

Country Club Manor

February 2008 Newsletter

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Lee presents a referral fee to Carousel Manager. Yvonne Woods



Ellen Rongitsch (#324) had been living at Carousel Apartments (1335 Oakdale). One day, she mentioned to Yvonne, the long time manager of Carousel, that she wanted to move

because she wanted something nicer. Rather than just letting her go apartment shopping, Yvonne referred her to Country Club Manor. Yvonne had seen how nice it is here while she was attending a R.O.M.A. meeting hosted by Country Club Manor some time ago. (ROMA is West St. Paul's Responsible Owners and Managers Association, kind of a liaison between the City and apartment managers. CCM will be hosting it again this month on the 14th.)

It's kind of nice to know even other apartment managers appreciate what we have here! Carousel is a very nice building with UG parking, elevator, and even a pool (albeit outdoors so probably not too useful these past couple of weeks.) Carousel is NOT a seniors-only building so if you know someone looking for an apartment who isn't at least 55, they could reach Yvonne at 457-0041. She has a 1BR and a 3BR available right now.

Choosing your own neighbors is easy! Just give George the name and number of someone you think might be looking for a nice apartment. That's all there is to it. Or you can give the office number (451-2633) to your friend. When your friend joins our little community, you will receive two \$100 certificates of appreciation to use towards your rent.

ROYALTY AT COUNTRY CLUB MANOR

St. Paul's Winter Carnival "King Boreas Rex" and his Senior Royal Court visited the Southview Senior Living Center (1984 Oakdale, practically across the street from us) on January 11, 2008. The celebration went on, as usual for about an hour. The King had one last Royal Announcement. Calling Maryann Knoll (#306) to the center podium, the King and his Court bestowed the honor of "Royal Knight" upon Maryann presenting her with a beautiful bouquet and a Winter Carnival Royal Family Certificate. The big surprise was that the residents themselves had nominated Maryann--who has been employed there for some time--prior to the King's visit, and they were all able to keep it a secret! Maryann was shocked they actually pulled it off without a peep!



The honor recognizes citizens of our community for their outstanding and faithful services. May we all have the love and patience to serve others



as the need arises, as CCM's very own Maryanne clearly does! **Congratulations Maryann!**

REMINDERS:

MAINTENANCE:

Any maintenance emergency can be reported after hours by calling our digital pager at 612-640-1948. (Just punch in your number after the beep.)

If you have any maintenance needs, please leave a note for us. (Maintenance requests should always be in writing. This helps assure they don't "fall through the cracks.")

Controlled entrance: When your apartment is buzzed, please use the intercom to make certain it's someone you know before buzzing in a stranger. Do not let anyone into the building after hours that are asking for the office. Please do not let anyone in the door that is not YOUR guest. Safety should be everyone's concern.

Ice is slippery: We live in Minnesota and it can get very slippery outside in the winter. Please be very careful when you walk in the winter. It can be slippery anywhere and anyplace, on the steps, in the parking lot and even in the drive way. We try to put salt and sand down to clear the ice, but when it warms up and then the temperature drops every evening it is very hard to keep up. Please be careful, especially when we get a light dusting of snow, as it can be slippery also.

Visitors: We would also like to remind everyone that you are responsible for your visitors and their actions. Please be sure your visitors are not disturbing other residents' right to peace and quiet. We want to continue to maintain a quiet and pleasant building.

Going Away? Please notify the office if you plan to be gone for an extended period. If there is an emergency, we must have a contact person.

Snow Removal: Please make sure your vehicles are moved for the snow plow. Unmoved vehicles, unfortunately, are often towed at owner's expense. Thanks for your cooperation.

Trash: Please remember to bag your garbage, before dropping down the chute. If your bag is TOO LARGE to go down the chute, please take it down and deposit it directly in the garbage dumpster in the garage.

Pool: Please, NO swimming in the pool during the hour long aerobics classes on Monday at 1 PM or Saturday at 10 AM. Those times are reserved for aerobics only. But you could join the class if you like!

A MESSAGE FROM MARY

Happy Valentine's Day to every one! Kevin & Kathy and Don & Carol will be hosting a Valentine's brunch on Saturday February 16th at 11:30 AM. You are invited to come and bring a dish to share. We have great cooks at CCM so be sure to pass up breakfast that morning. Keep in mind there will be NO Coffee and Donuts that morning. Thanks to Kevin, Kathy, Don and Carol for all your help.

