Acorn News

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From the desk of The President:

The Oak Park Residents Association, Inc. provides social and fraternal events, promotes the welfare of the Residents of Oak Park Village and protects the rights and interests of its members. In order to carry out these functions, the Association is provided with a budget. Funds for this budget come primarily from payment of the annual dues of $5.00 per person. This is supplemented by income from fund raising activities of various clubs and groups within the Association. The value of all th was particularly evident in the Club House after the raising of the dance floor cleaning and stretching of the carpeting and installation of new drapes for the windows. When you add the availability of group activities such as dances, Pot Luck suppers, shuffleboard, bowling and others too numerous to mention, it is obvious that the Associaition plays an important role in your life at Oak Park. As a member of the Association you are entitled to participation in those activities. (I had originally written 'all of those activities' but there are so many it would be virtually impossible to find time for all of them. One activity you all should consider as important is attendance at the monthly (3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM) Association meetings. Many of you have probably said to yourself "we know all about this". However, for all the new people that have recently moved into Oak Park we hope this will be of help in deciding to join the Association.

If all of this does not seem worth $5 a y then that is your decision. However, non-membership entitles you to nothing. The Acorn News is distributed the first of each month to dues paying members. However, at the start of each year (Association year starts in March, when dues are paid) copies of the Acorn News are distributed to all Residents. If you would like to continue receiving it, contact Edythe Hewitt, our Treasurer, and she will be happy to welcome you to the Association.

For those of you that are here for only a few months, renting someone elses home, we have a 'limited' membership. For One (1) Dollar per month per person you can have all the privileges except voting. A Dollar per month for swimming, pot luck suppers, shuffleboard, etc. is surely a very nominal fee. As Bartells and James say; "I thank you, we appreciate your attention."

BOB GENTRY, President

From the desk of The Manager!

FELLOW RESIDENTS:

Thanks to Stan Ottget and Pete Komor for painting the lines and arrow at the entrance to the Park. Now there is no excuse for not entering or leaving the Park on the right side of the tree.

Another thank you goes to Ben Burdo for the for the large clock and temperature gauge at the pool area.

I am sure the word is out about all the homes and Shares we have sold in the past few weeks. I know that the good appearance of the Park and the fact that it is Resident Owned has done a lot for Oak Park Village and we should be proud of where we live and what we own. I would say that the Co-op has done a good job. The results at the end of our first year speak for it self. It has been a lot of hard work and many man hours done by a group of loyal Shareholders and a few non Shareholders. Someday we may all be working for the same goal making Oak Park a happy place to live.

Remember the 15 MPH Speed Limit and the new markings at the entrance of the Park.

HARRY STEVENS, Manager

SUMMARY OF RESIDENTS' ASSN. MTG. 2/18/88

Meeting opened by President Gentry at 7:30. Minutes of January meeting and Treasurer's report presented and accepted. Committee reports were presented by Bob Slitor, Shirley Paterson, Edythe Hewitt, Doris Nixon, Evelyn Ledger, Lee Helwig, Peg Partridge, Orv Williamson, Betty Kosher and Bert Schumacher.

OLD BUSINESS: At last a new American flag is in the Club House. Judy Kolpanen will get additional prices on Copiers.

"Reunion, Inc." will mail pictures in about 4 weeks-instructions will be included.

Copies of amended By-Laws were available after the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: President Gentry presented the budget for 1988. Budget was approved.

Jerry Blekely reported on activities for the TV fund and thanked everyone for their support.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

BERT KOMOR, Secretary

BINGO BINGO BINGO BINGO

Every Tuesday nite at 7:30 PM

BIG PRIZES 15 GAMES A NITE

SPECIAL JACKPOT GAME

BOB SLITOR, Chairperson

BOWLING

We're short of bowlers again. Our regular members will just have to stay well and stay home on Mondays until April 11 or find more 'subs'!

No. 5 team is still number 1--looks like the rest of the teams will have to admit defeat--there are only seven more weeks to go. The gloating is getting terrible around our house.

EDYTHE HEWITT, Secretary

DANCE CLUB NEWS

It's been a busy month for the Dance Club. It's also been a productive one. Not only are we adding a little music to the lives of Oak Park Residents; we are adding a more light to the entrance of Oak Park. At our last meeting the members voted to buy patio lights for the areas around the oak tree and the large island between the Club House and Aloe. It has been noted that this section is rather dark for the bike riders and walkers alike after nightfall. These lights should also add to the Park's beautification program.

The trip to the Matterhorn is scheduled and a sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board. If enough people are interested we will drive to Tampa on Wednesday night, April 13th, attend dinner, a show and dance at the Matterhorn, spend the night at the Ramada Inn and return to Oak Park on Thursday the 14th. Those of us who attened last year thought it was well worth another visit.

Many thanks to all of you who attended our Sunday evening dance and gave us your opinion of Ted O'Connell's music. Your response was certainly very favorable and we have engaged Ted and Tina for a return performance on Sunday evening, March 6th from 8:00 to 11:00 PM. We will be around to sell tickets for $2.50 per person.

Other March dates to mark on your calendar are: MARCH 7--Meeting at 9:00 AM--MARCH 19 SPRING FLING with music by the Tune Topper and MARCH 26th our taped music-dance.

We appreciate your support.

