

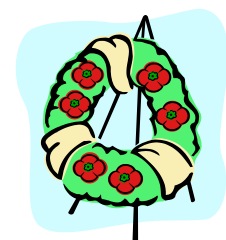
Mobile Manor Monthly

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PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUN OF IT!



Condolences

To the family and friends of:


Bill Blakely

Business



Mobile Manor Social Club Meeting
March 4th, 2 p.m. The slate of nominees to serve on the Social Club Board will be presented at the meeting by the Nominating Committee composed of **Betty Durham, Melody Fightmaster, and Carol Stevens.**

Mobile Manor Community Meeting March 6th, 2:30 p.m. We will be voting on the revised by-laws and the drawing for the TV will take place. Please try to attend.

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

March Events

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

- Feb. 28th - Rummage Sale Set-up 9 am
- 1st - Rummage Sale 8 am to 2 pm
- 3rd - Fashion Show 1 pm **S,F**
- 9th - Hymn Sing 2 pm **S,F**
- 15th - St. Pat's Dance 7:30-10:30 pm \$5 **S,P**
- 16th - Ice Cream Social Welcome 2 pm **S,F**
- 19th - Spring Luncheon 12 pm TBA
- 22nd - Chili Dog Shuffle 12 pm \$3 **S,P**

"The Way We Were"



March, 1934-Mothers-in-law Day first celebrated; 1st Master's Golf Tournament held; 1st practical radar apparatus demoed; **Babe Didrikson** pitches in major league exhibition games. **March, 1944-**"Casablanca" wins best picture; 1st U.S. bombing of Berlin; RAF Sgt. survives 18,000 foot jump from bomber without a parachute; the "Great Escape" occurs as 76 allied POWs escape Stalag 3. **March, 1954-**Four Puerto Ricans open fire in U.S. House wounding 5 reps; RCA's 1st color TV is 12.5" and costs \$1000; 1st newspaper vending machine used; "From Here to Eternity" wins best picture; **Edward R. Murrow** criticizes **Sen. Joseph McCarthy** on "See It Now". **March, 1964-**1st Ford Mustang produced; Beatles start filming "Hard Day's Night"; **Cassius Clay** becomes **Muhammad Ali**; **LBJ** asks for "War on Poverty". **March, 2004-** The late **Bill Bonhoff** inaugurated the 1st edition of the newsletter whose 50th edition you're reading now. **Bill's** stated goal was "the preservation of historical events of Mobile Manor Park". He set a high standard which can't be matched, but, **Bill**, thanks for the target you set. This just wouldn't be as satisfying or as much fun without the challenge. (Note: Maureen Huff won last month's prize by answering that Elvis' pet was a chimp. A prize awaits the first person to answer this question: What was the name of the newsletter before Bill Bonhoff changed it to *Mobile Manor Monthly* in March 2006. Aside to Dorie Bonhoff: I'm counting on your discretion please. Thanks.)



Spring Ahead!!

Don't forget to move your clocks one hour ahead when Daylight Saving Time returns on March 9th.

To Joe Murray & Bob Taylor for the beautification project they've been working on in their neighborhood. Also, during the recent boil notice they made sure that everyone in their vicinity was supplied with fresh drinking water. They define being good neighbors. To Charlene Randol and Cheryl Slack for hosting Coffee and Donuts. To Bonnie & Bob Gilliland for hosting the Spaghetti Dinner and their helpers: **Vito & Paula DeFrancesco, Kathy Holder, Maureen Huff, and Tom Holder** for providing the music. To Rick & Helen Gilispie and their helpers for the Sloppy Joe Games. To Nancy McGrath & Kathy Kwik and their crew for the Chili Dog Shuffle. To Darrell Grogan and his cupid's for the Valentine Parade. To Nancy Clements for organizing the successful Dance Party. To Ken Boylan for taking care of the Community Center's trash every week. To the regulars at Sunday church services who chose to buy a 55" flat-screen TV for the Community Center. They will use it for their services, but it's available for general use. "Thank the Lord and pass the remote." And, finally, to Bob Martin who served on the MM Board for almost 10 years consecutively, six of them as President. Many board members came and went. We had good times and not so good times. We had our agreements and disagreements. And, **Bob Martin** was there, diligent and steadfast. Thanks, **Bob**. Here's hoping the new board is up to the task without you.



