

For What It's Worth

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Editor's Comment

Spring is just a few days away and, by the look of things to come in this issue of FWIW, it promises to be a busy season. From Easter Sunrise Service at the Boathouse, as well as an Easter Sunrise Breakfast and a Lunch Buffet at Seasons, to a trip to the WOW factory, and Alpine's version of the Kentucky Derby (where yours truly won over \$100 last year!), activities around the lake are starting to POP! I even saw some golfers (not gophers) enjoying the game just the other day on our beautiful course. I want to thank Kathy Berry and Kris Iskow for hosting Movie Night last Monday. Great food, good friends and an entertaining movie made for a wonderful time! And, thank you, Trish Birch for organizing the Juliets' luncheon at Uno's. Approximately 20 Alpine ladies enjoyed each other's company while eating a tasty meal. (See, food is always a common denominator here at Alpine!) As I mentioned, make sure to read this publication to find out more of what's going on around the Lake! By the way, the very last page is the REGISTRY OF EXPERTISE. Please take a look at it and kindly fill it out if you have any talent or experience in a specific area. You could be of great help to the community! Wishing everyone a joyous and blessed Easter and see you around Alpine!

The next FWIW will be issued on Friday, April 1st. 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!

TIMELY NOTICES AND REMINDERS

NEXT EGG DELIVERIES

For future egg deliveries, please continue to stay in touch with Sheila through email notifications, the Friends of Alpine Lake Facebook page or call her if you do not do email or follow Facebook.

FREE LIBRARY

Just a reminder to our community members that we have a well-stocked, free library in the Rhododendron Room. In addition to books of all genres, we have magazines, children's books, and boxes of jigsaw puzzles that can be borrowed. Feel free to browse and borrow a book (or many books) for your reading pleasure. Donations of your gently-read books are always appreciated; just leave them in the Rhododendron Room near the bookshelves, and they will be filed for you.



SEASONS RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE

Seasons Restaurant will be having an **Easter Sunrise Breakfast Buffet** on March 27th from 7am to 10am for \$9.95 with scrambled eggs, bacon, home fries, French toast casserole, sausage gravy with biscuits, fruit and Danish. **Easter Lunch Buffet** is from 12 noon to 3pm serving ham with raisin sauce, veal, scalloped potatoes, green beans, Harvard beets, pickled eggs, garden salad, rolls and desserts for only \$14.95.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LAKE & NEARBY...

SHUFFLEBOARD by Bob Bayer

With the time change and spring on the horizon, our shuffleboard season is winding down. I'll let our group decide just how many more weeks we continue to play before our thoughts turn to outdoor activities. On March 3rd, we had a nice turnout with 10 teams participating. Kay pulled double-duty, once again, playing with hubby, but playing better with Marilyn. After getting "skunked" in the 1st round by the Barras (really?), Kay and Marilyn came back to face the Bayers (?) in a 3rd place matchup. John threw a 7 for a win, and Dave threw 7 on his first turn to not even give Barry a shot! Sheila had 8 in a win, and too many 4's, 5's, and 6's to mention. No hangers to report this night but a lot of good competition. Results to follow.

On March 10th...Thursday night wife finally returned (sporting a nice tan) to partner with the commish! (They must not have shuffleboard in Florida?) Kay still wound up pulling double-duty, playing with both Marilyn and newcomer (for this season), Bernie Howe. However, Curt showed his aunt no respect as he and Lisa "skunked" Kay and Bernie in the 1st game. (Welcome back, Bernie!) Tonight's "hanger" club included: Sally, Lisa, and Bernie (compliments of Michelle). Michelle also knocked off a Bob hanger for 5 points. Other 5 pointers were thrown by Ginger, Lisa, and Marilyn. And the results are in:

Mar. 3rd 1st place: Sheila & Tony Amato (2 in a row)

2nd place: Ginger & Dave Tucker (getting use to 2nd place yet?)

3rd place: Marilyn & Kay (Kay had to beat herself! (actually Ginger)

Mar. 10th 1st place: Sheila & Tony Amato (no "dreaded" Laings to beat tonight!)

2nd place: Kay & Marilyn (I'm thinking these gals are for real!)

3rd place: Lisa & Curt (finally in the money!)

