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President's Message

As we approach Easter and Springtome - we have been occupied with interesting and exciting happenings in Oak Park.

In late February and early March we have had several meetings which have been extremely well attended so I will only touch on the highlights.

On February 28th,'04, the Board of Directors called an information meeting to discuss long-range planning for Oak Park. Todd Laurer of the Intracoastal Realty was present. He pointed out the large amount of properties in Alva selling for astronomical prices. He discussed the seven acres to the West of Oak Park. The owners had it on the market for $200,000.00 but he has it under contract for $152,000.00.

Ed Baugh, Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, discussed possible plans for the future. Herb Zoellner, spoke on his meeting with South West Bank. Monies could be made available to purchase the property @ 5.75% interest rate - the same as we are now paying. This could be financed by not adding more to our monthly payment to the bank - just taking a longer time to pay off the mortgage. Robert Andres, President of Alva, Inc., talked about the tremendous growth in Alva and to the East of Oak Park.

President Brenzil, then opened the meeting to discussion from the floor. A lively discussion followed.

Due to many rumors circulating in the Park, an Informational Meeting was called for Mrch 8th, '04. This was not a Board meeting as no motions and no vote.

Mr. Todd Laurer was again present to answer many questions. A very well attended meeting with many questions asked - and much information given.

On March 9, '04, the Board of Directors hald an Emergency meeting to approve mailing out 4 amendments to our By-Laws.

On March 11,'04, a Special B.O.D. meeting was held to approved and ratify the amendments to the By-Laws.

On March 17, '04, our regular Board meeting was held. Quorum was established.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of February 10,'04, were approved. Minutes of the several Special metings were read and approved. Vice-President Camperlino, and President Brenzil, apologized for not opening 2 former special meetings to the floor. Our attorney stated we should open the floor to questions but it was not necessary to answer.

Ben Murphey, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report.

A motorized scooter has been presented to the Board for the use of anyone requiring the need for such equipment. Discussion on Service Contract for air conditioners in the Club House. This was tabled 'til next meeting. Letter from Bonnie Bowens for Oak Park bus going to Flea Masters Mkt.

Agreed to try this for 3 months for review at at that time. Requests from Lil Suter, Bette Larson, and Ken Hagelshaw to install awnings. All approved.

Request by Morton Baker to add a concrete pad. Cement refused - Patio Stones approved.

Request by Norma Lane to box in 2 walls on front Porch with windows. Approved.

On March 24,th we had 2 Special Meetings - the first was to vote on the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws, ,Rules& Regulations and Occupancy Agreement.. Vote as follows:

Articles of Incorporation- In favor-109 opposed 32.

By-Laws -In favor 109, opposed 35

Rules & Regulations -In favor 121, opposed 20

OccupancyAgreement-In favor 114 Opposed 28.

All of the above passed except the Occupancy Agreement.

This meeting was followed by a meeting to vote on the purchase of the 7 acres to the West of Oak Park.

After short discussion, a vote was called.

Results In favor 132 Opposed 38

In closing I want to say Thank you to all the shareholders of Oak park for your attendance and support.

Your President, Jack Brenzil

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AC News: Babs" Martin, wants to send Thanks to every worker at the Ashe Street Block Party, the Ladies Luncheon, with their theme "Seeds of Friendship". Oak Park hopes to make this a yearly event. Founders Day, marking 32 years - Easter Morning will have our Sunrise Service at the marina, weather permitting with continental breakfast to follow at the clubhouse. Snowbirds will be heading North for the summer-- we wish you all to take care and return safely in the Fall. "Babs" Martin, RAC President and Staff. Acorn will include next month, pictures of these events . As well as special awards by Babs.

The following activities reports were read as follows:

Acorn News: Editor, Dorothy Pipping reported that the cut-off date for the Acorn will be March 24th.

Bingo Committee: Chairperson, Dorothy VanNorman reported all is going well and everyone is invited to come and play on Tuesdays at 7:30pm.

Bowling Report: No Report look for the sign-up sheet for next season.

Bridge Committee: Lois McPhail reported there have been enough for two tables playing weekly.

Cards: Pauline Bailey informed RAC they have "65" and "Pokeno" on Mondays and on Friday nights the games are Poker and "65". Everyone is invited to join in.

Dance club committee: Chairperson, Millie Pallett, gave a report on the Dance Club. A dance has been set for April 3rd at 7:30pm with Bill Ovitt's Big Band Sounds. All are invited to enjoy. Tickets are $5.00 per person.

Line Dancing : Joan Haverkate reports all is going well; that all are welcome to join in on Saturday mornings at 9:15 or 9:30am after Koffee Klatch and/or any meetings.

