



4th of JULY

How much do you know about our Declaration of Independence. Check out your skills with these 5 questions. Answers on page 5

- 1 When did the Continental Congress actually pass a resolution of Independence?
 - a) July 1 b) July 2 c) July 3

- 2 Who was on the committee assembled to draft the declaration?
 - a) Richard Henry Lee, Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert Livingston, and George Washington.
 - b) Samuel Adams, Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert Livingston, and John Hancock.
 - c) John Adams, Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert Livingston, and Roger Sherman.

- 3 What was one of the reasons that Adams told Jefferson, the youngest man on the committee, to draft a declaration?
 - a) Jefferson was from Massachusetts, a politically powerful state.
 - b) Adams knew that he was unpopular and considered obnoxious by many delegates. In order for the declaration to be accepted, he had to keep a low profile.
 - c) Adams wanted to challenge Jefferson to improve his writing skills by drafting an important document.

- 4 Which of the following was something Congress cut out of Jefferson's draft of the declaration?
 - a) They removed all references to slavery.
 - b) They removed all references to women.
 - c) They removed a paragraph written in Latin.

5. Which two key players in the history of Independence died on the fiftieth anniversary of the declaration?
 - a) Thomas Jefferson and John Hancock
 - b) Thomas Jefferson and John Adams
 - c) Benjamin Franklin and John Adams

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By Bill Leonhard

July – Some Current Thoughts!

It is my sincere hope that those of you who read and thought about what I wrote for May and June concerning the Rights and Responsibilities of homeowners found them to be applicable to Oakwood Manor. Admittedly there are some statements that do not apply to Oakwood Manor's homeowners; however, there were many statements that had Oakwood Manor implicated thoroughly.

The most noteworthy issue that is going on in Oakwood Manor is the construction of the new road exit/entrance. Finally permission was given to begin construction about June 2, 2008. Work has progressed as best it can considering the weather and other minor issues from time to time. You have assurance that the work is being done quite professionally and being checked by our engineer, Tom Wilcox, a representative of RBC Bank as well as the city engineering department when they feel it to be necessary. You have absolutely no worry about how your money is being spent. Our engineer is very knowledgeable about engineering requirements and applicable laws, particular, and the type of individual that displays the old statement "everything has a place and everything is in its place."

For me I trust the project will be done as best it can be and we will finally have a totally safer place to enter Fruitville road. Your safety is the Board's largest concern and the way we have to exit certainly is not safe for ALL residents.

Work has been done on the Bocci Ball Court. Maintenance found many rotten boards that were replaced as well as some of the cement in the court. In talking to Jewell I find the wiring in the room containing all of the TV equipment needs to be replaced or reworked when it can be. The bridge between the clubhouse and the park will be redone for the safety of our residents. Work is very slow at this time according to Jewell because of vacation earned by the Maintenance men. While all of this is going on the crew is in the park to seal the streets and other necessary areas. All of this activity is done to make living better for Oakwood Manor homeowners and to protect the value of their investment.

OAKWOOD MANOR

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DEADLINE FOR COPY: 12th of Month

Potluck Dinner



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

GREEN THUMB UPDATE

By Gene Cotter

Hurricane season is upon us and we have been very lucky the last two years. Human nature being what it is, we have probably become complacent towards storms. True, we have not experienced a direct hit from a hurricane since the 1920's, but that could change.

The normal precautions remain the same. Remove anything that can blow around like lawn furniture, bar-b-cue grills and any small statues. Take down any hanging plants and put them in your shed.

The most wind-resistant trees are the large Canary Island Date (at the entrance to the park), the small Pygmy Date Palm and the Sabal (Cabbage) Palm. Also high on the list are the Crepe Myrtle, Hibiscus, Ixora, Live Oak (not the Loral Oak), Christmas Palms (they are in the pool area and shuffle courts) and the Royal Palm.

The worse on the list are the Loquat (one by the gazebo), Queen Palm (and we have many) and the Indian Rosewood (they are on both sides of the pond by the clubhouse and by the bocci court). The yellow flowered tree with the crooked trunk is the Tabcbua or the Sarasota Gold Tree. Tests show this beautiful tree has very shallow roots and can fall over in 40 mile an hour winds; not too comforting. Common sense should be the watchword this season.

In other news, the rains should have started by the time you read this. We have a new service taking care of our new front lawn and already it is looking great.

