



CHATTER

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Fun Club Infor

Our December meeting reviewed all of the activities that were happening in the Park for the month of December. We have all been enjoying the Christmas lights and activities in the Park.

We have 40 new chairs for the West Clubhouse and 4 new tables have been purchased and are in use by the card players.

John Wyland has put in his resignation as the Sunday Night Showcase director. John has been volunteering for the past 17/18 years and we all owe him a big thank you for all the work he has done. Unfortunately, that leaves us without someone in charge of this job. I am actively recruiting. John has the job well outlined and would be easy for someone to step into this job. PLEASE!!, see me.

Sharon Yoder, our volunteer librarian is working with a committee to set up guidelines for the overflow of books; it is busting at the seams with no place to go.

Barb Woodruff is no longer taking orders for the Tampa Tribune since the Fun Club can no longer receive credit per the newspapers' office. Sorry for the erroneous report of last month.

Please join us January 12th for the next Fun Club meeting. Remember, this is YOUR Club and everyone is welcome.

Your president, Betty Church

Thanks to all who helped decorate the Park for Christmas. Everyone that was asked to help jumped at their task and no one had a huge job. Thanks so much .

A reminder to all about the memorial bricks that are used for the memorial walk. These bricks are available for \$35.00 and any inscription can be used—whatever is important to you. If interested in seeing the walk go to the entrance of our Park at the flag pole area, see me. Thanks, Donna Medema

The cookie sale was a big success. There were 97 trays of a dozen cookies each. Thank you to all who baked and donated cookies and thanks to all who came and bought them. Barb Card & Linda Haven

Directory Cards are due back the first week of January. Your Section Leader will bring a new card for you to fill out. Please fill in the information so that we can have the correct information when we go to print. The Directories should be available at the end of January. Linda Haven

Co-Op Update

The docks have been remodeled so they will be safer. Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped this be accomplished.

The election for the Co-Op Board will be held January 27th. This will also be the meeting that we vote on: waive the reserves and waive the audit.

If you cannot attend this meeting, please return the proxy in the green envelope enclosed.

Reminder of Rule X.4 Golf carts may only be driven by residents old enough to obtain a drivers license. Between dusk and dawn all carts must have their front and rear lights on.

There has been a problem with all traffic driving in the Park and not observing the stop signs and speed limits. We are all guilty of not observing these rules; we need to make a greater effort to observe them.

Ron Medema

Thank you to Jimmy Sassano for all the hard work he has done for our Park. The road looks very nice. Thank you to Jimmy Waldon and Jerry Heyloff for building a new cart for the trash/leaves; also for everyone else who helps to make our Park a nice place to live. Darleen and I wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Earl Lamp

Fair Share

At the potluck dinner held in December, the last dozen or so people that went through the food line had very little food left to choose from.

When attending a potluck dinner here, please keep the following in mind: bring your fair share; eat your fair share.

Please bring a large dish to pass or two medium sized dishes to help make sure there is enough for all to eat. And then, please take only your fair share to eat. Go back for seconds after everyone has been served. Let's all enjoy our pot luck dinners.

Ruth Townsend

Meet The Candidates

On Wednesday, January 6th at 7:00 PM at the Community Hall, please come and meet the following candidates running to fill the three vacant seats on our Board of Directors:

Mike Breer
Betty Church
Linda Haven
Charlie Marr
Bud Pattison
Byron Townsend

(not Board sponsored)

Folks In The News

We are back interviewing and have some delightful stories to tell this year. Here is one to enjoy.

Ron Medema was born in Chicago, Illinois and lived there til he was in 6th grade. Then moved to Elmhurst where he finished his school years. He met Donna at school and they attended the same church. Married in '58 and have 3 children and 7 grand-children. Ron's dad at 93 resides in an assisted living home in Elmhurst.

Ron served as a volunteer fireman and worked as a meat cutter from 1959 til 1969. He loved being a firefighter and decided he wanted to be a full-time fireman. There were two openings on the Fire Department—Ron applied, took the test and became a full-time fireman. He took such a cut in pay Donna had to go to work.

Ron worked his way up the ranks, served 37 years total and retired due to health reasons. He was hired back

by the City and served on the Fire Prevention Bureau for five years.

