

For What It's Worth



Janice Nelson, Editor

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Editor's Comment

Brrrr! Is everyone ready for a snowy, cold weekend? Long time coming! Those of you heading for warmer climates in the next few days, safe travels! Just a reminder, Movie Night at the Boathouse is February 13th. Please sign up at the front desk of the Lodge if you plan to attend. Apparently there is a shuttle service from Grantsville, MD which will take you to BWI, the Baltimore Greyhound Station and Amtrak. See this issue for more information. Again, if you know of anyone in need of thoughts and prayers, please email me and I'll include your comments in FWIW. Have a nice weekend, stay warm and see you around the lake!

The next FWIW will be issued on *Friday, February 10th*. Please email all articles to me, Janice Nelson, at mamaj11@yahoo.com. Only use the FWIW box on the lobby counter IF you do not have access to a computer. Please keep your article brief so we can fit all the latest news in each issue. Thanks for your cooperation and participation.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LAKE & NEARBY

SEASONS by Liz Collins

It is true, Seasons Restaurant and Lounge at Alpine Lake will cease to exist effective April 21st, 2017. It was a very hard and deliberated decision. We have truly enjoyed our year here. While we cannot make everyone happy and thus disappointed some, the majority of those that dined with us left with a positive experience. To dispel rumors, no one person or thing is to blame for our termination. Yes, there could have been better communication and team work between us and the Board, but there's always more to every side of the story. The structure of the Lodge (in its entirety), the dining room, lounge, kitchen, etc. make it very difficult for the Board to separate and divide the cost of utilities, such as electric, water, pest and trash. Having no past preventative maintenance plan in place only adds to poor performance, reliability and unexpected added repair costs for needed equipment. Our monthly overhead to ALPOA averages around \$4700. This dollar amount doesn't include payroll, food costs and insurance. Our decision was a sad one, but we can hold our heads high. We were available at the restaurant 98% of the time and assisted the staff in every way possible. We will continue to provide you with great food and customer service over the next 90 days. To dispel one more rumor: Nancy, Duane nor I received a paycheck over this past year, and even though we didn't get rich financially we did get rich in new found friendships. We want to thank each and every one of you who dined with us this past year. We discovered that we truly enjoy the restaurant and craft beer business and will be seeking other opportunities to carry Seasons onward.

ROMEOS by *Herman Mason*

Come and join our ROMEO group (Retired Old Men Eating Out). Every Friday we go out to a local restaurant for breakfast. We leave Alpine around 7:30am. Send an e-mail to hmas888@frontier.com or call (304) 789-6855 and I will give you the details.

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.

PROPERTY OWNER'S COMMITTEE by *Bernie and Birgit Stock*

The taking down of the Christmas decorations at the Boathouse was completed this past week. Thanks to Barbara, Sally and Jim for helping us. The older 50" TV was replaced recently by a larger 65" TV set. The older one was taken to the Lodge to be used in the Rhododendron Room.

Activities continue in and around Alpine. Keep involved. Use the facilities, you are paying for them, whether you use them or not. Don't forget to check the shadow boxes, FWIW, website and local papers for upcoming events. Keep healthy and safe...

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE by *Sally Rocchi & Wilma Rumble*

The next time you come to the Lodge, come in the 1st floor door off the parking lot, and view the Wall of Honor. Sheila and Tony Amato have done a wonderful job of putting together this collection of our own Alpine Lake servicemen and women. Herman Mason and Jim Rocchi hung the pictures and service plaques. This project was proudly funded by the Beautification Committee. Thank you all for your time.

SHUTTLES by *Barb Herndon*

Did you know that Bay Runner Shuttle offers daily service to BWI, Baltimore Greyhound Station and Amtrak via Grantsville? For more information, call Reservations (1-855-BAY-RUNR) or visit www.BAYRUNNERS.com.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE by *Boris Nazaroff*

2017 Board of Directors Positions

Three (3) ALPOA Board of Directors positions will be up for re-election on June 24, 2017. Any interested Alpine Lake 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 West 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 an ALPOA Board of Director candidate is 5pm, March 15, 2017. 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.