We still have several weeks to play with our pucks (big ones next time!). Join us in the Seasons Lounge on Thursday night and sign up before 6pm. You know what we say: "Be there or be square!"

CALL FOR HOMES by Joyce Wachter

The *Annual Alpine Lake Home Tour* is **Sunday, June 26th** from 12pm-5pm. This is the day where hospitable Alpine homeowners open their homes for a tour. There are many beautiful and unique homes in Alpine Lake to be shared with the community. If you are interested in opening your home for this event, please contact Joyce Wachter at joyceann.wachter@gmail.com or 240-383-0220.

OF INTEREST TO OUR COMMUNITY

BLOOD DRIVE

Two blood mobiles are set so far for this year: March 24th and May 26th. Both are Noon to 5:30pm at the Ambulance Hall.

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.

TERRA ALTA AMBULANCE SQUAD GUN BASH

The Terra Alta Community Ambulance Squad is sponsoring its annual gun bash on Saturday, April 16th, at the Craig Civic Center in Kingwood, WV. Doors open at 11:30am, last gun drawn at 6pm. That drawing begins at noon, a gun given away every 15 minutes. You do not need to be present to win. Additional raffles will be available. Smokin' BBQ and refreshments will be available all day.

Tickets are \$30, additional guests \$20 at the door and children 12 and under, \$10. Tickets available at Street's Store in Masontown, Craig Civic Center and Surveyor and Associates in Kingwood, Shaffer Ford in Oakland, Groves Hardware, J & J Choice, Kam's Florist, and Terra Alta Ambulance. You can also call 604-789-6566 or 304-789-6006. Alpine resident Tony Amato also has tickets.

The folks at Alpine have been very supportive of the ambulance squad and we are deeply appreciative. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Marilyn Metheny, at 304-789-6006. Thank you so much for your help.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT BOATHOUSE

Sunrise Service is March 27th at 6:30am. All denominations are welcome. Breakfast will be available at the Lodge following the service. If you have any questions, please contact Nina Sheets @ 9a3719@gmail.com.

ART TRIP TO WOW FACTORY IN MORGANTOWN by Sally Rocchi

This trip is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13th. Those in attendance will participate in a canvas painting of trees, as seen on the WOW Factory website that took place on March 18th. The cost is \$35.

Sign up at the front desk in the Lodge or email me at sallyrocchi@yahoo.com. We will carpool from the Lodge about 11am. There is a possibility of having a late lunch at a nearby restaurant on our way home. We need at least six people to participate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – *by Charlotte Wiles*

Please check the Alpine Lake Telephone book for the accuracy of your address, phone number, email, etc. **All additions, corrections and deletions must be submitted to Nina Sheets or me by the first week in June.** We will be updating and printing a new Alpine Lake telephone directory for 2016/2017 and it will be distributed at the annual June board meeting. Thank you.

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE – *by Jo Gallagher*

The Compliance Committee is happy to report that no new violations have been referred to the Committee in recent months. As Alpine Lake transforms into spring, remember that the ALPOA Declaration of Restrictions Section 8.A. (I) requires proper maintenance of our lots. A few general prohibitions and restrictions apply to our outside property:

- No temporary house, trailer, camper travel trailer, tent, garage, or other outbuilding will be placed on any lot.
- Any fuel storage tank must be buried below the surface of the ground or screened by fencing or shrubbery.
- Any outdoor receptacle for ashes, trash, rubbish or garbage shall be installed underground, screened, or so placed and kept as not to be visible from any street, lake or recreation area.
- All lots, whether occupied or unoccupied, and any improvements thereon will be well maintained, and no unattractive growth or accumulation of rubbish or debris will be permitted.
- All property lines will be kept free and open and no fences will be permitted on any lot except where, in the opinion of the ECC Committee, a fence or other enclosure, as a structure or aesthetic feature of a design concept, will be in keeping with the character of the area.
- No tree over 5 inches in diameter can be removed without the prior written consent of the ECC Committee.

