

Mobile Manor Monthly

February 2014

Published for the residents of Mobile Manor— a 55 and Over Community

No 49

Office: Bonnie Gilliland

MM Board Pres: Bob Martin

Website -- www.mobilemanor.net

150 Lantern Lane

Social Club Pres: Bonnie Gilliland Tues – Garbage Wed – Recycles & Greens

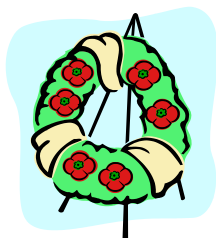
N Ft Myers, FL 33917

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:

Eric Edh

Peggy Schaeffer

Business



*Mobile Manor Social Club Meeting
February 4th, 2 p.m.*

Mobile Manor Annual Community Meeting February 6th, 2:30 p.m. Note: The by-laws state that to have a quorum at the Annual Meeting 30% of the park households in good standing must be represented. Currently that number is 56; so, please make every effort to attend.

The maintenance fee for 2014 is \$28.00 per month or \$336 per year.



*The slate of nominees to serve on the Board was presented at last month's Community Meeting. It was accepted with no additional nominees. A motion to allow the Board Secretary to cast a single vote at this month's meeting was passed unanimously. The new board will be composed of: **Ralph Schioppa** (President), **Bob Gilliland** (Vice President), **Kathy Holder** (Secretary/Treasurer), and At-Large Directors: **Everett Carter**, **Gene Confalone**, **Rick Gillispie**, and **Richard Griffith**. Their individual responsibilities will be determined soon.*

February Events

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

- 8th - Sloppy Joe Games - 12 n \$4 **S,P**
- 16th - Spaghetti Dinner - 5 pm \$7.50 **T**
- 21st - Afternoon Bingo - 1 pm **F**
- 22nd - Chili Dog Shuffle - 12 n \$3 **S,P**
- 26th - Taco Lunch - 12 n \$5 **S,P**

"The Way We Were"



Feb., 1934-Minus 51 degrees in Vanderbilt, MI on Feb. 9th (still the lowest ever in MI); "It Happened One Night" premiers; **Casey Stengel** becomes Brooklyn Dodgers' manager. **Feb., 1944**-**Bing Crosby** records "Swinging on a Star"; Allied troops first set foot on Japanese territory; "Batman and Robin" comic strip premiers; Cincinnati Reds sign 15 year old **Joe Nuxhall**. **Feb., 1954**-**Bevo Francis** scores 113 pts in a basketball game for Rio Grande College (OH); **Ike** warns against getting involved in Vietnam; 1st mass inoculation with **Salk** vaccine; Federal legislation introduced to prevent the mailing of "obscene, lewd, lascivious, or filthy" rock and roll records. **Feb., 1964**-Beatles land at JFK for 1st U.S. tour; Cassius Clay TKOs Sonny Liston; Supreme Court rules "1 man, 1 vote". (Note: No one won last month's prize. On January 8, 1954, Elvis recorded "Casual Love" and "I'll Never Stand in Your Way". It was his 19th birthday.) A prize awaits the first person to answer this question: Elvis had a pet named "Scatter". What was it? One guess per person, please.

Thanks

To everyone who helped Rick & Helen Gillispie sort through the aluminum cans and other metals prior to taking them to the recycler: Margaret & Rusty Campigotto, Richard Griffith, Doug Reed, and Carol Stevens. To Etta & Don Manning for hosting Coffee and Donuts in Jan. To Helen Gillispie and her crew for delivering the newsletter. To Ethel Carter and Melody Fightmaster for helping at the Christmas Potluck. (Sorry I missed you last month.) To Bonnie & Bob Gilliland for hosting the New Year's Pork Dinner and their helpers: Vito DeFrancesco, Kathy Holder, Maureen Huff, Nancy McGrath, and the Burchfields with special thanks to Tom Holder for providing the music. To Darrell Grogan and his New Year Partiers for the New Year's Parade. To Butch & Kathy Sims, the Gillispies, the Burchfields, Maureen Huff, and Darrell Watson for the Midwest Pancake Breakfast. To the Gillispies and their assistants: Margaret Campigotto, Melody Fightmaster, Nancy McGrath, and Carol Stevens for the Sloppy Joe Games (and the best Sloppy Joes most of us have ever tasted). To Tim Burchfield and his "Hot Dogs": Debbie Burchfield, Rick Gillispie, Ted Randolph, Dennis Richardson, and Butch Sims for the Chili Dog Shuffle. To the ladies on the MMSC Board for all the work they do, including hosting last month's Birthday Bash. They are: Bonnie Gilliland, President; Nancy McGrath, Vice President; Maureen Huff, Secretary; and Debbie Burchfield, Treasurer.