Kitchen Committee: No Report given

Koffee Klatch: There was no report given by Joan Posey

Sunshine Report: Muriel DeManicor reported that 12 cards were sent this month.

March 1st - Herb Zoellner sympathy card for sister
3rd - Pattie Cannaday get well card
3rd - Lucille Bilderback get well is staying with her daughter at this time.
7th - Herb Zoellner - get well card
7th - MaryEllen Lanane - get well card
15th - Margaret Gilbert get well card
16th - Freddie Niebour get well card
18th - Dorothy patrick get well card
18th - Lou Couture get well card
18th - Bill White get well card
22nd - Carol Kotas sympathy for Mother
25th - Tina Baldino sympathy for Mother

Shuffleboard: Peggy Baugh reports they are still shuffling until the end of March. All are welcome to come and play.

Water Exercise:: No report

Welcome Committee: Pauline Bailey she visited Dick and Karen Braat; that her welcome list is up-to-date; that she still needs help with birthdays and anniversaries If you se any incorrect information please call Pauline.

Yacht Club Jim Johnson reported that the poker Run of 3-24-04 would be the last activity for the season. Over 185 persons signed up. There were prizes, food and a good time enjoyed by all.

Old Business: Babs Martin, RAC President reported that $2,983.00 was given to the Alva Fire Department during the Ashe Street Block Party. Every helper was given a big round of applause and thanked by "Babs". Easter Flowers will be handled by LaVonne Schaefer. President "Babs" also reminded the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for Koffee Klatch and pool lock ups.

Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7:30 am. At the Marina on Easter Sunday. New purchases are a new ladder for the storeroom and new trash cans for clubhouse.

NOTICE: Those wishing to display Easter Plants and Flowers at the cross in the clubhouse may bring them on Monday, April 5th. Per LaVonne 728-2570.

Please put your name on it so it may be returned or they will be planted by the Park. Thank You— Any questions call LaVonne, at 728-2570.

We all send our personal "HI" to you this day!

JO GEFFRE
12 Eboe Street Phone_____-
Phone in Minn (952) 472-3695
Birthday November 24th
Moved from Mound, Minnesota
Retired from: Satellite & Electronic Business
Moved here becuz Joe has a nephew living on Tuckahoe who, informed him about our Park.
Joe and Brother Dennis and Sister-in-law Brenda co-own the home here, but are not here at this time.

MEL AND EMMY SPACKEY
7 Hay Street
Birthday - Emmy June 22 , 1942
" - Mel April 9th, 1932
Anniversary - February 14, 1987
Emmy's hobbies Scrap Books, Square Dancing
Mel's Hobbies Fishing, Boating, Gardening, -Square Dancing, LineDancing and Loafing.

GENE AND JUDY COURTNEY
1 Cork Street
Phone 728-6730
Gene's B'Day - October 13, 1935
Judy's " - December 16, 1942
Anniversary - June 26, 1996
Moved from Mooreland, Indiana
Gene retired from Chrysler Corporation
Judy is a retired homemaker
The Courtney moved here becuz of friends

The wise man puts all his eggs in one basket, then watches the basket. Andrew Carneighy

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

01 - Jim King
03 - Rusty Powers
03 - Harvey Gollwitzer
06 - Klara Jackson
09 - Kay Mueller
13 - Marie Stapert
14 - Irene Orr
14 - Karen Braatz
16 - LaVonne Schaefer
16 - Madelyn Dunn
19 - George DeManicor
20 - Bruce MacDonald
22 - Laura Bradley
22 - Barbara Jason
22 - Ginny Nobel
25 - Kenny Cannaday
25 - Muriel DeManicor
26 - Jan Manly
28 - Janet Powell

MAY BIRTHDAYS-- 1st 10 days

01 - Jerry Winters
02 - Virginia Thompson
04 - Bruce Anderson
04 - Florence Gross
04 - Bill Hollenbeck
04 - Ilene Jansma
07 - Virginia Crull
07 - Ron Kreuser
08 - Mary Reid
10 - Vi Subach
10 - Dick Veneman

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

11 - Pat & Ann Manion
14 - Randy & Peggy Burnham
15 - Bob & Lori Nixon
18 - Jerry & Joan Jerrigan
20 - Gus &Dottie Heske
20 - Jim & Ruth King
21 - Ken & Lois McPhail (1951)
23 - George & Muriel DeManicor
24 - Louis & Patricia Caton
28 - Jim & Pauline Bailey
30 - Jerry & JoAnn Winters

MAY ANNIVERSARIES - days 1 - 10

05 - Jack & Ann Valley (1951)

