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RECREATION COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING:

The Recreation Council held their annual meeting on Saturday, April 3, 1993, with about 45 people in attendance.

Pres. George Gallaher presented a review of the year's activities and thanked everyone for their hard work and co-operation. Questions, problems, and complaints were brought up and discussed. A decision was made to mark the ALUMINUM CANS containers more clearly with the words BEER CANS AND SODA-POP CANS ONLY painted on the covers of the containers. Another decision by the Council made in response to the question about smoking in the hall was read and discussed.

After tabulating the questionnaires about smoking in the Rec Hall, the council made the following decisions:

1. There will be NO SMOKING in the Rec Hall anytime a meal is being served.
2. During Bingo, Cards, and Parties SMOKING WILL BE PERMITTED in the area on the WEST SIDE (BEACH ROAD SIDE). This is due to the number of windows in this area for ventilation.
3. Receptacles for cigarette butts will be placed outside each door of the Rec Hall.
(Note: These are already in place)

It is the request of the Council that everyone try to cooperate with these decisions.

Residents got a bargain at the Rec Council meeting when left-over Gulf to Bay Caps were sold for \$3.00 each. They were soon snatched up.

It was announced that the next PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be on Saturday, April 17. Hours 8 am to 10:30 am.

RUTH HICKS wants to say, "THANK YOU, RUTH AND JACK SPILLER", for arranging transportation back and forth to Sarasota while Charlie Hicks was there in the hospital.

RITA BOULANGER reports that BOB is back home and getting stronger everyday. (But she is getting weaker and needs some TLC.!!)

They want to thank everyone for their concern, cards, and help.

DOTTIE KERBER is also back home and thanks all for their visits and cards.

CORA TYSON is still in the hospital, but improving.

SOUTH MANASOTA KEY ASSOC., INC.

by DON PEASE

Last January, Gulf To Bay president, Les Downing, asked for someone to represent our park to the South Manasota Key Assoc and attend their meetings. I volunteered, and have since attended two meetings. Let me share with you the impressive programs that this group either initiated or is active in.

WCU RATE CASE: Mike Woelffer, Assoc. President, is spearheading this effort to prevent unreasonable sewer charges.

SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FOR SOUTH MANASOTA KEY.: If successful, the result would be that our tax dollars would only be used for improvements in our area. And we would decide, via our advisory committee, how the money would be spent.

SPEED LIMIT CHANGES: Our Park has been effective in reaching the right people to lower the speed limit along Beach Road. It appears that we'll have the coordination with Sarasota County for benefits along the entire length of the island.

ADOPT-A-ROAD AND ADOPT-A-SHORE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, AND BEACH RENOURISHMENT are ongoing programs, each with a chairperson and volunteer groups supporting them.

If you are interested in becoming a member, dues are \$5.00 a year. I will be glad to provide you with an application. You will get the newsletter following the meetings. If you are out of state the newsletter will be sent to you. This will keep you up-to-date on what is happening.

DON PEASE 474-7366

Last April, Reader's Digest printed a nice article about the beginnings of the Adopt-A-Highway Program. A top official in east Texas who was responsible for maintaining 3600 miles of highway became frustrated with the amount of litter he saw along the roads and challenged a civic club in Tyler, Texas to "adopt" one of the highways leading into Tyler to clean it up on a regular basis. But got no response until the idea of giving cooperating groups credit by name. A sign would be erected marking the beginning and end of the adopted segment of highway. So on March 9, 1985, the first bold, blue-and-white, four-by-eight-foot sign appeared on Highway 19, just north of Tyler. Now they are a familiar sight all over the United States.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A Board of Directors Meeting, and election of 4 new members was held on Monday, March 8, 1993 at 10 am. Balloting was closed at 10:15 am and the meeting started.

George Gallaher reported on repairs done on the seawall at the dock, and new roofing on the laundry building, He thanked all the volunteers for their work on these projects.

Jean Croteau gave a report about water lines, valves, and meters that he, George Hummel, and others had worked on.

Etta Crosby reported on the encroachment findings that had been done.

A special "Thank You" was given to Jack Spiller and Rita Teenan for their willingness to be on call at all times to help with renting space and helping with parking units.

The results of the balloting were:

3 YEAR TERM: DICK LEEPER LES DOWNING MAYNARD BAILEY

1 YEAR TERM : BOYD GUNNISON



SPRING IS HERE



EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 11, 1993

TRADITIONAL EASTER DINNER 1:00 PM \$5.00

CHRIS PEASE, CHAIR PERSON

CHRIS & DON PEASE BETTY SCHWARZ SUE TAYLOR

GLADYS & JIM THORNE DICK JETT

LEDA & PAUL DUBE RUTH & JACK SPILLER

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KATE MASTIE reports that March has just flown by with visits from family. DenLou, Dennis Jr, and Dan Mastie spent 10 days here from Alexander, Va. She also enjoyed the nieces and nephews who are visiting Katie's sister, MARGE HAAS in Apt B.

