

The Scenes From the Greens II

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

What a pleasant surprise! The weather on July 4, 2014 was just perfect for the various festivities planned by Leisure World for our participation and enjoyment.

INDEPENDENCE DAY, also commonly known as the FOURTH OF JULY, commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain (now officially known as the United Kingdom). During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the thirteen colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain.



After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence a statement explaining the decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principle author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4th.

DID YOU KNOW - Held since 1785, the Bristol 4th of July Parade in Bristol, Rhode Island is the oldest continuous Independence Day Celebration in the United States.

*Since 1959, the International Freedom Festival is jointly held in Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario during the last week of June each year as a mutual celebration of Independence Day and Canada Day (July 1). It culminates in a large fireworks display over the Detroit River.

*The Boston Pops Orchestra has hosted a music and fireworks show over the Charles River Esplanade called the "Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular" annually since 1973.

*AND... Since 1972, celebrating the 4th of July, Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest takes place in Coney Island, Brooklyn, New York City!

* AND... The Philippines celebrate July 4 as its Republic Day to commemorate that day in 1946 when it ceased to be a U.S. territory and the United States officially recognized Philippine independence. Denmark also celebrates American Independence on the Fourth of July. National parks in Denmark are said to hold the largest 4th of July celebrations outside of the US.

*A salute of one gun for each state in the United States, called a "salute to the union" is fired on Independence Day at noon by any capable military base.

*In 2009, New York City had the largest fireworks display in the country with over 22 tons of pyrotechnics exploded!



LET'S ALL DO IT AGAIN NEXT YEAR...especially the FIREWORKS!!!

-By Gladys Blank

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greens at Leisure World II was held in Party Room # 4, 15100 Interlachen Dr., Silver Spring, Maryland 20906 on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 9:54 am.

Directors Present: Phil Marks, President, Jane Hughes, Vice President, Phil Klubes, Treasurer, Barbara Kaze, Secretary, Al Lukas, Director, Stephen Ostrow, Director and Paul Spiegel, Director.

Representing Management: Tim Coursen, Asst. General Mgr., Lynn House, Property Manager, Perla Nunez, Admin. Asst. and Cal Thompson, Building Engineer.

Visitors: Stan Hertzbach, Chair, Bldg. and Grounds, Elaine Moss, Chair, Landscaping Committee, Alvin Shapero and Edward Brown.

Board of Directors, LWCC: Mr. Marks stated that the major matters from the meeting were additional funds for consultants for the Golf Course pond and budget assumptions were adopted with some amendments which will be available for review and comments.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Klubes reviewed the Mutual Revenue & Expense Statement dated 5/31/14 and the cash investment statement dated 5/31/14. Also discussed was the status of current CD's.

RESOLVED: The Board approved the appointment of Edward Brown, Cheryl Prejean Greaux and Edward Walper as members of the Budget & Finance Committee and acknowledged the additional recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee to change their regular meetings date to the first Thursday of the month.

Building & Grounds: Recommendation to adopt Rules & Regulations relating to Fire Procedure and personal use of Oxygen Tanks and or concentrators was tabled to August Board Meeting,

RESOLVED: Jane Klubes was appointed by the Board as a member of the Landscaping Committee.

RESOLVED: The Board selected the continuation of Barbara Kaze, Phil Klubes, Paul Spiegel and Robert Stromberg to serve as alternates to the LWCC Board of Directors.

RESOLVED: Move-ins and move-outs are restricted to the hours between 8:30 am and 5:00pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. NO moving trucks will be allowed to enter the gates after 3:00pm. In exceptional cases and when after hours support staff can be arranged in advance, the Property Manager may authorize up to 2 additional hours of move time. In all instances an extended move deposit is required to be paid at the time the move is scheduled. The deposit amount is to be determined by the Board of Directors.

RESOLVED: The Board authorized management to process payment of the Contractors' Application for Payment #1 in the amount of \$101,326.27 charged against the Replacement Reserve acct #690000-100001 titled Replacement Reserve Concrete.

RESOLVED: The Board instructed Management to permit Culbertson Co. of Va., LLC to work on a Saturday providing certain conditions have been met by the contract -- rain/weather stoppage, Saturday does not fall within a recognized Federal or Association holiday, the contractor provides at least 24 hours notice, there will be no jack hammering or grinding work.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Asphalt/Parking Lot Striping - Due to weather forecast the restriping has been rescheduled to a future date.

