

Country Club Manor

May 2009 Newsletter

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YOU CAN CHOSE YOUR OWN NEIGBORS (PART 1):



Judy & Earl Scott have been friends with Pat Kohout and her late husband for 20 some years. After Judy and Earl came for the CCM tour, she told Pat (who was also looking), "Oh Pat, I just love it! As long as you're trying to find an apartment too, you should just take a look here!" Pat came for her own personal tour, filled out her application the same day, and that led to the happy picture above.

HI! We're Earl & Judy Scott. We moved into apartment #234 in the 55 building. We are now settled in and love our new home. So many nice people have met us but its hard to remember their names. This should improve in time.

We have a granddaughter and a great granddaughter, with a great grandson on the way. We are both retired. Judy from the medical field and myself from the communications field. I volunteer and am active in the chemical health field. We enjoy spending time with family and friends. We also love playing 500, so if there are any 500 players out there, let us know.

We would like to thank Terese for being so helpful and understanding. We'll be seeing you all and God Bless!

YOU CAN CHOSE YOUR OWN NEIGBORS (PART 2):



Pat Illesley (#125), pictured above with Terese (and a four legged friend), referred her sister Barb. Barb had visited many times and decided that, if and when a 1 BR opened up again, she would like to be considered for it. Once again, such simple events led to a nice picture with smiling faces.

So this month, a total of \$400 was diverted from CCM's advertising budget and put into the pockets of our own residents!

Choosing your own neighbors is easy! Just give Terese 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 (and ask your friend to mention your name early in the conversation). When your friend joins our little community, you will receive \$200 as a token of our appreciation to use towards your rent.

FROM TERESE'S DESK



HELLO to everyone, and Happy Spring! Our 'snowbirds' are beginning to return one-by-one to CCM and just in time to begin enjoying the 'warmer' weather. The wedding is fast approaching (May 22nd) for my son which means...a month of exciting events, showers, bachelor parties, dress fittings, spa days and of course the WEDDING!! I am working hard on maintaining my composure!

My husband and I will be leaving this weekend to open up our cabin off Lake Vermillion. Since our son and his new bride will be honeymooning there, we will be getting it setup just right for their enjoyment. My husband is very excited to deck out the boat, complete with decorations, as a surprise for the newlyweds!!

The excitement around the 'CCM Campus' continues! The monumental garage repair in the 45 & 55 buildings is almost complete. To brighten things up, Lee & Mary are going to paint the garage walls a light color. We estimate 90 gallons of paint for each garage! And, of course, spring clean-up around the grounds should begin soon as well. Watch the bulletin boards in both lobbies for updates, upcoming events and announcements!

Until next month...

Terese



NOTES FROM OUR "SOCIAL DIRECTORS"



Our Easter/Spring Brunch was a success. Thanks to all who joined us. There were 36 people and so much food. The only glitch in it was NO eggs. Not hard boiled or deviled, not one in sight. After much discussion over this, it was decided that everyone thought someone else would bring them. I can just see it next year: The whole table will be covered in eggs!



We had 13 people go on our April Casino Trip and we had a great time. The next trip will be Wednesday May 20th to Treasure Island. Information and sign-up sheets will be posted. The Potluck for this month will be one week early, May 18th at 5:30pm as the Memorial Day holiday falls on the last Monday. Again watch for signs announcing this. Our 3rd Annual CCM Garage Sale is set for Friday & Saturday June 12th & 13th. If it should rain we will try for the 19th & 20th. Tables will be provided. Please gather all your unwanted treasures and join us. Last year we made a lot of \$\$\$ and had a wonderful time. Remember, the more we set out the more customers we draw so feel free to invite friends and relatives to contribute “inventory” too. . Many people have one or two items but don’t have the time or energy to organize an entire garage sale on their own! If they volunteer to help out, they keep 100% of the proceeds from their contributions; if not, they will still get 60% without having to buy and plant signs, run ads, set up, take down, etc. We try to set up early, but any time you would like to come out is fine. The times will be 8am to 4pm. Stay as long or as little as you want. That's all for this month. Take care!

