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## RECREATION ASSOCIATION NEWS

While we wind down the 1987-88 season, planning for 1988-89 has proceeded for another great year. The Council membership includes the following:

President - Paul Stunzig  
Vice President George Hommel (2 year term)  
Secretary Frances Franz  
Treasurer Dot Manley (2 year term)  
Members at large - Jack Smith and Bill Stevenson

### Council Monthly Assignments:

November - Frances Franz	February - Dot Manley
December - Bill Stevenson	March - Paul Stunzig
January - Jack Smith	April - George Hommel

There are other special events like the carnival and pancake breakfasts which will be produced by the Council as a whole or special committees and/or individuals.

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And then - - April 15 - - Clerks in a tax office were taken back by a blank tax return which was accompanied by this note: "You were notified several times that I have been dead for four years. Please send no more of these blanks."

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## M.H.O. NEWS

The entire membership of the Board of Directors of M.H.O. Inc., met with Mr. William R. Korp, Attorney at Law, of the law firm of Ispording, Thorp, Muirhead, Haworth and White, on Thursday, April 7 from 10:00 to 12:00 a.m. This law firm specializes in matters pertaining to mobile home parks. The Gulf-to-Bay group arranged this meeting to discuss various aspects involved in the possible purchase of the park should it come on the market for sale some time in the future.

Mr. Korp spent some time reviewing the pertinent experiences of other parks and then answered questions and comments by Board of Director members. Perhaps the key issue involved was and is the matter of an equitable financial arrangement for individual mobile home owner, an issue quite common in the experiences of other parks. If and when an actual purchase becomes a reality, many financial problems will need to be solved.

The morning session was held at no cost to the Gulf-to-Bay owners. In order that there be some assurance that steps thus far are both legal and complete, it was agreed that the law firm review all appropriate corporate documents and then make whatever recommendations are necessary. There will be a modest fee for such legal services. In the time that remains before heading north, the Board will address those preparatory steps that are necessary should the park sale become eminent during the summer months.

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## BEACH NEWS

It is no secret that the beaches are in a precarious condition and, while it is easy to think we are not involved, erosion should be a concern to all of us. Right now, the beach is not what we have been acquainted with over the years. An Association has been formed to produce some action, hopefully, which is to preserve and restore the beaches. The official title of this organization is the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association, and we are in the Englewood chapter. There will be a meeting of the Englewood township group on Wednesday, April 13, 1988 at 1:30 p.m. in the Gulf-to-Bay recreation hall. This may cause a temporary parking problem and the patience of local residents will be appreciated.

GOLFING NEWS

Although "League" golf is over for this year, there will be a sign-up sheet for anyone who wants to play - if there is any interest.

The sandbaggers last week were Jim Manley, Moe Teehan, Bus and Jean McConnell. (Boo-hiss!) Watch for a notice for a pot-luck supper to celebrate a fun season! - Dot Manley, Reporter

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A country minister posted this notice on the bulletin board: "Brother Hollafield departed for Heaven at 4:30 a.m."

The next day he found written below: "This is Heaven reporting - 9:a.m. Hollafield not in yet. Whereabouts unknown."

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EDITORIAL NOTES

This is the last issue of the Listening Post for the 1987-88 season. Thanks to the cooperation of a good many residents, it has been a real pleasure to put out the monthly news letters. A special and a very warm thanks to the following news catains who dod such a fabulous job in gathering street news:

- Aura - Betty Baker
- Bayo - Gladys Thorne
- Cielo- Ruth Hicks
- Dije - Allison Brown
- Estada - Helen Bleck
- Golfo - Dortha Swickard
- Cielo Court - Mary May

The Listening Post could not be published without the expert typing service of Terry Phaneuf who, by some magical insights was able to decipher the terrible scribbling of the editor. A warm thanks, Terry.

Thanks too, for all who sent in quips and jokes which added a bit of spice (we hope) to the publications. It has been a very good year and for your information, President elect Paul Stunzig has asked your present editor to serve in 1988-89. Nuff sed!

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Two girls were discussing their prospects of marriage.