I hear the New Year's Eve party was a great success and that Dee was the hit of the party with her keyboard and her tunes. Maybe she will entertain us again for St. Patty's day next month? I hear her "fee" is a bottle of nice wine.

Thanks everyone for your co operation with unit inspections this past month. I am sorry we had to spring them on you at the last minute. I received a call from the Fire Department telling me that even though we had checked and installed all the new smoke detectors just recently, they still wanted all of them tested in the month of January and a report sent in to them by the end of the month. Thanks George and Dan for taking care of this for me. With year end reports, CRP's and fitting in a small break to Disney World with the grandsons, I just did not have enough time in a day to do it myself. Sorry I missed you, but I will be around the building again soon.

George and Dan probably delivered your CRP's when they checked your smoke detectors and replaced your filters. Please place them in a safe place or file right away. I know the State does not send out the refunds until August, but you can send it in now and still get the refund in August. Because of the amount of work involved with each CRP on our part, if you misplace it and request a duplicate later in the year we will need to charge a \$25 duplication fee.

As you know we have had a problem with the front steps. We wanted to totally replace them but we also wanted something commensurate with the quality and prestige of Country Club Manor. Then we learned that the entryway foyers have floors made of "New York Bluestone." This is a very special and durable material quarried in—you guessed it—New York. So our plans are to pull up all the pebble stone, repair any damaged concrete below, and then pave the steps with bluestone. The contractor claims he can get each set of steps done in a week. How can this be done when it's so cold outside? The workmen will build shelters and heat them with propane. Plus they will use "electric blankets." When we learned it was possible, we thought winter would be a better time because there is less traffic . . . and George thought there would be less snow to shovel! Anyway, watch for the barricades and thanks for putting up with the inconvenience.

Till next month God Bless, *Mary*

A NOTE FROM GEORGE

I hope everyone had a great time bringing in the New Year. As you know we missed the party here at the club room. I heard the party had a great turn out and everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to Dee Weimer, you had excellent entertainment as well. We went to one of our daughters' home and brought the New Year in there. I even made it to midnight.



The brunch on January 19 had a great turn out. The variety of dishes, breads, and desserts made for a wonderful meal. We will be having another brunch on February 16th at 11:30 am. It will be called a Valentine's Brunch. The different food everyone brings to share is what makes it a great brunch. Everyone is welcome to participate in this event, as well as the Potlucks, which are the last Mondays in the month.

Super Bowl Sunday, is February 3rd, and there will be a party in the Club Room, starting at 5:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share and have a great time rooting for your favorite team. It is always more fun to watch a game with friends and good food.

Remember that the brunches, potlucks, Super Bowl Party, New Year's Eve party, Halloween party, Saturday morning coffees, and I know there are more, are all hosted and organized by Kevin & Kathy Ericson (many times with help from Don & Carol,) so let's all give them a big THANK YOU.

The "puzzle ladies" (led by Shirley #219 and Bernice #213) started a mammoth puzzle this week. 5000 pieces which, when completed, will be 40x60 inches in size. This will help pass some of the cold days ahead, although it may have warmed up a lot . . . by the time it is done! Stop by and take a look. If you can actually find a piece, you'll probably get your name in the paper . . . or at least this Newsletter! So far, Bernice, Shirley, Lois, Myrna, Phyliss, Marlene, Madge, and even Lee have all been seen working on it, to name just five. I know it's the largest puzzle I've ever seen. Good Luck.



Thank you everyone for doing your EMERGENCY FACT SHEET and turning them in. I am only missing 2 now. It is comforting to know that I now have the correct information on everyone in case of an emergency.

Unit inspections went very well. Thanks everyone for letting us disturb your home once more. The W. St. Paul Fire Dept. is very happy that we were able to fit it in and get the smoke detectors done and the report sent in on time last month.

George

CCM'S NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: ONE OF THE BEST YET!

See for yourself! (All New Years' Photos graciously supplied by Kevin Erickson.)



Ken and Maryann K. #306



Kevin E. #107 & Don S. #220



Dee W. #102 & Marg B, #115

TRUCK

Every Wednesday from 11:05 AM until 11:15 AM a postal truck is in front of the 45 building to handle all your postal requests.

DARTS

On the Second Wednesday of the month, Kathy Pansegrau from Darts is in the office from 1 to 3:30 PM. If you have any questions or needs that Darts can handle please stop in and visit with Kathy. If you would rather she visit you in your home, please just give George a call and he will send her up the next time she arrives.