



Hats Off To Jason!!

Jason Rosenberg received a well-deserved round of enthusiastic applause from residents at his “farewell”



meeting held in the Rec Hall on Jan 20. He explained without equivocation the subjects that have been first and

foremost on the minds of most of the residents of the park...the TV and Wi-Fi problems. He pointed out that he has delayed his departure to make sure that the resolutions he has instituted will be carried out, and wants to be sure that the new manager, expected to take over in March, will not inherit a problem that is unresolved.

Jason took the opportunity to thank the members of the Residents Association board for its hard work. The good work they do goes pretty much unnoticed, and he reminded everyone that members of the board stay in touch all through the summer months and have been responsible for many of the improvements that have been made in the park.

Those of us who have been residents since the turn of the century, remember that every year from 2000 to 2007 produced a new park manager, each with new sets of rules. There were six before Jason arrived in 2008 to finally produce the stability that was so needed; and although we are extremely reluctant to see him go, we expect he'll climb that corporate ladder very quickly and wish him the very best!

2014 Senior Games

Work out those kinks and get ready for this year's Senior Games. By now you should have registered for those events in which you will participate. From Saturday, February 15th, to Saturday, Feb 22nd, there will be athletes competing all around the park in multiple events. Even if you are not participating, come out and cheer on

those athletes striving to do their best. In a competition everyone wants to do their best and your support always helps. Our Senior Games have events from Badminton to Washer Toss, so there is something for everyone. For all of you athletes, don't forget the Banquet on Sunday, February 23rd.

Chuck Genrich

Food, Fun and Over the Falls!

At the "New York and Friends Party" everybody danced the night away with everything from the Cupid Shuffle to YMCA; that left a lot of giggles, thanks to Spotlight Entertainment.

Lots of great prizes

and a great pot-roast dinner from Der-Dutchman kept the party hopping. Party goers also enjoyed a chance to get their pictures taken going over the Falls in a barrel, thanks to the beautiful art work by Ben Green!

Can't wait til next year.

Sarah Boehmer



Who Are These Hippies?



Activities Report



Lori Lilly
Activities Director

Well what a month January has been. You have been able to go to the movies, have your pet groomed, checked out at the vet, eat pancakes & ice cream, buy crafts, sell your items at an auction or yard sale. Get better with your computer, and meet the Geeks. Go to the movies, experience best selling authors & signings, play at the pool and dance. Be entertained by all kinds of music and fantastic shows. Be taken back to those good old days by Johnny Rogers, Hippie Reunion and Soul & Inspiration! That is just some of the things that happened last month...there was more. Keep in mind this does not include any of the daily activities. Makes you tired just thinking about it. Don't get tired yet because there is more

to come in the next two months.

February will be just as exciting. German Fest will kick off the month. The ladies day Fashion & Fun has \$5.00 tickets for lunch, fashion show & entertainment. On February 8th you can enjoy the Fun Auction, Dog Show and then spend the evening at the movies. The pool party will be with our favorite entertainer Dave Daviski. The beach Party at the north jetty returns on Monday the 10th. Grab your sweetheart and attend the Valentine Dance on the 14th. Then get ready for the ever popular senior games. Whether you are participating or just want to come and cheer on your favorite resident they are always exciting. The second concert in the series will be the 22nd with Comfort Zone. From the sounds of the Temptations to Lady Antebellum! Brad, Cherie and Jonathan will bring you an evening you won't want to miss. The month will end with the Shop Club Dance. This is a park full of old people?? No... retired people enjoying what life has to offer.

Lori

Lights! Sound! Music!

What great entertainers we have had a chance to see this season. Everyone seems to like the dinner shows and there will be more scheduled for next season. I will also be bringing in another Christmas Show. The reserved seating has been a hit and will also be available for next season. You will be able to purchase your same seat again the first two weeks in March. If you do not reserve the seat at that time it will come available for sale again to all residents.

Some shows in consideration for next season are Dwight Icenhower who has won 3 Memphis world awards for his Elvis Impersonation. The Shindigs... a tribute band that performs a celebration of classic Doo Wop,

Disco, and Rock-n-Roll. Jamila...she has toured worldwide, appearing in a myriad of Broadway style productions and was hired as the newest member of the legendary group "The 5th Dimesion". Gregg Clemons...CBS recording artist is a high energy show giving tribute to the classics and beyond. Just to mention a few.

