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In the United States, *Flag Day* is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the *flag* of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

One hundred and 39 years and 24 iterations of the flag later, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day to commemorate the 1777 resolution:

It has . . . seemed to me fitting that I should call your attention to the approach of the anniversary of the day upon which the flag of the United States was adopted by the Congress . . . and to suggest to you that it should this year and in the years to come be given special significance as a day of renewal and reminder, a day upon which we should direct our minds with a special desire of renewal to thoughts of the ideals and principles of which we have sought to make our great Government the embodiment.

In 1949, Congress formalized Wilson’s wish, passing legislation that officially requests the president to issue a proclamation each year “calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Flag Day; and urging the people of the United States to observe Flag Day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.”

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

By Mike Woodruff

Normally during the summer months, I do not write an article for the Acorn. It is my time to recharge and prepare for the fall and winter months. Plus, I am busy taking care of our northern home and chasing after grandchildren. I am still involved with the day to day activity of the Community. I talk with our Manager Amanda during the week and she provides me with a Status Report weekly. I feel during the Pandemic I need to reassure the Community that the Board is still involved with the operation of the Community.

The Re-Opening Plan has completed almost two weeks and from all the reports I am receiving things are moving along good. We have worked through the first phase and are starting to enter the second phase. We have come a long way so we need to continue to slow walk through each phase to get to the final phase which is as close to normal as we can be again. Until we have a vaccine for the virus, we have the underlying concern in the back of our mind that we need to protect ourselves. Some experts said being a Community of 55 plus year old residents we are more vulnerable, and we need to take steps to protect our Community.

It is very important that we get back to our social activities within our Community. Over the past couple of months, I have read several articles how important it is for humans to engage in social activities. It is good for our mental and physical health to be active in social activities.

Oakwood Manor Residents and family know we have some of the best social activities with in any community in Sarasota.

The top priority during the summer is getting the Clubhouse Bridge replaced, and we are in the final stages. We are waiting on bids from Contractors to replace the bridge with a Prefab Steel Truss Bridge. Within the next couple of weeks, we are hoping to move forward with a plan to have the bridge fully operational by the end of summer. We will keep everyone posted on the progress.

Finally, the Board wants to thank our Staff Security, Maintenance, and Office for all the dedication and hard work taking care of our Community during the pandemic. Also, the Board and Management want to thank our Community for being patient, understanding and supportive during this period. I have no doubts that we will recover from this and be stronger and return to enjoying OM life and social activities again.



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MANAGER'S REPORT

By *Amanda Busko*

Iwould like to say THANK YOU, thank you to the entire community. Creating the transition plan was not the difficult task, implementation and your support and adherence to the guidelines is the hard work. Thank you so much for continuing to follow social distancing guidelines to protect yourselves and one another.

As posted on the website, channel 2 and signage we will be allowing access to the library and puzzles every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., no more than 2 people will be allowed to enter the hall at a time., Masks will be required, and gloves will be provided. If you have books or puzzles to return, there will be bins for returns.

Teamwork makes the Dream work, a saying often heard. Oakwood Manor is more than a TEAM. Oakwood Manor is a community, family, support system. Please continue to respect, trust, and care for one another by following the social distancing guidelines. 

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 30, 2020

By *Frank Dawes*

For the month of April we had operating income of \$88,488 and operating expenses of \$80,200 resulting in an operating profit for the month of April of \$8,288. Year to date we have had operating income of \$346,657 and operating expenses of \$367,685 resulting in an operating loss for the first four months of 2020 of \$21,028.

Our month end cash balances were operating \$48,095 and our replacement funds \$132,910.

Additions to fixed assets for the month was \$1,372 to Delta Engineering for bridge replacement plans. 

WELCOME TO YOUR SHARE IN PARADISE

By *Cindy Lavezzo*

Hi everyone, I hope you are all staying healthy and active. It's getting really hot in Sarasota!

This month I want to introduce Bob and Cindy Rump. They have a lovely new house at 127 Oakwood Blvd. Most of you will recognize the name Rump, Bob is the son of Gene and Sharon, and the third Rump sibling to enjoy a home in Oakwood.

