

A BIG STEP FOR OAKWOOD MANOR

By Bill Leonhard

Saturday, March 22, 2008, Breakfast Club celebrated Oakwood Manor's 20th Birthday! For those who attended (some 350) this announcement is old hat. As I listened to the presentation several unique thoughts came to me. Probably the most pointed thought was the drive and determination that was inspired by the leadership of apparently many who had the foresight to make the purchase. This type of action can in no way be the action of one person but rather a group of people who came together for a common goal. It must have been very exciting to be a part of this group.

It appeared that once the wheels began to turn many volunteers chimed in which created a systematic team who began to diligently collect money (some \$21,000 per unit) by going door to door. It was pointed out others were making calls to those renters not present at that time. I'm sure there were other tasks that were covered by volunteers that were not mentioned.

To me another significant act was the willingness of the people to pay even though some were the last minute purchasers. It certainly became a united effort to achieve the goal set forth in such a short amount of time. For those who secured the loan from Barnett Bank it must have been a tremendous relief to hear the bank support them at the last minute. It, also, spoke well of those involved as well as those forming the Park to have the bank show such trust. Of all those who participated in creating Oakwood Manor 66 owners still reside in the Park. Oakwood Manor is a great place to live and those of us who have come later are thankful for their efforts and foresight.

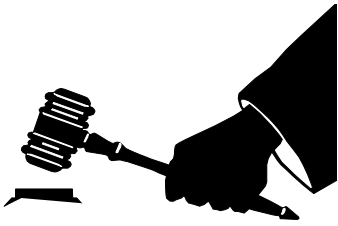
I saw a parallel in terms of the forming of Oakwood Manor and the New Road. There was great volunteerism, foresight, drive, determination and teamwork coming together on the overwhelming vote for the road as compared to the purchasing of the lots (even though the vote did not involve a personal check).

The huge difference is that the New Road has to deal with the State, the County and the City politics as well as RBC Bank. Don't forget that our SWIFTMUD friends were a very large hurdle to get over as I write this (Sunday evening) the City Attorney seems to now be the problem. A meeting is scheduled with the City Engineer, the Assistant City Manager and the City Attorney. The meeting will be held Thursday, April 10. In conversation with Tom Wilcox, our Engineer, he expects this to take care of the problem so that the contractor may finally begin their work. We have to wait and see.

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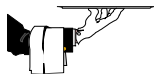
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You will find in this April issue of your Acorn a two- page paper covering Board Meeting Conduct. This was originally created and adopted August 10, 2001. A committee of Tom Nachazel, Chm., Nancy Kraus, John Lavezzo and Bill Laymon worked on amending the 2001 document and presented to the Board an updated version which was passed on March 10, 2008 and takes effect immediately. I believe it is pretty much self-explanatory; however, if you have any questions please contact our Manager, Jewell Coons. For those who wish to write a letter to be presented one week prior to the Board Meeting---the date of the Board Meeting will be placed on channel 16 on your TV for your convenience. I fully support the work of the committee and compliment them on a fine effort.

Potluck Dinner



Wednesday, April 30, 2008
5:30 PM
Bring a Dish to Share

OAKWOOD MANOR

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TREASURER'S REPORT

February 29, 2008

By Frank Dawes



For the month of February we had Operating Income of \$86,461 and Operating Expenses of \$78,326 producing an Operating Profit of \$9,135. Year to date we had Operating Income of \$168,881 and Operating Expenses of \$153,548 resulting in an Operating Profit of \$15,333.

At the end of February our cash balances were Operating \$113,224 and Replacement Funds \$605,855. The Notes Receivable from Owners balance was \$92,681. Our Mortgage and Notes Payable balances were: Mortgage \$186,045 and Notes Payable Entry/Exit \$145,434.

Additions to Fixed Assets for the month were: table and chairs \$3,734, Exit/Entry (HDR Engineering) \$20,386 and legal \$576.

A big thanks to all who baked pies, worked or enjoyed the Sunshine Café. The money raised from this event will cheer and support many of our residents in this coming year.

Congratulations to John Piraino who won the 50/50 drawing.

Ginny Slater
Sunshine Chairman

MANAGER'S REPORT

By Jewell Coons

GATE:

Residents please do not let anyone at the gates in unless you know them. Inform visitors to turn around and go back out of park.

