



# the Listening Post

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## PARK NEWS

Another evidence of cooperation can be seen in the Rec. Hall, where Warren and Jean provided a trap door and folding ladder for the attic storage area. The installation carpenters were Dick Hire, George Hummel and Bill Bottenfield. A warm thanks to all.

Warren and Jean have arranged for another appearance by pianist Jimmy Jay sometime early in April. (Date to be arranged depending on Jimmy's commitments) Watch for other details on the bulletin boards.

Crazy Carol entertained us again on March 4th, and, as usual, had them "rolling in the aisles."

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It is better to have loved and lost - far better!

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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

February may be a short month on the calendar, but long on activities on Gulf to Bay calendar.

The month started off with a delightful cruise on the Lady Baltimore up the Caloosahatchee River. It was a beautiful sunny day.

We sang and danced to Jimmy Jay at the piano at Management's Party. Our Rec Hall transforms into a fine cabaret.

The February committee chaired by Mickey Rumpf tickled the palate with a pancake and sausage breakfast, and a delectable Chinese dinner, complete with atmosphere. Again our Rec Hall was transformed, this time a Chinese Tea House. The costuming was outstanding - whoever would think you would find a Geisha Girl at G to B, not to mention coolie hats and fortune cookies. A delicious meal, sure would like to know the secret on how to cook rice. - I do a great job on "sticky rice" myself. It was nice of Mickey's daughters, Debbie and Connie to plan their visit at this time; good training, Mom Mickey and Dad Bob.

447 years of marriage, that's what the grand total was this year. We have 8 couples in our Park married 50 years or more. Congratulations! They all looked more beautiful at the 50th Anniversary Party than they did on their respective wedding days - and more relaxed I bet, but we are prejudiced, aren't we.

Going to the dogs, yes, that's what 47 of us did. Heard a couple of people could give us some lessons on betting, maybe we could have a seminar before we go next time, just for me.

Have you looked up lately, in the Rec Hall that is. Management purchased a pull-down stairway and our own carpenters, chaired by Bill Bottenfield, put it in; now, no more ladders on the table to get in the attic. A job well done and very much appreciated!!!

Regular activities continue to grow, check the schedule in the Rec Hall if you are in doubt about time and day. Something for everyone!

If anyone wishes to learn how to play or catch up on their bridge, join the group in the Rec Hall at 1:00 p.m. every week day.

A big thank you to Art Oestreich and Terry Phaneuf for assisting Charlie and Shirley Deierlein in getting The Listening Post to press, - Charlie is not quite ready to take over completely. We are so fortunate to have talented people like Terry and Art to help.

Coming events: - March 4 - Crazy Carol - Management Party, 6-10  
March 15 - Election  
March 22 - General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Plus Norm Durst's March activities, chaired by Allison Brown.

Mary May, President

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The nice thing about team work is that you always have others on your side. Margaret Carty.

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#### M.H.O.NEWS

Allison Brown, secretary and Art Oestrich, president of the Mobile Home Owners, Inc., attended a state sponsored meeting of Mobile Home Owners on Wednesday, March 5 in the Venice Community Center. The meeting was essentially informational for all concerned.

The Gulf to Bay M.H.O. Board of Directors has met to consider elements of the state required Rules and Regulations. A sub-committee, headed by Allison Brown is about ready to present what is hoped to be a final copy for approval by the Board of Directors, after which, these rules will be presented to park M.H.O. at a general meeting. Watch for further details.

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And, furthermore: It is better to have loved and lost than to wind up doing home work for a bunch of kids (and/or grand children!)

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#### OTHER NEWS

Kazoo! God Bless You!! - The annual concert and sing-along of the Kitchen Band was a fun evening for everyone. The band has grown to 32 faithful members who look pretty snappy in their white outfits and red aprons. They claim they practice just "for the fun of it" (as anyone who walks by the hall Thursday mornings can tell.) They're taking their show on the road Thursday, March 6, when they play at the Loveland School in Venice.