"Heads Up"



Melody Fightmaster, Kathy Kwik, and Nancy McGrath

will be hosting the Chili Dog Shuffle for the rest of this season. We'll need someone else to take charge next season. If you're interested, please contact Bonnie Gilliland. (I'd like to thank everyone who has helped me the last three years.)

Betty St. Andrews reports that *Exercise, held on most Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m., changed formats. They are using the "Stretch and Strengthen" method again.*

Charlene Randol and Cheryl Slack will host *Coffee and Donuts* this month.

Darrell Grogan, John Young, and Melody Fightmaster are planning their *Valentine Parade*. They want a record number of "cupids" to join up. Stay tuned.

It was really nice to see Lois & Richard Gainer back in the park for a brief visit. Richard delivered the message at the Community Center Church Service on Jan. 19th. He had just celebrated his 85th birthday, but the sparkle in his eye, the passion on his face and in his voice, and his sense of humor belied any signs that he might be slowing down. As usual, Lois sat nearby. This is not meant to lessen the wonderful job that Wilma Gentry does Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Community Center. Please attend.

You'll need a ticket to attend the Spaghetti Dinner on Feb. 16th at 5 p.m. See Bonnie G. Tickets are \$7.50 apiece.

We're raffling a 39" flat-screen HD-TV March 6th at the Community Meeting. Kathy Kwik has tickets for 1/\$5 or 3/\$10.

It's hard to believe, but our Rummage Sale is fast approaching. Melody Fightmaster is in charge again and she's recruiting helpers. I recommend joining up rather than getting in her way. The setup is Feb. 28th at 9. The sale is March 1st, 8-2.

Speeding is still an issue. Please, please slow down.

WELCOME

Please welcome the following new owners to the Mobile Manor community:

Richard Beesler	Diane Branning
Cindy & Tim Gray	Edward Hill
Nancy McGrath	Lillian Paris-Nicotera

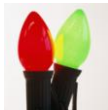


"March Fashion Show"

Get ready for our annual fashion show. Boutique on Wheels is this year's vendor.

They will be offering clothing and accessories which may be purchased at the show (cash, check, or credit card accepted). Their prices are reduced 10% and 10% of total sales are received by MMSC. Boutique and Hair will style our models' hair free of charge. They also will be selling their products. March 3rd at 1 p.m.

Darrell Grogan won first prize in the recent Christmas Decorations contest. He gave a lot of credit to his buddy John Young who did much of the work on the tree which was the centerpiece of the display. Darrell won \$25. Second and third place ended in a tie between **Carol Stevens** and **Mic & Myrna Gray**. Both entries earned \$15.



Valentine's Day

Named after St. Valentine, Valentine's Day was first associated with romantic love in a poem by the Father of English Literature, Geoffrey Chaucer, in 1382. By the 18th Century it had evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, candy, and handwritten greeting cards. Since then, the handwritten cards have given way to the mass-produced variety. So, however you celebrate it, Happy Valentine's Day to everyone.



"It's a Funny Life"

"Poop", let's get that out of the way right now because I can't tell this story without writing, "Poop".

Sandy Rositano is our neighbor here on Lantern Place. She has an English Mastiff named Max who weighs 220 lbs. Recently she added Minnie, a 6.7 lb. Chihuahua. Minnie had to have surgery. Four teeth were removed and an oral fistula repaired. Four days passed and Minnie had not pooped. The vet's tech recommended glycerin suppositories. Before going to the drugstore, Sandy decided to give Minnie one last chance to poop on her own. Hoping strange surroundings might help, Sandy took Minnie and Max to the abandoned drive-in over on U.S. 41. It's all fenced, so she felt comfortable letting the dogs off their leashes. Minnie immediately ran ahead to find a place to poop, or, so Sandy thought. Instead, the little devil crawled under the fence into the used car lot next door. Sandy and Max rushed to the spot, but no amount of coaxing helped. However, the fire ants that Sandy was standing on weren't shy; they crawled up on her and bit her ankles relentlessly. In spite of her own discomfort, she remained intent on getting Minnie back by waving her arms and yelling for help. A woman from the car lot came out of the office, took one startled look, and retreated inside. Sandy says that she understood because she probably looked like a lunatic there in the field with a big Mastiff while waving her arms, yelling for help, and jumping around to elude the ants. Finally, a man came out, grabbed Minnie, and handed her to Sandy over the fence. She went right to the drugstore, purchased the suppositories, and drove home. Minnie jumped from the car, ran into the yard, and.....pooped.

(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.)