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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Michael L. Moore

Having been selected to replace Gordon Frank as the President of Skyline House Condominium Association's Board of Directors, I was very surprised and delighted that all of you provided such beautiful fireworks and a wonderful inaugural parade in honor of my appointment. I regret that I was unable to attend the evening festivities..... but I thank Bill Clinton for standing in for me.

The Board welcomes our new Board members who volunteered to replace Gordon Frank and Dick Noonan (until the election in March). Ed Bisgyer served several prior years on the Board as well as on several Committees. Nilda Viqueira has been very effective as the chair person of the swimming pool subcommittee. I, and the other members of the Board thank Ed and Nilda for this most important voluntary service to our condominium community.

It is necessary to inform all of you about the terrifying incident that happened in our parking garage on January 14th about 1:00 p.m. and to impress you with the necessity of driving at the speed limit with your headlights turned on. That afternoon, Ms. Juanita Mayer, a senior citizen who has a unit in the West building, tripped and fell in the middle of the garage driveway on the upper West "C" level (in the vicinity of the West exit door to the building). Juanita had

recent knee surgery and, with her arms full, was having difficulty walking. She lost her footing and fell on her chin. For a long moment she crouched on her elbows and knees in need of help.

One of our unit owners, Ms. Laurie Lakey, was driving down the West ramp from B level to C level when she saw a large form lying in the middle of the driveway and, at first, thought it was a large box. **Thank God for two things, (1) Laurie had her headlights on and, (2) She was driving at the speed limit.**

As a result, Laurie recognized that the form in the driveway was really a human being. She had time to stop and give assistance to Juanita. Laurie used the telephone on the wall next to the entrance door to call the front desk and ask for help. Our Manager, Don Perper, and our Deputy General Manager, Jerry Stone, rushed out to help. In addition our engineering staff and Ms. Betty McLaurin all came to provide assistance.

Juanita had broken her jaw and she was bleeding. Don Perper immediately ordered an ambulance and, when Juanita was able, took her into the lobby. The rescue people arrived just as Juanita arrived in the lobby. Because of the blow to her head, she could not remember her name. She was taken to Alexandria Hospital.

Ladies and Gentlemen..... Juanita is recovering well and is doing fine. However, if Laurie had been speeding down the west ramp as we have seen **many** do here at Skyline House.....Juanita may well have been run



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over and killed. Driving at the speed limit, with headlights on, is what saved Juanita.

The Board thanks Laurie Lakey for her compliance with the rules and her quick response to provide assistance.

Everyone driving in the garage must adhere to the speed limit, have their headlights on, and obey all of the signs posted. This will not only ensure the safety of all of our residents who walk to and from their automobiles but will avoid the severe punishment that would be levied on the driver who does not follow the rules and injures or damages persons and/or property in our garage.

On another subject, it is time to remind all of you that the 14th of February is the deadline for the submission of your application for nomination to the Board of Directors. We have four vacancies to fill this year. Management will be happy to take your photograph for the "Meet the Candidates" flyer. **Please sign up now.**

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (FMC)

Bill Miller, Chair

At the committee meeting on January 16, 1997 the members welcomed Charles Ruby of 1006 West, a new active member of the FMC. In addition, Darryl Graham, Jack Prather and Fran Price, potential members of the FMC, were also welcomed. The three will become active members by their attendance at the meeting on February 20, 1997.

The committee approved Management's recommendation of Atlantic Pool Services to provide the swimming pool services for the 1997 pool season.

The General Manager updated the committee on the reserve study which was in progress. A final report is expected in February.

The General Manager also brought the committee up-to-date on the progress on surfacing the west cooling tower roof, investigation into a possible procurement of microphones for the meeting room, and the latest progress on a possible conversion from electricity to gas for the installation serving the common areas, both heat and air conditioning.

Additional information will be provided the FMC by Management for our February meeting in relation to the proposed water fountain basin and the water infiltration projects. The correction of the water infiltration at both ends of the east and west buildings is anticipated to begin in the spring.

The committee will review the In-Unit Maintenance report for 1996 at the February meeting. The status of the progress during January 1997 will also be available.

To those who may be interested, the next meeting will be held on February 20, 1997 in the West Card Room at 1:00 pm. You are welcome to attend.

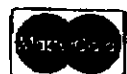
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SECURITY, FIRE & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Anne Mehrten, Chair

The Security, Fire and Safety Committee convened on January 9, at 7:30 pm in the West Card Room. There were seven members/visitors present.

The committee reviewed incidents which occurred during the months of November and December.