Cindy and Bob have been married for six years but have known each other much longer. They met at work 20 years ago. Cindy is the mother of a 31 year old daughter. Bob and Cindy have two fur babies back in Missouri. Bella is a Golden Retriever, and little Gracie is a Jug. Yes that's a real breed of dog (a cross of Pug and Jack Russel Terrier) and she is really cute. Cindy's dad lives with them at their home up north and loves having the dogs keep him company while Bob and Cindy are in Florida.

Bob and Cindy will be part timers here in Oakwood. Not snow birds as they will come as often as possible all year long. Bob worked for 29 years as a firefighter and paramedic in the St. Louis area. Before that he was an Army medic for 10 years. He's retired now so he'll get to spend more time here than Cindy. When Bob retired they moved to the country about 70 miles west of St. Louis.

Cindy is a paramedic also. She has spent 24 years working in emergency rooms and on ambulances. She expects to work for another four or five years before retiring. Cindy works 48 hour shifts then gets four days off. So, when she juggles her shifts around, she will be able to be here for 2 weeks at a time.

While they like the seasons in Missouri and they enjoy hunting and fishing, they both like our warm weather rather than cold and snow.

When you get the chance, stop and introduce yourselves and thank these 'front line workers' for their service. 

THE REAL ESTATE CORNER

By Greg Reynolds, OM Director of Real Estate

What's New?
 Angela Bryson reports the following Palm Realty activity as of April 30, 2020:
 Homes sold in April: 2, plus 2 pending
 Year to Date homes sold: 8
 Homes currently listed with Palm Realty: 14
 Total Year to Date profit to Oakwood Manor from real estate sales: \$19,662.
 Real estate commissions to Oakwood Manor are used for maintenance and improvements to our facilities and grounds.

Did You Know?

In addition to the general duties of a board member, I act as your director of real estate. In this roll, it is my responsibility to welcome and orient all new residents. Most often, I meet them face-to-face. When this is not possible, I meet them via telephone and/or by using face-time technology. We meet for an hour, so there is adequate time for both an orientation and time to answer any questions that a new buyer might have.

During this visit, we talk about OM having an elected board of directors, and a paid, full-time manager, staff, and maintenance. I provide phone numbers for the various Sarasota utilities and city services, the OM office number, and ISS. We discuss our safety and security-including gate entry. They are told about overnight car parking options as well as golf cart parking. Lawn cutting and trash collection is explained. I review the rules re: renting an OM home. They are reminded there are to be no short-term rentals.

I offer ways they can stay connected with OM such as Channel 2; our OM website (and how to obtain access to the member's only site); The Acorn (both delivered and available on the OM Website); the office bulletin board; Breakfast Club; and the OM Board Meetings. I encourage the new member to consider joining activities they think they might enjoy, and to consider vol-

unteering – a great way to meet new friends while having fun!

I tell them to expect a welcome packet, as well as a visit from our official OM welcome lady, Midge Jordan. I do ask them to wear their name badges to all events. I let them know that if they should receive a call from Cindy Lavezzo, that she is not a solicitor, but rather she is our "new member reporter" for the Acorn!

As you can imagine, we have a busy meeting! I really enjoy being your real estate director because it is an opportunity to show the passion that I feel for Oakwood Manor, and welcome our new, soon-to-be- friends.

A Note of Thanks

Our Palm Realty Realtor, Angela Bryson, would like to thank the Oakwood Manor Family for all their kind words, cards, flowers and well wishes after the recent passing of her father.



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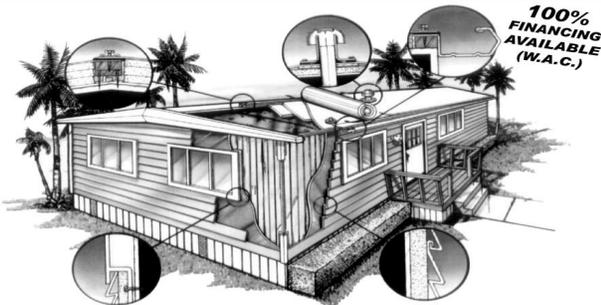