Bldg. #3 window caulking program - A cost will be given at the next progress meeting by Culbertson of Va.

Elevator Wood Trim Replacement - the Board has agreed to leave the wood trim off the elevators.

The Board asked that an updated tree management plan be prepared by Donovan Feola and Balderson.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 pm

-Submitted by Gladys Blank-

FROM MANAGEMENT OFFICE.....

PETS:

These rules apply to both resident pets and visiting pets.

- Leashes: Pets must be leashed and under the control of the owner at all times while outside of the unit, and the leash shall be of a length that ensures that the pet is under full control at all times. At no time shall any pet be leashed to any stationary object on the common elements.
- Elevator or Stairway: Pets must be transported in the service elevator unless they are led up or down one of the stairways. **However, if the service elevator is unavailable for a continuing period, a passenger elevator may be used, but in light of possible health problems of some residents, e.g. allergy or phobias, pets other than Seeing Eye Dogs should not be transported in any passenger elevator in which a passenger or a person awaiting use of the elevator objects to the presence of the pets in the elevator.**
- Toileting: Each building in Mutual 20B has one designated "Pet Area". Both areas consist of all the lawn area between the signs noting "Pet Area". Pets are to be toileted in these areas only. The landscaped areas around the building are not to be used, nor, under any circumstances, are any of the common elements within the buildings. **Residents are required to remove their pets waste from the common elements, including the designated Pet Areas, and deposit such waste in the receptacles provided there.**
- Exits and Entrances: The only exit for pets to Building 3 "pet Areas" is through the back door (1st floor), but the exit to the Building 4 "Pet Areas" is only through the loading dock (basement level). **Pets may not enter or leave the buildings through the front lobbies unless carried through by their owner.**

LEISURE WORLD NEWS:

The Leisure World Newspaper has changed printing company and is undergoing new procedures for distribution. Please bare with us as we are adjusting to the new changes.

ELEVATOR FLOORS:

The Board of Directors approved to change the floor in the elevators to an attractive tile surface that is durable, and easier to maintain. The tile replacement has been scheduled to take place Aug. 4th - Aug. 7th. We will have the contractors start with the freight elevator in Bldg. # 3. Please make sure to not schedule any contractors during this time.

CONTRACTORS/ GUESTS:

Contractors- painters, plumbers, handyman, cleaning staff, deliveries, pick-ups, carpet/floor contractors and carpet/ floor cleaning contractors.

- All contractors/ aids and guests must park in the far back of the parking lot. (see map in the lobby)
- All contractors/ cleaning staff & deliveries must enter the building through the loading dock.
- All contractors/ cleaning staff & deliveries must use freight elevator # 3.
- All contractors/ cleaning staff & deliveries must be scheduled with the Association Office.
- All contractors must be licensed and insured.

THE PANAMA CANAL



Wild Parrot!

Having recently returned from an exciting trip through the Panama Canal I would like to share it with you. Our group of 20 met in Panama City and with a great tour guide traveled all around this lovely modern metropolis before moving on. We then toured in a deluxe bus from cane fields to termite mounds, craft shops, wood carvers, pottery makers, and even saw the exquisite making of the famous San Blas Mola blouses and tapestries. It was a good blend.

We visited an Embera Indian tribe, reaching them, by traveling in a dugout canoe with native paddlers. They met us with music and dancing. Freshly caught

fish were cleaned and cooked. We ate with them in their homes which were perched up high on large wooden posts.

Next our adventure through the Canal began. Over 3 days we did the entire 48 miles from the Pacific to the Caribbean. In the center is Gatun Lake which is 85 feet higher than sea level. With a series of locks at each end all boats are raised the equivalent of 7 stories. Wow!



In lock with Freighter.

The locks are open 24 hours a day. The charge for each ship is expensive so we arranged to snuggle in behind one for a smaller fee. We spent all our time crossing the canal during daylight hours.

Because we were on a 108 foot catamaran we were able to drop anchor in Gatun Lake and sleep overnight on board. We spent 3 nights on the catamaran. We had kayaks and 2 small boats to travel around the small islands and come close to shore to see the turtles, monkeys and numerous birds. As always, I had a great time and cherish the memories of this lovely trip.



