

Country Club Manor

May 2014 Newsletter

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SAY "HELLO" TO YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS!



Hello we are Gregg & Joanne Sowada, the new residents in apartment #226. We have been married for 47 years. We have one daughter and one granddaughter. Gregg & I are both retired from the City of St Paul where Gregg worked in the water department. We enjoy walking, travel and above all spending time with our granddaughter. We are really looking forward to living at CCM and making new friends. We are also being considered for the position of on-call Caretakers. The view of the golf course is beautiful.

MEET OUR NEW ON-CALL CARETAKERS



Hello; my name is Karen Kelley (#224) and I have lived at CCM with my mother Joan since February 2012. I am looking forward to my duties as a new on call staff member and meeting many new friends.



Hello; my name is Carol Snidarich (#125). I have lived at CCM for a little over a year now and I really enjoy being part of such a wonderful community. I am truly looking forward to my duties as a new on call staff member and making new friends.

A Message from Margie

HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!



I know you are all eager to get outside and breathe the fresh air. And I know some of you are frustrated because you cannot open your patio door. As you know, this year's deck project has taken longer than we anticipated due to unforeseen circumstances. The project began Jan 8 and was quickly halted by -30 degree temps and blizzard conditions for the rest of the month. By February they were able to get in a solid two weeks before winds of 30-40 mph and snow halted them again. March began a little better and they again worked for a couple weeks before the freezing rains began. April, as you know, has been a mix of rain and snow. We have also had to pour new footings, repair rotted parts of the roof

above the 3rd floor balconies, send the posts out to be sandblasted/painted, and get bids for new patio doors that now have to be replaced due to damages. Each of these items requires a change order and approval, which also takes time. Then we have to wait for inspections by the City so they can sign off before the work can continue. All of these circumstances have

led to this delay. I apologize and I know your frustration in wanting to see this completed. I would also like to be done and the company would love to be done too (so they can get paid) so please be patient in the knowledge that you will have a beautiful and safe balcony with new patio doors for years to come. This is a 5 year budget project and you are the first ones to receive the benefits of new decks and patio doors.

We also have two new on-call staff members in our newsletter this month so if you see them walking the halls or cleaning on weekends, please introduce yourself.

Please remind your grandchildren to use their “inside voices” as they *walk* in the hallways. Have a great month and let’s hope we have warm weather soon!

Margie

A MESSAGE FROM MARY



Hi everyone! I trust everyone had a Blessed Easter.

I am writing this from Texas, while visiting my dad. He says “Hi” to everyone and hopes to come to coffee and donuts on Saturday. Maybe I can talk him into potluck next month. He took me shooting while I was here, and I surprised myself by shooting in the bullseye enough to create a complete hole in the middle. His friends were impressed. Considering I have not shot for some 47 years I think I did very well.

I have been busy cleaning and getting the place ready for the summer. I think I could get used to this life. I have met many of his friends and enjoyed the time spent here. I even enjoyed the pool with my sister who is also down here.

I will be back by the time you get this so I hope to see you around. I’m looking forward to meeting our new residents and enjoying the spring we are getting. Next we will start the flowers . . . weather permitting.

Don't forget about the summer BBQ coming up in July. It will be held on Wednesday, July 16th. Be sure to sign up so we know how many to plan on. At this event, CCM supplies the hotdogs, hamburgers, turkey burgers, brats and buns. We ask all attending to bring a dish to pass. For this event, you are allowed to bring up to four guests per apartment. Be sure to put the number on the sign up sheet also. We will put it up just after Father's day!

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers and grandmothers and great grandmothers. Enjoy your day and God Bless all of you!

Mary

NOTES FROM OUR "SOCIAL DIRECTORS"



Hi all! May is here, trees are budding, grass is greening, & the birds are busy nesting. The Easter/Spring Brunch was a success. Thanks to all who joined us. We had a very nice crowd at our potluck also. Some of our new neighbors were there and we're always glad to see more folks join us. Kevin sends his thanks to all who remembered him on his birthday with good wishes & cards.

A special thanks to: Marcie Aldrich for working with me to organize our many book shelves & Margie for taking care of hauling the old ones away. Just a reminder of the

book shelves in both buildings (2nd & 3rd floors), and down next to the Club Room on the 1945 side. Feel free to borrow or add books.

Our monthly casino trip is to Treasure Island on Thursday the 8th. Sign-up sheets are in the lobbies. Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Potluck is on Monday the 19th (due to Memorial Day) at 5:30pm in the Club Room. Reminder that Movie Night is on Fridays at 7pm in the Club Room. Everyone is welcome. Detailed signs are posted around the buildings for all upcoming activities.

Our annual CCM Garage Sale is on Friday & Saturday June 6th & 7th. I handed out flyers to everyone and will give complete information sheets to those who sign-up. Everyone is welcome (friends & family too), and if you have your own tables that would be great as our supply is very limited. Happy Mother's Day to all you moms out there! That's it until next month.

Love,

Kevin + Kathy E.

THE FUNNY BONE:

A fifteen year old Amish boy and his father were at the mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again.

The boy asked, "What is this Father?"

The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a pretty elderly lady in a wheel chair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened, and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed, and the boy and his father watched the small numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number, and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order. Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24-year-old blond stepped out.

The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his son: "Go get your Mother."

A man walking down the street approached the crosswalk and stopped, waiting for the green light. Standing next to him was a man and a very huge dog. He asked the man, "Does your dog bite?" The response was, "Nope," and so the man reached down to pet the dog. As he did, the dog bit him. "AAAAHHH," screamed the man. "I thought you said your dog didn't bite?"

"That's not my dog."

A man was visiting a friend in the hospital. He had recently quit smoking and was chewing on an unlit cigar when he stepped into the elevator. But a woman who was already in the elevator told him firmly: "Sir, there is no smoking in this hospital!"

"I'm not smoking, lady," replied the man.

"But you have a cigar in your mouth!"

"Yes, and I'm wearing jockey shorts, but I'm not riding a horse!"