

VOICE OF THE VILLAS JANUARY 2011

NOTES FROM DIANE...

Many of our residents are back from the frigid north, and others will soon follow. It will be great to have most of our villas occupied. I hope all will have a healthy and prosperous 2011.

Tom Moore is already shopping for Christmas decorations for the coming December. He is getting us great deals with sales and has the shipping all handled. I think Tom keeps the Christmas feeling longer than most of us because of all the snow and cold weather he and Jo experience all winter in Minnesota.

Once again a big thank you to Debbie and Lee Johnson, Jo and Tom Moore, Gordon Spelbring, Jim Jones, Doris Wilson, and Sue Rudnicki for our beautiful decorations around the pool. Each of these people helped put up or take down, or both.

There are three board meetings coming up in the next couple of months. The regular January meeting will be at 9:00AM on Jan. 11. A special meeting will be held at 10:30AM on the 12th, and the annual meeting will be at 9:00AM on Feb. 8. All meetings will be in the east room of the clubhouse.

Take care,

Diane Rizzo

VILLAS I BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO HAPPY HOUR?

For many years Monday night was designated as "Happy Hour" at the pool. In the past couple of years less and less people are showing up. Undoubtedly, one factor is the weather. We don't want to think we are a community of "wusses" but we are getting older and sitting out in the cold may not be our cup of tea (or with something more potent). Hopefully, we will have some pleasant Mondays in the future and some of our people will appear out of their caves and show up around 4:00 to 4:30 with drinks and snacks to share and socialize with their neighbors..

BINGO AND DINNER PARTY

Monday, January 17, at the clubhouse



Cocktails: 5:00 PM
Buffet Dinner: 6:00 PM
(followed by bingo)

We are scheduling a new event this year which sounds like a lot of fun. It should beat sitting out in the cold for a pool party in January. We hope you will agree and join us. The buffet dinner will consist of barbeque chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, and cookies (no beverage included). Cost is \$18 per person, which includes the buffet dinner and a substantial amount for bingo prize money. This will be a combined event with Oak Hill Loop. **Reservation deadline: Jan. 13.** This will be a prepay. Contacts: Doris Wilson, 768-0453, or Roberta Findley, 561-3707. We ask that you please pay in cash (or check made out to "cash").

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Mary Massman is working on a progressive dinner for Villas I residents only. Date to be determined, but possibly a Friday night late in January.

We did this a few years ago and everyone seemed to enjoy the idea of moving to a different home for each course (appetizer, salad, main course, dessert) and being with different neighbors at each place. It is a real social mixer and an opportunity to get better acquainted with your neighbors in Villas I.

We already have some people who have volunteered to host, but we will be needing additional people to open their homes to serve one course. There would probably be no more than eight people in each group.

Mary will be contacting residents in the near future to firm up plans. It gets rather complicated, but Mary is willing to arrange it. Each course is to be fairly simple so that we can still have room for dessert at the end of the evening.

THEME DINNERS

The popular theme dinners are continuing. There will be an American theme dinner at the clubhouse on Jan. 20, 21, 22. Space is filling up fast so make a reservation soon if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

As mentioned in Diane's notes, thanks again to the Lee Johnson and Tom Moore families for decorating the pool area.

Also thanks to Gordon Spelbring and Jim Jones, along with some help from Sue Rudnicki and Doris Wilson, for removing and storing the decorations. There are a few decorations still on the tree at the front entrance.

Hopefully in the next few days we will find someone willing and able to remove these higher decorations.

We had some lovely decorations around the circle. Bill Stringer and Gordon Spelbring again had outstanding decorations, Tom Moore's singing trees, along with a number of other home owners.



Save the date of Saturday, Feb. 19.

This will be the date of our annual combined golf outing with Oak Hill Loop. It will be followed by a spaghetti dinner at the clubhouse.

AROUND THE CIRCLE

Happy New Year and welcome to those returning this month. A number of our owners ventured to the snowy north over the holidays and most have returned, including Diane Rizzo, Roberta Findley, Shirley and Paul Buschman, Judy and Dave Harris, Mary Ann and John McGee, Mary Massman (and those whom I may have neglected to mention). Shirley Buschman said that it was 12 degrees when they left Indiana this week.

Also Ken Gutman arrived this week. For those of you who may have missed it in a previous newsletter, Ken's wife Louise passed away in September.

Ruth and Len Konkowski and Betty MacLeod are scheduled to arrive soon.

Shirley Lynch describes the weather as "awful" in Cape Cod. She and Ed are busy with doctors' appointments but she says her leg injury is improved. They will return later this month.

Camille McNally is currently here and getting her unit ready for a pending sale. She plans to remain in Cross Creek for a short time with her sister-in-law, Irene Marti. She will then return to New Jersey to the assisted living facility where she moved last year. Our best wishes to Camille.

Nancy and Richard Wilken arrived recently and entertained family members over Christmas. Nancy's sister, Joyce Rowland, will be arriving in February.

Mary Massman reports that she and Jan Morrell visited Fran Salvatorelli at the Lakes Assisted Living Facility. Fran seems quite contented and was eager to show them the calendar of activities that are available.

Welcome to returning renters Marcia and Gene Damon from Lexington, KY, who are renting Tom Moore's unit. The Damons are friends of Betty and Ray Burke.

Janet and Ray Cramer from Mechanicsburg, PA, are renting Lee and Debbie Johnson's unit. They previously rented Ed Oczkowski's unit in 2003 and 2004.

First-time renters are Sharon and Ray Wipson who are renting the McGuire unit. They are from Mora, MN, who live on Knife Lake near Lee and Debbie Johnson and Dan Crowell and Diane Norby.

GARBAGE PICK UP

For those recently arriving, our garbage pick up has changed. The new schedule is:

RECYCLING TUBS AND LAWN WASTE

Thursdays (place out Wednesday night)

REGULAR GARBAGE DAY

Fridays (place out on Thursday night)

BULLETIN BOARDS

There are two bulletin boards on our circle, one by the entrance to the pool and the other by the mailboxes on the back circle. Items post on the front of the bulletin boards pertain to Board activities (meetings, minutes, etc.) Items posted on the back of the bulletin boards pertain to social activities. When the blue flag is flying, we hope you will check the bulletin boards for updated social information.

Also, on the back of the bulletin boards there are red ribbons which you can place on shrubbery that you do not wish the lawn crew to trim.

There are also Maintenance Request Forms on the back of the bulletin board which are to be completed and turned in to the Board if you are requesting work that is the responsibility of the association.

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Thanks again to those who provided information for this newsletter. I can't do it without your help. Hope to see you at our upcoming events.

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SENIOR TEXTING

ATD - at the doctor's
FWIW - forgot where I was
LOL - living on Lipitor