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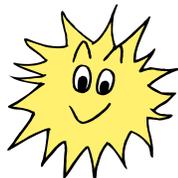
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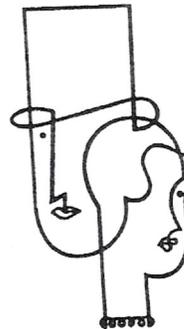
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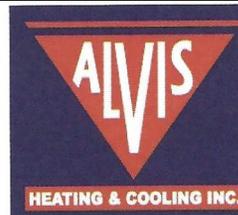
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THE SHUFFLE NEWS

by. S. Yoder



Here we are with another month “of nothing to do” behind us, and I truly don’t know where the month has gone. How many closets can a person clean out? How many puzzles can one do? How many meals do YOU HAVE TO COOK? That last one has been a challenge for me. Even though we don’t go out to dine as much as most Oakwood Manor residents(at least the seasonal residents) just to know that I needed to prepare for the next meal, and the next meal, for so many days. Whew, I was so happy to see the Governor lift some of the restrictions so that we could, if we choose to, go where someone else would COOK the food!!

As I gathered material for this edition, it dawned on me that I forgot to mention a very important item that was in place already last month. The new swinging back gate is installed and working great. It swings in, instead of out, as I thought it would, but it works really well. They did a great job getting it all set up. And no one has run into it and knocked it off the track!

When the world “shut down” a few months ago, we were amazed to hear the birds singing again. Usually the traffic noise drowns out the singing on the overhead wires behind us. This morning, May 23rd, we had a rare sighting in our backyard. When I opened the curtains, some movement caught my eye. A female cardinal flew to the fence and sat, watching. There was more movement and I noticed two little babies jumping from the ground into the low branches of the bushes. I watched and then there were four. The mother was letting them learn how to get along in the world all by themselves. I am a farm girl from way back and I have never had this experience. We watched for a while as they went from pecking in the yard, flying to the lower part of the fence and then hopping back into the yard again. Trying their wings I sup-

pose. I never saw the mother again, but I am sure she wasn’t far way, watching over her babies, making sure the neighborhood cat wasn’t going to harm them. Nice start to a really nice day.

Oakwood Manor is slowly coming alive again. The rules are posted for using the pool, shuffle board, bocce ball, and miniature golf. And if they aren’t followed, all will be shut down again. We sure don’t want that to happen, so we all are aware of comings and goings and helping people navigate the gates, etc. The office is still on lock down, but Kathy and Amanda are back inside. We can talk to them, just not go and see them. This coming week, they plan to open the library for a few hours on Wednesday. The puzzle cabinet will be available as well, to swap out if you are interested in returning the completed and getting new ones. I know folks have been waiting for this.

The 6:00 p.m. and after, evening entertainment has gone away. The end of April brought another grand exodus for returning to the north, and the evening visitation hour quickly came to a halt. No, more like a slowdown. We still see a few folks out and about that normally are gone by now. Just doesn’t make much sense to go back to Michigan where lock down has been extended to June 15th. Or New York, where the issue still exists. The beaches have opened, and are being used, and seems like the guidelines are being followed. Memorial Day is always a much enjoyed "beach day" for the locals. It is the official start to the summer. The hotels have opened, as well as the Airbnb’s and VRBO. The hotel right outside our front gate, is at capacity this weekend. We encourage visitors to the area, we just want our guests in Oakwood and the area, to abide by our governors guidelines so we can go forward with full openings soon.

The summer rains have started and the grass is green. When folks come in January and

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leave by March, all they ever see is dead/dormant grass. They don't realize that it starts growing with the first thunder storm. The k-boom wakes up the earth and things start growing again. We just had a doozy of a rain this evening. Two inches in about 20 minutes. You have to see it, hear it, feel it, to believe it.

Until next time.....

Happy trails 🌿



May 23rd was an eventful day, with the baby birds in the back yard, going out for dinner (actually eating in a Restaurant), a storm blowing in and the mess following the storm. Usually a rain blows in, dumps buckets in a short while and moves on. We registered 2 inches in about 30 minutes and the wind connected with the rain left a mess all over Oakwood Manor. Much more of the moss hanging from the trees has been distributed on the ground. Palms have shed more fronds. Benches by the shuffleboard courts were overturned and the drains were plugged, creating flooding. The maintenance guys will be busy on Tuesday, when they return following the holiday. Today, Sunday is predicted for more rain to come our way by lunch time. May be rain all afternoon. If you are a NASCAR fan there will be LIVE racing to watch, unless it too, gets rained out.

