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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ed Bisgyer, President

o The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on January 27, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The first item was the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 30 and the special and executive meetings of December 22. (There was no regular monthly meeting held in December.)

o The President thanked Michael Moore for his efforts, albeit unsuccessful, to get the Community College to provide our personnel access in their perimeter fence to clean the area. In the past the college permitted trash and debris to accumulate on their property which was an eyesore to residents of Skyline House. The officials of the college assured Mr. Moore that this condition would not continue.

o Joseph Strahs, a Trustee of the Skyline House Employees' Pension Fund has sold his unit and moved out. The two other Trustees, Wayne Krumwiede and Ed Bisgyer, have talked to two persons who volunteered to serve as a Trustee to replace Mr. Strahs. The name of Steve Matula was formally presented to the Board in a motion that was approved.

o A change in construction plans has been

filed by the Charles E. Smith Companies with the county to increase residential use in the area around Skyline Towers instead of office space originally requested. Hearings will be held before the Planning Committee and the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County. Unit owners who are interested in attending, and/or testifying, can get details from Mr. Fenton in the management office.

TREASURER'S REPORT

o Mr. Krumwiede gave a report on the current status of investments of the employees' pension fund as of December 31, 1992. The total plan value is \$93,715.54. Approximately one-half of the funds are invested in four mutual funds and the remainder is temporarily in an insured interest-bearing bank money market account. This will

be changed to U.S. Treasury securities in the near future.

o The financial report for December was presented by Kathy Bailey, Skyline House Accountant. She reported that there is a surplus of income over expense for the year of approximately \$25,000, but emphasized that the 1992 figures are unadjusted and unaudited. The Auditors are currently working on our accounts in order to have the annual audit completed prior to the annual meeting in late March. Various items covered in the audit will affect the year-end figure in the December statement. Most especially, the

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amount to be written off as bad debts from delinquent unit owners' accounts (i.e., amounts determined as non-collectible for several reasons), will total almost \$12,000. This will be deducted from the year-end net. On the other hand there may be a small remaining amount from the special assessment funds when all repairs on the balconies are completed. The 1992 audit, available by the annual meeting, will give the final picture for the year. Ms. Bailey and the Treasurer noted that delinquencies are fewer than in the past several years and that the attorneys are instructed to pursue these arrearages with vigor.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

o Mr. Fenton gave the status of the balcony repair project. The West Building is about 85% complete and will be finished when the temperatures permit application of the patching compound. Attempts to clean the East bridgeway of stains and residue from the balcony activity have been only partially successful.

o Mr. Fenton gave a detailed report on the effect the recent power outage has had on Skyline House equipment. While insurance will cover most replacement cost, less the deductible, the time of our employees and the inconvenience to the unit owners (and damage to their appliances) is not covered by our master policy. Management is studying the feasibility of systems to provide protection from interruption of electric power from Virginia Power.

o In order to comply with new Federal laws concerning the venting of CFCs into the atmosphere, management requests funds to purchase of a recycling unit which prevents the escape of these gases from air conditioners when being recharged, etc. The particular model that management recommends for this is \$2,700. The Board approved the purchase of the recycling unit, subject to concurrence of the PPOC.

OLD BUSINESS

o Mr. Tilson reported on the progress of a proposed bill in the Virginia legislature to ease

restrictions in making changes in the by-laws of condominiums. The current statute makes it almost impossible to get acquiescence from mortgage holders; the proposed new wording would lessen this difficulty and enable us to make several desirable changes in our by-laws regarding delinquent fees, and other controls. Mr. Tilson, who is working with a state representative, believes that approval in this session is likely.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

o Physical Plant and Operations Committee. The committee recommends to the Board the purchase and installation, with lights, of a larger fountain in the hexagon in front of the lobby. The current model is on loan for exhibition and to gauge the community support for a permanent installation. Following a discussion about the style of fountain to be installed, the Board approved the request for \$3,500 to purchase and install a fountain. The selection of the type and style will be made by the Landscaping Subcommittee.

o PPOC recommends that the Board consider employing an outside management consultant to review and evaluate the Association's operations. The Board thanked the committee and informed them that the matter would be taken under advisement.

o Ad Hoc Decorating Committee. Chair Carroll Thompson told the Board that the committee has met with the designer to discuss the changes and new purchases necessary to refurbish completely the two party rooms. Installation of a built-in sound system is also under consideration. The carpeting in the galleries on the penthouse floors will also be changed. The committee expects to return to the Board within the next two months with a final plan and expenditures for the Board to consider.

