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It was a busy and enjoyable Holiday Season with many activities, both planned and spontaneous. There was a Lobster Dinner, Sun. Dec. 6; pancake breakfast Dec. 12; followed on Sun., Dec. 13. with Rec Hall and Tree decorating party. Many willing hands went to work to create a bright and colorful setting for the Season's activities.

The Special Board and Association Meetings were held on Fri., Dec 18 with a full house. Atty Harlan Domber tried to answer a multitude of questions concerning the Gulf-to-Bay operations. Some of the questions were very difficult to answer precisely but he was careful to answer as fully as possible.

SAT., DEC. 19, the Gulf-to-Bay Coop, Inc. put on its own party for the first time. In the past, the owners of the Park threw a Christmas Party that was sumptuous and free. But now we are the owners, so we had to do it for ourselves. It was held at the Englewood Country Club, which provided an elegant setting and buffet dinner. We finished by singing a few songs before heading back to the park for an evening of dancing in the Rec Hall with live music.

CHRISTMAS EVE streets were lit up with the luminaria at sunset. Santa & Mrs. Claus cruised up and down the streets, passing out candy canes to all the kids---big and small, A happy parade of well-wishers trailed behind.

The evening was crowned with a most enjoyable open house at MARIE GENEST'S on Lemon Bay. Marie wishes to thank RITA TEEHAN, FRAN & MARIE WADLEGGER, AND JULIA SULLIVAN for their time and efforts in assisting with all the details. The delicious finger foods that people brought to add to the elegant buffet table made it that much more festive. Marie feels that guests really make the party and are greatly appreciated. She says their happy faces and best wishes made it all worth while.

FRIDAY, DEC. 25, was the Christmas Dinner, preceded by a reception for all at the Tiki. Dick Brady and his committee provided a truly Holiday setting and goodies to get everyone into a joyful SPIRIT before going to the Rec Hall for a tasty, gourmet-type Dinner, well prepared and served by DICK JETT and his committee.

RUTH HICKS was the lucky winner of the 50-50 drawing; MEALS ON WHEELS BASKET CONTAINED \$70.00. Even the weather contributed its share of good cheer with warm temperatures and blue skies, after a cloudy, cool morning.

By the time you read this newsletter, NEW YEAR'S EVE, THURS., DEC. 31, will have ushered in 1993 with another

evening of dancing and merry-making at the Rec Hall. This is sponsored by the Recreation Council, with live music. All in all, Gulf-to-Bay celebrated the Holiday Season very well indeed.

It was good to see THERESA MILLER AND MARIE GENEST'S SISTER, ROSE QUIMETTE at the Christmas Dinner.

SHUFFLE NEWS

The Shuffle Team is starting the New Year with a great record: 1 GAME LOST ---AND 3 GAMES WON !!.
That's good news, and we hope they can keep it up.

: NOTICE OF INCREASED RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER :
: WERE RECEIVED BY RESIDENTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS. :
: ANY QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED AT THE OFFICE. :
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FISH(Y) STORY

While most fishing is done with rod and reel, or at least a line with bait on the hook, or a net, JACK KINTZ throws tradition into the Gulf as he plunges in with his bare hands and scoops up a BIGGIE. True Fish Story?? Well, just ask FRAN SMITH .
She was there.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU... and especially to YOU !!!

That's the theme for the dinner on SUNDAY, JAN. 17, 1993

WHERE: RECREATION HALL
TIME: 1 PM --2 PM "GET ACQUAINTED SOCIAL HOUR"
2 PM ----- DINNER WILL BE SERVED

THE MAIN ENTREE WILL BE : CHICKEN CORDON BLEU

TICKETS: \$5.50 EACH
WILL BE SOLD ON MONDAY & TUESDAY, JAN. 4 & 5.

COMMITTE MEMBERS:

MARIE & FRAN WADLEGGER
ANNE & JACK KINTZ
SALLY & MAYNARD BAILEY
MARGE SLOCUM
RUTH FUNK
RINDA & ART ANDERSON

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHEN YOU CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY,
THIS IS FOR ALL THE BIRTHDAYS.

----- OUCH!!!OUCH!!! OUCH!!!-----

The IRS has sent out their New Year's Greetings !!!

HEAR YE !!! HEAR YE !!! HEAR YE !!!!

THE ANNUAL GULF TO BAY CARNIVAL IS SET FOR ~~MONDAY~~, JAN. 25, .
YES, YOU READ IT CORRECTLY---IT IS ~~MONDAY~~ THIS YEAR.
BUT NOT TO WORRY----ALL THE FUN THINGS WILL BE THERE.