Special Thanks

Ralph Schioppa wants to thank **Junior, James, Jason, Chuck, Glenn, Everett, and Larry** for working on Fireball.

Gary Schaeffer wants to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and support during **Peggy's** illness and passing.



"Heads Up"

Fireball Lane and Lady Bird Lane will be resealed on March 10th & 12th, one half each day so that residents will have access to their homes. The rest of us are being asked to avoid using the **Lady Bird** entrance from the 10th through the 13th.

Margaret & Rusty Campigotto will host Coffee and Donuts this month.

Darrell Grogan and his group of Leprechauns are planning their St. Patrick's Parade. Stay tuned.

You can still buy raffle tickets for the TV. The drawing is March 6th. 1/\$5 or 3/\$10. See **Kathy Kwik** or **Debbie Burchfield**.

Due to declining interest there won't be afternoon bingo in March. We need at least 15 people committed to play in order to resume.

The Spring Luncheon to be held on the 19th is tentative and will depend upon someone stepping up and chairing the event. As of this writing two people have volunteered to be on the committee. Stay tuned.

Note that the St. Patrick's Day Dance starts at 7:30 rather than 8. **Birdie Lee** is the deejay.

Slow down!! That's an order!!

WELCOME

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

Nettie Miller

James & Sharon Lueker

"Rummage Sale"

This year's sale is on Sat., March 1st, from 8 am to 2 pm. (Set-up starts at 9 am on Fri., Feb. 28th.) Included are a bake sale (Bakers get baking, please!!), coffee & donuts, lunch of sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips, & drinks. All need volunteers! **Melody Fightmaster** (997-6625) is the chairperson. **Kathy Kwik** (543-3316) & **Nancy McGrath** (652-0485) are committee members. **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, Kathy, or Nancy**, if you need help getting an item to the sale.



"It's a Funny Life"

Nolan Ryan is in the Baseball Hall of Fame. He pitched for 27 years from 1966 to 1993. He is the career strikeout leader and threw 7 no-hitters. In the summer of 1992 he was taking what everyone thought was a "farewell tour" city to city. Discovering that he was due to pitch in Cleveland one late August evening, Debbie and I took our 2 youngest sons, Rob and Matt, to see him. A large turnout in old Municipal Stadium caused our seats to be located way up in the rafters. It was a beautiful night for baseball. Debbie was well prepared with snacks for all of us. About the 3rd inning, she passed them around. Matt ended up with a box of Cracker Jacks. He was trying to stick his thumb through that little perforated triangle when his grip slipped and the box with the force of one hand behind it slapped the women sitting in front of him right in the side of the face. She was startled and hurt and turned angrily around to confront her attacker. Matt immediately turned his face away and looked up into the rafters as if to imply that something had dropped and struck her from above. He quickly had second thoughts and started apologizing profusely. The lady quickly calmed down and graciously accepted the apologies. Three guys sitting behind us apparently observed the whole thing because we could hear them snickering and commenting about Matt's immediate reaction. Things settled down and got back to normal. Several more innings passed and eventually the 2nd round of treats was distributed. Matt ended up with another box of Cracker Jacks. Immediately a voice from behind shouted, "Look out lady, the kid's got another box of Cracker Jacks".

(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.)



St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick (385-461 AD) is the most recognized patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick's Day or the Feast of St. Patrick commemorates St. Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, as well as celebrating the heritage and culture of the Irish people in general. Celebrations usually involve public parades and festivals and "Wearing of the Green" including shamrocks. Many Christians attend church services and Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol are lifted for the day which has encouraged and popularized the notion of the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption. **Erin Go Bragh!!!**