Editor’s Comment

Well, the snow has come and gone! (Except for this morning’s dusting.) And that’s a good thing. Even though the recent storm brought a beautiful sense of serenity and calm, I now await for Spring to arrive! We certainly had a taste of it these past few days. But I’m sure old man (not woman!) winter will rise up and hit us with another bout of the “white stuff!” Things have quieted down a bit here at Alpine, but no fear, there is still a multitude of activities to do. Super Bowl Sunday is this weekend. Go Panthers! Although it may be Peyton Manning’s final year in the NFL, so I’m betwixt and between. Anyway, try and stop by Seasons Lounge for their Super Bowl Party and an all-you-can-eat buffet for only $14.95. Enjoy watching the game on one of 8 big TV screens while you munch away! This month is Valentine’s Day, so don’t forget your sweeties! Take her or him to the Valentine’s Day Dinner & Dance held at the Lodge on Saturday, February 13th. And, can’t forget MOVIE NIGHT on February 15th. Please read more about all of these events in this issue of FWIW. Happy Valentine’s Day fellow Alpinites! Until next issue…

The next issue of FWIW will be issued on Friday, February 19th. Please email all articles to me, Janice Nelson, at mamaj11@yahoo.com, or use the FWIW box on the lobby counter. Please keep your articles brief so we can fit all the news in each issue. Remember that folks outside Alpine can read FWIW. Thanks for your cooperation and participation. Enjoy!

“All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn’t hurt.”

- Charles M. Schultz
TIMELY NOTICES AND REMINDERS

NEXT EGG DELIVERIES - Sheila Amato

James Stemple, our local farmer, will be delivering brown (usually jumbo) eggs to the Rhododendron Room on **Wednesday, Feb. 10th & 24th.** You need to pick up your order between 11-11:15am. The cost is $3 per dozen. You can respond via email (brltrans@frontier.com) or phone (305-789-5555) to place your order. Orders must be placed no later than Sunday night.

POSSUM TAIL FARMS – Sheila Amato

Jennifer Kahly from Possum Tail Farms would like to come to Alpine Lake every two weeks to sell meat that is raised on her nearby, Terra Alta farm. Please contact her at 304-789-5556 or iblandis100@gmail.com or www.possumtailfarm.com to discuss or place your order. You can find information about what they sell and their prices on the Friends of Alpine Lake Facebook page, too. Jennie will share her upcoming delivery days on this Facebook page.

BRAILLE WRITER MISSING – Sheila Amato

I am missing one of my grey, metal braillewriters; serial number R174. It is probable that it was loaned out to someone, and I just didn’t write down where it went. If you have this machine, or if you have seen it, please contact me.

THOUGHTS, PRAYERS AND THANK YOU MESSAGES

This section of FWIW is one of the best loved because it gives us an opportunity to keep up with our neighbors and friends by reporting good news as well as offering support when folks are going through difficult times. Thank you for passing along updates and news, with permission

I’d like to thank my Alpine family for all the support I have received following my ankle fracture. Food items that have been dropped off have been yummy, and have certainly made meal preparation on crutches more manageable. Visits, telephone calls and emails have kept me in contact with the rest of the community, and are a welcome treat. I am also very appreciative of all the offers of assistance -- grocery shopping, shoveling, whatever. Brunch this past Wednesday morning was a wonderful chance to catch up with everyone, and gave Greyde the opportunity to show off his company manners! You all have proved, once more, that our caring residents are a major asset of the Alpine Community. Thank you, again.

- Barbara Conway

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Congratulations goes out to Skip and Dottie Creamer’s grandson, Nick Barrett, who has qualified for the U.S. Four Ball Championship at Winged Foot, May 21st.

