



# the Listening Post

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## Final Note from the President's Desk

Our '82-'83 season is winding down to a close. The Bingo gang was the first to start and will likely be the last to quit. In the meantime make note of these dates:-

- Sat. Apr. 16 - 9:30 a.m. in the Kitchen  
Clean-Up, Bag-Up and Close-Up Day  
Don your apron and lend a hand.
- Sun. Apr. 17 - 2:00 p.m. Mobilehome Owners RALLY Lee County Civic Center, Fort Myers. Doors open at noon. Arrive early and visit the Exhibitors' Booths.  
No Admission Charge  
(County Parking \$1.00 per Car)  
Door Prizes - Top Quality Entertainment - Fun - Rally  
Sponsored by your FMO
- Sun. May 8 - 1:00 p.m. Mother's Day Potluck Dinner at the Rec-Hall is a happening on Mother's Day.  
No Committee - No Planning  
\*\* A TRUE POTLUCK \*\*  
Remember your table service and Napkins  
- B.Y.O.B. -  
means  
Bring Your Own Beverage  
(PTCU means Plan to Clean Up)  
Dine Mother's Day the Potluck Way at Gulf to Bay

Many thanks to Vice Pres. Bill and Irene Stevenson and their April Committee for a super ham dinner on Easter Sunday. Chief Cook Hulda Robinson did her annual best again with the assistance of a good crew. Did you take time to appreciate the nice color combination of the food? Nice job Ralph, Roxanne, Gene, Bea, Chan, Fran and Marie! And how about that Ham and Bean Soup! Not a bad bargain at 50¢ per serving. How about a little reaction? Do you like these soup days? Your Council aims to please, but they need your feedback. Be good to that new gang you elected for next season. Your encouragement makes up for the low salary.

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By EMERSON HENTHORN

°BYE NOW, YOU ALL

by Ham Tener

Our season here is winding down  
And our weather's turning piping hot.  
Let's polish off our tropic tans;  
Let's give it all just one more shot.

We really ought to sing one song  
Where we can see that happy smile  
On all our friends who helped to make  
This closing season so worthwhile .

But then, I guess, it's so and true,  
That seasons made by me and thee ,  
The pleasure I have given you  
In turn, you also gave to me.

On March 30 the Council held their monthly meeting with the newly elected members for next season as guests to observe and audit. Their input to discussion was encouraged - a good "dry run" for Fall. The issue of equipment being borrowed from the Rec.-Hall by residents was brought before the meeting. It was voted to post a Sign-Out Sheet and to remind residents that permission must be requested from a Council member and the Sign-Out-Sheet filled in before any equipment is removed from the Rec.-Hall. Please observe this rule which applies to all equipment in the hall. Remember to also sign the sheet on return of loaned items to complete the record. Library books are NOT included in this ruling. No sign-out for books. Enjoy!

Many thanks to all of you for your support of the Card Table Fund Drive. Also, our sincere appreciation to Matt Yakes who got up a deal which saved us an additional \$75.00 over our lowest quote. Ten new best quality Kreuger tables with Melimac tops will be ready for opening Game Night come Fall.

Here's our success story:-

\$400.00	Profit on \$100.00 drawing
50.00	Donation from Management
66.00	In memory of John Miller
<u>95.00</u>	Proceeds from Irish Stew
\$611.00	Total Income from Fund Drive
<u>27.30</u>	to come out of Treasury
\$638.30	Total Cost Delivered

The "Tip Baskets" at the March dinner brought in \$86.00 for Meals-On-Wheels. The donation was sent with greetings from the Residents of Gulf to Bay at Easter. In addition to verbal thanks expressed to your president, a letter of appreciation was received by mail and posted on the bulletin board. Our caring keeps the wheels turning.

This being the first issue of the Listening Post since the Prime Ribs dinner I want to take this opportunity to thank Paul and Joan Stunzig for chairing my March commitment with such a professional flourish. It was a pleasure to work under them and an education in culinary tricks plus a demo in the art of happy committeeing. They're a great team, those two New Yorkers, and we're lucky to have them in the Park. Luv ya, kids!

And lots of appreciation to the rest of the lucky committee: Ruth, Katie, Helen, Fay, Charlie V. and his Helen and, of course, my handsome right-arm guy, Brownie. To each of you, THANKS - it was fun.

