



The

House Special

December 1984

Issue 12



This brings a wish
that even when
the holidays are past
The happiness
they bring your way
will last
and last
and last!

Happy Holidays!



IN MEMORIAM

Marden D. Kimball

Mr. Kimball, resident owner of 513 West, died on Tuesday, November 27th, at Washington Hospital Center of congestive heart failure. He was a beloved friend and neighbor to many residents and all employees of Skyline House. We will sorely miss "Kim's" humor, storytelling and delightful character around Skyline House.

Mr. Kimball started The HOUSE SPECIAL as its first Editor-and-Chief along with his wife. We will always have a part of him with us as long as the newsletter is continued.

We all send warm heartfelt thoughts to Mrs. Kimball and her family to let them know we are thinking of them in their time of sorrow.

Committee Communiqués

COMMUNITY NOTES

UNSUNG HEROES

Depending on the phase of the moon, the person speaking, the issue under discussion, etc., a member of the Board of Directors may be thought of as an unsung hero or an insensitive obstructionist! In fact, neither opinion is likely to be the case. What IS clear is that residents who volunteer to assume responsibility in our Association must expect little thanks for the time and effort expected of them. The voice of Skyline House citizenry is apt to be heard most loudly when complaining.

It is with this in mind that the Community Relations Committee wishes to express their appreciation to Barbara Bear for the efforts she exerted on their behalf as their Board Representative. We understand she has resigned from the Board of Directors for personal reasons. We wish her well! Ken Grant, who will replace her until the elections in March 1985, will be welcome at our monthly meetings. We look forward to working with him.

PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS

On November 26th there was a Town Meeting held at Skyline Plaza at the request of Mason District Supervisor, Tom Davis. There was a good turnout of House residents -- interested and concerned citizens wishing for an update on County matters; projected improvements in the Bailey's Crossroads area; possible lowering of the assessment rate; change in

the traffic pattern at Seven Corners; road improvements and repairs in Fairfax County; widening of S. George Mason Drive on the other side of Route 7.

The greater part of the residents' comments and queries were addressed to the matter of the pedestrian overpass. This has resurfaced by indication from the Developer, the Smith Company, of their intention to reapply to the County Board of Supervisors for permission to delete the overpass from the already approved plans for Skyline City. It was stated that the decision on this matter would be based upon the positions taken by the Associations of Skyline House and Skyline Plaza.

Now that this has been revived, here is a second opportunity to express your opinion to your Board of Directors. If you are undecided or wish more facts, call Elizabeth Grant at 931-2556.

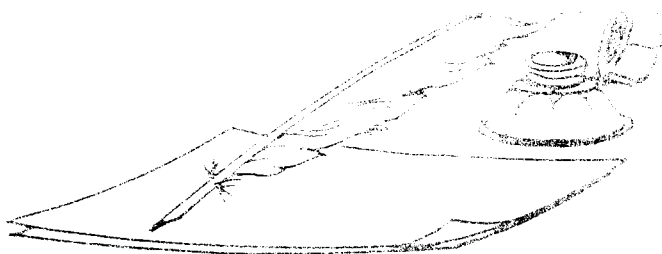
EMPLOYEES' HOLIDAY FUND

Don't put off making your contribution to the Employees' Holiday Fund. We are very fortunate in our staff and, once a year, we have the opportunity to show our appreciation for their efforts on our behalf.

Jerry Schumaker has generously offered to organize this year's
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What's Up . . .

from the Board



Wynfred Joshua, Vice President

The President opened the November session of the Board with the announcement that Skyline House Unit Owners' Association had filed suit against the developer with respect to the warrantee matters. The action was taken in time to meet the statutory suspense date for filing.

The President then discussed the lawsuit of a unit owner against the developer and the Unit Owners' Association to halt the noise caused by the air conditioner that serves the lobby and the halls. The owner and the developer had apparently reached an agreement under which the developer proposed to erect a sound barrier wall atop the lobby east parapet. The Physical Plant and Operations Committee strongly objected to the solution because the wall would be unsightly and block the view of residents on the lower floors of the west end of the East Building. The Committee also warned that a wall would have the tendency to throw the sound onto the east side of the West Building. The Board fully agreed with the Committee and decided to instruct our attorney to reject the proposed solution.

