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Gulf to Bay Potpourri

A very warm welcome back for returning park residents and an equally warm welcome to the newcomers. Let us make them all welcome with the traditional warmth and friendship! If you have not already done so, it is suggested that you get out the old family calendar and jot down dates and times for future events. You might well start with the new Directory issued by the park management. The Listening Post will try to list such dates and times as are provided by residents but it is not always possible to include all because of timing and deadlines. Please check the bulletin boards on the front and back of the Rec Hall and on the office bulletin board.

Block News Hounds

For subsequent issues of the Listening Post, Block Newshounds will check for news on each block of the park. Please help them so that no one is overlooked. The Listening Post desires to "print all the news that is fit to print." The News Hounds were not used for this issue for several reasons not the least of which is the fact that as of this writing a good number of residents have not yet returned.

An impartial observer is somebody who doesn't know what is going on.

Gulf to Bay Committees and Assignments

President Stevenson has announced the following chairpersons for the year:

November - Barbara Richardson	February - Dot Manley
December - Paul Stunzig	March - Bill Stevenson
January - Irene Brown	April - Ruth Salmon

In addition, the following persons have agreed to serve in the following capacities:

Bingo - Vin Pfaneuf
Pancake Breakfasts - Joan and Paul Stunzig
Bridge - Rita Teehan
Bible Study - Gnee Hallett
Exercise Classes - Fay Downing
Arts and Crafts - Cora Tyson
Sunshine Lady - Joan Stunzig
Shuffle Board - Clayton Brown
Tours and Outings - Lorraine and Harry Ide

Any and all of these people would appreciate any suggestions which would add to the pleasure of living in this great park - the only one of its kind on the West Coast of Florida.

Probably the most difficult of all instruments to play is second fiddle.

Mobile Home Owners, Inc.

The Mobile Home Owners will be interested to know that although there is little activity in the park as of August and September, we were represented at a recent seminar/workshop sponsored by the law firm of Isphording, Korp, Murrhead, Haworth and White held on August 31, 1987 at the Ramada Inn Airport in Sarasota. The workshop was established for tenant organizations concerned with the purchase of Mobile Home parks. The seminar featured such topics as an over-view of the legal benefits derived from the purchase and ownership of the mobile home park; accounting by tenant associations; financing the acquisition; case histories and a panel discussion; and finally, an update of the Mobile Home Act.

Gulf to Bay residents who attended the seminar were Cal thatcher, Jane Wiley and Art Oestreich who all agreed that this was a most interesting and informative meeting, attended by some 75 people from parks in this general area.

Without attempting to report a detailed summary of the meeting, it is sufficient to say that presentations by Bill Korp on fundamentals in Tenant-purchase, ownership and operation of a mobile home park was most informative. Representatives from the Japanese Gardens, Alameda Isles provided a case history in each park of the steps taken and the steps in the process from initial organization to purchase.

As a service to Mobile Homw Parks who registered for this seminar, the above law firm will send out a periodical called "The Mobile Advocate" from time to time. The Mobile Home Owners of Gulf to Bay have a good deal of work lying ahead of them as time goes on.

A shrewd man conceals his knowledge, but the hearts of fools gush forth folly. The Bible.

Sick Bay

It is good to see Peanuts out and around again even though he is not scooting around on his scooter. The energy provided is thru the good efforts of the indefatigable Edna.

With the help of crutches and Jenny, Jay Hubbard is hobbling about recovering from ankle surgery. Get going and get that boat in the water!

The patch you see on Vaughn's neck is not the result of a swat from Dorothy but is the result of some surgery. Get well and get with it, Vaughn.

Helen Bleck is almost back to normal after some hip surgery this past summer. She can't wait until line dancing is underway again.

At times children can either be a lump in the throat of a pain in the neck.

Speaking of children, the following little gem was passed along to your editor:

NOBODY COOKS IN FLORIDA

This article comes from a "Grandma" in Florida. After a Christmas break, the teacher asked her small pupils how they spent their Holidays. One small boy's reply went like this:

"WE ALWAYS SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH GRANDPA AND GRANDMA. THEY USED TO LIVE UP HERE IN A BIG BRICK HOUSE BUT GRANDPA GOT RETARDED AND THEY MOVED TO FLORIDA. THEY LIVE IN A PLACE WITH A LOT OF RETARDED PEOPLE. THEY LIVE IN TIN HUTS. THEY RIDE BIG THREE WHEEL TRICYCLES. THEY GO TO A BIG BUILDING THEY CALL THE WRECKED HALL. BUT IF IT WAS WRECKED, IT IS FIXED NOW. THEY PLAY GAMES THERE AND DO EXERCISES, BUT THEY DON'T DO THEM VERY GOOD. THERE IS A SWIMMING POOL AND THEY GO TO IT AND JUST STAND THERE IN THE WATER WITH THEIR HATS ON. I GUESS THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO SWIM.

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MY GRANDMA USED TO BAKE COOKIES AND STUFF. BUT I GUESS SHE FORGOT HOW. NOBODY COOKS THERE; THEY ALL GO TO FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS. AS YOU COME IN THE PARK, THERE IS A DOLL HOUSE WITH A MAN SITTING IN IT. HE WATCHES ALL DAY, SO THEY CAN'T GET OUT WITHOUT HIS SEEING THEM. THEY WEAR BADGES WITH THEIR NAMES ON THEM. I GUESS THEY DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE. MY GRANDMA SAYS GRANDPA WORKED ALL HIS LIFE AND EARNED HIS RETARDMENT. I WISH THEY WOULD MOVE BACK HOME. BUT I GUESS THE MAN IN THE DOLL HOUSE WON'T LET THEM OUT."

