

For What It's Worth



Janice Nelson, Editor

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Editor's Comment

From my family to yours, here's wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year! See you around the lake and *please* stay warm!

The next FWIW will be issued on Friday, December 30th. Please email all articles to me, Janice Nelson, at mamaj11@yahoo.com. Only use the FWIW box on the lobby counter IF you do not have access to a computer. *Please keep your article brief so we can fit all the latest news in each issue.* Thanks for your cooperation and participation.



Happy Holidays from the Front Desk, Staff and Housekeeping!

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LAKE & NEARBY

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER by Sheila Amato & Ann Isenmock

The Alpine Lake tradition of Christmas Eve Dinner at the Boathouse continues in 2016. You and your family are invited to share food, drink, conversation and companionship, starting at 5pm on Saturday, Dec. 24th. Dinner will be completed in time for those who wish to attend evening church services. Please sign-up no later than December 22nd at the Lodge.

SEASONS: NEW WINTER HOURS

We are now open from 3pm to 9pm Monday - Friday and 12pm to 9pm Saturday & Sunday. Also, we will serve food from 4pm to 8pm Monday - Friday. Saturday kitchen opens from 12pm to 8pm and Sunday 12pm to 7pm.

REMINDER: TERRA ALTA RESCUE SQUAD AND FIRE DEPT. *by Bob Hart*

We at Alpine are part of the whole community that surrounds us. At times, we have to call upon the local services and expect them to be available and respond to our needs. The Terra Alta Rescue Squad and Fire Department are volunteer organizations that have responded to AL emergencies. They depend upon donations to keep them operational. Please consider donating monetarily to them so when you have such a need, they will be available. Rescue Squad (1124 E. State Avenue) and Fire Department (1120 E. State Avenue) Terra Alta, WV 26764.

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.

NEEDLEWORK CLUB *by Sally Rocchi*

Come and enjoy a social morning of sewing, mending, knitting, crocheting or even adult coloring at the Rhododendron Room every Wednesday at 10am. Don't be shy, just stop by!

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE *by Sally Rocchi and Wilma Rumble*

We will be taking down Christmas decorations on Wednesday, January 4th at 10am. Meet at the Lodge. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE *by Charlotte Wiles*

The 2017 Alpine Lake Calendars are ready. The first one is free, the second one costs \$2. If you would like one mailed to you, the cost is an additional \$2 for shipping.

PROPERTY OWNER'S COMMITTEE *by Bernie and Birgit Stock*

Here we are, at the end of another year and we're still ticking. The Christmas season got off to a great start with the LIGHTING of ALPINE LAKE, some singing of popular songs and carols of the season, plus lots of goodies to start our holiday diets!!! The Property Owners Christmas/Holiday Party was well attended on the 12th, with about 70 folks enjoying a nice meal hosted by SEASONS, some singing and much camaraderie. Some new faces joined us and, hopefully, we'll be seeing more of them. Welcome!

On Saturday the POC will host the Employee Christmas/Holiday Party at the Boathouse starting at 5pm. We're expecting about 65, including children. Santa, Frosty and Rudolf may show up as well. Although the POC will be taking care of food and gifts, a number of Property Owners have already given voluntary donations to help defray the costs. Blessings...Birgit and her "elves" will be working hard to prepare a great meal. Gift cards will be given to all the employees, too.

Don't forget to sign up for the Christmas Eve Gathering at the Boathouse if you're interested as well as the New Year's Eve Party at the Lodge/SEASONS.

The "Movie Night" at the Boathouse continues to draw a nice crowd, especially with our new 65" screen. The next one will be on Monday, January 9th, hosted by the Stocks. Sign-up will take place at the Lodge after Christmas. The movie shown will be The Yellow Rolls Royce.

To everyone who decorated their homes for the holidays, great job. The place looks very Bright & Happy.

We're putting a hold on the aluminum can collection until spring. So hold them or put them with trash/T.A. Recycling.

SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS by *Bob Bayer*

Eleven teams participated in "the good, the bad and the ugly" on December 1st. Joining us (briefly) for the 1st time this season was Cindy & Chip Sturm. On the good side were several "skunkers" including the Herndons (10-0) and Lisa & Curtis. On the bad side were the "skunkies" including the Amatos and then the Herndons on the receiving end. And now for the ugly: I'm really not liking my new niece as she "skunked" Kay & Bob playing with Curtis, and then added insult to injury by "skunking" us again with Bernie in the next round. Needless to say, Lisa played most of the night. Tonight's "hanger" club included Denise Kerr, Sam (but got knocked off by Birgit), which he returned the favor by knocking her off. Lisa had a hanger (you play enough games, you're bound to) and Birgit had a hanger knocked off by Barb. All in all a pretty vindictive group. That's why I love 'em!

On to December 8th, the day after the day of remembrance that will "go down in infamy!" These notes, however accurate they may or may not be, are courteously provided by Curtis. Looks like another week of "the good, the bad, and the ugly" (obviously one of my favorite Eastwood movies). I guess we'll start with the good and bad "skunks" of the night. The "skunkers" included Teddi & Gary, Bernie & Birgit (with a hanger from Bernie?), Teddi & Gary again in one throw (and weren't around in the end?), the Laings (compliments of a Pat hanger), and then a double "skunk" in the championships (really?). I couldn't have scripted this any better! And now onto the bad: the "skunkies" included Dave & Bevan, and I'm saving the best ugly story for my beloved new niece, after skunking us twice last week, gets a taste of that skunk in back-to-back games. Welcome to shuffleboard folks, where every week can bring totally new results, other than Barry Barra actually winning! Speaking of Barry, you all have to check out the "ultimate hanger" ever thrown since I've been doing this league play. Curtis posted it on our Facebook page. Literally one third of the puck is hanging off the side edge and one third is hanging off the back edge...that leaves one third of the puck...must be those "little pucks" that is actually hanging on the board. An amazing shot to say the least (lucky as heck, to say the most)! But seriously, Barry, I don't think that shot can be beat, just glad Curt got the pic or I wouldn't have believed it. I'd have given you 8 pts on that shot. Michelle also throws a hanger, but still loses (Barry Syndrome?).

Dec. 1st 1st place: Barb & Jim Herndon (again, really?)

2nd place: Kathy & Sam Berry (couple 5 point throws got close)

3rd place: Lisa & Curt Walker (Curt needs a case of beer to play for)

Dec. 8th 1st place: Birgit & Bernie Stock ("skunkie, then skunker? Where were the "Bernie shots?")

2nd place: Pat & John Laing (Same question: "skunker" then "skunkie"? Past our bedtimes?)

3rd place: Lisa & Curtis Walker (my new favorite niece...if she doesn't skunk me next week!)

We have a seriously good time in SEASONS Lounge on Thursday nights through the winter months with good eats and drinks. Consider joining us for good times as we always welcome newcomers. Sign-up by 6pm! Hope to see more folks who want to learn how to play with us. Lessons are free so just come have some fun with us!

ECC by *Kurt Engel, Chair*

Here is the ECC winter meeting schedule (Thursdays at 10am):

December 15

January 5 and 19 (2017)

February 2 and 16 (2017)

March 2 and 16 (2017)

Weekly ECC meetings begin again on Thursday, April 6, 2017.

ALPOA BOARD NEWS

BOARD NEWS submitted by Gary Cox, President

The Alpine community is in the middle of the festive holiday season with many activities and a great time for fellowship and sharing with our neighbors. The Terra Alta Christmas Parade started the activities and was followed by the Light-up Night at the Lodge. Silent Night, the movie at the Boathouse, reminded us about the real meaning of Christmas. Angel Tree and Food Pantry donations are coming in as Alpiners share their blessings. The Juliets' Christmas luncheon included a roaring fire and much laughter. The Christmas/Holiday Dinner united many property owners in holiday cheer and fellowship. Upcoming events include the Employee Christmas Party, the Christmas Eve dinner at the Boathouse, and the New Year's Eve dinner & dance. You may sign-up for these events at the Lodge. All the festivities are enhanced by the great decorations made by the Beautification Committee, the Property Owners Committee, SEASONS, and our own staff. Thanks to their efforts, Alpine is ready for the holiday season from the Welcome Center throughout the Lodge and continuing to the Boathouse.

