

## THE FUNNY BONE

A preacher was making his rounds on a bicycle, when he came upon a little boy trying to sell a lawn mower.

“How much do you want for the mower?” asked the preacher.

“I just want enough money to go out and buy me a bicycle,” said the little boy.

After a moment of consideration, the preacher asked, Will you take my bike in trade for it?”

The little boy asked if he could try it out first and, after riding the bike around a little while, said, “Mister, you've got yourself a deal.”

The preacher took the mower and began to crank it. He pulled on the rope a few times with no response from the mower. The preacher called the little boy over and said, “I can't get this mower to start.”

The little boy said, “That's because you have to cuss at it to get it started.”

The preacher said, “I can't cuss. It's been so long since I became a Christian that I don't even remember how to cuss.”

The little boy looked at him happily and said, “You just keep pulling on that rope. It'll come back to ya.”

# Happy Mother's Day!



# Country Club Manor

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## May 2011 Newsletter

*Edited by Lee and Mary Bakewell*

## FINALLY, STEPS YOU CAN WALK ALL OVER!



Bluestone, Winter 2011



Molded, Colored  
Concrete, April 2011

Prior to 2008, our main entry steps were of a “pebble stone” design, that is, a layer of pebbles “battered” on top of poured concrete. Originally, they were a “cut above” normal concrete steps intended to make a proper first impression on anyone approaching the stately entrances to our lovely buildings. However, we constantly had trouble keeping the surface “stable” so we decided to replace them. Wanting to do a first class job, we opted for “New York Bluestone.” When completed in March of 2008, they did indeed add class to the buildings. But as many

of you remember, they quickly deteriorated for a variety of reasons including improper installation, time of installation (coldest part of the winter), and the use of non-compatible grouts. They too became an eyesore worse than the preceding pebble stone steps. After much agonizing and concern about selecting the right contractor and materials, this time, we settled on the molded, colored concrete design you see in the photo of the 1945 steps taken on April 27. The 1955 steps will also be completed shortly followed by reinstallation of the handrails. Hopefully, this will be the last you hear of that long tale of woe. We hope you like them . . . and continue liking them! With any luck, they should outlast all of us!



Pebble Stone, February 2008



## 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

## A MESSAGE FROM MARY



Happy Mother's Day to all our MOMS. On that note, yes my parents are back and I hope they are caught up on their sleep by now.

I would like to thank everyone for your patience again on the continued updating that has to be done on an ongoing basis.

I would also like to offer my condolences to Kathy and Kevin on the loss of their loved ones. You are all in my prayers.

As I write this the sun is shining and it is warm enough to be outside without a jacket. Praise God for a nice day. Let's continue to Pray that we have a warm beautiful summer after that terrible winter we suffered through for the past six months.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the flowers around the building. If we don't get one or two, you will have to put up with what I come up with and trust me, I am not the best. So I am warning all of you, but with some help maybe we can come up with some great flowers.

Here's the flower deal:

1. You pick out the flowers you like on a budget of \$300.
2. I pay the bill.
3. You install them.
4. Everyone appreciates the work you have done!
5. Country Club Manor looks great!

Enjoy your families and have a great month!

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

*Mary*

## NOTES FROM OUR "SOCIAL DIRECTOR"



Hello everyone! First of all we would like to thank all of you so very much for your care, support, cards, calls, kind words, and gifts during my dad's illness and death. You all mean so much to us and we can't thank you enough for being so kind.

Our casino trip to Diamond Jo's was a success. We had a great time. Our May trip will be to Treasure Island on Thursday, May 12th. Please sign up in the lobbies. Hope we get a good group.

The Easter/Spring brunch went very well, as always the food was wonderful. Believe it or not for the 2nd year in a row there was not an egg or egg dish on the table. I will be sure there is next year!! That's it for the brunches until Sept. Thanks to all who participated.

Potluck (German Food) was also great. Again Myrna brought herring. (German this time) Where does she find all these culinary delights? My goodness but our neighbors can cook!! The food was awesome. Please join us for our May Birthday/Anniversary Potluck on May 30th. The theme will be Scandinavian. Please remember to watch the boards around the buildings for posted information on upcoming events and details.

I would like to have a garage sale in June. I will put out fliers as to the dates and times. Start getting all your unwanted treasures together and remember friends and relatives are welcome.

In case some of you don't know, Kevin has retired. You will no doubt see him a lot more around the buildings.

Happy Mother's Day to all you moms out there! That's it for this month.

*Kevin + Kathy E.*

## FROM TERESE'S DESK



Happy Mother's Day!

By the time you all read this, I hope the 1945 front steps will be 'open for business'! The 1955 should be completed over the next 2 weeks, depending on 'Mother Nature'. What a beautiful addition to our already classy complex! Thank you Lee & Mary!

We are still in need of help to plant our annual flower pots and gardens. The flowers add a warm, inviting personal touch. No experience or green thumbs required. All able bodies would be appreciated. Please give me a call in the office for more details.

**Washing Machines:** Just a reminder; please do not overload the washing machines. No rugs, cat beds, pillows, oversized quilts or comforters. The problems being reported to management of water leaking or not spinning completely can be avoided by adhering to these rules. If you notice water on the floor, please contact the office immediately.

**Trash Removal:** All personal items being left in the garages for disposal are not the responsibility of the management. If you have an item to give away, please clearly mark item "FREE". If no one takes the item after one week, you must make arrangements to dispose of it properly. If CCM must dispose of abandoned items, you will be charged the going disposal rate. If you have any questions, please call the office first.

**Splash Window Washers:** Please don't forget to sign up for Spring window washing in your unit. All the information is posted on the lobby bulletin boards.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to Kevin & Kathy for the losses they suffered this past month; Kathy's father and Kevin's Grandmother. You both can hang onto the love and support from your many friends and family here at CCM!

Until next month...

*Terese*