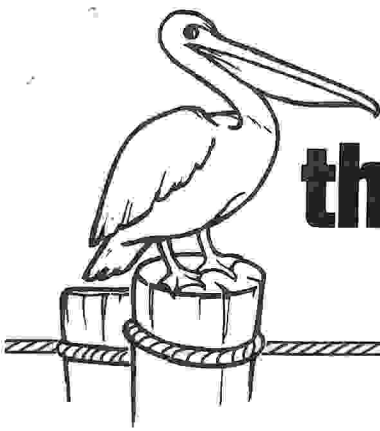


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COMING EVENTS * * * * * MARCH COMMITTEE

Members: Helen and Charlie Verrill, Chairpersons; Isabelle and Al Ward, Ana and George Galat, Clara Bessinger, Marie and Fran Wadlegger, Terry and Vin Phaneuf

March 9, Saturday - 8:30 am to 11:30 am - By popular demand
Pancake and sausage breakfast \$1.00
All the pancakes you want or can eat,
coffee or tea
Sausages - 25¢ each

March 16, Saturday - 1:00 pm - St. Patrick's Day
Dinner \$4.00
Traditional corn beef and cabbage, salad,
boiled potatoes, green beans, key lime
dessert, rolls, coffee or tea

March 17, Sunday - St. Patrick's Day Dance -
8:00 pm to 12:00 am \$3.00
Come one, come all; dance, socialize,
and have fun. The beer is a freebie!

GULF TO BAY ON THE GO GO GO!!!

A dinner cruise out of Ft. Myers is the March 9th outing. One bus is already filled and the Ide's are working on the second. Sign up and see Lorraine before Feb. 28th. \$22.00 includes round trip transportation from the park. A delicious buffet aboard and a 3 hour cruise that includes an hour of entertainment and two hours of dancing. It's a BYOB affair with set-ups and ice, cups and soda for \$1.50. Sounds like another fun evening. But when this crowd gets together, isn't everything fun?

Trifecta, Perfecta, Quinella and those comfortable Win, Place and Show kept the "tourers" busy Feb. 9th. Jai Alai was exciting. For some of us it was time to leave before we had a chance to win. But others--were lucky, lucky \$\$\$!!

Dinner at the Old Heidleburg was everything people had said. "Ein, Zwei, Drei, g'suffa!": was the toast of the evening. It was a fun packed day for all.

On Sunday, March 10th we in the park had the opportunity to honor our 50-year plus married couples - Harry and Mabel March (unable to attend) 68; Matt and Lola Yates 63; Floyd and Dottie Crankshaw 60; Frank and Grace Trecha 59; George and Anne Hale 57; Chan and Hulda Robinson 55; Bill and Dortha Swickard 55; Ham and Jinks Tener 53; Vaughn and Dorothy Nighswander 51 - a beautiful example of love, honor and respect. A delicious supper was provided by the February Committee followed by two old time films - Laurel and Hardy and Charlie Chaplin. The evening ended with everyone full and happy.

Wife, just coming home, to husband: "I've been to karate class, so dinner will be late. Want to make something of it?"

Did you hear about the bees that went on strike? They were demanding shorter flowers and more honey.

The best way to remember your wife's birthday is forget it just once!

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O.K. so much for the humor. Now for something serious. Before you read further in this newsletter, turn to the back page and read the article entitled "Gulf to Bay Mobile Home Owners, Inc. Report." This report was compiled by Allison Brown and merits your close attention.

Ed. Charles Deierlein

AURA STREET by Betty Baker

Everyone says not much news this month yet they all seem to be busy. The John Darlings had their grandson Randy Caulton from Maine visit for four days. They also have their friends Irene and Carlo Brown down again and they are on Bayo Street.

The Cadys are enjoying the weather. Also finally got their furnace working, so Anne isn't freezing.

Big news at the Mintons is that Edna got a new microwave oven, a belated Christmas gift.

Ethel Cross wanted me to say that she is still living. She gave quite a performance at the Luau. Ethel enjoyed the trip to Tampa last Saturday.

I knocked at Marge's door and here was the Stitch and Rip Club having their regular Monday meeting. They all gather to sew and have lunch. They were showing Christmas things to make for next year!

This Friday Marge and Betty Baker are going to a fashion show and Marge's sister Eleanor will be one of the models.

Millie Cohoon has her son Elwood and his wife Martha visiting. Glad to report Millie's arm is fine after breaking it in two places.