Even though we are few in number in the summer, we still manage. Gordon Meyer is our newest addition to the Green Thumbers and it

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 31, 2008

By Frank Dawes

For the month of May we had Operating Income of \$85,218 and Operating Expenses of \$64,311 resulting in an Operating Profit of \$20,907. Year to date we had Operating Income of \$441,728 and Operating Expenses of \$388,688 resulting in a year to date Operating Profit of \$53,060. A major portion of our monthly profit was from Rental Income and Sales Commissions totaling \$13,666. We now have one apartment rented for the entire year.

At the end of May our cash balances were Operating \$127,812 and Replacement Fund \$604,693. The Notes Receivable balance from owners was \$81,414. Our Mortgage and Notes Payable balances were, Mortgage \$165,017 and Notes Payable Entry/Exit \$123,340.

Additions to Fixed Assets for the month was \$4,943 for a new Club Car for the Maintenance Department.



is good to have a very experienced man with an extensive background in horticulture.

Good luck this summer and stay safe. See you soon.

MANAGER'S REPORT

By Jewell Coons

MAINTENANCE WORK

Please be patient this summer with your maintenance calls, our maintenance men will be taking their vacations and we will be limited to the men working.

BOCCE COURT REPAIR

Maintenance replaced rotten 1 x 8's inside bocce court, poured concrete and leveled sand.

BRIDGE NEXT TO POOL

Maintenance ordered new materials to replace rotted plywood and wood for bridge going over to picnic area.

HURRICANE FORMS

Please stop by Park Office and pick up your Hurricane Form to fill out with a red sheet to put in your front window, if you will be staying in the park during a hurricane.

LANDSCAPING

Fungicide and fertilization should always be done just before the hurricane season starts and after any large storm. This will protect and promote new growth and save trees that have been severely damaged by the wind and from whatever else the wind will blow into them.

PAVING ON EASTSIDE

June 13, 2008 Felton Asphalt started paving project on eastside of park.



WELCOME TO YOUR SHARE IN PARADISE

By Nancy Weber

Barbara Capierseho 3404 Shingle Oak Terr.

Rochester, New York received the All American City award in 1998 and it is one of only ten communities to earn this recognition. Barbara comes to us from Rochester and if it sounds like I am boasting about Rochester, I am because it is also my home town. It is nice to have a Rochesterian move into Oakwood.

Barbara bought her home in December, retired and moved into her home in February. She is a part time resident and will spend her summers at her place at Sodus Point outside of Rochester on Lake Ontario. She has a son and two granddaughter's in Sarasota and a son, daughter and four grandchildren in Rochester.

Volunteering on the ambulance was one of Barbara's interests. She also likes to dance and when she is settled in, will probably find one or two of the many activities offered in our park to keep her busy.

Barbara retired from the Rochester Women's Network. It is a non profit organization helping women to further their careers by providing mentors and helping them to develop their skills. It is a six hundred member strong organization.

Welcome to Oakwood Manor Barbara.

I talked to Barbara a couple of months after I interviewed her and discovered that our daughter's are neighbors and our grandchildren go to school together. How about that for a small world. Welcome again Barbara.

WORSHIP AT OAKWOOD MANOR

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

This service will be conducted by our guest minister, Rev. Art McAninch for three Sundays in July. The third Sunday will be conducted by another guest minister to be named later.



LADIES LUNCHEON

By Luann Hochard



Our June luncheon consisted of a smaller summer group of ladies. Celebrating June wedding's brought some interesting stories of members sharing stories of their own weddings.

After a luncheon of many assorted salads and desserts, an afternoon of games was enjoyed by many.

The next luncheon will be on Wednesday, July, 2nd at 11:30 am. There is a reservation list posted on the board for your convenience. If you wish to bring a salad please call Evelyn at 906-1409, or Luann at 365-6596. Thank you.

Answers to Quiz on Page 1

1. On July 2nd, the Lee-Adams resolution of independence was adopted, and many thought that would be the date celebrated as America's birthday.

2. John Adams, Ben Franklin, Robert Livingston of New York, and Roger Sherman of Connecticut were all on the committee. Thomas Jefferson was also selected because Virginia was so politically powerful.

3. Adams knew that he was unpopular and considered obnoxious by many delegates. In order for the declaration to be accepted, he had to keep a low profile.