"I understand your boyfriend will graduate from law school next month. I suppose you'll get married then?"  
"Oh, no, not right away," answered the other. "I want him to practice about a year first."

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AURA ST. - by Betty Baker

Edna had company from Avon Park, also Bradenton. Edna said her mother is improving and will possible leave the nursing home in two weeks. This is the first year Edna is getting a tan. Now she has time for self.

Ethel was outside knitting and just waiting for a call from her son William. Her son Norman sent her a lovely orchid for Easter.

Paul and Leda Dube are our new people on the end of Aura St. They are from Chicopee, Mass. and are staying a month. She does quilting and knitting when not outside enjoying the sun. They hope to return here next winter.

The Bill Bottenfields have been busy landscaping their yard. The crushed rocks look nice along with the new patio block side walk plus a few flowers.

We welcome our new neighbors, Bob and Marge King. They bought the Dick Hire mobile home. This week they put in a new cement driveway. Lots of company at this home. Last week they had their son Russ and girl friend down. This week they have their son Bob and family. Also their daughter Chris and her son.

Next door sits Boyd Guerson with three broken toes on his right foot, in a cast for 6 weeks. That's it for golf huh! Boyd. While sitting around he is looking over travel plans for a 6-week trip to Hawaii next fall. With the new neighbor named Marge, Boyd said he has one on each side of him.

Marge Stocum was out playing cards when I went for the news.

Aura St. - Cont.

Easter weekend Sue Baker visited me and helped with the Easter dinner. She also played golf with us on Saturday afternoon, then out to HappyHour and dinner. She was tired but happy when she left for Tampa Sunday night.

The John Darlings plan to leave when it gets too hot here to sleep. Its a bit cool in Maine right now.

I guess the news at the Art Cadys is about golf. They both got new bags and clubs. Anne likes it after playing at Pelican Pete's Golf course and putting two "hole in one." We all had more laughs and fun there. Try it sometime!

We hope all the people have a nice summer and safely return to Gulf-to-Bay this fall.

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Today's Chuckle: Do you ever get the feeling life is a fancy restaurant and you're just a linen service?

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BAYO ST. - by Gladys Thorne

Rose Ouimet's brother, Nohe has returned to Chicopee, Mass. after spending six months here in the park. Rose says she really misses him.

Bob and Ruth left Easter Sunday for the east coast to visit daughter Amy who lives at West Palm Beach. They will also be traveling to East Aurora, N. Y. in May for wedding of daughter Nancy.

Jack and Kathy Stanley have arrived home after a trip to Tennessee, and Michigan, to visit family. Daughter Kathleen will be here in the park for a visit later this month.

Mark & Ruth Daugherty left the park Wednesday morning to return to their home in New Castle, Pa. for the summer.

Alice Hess's daughter, Darla and husband Larry Phoenix from Brighton, Mich. will be visiting her this month. Larry will fly home, and Darlo will remain to drive home with Alice.

Bernice says she is feeling better, and will be going north to Vermillion, Ohio, at the end of April. She enjoyed the ladies' luncheon, Wednesday, and also a birthday party for her byher card club. Had a great time.

Chet and Margaret's daughters, Shirley and Rita from Springfield, Ohio, will be here on May 1 for 10-day visit with dad & mon.

Caresta's sister Sylva Earl from Fort Lauderdale, and her daughter Sylvia German from Apapka, Fl. spent several days in the park with the Bovees.

Mabel will be heading home to Massachusetts on May 5th.

From the Finnetts: - Florence's cousins, Dale and Laura Linnin of St. Petersburg were guests for a couple of days. Also, several drop-in Canadian guests visited. George will likely receive a replacement pacemamer this summer. We expect to be busy moving to an apartment while in Ontario. Going to miss everybody and all the leisure and fun times. We wish everyone health and happiness and a safe trip home. See you next fall the Good Lord Willing.

John and Sylvia Henthorne of St. Louis, Mo. will be here on April 26 to visit with mom and dad Henthorne for a few days. Dot & Henny will be going home to Ohio around the middle of May.

