

Country Club Manor

May, 2017 Newsletter

Edited by Donald Bakewell

WARMER WEATHER IS HERE

Wow! What an amazing time of year Spring is! It's so great to be able to spend time outside again. The following pictures are sure signs that Spring is among us! Gardens are beginning to bloom with beautiful flowers and we even had a family of Canadian Geese drop by to say hello.

The new decks look really great and I know those of you that have been privileged enough to be in the first rounds of replacement are very happy with the results. Hopefully, we will be able to finish this giant project in the next few years so please continue to be patient with us.



FROM MARGIE'S DESK

Greetings Everyone!

One of the most difficult parts of my job is when I have to say goodbye to residents who I have come to know on a very personal level. My dear friend and neighbor Arlene Levine passed away last week from a long term illness. She was an amazing lady who raised a beautiful and loving family. I will miss her deeply as I tend my garden this summer. We shared a love of plants together and I will greatly miss our many conversations. We also had to say goodbye to Jack Ranalls, another dear friend who loved to stop by my office and visit and tell jokes. Many times dropping off a bowl of his homemade goulash for Chuck or that sinful popcorn for me! Our sympathy goes out to all of the families and friends and I hope you cherish all the fond memories you have of your lives together. Our sympathy also goes out to the Bakewell family due to the loss of their grandfather Ed Stewart. Ed and his wife "Dee" lived at CCM for several years and acquired many new friends. Ed was always in the halls collecting coins and visiting with whomever he'd come across. I will forever remember my image of him in his cowboy boots and hat strolling down the driveway on his daily walk.

Monday night bingo has been a great success and a lot of fun! The Wednesday bingo jackpot was won by Carol Yekaldo and it was over \$70!! She is a very lucky gal so watch her closely. haha The inspections went really well and I want you all to know how much we appreciate your cooperation. I would like to ask that you please submit a work order if you have a leak or something is not working in your apartment. I had to write up over 30 work orders from this inspection where as if they come in more gradual on a daily basis, it is much easier for the guys to stay on top of them getting them done in a timely manner. Also if you have a water leak it is imperative that you also call the office immediately. We still want a written work order but if you call we can handle the situation before it damages other apartments. Many participated in the spring window washing and I have had great responses of a job well done! I hope you are enjoying this beautiful spring and the wonderful veivs! Have a great month

and watch the bulletin boards and online calendar for updated activities and notices. ~ Margie



NOTES FROM OUR "SOCIAL DIRECTORS"

Hi all, and welcome to May. Let the blooming begin. :)

Our sympathies go out to the families of Arlene Levine #136, Jack Ranalls #207, & Ed Stewart (Donald's grandfather & former resident). We lost 3 wonderful friends & neighbors. May they rest in peace.

We had a good turnout for the April brunch with 35 showing up. Our April potluck drew in 30 people. A big thanks to all who helped w/set-up & clean-up! The Plymouth Playhouse trip was so much fun. Food was great & the show was hilarious. Thanks to the drivers & the use of vehicles. We had a few go on our monthly Casino Trip but only 2 went on the overnight. They all had a nice time. **Our Casino Trip for May is on Tuesday the 16th up to Grand Casino Hinckley.** We'll be meeting at 8:45am in the 1945 lobby. Sign-up sheets are posted in both lobbies. Hope many of you will join us and keep in mind, your friends, & family are welcome to come also. **The May "Birthday/Anniversary Potluck" will be Monday May 22nd** at 5:30pm in the Club Room. *(Early due to the holiday)* Don't forget, **Movie Nights are Fridays at 7pm in the Club Room** with free Popcorn. As with all of our activities, please watch for signs posted in lobbies, elevators, & around the buildings. **If you have any questions or concerns please call us at [612-270-4655](tel:612-270-4655) or stop by #107 in the 1945 building. *FYI* Garage Sale is June 9th & 10th. No more large tables are available & we only have 2 medium & 2 small left at the time of writing. You can still participate but you may have to provide your own table is all.** The Walk for Parkinson's Disease is June 6th. There's still time to register to walk or to donate.

Please keep our friends & neighbors who are in the hospital, care centers, or just not feeling well in your thoughts & prayers. We hope you have a safe Memorial Day as you remember those who've gone before us.

That's all for this month. Take care!! Love, Kevin & Kathy

 **Kathy E.**

BIRTHDAYS HAPPENING THIS MONTH

From all of us at CCM, we'd like to extend a warm and fuzzy HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following people this month. If you see them in the hallway or around the grounds, please say Happy Birthday to them for us! :)

NAME	BLDG	APT	DATE
Bernice Hoffman	45	314	6
Nancy Carbone	45	110	7
Pat Gillespie	45	315	9
Joanne Harlow	55	233	12
Ray Hoffman	45	314	14
Bill Freid	55	220	17
Janet Bork	45	116	25



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- For those of you who already have a new deck please keep in mind there are to be no holes or screws into the new soffits or railings. There are plant hangers available that do not need to be attached with screws. These decks are very expensive and we want them to last for a long time!
- When you rent out the club room please remind your guests that the computers are for the residents only. If you use the TV you must call the on-call for directions and please inform your guests that no-one is allowed to un-plug any cables, even if you are very experienced.
- If you bring guests to the pool area they must be supervised at all times. Before you leave, please check the bathrooms and pool area and clean up any messes that have been made. We have experienced several messes in the restrooms over the past few months.
- We have had several issues with water filters being installed on faucets causing the faucet to malfunction. Please do not attach anything to the faucets with out prior consent.
- As you may be aware we have installed new garage doors and openers at great expense. We are having problems with people disturbing the electric eyes that stops the doors from closing. We have a switch for times when you must hold the door open for an extended period of time so please call for instructions. Our last bill was over \$500 to fix this issue.
- Smoking on the entry stairs and or balconies is not allowed. Per code you must be “15 feet from the entrance of the building”
- If you get a dish for satellite TV, it is YOUR responsibility to dispose of it if you discontinue service.

