

Country Club Manor

March 2013 Newsletter

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WINTER WONDERLAND AT CCM



Randall Ray, #301, took several pictures after a fresh snowfall on February 14 including this one of some beautiful trees just outside the pool area. As near as we can tell, these are both linden trees but if you know for sure, let us know. They sure are pretty and we don't even have to pay the taxes on them!

We must be blessed to have such a wondrous view of nature while we swim, exercise or, in a couple months, grill out on the patio.

Thanks for sharing, Randall!

THE BIRDS OF CCM

Speaking of nature, Bob Zontelli, #114, snapped this amazing photo of a red-tailed hawk perched, of all places, on his balcony railing. It is very unusual for a large hawk like this to come so close to humans. Could it be our ubiquitous but tasty grey squirrels are drawing raptors to us?



Red-tailed Hawk



See Story in the Oct 2009 Newsletter about this cooper's hawk.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER(S)



How do you feel about eradicating zebra mussels in MN? How about curly leaf pondweed? Both are invasive species and have upset MN's ecology. So you've heard of these problems right? Another lesser-known invasive species is the house sparrow except they were deliberately brought in from Europe. Big mistake. They out-compete our native cavity nesters causing declining populations in bluebirds, scarlet tanagers, flycatchers, robins, and purple martins to name just a few. House sparrows are not native to MN and it is perfectly legal—recommended in fact—to capture and dispose of them.

You may have noticed we have been trying to attract a colony of purple martins for years. Last year, Ken Knoll witnessed purple martins looking over our martin house but as usual, they moved on. The many house sparrows we have aggressively chased them away. We need a volunteer or two to monitor the sparrow traps we set for them. Do you love birds?

Would you "kill for them?" If so, please let Margie know or email Lee at LeeSail@aol.com.

SAY "HELLO" TO OUR NEW NEIGHBOR!



Hello my name is Patty Walraff (#125). I was born and raised in East St. Paul. I have one daughter and one grandson. I enjoy camping, fishing, bowling and I love to play Bingo. I have worked for the St. Paul Public Schools as a Custodian for over 16 yrs. I will also be working here at CCM as one of the new On-Call Staff Members, which I am very excited about! I am looking forward to meeting more of my new neighbors at the various activities and I am very excited to have underground parking and a peaceful and quiet community to live in.

A MESSAGE FROM MARY



Happy St. Patrick's day to everyone, especially to all the Irish. Unless you go to the parade, stay away from downtown that day. The Irish know how to party!

I heard the Valentine's party was a success and everyone had a great time.

Margie included dates for the 45 elevator code compliance work but FYI, we will have the 55 elevator done in April and those dates are the 8th through the 19th. Of course if they get done early the elevator will be up and running sooner than expected. Be careful on the steps

especially if you are not a regular user. Maybe we should look at those two weeks as an "opportunity" to get some exercise? I certainly wouldn't mind losing a couple pounds!

It has been busy and I look forward to things slowing down soon. I will be in the office on March 15, so hopefully I will get to see a few of you then.

Happy Easter to everyone, have a Blessed day, and enjoy the family!

Mary

MESSAGE FROM MARGIE

I know I am a little early but Happy Spring!

I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation during the last snowfall. By having all the cars moved from the parking spaces in front we were able to remove most of the snow and ice. So again thank you!



As a reminder the elevator repairs will begin in the 45 building on March 11 and are scheduled to be completed by March 21. Please let me know if there is anything you need during this time and we will try to make arrangements to help. We have many who have volunteered to run errands and help carry groceries etc. so please don't be afraid or shy about asking for help!

With spring just around the corner we are looking for volunteers to join our garden club. I will post details later, however if you are interested please stop by the office. The topic for our health and wellness day this month will be Diabetes. Please stay tuned for details on the date and time.

Margie

NOTES FROM OUR "SOCIAL DIRECTORS"



Hello everyone. We are in March already; unbelievable. We had a good turnout for our Valentine's Day Brunch. (25 people) Thanks to Dee Wiemer for entertaining us with her keyboard. As you may know, Dee used to play professionally so it was especially enjoyable.

The Monthly Casino trip will be to Treasure Island on Thursday March 14th. Sign-up sheets are in each lobby. Always check the bulletin boards around the building and in the elevators for more information on specific upcoming events, although it sounds like not many people will be reading notices in the elevators this month! We will be having a St. Patrick's Day Brunch on Saturday March

16th at 11:30am in the Club Room. We'll have music, "Kathy's corned beef and cabbage," and a few door prizes. Please bring a dish to share, Irish or not. Come and join us for a fun time. The Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Potluck is on Monday March 25th at 5:30pm in the Club Room.

And Happy Easter to all of you! We will have our Easter/Spring Brunch in April.

It's early but I wanted to mention that Kevin & I are organizing a CCM garage sale in June. Not sure of the date yet though. Anyone is welcome to join us in the east parking lot. Everyone is on their own for set up and selling. I just thought the more people the better the sale and the more people who will stop. More on this later.

Just wanted to extend a thank you to Margie for setting up the Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Class. It was VERY informative. Also to my Fairy Leprechaun, thanks for the help decorating for St. Pat's Day. That's it for this month. If you have any questions please call us at 612-270-4655 or come to #107.

Love,

Kevin + Kathy E.

THE FUNNY BONE

Two elderly gentlemen are out in the woods hunting when one of them falls to the ground. He does not seem to be breathing, and his eyes are rolled back in his head.

The other man whips out his cell phone and calls 911. He gasps to the operator, "My friend is dead! What can I do."

The operator, in a calm and soothing voice, says, "Alright, take it easy, I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead".

There is silence, and then a gunshot is heard.

The hunter comes back on the line. "OK, now what??"