Monkey Business!



Sunset on Gutan Lake.

- By: Joyce Chido-

“STUFF” (AT GARAGE SALE)

“Ask lots of questions about the item you want to buy - the seller will appreciate your interest and often give you a better price,” says Lynda Hammond, author of *The Garage Sale Gal’s Guide to Making Money Off your Stuff* and say, “What would you take for this?” rather than naming your own price (which might be higher.)



Remember, the reason a garage sale exists is that the sellers would like to get rid of this stuff. Use that fact to your advantage, but also know when not to haggle: at charity sales or when kids are selling their own things.

- By: Jane Hause

New Residents

GERALDINE LAIOS Bldg. #3

Gerry had a short move from Aspen Hill when she joined us in May. She had lived there for over 20 years and she now is still close to her children and 6 grandchildren. Gerry’s mother was one of the very first residents in Leisure World, long before there were any high –rises.



After extensive redecorating with new floors, fresh paint etc. she feels like she is in a brand new place. Because her eye sight has failed Gerry is happy to have our bus pickup at the front entrance to take her the short distance to the grocery store. She also enjoys having a balcony. Gerry would like to start meeting her new neighbors.

JAMES AND BARBARA NORRIS Bldg. # 4

This new couple also moved here in May from W. Va. They lived in the area many years ago but moved to other states and places before coming back. Like many of us they wanted to be closer to family. Their 3 children and 4 grand children are fairly near. For many years James worked with the Air Conditioning Association.



One of his favorite pastimes is playing golf. So this should be an ideal location for him. Barbara enjoys reading. They both love to travel and have been to many places. Their last trip was to Vienna and Paris to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

-Story by Joyce Chido-

GROWING OLDER



-By Mary Jane Dowling-

LOOK WHAT’S HAPPENING IN 20B!

MOVIE NIGHTS AT 7:30PM:

7/23/14- PR #3 “Still Mine”

7/30/14- PR # 4- To be announced

8/6/14- PR # 3- To be announced

8/13/14- PR # 4 - To be announced



ACTIVITIES CTE. EVENTS

7/28/14 - Bingo Sign-Up, both lobbies 6-7:30PM

8/16/14- Bingo PR#3, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

9/1/14 - Lanai Picnic Sign-Up both lobbies 6-7:30 PM

9/16/14- Lanai Picnic - Clubhouse II 5:30 PM



SOME TIPS FOR HEALTHY LIVING

1. If you eat too much food one day, just eat healthier the next day.
2. When you eat with awareness, it can be more pleasurable with fewer calories.
3. Some foods are healthier than others. A diet low in sugar and “plant-based” is best.
4. Take the stairs instead of the elevators if you can.
5. Thirty minutes of walking a day is great.
6. Meditation - even a minute of this may carry you through day.
7. Last but not least - volunteering - there are many opportunities in our community and in our mutual.



SHARE YOUR TALENTS

-By Jane Hause-

DATES TO REMEMBER:
MEETINGS



Board Mtg.: 7/30/14-9:30 am, PR # 3
Budget & Finance: 8/7/14- 2 p.m., PR # 4
Landscape: 8/12/14- 2p.m., PR # 4

MAINTENANCE



Fire Alarm Test: August 21, 2014
Bldg. #3, 10 a.m. & Bldg. #4, 11 a.m.

PEST CONTROL

Friday, July 18, 2014
Friday, August 01, 2014
9AM - 12 PM Call Office for Appointment

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Gladys Blank, Chair, Joyce Chido, Vice Chair
Jane Hause & Mary Jane Dowling

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Philip Marks - President
Jane Hughes - Vice President
Barbara Kaze- Secretary
Philip Klubes - Treasurer
Al Lukas
Stephen Ostrow
Paul Spiegel

ASSOCIATION OFFICE: 4-116

Lynn House- Property Manager
Perla Nunez– Administrative Assistant
Jason Romero- Office Assistant

HOURS OF OPERATION:

7 A.M. - 5 P.M.

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- By: Mary Jane Dowling

JULY 4TH, 2014 PICNIC

Bldg. #3 Residents enjoy a July 4th tasty picnic luncheon.



Holiday banners added a festive touch.



- Photos taken by Joyce Chido-