PROPERTY OWNERS COMMITTEE *by Bernie and Birgit Stock*

We have been off-campus for about a month now and hear that spring is working its way in the back door. Before we left, we contracted Cranesville Construction to replace the failing doors and windows at the Boathouse as soon as the weather broke and their schedule permitted. This included the large wooden windows in the kitchen. Steve Wells called and said it was finished—a miracle at AL!! Anyway, it's done and checked. The total cost was under \$10K (our PO fundraiser money at work). We're still looking into a kayak dock for loading and unloading at the boatyard (at a cost of \$1000) to be available by the start of summer.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – *by Boris Nazarovff*

The following have put their names forward to seek election to the ALPOA Board of Directors in June 2016 for two open seats:

Ms. Pat Arnone

Mr. Craig J. Stevens

Mr. Xaver Gramkow

Ms. Ginger Tucker

Thank you for your willingness to serve our community.

KENTUCKY DERBY by Bernie and Birgit Stock

The Kentucky Derby Party/Fundraiser will again be held at the Boathouse the first Saturday in May, 5/7. This is always a fun time for PO's and their guests, so mark your calendars!

The Race Card for the Alpine Races (see below) will be "run" before the Big Race, starting at 2:30pm. (First race at 3pm.) PO's may purchase a horse for \$10 (whether you attend or not, giving all PO's an opportunity to be a part of this fundraising event). The winning horse owner gets \$40 (4-1 odds). Please email the Stocks (bbstock2@frontier.com) and we'll let you know if the horse is available (two horses per family, please).

More info will appear in the next issue but reserve the date on your calendar for this fun afternoon.

A meeting will be held on April 11th, 7pm, at the Boathouse to solidify plans/ideas. As always, we'll need lots of volunteers/participants to make this run smoothly and successfully. Spring will have sprung so let's have some fun.

RACE CARD FOR ALPINE RACES

ALPINE RACE HORSES

FIRST RACE

THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE

1. Donald's Rump
2. Loco Ted
3. Bernie the Giver
4. Hillary the Nun
5. Little Marco
6. Gentle Ben

SECOND RACE

THE MILITARY SPRINT"

1. Semper Fi
2. Anchors Away
3. Air Ace
4. Coast is Clear
5. Special Force
6. Ranger Danger

THIRD RACE

"BEN HUR MEMORIAL RACE"

1. Holy Moses
2. Joseph's Coat
3. Noah's Zoo
4. Dellilah's Hunk
5. David's Aim
6. Mighty Lord

FOURTH RACE

"HOLLYWOOD DERBY"

1. Kane's Slut
2. Starlet Dreamer
3. Directors Choice
4. SCI- FI
5. Shining Oscar
6. Cast Party

FIFTH RACE

" GUYS AND DOLLS HANDICAP"

1. Apple Annie
2. Sky the Book
3. Nathan's Lawyer
4. Nicely, Nicely
5. Crap Game
6. Mindy's Crew

SIXTH RACE

"THE MAFIA SPECIAL"

1. Teflon Don
2. Tony the Rat
3. Capo Prince
4. Mafia Princess
5. Gambino Gomba
6. Sicilian Code

ECC by *Dick Gallagher*

Many of the snowbirds will be coming back soon. We have had a relatively mild winter, but there have been many trees and limbs that have fallen or are damaged. Clean-up will take some time. Remember to get a tree removal permit if you are going to cut down any tree over 5 inches in diameter.

It's a good idea to line up your exterior painters as soon as possible. The no-fee painting permits are available online and should be submitted, approved, and posted before work begins.

Many of the trash bins and propane tank screens have been damaged or fallen into disrepair. Please fix these as soon as possible. Propane tanks should be screened on all sides so they are not visible from any street in the development. From our observation, the stockade-type fencing seems to hold up best under our weather conditions.

ALPUC NEWS by *Kim Mayne, General Manager*

We would like to thank those customers that have made us aware of manhole covers or valve boxes that may have gotten knocked out of place from plowing during the winter. Please continue to notify our office if you notice such items in need of attention so we can send one of our staff out to see what repairs or adjustments may be needed. We appreciate your assistance.

The ALPUC Board will have one position available as Kay Bayer's term is expiring in 2016. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact our office or any remaining board member: Jim Wachter, Dave Tucker, Mike Kubina or Boris Nazaroff before April 15th.

CELEBRATIONS FOR APRIL

A very Happy Birthday to **Jim Eckhardt** who celebrates his special day on April 7th.

