

VOICE OF THE VILLAS FEBRUARY 2009

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 20, 10:00 a.m., at the clubhouse. You should have received the second notice from P&M Management which gives information regarding this meeting. It will include election of officers. There are five vacancies to be filled and six candidates have indicated their intents to run for the board. The letter from P&M explains the change in Florida law which makes it necessary to structure the election this way this year.

Be sure to read the instructions carefully and make an effort to attend the annual meeting. A quorum must be present in person or by proxy in order for the meeting to be valid.

Thanks very much to Paul Buschman and his friend, Fred Geyer, who is renting here this season, for their excellent work putting up our new bulletin boards. Also, thanks to our new homeowner, Jim Jones, who assisted them on this project. In the last newsletter I asked for volunteers to do this work and was very pleased by the quick response from these gentlemen. (Now maybe we can get someone to sew some blue flags to fly on the bulletin boards. For those new to Onion Creek, the blue flag indicates there is news posted on the bulletin boards. The front of the bulletin board contains association information and the back of the bulletin boards is for announcements on social activities.)

Also thanks to Helen Obidinski for her work on the Social Committee in the past, and most recently for her work in organizing the Hard Rock Casino trip.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, I'm working at H&R Block again this season so I may not be very visual, but feel free to leave me a message on my phone (561-0069).

Diane Rizzo, President

VILLAS I BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Diane Rizzo, President	561-0069
Ruth Konkowski, Vice President	561-4169
Carol Lebel, Secretary	768-9297
Richard Easton, Treasurer	561-3865
<u>Sherrill Cornett, Member at Large</u>	<u>225-0359</u>
Dixie Corey, P&M Property Manager	481-1577

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VILLAS I POTLUCK DINNER Monday, Feb. 16, at the pool

Social Hour: 4:00
Dinner: 4:45

This potluck will be for Villas I residents and will not be a joint activity with Oak Hill Loop. (Oak Hill Loop is planning a driveway party that evening.)

There is a sign-up sheet on each of our bulletin boards. Please indicate whether you are bringing an entree, vegetable, salad, or dessert. Coffee will be furnished.

We will need some help in the afternoon to set up tables.

GOLF AND PIZZA PARTY

SATURDAY, FEB. 28



This is an event for golfers of all abilities. Don't be shy even if your swing is rusty. We just want to have a fun day for this combined event with Oak Hill Loop. A pizza party will be held at the pool following golf.

A sign-up sheet will be posted soon on our bulletin boards. Singles can sign up and will be paired. Dale Hoelzer, of Villas I, and John Rousseau, of Oak Hill Loop, are coordinating this event. Tee times begin at noon. See the bulletin board for further details or call Dale, 768-2020.

Maybe we are experiencing our last gasp of "winter" in Florida and can anticipate some delightful weather for our Monday Night Social Hour at the pool. Bring a snack to share and your own beverage. This is a combined event with our Oak Loop neighbors. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your neighbors. Renters and house guests are welcome.

AROUND THE CIRCLIE

The Cross Creek cruisers are back from a Caribbean cruise on the Norwegian *Dawn*. The cruise was very ably led by Bruce Cohen. In addition to Bruce and Sally Cooper, cruisers from Onion Creek were Mary Lou Hodges, Ted Bressler, Shirley Lynch, Ed Oczkowski, Camille McNally, and Doris and John Wilson. Also in the group were Camille's sister from New Jersey and friends of Ed and Shirley from Long Boat Key. There were over sixty people, including Cross Creekers from other associations and many people who have traveled with Bruce before. This is the 18th cruise Bruce has led, and the third for Cross Creek. One of the highlights of the cruise was whale watching off the coast of the Dominican Republic. Yes, we saw some whales--some of the excursions boats had better sighting than others.

Welcome to returning renters, George and Gayle Juriek, who arrived this week from Thunder Bay, Ontario. They rented here in 2007. This cold spell we are complaining about must seem tropical to them. They are renting the Lee Johnson unit.

Joyce Rowland, who co-owns with Nancy Wilken, will be spending time here this month. If these names seem unfamiliar to some of you, they purchased Phyllis Lasher's unit last year. They are friends of Paul and Shirley Buschman and as you may guess, they are from Indiana (Monticello). Including renters, nine of our fifty-two units are occupied by people from Indiana. Units owned/occupied by Ohioans total six. (You can check me out and correct me if you think your state has a higher number.)

Louise Johnson had back surgery on Thursday, Feb. 5. We extend our best wishes and prayers to Louise and also to Verla Beaver who is recuperating from surgery.

INMEMORIUM

With sadness we note the passing of our two oldest residents. Jim Fitzgerald, age 94, died on Feb. 3 in Geneva, NY. He has been in declining health for the

last couple of years and has been unable to come to Cross Creek. If you wish to send a card to his family, you may send it to his daughter Mrs. Pat Swingley, 875 Castle Rd., Geneva, NY 14456.

On Feb. 1, Charles Millington, age 93, passed away in Maine. "Charlie" also had been in declining health for several months and was unable to return to Cross Creek this season. He is survived by his family in Maine and his special friend, Betty Mac Lead, here in Cross Creek.

Both Jim and Charlie loved being in Cross Creek. They will be missed.

PHONE NUMBER UPDATES

Camille McNally has a new phone number, 243-8303. The phone number for the Wilken/Rowland unit is 313-6346.

OHIO BUCKEYE CLUB

The Ohio Buckeye Club will hold its February meeting Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the clubhouse. The speaker will be a representative from Gulf Coast Hospital, which will be officially combined with Southwest Regional Hospital in March. Visitors are welcome. For information, call Marilyn De Busman, 768-0892.

The Ohio Club is planning a trip to the Hollywood Hard Rock Casino on Wednesday, March 18. Cost is \$35 per person which includes \$25 for gambling and food. Call Lil Snyder, 768-2208 for reservations. This is open to all Cross Creekers and their friends.

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Thanks again for your help in supplying information. If you want to hear less about Ohio, you can supply me with more information.

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CRUISING CREEKERS (left to right) Bruce Cohen, Sally

Cooper,
Mary Lou Hodges, Ted Bressle
Doris Wilson, John Wilson
Camille McNally, Shirley Lynch
Ed Oczkowski

