

## \*\*\*For What It's Worth\*\*\*



*Janice Nelson, Editor*

*April 28th, 2017*

### Editor's Comment

The trees are starting to “pop” with their beautiful spring colors! There should be no complaining about the rain since it provides our surroundings with a plush palate of various shades of green. I just love the approach to Alpine Lake with its rolling, lush hills. It's just an exquisite time of year! Speaking of exquisite, I hope that those of you who attended the Easter Buffet for breakfast and/or lunch will agree with me that it was just that...exquisite! Thank you, Linette and the restaurant staff for providing a very delicious and pleasurable event! FYI: you can easily access FWIW and prior issues on Alpine Lake's website. Consider doing so and save a tree as well. There is much goings on here at Alpine as you'll find noted throughout this edition. So, when you get to them, read slowly! Don't miss anything! Have a wonderful weekend, even if it should rain, and see you around the lake!

The next FWIW will be issued on Friday, May 12th. Please email all articles to me, Janice Nelson, at [mamaj11@yahoo.com](mailto:mamaj11@yahoo.com). Only use the FWIW box on the lobby counter.

### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LAKE & NEARBY

#### **ALPINE LADIES' LUNCHEON** by *Barb Conway*

The annual Spring Ladies Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 4, at noon, in the Evergreene Room of the Lodge. A buffet menu of herb roasted pork loin, roasted chicken quarters, red roasted potatoes, country green beans, tossed salad, dinner rolls, desserts, and coffee or tea will be served at a cost of \$15.50 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. Please RSVP using the sheet available at the front desk of the Lodge, or email Trish Birch at [bb9063@msn.com](mailto:bb9063@msn.com), but please don't do both. Reservations are needed by April 25th to allow time for food ordering/delivery.

Should a change in your plans after the 25th prevent your attendance, please inform Trish Birch. Likewise, should a change in plans *allow* your attendance, you may be able to fill in for a cancellation, so check with Trish.

The Ladies Luncheon is a wonderful way to meet or connect with friends and neighbors, and to kick-off the new season! All Alpine ladies and guests are welcome to attend. See you on Thursday, May 4th!

#### **OPEN MIC** by *Tom Kinsey*

Open Mic will return to the Lodge this summer season hosted by Dave Long and Tom Kinsey. The first Friday of every month May through September at 6pm in the Mt. Laurel Room. Please bring your acoustic instrument and join us. Each set will be four songs up to 15 minutes. Please, no all children acts (children can be part of an adult group...last year we had a wonderful set with a Grandpa and young Granddaughter). This open mic will not have a specific end time...when the players have finished their sets...we will stop (9pm at the latest). Come join us to perform or simply listen.

## **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE** by *Sally Rocchi, Wilma Rumble and Joyce Wachter*

Homes are needed for the June 25th Annual House Tour. Looking for homes to open to the public to see the many ways to enjoy Alpine. Big, small, square, round—it doesn't matter. Share your lifestyle at the Lake for one afternoon. Contact Joyce Wachter for more information (240) 321-6141 or [joyceann.wachter@gmail.com](mailto:joyceann.wachter@gmail.com).

Also, the committee is collecting old ski equipment and/or fishing equipment to adorn the Lodge. Please contact Sally Rocchi if you have such items. There will be a Beautification meeting on Wednesday, May 10th, at 10am.

## **HANDWEAVING LOOMS** by *Jerry Pops*

Weaving has a long history on the grounds of Chautauqua; however, there is no longer interest in Special Studies instruction like there once was. Because of this, we have a number of looms in need of a home. We are committed to keeping this art form on the grounds and we would like to work with the community to identify organizations that would like to acquire a loom. We have the following inventory of hand weaving looms:

Two (2) counter-balance looms (4-harness)

Two (2) table looms

Twelve (12) jack looms

One (1) rigid heddle loom

- Three (3) 8-harness
- One (1) 6-harness
- Eight (8) 4-harness

Please let us know if you have any interest and in which loom. Looms will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Pictures are available upon request.

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## **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE** by *Boris Nazaroff*

2017 Board of Directors Positions

The 2017 Alpine Lake Board of Directors candidates are:

1. Brian Collins
2. Barbara Conway
3. Rick Finsterbusch
4. Xaver Gramkow
5. Richard "Bernie" Howe
6. Rick Mancini
7. Dan Mapel

Additional candidates may present their name for nomination from the floor at the May Board of Directors Member Meeting on May 20th, 2017 at 10am. Candidates must be in good standing. (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.) After that date, candidates may still run as write-in candidates. Property owners may communicate with any candidate in any fashion comfortable to the questioner(s) and candidate(s). The Community Chat will be open to questions, answers, and one follow-up from June 1 to June 15. Meet the Candidate Night will occur on Friday, 23rd June, at 7pm at the Lodge. More information on absentee voting will be published separately.