The property manager reported the completion of several projects: the resealing/re-surfacing of the driveway, the cleaning of the carpets, the repair of the planter boxes on the sundeck, and the electric meter totalizing.

1. The Treasurer reviewed the past month's income and expenditures, and noted that there were no delinquencies in condo fees. The Treasurer concluded his report with remarking that the Association continued to be in a healthy financial condition.

The President reported a complaint from an owner who claimed that defects in a common element -- joint and sealant defects -- caused outside air to enter the walls of his bedroom, thereby making the room too cold during the winter. The manager was asked to investigate whether the problem was indeed caused by defects in the common elements in order to determine whether the Board should act on the matter.

The Chairman of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee reported that his committee was engaged in investigating options for handling the switchboard of the receptionist. The committee had already had a presentation from the AT&T company on the phone system. The Chairman was asked to publicize the presentations so that those interested could attend. The Chairman also announced that the contract with Washington Cable System, Inc., had been extended for one year instead of three. A year would give the committee sufficient time to explore other services.

The Board requested the Chairman of the Covenants Committee to review the procedures for the election of Board members and to recommend a specific election schedule at the next Board meeting. The Chairman noted that his committee was considering to sponsor only one "Meet the Candidates" night instead of the usual two.

The Vice President reported that the Security Committee was considering the possibility of switching from using a Security Guard Services company to hiring directly off-duty policemen. The Manager was asked to determine the total costs for hiring policemen and to report at the next Board meeting the advantages and disadvantages of such a plan.

The Board decided to convene a special Budget 1985 session on 27 November. Meanwhile, the President urged Board members to attend the session called by County Supervisor Tom Davis on 26 November to discuss plans for our area. As a final item, the Board voted to cancel the December session of the Board unless pressing business dictated otherwise.

appeal. Let's have a response from a greater proportion of our residents than ever before . . . and, thus, a happier holiday for both giver and recipient!!

Happy Holidays to all.

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Jefferson Memorial Hospital has opened its own chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous. These informal meetings are held every Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the hospital cafeteria at 4600 King Street, Alexandria. These meetings are open to the public and are free of charge. Literature and coffee is provided. For more information contact the Community Relations office at 998-4947.

JMH helps curb holiday drinking with Step One, a sophisticated and effective program to help both alcoholics and problem drinkers. Step One educates the problem drinkers on how to cope with stress without becoming dependent on alcohol.

Jefferson Memorial Hospital is working for you to help curb holiday drinking by providing an innovative program that takes both a clinical and educational approach to understanding problem drinking. Step One is designed to avoid disrupting work schedules and normal routines, unlike many other programs currently offered. For more information call Lisa Flynn, Director of Community Relations, JMH, at 998-4947.

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Have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

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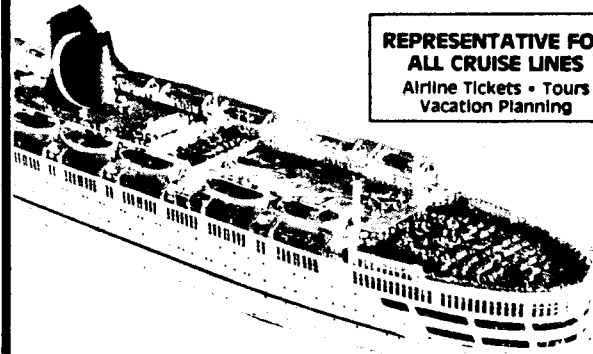
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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT &
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Bill Miller, Chairman



November is budget month for the Financial Management and Administration Committee. In accordance with the Association Condominium Documents, the Board of Directors must approve the Budget by December 1st, thirty days prior to the beginning of our fiscal year.