Covenants Committee. Chair Stephney Keyser discussed the status of nominations and election procedures for the 1993 Board of Directors. Two positions are to be filled. Emphasis on publicity to get nominations was covered, including notices in the monthly newsletter, postings on the bulletin

boards and word of mouth conversations with possible candidates. The Board specifically authorized the use of the large easels in the mail lobbies for placing notices about nominations and the election for this year.

Community Relations. (See separate news item in this issue.)

No other committee reports were received.

NEW BUSINESS

o Management reports that it is trying to find a responsible firm to do the necessary work to fix up the area behind the front desk that was left by the removal of the old switchboard.

o There were no comments by unit owners. At 9:50 the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel and contract matters. At 11:25 the Board came back into open session.

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PHYSICAL PLANT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ed Ing, Chair

○ During its regularly scheduled meeting on January 7, 1993, the committee covered three items of interest: (1) use of the new community college garage, (2) the fountain in the driveway hexagon, and (3) a recommendation for an outside management review.

1. Community College Garage.

○ Ron Kostoff, a committee member, wrote to Virginia state officials to raise various concerns about the new community college garage adjacent to the condominium. He received a response from James Dyke, Virginia Secretary of Education. That response stated that the new college garage will not be used for motorcycle training; that it will normally be closed on weekends; and that the top deck will be closed under snow or ice conditions.

2. Hexagon Fountain.

○ Two months ago, the General Manager obtained a "loaner" fountain from a nursery supplier, free of charge, to erect in the driveway hexagon. This temporary fountain was intended to gauge community support for a permanent installation. The informal polling showed that 105 votes were cast in favor of the fountain, 32 votes against, and 3 votes undecided.

○ The PPOC inquired about the cost of purchasing and maintaining the fountain. The General Manager reported that a fountain exactly like the present "loaner" would cost about \$2,000. A slightly larger one would cost about \$3,500. This cost would include underground electrical lines to light the fountain at night. The General Manager did not expect any additional maintenance expense, because the in-house staff would maintain and clean the fountain.


○ A committee member asked if a larger fountain would destroy the boxwood shrubs and

flower beds already laid out in the hexagon. The General Manager responded that he had ordered the flower beds and boxwood originally laid out to allow the installation of a larger fountain without destroying the plantings. The committee then voted to recommend to the Board that the Board approve the purchase and erection of a permanent fountain slightly larger than the present "loaner" fountain in the hexagon.

3. Management Review.

○ At its December meeting, the committee discussed the situation three years ago, when the Charles Smith Companies gave notice of withdrawing as manager for Skyline House. The condominium community then considered alternate management arrangements, and residents emphasized the need for periodic administrative evaluation and review as part of any viable option. The condominium initially adopted a hybrid arrangement of an in-house administrator with outside oversight and direction. After six months, it then went to a wholly in-house management. The condominium has operated for the past two years under this self-management structure. The committee believes that the condominium would be prudent to have an independent review and appraisal of all aspects of management procedure. Outside evaluation is a routine practice among businesses and government agencies.

○ At its January meeting, the committee again discussed the need for an outside evaluation and formally adopted a resolution urging the Board to undertake such action.

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(FOR BOARD MEMBERS ONLY)
- PREPARES FOR THESE MEETINGS BY REVIEWING MATERIAL PROVIDED
- KEEPS HIMSELF/HERSELF INFORMED OF ISSUES AFFECTING SKLINE HOUSE
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OK! YOU'RE CONVINCED! NOW WHAT SHOULD YOU DO ?

- PICK UP AND COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FROM THE FRONT DESK CLERK

☆☆☆ COME ONE, COME ALL ☆☆☆

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Tony DiSalvo
Dave Harvey, Co-Chairs

o The Recreation Committee met on January 13 with two members present as well as Helen Henderson, Board Liaison. Dave Harvey, co-chair was excused.

o A St. Valentine's Day Party (instead of the regular TGIF) is scheduled for Sunday, February 14, at 2:00 p.m. The Committee will provide all the snacks, i.e. cheese and crackers, peanuts, pretzels, potato chips, selected *hors d'oeuvres*. The residents are requested, as in the past, to bring their own liquid refreshments **AND NO HORS D'OEUVRES**. Please make note of this date.