## **REMINDER: TERRA ALTA FOOD BANK**

There is an ongoing need to replenish supplies at our local food bank so please add your donations to help this worthy cause. There is a box inside the front foyer of the Lodge for your convenience.

## **SERVICEBERRY TREES** by *Jim Hoadley*

Have you noticed the white-flowered trees now blooming in the woods around Alpine Lake? This is the Serviceberry tree (*Amelanchier laevis*). Other names by which it is known in some localities are sarvisberry (or sarvis), (shadblow), (Juneberry). Tradition has it that in Appalachia this tree became to be called the Serviceberry because it came into bloom around the time that Spring funeral services were held (in pioneer-era Appalachia funerals were postponed until Spring because Winter weather prevented traveling and digging graves). Another bit of traditional wisdom was that there will be one more snow following the blooming of the serviceberry trees – the ‘service snow’ (sorry for this news). The berries on this tree appear in June (hence the name Juneberry) and are good to eat. Their edibility is also known to all the birds and beasts in our woods – thus it is unlikely that you will get a taste before the wild animals.

There are two serviceberry trees growing beside the Alpine Lake Lodge next to the parking lot. These two trees are much larger than a typical serviceberry growing in the woods. A typical serviceberry growing near the edge of the woods (or in your yard) will grow to about 20-foot tall and be a multi-trunked spreading tree. In the woods, they typically will be a single-trunk tree and grow taller. The serviceberry has very attractive orange/red fall color.

Serviceberry trees do not have the big showy display of flowers that you are accustomed to seeing in the Spring-flowering trees like flowering cherries; but, the serviceberry has a couple attributes that make them worth considering planting in your Alpine Lake yard – (1) they are a native species so you know they will thrive in our climate and soil, and (2) they are not eaten by deer. If you find a serviceberry tree in a garden center, buy it!

## **PROPERTY OWNER’S COMMITTEE** by *Bernie and Birgit Stock*

RACE DAY approaches. Next Saturday, May 6th, we will have our annual Kentucky Derby Party at the Boathouse starting at 2:30pm. Thanks to all who purchased horses for the six Alpine races. All thirty-six have been sold. Food (beef or chicken) and desserts as well as libations may be purchased at reasonable prices (carry-outs available, too). Wagering will take place for the six Alpine Races and the "Run for the Roses" around 6pm. Prizes for the best Derby hats and outfits, so come dressed for the event if you wish.

This is our first fundraiser/party of the season, so PLEASE try show up and support us, if only for a while. Good food will be served up to around 7pm. (PO's and their GUESTS ONLY!)

Ladies, don't forget the Ladies Luncheon May 4th at 11:30am, always a good time. Please sign up.

SPRING Cleaning? Don't forget to save some treasures for the Alpine Lake Yard Sale that takes place in early August. More information later.

The annual MEMORIAL DAY "MOUNTAINEER LUNCHEON "/CARRY-IN will take place at the Boathouse on Sunday May 28th, starting at 1pm. Mark your calendars and check the Shadow Boxes in the near future.

Thanks to the PO's who helped clean up Rte. 46 last week. It looks much better. 12 bags!

PRIDE DAY coming soon. Do your part to help our community Sparkle!

### **ALPUC NEWS** by *Kim Mayne, General Manager*

With your April billing that will be mailed out today, please find enclosed your invitation and absentee ballot for the ALPUC Annual Meeting. In June, the terms of two Board Members, Jim Wachter and Boris Nazaroff, expire. Both Jim and Boris will be running for re-election. Don Faber and Craig Stevens will also be running for the open oppositions. Information on all four candidates will be on the back of the invitation/ballot. Please read and follow the instructions carefully if you wish to cast your vote by absentee ballot.

The Woodbine Project is nearing completion! We hope to have the new section of line up-and-running within the first part of May. Thank you for your patience and cooperation for this much needed upgrade to our water system.

Customer notification is given by email for those customers who have their emails on file with ALPUC, at the ALPUC website [www.alpuc.com](http://www.alpuc.com), the guard shack, the Lodge and at mailbox clusters. Once official notification is received by the lab, ALPUC will update customers by the same means as the original notice.