- Please do not enter or exit garage when someone else has opened or closed it. For safety reasons please wait until it is closed and then re-opened. I have witnessed two cars trying to enter and or exit on one open and while you may have time it is dangerous and many times does not work!!
- Please show common courtesy to your neighbors by removing your laundry promptly.
- Please return carts. Do not leave them in the hallway as this is a fire safety hazard.
- I have enclosed another copy of acceptable and non-acceptable items for recycle please read closely!
- Please remember to update the office with changes to your phone and or license plate numbers.
- If you have a window that does not lock in your apartment please put in a work order so we can repair as the city requires that all windows lock.

DONALD BAKEWELL'S COLUMN

Hey Everyone!

It sure is great having days over 50 degrees huh? These MN Winters can be pretty rough on us so please find some time to get outside and enjoy it while it lasts.

As some of you have noticed, I have been spending more and more time out in Las Vegas (where I live) working as a Real Estate Agent. It's been keeping me quite busy lately so I haven't been able to get back to MN near as much as I'd like to, especially now that the weather has warmed up. I'm still checking in with Margie virtually daily but I just haven't been able to be around as much physically is all. :/ I hope all is going well and remember, you can always reach me directly via email at donaldbakewell@gmail.com

Have a great month everybody!



THE FUNNY BONE

Ed and Betty met while on a singles cruise, and Ed fell head over heels for her. When they discovered they lived in the same city only a few miles apart, Ed was ecstatic. He immediately started asking her out when they got home. Within a couple of weeks, Ed had taken Betty to dance clubs, restaurants, concerts, movies, and museums. Ed became convinced that Betty was indeed his soul mate and true love. Every date seemed better than the last. On the one-month anniversary of their first dinner on the cruise ship, Ed took Betty to a fine restaurant. While having cocktails and waiting for their salad Ed said, "I guess you can tell I'm very much in love with you. I'd like a little serious talk before our relationship continues to the next stage. So, before I get a box out of my jacket and ask you a life-changing question, it's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut. I play golf, I read about golf, I watch golf on TV. In short, I eat, sleep, and breathe golf. If that's going to be a problem for us moving forward, you'd better say so now!"

Betty took a deep breath and responded, "Ed, that certainly won't be a problem. I love you just the way you are, plus I love golf too; but, since we're being totally honest with each other, you need to know that for the last five years, I've been a hooker." Ed said, "I bet it's because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you hit the ball."

A fifteen-year-old came home with a Porsche, and his parents began to yell and scream, "Where did you get that car?" He calmly told them, "I bought it today." "With what money!?" demanded his parents. "We know what a Porsche costs." "Well," said the boy, "this one cost me just fifteen dollars." The parents began to yell even louder. "Who would sell a car like that for fifteen dollars!?" they asked. "It was the lady up the street," said the boy. "Don't know her name -- they just moved in. She saw me ride past on my bike and asked me if I wanted to buy a Porsche for fifteen dollars." "Oh my goodness!" moaned the mother, "she must be a child abuser. Who knows what she will do next? John, you go right up there and see what's going on." So the boy's father walked up the street to the house where the lady lived and

THE FUNNY BONE (CONTINUED)

found her out in the yard calmly planting flowers. He introduced himself as the father of the boy to whom she had sold a Porsche to for fifteen dollars and demanded to know why she did it.

"Well," she said, "this morning I got a phone call from my husband. I thought he was on a business trip, but I learned from a friend he has run off to Hawaii with his secretary. Then apparently she stole all his money and stranded him there! Well he called me, without a dollar to his name, and asked me to sell his new Porsche and send him the money. So that's exactly what I did."



Mexicans were asked what they thought of Trump's proposed border wall. They replied, "We are very upset.....but we'll get over it."

The word "Vegetarian" is an old Indian word meaning "Bad Hunter".

I get more cleaning done in the ten minutes before someone comes over than I do in an entire week!

The secret of enjoying a good bottle of wine:

Step 1 - Open the bottle to allow it to breathe.

Step 2 - If it doesn't appear to be breathing, immediately give it mouth-to-mouth.

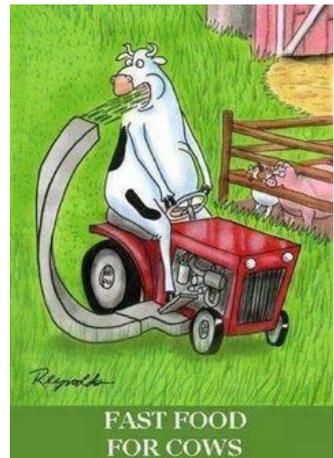
I called an old school friend and asked what was he doing.

He replied that he was working on "aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment".

I was really impressed....

On further inquiry I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water... Under his wife's supervision.

THE FUNNY BONE (CONTINUED)



"I don't always contradict myself but when I do,
I don't"

Have a great month everybody!

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