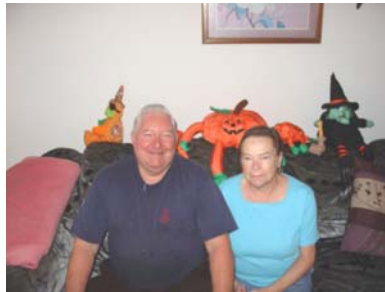


Country Club Manor

November 2008 Newsletter

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SAY "HELLO" TO YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS!



Clockwise from the top left: Susan and Kenneth Casterlin (#331), James and Linda Dawson (#121), and Dottie Kline (#311)



Casterlins: We have been married 31 years. I am 64 years old, retired from Northwest Airlines since 2005 after 35 years of service. Susan is 56 years old and currently working part time at Hallmark store in Eagan. We have 5 children and 9 grandchildren. In my spare time I build wooden ship models from the Napoleonic era. I also do genealogy (work on family trees). Sue is a seamstress in her spare time and enjoys making clothes, especially baby clothes for our grandchildren.

Dawsons: We have been married for 39 years and have 2 children. Our son James Jr. and daughter is named Rose. We have one handsome grandson named Ryan (13) from James Jr. James has worked at Greif Inc. in Rosemount for 39 years. Linda worked in customer service until her loss of eyesight. We love football, camping, and be with family

and friends.

Dottie Kline: I moved to Country Club Manor on August 23rd this year. I grew up in St. Paul, with a very dysfunctional family so I ran away when I was 14 but was raised in a wonderful foster home. I was blessed with a son from each of two marriages. I attended Northern Lights School of Massage and worked as a therapeutic massage therapist for 24 years. Then I expanded my skills to medical massage after attending Kurashova Institute of Medical Massage. So about 60% of my practice was devoted to injury recovery. In December of 2000, I had a stroke and again in January of 2001. I spent 9 months in a nursing home and another 6 months at Courage Center to learn to walk and take care of myself. I lost my youngest son in August 2005. The people at the Church of Christ in Inver Grove Heights essentially have become my family now. But I am very happy to be living at Country Club Manor. I look forward to meeting you all.

A NOTE FROM GEORGE



I believe most of you know I am a part-time employee now, but still considered Property Manager. So if you haven't heard, I work Mondays and Wednesdays. I am usually there from 8 am to 4 pm. This has been working out great for me. I started doing some projects at home, seeing more of the grandkids, and more time just to relax. Mary works Tuesdays and Thursdays. As I write this, Mary is in the process of hiring a lady to work those two days. I had a chance to meet her and work with her for a couple of hours. She is very much a people person, and has great office skills, which would make our job more efficient in the future. Now on Fridays, Darlene has been taking the phone calls and anything else that might happen to come up. This also has been working out well. Great job Darlene!

Sorry it's taking so long to get the pool going. As I write this, Dan is starting to fill it. It was a bad time of the year to have a breakdown. Most pool businesses were busy closing outdoor pools. Then, we had to change our pool contractor, for numerous reasons. Dan and I will be working together, to keep your pool running and looking good.

The 1955 building and the pool/Clubroom buildings, are looking great now, with the new brown shingles on the side of the building. The 1945 building is getting new boilers installed. One boiler is up and running and the contractor is in the process of getting the other two on line soon. Many projects were happening at the same time, so thank all of you for your patience and understanding.

The 1955 building is full once again, and only one apartment in the 1945 building is available, at this time. We have some of the new residents featured in this newsletter, so if you happen to see them around the building, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. We hear rumors of other apartment buildings in the Cities having massive vacancy rates so we thank you all the more for choosing Country Club Manor as your home and not some other place.

I have to say something about the weather for September and October. I believe them two months were our summer. Wish we could have that every year. Now if only the next four months could be kind to us. Should we think spring now? Maybe a little early.

NOVEMBER EVENTS



Vikings Football--We will gather to watch the games in the Club Room. Games are Sundays, November 2, 12:00PM (Houston), November 9th, 12:00 PM. (Green Bay), November 16 12:00 PM (Tampa Bay), November 23rd, 12:00 PM (Jacksonville and November 30th 7:15 PM Chicago. Bring a snack to share and whatever you would like to drink. Please note that on Sunday November 16th, the party room is reserved, so the football party will be at Kevin and Kathy's Apt 107 in the 45 building.



Potluck/Birthday Party: November's potluck will be held on Monday, November 24th in the Club Room.

Monday Poker:

From left to right..Pat Gresafe (#312), Jerry Kramer (non resident) Don Standley (#220), and Bob Hansen (former resident). Not present for photo is Gene White (non resident). Gene has been playing for 6 months. Pat Gresafe has been a "member" for 3 years, Don Standley played for 3 years, Jerry Kramerhas played for 10 years and Bob

Hansen has played since 1993, when the Monday Poker got started. Bob Hansen was there in 1993 for the first poker game.

A MESSAGE FROM MARY



At Lee's encouragement, I have hired another woman to handle the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lee thinks I need more time to go out to lunch with some of my friends and spend more time with the little boys in our family (my two grandsons . . . and Lee).

Please welcome Terese Huebner and please help make her feel right at home. She will not be living in the building but she lives very close by on Charlton and Wentworth with her husband.

I have really enjoyed working with everyone and getting to know each and every one of you. Just because we now have Terese, I will not stop coming to the building. Now maybe I can come to wine on Tuesday nights and spend the whole evening instead of running between phone calls.

I would like to remind everyone of the Christmas party coming up

on Tuesday, December 9. Cocktail hour will start at 4:30 PM and dinner will be served at 5:30 PM. Remember this is mainly a resident-only event and we will have sign up sheets in the lobby of each building starting on Monday, November 17th. We have to have a final count by Monday, December 1, so please sign up right away so you don't forget.

Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy the holiday with your family and friends. Don't eat or drink too much and drive safely. Till next month, God Bless and have a great month!

Mary

FOR THE FUNNY BONE

A woman accompanied her husband when he went to get a haircut. Reading a magazine, she found a hairstyle she liked for herself, so she asked the receptionist if she could take the magazine next-door to make a copy of the photo.

"Leave some ID, either a driver's license or a credit card," the receptionist said.

"But my husband is here getting a haircut," the woman explained. "Yes I know," the receptionist replied, "but I need something you'll come back for."

A second-grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today."

The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said, "How do you make babies?"

"It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es.'"

Do you have something you would like to share with the rest of our little community? Give anything you would like to include to George, 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.



Whenever Lee used a grocery cart in the UG parking area, he noticed how much noise the little wheels made on the unevenness of the concrete so vowed to make a better one (or at least one with bigger wheels). He may not have succeeded in improving on Target's version but nonetheless, this is his latest design dropped off last week in the 55 building. Let George, Mary, or Lee know if you like them or how they could be made better.

CCM To GET NEW BOULDER WALL

more natural. We



You may have noticed the old wooden retaining wall mostly out from the 55 building. It is bulging badly and is destined for collapse someday. Rather than wait for that to happen, work will start shortly on a new classy boulder wall. Boulder walls are incredibly strong and, although, a bit more expensive than Keystone walls, look hope to get vegetation to grow right amongst the boulders.

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS