

For What It's Worth

Janice Nelson, Editor



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Editor's Comment

Welcome to 2016! This year promises to be a great one at Alpine Lake. New management has taken over the restaurant and lounge and if their New Year's Day brunch is any indication of things to come, we're all in for a GREAT dining experience. Best of luck to SEASONS RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE! (For further information, please read SEASONS' article in this issue.) The New Year's Eve dinner was very elegant and enjoyable, followed by an evening of great music, thanks to John Golmitz, at the Boathouse. And, after all of that, there was even a small group who met at the beach on New Year's Day morning to plunge into the chilly waters of our lake! Things may seem to be winding down here at Alpine, but no, not true! Game night is still every Wednesday, Dinner & Movie Night is on the 18th at the Boathouse, Shuffleboard on Thursday nights (with a surprise return of a certain someone) and a new project potentially underway for our community...The Whoville Christmas Experience! To get more insight on all of these events and more, please read the articles below. I would be remiss in not thanking the efforts of Sheila Amato and Anne Isenock for organizing and cooking the main dishes of turkey, ham and lamb for Alpine's Christmas Eve Dinner at the Boathouse. Also, a big thank you to everyone who provided all the delicious side dishes and desserts! I can't say enough! On that note, Happy and Healthy New Year to all!

The next issue of FWIW will be issued on *Friday, January 22nd*. Please email all articles to me, *Janice Nelson*, at mamaj11@yahoo.com, or use the FWIW box on the lobby counter. Please keep your articles brief so we can fit all the news in each issue. Remember that folks outside Alpine can read FWIW. Thanks for your cooperation and participation. Enjoy!

"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves."

- Bill Vaughn

TIMELY NOTICES AND REMINDERS

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! THE 2016 CALENDARS ARE READY! YOU CAN PICK ONE UP AT THE FRONT DESK OF THE LODGE! - CHARLOTTE WILES

NEXT EGG DELIVERIES - Sheila Amato

James Stemple, our local farmer, will be delivering brown (usually jumbo) eggs to the Rhododendron Room on **Wednesday, Jan 13th & 27th**. You need to pick up your order between 11-11:15am. The cost is \$3 per dozen. You can respond via email (brltrans@frontier.com) or phone (305-789-5555) to place your order. Orders must be placed no later than Sunday night.

THOUGHTS, PRAYERS AND THANK YOU MESSAGES

This section of FWIW is one of the best loved because it gives us an opportunity to keep up with our neighbors and friends by reporting good news as well as offering support when folks are going through difficult times. Thank you for passing along updates and news, with permission

On December 17th Bill Hutchings (Hutch) had emergency surgery at Hershey Medical Center for a ruptured iliac aneurysm. He was given a less than 20% chance of surviving surgery but he has exceeded expectations and is now on the long road to recovery. By the time this is published, he may be in the Chambersburg Hospital rehab. Our prayers are for improved strength and healing. Thank you.

- Wanda Hutchings

A heartfelt thank you to Sue Thompson and Barb Conway for graciously co-hosting a festive Christmas gathering at Sue's house for all the members of their aerobics group. Sue's house was beautifully decorated, the food and drink delicious and the gifts thoughtful! Thank you again, Sue and Barb, for all you do to keep us on the road to a healthy lifestyle! You are both very much appreciated!

~ Your Fun Fit Aerobics Friends

We know there are others in our community who are dealing with various challenges, and we extend heartfelt prayers, thoughts and good wishes to all of them. Alpine is a caring community and the support is unending. Remember, life is easier when we multiply the joy and divide the grief. Blessings to all.

“Many people look forward to the New Year for a new start on old habits.”

- Anonymous

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LAKE & NEARBY...



