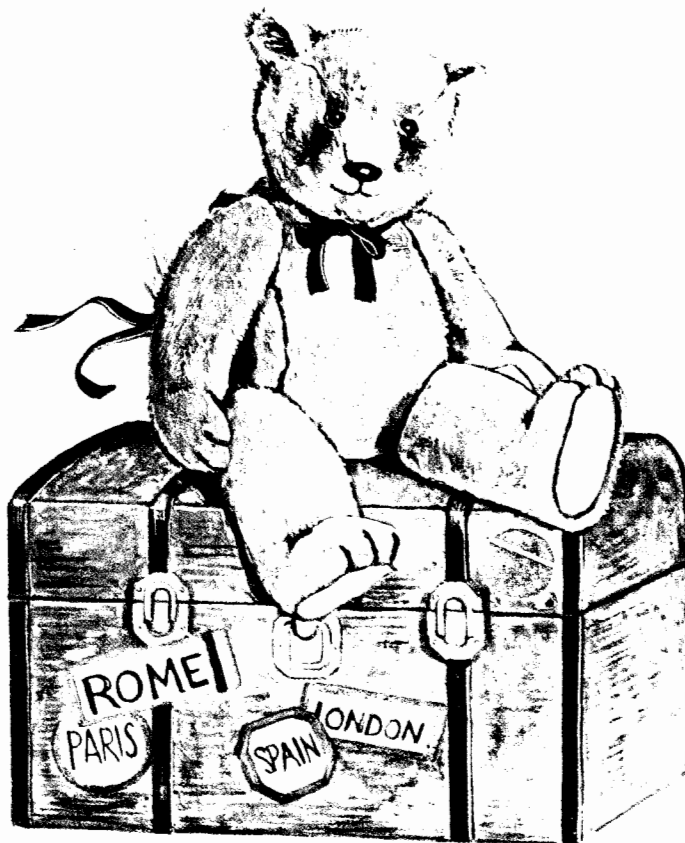


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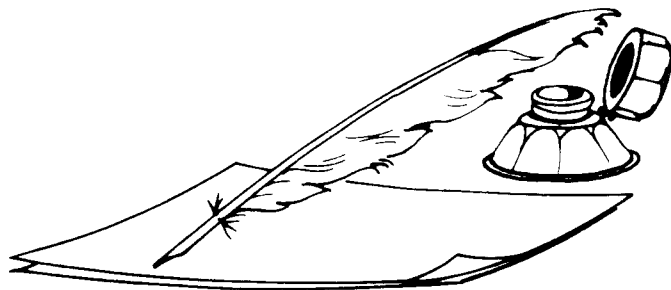
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From the Board



Wynfred Joshua, Vice President

At the July session of the Board of Directors President Stolarun's monthly report covered only a few items, reflecting the typical lull of the summer months. The Developer had been notified of our dissatisfaction with the handling of the warranty items. To illustrate, no response has yet been received in regard to the crack in the garage deck. Mr. Stolarun further discussed the installation of an automatic timer for turning on and off the lobby roof airconditioner. In an effort to avoid over airconditioning and to limit the noise of the airconditioner, it would be turned off from 10 p.m. to 10 a.m. The Resident Manager was asked to be alert to any complaints in the morning in which case the airconditioner would be turned on earlier than 10 a.m.

As a final point Ed Stolarun noted that he had sent our attorney for study a draft from the Developer for easement rights necessary for the construction of the pedestrian overpass. The Board discussed the potential removal of trees and shrubbery. It went on record that the Board wants to have a landscaping plan from the Developer, as well as wanting to be able to use elsewhere on the grounds any trees that cannot be replaced in their original locations.