#### NEWS FROM THE SHUFFLE COURTS

The shuffleboard team is nearing the end of the league season with only two matches left. Once again, our team has shown some improvement over our past record. At this point in the schedule we have won 90 games and lost 102 with an average of 469. Last year at this time, we had won 81 and lost 111 for an average of 426. Gulf to Bay is in 6th place in a 10-team league. We play Brook to Bay on our courts on Monday, March 3rd, and we play Oak Grove on their courts on Wednesday, March 5th. Both teams are tough competition. Come on down and watch a good game.

Shuffle Banquet - The annual banquet of the Lemon Bay Shuffleboard League will be held at Lemon Bay Isles where the park Men's Club is putting on the meal - a half BBQ chicken. Anyone from the park is welcome to join the Gulf to Bay gang for a good meal and fellowship at the awards night fun time. The social hour starts off the schedule.

Brownie has tickets - deadline for reservations - March 5th.

B.Y.O.B	5:00 p.m.	-	Dinner:	6:00 p.m.
Donation	\$5.00	-	Date:	3-15-86

COME ONE - - - COME ALL

Join the  
ANNUAL SHUFFLE FROLIC

What is a Shuffle Frolic?

A time when all the people who are not on the team get a chance to have their own competition. All courts are given over to the Frolic.

Draw a Number!

"Odds and evens" decides who your partner is and on which court you play.

When?

As soon as the League Matches are finished.

WATCH THE BULLETIN!

OTHER NEWS

Entertainment Plus - A musical entertainment extravaganza is being planned for Sunday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. Various people with various talents, all from the park, are planning a great evening of entertainment. Billy Kell is listed as the entertainment - musical - talent co-ordinator. Light refreshments will be provided.

AURA ST. by Betty Baker

The Art Cadys' had visitors from home, Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Skilton. Art worked with Fletcher for 30 years. They were all going out to dinner.

Crystal and Ted Brown are proud to have a new grandson. The Browns are visiting the John Darlings. Ted's parents are the Carl Browns on Bayo St.

Ana & George Galat had visitors, Bruce & Nellie Carey.

No news at Ethel Cross's, but she is always knitting. This Sunday she expects her son Norman for a visit.

Lou Rogers had a few visitors, Florence Valentine, Mrs. Mitchell and Lolla Yakes. Her son Ed came to see her. He is an airline pilot.

Dick & Shirley Hire have a new porch. We could hear Dick pounding, and now has a nice porch which he will screen in. Dick went to the Daytona 500 races. Next week they expect their grandchildren from Houston.

Marge is busy as usual and will have company from New York soon.

Millie Cohoon has her son Edward & his wife Martha here for a visit.

No visitors at Betty Baker's this month. Just doing the same old things, knitting vests for the grand-daughters keep her busy.

Bob and Mickey are breathing a sigh of relief now that February is over. They had a wonderful ten days' visit with their daughters Connie and Deborah in spite of their busy month.

BAYO ST. by Mabel Gaudette

Alice and John Malone had guests from York Harbor, Maine. They enjoyed horseshoes, golfing and Warm Mineral Springs. Their son Jack and wife, Debbie from Alton Bay N.H. were enjoying our park and the people. They were on their way to Key West.

The Knapps are expecting their six year old grand-daughter on March 10th. She is flying alone very bravely, Courtney Dangel from Muskegan, Mich., - on March 18, their daughter Marrie Lee and her daughter Dacia with her baby son Shane, all from Muskegan. That will make 4 generations with the Knapps, of course.

Caressta & Dick Bovee went to the Naval Training Center in Orlando to see the graduation of their grand-daughter, Christine Denya.

Bernice Theiss has her neice Jane Anders from Sioux Falls, So. Dakota visiting. Also Mr. & Mrs. Robert Baumla from Payne, Ohio.