Rex & Bonnie Smallwood have had a busy month entertaining their two daughters and grandchildren, also 2 of Rex's brothers visited with their families. Rex & Bonnie will be leaving for home April 15, and looking forward to coming back in the fall.

Vin & Terry's son Gene, from Burlington, Conn. is here for one week. Then grandson Brian Newlin from Sprpingfield, Mass. will be visiting for a week. Son, David will arrive sometime in early May for a short stay and return home with Vin & Terry when they head for Mass.

Floyd and Gwen Gilbert have returned from a visit with friends at Coco Beach. They also toured the Kennedy Space Center while on the east coast.



Dije St. - Cont.

Hank and Katey's daughter, Barb and grandson Zachary are leaving Thursday after nearly two weeks here. Again the weather was beautiful and they were able to be on the beach every day. The Masties will be going home earlier than usual to see son Ron before leaves for Monteray, Mexico where he is going for 3 years for Ford Motor Company.

Joey and George Gallaher plan to leave for Pittsburgh on April 27. It has been a fun winter for us - our first year of retirement. Our neighbors and friends in the park have been so kind and helpful. In June we plan to make a trip to Gattlinburg and Nashville, Tenn. July brings both of our class reunions which should be lots of fun to see old school friends. We are planning some fishing trips in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. We will be going to the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Convention at Virginia Beach in September. We plan to return here about the third week of October.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Carruthers and mother, Clara Bessinger, spent Easter Sunday with Clara's daughter Barbara Opalewski at Ormond Beach. Our plas are to go home to Michigan the first week of May.

Clara plans on coming down very early this fall. Daughter Barb & husband are taking a vacation the last 2 weeks of September so "teen-sitting" will be the order of the day. Ladeema and Bob and Clara are all very anxious to get home to the little grandchildren.

The Hubbards went to Fort Meyers Thursday to visit Mike & June Van Riper, friends from N. Lake in Michigan. We will leave for the north May 10th and return about the first of October. Hope everyone has a great summer.

The Deierleins are enjoying family this post-Easter week. Their daughter, Mary and son-in-law Hal Fa from Walden, N. Y. are visiting and making the most of the week of vacation that they have to enjoy our beach and park. Shirley & Charley are leaving mid-May for dull New York, looking for fun like they have at Gulf-to-Bay, which they think is unlikely. In July, they will be attending the wedding of their oldest granddaughter, Mary Dee. We'll see y'all in the fall - is their happy adieu.

Marge and Len DesRochers moved into the Palermo's old spot at 405 Dije the first of April, and report that they love everything about their new winter home, and the park too. Their son and granddaughter are coming to visit for a week - from Mass. also. April 22nd its back to the north. Summer plans? Work till January, then retire! They'll be returning in mid-January of '89.

The Browns will be leaving late in May and returning about Oct. 15. Summer at the lake with trips to Cape Cod, Maine and the Martimes.

Ralph and Roxanne are pretty settled at 408. They'll be leaving in early June for the north, stopping in their old Pennsylvania stamping ground for perhaps 10 days. Then they go on to Laurel Ridge Camping in the Berkshires where they have a trailer. God willing, they will return here in October. They wish all their friends safe travel and a healthy and happy summer.

And a message from Fran Franz: -Two of our children were here for the Easter holidays. Son Bill Franz from Damascus, Maryland and our daughter Kathy Franz Murphy plus husband Steve and their daughters Elizabeth and Christine from Rochester, N. Y. They loved our great spot on the gulf and all the friendly park people, the swimming, the Easter dinner - and visiting with Fred. Fran will be here until mid June with monthly visits of 5 days with Fred - then a return in October to Gulf-to-Bay. Summer will be spent on Long Island with family and friends. All good wishes to each of you for safe travel and return to our Gulf-to-BaY family.

Estada ST. - by Helen Bleck

Dot Hall reports all is well. The sun is shining and warm. Departure date is May 5th with the Conn. Bradley Field Bunch. Sorry to leave all my friends.

Haven't any news from the Manleys. They do keep busy but assume "no news is good news."