VENDOR #:

If you have a serviceman or a repairman coming to your home, please call the Park Office for the Vendor # for that week.

NOTES – SUGGESTIONS:

Sign the note or suggestion with your LOT # and your name. I cannot call you or contact you without this information.

EMERGENCY FORM:

Please fill out a current 2008 Emergency Form before leaving the park even if you stay here year round. We have had several residents, which we needed to contact a relative, friend or children, and the employees in the Park Office had nothing. No phone numbers, no addresses, no emergency contacts.

PLAN APPROVAL FORM:

All residents need to come to the Park Office and pick up a Plan Approval Form to fill out concerning their request to change the exterior of their homes or the yard landscape.

POOL PASSES:

Guest Pool Passes will require a \$2.00 deposit per pass in the future. The cost to purchase a new pass cost the Association \$2.15 each. The ladies in the Park Office have to spend too much time in making calls to have passes returned. One resident had checked out 10 passes and have not returned the first one after several calls.

UPDATE ON UNEVEN SIDEWALKS:

I signed a contract to have all of the uneven sections of concrete on the sidewalks,

large concrete area by the Miniature Golf Course and shower rooms lifted and stabilized.

CONTACT the Park Office for a quote on taking care of cutting down and removing your dead fruit trees.

PREPARE your home and yard for the summer months.

PARKING in the main parking lot requires a pass.

RV'S and Motor Homes –

48 hour Pass only

Resident's vehicle –

24 hours or more, up to 30 days

RESIDENTS are responsible for guests' conduct at all times.

EVERYONE using pool must shower at the pool area, NOT AT HOME, before entering pool or spa (STATE LAW).



MINUTES OF THE OAKWOOD MANOR HOMEOWNERS ASSN.

March 10, 2008—7:00 PM

By Nancy Kraus

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Bill Leonhard. All 9 board members were present.

The treasurer's report was read and a motion to accept the report was made by Bill Laymon, seconded by John Lavezzo. The report can be read in the Acorn.

Bill Leonhard gave a report on the road and at this time we are being held up by the city attorney. There is a piece of land that is actually an easement but was not included with the land that was bought. This is holding up the paperwork but no problem is foreseen in solving the problem.

Tom Nachazel praised the January meeting and how healthy and positive the meeting was.

Howard Orth advised us that the laundromat is making money and that is great. Howard also reported that if all goes well with the new exit/entrance the total will hopefully be under \$800,000, which is great because the budget was for \$1,000,000. If this is the case, our interest on this will go down. If all goes well, there may be a possibility that Royal Bank of Canada can be persuaded to refinance our loan and reduce the interest rate.

Nancy Kraus thanked all of the volunteers for handing out the new rules and regulations and the financial reports. We have all saved many, many dollars by pitching in and working to hand these out.

Bill Laymon reported that we are selling houses and at the time of the board meeting, there were 8 houses that were sold with sale pendings.

Lois Charen, Social, reported that the work on the pictorial is winding down and will be sent in to be published. Also, the Oakwood Manor phone book is going to be printed. March 12th free square dancing, March 15th last show of the season, March 17th St. Patrick's Day Dance, March 21st the office is only open in the morning, March 22nd 20th anniversary breakfast, March 23rd is Easter, March 24th is the spaghetti dinner with line dancing as scheduled, March 26th pot luck dinner, March 29th park picnic. She will be putting up sign up sheet for volunteers to get involved.

Dick Potts spoke about the street lights and said that there is no plan on replacing all street lights. However, the old lights that burn out in the future will be replaced with a new available kind of light. There are five (5) different kind of lights that have been installed on White Oak Way. The board will be selecting which new kind of lights that will be the replacement ones as the old ones burn out.

Skip Mann reported that 9 units have closed so far this year for \$709,500 with the commissions for the Association in the amount of \$15,963.00. There are 9 units with sale pending totaling \$732,900. Commissions to the Association will be in the amount of \$15,963.75. The year to date income for the Association is \$32,454.00.

Bill Laymon announced that the price of the lots owned by Oakwood Manor have been adjusted down to \$45,000 from the price of \$49,000.

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Old Business

Motion - Motion made by Bill Laymon and seconded by Howard Orth that the price of the lots be dropped to \$45,000. 8 years.

