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Published for the residents of Mobile Manor- a 55 and Over Community Office: Bonnie Gilliland; 150 Lantern Lane; North Fort Myers, FL 33917 24/7 Phone (239) 543-1414 Office hours Mo Tu We Th 8:30-12N Clubhouse hours Su 8-5 Mo 9-9 Tu 9-9 We 9-9 Th 9-9 Fr 9-5 Sa 8-5 Website-www.mobilemanor.net Tues-Garbage Wed-Recycles & Greens Aluminum cans at office shed MMSC: Pres. Joann Housel, V.P. Vacant, Sec. Vacant, Treas. Charlene Womack (Temporary) MM Board Officers: Pres. Bob Gilliland, V.P. Tim Burchfield, Sec. Maureen Huff, Treas. Kathy Holder MM Board Members At-Large: Butch Sims, Charlene Womack, Karla Gentry, and Pauline Lacourse

PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUN OF IT!

Business



Community Meeting - Feb. 1st at 230 pm at the CC. Mobile Manor Social Club - Feb. 6th at 2 pm at the CC. Board Meeting - Feb. 27th at 2 pm at the office.

The maintenance fee for 2018 is \$28.00 per month or \$336 annually.





* * * * * The slate of candidates for the Board of Directors was finalized at last month's Community Meeting. Three

of the eight positions are contested. Bob Gilliland and Glenn McGill are running for President while John Horan, Rodney Waryasz, and Sondra Hale are running for two of the Director's positions. Falk Ware, Vice President; Pauline Lacourse, Secretary; and Kathy Holder, Treasurer are unopposed. Charlene Womack has one year remaining on her first term as a Director at Large and Pauline Lacourse's current position will be vacant until the new Board fills it. Current Board members, Butch Sims, Karla Gentry, Maureen Huff, and Tim Burchfield are not running for re-election.

Haven't voted? There's still time. You can seek out one of the two Election Commissioners, Vito DeFrancesco at 112 Torch Lane or Kathleen Ballantine Watson at 361 Lantern Lane. You can meet them at the Community Center at one of three appointed times: Saturday January 27th from 8 am to 9 am, Tuesday January 30th from 1130 am to 1230 pm, or Thursday February 1st from 130 pm to 230 pm.

You can still mail it to the P.O. Box address on the return envelop included with your ballot. Be careful. No ballots will be accepted after 230 pm on February 1st. As stated in last month's Mobile Manor Monthly, any other attempt to have your ballot count will be futile.

If you want to vote but are not up-todate with your 2017 fees, it is too late!! The By Laws state "To be a member "In Good Standing" for the Annual Meeting in February, all fees for the preceding twelve (12) months must be paid by December 31st......" This was also stated in Mobile Manor Monthly as recently as December, 2017.



1st - Community Meeting-CC 230 pm

6th - MMSC-CC 2 pm

14th - Happy Valentine's Day!!! Sweetheart Dance & Dinner-CC 6-10 pm

19th - Happy President's Day!!! Happy Family Day!!!

24th - 50s Dance w/ Lady K & DJ-CC 7-10 pm \$5

27th - Board Meeting- **CC** 2 pm

Mar. 1st - Community Meeting-CC 230 pm

Mar. 2nd - Rummage & Bake Sale Setup-CC 8 am

Mar. 3rd - Rummage & Bake Sale-CC 8 am - 2pm

Raffle for Annual Fees!!



See Bonnie Gilliland or Rick Gillispie for tickets (1/\$5 or 3/\$10) to win a year's maintenance fees (\$336) starting 05/01/2018. The drawing will be at the Community Center after the meeting on 04/05/2018. You don't need to attend to win.



Hello, my name is Joann Housel. Chuck and I are new residents and have looked forward to having an active retirement. I have volunteered to act as MMSC President and Charlene Womack has volunteered to act as temporary club Treasurer.

In order to have an active Mobile Manor Social Club (MMSC), we are required to have a full board. At this time we need a Vice President and a Recording Secretary. We, as a community, have the ability to have many different activities every month. Interests have run from bowling to pool. All we need are volunteers, both as workers and chairpersons for specific events but most importantly, attendees to enjoy! Many volunteers are desperately needed for the activities we are trying to schedule for February and March. Please attend our next MMSC meeting scheduled for February 6th at 2:00 p.m. in the community center.

For our Community Rummage & Bake sale scheduled for Saturday March 3rd, we need many volunteers: **Breakfast** 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. (Coffee & Donuts), **Lunch** 11:00 a.m. until 1 or 1:30 p.m. (Hot dogs, chili dogs, soup whatever), **cashiers**, **Bake Sale items**, volunteers **for set up** Friday, March 2nd, **workers** for the 3rd and **clean up** after the sale Saturday, (the workers will be grateful). We need a **chairperson** for the bake sale. Also, we need someone to **pick up and deliver** large items on Friday March 2nd. This is the Social Club's biggest fund raiser and we need YOUR assistance! Please start baking early.

Thanks to Vicky and Butch Burney for our Coffee & Donuts on Saturday mornings in February. Beginning in February, the time will be from 8:30 a. m. until 9:30 a. m. You don't have to be there at 8:30, sleep in and come over at 9:00!!! We also have orange juice, bagels and cream cheese and raisin bread. Thanks to Brenda Miller for taking on Coffee & Donuts for March. Remember folks, this is truly a social activity. The laughter can be heard outside!!! Please come and join the fun.

Ken Doolin has offered to give Couple's Dancing Lessons. If you are interested please contact Ken.

We also need a volunteer to take care of updating the sign in front of the community center.

