



the Listening Post

The Official Publication of the Gulf to Bay Recreation Association

VOL. VII, #6

April 1986

Activities for April:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| April 7 - 6-10 PM Jimmy Jay | April 14 - 9:30 AM clean attic |
| April 8 - 10 AM Council Meeting | April 17 - 10 AM clean Rec Hall |
| April 13 - 1 PM Chicken Dinner | April 19 - Beach Party |

* * * * *

March!!! She came in like a LION - now maybe we are settling in to a pattern of warm sunny days and cool evenings; it's about time. So many have had a bout with the flu, colds, sore throats, etc. Now is the time to shed ourselves of those evils and spring forth.

Our Kitchen Band Concert started off the month and what a hard act to follow. They entertained us royally, heard some new voices too, and didn't they look terrific in their uniforms. Thank you Lorraine.

Crazy Carol entertained us at the management party. Thank you Jean and Warren.

A trip to the Rodeo via bus to Arcadia complete with a real cowboy guide, and a trip to Egypt and Greece via a slide show by Vic Bielinski.

Then our musical "The Great Extravaganza" - What talent! What showmanship! What an evening! Where did Billy Kell find all that hidden talent?? So happy the Gulf to Bay Pearls returned just to perform for us!! Any resemblance to Chan Robinson, Charlie Hicks, Charlie Deierlein, Jean Croteau, Frank Finelli and George Finnette is purely intentional. Oh, yes, lest we forget one Pearl who was in the hospital at the time of the performance, Norm Durst. What will they come up with next?

The Thursday Frolics at the shuffle courts have been very successful thanks to Ruth Daugherty and Lavern Sumner's efforts to put it together for us. Also from the shuffle courts we have a celebrity among us. Who? You ask. Why none other than our own Clayton Brown, alias Brownie, who reigns as President of the Lemon Bay Shuffleboard League. Our hats off to you, Brownie and you just keep on shufflin' our way, cause we love ya.

Thank you to Norm Durst, March Chairperson, for all the efforts put forth to please our palates. We remember those evenings your committee served coffee and cookies, and that delicious pancake breakfast and Easter dinner. Isn't it nice to have an Allison Brown to step in and chair these events while you were in the hospital and a Joan and Paul Stunzig to chair the pancake breakfast. Your total committee is to be commended !!!

Looking forward to a super April and for those who are leaving us for the season- see you next year. Oh yes, one more thing. I will be chairing the January '87 committee and we are planning a Western Hoe Down; so bring those boots, ten gal. hats, blue jeans, pettycoats and square dancing shoes for it will be a hot time in the old town that night.

Thank you for a super year. You are truly a fantastic group of people.
Mary May, President

New officers for the 1986-87 season:

- Dick Hire, President
- Terry Phaneuf, Vice President
- Barbara Richardson, Secretary
- John Malone, Treasurer
- Norm Durst, Member at Large
- Mary May, Member at Large

Many thanks to Terry Phaneuf and Art Oestreich for publishing the last two issues of the Listening Post. A super job!

Shirley and Charley Deierlein

DIJE ST. - All By Themselves

It's quiet again at the Robinsons after visits earlier in the months of son Charles from Colo. and grandchildren from Iowa. They all had a great time at the beach and fishing. Hulda is nursing a sore foot after surgery, but hasn't held her down much except for shuffling. Hope to do that too before returning to Iowa.

Has Hawaii been your dream? It can come true Nov. 11-25. Any Gulf-to-Bay resident can get the loaded 3 island package at a discount price of \$1680.00 for 15 days. Air fare, hotel, tours, luaus, shows and much more included. What's best of all is enjoying it with park friends. You can start this tour from any city serviced by American Airline at the same price. Let the Ides know by April 15 if you are interested.

The annual Ladies Luncheon will be Thurs. April 10 at the elegant Plantation Country Club. The ladies will meet at the Rec. Hall at 11:15 am to car pool. Sign up with Lorraine before Tues. April 8th. She'll help arrange the rides. (Say, fellows doesn't this sound a bit sexist to you?)

Jay and Jennie Hubbard had visitors, Art and Pat Stoll from Mich., for a week. We went to the Golden Apple Dinner Theatre to see Chorus Line. Pat really enjoyed the Gulf. This week we can expect George and Joey Gallaher from Pittsburgh.

Ruth Salmon says, "Aside from our beautiful beach, the shuffle board games, our bingos and the warm Fla. sunshine, card games, etc. there's not a heck of a lot to do around here."

Visitors at the Robert Carruthers home were, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Rivers and daughters of Ann Arbor, Mich. Mrs. Rivers is the daughter of Bob and Ladeema. Mr. & Mrs. Mike Opalewski and sons were visitors of Clara Baessinger and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Carruthers.