The CARNIVAL is sponsored by the Recreation Council and there will be something for everyone: RAFFLES; GAMES; CRAFTS; KITCHEN BAND PARADE; FLEA MARKET. SHUFFLEBOARD AND HORSESHOE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

WATCH FOR SPECIAL FLYER COMING OUT WITH DETAILS.

The SMALLWOODS have been kept busy with visiting family and LOVED every minute of it. But hope now to relax a bit !!!

Norma Croteau reports from Golfo St. for Fran Smith that the Smiths send greetings from the frozen north where they are attending daughter Sally's wedding on Jan. 2, 1993. Most of you remember Sally and wish her a long and happy marriage.

Freeman and Etta Crosby have moved into their new digs on Estada St. Their daughter, DIANE and family are staying at Golfo St. for the New Year.

The Verrills and Gene Hallett are all expected in by the middle of Jan. We'll all be happy to see those two places lit up again.

Another couple from Chicopee, Mass. are staying at Dube's while they are gone for the month of Jan. There is also a wedding in that family this month. Say hello to Janet and Frank Laing when you pass by.

The new face you see in the office is WINONA McDANIEL. Born on Jan. 20, she comes to us from Webster, NH, where she worked in accounting offices of various utilities, manufacturing and retail companies. She has one daughter.

Another new member on our staff is ARLAND BERNIER who also comes to us from Contoocook, NH. He has owned a land-clearing business, built specialty homes, and recently graduated from appliance repair school. So with three daughters, a son, and four grandchildren Arland keeps very busy. He is looking forward to working here at Golf-to-Bay.

WELCOME ABOARD, WINONA AND ARLAND !!!

RECYCLING REMINDER.....

Put ALL ALUMINUM CANS in the container outside the Wash House on BAYO ST. In the past this effort has netted us from \$200-\$300 for use in our park activities.

SPECIAL PLEA.----- PLEASE do not throw garbage or other trash in that container. And it would be especially appreciated if cans were emptied before putting them into the container. Our sincere and appreciative THANK YOU.

DICK JETT wants to express his gratitude for the generous discounts given him by the owner of the meat market where he works for the meat that he buys for our co-op activities.

MARGE DEROCHES reports from Dije St. that our new flag proudly flying from the Bayside staff is the generous gift from ANN AND BILL BOTTENFIELD. CHARLIE HICKS extends his thanks to them and also to FPL for their prompt and generous response to his call for help. They sent out two crews before the dockside tree lighting ceremony to untangle and remove the once proud emblem of our great country that had become tattered by the winds. The banner that has served us so well has been disposed of in appropriate fashion. All of us here at Golf-to-Bay also say

"THANK YOU, thank you".

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas and in Gulf-to-Bay
Not a creature was stirring, not even LES or FAY
The stockings were hung in each trailer with care,
In hopes that Saint Nicholas soon would be there.

The Crosbys were nestled all snug in their bed
While visions of a new home danced in their heads.
And Terry in her kerchief and Vin in his cap
Had just settled their brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the Tiki there rose such a clatter
Everyone sprang from their beds to see what was the matter
Away to the Gulf we all flew like a flash
Larry opened his shutters, Grace threw up the sash.

The moon on the crest of a wave hitting shore
Gave a luster of mid-day to the water and more;
When what to our wondering eyes should appear
But a miniature Boat---sorry, no reindeer!

With a little old driver so lively and quick
We all were surprised to see Ruth Ann and Rick!
More rapid than eagle, the Hickses, they came
There were whistles and shouts as we called others by name.

Hi Margie, Hi Phyllis, Hi Maynard and Sally
Hello Rita, Hello Marie, Hello Wes, and Allie
To the top of Aura Street, to the front of the Rec Hall
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all.

As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly
And meeting an obstacle mount to the sky
So back to their trailers the residents flew
Even the Grants, Bill and Muriel, too.

Then in a twinkling, we heard on Bayo Street,
Where the Bishops, the Stones, and the Kintz's all meet,
As they were visiting, and then turned around,
Down Cielo the Smallwoods came with a bound.

They were dressed all in white from their head to their feet
Then came the Spillers, bike riding, How Neat!
A bundle of toys had been left at the Bay--
And we all wondered if Jane had left them that way

Peg's eyes, how they twinkled, Franz dimples--how merry;
Leda's cheeks were like roses, Jean's nose like a cherry,
Norma's droll mouth was drawn up like a bow
And Boyd's beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pencil Don held tight in his teeth,
While Chris was still trying to hang up a wreath.
Paul had a broad face and a round little belly
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.