There were three main reasons that factored into Adams' decision: First, the thirty-three-year-old Jefferson was a Virginian. "Virginia was the largest, richest, and most politically powerful of all the colonies," elaborated author Kenneth C. Davis. "He [Adams] understood there were some public relations to be done." Second, Adams knew that he himself was unpopular and considered obnoxious by many delegates.

"[Adams] was a very smart man, but it didn't take a genius to figure out that he wasn't popular in the summer of 1776. In order for [the Declaration of Independence] to be acceptable to people, he had to be low-profile," says Davis.

Finally, Adams said Jefferson could "write ten times better than I can." Explains Davis: "Adams *did* write some wonderful things over the course of his life, but Jefferson was a bit more poetic."

4. They removed all references to slavery. The Congress made 86 changes, which eliminated 480 of Jefferson's words. Most important was the removal of all references to slavery, "the execrable commerce," which Jefferson, a slaveholder himself, had blamed on King George.

5. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams
Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died within hours of each other on July 4, 1826. Benjamin Franklin died on April 17, 1790, and John Hancock died on October 8, 1793.

IN MEMORIAM

David Evans

Clyde McDaniel

Frank Dillman

Lucille Tripp

*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

NEW ROAD

By Lois Charen

Isn't it great to see the machinery and workers finally getting started on our new entrance? Many of you asked about a "ground breaking" ceremony. As things have preceded it turned out to be very awkward to create a meaningful groundbreaking experience. The permitting process effected by land titles, etc. has been so intermittent that it was inappropriate for city leaders to participate. As the T's were still being crossed and the I's dotted the contractor was able to move in and get things underway. Recognizing that many were north for the season it just wasn't in the cards to pull off a ceremony.

In any event it is good to see and hear things begin to happen. A practice is underway to post pictures in the clubhouse from time to time illustrating the progress being made. If you look at the Oakwood Manor Web site, Sharon has consented to take the time and post pictures for all to see the progress.

Have faith. The time will arrive when a ribbon cutting ceremony can get organized and we will enjoy the convenience and safety of the new road.



Since this photograph was taken the collection box has been completed including the concrete roof and the 54" pipes have been extended to take care of that portion of the road

