

# \*THE EYELETS\*

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Kay P. Eckler, President

This couldn't be December already, could it? Where have the months gone? As you are reading this, I know you have had a good Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the Christmas holidays. The Board of Directors hopes that 2011 has been a special year for you and your family.

We are now approaching the season where residents begin to return to their families, and we wish everyone a safe trip and much enjoyment during this special time of the year. Now that Santa is not so much the focus for us, unless through our grandchildren, I do hope that each and every one of us comes into this season remembering what it is truly about.

As you may know the Board approved the proposed budget that was sent to every Shareholder. We are not increasing the monthly assessment this year because we don't foresee that we have any projects that would warrant it. The budget committee worked tirelessly on

preparing the proposed budget to send out to each of you. Please thank them when you see them around our park: Adrienne Buchanan, Dana Palmer, Joyce Ratcliff, and Donna Bailey as the Board liaison

Now that so many of our residents are back, please let the office know if you are willing to volunteer. We don't want to pay for a service if we have someone with the expertise to do that job. You may say "What can I do?" You can do anything, even replace bulbs for us. Remember we do not have a paid Maintenance person, and we all need to help out as much as we can. It is getting harder and harder to get anyone to say, "Yes, call me." I sometimes feel that it isn't a lack of wanting to help, but just perhaps you are not aware of how to let someone know you could/would help. PLEASE talk to Heide in the office and volunteer to help out.

Recently we met with the architectural group we hired, Suncoast

Architect Inc., and at the most recent Board meeting a timeline was presented. Please go to our web site, and you will see the power point presentation and the timeline. The architects, Sean, Mike and Elaine will be back with us on December 12 to show us the schematic design of the proposed clubhouse modifications. They will be bringing a 3D rendering. Please note that the December 5th date has been changed. We will have a regular Board coffee on December 5th and then a Special Board Meeting on the 12th. We hope to see you on both dates.

A reminder also that two Board members positions will be available this coming year. Consider running for the Board and get your paper work in to the office by December 9, 2011. On December 16, 2011, we will hold a Candidates' night in the Clubhouse at 7:00 P.M. to introduce the community to the people who will be running for the Board. At this meeting the candidates will be asked questions. The second mailing for the Annual Meeting, that will be held on January 20, 2012, will be sent out on December 12, 2011 with a ballot for you to vote for your two choices.

May you and your family enjoy each day and always remember: Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Board of Directors.

## **SOCIAL CLUB**

Steve and Joan West 473-4897

This Year is already well under way. We already have had two dances and both were a lot of fun. October's theme was Lady Ga Ga/Halloween, and November's was Tropical Holiday.

If you want tickets for New Year's Eve, please see Jane Hite or any of the board members. Tickets will be \$15 per person and will include a champagne toast. After midnight there will be coffee and pastry.

**THE NEW YEARS EVE DANCE WILL BE OPEN TO ALL ALAMEDA ISLES RESIDENTS, RENTERS AND THEIR GUESTS.**

December is a busy month:

- 12/03 Pancake Breakfast
- 12/04 Eggnog Party 5:45 P.M.
- 12/10 Social Club meeting
- 12/31 New Year's Eve Dance.

Keep checking the calendar for all the events.

Joan and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Neal Buchanan 473-5495

People travel many miles to enjoy our World Famous Pancake Breakfasts.

Come join us for an enjoyable Saturday morning on the first Saturday of the month from November through April. A great, enthusiastic wait staff and the best chefs money can buy will be preparing eggs and pancakes for your enjoyment. Coffee, juice, pancakes, and sausages are \$2.00. Coffee, juice, pancakes, sausages, and eggs are \$2.50.

## **WOMEN'S CLUB**

June Lawe 473-1051

The Women's Club is in full gear getting ready for the annual Trash & Treasures sale. Renee and Dana Palmer and Jeanne Pattman are handling this event and you will find an update in this *Eyelets*.

The annual Christmas Luncheon is set for Friday, December 9 at the Gulf View Grill on Englewood Beach. It looks to be a very pleasant event for all you ladies at Alameda Isles.

Leah Filer and Myrna Ewles are handling the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas giving. This year we are providing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to two single parent families. One is a mother and one child, and the other mother has three children. We are also providing Christmas gifts to the family members.

Clubhouse decorating will be the Saturday following Thanksgiving (the 26<sup>th</sup>) and the take-down will be on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Anyone willing to spend a little time helping are invited to meet at the Clubhouse either or both days at 9 A.M.

**Reminder** to members of the Women's Club that our regular December meeting will be held at the beginning of our luncheon on December 9<sup>th</sup> rather than the regular meeting date of December 12 to accommodate the Board of Directors' scheduled architects meeting.

## **TOYS FOR TOTS**

Leah Filar 473-2910

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is collecting NEW, UNWRAPPED toys this holiday season. They will be distributed as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community. In the past, Alameda Isles has always been most generous. Hopefully this season, the generosity will remain. The Toys for Tots drop-off boxes are in the clubhouse.