Topics for discussion included the speed of the garage doors, garage lighting, accessibility of local crime reports and suggestions for fine-tuning some of our security procedures.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 13, at 7:30 pm in the West Card Room. All are welcome to attend.

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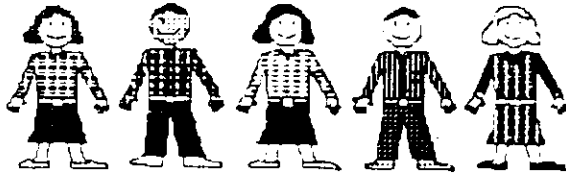
- Refrain means don't do it. In music it's the part you better not sing.
- Handel was half German, half Italian and half English. He was rather large.
- Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf he wrote loud music.
- Henry Purcell is a well-known composer few people have heard of.
- Aaron Copland is a contemporary composer. It is unusual to be contemporary. Most composers do not live until they are dead.
- Music sung by two people at the same time is called a duel.
- I know what a sextet is, but I'd rather not say.
- Caruso was at first an Italian. Then someone heard his voice and said he would go a long way. And so he came to America.

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THE GOOD NEIGHBORS GROUP

Co-Chairs: Irene Wolgamot 998-1715
Geraldine Naveau 931-4643



Skyline House Good Neighbors
 February 1997

Serge Gloukhoff 671-8393
 Cesi Gloukhoff 671-8393

The Good Neighbors celebrated the beginning of their 5th year with a Potluck Dinner in the West Party Room on Saturday, January 11. In addition to the Good Neighbor volunteers and their spouses, the group included some Board members, Skyline House Managers, the House Special Editor and the Initiator of the Good Neighbors, David Tilson.

After a delicious pot luck dinner and socializing, Mr. Tilson spoke briefly to the group. He said that his principle purpose in starting the Good Neighbors was to encourage neighborliness among our residents. He complimented the Good Neighbors on their on-going program. Irene Walgamot and Geraldine Naveau expressed appreciation for the work and cooperation of the monthly Good Neighbor volunteers. They also are appreciative of the support and cooperation of the Skyline House board, the Managers, and the Editor of the House Special.

It was noted that the program is losing 3 excellent longtime Good Neighbors who are moving to South Carolina. Dick Noonan moved on January 7 to Columbia for a new job and Isabella and Don Rendell will soon move to Hilton Head. The Group took the opportunity to wish them well in their new homes.

We are in need of more Good Neighbor Volunteers and will soon be actively recruiting. If interested, please call Geraldine or Irene. All of us who enjoy being Good Neighbors cordially invite you to join us.

Bill Robinson and Dawn Davey

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RECREATION COMMITTEE

▼ Tony DiSalvo, Chair

The committee did not meet in January. The next meeting will be Wednesday February 12 in the West Card room at 7:00 pm.

An Italian Night dinner is scheduled for February 13, at 6:30 in the East Party Room. Reservations are required. Please see the flyer elsewhere in the newsletter. Reservation will be limited to Skyline House residents only and to the first 24 persons who sign up. As I indicated in January's newsletter, the chef is growing older.

A "St. Patrick's Day Covered Dish Dinner" will be held on Friday, March 14, at 6:30 pm in the West Party Room. Full particulars will be found in the March newsletter.

The Recreation Committee will next meet in the West Card Room on Wednesday, February 12 at 7:30 pm.

▼ The TGIF is scheduled for Friday, February 7 at 6:30 pm in the West Party Room. Please join us!

If you are a new resident and have not yet attended the monthly TGIF, make the next one your first and meet your neighbors. YOU are more than welcome, and to make it easier, you are requested NOT to bring a plate of *hors d'oeuvres*. Just bring your own liquid refreshment.

TGIF	Fri	Feb 7	WPR	6:30 PM
Recomm Mtg	Wed	Feb 12	WCR	7:30 PM
Italian				
Night	Thurs	Feb 13	EPR	6:30 PM
TGIF	Fri	Mar 7	EPR	7:30 PM
Covered Dish				
Dinner	Fri	Mar 14	WPR	6:30 PM

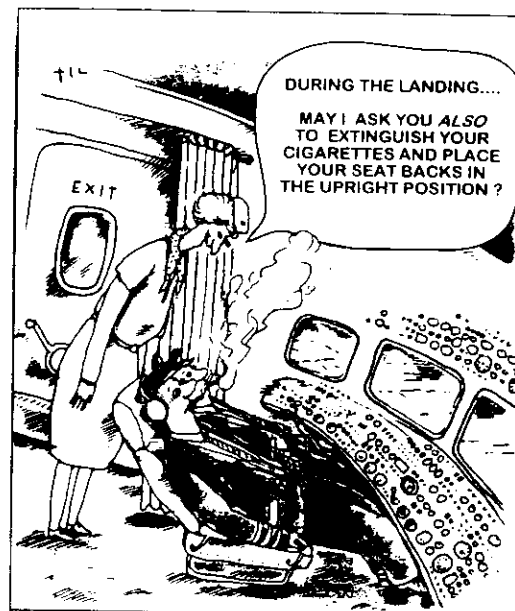
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MARCH 14
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DETAILS IN
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Board application deadline is February 14, 1997

