

Happy St. Patrick's Day.....Hoping the rain holds off tomorrow so we all can enjoy the activities. Remember parade starts at 9. Wear your green.

I heard from the Waldens. Dean Levendohl is Cathy's father. He has been having some heart or blood problems Let's wish him luck in the test, etc.

Pam, we made it home to Oklahoma last Thursday safe and sound. Had 2 days of rain and are now having sunny, warm days. It will change by Wednesday so enjoying it while we can. Even though the weather wasn't the best this year at the Tip, we still had a great time. Love seeing our Texas family. Happy summer to everyone!

Cathy and Ed Walden

Dave Ochs also reported from the Olsons:

Lee and Mary Olson has been residents of our park since 1987. Mary has been a member of the Singing Strings and the T.O.T. Winter Texan Orchestra since 1989. Lee has enjoyed the Olympic's volleyball and Stained Glass in the Hobby Shop. We will be Returning to Missouri on March 21<sup>st</sup> and want to thank all our friends for 30 years of enjoyment here in the Rio Grande Valley.

Many of you will soon be leaving for the migration North. Please let us know when you safely return to your northern residents. We do worry about you.

A special note to the tennis players...Our tennis banquet will be held this Coming Sunday at 3:30 in the Al Barnes building. Please sign the board or let me know by Wednesday if you plan to attend.

Have a good week. Pam

## **MONDAY MORNING MEETING - March 16, 2015**

### **Steve & Sue Graham Activity Directors**

Pledge of Allegiance: Steve Graham  
National Anthems: Paul Barcenas and Rene St. James

**Rick Spilman**, the new District Manager for Wilder Texas Parks, was introduced. He spoke to the plans for road repair and Wi-Fi service in all Wilder Parks. Work on the roads will be determined by where the roads are in the worst shape. Work will begin this summer. The new Motto for Valley Parks is "No longer looking backwards, Only going forward!"  
628 residents on 403 lots. To those leaving for their Northern homes, have safe travels and be sure to secure your units before you go.

### **Delores Simpson, Hospital Report**

Joan Moore Semlak, Marty Wilhelm, Warren Martin, and Delores Simpson are all having tests in the upcoming days. Hopefully these tests will find a solutions to their health problems. Please keep them in your prayers.

### **Don Hickman, Pastor**

Gave thanks for all the blessing we have here at the Tip. Said a prayer for those who are healing and for all who may be having difficult times. He also asked for God's continued blessings on our Park

## **RESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*Gary Dreibelbis & John O'Brian .**

Today will be the last meeting for the I-Pad and Computer workshop on Monday afternoon (today) I-Pad at 2 PM and computer workshop at 3 PM in the AC room

**\*Marilyn Strandberg –**

Last four trips are this week. Bus leaving times are:

Friday Catamaran trip leaves at 12:30

Saturday Progresso Bus will leave about 9:30 AM or as soon as Dick returns from his first trip. Please bring your passports!

Tuesday March 24th Shrimp Trip leaves at 8 AM. Set your alarm clocks!

Our next 'not a trip' will be Monday March 23 at 4 PM in the main hall This will be a 'Coffee House' with entertainment. If you have a story, poem, song, or instrumental to perform, please sign up.

Bring your coffee mug.

If you still need security lights and/or security bars for windows see Marilyn or the Woodshop.

**\*Phyll Thackery – Golden Age Olympics:**

What a season and what a last week of events. We brought home 35 medals and received trophies for Overall Park, Walk and Talk, Female and Male overall athlete. Please see the board for a list of all our medal winners. Congratulations to all who participated as everyone got some points for the park.

**\*Joan Cuda –** Two parties coming up this week. On Sunday March 22 a 'Farewell Party' for Rene and Donna St. James 12 - 2 PM in the main hall.

On Wednesday March 25th a 'Thank You' party for Steve and Sue Graham as they retire and become regular park residents. 2 - 4 PM in the main hall

You can help by donating cookies for either or both of these gatherings.

**\*Gracanne Powell –** Last Wednesday breakfast this week. **(Will be on Thursday)** We are having a breakfast casserole that is not to be missed.

Jazzercise at 11:30 today.

**\*Pat Horak –** If you ordered 'smart bells' for water exercise call me. I have 1 set that I ordered for someone.

Mermaids meet today at 4 PM.

Aquacise Luncheon at Mr. Gatti's Thursday the 19th at 3 PM

Aquacise group will march in St. Pat's Parade.

Mermain Pool Party will be March 26th at 4 PM. Bring an appetizer to share and your own drink. Ice tea will be available. The Mermaids will perform at 4:30

**\*Linda York –** Show Case next season will be at the end of February. If you have a hobby or project that you work on at home and would like to share your work, be sure to bring it down with you in the fall.

**\*Jana Fleming & Bill Semlak –** In case of rain at Parade Time we will meet in the Main Hall for Donuts and coffee and decide when to reschedule the Parade.

During the festivities if you want to partake of beer and/or wine you MUST be wearing your badge. Visitors must show proof of age.

PLEASE! Do not park in the front of the Main Hall on LuAnn Drive. We need that space for spectators.

Parade line-up is 8:30 and start is at 9.

There will be a bean bag game between the parade and lunch.

**\* Mary Kitkowski –** Thanks for your wonderful support for the people of Las Milpas. I am still collecting for this project and will gladly accept whatever you can't leave behind when you go north - food, clothing, etc. will be welcome donations.

**\*Floy Kilgore –** Winter Texan Orchestra will be here March 19th 7 PM. There will be a special 'fond farewell' tribute for Mary Olsen and Hartley Brown as they will not be returning next season.

Choir practice this Thursday.

**\*Kim Swarski –** Last sewing for Wounded Warriors is this Thursday.

**\*Bonnie Lynch –** Movie room will be open only on Mondays from now on.

\***Nancy Belkie** -- Chorus will perform at MMM next week.

\***Robert McMasters** -- We will have a NCAA tournament contest. See Robert for a game sheet. When you turn in your sheet, pay \$5. Winner (or Winners) will get the pot after the last game. Try your hand at predictions. Makes watching the tournament more fun. Especially for spouses who don't like sports but their mate won't give up the TV. Your sheets must be turned in before the first games on March 19th.

\***GENERAL INFO WITH RENE ST. JAMES:** Note the time change for the Blindfold cart race: 2 PM on St. Pat's Day. Practice for participants will be at 1 PM

**\*STEVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Thirsty Thursday this week will be at Blue Onion on South Tenth.. Sign up on board. Meet at 4 PM.

There will be no more 'walk away the pounds' on Mondays or Wednesday.

We still have several pictorial directories in the office. Stop by and get yours.

Last 7:30 AM exercise class with Charlie will be March 20th.

Indoor pool open swimming is Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Is anyone interested in teaching a 'beginning' Spanish class. See Steve or Ken Childes.

White chairs are missing from the Indoor Pool area. If you borrow chairs for another location, please return them!

Card Elimination on Sunday 2 - 4 during Ice cream time.

We have a set of window stops. Come to the activity Office to claim them.

Activity Advisory Board Meeting Wednesday March 18 at 8:30 AM in the A/C Room.

Our apologies to Carlton Cummins. He was elected to the Advisory Board, but since he has not lived in the park for 2 years, he was not eligible to serve. Tom McCann is now on the Board.

An "END OF THE DRIVEWAY SALE" for residents only is scheduled for March 26 from 8 AM to noon.

Maggie Mae will be performing this summer in Wisconsin - see the board for her schedule.

50/50 was won by Lot 756