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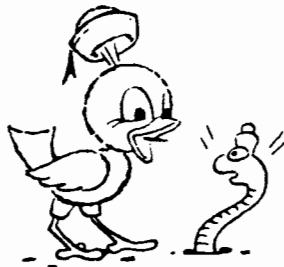
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“*When Winter comes*



*Can Spring be far behind?”*





PHYSICAL PLANT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

(Jerry Lagace, member)

The Charles E. Smith Companies has replied to the engineering contractor's report that was submitted to C. E. Smith by the Association during November. The Physical Plant Operations Committee views the C. E. Smith Companies' response as a point of departure for some exacting negotiations to ensure that the best interests of the co-owners are met. Representatives of the Association's Board of Directors and of the C. E. Smith Companies will meet periodically to determine the extent of and liability for repairs. The first such meeting was held December 21, 1981.

Both garage doors are presently open pending possible continuing repair to one and installation of a new type door to replace the other. Eventually, both doors should be identical and of stronger material than the original doors which had most moving parts made of soft aluminum. Liability for this replacement cost is yet to be determined.

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SPAGHETTI DINNER  
SKYLINE HOUSE RECREATION COMMITTEE DOES IT AGAIN

One hundred and twenty-five persons turned out at 7:00 P.M. on December 9th for a superb spaghetti dinner in the West Party Room (reservations handled by Chris Bicksler)....a record turn-out which somewhat strained the kitchen facilities.

The tables, against a backdrop of the Virginia skyline by night, were attractively decorated with centerpieces of pinecones and Christmas ribbons, red place mats and red and white checkered napkins (decorations thanks to Anita Wright, Bernice Kaminsky and Connie Bredice).

Graciously received at the door (welcomed by Vera Church, Chris Bicksler and Delphine Krause), all were provided with beautifully inscribed name tags (calligraphy by Eloise White) and escorted to their tables.

The food, served at tables (Jan Flynn, Louise Alexander, Greta Strahs and Bernice Kaminsky) was a delight to any taste buds.

Menu-	Spaghetti a la sauce Anita
	Tossed salad
	Garlic bread
	Ice cream cupcake
	Homemade cookies
	Coffee and tea

Thanks go to chef, Anita Wright, ably assisted by Irmgard Jung and Jean Levy, for stirring up these culinary delights.

Also, a star in the crown of Milt Kaminsky who organized the bar and the 50-50 raffle, the latter won by Joe Strahs.

Most folks brought along their favorite wine to complement the dinner, which made for animated conversation and table hopping.

Another example of the fine organization behind this fun evening was the clean-up crew who had the premises in ship-shape order almost before the last reluctant diner had left!

Chairwoman Anita Wright and her committee (plus cooperative husbands Joe Strahs, Milt Kaminsky and Bill Wright) are to be congratulated. Hopefully, there will be a repeat performance before too very long!

- A Contented Participant -

## G I V E !

Arrangements have been made for Skyline House residents' participating with Skyline Plaza residents in giving blood through the American Red Cross. Skyline Plaza will make its party room available for setting up a mobile blood donation center when a minimum of 40 people from Skyline Plaza and Skyline House can be available. Donors must be between the ages of 17 and 66 and weigh at least 110 pounds. Those older than 66 will need a doctor's certificate to participate. The Red Cross can be available on any day, Monday through Saturday, at hours most convenient to donors. They suggest 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. as a convenient time period on week-days. We expect to make final arrangements and schedule this activity early in 1982.

Participation in this program can be beneficial to everyone in our community because blood can be provided without cost, should any of us need it. The hospitals are likely to charge only blood-typing and administration fees.

Please indicate your interest in giving this valuable gift to your community by signing up at the desk in the Main Lobby. Our list and that of Skyline Plaza will be coordinated and a schedule of times will be made up to accommodate all donors.

MARTINE LANGLEY, Chairman  
Community Relations Committee

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## R E P O R T: COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Community Relations Committee at its December meeting continued to discuss the problems of guest parking, and washing all the exterior windows of the East and West Buildings. Our recommendations have been presented to the Board of Directors for decision.

Everyone is interested in knowing what kind of a building is being constructed at the west end of our property. Several different stories are in circulation. The possibility of constructing some kind of buffer between the two properties is being looked into, both from a legal and an esthetic point of view.

A petition is now being circulated at Skyline Plaza and Skyline Towers for the purpose of removing these complexes from the boundaries of Mason District #1 Leaf Collection District. Permission has been requested of our Board of Directors for Skyline House to participate in this petition. Our real estate taxes now include about \$20.00 - \$25.00 per year per unit for a service that we do not need or use, since we pay a private contractor to pick up the few leaves we do have.

The Board of Directors has also been asked for permission to conduct a survey of unit owners and residents about the desirability of subscribing to Home Box Office, either on a building-wide basis or by direct contracts between individual unit owners and the local franchisee.

Helen Wiener, Member

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## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

The Architectural Control Committee met on December 7 and discussed a petition drawn up by a member of the committee on the subject of the unsightly and unattractive carpeting in the lobby hallways. Numerous residents have complained to the committee about the wet, stained appearance.

The petition calls for the developer (Charles E. Smith) to replace the unsightly carpeting. All the members of the committee signed the petition and agreed to have it placed on the lobby desk with a sign calling it to the attention of the residents. All residents are requested to read the petition and sign if they are in agreement with the aim of the petition.