Even though they have moved out of our community (but not in our hearts), here's wishing a wonderful wedding anniversary to **Loring and Cathy Young** on April 7th!

Bill Teets celebrates his day on the 10th. Happy Birthday, Bill! Make sure to wish **Nancy Reger** a Happy Birthday on the 17th of April. **Dave Crane** celebrates his day on April 22nd! And a very Happy Birthday to **Lee Maddox** who celebrates on the 24th of April! Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all!

“Spring is nature’s way of saying, ‘Let’s party!’”

- Robin Williams



FROM MANAGEMENT & STAFF

Linette Sines – Interim General Manager

I would like to welcome the newest members to our community, Leonard & Pamela Gough. The Gough's are the new owners of 69 Pine Drive and will soon be full time residents here at Alpine.

Friday, March 18th, the department managers hosted a luncheon for all current employees in the Rhododendron Room. We used this time to show appreciation to all of our employees for their dedication, had a few small prizes to give away, and reviewed procedures, plans, training, etc., for the upcoming season. I am so pleased with the group of people I work with and excited to see the great things this team can accomplish this summer.

I have registered for a 14 hour class offered by the Community Association Institute. The class, Essentials of Community Management, is an online course that must be completed within 120 days from the date of registration. I have looked over the course syllabus and excited about the content! I look forward to using the knowledge gained from the course to Alpine's benefit.

Mark your calendars for July 9th! We have finalized the lineup for the summer music festival! The Terah Crawford Band, a country/folk band from the Deep Creek Lake area, Surrender Dorothy, a classic rock/pop band from Cumberland, The Brother Short Band, a county/classic rock band from the Preston/Mon County area and an Alpine favorite, the Hillbilly Gypsies, will all perform. Promotions for the event will begin soon.

We are still having issues with the pool heater and are working hard to resolve the problems. Again, I thank everyone for their patience, as we are working as diligently as possible to get the pool ready for opening.

Golf Director, Tom Hawkins, and I are finalizing the details for our Volunteer Player Assistance Program, which will help us save payroll dollars this summer. We should have details out no later than April 1st. Tom, along with Recreation Coordinator, Darryl Simpkins, and the Pro Shop Clerk, Ann Dunson, have been hard at work cleaning up the shop and getting things in tip-top shape for the season. Let's keep our fingers crossed that spring is near!

“People ask me what I do in winter when there’s no baseball. I’ll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring.”

- Rogers Hornsby

ALPOA BOARD NEWS

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

We have experienced a (bizarre) mild winter season this year but are noticing those harbingers of spring, the daffodils, sprouting all over Alpine Lake woodlands and yards. The birds are singing and soon we will hear the shrill of the 17 year cicadas so spring is in the air.

Our Interim General Manager, Board of Directors Vice President and President participated in the Preston County Day at the West Virginia Legislature. This was an opportunity to highlight Alpine Lake Resort to the WV county delegates and senators. The Preston County Economic Development Association scheduled brief sessions with the WV Attorney General, the Preston County Senator, the Department of Highways and the IT CEO. Alpine representatives participated with the group talking with Attorney General Morrissey who shared that Frontier received a federal grant of \$42.5M for rural broadband development to include Preston County (however he did not say how much of the \$42.5M would be allocated to Preston County). We then moved into a group meeting with the WV IT CEO. She understood our concern about the lack of reliable broadband but emphasized that it is a problem WV-wide and the Frontier grant will only touch the surface of the communication issues that WV faces. She did not provide any solutions and suggested we continue to pursue broadband efforts and keep them informed.

We reported in the last FWIW that Atlantic Broadband proposed installing fiber optic cable from Route 7 at Alpine Lake Road throughout the community for \$1.2M. While we are not in a position to make such a commitment at this time, we are seeking other proposals and one of the doors opened during discussions with the Preston County Economic Development Association. It's an opportunity to talk with Prodigy Communications who are installing fiber optic cable from Bruceton Mills to Kingwood at this time. We are requesting that they present a proposal in the very near future. Stay tuned.

The following property owners will be joining Golf Committee Chairman, Carl Donald, as the board approved golf committee: Trish Birch, Chas Minor and Jerry Edens.

