



December 2008

How nice that the northern winds are bringing us our Snow birds, and not Snow!!!

The Board of Directors wishes a Happy Holiday Season to all.

**ASSOCIATION NEWS:**

**Please put garbage into tightly tied plastic bags** and place them into the dumpster, **not** outside of it. Please break down cartons before putting them into dumpsters. Only lint should be put into laundry room baskets; lint is easily removed from dryers with a toothbrush. **Dryers run for 30 minutes on 25 cents.** Only newspapers and their inserts should be put into newspaper recycling bins. Only plastic items with "1" or "2" on the bottom are to be recycled; all other plastics should be put in the garbage dumpsters. **In recycling, it is essential that clear glass be kept separate.**

Please **turn off your water & water heater** before going on even a short trip. It is suggested that you turn the off valve a few times before leaving to ensure that the valve is not leaking. Apartment air conditioners should be **professionally serviced twice a year** to reduce the likelihood of leaks. **Please keep records of servicing.**

Regulations require the wearing of cover ups while en route to the pool or beach. Towels are required on poolside chairs for those in bathing suits. **A SHOWER MUST BE TAKEN BEFORE EACH AND EVERY DIP IN THE POOL.**

**Citrus rinds, banana or onion skins or large amounts of any matter should NOT be put into your garbage disposal unit.** Please run plenty of water during, and for a few minutes after, using your disposal.

**Please use the dumpsters assigned to your building, & advise contractors employed by you to do the same. NO FURNITURE, MATTRESSES, BATHROOM FIXTURES, CABINETS, ETC. ARE TO BE PUT IN THE DUMPSTERS.**

In the interest of safety & convenience, it is imperative that the front door of every unit be marked with the **NUMBER of the unit.** Imagine the problems that might result should public safety personnel be unable to locate the apartment to which they have been summoned, or if UPS parcels, etc. cannot be delivered.

All owners are strongly urged to **LEAVE COPIES OF THEIR APARTMENT KEYS IN THE OFFICE. SAFEGUARDS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY.** Your keys will be secure in a new lockbox. Only three people have a key to the room wherein the lockbox is located, & to the lock box itself. **A leak in an unoccupied unit for which there is no key available, is a problem not only for the owner, but for neighbors.**

Please remember that **house guests** must be registered in the office (9 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Mon. - Fri.) Deposit for tags is \$2 p.p. Please try to bring the exact amount needed. **Please return tags ASAP after your guests have departed..** Please note that all vehicles parked over night in Del Mar must have parking stickers or temporary yellow passes; **trucks, RVs, etc. may not be parked in Del Mar over night.**

**Gerry Rankins** has made arrangements for the **VNA** to give **free blood pressure & blood sugar (fasting)** screenings in the upper clubhouse from **8 - 10 a.m.** on the **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday** of the month in **Jan., Feb. Mar.**

**Mary & Bill Leddy** would like to thank all of their friends at Del Mar for the cards and prayers which were sent to them this past year. It was very comforting, and one of the reasons that we are back again this season. Thank you all.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of **Joe Proscia**. He contributed in so many ways to our Del Mar culture, whether it was on the Shuffleboard Scene or in creating our Bingo Night flash cards, or playing cards on the porch, or in fashioning a wall Christmas tree for the lower clubhouse, or organizing the "Men of the Line" for the Triple Crown parties, and Super Bowl wagering. A quiet, thoughtful, and circumspect man, Joe could always be counted on for words of wisdom, when such were needed. He is very much missed. Our deepest sympathies are extended to **Marie and the Proscia Family**.

We are very sorry to hear of the death of **John Alway**, our friend and neighbor from "across the pond". Our sincere condolences are offered to **Marion and the Alway Family**.

We are very saddened by the passing of **Tom Martin**. His warm smile and sense of humor endeared him to all he met. Our sympathies are offered to **Dorothy and the Martin Family**.

Our sincere condolences are offered to **Lorraine & Shakes McLaughlin** on the passing of **Lorraine's Father, George Larkins**.

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**THE SOCIAL SCENE:**

Many thanks to the mysterious Santa's Elf whose talents have turned the upstairs clubhouse into a Christmas delight. The trees are decked out in brilliantly hued ornaments and dazzling lights. Glittering lights nestled in greenery brighten the mantelpieces, the piano room countertops and the credenza by the south entrance. The crèche atop the piano reflects the spirit of the Christmas season. Beribboned wreaths suspended from the balcony, and adorning the windows and walls, Santas, reindeer, candles and garlands and pine cones all combine to create a most festive scene.

Out thanks, too to those whose labors created a ribbon of lights around the clubhouse and a most welcoming arrangement of wreaths and gaily colored lights at the entrance to Del Mar.

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**Cosmo Pugliesi (231-6496)** makes bulletin board notices for Social Committee activities. If you are chairing an event, please contact **Cosmo**.

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If you are planning a **private party** in the **clubhouse** or in the **grill & garden** area by the western entrance to the lower clubhouse, (you must have a party of **10 or more** to reserve the grill area), please call **Peg Coburn (231-0645)** to **reserve the date(s)**. A **calendar** indicating reservations of the clubhouse and/or grill area is posted in the mailroom. **Those using the grills must clean them when finished. Be certain gas is turned off.**

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Guys & Gals – get ready for candy canes & sugar plums! **Aquacize** each weekday at **9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.**

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Thanks to the **Library Committee** for keeping the shelves in good order. Those **returning or donating** books are asked to place them on the bookshelves.

