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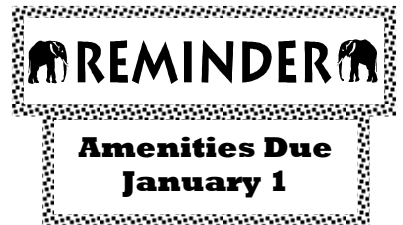
HOMEOWNER FORUM

Tuesday, January 6 @ 9 AM

BOARD MEETING

Friday, January 16 @ 9 AM

(All meetings in Lifestyle Center)



BOARD NOTES

by Gordon Herrick, President

The Board of Directors re-elected the same officers for the Association of Marion Landing Owners, Inc., after November's Annual Meeting. At our December Board meeting, we appointed the following people to the Architectural Control Committee: Shirley Pohlers, Chairperson; Virginia DiNoto, David Wilberg, Mike Soter, and Frank Castro. Alternate members of this committee are Dan Curtin and Betty Williams. Lois Gaugler had submitted her resignation. We appreciate all the work that Lois gives to our community.

I have appointed the following committee chairpersons:

- Social and Recreation Committee – Jerry Wood
- Finance Committee – Dave Rusch
- Election Committee – Gloria Wilberg
- Documents Committee – Charlie Mock
- Rules and Regulations – Janice Wood
- Long Range Planning – Fran Szutar
- Redecorating Committee – Gordon Herrick
- Water Committee – Currently the Board serves as the Water Committee

On Tuesday, January 27, at 9 AM, we plan to discuss the proposed changes to our Covenants with the Homeowners. Also, an evening session will be held on Wednesday, January 28, at 7 PM. We will then hold a Special Members Meeting on Friday, February 6, for the Homeowners to vote on the proposed changes.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WISHES ALL THE
RESIDENTS OF MARION LANDING
A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

DEADLINE for FEBRUARY COMMUNICATOR articles - January 16 at 5 PM
February Editors: Peggy Baxter & Connie Rowe

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGER

by Deeann Welch

Happy New Year Everyone!!!

Friendly Reminders

Don't forget your maintenance fees are due by January 1. You should have received your yearly coupon book by now. If you did not receive your coupon book, please call me and I will order another one for you. At that time, I will also give you the address to mail your payment to Orlando. Your payment must reach the Orlando office before January 7 or you will receive a late fee. Marion Landing Maintenance Fees are due January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. Please write it on your calendar so you will not forget. Also, please make sure that you keep your coupon book where it will not get misplaced. Marion Landing gets charged each time a homeowner loses their coupon book and we have to send for a replacement. Last year, it seemed like there were about 100 homeowners who lost their coupon book.

Water bills will be sent the first week in January.

Animal Control

Please keep your dog on a leash at all times when outside your house. In the February *Communicator*, there will be an article with more details on animal control that may affect you, if you have a pet.



S & R COMMITTEE UPDATES

by Jerry Wood

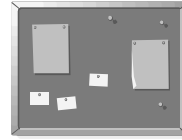
Welcome to 2009!!!! We hope that everyone in Marion Landing had a safe and joyous holiday season.

By the time you read this, I have probably already broken all of my personal New Years' resolutions. I wish all of you who still bother to make them are better able to keep them, at least for a week.

As we begin a new year, the S & R Committee would like to remind all residents of some of our policies. First of all, our ticket sale policy states that tickets are limited to 6 per person for any one event. Tickets for friends and family (other than overnight guests) from outside Marion Landing may only be made 3 days prior to cut-off of sales for that event. These rules are meant to insure that residents have ample opportunity to purchase. We sell tickets at Tuesday Socials,

and from 2 to 4 PM, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, at the Activity Office. Please follow that schedule for the Activity Office. If, for some reason, you are unable to purchase during those times, you should contact the Chairperson of the event and he or she will be happy to accommodate you.