The Committee met on November 6th, at which time our Property Manager, Clint Hall, reviewed and explained the Management's proposed budget. As the review progressed, changes and modifications were agreed upon in regard to most points. Brian Le Bert-Francis was requested to meet with the Property Manager to iron out any remaining differences.

The Committee met again on November 14th to review any recommended changes so as to include those agreed upon by Brian and Clint and to establish a final budget proposal for recommendation to the Board.

Any remaining differences were resolved by the Board of Directors at their budget review meeting held on November 27th.

During the budget review process, the Financial Management and Administration Committee, Physical Plant and Operations Committee, and the Property Manager agreed on an acceptable method for calculating our reserves for replacement.

With the completion of the 1985 Budget, the Committee will return to consideration of other Association financial management and administration matters at our next meeting on December 4, 1984 to include the audit of our 1984 financial statements and records.

Unit owners and renters are welcome to attend our meeting, as well as to become active members of the Committee.

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Bridge 7:30 p.m. ECR	Community Relations 7:30 p.m. ECR					
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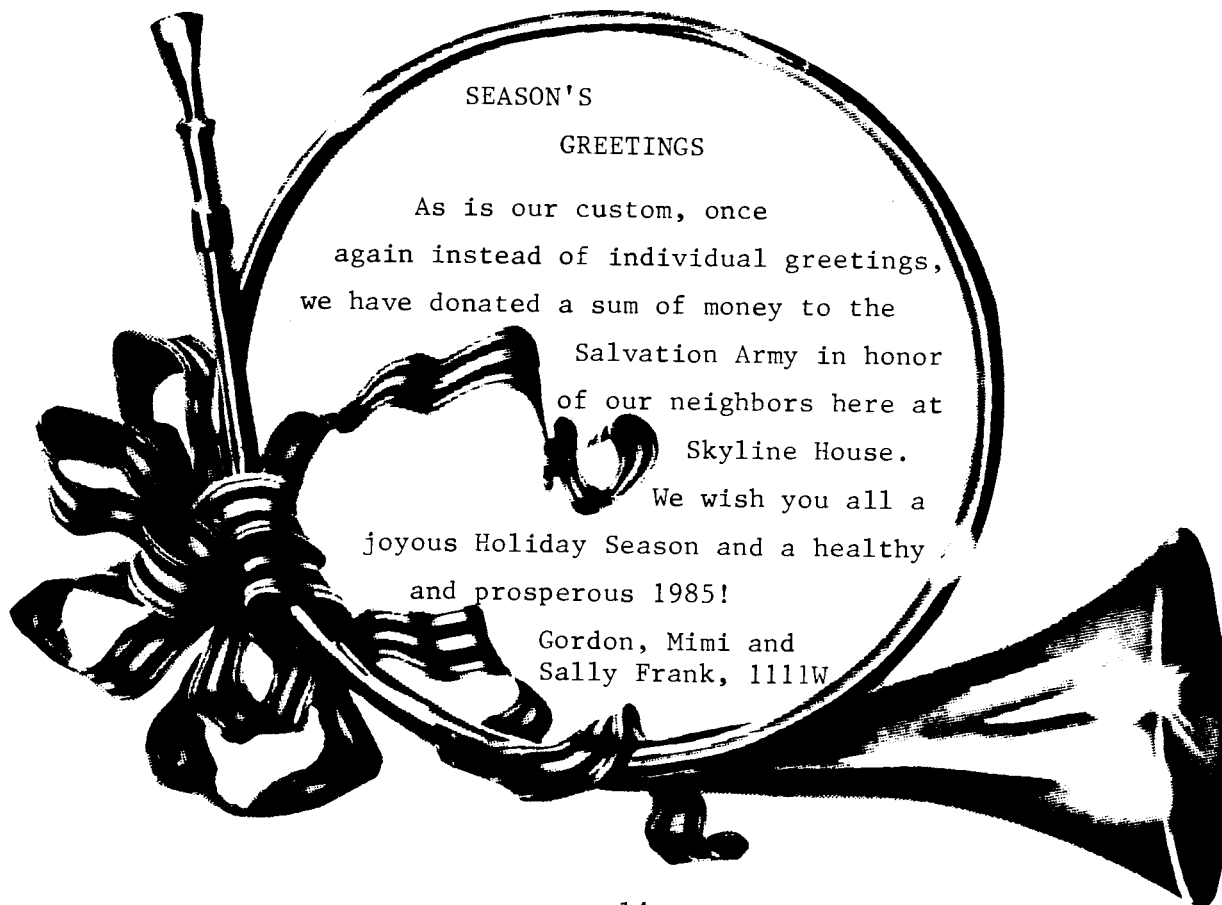
Letter to the Editor