In this my last act after three years on the Council let me thank you for the opportunity to serve. For your support, your willingness to take leadership roles, for the many times you said "yes" and for keeping the ball rolling - to each of you unsung backers - and you know that I know and appreciate the part you've played - please accept my gratitude for being the support system that I needed and for playing on my team.

Have a happy summer.

Allison

#### ESTADA ETCHINGS

by Marguerite Oestreich

The Zamphirs of 501 Estada will be leaving on April 17th. They are already looking forward to the friendliness of the Park next fall.

The O'Donnells daughter Kathleen will arrive April 12 to spend several weeks before driving Mary Kay and her baggage home. James will do it the easy way and fly.

The Downings are entertaining their daughter and husband, Nancy and Ed Cecil from San Francisco for two weeks. Nancy is a gourmet Chinese cook so if you see Fay and Les' eyes start slanting you'll know why.

Gordon and Emma Graber entertained their son, Dr. Gary Graber, and family of Perrysburg, N.Y. recently. The Grabers say that black beans are hard to find in the stores because of the popularity of Jack May's Chili recipe.

Halen Bleck entertained her friends, the Krolls, of Bonita Springs this week.

Betty and John Lamon of Three Lakes, Wisconsin, brother of Marguerite, were guests of the Oestreichs last week.

Whenever I pass a Church I always stop and visit, so when they carry me in feet first the Lord won't say "who is it?"

CIELO STREET NEWS

by Paul Stunzig

Bill and Gloria Moore had daughter and grandchildren visit for a week and, needless to say they enjoyed the park, the boating, etc. Bill & Gloria love this area so much they bought a house in Englewood. We wish them luck and happiness.

George and Dolores Hommel are really having company. Dolores's twin sister, husband and daughter staying at the Castaways across the street. Also their daughter and son-in-law visiting here in the park.

Clara Bessenger is enjoying her last few weeks. Will be leaving around the 18th

Leah and Dave Hart had visitors from South Carolina, Leah's brother and wife also her sister from Deerfield, Fla. They're looking forward to a new quiet summer.

Cora Tyson had visitors, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Johnson and daughter Theresa from Athens, Michigan. They stayed 2 weeks and enjoyed the whole scene. Cora was talking to her pet Cockateil "Valentine" - He manages to say a few words like Thank you, Pretty bird, and Take a bow.

Barbara Richardson says she really enjoys the park and people. She'll be leaving around the end of the month and returning in November.

Bill and Irene Stephenson had visitors for a few weeks - actually 8 days. Just seemed like 2 weeks - son, daughter and grandchildren. Bill wants to thank his committee members publicly. They put on a fine dinner and lunch. Everyone enjoyed.

Paul and Joan Stunzig's daughter Jaque and son John stayed for 8 days. Husband Joe had to fly back to teaching and coaching baseball. They're from Nazareth, Pa. College chums from Melbourne, Fla. also stayed the weekend, Jimmy and future bride Kathy. Paul says many thanks for vote of confidence on his election to next year's Council.

Tom and Phyllis McElroy have 2 week visitors, daughter Valerie and granddaughter Derryl. They've really been having a ball - fishing, boating, beaching, shrimping at night, and eating - eat-ing - eat-ing, etc.

Ham Tenner says he's available for evening shuffling if anyone's interested. Might be fun at that.

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You're getting old when you feel like "the night before" but you haven't been anywhere. You burn the midnight oil to 9 p.m.

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BAYO STREET NEWS

by Mabel Gaudette

Florence Finett's niece and friends were visitors from Ontario for a few days. Wendy Weaver from Ft. Lauderdale visited her dan Jack Weaver and enjoyed our beach.

The Sizeloves are awaiting the arrival of their son-in-law and granddaughter Jim and Kelly Chaffy from Springfield, Ill.

Laurence Gendreau, Lulu Barlow and Ray Flebotte and wife from Ludlow, Mass. visited little Alice last week. Doris and Al Boulrice are back in the cold north.

Grace Henning and Sophia Szopski have left for home. See you in November friends.

Bob and Phyllis Knapp are entertaining their granddaughter Lindsay Munson and her friend Susan Carr, from Muskegan, Mich. They, as everyone, enjoy our beach. Phyllis is also happy to have her sister and 88 year old mother.

The Rumpf's daughter and husband and grandson from Maumee, Ohio, are visiting Disney World and Epcot, but will be back this week.

Rose Ouimette enjoyed the visit of her neice and husband, the Turcottes, from Springfield, Mass.

BAYO STREET - Cont.

Marie and Fran Wadlegger are awaiting the company of friends from Hudson, Mass. After that they also take off for the north.