Two finishes for automobiles: Lacquer and Liquor.

Sporting News:

Gulf to Bay residents are avid participants in several sports but rarely "make the news". If this news were to be passed along to the editor, it will be printed forwith. This includes information on Shuffleboard, Horse Shoes, Golf, and yes, fishing - who caught what and how big and how many? The same is true of Community services of all kinds. Those who serve should be recognized!

Always, the dullness of the fool is the whetstone of the wits.
- Shakespeare

Sad News

Some of the older residents of the park will remember Walton (Walt) Schwochow who lived where Betty Baker now lives. Walt was helping a young man with his farm and while driving a tractor, was hit by a freight train and was killed instantly.

Joe and Ethel Kriz were both killed instantly in a head-on collision this past summer. They lived where the Hicks now live.

Truth rings forth like a bell, but it isn't always tolled.

SNOWBIRDS RETURN

The highways are buzzing with traffic
Like a hive of bees when they swarm
With the snowbirds on their way down south
Where the weather is balmy and warm.

So one by one they come drifting in
Like shells washing in on the sand
Our summer has ended way up north
Now it's back to this fun filled land.

We welcome each one with open arms
As we greet a new neighbor each day
With a hearty "Hello" and "Welcome"
Back to good old Gulf to Bay".

Author - Gladys Thorne

Will power is that admirable quality in ourselves which
is detestable obstinacy in others.

Thanksgiving Day

Barbara Richardson Kollar and her committee have completed all plans for the turkey dinner on November 26. Tickets for the dinner, to be served at 1:00 P.M., will be on sale from 10:00 to 12:00 on Wednesday, November 11th and Thursday, November 12th.

Committee members are: Barbara - chairperson; Mary May and Ken Spain, Allison and Clayton Brown, Isobel and Al Ward, Virginia and Ray Demoss, and Roland Kollar.

THE MENU

Tomato juice
Roast turkey
Giblet gravy
White potatoes
Sweet potatoes

String beans
Cranberries
Pumpkin pie -
with whipped cream
Rolls and butter

Christmas Activities

Because of problems of timing and publication dates, a special bulletin will be circulated in which all of the Christmas activities will be scheduled. Watch for the bulletin.

A warm and grateful "Thank You" for Dot Manley who did all of the typing for this issue of The Listening Post.

Art Oestreich, Editor

Christmas Greetings

It may seem to be early to think about Christmas Greetings, but in order to meet printing deadlines, it will be necessary to "get with it". Those who wish to send greetings to fellow residents can do so by writing, or printing, or typing on a 3" by 2" piece of white paper. Use Black ink only. Colors will not reproduce. Cost: \$1.00 (\$2.00 for a 3" by 4" card) Block captains will call by December 10.

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Excursions for park residents, their guests and friends.

SAVE

GULF TO BAY ON THE GO! GO! GO!

We've got a great outing all set to go.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 th we'll leave the park for the quaint Greek village in Tarpon Springs. There'll be time to enjoy the little shops (especially those fabulous Greek pastry shops) or take a short boat ride with a sponge fisherman before a full lunch from juice to baklava at the famous Greek PAPPAS restaurant. Then the bus will take us to Roger's Christmas House in Brooksville. (There's a brochure on the Travel Bulletin with details.) You can browse for holiday ideas and do some holiday shopping as well in this year-round outstanding unique village.

The bus, the meal, all taxes and tips is just \$18 per person - a nice way to start the holiday season.

The bus capacity is 46 on a first-come basis. Sign up with Lorraine at 408 Dije Street. **475-2584**

LATER IN THE SEASON

Some of the details still have to be arranged for these events. They'll be posted on the Travel Bulletin.

JANUARY 12th - A "Knight" to remember at Medieval Times

A hearty 4 course meal will be served with beer, wine cocktail or soft drink. Valiant knights on colorfully clad horses will entertain us with authentic medieval games while we cheer them on. The nice part is we can continue our good time on the bus ride home.

Cost \$95 includes bus, banquet, entertainment, all taxes and tips and Bus Bingo.

LATER IN JANUARY - Watch for a day at the races or jai alai with dinner at a special restaurant about which we've heard raves.

FEBRUARY: By popular demand, a full day at the Florida State Fair. Last year's outing was so much fun that we're doing it again but without the big restaurant meal. We all had too much fun eating at the Fair.

Cost \$10 included bus, the Fair, tips and Bus Bingo

FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 7: Caribbean Cruise on **msVictoria**. 6 Ports of Call. Inside cabin \$799 air/cruise. May still be able to add to the group. See Lorraine right away if you'd like to go.

MARCH: Tour of TV Channel 20 in Fort Myers. Meet the celebrities. Dinner at the Mariner's Inn on the shores of the Caloosahatchie.

Early APRIL: An unusual Spring Luncheon is being planned for both men and women this year. You're going to LOVE it!

- MARK YOUR CALENDARS
- SIGN UP WITH LORRAINE
- CHECK THE TRAVEL BULLETIN. . . and. . . Join the fun

Trip costs exactly cover trip expenses. This non-profit service is for all to enjoy.