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to **Shirley Melmed** on the 2nd! **Kay Bayer** celebrates her day on the 4th. **Jim Sheets**, Happy Birthday on the 6th. **Kandy Bucy**, has a birthday on the 8th. **Marilyn Wade** and **Allan Melmed** celebrate their special day on the 12th. A very Happy Birthday to **Sally Rocchi** on the 14th! Also on the 14th, the **Thompsons** celebrate a wedding anniversary. **Cindy Vantries** celebrates her day on the 15th. Happy Birthday to **Cynthia Lincoln** and **Skip Keppler** on the 18th. A very Happy Birthday to **Dottie Creamer** on the 19th. Congratulations to all!

SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS by *Curtis Walker*

Eleven teams showed up on January 12th. Jim and Joyce Wachter showed (cheerleading only), it was Michele Barra's birthday as well as Charlotte Wiles. Anyway, we only had two hangers all night. One from Jim Hoadley in game 8 vs. the Stocks, the other from Tony Amato (with a Gary Cox assist). Four skunks, all committed by the Amatos with help on one by Gary Cox when he knocked Tony to a hanger and Sheila scored 4 to win 9-0. The "Longest Game of the Night Award" goes to Birgit and Bernie's win over Jim and Norleen in the 2nd game.

Only 8 teams showed up on January 19th (Inauguration eve). Two hangers on the night. Ginger Tucker with the first (it was another that hung off the back and side) and Michele Barra with the second. Four skunks for the night. The Herndons skunked the Walkers, and the Tuckers skunked the Herndons and Barras twice. "Longest Game Award" went to Pat and Denise Kerr vs. "The Dreaded Laings." Denise ruled the game (which brings to mind an old Jerry Reed song – "The preacher and the bear"). It was a great night for our female players, they ruled the evening. Denise Kerr pulled the win over the Laings, Michele Barra cleaned the board against the Kerrs, Birgit Stock scoring all 9 against Gary and Teddi, Pat Laing carried John for the win against the Stocks, Ginger with the "two-sided" hanger, and Michele Barra with the final hanger against the Herndons.

- Jan 12: 1st Place - Sheila and Tony Amato (4 skunks)
2nd Place - Gary and Teddi Cox (Gary knocked off a Herndon hanger)
3rd Place - Sam and Kathy Berry (Beat the Walkers, sending them home)
- Jan 19: 1st Place - Dave and Ginger Tucker (skunked the Barras twice to win)
2nd Place - Michele and Barry Barra (led by Michele, of course)
3rd Place - Jim and Pat Laing (Pat ruled)

FROM MANAGEMENT & STAFF

Linette Sines - *General Manager*

Don't forget that Gregg's Pharmacy in Terra Alta is now offering a delivery service to Alpine Lake residents for prescriptions or any other item they carry, once a week on Wednesday, to the Lodge. An employee of Gregg's Pharmacy will be at the Lodge on Wednesdays at 3:30pm for 20 minutes for residents to come and pick up their prescriptions. The delivery fee is \$3. For more information, contact Gregg's Pharmacy at (304) 789-2200.

Thursday Night is Shuffleboard Night at Seasons Lounge. The fun begins at 6pm.

The next Dinner and a Movie at the Boathouse will be held on Monday, February 13th at 5pm. The feature movie will be *Valentine's Day*. Hosted by Jim & Sally Rocchi, the event will feature Chili & Chocolate, so all attendees are to bring Chili, Salads, Breads or Desserts, along with dishes, flatware and beverages. Please sign up at the Lodge Front Desk so the hosts know how many to expect.

If you are a lot owner who hasn't been to Alpine Lake recently, I encourage you to take advantage of the Property Owner's hotel discount (20%) and plan a trip to visit us! No matter what time of year, Alpine Lake has beautiful scenery to enjoy. While here, you can enjoy a dip in our beautiful new pool and work out in the new fitness center. You can make reservations via our website (www.alpinelake.com) or call us at 1-800-752-7179.

Enjoy the upcoming weekend and live your dreams at Alpine Lake!

