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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

By John Lavezzo

Why do some people find living within a Home Owners' Association appealing, and what type of folks should never do so? People choose to live in Oakwood Manor (OM) because of the many benefits and amenities, including: the pool, fitness room, bocce court, clubhouse, mini-golf and the fact that someone else maintains these; the safe environment; use of the clubhouse for special events; channel 16, a website and a newsletter for community news; lots of neighbors; events and activities to attend; feeling your home is secure while you are away; and professional management.

The benefits are many, though some may consider the following to be drawbacks: limitations to allowable alterations, additions, or modifications to the exterior of your home; parking restrictions; some restrictions on visitors and guests; maintenance fees for amenities you do not use; and "loud, tacky neighbors". (fortunately all our neighbors in OM are saints).

There are some people who will not be happy with life in a community association and should never try. They cannot take "no." Restricting their activities or what they can do to the outside of their home will spark contention, animosity, and defiance which may infect the whole community.

Other residents may be so tuned into and sensitive to rules and regulations that noting the minor infractions of their neighbors becomes an obsession. They produce lists of violations for the manager, demanding compliance. Those who are irritated to the point of ulcers over such things as the pool chairs not being in a straight row, broken gym equipment, or torn pool table felt should not live in a community association. With so many people utilizing the amenities, frequent repairs are inevitable. Not everyone takes the same care as you do. Picky residents can become verbally abusive to management. This is unpleasant and unproductive.

Most are aware that living in a deed-restricted community means you must abide by its governing statutes and documents. The park manager and the board must make sure owners, new and old, are aware of the rules. Let me do that now by reminding residents to thumb through the Blue Book, from time to time, especially the blue pages.

Here is my formula for peace and contentment here in OM: Know the Rules, follow the Rules, especially the Golden Rule of community living---Treat your neighbor the way you would want your neighbor to treat you.

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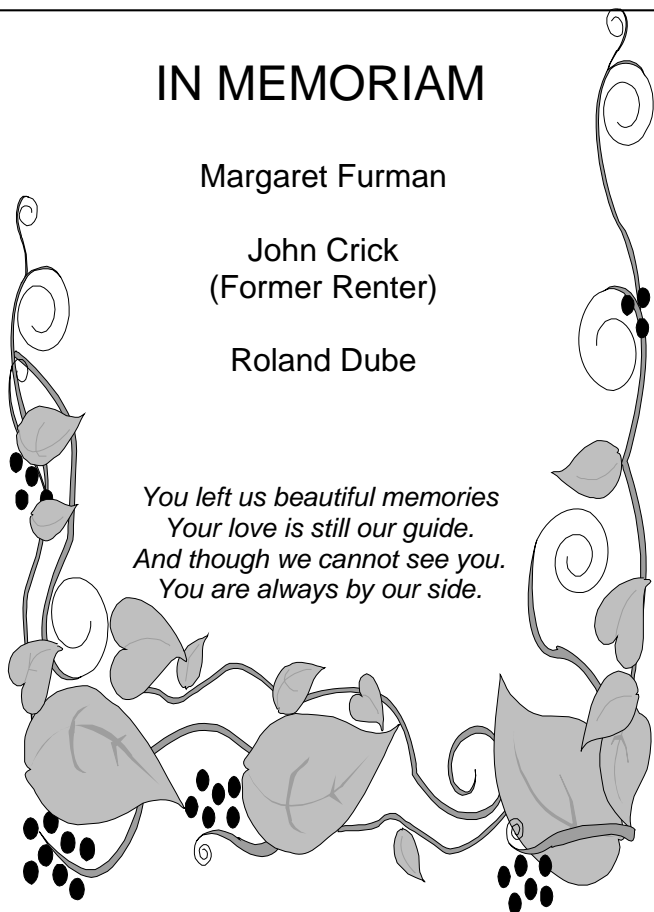
IN MEMORIAM

Margaret Furman

John Crick
(Former Renter)

Roland Dube

*You left us beautiful memories
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
You are always by our side.*



WELCOME TO YOUR SHARE IN PARADISE

By Nancy Weber

Ray and Carol Mickevicius
3313 Oakwood Blvd. S.

