

Country Club Manor

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May 2010 Newsletter

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THE BIRDS OF CCM



Five Eastern Bluebird Eggs

Six Black Capped Chickadee Eggs

On April 19, Owner Lee Bakewell and Craig Dahlstrom (#128) installed four “high tech” Gilbertson bird houses and reinstalled CCM's 12 unit purple martin house. The very next day, Janet Bork (#116) stopped Lee in the hall to say she saw birds going in and out of the one not far from her patio. They were identified as bluebirds! On April 28, Lee and Craig made a “nest check” and found the happy bluebird pair had six light blue eggs in the #3 house plus six eggs in house #2 later identified as black capped chickadee's! (The four houses are numbered 1-4 running west to east along the south side of the buildings.) The bluebird eggs will hatch on or before May 10 and the chickadee eggs should hatch about May 8. The young birds will all take their first flights toward the end of May at which point the old nests will be removed in the hopes of getting in one or two more clutches before summer ends. As for the other two houses, they will likely be occupied later by tree swallows.

If you are out for a walk, check out the #2 & #3 houses. If you observe them for a while, you should see a bluebird and/or a chickadee. If you see something going in and out of the #1 & #4 houses, and you recognize the species, please let Craig, Lee or Terese know.



By the way, glass mounted humming bird feeders will be offered again. They cost \$15 each in quantity so we offered them for \$12 last year. Only a quarter of them sold so we are having a Blue Light Special of just \$5 while they last. See Terese ASAP.

CCM RESIDENT IS BIRD ENTHUSIAST



Craig Dahlstrom (#128) likes birds. Probably most of us do. You may remember it was Craig and Judy who invited Louis and Sharon Ranalls (#207) to come stay at CCM under the *You Can Chose Your Own Neighbors* program (pocketing \$200 in the process). You may also recall last October when Craig snapped the photo of the Cooper's Hawk which made it into the CCM Newsletter. Then just last month, he got a photo of the wild turkey you may have seen in the Newsletter.

Craig has observed right here on our grounds, cardinals, nuthatches, house finches, purple finches, juncos, blue jays, various woodpeckers, American goldfinch (which he shortens to "canary"), cowbirds, tree swallows, hawks, house sparrows (sorry about that), hummingbirds, and of course bluebirds & chickadees. Unfortunately, he hasn't seen a purple martin yet. They are hard to attract, especially with Cooper's hawks in the area, which prey

on martins and other birds.

Someone suggested a CCM "Bird Club" which would meet once/month—perhaps only during the summers—to talk about birds, bird sightings, and their behaviors. If you think you might be interested in such a get together, please contact Terese in the office.

FROM TERESE'S DESK



HELLO to everyone...and let the countdown begin! Only 28 days to my daughter's wedding day. I can't figure out why I'm soooo nervous, I'm not the one getting married! If you happen to stop by the office and I seem pre-occupied or even a little 'spaced out', please forgive me ahead of time. And now, down to business....

Spring Window Washing: I posted a sign-up sheet on both bulletin boards in the lobby. I will be calling the window washers to schedule a day to come out soon. So, please put your name down and bring your payment to

the office. Like last year, they will work in one building per day. Once I have the dates, I will hang another notice at least one week in advance.

West St. Paul Police Department Presentation: On Monday, May 17th, an investigator from the Police Department will be coming out to put on a presentation for all CCM residents on financial SCAMS that are currently plaguing our city and targeting seniors. This presentation has proved to be very successful at other complexes around the city. Watch the bulletin boards for further information and sign-up sheet. It will be very insightful and I encourage everyone to attend.

Reminders:

- 1) Again..please **SLOW DOWN** when entering and exiting our parking lot. The speed limit is 10 MPH. Think of your safety and the safety of others! Or do we need to install even MORE pot holes, er, “speed bumps?”
- 2) Garage stall storage – As per fire regulations, please remove all cardboard boxes, wood, or flammable items. All items on open shelving must be in enclosed in plastic containers. Only 2 storage shelves/cabinets per resident please. Let's keep our garages looking clean and safe!

Until next month...

Terese

A MESSAGE FROM MARY



Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful Mom's in the buildings. With the very early spring, we should all have a very beautiful weekend. Enjoy your special day and your family.

I am so happy we have finally gotten some rain. The grass is green and everything looks so nice. Lee even has blue bird eggs in one of his bird houses and chickadee eggs in the other. If you ever see him out there checking them out be sure to go out and take a look. But of course, you may be able to see them on the cover of the newsletter by picture.

I understand the St. Patty's day brunch was a great success and great food was had by all. I sure miss the potlucks now that we are up here in Forest Lake. But I am looking forward to the July summer BBQ on July 15. I look forward to seeing all of you then. Don't forget to sign up! We will be putting the sign-up sheet up on

June 14th, so be sure to look for it and sign up before you forget.

Have a great month and till next month, God Bless!

Mary

NOTES FROM OUR "SOCIAL DIRECTORS"



Hi all! Happy May. I will most likely be doing the planting sometime this month (weather permitting). If you have any ideas, let me know and they will be considered. Mary has the final say-so but I will pass them along. Potluck for April went well, and we had a super casino trip to Diamond Jo's. 14 people joined us. The Easter/Spring Brunch was a success and was also the last until September. May's casino trip will be to Treasure Island on Thursday May 6th. Birthday/Anniversary Potluck will be Monday May 24th. (It is earlier due to Memorial Day.)

Just a reminder for the Annual Garage Sale. June 11th & 12th. Get your items ready to make a little cash. Everyone received an info-sheet from me that you can refer to. Or call if you have questions.

I would like to say a special "Thank-You" to Rita Steiner for her help with decorating and un-decorating. You're a peach!!!

Please watch for signs posted around the buildings for details on all our activities. If you ever have questions regarding any of the functions here at CCM please give us a call at 651-451-6828 or stop by #107 in the 1945 building.

That's it for this month. Take care. Love, K & K

Kevin + Kathy E.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

NAME	BLDG	APT	DATE
Maryann Knoll	45	#306	1
Jene Casey	55	#119	5
Purcy Cosgrove	45	#104	7
Pat Gillespie	45	#106	9
James Arnold	45	#206	14
Judie 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

THE FUNNY BONE

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect.. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet.

I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'