

# Mobile Manor Monthly

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MM Board Pres: Bob Martin

Tues – Garbage

150 Lantern Lane

Social Club Pres: Bonnie Gilliland

Wed – Recycles & Greens

N Ft Myers, FL 33917

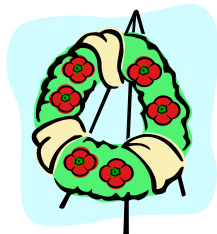
Hayden and Assoc: 489-4890 (Emergencies, too) Aluminum cans at office shed

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*PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUN OF IT!*

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## Condolences

*To the family and friends of:*

**Billie Doolin**



## Business

(late news on last page)

*Mobile Manor Social Club Meeting is April 2, 2013 @ 10 am and the Mobile Manor Community Meeting is April 4, 2013 @ 2:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.*

New MMSC Officer: **Maureen Huff** is MMSC's new Secretary.

New Board of Directors: After several recent departures the Board of Directors is composed of the following:

**Bob Martin:** President (2nd year)

**Ralph Schioppa:** Vice Pres. (1st year)

**Kathy Holder:** Treasurer

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**Rick Gillispie:** Director

(filling unfinished term of 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2<sup>nd</sup> term)

**Bob Gilliland:** Director

(filling unfinished term of 1<sup>st</sup> year of 2<sup>nd</sup> term)

**Raymond Pencherek:** Director

(2<sup>nd</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term)

**Larry Herbst:** Director

(1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term)

**Open:** Past President

## April/May Events

4/01-Bingo\* 7 pm

4/05-Afternoon Bingo 1 pm

4/08-Bingo\* 7 pm

4/13-Sloppy Joe Day 12 pm \$4.00 at the door. Signup at the Community Center by April 11th. Joes, chips, macaroni salad, and cake provided. Bring your own drinks.

Hosted by **Rick & Helen Gillispie.**

4/15-Bingo\* 7 pm

4/22-Bingo\* 7 pm

4/29-Bingo\* 7 pm

5/11-Turkey Potluck 5 pm. Thanks

to **Rick & Brenda Rattray** who donated a 21 pound turkey,

MMSC can present this meal for free. Please signup, including what you intend to bring, at the Community Center by May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Ice tea and lemonade provided.

\*Please note that we'll try to keep Bingo going as long as there are enough players (15) to make it worthwhile.



**Bonnie Gilliland** (239) 543-8625, **Debbie Burchfield** (239) 543-5708, or **Rick**

**Gillispie** (239) 567-7939.



## "Take a Deep Breath"

Since last month's newsletter was distributed, we've learned a lot about "the troubles" that have divided our community for the last several years. First and foremost, our problems aren't going to be solved overnight. We are at the beginning of a process of healing which will take a while.

**Patience** is a key. Second, unfriendly actions on either side are not helpful. For instance, it didn't help when a prominent member of the side who doesn't pay fees (non-payers) turned in a neighbor who was trying to improve his property without proper documentation. On the other hand, it didn't help when a prominent member of the side who does pay fees (payers) openly referred to non-payers as "parasites". **Restraint** is a key. Third, there is a significant element on both sides who desperately want to see the community reunite. **Cooperation** is a key. Fourth, the main reasons that non-payers don't pay is not that they are "parasites", but it's misinformation and a lack of trust. **Transparency and Trust** are keys. And, fifth, a liberal application of **The Golden Rule** would come in handy right about now. Let's give these ingredients of **patience, restraint, cooperation, trust, transparency, and The Golden Rule** a chance to work. So, everyone, take a deep breath.



8 am  
Saturdays

Thanks to **Rusty & Margaret Campigotto** for hosting Coffee and Donuts in March. No Coffee and Donuts in April.

Thanks to **Darrell Grogan** and his Leprechauns for the parade.



# WELCOME

Please join us in welcoming the following to the Mobile Manor community:

**Larry & Sharon Conyers, Jacquelyn Kenoyer, Greg McAdam, and Beverly Moore**



**Snowbirds** before you leave the park this Spring be sure that everything is put away and/or battened down. That loose lawn chair, potted plant, or top of your birdbath can become a deadly missile during Hurricane Season. So, please think of your neighbors who live here year-round. Thank you.

## "The Way We Were"



Normally, this segment contains reminiscences from our collective pasts; however, this time, I'm focusing on how we've adapted to modern times. For example, texting acronyms. So, when a senior texts **LOL**, it's more apt to mean, "Living on Lipitor" than "Laugh Out Loud" or **BTW**, "Bring the Wheelchair" not "By the Way". Other innovative examples are: **ATD**- "At the Doctor's", **BYOT**- "Bring Your Own Teeth", **CBM**- "Covered by Medicare", **CUATSC**- "See You at the Senior Center", **DWI**- "Driving While Incontinent", **FWIW** - "Forgot Where I Was", **FYI** - "Found Your Insulin", **GGPBL**- "Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low", **GHA**- "Got Heartburn Again", **HGBM**- "Had Good Bowel Movement", **LMDO**- "Laughing My Dentures Out", **LWO**- "Lawrence Welk is On", **OMSG**- "Oh My! Sorry, Gas", **TOT**- "Texting on Toilet", **WAITT**- "Who Am I Talking To?"