Take a walk and admire Bernice Theiss' Amaryllis. They are beautiful.

The Henthorns entertained friends from Blind River, Ont., Dot and Mack McKinney.

Isabelle and Al Ward enjoyed the visit of their 2 granddaughters and daughter Angela and husband John from Wyandotte, Mich., also Laurea Harvath from Grosse Ile, Mich. A busy month.

Terry & Vin Phaneuf are expecting their granddaughter Heather Newlin from Springfield, Mass. on the 17th. Epcot and Disney World are planned.

We all welcome back Dick and Caresta Bovee who have been in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Vegas, visiting their granddaughter and husband. I am sure they enjoyed. Welcome home friends.

Bob and Ruth Arnholt's daughter Patricia and son Chris arrived safe and enjoyed the park and specially the friendly people. Chris, of course, found all the mud puddles. They then went to the East Coast to spend a few days with Pat's sister Amy.

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Sign on a farmer's fence, - "If you can make it across the field in 10 seconds don't try it, the bull can make it in 9.

No patient should leave the hospital until he's strong enough to face cashier.

The world is full of willing people, some willing to work, others willing to let them.

Bayo St. misses Bob Colburn's lights at night, and miss Bob also. He gave this joke too late for last month's paper. He had a great sense of humor. This is a Newfoundland joke. Two Swedish men, Hans and Lars, went moose hunting inland where you get there by plane and land on a lake. After getting their moose and pilot came to fly them out - he told them he couldn't take both them and the 400 pound moose on the same trip. They gave him quite an argument "saying the pilot last year did." So, the pilot said "well, guess if he did, I can too." He shoved the moose in and the men and took off. Sure enough they crashed. When Hans came to he yelled to Lars, "where are you?" Lars answered, "about 100 yards from where we landed last year."

DIJE STREET NEWS

by Ruth Salmon

Dije Street is slowly curling up its toes for its long summer sleep. Helen and Clarence Rolfe have left for the north and by the time this paper is printed Bea and Gene Hull, and Grace and Frank Trecha will be gone. By the first of May, the rest of us will join the trek to the north country.

Not many Easter visitors on our street this year, although Teresa Miller's place was full of activity with her two beautiful great-granddaughters running in and out.

Katy and Hank Mastie have had their daughter Barbara, and grandson Zach for two weeks. They've had ideal weather for beaching on this visit. The Mastie's son Denny and friend Carol from Washington, D.C. were also visiting for three days.

The Ide's beautiful new Florida room is nearing completion, thanks to Harry's skill and hard work. Of course, his very efficient overseer Lorraine deserves much credit too. Just wait until next winter. "Party time at the Ides"

Ann and George Hale have been having troubles. All of George's health problems have resulted in his admission to Venice Hospital. His room number is 217 and it would greatly please him to hear from his many friends. We all wish you the best of luck, George, and a quick return to Dije street. You are missed on the shuffle courts.

Teresa Miller got a nice long letter this week from Paula Walker. She and Joe love their new California home. Their daughter Anita has moved nearer and is now only 15 minutes away. Joe gave up smoking and feels great. They send greetings to their old neighbors on Dije St.

Brownie says "Now that my wife's term as President of the park Council is about expired, we think we'll take a trip to St. Pete and celebrate with our friends for a few days. We might even go over to the east coast before heading back to Conn. for the summer." Sounds like a well'deserved rest for two very hard-working people. Have fun, Allison and Brownie.

I have no jokes to tell, but do have one funny story about our editor. He was seen crawling out of the Gulf onto the beach on hands and knees the other day. The reason? He was trying to convince his audience that the surf had torn off his swim trunks. Now really, Charlie, we're not all that gullible. It was a good show, regardless, and well appreciated.

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My birds' got Canarial disease. It's Chirpies and it's Untweetable.

"Doctor," the young woman screamed over the phone, "My baby just swallowed a bullet. What should I do?" The Doctor replied: "Don't point him at anybody."

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GOLFO STREET NEWS  
by Dortha Swickard

Rita Roof is expecting her son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Barbara from San Jose, Calif. to visit with her and also go to Epcot. Rita's friend, Gladys Garrison of Kalamazoo, Mich. is coming for a short visit and to accompany her home the last part of April.

Dottie Kerber's daughter and son-in-law, Virginia and Jess Madden are visiting from Port Huron, Mich.