Carol was born in the states, Ray was born in Canada and when they married forty two years ago, they made their home in Wasaga Beach, Ontario Canada on Georgian Bay.

They bought their home last April but have been visiting Oakwood ever since Carol's parents bought their home fourteen years ago. They saw how much the parents liked Oakwood so it sold them on buying here also.

Ray and Carol cross country ski as well as down hill. The next time you see a couple on roller blades, say hi to Ray and Carol. They roller blade all over the park and really enjoy it. They love to garden and have five acres up home that keeps them busy. They also like to sail and Ray hopes to start a cycle club in Oakwood. They are really into sports. Carol also likes to paint and has a few sketches done on the walls.

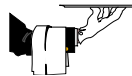
Carol has dual citizenship. She was a special Education teacher and also taught art and was a guidance teacher. Ray was a history teacher and was also in administration.

Ray and Carol have two sons in Toronto as well as two grandsons and one granddaughter. Two of their favorite restaurants are the Bait Shop and Phillippi Creek.

Welcome to Oakwood Ray and Carol. Great to have you as neighbors.

HOA MISSION STATEMENT: To maintain and protect the value of the property by enforcing the documents and rules and regulations while maintaining a spirit of community.

Potluck Dinner



Wednesday, August 26, 2009
5:30 PM
Bring a Dish to Share

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DEADLINE FOR COPY: 12th of Month

THE PALM SINGLES
AND OAKWOOD MANOR

will host a

LABOR DAY POTLUCK DINNER AND DANCE
September 7, 2009

at
Oakwood Manor Clubhouse
3330 Fruitville Road

5 PM Dinner—Dancing 6 'till 8 featuring Ernie Lutz
From the Bayfront Dances

Clubhouse doors open at 4:30 PM

\$6.00 and a dish to share
Chicken will be provided

Men—soda and rolls are nice, easy items to bring, so come on out

Ladies—There will be dances you can do without a partner,
so don't stay at home

Be sure to indicate if you want to reserve a full table when you sign up.
Tickets will be sold at the Palm Singles meetings and on Oakwood Manor
Bingo nights and at Breakfast Club.

Volunteers are needed for setup and clean-up
For further information call Bette Lou –955-7102

All ticket sales end at noon the Saturday before Labor Day

MANAGER'S REPORT

By Jewell Riggs

SLOW DOWN NOW!

Hurry up! Git'er done! What have you been doing? I needed it yesterday! Are you finished yet? You've got to learn to multi-task! I said, now!

All these phrases emphasize our fast-paced American mind set. Computers have not given us a shorter work week as predicted in the late 1970s. With the advent of technology, we were supposed to spend more time with friends and family instead of being at work. Originally computers were only intended for use at work. But now, they are being used equally for recreation and socializing. Emails you open in the morning indicate the sender was up at 1:30 A.M. emailing you work related documents. The time/date stamp on hits to your Twitter and Face book accounts show friends who are up at all hours of the night. Gone are the days when work is work and home is home and the two shall never meet. Everything is fast and all about getting more done today than yesterday.

PLASTIC BAGS

PLEASE, PLEASE put your Publix and Sweet Bay plastic bags in your trashcans. The maintenance men pulled another fountain out of the lake and had to remove twelve (12) plastic bags from the motor.

ADVICE FROM ATTY SCOTT GORDON:

The Association should not be setting itself up for potentially substantial liability by sending its employees out to put down awnings on homes that are owned by individuals and not the Association. Above and beyond the broken bolts, nuts, awnings and windows, what if an employee (allegedly or actually) does not properly

put down the awning to a home and, as a result, that home, or other homes in the community are damaged when storm winds blow the awning into either that home or that of a neighbor.