The Wadleggers' son John and his family enjoyed their vacation in the park. They are from Springfield, Mass.

Rose Ouimette's nephew Arthur Bousquet and his wife, from Madison Conn. came to say hello on their way to Hawaii.

Dot & Ted Meals, from Pawtucket R.I. keep busy beautifying their place.

Eric Gustafson, from Paducah Ky., is here for a few days trying to teach his sister Florence Turk how to win at cards.

George & Florence Finette were visiting in St. Petersburg to Florence's cousins Dale & Laura Tinnen. As one of the 50-year married couples, who were honored at the party on Feb. 16th, they take this opportunity to express their gratitude on behalf of the group.

Margaret & Chet Sizelove's daughters Rita Cheffy and Shirley Peterson from Springfield, Ill. were here for a few days. Chet is much better.

Irene & Carl Brown went to Kissimmi to the rodeo, also visited Carl's sister Lillian Chase, and Doris Clogstan from Wells, Me.

Jack & Helen Plante visited Alice Flebotte. They are from West Springfield, Mass. Alice, Doris and Al took a trip around St. Pete Beach on Capt. Anderson's cruise ship. Had a great time.

Gwen & Floyd Gilbert have their daughter Janet Gilbert from Minneapolis, Minn. for a few days. Enjoying the warmer weather, for sure.

A Note to Our Shufflers - The end of March will be here soon, which designates banquet time again. Lets not let Brownie down again this year. We all love to shuffle and our Captain works hard all season to make this possible. Let us all show our appreciation to him for a job well done, by getting our tickets and attending the banquet this spring. "Just for fun." - Signed, LaVerne Sumner & Gladys Thorne.

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Man does not live by words alone, despite the fact that sometimes he has to eat them. - Adlai Stevenson

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CIELO ST. - by Ruth Hicks

Torrie Finelli is very proud of husband Frank's expertise in catching 25 whiting while surf fishing. He also caught a 6-lb drum - 28 inches long at the marina.

Jack Smith is busy playing with the "Happiness Band" Saturday nights at the Englewood recreational hall. He and wife Fran are also having a family reunion month. Fran says her foot is 75% on the way to mending.

Phyllis McElroy said Tom is busy painting, getting ready for daughter Janet, husband Warren, grand-daughters Laurel, Lisa and Lynda. They are expected March 15 for one week's visit. Daughter Valarie, husband Joe and grand-daughter Derryl will be in the park March 22nd for 2 weeks.

Don and Virginia Reppenhagen are both recuperating from bad colds.

Bill & Irene Stevenson are looking forward to Bill's brother Jack and wife Vivian, stopping to visit. They are staying at Quail's Run. Brother Don, wife Marge are expected also. They have spent time in our park before.

I had written that Jane Wiley was back to work after her back injury. Then, I found out that she's not at work and back to laying on the floor again. Same back problem. Sorry to hear that news!

Cora Tyson's friend Alice Hess is undergoing tests at this time. She was the nice lady in the cottage during November, December and January.

It's so nice to see Fred & Irene Kalagher's smiling faces, back on Cielo St.

CIELO St. - Cont.

Charlie Hicks has been busy painting and papering. Thanks to his assistants, Paul Stunzig, Cal Thatcher and daughter Andrea. Charlie's wife thanks them also.

George and Dolores Hommel are entertaining Drew Diedrick from the Cleveland area. He's here for a short visit.

Jinks Tenner's niece Molley Manley, from Raleigh, N.C. stopped over-night to visit Jinks. Josephine Culley, Clinton, Pa. was at 313 Cielo St. for 10 days. It's her third visit to Gulf to Bay and she had lots of nice remarks to say about the Park and its friendly folks.

Perci Klinger said - "no news" - but that she would make up a tall tale if need be.

Hank & Joyce Gipson -311 - entertained Pat and Bill Chapman of Atlanta, Ga. over the weekend.