...from the General Manager**Maintenance Log Hotline**

The maintenance log (located at the front desk) continues to be a very successful medium for residents to communicate common area physical plant concerns to management.

Several months ago, one of our owners suggested that we take the concept one step further by providing to our residents an additional method of reporting common area maintenance issues. With some "minimal" brain power, management developed the idea of a Maintenance Log Hotline. The concept is simple. For example, a resident on their way back to their unit notices a hallway light burned out. Instead of walking all the way back to the front desk to make a written entry into the log they may now call the front desk and ask to be connected to the Maintenance Log Hotline.

This new addition to the service is not intended to replace the written log book; in fact, it is still preferable to make written entries into the log book when at all possible.

Whatever method you choose, we encourage you to report common area maintenance concerns to management.

Election Reminder

The Association is still looking for a "few good unit owners" to place their names in nomination for the Board of Directors. Please pick up a nominating form at the front desk, fill it out and return it to the Management Office. **WE WILL TAKE YOUR PICTURE AT NO CHARGE!!!**

The closing date for nominations is Friday February 14, 1997.

Hot Water Heater Special Continues

Due to a special discount being offered by one of our suppliers, In-Unit Maintenance is extending

the special discount on hot water heaters through the end of March. For prices and more information contact Tania in Resident Services at 578-4488, M-F, 9AM-6PM.

The Trash Still Cometh

Management is getting more reports of "really gross" trash being left in the disposal rooms. We want to contact the culprits.....so if you find garbage left behind please call the desk and we will attempt to find a unit number amongst the rubbish.

Remember to place your trash down the chute in the trash rooms or if you live on the ground floor of the West Building to use the cans provided in that trash room. All cardboard boxes should be broken down and placed in the marked areas in the loading docks. Glass and aluminum should be discarded in the designated toters as well. We really appreciate your cooperation!

Remembering...

Just within the past six weeks or so, Skyline House has lost three of its longtime residents:

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Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

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Checks must be received no later
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MENU

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Chicken Breast w/mozzarella
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Zucchini & Carrots
Bread
Dessert
Coffee

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Italian Night, Thursday, February 13

Make non-refundable checks payable to: Skyline House Recreation Com.

Name(s) _____

Unit # _____ Phone # _____ No. in party _____

My check is enclosed for \$_____ (\$13.00 per person)
Place reservation slip and check at front desk for Tony DiSalvo, 502E.
Any questions call 824-1958. No reserved tables please.

Attention Skyline House Residents.....

You are invited to attend a *Balcony/Container Presentation* on Tuesday, March 4 at 7:30 pm in the North Party Room at Skyline Plaza. The guest speaker will be Steve Gable of the Merrifield Garden Center. Light refreshments (wine, soft drinks, cheese) will be served. This affair is sponsored by the Skyline Plaza Architectural Control & Physical Appearance Committee, Marie Olsson, Chairman.

If you wish to attend, please sign up at our lobby desk by Thursday, February 27.

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Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered America while cursing the Atlantic. The winter of 1620 was a hard one for the Pilgrims. Many people died, and many babies were born. Capt. John Smith was responsible for all this.

One of the causes of the Revolutionary War was the English put tacks in their tea. Thomas Jefferson, a Virgin, and Benjamin Franklin were two singers of the Declaration of Independence.

Abraham Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands. When Lincoln was President, he wore only a tall silk hat. He wrote the Gettysburg Address while traveling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope.

Napoleon wanted an heir to inherit his power, but since Josephine was a baroness, she couldn't bear children. The sun never set on the British Empire because the British Empire was in the East and the sun sets in the West. Queen Victoria was the longest queen. She sat on a thorn for 63 years.

The 19th century was a time of many great inventions and thoughts. Samuel Morse invented a code of telepathy. Charles Darwin was a naturalist who wrote the *Organ of the Species*. And Karl Marx became one of the Marx brothers.

Whose Job Is It.....?

This is a story about 4 people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was

Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Have you submitted your application as a candidate for the Board of Governors as yet?
Have you joined a committee?