The responsibility to secure each home should rest squarely and solely on the shoulders of the owners of that home and not the Association.

I know everyone wants to be neighborly and do the right thing, but the potential for liability to the Association that would very well not be covered by your insurance is simply too great.

There is nothing to prevent a group of volunteers in the community from going out and doing this.

Page 5 of 16 RULES & REGULATIONS

6. RENTAL – The Association shall not deny a member or non-member homeowner the right to rent his or her own mobile home within the Park. If he or she elects to rent his or her mobile home during the term of the lease, or any renewal or extension, the Association shall require the owner to notify the park office of his or her intent to rent using the appropriate application form prior to occupancy before an applicant for rental shall be approved for residency in the Park. The mobile home shall be rented to one (1) party (no more than two (2) adults meeting the age requirements set forth in Rule 3 herein) for a minimum of three (3) months or a maximum of six (6) months in any one (1) year. The Association retains the exclusive right to deny permission to occupy mobile homes within Oakwood Manor Mobile Home Park.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

June 30, 2009

By Frank Dawes

For the month of June we had Operating Income of \$75,774 and Operating Expenses of \$75,389 resulting in an Operating Profit for the month of \$385. Year to date we have had Operating Income of \$487,170 and Operating Expense of \$470,736 resulting in a year to date Operating Profit of \$16,434.

Our month cash balances were Operating \$78,608 and Replacement Fund \$596,537. Our Mortgage and Notes Payable balances were Mortgage \$32,482 and Notes Payable Entry/Exit \$700,796. Our Notes Receivable from Owners was \$65,357.

Additions to Fixed Assets for the month were Bridge \$5,409, Seawall \$407 and Rental Apartment \$2,884.

By the time you read this report we will have paid off the Mortgage. We had a CD in Operating that came due. Where the interest rates on CD'S are so low I decided that we could save money by paying off the Mortgage.

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DAMAGE TO A/C UNITS – PHONE LINES – TV CABLE

It is the responsibility of the resident to make sure the area around A/C units, phone lines and TV cables are clear of weeds and grass. I have had several invoices turned in to the Park Office for payment from Plantation to cover the repairs of wiring to A/C units, phone lines and TV cable damaged by weed eaters, which I refused. If you need advice on what to do to prevent damage call the Park Office.

LADIES LUNCHEON

By Luann Hochard

At the July 1st luncheon we were glad to see so many men as our guests. Summer is a slow time for us and I am sure everyone enjoys a get-together now and then.

Our program was an interesting and informative presentation on preparing ourselves and our homes for hurricanes or other disasters. This was presented by Mary King from the Extension Office. Mary had many ideas that we can do to make our lives more comfortable.

Decorations of red, white, and blue remind us all of the freedom we have to meet and share fellowship and food together.

On Wednesday, August 5th we will meet again at 11:00 AM. The program will be the Emeritus at Colonial Oaks, with Judi Dunn as the speaker. Judi promises some pleasant surprises for us.

Once again we are extending an invitation to the men who wish to come and join us. Please sign the reservation list.

The price is still \$3.00, if you wish to bring a salad call Evelyn at 906-1409. Thank you



ATTENTION:

Red Hat "High Stepper's"

Our Queen Mother (Tillie Schultz) will officially resign as of August 1, 2009 ~ She has asked Evie Smith to take her place until everyone returns from up north. At that time we will elect a new Queen Mother.

For questions call Evie Smith at 365-9078

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish all of our residents a very Happy Birthday and are listing the July birthdays here so you can send best wishes to your friends and neighbors on their special day. If there are any errors or omissions please let the office know so our records can be updated. If you do not wish your birthday to be listed, please notify Sharon Rump and she will make sure your name is not published.