Dick and Shirley Hire are busy doing over their mobile home. Installing new carpeting when I went for news. Floyd and Gwen Gilbert from Arlington, Va. will be here for a week's visit. He is a government attorney. Dick's sister and husband the Snowdons will visit for a weekend. They live on Pine Island. Sounds like the Hires are very busy.

Bob and Mickie Rumpf are busy fishing and sunning. They are looking forward to a visit from their youngest daughter, Deborah, who will be arriving on Thursday.

News at Betty Baker's is the usual - dancing and partying. A new 3-speed bike has been added last week. The water is quite cold in the Gulf but I just had to try it Sunday. Brrr!

Our man with the blower went on a fishing trip. When he returned, a friend asked how the fish were in the area. "I really can't say," Stretch said. "I dropped them a line every day for three days and never got any response."

Why is it a person who always puts the cap back on the toothpaste tube often marries someone who doesn't?

CIELO CT. by Mary May

Congratulations to Lola and Matt Yakes. They have been married 63 years. They have been enjoying a visit from their son and find it rather quiet now that he has gone.

George Uto has been doing a lot of work inside these days. He is a good gardener too; you should see his crop of scallions.

Andy Grant has gone back north, but plans to return in a month.

Mary May is enjoying her company. Her mother, Josephine Schnitt, and sister, Shirley Lavoie, arrived January 29th from Illinois. They are enjoying Gulf to Bay and all the fine people here.

Fred and Loretta Brandemill received some disturbing news from Michigan; someone broke into their home and left things in quite a mess. They took their TV, a chime wall clock, jewelry and other miscellaneous items.

Alice and Carl Jackson just returned from Ohio. Carl's sister was seriously ill and died. They are hoping things have settled down now so they can enjoy Englewood.

Vivian Roberts and Chet Benner have been keeping quite busy; they have both started working. No wonder we haven't seen them on the beach.

Mary Ann and Jack Parks, our new people on the beach are enjoying Gulf to Bay; they like the beach house; it is homey and comfortable, and they are glad they found us.

Ivan the Russian was about to be exiled to Siberia, and he said to the judge, "If the United States is such a terrible place, why not send me there?"

And then there was the fellow who called his car Flattery because it got him nowhere.

Reducing is wistful shrinking. Don't smoke in bed unless you want to make an ash of yourself. We are allowed only one wife. This is called monotony.

CIELO STREET by Ruth Hicks

Cora Tyson's guest of a month ago returned to see her. Alice Hess brought her daughter plus two grandchildren to spend some time with Cora.

Don Reppenhagen is recuperating from eye surgery. He had an implant and Don was happy with the result. They are expecting Don's brother anytime now. Virginia and Don would like to thank everyone for their concern and get well wishes.

June Simpson had the privilege of reliving her past as a "Woman Marine" during W.W.II (the big one) by visiting Parris Island, S.C. to attend the graduation of a new "Woman Marine" Pvt. First Class Theresa Hendry, a young friend from her home town, Batavia, N.Y. Great fun and fond memories.

Tom and Phyllis McElroy's granddaughter, Laurel and her two friends stopped to say hello. They were busy taking in the Florida sights, especially Epcot and Disney World. Tom's sister Charlotte is expected. She will be in and out of the park. Introduce her to our Kitchen Band, Tom.

Delicious smells coming from the Manutes abode. Bet Georgia is baking again!

Feeling good is Jane Wiley's statement and wants to remind you all that stamps go up to 22¢ on Feb. 17th.

Jinks and Ham Tenner's daughter, Patty, from Cape Cod was a visitor to the park while Ham was in the hospital. By the way, he would like to thank everyone for their cards and get well wishes. Enjoyed receiving them. Also many thanks to the park council for the lovely basket of delicious fruit that they sent him at the Venice Hospital. Jinks has a 55th reunion coming up in May. It's on a weekend and will be held at Randolph Macon Womens College.

George and Delores are entertaining guests from Killarney, Ont., Frances and Load Roque for two weeks. Also their friends Pat and Boyd Gunnison from Mentor, Ohio are staying in the cottage for two months. They all sure did pick the perfect time for being in the sunshine state.

Pete and Renee Arnold are getting anxious to move into their new home. They are also looking forward to the garden work. Honest! That's what Pete said.

Irene Stevenson is feeling much better. I heard by the grapevine that Irene took Bill out in the boat to show him how shelling is done. Is Bill a quick learner, Irene?

Jim Peters is our new resident at 302 Cielo St. He hails from Springfield, Ill. Jim told me that he has been a frequent visitor to Gulf to Bay in the past. He's very contented here and commented on our friendly people.

Fran and Jack Smith have as their guest, their daughter Sally. Sally said she's really enjoying the sunshine, as she left Michigan with 2 feet of snow on the ground and below zero temp.