SEASONS – by Liz Daniels

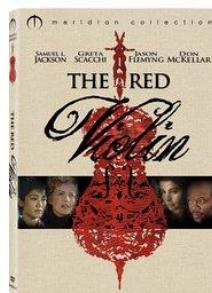
We would like to thank each of you who came out and shared in the New Year’s Day brunch. In response to all of the questions and rumors going around, we wanted to take this opportunity to address below as many as we can:

- Our business number is 304-789-6679.
- SEASONS hours of operation for the lounge—
 - **Monday thru Friday:** 4pm - Close
 - **Saturday:** 10am - Close
 - **Sunday:** Noon – Close
 - These hours are for winter season only and may change depending upon the weather.
- We are planning a grand opening for mid-April and, hopefully, going full force thereafter.
- Our hours during peak season here at Alpine will be 7am - Close daily.
- Monthly events are being planned as we speak.

Some of the rumors going round stem from people hearing only half of conversations. As Tom said on the Community Chat, any renovations that we would like to do have to be approved by the Board. We have made comments that we would like to give the bar in the large dining room a facelift, never to remove it. Until we work through the food inventory and are able to restock, the menu will remain basically the same. You can still get Wings on Monday night with a new sauce from Nancy. There will be Steak Night and, for now, we will continue with half-price appetizers. We will let you know as soon as we can when we are ready to change the specials and menu. We haven’t looked into Facebook as yet but our goal is to have our own web page. We would like to thank John Wiltison for dropping off our first round of Alpine Lake photographs to review.

REMINDER: DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT – by Tom Kinsey

Movie Night: January 18, 2016, 5pm at the Boathouse; *The Red Violin*, Samuel L. Jackson, 130 minutes, Rated R (“some sexuality”). ***Because of the length of this movie, the movie will start promptly at 5pm, please come earlier to visit and have some appetizers.***



Since the *red violin* was built in Northern Italy in 1681, the food theme will be Northern Italian. The Rocchis have agreed to find a few (2 or 3) main dish recipes that are representative of Northern Italian Cuisine. We will be looking for some volunteers to prepare those main dishes. Everyone else, please bring an appetizers, salad or dessert. If you are interested in keeping with the Northern Italian theme, check out this web site: <http://www.carlinosrestaurant.com/whats-the-difference-between-northern-and-southern-italian-food/>

Please sign-up in the Lodge and join your neighbors for a wonderful Monday at the Movies. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Kinsey, kinseykrest@gmail.com.

SHUFFLEBOARD

On Week 1 (Nov 5th) of the 2015 Shuffleboard season Tony Amato had the only hanger of the evening with Dave and Ginger Tucker taking first place for the first time ever. Jim & Sally Rocchi took second and Kurt and Judy Engel took third place rounding out the evening.

Week 2 on 12th November had Dave Tucker taking the Thursday night wife partnering with Ginger and Charlotte Wiles. There were several high scores this week with Sally Rocchi, Dave Tucker and Ginger Tucker all scoring 6 points in winning games. Dave Tucker received a nudge from Pat Laing resulting in a hanger and 7 points. Charlotte also had a hanger. The Tuckers lucked out again for the first place spot with the Laings coming in second and the Amatos taking third for the evening.

On November 19th, Week 3, we had 11 teams and we were shuffling until 10pm. Gary Cox and Pat Laing both had hangers. The big news of the evening was the number of skunks: Jay and Sue Beigel skunked the Hoadleys, Charlotte and Marilyn skunked the Tuckers as did the Laings, The Tuckers had a bad night for sure. John and Pat Laing turned around and skunked Marilyn and Charlotte. Rich and Janice Nelson, first time shuffleboard players, sandbagged and took first place. Congrats Rich and Janice. John and Pat Laing came in second and Jim and Barbara Herndon took third place.

We had a small contingent return with 6 teams, after a week off for the Thanksgiving holiday, but we still had a fun evening. Jim Herndon knocked 6 points off for Rich Nelson taking the win for that game. Ginger shot 9 points for a win, then Tony and Sheila turned around and skunked Dave and Ginger taking first place. Sheila had 6 points in that win. Dave and Ginger came in second and Sally and Jim Rocchi took third.

