

*** *For What It's Worth* ***



Janice Nelson, Editor

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Editor's Comments

There's no place like home! Even though Rich and I had a wonderful time visiting our son and daughter-in-law in Tokyo, it is sooooo good to be back at Alpine Lake. The serenity, peacefulness, natural beauty and great friends made it very easy to return. Well, it's that special time of the year again...the Holiday Season. Thanksgiving is around the corner and the restaurant at the Lodge will be serving, once again, a buffet with all the "fixings" for you and yours. Reservations are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome, as well. Next up is the annual Property Owner's Christmas Dinner & Dance on December 9th and the Employees Christmas/Holiday Party on the 17th. Please read Bernie and Birgit Stock's article in this issue for more information regarding these two events. Considering purchasing a gift for a needy child? If so, the Angel Tree is back at the Lodge. I understand there are just a few angels left. So please, if you intended to participate in this special program, get on over to the Lodge ASAP and choose your Angel from the tree. Due to Thanksgiving, the next issue of FWIW will be published on December 1st. Again, it's great to be home! Until next time... oh, and Happy Thanksgiving to all!

The next FWIW will be issued on Friday, December 1st. Please email all articles to me, Janice Nelson, at mamaj11@yahoo.com.

ANGEL TREE by *Trish Birch*

All purchases for each child must be back to the Lodge no later than Monday, December 4th. Please remember to attach the package code to the gift (very important) as this code identifies the child. Any questions? Please call Trish at (434) 944-6184.

ON A SAD NOTE. . . .

The following is from Pat Kelley who, with her husband, Gerald, lived here at Alpine for many years:

"I just wanted to let you know that Gerald passed on 11/5/17. He had surgery for a heart valve on 10/3 and had a stroke and was in rehab but we think he had several more strokes and died. Tami and I are doing ok but I feel like I lost my right arm--65 years with him and blessed each year. -- Pat"

ALPINE LAKE LIBRARY *by Sheila Amato*

It is wonderful to see how our Alpine Lake Library (in the Rhododendron Room) has been receiving a lot of visitors. Here are some reminders to optimize everyone's reading pleasure:

- Feel free to take any books. Returns are not necessary.
- Donations of gently read books are always eagerly received. Just leave them by the shelves and I will take care of shelving them for you. I rotate our stock as often as I can.

HOWEVER, please do NOT leave textbooks or outdated medical-type books. Those will be discarded.

At this time, we are not accepting magazines for our library because there is no place to store them neatly. However, a box will shortly be placed in the Lodge vestibule (next to the container for the food pantry) where you can place magazines, and I will bring them over to Hopemont for their patients' enjoyment.

Read on!

SHUFFLEBOARD *by John Laing*

November 2nd

We had nine teams shuffling. Craig and Susie Stevens played for the first time. John and Pat Laing each threw a hanger, and John had another courtesy of a bump by Gary Cox. Other great shots included Denise knocking off Susie's 3 to score 2 and Michele knocking off Teddi's 3 and leaving hers on for 6! First place went to Tony and Sheila, second to Bernie and Birgit Stock, and third place to Barry and Michele Barra. We started shortly after 6pm and were done by 9:30. You do not have to have experience to play, and it is a good remedy for cabin fever. We play every Thursday evening except for Thanksgiving.

REMINDER: TERRA ALTA FOOD BANK

There is an ongoing need to replenish supplies at our local food bank so please add your donations to help this worthy cause. There is a box inside the front foyer of the Lodge for your convenience.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE *by Sally Rocchi*

We would like to thank Allan Melmed for the three beautiful sailing ship models now displayed on the wall behind the Lobby's Front Desk. They add so much to the ambience of the room.

We are looking for someone to step up and chair the House Tour. At this time, the tour is still scheduled for the Sunday after the Annual Meeting.

We will decorate the Lodge, dining room, and fences at the mini-golf, and Welcome Center, the Wednesday after Thanksgiving. That is November 29th, at 10am. I will have jobs for everyone. I would like to have participants bring a crock pot of soup, so that after we have finished, we can sit down and relax.

I am also looking for old oars or canoe paddles to use at the Lodge. Call me at (304) 789-5408.

PROPERTY OWNERS COMMITTEE by *Bernie & Birgit Stock*

Here we are in November and winter is still holding its breath.

The final figures for our Oktoberfest Weekend are now in the books. We grossed \$11,375. Our expenses were \$4,651, which includes a \$500 donation to the OVFD for music, \$100 to TAVFD for use of their billboard, newspaper ads, new banners, food and beverages. Although the turnout for the Breakfast on Sunday morning was disappointing, we did more than break-even. (Maybe we should take a closer look at continuing it. The Men of Alpine put a lot of effort into it. Let us know how you feel.)