NEW RESIDENTS

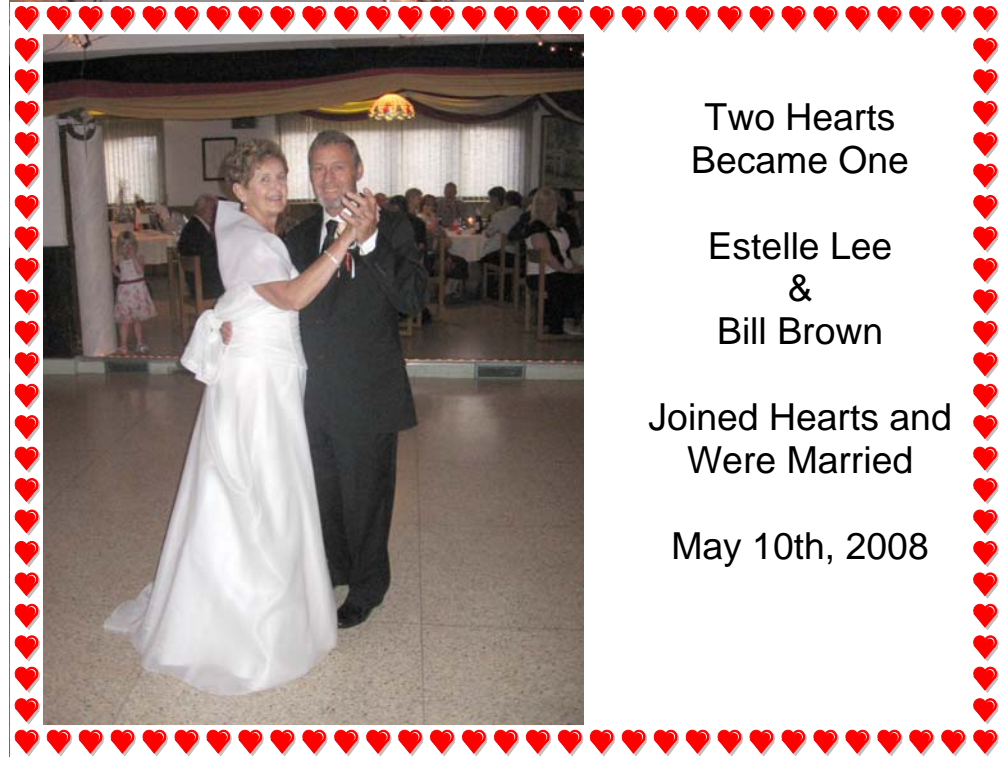
Rachael Meadows
209 White Oak Way

John & Rosemary Poggione
211 Water Oak Lane

These are changes/corrections/additions to the Oakwood Manor

Page#	Last name	His name	Her name	# street	street	phone#	State	comment
4 & 22	Babey		Marie	212	Oakwood Blvd W.	951-0625	NY	add in
4 & 25	Bahret	Robert	Betty	3236	Sumac Terr.	955-4063	NY	add in
4 & 19	Beier	Willi	Eleonora	3226	Ash Terr.			add in
4 & 19	<u>Beu</u>		<u>Lois</u>	<u>3221</u>	<u>BayBerry Terr.</u>	<u>366-5744</u>	<u>NY</u>	delete
6 & 19	Chetta		<u>Diane</u>	3220	BayBerry Terr.	954-3220	NJ	add in
6 & 25	Cooper	John	Vivian (<u>Joan</u>)	3223	Sweet Gum Terr.	365-0585	KY	change to
6 & 22	Coulombe		Rose	410	Oakwood Blvd W.	951-1831	NH	add in
6	Davis		Marcia	414	Oakwood Blvd W.	954-1479	<u>RI</u>	edit
6 & 23	Deganis	Sergio		3420	OverCup Oak Terr.	<u>955-5909</u>	CT	add in
7 & 21	Eby	<u>John</u>	Pollyanna	<u>3387</u>	Oakwood Blvd N.	955-4012	PA	add in
7 & 19	<u>Eller</u>	<u>Merrill</u>	<u>Marilyn</u>	<u>3231</u>	<u>Banyan Terr.</u>			delete
8 & 19	Gordon	Steve	Rita	3221	BayBerry Terr.			add in
9 & 23	<u>Hunt</u>	<u>John</u>	<u>Margaret</u>	<u>3220</u>	<u>Pink Oak Terr.</u>	<u>362-4024</u>	<u>NY</u>	delete
9 & 25	Jones	Kenneth	Patricia	3234	Sweet Bay Terr		OH	add in
9 & 22	Kirchoff	<u>no - John</u>	Lynne					xxx out
9 & 23	Kauffmann	Duane	<u>Dottie</u>	3414	Over Cup Oak Terr.		IN	change to
11 & 26	Mastrodomenico		Andrea	113	White Oak Way	955-5980	MA	o not a
11 & 23	Miller		Elizabeth	3220	Pink Oak Terr.			add in
11 & 19	Miller		Susan	3211	BayBerry Terr.	<u>544-9574</u>	OH	change to
12 & 19	Nangle	William	Ruth	3216	BayBerry Terr.	<u>366-3820</u>		add in
12 & 26	Poggione	John	Rosemary	<u>211</u>	Water Oak LN.			add in
13 & 25	<u>Pilkington</u>		<u>Frances</u>	<u>3234</u>	<u>Sweet Bay Terr</u>	<u>953-3622</u>	<u>MA</u>	delete
13 & 23	Ritchey	<u>no - Joseph</u>	Susan	3219	Pink Oak Terr.	955-4640	MI	xxx out
16 & 20	Skipworth	<u>James</u>	<u>Mary Colleen</u>	3331	Laurel Oak Way	365-9607	IL	xxx out
16 & 23	Skipworth	<u>Larry</u>	<u>Patricia</u>	3331	Laurel Oak Way	365-9607	IL	correct

19	Skipworth	for sale	for sale	3211	Aspen Terr.		
17 & 23	Thomas	Phillip		3220	Pink Oak Terr.		add in
17 & 21	Thompson	Bruce	Sharon	3306	Oakwood Blvd S.	516-314-3622	NY only #
18 & 25	Williamson	Warren		3233	Sweet Bay Terr	524-5860	new #
18	Willis	Lyle	Dorothy	3224	Sycamore Terr	955-0798	VA/MI add in



Two Hearts
Became One

Estelle Lee
&
Bill Brown

Joined Hearts and
Were Married

May 10th, 2008

TRAVEL TALK

By Sharon Rump

It's official. The year is half over and summer is upon us. Where did the time fly. Before you know it the snowbirds will be back, knocking on our doors.