o We have reserved Sunday, February 21, for the Show called "What the Butler Saw". Show time is 7:00 pm. For those who attended "Beyond the Fringe" in February of last year, you will recall that a number of us went to dinner at Joe Theismann's prior to the show. Ticket prices are \$16.00. A reservation form will be available at the front desk in late January.

o The American Showcase Theater is located in Alexandria. The following explains the substance of the show:

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o A trip to Atlantic City is planned for Thursday, May 20. Mark your calendar.

o No date has as yet been decided for a Chinese dinner nor a pot luck dinner.

o Please join us at the next Recreation Committee meeting on February 10, 7:30 p.m., in the East Card Room.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

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| Rec Com | Wed, Feb 10, ECR | 7:30 p.m. |
| Party | Sun, Feb 14, ECR | 2:00 p.m. |
| TGIF | Fri, Mar 5, WPR | 6:30 p.m. |
| Rec Com | Wed, Mar 10, ECR | 7:30 p.m. |

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THE GOOD NEIGHBORS GROUP



Irene Wolgamot
Geraldine Naveau, Co-Chairs

o The Good Neighbors Coffee on January 11 included 21 Good Neighbors Volunteers, Committee members, and others interested in the program. The Board, Management and the House Special were represented.

o David Tilson, who initiated the Good Neighbor program and served as facilitator until there was an organizing committee and a corps of volunteers, spoke briefly to the group. He noted that this is our community and that a program like the Good Neighbors makes a better place to live for all of us. He congratulated the Committee on its progress in organizing for an early beginning in January.

o Each of the Co-Chairs, Irene Wolgamot and Geraldine Naveau, said a few words and introduced, individually, the committee members,

the volunteers, and the three January Good Neighbors. The schedule was announced and volunteers were scheduled for future months.

o Most of the evening was spent in socializing - getting acquainted with each other and exchanging ideas while enjoying an array of delicious refreshments. The enthusiasm of the Group augurs well for its future success.

o The volunteer Good Neighbors for February are:

SKYLINE HOUSE GOOD NEIGHBORS

FEBRUARY 1993

Martha Beams . . . 578-9507
Anne Preston . . . 931.7679
Sandra Bates . . . 671-7325

o During February, residents may contact any of the the above for temporary help due to illness, disability or emergency, or for telephone calls. Let your Good Neighbor know if you need help or would like to have telephone calls.

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Bill Miller, Chair

o The Financial Management Committee has returned after our short leave of absence during the month of December. As we were unable to review the November 1992 financial documents on December 15th our only activity during the month of December was a review of the October 1992 financial documents on December 1st.

o The November 1992 document review was postponed and took place on January 7, 1993. The few irregularities noted were reported to Management and have been corrected. Review of the December 1992 financial documents took place on January 25, 1993. Because of the Association's improved accounting system and personnel performing the financial control and recording activities, the workload of the Committee during document reviews has been cut in half and the time required to perform the review is less than half the time previously required.

o The 1992 audit of the Association is progressing as planned. Because of the outstanding effort of our General Manager and Accountant, all documents and reports necessary to perform the audit have been provided the auditor. This is the first time in the history of the Association that the auditor has had all the required information necessary to perform the audit in time to obtain approval of the Board of Directors and have the approved audit presented to the Association membership at the annual meeting in March.

o The General manager has informed the Committee that during the last few months there has been a steady increase in the use of water. This increase has been sufficient to cause concern

within Management and the Committee. The cost of the water used within the condo, both units and common elements, is a direct financial obligation of the Association owners and the payment of water used is via funds from the condominium fees paid by the unit owners. The higher the water costs, the higher the individual condo fees to each owner. This becomes more significant when one realizes that water payments are one of our major yearly expenditures. A check by all unit owners and residents of their water use to include the irregular non-assisted flushing of toilets might just help reverse this negative trend.

o The submission of monthly financial statements by Management to the Board of Directors and the Committee was discussed at the January meeting. The Committee members, Association Treasurer, Management and the Association President, who was in attendance at the meeting, concurred that submission of the monthly financial statements to the Board and Committee members should take place not later than the 3rd Wednesday of the month. This will allow the Committee to review the statements at our monthly meeting and provide sufficient time for review of the statements by the Board and Committee members prior to the Treasurer's report presented at the monthly Board of Directors meeting. This policy is subject to change or alteration at the discretion of the Board.

o The next meeting of the Financial Management Committee will be held in Unit C2W (Accounting Office) on February 18, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. Agenda items will include approval of the January 1993 meeting minutes, results of the review of the December 1992 financial documents, review of the January 1993 financial statements and status of the 1992 audit.

