

# Country Club Manor

May 2015 Newsletter

*Edited by Lee Bakewell*

## SAY "HELLO" TO YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR!



**Gail Cheslock, #318**

Hello, my name is Gail Cheslock #318. I grew up on Long Island, NY. I moved to Ohio to attend college at Kent State and continued living in Akron, Ohio for almost 50 yrs. My husband Len and I retired 10 yrs ago and enjoyed water aerobics and senior zumba with good friends. We especially enjoyed our volunteer work at the Metro Parks Nature Realm and a community theatre, Weathervane. Len passed away 1 ½ yrs ago and I decided to move to WSP. CCM turned out to be a good choice for me. I am now close to my daughter Angie and my grandchildren Abby & Eric. I am looking forward to attending their school events. I am also looking forward to apartment style living and I am already enjoying my shovel-free lifestyle. This will also support my future desires to travel to see my son John and grandchildren Zach & Sam in State College, PA and a cousin in Denver. Some of my friends from Ohio and I are also planning a trip to the Canadian Rockies which I am really looking forward to.

## FROM MARGIE'S DESK



Hello Again!

I would like to ask everyone to please keep in mind your neighbors who may be struggling with various health issues and give them a call or make a kind gesture. We all need encouragement from time to time. To all of our residents who are still coping with the loss of their loved one please remember how valuable our memories are of their life with us and the love that you have shared. I hope and pray that as each day goes by this becomes easier for you.

Last month I stated that we would be installing a new ramp and patio on the North side. Unfortunately, after meeting with the City Inspector we will not be able to do this project. I had the job bid and the City would not approve the scope of work without major modifications and costs. The decision was then made to continue our focus and money on the balconies instead. This quote from Louisa May Alcott seems to fit my current predicament "I am not afraid of storms for I am learning how to sail my ship!" The handicap door project in the garage level is under way. However we are delayed by the electrician at this point.

Here are some upcoming items to know for the month of May:

1. Window washing will be scheduled for May 4 in the 1945 BLDG and May 5 in the 55 BLDG. He will begin at 8 am both days and the sign-up sheet is posted in both lobbies with pricing.
2. We had a great turnout for the new commuter bus meeting. I will be delivering a flyer with all the details it begins May 6 @ 10:12 am. Pickup will be at the 45 garage and it will run every 30 minutes thereafter until 3 pm. There is a \$2 suggested donation. Please use this service so that the city continues this program.
3. We will begin lawn service in May. Please be mindful of your vehicle if you are parking in the front or either end of the building. We do not have curb stops so make sure your vehicle is not parked over the grass and be aware we are not responsible for any damages to your vehicle while in the lot.
4. If you live on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> floors, please do not hose down your balconies as the water can give your neighbor a good bath. The same thing goes for bird seed etc.

Have a great month!

*Margie*

## NOTES FROM OUR "SOCIAL DIRECTORS"



Hi everyone. We hope you had a nice Easter.

Thanks Margie for taking the decor down for me, and we love the changes in the Club Room. The new furniture is comfortable and looks nice too.

We'd also like to thank everyone who participates in our activities. It would be nice to get more going on the Casino Trip & coming to Movie Night. Please come and give them a try. You will find that in coming to our activities you'll make new friends.

Our Casino trip for this month will be on Thursday the 14th. Please sign up in either lobby.

The Birthday/Anniversary Potluck will be on Monday the 18th at 5:30pm in the Club Room. (It's early this month due to Memorial Day.)

Our Movie Nights are Fridays at 7pm in the Club Room. For more information on all our activities please watch for flyers posted around the buildings and in the elevators.

Remember the Annual Spring Garage Sale is on June 5th & 6th. Please let me know if you will need a table.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of our activities please call us at 612-270-4655 or stop by Apt. 107 in the 1945 building.

That's all for this month. We wish you a safe & happy Memorial Day.

Love,

*Kevin + Kathy E.*

## SURVEY REPORT, PART II, BY LEE BAKEWELL:



There were around 200 hand written comments from the survey so obviously, there is not enough room to include them all here. But they will be compiled into a packet which will be kept in the Club Room. Please feel free to browse through them at your leisure but leave behind for others to review.

In the meantime, here is a fairly representative sampling of about 10%:

1. *We should be allowed to smoke on our balcony*
2. *I believe smokers have rights also. However, when I am sitting outside on my balcony, I don't want to smell someone's cigarette smoke.*
3. *A photo of every new resident, not just a select few, so you know who belongs in the building.*
4. *The newsletter is very well done. I look forward to getting it. I can't think of anything to add; it's great!*

5. *It's time to change the laundry machines. Would like better temperature control on dryer, ability to add 15 min at a time. Would like stop-and-soak on washer. I find the laundry equipment hard on fabric.*
6. *Not in favor of raising the price of laundry machines; \$1.50 is high enough.*
7. *Chuck is the very best. I can never tell when he's been in my apt. doing a repair, he leaves it so clean. I'm spoiled. I don't want anyone else responding to my repair requests!*
8. *Pool steps don't have bullnose or leading edge. Leg scrapes & cuts result.*
9. *I like the availability of activities even if I do not attend.*
10. *The sconce light fixtures are ugly and outdated.*
11. *We love the sconces; they are both effective AND pretty.*
12. *Margie thinks of everyone and not just catering to special groups. I like all her ideas, decorating, and organizing skills. She is very well liked.*
13. *Margie is excellent and the best thing to happen to CCM. When I call, she is always pleasant and professional. She has the perfect personality for this position and is a very experienced professional manager.*
14. *Stop increasing our rent every year. STOP!*
15. *I moved in before Margie and Chuck but they are **by far the best** thing to happen to CCM since I got here in 3/06! [Emphasis not added]*
16. *I would like to see a harder line taken on people putting trash in the recycle bins and get people to park straight in their parking stalls.*
17. *Windows are very cold! Weather-stripping is completely worn out losing a lot of heat. Brighter garage lighting. Emergency lighting isn't working!*
18. *We are very pleased to be living here. When we started our looking journey, we never expected to find anything so nice. We love it!*
19. *I have been a resident of CCM for many years. Over the years, I have seen many changes, most of them good. Security has been greatly improved, we have more social activities, and the buildings are all kept in good repair.*
20. *This a nice place to live. We have nice comfortable apartments and lots of things to do here. The location in this part of St. Paul and suburbs is prime!*

## THE FUNNY BONE

### ☀ Three Rules to Remember in Life:

1. Money cannot buy happiness but it's more comfortable to cry in a Cadillac than on a bicycle.
2. Help someone when they are in trouble and they will remember you when . . . they're in trouble again.