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The Oak Brook Club

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February Happenings

By Susan Collins

February, such a quiet month around here it seemed. Fewer cars in the garages. Fewer people sightings inside and out. More snow. The groundhogs at the Brookfield Zoo came out on a sunny day on February 2, indicating we should "hold on" for six more weeks of winter; then he went back to sleep. Was it really all that quiet? Quiet, yes; sleepy, no. There was an undercurrent of preparation for future projects that you and I couldn't see.

Management, in conjunction with various committees, was busy getting proposals for different purposes. The most obvious one to affect us come spring will be the road resurfacing with any damages to the storm drains and curbs corrected at the same time.

The Grounds Committee had suggested last fall recommendations for re-stocking the ponds that were drained last year when 35 years of accumulated drainage was removed. Proposals for stocking several types of fish, aquatic plants, and aerators that would work together ecologically to help improve the appearance and longevity of the pond life were sought and prepared by management to present to the CAT Board.

A new Pool Committee was formed and got busy right away working on some rule changes. As they wait on warmer weather to examine the furniture for any repairs or replacements, proposals are being sought for their recommendations for pool maintenance and life guard services for presentation to CAT.

There are two projects that could be seen and were in the process of being completed as February began. Installation of the automatic electric baseboard heaters in the Bamboo Room has been completed. The thermostat is set to operate between 68 and 72 degrees for 2-hour time periods as needed. As for the deck, once again inspection approval is being held up - this time because the handrails on the ramp should be curved at the end instead of squared to prevent accidental snags of clothing or accessories and a potential fall.

As this article is being written, the snow is falling yet again. "The snow doesn't give a soft white damn who it touches," wrote e.e. cummings. But this month of quiet preparations reminds us that the snow will soon be gone; warmer weather with stocked ponds, a full swimming pool, and even road repairs are right around the corner.



"On cable TV they have a weather station - 24 hours of weather. We had something like that when I was growing up. We called it a window."

- Spencer



Be Aware and Be Patient

Embedded in the entrance driveway is a traffic loop, which alerts our guards in the gatehouse that a car has entered. Unfortunately, the loop has broken and cannot be replaced or fixed until the roads are repaired later this spring. If the guard has turned his back for some reason, he isn't aware you're waiting for him to raise the gate. So if the usual quick response by a guard isn't happening, now you know why. You can help them with your understanding and patience.

OAK BROOK CLUB EVENTS

COMCAST at the OBC

March 1 - 5: Installation of Digital Starter Boxes & DTA's (digital to analog) boxes.

March 9 - 10: Comcast on site to help in case of issues with new boxes or remote controls.

Comcast is on the property every Wednesday to troubleshoot any problems you may have.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Every 2nd Tuesday @ 10:00 am - March 9

Every 4th Friday @ 2:00 pm - March 26

Bamboo Room



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Fridays at 1:00pm

For information, call

Carol Neimark: 630.941.7271

Club Room

MOVIE NIGHT

2nd Thursday of every month @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 11 @ 6:30 pm

in the Bamboo Room

"How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days"

A romantic comedy starring

Kate Hudson & Matthew McConaughey

Call Carol Neimark by March 10 at 630.941.7271 if you plan to attend.

BRIDGE

ALL MONDAYS @ 12:30 pm

Call Alice Harley - 630.279.1839

Bamboo Room

UWC Upcoming Events

March 26 Delicious New York Deli Dinner

Featuring Jenny Riddle and pianist Jeff Pankau in "The Best of Broadway."

Club Room, 6:00 pm, \$25 each. Registration is open to Members Only until 3/17/10 and then, if room, open to all!

April 23 Wine Tasting Event

Everyone invited! Details to come.

OBC Post Staff: Susan Collins, Al Ciciora, Eleanor Fralick, Betsy Schumacher and Juanita Swatos.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Quintuplex Woodwind Quintet

Sunday, March 7 @ 2:15-4:15 pm

At the Thornhill Auditorium at the Morton Arboretum. More information and order tickets at www.mortarb.org or call 630.725.2066.

WDCB Jazz Salon at Mayslake:

Barry Winograd Quartet

Thursday, March 11 @ 7:30 pm

Listen to a quartet of saxophone, piano, bass, and drums.

