



March 2009

At last –Mother Nature has gotten her act together and given us spectacular weather!!!!

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**ASSOCIATION NEWS:**

The Board of Directors will meet at 9 a.m. on March 12.

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**Please put garbage into tightly tied plastic bags** and place them into the dumpster, not outside 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. A heavy load such as towels, may require two quarters.** 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.**

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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.**

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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.**

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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.

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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.**

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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.

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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. **IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR LOCKS, PLEASE BE SURE THAT A CURRENT KEY HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE OFFICE.**

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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.**

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**FOOD & BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED AROUND THE POOL EXCEPT AT SOCIAL COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS..**

We are sorry to hear of the passing of one of Del Mar's original owners, **Joe Feilen**, and we extend our deepest sympathies to **Mid** and the **Feilen family**. Condolences may be sent to : **1712 Vanlandingham Drive, McKinney, Tx. 75071**. We are saddened, too, by news of the death of **Rudy Radocy**, and offer our sincere condolences to his family.

**THE SOCIAL SCENE:**

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

Chairmen of Social Committee events, or hosts of private functions in the clubhouse, bring with them a **cell phone**, in case an emergency occurs.

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.**

Guys & Gals – The Easter Bunny will soon be here with his basket of goodies! You'll be ready for him if you **Aquacize** each weekday at **9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. (weather permitting)**

**Shirley MacDonald** is chairing a DVD Tai Chi class & **Ellen Farquhanson** instructs in yoga from **9a.m.-10** on **Tuesday mornings**. Simple breathing and movement techniques will improve energy, and increase our sense of well being.

Join in the fun of **Line Dancing**, chaired by **Janet Costantini & Mary Ruszczyk**, at **10 a.m.** each **Tues. (\$2 p.p.)**

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.

Please consult mailroom & bldg. **bulletin boards** Developments often occur after *The Vine* has been distributed.

Join in the fun of **Bingo** with **John Wesley, Kevin McNamara, Joe Fitzsimons** assisted by **Ron Schneider & Shakes McLaughlin**, each **Monday** night at **7 p.m.** U'll be sorry if U don't. Admission is **\$3 p.p.**; **bring an extra \$1** for the special **jackpot game** at the end of the evening (small bills are appreciated). Congratulations to recent **jackpot winners Rosalie Rollins, Rosaleen Cardillo, Harriet O'Dell, Carol Brooks, Les Gulley**. The final 2009 Bingo will be on **March 30**, and will be preceded by a pizza party for players and their spouses. Sign up at Bingo on **Mon. night**

**Tuesday** night is **Movie Night** with **Kevin McNamara**. Admission is free. Watch a fabulous flick and munch on yummy popcorn (50 cents p.p.) prepared by **Jeff & Sonya Madoff**. See **Future Fun Times** for listings **7 p.m.**

**Thursday Night Bridge** is in full swing. Come alone or with a partner. **7 p.m.** Bring **\$.50** for prizes. For further information, call your hosts **Bill & Marilyn Dock (231-6267)**. Congratulations to recent winners: Feb. 5: **1<sup>st</sup> – Norma Haywood & Alyce Williams**; **2<sup>nd</sup> – Barbara Culver & Evelyn Bonanno**. Feb. 12: **1<sup>st</sup> – Barbara Culver & Evelyn Bonanno**; **2<sup>nd</sup> – Alice Bliyak & Trudy Svata**. Feb. 19 – **1<sup>st</sup> – Marilyn & Bill Dock**; **2<sup>nd</sup> – Dege Bjorgan & Nyla Irvin**. Feb. 26: **1<sup>st</sup> – Barbara Culver & Evelyn Bonanno**; **2<sup>nd</sup> – Beth Garofalo & Mary Ruszczyk**.

**"Artists Helping Artists"**, chaired by **Elaine Wolford**, meet each **Thursdays** from **1 – 3 p.m.** **Crafters** are also invited. **Elaine** has many materials to share. If you have any questions you may contact her at **234-3946**.

Donations to the **White Elephant** may be made throughout the year. **Please** do not leave items outside the storeroom. **Please call Elaine Wolford at 234-3946 or Peg Coburn (231-0645)** and arrangements will be made to meet with you.

**Arlene Foscaidi** is deeply appreciative of the support given her by many, many DMers during her recent surgery and recuperation. She thanks all who have given her support with calls, cards, and prayers. And we are all delighted to see **Arlene** looking so well.

**FUN TIMES REMEMBERED:**

The "ladies who lunch" partook of a marvelous repast at the **Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> Ladies' Luncheon** at the **Vero Beach Yacht Club**. Generous and tasty servings of Pineapple chicken salad, London Broil, or Tilapia were preceded by a cream of

mushroom soup brimming with mushrooms, and followed by that Florida favorite, Key Lime pie. Many thanks for this outstanding outing to **Chairman Nelli Pugliesi** and her committee: **Pat Tuohy, Joanne Weiland, Peg Coburn.**