I am also happy to announce that John Reno who brought us "the Tribute to Jim Croce" will be bringing his dance party for the New Years Eve celebration. Whether you like to dance or just enjoy great music it will be worth attending. There will be a limited number of tickets for sale for this event to have enough space for a dance floor.

Lori Lilly



Pat Lang
Coordinator of Volunteers

Thanks to all of the residents who answer the call for assistance, and answer without reservation. Our activity schedule keeps increasing, offering us all a wider variety of things to do. Many require resident assistance in a wide variety of ways. I post a notice, e-mail the information to Lori for the group e-mails, make a few calls, and the activity is underway. The

Forms for Park-sponsored events are entered in a data base after each event. Beginning with the October events and including events through January 20, I have 693 total entries --162 individual – many volunteering more than once as you can see. The list keeps growing. We do manage to have fun and stay occupied.

Volunteer meetings are scheduled once a month in the Club House. We encourage all residents to attend and review the calendar and bring forward any questions, requests, ideas. The meetings have been well attended, but there is always room for more.

Pat Lang

“process” that Lori and I use appears to be working quite well. We hope it continues.

Completed Volunteer Report

The Real Macaw

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Message from the Manager



Jason Rosenberg
Park Manager

We are still awaiting approval of our Capital Expenditure Plan. I hope to receive that some time next month. When the funds are made available, I will share the plan with the Board and then with each of you.

If you are interested in our WiFi service and are having issues with unit signal penetration, please call the help desk and open up a ticket before filling out a Red Card. They have to test your signal strength be-

fore we are able to provide you with an M2. If you live in an RV and need an M2, a \$50 deposit is required prior to activation (with a credit card). Park Model owners are not required to give a deposit as the units will be installed by

the resort to the side of your park models. They can remain in place if you sell your unit. Lastly, they are being provided free of charge, but do remain the property of Royal Coachman.

We hope to provide a better channel lineup for next season through Dish that will be comparable in rate and service with Comcast. I cannot definitively tell you that we will be successful, but we are going to try. The major stumbling block is the free bulk service and this may need to disappear as an impediment before we can be competitive. Comcast is able to undercut our plan(s) as they are not responsible for providing this.

Have a great month!

Jason Rosenberg

Residents Association News

Well, I guess I was wrong last month when I wrote what I said was my last column as Board President. However, it was simply an error in timing. This WILL be my last column because I did not run for reelection to the board; therefore I will most certainly not be president after the board reorganizes in early February. But, I have been asked to write one last column since the new president will not have time to write one for this issue.

In January of 2008 I was asked (coerced?) by my good friend Al Santini to run for the board. Thinking it might be a good way for me to contribute to the park I went along with the idea and began my first term. It has been an interesting six years. Our biggest accomplishment has been the purchase and installation of the 3 defibrillators here in the park. These have been up and ready for use since 2011 and I am extremely happy to say they have not been used at all. That may sound strange; but, when you think about all the senior citizens that have resided in this park during that time I consider it very fortunate that these devices have not been needed.

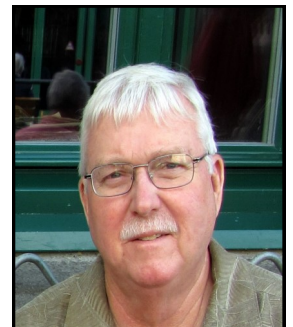
After that I am very proud of the working relationship I have enjoyed with Jason Rosenberg, our departing Park Manager. We have been able to sit down and discuss in a reasonable manner many different needs and projects for the residents of this park. Our agreement for the park to fund the pancake breakfasts and the residents to retain the revenues from those breakfasts has led to the establishment of a \$7000+ Activities Fund that is available should we need it. The addition of a new storage shed for all of the props and decorations we use for our activities has been a well-used addition to the park. Enlargement and

improvement of our Rec. Hall stage has been helpful to our activities staff in scheduling and producing various activities for our residents. There have been other accomplishments and some disappointments; however, over all, I feel this park has made great strides over the past six years and the board has been a major part of that.

By the time you read this we will have had our annual meeting and started our election process. It was very gratifying for me to see six individuals step forward to run for the three open spots on the board. While the job does not require large amounts of time, it does require a commitment to work for the betterment of the entire population of the park. I have been lucky to work with some exceptional people over the past few years. I can't name anyone because I'll leave somebody out and that would be tragic. All of those who served with me were sincere in their commitment to the park. I hope in the future there will be many more that step forward to help us out.