The problem of door decorations was discussed. The by-laws prohibit decorations on the outside of the door. However, some of the members feel that temporary decorations of a seasonal nature should be permitted and an amendment to the by-laws will be discussed at our meeting in January. If approved, the amendment will be forwarded to the Board of Directors.

The next meeting of this committee will be Jan. 4; 8 p.m. East Card Room

Philip & Pearl Heyman (605E)  
Chairpersons

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## SKYLINE HOUSE CHRISTMAS FUND REPORT

Two hundred and one residents responded to the Christmas Fund Appeal. The total amount collected was a satisfactory three thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine dollars (\$3,839.00), making it possible to present each member of the staff with a respectable expression of appreciation for his/her efforts on behalf of Skyline House. Any contributor, who so desires, may inquire as to the breakdown of funds by contacting either of the co-chairwomen.

Serious consideration was given to including our postmen- who have been cooperative beyond the call of duty- among those receiving a thank-you. Unfortunately federal regulations preclude such a collective expression of appreciation.

We wish to thank those who made the effort to participate in this endeavor. It was a heartening demonstration of good will in the spirit of the season!

Mimi Frank  
1111-W

Elizabeth Grant  
1408-W

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BRIDGE PLAYERS OF SKYLINE HOUSE UNITE  
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT MONDAY EVENINGS!

Starting January 11th at 7:30 P.M. in the East Party Room we are going to try again to form a group of Bridge enthusiasts to meet each Monday evening during the winter months.

It is not necessary to come with a partner and there will be separate Duplicate and Rubber Bridge games.

Don't be shy because you don't feel you are in the championship class. But if you ARE, do come join us; we need your expertise!

Enjoy meeting neighbors who share a common interest. Bridge players are the nicest people and, remember, there's no more Monday Night Football!

Dick Atchinson - 1101-E

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WEDDING BELLS AT SKYLINE HOUSE: We are happy to announce the marriage of Bernell Shutz to Col. Buck Rogers. They are currently residing at 1213W. They plan to spend the winter in Florida, that will include a second honeymoon in St. Thomas.  
CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES !

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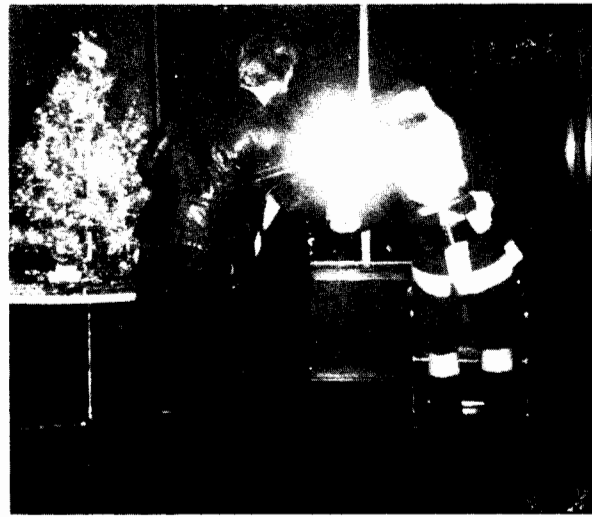
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### THE STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas was ushered in at Skyline House one week early this year . . . . with carols, punch, a delicious buffet, presents and a visit from Santa Claus.

The Staff held their celebration on the afternoon of December 18th with nearly everyone in attendance. Nancy Reed deserves the lion's share of credit for the success of the occasion, decorating the East Party Room and personally preparing most of the buffet (though Hazel Cowles does modestly admit to having roasted the turkey). Not only was a full dinner served but several invitees brought along examples of their (or their wife's) culinary art. It was truly a lavish spread!



Earlier, names had been drawn for a gift exchange so Santa Moses did not have to arrive with an empty pack (we hope he remembered to get a parking permit for his reindeer!).

'Tis the season to be jolly....and it certainly was, at least that Friday in the East Party Room of Skyline House. All agree to that!





# From Management



## DIAL 911

Fairfax County has recently converted to the three digit 911 telephone number for Police, Fire and Rescue emergencies.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, please make sure that you and all members of your household know how to call when any of the above are needed.

## FRIENDLY REMINDER

To avoid possible delay in receiving your mail, please notify stores, business correspondents and everyone who sends you mail to be sure to include your unit number in the address.

This will be especially helpful to the substitute postmen who are not as familiar as our regular carriers are of the residents in the building.





DISPOSAL OF:  
CHRISTMAS TREES, WREATHS OR DECORATIONS

Please do not dispose any of the above items in the Disposal Rooms, halls, stairwells or grounds.

Since all of these items are combustible, special care must be exercised in their removal.

Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00A.M. and 4:00P.M. a porter will be glad to remove your tree. Simply call the Front Desk to arrange for this service. Please note, someone MUST be in the unit for the porter to remove the tree.

To facilitate removal we suggest wrapping the tree in an old sheet or placing it in a plastic bag.

SPECIAL THANKS!

The entire staff at Skyline House wishes to thank all those who generously contributed to the Employees Holiday Fund, and to Mimi Frank and Elizabeth Grant for their time and hard work on behalf of the employees this holiday season.

*Best Wishes*  
*for a*  
*Happy New Year*



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