Memories of his firefighting years are too numerous to tell them all but if you ever catch up with Ron and Bill Mathiasen just mention firemen and you are in for a treat listening to them talk about their firefighting days and living together for 20 some years. Ron remembers many good times shared with fellow firemen and all the pranks they played on each other. It was how they handled the dangerous job of serving their community.

Ron and Donna moved to Coloma, Michigan and their permanent home in on the Lake. Their neighbors, Eric and Doris Peznick introduced them to Lake Bonnet.

The last ten winters have been spent at LBV as they are both very active in our Park. Thanks for all you do for us—its greatly appreciated.

Jean Elliott & Joanne Sylvia

Tuesdays Coffee & Donuts

At the Community Hall - 8:30 AM, your attendance is most welcomed!

January 5th - Come & enjoy “Meet a Friend-Make a Friend”

January 12th - Fun Club Meeting-We are ALL members; please attend!

January 19th - Speaker-Dr. Joni Jones/Podiatrist

January 26th - Speaker from the Sheriff’s Dept. on Crime Prevention

The Blood Mobile will be at our Community Hall on January 19th from 1:30 to 4:00 PM. This is just for our Park. If you are healthy, “give to save a life.”

On January 28th from 8:00 to 12 noon, a “Health Fair” is tentatively on schedule. More information to be posted—watch the bulletin board. It will be exciting and worth our efforts. Rita Blitz

Pokeno Anyone!

Come play Pokeno with us every Thursday at the West Club House. We start at 12:30 PM; bring your pennies! Lorraine Parenteau

Hands of Love

Just a reminder....Hands of Love will begin on Thursday, January 14th-9:00 AM at the West Club House. Will be sewing for the Hanson House as well as Samaritan’s Touch. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there. Dorothy Larson

Garage and Bake Sale

Don’t forget—Saturday, January 16th - 8:00 AM til 11:00 AM. Tables are available for \$1.00. Contact me if you need one.

If you don’t want a table, you can donate items to the Fun Club or Horseshoe table. We also need donations for the baked goods table. Please help.

Eileen Borndal

Lake Bonnet Ringers & Friends

Please start collecting items for the Garage and Bake Sale. We will be setting up tables for the “Ringers”. The Horseshoe Club has a lot of expenses this year and would appreciate all that you bring—big or small. Thanks so much.

Marilyn Eaton

Indiana Pot Luck

Our first annual Indiana Day is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16th at 5:00 PM. All Hoosier’s past and present are welcome! Lots of door prizes. There will

be a sign up sheet in the Community Hall so we will have an idea of how many are coming. Any questions, just contact one of us.

Pattie Kelly & Sharon Yoder

Auction

Its just a few months away. Have you thought of what you would contribute? More information will appear in the Chatter as plans progress. Last year was such a success.

Jean Elliott

Appreciation of Friends

I just want to thank all the kind people of Lake Bonnet Village and especially my friends who have been there through the years. I made quite a few more friends while waiting for the sale of my trailer and they were both encouraging and supportive to the end. We will miss all of you, so don't be surprised if you look up and see us around the Park visiting again soon.

Take care and thanks again.

Ray & Michelle Allebach

A Gift from Char Anderson

I am going home, to the land unknown.
In the garden of tomorrow, where there is no pain or sorrow.

I leave with you a memory of days gone by, the happy moments we shared, you and I.

Before I say goodnight, trust that this is true.

I have enjoyed my stay during my life with you.

In my span of life, I tried my best to make others happy before I go to rest.

It matters not what you are, what wealth or fame, you will soon travel that road just the same.

So do not postpone for tomorrow what good you can do today, for it may never come, you may be far away.

Say these words of love to all that can hear, wait not to say them at their funeral bier.

Kind words of cheer everybody craves, more flowers in life, less on the grave.

Sunshine Report

Get well cards were sent to Irene Umlauf, Earl Lamp, Carol Spaulding, Beth Haffner, Linda Correll, Wanda Ryan, Darrell McKinney and Jan Raccine. Here's hoping all of you are feeling much better and are back in the Park with us.

Sympathy cards were sent to Freda Hale on the death of her mother; Francis Twigg on the death of his wife, Betty; Connie Shafer on the death of her father; Bob Anderson on the death of his wife, Char; Almeda Newton on the death of her husband as well as the family of Dorothy Grote. May all of you find comfort with family and friends.

Also, a card was sent to Schenck Brooks—a long time resident of the Park who is in a nursing home.

Eileen Borndal

Notes of Thanks

I want to thank you all for your prayers and cards. Char and I had a loving life together. We will miss her.

