



The Linksletter

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HOA CORNER

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The Cold weather is upon us and, according to some of our astute resident weather forecasters, we are in for some white stuff this year. Let's hope it's minimal. Please be aware that the pretty pavers we have on our driveways, roads and walkways do get very slippery before we get the ice melt applied. Please be careful when you venture outside.

A few holiday events were held and enjoyed by all. The Children's Holiday Party on December 8, 2012 and the Resident Holiday Party on December 22, 2012. Thank you to the event planners for putting these together. See enclosed photos.

2012 was another eventful year for the HOA Board. We are trying to keep ahead of the community aging process. We are being proactive with paver repair, drainage issues, clearing the undeveloped lots and tree replacement. You are our eyes on the community, so please contact us when you see something wrong. Our website has the list of contacts for specific items.

The POS and the ARC Guidelines have the rules and regulations for Holiday decorations. Please review and comply.

Have a Healthy, Happy and Safe Holiday and New Year, Alice, John K. and Stu
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Upcoming Events

- 1/2 Pool League
- 1/8 Second Tuesday Group
- 1/17 Ladies Breakfast
- 1/23 Ladies' Book Club
- 2/12 Second Tuesday Group
- 2/27 Ladies' Book Club
- 3/10 Daylight Savings Time
- 3/12 Second Tuesday Group
- 3/27 Ladies' Book Club

Calling all Idea People and Writers

We are looking for idea input for articles and columns for our HOA Newsletter. Please forward any ideas you may have for future articles and/or columns that you would like to see in the newsletters. Let us know if you would be willing to actually write them. An article or column doesn't necessarily have to run in each quarter's newsletter, two or more neighbors can collaborate on them, and we certainly won't hold your feet to the fire if you are unable to write the article or column for a given quarter's newsletter. All ideas and help will be warmly welcomed. Please forward your ideas and/or willingness to write an article or column to alkabatt@embarqmail.com

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

TRICK OR TREATING

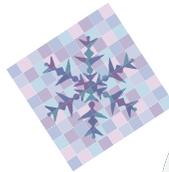
What a wonderful way for the children here to get to know their neighbors! So many of you opened your doors and handed out treats- much to the delight of the little princesses, super heroes, and cartoon characters! Thank you so much for your generosity and warmth. The children had so much fun saying "trick or treat." And what wonderful lessons they learned about sharing, taking turns, and manners. Several of you dressed up, which made the children laugh. They also loved meeting your kitties and puppy dogs! Thank you so much for welcoming our children. Have a wonderful holiday season!

By Stacey Rice

Photos by Stephanie Ziter



John Love handing out treats to many costumed Trick or Treaters in Garrison Falls !



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Did you realize that the Philippines were under Spanish rule for centuries? Did you know that Tinikling is a beautiful and challenging Filipino dance? Whether you knew these amazing facts or not, Saturday, December 8, was your chance to experience the culture and cuisine of the Southeast Asian islands!

The first-ever Links' children's holiday party was held on that Saturday at 11 am. This year's theme focused on holiday traditions in The Philippines.

Those in attendance were given the opportunity to taste authentic Filipino cuisine: There was Adobo chicken, Filipino ham, rice, and BBQ, as well as traditional American favorites! And, of course, desserts!

The children played in a replica of a traditional Filipino hut. Several children dressed in traditional clothing and they got to try the special dance- tinikling. The kids also made Filipino parols, or star-shaped Christmas lanterns. It was a success “first”, thanks to all who helped with the planning and executing of the party (Stacey Rice, Karen Marron, Jill Bordatto, Michaela Biba, and Stephanie Ziter), and to all who attended.

By Alice Kabatt



LINKS GROUPS & CLUBS

The Links Manly Men Cigar Club

The cigar club is focused on the enjoyment of a fine cigar and a complementary beverage with members of the Links community.

The club is taking a winter pause. Meetings will resume in the spring.

If you are interested, contact Joe Hunter at Joehunter65@gmail.com to join the group.

Ladies Book Club

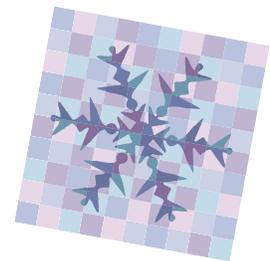
Here are the titles of our upcoming books:

January - GONE GIRL by Gillian Flynn,

February - BEAUTIFUL RUINS by Jess Walter,

March - THE CHAPERONE by Laura Moriarity,

and April - FLIGHT BEHAVIOR by Barbara Kingsolver



LINKS CLUBS & GROUPS (continued)

Billiard League

The Links Billiard League will commence its fourth season on January 2, 2013. If you are a male resident of the Links, you are invited to participate. You do not need to be a pool shark. You don't even have to own a pool cue, let alone a table. The purpose of the League is to get together and have fun during the Winter months; the last night of League play is always the last Wednesday before daylight savings time begins. This season that means we will play for ten weeks ending on March 6th. We will play every Wednesday night at 7 pm. Play usually goes until 10 or so. Our game is doubles eight ball. Each player will partner with 3-4 other guys during the evening and will play 8-9 games. Play takes place at the homes of residents who own tables. The only caveat regarding participation is that you are able to play at least 5 of the ten nights. Also note that there is a singles double elimination tournament at the end of the season. This is optional. To participate in the tournament, you must have played at least 7 times during the regular season. Seeding in this tournament is based on the regular season record.

Second Tuesday Group

The Second Tuesday Group meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Center. It is a forum for discussions, conversations (more in-depth than most other Links social events afford), demonstrations, and sharing.

Having begun as the Links Ladies Craft Group, it is still a gathering where you will find some with needlework, knitting or other projects in hand. Everyone is welcome. Bringing your own beverage is recommended. Contact group coordinator Liz Zaic at LZ1716@aol.com or 359-7882 if you have any questions.



LADIES BREAKFASTS

The Ladies Breakfasts have been very well attended and all the ladies seem to enjoy the social aspect of the get-togethers, as well as being treated to a delicious array of foods prepared by volunteer helpers. The next Breakfast will be held on Thursday, January 17 at Karen Landry's home. The February Breakfast will be held at Lisa Love's home, and the March Breakfast will be held at Bettye Baker's, dates to be determined later. We currently have hostesses signed up through next August.



LINKS HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

The Holiday Party which was held on December 22nd from 6 pm to 11 pm at the Links Premier Clubhouse, was attended by over 90 residents. After a lovely sit-down dinner, everyone was ready for some dancing to our favorite band, The Alan Parsons Band. The band played a lot of "oldies" but goodies, the dance floor was filled to capacity and the place was hopping! This will be the third year that the Links has invited the band to play. With spring around the corner, we will definitely be planning other events with the band in mind, hope to see all of you then.

Hilde Young