The Hamiltons are leaving on May 22nd. For Lima, Ohio, and planning to return to Gulf-to-Bay on October 4th.

Mary Kay is visiting in Port Charlotte with daughters Mary Jane and Sister Kathleen of Lakewood, Ohio. from there they will return to Ohio for the summer. Ruth had a great visit this month with friend Dorothy, sister Linda and niece Colleen.

Estada St. - Cont.

Les and Fay Downing have returned to the park after being home for her mother's funeral. They are grandparents for the 9th time. Patrick Edward was born March 31st to Bob and Bonnie and of course he has a big brother Charley. Daughter Diane and family were here for Easter vacation. They plan to return to Michigan about May 1st, returning to the park about Thanksgiving time. Plan to work and babysit or babysit and work whichever comes first.

Easter guests of Bill & Alice Exelby included Alice's sister, her niece, a cousin and their husbands. Enjoyed a telephone call from sister Lois Cone of the Clowns at our Carnival who still winters in Michigan. Bill's sister Margaret will arrive on April 23rd and will accompany the Exelbys back to Michigan on May 5th. They will be babysitting their grandson Jay for a couple of days each week while his mom and dad work. Son Wes and fiancée Susan will be married on Sept. 24th. The Exelbys will return to Gulf-to-Bay when it gets cold and nasty in Michigan.

Helen Bleck is anxiously awaiting the arrival of her daughter and son-in-law who will be with her for about a week. She will be returning to Conn. on May 5th with Mabel, Dot and Rose. Will miss you all!

A big thanks to Joan and Paul for our winter of "Line Dancing" which we enjoy so much, to Lorraine for arranging our "Cruise" a big success and for her work with us in the Kitchen Band, to Fay for leading the exercise class, and to Dot Manley for the great Ladies Lunch at the Ship's Lantern!

Norm and Mil Durst had a Cincinnati friend, Dorothy Kindt, to visit for a few days shortly after their cruise. Then cousins Jim and Ralph Christman and wives, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, spent a day on the beach. Last but not least, daughter Karen Kinstler and children Eric and Christy from Tiffin, Ohio had an exciting week before Easter skiing, fishing, shelling and playing games. No definite plans for leaving or returning. A good summer to all.

Betty and John Lamon, who have been around the Oestreichs pad for several months, have returned to Wisconsin, but Marguerite's sister and brother-in-law Ethel and Mac are expected this month, and hope to enjoy several days here in spite of the fact that Mac will be in a wheelchair. Maybe he and Chet can ride together.

Manleys, now year-round residents, will go to Vermont for two or three weeks in June. They will attend Jim's 50th high school reunion.

The Stunzigs wish everyone heading north a safe trip and a wonderful summer. Those of us left here will keep the home fires burning. We are not expecting nearly as much company this year as in the past, but you can never be sure. So long and we'll see you in the fall.

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A burglar, who had entered a poor minister's house at midnight, knocked over a table and woke up the minister. Sticking the gun in the minister's face, the burglar growled: "One move and you're dead. I'm hunting for your money." "Let me get out of bed and turn on the light," said the minister, "and I'll hunt with you."

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Cielo Ct. - by Mary May

Joan & Dean Gould: - We will be going north a little early this year, our youngest son Doug will be married June 10th in Kalamazoo. We may come back in November now that we are owners. A trip to Mexico is in the offing and we have not decided whether we will go in the fall or wait until January and February. See you next season.

Lola & Matt Yakes: - We plan to leave around May 21st. Dixie will arrive May 9th to enjoy our beach and sun then drive us home. No real plans for the summer, just be near our family. By the time we get things put away up north its time to pack to come south. We plan to return Nov. 1st.

George Uto: - Lorraine and her family just left. We had a wonderful, busy visit. They were here during our good weather. I plan a trip to Long Island and Cape Cod to visit family and friends this summer, also a trip to Barefoot Bay on the east coast near Merrit Island to visit friends. The rest of the summer, just enjoying the sun, beach and water right here at Gulf-to-Bay.

Cielo Ct. - Cont.