Billy Kell and Isabelle Moorhouse have finally arrived at their spot - 312 Cielo St. Between sprucing up the trailer and Bill's guitar playing, they are enjoying themselves and of course our beautiful weather. Say "Hello" to Cliff when passing by - Isabelle made it and he certainly is a cute doll.

Did you hear they're making amovie about an intergalactic toad? It's called "Star Warts." Manicurists make money hand over fist.

Disc jockeys live on spins and needles. Auctioneers always look forbidding.

Outside Hastings, Fla., in farming section: "Cabbage Ahead-Slaw Down."

An Indian, who was sending smoke signals, suddenly threw aside his regular blanket and started using a baby blanket. "What did you do that for?" asked a friend. The Indian replied, "I'm making small talk."

LEFTOVERS FROM "LUAU"

So many "thank yous" were overlooked the nite of the Luau we thought we should take care of our problem by print.

Being greeters in that crowded patio was not easy and we really appreciated the way Emma, Gordon, Fay and Les handled it so nicely.

The Smiths opened their home to the "Pearls" for a dressing room and you can imagine what it looked like when such great stars take over anything.

Bill Stevenson helped so many times to solve a problem and he also is good with a hammer as he helped with the patio. Therese Miller practically let us strip her tree of lemons and leaves. Also, Jean Hallet let us trim her Calamondin tree for leaves and fruit used for decorations.

We think it would be safe to say that Hank Mastie supplied us with at least 2 pecks of lemons, plus he brought in 2 dozen sweet rolls to us at a time when we really needed a coffee break. It was so thoughtful of a "nice guy."

We were really happy then David walked in with a roll of nice heavy pastic for the patio.

Our Lou Rogers did a super job with the devotions.

Katie Mastie was most happy to take the boring job of selling tickets, and did an excellent job.

Of course our sweet Lorraine who is always faithful on piano and the lovely voice of Mary Ann Parks added so much. The cast of performers: Jack Smith and Paul Stunzig on ukulele, Ethel Cross and "The Pearls" (Charlie Hicks, Norm Durst, Frank Finelli, George Finnett, Charlie Deierlein) Hulda and Chan Robinson - The Coconuts, Hilo Hattie (Joan Stunzig) under the able direction of Mary May caused hooting and hollering, Yeah Man!! They were delightful and were worth the \$4.50 even without the dinner.

The Luau Committee wants to express a big "thanks" to the above people mentioned and we are sorry if we have missed anyone. Thank you.

RECIPE CORNER

Elephant Stew

- 1 Elephant
- 2 Rabbits (optional)
- Salt & Pepper to taste

Cut the elephant into small bite-size pieces. This should take about 2 months. Add enough brown gravy to cover. Cook over kerosene stove for approximately 4 weeks at 465° F., stirring occasionally. This will serve 3,827 people. If more are expected, 2 rabbits may be added, but do this only if necessary, as most people do not like to find HARE in their stew.

Suggested for Gourmet Cooks only!

NOTE:

The above recipe was given to me by Charlie Letsch whose father was a chef. Thought I'd share it.

Allison

This has been celebration time at the Browns. Allison and Brownie had a surprise visit from their niece, Gwen Garach, who arrived to spend her birthday week with them and to see their new residence. Allison is busy preparing another literary workshop to be held in Sarasota on the 16th and 23rd. She hopes to be back in circulation again when that project is completed and to get back on her daily "wog."

Monday's shuffle match with Deer Creek was washed out by rain--makeup match scheduled for next Monday, the 18th.

FRIENDSHIP CAKE

- 1 cup greetings
- 1/2 cup smiles
- 1 large handshake
- 2/3 cup love
- 1 teaspoon sympathy
- 2 cups hospitality

Cream greetings and smiles thoroughly. Add handshake spiritedly. Slowly stir in love. Sift together sympathy and hospitality, fold in carefully. Bake in a warm heart. Serve often and to all and enjoy.

Submitted by Therese Miller

DIJE STREET by Hulda Robinson

Jay and Jennie Hubbard are finally getting out and around after a long bout with the flu. We see Jay going back and forth while working on his new boat.

Ruth Salmon at 403 Dije is expecting her daughter Elaine and grandson Richie on Feb. 15th for a 10 day visit. Make room on the big dock, you fishermen, Richie will be giving you some competition.

Lorraine Ide said to remind everyone about the March 9th cruise. So glad to see her flitting around again. Nothing keeps her down very long. Don't overdo it, though, Lorraine.

Glad to have the Trechas back again after their stay in the hospital and nursing home.