On behalf of Mr. Elizabeth Grant of the Community Relations Committee, Mr. Le Bert-Francis reported on the establishment of the Skyline Task Force. At the request of Tom Davis, Supervisor of the Mason District, a task force representing four residential buildings in Skyline, the Smith Company, and his own office had been formed for the

purpose of discussing changes in Skyline City's development plan. Basic changes involve the switch in position and height of a planned office building and hotel. The office building will be 14 stories high and to be situated in the space originally designated for a hotel on Route 7 behind the three "black" office buildings. The hotel will be in the area between the Square and the Towers and will be only 3 stories high. The now much smaller hotel is designed to attract a lower-priced market than the new Radisson Hotel. The proposed switch requires approval by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Le Bert-Francis invites comments and advice on this issue, as well as on the topic of the next task force meeting which is scheduled to discuss traffic problems and pedestrian sidewalks.

The Board approved the Resident Manager's recommendation to go forward with the purchase of microphones, amplifier, speaker stand, and a column speaker system. The equipment and installation (without the microphones) will cost \$550; mikes will have to be ordered at an approximate cost of \$30 each.

The Property Manager explained plans for the electrical preventative maintenance scheduled for October 16th, during which the power was scheduled to be off for several hours. Residents are to be notified in advance. Advance notice is also to be forthcoming of the testing of the emergency generator and emergency lights.

The Property Manager informed the Board that he had received only two responses to the seven requests for proposals sent to window washing companies for cleaning the windows of

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our apartments. Of the two, only one was still involved in this type of work which was the same company that did the work last year. American Window and Cleaning offered to handle the job for \$3,780. To avoid any further delay, the Board decided to accept this offer -- otherwise it would be fall before we had our windows cleaned. The Property Manager was asked to start next year's effort in time to have our windows done in the spring.

The Financial Management Committee's recommendation to award a contract for the cleaning of the common area carpeting to Servicemaster, last year's contractor, was accepted by the Board. Management and the Board had been quite satisfied with last year's performance.

The next topic of discussion was Sandy Ziegler's warning that the carpet on the bridge between the East building and the garage was becoming an eyesore and a hazzard. Since this is a warranty item, the Board decided to notify the Developer to replace the carpet within the next two weeks; otherwise the Association will proceed to have it replaced, the cost of which would then be included in the warranty items still to be settled. The Developer will be informed of the type of carpet required.

Mrs. Ruth Ballard, Chairperson of the Board's Committee for recommendations as to how to honor Skyline House volunteers, reported on her Committee's recommendations. The Board was requested to sponsor an annual dinner in April after the elections at which Committee Chairpersons, The HOUSE SPECIAL Editor, and selected Committee members be recognized for their contributions. Chairmen would be asked to submit names of invitees for the dinner; spouses would, of course, be welcome but would be expected to pay their own way. Outgoing Board members would be recognized with an award (plaque). The purpose of the dinner, in addition to thanking volunteers for their efforts, is to encourage others to become active in our community, and to foster an increased understanding of the responsibilities and activities of the volunteers who contribute so much to the Skyline House environment. The Board accepted the recommendation and instructed the Property Manager to include \$1200 for this effort in next year's budget.

