



# The *house special*

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## **Board of Directors President, Johnnie Moore**

First, I would like to acknowledge and thank those residents who attended this month's Board meeting. We had the largest participation since I have been a member of the Board. I strongly encourage residents to continue to get involved and ensure your voices are heard concerning the affairs of the Skyline House.

The single largest issue was the approval of the 2003 budget. For those residents who have lived here for a long period of time, there is concern about the amount of condominium fee increases over time (more than doubled in some cases). There is a perception that the Board may not be sensitive to this situation. Let me assure you that this is far from being the case. One of the most important responsibilities of the Board is to ensure the property is maintained at a high standard and that the value of the property is maintained. As the property ages, this requires more investment to sustain its value. Additionally, we uncover situations that are the result of poor construction that is now the responsibility owners because of the way the property was initially conveyed. The budget as recommended by the Finance Committee was approved. Our thanks to Mrs. Weber and the other members for the outstanding work they have performed. If you look at the 2003 budget compared to 2002 expenditures, it becomes very clear that there are reductions where possible.

We have two major unplanned expenditures that were addressed and a course of action approved that minimizes the financial impact to owners. One is the requirement to install "expansion joints" between the three buildings. It was discovered that this was not done properly when the buildings were constructed and is the cause for the incidents of water damage on the ground level corridor. The other is to properly install flashing on the ends of the East and West buildings, again to correct faulty construction. Two of the four façades will be completed this year and the other two will be completed in 2003. The Board opted to complete the repair in a manner that solves the problem of water damage to units and provides the SHUOA with a long-term (20 years) warranty against faulty workmanship. Any other course of action taken would not have fixed the problem and would have required further investment at a later date to correct the issue.

We acknowledge the desire of residents to have more options relative to Cable TV channels; however, it is not possible to have this occur without additional, unplanned expense. We have asked Management to pursue other options for service that may provide more flexibility. The current vendor defines the channels most residents requested as "premium" channels, and we would have to increase the condominium fee to cover the cost, an option that we do not support. We will keep you posted as we continue to look for other options. Additionally, each individual resident has the option to purchase Cox Cable if the service provided by the SHUOA is not sufficient.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

***THE HOUSE SPECIAL*** welcomes brief comments from its readers. Limit your letters to 250 words or less and include your name and unit number. The Association Board reserves the right to refuse incorrect or improper statements. Committee reports must be submitted to the Editor by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month or NLT 3 days after mtg.

Information for ***THE HOUSE SPECIAL*** may be sent by e-mail to the Editor, dropped off at the Management office or the reception desk.

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Again, thank you for your participation in the affairs of the SHUOA. I look forward to seeing you at the next Board meeting, which will be the **first Wednesday in December (December 4<sup>th</sup>)** versus the day before Thanksgiving. Have a happy Thanksgiving holiday.



**General Manager  
 Gusbey Silva**

**End Walls Façade Repairs:**

During one of the inspections done by our engineer consultant, it was found that when the building was built flashing and weep holes were not properly installed, allowing water to penetrate and damage the concrete spandrels in some locations up to eight inches from the front of the building.

The Board of Directors approved a change order to the original contract to address the issue of installing new flashing and weep holes on the end walls to avoid future damage. The expected completion date for the two façades being repaired this year, including installation of new flashing, is November 27<sup>th</sup>. The contractor will wash the windows after all repairs are completed.

The other two end walls, east of the West building and west of the East building, will be completed during the spring of 2003.

**Painting of Unit Entrance Doors:**

The painting of all unit doors in the West building has been completed. Painting of the doors in the East building started on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. All unit doors in both buildings will be completed prior to Thanksgiving.

Management thanks the Neighborhood Watch for their cooperation during this project, performing the patrolling of each floor while the doors remain opened. This has saved thousands of dollars to the Association, avoiding the expense of contracting 24-hour security while this project is completed.

**Mezzanine Roof Replacement:**

The roof replacement of the Mezzanine level, approved by the Board of Directors during the September Board meeting, began on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, with the demolition of the old roof. Due to inclement weather, the completion date for this project, originally estimated for Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, was postponed until Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, with the installation of the new gravel.