Dick Potts spoke about sealing the roads of the park on the East side of the park. He gave the bids of the asphalt companies and suggested that we go with Felton Asphalt Maint. To seal the roads on the east side of the park would cost \$22,608.

Motion - We hire Felton Asphalt Maint. To seal the roads on the east side of the park in premium coat at a cost of \$22,608. Motion made by Dick Potts, seconded by Lois Charen. Much discussion among the board and the treasurer and assistant treasurer revealed that we should hold off in doing this due to the budget and that the sealing of the roads was not included in the 2008 budget.

Motion - Dick Potts made a motion to table the sealing of the roads. This was seconded by Frank Dawes. 8 years.

New Business

Tom Nachazel and a committee made up of Tom, John Lavezzo, Bill Laymon, and Nancy Kraus drew up a guideline for conduct at board meetings that should be followed by both the board as well as the residents of Oakwood Manor.

Motion - On behalf of the committee, I, Tom, move to reaffirm and update the August 10, 2001 resolution regarding board meeting conduct. The changes to the original are high-

lighted in the original three page resolution. Motion made by Tom Nachazel, seconded by Bill Laymon. 8 years.

A copy of the Conduct Rules are an additive to the Acorn this month. Please look for your copy and include it in your Association blue book of Rules and Regulations.

Dick Potts gave a synopsis of the Men's Club in Oakwood Manor. Holding both the pancake breakfasts and spaghetti dinners has produced a fund that currently has a treasury of over \$4,000. Dick asked that the Board accept a Pondless Waterfall that will be donated by the Men's Club and will be built in the middle of the miniature golf course.

Motion - To accept the gift of a waterfall to be installed in the area of the miniature golf course as donated by the Men's Club. Motion made by Dick Potts and seconded by Frank Dawes. 8 years.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



SHOWTIME

By Walford Reeves

Thanks to all of you who supported stage shows this season. They included Branson meets Nashville starring Harley Worthit and Katie Brooks, the twin pianists Marc and Clark, and finally the New Dawn Singers, the young adult song and dance troupe.

Because of your attendance, your show committee made some profit. This we gave back in the form of entertainment at several Breakfast Clubs, namely Julie McHugh Christmas Show, the Venice Isles Men's Glee Club, the Magic of Manatee chapter of Sweet Adeline's International, the young Irish Dancers from the Drake School of Dance and on April 12 the Meadows Chorus will perform. We are also trying to save for new stage lights.

For 2009 we have signed contracts for the following shows:

- January 17—Shaelaurel (a family group)
- February 21—Willie & Company
(ventriloquist/comedian)
- March 28—Mihelle James Trio and band

Our ticket prices are still only \$10 each, a real bargain when you consider these shows would be a minimum of \$20 or more at an other venue. It is your continuing support that helps your show committee find the best stage shows available each season. We thank the many volunteers who move tables and chairs for our shows.

Thanks also to a great committee including Evie Benett, Richard Kilroy, Howard and Glenda Orth and my wife, Beth.

A GIANT THANK YOU

By Judy and Lois

We want to give a big, big Thank You to all the men and women who helped break down tables and set up the hall on Thursday night after bingo (big job).

Thanks Ladies to all of you who helped out on Friday with the vendors.

A BIG thank you goes to those few men and women for the breaking down after the flea market on Saturday and resetting up the hall—big job well done.

We want to thank all of you who supported the flea market. Treasures were bought and sold much to everyone's delight.

Also a big Thank You to Lou Colombo, Ron Buchan and Gene Rump for taking what was left to The Pines.

By Popular Demand—from Phyllis Zuerner
Coconut Crunch Delight

1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 1/4 cups flaked coconut
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 cup slivered almonds
1 sm pkg instant vanilla pudding mix
1 sm pkg instant coconut pudding mix
2 2/3 cups cold milk
2 cups whipped topping
Fresh strawberries (optional)

In a bowl, combine the first 5 ingredients; press lightly into a greased 13 x 9 inch baking pan. Bake at 350° for 25-30 min or until golden brown, stirring every 10 minutes to form coarse crumbs. Cool. Divide crumb mixture in half; press half into the same baking pan. In a mixing bowl, beat pudding mixes and milk. Fold in whipped topping; spoon over crust. Top with remaining crumb mixture. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Garnish with strawberries if desired.