Jack was chubby and plumb, a right jolly old elf,
And Fran laughed when she saw him in spite of herself.
A wink of Bob's eye and a twist of Rita's head,
Soon gave us to know we had nothing to dread.

The Thornes spoke not a word, but went straight to work
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk
And laying a package beside Stevenson's home
And giving a nod, off they went to the Dome.

Vaughn sprang to the Golf Cart, to Dorothy gave a whistle
And away they drove like the down of a thistle;
But we heard them exclaim, ere they drove out of sight,
HAPPY CHRISTMAS, GULF-TO-BAY, AND TO ALL A GOOD-NIGHT!!

With apologies to the Author, and for all I left out.

Mickey Wagner 1992

THE LISTENING POST THANKS MICKEY WAGNER FOR THIS
DELIGHTFUL AND PERSONAL VERSION OF A FAMILIAR AND BELOVED
CHRISTMAS POEM.

FUN--FUN--FUN--

The DeRochers and the Laings (who are renting Dube's home
for Jan.) will motor to Cape Canaveral, Jan. 13 for the lift-off
as invited guests of MAJOR SUSAN HELMS. Major Helms will be a
member of the space shuttle crew. They will also be at a pre-and
post- lift-off reception. They sure hope the weather co-operates
!!.

FRANCIS FRANZ'S daughter, PEGGY, flew in from New Mexico for
Christmas. Grandson MATT and his pal were following the surfing
route. Well, our weather has been great for swimming lately, so
they settled for that.

RUTH SALMON is due back soon and it will be good to see her.
We are all sure she can't wait to get here !!!

The MASTIE'S daughter BARB, TONY AND ZACH have been here
for two weeks. Tony's parents, sister and family are staying at
Castaways. Katie says it has been a busy and enjoyable Holiday.

SHUFFLE SKED JAN.

WED. JAN 6	<u>GULF TO BAY</u> AT BROOK TO BAY
MON. 11	OAK GROVE HERE
WED. 13	MOBILE GARDENS HERE
WED. 20	GULF TO BAY AT DEER CREEK
WED. 27	SHADY HAVEN HERE

WONDER IF WE COULD GET A CHEERING SECTION GOING ???

JAY DANE just can't resist the fishing, CATHY can't resist
Bingo, and EARL can't resist the women. Well, Gulf to Bay is the
right place for them, and we are glad they are back.

BILL BOTTENFIELD celebrated the big 7-0 in grand style.
ANN played the perfect Hostess 'With The Mostest' with a GALA
spread. We all wondered the same thing, How in heck did Bill get
that old?? HA HA

LAURA HAAG sported a new BAH! HUMBUG! Christmas shirt but
she sure enjoyed the Christmas Festivities anyway.

The STEVENSON'S are relaxing and enjoying the beautiful
weather we have been having so far. Live it up, Bill and Irene!!

RICK MacFARLANE has been a busy wood carver. He just
finished a baby cradle for new grandbaby #9 expected by end of
Jan. Next on agenda is an old-fashioned rocking-horse, complete
with a seat!! Any one who is interested is invited to stop in.
He does take orders. They wish everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THE HUMMELS spent the Holidays in Idaho with family and 40 inches of SNOW!! WOW! Hope George and Delores are thawed out by now.

KENNETH ELSNER spent Christmas in Fort Meyers with friend George Jacobson who was married a couple of months ago. Instead of eating out, as Ken expected, the new wife prepared a delicious traditional Turkey Dinner. Ken also called on the Rasmussens to see how Walter was doing since his heart attack before Christmas. Walter seemed to be doing ok and Dot was glad about that.

"The post office helped Santa to bring me lots of goodies so all in all I had a great Holiday," Ken reports.

JANE WILEY had the rare experience of doing what many of us wish we could do. Dolphins are always a thrill to watch off our beach shore, but they never come in close enough for anyone to swim with them. Well, while Jane was in Mexico in early October, visiting her niece, she had the thrill of swimming with the dolphins. There is no way you can catch them. They jump over you, put their nose on your feet and push you out, then swim by and let you grab their fins and drag you back. It was a great adventure, and Jane has the pictures to prove it. Her niece came from Puerto Aventuras Dec. 12 so Jane had a first Christmas with her, then a second celebration with the family in Ocala. It is hard to catch Jane at home anymore.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

January, 1993

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NEW YEAR	2
	4	5	6	7	8	9
	11	12	13	14	15	16 PANCAKES
7 BIRTHDAY DINNER	18	19	20	21	22	23 CARNIVAL
4	25	26	27	28	29	30
11 SUPER BOWL BASH						