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We know there are others in our community who are dealing with various challenges, and we extend heartfelt prayers, thoughts and good wishes to all of them. Alpine is a caring community and the support is unending. Remember, life is easier when we multiply the joy and divide the grief. Blessings to all.
HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LAKE & NEARBY…

**SHUFFLEBOARD by Bob Bayer**

On 1/21 we welcomed a few new guests to our league. New homeowners, Lisa Miller and Curt Walker (who just happens to be my wife’s sister’s son...I guess that makes him our nephew) and Kris Iskow’s sister, Kathy (I guess that makes her Dave’s’ sister-in-law), joined us for the first time. The Commish was forced to play with his everyday wife since Thursday night wife was a no-show, which forced Marilyn to get stuck with Norleen (who actually finished 4th). And all the other wives got stuck with their respective husbands (sorry about your luck, gals!). Still missing the "Pond Lilly Chicks" (speedy recovery to Barb Conway!). I also miss playing with the Bucklews (especially Janice) as well as the Wachters (especially Joyce’s “distractionary” measures). Tonight's big shout out goes to Lisa Miller with a 5 point turn on her first time playing this silly game as they recorded a couple of nice wins (albeit from the losers' bracket!). Yeah, get use to the banter if you're gonna hang with us old folks. Results to follow. On 1/28 we had a lighter turnout since it coincided with "poker night." A lot of good play, though. The Commish got "benched" as neither one of his wives show up (yet still managed 6 pts with a hanger in a fill-in role for Ginger in one game.) Tonight's shout out has to go to those "dreaded" Laing’s as John scores 8 with a hanger knocking off Tony, and Pat gets 6 with a hanger, and John follows with 7 to win. Wow! Dave and Sheila recorded the only other 2 hangers of the night. Dave also had throws of 7, 6, and 5 (were we using the smaller pucks tonight?). Sheila had a 6 and that Jim Rocchi guy had a 5. Results are in:

Jan. 21st 1st place: Kay & Bob Bayer (Thursday night wife gonna be jealous)
   2nd place: Ginger & Dave Tucker (didn't even have to keep score)
   3rd place: Kathy & Mike Andes (cupcake schedule)

Jan. 28th 1st place: Pat & John Laing (a week after losing to Marilyn & Norleen?)
   2nd place: Ginger & Dave Tucker (bridesmaids again)
   3rd place: Sheila & Tony Amato (back in the hunt?)

Please join us on Thursday evenings at 6pm (come early to sign up and have dinner) for the most "pucking" fun you can have on a shuffleboard table here at Alpine Lake, regardless of the size of the "pucks" that we decide to use that night! "Be there or be square!" (Where have I heard that before?)
SEASONS RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE

Valentine’s Day (February 13th)
Dinner from 5pm-8pm; DJ dance from 8pm-11pm
No cover charge – part of the dinner

Super Bowl Party (February 7th) in the Lounge starting at 5pm till ?
$14.95 all you can eat – Wings, chili, sloppy joes, hot dogs, nacho cheese and salsa and a veggie tray
We have the Super Bowl square going on $10 a square with all $$$ going back into the prize drawing.

Mystery Dinner (rescheduled to March - date to be determined)
“Till Death Do Us Part” -- still working on the details

ROMEOS – by Herman Mason
Want to join us on Friday morning for breakfast? ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) breakfasts are always at one of our local restaurants every Friday morning. We try to car pool and leave the Alpine Parking Lot around 7:30am. I send out an e-mail on Wednesday announcing the location. Want to join us? My address is hmas888@frontier.com.

JULIET’S LUNCHEON – by Trish Birch
The next luncheon will be held at Dutch’s at Silver Tree on Wednesday, February 17th. We will meet at the Lodge parking lot at 11am to car pool. Please call Trish @ 434-944-6184 to RSVP by Monday, February 16th.

OF INTEREST TO OUR COMMUNITY

TERRA ALTA FOOD BANK
There is an ongoing need to replenish supplies at our local food bank so please add your donations whenever you can to help this worthy cause. There is a box inside the front foyer of the Lodge for your convenience. Please continue to be generous in your giving.
CELEBRATIONS

The following people have celebrated or will be celebrating a February Birthday:

Belated birthday wishes to Shirley Melmed who celebrated her special day on the 2nd! A wonderful Birthday wish to our own Kay Bayer whose day was on the 4th! Jim Sheets celebrates his birthday on the 6th and Kandy Bucy celebrates on the 8th! Happy Birthday to Marilyn Wade and Allan Melmed whose special day is on the 12th! Sally Rocchi has a special Valentine’s Day Birthday on the 14th and Cindy Vantris celebrates on the 15th. Skip Keppler, Cynthia Lincoln and Dottie Creamer share their special day on the 18th.