Love, *Kevin + Kathy E.*

A MESSAGE FROM MARY



Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all enjoying the nice weather. Speaking of which, thanks for helping us conserve on energy by not opening windows before turning your heat off in your apartment.

The boilers will be turned off soon for the coming warm weather so you may need to control the temperature in your apartment by using your windows. If we have a warm day and you leave your windows open, great. But if the weather is forecast to cool off, you may want to make sure your windows are closed before it starts cooling down, in order to retain the heat thereby helping us to stay “green.” And when it is forecast to be especially warm, you can reverse the process (leaving windows open at night) to save on airconditioning bills.

Happy Mother's day to all our mom's! Can you believe that it is May already? The year is going by so fast. My parents will be returning in time for Mother's Day this year, so I look forward to spending some time with them. I am sure that you will all enjoy your special day.

Our thanks to Esther Ruiz (#113) for donating the exercise bike in the pool area.

I just found out that our former resident Pat Wachter (#201 in the 45 building) has a brain tumor that is not operable. Please remember her and her family in your prayers as this is a very difficult time for all of them.

Thanks to all for the comments of encouragement about the garages. The last step is to get the walls painted and lighten up the garage. The 55 building will be done first and should be started the first week in May. The painting should be much less “traumatic” and go fast. Thanks for your co- operation with all these improvements. Our apologies to everyone in the 55 building for the problem with front steps. They should be repaired by the time you read this.

Till next month, have a great one and God Bless,

Mary

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• GOLF EVENT AT SOUTHVIEW COUNTRY CLUB

Each year, we have organized an outing for Country Club Manor residents and/or guests of our residents. The exact day we choose often does not fit with the schedules of persons who would otherwise like to play a “real” country club of Southview’s caliber. So we have arranged any resident, their relatives, or friends to play Southview on ANY (or All!) of the following dates: June 29, July 13, Aug 17, Aug 24, Aug 31, Sept 14, and/or Sept 28. The cost will be \$73 each for green fees and half a cart. Just let Terese know how many and she will set it up.

- 500 ANYONE? Any residents interested in playing 500, please give your name to Terese in the office or call 451-2633.
- Free Key (Unless you lose it): If you would like a key to the pool door (which also fits the gate to our “private park,” please see Terese.
- Everyone is so good about turning out the lights when leaving the Club Room, we moved the light switches in the pool room so they are the same i.e., one near each door. Please try to remember to turn out the lights if you are the last one out of the room. Thanks!
- Dave Holmen #308 is looking for a patient individual to teach him how to play the piano.
- US Postal rate increase effective May, 11, 2009 - First Class \$0.44. Other rate changes will be posted on lobby bulletin boards.

CCM HOSTS WEST ST. PAUL’S ROMA MEETING.

On April 9, CCM was the proud host for West St. Paul’s ROMA (Responsible Owners and Managers Association) meeting.



West St. Paul’s Chief of Police, Bud Shaver (lower right corner in photo above) looks on as instructor, Bill Wood, addresses April’s ROMA attendees in the Club Room.



THE FUNNY BONE

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story... "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these, yourself!"

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

Do you have something you would like to share with the rest of our little community? Give anything you like to Terese or email directly to Lee at LeeSail@aol.com. Examples might be prayers, poems, jokes, cartoons, recipes, a personal story, someone you think should be honored, a political viewpoint, etc.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Bldg	Apt	Day
Maryann Knoll	45	306	1
Purcy Cosgrove	45	104	7
Pat Gillespie	45	106	9
James Arnold	45	206	14
Judy Dahlstrom	55	128	14
Esther Ruiz	45	113	16
Bettie Robinson	55	322	16
Pat Dwyer	55	326	19
Janet Bork	45	116	25
Elizabeth Johnson	45	204	25
Ken Knoll	45	306	29