The last issue at the Board session involved communications through our monthly newsletter. The Board is
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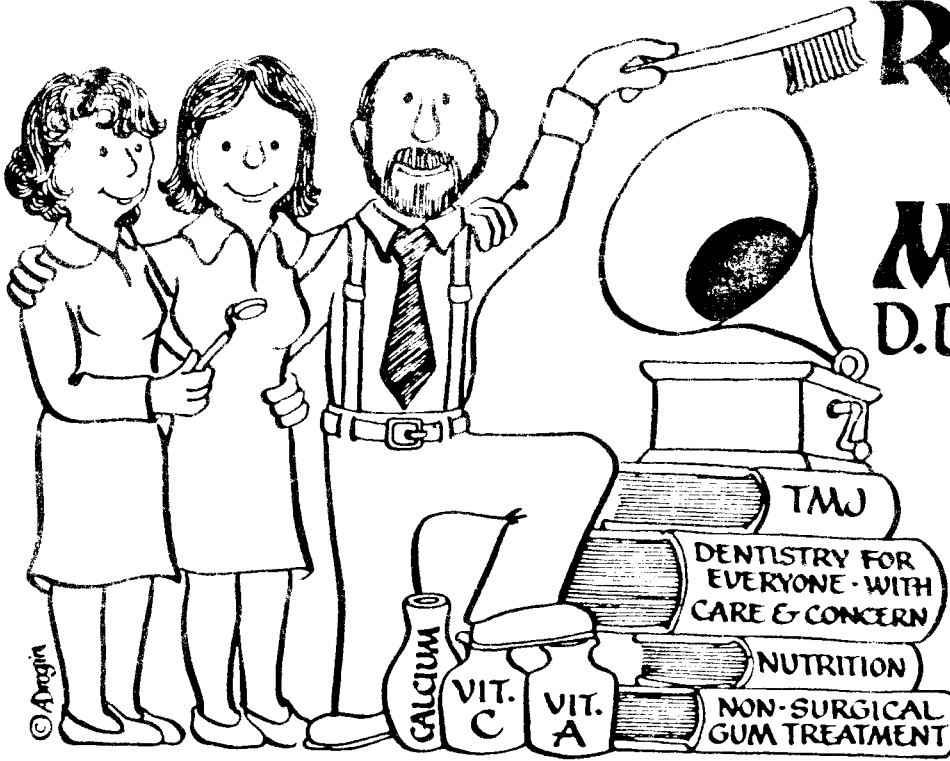
We are very sad to hear that Mr. Harold Ehlers of the West building died while on a visit to Germany recently. Harold was very cooperative in helping with the Neighborhood Watch and, in fact, was one of our most consistent patrolers, perhaps our best at finding what needed attention to make Skyline House a better place. He was much appreciated and we want to hereby offer our condolences to Mrs. Ehlers.

working on finding a new Editor for The HOUSE SPECIAL, since our able Karyn Hill is unable alone to continue the effort. Committee chairpersons were urged to submit monthly reports of the activities of their respective groups to the Newsletter.

A N N O U N C E M E N T

SANDY ZIEGLER has recently attained the title of Senior Resident Manager which entailed a course of study and an examination to qualify. Our hearty congratulations!

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Take note

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Board of Directors and
Readers of The HOUSE SPECIAL

FROM: Karyn Hill, Editor

RE: HIP-HIP-HURRAY!!

I am happy to announce that a volunteer has come forward to help with the monthly preparation of The HOUSE SPECIAL. Mr. Tony DiSalvo has agreed to serve as Advertising Manager, taking on the responsibilities of handling queries from prospective advertisers and preparing the monthly statements. Tony has already made some valuable suggestions that will serve to streamline these duties.

Not that he is looking for a pat on the back, but I would like to mention that Tony is already involved with organizing and conducting our Monday evening Bridge sessions and is a member of both the Financial Management Committee and the Recreation Committee.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for Tony's cooperative and cheerful nature. I happily report that I am withdrawing my resignation as Editor of The HOUSE SPECIAL. With Tony's help we shall together continue to provide an interesting and informed open line of communication for the Skyline House community.

I wish also to take this opportunity to thank Wynfred Joshua, Vice President of the Board of Directors. Her moral support and direct personal efforts on behalf of your struggling Editor have been an enduring inspiration over the last two years. I also wish to thank Sandy Ziegler and Virginia Sera for their willingness to share the load and get the job done, as well as my thanks to all the Committee Chairmen/persons for the timely submission of their monthly committee reports.

As in all things: when a job needs doing, look to the busiest person(s) in the group. Skyline House can be grateful for the team spirit that lives in our community. All for one and one for all . . . the show will go on.

Committee Communiqués

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Tony DiSalvo

The Recreation Committee has a full schedule of activities planned for the coming months. Carroll Thompson has been acting as Chairman pro tem Bernice Kaminsky as Secretary pro tem and Tony DiSalvo as Treasurer.