The bottom line is a net income of \$6,723. Again, thanks to all who, in any way, helped to make our FEST a success. Remember, too, the wonderful baked goods that were all donated by our own folks, and was all profit.

HOLIDAY PARTIES are now on the horizon. After the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Lodge on Thursday, November 23rd (which, we hope, many will enjoy), we will start decorating for the Christmas Holidays. There's the Boathouse, Lodge (both inside and out), plus the Gate and selected intersections. Please feel free to pitch in.

The Annual Christmas/Holiday Dinner & Dance for Property Owners and their guests will take place at the Lodge on Saturday, December 9th, starting at 6pm. A cash bar happy hour will be followed by a Buffet Dinner, music and dancing. Please sign up at the front desk by Monday, December 4th, so we can get a proper count. The cost will be \$20 per person, tip & tax included. COME ENJOY A NICE EVENING WITH FELLOW PROPERTY OWNERS.

The Annual *Employees* Christmas/Holiday Party will take place at the Lodge on Sunday, December 17th in the afternoon (time to be determined later). The Committee will need the help of a number of P.O. volunteers for this event. We also ask for donations from Property Owners to help defray the cost of this Event. If you would like to help, make a check out to ALPOC/Employees Christmas for any amount and send it to:

STOCKS /POC 2181 W. ALPINE DRIVE, TERRA ALTA, WV 26764 or drop it off at the FRONT DESK in an envelope marked "P.O.C./B&B STOCK."

Welcome back Richard and Janice! You missed the first snow, but there's much more to come....

Still a lot going on around the Campus and surrounding Area, so keep your antennas up and spread the news on anything that sounds interesting... and let it snow!!!

AN UPDATE FROM THE BOARD by *Barb Conway, President*

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the hiring of R. Clayton Rice as the General Manager for Alpine Lake Resort. Clay comes to us with over twenty years of experience in the hospitality industry, including involvement in the administrative operation of a resort with multiple homeowner associations. His education includes business administration in hospitality, training through the Marriott and Holiday Inn Corporations, and professional development through the Community Association Institute. Management experience includes hotels and resorts in Hilton Head, SC, Virginia Beach, VA, and Cumberland, MD.

Clay will begin his employment at Alpine on November 13th. The Board is planning an informal Meet-and-Greet after the workshop session on November 18th. Please join us in welcoming Clay to Alpine.

ALPUC by Kim Mayne, General Manager

We would like to express our well wishes to all of our customers to enjoy a Wonderful Thanksgiving with their family! Please note that our office will be closed on November 23rd and 24th (Thursday and Friday) so that staff can enjoy Thanksgiving with their families. If an emergency should arise, please contact security.

We cannot stress enough to winterize your home. Please plan ahead if you want your service turned off at the meter. Please contact our office and we'll be happy to assist Monday through Friday. We do need to remind everyone that **ONLY ALPUC** license operators are authorized to turn water off or on at the meter for any reason. Tampering with a utility meter is illegal in West Virginia and must be performed by the utility.

Food for thought:

Below are some highlights from a September 29th article found on Daily Mail with useful information. Good Housekeeping Institute experts provide advice on what should not be washed down the kitchen sink, **with or without a garbage disposal** as these foods may easily lead to blocked pipes, expensive plumbing bills, and damage to the garbage disposer:

- Anything fibrous or starchy like **BEANS** or **CELERY**
- **COFFEE GROUNDS** as they can stick together
- **GREASE AND OIL** can cause grotesque fatbergs in the sewer line under the home
- **PASTA, POTATO PEELINGS, EGG SHELLS,** and **BONES** are also included as hazardous to house plumbing and sewer lines

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS – “A Service for our Community”

FOR SALE: 2003 Chrysler Sebring Convertible; Good to Very Good condition; 74,000 original miles; \$3700 OBO. Phone: (304) 789-5972. (11-10)

FOR SALE: 12' 3-person v-bottom jon boat w/oars, new 12V marine battery (never used), deep cell HD battery charger, electric trolling motor, 2 adult life jackets, 2 child life jackets, factory made t-shaped anchors, 20' extension aluminum ladder, Shop-Mate collapsible multi-clamp table, Black & Decker chop saw. Call (301) 663-8217 for info. (11-10)