And last but not least, a very happy anniversary to Sue and Pat Thompson on February 14th!

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED – Rich Nelson, Webmaster

The new website was launched this past Wednesday and offers a number of new features:

1. We will be periodically changing the rotating images to ensure we show Alpine Lake to its best advantage. Our thanks to John Wiltison for his incredible photos!
2. FWIW and the Events Calendar are now featured under the category header, "News & Events."
3. “Live Music & Upcoming Events” (bottom of home page) will always present up to 4-5 upcoming activities.
4. The “Members” side of the website now features both a standard alphabetical and visual menu.
5. The Community Chat no longer offers a “guest” status. Once you’ve logged out, you return to the general “home” page.

Note: Although we have updated the site to reflect Seasons Restaurant & Lounge, we are still waiting for new copy and menu.

Please let me know what you think! You can leave your comments on Community Chat or contact me at webmaster@alpinelake.com. Thank you.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ECC COMMITTEE – by Dick Gallagher, Chair

We have been contacted by several property owners whose neighbors have mercury vapor, halogen, or other flood lights that remain on all night. This is a violation of the article in the handbook (page 17), Other Prohibitions: “3. The erection of unshielded omni-directional vapor light(s) or incandescent bulbs over 100 watts or any other outdoor lighting that is of such power that the illumination is not confined to the owner’s property is prohibited unless otherwise approved by the ECC Committee.” If you have such lights on a motion-detector with a reasonable turn-off period (about ten minutes), that makes some sense. If your lights are on all night, however, they are both a nuisance and a distraction to your neighbors who are trying to sleep. Please be aware of this problem and take the necessary steps to be a good neighbor. Continuing violations of the policy will require further action, probably an allegation to the Compliance Committee.
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – by Charlotte Wiles

This is to remind everyone that the 2016 calendars are available at the front desk of the Lodge. Also, we will be updating and printing a new Alpine Lake telephone directory for 2016/2017 to be distributed at the annual board meeting in June. All additions, corrections and deletions must be submitted to Nina Sheets or me by the first week in June. Thank you.

MARKETING COMMITTEE – by Ronnie Schiffbauer & Rich Nelson, Co-chairs

Although this is the “slow” time at Alpine, the committee has been busy making recommendations to the board and management involving the advertising budget, amenity fees, a model boat race and the music festival.

Social media and the internet are primary ways to advertise in current times. Our new webmaster, Rich Nelson, is working on making the Alpine Lake website more user friendly, working on fine-tuning our Google ads while updating Alpine Lake information. This will be "a work in process" over several months.

The committee is also analyzing other advertising media to promote Alpine Lake Resort to target customers in specific locations. A static billboard in the McHenry/Deep Creek Lake area is planned to direct visitors to come “a few more miles” to Alpine Lake Resort. Ads will continue to run at Garrett Cinemas. Ads in some printed publications are being considered to attract vacationers and future retirees to Alpine Lake Resort as their destination to live their dreams. An updated Alpine Lake brochure featuring all of Alpine Lake's amenities for visitors is planned for distribution in the near future.

Comments and ideas can be sent to the Marketing Committee at comments@alpinelake.com or placing them in the “Comments” box in the Lodge lobby.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – by Boris Nazaroff

2016 Board of Directors Positions

Two (2) ALPOA Board of Directors positions will be up for re-election in June, 2016. Any interested Alpine Lake property owner in good standing is eligible to run for one of these positions. Each position entails a term of three (3) years. All interested candidates are encouraged to contact me in any of three ways:

1. Via Mail:
   Boris Nazaroff, Chair, Nominations & Elections Committee,
   700 West Alpine Drive, Terra Alta, WV 26764
2. Via Telephone: 571.926.6388
3. Via E-Mail: bnazaroff@gmail.com

Please remember that the deadline for submission of your intention to be an ALPOA Board of Director candidate is 5pm, Tuesday, March 15, 2016. If you have any questions regarding the nominations process, please feel free to contact me as indicated above.

