# **Mobile Manor Monthly**

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Social Club Pres: Bonnie Gilliland Tues – Garbage Wed – Recycles & Greens 24/7 Park Emergency (239) 543-1414 Aluminum cans at office shed

(239) 543-1414 Office hrs Tu We Th 10-12 Comm Ctr hrs Su 8-5 Mo 9-9 Tu 9-9 We 9-9 Th 9-9 Fr 9-5 Sa 8-5 

#### PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUN OF IT!



#### Condolences

To the families and friends of Ed Hill Sue Gaskill

## **Business**



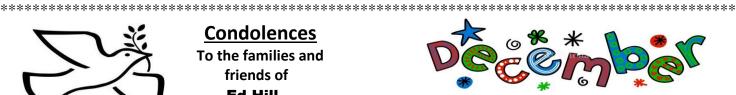
Community Meeting - Dec. 1st at 230 pm at the CC. Social Club Meeting - Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at the CC. Board Meeting - Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the office. Maintenance Fee - \$28.00 per month or \$336 per year for 2016 and, also, for 2017.



**Welcome** to the following new residents of the Mobile Manor community: Holly Scott, Joe Buck, Karen Jasper, and Terry Fike. Correction: Last month I introduced you to Bill Newell who is actually a lady named Billie Newell.



During this holiday season, please try to be more alert to the needs of your neighbors. The holidays can be very trying for seniors who have lost love ones recently or even years ago. The ache of separation can become even more acute due to the memories linked to the holidays. So, be aware for signs of depression and take a few extra minutes just to say hello or give a hug or a handshake or share a meal.



S=Signup, P=Pay at door, D=Donation T=Tickets, F=Free, CC=Community Center

1<sup>st</sup> - Community Meeting-CC 230 pm

6<sup>th</sup> - MMSC Meeting-CC 2 pm

9<sup>th</sup> - Set up Holiday Sale-CC 1-3 pm

10<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Items & Bake Sale-CC 8 am-2 pm

14th - Christmas Luncheon-The Nauti Parrot 12-2 pm \$17 T

16<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Parade 430 pm-CC w/ Hot Chocolate & Cookies F

24<sup>th</sup> - Luminaries 4 pm

25<sup>th</sup> - Merry Christmas!!

25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Buffet-CC 4 pm \$8 T

27<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting-**Office** 7 pm

31st - New Years Eve Dance-CC 9 pm \$7.50 S.P



## "Rummage Sale"

It's not too early to be thinking about the annual rummage sale which usually takes place on the

first Saturday in March. To donate smaller items go to the clubhouse. For larger items or to volunteer contact Bonnie Gilliland.

#### Here's an oldie but goodie for this time of year: Ambrosía



1 small can pineapple chunks, drained. 1 small can fruit cocktail, drained. 6 maraschino cherries, halved. 1 C mini marshmallows. 8 oz. Cool Whip. 1/2 C shredded coconut. Directions: Combine pineapple, fruit cocktail, cherries, & marshmallows. Fold in Cool Whip. Sprinkle with coconut. Chill. Serve.



## "The Way We Were"

Dec. 1936-King Edward VIII abdicated British throne to marry American, Wallis Simpson; Pope

Francis born. Dec. 1941-The Imperial Japanese Navy with 353 planes attacked the US fleet at Pearl Harbor Naval Base, Hawaii, killing 2403 people; FDR delivered "Day of Infamy speech" to Congress; U.S. entered WW II; Churchill became the 1<sup>st</sup> British Prime Minister to address a joint session of Congress; Tommy Kirk, Tommy Rettig born (on the same day). Dec. 1946-Pres. Truman created Committee on Civil Rights by executive order; Tide detergent introduced; "It's a Wonderful Life" starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed premiered in NYC; Cleveland Browns won AAFC championship; Truman officially declared end of WW II; Patty Duke, Steven Spielberg, Dick Wolf, Jimmy Buffet born. Dec. 1951-Joe DiMaggio retired; "Dragnet" premiered on NBC TV; Rams beat Browns in 1st football game televised coast-to-coast. Dec. 1956-"Wilt the Stilt" scored 52 points in his 1st collegiate basketball game; Paul Hornung of Notre Dame won Heisman Trophy; "To Tell the Truth" debuted on CBS TV; Colo born, the 1st gorilla bred in captivity, at the Columbus, OH, Zoo & Aquarium (BTW Colo is still alive and well, far surpassing any known longevity records for gorillas). Dec. 1961-"Please Mr. Postman" released by the Marvelettes; Adolf Eichmann found guilty of war crimes; Elvis' album "Blue Hawaii went to # 1 and stayed there for 20 weeks; Beach Boys debuted under that name; "Grandma" Moses died. Dec. 1966-U.S. bombed Hanoi for 1<sup>st</sup> time; Jimi Hendrix wrote "Purple Haze"; "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" aired for 1st time on CBS TV; "One Million Years B.C.", starring Raquel Welch, released.

## "Heads Up"

The Christmas Luncheon is on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, The Nauti Parrot requires reservations for at least 30 guests. Please purchase your \$17 ticket by the 6<sup>th</sup>. Regarding the Christmas buffet, we will need at least 25 reservations in order to hold the event. Please purchase your \$8 ticket by the 15<sup>th</sup>. The menus

for both of these events are posted in the clubhouse and the office. You can buy tickets from Bonnie Gilliland. Of course, if our attendance goals aren't met, refunds will be made.

Time passes and traditions change, but as long as I can remember Mobile Manor golfers have been getting together on Thursdays to play. At 7 am, they meet at the Elks on Twin Brooks Rd., drive together to Majestic Golf Center in Lehigh Acres, and, for \$40, play 18. They return around 1215 unless they stop to eat which gets them back by 130. Don Manning reports that the number of players has dwindled to 3 or 4. Don can be reached at (937) 369-4265.

Another Mobile Manor tradition is Coffee & Donuts in the Community Center at 8 am Saturday mornings. Volunteers are desperately needed for December. Also, a leader is still needed for Ladies' Bible Study. (contact Bonnei Gilliland or Judy Griffith.)

### "It's a Funny Life"

Cell phones weren't in common use until the mid to late 1990s and "smart phones" until the mid



to late 2000s. So, for all intents and purposes, nobody in the 1980s or early 1990s had the conveniences of the current technology .....or, so we thought. I coached youth baseball from 1988 to 1998. During the season, I conducted a practice virtually every Saturday morning. After practice I would wait until every player had been picked up. One time the parents of a young man named Justin were unusually late. Justin was a nice kid and this situation bothered him so much that he came up with a solution. When he arrived at the next practice, he approached me and announced that we didn't need to worry about his parents being late picking him up because he would call them when practice ended. When I asked him how, he reached into his backpack and pulled out one of the handsets from his family's cordless phone set.

(Note: The editor of *Mobile Manor Monthly* encourages feedback and input regarding the newsletter. Be it criticism or praise, corrections or new topics, please let me know. I can be reached at 740-972-9445, or <a href="mailto:timburch22@gmail.com">timburch22@gmail.com</a>.)