Boyd Gunnison left for home after beautifying the patio. Visiting wife Pat in his absence, is Debby and son Kenney, from Mentor, Ohio.

Joe Zehe is happily expecting a reunion at Easter time with son Allen, wife Nancy, and grand children Chris, Ken and Greg.

GOLFO ST. - by Cal Thatcher

Dottie Kerber is expecting a mid-March visit by her grand-daughter, Laurie Madden. She'll be here for her college spring break. Dottie's feeling good. She reports that Paul and Kate Kerber are still hoping to make it down sometime this year.

Noble & Eleanor Paul are taking off for Pensacola for a week's visit with their son and family.

The Verrills enjoyed a visit from daughter Eleanor Hood, from Lancaster, Ohio. Also had a visit from granddaughter Martha Verrill from Bethesda, Md. Charlie reports big winnings at the dog track when the Gulf to Bay group went. (Am sending copy of this to I.R.S.)

The Croteaus are happy to be here and are yearning for beach weather. Their daughter and her husband, the Gary Colemans, will be down the end of March.

No news, Nettie says. "I don't get around much." We think she does fine.

Crankshaw report - "We're alive and kicking!"

Dortha Swickard says she's feeling good after her stint in the hospital. She and Bill say many thanks for the cards and help.

George Jacobson says he's ready to give up golf; his eye surgery hinders his game. Sounds like betting talk to me. Watch him. His sister, Lorraine Quade, will be visiting from Gurnee, Illinois, soon.

Jean Hallett had all her flowers sitting on the couch. She had brought them in out of the cold. Don't know if they were staying for lunch or not.

The Rasmussens have many new plantings in front of #12 Golfo. They live under what used to be Rita's roof. Dorothy's sister, Loraine Quade, from Gurnee, Ill. visited last week. (this sounds familiar) Walter's sisters, Helen and Lorraine Rasmussen, will be visiting for a week. They're from the windy city.

Haven't heard from Lucille Tracy lately. Hope she makes it down soon.

Freeman and Etta Crosby are returning to Cape Cod and want to thank everyone for making them feel so welcome. They will be back in November.

am & Cal have enjoyed Andrea's visit, but she'll be leaving soon to rejoin her husband, Michael Levy, who is wrapping up an assignment for the El Paso Herald Post covering the Texas sesqui-centennial celebration. Cal's brother John, and his wife Carol, are at 8 olfo for a visit. It's cool here but warmer than Ohio according to John. John's a public accountant and is enjoying a mid'tax season break.

CIELO CT. - by Carl Jackson

George Uto's daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren will be here in March for a visit.

Dick and Alene Mitchell, former residents of the Park, are visiting Matt and Lola Yakes. Also, son Delbert, and wife Anna Mae are here for a short visit.

Audrey and Andrew Grant have gone back north after a short stay.

Alice and Carl Jackson don't have any news - just glad to be here instead of up in the cold snowy north.

Have you noticed Fred and Loretta Brandemill's yard? If you haven't, you should - it is really beautiful!!

"We are enjoying our stay at Gulf to Bay, parked on Beach Road in our 31' Pace Arrow. These past two months have flown by, and it is just great being so close to the Gulf, walking the beach and shelling. Thanks to everyone here for being so friendly, it makes us feel welcome and not so far from our home in Sunbury, Pa." - Muriel and Henry Westra.

Where has February gone??? Enjoying my sister Shirley's visit. Thank you all for making her feel welcome. Looking forward to a busy March. - Mary May

DIJE ST. by Allison Brown

Theresa Miller and I had a great gab-fest when I stopped by to collect the news, but I came away without any copy. "No news is good news," says Theresa. "Stop by and visit."

George Hale celebrated his birthday by stretching out his daily walk. He went up around the corner and looked over the bay. Next week he may make it to the shuffle courts. That's where his heart is, you know. Good luck, George.