In Week 5 on December 10th we had 11 teams again with Ron and Peggy Rogers and Chip and Cindy Sturm joining us. Bernie Stock was on a roll with two 3's on the board and Birgit was begging someone to take a picture as we all know Bernie is notorious for shooting out of bounds, but John Laing knocked them off before a photo was taken. Bernie and Birgit recovered and took that win 9-7. Chip Sturm had 8 points after knocking off three opponent to win – Charlotte Wiles had a hanger plus. New first place winners were Charlotte and Marilyn Sedlack, Ron and Peggy Rogers took 2nd place and John and Pat Laing pulled in third.

There were no notes for the sixth week (December 17th) so those will have to be included in the next FWIW Shuffleboard article.

We'll be starting 2016 on January 7th with our Commish, Bob Bayer, back in action. Please come join us for a fun evening starting at 6pm in the upper level of the former Lakers Lounge or come early for dinner in the Seasons Lounge under new management.

WHOVILLE PROJECT *by Barb Conway*

Save the Date! A brainstorming meeting will be held at the Lodge on Thursday, January 7th, at 10am, to develop Alpine's new winter event, which will be introduced in November/December 2016. This event has the potential to attract numerous visitors to our Hotel and Lodge, providing both monetary and marketing benefits. To ensure success, Alpine must have input from its talented property owners, so please try to attend this initial meeting. Preparation must begin without delay to put together an overall plan of activities. We must submit our intentions early to receive permission to piggyback on the popular "Whoville" theme.

GAME NIGHT *by Sharon Golmitz*

Every Wednesday at 7pm (year around/rain, snow or sleet), a group of Alpine neighbors gather at the Boathouse to share an evening of game playing and socialization. Mostly, the group plays either the card game, Hand and Foot, or Dominoes. You may bring a drink for yourself and a snack to share.

Other games are welcome and if you have one in mind, please feel free to share it with the group. If you want to learn to play either Hand and Foot or Dominoes, please show up any Wednesday to learn. If you would like more personalized instruction, please call Sharon or John Golmitz at 304-789-6575 and we will be glad to teach you.

ANGEL TREE *by Trish Birch*

Many thanks to all who participated in giving a child from the Angel Tree a wonderful Christmas. All of our angels were taken and without our help the Salvation Army would not have met their quota. Your help gave these children a brighter Christmas and maybe a positive outlook on life. Thanks again for your kindness and love.

OF INTEREST TO OUR COMMUNITY

TERRA ALTA FOOD BANK

There is an ongoing need to replenish supplies at our local food bank so please add your donations whenever you can to help this worthy cause. There is a box inside the front foyer of the Lodge for your convenience. Please continue to be generous in your giving.

LOCAL KINDERGARTEN TEACHER IN NEED OF CLASSROOM SUPPLIES *by Janice Nelson*

I participate in the "Read Aloud" program at the Terra Alta/East Preston Elementary School. The teacher, whose Kindergarten class I read in, has spent much of her own money for practical supplies needed to run a functional classroom, but it never seems to be enough. Since I know the Alpine community is a very giving group of people, I was hoping you could assist me in donating the following items from her wish list: crayons (6-8 in a pack), colored pencils, graphite pencils, boxes of tissues, Clorox Wipes, beginner books (Dr. Seuss, in particular), small trinkets of any kind from the Dollar Store for her weekly prize box, and CD's with accompanying books to read along. Whatever you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Do not worry about duplicates. Please drop off your items at the front desk with my name on the bag. Thank you!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ECC COMMITTEE – by Dick Gallagher, Chair

Solar Panels: Homeowners who wish to install solar panels should submit detailed plans to the ECC to obtain a permit. As a general guideline, panels that are incorporated into the house structure, such as placement on the roof, would probably be approved provided the color(s) associated with the installation are consistent with the existing house colors in the community. Stand-alone panels, those that would be detached from the house and placed on the lot, would not be approved. Please do not undertake the installation of panels without submitting detailed plans to the ECC and receiving a permit.

