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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Many of you have come over, or otherwise got in touch to offer an idea or suggestion. Some have let me know, in no uncertain terms, how they feel about this or that topic. 12 wide Park Models probably heads the list as the most popular subject!

However, a new (to me) and reoccurring request is to provide additional adult recreation in the form of Bocce Courts, Patonk, Shuffle Board and the like. It is universally pointed out that almost every RV park has courts of some kind that can be enjoyed by the residents, and we have none! Those of you that have RVs and have traveled to other RV parks can testify to the popularity of these amenities in other locations.

Along that same line I have received several requests for swings or a playground. It is pointed out that grandkids, visiting kids and your kids, have no designated place to recreate. The pool is about it!

I realize that location and finances are but several obstacles on the way to realizing one or more of these amenities. One owner has even offered financial help. Let your Board members know how you feel about Courts and Kids. Is this something we should be looking into for you ?

Under ongoing problems is the parking situation in front of the laundry / pool area. Need I point out how narrow our roads are and how quickly our only entry road becomes a bottleneck when a car or truck is left parked there when swimming, doing laundry, or visiting the office. It becomes chaos when a motor home needs room to shed a toad, or a delivery truck attempts to enter. Please consider your neighbors and limit your parking to pick up and drop off. Regular car and golf cart parking is only a few steps away on Carol Ann Drive.

John Coons

# ACTIVITIES

To all of us who suffered through the month of July - I wish only sunny days and cool breezes in August. Remember - by the time we turn around we'll be facing a lovely fall and winter.

The July  $4^{th}$  cookout was a great success with 130 meals sold. To all who planned, cooked, served and brought desserts, we sincerely thank you for you are special. We have had numerous positive comments on the meal served at 1:00. We also thank all those who attend our activities. Due to the poor attendance at the 10:30 am golf cart parade, it was decided to move it to late afternoon in 2011.

Golf Cart Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Becky, Blake and Brandon Pendley, daughter-in-law and grandsons of Sue Tibbettes;

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Donna Winburn with grandsons PJ and Noah

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Mack Aldridge with grandchildren Casey and Michelle.

Honorable Mentions went to: Sally Jones with granddaughters Courtney and Kimberly; Skip & Pat Walton; John & Lanell Coons driving Ms. Adair.

A special thank you to all the judges who took time to select a winner: Margaret Flanagan, Nancy Poling, Maxine

Verley, Jan & Nick Coman and Carol Keach.

The 50/50 drawing at the cook out was won by Jim and Vernette Ramsey.

OUR BIGGEST THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR THIS MONTH GOES TO HAROLD AND ARVELLA AUER ON LOT #64 FOR DONATING 2 SPANKING BRAND NEW DRYERS TO PVC! GOD BLESS YOU!!!

A special thanks to Barbara Stone and all the worker bees who participated in sprucing up our garden areas on cleanup day including: Jean Beehler, Bill Maxwell, Sandy Hertzer, Ken Andrews, Norma Canerday, Buck and Barbara Tidwell and John and Lanell Coons. We have much to be proud of in our park. We also thank Nancy Morris and her crew who took care of our blueberry bushes. Nancy thanked all the workers who helped at the blueberry patch: Jean Harkins, Jean Campbell, Kathy Gibson, Jan Coman, Don Canerday and John Morris. Both groups enjoyed working together. We are all looking forward to meeting again to work later in the summer. We could use more volunteers, of course! (A reminder to those who pick blueberries: Don't forget to pick the berries at the bottom of the bushes as well as the top berries.) What a treat to be able to pick fresh blueberries and enjoy our beautiful blooming trees, flowers and bushes!

There is a sign-up sheet in the Pavilion for those who would like to help prepare meals for those in our campground that may be sick or just back from the hospital. Kay Roane, Lot 242, has graciously offered to chair a standing committee.