ALLISON AND BROWNIE are looking foreword to the arrival of CHARLENE AND GWEN from Connecticut. This will be a signal for all their cousins to get in line for reservations to the Suncoast. Indeed, a HAPPY EASTER ahead !!!

Allison sends greetings from CHAN AND HULDA ROBINSON. Hulda is now confined to a chair or a walker but sounds like her old self. Chan wants everyone to know that he is feeling fine, but really misses the park and all the people and would love to hear from them.

It seems that MARGE HAAS has been a long time visitor to the park and recalls some of the early days.

MEMORIES OF GULF TO BAY PARK

Having some of my children and grandchildren here visiting me brought back memories of 35 years ago when we brought our kids to visit THEIR grandparents, who were residents of the park for many years.

The roads were dirt then as was the North Beach Road. I can remember riding bikes with Grandpa Lyons and going three to five miles down the road without meeting a car. There weren't many houses, either, and NO CONDO or APARTMENT BUILDINGS.

The rest rooms and showers were pretty rustic with little creepy, crawly things that frightened the children, and MOM had to come to the rescue ! We had lots of fun fishing and shrimping off the dock. One of the boys leaned over to get a better look and ended up getting a closer look than he wanted by falling into the Bay. Grandpa was the hero who hauled him out in his big net.

My Grandchildren went home with bags of assorted shells and shark's teeth to use in all kinds of projects, just as my kids used to do. There have certainly been many changes around the Park, but some of the things that have not changed are the FRIENDLINESS, THE CARING, HAPPY HOUR, AND BINGO. I enjoyed many Happy Hours and Bingo games, and friendly chats. A few I recall from those early days are SOPHIE SZOPSKI, TERESA MILLER, RUTH SALMON, AND JENNIE HUBBARD.

Thanks to all of you for making me feel so welcome this year.

MARGE HAAS APT B

MARGE AND PEG DESROCHERS enjoyed a quick, but great five days with their son TOM and his girlfriend MARY LOU. They saw Epcot Center, played 18 holes of golf, etc. It all just went by much too fast!!



SPRING CONCERT



MUSIC FILLED THE AIR

THE BEST Ever was the general opinion of the Gulf to Bay Spring Concert at the Rec Hall on Tuesday, March 30, 1993. Playing to a full house, with the overflow standing outside around the doors and windows, THE GULF TO BAY KITCHEN BAND entertained the enthusiastic audience for 45 minutes. They showcased talent not ever seen before, as well as old-time favorites that are a standby in their repertoire. Ice-cream bars were passed out following the performance.

There were several specialty numbers featuring solos, duets, and groups. MAYNARD AND SALLY BAILEY directed, with BEVERLY STERNBERGH accompanying at the piano.

The program opened with their traditional greeting, singing "Hi, Neighbor", followed by a duet. MAYNARD AND SALLY BAILEY sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart". After the Band sang "Oh, You Beautiful Doll", and "The Bells Are Ringing For Me and My Gal", there was a solo by HELEN BLECK, imitating Barbara Streisand with "SECOND HAND ROSE". The band performed "Baby Face", then another solo by Maynard Bailey singing "Minnie the Mermaid". While the band played and sang "Pretty Baby" a very mysterious 'GORGEOUS BABY' strutted through the audience, flirting and smoking a CIGAR !!

There were more specialty numbers performed. Peg Desrochers sang a George Burns favorite--"Old Bones"; Shadow dancer Norma Bishop was a delightful surprise, dancing to "Me and My Shadow". Another big surprise was Norma and Jean Croteau gracefully dancing as "The Band Played On". There were group numbers by The M&Ms singing "It's Only A Shanty in Old Shanty Town." and "It's a Sin To Tell A Lie" with a solo by Jim Bishop responding "I'll Never Tell Another White Lie." The Lady Michi-gooses sang and danced to "Lolli-Lolli-Lolli Pop". The Chico-peas, The Pride of Chicopee, Mass., put their own words to a familiar tune. The Kitchen Band performed in between the specialty numbers, singing and playing old favorites such as "April Showers", "Let A Smile Be Your Umbrella", "Mary, A Grand Old Name".

Don Pease and Beverly Sternbergh played two piano-organ duets "It's A Small World" and "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands". The program wound up with a novelty number by the Ladies in the band singing "The Sidewalks of New York", while the Men were singing "In The Good Old Summertime". The finale was everyone singing "GOD BLESS AMERICA".