The Board has approved a proposal for geocaching within public areas of Alpine Lake. Sheila Amato will establish geocache targets and maintain oversight of the activity within the community. This is another way to encourage family activities and real estate investment in our community.

Just to let everyone know August 28th, 2016 is the 50th anniversary of the groundbreaking for Mountaintop Vacationland, later renamed Alpine Lake Resort. The Interim GM is planning activities to recognize this historic event in our history. If you have ideas, please share them with Linette via email linettesines@alpinelake.com or leave a note at the front desk.

“April is a promise that May is bound to keep.”

- Hal Borland

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.

Handyman Services: Handyman services by an Alpine Lake resident. 25 years experience. Specializing in custom wood work, carpentry, plumbing, electric, drywall, painting, power washing, yard work, odd jobs, and furniture repair. \$15 an hour or priced per project. Call Ron 304-698-9798. References available. (3-18)

New: Faux Wood 2" Window Blinds, Brown. Sizes: 32 3/4" X 55 1/4" and 35 1/4" X 60 1/2" (2 qty). \$10 apiece. Call Joyce 240-383-0220 (3-18)

Paintball Gun & Balls: New, never used CARVER ONE .68 CALIBER MARKER and paint balls. The US Army Carver One is a great value for the entry player, and provides a firm platform for players to build on as their experience develops. Just \$50 (originally \$99.99). Call Joyce 240-383-0220 (3-18)

For Sale: Aluminum Fishing Boat, Bass Tracker 12 foot Tadpole with trailer, trailer dolly, 2 pedestal padded seats, battery & charger, MinnKota 45# thrust motor, fish finder, 2 Cabela brand oars, new marine grade carpet on deck, anchor, voltage protector, battery meter, & 2 personal flotation jackets. Price \$1200, contact 304-789-2721. (3-18)

For Sale: Men's Golf Club Set - Men's Right Handed Knight Tour Distance 16 piece set with bag and the following additional clubs: Momentus Swing Trainer, Knight Black Velvet Putter, Dunlop Goliath Driver, 60 degree Knight Power Spin wedge, ball retriever, a supply new and used golf balls. Price \$105. 304-789-2721 (3-18)

Odd Jobs: Joe Heath, Jr. (Security Guard) 304-789-6838 or 304-698-2584 - Weed eating, lawn work, painting, gutters & lots cleaned, snow removal or house sitting. Anything else, just ask. HAVE TRUCK WILL TRAVEL. (3-18)

For Sale: Ladies Right Handed Delta 11 club set, 1 Top Flite putter, Acuity bag with coordinating Acuity shoe bag, supply of golf balls & tees. Price: \$70. Contact 304-789-2721 (3-18)

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

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

House Rental: Retired couple would like to rent a place in Alpine for the month of August 2016. Internet service would be nice; definitely want a washer/dryer. Alpine resident happy to recommend the couple. If interested in renting your place, call Don or Judy at 352-391-5540. (3/4)

New in Box: Empire NON VENTED 24" log set 34,000 BTU WITH remote control, easy hookup. \$550. Call Pat 304-789-6520. (3/4)

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 – 9pm

Saturday & Sunday: 12pm-9pm

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

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 – Seasons Lounge

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 March, June’s annual mtg., Sept., Nov.)

ALPOA WORKSHOP & POA BOARD MEETINGS

Saturday, April 9th Workshop @ 10am

April 16 POA Meeting - May 14 Workshop - May 21 POA Meeting (All @ 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):

Sun., March 27th – 6:30am – Sunrise Service at Boathouse

Sun., March 27th – 7am – 10:00 am –Easter Sunrise Breakfast Buffet – SEASONS RESTAURANT

Fri., April 1st – next FWIW published – submit articles by Wednesday, March 30th.

Wed., April 13th - 11am – WOW Factory, Morgantown – meet at Lodge parking lot

Sat., May 7th 2:30pm - ? Kentucky Derby @ Boathouse

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 your skill or area of specialty to
gingertucker@alpinelake.com

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Skill or Area of Specialty, such as electrician, computer scientist, construction manager, landscape architect, banker, analyst, teacher, seamstress, doctor/nurse, biologist, lawyer, etc.

