



December 2009

The calendar may say Christmas and Chanukah – but don't the temps make it feel more like Labor Day?

ASSOCIATION NEWS:

Please note recent changes in recycling procedures: **BIN # 1: comingled only: plastic containers; glass: brown, clear & green; aluminum cans, foil pie plates & trays; steel cans; aerosol cans (no household hazardous waste); aseptic packaging (juice & milk cartons).** **BIN #2: cardboard/mixed paper: newspapers & inserts; phone book; envelopes/junk mail; catalogs/magazines; brown paper bags; other paper products (cereal/food boxes, pizza boxes, soda & beer boxes); corrugated cardboard (flat-n – no larger than 2'x 3').** **PLEASE FLATTEN ALL CARDBOARD BOXES BEFORE PUTTING THEM IN DUMPSTERS.**

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

Please remember that **house guests** must be registered in the office (10 a.m. – 1:30 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.**

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

We are very saddened by the passing of **Lisa Tanner**. Her dedication to swimming laps was an inspiration to all of us non-athletes. We offer our deepest condolences to her daughter, **Rachel**. We extend our sincere sympathies to **Nancy Taylor Lans & Ronald Lans** on the passing of **Nancy's Mother**.

A note from **Sonya Madoff**:

Dear Del Mar Friends,

We want you to know how grateful we are for your cards and your prayers for Jeff and for me. We hope that Jeff will mend and perhaps, we shall return to E 17 some day.

Enjoy a happy 2010 winter!

Sonya & Jeff

THE SOCIAL SCENE:

The upper clubhouse has been transformed into a shimmering Christmas wonderland by **Julie Solomon**. The trees are dressed up in brilliantly hued ornaments and sparkling 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 and several table menorahs reflect the spirit of the season. Beribboned wreaths suspended from the balcony, and gracing the windows and walls, Santas, reindeer, candles, garlands and pine cones all combine to create a most festive scene. Our thanks too, to **Dave** and **Roger** for the ribbon of lights around the clubhouse and the colorful arrangement of wreaths and lights at the entrance to Del Mar.

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, should have a **cell phone** with them 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 clubhouse grill area; or the **south patio - 15 or more** are needed to reserve the south patio grill), please call **Peg Coburn (231-0645)** to **reserve the date(s)**. A calendar indicating reservations of the clubhouse and/or grill areas is posted in the mailroom. **Those using the grills must clean them when finished. Be certain gas is turned off.**

Guys & Gals – it's time for candy canes & chocolate Santas. **Aquacize** each weekday at **10:30 a.m. and wash away those calories in advance**. A 9:30 a.m. class will be set up when there is a sufficient number of people.

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.

The third annual **Potpourri Day (White Elephant Sale, Bake Sale, Display and/or Sale of DMers Arts & Crafts)** chaired by **Elaine Wolford** and **Peg Coburn** will be held on **Jan. 30**. Please do not leave White Elephant donations outside the storeroom. Please call **Elaine Wolford at 234-3946** or **Peg Coburn (231-0645)** and arrangements will be made to meet with you.

FUN TIMES REMEMBERED:

The pre-Thanksgiving **Nov. 20 Porch & Poolside BYOB** provided the perfect kick off to the holiday season. Pink flowers adorned the tables piled high with all sorts of excellent edibles, which we sampled as we sipped and circulated about the pool. Many thanks to our hosts **Nancy & Pat Notarantonio** and **Nancy & Joe Fitzsimons**.

A damp, dark, and dreary day was made "merry & bright" by Santa's helpers in **B Bldg** at their **Dec. 5th** pre-Christmas **Coffee**. DMers were greeted by a most festive scene: eight tables were decorated alternately with red, and green tablecloths, and were topped with centerpieces of small cages containing small red or green candles encased within a glass surrounded by a green wreath. Poinsettia garlands were placed on either side of the cages. The food tables, boasting a bevy of Noel noshes, most of which were homemade, were swathed in snowy white tablecloths, with a lighted Christmas tree centerpiece, and two candles accented by red skirts. Many thanks for this Yuletide treat to Chairmen

FUTURE FUN TIMES:

- Dec. 18 "Don your gay apparel" and stroll "down Santa Claus Lane" to the **Christmas BYOB** hosted by **Marie & Paul Colella**. Enjoy some holiday cheer with friends and neighbors. Bring a yuletide hors d'oeuvre to share (finger food, with contents labeled, please.), and your favorite celebratory cocktail or mocktail . * **5:30 p.m.**
- Jan. 5 **Social Committee Meeting. All are invited to attend (owners & renters)** **10 a.m.**
- Jan. 7 **First Games Night.** On Thursdays, **Bridge Night** is being expanded to become **Games Night**. The piano room is reserved for **Bridge**. You can bring games such as Scrabble, Monopoly, Mah Jong, Dominoes, etc. **7 p.m.**
- Jan. 9 First **Coffee** of 2010, hosted by **C Bldg**. Meet and mingle, and munch and welcome friends old and new. (Advise to newcomers: Coffees and BYOB's are great venues for getting to know your fellow DMers). **\$1 p.p.** **9:30 a.m.**
- Jan. 11 **First Night of Monday Night Bingo** chaired by **John Wesley**. Enjoy some "T" and "layer cake" Bring an extra **\$1 p.p.** for a special jackpot at the end of the evening **7 p.m.**
- Jan. 12 **First session of Tuesday Morning Line Dancing** chaired by **Janet Costantini & Mary Ruszczyk**. Fee is **\$2 p.p. per session** **10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**
- Jan. 12 **First Tuesday Movie Night** hosted by **Kevin McNamara**. Admission is free. Popcorn is **\$.50**. The movies start each Tuesday night at **7 p.m.** The first movie will be "**The Grey Garden**" w/**Drew Barrymore & Jessica Lange**. Check bulletin boards for upcoming films.
- Jan. 13 **Sign up for Del Mar Cabaret Nights.** Jan. 23 – **The Bee Gees**; Feb. 14 – **Celine Dion**; Mar. 16 – **Barbara Streisand**; Mar. 28 – **Liza Minnelli**; April 6 – **Josh Groban**. Performances will start at **7 p.m.**; there will be an intermission. Those attending are asked to BYOB, and bring a finger food dessert. Tickets are **\$2** per performance. You may buy tickets for all. or for individual performances. Payments in cash or checks made payable to Del Mar Social fund **Sign up is 1 – 3 p.m.**
- Jan. 15 First **BYOB** of the New Year, hosted by **Elaine Wolford & Egon Kahl** and **Mary & Bill Leddy**. Share the good company of friends old and new, while sampling some savory snacks. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share (finger food, with contents labeled, please) and your favorite beverage to sip. **5:30 p.m.**

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

Merry Christmas

Happy Chanukah

Happy New Year

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

Peggy Coburn