Aug 01	Allan	Horsman
Aug 01	Harold	Uttinger
Aug 01	Frances	Pallatto
Aug 02	Sheila	Hughes
Aug 02	Karen	Priar
Aug 03	Dorothy	Longabach
Aug 03	Maureen	Manekas
Aug 04	Ruth K	Nilsen
Aug 04	Donna	Leonhard
Aug 05	Walford	Reeves
Aug 05	Judith	DeWitt
Aug 06	Larry	Salagan
Aug 07	Ronald	Sharp
Aug 07	Steve	Eldred
Aug 07	Laverda	McGowen
Aug 07	Sylvia	Elam
Aug 08	Anne	Coughin
Aug 08	Loretta	Janik
Aug 09	George	Seeley
Aug 09	Wilber	Lair
Aug 09	Norma	Nagy
Aug 09	Anne	Shepard
Aug 10	Allen J.	Mast
Aug 10	Mary	Brandenberger
Aug 11	Daniel	Arnold
Aug 12	Mary	Schulte
Aug 13	Lorraine	Metcalf
Aug 14	Donald	Cote
Aug 14	Carolyn	Jordan
Aug 15	Virginia	Ricker
Aug 15	Betty	Garber
Aug 15	Stacey Lee	Zurlo
Aug 16	Joseph	Berard
Aug 16	Richard	O'Conner
Aug 16	Edna	Roth
Aug 16	Pat	Berry

Aug 16	Carolyn	Dwyer
Aug 16	Louise	Barry
Aug 17	Yvonne	Bailey
Aug 17	Faye	Everhardt
Aug 17	Joeann	O'Hara
Aug 18	Richard	Zuehlke
Aug 18	Jean	Marchesano
Aug 18	Georgianna	Lancaster
Aug 19	Farrell	Benefiel
Aug 19	Cindy	Lavezzo
Aug 20	Wilton	Davidson
Aug 20	Mary	Bowen
Aug 22	Shirley	Anderson
Aug 23	Edwin	Neuhooser
Aug 23	Dale	Hoover
Aug 23	Alice	Richey
Aug 23	Janeen	Springer
Aug 24	Elnor Jean	Willett
Aug 24	Florence	Anders
Aug 24	Gladys	Vermeulen
Aug 24	Elizabeth	Viagrande
Aug 24	Helen	Shearrow
Aug 25	Larry	Unger
Aug 25	Frances	Sroufe
Aug 26	Ralph	Gray
Aug 26	Mary Ann	Edwards
Aug 27	Donald	Otten
Aug 27	Raymond	Smith
Aug 27	Wm	Johnson
Aug 27	Darlene	Tuck
Aug 27	Lynne	May
Aug 28	Shirley	Bohn
Aug 28	Heather	Smith
Aug 29	Istvan	Dojcsanszky
Aug 31	Raymond	Hackett

WORSHIP AT OAKWOOD MANOR

SHUFFLE CLUB NEWS

By Betty Craft

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

We will have guest ministers for the summer months.

As hot as the weather has been, it has not stopped our faithful shufflers.

We have filled three and sometimes four courts. We have had more shufflers this summer playing than we have had in years.

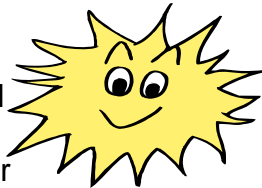
If you have nothing to do on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, come join us at 6:30 PM and have some fun.

A special thanks to Pete Yoder and Glen Struwe for taking care of our courts while Jim Price was away on vacation.

Looking forward to seeing you at the courts.



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



Ginny Slater
366-1699



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TRAVEL TALK

By Sharon Rump

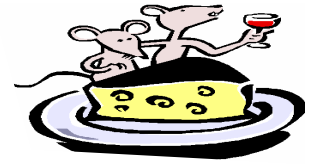
Our activities for the summer months have quieted down a bit but we will still try and feature some activities for the faithful residents who are here all summer.