The hallway in the Lifestyle Center lobby is also a concern. The "For Sale" board has the policies listed at the top. If these are not followed, the postings are removed. The area below the clipboards is not to be used as a catchall for soup labels, box tops, advertising cards, or other junk. We have holders for informational brochures and the like, so please do not put any materials there without checking with the Activities Coordinator.



Now, I will step down off my soap box and wish you all a Happy New Year. I'm also going to start making my resolutions for 2010!!!

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

by Vivian Waite

I have been asked by the Sunshine Memorial Luncheon Committees to remind residents of how we get a count of attendance for our memorial luncheons. When the announcement goes out on the phone tree, you are asked to punch in one, two, or nothing, depending on how many people from your household will be attending. Your reply, via the phone tree system, is the only means we have to determine food preparation and table set-up requirements. If you should find that you cannot attend, or if you were not at home to get the message, please call Mary Callahan, Rachel Glenn or Vivian Waite. If you notify one of these ladies, we would have an even more accurate count.

Our November membership drive was very successful. We gained 16 new members and you will soon be seeing them at our 50-50 table and working at our luncheons.



Our post-holiday luncheon will be on January 14 at Stone Creek. A check, in the amount of \$15, made payable to "cash", should be given to Gloria Feltrin or Nancy Rife. If you wish, you may make a donation to Marion County Hospice at that time. We do this instead of exchanging gifts.

We have been discussing possible events for 2009. We've come up with several good possibilities, but we're still open to suggestions. If there is some activity you would enjoy that is within our ability to provide, we'd like to hear from you.

In conclusion, we wish you all a most happy and healthy New Year.

PAM'S PROGRAM UPDATES *by Pam Guenther, Activities Coordinator*

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Happy New Year to all my friends in Marion Landing!

I hope the New Year brings you good health and prosperity! I pray, too, that our new President will bring a change for the better and, hopefully, our economy will turn around. Here at Marion Landing we will continue to offer you a busy and fulfilling 2009 with all the wonderful events and classes that are planned.

I don't know about you, but after a very busy holiday season, I am happy to get back into a calmer and more organized routine! This month, in addition to our regular classes getting back on track, we have a field trip to Dudley Farms that is scheduled for January 16. As I mentioned in the last *Communicator*, it is a working farm reminiscent of the 18th and early 19th Centuries. We hope that many of you will take advantage of this group tour and also let me know how you enjoyed it. I appreciate the feedback, and it is good to hear from those who participate so I know if it is feasible to schedule another one like it.

Hopefully, I will be able to introduce some new classes this year that have never been taught at Marion Landing. I would love to see some new faces at the Clubhouse. I know there are some of you I have never met, and I would like to learn about you and your interests. I am still working on getting a scrapbook class instructor and with some luck that should happen soon.

I hope everyone enjoyed our December Tuesday Socials with all the very talented residents who volunteered their time to entertain us. I enjoyed speaking at some of the Socials and hope to stay more involved doing that in the future. Thanks to the MC's for volunteering to do our Tuesday Socials--especially Phil Becker in December and Mike Soter in November. You guys were great! We also appreciate the residents who displayed their cherished collections and artwork in our lobby cabinet. Thanks to Gordon Herrick for his paintings in November and Joy Asashon's beautiful Christmas collection in December. See you at the Clubhouse!

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Yes, we are still having our regular support group meetings the first Wednesday of every month. They are held at 11 AM in the Lifestyle Center Library. We feel that no matter how many residents attend, it is still a very important meeting that helps those in attendance. There is no minimum requirement for this support group. It is overseen by Karen Butler, from Marion County Senior Services. Please attend if interested.



BUNKA SHI-SHU CLASSES RESUME

Margaret Nelson holds her Japanese 3D embroidery class each Wednesday from 2-4 PM in the Lifestyle Center Craft Room, with the exception of the last Wednesday. For those of you who still are not familiar with this class, it is fun and a very easy class for everyone, even if you have never done any needlepoint before. Margaret is a great teacher and would love to add some new students to her class. Cost is still just \$3 for instruction, plus the cost of the kit you choose. Sign up is required.

