

# Country Club Manor

November 2014 Newsletter

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## NOTES FROM OUR "SOCIAL DIRECTORS"



Hello all. This had to be one of the most beautiful autumns we've ever had. The colors seemed perfect and lasted so long. Let's hope you all got out there to enjoy it. Kevin & I would like to thank Lee, Margie, & the CCM staff for the beautiful plaque, card, and thoughtful gift. It was given to celebrate our 16 years at CCM doing what we love most, interacting with and entertaining our friends and neighbors. We only hope we can continue for many more years. A thank you also to Margie, Chuck, & Kevin for the wonderful "Fall Brunch" last month. It really turned out nice, a great turnout and AWESOME food. Now, down to business!

The "Craft Show" is on Saturday the 8th from 9am to 3pm in the Club Room. Our "Casino Trip" is on Thursday the 13th. Sign-up sheets are in both lobbies. Please be in the 1945 lobby by 9:30am as the bus leaves at 9:45am. "Saturday Morning Brunch" is on the 15th at 11:30am in the Club Room. The monthly "Birthday/Anniversary Potluck" is on Monday the 24th at 5:30pm in the Club Room. Don't forget "Coffee & Donuts" on Saturdays at 8:30am to 10:30am, "Movie Night" on Fridays at 7pm, and "Bingo" on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the "Club Room". These are every week activities unless posted otherwise. Information signs for all our activities are posted in the lobbies & throughout the buildings beforehand. Everyone is welcome at every function and we hope to keep adding new faces each month.

Please say a prayer for our friends and neighbors who are not well or having a difficult time. That's all for now. "Happy Thanksgiving" to everyone.

Love,

*Kevin + Kathy E.*

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



We are Bob & Dorothy Cavin #228. We were born and raised in Detroit MI until 1968 when we moved to MN where we lived in the Cottage Grove area while raising our 2 children. We have 4 grandsons. Our son Bob Jr. also resides with us here at CCM. He is a Chef at the U of M. I, Bob Sr., retired from 3M/Imation where I worked as a Senior Research Specialist and Quality Control Manager for the North American Branch. Dorothy and I have been happily married for 57 years and we are thrilled that our friend Patty Walraff referred us here to CCM. We are very happy and we are looking forward to using all of the wonderful amenities and joining in the activities as soon as we are settled.

**GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS . . . BETTER**



Kevin and Kathy Ericson were married 7/11/72. At the time, Kathy was not able to vote but we aren't saying why! Kathy went to Washington HS in St. Paul and grew up near Rice and Front. She was the hostess at some of the nearby restaurants including Tin Cups which was owned by her brother-in-law. Kevin's dad moved around a lot so he lived in Isanti, Braham, and Fridley. For high school, he went to Mechanic Arts in St. Paul. The two met through a mutual friend. Kevin says Kathy "hated him" but Kevin's persistence (and his introducing Kathy to snowmobiling) paid off. Kathy became an Army wife in 1975 when Kevin joined up. His MOS was drill sergeant for 2 years, operated TOW projectiles, drove for the CO of Ft. Jackson for 5 years, and trained Guard and reservists for his final 3 years at Ft. Snelling. During Kevin's 20 years in the US Army, they did two, 3 year tours to Germany (from 1976-1984) where son Keith was born. Kevin Jr., whom you may have met around the buildings, was born right here in St. Paul's Bethesda hospital. They liked Germany best except when Kevin got a traffic ticket from one of the new cameras they had in Germany well before they became prevalent in the US.

While stationed at Fort Jackson, SC, Kathy co-taught a four-year-old developmental program (for special needs children). Later, Kevin was stationed at Fort Riley, KS, then Wiesbaden, Germany, then Fort Riley, back to Wiesbaden, back home to Fort Riley, and then Fort Snelling for the last three years of his Army career. Kevin was in the service for 20 years . . . and 3 days, "just to be on the safe side," Kevin explains. Closer to home, Kevin toured TVI in Rosemount thinking he wanted to specialize in automatic transmissions. The host told him it was a two year curriculum. Kevin asked why so long and was told, "Because you also have to learn how to take them out of the vehicles and put them back in." Kevin said, "I already know how to do that" but it made no difference; rules are rules. Maybe so but Kevin got mad and walked down the hall and into diesel mechanics which, as many of you know, became his "post retirement" career.

Before moving into CCM, K&K lived at 1590 Nevada. Kathy loves to read, cook, bake, fish and loves watching football & baseball. Kevin loves movies, any TV programs having to do with cars, drag racing, working on cars, and going to car shows such as "Back to the 50's."

## YOU CAN CHOOSE YOUR OWN NEIGHBORS!



You may recognize these two residents as Joanne Sowada (226) and Dona Mae (324) but what you don't know is how easy it was for Joanne to receive \$200 for a referral from a perfect stranger! As Gregg & Joanne were moving out of their apartment in Hastings Dona approached them and asked where they were moving. Joanne then told her all about CCM and so here they both are!

## FROM MARGIE'S DESK



Hello again,

As we get closer to winter temperatures I would like to remind everyone to make sure all storm windows are closed. I know many of you have older patio doors so if you feel you need to have the weather stripping replaced or fixed please fill out a maintenance form and we will get it scheduled.

Congratulations to Bev Adams, Richard Sandstrom, Kathy Ericson and Janet Peterfeso who all won prizes at our October brunch. We had a great turnout (41!) and of course the food was wonderful. Thank you to everyone who made it a success and thank you Lee for providing music.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with decorations we will put up a few for Thanksgiving and put away Halloween on Monday morning at 10:30. We will be decorating for X-mas on Dec 2. Please let Kathy or I know if you can help with either. The Holiday party will be on Dec 9 from 4-8. I will post details and sign-up sheets as we get closer.

Some of you may remember our previous residents Gil Reyes and Carolyn Pieper who both let me know they miss CCM and would like to say hello!

CCM fun facts:

Do you know that we have a mobile post office every Wednesday from 11-11:30 in front of the 1945 building? Stop by and mail a package or pick up stamps!

If you buy an electric car, we will provide a charging station for you in either UG parking area!

Margie

## THE FUNNY BONE

Interesting Facts:

- Madonna is 56; her boyfriend is 22
- Tina Turner is 75; her boyfriend is 22
- JLo is 45; her boyfriend is 27

What can we conclude from these facts? If you are single, relax. Just be patient. Your boyfriend hasn't been born yet.

- A man has reached old age when he is cautioned to slow down by his Doctor instead of by the police.
- Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.
- You're getting old when "getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot.
- You're getting old when you don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.