ALPUC NEWS by *Kim Mayne, General Manager*

Hoping everyone is enjoying this mild winter so far. Weather reports say we will not escape without some frigid temperatures and snow, so be prepared. Please do not overlook the importance of protecting your home from water leaks. Make sure you have shut the water off to any outside facets and have winterized your home and water pipes based on your homes occupancy for the winter months. Contact our office if you wish to have your water turned off at the meter; requests must be in writing. We do strive to read your meter each and every month so any assistance you can offer like keeping your meter uncovered is greatly appreciated. If Mother Nature prevents us from physically reading your meter, you will be rendered an estimated bill based on your previous 12 months of usage history and your bill will be marked "estimated." Your billing is mailed from the ALPUC office the last day of each month, please review your bill for accuracy, such as name, address, etc. Also monitor your usage as you more so than anyone else would detect if the usage is "normal" for you and your household. You can also view this information online, all you need is to have a current bill in hand and visit our website at www.alpuc.com and click on online access. A copy of Alpine Lake Public Utilities Company's annual drinking water quality report for 2016 will be included with your January 31st billing statement. Enjoy your winter whether near or far!

"Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight."

- Phyllis Diller

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS – “A Service for our Community”

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.

For Sale: Brand new Lift/Recliner chair, neutral color. Retail \$800+. \$450 or BO. Call (304) 789-6862 (1/13)

For Sale: Bought more than I need! Frozen breaded oysters, two pound bags \$25. Like new, TWO canvas folding camp chairs with arms and cup holders. \$30 for the pair. NEW IN BOX: Empire NON VENTED 24" log set 34,000 BTU WITH remote control, easy hookup. \$550. NIB Pro Lift easily adjustable for most heavy lawn equipment. Steel construction, hydraulic power. Cost \$200. Sell/ make offer. Bought too much: Adult unisex diapers/briefs and underpads. If interested, call (304) 789-6520 (12/30)

Rental Needed: Looking to rent a fully furnished house/condo for two people for the months of June – August 2017. Please contact with details at jim.sandy.teets@gmail.com, or by phone (304) 698-9063. (12/30)

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.

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

SEASONS

Monday - Friday: 3pm – 9pm

Saturday & Sunday - 12pm – 9pm

PRO SHOP

Closed for the Season

FITNESS CENTER

OPEN DAILY from 7am – 9pm

POOL

OPEN DAILY from 8am-9pm

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**, Rhododendron Room
Tuesdays 10am – 11am – **Weight Loss Support Group** – Rhododendron Room
Mon., Wed., Fri 9am-10am – **Power Aerobics** – Lodge
Tues. & Thurs. 8am- **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** – SEASONS Lounge
Thursdays 10am - Noon – **Braille Workshop** – Rhododendron Room
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:

- 2nd Sunday of each month – 7am – 1pm – **Kingwood VFD Breakfast**
3rd Saturday of each month – 9am – **ALPUC Board Meeting** (meets March, June’s annual mtg., Sept., Nov.)
1st and 3rd 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 Meeting - Saturday, February 18th at 9am

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

- Thurs., Feb. 2nd -** 10am – **ECC Mtg.** - Lodge
Fri., Feb. 10th - Next **FWIW** published – articles must be submitted by Wed., Feb. 8th
Mon., Feb. 13th - 5pm – **Movie Night** - Boathouse

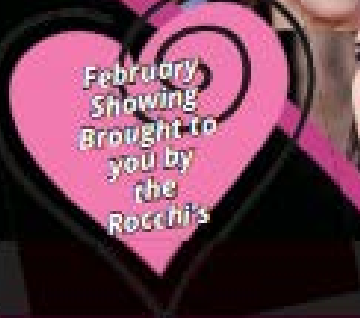
" VALENTINE'S DAY "

DINNER
AND A
MOVIE
AT THE BOATHOUSE



*Featuring:
Chili &
Chocolate!*

**Bring Chili,
Salads, Breads
& Desserts To Pass!**
Dishes, Flatwear & Beverages



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH @ 5PM
PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE LODGE FRONT DESK