IN MEMORIAM

Maurice Paulson

Betty Hunter

Ishmael Cabe

Yvette Dube

*There are many things in life
That we cannot understand
But we must trust God's judgment
And be guided by His hand.*

Helen Steiner Rice



Why Not??? Party

by Bev Collins

Why do we of Oakwood Manor need an excuse to Party? This party/dance was held on Tuesday, February 26th. We filled 33 tables with 273 in attendance. We danced up a storm with Ricky & Franky. A good time was had by all.

Prize winners were:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Candy basket- | Ray Borgia |
| Candy octagon container- | Don Cote |
| Piggy Bank (filled with coins)- | Tim Collins |
| Champagne- | Don Logan |
| | Barbara Houle |
| Sparkling Wine- | Charlotte Ott |
| | Claudette Godin |
| Sparkling Cider- | Marj Tucci |
| | Jerry Cefola |
| Manicure- | Rita Piccola |
| 50/50- | Bob Hixon |

I hope all of you are looking forward to seeing Ricky & Franky next season.

LADIES LUNCHEON

By Luann Hochard

QUILTS and more. Quilts to keep you warm. Quilts to wear. Quilts to carry or hang on your wall. Quilts to adorn your table. What a colorful and interesting program Althea Hamlin and her group presented to our March Ladies Luncheon. We sincerely thank all who worked so hard to put this program together, and also those who brought their keepsakes to share with us. Door prizes were given and the winners were; Ann Mast, Helen Lancaster, Joan Fawcett, Helen Laney and Anna Feltner.

Our next luncheon will be on Wednesday, April 2nd at 11:15 am. We will be entertained with music by Gene Mathes. Gene sings, plays the guitar, and the Q chord.

A reservation list is posted for your convenience. If you wish to bring a salad, please, call Evelyn Ashbaugh at 906-1409 or Luann at 365-6596. Thank you.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

By Kathleen Buchan

The March 17th St. Patrick's Day Dance in our clubhouse was a rousing success. Over 300 people danced, dined and wined the night away! There were many shades of green being worn, not only by the Irish but by the "Want to be Irish"!

Many thanks to all our friends who helped Ron and I put this dance together. A special thanks to our decorators and shamrock maker, "balloon blower upper" and crew, table placers and setters, clean up crew, sandwich makers, pickle cutters, cookie and snack sorters and servers, bar organizers and workers, 30-30-20 raffle ticket sellers....the list goes on and on!

Special thanks to our fellow dance committee friends for their help and support and to those wonderful people who are always there to help out. You know who you are!

The winners of door prizes:

Framed print of Florida Banyon Trees by K Buchan—
Sabine Godin

\$25 Irish Rovers Gift Certificate—Ron Groetken

Bottle of Champagne—Dawn Cha

Acrylic desk caddy—Sandy Ripple

Bottle of Wine & Apple Cider—Heather Smith

Acrylic candy container with bottle of cider—
Jerry Cefola

Bottle of Champagne—Ginny Klotzbach

Bottle of Wine & Apple Cider—
Rosemarie Sanson

WORSHIP AT OAKWOOD MANOR

The regular schedule for Sunday afternoon worship services is 2:00 PM at the clubhouse.

Sermon topics for November are:

April 6—*You Can Find The Abundant Life*

April 13—*In The Presence of Terminal Illness*

April 20—*Keeping My Life Sharp*

April 27—*Staking Our Claim*

Pastor Fore will preach every Sunday



\$25 Longhorn Steakhouse Gift Certificate —Jan Klimek

Bottle of Champagne—Nancy Keeler

Bottle of Baileys Irish Cream—Roger Losier

Bottle of Wine & Apple Cider—Roger Kolde

Raffle 50/30/20 winter:

Marlene Close

Louis Colombo

Annette Michaels

NEW RESIDENTS

Enos & Burneda Coblentz
417 Oakwood Blvd. E.

Wayne & Helene MacDurmon
2314 Sweet Bay Terr.

Kenneth & Billie Ann Riley
3231 Banyan Terr.

Roy & Carolyn Push
3213 Sweet Bay Terr.

Floyd & Linda Miller
119 White Oak Way

Clarence & Gretchen Yoder
15 White Oak Terr.

John Poczciwinski
Richard & Cynthia Switzer
9 White Oak Terr.