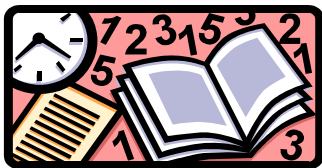
**Party Room Furniture:**

Refurbishing of the party room sofas was approved during the September Board meeting. The West Party Room is closed while its' sofas are being refurbished; it is scheduled to re-open on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. At that time, the East Party Room sofas will be picked up for refurbishing, and that room will be closed. The estimated completion date for the East Party Room furniture is November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Board Meetings Broadcast:**

The board meetings are being recorded for your convenience. The recording will be broadcast the following Sunday after the Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m. and again the second Sunday of each month at the same time on Channel 12 of the Skyline House TV.

If the broadcast time is not convenient for you, we ask that you call the Management office with your suggestion for a more convenient broadcast schedule.



**Editor  
Louise Albin**

On July 22, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to notify Cox Communications of violation for its failure to complete the upgrade of the county cable system to households and public facilities. The Board took this extraordinary action because Cox did not meet the original May 31, 2002 deadline for completion of the project. The Board has asked Cox Communications to prepare and implement a plan

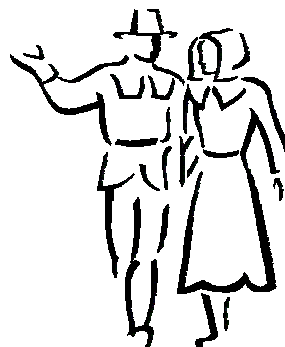
that will complete the upgrade of the system by May 31, 2003, or face fines of \$2,000 per day.

Local governments cannot regulate the fees charged by the local cable companies, and high-speed-internet service also is not covered by local regulations. However, my office is prepared to assist you with any consumer service complaints you may have, as prescribed by the Virginia Consumer Act. Please call the office of Penny Gross, Mason District Supervisor, at 703-256-7717 for further information, or send an e-mail to: [mason@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:mason@fairfaxcounty.gov).

Please put on your calendar Tuesday, December 3, 2002, for the Mason District Holiday Town Gathering. For the 7<sup>th</sup> year, the Mason District Supervisor and her staff are delighted to host an informal evening of music refreshments, and camaraderie to kick off the holiday season. The Town Gathering will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Community Rom of the Mason District Governmental Center at 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

Currently on display in the Arts in the Mason District Governmental Center are manipulated digital image and ink artworks by Alice Webb. Coming soon will be watercolors by Mardy Bosch of Annandale. Please come by during office hours to view the ever-changing variety of art.

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**Thanksgiving is a time for giving thanks and sharing with those less fortunate**

This year the employees of Skyline House are happy to adopt two families from the Falls Church area to provide all the necessities to ensure they will have a wonderful Thanksgiving

dinner. If you would like to participate by making a donation, there will be a box outside the Accounting office beginning November 4<sup>th</sup> for the collection of any canned and boxed food items.

To make sure we have enough items to complete the entire dinner, please donate an item listed under the first letter of your last name.

If your last name begins with:

A-H – Canned foods (vegetables, soups, fruit, etc.);

I-O – Drinks (juice, soda, soft-drink mix, etc.);

P-Z – Boxed items (cake mix, stuffing, macaroni and cheese, sugar, flour, corn bread).

Because some items cannot be purchased until the day of the delivery (turkey, eggs, etc.), we will take a collection to purchase these items a day before we make delivery to the families. If you are interested in making a monetary donation, please do so in the form of a Gift Certificate (from Giant or Safeway) or cash; please drop in lockbox outside the Accounting office. Any monies left over will be turned over to the families in the form of a Gift Certificate to a local grocery store.

*Submitted by Tycia Height, Accounting Office*

## **Security, Fire and Safety Committee**

**Terry G. Sakellos, Chairman**



There was no Security, Fire and Safety Committee meeting in October. As the clocks have been set back and darkness is upon us much earlier, please be aware of your surroundings as you leave and enter your cars. To deter vandals and thieves, lock your car and keep all valuables locked and concealed in your trunk compartment.