A review of past activities:

Duplicate Bridge. Under the leadership of the two new co-directors, Monday night bridge is getting better all the time. Comments received are that it is a very social group. Players (whether you have a partner or not) are welcome. Everyone plays. Remember every Monday evening, East Card Room, 7:30 p.m.

T.G.I.F. Continues to be a success in the able hands of Carroll Thompson. The hors d'oeuvres are getting better and better. If you haven't yet attended, please do. Bring a friend and meet your neighbors or get reacquainted with your neighbors.

Picnic. In the hands of Ora and Don Kerlin and assisted by members of the Recreation Committee, the picnic on Saturday, July 20, was a huge success. 94 persons attended and all had a good time. Ora and Don would like to thank all the committee members who assisted in making this event a success.

The following activities have been schedule. Specific details will be announced later. Mark

your calendars:

Aug. 2	T.G.I.F., Carroll Thompson
Sept. 6	T.G.I.F., Carroll Thompson
Sept 22	Omelet Brunch, Babs Ullman
Oct. 4	T.G.I.F., Carroll Thompson
Oct. 6	Oktoberfest, J.T. Satterwhite
Oct. 30	Mexican Dinner, Maria Boykin and Elsa Paez
Nov. 6	Cover Dish Supper, Bernice Kaminsky
Nov. 20	Flea Market, Barbara Bear and Gladys Ponce

Other activities are planned, but as yet no specific dates have been set:

- Pottery Factory, outside Williamsburg
- Spaghetti or Macaroni Dinner, Nancy and Tony DiSalvo
- Dinner Theater, Gladys Manrique
- Charlestown Races
- Wine and Cheese, Mimi Frank
- Bread-baking class (4 or 5 3-hour daytime sessions), Tony DiSalvo
- Social bridge (daytime)

If you have any ideas for other activities, join the Committee and get involved. Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month, alternating card rooms.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 14th, 7:30 p.m.,
West Card Room. Come join us.

What's Up . . .



SECURITY & FIRE/SAFETY COMMITTEE

Les Boykin

Don't let your vacation be ruined by crime. The Fairfax County Police offer the following vacation-security tips. Before leaving home:

- Have good locks on all doors AND USE THEM!
- Engrave your valuables with your Va. driver's license number (VA123456789).
- Never hide a key outside.
- Have a trusted person pick up your mail and newspapers, etc.
- Leave your trip plans with someone.

On the road:

- Don't carry large amounts of cash.
- Keep a record of your traveller's checks. Have the phone number to call in case your checks and/or credit cards are stolen.
- Never let strangers know your travel plans. Teach your children the same.
- Don't offer help to a stranded motorist. Go to the nearest phone and call for assistance. (Man or woman.)

-- If you suspect someone is following you, go to the nearest open, well-lighted area and call. If you feel threatened, flash your lights and honk your horn.

-- Always lock your car doors. ALWAYS!!

-- Park in well-lighted areas.

-- Check the interior of the car before entering.

-- Mark your car radio and other removable parts with your Va. driver's license number.

-- Always lock valuables out of sight if possible. Don't leave wallets or purses in the car.

-- Don't advertise that you are a tourist. Place travel maps and brochures out of sight.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER.

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From Management

DOOR LOCKS AND KEYS

If your apartment door lock has been changed please be sure you have given a key to the management office for emergency use only. This is required by the By-Laws of Skyline House Unit Owners' Association, Inc., Article VIII, Section 4, page 75 of your document book. Your key will be placed in a lock box by coded numbers. We cannot accept keys in sealed envelopes because the key is placed on a coded hook. The keys will be accessible to the manager, assistant manager and engineers only. We also remind you that the cylinder on the door lock needs to be oiled periodically. There is a can of WD 40 at the desk which you may borrow. You will find that your key turns much more easily if you oil it about every three months.

HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING UNIT

The filter should be changed every 60 days for more efficient air-conditioning and heating. Filters are available in the management office for \$1.00 each. There are two sizes: 16x20 and 20x20. When replacing the filter it is important to instale if properly; the metal side faces inward (note arrow on filter frame which indicates air flow).

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