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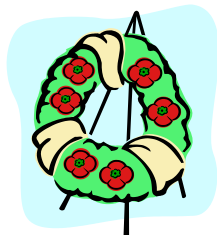
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PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUN OF IT!

Condolences

To the families and friends of:

Esther Beeler
George Manford



Business (cont.)

*In other business, Secretary/Treasurer **Kathy Holder** projected a surplus in the Mobile Manor Inc. account of approximately \$35,000 for the end of 2014. It's hoped that long delayed road projects may benefit as a result.*

Business



The Mobile Manor Social Club Meeting is Dec. 2nd at 2 p.m. and the Mobile Manor Community Meeting is Dec. 4th at 2:30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend both meetings.

The Board of Directors Meeting is Dec. 30th at 2 p.m. in the clubhouse.

The maintenance fee for 2014 is \$28 per month. The fee for 2015 will also be \$28 per month.



*At November's Community Meeting the Board announced that they accepted the resignations of **Ralph Schioppa** and **Everett Carter** and that, as a result of the resignations, they moved Vice President **Bob Gilliland** to President, moved Director **Richard Griffith** to Vice President, and appointed **Tim Burchfield** and **Butch Sims** Directors.*

The complete minutes of all formal business meetings may be read on our website, www.mobilemanor.net, or by visiting the office during business hours.



December Events

S=Signup, P=Pay at door
T=Tickets, F=Free



- 11/27 Thanksgiving Potluck 5 pm \$5 **S,P**
- 11/29 Holiday Dance 8-10:30 pm \$7.50 **S,P**
w/ **Birdie Lee**. Free pop & chips.
- 7th - Ice Cream Social Meet&Greet 2 pm **F**
- 10th - **Melody & Dick Fightmaster** Open House (321 Lantern Ln.) 6 pm **F**
- 13th - Holiday Items&Bake Sale 8 am-noon
- 16th - Holiday Lunch @ Mel's Diner 1 pm **S**
- 20th - Sloppy Joe Games Noon \$5 **S,P**
- 21st - Christmas Parade & Caroling 4 pm
- 24th - Luminaries 5 pm
- 25th - Christmas Potluck 5 pm \$5 **S,P**
- 31st - New Year's Eve Dance 8 pm \$10 **S,P**
w/**Birdie Lee**
- Jan. 1st Kielbasa and Kraut Dinner 5 pm
\$6.50 **S,P**

"The Way We Were"



Dec., 1934 - **Del Shannon**, best known for his 1961 No. 1 hit, "Runaway", was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dec., 1939 - "Gone with the Wind" premiered in Atlanta. Dec., 1944 - **Les Horvath** won the Heisman Trophy, the first of 7 by an Ohio State player. Dec., 1949 - **Leon Hart** won the Heisman Trophy, the third of 7 by a Notre Dame player. Dec., 1954 - U.S. Senate censured **Sen. Joe McCarthy**, R-Wisconsin, for "conduct that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute". Dec., 1959 - **Walter Williams**, thought to be the last survivor of the Civil War, died at age 117. Dec., 1964 - Canadian House of Commons and Senate passed legislation adopting the Maple Leaf flag (Note: The flag was not officially displayed for the first time until Feb. 15, 1965).



To Ralph Schioppa and Everett Carter for their service on the Board.

To Nancy McGrath, Melody Fightmaster, Ethel Carter, Maureen Huff, and the Burchfields for hosting Coffee & Donuts. To the Gillispies, Carol Stevens, Bob Taylor, Roger Gaskill, Debbie Burchfield, Bev Clark, Ethel Carter, and Kathy Holder for cleaning the clubhouse. To Ken Boylan for power washing the clubhouse sidewalks. To the Gillispies for hosting Sloppy Joe Games. To Darrell Grogan for the Halloween Parade. To Bob Taylor and Ken Boylan for helping Kathy Holder clean the backroom of the office.

**SLOW DOWN!! THE SPEED
LIMIT IS 15 MPH!!**



"Heads Up"

Aerobic Exercise will resume on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. **Betty St. Andrews** will be the facilitator. Most anyone can participate because you can set your own pace. Please try it out.

Church services conducted by **Pastor Mark Leland** will continue until **Wilma Gentry** arrives next month. Doors open at 8:45 a.m.. Services start at 9. Coffee and donuts provided during fellowship time. For information, please contact **Ken Boylan** at 603-520-2003.

Rick Gillispie is interested in reviving interest in shuffling. Contact him if you want to participate.

Melody & Dick Fightmaster are opening their home again this Christmas season. All are welcome at 321 Lantern Lane at 6 p.m. on Dec. 10th.

The 4th annual Holiday Items & Bake Sale is set for Dec. 13th from 8 a.m. to noon, so, please, bring your baked goods and extra holiday items to the clubhouse the day before, Dec. 12th, between 1 and 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

A holiday luncheon will be held at Mel's Diner on Dec. 16th at 1 p.m. There's a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse.

Please join your neighbors in displaying luminaries at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve. Here are some helpful hints.

1. Luminaries are usually spaced about 2-3 feet apart.
2. Obtain an appropriate number of lunch-size paper bags, repurposed milk cartons, etc.
3. Get a small candle for each luminary.
4. Use sand or birdseed to weigh them down. Each one should have about a 2-inch base.
5. Twist a candle into the middle of the bottom of the container, making sure it's secure.
6. As dusk falls, light each candle for a striking holiday glow.

Hosts and helpers are needed for the Christmas Dinner Potluck. Please contact **Nancy McGrath** at 239-652-0485.

Music by **Birdie Lee** will be featured at the New Year's Eve Dance. Signup and join us from 8 p.m. to just past midnight. \$10 per person at the door.

New park directories for 2014-2015 are available in the office. Century Link telephone books, too.



Come Cruise With Us
on the Carnival Glory-March
7-14, 8 Days/7 Nights. Rates
start at about \$615 per person. The itinerary is: Half Moon Cay; St. Thomas; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Grand Turk.
Contact Helen Gillispie (239-567-7939 or 239-839-8819) for details.

Carol Stevens has made these cookies for a couple of park functions. They are so good!!



Lazy Cake Cookies

1 box yellow or white cake mix	Mix together, put in a greased 9x13 pan and
2 eggs, beaten	bake at 350 degrees
5 T melted butter	for 20 minutes.
2 C M&Ms or mini Choc chips	

Sorry I've said many times that if you have a senior moment and can't remember a man's name in *Mobile Manor*, just call him "Bob" and you'll have about a 1 in 3 chance of being right. Well, last month I inadvertently tested that theory and came up empty. My apologies for referring to the late Bill Bonhoff as "Bob".



This is worth reading occasionally. In 1897 the following letter was received by the New York Sun:

Dear Editor—I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun, it's so". Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be

which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood



"It's a Funny Life"

When our son Rob was in 3rd grade he was probably struggling with the same question posed by Virginia O'Hanlon until one day shortly before the Christmas break his teacher asked the following: "How many of you still believe in Santa Claus?" What was she thinking?

Merry Christmas, everyone!!

(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.)