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS LIST IN CASE OF EMERGENCY IN SKYLINE HOUSE**

1. Store gallons of water in plastic containers in case the main water supply is interrupted or contaminated.
2. Have a three to five day supply of non-perishable food.
3. Have a first aid kit on hand.
4. Be prepared to travel with prescription medications, eyeglasses and cash (bill no larger than 20 dollars).
5. Have hand flashlights with batteries, candles, a battery powered radio, plastic utensils, matches or cigarette lighters, toilet paper, a manual can opener, plastic bags with fasteners, a plastic bucket, a knife, a whistle, rope, paper, pencils, soap, and chlorine bleach or household disinfectant.
6. Be prepared to travel with two changes of clothing, sturdy shoes, socks, rain gear, hats or caps, gloves, thermal under-wear, a scarf and outer wear.
7. Take a list of important phone numbers.
8. Take a book to read in case you have to spend some time in a central shelter.
9. The above is an outline of actions that might replace worry with beneficial action. Other aspects of self-care include protection and preservation of documents, such as wills, financial records, and other important papers.

The next Security, Fire and Safety Committee meeting will be November 13, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room.



## **Financial Management Committee**

**Betty Weber, Chair**

The Finance Committee met on October 22, 2002 with all members present.

The Committee reviewed the September financial statements and found no issues. Association year-to-date financial statements through September 30, 2002 reflect an income of \$2.346 M. Year-to-date operating expenditures

total \$1.496 M. After deducting our contributions to the reserves, this leaves us with a net income after taxes of approximately \$12,500 for the year as of September 30, 2002.

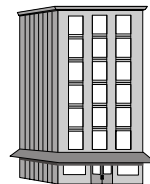
To date, we have made contributions to the reserves in the amount of \$825.4 thousand. Reserve withdrawals during September include \$2,875 for balcony remediation; \$6,825 for party room furniture; \$1,524 for computer hardware, \$2,780 for first floor lighting; \$120 for west trash dumpster, and \$8,279 for consulting fees, for a total of \$22,403 in reserve expenditures during September. For the year-to-date through September 30, 2002, total reserve expenditures for the year total \$532,163, leaving us with a Reserve Account balance of \$1.644 M.

The Committee reviewed bids for the expansion joint replacement between buildings 3709, 3711, and 3713 and concurred with the PPOC's recommendation that the contract be awarded to Alfred Chavies Construction in the amount of \$14,800. This repair is an unanticipated expense. Five thousand of the \$14,800 contract will be paid from the exterior maintenance operating account with the remainder being unbudgeted. However, to date, our income has exceeded our expenses by \$12,499, so we believe we will have sufficient excess funds remaining at year's end to cover the \$4,800.

The Committee reviewed a comparison of fees for banking services between Chevy Chase and Bank of America. This analysis was prompted for two reasons. We are currently using Bank of America for our banking needs who charges us over \$500 per month for services rendered and pays us interest of approximately \$150 a month on an average balance of \$207,000. The FMC and Management felt that comparative shopping might result in lower bank fees. Further, Management has experienced instances of overcharging and charging for services not rendered at Bank of America and has found Bank of America largely non-responsive to our complaints. A comparison of charges for the same services provided by Chevy Chase showed a savings of \$224 (\$539/month vs. \$315/month). Further, Chevy Chase pays a higher return on our sweep investment accounts than does Bank of

America (\$254/month vs. \$160/ month) for an additional \$90/month, resulting in a total monthly savings of \$318 based on an average daily balance of \$207,365. The FMC is of the opinion that this savings, along with the quality of service found lacking with Bank of America, is sufficient to recommend that the Association select Chevy Chase to provide our banking services. If the Board approves this move, the decision must be made and the account established before the owners' coupon payment books are ordered for 2003.

In the past, when the use of a lift to perform maintenance was required, a personnel lift (a jenny) was rented. Management recommended to the Board that the Association buy a jenny for \$5,600 instead of renting one each time one was needed.



