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Tues – Garbage

150 Lantern Lane

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Wed – Recycles & Greens

N Ft Myers, FL 33917

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

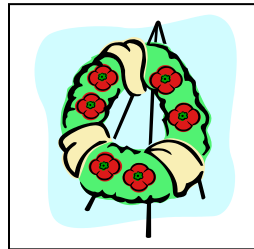
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PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUN OF IT!

Condolences

To the families and friends of:

Dave Bailey, Bill Bonhoff, Edie Long, and Roy Swagger

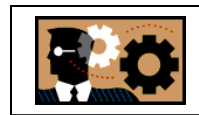


good-bye, and parted ways. In the summer of 1953, Bob, his girlfriend Barb, and Barb's sister, Dee, traveled to the Jersey Shore where, just by happenstance, they bumped into Joe. Long story short, Bob eventually married Barb and Joe eventually married Dee. Bob and Joe have been brothers-in-law for over 50 years. Due to his health, Joe and Dee aren't in Mobile Manor this year, so please keep them in your prayers.



Korean War Update

Last month we reported on those Mobile Manor heroes who served in Korea. Unfortunately we missed someone. **Joe Finkle** of 122 Flame Lane also served there. As a matter of fact, he served in the 1st Marine Division and was there at the same time as **Gene Confalone** and **Bob O'Keefe**. It was Bob who pointed out our omission. Joe also proudly embraces the nickname of "The Chosin Few". He suffered severe frostbite which almost cost him his lower legs and his feet. To this day it still causes him problems. None of the three, Gene, Bob, nor Joe, knew each other while in Korea. Gene met the others after they all came to Mobile Manor, but Bob and Joe go way back. After Korea they both were assigned to Lake Denmark Navy Base in northern New Jersey. They met and became fast friends. They were eventually discharged on the same day in January, 1952, said



Business

1. Mobile Manor Community Meetings March 1st & April 5th at 2:30 pm. Please make every effort to attend.
2. Mobile Manor Social Club Meeting March 6th at 10 am. Meetings to be held the 1st Tuesday of the month from now on.
3. Mobile Manor Board Meeting March 27th at 2 pm.
4. \$27.34 per house: Non-members' annual fee for security street lights.

Heartfelt thanks to **Judy Griffith, Dee Demers, and Tom Hawkins** whose terms of service recently ended. Your efforts on behalf of the park and its residents reached heroic proportions. We are in awe of you all and very grateful.





"The Way We Were"

1942 - 70 Years Ago

Bonnie Gilliland, Sandy Gilliland, and one of your editors, among others in the park,

were all born in 1942. What follows is a list of well known people who share(d) that birth year: **Muammar al-Qaddafi, Joe**

Biden, Michael Bloomberg, Dick Butkus,

Harry Chapin, Michael Crichton, Sandra Dee,

Roger Ebert, Michael Eisner, Larry Flynt,

Harrison Ford, Aretha Franklin, Annette

Funicello, John Wayne Gacy, Jerry Garcia,

Stephen Hawking, Isaac Hayes, Jimi Hendrix,

John Irving, Judge Judy, Ted Kaczynski,

Madeline Kahn, Garrison Keillor, Carole King,

Calvin Klein, Kenneth Lay, Joseph Lieberman,

Claudine Longet, Penny Marshall, Paul

McCartney, Tammy Faye Bakker, Muham-

mad Ali, Graham Nash, Huey Newton,

Wayne Newton, Martin Scorsese, Barbra

Streisand, Fred Thompson, Brian Wilson, and

Tammy Wynette.

Just a friendly reminder to get your maintenance fee paid as soon as you can. Also, snowbirds are encouraged to pay some of their projected water bill before they leave for the summer. Thanks for your consideration.



