

# *The OBC Post*



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## **2012 - We're Ready!**

*by Susan Collins*

Barring any surprises, life at OBC should be quieter and calmer this year with no major CAT projects planned for 2012. Coached with seasoned management working with veteran as well as rookie Board members, OBC is starting the year on sound footing financially and with goals of the various committees defined. As the year goes along, plays will be adjusted but the game plan is clear, as was laid out at the well attended January 9th CAT meeting.

Financially, we're 9.5% below budget for 2011, with the operating fund having a strong surplus. That's a nice healthy way to begin a year. Management received approval for the HVAC maintenance contract with Invironmental Control Systems and for replacement of the East and South sections for the Clubhouse roof, as well as the roof over the Clubhouse apartment. The West and North sections were replaced last year.

Our Clubhouse will once again serve as a polling place for elections with OBC being the only precinct voting here. If we get a good voter turnout from residents, most likely that will remain the *status quo*. Water rates will increase approximately 23% - thank you to the increases in Chicago and DuPage County rates. About 80% of our use is for irrigation so not too much, not too little, but just the right amount of rain will help our budget.

Named projects for the year are replacement of the 42-year-old sliding doors in the office, replacement of the rip rap around the shoreline of the pond by the gatehouse, and replacement of the aerator behind Club Three. The Grounds Committee studies of the pond shorelines indicate it will take approximately 2 weeks to re-grade the shoreline and install a weed control mat and the rip rap to hold the soil in place, followed by replacing the sod. Not only will the ponds look well-cared for but this improvement will help to prevent soil from sliding into the ponds. Preventing dredging for another 40 years is highly desirable.

The Pool Committee won approval for a one year contract for Swimming Pool Management Systems to service the pool and provide lifeguards. The contract is designed so that the guards will work in two shifts, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., rather than one guard serving for one long shift from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Revisions of pool rules are to be reviewed at the February meeting.

Following the reading of the objectives of each of the 7 Committees serving us and appointing CAT liaisons for each committee, the Board meeting was complete. Board and committee teams from prior years left us in winning positions. Let's do it again this year. Thank you to all those members, past and present.

## *Lupé Sends His Thanks*

Lupé sends a heartfelt thank you to all the people who attended his 30th anniversary party in December, as well as those who could not make it. As he said, "It made me very proud."

Social events at OBC will be posted weekly on:

- our **bulletin boards**
- our TV station - **Channel 951**
- our website: **[oakbrookclub.com](http://oakbrookclub.com)**

**BOARD MEETINGS**  
6:30 pm, Club Room

**CAT - Thu, February 2**  
**Club West - Thu, February 9**  
**Club Six - Mon, February 13**

To view re-plays of OB Village town hall meetings, watch Ch. 6 Mondays at 7 pm.  
Repeated on Tuesdays at noon.

### *Upcoming UWC Events*

#### **A Delicious Luncheon**

Wed., February 29

Dove Chocolates will be featured.

\$15 - Members Only



**March - No event.**



#### **Omaha Poker**

Tuesdays, 7 pm in Library

Contact Don Gorz

847-847-9728

**No game on Feb 21**

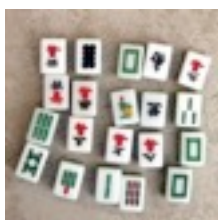
#### **Coffee and Conversation**

2nd Tuesday ( the 7th)  
and 4th Friday (the 24th)  
2 pm in the Library.



#### **Mah jongg**

Every Wednesday at 7 pm  
Contact Carol Neimark  
with any questions.



### **News From the Library**

*By Lucille Raimonde*

As you all should know, when a duplicate book is found in our library, it is put on the side table until enough books fill a plastic bag and can be carted off. Sometimes books are taken to the VA, sometimes given to a charity. I have found a place that takes books and gives a credit for whatever they think it's worth. I have started to do this and hope to continue, God and weather-willing.

If there is a book that is not in our library that you would like to read, please send me an email with the title and author and I will try to "buy" it with our credit. Please call me (Club West) and leave a message.

Happy Reading!!!

#### **Dogs**

*by Juanita Swatos*

There seems to be a misunderstanding by some people about why you put a leash on your dog and hold it in check when you approach a person. If the person wants to pet your dog, he will indicate this to you by stopping and petting your dog. If the person does not make that move, please reign your dog in and hold it back. Not every person likes being contacted by a dog.

Incidentally, you must carry your dog when you are in the elevator or in the parking garage. And please, pick up after your dog wherever you may be.

#### **Little Bitty BIG**

A reminder:

The Management Office offers residents:

Copies - \$.10 per page

Fax - To send a fax is \$1 per page

Notary services - free.

### Crime Prevention Seminar – a Summary

by Richard S. Beckmann, Chairman, Security Committee

In December, Erica Huff, a police officer with the Oak Brook Police Department presented a crime prevention seminar. For those of you who were unable to attend, we are providing a recap of the topics covered. Obviously, given space limitations, this review is not all inclusive.