The Robinsons extend many thanks from all the honored guests at the Valentine Party. The Committee really outdid themselves. Especially with the cards from the White House. Ours will go in our Anniversary Book.

Seems good to see George Hale walking a lot better. Keep it up, George.

Barbara Richardson is now at home at 407 Dije St.; stop and say "Hi!" and see process of redecoration. Barbara's daughter, Cynthia Richardson Miller of Arvada, Col. is arriving for a two week visit Feb. 16th. By the way, the public is invited to the Elsie Quirk Library Wed. Feb. 20th, 12 noon to 1 PM for the reading of her own poetry. Bring bag lunch - coffee served.

Therese Miller had lots of company this month which she really enjoyed. They appreciated the friendliness of the people in our Park and are now spending a couple of days at Disney World.

Hank Mastie is busy working on a Toyota that he purchased for \$15.00. It's for his granddaughter.

Forgot to say that the Chan Robinsons are looking forward to a Monticello, Iowa picnic the 21st. Will be held at the upper Manasota Beach.

For sale - A pair of slightly used cocoanuts. Contact Chan Robinson.

GOLFO STREET by Cam Thatcher

We're happy to have Ann and Al Symchak, friends of the Ides, visiting on "our side of the tracks". They enjoyed the bus trip to the Tampa Jai Alai games and dinner. Ann caught the "community cold" - hope she's feeling better soon.

Have you noticed the pine tree Cal planted next to the Tiki in Dottie Kerber's yard? It's the one he won at the Christmas dinner - he's taking very good care of it.

The Kerbers are expecting Paul's brother, Karl & wife, Lillian, from Fenton, Mich. for a visit. They will be staying with Lou and Buck Weaver, former park residents, now living in Mobile Gardens.

Noble and Eleanor Paul have a beautiful new sofa. Noble says the fishing hasn't been too good lately.

Nora McCulley, mutual friend of Rita Roof and Dottie Hall, was in the park visiting for two weeks. We enjoyed seeing her at bridge. Rita's nephew, Norman Potter, from Cadillac, Mich., was an overnight guest.

Nettie Arnholt, Dottie Kerber, Bill & Dortha Swickard, the Crankshaws and Helen and Charlie Verrill all say, "No news is good news" this month.

Jean Hallett and her guests will be flying home on February 28th. Jean will return again in November.

Cam & Cal Thatcher's daughter and husband, Andrea & Michael Levy, will be flying into Sarasota early on February 22nd. They're from Lorain, Ohio. Michael's a photographer for the Lorain Journal. Andrea's a freelance artist. Cal's brother, John, may make it down on the 28th.

An English Joke...compliments of Kate Kerber: Lady Duff was to celebrate her 90th birthday and she'd felt she'd never done anything daring. So she thought, I'll just streak across the floor in the nude at the clubhouse that night.

Two Lords were sitting sipping a drink when one of them exclaimed, "What was that?" The other said, "Why that was Lady Duff!" "What was she wearing?" The other one answered, "I don't know, but it sure needed a bloody good pressing!"

BAYO STREET by Mabel Gaudette

Walter and Dorothy Smith from Hastings, Ont. were guests of the Finettes. Too bad they were not here to see George turn Hawaiian!

Mr. and Mrs. David Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. John Marre from Madisonville, Ind. visited the Bovees.

Clara Bessinger tells us that Mabel Marsh is home from the hospital. She celebrated her 93rd birthday. They both send their best wishes to all their friends in the park.

The Kanpps are going to Texas to visit Phyllis' mother. They also need a rest after all their work on the Luau. They also had a brunch for all their committee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Malone from Alton Bay, N.H. are happy in their home. They bought Grace Henning's place. Welcome to our park.

Alice Flebotte keeps her daughter Doris busy. She entertains her "Pokeno Club" at Doris and Al's new home. That's smart Alice, keep it up, less work for you and more room.

Mr. and Mrs. Lepper - family Flo and Dick and son Shawn from Winter Park, also their niece Kimberly from Scottsdale, Pa. are coming later this month.

Bob and Ruth Arnholt have been working hard and now are enjoying their new patio.

Mr. and Mrs. Marc Daigle from Ludlow, Mass. are visiting their friends Marie and Fran Wadlegger.

Billie and Dan Bunce are leaving March 1st. They are moving to Nol Ft. Myers. The name of the park is "Old Bridge."

Chas. Letsch's daughter and husband, and grandson Mike from Long Island, N.Y. are expected later this month.

Rose Ouimette's cousin and husband Blanche and John Gatt from Springfield, Mass. are coming to stay with Rose for a few days.