Meanwhile....lets enjoy a few day trips. On August 19 we will take in the LAKELAND HISTORICAL TOUR & POLK MUSEUM OF ART. Arrive at *Red Rose Inn* in Plant City, to enjoy a gourmet dining experience with a luncheon buffet. Continue to Lakeland, where we'll meet our step-on tour historian guide. Visit *Munn Park*, an oasis of green in downtown Lakeland which is the beginning of historic downtown. See the *Terrace Hotel* which opened in 1924 and was hailed one of Florida's finest year round inns, remodeled in 1998 with nostalgic furnishings and historic charm. Another stop will be at the newly renovated *Polk Theatre*, built during the golden age, as a vaudeville/movie palace. Visit the *Hollis Gardens*, a formal 1.2 acre botanical garden, located on historic Lake Mirror. Our final stop will be at *Polk Museum of Art*, with exhibits that include *Digital Art Exhibition*, a *New Photo Exhibition by Karsh, Leonard and Bagert*, and *All that Glitters is English Silver*.

"BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS " BROADWAY PALMS - FT. MYERS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008 - \$74.00
Arrive at the *Broadway Palms Dinner Theatre*. Begin with salad bar then indulge in the hot entree buffet and the lavish dessert bar. Sit back and enjoy *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas!* When her legendary house of ill-repute is ordered to be closed down by the governor Miss Mona and her girls take on the establishment in this rip-roaring, high octane production! Includes the songs "*Hard Candy Christmas*" and "*The Aggie Song*."

SOCIAL SECURITY - EARLY BIRD THEATRE - CLEARWATER—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 - \$63.00

Upon arrival at *Early Bird Dinner Theatre* in

MICE-K-TEERS

By Sharon Rump



Summer is upon us and we will try to do a bit of cleanup in the computer room, getting ready for a busy winter season with lots of areas to explore.

We will fine tune some of our tutorials on the equipment that we have available for our members to use. Please understand that when using our equipment to create DVD, any copyrighted material will not copy on this equipment. Anything that you have created on your own with a video camera will be OK.

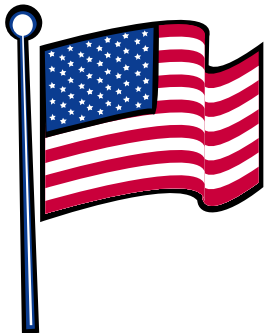
If you have a change of email address, please let us know at packerbaby@aol.com

Happy computing!

Clearwater, enjoy a bountiful all-you-can-eat luncheon buffet. Sit back and enjoy, *Social Security!* The domestic tranquility of a married couple who are art dealers is shattered upon the arrival of the wife's goody goody nerd of a sister, the sister's uptight CPA husband, and her Archetypal Jewish Mother. They are there to try to save their college student daughter from the horrors of living only for sex. The comic sparks really begin to fly when the mother hits it off with the elderly minimalist artist who is the art dealer's best client!

We have 82 signed up for the cruise in November. We have turned in the remaining cabins so anyone booking now will probably experience a slight increase in price.

I have a flyer for a trip to Alaska in May 2009 which includes a cruise on the *Radiance of the Seas* and a 7 day land tour. Please call me at 951-0984 if you wish any details. If there is no interest, I will cancel what the travel agent is holding.



4th of July Party

3:30 P.M. Refreshments & Snacks

5:00 P.M. Food

Bratwurst, Cheeseburger, Hamburger or Hot Dog

Lynne's Picnic Beans

Lettuce salad

Apple Pie & Ice Cream

Tickets \$ 8.00

Extra sandwich \$ 1.00

Ginny S. 366-1699

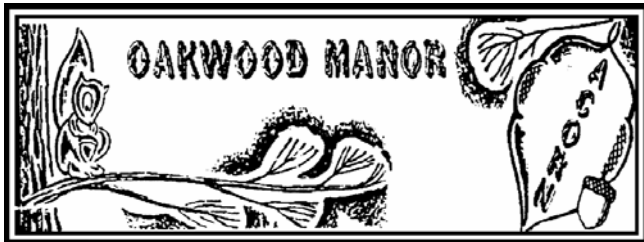
Must declare meat when you buy

Need to order on Monday June 30th.

After deadline \$10.00



Acorn



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