GULF TO BAY KITCHEN BAND MEMBERS

SALLY BAILEY	MAYNARD BAILEY	ART ANDERSON
BEVERLY STERNBERGH	FRANCIS FRANZ	TERRI PHANEUF
PEG DESROCHERS	CHARLIE VERRILL	JOEY GALLAHER
BILL EXELBY	PAUL STUNZIG	GEORGE GALLAHER
HELEN BLECK	ISABEL WARD	NORMA CROTEAU
BONNIE SMALLWOOD	RITA TEEHAN	JEAN CROTEAU
RITA BOULANGER	DOTTIE HALL	MILLIE DURST
JIM BISHOP	NORM DURST	LEDA DUBE
JACK KINTZ	PAUL DUBE	DICK BRADY
ALLIE GOLKOWSKI	RUTH FUNK	DOROTHY NIGHSWANDER

THE M & M'S: THE MAGNIFICENT MEN:

PEG DESROCHERS	GEORGE GALLAHER
JACK KINTZ	JIM BISHOP
PAUL STUNZIG	BILL EXELBY
MAYNARD BAILEY	

THE MICHI-GOOSES:

BETTY FLYNN	ANN KINTZ
NORMA BISHOP	SALLY BAILEY
BETTY SCHWARZ	

THE CHICO-PEAS:

NORMA CROTEAU	JEAN CROTEAU
MARGE DESROCHERS	PEG DESROCHERS
LEDA DUBE	PAUL DUBE
VIN PHANEUF	TERRI PHANEUF
MABEL GAUDETTE	RITA TEEHAN

IN REMEMBRANCE:

FLOYD CRANKSHAW

(1898-1993)

Memorial Service for Floyd Crankshaw, who died Monday, March 22, 1993, was held in the Rec Hall at 2:00 pm., FRIDAY, MAR 26, 1993. Floyd would have been 95 years old on June 15, and remained active until his illness.

GENE HALLETT AND FRANCIS FRANZ made the arrangements. BEVERLY STERNBERGH played soft organ music preceding the service. She ended with a piano solo, a special request by Dorothy Crankshaw, of the hymn "Oh Master, Let Me Walk with Thee." Gene Hallett then opened with prayer, and led the group singing "ABIDE WITH ME".

GULF TO BAY MEN'S CHORUS sang "Amazing Grace" and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee". Gene Hallett read Psalms 121 and 23. REV. MARK APPLEBEE gave an inspirational and comforting talk, followed by Harry Waters, who remembered "POP". Harry is the husband of Floyd and Dorothy's daughter, HELEN. Continuing the CELEBRATION OF FLOYD'S LIFE were CHARLIE VERRILL, VAUGHN NIGHSWANDER, ALLISON BROWN, GEORGE GALLAHER, AND GENE HALLETT. They each recalled significant moments during the 26 years that the Crankshaws have lived in the park. Allison also thanked the family for making it possible to have the Memorial Service in the Park, thus providing an opportunity to remember Floyd as the very special person he was.

The service was concluded with the group singing "How Great Thou Art", followed by Rev Applebee giving the benediction. A very moving and beautiful Service.

All were invited to stay and visit with the family and partake of refreshments.

GULF TO BAY MEN'S CHORUS:

JEAN CROTEAU

DON PEASE

MAYNARD BAILEY

WES GOLKOWSKI

BOB STERNBERGH

BILL EXELBY

JACK SPILLER

GEORGE GALLAHER

JIM BISHOP

Accompanied by BEVERLY STERNBERGH, CHORUS DIRECTOR

Perhaps the Spring Visitors will be fortunate enough to see the GREEN FLASH at one of our fabulous sunsets on the beach. And of course someone will be sure to ask "What is this Green Flash?"

Allison Brown saved an answer to that question which appeared in HOTLINE column in the Charlotte County Newspaper.

"To see the green flash, there must be a sharp horizon and a sky free of any haze. Because of this, the green flash is most frequently seen over water, in the desert, or high in the mountains. And the green flash is just that---a flash.because sunrise is difficult to time just right, sunsets areeasier to follow.When the sun is low in the sky, its light must travel through more of the earth's atmosphere before reaching an observer's eye. Refraction causes the white light to split into a spectrum of colors....much like a prism with red at the bottom and violet at the top.

As the sun sinks below the horizon, the colors actually disappear one at a time the observer can't see this orderly progression of colors due to absorption and scattering of many light rays. But the green wave lengths are least affected by the atmosphere, and for a fraction of a second they are visible..."

March did go out like a lion, and brought in April Showers, but don't forget, they will bring the May flowers here or wherever you are. It seems that April Fool's Day was observed by a few, but no reports of any serious pranks. Daylight Savings Time began at 2 am on April 4, early Sun. morning. We lost an hour's sleep as we "sprang ahead" with our clocks.

April birthstone is the DIAMOND and the flower is the SWEETPEA.