Clara wants to report that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marsh are doing great, don't get out much because of cold weather and Mable is in a wheel chair. They really enjoy the park paper she sends them each month. (A big "Hello!" to Mable and Harry from all your friends and neighbors on Dije St.)

Barbara Richardson is off in Colorado - skiing at Breckenridge, being Grandma to Cameron and Toller, 14 and 10 years old, while Cindy and Denis go on vacation to Mexico. Then she has one week in Grand Junction, Colo. with her niece, Carol Bliss Back April 22 or 23rd.

With the visitors all gone and the Extravaganza now history, Roxanne can relax and Ralph can shuffle once again. Go!! Ralphie, Baby!

Panhandler: "Can you spare thirty cents?" Man: "I've only got a quarter."
Panhandler: "So you owe me a nickel."

March has been such a busy month at the Masties with Hank's sister Helen & Frank Shurtliff from Southfield, Mich. arriving the 4th; Daughter-in-law Kay and Angie came for 4 days. They had no sooner left than Dennis and fiancée Lori, Barb and Zach all arrived the same day. A big birthday party was planned for Zachary on the 19th (#5) and his Dad arrived just in time, having driven 22 hours straight thru from Mich. Barb and Zach have a week to go and oldest granddaughter Michelle (18) is due in Thurs. for a week. Our friends Alice and Bill Exelby are in town for 3 weeks also. They've had excellent beach weather and gotten good tans and Zach has had John and Kelley (Downing grandchildren) and Brian and Richie (Uto grandchildren) and Cindy (Taylor niece) so he's had an especially good time.

Friends of Hazel Belky will be saddened to learn of her death on March 19th in the hospital in Wyandotte, Mich. where she returned to be near her daughter and son. Hazel lived for many years at 402 Dije St.

At the present writing George Hale is in fair condition at Venice Hospital where he underwent a sympathectomy operation on his leg today. Good luck, George!

A letter to the Easter Bunny

My best Easter present was having Phyllis and Audrey drop from heaven and through the Rec Hall door to serve the committee their dinner; then to dive into the sink and create clean dishes. Volunteers are a breed-apart!

Allison

Brownie and Allison have their tickets to fly to Germany on April 29th. They will go by limousine to Tampa, then by plane to Atlanta where they will board Delta for the international flight to Stuttgart. Their itinerary calls for a return to Englewood on July 26th to pick up their Mercury and travel trailer

DIJE ST. - (Cont'd)

and head for Connecticut. It's going to be a swish summer!!

Wasn't Dot Hall a cute greeter at the Easter Sunday dinner sporting her new Easter bonnet? Many thanks to Dottie and to Norm and all the faithful work crew. You were a great committee.

The young and the old have all the answers. Those in between are stuck with the questions.

The rush hour is when traffic is at a standstill.

Have you heard about the golfer who finished a fifth before he got to the fourth?

BAYO ST. - Mabel Gaudette

Sophia Szopski's niece and husband Sandy and Joe Dowdle from Mt. Prospect, Ill. were visitors, also Marian and Harry Dolen from Chicago.

The Arnholdt's daughter, Amy and son Ryan Nagel from Riviera Beach, Ill. are visiting. They are expecting another daughter, Susan Taylor from E. Aurora, N.Y. in a few days. Ruth received a letter from Emma Graber, a former resident. Emma says "Hello!" to all her friends.

Rose Ouimette had her niece Christine Rogoff and her husband Richard and their two children Jennifer and Jason from Dallas, Tex. Marie Genest from Ludlow, Mass. and Velda Page from Chicopee, Mass. are here visiting their sister Rose, also.

Terry Phaneuf wants to thank all those who voted for her in the elections. She will be our Vice President next season. Good luck, Terry!

Dot and Henny Henthorn had their granddaughter Laura Robinson on her Spring break from college. Her first trip to Fla. and her comment was, "It's gorgeous." That pleased Grandpa. She is from Kansas City, Mo. Their son and his wife, Jackie and granddaughter Carly were here from Cincinatti, Ohio.

Larry Malone and wife Irene from Rochester, N.H. surprised his brother John and Alice Malone with a visit. Alice is debating whether she should play cribbage with Laverne Summer any more. He always wins.

Mike Turk says his car is saying "Thank you" for the nice parking area he recently cemented.

Alice Flebotte continues with her company, Joe and Betty Nally from Ohio. Also Ernie and Ellie LaBranche from Springfield, Mass. Alice likes to go see the ball games when the Red Sox play. She is still on cloud 9 after seeing the 27-10 win.