SQUARE DANCE

by Bev Collins

The Dance Committee hopes that you enjoyed the Square Dance on March 12. We had 61 Dancers and Spectators attend. During the break we had a Cake Walk.

Prize winners: Cal Henry
Bob Gibbons
Roger Kolde
Ginny Wilcox
Faye Wilson

Rod Bowen-won a harmonica
Rosemarie Sanson-
won a harmonica

50/50 won by Doris Kolde

A special thanks to Helen Shearrow and gang for teaching us to square dance prior to the dance.

with a charming swindler who helps them realize "you're never too old to do what you think you are too old to do.—\$75

May 3 we will enjoy Disney On Ice at the St. Pete Times Forum. Following the show we will go to the Golden Corral for an abundant buffet dinner—\$75

May 31 we have a limited number of tickets for Lion King at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. After the wonderful show we will continue to Steak and Ale for dinner. \$130. Deposit of \$82 due on reservation. Balance due 5/15/08

On Saturday, June 7 we will go to the Broadway Palms to enjoy the delightful "Wizard of Oz". The classic movie musical comes to life with Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow, the Cowardly Lion and Toto! You also don't want to miss their wonderful buffet with the awesome dessert bar. \$71

TRAVEL TALK

By Sharon Rump

Summer is fast approaching and our snowbirds are leaving soon. But, for those remaining we have a few exciting trips in store.

April 23 we have some openings for Bermuda Avenue Triangle at Ruth Eckerd Hall. We will have lunch at Joe's Crab Shak and then continue on the enjoy a delightful performance starring Renee Taylor, Joe Bologna and Lainie Kazan. It is the tale of two widows who have been set up in a Las Vegas retirement condo by their daughters. The widows think life has passed them by until both meet and fall in love and lust

WELCOME TO YOUR SHARE IN PARADISE

By Nancy Weber

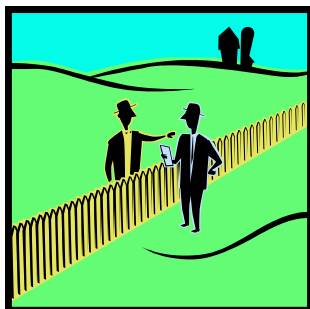
Gary Souse
3231 Pink Oak Terrace

Mt. Orab, Ohio was home to Gary before he moved to his home last May. He is an avid fan of the Red's and always came down for spring training. He found out about Oakwood Manor from someone he met at the Red's game and came to take a look. That is all it took.

Gary was a Social Studies teacher and taught for thirteen years in Mt. Orab and seventeen years in Batavia. He retired in 1999. He is retired but when he goes back home in the summer, he still does student trips to Washington D. C. and all the U. S cities.

He has one brother that comes to visit him quite often and also has friends in Florida that he goes to visit. His interests are in antique shopping, flea markets, gardening, traveling, Red's baseball and of course he is a Buckeye's fan. He has made himself quite a garden and he has a great collection of beer memorabilia as well as a huge collection of all kinds of beer glasses and some trays

Welcome to Oakwood Gary, glad to have you as a neighbor.



MICE-K-TEERS

By Sharon Rump



The Computer Lab will be open Monday evening at 6:30 PM, Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 PM, Wednesday morning at 11:00 AM. If you have any questions or just want a bit of help with something on your computer, come to the computer room and someone will be there to help.

Our monthly meetings are the second Tuesday of the month and we try and cover something that is new, current technology, or review issues that are important to our members. The April 8 meeting will review faxing, Windows DVD Maker (to make slide shows) and answer questions you might have.

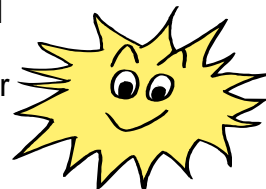
Channel 16 continues to be our method of getting information to our members. We will list scheduled classes and changes when they become available.

If you have not paid your dues for the coming year, please do so. What a bargain for \$10.

Happy Computing!

Be sure and let our
Sunshine Lady
know of anyone
who is sick
or in the hospital

Ginny Slater
366-1699



April 2008

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Oldies Dance

Saturday, April 12
7:00 PM - 10:30 PM
Tickets - \$8.00

Music by Jimmy Spoto

Deadline Thursday, April 10

Mike & Kathy Bondi



Acorn



3330 Fruitville Road
Sarasota, FL 34237