We hope all members of the community have a healthy and happy 2016. Dick, Kurt, and Dave.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE – by Sally Rocchi, Wilma Rumble

We will be taking down all Christmas decorations on Wednesday, January 6th, at 9am. Volunteers are needed. The small quilts will be kept in the storeroom on the third floor. Please let me know if you want them returned. Contact me at Sallyrocchi@yahoo.com or call 304-789-5408. Happy New Year!

PROPERTY OWNERS COMMITTEE – by Bernie and Birgit Stock, Co-Chairs

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our activities this past year a success. Besides raising thousands of dollars for needed projects (i.e., boathouse upgrades, LED signs, etc.), over \$1000 was donated to the employees' Christmas Gift Card fund. Gift Cards of \$30/\$40 were given to those who stuck with us this past year.

We hope the New Year will give us all more opportunities to share our talents and energies for the common good of our community. With that, we look forward to seeing new faces at our functions to enjoy the camaraderie. Keep abreast with what is happening via the Newsletter, FWIW, Shadowboxes/mailboxes and word of mouth. Join a Committee, volunteer or just take part in the FUN. Happy New Year, Alpinites...

REMINDER: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – by Boris Nazaroff

Two (2) ALPOA Board of Directors positions will be up for re-election in June 2016. Any interested AL property owner in good standing* is eligible to run for one of these positions. Each position entails a term of three (3) years. All interested candidates are encouraged to contact me in any of three ways:

1. Via mail: Boris Nazaroff, Chair, Nominations & Elections Committee, 700 W. Alpine Drive, Terra Alta, WV 26764
2. Via telephone: 571-926-6388
3. Via e-mail: bnazaroff@gmail.com

Please remember that the deadline for submission of your intention to be a ALPOA Board of Director candidate is 5pm, Tuesday, March 15, 2016. If you have any questions regarding the nominations process, please feel free to contact me as indicated above.

**Good Standing means (a) association dues are up-to-date; and (b) have not been declared to be in violation of restrictive covenants of ALPOA.)*



FROM MANAGEMENT & STAFF

Linette Sines – Interim General Manager

New beginnings, fresh starts, reaffirmations of love and promises for a brighter future all come to mind as we ring in a **New Year**. Here at Alpine Lake, 2016 will bring the opening of a new pool and fitness center. The restaurant will have a new breath of life as CGC, LLC takes over the area and re-opens as "Seasons". The staff will be working on organizing many neglected areas of the Lodge and to improve its overall appearance. I am excited to see what this new year has to offer.

The heater in the pool area is now up and running which has us very close to the point where we can add water! I am afraid to give a target date for opening since we have run into so many unforeseen obstacles so far, but we are getting CLOSE! The heating and air conditioning units are now in place in the fitness center area and will be up-and-running as soon as our electrician completes the wiring. New flooring for the locker rooms will begin on Monday, January 4th.

The first meeting to begin the planning of the Whoville Christmas Experience at Alpine Lake will be on January 7th at 10am. I know many property owners and staff members are very excited to begin planning the festivities for the end of this year.

Since we are into our "slow season," the Front Desk will now be open Mondays thru Saturdays from 8am - 4pm and on Sundays from 8am - 3pm.

We have new residents to welcome to Alpine Lake. David and Jennifer Lohman are the new owners of 634 East Alpine Drive. We also welcome John and Patricia Wells to 12 Chestnut Drive.

Please remember to slow down as you pass through the Welcome Center. Slowing down and offering a friendly wave to the guard on duty allows them to verify that you are a resident and better track who comes in and out of the Resort.

May you be blessed with the power to spread good cheer and smiles all around in this New Year!

MARKETING DEPARTMENT– by *Craig Mason, Interim Marketing Coordinator & Group Sales*

Hopefully everyone had a GREAT Christmas and a Happy New Year. As most of you are aware, my job duties have changed due to the new Seasons Restaurant and Lounge lease. Good luck on their new adventure! I have thoroughly enjoyed working in the restaurant and hosting events. In 2015, we had 11 weddings; in 2016 we have already secured approximately 18 weddings. The busy season is right around the corner so if you have a date set for an event, we need to get together ASAP to get the contract signed. As always, if I can be of assistance, feel free to contact me.