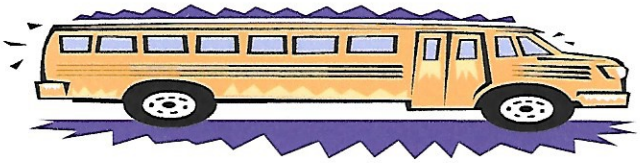
Eugene Sands, 16 Aloe Street, 728-6632, is our new Oak Park Bus Driver. "Gene" was born and raised in Steubenville, Ohio. Our new driver worked for General Motors in Pennsylvania, was an executive for Boy Scouts of America, owned and operated a Camping and RV Resort in New Hampshire for 24 years. He drove a schoolbus in the '70's and 80's, drove shuttle for Enterprise Car rental and Ritz Carlton Hotels. Gene presently works for Royal Floridian Transportation driving limo's. He previously owned a 42' diesel motor home and now has a 37' diesel pusher motor home. Oak Park's bus driver, has driven for 50 years with a clean record.

We wish to introduce our newest bus driver, John Bowns of Basil Street, who, will be driving our residents to the Flea Market the first Friday of the month, provided the bus is sufficiently occupied to warrant this trip. The first trip is scheduled for April 2nd. So-o-o the Flea Market destination will be tested for number occupancy over a period of 3 months time. The bus takes 26 passengers,-- already more than 26 have signed up for April 2nd.

John Bowns, worked as a police sergeant at for 28 years. His driving experience is as follows:

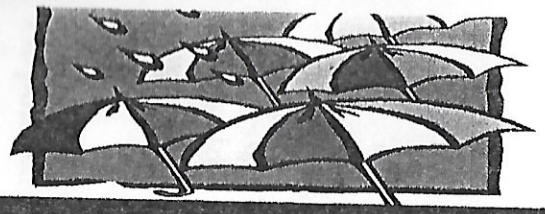
3 ½ years as a heavy vehicle driver for the U.S. Army, Won Third Place in a Truck Rodeo in Hawaii Drove a beer truck for one year Drove for the City Transit Bus Company for one year Was a bread truck driver for ten years.

Has a total of 50 years driving experience.



to Ken and Pattie Cannaday, 11 Eboe Street. Kenny was born in 1927 in Indiana, a place called Warren Park, which, is a suburb of Indianapolis. He was one of 3 boys in his family. At age 14, he worked in a butcher shop, learning the trade and when 16 while still in school, he became the manager over 14 employees working there. During that time, a friend introduced him to Pattie, who, was also born in Indiana. They started dating - - Kenny graduated from Warren Central High School and Pattie graduated from Arsenal Tech High School. In March of 1945, Kenny went into the Navy ending up with a total of 8 years service time. He was stationed at the Great Lake Navy Station, in charge of a 160 man chorus. They sang and entertained the service men plus a Saturday Night Radio show- 80 Catholic and 80 Protestant singers. In July of 1945, Kenny and Pattie were married, now having a total of 59 years together this July. The Cannadays have two daughters who live in New Hampshire and one son who lives in Wisconsin-8 grandkids and 2 great-grandkids- with two more on the way. Kenny was one of 300 men to go aboard the F.D. Roosevelt Air Craft Carrier. After discharge, they moved to Wayzata, Minn with Ken going to work for General Foods as a vending machine sales man, also selling Coca Cola machines for a vendor manufacturing company. He was transferred to Pennsylvania , then to Amherst, NH while still a salesman. Ken and a "Buddy" started to build houses on the side and also started a California style carwash- selling car wash systems in their area. Onward Ken went running a boat manufacturing company, building 54 foot commercial boats plus 22 thru 30 foot crab and fishing boats. Later both Ken and Pattie became managers of a large marina on Lake Winnipesaukee Y Landing Marina. They built a 3-story log General Store with large living quarters on the 2nd and 3rd floors. Their Godson still runs the marina. In 1988 they trailered a 22 ft. Sisu sailboat to Jacksonville, Florida, followed the coast line to the Caloosahatchee, came west and stopped by in Oak Park. After a few days they purchased 11 Eboe Street. Kenny got his CDL drivers license to become the Oak Park bus driver and for 14 years he took good care of our residents, carrying their groceries, etc. to the door , running errands for and delivering mail to shut-ins. Pattie was active in Oak Park Aquanauts for several years, she would unlock the clubhouse door weekends prior to the new door lock system installed. We, here at Oak Park would like to "Tip Our Hats" and say THANK YOU for your time and effort given to Oak Park.,--- Your Oak Park Family.

Nature gave men two ends---one to sit on, and one to think with. Ever since then, man's success or failure has been dependent on the one he used most. George R. Kirkpatrick



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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God gave us a world filled with beautiful things, The promise of Easter, the wonder of spring.
He gave us bright flowers and blue skies above, And he gave us much more---
He gave us his LOVE