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## CHATTER

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### **Fun Club Meeting**

The final meeting of the season was held on April 14<sup>th</sup>. A report was given by Jean Elliott regarding the success of this year's auction and plans that are underway for next year. A passing vote was had for the purchase of new chairs for the West Clubhouse. The tables and chairs get a lot of use through the year with card games etc. going on every day and evening. We will also be purchasing new pucks for the shuffle board courts. The next Fun Club meeting is November 10<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at that meeting with lots of ideas and input. Remember, everyone in the Park is a part of the Fun Club. Betty Church, President

### **Eating As Usual**

We had a pot luck on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May at the West Clubhouse with 43 people attending and plenty of food.

Then along came Memorial Day. Ralph Scharff, Don Lane and Abe Westbrook decided to cook some hamburgers and hot dogs to go along with another great table of food brought in by the good cooks here at LBV. Ralph gave the blessing; soon after 49 people indulged in the food. Later 32 folks stayed and played card bingo.

Sharen Schweinhagen and Anna Sullivan were Chairpersons for the event and would like to thank all the folks that helped clean the hall.

Ralph Scharff

### **Interesting Updates From Jean Elliott**

How are things in the North? It's been really hot here! We have been finally getting some rain but could still use twice as much as we get.

Read in the "New Sun" that Sam's Club is definitely coming to Sebring. They hope to have it opened by 2011.

Darrell & Margaret McKinney had a experience with a raccoon wobbling along the drive as if he had been to the "corner tavern". She closed the door and called Darrell who in turn called "Mr. Earl". She reopened the door; now the coon is climbing her steps. She let out a scream that you folks up North could of heard according to Darrell. "Mr. Earl" arrived with a cage, maneuvered the coon in and called Animal Control.

We've had a bear, an alligator, a fox and raccoons visit LBV....wonder if maybe "Mr. Earl" is feeling like a zoo keeper!

Some unused and very good items hidden in the "snowbirds" closets, basements, garages and elsewhere were heard talking....."I hope my owner takes me to Lake Bonnet for the auction next year. I've been unused for too long and I'm sure someone at LBV could put me to good use. Besides, the Fun Club can always use money to make improvements." So, you Northern folks listen and look around...you may have items whispering to you. Just bring 'em on down.

## **Folks In The News**

A very interesting lady, Geneva (Bubbles) Clayton was born in Jackson, New Jersey. Her dad worked some 30 years for the County Road Department as well as farmed. Her mom was a homemaker and she was their only child. She loved blowing bubbles so the nick name stayed with her for life. Her grandfather was interested in politics and Bubbles was introduced to it at an early age.

Her husband, Joe is her life-long friend having grown up together. Been married 48 years and have one daughter, two sons, two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter. The Clayton's still own the family farm. Their children all live in Jackson; in fact, they all live side by side.

Bubbles served as a permanent merchandise supervisor for the Six Flags Organization for many years. But, as stated, politics was her main interest. For 29 years she served as the Republican Municipal Chairperson in the Jackson Township, an elected position for 29 districts. In that capacity, she met both of the presidents named Bush, governors and many political people over the years. She is still employed as the Jackson Township Municipal Utilities Authority Commissioner—that's quite a title! She has to return to New Jersey as needed to fulfill her obligations.

One of her fondest memories is helping to elect a handicapped individual to the New Jersey State Assembly who was re-elected every two years until he passed away. This was almost an impossible dream but she is proud to have been part of it.

They did some traveling to Florida and in 2004, bought their present location across from the pool. They love it here, enjoy great neighbors and Joe especially loves to fish. Thanks for taking the time to give us this story. Jean Elliott/Joanne Sylvia

## **Carnival "Glory" Cruise**

There is still some time left to get "on board" for a fantastic seven day cruise from Miami to the Caribbean. As soon as you tour this enormous floating resort, you'll realize you can never run out of fun places to play, swim, be entertained or just lie in the sun. So won't you join our Lake Bonnet Group! Deadline is August 20<sup>th</sup>-give Craig a call.

Leaving Miami Sunday, January 17, 2010

Returning Sunday, January 24

Visiting Ports: Half Moon Cay (private island), St. Thomas, San Juan and Grand Turk.

Rates: Inside Cabin/Cat. 4B...\$568.25 pp

Ocean View Cabin/Cat. 6B...\$684.25 pp

Other categories available upon request. Rates include cruise, port fees, taxes based on double occupancy. It is highly recommended the Travel Protection Plan Insurance is included in your itinerary.

Just contact Craig MacQuown at Cruises Inc.

1-800-226-6123

Deposit of \$250 per person due by August 20<sup>th</sup>

Final balance by October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **A Heartfelt Thanks**

I would like to thank my friends and neighbors who provided so much support, expressed concern and helped me look form my cat, Dooda. Special thanks to Ann and Daryle Freeman, Charlie and Nancy Marr and Earl Lamp as well as Joyce Gardner and Ed Downer. Now, joy is back in my life in the form of an affectionate, lively female Chihuahua puppy named Tinkerbelle. She keeps me entertained except the housebreaking part isn't quite so much fun.

Gail Green

## **Sunshine Report**

Since last report, get-well cards were sent to: Jean Saegebrecht, Diane Noyes, Doris Rutan, Jan Raccini, Joe Thorne, Dave Haffner, Earl Lamp, John Thornbrough, Jim Bunling and Ed Downer. We hope all of you are feeling much better now. Sympathy cards were sent to Claire Tracy on the death of her husband, Art and Sue Oeder on the death of her mother. All of you have our warm and caring thoughts. Eileen Borndal

## **Thank You**

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, well wishes and prayers while in the hospital and while recovering. They were very much appreciated. Dale Schweinhagen

We want to thank all our friends at Lake Bonnet Village for all the get well cards and prayers for Ed. We are very blessed to live here and have so many dear friends. Ed is in therapy now and if I know him, he will be out fishing before too long. Thanks again for keeping us in your prayers. Ed & Judy Downer

Many thanks to all of you who prayed for Arthur and thought of us constantly. The Fellowship Church I thank. I believe prayers were answered in the fact that he had no pain. Truly a special blessing with his problem. Hope to see you all this Fall. Arthur Tracy Family

## **From Mouths of Babes**

My young grandson called the other day to wish me happy birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: "We use to skate outside on the pond. I had a swing made from a tire, it hung from our tree in the front yard. We rode our pony...we picked wild blueberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this

all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

A 6-year old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh" he said, "she lives at the airport and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

## **Just a Thought or Two**

To the World, you might be one person; but to one person, you might be the World.

The ordinary day is the wonderful yesterday in tomorrow's memory.

If little things annoy you, remember that they are little things.

Nothing can be sliced so thin that it doesn't have two sides.

How to get to heaven..just turn right and go straight.

A budget is a method of worrying before you spend your money.

One man has noted that a woman's word is never done.

Half of being smart is knowing what you are dumb at.

Friendship and love fill up all those little ruts in the road of life.

A mistake is evidence that someone has at least tried to do something.

Half of something is better than all of nothing.