**Physical Plant  
And Operations Committee  
George Beams  
And Kurt Bedenbaugh**

The Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2002, in the West Card Room. Mr. Kurt Bedenbaugh, Committee Co-Chair, reported on a Special Board meeting held on October 9, 2002. The meeting was to address a structural problem discovered by Mr. James, the Engineer for Gardner Engineering, and the on-site contractor commissioned to repair the building façade end wall projects. Mr. James concluded the cause of the problem was with the original construction installation by Charles E. Smith and Company. The original flashing was set back from the edge of the brick façade and the lack of weep holes to permit water to exit from the cavity.

The cost above and beyond the current contract will be \$240,000 for both the East and West buildings. That covers each end of the building, or four façades at an estimated cost of \$60,000 each. Concurrently, the West end façade of each building is scheduled for completion this year at a cost of \$120,000. The Chairman of the Finance Committee stated that there are funds in

the current budget to cover this amount. Reservation of funds in the 2003 budget will be made available for the balance of needed funds.

The Board voted in a special meeting to accept this solution in order to correct the deficiencies of the original contractors. This locked in the unit price to perform this work and allows it to be done before the cold weather that would require the suspension of work.

I am sure many owners remember that we have attempted several times (about every five years) to solve the above problem. Those temporary repairs were made, but no effort was made to correct the basic problem. The current operation will make the necessary corrections to stop the infiltration of water through the walls.

The Committee approved a motion to award a contract in the amount of \$14,000 to Alfred Chavis Construction Company for the repair of two expansion joints between buildings 3709 and 3711 and 3711 and 3713.

A brief discussion was held regarding closed-circuit TV security cameras. Management has requested bids for replacement cameras but has yet to receive the necessary three bids to comply with procurement regulations.

A Committee member requested that the Board utilize the microphones at their meetings. He felt many residents who attended the last Board meeting were unable to hear and, therefore, could not follow the Board discussions.

A resident suggested that we consider the possibility of placing trees on the median of S. George Mason Drive to enhance the beauty of our property. PPOC did not feel it had enough information to take action on this request. The resident promised to obtain more information.

PPOC meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room. We invite all residents to attend.



## **Covenants Committee** **Joseph Livingston, Chairman**

The Covenants Committee did not meet in October. Our next meeting will be on November 20, 2002 in the West Party Room at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Salem Omeish will Chair the meeting.

We can report that the Board of Directors, at its October meeting, approved some modifications and several rules changes. These rules are published in *The House Special* before they become effective.

### **Rule 18E 11 Parking Vehicular Responsibilities**

Any vehicle on Skyline House property that leaks hazardous material (e.g. motor or transmission oil, gasoline or Diesel fuel, etc.) is subject to being towed off the property by Management at the owner's or operator's risk and expense. Such vehicle shall not be returned to Skyline property until the cause of the violation is remedied. In addition, the owner/operator of such a vehicle is responsible to the Association for any expenses incurred for the cleaning and removal of the hazardous material.

### **Rule 18E 12 Vehicular Responsibilities**

All parking spaces on Skyline House private property regardless of size are limited to a maximum of one vehicle per space. Vehicles in violation are subject to being towed at the owner's risk and expense.

### **Rule 21C Water Damage**

In order to reduce water damage throughout the condominium, Management is authorized to inspect all hoses and connections in all units at least annually and, if needed, order their replacement or repair **via a written notice**. Such repair or replacement, at the expense of the owner, shall be completed within thirty (30) working days from the date of the notice for change.

### **Rule 23D Host Responsibilities**

For security reasons, the Resident Host shall be responsible to ensure that all guests who enter our

property are those whose names have been furnished to Management as prescribed in Para A 1 above and that all guests enter through the main lobby. The host shall also be responsible to ensure that their guests do not use any other entrance to access the buildings, thereby violating the purpose of this rule and allowing unauthorized persons access to the Condominium.

The Committee's re-examination of all Skyline House Rules and Regulations is ongoing. Any suggestions you wish to make with respect to the current rules may be sent to the Committee. In the meantime, however, adherence to the current rules enhance the quality of life here in our community and may reduce instances where we may inadvertently do something to annoy or inconvenience our neighbors.