March Events

2nd- Rummage Sale Set-up 9:00 am

3rd- Rummage Sale 8 am - 2 pm

14th- Spring Luncheon 12 pm \$16.00

Pay by March 6th-s

17th- St. Patrick's Day Dance 7 pm \$7.50-s,P

24th- Chili Dog Shuffle 12 pm \$3.00-s,P

25th- Farewell Chicken Potluck 5 pm \$5.00

Sign up by March 22nd-s,P

"Rummage Sale"

This year's sale is on Sat., March 3rd, from 8 am to 2 pm. (Set-up starts at 9 am on Fri., March 2nd.) Included is a bake sale, coffee&donuts, a lunch of sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips, & drinks. All need volunteers! **Melody Fightmaster** (997-6625) and **Mary Ward** (464-9785) are co-chairs. **Kathy Sims** (543-5708) and **Helen Gillispie** (567-7939) are in charge of the Bake Sale and Lunch, respectively. Please contact them to volunteer. Also, contact Melody or Mary if you need help getting an item to the sale.



Spring Luncheon



The theme is St. Paddy's Green when **Debbie Burchfield** and **Kathy Sims** host the Spring Luncheon to be held on Wed., March 14th, at noon. The venue is The Palms at Sabal Springs where the Christmas Luncheon was held. You will have a choice of prime rib, grilled salmon, or chicken parmesan. The first two come with baked potato and a vegetable; the latter with spaghetti. Included is a salad with house dressing, bread and butter, drink (coffee, tea, soda), and dessert Note: A cash bar will be available. The cost is \$16.00. Signup in the Community Center. Pay **Debbie** (543-5708) by March 6th.

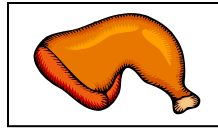
St. Patrick's Day Dance, March 17th at 7 pm. Green is the color and the Community Center is the place for \$7.50. "Erin go bragh!!"



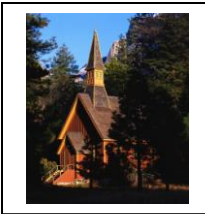


Good eats and then shuffle. Join your Mobile Manor friends at the Chili Dog Shuffle Sat., March 24th, at noon. Donation \$3.

Grace is in charge of the Farewell Chicken Potluck on March 25th at 5 pm.



Signup by March 22nd for \$5. Fried chicken, rolls, and drinks are provided. Bring a covered dish or two. Please join us to say our "Good-byes" as the season ends.



Worship Services March 4th, 11th, & 18th. Join **Wilma, Brad, and Grace** for an uplifting message plus inspirational gospels and hymns at 9 am Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome.



Coffee & Donuts will be offered on March 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st, hosted by **Larry and Pam Ditmer**.

8 a.m.

Raffle for 40" HD TV

Time is running out!! The drawing for the Westinghouse 40" HD TV is just a few days away, but you can still get tickets (1/\$5 or 3/\$10). The drawing will take place during the Community Meeting on March 1st. You don't have to be present to win. Good Luck!!!



The only acceptable items to place in the collection area by the office are cans made out of aluminum and building mater-

ials made out of aluminum. Soup cans, for example, aren't aluminum while beer cans and soft drink cans are. But, even aluminum foil is not acceptable because the standard used is different from regular recycling. If in doubt, don't put the item in the collection area, but just include it with the recyclables that you put out on Wednesdays. In other words, please be a bit more careful when putting things in the collection area. Thanks.



Q: How many days in a week?

A: 6 Saturdays and 1 Sunday.

Q: When is a retiree's bedtime?

A: Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Q: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

A: Only one, but it might take all day.

Q: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

A: Not enough time to get everything done.

Q: Why don't retirees mind being called seniors?

A: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Q: What do retirees consider formal attire?

A: Tied shoes.

Q: Why do retirees count pennies?

A: They are the only ones who have the time.

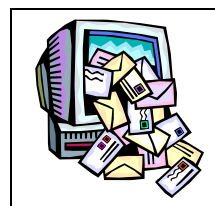
Q: What do retirees call a long lunch?

A: Normal.

Q: What do you do all week?

A: Nothing Mon. thru Fri., then rest Sat. and Sun.

Gone, Want News?



Send us your email address and we'll send you the newsletter when you aren't here. Send your

request to timburch22@gmail.com.