SHIRLEY PATERSON, Chairperson

THE GREEN THUMBERS

It's a delight to have more people helping with the flower beds and the watering here in the Park. Plants are responsive to care, which provides a great deal of pleasure to those who behold them. But they do need regular care and eventually I am hoping that more people will take part in this activity, which requires little time if enough are involved. We need your input too, on ideas for our beds and it would be nice if at least a few who are members of The Alva Garden Club would share their expertise here in the Park.

Did you know that we have a propogating bed down by the car-wash area in which the plants are flourishing and doing well. By Fall, we should have some that will be ready to share with you.

Again, please give me a call if you are trimming bushes or shrubs. These are the

materials that we draw from in starting new plants for replacement or starting new plantings.
My thanks to the men who completed the Memorial Bed for Charles. I couldn't have handled the concrete pieces. I am sure that he would have enjoyed it too. And for my faithful watering people, I'll say thanks for the plants you cared for so lovingly.
Phone 728-2879

PEGGY PARTRIDGE, Chairperson

P.S. Watch the stores for the new South American Impatiens. It is sturdier and much more wilt resistant than our local variety.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Get Well cards sent to:
Al Johnson at Southwest Regional (Ulcer Treatment)
Ruth Johnson at East Pointe (Tests)
Colette Mechler at Lee Memorial
Al Mueller at East Pointe (Light stroke & surgery)
Martha Machemer at Southwest Regional for breathing problems
Christine Sommer fell at home-has some bruises--doing fine
Franky Klink had eye surgery as an outpatient.

BETTY J. KOSHER, Chairperson

STORAGE AREA NOTICE

A signup sheet is posted on the Co-op Bulletin Board for owners of any and all vehicles to register a parking area number. Please sign next to the corresponding storage area number giving your name, street address and telephone number.

In case a vehicle needs to be moved and another vehicle is blocking the way, we need to know who to call for assistance.
Thank you.

DEWELL SMITH

A gossip is one who can give you all the details without knowing any of the facts.

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Inflation is when you never had it so good or parted with it so fast.

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A refrigerator is a place to store the leftovers until it is time to throw them out.

WELCOME REPORT

It was my pleasure to greet the following new owners since the last Acorn News:

Dennis and Betty Stewart from Sidney, IL
7 Ilex 728-2542 Box 787

Fred and Jean Warnick from Westerport, MD
6 Grape 728-2628 Box

DORIS NIXON, Chairperson

MARCH GREETINGS

Birthdays:
1st...Marian Barquist
2nd...Al Miranda
5th...Ernie Dunn
6th...Jack Taylor
7th...John Frick
8th...Ken Kosher
Pat Stevens
11th...Grace Hartzell
13th...Bea Johnson
16th...Erma Clark
21st...Helen Boylan
26th...Ruth Eslinger
Rae Schneider
27th...Bill Kline
29th...Page Morrison
30th...Pattie Cannaday

Anniversaries:
1st...Bert and Joyce Reash
Bob and Doreen Slitor
2nd...George and Margaret Pavel
7th...Gene and Eileen Forker
14th...Ed and Connie Brower
16th...Dick and Martha Hunt
18th...Bruce and Linda Draper
25th...Joe and Vi Subach
Jim and Louise Streit
27th...Virgil and Hilda Kilburn

DORIS NIXON, Chairperson

WHAT IS CHARITY?

It is Silence...when your words would hurt.
It is Patience..when your neighbor is curt.
It is Deafness..when a scandal flows.
It is Thoughtfulness...for others woes.
It is Promptness..when duty calls.
It is Courage...when misfortune falls.

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Have a nice day - unless you've made other plans.

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As long as you don't change anything - I'm flexible.

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ALL I EVER REALLY NEEDED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at nursery school.

These are the things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own messes. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really know how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup--they all die. So do we.

And then remember the book about dick and Jane and the first word you learned, the biggest work of all: LOOK. Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation, ecology and politics and sane living.

Think of what a better world it would be if we all--the whole world--had cookies and milk about 3 o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations to always put things back where we found them and clean up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

By Robert Fulgham

Two pronged formula for dealing with stressful problems present and future:
Rule 1 - Don't sweat the small stuff.
Rule 2 - It's all small stuff.

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BUTTON UP!

If you hear a bit of gossip
  Whether false or whether true.
Be it of a friend or stranger,
  Let me tell you what to do:
Button up your lip securely
  Lest the tale you should repeat.
Bring sorrow unto someone
  Whose life is not so sweet.
If you know of one who yielded
  To temptation long ago,
But whose life has since been blameless,
  Let me tell you what to do:
Button up your lip securely,
  His secret; God alone
Has the right to sit in judgment,
  Treat it as to you unknown.
Sometimes life is filled with troubles
  Oft its burdens are severe
Do not make it harder,
  By a careless word or sneer.
Button up your lip securely
  'Gainst the words that bring a tear.
But be swift with words of comfort,
  Words of praise and words of cheer.

Author Unknown

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I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU!

Wouldn't this old world be better,
  if the folks we meet would say:
"I know something good about you."
  And then treat us just that way!
Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,
  if each hand clasp warm and true,
carried with it this assurance:
  "Iknow something good about you!"
Wouldn't things here be more pleasant
  if the good that's in us all
Were the only thing about us
  that folks bothered to recall!

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
  if we'd praise the good we see,
For there's such a lot of goodness
  in the worst of you and me!
Wouldn't it be nice to practice
  this fine way of thinking, too--
"You know something good about me,
  I know something good about you!"

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NOTE: AS YOU CAN SEE YOUR EDITOR RAN OUT OF COPY AND HAD TO USE 'FILLERS'. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?