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COVENANTS COMMITTEE

Stephney J. Keyser, Chair

○ Our January meeting had the misfortune to occur on Inauguration Day, however, the faithful members continue to attend regularly and support the awesome charge to this Committee.

○ Preparation for the annual election was discussed and Charlie Roberts agreed to chair the Election Subcommittee again this year. Notes will be written to last year's volunteers requesting their cooperation again. Ads will be placed in the *House Special* requesting volunteers to work on the election and to solicit candidates for the two vacancies to be filled on the Unit Owners' Association Board of Directors. We will confer with Management on other matters relative to the election.

○ Seven complaints were received this month: two for new residents placing large bundles of newspapers in the trash room - one received a letter from Management and the other was handled by a kind neighbor who explained the rules on trash removal; one complaint of a stretch limousine parked in the garage that extended beyond the authorized allotted space - the residents were sent a certified letter since attempts to contact them through regular channels failed - the limousine was removed; another complaint of cooking odors which was handled by Management; a resident complained that there was no pen at the guest sign-in book - this was corrected; and there were two complaints of cars entering the garage without lights - investigation revealed that the vehicles were not registered. We thank the residents who take time to register their complaints in writing, their vigilance helps to make Skyline House a safe, comfortable residence for all of us.

○ Several of the members commented on the Christmas lights on the trees in the Lobby. Last year it was voted by the Board that decorations be removed by January 12, 1993. The Committee voted unanimously to notify the Board and Management of this observation.



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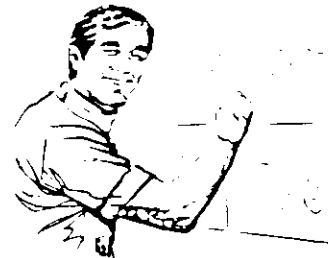
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SECURITY, FIRE & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chair, Vacant

○ The Security Committee met on January 14 with 8 members/visitors in attendance. Discussion centered around (1) three recent kitchen fires and (2) our exterior door locking system. Concerns were also expressed that all residents had not complied with the House Rules which requires that a current set of keys to each unit be maintained under strict security by Management (to be available for use in emergency situations only). These discussions will continue at our March 11 meeting.

○ This committee is still meeting without the luxury of a permanent Chair. If you are interested in becoming Chair of the Security Committee, please contact our Board Liaison, Sam Blumberg, or our General Manager. If you are interested in our security, please attend any of our bi-monthly meetings.

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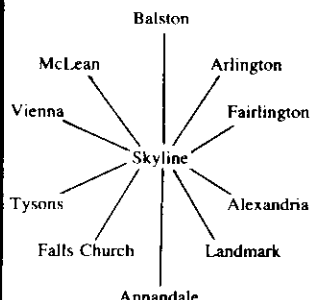
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BY-LAWS ARTICLE VII

A. Repairs. The Declarant, its agents, its successors or assigns, or the Unit Owners' Association or its agent when it takes over operation and maintenance of Skyline House Condominium, shall have the right to enter any Unit when necessary to carry out any emergency repair or any repair, maintenance or construction for which the Unit Owners' Association is responsible or for which any Unit Owner is responsible and has not completed after appropriate notice from the Unit Owners' Association. **Each Unit Owner shall be required to provide a key to the Unit Owners' Association or its agent for purposes of emergency access to the Unit.** Except in emergencies, the entry by the Declarant or Unit Owners' Association shall be made with as little inconvenience to the Unit Owner as practicable. Any damage caused during any entry shall be repaired at the expense of the Unit Owners' Association unless the entry is made to perform any obligation for which the Unit Owner is responsible, in which event the entry and all work done shall be done at the risk and expense of the Unit Owner. **If the entry is made for purposes of emergency repair, and the Unit Owner shall have failed to provide a key, the entry shall be at the risk and expense of the Unit Owner.**

○ Starting Wednesday, February 17 a team comprised of management, engineering and a

member of the security committee will conduct a door-to-door test of each unit's keys on file in the Associations care and custody. It is expected to last for 3 days. There have been incidents where we have experienced emergencies and **EITHER THE KEYS HAD NOT BEEN RETURNED OR THE LOCK(S) HAD BEEN CHANGED.** In one case it was necessary to breach the wall, at owners cost - see BY-LAWS excerpt, to gain egress. The survey will commence 2/17/93 from 10 am to 4 pm, on 17th floor of the West Building. Notices will be posted on the Special Event board with the schedule. Each floor will be advised prior to the inspection.