For tickets, call 630.206.9566

Hollywood Producer & Author to Visit Oak Brook's Barnes & Noble

Monday, March 15 @ 7:00 pm

Stephen J. Cannell, author of The Pallbearers, will be visiting the Oak Brook Barnes & Noble. For more information, contact Cheryl Westberg at 630.684.0586

Escape to...The Light of the Moon

By Acappellago

Saturday, March 20 @ 7:30 pm

Take a journey from the Romantics of the 19th century through today's music at Mayslake Peabody Estate. For tickets, visit www.acappellago.org or call 708.484.3797

McCormick Museum Concert at Cantigny

Sunday, March 21 @ 3:00 pm

Enjoy a FREE concert featuring music for flute, guitar, viola and cello.

Tickets will be distributed by lottery. To enter, call 630.260.8162 by March 8.

In and Around Paris

Monday, March 22 @ 7:00 pm

Join Al Popowits at the Oak Brook Public Library to travel through the European capital.

DAUG (DuPage Apple Users Group)

has moved to the Oak Brook Library.

3rd Monday of the month and occasionally on Saturdays. Questions and answers by Apple professionals.

A Holiday in March

by Richard Beckmann

As we enter the month of March, what do we think of? We think of the end of another cold winter; we look forward to spring and summer. Thinking of green, we also think of St. Patrick's Day. You know, "the wearin' o' the green," THE parade, corned beef and cabbage, and a perfect pint of Guinness. Well, I used to think that way too, until I married into an Italian family.

March 19th, only two days after St. Patrick's Day, is St. Joseph's Day. For the Irish, the color is green. For Italians, the color is red. Until this latter fact was pointed out to me by my wife Marie, I didn't understand why she insisted I wear a red tie when I went to work on St. Joseph's Day.

Shortly after our daughter, Josephine, was born, my father-in-law asked me if I would like to take a ride to Elmwood Park. During this ride, I learned about the significance of St. Joseph's Day as a "name day." As I recall, this was on a Sunday morning and also happened to be St. Joseph's Day. My father-in-law explained to me we were going to an Italian bakery to buy an Italian pastry called *zeppole* which is made exclusively for this holiday. He also told me this was his annual treat he had been getting for my wife's sister named Josephine. I'm sure you've already guessed that my daughter is named after her aunt. This same aunt is named after her grandmother, Josephine. As I'm taking all this in, I quickly realized the importance tradition plays in the Italian-American culture. My father-in-law also sensed my awareness and asked me to promise to continue this tradition. It is now thirty-two years later and even though that Italian bakery is no longer in Elmwood Park, I've managed to find another bakery where *zeppole* is plentiful.

What is *zeppole* you ask? Picture a French donut cut in half, horizontally. For those of you not familiar with a French donut, it is a light fluffy donut normally covered with a glazed sugar icing. The *zeppole* version is not iced. The top is removed and the bottom half is filled with a generous amount of rum-laced custard. The top goes back on and that is topped with a maraschino cherry and the pastry is then sprinkled with powdered sugar.

During a recent trip to Italy, I asked our tour guide (a native of Dixon, IL) how St. Joseph's Day is observed there. She pointed out that since St. Joseph is considered to be Christ's "earthly" father, March 19th is Father's Day in Italy, as well as other European countries.

Amazing, isn't it? You fall in love, get married, get a new family, and you learn all kinds of interesting new things!

Springtime is the land awakening.
The March winds are the morning yawn.



Help! All the inter-office envelopes have disappeared from the management office. If you spot any of these envelopes hiding in your building, please turn them in to the management office.

Club 5 welcome three new residents at the 4th floor meet-and-greet coffee on Wednesday afternoon, February 3. Welcome to Jeanne Davik, Virginia Pawlick, and Carol Chittenden.



Jeanne Davik & Carol Chittenden

“Get Ready for Spring”

By Betsy Schumacher

Pale green table clothes with matching napkins and basket centerpieces chock full of cleaning aids decorated the tables in the Club Room. Everything was so attractive that one almost felt like rushing home and scrubbing away.

The UWC’s February 24 “Get Ready for Spring” luncheon was a wonderful afternoon enjoying a delicious luncheon from Amalfie’s. The games were loads of fun, particularly the white elephant game! “What’s one man’s treasure is another man’s trash.” Jane Gagnon, UWC President, greeted us and thanked the luncheon committee, with special thanks to Genevieve Cruciotti for her preparation and orchestration of the luncheon and her home-made salads.



Juanita Swatos & Teddy Bax



Lois Brooks & Phyllis Heckmann



Vivian Olson & Pat Schmidt

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