Audrey & Andy Grant: - We arrived April 6th for 3 weeks. So good to be back on the beach and Andy can play tennis again. We have plans for a 23-day trip to China in May. Summer in Mass. and back to Gulf-to-Bay.

Mary May: - I plan a trip to Dallas Texas to see my sister and family, then to Kansas and on to Illinois for the Schmitt family reunion. I will stop at Kentucky Lake to visit friends on my way back to Florida. I want to go to New York too, but will probably wait for fall to do that. I will leave around May 15th, and be gone four to six weeks. Then enjoy the beach and warm gulf waters of summer.

Loretta and Fred Brandemill: - We plan to return north May 5th. We will spend most of the summer at Clear Lake, Chelsea, Michigan. Then return to Gulf-to-Bay in October.

Dolly & John Popp: - We have enjoyed Gulf-to-Bay. We will return to Rock Hill, S.C. for the summer. We are not sure where we will be next winter - some place in Florida for the warm winter tho.

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A popular dame is Rosie Smoots:

She plays strip poker in one-piece suits.

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GOLFO ST. - by Dortha Swickard

Noble & Eleanor Paul hopefully plan on another visit to the north west again this summer. "Good Ole Alaska". Its beautiful.

Freeman & Etta are leaving around the 15th of April, going via Monticello to see friends from the Cape. Hope to get some traveling in this summer, and look forward to next winter - without monthly trips home. To all a great summer, - see you in October.

The Webbers of Addison, N. Y. have left and now Ralph and Carolyn Bennett, Salina, Kansas are our neighbors. They are enjoying the beautiful location and lovely neighbors. Just stopped for a three-day stay, but decided to stay longer.

Cam & Cal leave May3rd to visit their daughter and family in Seattle. In September they will return to Seattle to see the new grand baby which is expected.

Helen & Harry Waters of Muskegan spent a few days with her parents, Dorothy & Floyd Crankshaw - they enjoyed the beach and the warm weather.

Pat Swichard & Juanita Swichard spent four days with his grand parents, Bill & Dortha. They really enjoyed their stay - the beach, boat rides and visiting with the neighbors and friends were the highlights of their short stay. Pat enjoyed going over to Texas Rangers Stadium watching minor league teams playing, meanwhile Juanita was on the beach.

Gene Hallett is spending another month in Florida. Gene's grand daughter Jeanine will be visiting her for nine days, April 15th to 14th. Her grandson and wife, David & Michelle Hallett plan to arrive April 22nd until May 1st. They will be flying home together. Gene & Jeanine caught 65 blue crabs. They and friends had a feast. Took a one-day trip to Epcot, with DonnaD. going along. They had a great time.

Dorothy & Walter Rasmussen entertained their daughter, son-in-law and family over Easter week, family consisted of Marcia & David Ramsland, Christy, Lisa & Mark of Pittsford, N.Y. They thoroughly enjoyed the weather, beach and friendliness of Gulf-to-Bay families.

The Jean Croteau's daughter Patty and son-in-law Gary arrived for ten days. Grandson Greg arrives the 15th for ten days. A side trip to Cape Canaveral and Lion Country Safari. All Gary wants to do is fish, Patty wants to work on the tan she didn't get last year. Wind and rain were the culprits.

Helen & Charlie Verrill report a pleasant visit with Charlie's sister and brother-in-law, Ginny Harold Strambour who live year-round in Lehigh Acres. Helen says they have enjoyed the usual park activities this season and wish all the park residents a pleasant summer. They plan to leave for home April 19th.

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So you can't buy happiness with money, but you can't buy groceries with happiness, either.

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TRAVEL TIME

Another season has come and gone,  
The snowbirds will soon be heading home.  
Back to the place they left behind,  
To back here in the warm sunshine.

For some, the time is just beginning,  
When the Gulf is warm enough for swimming.  
And people can live more leisurely,  
With traffic jams just a memory.

To those going north in early spring,  
We wish the best of everything.  
A summer filled with happy days,  
Till they all head back to Gulf-to-Bay.

by: - G. Thorne

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In Russia they say: " A rube and his rubles are soon parted."

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