Brenda Miller volunteered to take care of our Helping Hands program for residents. She is having a Yard Sale at the community center on Feb 9th and 10th to benefit this program. All donations of food stuff, clothes, etc. will be greatly appreciated. Brenda also is hosting a "sit-down" dinner for Valentine's Day. Please sign up on the sheet in the community center. I heard delicious Brisket was being served. Donations will be accepted. Proceeds will be used to purchase supplies for Mobile Manor's Helping Hands Program.

Please bring donations for our community Rummage Sale to the community center on March 2^{nd} . You can make or purchase items to donate also. Remember – BAKE BAKE BAKE!

"Heads Up"

Helping Hands is holding a yard sale on Feb. 9th and 10th. It starts at 8 am



each day. Proceeds will help replenish the food pantry. Don't confuse this with the annual rummage sale held by the MMSC which will take place on March 3rd. The collections are separate. Miller will **Brenda** host а Sweetheart Dinner/Dance on Valentine's Day from 6 to 10 pm. You don't have to do much except signup at the clubhouse by Feb. 11th and show up on the 14th with an appetite and an appropriate donation. Then sit down, and wait to be served. Candlelight will set the mood. The meal consists of Brisket, Baked Potato, Salad, and Dessert. The dance will commence after dinner. Even though its title says "Sweetheart" both couples and singles are equally welcomed. Proceeds will help replenish Helping Hands' food pantry. Lady K & DJ Watson will present a 50s Doo Wop dance on Feb. 24th from 7 to 10 pm. \$5 Donation. There will be a nice prize given for the best 50s outfit. Sign up in the Community Center. The Strawberry Fest hinted at in last month's newsletter is on hold due to the illness of one of the organizers. Please note that the start time for Coffee and Donuts is now 830 am on Saturdays. The Pancake and Sausage **Breakfast** on Jan. 26th was cancelled.



"The Way We Were"

Feb. 1933- *Newsweek* is published for the 1st time; Yoko Ono born. Feb. 1938 - the 1st experimental

color TV was demonstrated; Bobby Pickett of Monster Mash fame was born. Feb. 1943-Frank Sinatra debuted on radio's Your Hit Parade: Ike picked to lead allies in Europe; Fabian and George Harrison born; Timmie Burchfield turned one year old. Feb. 1948-Moon of Uranus was photographed for the 1st time; NASCAR incorporated; Rick James and Alice Cooper born. Feb. 1953-You Are There with Walter Cronkite debuted on CBS; J Fred Muggs became a regular on NBC's Today Show; Bwana Devil, 1st 3-D film debuted. Feb. 1958 - Volare released; BC comic 1st appeared. Feb. 1963-Julia Child's show *The* French Chef 1st appeared; Fleetwood Lindley (1888-1963), the last living person to see Abraham Lincoln's face, died; Travis Tritt, Seal, Michael Jordan, and Charles Barkley born. Feb. 1968-Nixon announced candidacy for President; Planet of the Apes premiered; Elvis got Gold Record for How Great Thou Art; Mister Rogers' Neighborhood debuted.

What's wrong with this picture? Nothing as long they're not moving and someone is just trying to get a cute picture of their grandkids, but what if the



next frame shows them driving away. Well, unless that driver is at least 14, it's totally illegal in Florida and, even if he is, it demonstrates a total lack of common sense. However, if that golf cart can exceed 20 MPH, the driver must be licensed and at least 16. But again look at those kids who are totally unrestrained. Not smart!! Unfortunately, situations of this nature have been seen recently in Mobile Manor. Let's use our heads before a tragedy happens.



Russell Thomas

Dean Rose & Dana Wilson

Walter Reed & Cheryl Comenzo



Thanks to Barb McDonald, Brenda Miller, Elaine King, Joe Milano, June Jakobsen, Karla Gentry, and Linda Verrill who all graced

Mobile Manor with their Christmas caroling Christmas week. My apologies for not reporting this last month.

"Rummage/Bake Sale"

The rummage sale is set for March 3rd from 8 am to 2 pm. The setup will begin on March 2nd at 8 am. All



large items will be accepted and/or picked up on the 2nd. There are many, many opportunities to volunteer, so please contact Joann Housel at (502) 937-8718 as soon as possible. To donate smaller items drop them off at the clubhouse. For large items contact Joann to arrange for pick up. Don't forget baked goods for the Bake Sale.

(As I near the end of my tenure as editor of *Mobile Manor Monthly,* I'm reprinting some of my favorite "It's a Funny Life" stories. I hope you enjoyed them as much as I enjoyed writing them. This is from February, 2012)

"It's a Funny Life"

I'm one of those people who, if they're in a car, want to drive the car. I'm sure most of you



know the type. A few years ago Butch, Kathy, Debbie, and I had gone out to eat somewhere. Butch had driven, so, when we left the restaurant and approached his van, I insisted that he give me the keys. He complied, but as I started to open the driver's door he was about to protest when I cut him off with a sharp, "I'M DRIVING!!". I opened the door and hopped in. A strange woman was in the passenger's seat. "Who are you?", I inquired. She replied, "WHO are you?", just as her husband came around from the back of their van and asked me the same thing. Finally, realizing my mistake, I made a hasty exit while muttering multiple apologies. By the look on Butch's face and his incessant laughter, I knew I'd made his day.

(Note: The editor of *Mobile Manor Monthly* encourages feedback and input regarding the newsletter. Be it criticism or praise, corrections or new topics, please let me know. I can be reached at 740-972-9445, or timburch22@gmail.com.)