BASKET CLASS WITH SHARON

Sharon is back after a couple months of holiday leave and she's ready to help you create another beautiful basket. Please come and join her and see how much fun it can be. Each month she teaches a new and unique basket that the class chooses. The cost is posted on the flyer in the lobby and the basket can be seen in Pam's office. Her class is taught on the last Wednesday of the month, January 28, from 9 AM until about 3 PM or until the class is finished. Hope to see you there!



BOTANICAL FLOWER CLASS

We are so fortunate to have Barbara Shoop returning to teach this wonderful class. Everyone who has participated really loves making these quick and easy porcelain-like flowers. And to think they are made from simple plastic cutlery is so amazing. Cost for this class is still \$12 for everything you need and it is so much fun. Please sign up, if interested, on the flyer in the Clubhouse Lobby. The date of the January class will be posted as soon as it is confirmed with Barbara.

MARION LANDING PAINTING GROUP

Every Friday in the Lifestyle Center Craft Room, a small group of artists (experienced and beginners) gets together to share their hobby. This is not a class, but an informal meeting where participants can encourage each other and just share helpful tips, etc. Whether it is oil, acrylics or water paints, you are invited to come and join in. No need to sign up.

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PROGRAM NOTES

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NEW ALZHEIMER'S EDUCATION CLASS TO START

We have arranged for a new Alzheimer's and Dementia class to begin on January 28 in the Lifestyle Center Library. This is a free, six-week class that is being taught by Terrie Hardison. She is Director of The Alzheimer's Dementia Alliance for Education and Support, Inc. and an expert on the subject. Some of you may have heard her speak last year when she attended a Caregiver's Support Group meeting.

This is an excellent interactive program covering many of the topics in this field and answering all of your questions. This program is designed for anyone wanting to learn more about dealing with Alzheimer's and related dementias. If interested, please sign up on the flyer in the lobby, or contact Pam for more info.

DUDLEY FARMS TOUR

The Dudley Farms Tour sign-up sheet is posted in the Lobby and everyone is welcome to sign up. The tour will take place on January 16, at 10 AM, at the farm. If you plan to



attend, you will be responsible for your own transportation or car pooling from the Clubhouse. The farm is located on Newberry Road, just seven miles west of I-75 and four miles east of Newberry, so you will want to leave at least 45 minutes prior to the tour time.

Cost is \$4 per car, and sign up is required, with a maximum of 20 people per group. Sign up as soon as possible, or you may contact Pam for more info.

GENEALOGY MEETING

The first meeting of the Genealogy Club will be held on January 15, at 11 AM, in the Library. Please attend if you are interested in being a part of this club. They will decide then where and when the next meetings will be held. If you are interested in genealogy, please sign up on the flyer posted in the Lobby, or contact Pam in the Activity Office for more info.

PROPERTY HOMESTEAD TAX FILING ASSISTANCE



On Tuesday, January 20, the Marion County Tax Appraiser will be in the Library at the Lifestyle Center, from 10 to 11 AM, to assist those residents interested in filing for homestead exemption and to answer any questions you may have.

ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME HOSTS SECOND SEMINAR

The last seminar that Roberts presented was well received. Many who attended requested they return, and they were more than happy to oblige! So mark your calendar for January 22, at 11:30 AM, in the Lifestyle Center. They will be presenting a second seminar titled "The Erratic Cycle of Grief" and will also provide a free lunch and a door prize. Tickets will be sold for \$1 each to obtain an attendance count. The ticket cost will be refunded at the door.

JANUARY SPEAKER

It's that time of year again...for filing taxes, or maybe you are interested in some different investment options for your nest egg. Well then, you won't want to miss the Tuesday, January 20, Social. Jerry Furlong, a Financial Consultant with Edward Jones, will be here to give us some helpful tips and to answer any questions you may have. Please mark your calendar...we hope to see you there.