Officer Huff covered two topics: **Identity Theft** and **Holiday Safety Tips**. In her discussion of Identity Theft, Officer Huff reviewed the various types of ID theft and how they are perpetrated. The key point of this segment dealt with how to reduce the risk of becoming a victim. The basic steps are included in the acronym “**SCAM**.”

- **S—be STINGY about giving out personal information to others. Use a “need to know approach.”**
- **C—CHECK your financial information regularly and look for what should be there and what shouldn’t. If something doesn’t look right, check further.**
- **A—ASK periodically for a copy of your credit report. You are entitled to one free credit report per year from each of the three credit bureaus. Contact information is provided below. Feel free to contact them for further information. If you alert one credit bureau of fraudulent activity, they will notify the other two. Also, remember to file a police report and notify the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).**
- **M—MAINTAIN careful records of your banking and financial records.**

Some other common-sense tips include shredding financial documents and paperwork. Also, keep personal information in a secure place at home.

The Holiday Safety Tips discussed by Officer Huff are common-sense ideas that apply year-round. For example, gentlemen shouldn’t carry their wallets in their hip pocket. Ladies should never put their purses on the back of a chair. These make for easy pickpocket targets. When you’re at the mall, park in well lit areas and avoid parking garages. “Hide” your purchases in the trunk or cover them with a blanket if you’re driving an SUV and when leaving your car stow away any electronic devices such as a GPS, iPods, cell phones, etc. If they are in plain sight, they make tempting targets. Lastly, **don’t leave your keys in your car**. All of these suggestions are things we’d normally do anyway, but a reminder is a good idea.

This session was well received by those in attendance. Officer Huff is looking forward to our next session. Hopefully, you’ll be there. Watch The Post and the building boards for announcements regarding future offerings.

### Credit Union Contact Information

#### Equifax

PO Box 740241  
Atlanta, GA 30374-0241  
1-800-525-6285

#### Experian

PO Box 9532  
Allen, TX 75013  
1-888-397-3742

#### TransUnion

Fraud Victim Assistance Division  
PO Box 6790  
Fullerton, CA 92834-6790  
1-800-680-7289

File a complaint with the FTC by calling  
1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338)

**Outstanding Appreciation**

*By Lou Malevitis*

Lou Malevitis of Club Six (J-207) with Beverly Lannon of Coldwell Banker received 141 gifts for Lou's 25th consecutive year in supporting the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots campaign at Christmastime from our Oak Brook Club neighbors. In lieu of toys, our neighbors also donated \$270 to this meaningful giving event.

In addition and gratefully appreciated, for the 5th consecutive year our neighbor Robert Antonio of Club Five (S-107) was again instrumental in having his friends and associates at Prime Industries in Downers Grove give \$5,000 to their employees to go and buy toys for my campaign. Indeed, they did. Over 275 toys were received. How beautiful!

Many thanks to all that participated and a special thank you for helping me in my desire to help children receive a Christmas gift from us. In the meantime, a glorious Happy and Healthy New Year in 2012. God bless.

**Fun at UWC's Pizza Bingo Party**

*by Betsy Schumacher*

We loved Bob and Kay Antonio's blue, white and yellow balloon centerpieces, Carol Wolin's dessert puffs, the pizzas, salads, cookies, cakes, the prizes and the fellowship. Ninety of us had a great time laughing, eating, and sitting with new and old friends. First prize winner Joan Sassetti had a ball, didn't you, Joan?

Thanks to all the committee members for giving us a great time!



Jeanette Flaningam and Doris Zeier.



Glenn and Joyce Krietsch

**Remember this?**



Jan. 10 - record breaking high of 51°



Jan. 12 - first snow of the winter



Scrambled furniture in the Club Room of the Clubhouse while the walls and woodwork get painted.

**JUST ASK**

*by Jeanne Davik*

**Question:**

I know that if there's a fire in my unit, no matter how small, I should get out as soon as possible. What should I do if the fire alarm goes off and I have no idea where the fire is?

**Answer:**

When the fire alarm sounds and the strobe light flashes, you should immediately evacuate the building whether or not the fire is in your unit.



**First, though, be sure and observe the following very important CAUTIONS.**

- Before opening your door, feel it with your hand to **determine if there is heat on the other side of the door**. Don't exit if the door is hot. Wait for the fire department.
- If the door isn't hot, open it and **check for smoke in the hallway**. If there is smoke, wait for the fire department.
- If using a stairwell to exit, **check the stairwell door for heat before opening it** as you did with your unit door. If the door feels hot or there is smoke in the stairwell, find a different exit or return to your unit and wait for the Fire Department.

Parking space for rent in Club West. Call Brenda Linardakis - 833-2191.