So, once more, I thank all those who have helped and supported me as president. I'll still be around involved in this and that. And, you can catch me on my porch with my nose in a book. Don't forget to say hi.

Kerry Gonnam



Kerry Gonnam
Board President



News Around the Park

January Fun Auction

Long before the 8 a.m. check-in, residents were lined up outside the rec hall to assure their items would be entered in the first Fun Auction of 2014. By 8:30 the maximum 75 items had been registered by 31 residents, many of them entering the limit of three items. Unhappily, some folks were turned away to wait with their items until the next auction on February 8.

The hall filled rapidly with customers and extra chairs were set up. Coffee and donuts were served (thank-you RCR) and promptly at 9 a.m. auctioneer Dave Jones

opened the bidding.

Among the highest bids: a telescope went for \$60; three bicycles went for \$51, \$50 and \$42; a set of golf clubs and bag for \$52; pair of wicker chairs \$41. Seven residents received more than \$50 for their item(s). Of the 75 items, there were only four that generated no bid.

After all payouts were made, the final accounting showed that \$911 had changed hands. It was, indeed, a "fun" couple of hours made possible by a superb auctioneer and his many committee members. Thanks to all of them for a great Fun Auction.

Mary Jane Franklin

The RCR Craft Market

Looking for a unique birthday card? Or a bright, tropical lipstick? A new pair of earrings or a purse to take on a trip? Stop into our RCR Craft Market, held two Saturdays a month, 9 AM - Noon. You will find all these things, plus a whole lot more:

Hand knitted items (such as shawls, mittens, baby clothes), designed by Mariles Rush and Andrea Orpana. These two ladies also knit for the Salvation Army, who supplies the yarn which they make into items to sell. Proceeds are then returned to the Salvation Army.

Various types of paintings, done by MaryLou Leitch, Sue Rudy and Jean Van Apeldoorn.

Hand sewn items: three-way purses by Deanne Nourse, snap purses by Donna Gonnam, American Girl doll clothes from Marcia Sharkey and purses from Sue La



Marre.

Hoop embroidered items: purses, key chains and baby items shown by Jean Farino. Shell art items designed and put together by Carol German. Jeweled serving pieces, matching plates and napkin sets make great hostess gifts and are available from Barb Dorgan.

Several jewelry and card vendors: Jane Kirwan, our "cross lady", Lori Lilly, our "card lady", Linda Leslie, Carol Detweiler, Carole Generosa, Mary Goff, Carol Genrich, Toni Kenner, Sue Rudy, Judy Paquette, Karen Lathrop, and Toni Kenner.

Gourmet coffee ground and brewed by Neil Cooper. His coffee comes from Black Gold Coffee Roasters in Venice and from Starbucks. Goes great with the baked goods from Donna Gonnam and Lori Lilly or jams from Kathy Hall.

Skin care items, body lotion, sun screen, lipstick, blush or mascara, see Gina Haisley with Mary Kay Cosmetics. Free facials (at your home or hers) by appointment.

We invite you to join us at any upcoming Craft Market.

Gina Haisley

RCR Singles Club

At four o'clock every Tuesday afternoon the RCR Singles Club meets at the clubhouse for discussion, fellowship, and dining out. There may be five or six, or 10 or 12, or during the height of the season, as many as 20 singles there. Right now there are 34 names on our membership list (as of April 2013).

The group is open to all single RCR residents who are looking to broaden their friendships in the park. Dinner, following the brief four o'clock meeting is a "given" and the choice of restaurant is a group decision. Whether to join the group for dinner is up to each person each week. We carpool to the restaurant, and are back at RCR in time for evening activities in the park.

During the year there are activities which we often

plan to attend together. One is our New Year's Eve dinner-out, followed by attending a movie. During the many RCR planned dinners, we make arrangements to sit together as a group. On Christmas Day, for the past few years, we have met for morning breakfast at a member's home. Over the years, we have gone together as a group to many concerts and activities outside the park. The group is put together loosely, and the members open to suggestions brought forth by anyone looking for someone to go with them to a movie, concert, shopping, card games, other park activities, whatever!

If you find yourself suddenly single, or if you have been single for many years, you are most welcome to join us any or each Tuesday.

Mary Jane Franklin