

# \*THE EYELETS\*

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Kay P. Eckler, President

As you are reading the Eyelets, we will have completed the year 2011 and have moved into the year 2012. Wasn't the community beautiful during the holidays? Loved the spot lights along Alameda and many have talked about having them on the palm trees throughout the year. I know that is being "looked into." There was so much to do and so many fun times, and now it is time to get back to business!

We have a NEW MANAGER. Yes, Heide Felicita was offered the position of manager, and she deserves this position. If you have had any dealings with her, you know how thorough she is. She has told us that she has no intention of leaving us in a year like many of our past managers have done. As I said at our Board meeting, Heide is young and full of energy and loves working with all of us, and that is a total plus for

all of us. She is excited to get to know many of you and wants to see you before there is a compliance problem. She did share with me that when she has made a non compliance phone call, the Shareholders for the most part have taken care of what needed to be done. She appreciates the cooperation.

Our Shareholders' Annual Meeting will be held on January 20, 2012 at 9:00 in the clubhouse. The main business of the Shareholder part of the meeting is to elect members to the Board and to give the Board authority to carry over excess funds from the 2011 budget to the 2012 budget. This is being done at this meeting because we do not know what we will have in excess until the end of December.

Your second notice of the annual meeting includes a ballot for voting for the two vacant positions on the Board. There are two Board members, Paul and Donna,

with their term expiring and there are three Shareholders volunteering to take those positions. Please remember to vote. Sadly I must report that Christine Cortese, one of the Directors, has had to resign from the Board for personal reasons. The Board will be appointing a replacement at the January 16, 2012 Board meeting. Under our Bylaws, it is not necessary to hold an election to fill this vacancy.

During the month of December, we had the Suncoast Architectural firm come again and show us what the clubhouse would look like if we moved forward to do the project. Please know that nothing will be done to move forward without the positive consensus of the Shareholders. The architects have agreed to do the presentation again on January 12, 2012 at 9:00 in the Clubhouse. Please join us. What everyone needs to understand is that the Board CANNOT/WILLNOT move forward without Shareholder approval on such an important endeavor. Whatever the entire community wants is what the Board will do.

My term of President ends on January 20th when the Directors will hold their organizational meeting. I would like to say thank you to all of our Shareholders who

have supported me as I took on that position. I have been on the Board now for four years, and I have two more years to serve. I have been an officer for the entire four years. It is time for me to step aside and let new leadership evolve. I will continue to work for our community in the capacity of Director as I serve out my remaining two years.

I have enjoyed writing articles for the Eyelets, and I know some have been wordy, but I am hoping that I was able to put information out to everyone on what the Board is doing and has done.

Food for thought: Don't ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you're not willing to move your feet.

## **SOCIAL CLUB**

Steve and Joan West 473-4987

Joan and I wish you all a safe, healthy, and fun-filled New Year.

The year ended well. We had 2 big Dances on 11/30 and 12/31. All who attended had a great time. The Egg Nog Party, Golf Cart Parade, and Christmas Caroling made for an enjoyable evening. We ate too much!

Christmas Eve brought more caroling, presents for the little ones from Santa, and baked goods for those unable to attend.

We want to thank all those that volunteered their time to make all these events so pleasurable.

January starts off with more activities:

Pancake breakfast on 01/07

Dance with Easy Street 01/11

Show with Diva and the Italian Guy on 01/22

### **EGG NOG PARTY**

Gene and Jacqui Westerman

Our Christmas season for 2011 was opened with great participation from all who remained in the park for the holidays. The Egg Nog Party once again brought our community together with singing, laughter, fellowship, and a wonderful array of food. Our heartfelt thanks to ALL who helped in anyway, but special thanks to Ann Carroll for all her creative posters.

Our Committee members include: Bob and Marge Welch, Judy Bossi and Reg Hilbert, Art and Joanne Parsons, Jim and Janis Boocks, and John and Sue Esposito. This

is one group of hard working Elves!

What's a party without music and we have some very talented people here in Alameda. Helping us bring in the Christmas season this year were musicians Mona Lee Burr, Cindy Rapp, and Ken Meade, and carol leader Sally Bailey. Thank you all so much.

To wrap things up, both Gene and I want to wish you all safe travels and a healthy, happy New Year.

### **SUPERBOWL PARTY**

Anita and Jim Lister 681-2265

The Superbowl Party will be Sunday, February 5th in the clubhouse. Bring a dish to pass, drinks, comfy chair if you please, and your NFL stuff. Sloppy Joes will be provided. Squares will be for sale the day before at the Pancake Breakfast. Watch the board for sign up. For questions, call us at the number above or 517 749-0447.