Golfo Street is changing. Helena Moody leaves us today to reside in Reading, Mass., near her son and family. We will surely miss her. We'll be thinking of her often.

We welcome Cam and Cal Thatcher of Findlay, Ohio, who have purchased Helena's mobile home.

Patty and Gary Coleman of Chicopee, Mass. are visiting her parents, Norma and Jean Croteau.

Floyd and Dorothy Crankshaw had their grandson, Jim Waters, as a guest for a week in March. He had a good time fishing and even went for a dip in the Gulf, even tho it was like Lake Michigan!

Then Helen and Harry Waters, daughter and son-in-law of the Crankshaws arrived to stay about a week. They had a good time walking the beach and picking up shells even tho it was cool and rainy.

Helen and Charlie Verrill entertained daughter, Eleanor and her husband and their two children just before Easter. The Hoods, from Lancaster, Ohio enjoyed the beach, shuffling and golf, and especially all the eating!

Virginia and Raymond DeMoss of Tiffin, Ohio who were on Bay St. left Monday for home. They are friends and neighbors of the Hulls, Nighswanders and Swickards.

Audrey and George Jacobson of Dayton, Ohio have left us, as well as Gene and Mahlon Hallett who are in their home at East Stroudsbury, Pa. Lucille and Ralph Tracey returned to their home in Orlando because of illness in the family.

Helen and Charlie Verrill leave Monday for their home on Cape Cod.

This joke, courtesy of Dorothy and Floyd. Man went to Doctor to have a physical. The Dr. said, "You are in good shape for a man of 55 years." "Who said I was 55? I'm 65." The Dr. said, "How old was your father when he died?" "Who said he was dead?" "He's 85 and going strong." The Dr. said, "How old was his Dad when he died?" "Who said he was dead?" "He's 104 and getting married tomorrow." The Dr. said, "Why would he want to get married at his age?" "Who said he wanted to?"

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Mrs. Jonas: "Please don't bring your dog into my house-it's full of fleas."  
Mrs. Smith: "Well, all right. But I never dreamed you'd let your house get into such a condition."

GOLDEN TASSEL AWARD

Here's the news you've been waiting for, especially you men. The Golden Tassel Award was won by Roxanne Palermo. It had to do with development as a result of exercise. A report has it that the ceremonies were hilarious and the class really had a good time. Congratulations Roxanne, you're a good sport!

CIELO COURT NEWS

by Loretta Brandemill

Carl and Alice Jackson's son Jim, wife Ruthie and grandson Scott visited them Thursday, March 31. They are from Fort Wayne, Ind. and are staying on Longboat Key.

Cal and Cam Thatcher have disposed of their trailer on Cielo Ct. and next season will be living at #8 Golfo.

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AURA STREET NEWS

by Marge Stocum

See our neighbors Chet and Viv brought the good weather back with them. Welcome home.

The Cadys are expecting their daughter Lee Cady and friend Irene Picard the 21st of April for ten days. Hope they have good weather.

Ana and George Galat are leaving for North next Sunday or Monday. Wishing to all the Park people all the best and see you next season.

James Cross, Nancy, Jim and Jenefer enjoyed their visit here; hope to return next season. Just loved the Gulf. Ethel just got the news that she became a great-grandmother April 4th. She now has three great-grandchildren.

Lu got a phone call from her sister Anna. She got home safe and that she had a wonderful time, and says "Hello" to all her friends.

Dick and Shirley Hire expect to take over Tillie's trailer about May 2. Tillie will be leaving for the North May 5. The many friends in the Park will sure miss her.

Bertha likes this nice weather; with the walker she is getting down to the Bay. Good to see her out.

Betty Baker visited her daughter Sue in Tampa for week. She also went to Epcot and Disneyworld.

Mae and Wally had unexpected visitors from St. Petersburg. Formerly from their home town. They spent the day. Wally's doing great down here since his operation.

Millie Cohoon visited Maxine Ousley last Wed. Maxine used to be a resident of the Park.

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This is the last issue of The Listening Post for this season. We want to express our appreciation to the following: Street Captains who gather news - All of you who contributed jokes and cartoons, etc. - Ham Tener for his poems - Emerson Henthorn for his graphics - Terry Phaneuf for help in typing. Thanks a million.

Charley and Shirley Deierlein

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Theresa deCarufel would like to express her thanks for all the well wishes they received while she and Maunice were in the hospital.

Maurice is still in the hospital undergoing tests as is George Hale. Your prayers for both will be greatly appreciated.