oil painting and reading. She is also interested in travel. Their food favorites differ, his is steak, Mary Ann's is ice cream. Robert likes jazz and they both like soft rock. Mary Ann's favorite sport is swimming and her favorite team is the Red Sox. Robert served in the USAF. In his spare time he enjoys television, computer and reading while she enjoys reading and crocheting .

Mary Ann loves the beach and at this time they are still painting their new home and trying to outfit it.

NOTE: Mary Ann has volunteered to help by contributing articles to the Newsletter



Ron and Sue Jumps are snowbirds who reside at 496 Sandrift Dr. They decided to buy in Sandalwood because of the great location and appearance. Their Northern address is Terre Haute, IN. They have 3 sons, 2 daughters, 8 grandsons and 3

granddaughters. Ron was retired as a Lt. Colonel of US Air Force in 1986 and as an Attorney in 2007. He is active in Boy Scouts and Kiwanis (here and in Indiana.) He loves shark tooth hunting, Genealogy, Euchre and Bingo.

Ron's favorites are : food, steak - sport, football - team, Colts - music, easy listening.

He served 20 years in the Air Force. In his spare time he enjoys relaxing, when not volunteering.

Sue is interested in boating, Euchre and traveling. Her favorites are: food, Mexican - music, Rock & Roll. In her spare time she enjoys reading and visiting with family.

The Jump's have a dog named Cody.



Ann Kane is a full time resident living at 372 Longwood Dr. She has 2 sons and 4 daughters, 5 granddaughters and 9 grandsons. She was a Banker and is now retired. She decided to buy in Sandalwood because of the space and it is so well kept.

Ann's favorites are: Bingo, Pool and gambling - food, veggies and fruit - sport, baseball - team. Red Sox and music, classical.

In her spare time she likes to gamble and eat. Ann states she loves baseball, especially Boston Red Sox and living in Florida she gets to see early season pre-games.

WEEKLY BREAKFAST AT PERKINS

Thursday at 9 am.

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Happy  St. Patrick's Day

SANDALWOOD PARK

Sandalwood Activities Committee Minutes of the meeting of February 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: President Carmen Wallin; Treasurer Ralph Puffer; Lois Cottrill and Barb Moore. Absent: VP Betty Pratt, Secretary Pam Brown and Gil Weidemiller

The minutes of the January 10, 2011 were approved as read.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$9552.97 and the report was placed on file for audit.

At the Board's previous Agenda meeting, Pam Brown was made the new Secretary, and Lois Cottrill was appointed Director. All other positions remained the same.

Committee reports:

- *Lois announced that there will be no bingo on Friday, 2/25 because the room will be in use for the Rummage Sale.
- *George Taylor said that no arrangements have yet been made for Easter Sunday Dinner, and he is looking for a volunteer to make those plans.
- *Donna Eckman is planning the next Pot Luck to be held on THURSDAY, March 17th. Wear your green.
- *Arlene Harrison reported that a few faithful are attending Wed. afternoon Ping Pong. Euchre has 5 or 6 tables. Wed night poker has 6 tables of card players. There was no one to report on either shuffleboard or line dancing.
- *16-18 people regularly show up for breakfast at Perkin's on Thursday morning, according to George Taylor.
- *Leo Flinn has taken over the Tuesday lunch arrangements.
- *Ken and Lois Cottrill will host Saturday breakfast for the month of March.

Upcoming events:

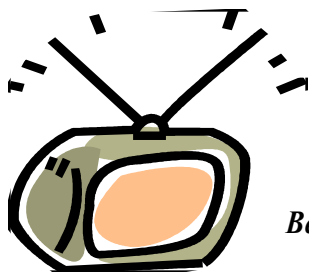
- *Feb 19, Pancake breakfast - tickets in advance for \$3.00
- *Feb 20, Three "I" Pot Luck co-chaired by Sherry Weatherford and Pat Stevens. All other states and Canada are welcome EXCEPT Michigan and Ohio.
- *Feb 21, 7:00PM - 3rd concert starring Mary Ellen Hooper (a few seats left available at the door)
- *Feb 26, Rummage and Bake sale in the Sandpiper Room. Carport sales around the park. Donna Eckman, Connie Bressler and Gail Hixon are in charge.
- *March 2, Casino trip, Alice Fitzpatrick making the arrangements.
- *March 13, "The King and I" 2:00PM at the Venice Theatre

Up for Discussion:

Barb Moore talked about needed purchases for the Clubhouse kitchen. She wanted us to be aware, and approve of, where our money is being spent. Real silverware to replace plastic utensils was the last purchase. The next purchase will be one or two large (restaurant size) spaghetti pots.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Cottrill, acting secretary



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Sandalwood March 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Lunch Bingo 7PM	2 Huff & Puff 9AM BOARD AGENDA 9 AM <u>CASINO TRIP</u> Ping Pong 1-4PM Poker 6:30PM Cards/Games 7PM	3 Breakfast Perkins 9AM	4 Huff & Puff 9AM Computer Club 10AM Bingo 7PM	5 Coffee 9:00 AM
6	7 Huff & Puff 9AM SAC AGENDA MEETING 10AM Rhythmettes 3PM	8 Lunch Bingo 7PM	9 Huff & Puff 9AM BOARD MEETING 10 AM Ping Pong 1-4PM Poker 6:30PM Cards/Games 7PM	10 Breakfast Perkins 9AM Concert Series "TREY DEES" 7:00PM	11 Huff & Puff 9AM Computer Club 10AM Bingo 7PM	12 SANDALWOOD ANNUAL PICNIC 12:30 PM
13 King & I Venice Theater 2:00 PM	14 Huff & Puff 9AM SAC MEETING 10AM Rhythmettes 3PM Movie Night 7:00PM	15 Lunch Noon Bingo 7PM	16 Huff & Puff 9AM Ping Pong 1-4PM Poker 6:30 PM Cards/Games 7PM	17 Breakfast Perkins 9AM Blood pressure check 10-11 AM St Pat's Day Potluck	18 Huff & Puff 9AM Computer Club 10AM NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE Bingo 7PM	19 Pancake Breakfast 8am—9:30am
20	21 Huff & Puff 9AM Rhythmettes 3PM	22 Lunch Noon Bingo 7PM	23 Huff & Puff 9AM Ping Pong 1-4PM Poker 6:30 PM Cards/Games 7PM	24 Breakfast Perkins 9AM Euchre 7PM	25 Huff & Puff 9AM Computer Club 10AM Bingo 7PM	26 Coffee 9:00 AM Dinner Dance Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner 6pm
27 Dane Ice Cream Social 2:00 PM	28 Huff & Puff 9AM Rhythmettes 3PM	29 Lunch Noon Bingo 7PM	30 Huff & Puff 9AM Ping Pong 1-4PM Poker 6:30 PM Cards/Games 7PM	31 Breakfast Perkins 9AM Euchre 7PM		