○ The following excerpt from the Desk Manual outlines the administrative procedure required for key issuance.

4.3 Control of Keys to Recreation and Storage Facilities.

4.3.2 Procedure for Issuing Keys.

(a) Ascertain the facility or room which the resident wishes to use -- Exercise Room, Party Room, Billiard Room, Card Room, Bicycle Room Storage Room or Service Elevator.

(b) Check the key storage box to ascertain if that particular key is available.

(c) Obtain from the resident and legibly enter the required information into the Key Log -- name, unit number, facility to be used, key number and check out time.

(d) Obtain from the resident a deposit (a driver's license or any other type of identification card or \$5.00 cash) [due to increase to \$10.00]

(e) Only issue a key after the person has signed the Key Log and provided the deposit, if required.

○ Management is considering an ID, at the resident's cost, to comply with the identification requirement. Your written comments are requested.

Danger in the Cold

The human body has regulatory mechanisms to defend itself from internal cooling. Even a slight drop in body temperature triggers the regulatory systems to turn up the heat through shivering, which generates high heat through muscular activity and the moving of blood from skin and extremities. Once the core temperature drops below 94 degrees F the regulatory system fails. As the temperature drops even further, the possibility of death increases; at 83 degrees F cardiac standstill or fibrillation becomes common.

The decrease in body temperature is called hypothermia. A person with moderate hypothermia (94-84 degrees F) may be conscious, but will be lethargic, apathetic, cool and pale. The high risk group for this is very likely elderly persons who can't afford high heating bills.

Severe hypothermia is a temperature below 84 degrees F. A person will most likely be unconscious, with cold skin and rigid muscles. These procedures should be followed right away:

- Activate Emergency Medical Service by dialing 911
- Handle gently
- Remove from cold and replace wet clothes with dry
- Maintain an airway
- Cover with blankets/heating pads, etc.
- Do not give alcohol.

Most of us have had a snowball fight at some point in our lives, and may have experienced some of the following signs associated with frostbite: Prickling pain, numbness, waxy-white or mottled-blue discoloration, hardness and impaired movement.

DO the following right away:

- Seek medical attention (hospital or dial 911)
- remove from cold
- very gently remove covering (especially gloves and socks)

- cover frostbitten nose or ears with warm hands
- place your frostbitten hand in your armpit
- if unable to seek medical attention, place extremity in water at a constant 100 - 105 degrees F
- cover with dry sterile dressing and elevate injured part on a pillow

DON'T

- rub snow on a frostbitten part
- massage or rub a frostbitten area
- use dry or radiant heat for rewarming
- rupture blisters
- apply ointment
- apply tight bandages
- allow patient to smoke.

Unfortunately, these cold-related dangers occur frequently and often go unnoticed or untreated. This results in permanent injuries, amputations and sometimes loss of life.

Dress warmly in layers, wear a hat (50% of the body's heat loss is through the head) and know when to come out of the cold.



TRAFFIC LIGHT



○ Dave Tilson, Vice President of the Association, was informed on January 28 by Mr. Jim Butz, an official of the Charles E. Smith Companies, that a contract for installation of the long-awaited traffic light at the entrance/exit to Skyline House has been signed. Butz said the reason for the long delay was a legal obstacle posed by the Virginia Department of Transportation. The problem, which delayed matters a couple of months, has now been resolved and the permit should be issued next week. According to Butz, construction should start in the next 2-3 weeks. Stay tuned.

Reflections

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry -- two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is Yesterday with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said...

Yesterday is gone.

The other day we need not worry about is Tomorrow, with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promises and poor performances. Tomorrow's sun will rise either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds -- but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow for it is as yet unborn.

This leaves only one day-- Today. Any person can fight the battle of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burden of those two awful eternities-- Yesterday and Tomorrow -- that we break down.

It is not the experience of today that drives people mad -- it is the remorse or bitterness for something which happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.

Let us, therefore, live -- but one day at a time.

Anon.

THANK YOU

In the November issue of *the House Special*, one of our young residents, Andrew York, requested that we save our Giant/Safeway receipts to help his school earn new computers. The following is a follow-up letter from Andrew:



*Thank you
for all the receipts.
Please remember
the deadline is
March 6.*

*Sincerely,
Andrew York*

*Giant/Safeway
Receipts*