Please share updates with those in the community who may not have email or other means of notification. When your service has been interrupted due to a water main break, err on the side of caution and boil your water.

### **AN UPDATE FROM THE BOARD** by *Barb Conway*

The Fire Pit Policy has been approved by the board, after inclusion of several revisions suggested by property owner comment. A Registration form has also been generated with ECC advice and input. Both the policy and the registration form will be available for viewing in the members section of our website.

In summary, registration of all property owner fire pits should be completed; existing pits are not grandfathered. "Fire pits" include all outdoor flame producing devices: individually constructed fire pits, in- or above-ground; commercially purchased wood/propane burning pits; and Chiminea outdoor fireplaces. Note: Outdoor charcoal or propane grills are exempted from registration.

Property owners are asked to provide the type and color of materials used in individually constructed fire pits, and the fuel source of commercially purchased fire pits. Color choices should reflect the approved ECC guidelines. Owners are also asked to verify authorized use of the fire pit, which is especially important for properties that are rented or leased. This information will be compiled to be readily accessible, should any concerns arise.

Finally, by signing the registration form, the individual owner acknowledges responsibility for any damage or injury resulting from operation of the flame-producing apparatus. The form will be notarized, to protect both the property owner, and ALPOA, from unsanctioned registration and use. This is a no-cost ECC form, available online or at the lobby desk, and can be mailed or returned in person, to the lodge. The possibility of ECC being available at the annual meeting to assist with registration/notarization is under discussion.

A copy of the notarized form will be returned to the property owner, as well as a sampling of sources of information about West Virginia burning laws and resources for fire pit construction and use.

The Fire Pit Policy was created to clarify acceptable fire pit usage at Alpine Lake, and to emphasize responsible enjoyment of recreational fires. Relax around your fire pit, but stay safe. Thank you.

## FROM MANAGEMENT & STAFF

**Linette Sines** - *General Manager*

I have exciting news to share!!! Gov. Jim Justice has signed into law House Bill 3093, a bill designed to stimulate competition among internet providers and expand broadband access through various methods, ranging from co-ops to easier access to telecommunications poles. This will allow Prodigy to bring Broadband services to Alpine Lake, a project that should start the first part of July. I will update you more as I get details from Prodigy.

All Property Owner Pool Cards are set to expire on April 30th. That means that you will no longer be able to access the pool area until you stop by the Front Desk and have your card re-activated for the next fiscal year. Each owner was given two complimentary cards last year, so if you bring those cards back to us to reactivate, there will be no fee. You must have your cards with you to have them reactivated. If you have lost your cards, there will be a \$5 replacement fee charged when we activate a new card for you. Owners who still owe a balance on their 2016/17 assessments will not receive a pool access card. The Front Desk hours, starting May 1st, will be 8am - 5pm Monday - Thursday, 8am - 7pm on Friday and Saturday and 8am - 3pm on Sunday. Stop by any time during those hours to have your card reactivated.

Mark your calendar for our spring Community Pride Day, Saturday, May 13th. Everyone will meet at the lodge at 9am to receive their assigned tasks. I am still working on compiling a list of tasks to complete that day. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Front Desk for those who would like to volunteer.

As traffic increases for the season, I want to remind everyone to please watch your speed, especially when entering and exiting the property. The speed limit at the Welcome Center, Lodge and Boathouse is 15MPH and 25MPH everywhere else on the property. Guards will be running radar to help ensure everyone is traveling at the limit.

### **FREE CLASSIFIED ADS - "A Service for our Community"**

**For Sale:** NEW IN BOX for heavy lawn equipment mowers. Steel construction, adjustable, safety lock, rubber platform, non-slip foot pedal allows easy lifting, hydraulic power, maneuverable. Cost: \$200 or B.O. Please call (304) 789-6520. (4/28)

**Wanted:** High resolution photographs of Alpine Lake. I would like to have them blown up to poster size and framed for my office. If you can assist me with this, please email me at [David.Palank@gmail.com](mailto:David.Palank@gmail.com). (4/14)

**Wanted:** Single, non-smoking female is looking for a long-term/permanent 2-bedroom rental. Prefers hardwood floors and very few steps. No pets. Please call (301) 746-5400. (3/31)

**Handyman Services:** White Oak Works, LLC provides home maintenance, welding, yard maintenance, painting/staining. Call Joe Pyles at (304) 698-7710 or (304) 789-6423.