Bob Boulanger got over his cold and is out shuffling and fishing again. Rita was putting the binding on her quilt and keeping up on the soaps when I stopped by. Have you seen that beautiful quilt yet? You should.

The Chan Robinsons enjoyed a week's visit with their son, Charles, from Arvado, Colorado. That week really flew by. Now they are getting prepared to entertain grand-daughter Angie Denning, husband Gary and great grandson Mike Robinson from DesMoines. Hope the water is warm enough for Mike to swim. The Robinsons are also enjoying their new concrete patio and drive-in; and Chan has laid more block for their rear patio. Things are really looking up at 406.

Here's a nice note from 403- In February I had a very unexpected but truly welcome guest, as my younger son Peter flew down from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. to spend "Spring Break Week" with me. He's an 8th grade Science teacher and really welcomed our sunshine and warmth as a wonderful change from school teaching in the frozen north. He had two days of fishing out in the bay with Gene Hull in his boat plus he was on the dock every night trying his luck. As a result we had a most delicious fish fry. I hope he'll try it again next year. - Ruth Salmon

Katey Mastie went to Washington Feb. 6th to visit son Dennis and to meet Barb and Zachary and her friend Alice. They spent a day touring Williamsburg and visiting the Pottery Factory. Coming home by way of Detroit, they got caught in a blizzard and had a rough time getting back. But Katey says she enjoyed the whole thing as she met lots of nice people to talk to. Katey wants to thank all the good neighbors who took pity on Hank and invited him over for his favorite food. - chicken - March will be busy at the Mastie's First arrivals will be Hank's sister, Helen, and husband, Frank. "And, by the way," says Katey, "Dennis got engaged this week to Lorrie and there'll be a wedding this summer. We love her and are thrilled."

Barbara Richardson has donned her happy smile again. Construction is complete, and life is settling down to normal. She says to stop by if her light is on and see the new addition.

DIJE ST. - Cont.

A shuffler was heard to say, "I see Brownie is smiling again. I wonder if that Gasparillo match might have anything to do with it?" (8-4)

Charlie and Shirley Deierlein enjoyed a visit with Charlie's brother George, from New York. Charlie is feeling better, but is not ready for dancing yet.

Jennie says that the big news is that Jay's boat is finally in the bay. Now Clarence can see what's going on up the street. Good luck, Jay!

Mae Spear would enjoy a note from some of her old friends, or better yet, a visit. Her address is Englewood Health Care Center, 1111 Drury Lane, Englewood. Mae dressed up for three February events - Valentine's Day party, her birthday and to go play Bingo.

Dije Street eyes popped when Gene Hull was seen strolling around with three young chicks last Saturday. It turned out that grand-daughter Tammy arrived with two friends, Amy and Denise, from Ohio Northern University on their spring break. Sorry about that cold snap, girls. Try us again at Easter.

ESTADA ST. - by Helen Bleck

Norm & Mil Durst spent a delightful week traveling in their motor home in the Everglades and the Florida Keys down to Key West. Following their return, Norm's brother Clarence and his wife stopped by en route from Zanesville, Ohio to Naples, Florida for the annual month of golfing. Harry and Ann Metzger dropped in for an afternoon visit. Norm and Harry served on the Signal Corps Board in World War II.

Dot Hall is a busy lady, but was happy to have an unexpected guest for a couple of nights. Tall and handsome, but darn it he brought his lovely wife Marge along - well she enjoyed the overflow from the Hamiltons.

Dot and Jim Manley are looking forward to a visit from their Vermont son and his wife this month.

Dick & Marge Hamilton had company from Lina, grand-daughter Peggy and husband Tom McClellan, and great grand-children Chris, Nicole and Angela. They visited here for two days, went to Epcot and Disney for three days and back to Lima.

Mary Kay O'Connell is making plans for her company in March, Cris Nelson Raisch and her husband Norm. Her brother Bill and sister-in-law Lois McNally will follow.