We need your cooperation and involvement to help Management contain costs and keep Skyline House one of the best places in Northern Virginia to live.



**Neighborhood Watch  
Judith York, Coordinator**

Painting of Unit Entrance Doors (West Building) – Our sincere thanks to all who helped with the Neighborhood Watch Program while unit doors in the West building were recently painted. Painting is now being done in the East building. We are very grateful to the volunteers for saving the Association (which means the homeowners) thousands of dollars that it would have cost to pay security guards to patrol the hallways.

We didn't need to hire any ghosts for Halloween, as we seem to have our own who are leaving penthouse bathroom doors open and lights on in both the East and West buildings. Other reported problems, and one which can have serious consequences, is the garage emergency exit doors frequently being propped open; recently, an intruder was found in the stairwell of the garage. The Neighborhood Watch participant requested that police be called, and they came to investigate. Safety is of primary concern, and we need to be

alert and considerate of our fellow residents. We can do this by not leaving doors propped open and alerting the front desk immediately when we notice anything suspicious. It is better to be safe than sorry!

Mason District Newsletter – the next open training session for Neighborhood Watch volunteers who need certification is Monday, November 4, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mason District police station, 6507 Columbia Pike (tel. 703-354-5889). This training session has been brought forward from December 12. Please bring other interested (potential) volunteers along with you, as it's always a good idea to build up our patrol resources before the holiday season arrives. I will be attending this training session and will be happy to give new volunteers a ride.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated Neighborhood Watch (NW) volunteers for their continued help in patrolling our buildings and grounds, for reporting incidents on the NW monitoring forms and for making notes in the maintenance log, all of which keep our homes and grounds secure and attractive. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call me on 703-671-2267.



**Recreation Committee  
Tony DiSalvo  
Chairman**

The October TGIF was well attended. A number of folks who had been out of town were present as well as some of residents who had been ill. We look forward to seeing some of the new residents who have not attended.

If you are a resident and have not attended the monthly TGIF, make this your first and meet your neighbors; and to make it easier, you are requested NOT to bring a plate of hors d'oeuvres, just your own liquid refreshment.

Just a reminder that the next big activity will be the Holiday Party which is scheduled for

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Party Room, so mark your calendar accordingly.

Another reminder, TGIF, Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, will be in the East Party Room at 6:30 p.m.

### COMING EVENTS:

The Recreation Committee meeting is Wednesday, December 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room

NEW SUBJECT: For the past 15 years or more, residents of Skyline House have been providing magazines to a hospital, which are now being delivered to Alexandria Hospital. Just drop your magazines off at the front desk and they will be delivered to the hospital. We are noted for providing them with current magazines. Please keep up the good work. If you have any questions, contact Tony DiSalvo (who delivers the magazines to the hospital) at 703-824-1958.



### Good Neighbor Committee Co-Chairs

Toska Prather 703-379-7849  
Ann Preston 703-031-7679

### Good Neighbors for November

Charles Roberts 703-998-6080  
Glendis Taylor 703-998-7871

The Good Neighbors are available to assist all residents who are in need of temporary help due to illness or emergency. We need new members. Please call one of the co-chairs and join us.



### The Chief Engineer Greg Grimm

### Washington Cable Antenna Connections:

Recently we have had several residents remove and disconnect the antenna jacks for Washington Cable in their units for various reasons. Washington Cable antenna jacks have only one connection on the plate. Be aware that disconnecting the wires

behind these antenna jacks disconnects cable service for the units below you. Replacing the splitter behind these antenna connections also disrupts cable service, as this device is not really a splitter; it is a tap that distributes the signal evenly to everyone in that tier. If you require assistance with an antenna jack, please call the Management Office and make an appointment for a service call, which costs usually around \$10.00, and let us handle this for you. This is much more convenient to your neighbors than disrupting their cable service. This does not apply to Cox Cable antenna jacks, which has two outlets on the plate.

### Heating season is here:

If you have not checked your heat for operation, please do so now. It may save you a weekend or evening service call. We don't want you to be left in the cold.