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Please consult **bulletin boards** in the mailrooms and individual bldgs. Developments often occur after *The Vine* has been distributed

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**Thursday Night Bridge is in full swing.** Come alone or with a partner. **7 p.m.** Bring **\$.50** for prizes. Until **Bill & Marilyn Dock** return, information may be obtained from **Joanne Weiland (234-0315)** or **Irene Foley (231-2708)**.

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**Elaine Wolford (234-3946)** advises that an art teacher and member of the **Vero Beach Art Club** is willing to come to Del Mar to "help" any and all interested in a once-a-week class. If you are interested, please sign your name and phone number on the yellow sheet posted on the mail room bulletin board. When **5 or more** have signed up, Elaine will call her back and "make arrangements" – i.e. cost, time, etc.

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The second annual **Potpourri Day** featuring a **bake sale, display and/or sale of arts and crafts, white elephant sale**, will be held on **Jan. 31**. We hope that our creative DMers will display the fruits of their talents. There will be a sign up list for those who volunteer to bake and/or display their arts & crafts. Donations to the White Elephant are most welcome. **Please do not leave items by the storeroom. Please call Elaine Wolford (234-1369) or Peg Coburn (231-0645) before Dec. 18 or after Dec. 31**, and arrangements will be made to meet you at the storeroom.

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**FUN TIMES REMEMBERED:**

Oh what a night it was on **Nov. 14** at the **Porch & Pool BYOB**. The savoring of a multitude of mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres, and the best of company, was but the prelude to a celestial extravaganza created by the rising of the brilliant Beaver Moon over the Atlantic, followed by the explosion of light in the heavens created by the launch of the space shuttle

whose flames we could trace into the stratosphere. Many thanks to **Lois & Bob Baldiga** and **Nancy & Pat Notarantonio** hosting a most marvelous evening that will long be remembered.

The **Dec. 6 Coffee** was the perfect prelude to the Christmas season. The upstairs locale made it easy to mingle while enjoying our gorgeous Christmas décor, and munch on the grand goodies provided by our **E Bldg.** hosts: fresh fruit, homemade quiche, danish, donuts, rugalah, mini cinnamon buns. Our thanks for this yummy Yuletide gathering to chairmen **Gerry & Paul Rankins** and their committee: **Pat & John O'Neil, Pat & Rich Vincenti, Joe Shugart.**

We should like to remind new residents that **Coffee hours** and **BYOBs** provide a very pleasant venue for meeting new neighbors.

**FUTURE FUN TIMES:**

- Dec. 19** You've hung up your holly; shopped 'till you've dropped; made those lists and checked them twice – It's time to relax and enjoy some holiday cheer with friends and neighbors at the fun and festive **BYOB** hosted by **Marie & Paul Colella**. Bring a special something to share (please label contents) and the holiday beverage of your choice. \* **5:30 p.m.**
  
- Jan. 5** It's back!!! Fun & fabulous **Monday Night Bingo** chaired by **John Wesley**. Enjoy some "T" and "layer cake". **\$3 p.p.** Bring an extra **\$1 p.p.** for a special **jackpot game** at the end of the evening. Bingo starts at **7 p.m.**
  
- Jan. 6** **Social Committee Meeting.** All residents, owners and renters, are welcome to attend. **10 a.m.**
  
- Jan. 7** **First Movie Night** hosted by **Kevin McNamara**. (Please note that for this week only, movie night is **Wednesday night** instead of **Tuesday night**). The first film of the season will be "**Mamma Mia**". Admission is free. Popcorn by **Jeff & Sonya Madoff** is **\$.50**. The movies start at **7 p.m.** Check bulletin boards for upcoming films.
  
- Jan. 10** **Coffee** hosted by **F Bldg.** First social event of 2009, chaired by **Harriet & Blaine O'Dell**. Do not miss this chance to mingle and munch with friends old and new. **\$1 p.p.** **9:30 a.m.**
  
- Jan. 16** First **BYOB of the New Year** hosted by **Nancy & Joe Fitzsimons** and **Barbara & Joe Passariello**. Meet and greet, sip and sup, and have a grand time with fellow DMers. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share (with contents labeled, please), and your favorite cocktail or mocktail.\* **5:30 p.m.**
  
- Jan. 21** **Sign up** for **Jan. 28 Pot Luck Dinner Party** chaired by **Cecil & Chick Matt**. More details in next "*Vine*" and on bulletin boards.
  
- Jan. 22** **VNA** free blood pressure and blood sugar (fasting) screening. Upper clubhouse **8 – 10 a.m.**

**\*please bring home bottles and cans and recycle them**

**Julie Solomon**, Board of Directors' Secretary, has done a beautiful job of establishing **an official website for Del Mar: [www.delmarassociationinc.com](http://www.delmarassociationinc.com)**. You can read messages from the President, Treasurer's Reports, Board Meeting minutes, learn of activities, etc. You can also read the latest issue of *The Vine*. We can save some money if those who can, read *The Vine* on the website, rather than receive printed copies. Please e mail **Peg Coburn** at [tuoburn02@aol.com](mailto:tuoburn02@aol.com), if you wish to read the newsletter on the website, rather than receive a printed copy.

Remember – let's hear from you so that you'll hear from me.

*Peggy Coburn*

**Merry Christmas      Happy Chanukah      Happy New Year**