## **TRASH AND TREASURE**

I hope you're collecting your **good, clean, usable treasures** for the "2012 Trash & Treasures" sale here in the Park. Please, NO - large mirrors, curtain rods, computer monitors, or

clothing items. And remember, large items such as furniture can be taken to our storage unit at Quality Self Storage. Just call Dana or me, and we'll make arrangements to transport it.

The dates for the sale are Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> for Park residents and renters, and Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> for the public. Until then, we will be asking for volunteers to sign up for various jobs before, during, and after the sale. Dana will need people to help bring items back from Quality Self Storage on Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup> and to help with pickups within the Park on Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup>.

It's a lot of fun to work on the sale, so don't get left out. It's the biggest fund raiser for our Park.

Any questions, please call Renee & Dana Palmer - 474-2913 or Jeanne Pattman - 474-6016.

### **ALAMEDA ISLES MEMORIAL FUND**

Christine Cortese - 473-3590  
Renee Palmer - 474-2913

For those of you who may not know, the Alameda Isles Woman's Club donates \$15 to a charity in memory of a shareholder who passes away. We now have an "Alameda Isles Memorial Fund" where the \$15 will be donated instead. As that fund increases, we will be able to purchase

items for our Park. Also, many families have asked how they could donate money to the Park in memory of a loved one. This new fund will also include those donations. A booklet will be kept in the library with the names of donors, names of the people the money was donated in memory of, and what is purchased with the donations. So anyone wishing to make a donation to the "Alameda Isles Memorial Fund," please contact either Christine or Renee.

### **BOAT CLUB**

Kevin Lee, Commodore 508-320-1578

The next Boat Club meeting will be Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Clubhouse. The Bridge meeting will be in the Lounge at 6:00 P.M. There will be a Christmas Party immediately following the meeting, with food and door prizes.

A Boat Club luncheon, buffet style, is set for Monday, January, 16, 2012 at 11:30 A.M. at Royal Palm Marina. A sign up sheet will be posted in the Clubhouse. All members are encouraged to come by boat. They have plenty of dock space.

Be sure to check the Bulletin Board for dates of upcoming events.

## **BIKE CLUB**

Rick Bateman 475-0234

The Bike Club held its first meeting on November 9. It was good to have so many members attend to make plans for the upcoming months. Members were asked to pay their \$5.00 membership fee. If you need to do that, see Ken Flora (473-5401). We agreed upon the following events:

### December

14<sup>th</sup> - Caroling and Pizza party (members and families). See the bulletin board for details

15<sup>th</sup> - 10 A.M. Pork Chop Dinner planning meeting.

### January

5<sup>th</sup> - Legacy Trail Bike Ride (more details to follow)

18<sup>th</sup> - Regular meeting at 11 A.M. in the lounge

### February

27<sup>th</sup> - Meeting and Pre-Pork Chop Dinner planning

29<sup>th</sup> - Pork Chop Dinner

### March

8<sup>th</sup> - Regular meeting 11 A.M. in the lounge

We invite all bike members and others to ride with our riding groups. Bikers meet at the mailbox at the following times. Men's faster-paced group rides M-W-F at 7 A.M. Men's slower-paced group rides M-W-F at 8 A.M. The women's group rides T-Th at 8 A.M. As you can see, we have

much planned and encourage all members to be active participants in all events.

## **GOLF LEAGUES**

### Guys & Gals Mixed League

We are already playing and are in full swing. We play a scramble every Monday at the Links. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. You must be there at 11:30 to draw for teams. We tee off at 12:00. For details call Rita Lindblad at 244-7462 or 474-8306.

### Hit & Giggle League

The Tuesday Hit & Giggle League is in full swing now. We should be at the Links by 11:15, and tee times start at 12 noon. Any questions call Peggy Lesley at 475-1527, Phil Shafer at 474-7858 or Norm Bailey at 473-8946. Come out and have a good time; the golf is secondary

### Alameda Isles Wednesday League

We play every Wednesday at the Links in Rotunda. We always play a scramble. You sign up by Monday to play on Wednesday. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. We always have a lot of fun, so come and join us. Questions...call Sally Bailey at 475-2916.

### Ladies Saturday Golf League

The new year has begun. We will be playing our own ball every Saturday at Oyster Creek. Be there at 11:30 for

a 12 Noon tee time. We're looking forward to meeting a lot of new ladies this year. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. For details call Diana Richardson at 474-0978.

### Men's Saturday Golf League

The season has begun. We will be alternating between the Rotonda courses and Boca Royale. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. We're looking forward to a lot of new residents this year. Call Ken Palmateer at 473-7999 for details.

### **BOCCI**

Mona Lee Burr 474-0052

Calling all players! League play will begin in January. You may practice anytime. Is your team ready? Do you need a team? Call me or come to the courts in Pine Park on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 P.M. for tips and encouragement. Come on down!!!