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*Thanks to **Denise and Norman Gregoire and Brad Watt** for implementing **Paul Lacourse's** improvement plans at the west entrance . It looks great!!*

***Gary Schaeffer** wants to thank everyone who helped with last month's upgrade to the water system. Gary's crew changed 9 meters and 6 shut-off valves and replaced 3 valves in the main water line for the east park. It was a major undertaking and, even if everything didn't go exactly as planned, was quite successful. Gary wants to thank everyone else for being understanding and patient. Those who provided transportation, passed out flyers, dug holes, filled holes, broke up concrete, hauled concrete, answered phone calls, etc. are as follows: **Bill Blakely, Rusty Campigotto, Vito Defrancesco, Dick Eurit, Melody Fightmaster, Bob Fontaine, Roger Gaskill, Don Gilliland, Rick Gillispie, Richard Griffith, Darrell Grogan, Chuck Harshman, Tom Hawkins, Kathy Kwik, Bob Martin, Dennis Richardson, Carl Thom, and Ken Ward.** (If we missed anyone please let us know.) We would be remiss, if we didn't add our thanks to **Gary** for his leadership and hard work.*

*The following comes to us from **Dorie Bonhoff**: "A special THANK YOU to all who had a part in the Memorial Service for Bill Bonhoff. Rev. Gainer, who brought the message, the musicians – Grace Harshman, Brad Watt, and Wilma Gentry. We appreciated those who set up the room and to Tom Hawkins who ran the CD. Thanks also to Mary Ward and to all who helped prepare and serve refreshments. And to Bonnie Gilliland for her coordinating the whole thing and to all who attended or contributed in any way. We appreciate you all so much. The William Bonhoff family."*

Darrell Grogan's Report

***Darrell** reports that the Valentine's Parade was a success. He was impressed with the turnout of 14 bikes, 3 golf carts, and the three Canadian women who participated. **Kathy Kwik** her sister, **Rose Fleming**, and their cousin, **Cheryl Dupuis**, who are from Ontario, road bikes. **Rose** said that it was the most enjoyable and exciting St. Valentine's Day of her life. **Darrell** thanks everyone who participated and challenges everyone to turn out for his St. Patrick's Day extravaganza in order to surpass the Valentine's turnout. Check with **Darrell** for details.*

*Thank you, **Wilma Gentry** and **Bonnie Gilliland**, for agreeing to be the Welcoming Committee for new residents. **Wilma** will handle the duties while she is here January through March and **Bonnie** will handle them the rest of the year. Thanks to **Carl** and **Mary Thom** for their service in this capacity.*

*This is the last edition of **Mobile Manor Monthly** for this season. We want to thank everyone who helped us along the way. We enjoyed the ride.*



New Board of Directors

The new Board of Directors is:

President **Bob Martin**
Vice Pres. **Harold Kinder**
Past Pres. **Tom Hawkins**
Director **Bob Fontaine**
Director **Wayne Harvey**
Director **Gary Schaeffer**
Director **Stan Smith**
Secretary **Lona Kinder**
Treasurer **Sandy Gilliland**

The following are their major areas of responsibility:

Audit Comm.-**Sandy (Chr)**
Bridge Repairs-**Bob M.**
Budget Preparation-**Sandy**
By-Laws Comm.-**Bob M. (Chr), Harold**
Code Enforcement-**Bob M.**
Commercial Lease Agreement-**Wayne**
Community Center Maintenance-**Stan**
Contracts (Electrical & Plumbing)-
Wayne
Elections-**Lona**
Financials Accuracy-**Sandy**
Grounds Maintenance-**Harold**
Indian Creek-**Wayne**
Legal Issues-**Tom**
Liaison to Hayden & Assoc.-**Tom**
Lighting (Entrance & Street)-**Bob F.**
MMI Expense Saving Comm-**Tom (Chr)**
Bob M., Harold, Lona, Wayne
Minutes of Meetings-**Lona**
Monthly Meetings-**Bob M.**
Nominating Comm.-**Lona (Chr)**
Shed Maintenance-**Gary**
Office Maintenance-**Bob F.**
Pond Maintenance-**Bob F.**