The ALPOA Board thanks all the volunteers that help make Alpine the community where you can "Live Your Dreams." We wish all a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!



FROM MANAGEMENT & STAFF

Melanie Miller – Marketing Manager

I'm happy to help Linette this week while she is on vacation. I hope that everyone is enjoying the light snow that we have had so far at Alpine Lake! It is just enough to be beautiful, but not cause hazardous travel. I don't know about you, but that's my kind of snow! :)

The Annual Christmas Eve Gathering will be held at the Boathouse on Saturday, December 24th. Just bring your favorite appetizer, side dish or dessert. It is sure to be a great time of friendship, dinner & holiday spirit! Ann Isenock and Sheila Amato ask that you RSVP to let them know what you will be bringing. You may sign up at the front desk in the Lodge or call Ann (304-789-5041) or Sheila (304-789-5555).

There is still time if you would like to purchase and donate gift cards (of any type) to be used in the employee prize drawing at our Christmas party. Please drop them off at the Lodge before December 16th.

Please keep in mind that the Lodge will be closed all day on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th, so that Alpine Lake employees may enjoy time with their family. Thank you for your understanding.

ALPUC NEWS by Kim Mayne, General Manager

Wishing each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy & Happy New Year!

The ALPUC office will be closed December 26th and January 2nd to enjoy the holidays with our families.

ALPUC recently had an employee, Audra "Syp" Sypolt, celebrate his 25th work anniversary with our company. Syp has been an asset to ALPUC and this milestone is quite an accomplishment. So if you happen to see Syp, please extend your congratulations to him as his work is much appreciated.

P.S. Don't forget to winterize your home!

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS – “A Service for our Community”

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. (9/30)*

Plowing Services: Driveways: Small- \$20 & \$25, Medium - \$30 & \$35, Large- \$50. Also, decks & roofs – Call Joe at (304) 789-6838 (12/2)

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

Monday – Thursday: 8am – 4pm

Friday & Saturday: 8am – 5pm

Sunday: 8am – 3pm

SEASONS

Monday - Friday: 3pm – 9pm

Saturday & Sunday - 12pm – 9pm

PRO SHOP

Closed for the Season

FITNESS CENTER

OPEN DAILY from 7am – 9pm

POOL

OPEN DAILY from 8am-9pm



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** 9am-10am – **Power Aerobics** - Lodge
- Tues. & Thurs.** 8am- **Water Aerobics** - Pool
- Wednesdays** 10am – **Needlework Club** - Rhododendron Room, lunch follows
6 -7pm - **Jammers** – Rhododendron Room (except the first Wed. of each month)
7pm – **Property Owners Game Night**, Boathouse
- Thursdays** 6pm – **SHUFFLEBOARD** – SEASONS Lounge
- Thursdays** 10am - Noon – **Braille Workshop** – Rhododendron Room

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:

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



Next Board Workshop Meeting - Saturday, January 21st at 9am

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

- Sat., Dec. 17th -** 5pm – **Employee Christmas/Holiday Party-** Boathouse
- Sat. Dec.24th -** 5pm – **Christmas Eve Dinner -** @ Boathouse
- Wed., Dec. 28th -** Noon – 5:30pm –**Blood Mobile** – at Ambulance Hall
- Fri., Dec. 30th -** Next **FWIW** published – articles must be submitted by Wed., Dec. 28th
- Wed., Jan. 4th -** 10am – “**de-decorating**” day at the Lodge
- Mon., Jan. 9th -** 5pm – **Movie Night** @ the Boathouse featuring **The Rolls Royce**

New Year's Eve DINNER & DANCE



CELEBRATE THE COMING NEW YEAR
WITH MUSIC FROM

The Gamblers

DINNER AT 5:30
INCLUDES:
Cup of Tomato Bisque
Warm Spinach Salad
Prime Rib OR Chicken Chesapeake
Twice Baked Potato OR Rice Pilaf
California Blend Vegetables
Bread
Light Dessert
Coffee, Iced Tea
\$55 per person

DINNER ALSO
INCLUDES:
Champagne Toast
at Midnight
Cover Charge
Hats & Noisemakers

Cost for Dance Only
(With Champagne
& Hats/Noisemakers)
\$25 per person

RSVP by Dec 26th

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