(Good Standing means (a) association dues are up-to-date and (b) have not been declared to be in violation of restrictive covenants of ALPOA.)
Linette Sines – Interim General Manager

It's hard to believe that we are already into the month of February! I want to give kudos to our Roads Maintenance crew for their work during the big snow storm! Chester, CJ, JC, Sam, Dean and Bill worked long hours to keep our roads clear and safe.

There were 26 home sales at Alpine Lake in 2015. There have been four homes sales so far in 2016, including the most recent sale on Woodbine Drive. Jim & Joyce Wachter are now the proud new owners of 30 Woodbine Drive. Congratulations on your new home!

If you run into Front Desk Clerk and fellow homeowner, Kaye Bayer, be sure to wish her a "Happy Birthday," as she turned a year older on February 4th.

The fitness room flooring has been installed, and we have four commercial heating/ac units dedicated to that area, so once we move into that area, you will be able to keep cool while working out. The pool is still a work in progress, as we are trying to balance the chemicals in the water. The Maintenance Director at the Will O’ the Wisp in Deep Creek Lake has been gracious enough to give us some guidance in the process, and is providing us with valuable information and advice.

We are pleased to welcome the girls from Delta Phi Epsilon on Saturday, February 20th. This Pittsburgh group will be staying in the hotel, using our conference rooms and dining at Seasons restaurant.

Our new website has been revealed, so if you haven't had a chance to check it out, please do! One of the new features is that we will change our home page images each season, so right now, visitors of the page can see the beauty of the snow at Alpine Lake.

ALPUC NEWS by Kim Mayne – ALPUC General Manager

We wanted to let customers know that due to inclement weather your January meter reading has been estimated. Your billing dated and mailed on January 29, 2016 is an estimated billing. Please note that your statement may reflect usage even if you have not consumed any water, due to a 12 month average that is used for estimation. As with other utilities, the estimate will correct itself once we are able to obtain an actual reading. If you have any questions in regard to an estimated bill or any other issue, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (304) 789-6996 or by email at alpucoffice@frontier.com.

Please make sure that your contact information is current and up-to-date. Please feel free to call or email our office to ensure that we have the correct billing address, email address, home and cell phone numbers on file. You may even jot us a note if you are mailing in payment with that information. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you during 2016.

SECURITY by Fuzzy Corum- Director of Security

Homeowners should remember when it’s snowing not to park their vehicles along the roads as this causes problems with the snowplows. No vehicle except a duly licensed vehicle shall be operated on any street and no such vehicle shall be operated except by a duly licensed operator. Unlicensed motor scooters, mopeds, three/four wheelers, motorized skate boards, snowmobiles, golf carts, or any unlicensed motorized conveyance may not be driven on Alpine Lake roads.
PRESIDENT’S REPORT – by Ginger Tucker, President

Winter has certainly been unusual this year with temps going from below 0 to almost 60 balmy degrees. It’s a good thing we are adaptable. Our community continues to weather (pun intended) all changes.

Our last board meeting on January 16th, with a marathon agenda, was curtailed at 2:30 once we finished discussing old business issues. We originally planned to continue the meeting the following Saturday (January 23) but Winter Storm Jonas intervened, postponing our meeting to this Saturday, February 6th at 10am.

In the meantime, the warmer temps have melted the three-foot snowfall and we look forward to continuing our business. We are approaching the opening of the pool after a year of construction that was hampered initially by extremely cold temperatures inhibiting concrete work, and winding up with electrical systems improperly installed by a now bankrupt contractor and other similar complications. We are completing final preparations (chemical balancing and final cleanup activities) before scheduling the Fire Marshall and Health Department inspections.

Our next slated meetings are February 6th at 10 am and February 27th at 10am.

“I’d rather have roses on my table than diamonds on my neck.”