### **GOLF CART MAINTENANCE**

Larry DeBruyne 473-4246

Once again this season, we will provide an opportunity for all Alameda Isles residents to have preventative maintenance performed on your golf cart right here on our premises. We have made arrangements with Dave Lutz and his associates at Thoroughbred Golf Carts

to provide this service at a reduced price of \$62.60 (including tax) – a savings of \$7 from what was paid last season. The service will again be performed in the Pine Park parking lot and will include lubrication of ball joints, control linkages, forward/reverse switches; battery inspection; checking of belts; cleaning and adjustment of brakes. This service will be performed on Tuesdays, with Thursday as the back-up day in the event of rain on the scheduled day. In the event that additional service is needed, it may require that your cart be transported to the Thoroughbred facility (there is no additional charge for transporting the cart and returning it). And there may be added charges if parts are required or additional labor is required. Preventative maintenance on your golf cart is important to keep your vehicle operational and to help reduce the risk of more expensive repairs. If your batteries need replacing, that will require that your cart be transported to their facility with no transporting fee. The following ESTIMATED quote was provided for new Powertron batteries if that is needed: \$549 (36 volts/3 holes) or \$599 (48 volts/4 holes). This price does not include tax, and there could be an additional charge if such items as new battery cables are also needed.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Club House and carts will be scheduled on a “first come/first served” basis, so the sooner you sign up, the earlier you will be scheduled. We are planning to

begin the service in January. If you have questions, please call me.

## **HYMN SING**

Our monthly Sunday evening hymn sings will begin in January at 7 P.M. in the Clubhouse. Come on out and enjoy singing some favorite old hymns and some newer songs too. Mark your calendar now for the following dates so you won't forget and miss out. January 15, February 12, and March 18.

## **LIBRARY**

Donna Nordman and May Samuels

Guess what I found at the library when I was putting books away...  
Mystery books in with the love stories. My how the subject matter strayed

(Please put books in the basket)

The magazines were piled on the counter, the dates ranging from "1996 to 2009". It would help if you'd recycle old ones for us. Just copies of the last 3 months would be fine.

## **BINGO BINGO BINGO**

Karen Polesnak 460-1914

Bingo for December will be on December 12th and 26th at 7:30 P.M. in the clubhouse. Come one, come all to have some fun with your friends and neighbors. Cards and Dobbers

are provided. The cost is \$2 and \$4. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## **WOOD SHOP NEWS**

Cliff Bouchard 474-1273

As residents begin to return to our community, the activity in the workshop has increased proportionately. It is nice to see so many people take advantage of this great resource. I would like to remind everyone that in order to use the workshop, you need to sign a waiver and make sure that it is on file in the office. A list of everyone who has signed a waver is posted in the workshop. The safe operation of any tool begins with the knowledge of its capability, limitations, and proper adjustment. Please give me a call, and I would be happy to spend time with anyone looking for such information.

I have scheduled a shop clean up for December 8th, 2011 at 9 A.M. In addition to cleaning up the dust, a sorting out of duplicate tools and general organization is warranted. Please stop by and give us a hand.

FINALLY, THE PROBLEM OF PEOPLE TRYING TO CUT METAL WITH WOOD CUTTING BLADES PERSISTS. PLEASE, PLEASE USE THE APPROPRIATE DESIGNATED SAWS FOR METAL CUTTING. THE TABLE SAW SHOULD NEVER BE USED FOR METAL OR CEMENT BOARD.

## **SAFE ROOM WALK THROUGH**

Rick and Joey Bateman

Meet the builder and see the slide presentation of how it was designed and built on Dec. 4, 2011 from 1-3 P.M. at 2 N. Marina Plaza

## **CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLING**

Meet at the mailboxes at 6:30 P.M. for caroling around the park. We will finish up the evening with more songs and gifts for the children. Please make sure that you sign your grandchildren or great grand children up for a gift from Santa on Christmas Eve if you will be attending. The notice is on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Please include their gender and age.

If you wish to help in any way, contact Joey Bateman at 475-0234. We need people to make small breads which will be given as gifts to shut-ins in the park.

## **CRAFTS**

Joey Bateman 475-0234

Classes are on Thursdays at 10 A.M. We are currently doing glass fusing and having a great time! Come join us! We are meeting in the clubhouse because of the number of people attending.

## **KITCHEN**

Janet Flora 473-5401

A sign-out/sign-in sheet on a clip board is in the kitchen; please use it if borrowing something from the kitchen. Keep in mind those functions that are on the calendar and may need the equipment you are borrowing.

## **CALENDAR**

Calendar events are arriving daily; it's going to be another busy and wonderful season. Requests can be emailed to [jmb4306@verizon.net](mailto:jmb4306@verizon.net) or written forms, available in the clubhouse, delivered to Janis Boocks at 14 South Granada **WRITTEN REQUESTS ONLY.**

The complete up-to-the-minute Alameda Isles Calendar is online at <http://www.alamedaisles.com/AlamedaCalendar.htm> Resident Information –Events Calendar. You can see events until December 2012. If you want to use the Lounge for a spontaneous meeting or gathering, please check the sign-up sheet there. Anything for the lounge that is planned in advance should be scheduled through me.

**REMEMBER If you cancel an event, it is important to let me know so we can remove it from the calendar.**

Let's all have fun and enjoy!

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Phil Evan 460-9184

Would you like to know what the Bible says? We are going to take a look. Join us in an open discussion and non-denominational study on Tuesdays at 2:00 P.M. in the Lounge starting in January. Look for the sign up sheet in the Clubhouse.