Sam Owens has presented three cell phone seminars which taught many of us what "wonders" are in our cell phones. See Sam if you would like a few more classes. Thanks again, Sam, we will all remember "611."

Ann Raptist will be here on August 17 at 9:45 to teach a class in how to make a quick, easy, fold up placemat to take to picnics, etc. The cost is \$6 for 2 placemats. Please sign up in the Pavilion.

August 7 is pot luck. August 14 is a spaghetti dinner by Nick Coman, and on the 21<sup>st</sup> a pancake/French toast breakfast by Nick and his manly crew. Don't miss his yummy food!

Our next Activities Meeting is August 19 at 2pm. All are welcome.

Thought for today: "Always try to drive so that your license will expire before you do." Sally Jones - Activities President

Rada knives are still available for purchase. See Lanell Coons on Lot #264.

Get your copy of our 2010 Directory still for \$6, our Cook Book with our best recipes for only \$10 and tickets for meals from our PVC SALES TEAM: Barbara Tidwell - Lot 16, Sally Jones - Lot 5, Barbara Mushlin - Lot 114, Lanell Coons - Lot 264, and the Sales Office.

Mailboxes are still available for \$15 per year. See Dawn Trantham, our Treasurer, on Lot #253.

Nancy Morris reports that on Saturday, June 26 Social Hour was scheduled, but do to the lack of participants, John and Nancy and Sally Jones were invited to the deck of Harold and Arvella Auer, where Social Hour was enjoyed by all. Have you ever heard the expression "Zip to Zap." The Auer's and the Morris' were able to share all the wonderful experiences they had enjoyed while living in North Dakota. They reminisced for two hours about their experiences in

North Dakota and sipped margaritas whenever they paused to tell another story.

"Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting."

--- Ralph Waldo Emerson

## COMMITTEES

It takes a lot of workers to keep an RV park in good working order and as beautiful as this one. Skip Walton is the Architectural Director. Buck Tidwell is still over Grounds. John Morris is the Director in charge of Water and Sewer. Bill Maxwell is the Chair of Covenants & Rules. We appreciate all our Board Members, committee leaders and all our volunteers.

# FRIDAY, LADIES' DAY OUTINGS

Our Ladies' Day Outings are proving to be a big success! Our last outing to Cornelia had 19 ladies in attendance and everyone came home tired and happy (9:30 am till 3:30 pm!) All who participate are grateful to Barbara Mushlin who plans all these trips, makes arrangement and reservations. She is a great guide who even provides special surprises sometimes.

Our next trip will take place on Friday, August 6 to Gainesville. The first stop will be Brenau University's History Center. A docent will make history come alive as we are guided through the various exhibits - Touch the Tornado of 1936, The Land of Promise, Adventures of Mark Trail, N.E.GA. Sports Hall of Fame, Cherokee Chief White Path's Cabin, and an American Freedom Garden. Following the tour, we will have lunch at Panera's Bread and then do a little shopping in Gainesville.

There was a sign up sheet for a day trip to Atlanta on August 10 with a meal at Varsity and a tour of the Governor's mansion. The cost is \$20 per person. See Sally Jones or Jo Roshkosh soon. It might already be to capacity.

Please sign up in the Pavilion for our weekly trips. If you haven't joined our happy PVC Ladies' group yet, please dowe'd love to have you. You can experience one of our special trips filled with fun and lots of friendly, welcoming faces! Any suggestions for future outings, kindly see Barbara Mushlin, Lot #114.

This is a true story told by Jean Harkins at one of our Ladies Day Outings:

My friend called the telephone office to report her phone was out of order. They asked what the problem was. She told them she could call out, but the phone wouldn't ring for incoming calls. They promised a serviceman would be out to fix her problem at 10am, Tuesday. About 11 am she called to see why no one showed up. The lady told her it was assumed that no one was home, so they cancelled the order. My friend told her she was home. Apparently the repairman called, but didn't get an answer, so he didn't drive out there. They made another appointment; he went to the neighbor's house and had to be directed next door. She finally got her phone fixed.

### SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy to Reba on lot #257as she mourns the loss of her husband, Perry Scott. We extend prayers to the entire family including sister Ruby Aldridge on lot #248.

Thoughts and prayers are with Shannon Ausborn on lot #259 while she grieves the loss of her mother.

We also offer our condolences to former resident, Runnell Crawford, whose husband Grady passed away. Her address is 287 Mark Avenue, Marietta, GA 30066, just in case you want to send her a note or card. Italian Cream Cake - Recipe from Marilyn Frith:

| 1 stick of soft margarine | <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup of shortening | 2 cups of sugar                    | 5 eggs |
|---------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 cup buttermilk          | 1 tsp of vanilla                              | 1 small can of coconut2 cups flour |        |
| 1 tsp soda                | 1 cup chopped pecans                          |                                    |        |

Cream margarine and shortening together. Add sugar and beat well. Add one egg yolk at a time. Combine flour and soda - add to cream mixture alternating with buttermilk. Add vanilla and nuts and fold in egg whites. Bake in 3 greased nine-inch pans for 30 minutes.

| Frosting for this cake:       |                |                                |                     |
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| 2 pkgs. softened cream cheese | 1 tsp. vanilla | 3 cups of confectioner's sugar | 1 cup whipped cream |

The Welcoming Committee was happy to welcome new owners, Joe and Carole Winter, who are the proud owners of Lot#149. They live in Bushnell, FL where Carole is a nurse and works part time. Their plan is to come to PVC at least two weeks per month. They also look forward to bringing grandkids here to enjoy the mountains. Their hobbies include fishing, biking, hiking, gardening and hunting. They have a sweet little dog named Cassie and Merlin the Bird as pets. Cassie loves to meet new people and would like for you to drop in to say "Hello."

WELCOME BACK to Judy & Joe Ellis! We missed your smiling faces. Tom and Pat Grice are due to arrive in a few days as well.

#### TRAVEL

Dwight & Donna Winburn just returned from a week in Alabama where Dwight enjoyed celebrating his 49<sup>th</sup> birthday with veteran friends.

Nick and Jan Coman returned from a week in Marysville, TN. Jan has some new Pampered Chef catalogs from her daughter-in-law in TN to share with anyone interested. You are welcome to stop by to see the collapsible bowls - perfect for our limited storage cupboards!

Don and Norma Canerday are about to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and their kids are throwing a big soiree in Watkinsville in mid August.

Peg & Cliff are planning a trip to NY to visit family.

Jim & Stephanie Adair and Maryann & Joseph Tew (recent owners) are caravanning for a couple of weeks to tour

Michigan.

Buck and Barbara Tidwell will be traveling to Marion, NC on August 15 and to Renfro Valley, Ky. in September for a bluegrass festival.

Marilyn & Hammond Frith are going to Daytona Beach for a 10 day visit.

Ron & Jo Roshkosh just returned from a rally in Louisville, KY.

Charlie & Beverly Sundin just returned from Long Beach, CA where she judged the Westie Sweepstakes Dog Show. They stayed on the Queen Mary. They also visited with 15 grands and great grands in Florida. GET WELL

We would like to ask you to keep the following names on your prayer list as they are dealing with medical issues:

Elaine Lucas had a bad fall on July 28 and injured her leg (18 stitches), hand and face.

Janet Parks, lot 63, had surgery.

Don Roane, lot 242, is having surgery for melanoma.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

On the flyer advertising Nick Coman's Famous Annual Spaghetti Dinner, the ladies were asked to bring desserts, but Activities will be serving Ice Cream instead to give the ladies a break in this heat. No baking, girls!

Prescription sun glasses were lost at Kathy Gibson's jewelry party. Please contact Lanell Coons if you have heard of any glasses floating around.