### **WOMEN'S CLUB**

June Lawe, 473-1051

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Potluck Committee is busy at work to make the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary party a special one for all those couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2012. If you are one of those couples celebrating your 50<sup>th</sup> and have not yet signed up to be honored, please do so before mid-January so you can be included! For the benefit of those new to Alameda, this is the most special event of the year, and you don't want to miss it. Watch the Board for sign up sheets.

We had a delightful Christmas luncheon at Gulf View Grill on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to my helpers, Lois Steffes and Suzanne Lee, for their hard work which made it the success that it was. Also, a big thank you to Bev Gula, ticket seller extraordinaire, and Diana Richardson for the posters, tickets, etc. As always, a good job!

At this luncheon the 2012 Women's Club officers were elected. They are Myrna Ewles, President, Linda Hendzel, Vice President, Susan Crawford, Secretary, and Kathleen Covault, Treasurer. We're looking forward to these ladies "taking the helm" and know we have a good year coming up! Congratulations to them.

The focus now is on Trash & Treasures coming up January 18 and 19. You'll read more about this event in the following article. The

team of Palmer-Pattman are "gettin' r done", and we are looking forward to another successful T&T!

This is my last article for The Eyelets as President of the Women's Club, and I want to be sure to express my appreciation to everyone for a great year. Every one of you is appreciated. Whenever I called for help in any way, whatever needed to be done was done quietly, quickly and efficiently. What a wonderful group of women we have here at Alameda Isles. Then, a special shout out of thanks goes to my Board: Myrna Ewles, Kaye Daly, and Kathleen Covault. Each of them is a real treasure and a joy to work with. Thank you ladies.

Lastly . . . "what goes up must come down" - - looking for help taking the Christmas decorations down on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9 A.M. Thanks.

### **TRASH & TREASURES SALE**

Renee & Dana Palmer 474-2913

Jeanne Pattman 474-6016

Our BIG fundraiser will be here before you know it!

Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup>

The clubhouse complex (meeting room, lounge, library, billiard

room & craft room) will be unavailable beginning at 1:00 PM while setup is being done. All items that were stored for us courtesy of Quality Self Storage will be brought into the clubhouse. The gates to the entire clubhouse complex will be locked after the setup. The clubhouse complex will continue to be unavailable for normal use until after cleanup is completed on Thursday. Please accommodate us for the 3 days of the sale.

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>:

This is our setup day. Please bring your “treasures” to the clubhouse between 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. Sorry, but we cannot accept the following items: clothing, shoes, CRT computer monitors, curtain rods, large mirrors, or large console TVs. If you have items that need to be picked up, call Dana on or before January 16<sup>th</sup> to get on the pickup list. Park item pickups will begin at 8:30 A.M. and continue until all pickups are complete. Dana will be coordinating volunteers for the pickup. Tonight’s sale will be open to residents and renters only from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. Please wear your name badges if you have them.

Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

The sale to the public will begin at 9 A.M. and end at 2:00 P.M.

Please bring your homemade baked goods, pies (for lunch), and fruit from your trees to the back door of the kitchen between 7:00 and 8:30 A.M. Remember, we cannot accommodate any items needing refrigeration. Please label your goodies.

Lunch will be available from 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Cleanup will be done following the sale.

Thanks in advance to everyone who has donated items for sale, homemade baked goods and fruit, and especially your time as a volunteer. We couldn’t do this without you!

A detailed schedule and instructions will be posted on the bulletin board.

**BLOOD MOBILE**

Jo Stephens 475-7687

The Blood Mobile will be in the Park on Jan 11. I will put up the schedule for those who want it as soon as I get it.

**SAVE A LIFE.....GIVE BLOOD**

## **BOAT CLUB**

Kevin Lee, Commodore 508 320-1578

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The next Boat Club meeting will be held on January 4, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Club House. The Bridge meeting is held in the Lounge at 6:00 P.M.

There is a sign up sheet on the Bulletin Board for the luncheon at Zeke's (Royal Palm Marina). The date is Monday, January 16, 2012 at 11:30. We are having Beef Stroganoff and Chicken Piccata served buffet style. The price is \$15.00 per person. Drinks are not included. The cut off date for sign up is January 9, 2012.

Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be a Boat Club member!

## **BIKE CLUB**

Rick Bateman 475-0234

Welcome all new and returning bikers! We are having great turnouts for our daily bike trips. In November we had a group outing to Venice that proved to be a lot of fun. On January 5 we will have another such outing as we will travel to the new Legacy Trail. Watch for details on the bulletin

boards at the clubhouse and mailbox. We would like to encourage more of these kinds of outings, so if someone knows of a great biking place and would like to get a group together to plan a trip, please see me or Bill Panepinto (460-8864).

In December we began planning for our February 29 Pork Chop Dinner. This is a great fund-raiser and good time. We encourage all members to volunteer to help make the event a success. We also had our annual Caroling and Pizza party on the 14th that was fun and well attended by members.