The Recreation Council held a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 27, 1993 to 105 hungry diners. Our compliments to the CHEF, DICK JETT. The spaghetti sauce was delicious.

Everyone really enjoyed the get-together later that same evening when the Council opened the Rec Hall for people to come for a FUN TIME, to play cards, dance, sing, tell jokes---whatever they wanted to do for entertainment. A good time was had by all.

JOEY GALLAHER kept GEORGE BUSY, BUSY, as she prepared for the visit from their daughters and families for Easter. We hope that SHIRLEY, FROM PITTSBURGH, PA., AND DIANE FROM BATAVIA, N.Y. will find our weather bright and shiny to match Joey's house.

Gulf to Bay Residents have kept the Doctors and Hospitals busy this winter. We send our condolences to those who lost loved ones. Our hearts ache with yours. And are relieved and happy to see the healthy, smiling faces of others who have recovered. Please stay healthy and smiling and happy all through the long weeks you will be gone, and find your way back in the Fall to start a busy, enjoyable season.

The Second Quarter Invoice of 1993 was handed to Residents on Wednesday, March 31, 1993. The Annual meeting of the Recreation Association met on Saturday, April 3, 1993 at 10 am.

Most people remember to rinse their aluminum cans before disposing of them in the Aluminum Can Containers, and our volunteers are grateful for that thoughtfulness. It helps to cut down on the ants that swarm all over their hands and arms as they collect the cans and sort out the trash and garbage that DO NOT BELONG THERE!. It is a good idea to check on the containers that look like aluminum, but are not. Beer cans and soft-drink cans ARE aluminum.

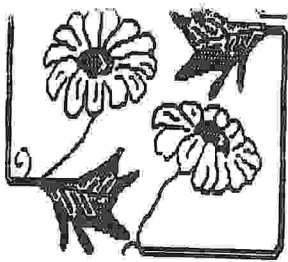
There are garbage cans at every one's lot, and a bin for glass containers by the Boat Ramp.

This is the last Newsletter for this season, but it is not the last of the activities that will be going on in the Park through the summer until the first Newsletter of the new season. People have already started their trek back into the FROZEN NORTH and after Easter the exodus will quicken. We wish all of you a safe and enjoyable trip.

As you gaze out at the whitened landscape under lowering grey skies, let your mind bring back pictures of white beach sands under bright blue skies. And from your arm chair in front of the fireplace drift back to the beach lounge and look out across the white-capped wavelets over blue-green waters to watch a distant freighter slowly appear and disappear on the horizon. Then be amused by the playful cavorting of the dolphins as they swim past the shore. But as you reluctantly return to your present vantage point be comforted in knowing that your 'Summer' will soon be extended by the earth's rotation. BON VOYAGE and return in the Fall to take up where you left off.

GOSSIP GOSSIP GOSSIP

There was a lot of noisy chattering from the birds and squirrels last week about the busy traffic between Aura St. and Cielo Ct as pick-ups went back and forth transferring furniture, and stuff. Betty and Dennis Flynn were moving into the Beach House on the Gulf of Mexico.



GULF TO BAY ENGLEWOOD, FL



NEWS FLASH !!!!!!!!!!!!!

SENIORS ARE THE BIGGEST CARRIERS OF AIDS !!!!!!!!

HEARING AIDS

BANDAIDS

ROLLAIDS

WALKING AIDS

MEDICAID

GOVERNMENT AID

Mirror, Mirror on the wall
You're no good to me at all !!
When I look into your space
And see the reflection of my face,
Is that person that I see,
Is that person REALLY ME ????


Sure, I know it's been a while
Since I was a Juvenile,
But I really feel the same---
'Cept I'm stiff, and a little lame;
Hair's turned grey, and getting thin;
Lots of wrinkles, and a double chin !!!

But I'm really feeling fine,
Work at something all the time.
Still I wonder when I see
That reflection that is me,
Which one of us is really real???
The one I see, or the one I feel?

The Listening Post Editor thanks Helen and Harry Waters for the SENIOR AIDS and Sally Bailey for THE REAL ME ??

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

April, 1993

				1 APRIL FOOL (B) JERIC MACFARLANE	2 (B) JOHN HALLMAN	3 REC ASSOC MEETS 10 AM (B) JIM BISHOP
4 (B) ALLISON BROWN; FRED BRANDEMILL	5	6	7	8	9 GOOD FRIDAY	10
11  EASTER SUNDAY	12 (B) PAT GUNNISON	13	14	15	16 (B) REX SMALLWOOD	17
18	19	20 (A) LLOYD & SHIRLEY DOWDELL	21 (B) KEN ABBE	22 (B) RUTH HICKS	23	24 (B) DOTTIE HALL
25	26	27 (A) BOYD & PAT GUNNISON	28	29 (B) RUTH SALMON	30 (B) DEAN GOULD	