### Trash chutes:

We have had several chute blockages lately from residents tossing boxes down the trash chute. Please note the signs above the chute doors and put no boxes down the chute. Some residents are throwing raw garbage down the chutes. Garbage should be bagged.

### Ad Hoc Lobby Decorating Committee Jean Orben, Chairman Carroll Thompson & Louise Albin

When the new gallery ceiling fixtures were installed, a decision was made to seek resident opinion on whether or not they cast sufficient light in the corridors. Additional small lights can be installed over the recessed windows in the galleries if more light is needed. Six hundred dollars (\$600) is available in the budget to pay for such additional lighting.

The ceiling lights have now been up for a few months, so it's time for Skyline House residents to voice their opinions. A survey sheet has been left at the Lobby Desk for all resident owners to check off their preference. Management will present the results at the next Board meeting.

*Following is the First Skyline House Newsletter, dated June 23, 1980:*



LOOK  
THE FIRST SKYLINE HOUSE NEWSLETTER

The fledgling Communications Subcommittee of the Skyline House Owner Involvement Committee is publishing this brief first issue of the Skyline House Newsletter both to bring co-owners up to date on the activities of the Owner Involvement Committee and to cry for help in ensuring that there are future issues. First, the news:

OWNER INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

THE FIRST MEETING was held on June 10 (1980) in the Card Room with 30 enthusiastic co-owners attending. Jack Herzig (310W) acted as Chairperson. The purpose of the meeting was to form special interest subcommittees and begin to develop plans for future activities. Brief descriptions of the subcommittees formed and a list of their members follow:

COMMUNICATIONS – Responsible for notices to co-owners and periodic newsletters reporting co-owners' news and reporting news to co-owners. Members to date are: Anna Gilreath, 1515W; Diana Barnhart, 203W; Allan Lund, 1702W; Richard Nelson, 1710W.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS/WELCOMING – Combined subcommittees. Responsible for facilitating co-owner integration with the community, its leaders and resources. Also welcoming new co-owners to Skyline House. Members to date are: Maria Elena Pynn, 1302W; Christobel Bicksler, 301W; Maureen Lescroart, 1104W; Mary Walsh, 1202; Vera Church, 807W.

RECREATION – Responsible for fun and games and hobbies and New Year's Eve parties. Members to date are: Bernice Kamiski, 716W; Betty Kellog, 1608W; Jan Flynn, 909; Pat Denny, 712W; Lon Ballard, 905W; Allan Lund, 1701; Ellen Delman, 114W; Ruth Bassett, 704W; Mimi Frank, 1111W; Erma Leatherwood, 713W; Nina Brolin, 402W; Esther Sirkin, 1401W.

THE NEXT MEETING will be held July 15 at 8 p.m. in the Card Room. If you are interested in working on any of these subcommittees, please

attend; bring your ideas and suggestions and willingness to participate. Contact any of the individuals named above for information about subcommittee planning activities in the meantime.

OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED AT THE JULY 15 MEETING. THE OWNER INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE NEEDS THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS: CHAIRPERSON, VICE CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY, AND TREASURER. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE POSITIONS, PLEASE PROVIDE JACK HERZIG, 310W, WITH A SHORT STATEMENT OF YOUR INTEREST AND QUALIFICATIONS.

SPECIAL NEWS ABOUT THE COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE.

The subcommittee held its first planning session June 17, with Jack Herzig, Anna Gilreath, Allan Lund and Diana Barnhart attending. We agreed to commence preliminary inquiries into getting a newsletter going. Allan Lund met with Julie Verrier, Editor of the Skyline Plaza Skylines, June 20 for practical advice and tips. She indicated she would be willing to answer questions and provide further guidance in future. Allan and Anna Gilreath will be meeting with Vince Turner on June 27 to discuss some of the practical aspects of typing, duplicating and distributing a newsletter that is not self-supporting, i.e., what is management's role to be.

