

# Country Club Manor

December 2008 Newsletter

*Edited by Lee and Mary Bakewell*

**SAY "HELLO" TO YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR!**



Moe and Elaine moved into #335 on October 1.

Maureen Bernardella is a concierge at Galtier Towers in St. Paul. She has lived in the Twin Cities area since 1984. She has three adult children and six grandchildren. She likes to cook and entertain friends and family.

Elaine Jones is semi retired and enjoys residential cleaning to supplement her income. She moved from Grand Rapids in 1984 when she became a young widow. She has three children and six grandchildren

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PROPERTY MANAGER



My name is Terese Huebner. I am married to Marshall, a retired St. Paul Firefighter/Paramedic and we live in West St. Paul. We have two beautiful, grown children, Michael 30, and Michelle 20, who have both become engaged and planning their weddings as I write this. I am the oldest daughter to John and Marcy Aldrich (residents of Country Club Manor for a little over a year now), and 1 of 11 children. Being the oldest daughter has its advantages and disadvantages.

I'm a committed hard worker, and somewhat relentless until the job is done. My passions include: Music, children, tennis, children, boating, children, crocheting, and yes...CHILDREN!! So needless to say, my kids are under the gun to produce '**MY GRANDCHILDREN!**'

Now that my husband is retired, we will be enjoying our newly purchased cabin off scenic Lake Vermillion. This has been a dream come true for my 'Boys' as they are avid fishermen, and provide 'MOM' with all the fresh fish she can eat. My favorite time of year is fast approaching. So if you see me walking through the halls, humming or singing, please feel free to join in with this 'Jolly ole sole'.

I would like extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to those residents who've taken the time to stop by the office for a 'meet and greet'. You have all made me feel very welcome. I look forward to the annual Christmas Party to meet with you all. Please don't hesitate to stop by the office for ANY reason. I will do my best to keep your community safe and secure and running to the standards you all expect and deserve.

*Terese*

## DECEMBER EVENTS by Kathy Ericson

### **Tree Trimming**

Please join us Friday December 5th at 10AM for the annual tree trimming and decorating of the club room. We have been doing this for MANY years. If you would care to bring an ornament you've made or especially like, etc., please feel free to do so. We will have hot cider, coffee, and goodies. Let's see how many folks we can get to participate this year. Hope to see you there!

**Potluck/Birthday Party:** December's potluck will be held on Monday, December 29th eating at 5:30 PM in the Club Room.

**New Year's Eve Party:** Kevin and Kathy will again host a New Year's Eve party starting at 8 PM in the Club Room. Bring a snack to share and bring what ever you would like to drink. Kathy and Kevin will again bring Champagne and "For the early birds" a champagne toast will be made at 11 PM and again at midnight for the "Night Owls". Last year everyone had a great time and no one got pulled over on the way home. So come and enjoy friends and bring in the New Year in style.

## COUNTRY CLUB MANOR GETS NEW BOULDER WALL



The individual granite boulders are weighing as much as an automobile! completed by the end of the year,

The same masonry group that did our entryway steps (Mark Seegar) has started the task of replacing the retaining wall that separates us from Westview Manor Condominiums to the north. The old wall had weakened and many of the 8x8 creosoted timbers showed heavy evidence of rot. If there was a big rain or spring frost heave, it would have been in danger of collapsing, possibly injuring someone walking by at the time.



It may look kind of ugly right now but when we are through, we will be able to plant vegetation in the “inter-boulder” spaces, giving it a very classy look. The new wall will be . . . timeless, so strong it will never fall down.



incredibly heavy, most The project should be maybe sooner.

## A MESSAGE FROM MARY



I trust you all had a great Thanksgiving all the food. I am sorry I missed potluck youngest son, Donald, moved to Las to take a quick trip out to see his new home. So far he is very happy and is very busy getting unpacked and settled in the house, which will be the “headquarters” for he and his brother’s photo booth company ([www.partybooths.com](http://www.partybooths.com)). He did make a trip home for Thanksgiving and will be joining the family soon for a trip to Disney World with the grandchildren.

and enjoyed your family and last Monday, but our Vegas and Lee and I decided

On another note, I regret to report, that with the addition of Terese in the office, George has decided to take full retirement, so Terese will be working four days a week during the winter and go to three days a week this summer. That does not mean I will not be around the building, I just will not be limited to Tuesday and Thursday any longer.

Mary

## SOMETHING FOR THE FUNNY BONE

A young boy entered a barber shop and the barber whispered to his customer, "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch and I'll prove it to you." The barber put a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then called the boy over and asked, "Which do you want, son?" The boy took the quarters and left.

"What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns!"

Later the customer saw the young boy coming out of an ice cream store. "Hey son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?"

The boy licked his cone and replied, "Because the day I take the dollar, the game's over!"

A fisherman was leaving the pier, carrying two lobsters in a bucket, when the game warden approached him and asked to see his fishing license.

"I didn't catch these lobsters," the fisherman said to the warden. "They are my pets. Every day I come down to the water and whistle, and these lobsters jump out. Then I take them for a walk and return them at the end of the day."

The warden, not believing him, reminded him that it is illegal to fish without a license.

"If you don't believe me, then watch," said the fisherman, as he threw the lobsters back into the water.

"Now whistle to your lobsters and show me that they will come out of the water," said the warden.

Where upon the fisherman looked at the warden and asked, "What lobsters?"

## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

### Prayer Shawls

The Parish of St. Joseph's in West St. Paul are looking for volunteers to knit or crochet Prayer Shawls to be donated to the local nursing care centers in the area. If you would like to participate, please see Terese for a 'Kit' (includes: knitting or crocheting instructions and yarn).

**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](mailto:LeeSail@aol.com). Examples might be prayers, poems, jokes, cartoons, recipes, a personal story, someone you think should be honored, a political viewpoint, etc.

## CCM DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/04	Gerry Brack	#218
12/07	Dan Shinn	#101
12/12	David Holmen	#308
12/14	Tony Prigge	#333
12/16	Pauline Donaldson	#214
12/16	Ken Urquhart	#210

12/27 Hugh Cosgrove #104