***“Although no one can go back and make a brand new start,
anyone can start from now and make a brand new beginning.”***

- Carl Bard

ALPOA BOARD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – by *Ginger Tucker, President*

We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and are looking forward to a great 2016. Winter hasn't hit yet but we are certain it will come with all of its wonder and beauty.

We still need a volunteer who is willing to lead and organize the miniature golf rebuilding project. Our property owner volunteers are great motivators and many have children and grandchildren who have enjoyed miniature golf. Lorraine Hart, a seasonal property owner, has done some great research and is willing to share but we need that special person to coordinate and rally us to build it in the spring. BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME. Won't you help? Please call or email Ginger at 410-984-7621 or gingertucker@alpinelake.com.

We also look forward to working with the community on Alpine Lake's "Whoville" project for the 2016 winter season. We have to file a plan to use the "Whoville" theme since it is copyright protected; so we are holding a brainstorming session at the Lodge for employees and property owners on January 7th at 10am. Please join us for this fun project that we hope will become an Alpine tradition.

The Standing Committee policy rewrite and Strategic Plan process are still ongoing so if you have ideas for either, please submit them to Gary Cox or Tom Kinsey, respectively. These efforts benefit all community members so please support these projects.

The restaurant lease is moving forward and property owners may notice many changes. Change is to be expected and they will make some more gradually than others but we have to be as supportive as possible through the transition. First and foremost, remember that the restaurant lease is a business venture and it is imperative that we support it as much as possible.

The pool is progressing. Bob Berry and company (Chris) have done an excellent job in rewiring the electrical systems for heating and humidifying the pool since the original installation company went out of business. Unfortunately, Murphy's Law has applied to the pool but we are rechecking the Fire Marshall and Health Department checklists before calling them in for the final inspection for operational approval.

As you may know, Rich Nelson (property owner) is our new webmaster. He is soliciting input (see the Community Chat). You may send comments on the Community Chat or to webmaster@alpinelake.com.

Appended at the back of this FWIW edition is a Registry of Expertise blank form for property owners to complete and submit through the most convenient manner to the ALPOA Board of Directors. The Registry of Expertise was originally established by previous Boards but needs to be updated to enable the Board to contact individual property owners whose background and experience can benefit ALPOA in future efforts. Please respond via the U.S. mail at the address at the top of the form, drop it off at the Lodge front desk or email to gingertucker@alpinelake.com.

We do not hold member meetings during the months of December, January and February, resuming them in March. Our workshops, however, are open for property owners and will be January 16th at 10am and February 20th at 10am. Join us so you know what is going on.

ALPINE LAKE LODGE HOURS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY (HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FRONT DESK

Mondays – Saturdays: 8am-4pm

Sundays: 8am-3pm

SEASONS DINING ROOM – CLOSED

SEASONS LOUNGE –

Mondays – Fridays: 4pm – Close

Saturdays: 10am – Close

Sundays: Noon – Close

FITNESS CENTER

OPEN DAILY from 6am – 10pm

PRO SHOP – CLOSED

Note: Our Alpine Lake website is: www.alpinelake.com Call (800) 752-7179 or (304) 789-2481

“Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.”

- Oprah Winfrey

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS - "A Service for our Readers"



Editor's Note: Ads will run in 4 issues, and then be deleted, unless new ones are resubmitted. This will be accomplished by inserting the date the ad was first run, with new ads at the top of the listing.

Remember to notify me if your item is no longer available, too. Thank you.