The Thornes enjoyed a 2-week visit from Gladys' sister Dorothy McGaffie from Sanyville, West Va. Sister Dorothy enjoyed the visit here and hopes to come back next year.

Mother says if we don't write our Congressman about social security, she's going to move in with us!

#219 Bayo trailer was sold by Victor and Audrey Bielinski March 31st to Rita and Maurice Teehan, relatives of Terry and Vincent Phaneuf. The Teehans are from Chicopee, Mass. Vic and Audrey want to travel more. They say they expect to visit Florida next year. Audrey has enjoyed the daily 1 PM bridge beginners group which says "Audrey is a good teacher."

The Bielinskis will have the Saunders family here April 7-10 as guests for meals. The family will stay at Johnson's across the road - 2 granddaughters will sleep at #219.

Vandalism strikes Gulf to Bay! It really happened! Someone cut off the pendulum from the center of the nice outdoor chimes set given to Alice Flebotte as a gift several years ago. "We really enjoyed the chimes," say Vic and Audrey Bielinski who live closest to the chimes. "It never bothered us. It was just as nice to hear as the Gulf waves during many nites."

Earthworm: One that believes there's no place like loam.

Kissing: The only acceptable two-faced action.

Communism: Nobodys' got nothin', but everybody's workin'.

AURA ST. - Betty Baker

The Bob Rumpfs left for home to take care of their daughter who hurt her back. They will come back and close up their place.

"Peanuts" is home from the hospital after having surgery. He looks great and full of wise remarks. It's good to have him home again.

The John Darlings left for Maine this week.

Anne and Art Cady were very busy while their daughter Sue and husband Harry had a place at South Beach. Lots of good food, drink and conversation. Sue and Harry had a nice "Happy Hour" and invited several of us from the park.

Ethel Cross is very happy to have her granddaughter Judy and husband Roger Cissa and his daughter Christy. Ethel is happy cooking for them. They are enjoying the beach.

Betty Baker had a birthday party last Wednesday. Don and Gladys were the birthday people.

The George Galats are leaving April 12th and wish all the people in Gulf to Bay a nice summer. Hope to see everybody in the fall.

David and Ronda Finalyson and two daughters, Melanie and Lindsay from Albany, N.Y. were visiting Marge Stocum. Also Wilk and Janet Sutton from Bradford, N.Y., neighbors at the Lake where Marge summers visited. Additionally, Rose and Jill Sweep and Don Cook also came to see Marge. They are from Corning, N.Y.

Millie Cahoon had her sister Nellie and Lawrence Brandt and niece and nephew Mr. and Mrs. Lenord Dave from Avon Park. They help Millie celebrate her birthday.

Helen and Bill Bottenfield have had lots of company. Boat rides were the big order of the day. Bill has a cute small motor for his canoe. When the motor gives out, the paddles are put to use. Great exercise!

* * * * *

The new Council met Thursday, April 3rd to formulate plans for the Gulf to Bay '86-'87 activities. Details to follow via a communication to all park residents within the following two weeks.

Sincerely,

Dick Hire, President

* * * * *

Heard at a party: "Once I gave up drinking, smoking and chasing women all at once. It was the worst twenty minutes of my life."

She had a million dollar figure, then inflation set in.

CIELO CT. - Carl Jackson

Mary Ann and Jack Parks left for their home in Urbana, Ill. They said they enjoyed being in the park and hope to return next year.

George Uto's daughter and family left for home Thursday.

Matt Yates' niece will be down to stay a while before going home with them.

Carl says there's no news at his home.

Mary May - I'll take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked so hard on all the committees, special events, and our every day activities; you have done a fine job. It has been a good year for me; I needed you; thank you.

Workable Solution
A husband is a clever chap,
According to my view,
If he can make his marriage work
And make his wife work, too.
- Philip Lazarus

Life can be grim when you pass 80, especially when there's a motorcycle cop right behind you.

CIELO ST. - Ruth Hicks

Cielo St. had its share of visitors in the park during the Easter season. Pat and Boyd Gunnison are entertaining their granddaughter Alicia McKimmy from Mentor, Ohio.

Joe Zeke had a family reunion at the Cajun Club with son Allen, wife Nancy, grandson Greg and twin grandchildren, Kris and Ken from Ohio.

Cora Tyson's guests were nephew Richard Johnson, wife Marie, their daughter Teresa, and husband Bill Hewith along with daughter Angela, all from Athens, Mich.

George and Dolores Hummel are enjoying a visit from daughter Renee, husband Bill, grandchildren Jennifer and Nathan from Peninsula, Ohio.

Perci and Stretch Klinger are having fun with their oldest and only grandson, Wes and granddaughter Jamie. Daughter Jykal and adopted daughter Joni accompanied the children. Stretch's sister Eileen from Bradenton, also was a visitor.

Brother-in-law Donald McConnaughy from Beaver, Pa. enjoyed the hospitality of Jane Wiley.

Finally caught up with Angie. She's busy making a four-tier wedding cake, enough to feed 200 guests.

Bill and Irene Stevenson's house is quiet after a visit from son Michael and family from Michigan.

Jack Smith enjoyed doing his magic show for the park residents. Fran was sick that night - luck for her as Jack was going to make her disappear. Jack belongs to the Round Table of Magicians - professional members only - permitted to belong to this exclusive club.

Don and Virginia Reppenhagen are enjoying a visit with daughter Susan. She will be in the park one week.

Fred and Irene Kalagher are anxiously awaiting a visit from granddaughter Christine, husband Brian Johnson and their daughter Kelly. They arrive on Sunday and will stay ten days.

Overnight visitors at Jinks Tener's home were nephew Bob Letson and wife Dot from Atlantic City, N.J.

By the way, Percie Klinger invites the ladies in the park to use her paddle boat in their leisure time. Helps to keep the barnacles off of it.

From the Hicks to all the north bound people - safe trip, stay well and God willin see you next fall. Our good wishes go with June and Jim Simpson when they leave our park. We all will miss them.

June was surprised by a visit from a former "Woman Marine" buddy and her husband, Kay and John McAuliffe of Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, Mich. Kay and June had plenty of time to visit and shop - lots to catch up on after their last get-together ten years ago.

Also, Jim and June have sold their place to Frances and Fred Franz of Westbury, N.Y. We hope they'll be as happy on Cielo St. as we've been these past seven years. They are lovely people and know they will be part of the park family in a very short time.

Joyce and Hank Gipson's son and daughter-in-law from Atlanta, Paul and Sharon, visited with them last week. Had a marvelous time fishing, shelling and getting all the sun they could take.

"The Pearls", hit of the 1986 Extravaganza elicited this comment: "I never saw such ugly Broads in my whole life!!"

* * * * *

As we go to press, Alice Flebotte wants you to know how much she enjoyed having you all at her 90th Birthday Party Wednesday afternoon, April 2nd. She had a marvelous time relating stories of her earlier life in the U.S. after leaving Canada and her early days in our Park. She wants to thank you all for your Blessings and Good Wishes.

* * * * *

ESTADA ST. - Helen Bleck

Peg and Lee Taylor are anxious to get back to Michigan to see their new grandchild, Toni LorettaAlbaugh, born 3/15/86. She weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. She's the 5th grandchild for the Taylors. They'll be leaving on the 10th of April and want to wish everyone a very good summer.

Helen Bleck is looking forward to a visit with her daughter and son-in-law the middle of April. She enjoyed Fay and Les' family almost as much as they did. That Charley is some boy; he won the hearts of all the gals at Exercise.

Marguerite Oestreich is recovering from a compressed vertebra. The accident occurred while they were out in their boat. She wishes to thank all for their many acts of kindness during her siege. Marguerite and Art are looking forward to a visit by son Skip and his wife Alice and grandson Tommy, aged 8 months. The only problem is that Grandmother cannot pick up and hug little Tommy.

Joan Stunzig says she has no news - nothing to say- do you believe it!!!???

Norm Durst is back on Estada after 12 days in the Englewood Hospital. Everything seems to be going along O.K. Mil and Norm had their first fishing trip on Tues. didn't get much but enough for supper. Norm says many thanks, too, for the lovely pot of Mums from the Association while in the hospital, also for the cards, visits etc. while there. Their departure for Ohio will be determined by Norm's doctor.

Dot Hall's former neighbors on Estada, Val and Mary Zamfir have visited her several times recently, they've had fun playing "Hot Rummy." Also had a visit from friends who live in Lunenburg, Mass.

The Manleys enjoyed a week's visit from thar son and his wife from Vermont. Have also had several one day visits with friends from home.

Marge and Dick Hamilton had a recent visit with Doris and Vie Garrettson, friends from Lima, Ohio, now living in Bradenton.

Mary Kay O'Donnell's brother Bill and wife Lois returned to Ohio after a ten day visit. The cold weather and rain dampened their golf somewhat. But they did enjoy the pancake breakfast at the Hall.

Things are winding down at the Downings. Bob, Bonnie and Charley have returned to Michigan. Diane, Howard, John and Kelly are heading back to Michigan soon. They all had an enjoyable time in the park. Especially the beach, line dancing and exercise.

The little boy was restless as the Pastor's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, he leaned over and whispered to his mother, "Mom, if we give him the money now, do you think he'll let us go?"