## “Contest - Where is this?”



“EXIT” sign over door that has a “NOT AN EXIT” sign posted right on it.

The first two people who call me and identify the location of this picture will each receive a \$10 gift certificate to be used at that location (Hint). Only one per household please and only use my cell phone (740-972-9445). You can leave a message, if I don't answer.

## Event Update

### Worship Service

Used most of their collections to fund Maintenance Fees for one unit.

### N. E. & Canada Pancake Breakfast

Cancelled due to insufficient signups.

### Rummage Sale – March 9<sup>th</sup>

Despite donations and business being down, this was still MMSC's best money maker of the year. Thanks to **Melody Fightmaster, Helen & Rick Gillispie, Kathy & Butch Sims, and all their helpers.**

### Afternoon Bingo – March 15<sup>th</sup>

Only 13 people showed up to play, as compared to 23 last month. We'll try once more on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### St. Pat's DJ Dance – March 16<sup>th</sup>

18 people enjoyed **Tom “Wearin' O' the Green” Hawkins'** swansong performance as a DJ in Mobile Manor.

### Chili Dog Shuffle – March 23<sup>rd</sup>

This event drew more people (65) than any event all season and it wasn't because of the Chili Dogs and Sloppy Joes. It was because *Neighborhood Jam* performed. This wonderful group of musicians has been a real asset this year. Thanks to **Tim Burchfield** and his crew of **Rusty**

**Campigotto, Vito DeFrancesco, Rick & Helen Gillispie, and Butch Sims.**

### Roasted ½ Chicken Dinner – Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>

55 people attended and had some really good food. Many were seen taking home doggy bags stuffed with delicious roasted chicken. **Bob & Bonnie Gilliland** hosted while **Andre' & Pauline Drouin** serenaded us while we ate. Thanks to the serving and cleanup crew of **Margaret & Rusty Campigotto, Vito DeFrancesco, and Helen & Rick Gillispie.**



## “Heads Up”

**Bob Gilliland** won the flat screen TV in the raffle.

The internet is now available in the Community Center. The network name is *repeater*.

[www.mobilemanorinc.com](http://www.mobilemanorinc.com) is our new website which is still in development. Take a look.

There's no calendar for April.



## More Business

*Just as I was finalizing this edition of the newsletter, I was informed of these developments from the Board of Directors' meeting held on 3/26/2013.*

- *Board meetings are now open to anyone. As with any similar organization, you may not speak unless invited to.*
- *Minutes of the Community Meetings, the annual Audit Report, and a synopsis of Financial Reports will all be posted on our website.*
- *Home sales and rentals may be posted on our website for a very modest fee. (\$10/yr/ad).*
- *If you made a commitment to pay your fees (such as voting for Option 2), please do so as soon as you can.*
- *Snowbirds have the option to pay their water bills in advance by contacting Bonnie at the office.*



*To the new bingo crew of **Rick, Maureen, Butch, & Tim.***

*To **Kathy Kwik** for all the wonderful signs.*

*To the **Gillispies** for everything they do, but especially for one of the dirtiest jobs - sorting the cans for recycling.*

*To **Betty St. Andrews** for tirelessly leading and promoting Exercise.*

*To **Nancy Clement** for working with the Line Dancers.*

*To **Denise & Norman Gregoire** and their two assistants, **Aggie Long** and **Elaine Morris** for all the great work they did for the Garden Club.*

*To **Bob Martin, Darrell Grogan, and John Young** for their work on the roads.*

*To **Dave St. Andrews** for his time and donations working on the website and providing internet access.*

*To **Debbie Burchfield, Melody Fightmaster, & Helen Gillispie** for cleaning and rearranging the clubhouse 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.*

*To **Judy Griffith** for writing and sending condolence and get-well letters.*

*To **Jean Lembke** for the many hours she works taking care of the Community Center library.*

*To **Velma Martin** and her assistants (**Jim Bailey, Betty Durham, Diana Eurit, Melody Fightmaster, Karla Gentry, Wilma & Paul Gentry, Oscar Hughes, Kathy Kwik, Bob Martin, Louise Smith, Betty St. Andrews, Mary Thom, Betty Thomas, Olive Thompson**) for delivering the newsletter. Note: **Velma** also leads the Lady's Bible Study group.*



## "It's a Funny Life"

*When our youngest son, Matt, was 14 he had a sledding accident which almost ruptured his spleen. As a result, he spent a week in our local hospital. Near the end of his stay, everything was going well until all of a sudden the alarms at the nurses' station erupted. Surprised and concerned, the nurses rushed to Matt's room only to find the source of his "distress" was Courtney, a 14 year-old girl, who had stopped by to visit. They were relentless in reminding him of this episode for the rest of his stay.*

(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 543-5708, 740-972-9445, or [timburch22@gmail.com](mailto:timburch22@gmail.com).)