Bob Anderson

A heartfelt thank you to all for your prayers, cards and words of kindness during my father's extended illness and subsequent passing. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and concern.

Connie Shafer

I can't begin to thank everyone for the visits, cards, food and prayers that were sent our way during my knee surgery. I am on the mend, so if I can be of help to anyone, please call. Jerry says thanks also.

God bless - Linda Turner

2010 Showcase Schedule

Sunday, January 3rd - Fred Moore "Precious Moments"

Saturday, January 9th - Country Grass Band

Sunday, January 17th - Barbershop Quartet "Sounds of Sebring"

Sunday, January 24th - Heart's Desire Ministries

Sunday, February 14th - Mountain Top Duo

2010 Section Leaders and Subs

Freda Hale	2964 Bristlecone Rd
Helen Walden	2947 Lake Drive
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Betty Church	3075 Bristlecone Rd
Janet Bruce	3083 Bristlecone Rd
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Betty Church	3075 Bristlecone Rd
Imo Gilbert	3071 Lake Drive
Donna Lloyd	3020 Bristlecone Rd
Barb Woodruff	2624 Canal Rd
Mildred Lovett	2608 Canal Rd
Hyacinth Badlamante	2683 Canal Rd
LouAnn Bryson	2944 Sandy Beach Rd
Linda Lane	3078 Lake Drive
Don Lane	3078 Lake Drive
Joyce Gardner	2674 Redwood Drive
Doris Rutan	2702 Redwood Drive
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Millie Hedrick	2639 Driftwood Drive

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Susanne Scharff	2841 Oakwood Drive
Anna Sullivan	2825 Oakwood Drive
Eileen Borndal	2743 Oakwood Drive
Sharon Schweinhagen	2751 Oakwood Drive
Joanne Sylvia	2850 Elmwood Drive
Bert Gregory	2851 Elmwood Drive
Billie Coon	2704 Elmwood Drive
Vickie Starbuck	2729 Elmwood Drive
Jackie Peach	2771 Cedarwood Dr
Linda Turner	2707 Cedarwood Dr
Alice Geswin	2861 Cedarwood Dr
Judy Downer	2829 Cedarwood Dr
Byron Townsend	2757 Cypresswood Dr
Judy Berlin	2732 Cypresswood Dr
Patty Grimes	2836 Birchwood Dr
Lorraine Parenteau	2624 Birchwood Dr

Did You Know?

Since we've featured a story about a firefighter, just thought this would be of interest too—why are Dalmatians "firehouse dogs"?

Ever see a fire truck in a parade without one? Ever visit a firehouse without having one of those black and white spotted dogs come wagging up to you?

The answer is interesting and one you'll likely recall every time you see the Dalmatian/firehouse combo from now on.

It all began in the days of stagecoaches. Horse theft was so common that many stagecoach drivers strung a hammock between two stalls at night, then slept behind their horses to guard against thieves.

But, if the driver owned a Dalmatian, he could sleep in the house or the stagecoach hotel. Why? Because it

was observed that Dalmatians formed an amazingly tight bond with horses. When they became close with a team, no stranger would dare lay a hand on them.

As time went on and each firehouse had a set of fast horses to pull the pumper wagon, it became common for each group of firemen to keep a Dalmatian. Again, the spotted dogs not only guarded the firehouse horses, they kept them company during their waits between fires.

The horses are gone from fire stations today, but the Dalmatians aren't. The tradition has been carried on, and it may be as much for the looks and appeal of these beautiful dogs as it is for their nostalgic tie to yesteryear. That tradition holds across America. Even today, where there's smoke, there's likely fire...and where there's a firehouse, there's likely a Dalmatian.

Thoughts To Remember

The smallest good deed is greater than the greatest good intention.

A Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't.

Some people think it is holding on that makes one strong...sometimes it's letting go.

A warm smile is the universal language of kindness.

Offering good advise may be noble and grand but it's not the same as a helping hand.

Treat your family like friends and your friends like family.

We must always have old memories and young hopes.

Reach high keeps people on their toes.

It's not what we have but what we enjoy that constitutes an abundance.

Don't be afraid to ask a dumb question...it's easier to handle than a dumb mistake.

You can't escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

If marriages are made in heaven, they have to be tested here on earth.

Opportunity to a lazy person is like fishing...the big ones get away.