Friday, August 21 we will have an opportunity to go to Capone's Dinner & Show in Orlando. We will begin our journey behind secret doors and the private hideaway of the 1930's notorious gangster, Al Capone. Feast on an Italian Cuisine All-You-Can-Eat Buffet, plus unlimited beer, cocktails of Cape Cod, Rum Runners and Rum & Cola, plus red and white wine. Following lunch we enter into Capone's Infamous Underworld Cabaret and Speakeasy, where handsome mobsters and beautiful dames will entertain us. They will combine songs that get you humming, with spectacular dance, in heartwarming musical comedy adventure that culminates with a BANG the whole gang is sure to love! - \$63

Our cruise is still accepting reservations. We will go on the FREEDOM OF THE SEAS which will sail from Port Canaveral on January 31 for 8 days/7 nights and go to some of our favorite ports: Coco Cay, Bahamas, St. Thomas and St. Maarten. This is one of the larger ships and boasts an ice-skating rink, rock-climbing wall, flow-rider, and a boxing ring as well as other interesting possibilities. The cabins start at \$899 (\$100 price reduction on all categories) which includes everything including pickup in our parking lot. Cruising continues to be a vacation opportunity for those who want to just relax and be waited upon for a week and have the opportunity to do as much or as little as one desires.

MICE-K-TEERS

By Sharon Rump



The computer room has been very empty the last few weeks. While the snowbirds are up north, this is a good time for us to take a break and pursue some new areas and find exciting things that we can share with our members.

I attended a meeting last night and the main topic of the evening was iTunes and all that can be accomplished with it. You don't need an iPod in order to use the program and it is free download at: <http://www.apple.com/itunes>. There is a link on the right side of the page that will take you to the download site and it is easy to download and install. This program will work on either a Windows system or an Apple and is easy to learn to use.

One of the big features today is podcasts and this is the perfect way to search for content, download and enjoy audio and video covering just a wide variety of topics.

You can manage the music on your computer, organize video clips, TV programs you might want to download from the internet, rip CD's of your favorite tunes and many other features that you can read about on the iTunes sight. This is definitely one area that we will cover in the fall season so if you aren't familiar with the program, check it out and get a head start on everyone else.

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1. Wyeth's field
4. Patty Cake, for one
7. Talented
11. Mutt
12. Undisguised
14. Siouan Indian
15. Comes forth
17. Custody
18. Elegant
19. Fills too full
21. The things here
23. Peasants
24. Somewhat
25. Avarice
26. Scrutinize
27. Spends (money)
28. Humbug!
31. Bank deals
32. 60 mph wind
33. Meager
35. Completely
36. Set of bells
37. Cash tray
38. It 'springs eternal'
39. Levels of command
43. Kiln
44. Word with 'food' or 'music'
45. 'Wait ___ the Sun Shines Nellie'
46. Adam or Mae
47. Unconventional
48. Mata Hari, for example

Down

1. Coveted 'hole' card
2. Island drink
3. Big-top gear
4. Degrade
5. Course taken
6. Bard's 'before'
7. Harmony
8. Noisy quarrel
9. Tennyson and Byron
10. Cote members
13. Shuns
16. Like Parker
20. Regrets
21. Article
22. Farm crop
23. Hag
25. Part of the crystal
27. Fill with ennui
28. Nov. 2 returns
29. Everything
30. You there!
31. Mourn
32. Cheat
33. Push
34. Conduits
35. Plain
36. Breed of dog
37. Heavy blow
40. Dove's call
41. Pinch
42. Crafty

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IT'S ALL IN THE ATTITUDE

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she only had three hairs on her head.

"Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today." So she did and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head.

"Hmm," she said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today." So she did and she had a grand day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only hair on her head.

"Well," she said, "Today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail." So she did and she had a fun, fun, day.

The net day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head.

"YEAH!" she exclaimed, "I don't have to fix my hair today!"

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING!
Have A Good Day!



Acorn



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