As I do not plan to run for re-election for another term as a Director of the Skyline House Unit Owners' Association, this is intended to be an "early warning" of my intention. It has been said that an incumbent always has the advantage over the challenger in the election. While I do not know the truth of that allegation, I do know there will be no incumbent in my seat on the Board after the next election. I hope that many of you who have served as Committee Chairpersons or members or have been active in other ways will come forward and seek election to the Board of Directors. I am sure there are many who, if elected, will be able to serve in a manner that is "equal to or better than" the incumbent (me!).

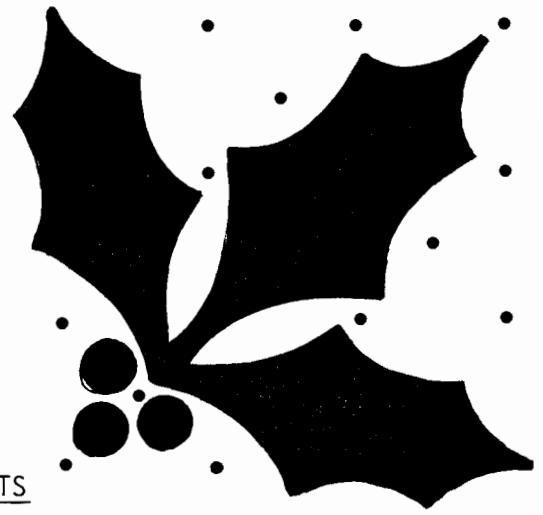
Although I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as a Director, I believe it is time for fresh ideas and new approaches. Thank you all for the opportunity and pleasure of serving you.

Gordon A. Frank

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From Management



MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESIDENTS

We would like to list a few maintenance items within your own unit, that are the responsibility of the resident:

Bathroom Caulking - caulking should be checked around the tub, tub faucets, and base of the stool for cracks or openings which would allow water to seep into the unit below you. If damage is caused to the unit below, then you would be responsible for the repair. Caulking should be checked on a regular basis and should be replaced when cracks or openings are apparent.

Gurgling in the Washer Drain Line - is an indication that the drain is beginning to plug up with lint. If allowed to continue, it will overflow onto the kitchen floor. When you hear the line begin to gurgle, the line should be snaked. You may call the Management Office or leave a message at the front desk for the Building Engineer for this service. There is a nominal charge.

Drano, Liquid Plumber, Etc., - should not be flushed down the building drain lines. Try the plunger, which is available at the front desk, or call the Management Office or Building Engineer for the drain to be snaked. Again, there is a nominal charge. Drain openers can cause damage to PVC pipe.

No Hot Water? What To Do - shut off breaker of the power box in the kitchen wall panel. There is a reset button inside the upper front panel of your water heater. Remove the panel cover with a Phillip's Head screwdriver, pull insulation aside and look for the red button in a small round hole. Push in on button and listen for a click. Put insulation back in place, replace cover. Reset breaker in power box. It will take approximately one hour for the hot water to resume. If you are without hot water again within a few days, you may have a faulty thermostat or heating elements. You may call a plumbing contractor, or contact the Management Office or Building Engineer for repairs.

We hope these tips will help you to maintain your home.

WE ALL WISH YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

The Management Staff