At this point our January calendar includes the following:

5th- Legacy Trail Bike Ride

25th- Regular meeting at 11:00 A.M. in the lounge (Note, this is a change because of Trash and Treasures.)

Remember our group biking times are:

Men on M-W-F (faster-paced at 7:00A.M. and slower-paced at 8:00 aA.M.)

Women on Th at 8:00 A.M.

All groups meet at the mailbox. Please remember to wear your helmet and bring extra clothing for those chilly mornings. If you have not paid your \$5.00 annual membership dues, please bring

your money to the January 25 meeting or see Ken Flora (473-5401).

Have a great 2012!

## **CRAFTS**

Joey Bateman 475-0234

The craft room is full of smiles, and everyone is excited about the glass fusing classes and the beautiful necklaces made on the 8th. We will switch gears a bit for some felting and return to fusing when more of the January people come back. If you would like to refire a piece at that time, hold on to it and we'll get to it.

It's nice to have more people participating and look forward to many good times to come beginning in January.

## **GOLF LEAGUES**

### Guys & Gals Golf League

I have decided to cancel the Monday golf league. Thanks for all your support during my recent illness. Please feel free to play on either of the other two leagues on Tuesday or Wednesday. Happy New Year! Rita Lindblad

### 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.

### **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, it 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**

Larry DeBruyne 473-4246

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.

### **WOOD SHOP NEWS**

Cliff Bouchard 474-1273

The clean up held on December 8th was a great success. We had excellent participation and as a result, we made a lot of progress in just a couple of hours. Thanks to all who participated.

On February 9th, 2012 we will be holding a spaghetti dinner that will benefit both the Wood Shop and the Arts and Crafts room. Net proceeds will be split evenly between the two and will be used to upgrade equipment and to sponsor activities. In addition to a great dinner, the evening will feature an indoor horse race that promises to provide a lot of laughs and excitement. Please keep this date open. Tickets will go on sale shortly.

In order to make more efficient use of the work shop space, we will be moving all of the gardening equipment into the white storage building located in Pine Park. We plan to do this sometime in January. The sign out process will be the same as in the past using sheets located at that location.

Finally, I want to thank Maynard Bailey for his generous contribution of a 20 inch wood planer. This piece of equipment is a very substantial addition to the shop and will provide years of service. The plan is to have this wired and installed by the end of January. Use of this equipment will be limited to those people who have been instructed on its proper use. We will schedule a couple of orientation sessions after its installation.

### **ALAMEDA'S GOT TALENT!!**

Cindy Rapp 460-8253

Coming soon, to the big stage at Alameda Isles, will be a fun-filled night of "Talent"? Well anyway.....it'll be fun filled!

On March 25th @ 7:00 P.M., we will be having our second "Variety Show" featuring many acts from your friends and neighbors right here in Alamedaville!

Do you know anyone in the park who has a hidden talent that needs to be shared? We are continually looking for new acts...so....be a snitch and tell on your friends. This can be anything from real talent to silly skits. Let's put our heads together and come up with a great new show.

Contact me at the above number for ideas or questions. It'll be March before you know it! See ya on the stage!

## **PINE PARK NEEDLES AND LEAVES**

Gene Hite, Ranger

We've accomplished so much: Planter beds have been groomed. On the putting green, French drains were installed on east side so no more flooding on the greens. A park bench was installed at the putting green. The Bocci courts are groomed. New dwarf date palms have been planted.

We still have many goals:

The driving range cages need some repair. The chipping green needs new artificial turf. A storage bin is required for the leaf blower and fuel can. A new screen roof with new rafters is needed for the putting green to be started Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Lattice panels need to be installed on east side of the Bocci court shelters. A new shelter roof is needed for the leaf barrels. Have several missing leaf barrels returned and replace broken and damaged leaf barrels. Request that no more concrete rubble be dumped at Pine Park. Paint mural – touch up.

Remember: On Thursday mornings at 9:00 A.M. park maintenance miracle workers gather for fun, tasks, and exercise. All genders welcome.

## **MICHIGAN HAPPY HOUR**

Anita and Jim Lister 681-2265

The Michigan Happy Hour is MARCH 6th from 4-6 in the clubhouse. This is a correction from the online calendar. Details will come later. Mark your calendars Michiganders! Anita and Jim Lister 681-2265 or 517 749-0447

## **TOYS FOR TOTS**

Leah Filar 473-2910

Thanks to everyone who donated to TOYS FOR TOTS. Again this year, the boxes were filled. The Marine Reserve distributed the toys to underprivileged children in the area.

## **HELPING HAND**

Leah Filar 437-2910

The food pantry **HELPING HAND** volunteers and those who received the food items including

senior citizens appreciate all the donations. The food is distributed to those who qualify living in the greater Englewood area. Thanks for the donations.