Tax Services: Dorinda Kisner, CPA, and staff providing professional services for individuals, businesses, estates and trusts. Tax planning, compliance, estimated payments, consulting and accounting services locally in Terra Alta. Contact us at 304-789-6082 or email at questions@kisnercpa.com (12/18)

Mountain Den Services provides stacked seasoned hardwood \$75 approximately ½ cord. We are new residents to Alpine Lake Resort and would like to provide your firewood. Do you have a rental but don't want to provide unlimited firewood? We also provide bundles at \$6 each. Call 410-474-6714 or send us an email to Denmail@mountaindenservices.com (12/18)

USED Toaster Oven. Works well - \$25 – call Mr. P at 304-789-6520 (12/4)

NIB (Never Used) BRIC"S Life 22 Cargo Duffle. Retail \$480. Make offer - Call Mr. P at 304-789-6520 (12/4)

Custom Built Dreadnaught Guitar. Installed with Fishman Matrix Infinity Pickup. Call Ron at 410-790-4169 (12/4)

2013 Long Arm ARTISTIC Quilter 18 Machine. Only used approx. 100 hrs. All the manuals & approx. 50/60 large spools of quilting thread in cabinet included. It's 10 feet in length and disassembles down to 5 feet in length. It fits in a medium to large SUV or truck. A friend is willing to take it to NOVA with 2 weeks' notice for free if someone is interested. All disassembly & reassembly assistance provided. Paid approx. \$8,000. Asking \$6,500. If you or your friends have any questions, call John Sheppard at 304- 789 2475 or email at this address: jrsheppard272@frontier.com. (11/13)

Pet Sitting & House Checks. Call Kay Bayer 304-789-2111

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Driveways, sidewalks, decks and roofs...if you get snow, call Joe! Joe Heath and Joe Heath, Jr., Security Guards - Home: 304-789-6838; Guard Shack: 304-789-2382; Cell: 304-777-7212 (Joe) OR 304-698-2584 (Joey). We also do house watching! (11/13)

DATES TO REMEMBER (*A handy summary of dates to put on your calendar now*)

Please note that the following events occur **weekly** on the day and time noted:

- Mon., Wed. & Fri.** 9am -10am – FUN-FIT Aerobics Classes, Lodge, Allegheny Room
- Mondays** 10am - 3pm – Sew Together, Rhododendron Room, Lodge
- Wednesdays** 10am – Needlework Club - Rhododendron Room, Lunch Follows
6 -7 pm - Jammers – Rhododendron Room (except the first Wed. of each month)
7pm – Property Owners Game Night, Boathouse
- Thursdays** 10am - Noon – Braille Workshop – Rhododendron Room
6pm - Close – Shuffleboard

Note: Dump Open: Tues/Thurs 7am – 4pm & Sats. 7am-4pm

T.A. Recycling Plant Open: Tues/Weds/Thurs 8am –4pm, and Sats. 8am ‘til Noon

Also – monthly events:

2nd Sunday of each month – 7am – 1pm – Kingwood VFD Breakfast

3rd Saturday of each month – 9am – ALPUC Board Meeting (meets June, Sept., Nov.)

10am – ALPOA Workshop Board Meeting (see note below)

ALPOA WORKSHOP BOARD MEETING – Sat., Jan. 16th & Feb. 20th @ 10am

**Please continue to email Board Members w/questions, suggestions (addresses are on website)
OR use Comment Box in Lobby**

COMING EVENTS (Please put on your calendar now – don’t miss a thing – watch for details):

Wed., Jan. 6th – 9am - Take down all of the Christmas decorations and put them back into storage

Thurs., Jan.7th – 10am - Brainstorming meeting on “Whoville” project

Mon., Jan. 18th – 5pm – Dinner and Movie Night (“The Red Violin”)

Fri. Jan. 22nd – Noon – Next FWIW published; Submit articles no later than Wednesday, the 20th of January to mamaj11@yahoo.com

Registry of Expertise
Attn: Board of Directors ALPOA
700 W. Alpine Drive Terra Alta, WV 26764

U.S. Mail, deposit at the Lodge front desk or email to gingertucker@alpinelake.com

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

Skill or Area of Specialty:
