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YOU ARE INVITED TO HEAR
MR. XU SHANG-WEI
FIRST SECRETARY
FROM THE EMBASSY OF THE
PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA
on
MARCH 24.....TUESDAY
at
8:00 p.m.
in
THE WEST CARD ROOM

From the Board



WYNFRED JOSHUA, VICE PRESIDENT —

President Ed Stolarun started the February session with announcing that so far 272 responses had come in endorsing the purchase of the present telephone system. The returns still needed to be converted in a voting percentage. He then reported communications from owners: a letter of concern about the security in the garage; an objection to potentially unsightly cables being led into apartments if owners accepted cable TV; and a thank-you note from a departing resident for the courtesy and kindness he enjoyed from our staff, notably our receptionist, Adua Stranere. Mr. Stolarun drew attention to the fact that Fairfax County was considering letting a \$40,000 study for building another pedestrian overpass across Route 7. Finally, he noted the objection of the Covenants Committee about Board changes in the complaint form.

The Board accepted the recommendation of Gordon Frank of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee and the Property Manager to award the swimming pool management contract to Action Aquatics for \$15,900. The company had served Skyline Square most satisfactorily. The Board also approved the Aqualin Company's bid for replacing the swimming pool filter. The Board went along with the Committee's request to postpone action on the problem of drainage standing water at the East Building until additional data was made available by the Property Manager.

The Physical Plant and Operations Committee complained that the Property Manager had failed to invite in time a particular company to bid on the landscape maintenance contract. Mr. Clint Hall explained that he had invited five other companies to bid, but had been reluctant to ask for a quotation from the one the Committee wanted because that company had performed very poorly and had been fired by Skyline Square. After a lengthy discussion, the Property Manager, at the insistence of the Committee, agreed to get a proposal from that company. In order to insure continued and timely care of the grounds, Ed Stolarun agreed to call a special Board meeting for the sole purpose of selecting a landscaping company. The Board noted, however, that it expected to get the advice from Management as well as the Committee.

The Board reviewed the Property Manager's proposed staff holiday schedule for 1987. Several residents had expressed their concern that during the past holiday season, the office had been closed too long and that senior staff had been on leave at the same time. The Property Manager was requested to take these comments into account and to insure that the office remained open on Saturdays after a holiday.

The Property Manager reported that he was awaiting the Physical Plant Committee's review of Media General's proposal to install cable TV.

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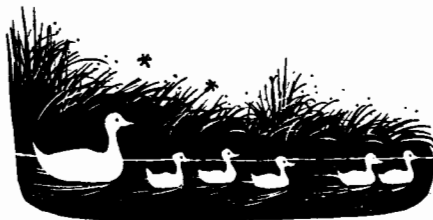
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The Property Manager then proposed several decision items which were disposed of as follows:

- Approval to purchase a Hild High Speed Buffer for \$1,095.
- Renewal of the elevator maintenance contract for \$58,091 with Schindler-Haughton.
- Cleaning of the lobby and gallery draperies for \$1,315 by Bergmann who offered us a special price because of the volume of business it gets from the Smith Company.
- Replacement of cooling tower strainers for \$1,156 from a subsidiary of the manufacturer of the cooling tower.
- Staying the remainder of the winter with our current snow removal company in spite of its poor performance during the recent heavy snow. The postponement of switching to another firm reflects the realization that the few other existing snow removal companies are already fully booked and cannot be expected to give us any better service at this point.
- Turning the small conference room in the Skyline House office into an office for the Administrative Assistant. The Board allocated \$750 for a desk as was budgeted for. The conference table will be placed in the Resident Manager's office and will be available for Board use.

In Rob Sherer's absence, the Vice President presented the Security Committee's report. The Committee recommended distribution of a Smith Company security pamphlet to all residents. The Committee was also reviewing bids for a new security guard company. Committee members shared the Resident Manager's dissatisfaction with the service of Wells Fargo, our current security guard company. On several occasions, guards had been pulled off duty at Skyline House by the company or had failed to appear altogether. The company had, moreover, been unable to provide extra guards for duty in the garage when the doors remained open because of a snow storm or mechanical malfunctioning of the doors. The Security Committee would make its recommendation at the next Board session.

The Board decided to forego, as in the past, the regular March session because of the annual meeting and election activities.

This was the last meeting of Clint Hall as our Property Manager. He will be moving to another position in the Smith Company. The Board wishes him well and thanks him for his dedicated support and advice he has given Skyline House these past five years. The Board also welcomes his replacement, Mrs. Sara Schlichting, and looks forward to working with a similarly professional and supportive Property Manager.



Committee Communiqués



SECURITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

ROB SHERRER

The Security and Safety Committee met on February 10th; nine residents attended. Items discussed included the following:

1. Pursuant to a request by the Board, the Committee reviewed a pamphlet entitled "Resident Tips for Reducing Crime in Apartment Living" produced by Charles E. Smith & Company. Smith has offered to provide a copy free of charge to each unit in Skyline House. The Committee recommended accepting Smith's offer but that a supplemental informational sheet be included with the pamphlet to point out information that is not specifically applicable to Skyline House.
2. Pursuant to a request by a resident, the Committee asked the Physical Plant and Operations Committee to review whether the garage doors can be tied to the emergency generator so that the doors will work during a power outage.
3. The Committee reviewed the performance of the Wells Fargo security guard service being provided Skyline House, including specific problems we have been having. Management met with Wells Fargo to discuss unacceptable areas of performance. The Committee will be reviewing proposals of other companies providing security services and compare the cost and level of service proposed with that provided by Wells Fargo. The results of this analysis will be provided to the Board.
4. The Committee had a rather nauseating time discussing six incidents of vomit and one incident of feces having been discovered in stairwells over the January 4th to February 7th period. Management and residents are on the lockout for these gross offenders.



DUPLICATE BRIDGE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

February 2

Jeanne Levy & Vera Church	1st
Nancy & Glen Pearson	2nd

February 9

Nancy & Glenn Pearson	1st
Eleanor & Ed Sajeski	2nd

February 16

Eleanor & Ed Sajeski	1st
Lina Moyer & Tony DiSalvo	2nd

February 23

Jeanne Levy & Vera Church	1st
Gil Gilenter and Jerry Schumaker	2nd

Committee Communiqués

COMMUNITY RELATIONS



An important event for your listening pleasure ... PLEASE note it in red on your calendar!!

Ed Berman, on behalf of the Community Relations Committee, has arranged with the Embassy of the Peoples' Republic of China for its First Secretary, Mr. Xu Shang-wei, to come and speak here at Skyline House on Tuesday, March 24, 1987. The time will be 8:00 p.m. in the West Party Room. Do not miss what should be a most fascinating evening.

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If you are at home on March 11th, come and have a cup of coffee in the East Party Room at 10:30 a.m. A representative from the Giant Supermarket chair will be present to talk about flowers and plants for condominium living. There will be, of course, an opportunity to ask questions.

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There has been a re-issue of the "Welcome To Mason District" pamphlet, with an up-date of some informational material. If you would care to have one mailed to you, phone: 256-7717.

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Our friend, George Ferguson, Chairman of the Plaza CRC has verified that the Safeway in the Skyline Mall is to close March 21, 1987. He spoke with a representative of the corporation, Anne Cochrell. Her number is 386-6550 should you care to ask any questions on the store's demise.

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The Voluntary Action of Fairfax County needs volunteers for a landscaping project on the W&OD Trail. The Park Authority plans to plant forsythia along the entire length of the trail ... rain or shine on Saturday, April 4th. Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is an ideal project for those who love Nature and would take pleasure in helping to preserve and beautify one of Virginia's most heavily used parks. For further information, call: #691-3460.





March 1987

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Bridge ECR 7:30 p.m.	3 Community Relations ECR 7:30 p.m.	4	5	6 T.G.I.F. EPR 6:30 p.m.	7
8	9 Bridge ECR 7:30 p.m.	10 Meet the Candidates WPR 7:30 p.m. Security Committee WCR 7:30 p.m.	11 Coffee Klatsch EPR 10:30 a.m. Recreation Committee ECR 7:30 p.m.	12 Physical Plant ECR 8:00 p.m.	13	14
15	16 Bridge ECR 7:30 p.m.	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Covenants Committee ECR 7:30 p.m.	20	21
22	23 Bridge ECR 7:30 p.m.	24 Community Relations CRC Presentation by XU-Shang-Wei WPR 8:00 p.m.	25	26 Italian Night EPR 6:30 p.m.	27	28
29	30 Bridge ECR 7:30 p.m.	31	<div>APRIL 1987</div> <div>S M T W T F S</div> <div>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</div> <div>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</div> <div>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</div> <div>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</div> <div>29 30</div>			

**HEAR YE!
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MEET THE

CANDIDATES

NIGHT

- Talk with candidates for
Skyline House Board
- Enjoy wine, punch
cheese and crackers
- Get your proxy notarized
free of charge

TUESDAY

MARCH 10, 1987

7:30 P.M.

WEST PARTY ROOM



COMMUNITY RELATIONS (continued)

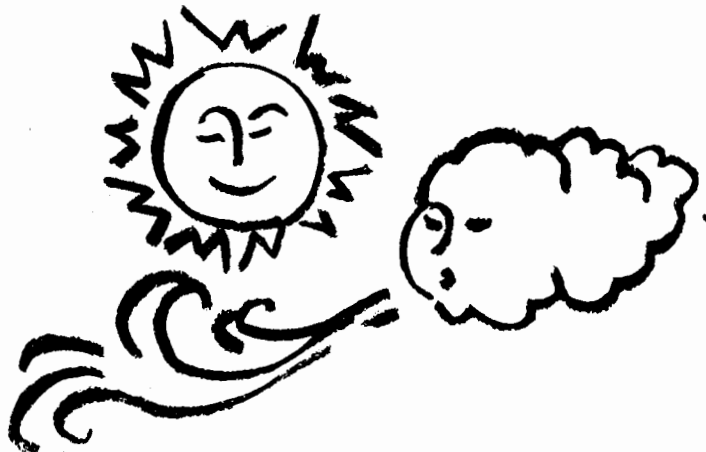


Under the heading Area Expansion and Contraction, there are four items this month:

1. The Krispy Kreme Doughnut Shop on route 7 has closed for lack of business; completely unfounded is the rumor that the building had been bought by a syndicate intending to turn it into a topless bar!
2. The erstwhile Giant building, where the Kids-R-Us has already opened, will contain seven other shops, the largest of which is to house a Hallmark. It will sell not only greeting cards, but have an extensive area for party supplies. Look for a mid-late March opening date.
3. Another pizza business is going to try its luck at Build America! This one is called "Pizza Movers" and boasts of being rated number one in the magazine, "Washingtonian". We shall see!
4. There is to be a major expansion at the Landmark Shopping Center ... a two and one half year project already approved by the Alexandria Council. When completed, there will be 150 more shops covering an additional 686,000 square feet. During construction, the present stores will remain open for business.

Another important date for the civicly-minded among us: Fairfax County Supervisor for Mason District, Thomas Davis III, will visit Skyline Plaza on Monday, March 30th at 7:30 p.m., to bring us up-to-date on local and county-wide issues and to answer questions. The timing of this meeting is particularly pertinent since burning questions about the controversial proposal to limit the future construction of yet more offices in areas zoned for industrial use, the traffic situation, and other matters which affect the quality of life for residents at Skyline will be discussed. If ever there was a time to become involved in local government affairs, the moment is now! Decisions are being made..patterns set...which will surely mark a course for the development of our county and our state which can be difficult-to-impossible to reverse.

The time: March 30th, 1987 at 7:30 p.m.
The place: Skyline Plaza, North Party Room



ITALIAN NIGHT DINNER



THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Cocktails: 6:30 p.m. (BYOB)

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

EAST PARTY ROOM

\$6.25 per person.

Residents and guests welcome

Checks must be received no later than
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1987

CARTA

Insalata Verde
Rigatoni al forno con
Ragu alla Napolitan
Pane
Spumoni
Cafe

MENU

Green Salad
Baked Rigatoni with Neapolitan
Meat Sauce
Bread
Ice Cream
Coffee

Sponsored by the Skyline House Recreation Committee
(pick up reservation form at front desk)

Italian Night, Thursday, March 26

Make non-refundable check payable to: Skyline House Recreation Committee

Name(s) _____

Guest(s) _____

Unit _____ Tel. No. _____ No. in party _____ Amt. of Check _____

Place reservation slip & check at front desk for Tony or Nancy DiSalvo, 502E. Any questions, call 824-1958.

If possible, reserve a table for ____ persons.

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

You are cordially invited to meet the two candidates for the 1987-1988 Skyline House Board of Directors: Dr. Wynfred Joshua and Mr. Larry Ingels. A Wine and Cheese Party will be held on Tuesday, March 10th, at 7:30p.m in the West Party Room. That will be the opportunity to ask questions of them regarding their perceptions of the Board's responsibilities and the priorities for consideration during the coming year.



ANNUAL MEETING

This is an important meeting for all co-owners. Be sure and mark the date, March 31st, 1987 on your calendar.

Two candidates have indicated interest in running for the vacancies: Dr. Wynfred Joshua and Mr. Larry Ingels.

Your ballot may be picked up after 7:15p.m. on that day when you register. The actual voting will begin after a quorum has been reached. Without a quorum the election is not legal. So be a good citizen and be present or leave your proxy.

Committee Communiqués



RECREATION COMMITTEE

CARROLL THOMPSON

The Recreation Committee met on February 11 in the West Card Room. Attendance at that meeting was rather sparse. Some members were excused but we need new members. New residents - where are you.

Cards and games will be temporarily discontinued. We hope to resume in the near future.

The date for Italian Nite is Thursday, March 26. It had been scheduled for the previous week but in order not to conflict with a committee meeting, the date was changed. Remember seating in the party room is limited and the number who can attend will be limited to a smaller number than attended last year. A flyer with specific details appears elsewhere in the Newsletter. The cost will be \$6.25 per person. Make your reservation early.

Once again we have talked about a trip to the West End Dinner Theater in Alexandria. The current production was Hello Dolly which ended in February. It was a very good show. The next show will be South Pacific running through June 7. We think we have someone who will chair the committee. We would like to go in a group (20 reservations required for a group rate and reservations must be paid in advance). Hopefully we will have more information next month.

Another activity sponsored by the Recreation Committee is duplicate bridge which is played every Monday evening, 7:30 p.m. in the East Card Room. If you would like to join the group and have any questions, please leave a note for Tony DiSalvo, 502E at the front desk.

The Recreation Committee will be happy to have you join us and bring fresh ideas and talent for new activities.

The Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 11 in the East Card Room.

Activity dates:

March 6	TGIF	East Party Room
March 11	Recreation Committee meets	East Card Room
March 26	Italian Nite	East Party Room
April 2	TGIF	West Party Room
April 8	Recreation Committee meets	West Card Room
April 24	Pot Luck	East Party Room
May	Atlantic City	
May	West End Dinner Theater	



From Management

TRASH DISPOSAL

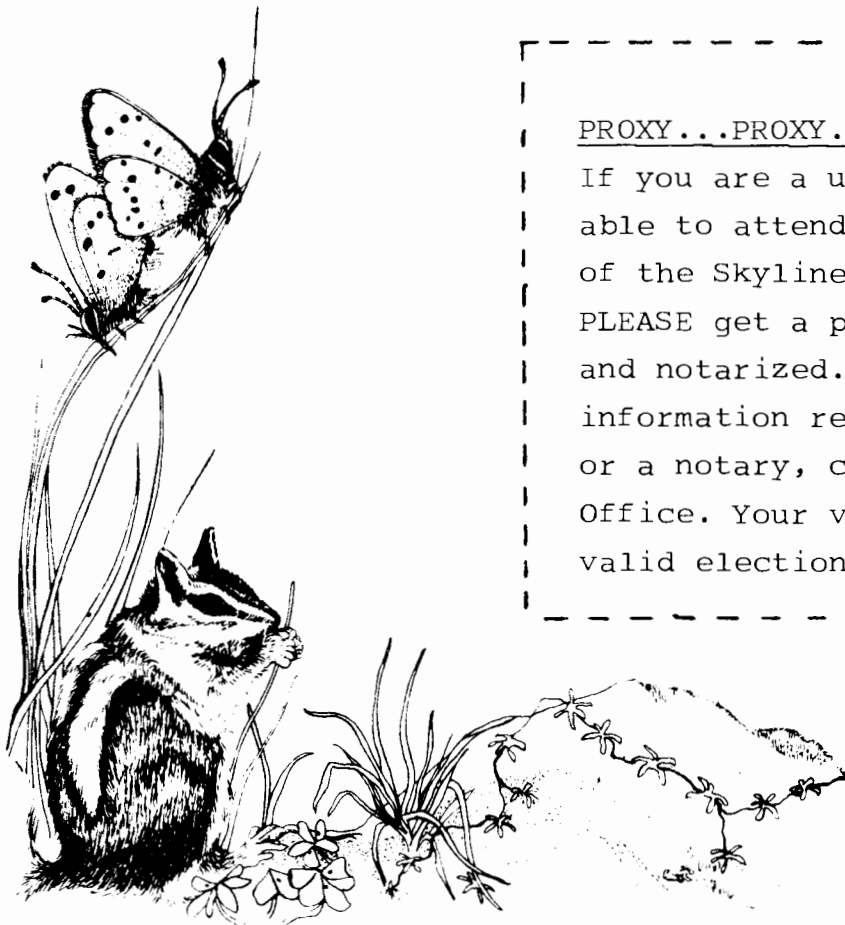
Terrace level has a trash room instead of a trash chute. When disposing of trash, be sure you put it in the trash cans and not on the floor. Please help keep our disposal rooms clean. Your cooperation is anticipated and appreciated.

GARAGE

Posted garage speed limit (5 miles per hour) signs as well as the traffic flow direction signs will be observed. Traffic on ramps has the right of way. Headlights must be used while driving in the garage.

CAR DECAL

All vehicles that are to be parked in the garage or outside space on a regular basis must be registered with the Management Office, and must display the sticker on the outside of the rear view mirror.



PROXY...PROXY...PROXY...PROXY

If you are a unit owner and not able to attend the Annual Meeting of the Skyline House Association, PLEASE get a proxy form signed and notarized. If you need any information regarding the form or a notary, contact the Management Office. Your vote is vital for a valid election.