**Items for Sale:** Rocker Recliner \$200. Recliner has three positions: upright, slightly back with foot rest up, and all the way reclined, 46 W, 34 D, 40 H, solid wood frame, tan faux leather, soft and in great condition. Howard Miller Jennison 612-221 wall clock. Lists new for \$1,577 on Amazon, will sell for only \$500. Finish is Vintage Mahogany. The front-opening door is beveled glass. A polished brass lyre pendulum swings by a beat plate. Key-wound, triple chime movement with chime silence option. H. 33-1/2" W. 14-3/4" D. 7-1/2" Heckman End Table with one drawer. Beautiful inlay border, mahogany. In excellent condition. 26" L x 20-1/2" W x 23-1/2" H. Call Pam at (443) 904-7100. (3/10)

**Corner Lot for Sale:** Our retirement plans are changing and we are now looking to sell our lot. Lot 224 Alpine at 808 Woodbine Dr. If interested, please contact me via email at [andykenny443@gmail.com](mailto:andykenny443@gmail.com) (3/31)

**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](mailto:questions@kisnercpa.com).

**Watch Batteries:** Batteries available for most watches – \$1 installed for most or under \$1 if you install it yourself. Contact John Laing (304) 789-6120.

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

## **ALPINE LAKE LODGE HOURS**

### FRONT DESK

**Monday – Thursday:** 8am – 4pm

**Friday & Saturday:** 8am – 5pm

**Sunday:** 8am – 3pm

### LAKERS LOUNGE

**Monday – Friday:** 4pm – 9pm

**Saturday & Sunday:** Noon – 9pm

### PRO SHOP

**DAILY:** 8am-4pm

### FITNESS CENTER

**OPEN DAILY** from 5am – 11pm

### POOL

**OPEN DAILY** from 5am-11pm

## **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:

- Mondays** 10am - 3pm – **Sew Together** - Boathouse
- Tuesdays** 10am – 11am – **Weight Loss Support Group** – Rhododendron Room
- Mon., Wed., Fri** 8:30am-9:30am – **Power Aerobics** – Lodge
- Tues. & Thurs.** 8am-9am **Water Aerobics** - Pool
- Wednesdays** 10am – **Needlework Club** - Rhododendron Room  
6 -7pm - **Jammers** – Rhododendron Room (except the first Wed. of each month)  
7pm – **Property Owners Game Night**, Boathouse
- Thursdays** 6pm – **SHUFFLEBOARD** – Laker’s Lounge
- Thursdays** 10am - Noon – **Braille Workshop** – Rhododendron Room
- Friday** 6pm- **Open Mic** – Mt. Laurel Room – Lodge (1st Fri. of each month thru Sept.)

**Note:** **Dump Open:** Tues/Thurs 7am – 4pm & Saturdays 7am-4pm

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

### **Also – monthly events:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month – 7am – 1pm – **Kingwood VFD Breakfast**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month – 9am – **ALPUC Board Meeting** (meets March, June’s annual mtg., Sept., Nov.)
- 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month: 7pm - **East Preston Lions Club Meeting**  
First Tuesday meeting is held at Shorthorns  
Third Tuesday meeting is in the Rhododendron Room

## **Next Board Workshop - Saturday, May 6th, at 9am**

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

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| <b>Thurs., May 4th -</b>  | 12pm – <b>Ladies' Luncheon</b> - Lodge                          |
| <b>Fri, May 5th -</b>     | 6pm – <b>Open Mic</b> – Mt. Laurel Room - Lodge                 |
| <b>Sat., May 6th -</b>    | 2:30pm - <b>Kentucky Derby</b> – Boathouse                      |
| <b>Wed., May 10th -</b>   | 10am – <b>Beautification Mtg.</b> - Lodge                       |
| <b>Thurs., May 11th</b>   | 8:30am – <b>ALLGO</b> – Rhododendron Rm. – Tee time 9am         |
| <b>Thurs., May 18th -</b> | <b>ALPOC Carry – In Picnic</b> - Boathouse                      |
| <b>Thurs., May 25th -</b> | 12pm – 5:30 pm – <b>Blood Drive</b> – Terra Alta Ambulance Hall |
| <b>Sun., May 28th -</b>   | 1pm – <b>Memorial Day Carry-In Picnic</b> - Boathouse           |
| <b>Wed., June 21st -</b>  | <b>Summer Solstice Party</b> – Pavilion                         |

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**2:30pm**

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as a Fundraising Event