Recycling-**Sandy**
Review Employees-**Tom, Lona**
Road Repairs-**Bob M.**
Safety Walk Thru-**Bob F., Bob M., Harold**

Social Club Contact-**Harold**
Sprinkler System-**Gary**
SW Florida ROC meetings-**Bob M.**
WC Expense Saving Comm.-**Gary (Chr), Bob F., Stan**
Worker Permits-**Harold**
WC Maintenance-**Gary, Wayne**



MMSC Officers

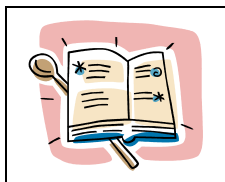
President-**Bonnie Gilliland**
Vice President-**Karla Gentry**
Secretary-**Kathy Sims**
Treasurer-**Debbie Burchfield**

At the recent MMSC meeting Bonnie was re-elected President and Karla was elected Vice President for the first time. Kathy and Debbie are beginning the 2nd year of their two year terms.

Thank goodness there are people in Mobile Manor willing to commit their time and energy on behalf of the rest of us. Thanks to all of you board members and social club officers.

*Last month's Anniversary Celebration was very successful. 70 people helped make it a special night for the three couples (**Don & Sandy, Harold & Lona, Gary & Peggy**) who were celebrating 50 years of marriage.*





Recipe of the Month

Submitted by Sonda Richardson

Hawaiian Wedding Cake

Cake

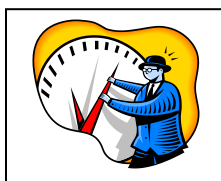
2 C Sugar
2 C Flour
2 Eggs
2 tsp. Baking Soda
1 20 Oz. Can Crushed
Pineapple (undrained)
1 C Chopped Nuts

Frosting

4 Oz. Cream Cheese
1 Stick Butter
1-2 C Conf. Sugar
½ - 1 tsp. Vanilla

Put sugar, flour, eggs, baking soda, pineapple, and nuts in a large bowl. Using a large spoon, blend well. Bake in a 9X13 inch greased pan for 30-40 minutes at 350 degrees. Meanwhile, mix cream cheese and butter. Blend in sugar and vanilla. Cool the cake until barely warm, then frost. Chill well before cutting.

*The exercise group that meets at 9 am on Tues. and Thurs. has changed their routine. They now use a Richard Simmons DVD called "Dance Your Pants Off". It amounts to 35-45 minutes of Dancercise. They invite you to come join the healthy fun. Sign up in the Community Center or contact **Betty St. Andrews** at 543-3238.*



Spring Ahead !!

Don't forget to move your clocks one hour ahead when Daylight Saving Time returns on March 11th.



"It's a Funny Life"

(What I'm about to describe is my most embarrassing moment. Please excuse

some slightly inappropriate language which is necessary to do justice to the situation.) Debbie and I were shopping in the Kroger store in the south end of our hometown, Delaware, OH. There was a special in the meat department that I wanted to check out while Debbie continued to shop. The roasts in question were in a case tucked into a corner. A middle aged woman was standing right where I wanted to be to get the best view. Unbeknownst to her I sidled up behind her and peaked over her shoulder. Unbeknownst to me another middle aged woman was doing the same thing to me. The first woman made an unexpected move which caused me to jump awkwardly backwards which resulted in me elbowing the second woman in her left breast. This, in turn, startled me so much that I farted right out loud. They never said a word, but the looks those two ladies gave me have never been forgotten. I mumbled a quick apology and literally ran to the refuge of my wife who laughed so hard when I told her what happened that it brought more unwanted attention my way. It also didn't help when we kept encountering one or both of the offended women as we continued to shop.

(Note: The editors of *Mobile Manor Monthly* encourage feedback and input regarding the newsletter. Be it criticism or praise, corrections or new topics, please let us know. We can be reached at 543-5708 or timburch22@gmail.com.)