

# Country Club Manor

## November 2013 Newsletter

*Edited by Lee Bakewell*

### SAY "HELLO" TO YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR!



Hello from Carl Stevens & Carol Yekaldo (#214)

I (Carl) was born and raised in Denver Co. I have spent most of my years working in the private security sector retiring in 2010. My hobbies are amateur photography, and I enjoy making crafts. Carol and I have found Country Club Manor to be our ideal retirement community and we are looking forward to making new friends and hope to enjoy many of the activities scheduled throughout the year.

I (Carol) was raised in St Paul and I worked for the state of Minnesota for 38 years. Retiring to Country Club Manor was a wonderful idea. I love it here! I would love to have someone teach me how to knit. If you are a knitter, please stop by and introduce yourself! I also enjoy painting Christmas cards and ornaments. I am looking forward to the craft sale and I am very happy to be here.

## CCM SHOWCASED FOR HAVING EXCELLENT SECURITY



The Responsible Owners and Managers Association (ROMA) wanted to educate its members on the importance and benefits of good security in apartment buildings and so held their October meeting at CCM. Country Club Manor is something of a showcase of apartment projects with its excellent security. We have 20 cameras (as of late) including one that can read license plate #'s in total darkness, even with headlights shining into the camera. The speaker was our very own security consultant, Tom Camp of Silent Watchdog. In the audience were other apartment owners and managers together with three persons from the West St. Paul Police department including Chief Bud Shaver. Tom Camp's presentation emphasized the benefits of ample, high resolution video surveillance as

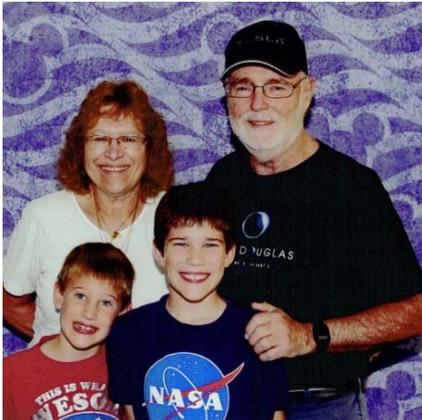
a deterrent to crime. Why would a criminal target an apartment complex with state-of-the-art security equipment when there are so many with none? Indeed, when asked for a show of hands, only one manager in attendance could say they had any cameras at all on site. CCM is so committed to security that we have an entire web page devoted to it. (For those of you who do not have access to the internet, please see the attached reprint from:

[www.ccm Manor.com/security](http://www.ccm Manor.com/security).) In addition, we need to thank our on-call caretakers for checking that all doors are locked every night, etc. and we thank all of our residents who make sure doors are locked behind them, check the garage doors in their rear view mirrors, and don't hesitate to report anything suspicious.



Police Chief Shaver trades tips with Security Guru, Tom Camp

## A MESSAGE FROM MARY



I trust you all had a great time at the Halloween party. Maybe Lee can print some of the pictures and hang them in the Club Room or first floor hallway when we get them.

It has been my pleasure seeing so many of you while Margie has been on vacation. It has been fun visiting with you and enjoying wine with the Friday afternoon group. The heat is on, so be sure to close your storm windows to keep the cold out and the heat in. If you need help closing them please call the office and we will assist getting them closed.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Be thankful for all your blessings and enjoy the family during this holiday time. Keep active and let's all try to work off those extra pounds we add over Thanksgiving, before the Christmas holidays are upon us. Hope to see more of you walking the halls or in the garage as the weather gets colder.

Keep Tuesday, December 10th open for the annual Christmas Party here at CCM. Social hour starts at 4:30, dinner at 5:30 and entertainment at 6:30. This year Tim Patrick will be back for your singing and dancing pleasure. Be sure to sign up when the sheets go up on November 18th and enjoy the night away on the 10th. Hope to see most of you there! Remember you must sign up by December 3rd because the caterer needs a count by the 5th. This event is for residents only!

Till next month have a Blessed Thanksgiving and God Bless You and your family.

Mary

### MESSAGE FROM MARGIE



Hello Everyone,

First of all I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding while the pool was being repaired.

Wow it seems as though winter is coming with a vengeance! I was really hoping for a long Indian summer this year. As you know the heat is now on. Please let us know if you have any problems. If you happen to go out of town please do not turn the heat below 60 because this may cause the pipes to freeze on the outside walls. Also please check all of your storm windows to make sure they are closed as they become quite drafty.

I hope you all have a great time at the flurry of activities Kathy has planned. Halloween Party on Friday then the potluck on Monday and then the Craft show! We will also have the Thanksgiving Brunch on the 16<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone can give Kathy a special thank you for all of the hard work that goes into planning the social activities here at CCM! Remember we are always looking for extra people who would like to volunteer for decorating and set up.

This month we will be having a company come in to talk about a grocery service called Store to Door. They will also pick up prescriptions at Cub if you need. It is a great service if you cannot get out to the store to shop. I will post the date and time as we get closer. There is no obligation just come and see what they offer!

Until next month . . .

Margie

### NOTES FROM OUR "SOCIAL DIRECTORS"



Hello all! We really have a busy month ahead. The Halloween Party is tonight (Friday, Nov.1st) at 7pm. We are having a Football Pizza Party Sunday the 3rd at Noon in the Club Room. We have pizza delivered and the cost is usually about \$5.00 each. Our annual Craft Sale is on Sat. the 9th from 9 to 3 in the Club Room. Please tell your friends and relatives as everyone is welcome.

The monthly Casino Trip is to Treasure Island on Thurs. the 14th & sign-up sheets are in both lobbies. (The photo below is from October 12.) Again feel free to invite whomever you wish.



The annual Thanksgiving Brunch is on Sat. the 16th at 11:30am in the Club Room. Our monthly Birthday/Anniversary Potluck is on Mon. the 25th at 5:30pm in the Club Room. Please watch for signs posted throughout the buildings and in both lobbies for details on all activities. If you have ANY questions please call us at 612-270-4655 or come to apt. #107. That's all for this month. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!!

Love,

*Kevin + Kathy E.*

### THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

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### THE FUNNY BONE

A big-city lawyer was representing the railroad in a lawsuit filed by an old rancher. The rancher's prize bull was missing from the section through which the railroad passed. The rancher only wanted to be paid the fair value of the bull. The case was scheduled to be tried before a justice of the peace in the back room of the general store. The attorney for the railroad immediately cornered the rancher and tried to get him to settle out of court. The lawyer

did his best selling job, and finally the rancher agreed to take half of what he was asking. After the rancher had signed the release and took the check, the young lawyer couldn't resist gloating a little over his success, telling the rancher, "You know, I hate to tell you this, old man, but I put one over on you in there. I couldn't have won the case. The engineer was asleep and the fireman was in the caboose when the train went through your ranch that morning. I didn't have one witness to put on the stand. I bluffed you!" The old rancher replied, "Well, I'll tell you, young feller, I was a little worried about winning that case myself, because that durned bull came home this morning."