The subcommittee needs a chairperson, a newsletter editor (collector, reviewer and/or writer of newsletter entries) and production/circulation manager (in charge of printing/duplication and distribution. We also need many more volunteers to help whoever becomes editor and production/ circulation manager. Without such help, this may be the last newsletter. Contact any of the subcommittee members for more information and to volunteer.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Come to the next meeting of the Owner Involvement Committee on July 15 and let us know

- What kinds of news, features, etc., you would like to see in the newsletter.

- What other formats you think the Communications Subcommittee should use to keep co-owners informed.
- What you can do to ensure Skyline House has a newsletter each month.
- What the newsletter should be named. Some suggestions are: On the House, House Calls, House Special, Rising Sun, House Spoken, House Key, House About, House Flyer, Household Word, Highrise Herald, The Center Fold, Skywriter, Skywards. Add a half dozen of your own and let us know.

*Submitted by Jack Herzig, 310W*

*Editor's note: References to the "Card Room" refers to the West Card Room because only the West building had been built at that time.*

***Do you love music as I do? Then enjoy the upcoming show by the Alexandria Harmonizers on November 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2002 Fall Show featuring Metropolis at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center.***

#### ***The Alexandria Harmonizers***

The Alexandria Virginia Chapter is one of 800 chapters of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA). Founded in 1948, the chapter currently has approximately 235 members throughout the world and is SPEBSQSA's largest chapter. The performing chorus is made up of between 90 and 120 men.

The chorus performs about twice a month, including benefit shows for the City of Alexandria. The Harmonizers have performed at numerous prestigious venues including the White House, the Supreme Court, Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, Constitution Hall, Wolf Trap, the Washington Convention Center, and the Virginia Gubernatorial Inaugural Gala. For more information please visit: [www.harmonizers.org](http://www.harmonizers.org) or call 703-836-0969.

**Look for the next performance of the Alexandria Singers Holiday performance in December, details in the December newsletter.**

#### ***Alexandria Symphony at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall:***

On Friday November 9, 2002, at 8:00 p.m. enjoy Benny Goodman's dazzling versatility...with an extraordinary performance by Gervase de Peyer Clarinetist Gervase de Peyer will be performing:

Goodman	Medley
Mozart	Clarinet Concerto
Copeland	Clarinet Concerto
Goodman	Bugle Call and Boogie- Woogie Bugle Boy

#### **You can hear Peter Fay in Concert Conversations one hour prior to concerts.**

Mr. Fay was the head of the former Performing Arts Library at the Kennedy Center, a joint project with the Library of Congress. As director of the library during its entire existence from 1978 through 1992, Mr. Fay fashioned it into an incomparable resource for information in the performing arts, film and broadcasting. Prior to his tenure at the Kennedy Center, he was a music librarian at the Library of Congress.

Since 1986 he has been the music critic on Public Television's arts panel program, "Around Town," WETA-TV's Emmy award-winning weekly television show devoted to the performing arts, visual arts, and motion pictures. Mr. Fay is also the Arts Editor and Contributing Editor to WAMU FM's "Metro Connection," a weekly radio program covering events in the Washington, D. C. area.

Mr. Fay writes regularly for the Washington Opera Magazine, Washington Review and WETA Magazine. His program notes are featured in "Stagebill" magazine. Mr. Fay has written on subjects as diverse as Mozart operas, Gregorian chant and jazz.

As a singer, Mr. Fay has appeared with the Washington Opera, the Wolf Trap Opera and Summer Opera Theatre. The Washington Post music critic called his singing, "stylistically impressive and particularly distinguished." Mr. Fay is also a composer whose works have been performed in churches and synagogues and on national television.

# ***SPECIAL EVENTS AT SKYLINE HOUSE November 2002***

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b> TGIF 6:30 PM EPR All Saints Day	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 PM ECR	<b>5</b> Election Day	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> LIBRARY CLOSED Veterans' Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> REC COM 7:00 PM WCR	<b>14</b> PPOC 7:00 PM WCR	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 ECR	<b>19</b> FIN MGT 7:00 PM WCR	<b>20</b> COVENANTS 7:00 PM WCR	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 PM ECR	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Thanksgiving Day	<b>29</b> Chanukah Begins at Sundown	<b>30</b>

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