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The consensus is that the **Feb. 18 Pancake Breakfast** was the best ever!!!! **Jim Hunter** and his **Merry Men** prepared and served mounds of fluffy pancakes, piles of bacon and the most delicious sausage we've had yet – gallons of o.j. and coffee, and warm maple syrup. And how about that cute 'hostess", **Bill Leddy**, who guided the ever growing throng to and from tables. We enjoyed our magnificent meals about tables dressed up for Presidents' Week in white tablecloths with red and blue placemats and vases bound with red, white and blue ribbon, and filled with bright red carnations and baby breath. Many thanks for this exercise in excellent eating to **Jim Hunter** and his workers: **Cosmo Pugliesi, Joe Fitzsimons, Jerry McGee, Fred Garafalo, Bill Weiland, Ian Telford, Joe Passariello, Pat Notarantonio, Vince Ferreri, Ron Schneider, Paul Colella, Jack Foley, Bob Baldiga, Sean McDonough, Warren Carrier, John Wesley, Bill Leddy, Laurie Hunter, Yolanda Pasino, Pat Tuohy, Nellie Pugliesi, Peg Coburn.**

A few words from **Jim (the Pancake Man) Hunter**: "Once again the team made it happen. Feeding 170 people in an hour and a half without having a major catastrophe is an amazing feat. While we do this only once a year, the individual members of the team seem to combine effortlessly into a smooth working machine. Each member should be proud of their accomplishments. Thanks again."

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The tables done up with white tablecloths, and red, white and blue ribboned vases filled with shiny red, white and blue stars and streamers, made for a sparkling salute to President's Week. We sipped, and noshed from the bountiful platters loaded with hearty hors d'oeuvres, and chatted with neighbors and visitors. Many thanks for this red, white and blue-tiful evening to **Pat & Gerry McGee** and **Rosaleen & Marco Cardillo.**

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The salute to the "Year of the Ox" at the **Feb. 22 Chinese New Year Dinner Party** proved to be one of the most celebratory events ever, at Del Mar. The Asian flavor of the evening was not confined to the delicious cuisine from the **Szechuan Palace.** **Harvey & Marty Wasserman** decorated the upstairs clubhouse with blue and white vases filled with bougainvillea and bamboo, wall hangings and Chinese lanterns strung from the ceiling.

The downstairs ballroom was brilliantly done up in Chinese décor. Huge fans bracketed the US flag on the west wall; tapestries and tassels were placed on other walls. A flying dragon and three land bound members of the species surveyed the revelers from the balcony. The tables provided the perfect milieu for a Chinese New Year feast. Red tablecloths were set with place mats detailing the Chinese Zodiac, gold napkins, black lacquer cutlery, chopsticks (which all, of course, wielded with great dexterity), and clever centerpieces of flower filled takeout cartons. The yummy egg roll and chicken wing appetizers were followed by buffet that offered tantalizing and tasty beef & broccoli, sesame chicken, sweet & sour pork, shrimp w/Chinese vegetables, vegetable lo mein, fried and white rice, and the serving of a gorgeous cake iced in white and red with a panda centerpiece, expertly cut by **Jerry McGee.** **Kent Taylor Brown's** lilting and lively music had us filling the dance floor until the last dance. Congratulations to the winners of the **50/50**: **Julie Wolfer** and **Shirley MacDonald.** Many thanks for this elegant Asian evening to **Chairman Fran Green**, assisted by **Maryellen Costello** and their committee: **Ed Costello, Maureen & Gary West, Shakes & Loraine McLaughlin, Harvey & Marte Wasserman, Mary Murray, Rosemary Burns, Pat Tuohy, Peg Coburn, Denis Monahan, Maryann Hannigan.**

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The third annual **Candidates' Night** on **Feb. 25** was very well attended, giving owners the opportunity to learn more about those seeking election to the Board, and to socialize with neighbors during the coffee hour that followed. Many thanks to **Kevin McNamara** who organized the event, **Jim Hunter** who served as moderator, those who set up and/or cleaned up: **Joe Fitzsimons, Mary Swearingen, Pat Tuohy, Peg Coburn, Pat McGee**, and those who baked or bought the coffee hour treats: **Marie Proscia, Mary Swearingen, Barbara Palumbo, Julie Solomon, Laurie Hunter, Connie Hannan, Harriet O'Dell, Pat McGee, Pat Tuohy, Peg Coburn.**

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The living room was filled with music that was, at turns, whimsical, or sobering and thought provoking during the concert staged by folk singer **John Flynn** on **March 4.** Mr. Flynn proved to be a most entertaining story teller as well. Guests has the pleasure of sampling some delicious snacks during the intermission. Many thanks to **Harvey & Marte Wasserman**, and **Jean Marshall** for setting up this musical evening.

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Green, gorgeous, gastronomically gratifying!! – the **Mar. 7 H Bldg. Coffee.** A record crowd was greeted by glittering shamrocks and shamrock napkins atop white tablecloths. All eyes, Irish or not, were smiling as their plates were filled by green garbed H Builders with a bevy of baked goods (most homemade): sausage and egg casserole, cream cheese iced apple cake, pumpkin bread, corn & blueberry muffins, crumb cake, Irish soda bread, and many other terrific treats. Many thanks to **Barbara & Joe Passariello** and **Bonnie & Ron Schneider** and all of H Bldg. for this savory salute to the shamrock season.

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We are grateful to **Maryellen & Ed Costello, Louse Wright** and **Agnes Wesley** for their many hours of hard work in organizing a "Viva Las Vero" Casino Nite. That is did not materialize is not due to lack of effort on their part.