- Emma Goldman
ALPINE LAKE LODGE HOURS
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY (HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FRONT DESK
Mondays – Saturdays: 8am-4pm
Sundays: 8am-3pm

SEASONS DINING ROOM – CLOSED

SEASONS LOUNGE –
Mondays – Fridays: 4pm – 9pm
Saturday & Sunday: 12pm-9pm

FITNESS CENTER
OPEN DAILY from 6am – 10pm

PRO SHOP – CLOSED

Note: Our Alpine Lake website is: www.alpinelake.com Call (800) 752-7179 or (304) 789-2481

“They invented hugs to let people know you love them without saying anything.”

- Bill Keane
FREE CLASSIFIED ADS – “A Service for our Readers”

Editor’s Note: Ads will run in 4 issues, and then be deleted, unless new ones are resubmitted. This will be accomplished by inserting the date the ad was first run, with new ads at the top of the listing. Remember to notify me if your item is no longer available, too. Thank you.

Tax Services: Dorinda Kisner, CPA, and staff providing professional services for individuals, businesses, estates and trusts. Tax planning, compliance, estimated payments, consulting and accounting services locally in Terra Alta. Contact us at 304-789-6082 or email at questions@kisnercpa.com (12/18)

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Mountain Den Services provides stacked seasoned hardwood $75 approximately ½ cord. We are new residents to Alpine Lake Resort and would like to provide your firewood. Do you have a rental but don't want to provide unlimited firewood? We also provide bundles at $6 each. Call 410-474-6714 or send us an email to Denmail@mountaindenservices.com (12/18)

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Pet Sitting & House Checks. Call Kay Bayer 304-789-2111

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“Romance is thinking about your significant other when you are supposed to be thinking about something else.”

- Nicholas Sparks
DATES TO REMEMBER  (*A handy summary of dates to put on your calendar now*)

Please note that the following events occur **weekly** on the day and time noted:

**Mon., Wed. & Fri.**  9am -10am – FUN-FIT Aerobics Classes, Lodge, Allegheny Room

**Mondays**  10am - 3pm – Sew Together, Rhododendron Room, Lodge

**Wednesdays**  10am – Needlework Club - Rhododendron Room, Lunch Follows
   6-7 pm - Jammers – Rhododendron Room (except the first Wed. of each month)
   7pm – Property Owners Game Night, Boathouse

**Thursdays**  10am - Noon – Braille Workshop – Rhododendron Room
   6pm - Close – Shuffleboard

**Note:**  Dump Open: Tues/Thurs 7am – 4pm & Sats. 7am-4pm

T.A. Recycling Plant Open: Tues/Weds/Thurs 8am –4pm, and Sats. 8am ‘til Noon

Also – monthly events:

2nd Sunday of each month – 7am – 1pm – Kingwood VFD Breakfast

3rd Saturday of each month – 9am – ALPUC Board Meeting (meets March, June’s annual mtg.,
   Sept., Nov.)
   10am – ALPOA Workshop Board Meeting (see note below)

ALPOA WORKSHOP BOARD MEETING –

   **Sat. Feb. 6th & Feb. 27th @ 10am**

Please continue to email Board Members w/questions, suggestions (addresses are on website)

   OR use Comment Box in Lobby

**COMING EVENTS**  (Please put on your calendar now – don’t miss a thing – watch for details):

**Sun. Feb. 7th** -  5pm till ?? – Super Bowl Party in the Lounge

**Sat., Feb. 13th** – Valentine’s Day Dinner/Dance from 5pm-8pm; DJ dance from 8pm-11pm

**Wed., Feb. 17th** – Juliet’s Luncheon at Dutch’s at Silver Tree, 11am to car pool

**Fri. Feb. 19th** – Noon – Next FWIW published; submit articles no later than Wednesday, the 17th
Mondad, February 15th
At 5 PM
Dinner and a movie at the Boathouse

2016 is a Leap Year!

Carry in dinner

Bring your favourite

Comfort food

And tableware and beverage.

If you are in Alpine mid-February, please join us!

Brought to you by
Nina and Jim Sheets

Call Nina for more information