Veggie Casserole from Lanell Coons

2 Tablespoons olive oil1-2 cloves chopped garlic1 medium zucchini, diced1 medium yellow squash, diced1 stick butter or margarine8 oz. sour cream1 box corn bread stuffing mix (Lanell uses the Ingles brand)

1 small onion, chopped 2 carrots, peeled & diced 1 can cream of chicken soup

Melt olive oil and butter in pan and sauté onion and garlic until translucent. Add remaining vegetables and cook till light brown. Place cooked veggies in bottom of casserole dish. (She uses a  $10 \times 10 \times 2$  Corning ware serving dish.) In a separate bowl mix soup, sour cream and  $\frac{1}{2}$  the box of stuffing mix together. Pour that mixture over the veggies. Melt the remaining butter in microwave , covering to avoid splatter. Add that to the remaining dry stuffing mix and spread evenly over the top of the casserole. Bake 30 minutes on 350 degrees.

#### **REMINDERS**:

PET OWNERS: Please carry a baggy or scoop with you when walking your dog. Always pick up the residue whether you are on someone's property or in the common areas. Control your dog so that he or she doesn't run into your

neighbors' yards to "do their business."

Don't forget that we are selling PVC Cook Books and Rada Cutlery as fund-raisers. Both of these items make excellent Christmas or Birthday gifts. If you have not placed your order, please take this opportunity to do so.

The 2010 Directory is also available. Our sales team is listed under the Activity section in caps on p.2.

We have had really good success asking everyone to buy meal tickets in advance so we can get an idea of how much food to buy and prepare. Please check the sales team list under Activities.

Please do not leave your clothing in the laundry room unattended.

If you have magazines or books to share, please place them in the lending library located in the laundry room.

### MESSAGE OF INSPIRATION

Look around you today for beauty -a butterfly, hummingbird, a sunrise, sunset, mountains or valleys . .

Listen to the birds, the creek, singing, laughing voices. . .

Taste the gifts of fresh fruits, or vegetables . . .

Be inspired! Thank the Creator, not the creation. What great gifts HE has blessed us with Including His love, mercy and amazing grace.

--- Jan Coman

Special Activities for August, 2010:

August 6 - Ladies' Day Out in Gainesville to NE GA History Center. See the sign-up sheet in the Pavilion.

August 7 - Pot luck at the Pavilion. Bring a dish.

- August 10 A day trip to Atlanta. See Sally Jones or Jo Roshkosh.
- August 13 To be announced.
- August 14 10am Board Meeting.
- August 14 5-6 pm Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, lemonade, iced tea, ice cream by Nick Coman -Please remember to buy tickets ahead of time.
- August 17 Ann Raptis @ 9:45 will teach a class on how to sew quick, easy fold up place mats. \$6 for two.
- August 19 Activities meeting at 2 pm
- August 20 Girls' Day Out to be announced.
- August 21 Pancake/ French toast breakfast by Nick Coman with coffee, milk, oj, bacon or sausage. Buy tickets in advance please. \$4 Donation.
- August 27 Girls' Day Out to be announced.

Weekly Activities: (Let Jan Coman at jcjanick@gmail.com know of any changes in time or any additional meetings. Please put PVC in the subject area.

Sunday: Texas Hold 'em, pm

Monday: Walk Video, 9:15 am, Mah-Jongg, 1 pm

Tuesday: 10am Water Exercises & Stretching lead by D. Lyons, Bridge, 1 pm, Hand & Foot, 7 pm (Partners)

Wednesday: Walk Video, 9:15 am, Line Dance, 10 am; Hand & Foot, 1 pm (Ladies); Hand & Foot or Joker, 7 pm Thursday: Walk Video, 9:15 am, 10am <u>Water Exercises & Stretching lead by D. Lyons</u>, Bowling 10 am at Yonah Bowl, Mexican Train or Poker at 7 pm

Friday: Ladies' Day Out - Events change weekly. Sign-up in the Pavilion.