You've probably all heard about Les Downing's 300 lb. Jewfish that he caught 30 miles out in the Gulf in 96' of water. Lots of excitement and fish stories. Amy and her parents Ron & Linda are leaving for Michigan, but Charley, John and Kelly, along with their parents, will be arriving soon.

Lee & Peg Taylor have been entertaining Karl & Nina Schneider from Michigan, and partying with a group of Shriners from Moslem Temple in Detroit. Peg picked up a real large shark's tooth and is proudly showing it off in the park.

Helen Bleck keeps busy and hears complaints that she's never home; but, busy people are happy people, or so the saying goes. She's expecting the Hintzs from Conn. to visit for a few days, the 1st week in March.

508 Estada will be twining the first week in March with Marguerite's sisters and brothers (10 of them) holding a reunion in the park and neighborhood. Ethel & Mac from DeLand, Fla., Ed & Ellie from Appleton, Wis., John & Betty from Three Lakes, Wis., and Fran and Bob - Mission, Tex. If you see them around, please say "Hi."

Stunzigs" daughter Jacque called to let them know she is expecting a baby in September. This will be grand-child #15 for Stunzigs and #3 for Jacque and family. They are expecting to spend 2 weeks in June at Gulf to Bay.

For your funny bone: - The Sunday school teacher was explaining to the children how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. Said one of the class: "My mother looked back once while she was driving the car and she turned into a telephone pole."

THE WAY IT WAS:

(Believe it or not but Vaughn and Dorothy Nighswander of 420 Dije, have spent their winters here in Gulf to Bay for thirty-two years ! That must be a record. Your editor thought it might be interesting to have them recall some of the "good old days and times" and the following are some excerpts of an interview with these grand people.)

When Dorothy and Vaughn first came down, they crossed a wood bridge where the drawbridge is now. Old piling stubs can still be seen there and the last end was converted to what is now the fishing pier. Another old wood bridge came to Manesota Key, eventually called the "Killer Bridge." The park then consisted of what is now Aura, Bayo and Cielo Streets, but there was nothing but jungle and Australian pines on the Gulf side of the road.

There were no actual roads in the park, just sand and gravel to various sites. One water pump served the whole park as did one electric meter. Carriers were charged on a pro-rata basis. Garbage cans were placed on the south side of the present laundry building and became a haven for rats, racoons and possums.

Vaughn and Dorothy came first with a 28' travel trailer which they parked at 223 Bayo where Dougherty's now live. Subsequently, they moved to where the Knapps live at 209 Bayo. They lived there until just recently when they bought Walkers' place at 420 Dije.

There were no monthly committees for dinners, since there was no kitchen in the Rec Hall at that time. Various people were appointed by the management to cook at home and then bring the food to the hall. There were two home-made shuffle board courts where the games were organized, but not as well developed as the present program on professionally built courts.

The water way had not been dredged and shrimp, oysters, scallops, and fish were plentiful. Shrimp were scooped up with a wheeled wire mesh push cart, kind of a gadget wheeled about on the flats. The dredgings from the water way were dumped on what is now Sandpiper Key. Vaughn insists that fishing, shrimping and oystering were never the same after the water-way was dredged.

As is true in most parks, Gulf to Bay had its "character" namely one "Uncle Jimmy" who was notorious for his wild west tale stories.

Park entertainment was provided by local residents who performed various skits, mock weddings and Hill Billy materials. Group parties went to Placida, took an early train over to Boca Grande and, after a day of fishing, caught a late train back to the mainland, and then home.

Square dancing, circle or round dancing, and ball room dancing provided much recreation.

There is much much more, but space in the Listening Post is limited. We are indebted to the Nighswanders for sharing the "old days" with all of us in the park.

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The great thing about marriage is that it enables one to be alone without feeling loneliness. - Gerald Brenan

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