Helen Graveline's trailer was bought by the Bielinskis from Muskegan, Mich. They are expected about Feb. 16th.

Carl and Irene Brown from Wells, Maine are here again this year for 30 days. They came from Maine by way of Key Largo to Englewood. What's a few more miles when you are having fun?

Mabel Gaudette has her neighbor of 40 years as her guest. She's Jennie Gasselin who also lived in the park here for 5 years. Come in; say "Hi!"

Widow (at seance) "Is that you harry?" Ghost, "Yes." Widow, "Are you happier than you were with me?" Ghost, "Much happier." Widow, "Heaven must be a beautiful place." Ghost, "I ain't in heaven."

You know you have reached middle age when it's your birthday, and instead of taking a day off, you take a year off.

ESTADA STREET by Joan Stunzig

Things are rolling right along here on our lovely thoroughfare. Dot Hall has lost her house guest temporarily but Nora will return.

The O'Donnells are enjoying themselves and we caught a glimpse of Mary Jane when she stopped by for a visit. Jim is looking really well of late and he can be seen stepping around the park.

Has anyone missed the Hamiltons lately? Well, I have but I was relieved to find that all is well down there. Marge was under the weather but is coming along nicely after a series of tests. Results will be in on Friday and then they will be out among us again.

Dot Manley will be at Port Charlotte's Fawcett Hospital for five days beginning Wednesday. She says Jim is hoping for a girl! Seriously, Dot, we'll miss you and wish you well and good health soon.

GULF TO BAY MOBILE HOME OWNERS, Inc.

REPORT

The Board of Directors of the Gulf to Bay Mobile Home Owners, Inc. held a meeting on Feb. 12th. The secretary was asked to advise the residents of the progress on two issues of prime importance.

With the Bureau of Mobile Homes now fully empowered to enforce the provisions of the new Florida Mobile Home Act, it is necessary that we comply with the State ruling which calls for the appointment of a Negotiating Committee to be in place to represent the residents of the park. The Mobile Home Act provides an opportunity to discuss rent increases, change in rules and regulations, or change in park services, and state rules which have been established to govern that process. This same committee will represent the residents if it becomes necessary to proceed into mediation or arbitration.

Your Board of Directors have outlined the steps which must be followed to comply with the law, and at this meeting set the process in motion with the appointment of a By-Laws Committee. Members include Vaughn Nighswander, Thomas McElroy and Allison Brown.

When the By-Laws are complete and approved in the manner set forth in the FMO format, a Board of Directors shall be elected at an annual meeting as determined by the By-Laws. This elected Board of Directors is then empowered by the Mobile Home Law to designate the members of the Negotiation Committee. The Board of Directors can select up to five people to serve on the committee, and nothing precludes appointing one or more members of their own Board.

A list of the present members of the Board of Directors and Acting Officers is posted on the hall bulletin board.

Your representatives are interested in your input.

ESTADA STREET (Cont'd.)

Stopped at Grabers and Emma was ironing a few things. Gordon says bring yours over. They are expecting Gordon's sister on Feb. 23rd and first on the agenda is a stop at the Old Heidelberg Castle for dinner. Didn't we all have a great time last Saturday? Thanks again, Lorraine!

Helen Bleck is a little blue due to the loss of her good friend from Naples. But we'll do our best to cheer her up soon, that is if we can catch up to her. She sure gets around a lot these days.

Les Downing has been able to go out fishing six of the last eight days and they have been very fruitful besides. Good to hear that someone is catching fish. (Jim Manley caught a whopper on Sunday.)

By the way "our baby" Charley Downing, will be here in time for his birthday. You girls will have to stand in line again to hug this bundle of joy. That is if you can get him away from Grandma and Grandpa Downing!

Norm and Millie Durst are doing great with their new place on Estada Street. They really appreciate the extra room to move around in. Millie's former classmate was down to visit this month and they enjoyed themselves here at Gulf to Bay Park.

Art and Marguerite Oestreich are back with us again and told us the weather up north is just terrible. Art is President of our Mobile Home Association and will hold a meeting this week to elect new officers and appoint a negotiating team. See the report elsewhere in this edition.

Paul Stunzig wishes to thank all of you for being so kind to him while he was laid up. The many cards and kindnesses extended to him were most gratifying. So many people found time to stop in and wish him well that he is sure that is what helped him recover so rapidly. And I really appreciated the freedom it gave me at the same time. Since he couldn't walk I got a chance to run errands when someone stopped by. So your good deeds were doubly welcomed.

You can't hoot like an owl all night and fly like an eagle next morning!