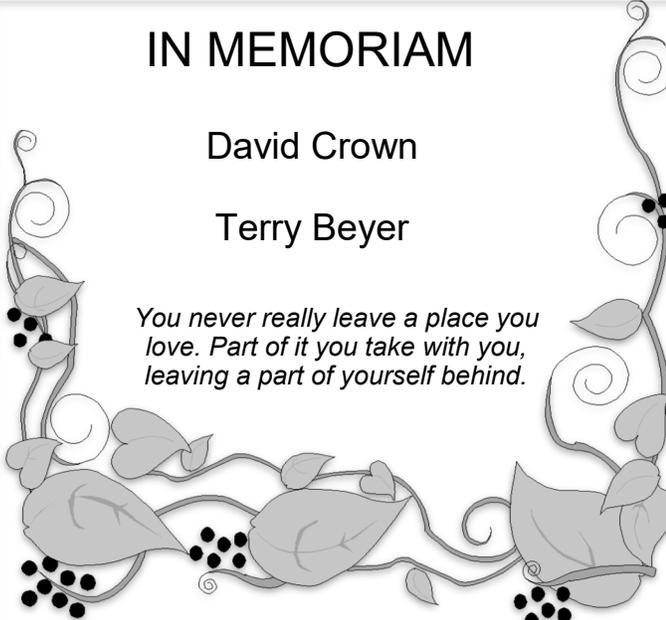


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We would like to wish all of our residents a very Happy Birthday and we are listing the June birthdays here so you can send best wishes to your friends and neighbors on their special day. If there are any errors or omissions please let the office know so our records can be updated. If you do not wish your birthday to be listed, please notify Sharon Rump and she will make sure your name is not published.



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Stanley	Parkinson	June 1
Eddie	Tuite	June 1
Ceil	Albright	June 2
Don	Coggins	June 2
Dawn	Deganis	June 2
Gary	Kellam	June 2
Mike	MacDonald	June 2
Ruth	Connelly	June 2
Jeffrey	Evans	June 2
Althea	Hamlin	June 3
Annette	Fuller	June 3
Bobbi	Graham	June 4
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Frank	Dawes	June 5
Don	Wezesa	June 5
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Diane	Riley	June 6
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Bill	Stewart	June 7
Lloyd	Holling	June 8
Marc	Williamson	June 8
Ruth	Risen	June 9
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Rosemarie	Sanson	June 26
Roger	Kolde	June 27
Mim	Weaver	June 27
Barb	Evans	June 28
Kenneth	Kaufman	June 28
Mike	Murphy	June 28
Teresa	Seiler	June 28
Louise	Talbot	June 28
Beverly	Noel	June 29
Rhonda	Florian	June 29
Jim	Miller	June 30
Shirley	Troyer	June 30



Happy Birthday

OAKWOOD MANOR QUILTERS

By Althea Hamlin

Every Thursday morning from 9 to 11 for over 15 years, the Oakwood Manor Quilters have met in the Clubhouse during “the season.” When the Clubhouse was closed back in mid-March because of the corona virus, it couldn’t stop this group from continuing to meet. The wonderful world of technology has saved us. ZOOM is our meeting place, Marcia Berkey is our fearless leader in this adventure. We continue to enjoy Show n Tell. It gives us an opportunity to keep in touch with what each member is doing. It is exciting to also get a view of the space each member enjoys—as much as a camera can include! Many of us have made small blocks where a house surrounds a heart to indicate our dedication to Stay home, Stay safe isolating. Many of those can be seen in our windows here in Oakwood Manor and more in members’ houses across

the USA and in Canada. Technology gives us a chance to check on members near and afar! ZOOM works for us because we have a common goal. We support our craft, recognizing that our talents and interests vary. We’ve shown masks, baby quilts, religious banners, tiny quilted pieces, huge king-sized quilts, wall hangings and much more in our Show n Tell sessions. We are blessed to have this opportunity to gather—knowing that gathering takes place safely. 🌿



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