FOR SALE: WEEDEATER 120 volt.electric weed whacker, with extended cable - \$5. Craftsman electric weed whacker, with battery and charger. Runs 40-45 minutes on a charge - \$20. Call Allan at (304) 789-2290 (10-13)

FOR SALE: FALL WREATHS--LOCALLY GROWN AND FRESHLY CUT
12” fall wreaths \$25. Larger sizes available upon request. Now taking pre-orders for Christmas Wreaths starting at \$30. Several different sizes and styles available. Contact lfriend@frontier.com or call (304) 672-7467 (10-13)

FOR SALE: Two adjoining lots at Alpine Lake Resort, Bavarian 122-123, located on Redwood Dr., utilities available, level building site, low traffic area, lots must be purchased together, \$1200 for both lots, OBO. Call (724) 583-2829 or Text (724) 208-1395 (9-29)

WANTED: Wanted; Legacy smart phone loaded with Android version 4.3, that I could use off line 'Voice to Text.' Please email haltecf@frontier.com (9-15)

FOR SALE: Bought too much, 1/2 inch OSB 2 pieces 24" x 8' both pieces \$16. Call (304) 789-6520 (9-15)

FOR SALE: File Cabinet Tan Metal, 15" wide, 18" deep, 52" high, 4 draws. Okay condition. Only \$10 Call Allan at (304) 789-2290. (9-15)

Fire Wood for Sale: Seasoned hard wood delivered and stacked, \$70 a load, 8 ft. truck bed. Call Joe at (304) 789-6838 (9-15)

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.

Insurance: Carrie See Insurance is located on Alpine Lake Road. We love working with Alpine residents, the homes are so beautiful and well maintained! We offer great rates on homeowners and automobile insurance, annuities and investments, life insurance, and business operations coverage. Give us a call for a free quote! (304) 789-5585 or email us at carrieseeinurance@gmail.com.

Watch Batteries: Batteries available for most watches – \$1 installed for most or under \$1 if you install it yourself. Contact John Laing (304) 789-6120.

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

ALPINE LAKE LODGE HOURS

FRONT DESK

Sunday – Thursday: 7am–5pm

Friday & Saturday: 7am–7pm

FITNESS CENTER

OPEN DAILY from 5am – 11pm

POOL

OPEN DAILY from 5am-11pm

RESTAURANT

Friday & Saturday: 7am – 9pm

Sunday: 7am – 2pm

LAKERS LOUNGE

Monday-Thursday: 4pm- 9pm

Friday: 4pm- 10pm

Saturday: Noon – 10pm

Sunday: Noon – 9pm

PRO SHOP

CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

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:

- Mondays** 10am - 3pm – **Sew Together** – Rhododendron Room
Mon., Wed., Fri 8:30am-9:30am – **Power Aerobics** – Lodge
Tues. & Thurs. 8am-9am **Water Aerobics** - Pool
Wed. 10am – **Needlework Club** - Rhododendron Room
6 -7pm - **Jammers** – Rhododendron Room (except the first Wed. of each month)
7pm – **Property Owners Game Night**, Boathouse
Thursdays 10am – 12pm – **BRILLE WORKSHOP** – Rhododendron Room
6pm – **SHUFFLEBOARD** – Lounge

Note: Dump Open: Tues/Thurs 7am – 4pm & Saturdays 7am-4pm

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

Also – monthly events:

- 3rd Monday of each month – 7pm – **Terra Alta Civic Club** – TA Ambulance Hall
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.)
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month: 7pm- **East Preston Lions Club Meeting**
First Tuesday meeting is held at Shorthorns
Third Tuesday meeting is in the Rhododendron Room

ALPOA BOARD WORK SESSION – November 18th at 9am

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

- Thurs.. Nov. 23rd** 11am – 4pm **Thanksgiving Buffet** – Evergreene Dining Room - Lodge
Wed., Nov. 29th - 10am - **Lodge Christmas Decorating** – volunteers needed
Mon., Dec. 4th - Last day for all **Angel Tree** purchases to be delivered to Lodge
Sat., Dec. 9th - 6pm - **PO’s Christmas/Holiday Dinner & Dance** - Lodge
Sun. Dec 17th - Time TBD **Employees Christmas/Holiday Party** - Lodge
Wed., Dec. 27th - 12pm – 5:30pm **Blood Mobile** – TA Ambulance Hall



Hand Carved Turkey
Brown Sugar Baked Ham
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Stuffing
Green Beans
Cranberry Sauce
Dinner Roll
Side Salad
Pumpkin Pie

\$17.99
 Per Person
11am - 4pm
 *Children 7-12
\$10.99
 *Children 6 and
 under eat FREE