

The House Special

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Happy Easter to All Volunteer to Improve Your Community

People are becoming more and more involved with their communities as the trend toward volunteers grows increasingly popular. Neighborhoods benefit from the attention of residents--many of whom are young professionals participating for the first time. Skyline House has unlimited opportunities for residents to become involved with our community and work to increase civic pride in the most important neighborhood in the world: **OURS.**

Living here has many positive aspects, and there are countless ways for residents to participate and make them even better. There is something for everyone, and the way you can apply your skill is varied and numerous. *Many of our residents who currently serve on our Committees or the Board of Directors view these activities as a valuable opportunity and an important part of living here.* They regard their civic activities as a chance to make friends and to better understand the issues of our community. They feel they can make an important difference. **THIS IS YOUR HOME, AND YOU ARE HELPING TO SUPPORT IT, SO WHY LEAVE IMPORTANT DECISIONS IN THE HANDS OF OTHERS?**

One of the best ways to become involved in improving your life here is by **attending Committee or Board meetings, OR BETTER YET, becoming a member.** Active residents contribute to the improvement of their homes and property values, and gain a much clearer understanding of our condominium's project priorities, resources, and key decisions. As a committee member you have the opportunity to express your ideas to others who will listen and help seek positive results.

All residents are eligible to become members of any Committee. Most Committee members started by first

attending a meeting--often to express an opinion. After going to a few meetings, they chose specific Committees where they could contribute in a variety of areas. **Anyone can contribute.**

Eligibility for the Board of Directors requires ownership of a unit in Skyline House. Younger residents are especially encouraged to apply to further increase the diversity of the Board. Eligibility is open to persons of all nationalities. **Broad mixes of age, education, ethnicity and experience are the best formula for serving the needs of all residents.**

Meanwhile, standing Committees span the special environment that is particular to our home. You can select one that complements your area of interest. If you have a question about the appearance of the common area or grounds, attend the **Physical Plant and Operations Committee.** Concerned about security and safety - attend the **Security/Fire and Safety Committee.** Your writing, editing, and proof reading skills would be welcomed by the Editor of the House Special. Like finance? Join the **Financial Management committee;** and if you enjoy socializing, special events, and meeting newcomers, join the **Recreation Committee.** If you prefer to help a resident in need, check with the **Good Neighbors Committee.** **AND,** be sure to visit the **LIBRARY** any Monday evening. You'll meet friends and you are sure to find a book for relaxing reading.

You are encouraged to become more involved in Skyline House. We hope that you will explore **NOW** the opportunities to work with our Board and Committees in any way possible to help keep **Skyline House a beautiful, safe and enjoyable place to call HOME.**

Editor Nadyne McKelvey

JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Copy Due Date 20th of the Month

Current Owner and Resident Status:

Published: Monthly

Total Units: 559

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: *The House Special Welcomes brief comments from its readers. Please limit your letters to 250 words and include your name and unit number. The Association Board reserves the right to refuse incorrect or improper statements.*

Total Residents 1008

Total Occupants Authorized 1759

Number of Resident Owner Units 391

Number of Non-Resident Owner Units 145

Information for the NewsLetter may be left at the Management Office, the Reception Desk, or sent by e-mail to: rnmckelvey@juno.com

Number of Vacant Units 23

Kudos

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Applause for our Skyline Library. I frequent two local libraries on a bi-weekly basis and from time to time find them lacking the books I want to read.

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Alexandria, VA.

However, I usually find just what I am looking for in our Library.

Keep up the good work.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Guerry Jarrett
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The real art of conversation is not only to SAY the RIGHT THING in the right place, but also to leave UNSAID the WRONG THING at the tempting moment.

Just when I was getting used to yesterday, along came today.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NEIGHBORS,

Often we value something only when we don't have it. The House Special is a good example. We have gone three months without one, and I believe it has made communications within our community more difficult. I am pleased that our community newspaper is available to us once again under the new leadership of our editor, Nadyne McKelvey. Thank you, Nadyne, for taking on this task.

I want to thank Bob Busby for his efforts in editing the House Special for the second half of 1998. Given Bob's commitment to his duties as a member of the Board of Directors and his vigilant interest in the activities of the Community Association Institute it is amazing that he had any time left over for the House Special. Thank you, Bob, for your energetic and imaginative efforts.

— It goes without saying now that we owe a great debt of gratitude to those who volunteered to provide us with the House Special in the past, especially Law Henderson (ably supported, I'm sure, by Helen).

The first quarter of this year has been a significant one for our Association. Your Board of Directors and Management spent much of January in search for a line of credit to assist the Association through the costly and unforeseeable expenses involved in major garage repairs.

I believe that we will look back on January 27, 1999 as a significant moment in our history as a self-managed Association for it marks the decision of the Board of Directors to drop the "interim" from Randy Lyon's title and designate him our General Manager. I'm very proud of a number of accomplishments this Board of Directors has achieved, and the hiring of Randy Lyon is surely among our best decisions. We're very glad to have — Randy managing our Association on a full time

basis, and we're pleased also that Randy, Valerie and Hannah are residing here in our community.

On February 18, the Association met to hear reports of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee, our Treasurer, Wayne Krumwiede and Director David Mayrose on the progress of our garage work and the combined Board of Directors and Management effort to obtain a line of credit to assist us in paying for that work. I want to thank the community for the turnout for that meeting and to express my thanks for each question you asked, especially the hard ones. I'm pleased to report that our negotiations with our lender of choice, National Cooperative Bank, (NCB), have been smooth and successful to this point. We look forward to concluding all necessary actions to obtain a line of credit by mid April. This will assure us of the ability to continue the necessary repairs as expeditiously as possible.

I want to thank all the members of our community, owners and renters alike, for your courtesy to one another and common sense during the disruptions in the garage. As driving in the garage became more difficult you have patiently waited for one another to get through the bottlenecks caused by the construction. Please keep this up. We still have a long way to go on this project, and the Association, Management and the construction crews need your continued support and cooperation.

Special thanks are owed to Wayne Krumwiede for his time and expertise in negotiating with NCB for our line of credit. I cannot imagine where we would be in this repair process without the outstanding effort of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee. Special thanks to our "winter chairperson", Ken Grant, for his tremendous efforts and for those of Cecil Williams. Without your dedication to this task, I'm sure that we would not have made the progress we have to date.

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President's Report (continued)

GARAGE REPAIRS

The garage repairs are estimated to cost somewhere between \$2 million and four million. The reason we cannot be more precise is because not all of the post tension beams need to be replaced completely. Until each beam is opened and inspected for damage, the exact amount of work cannot be determined. \$4 million is the worst case scenario. So far, there are indications that the cost is likely to be less, possibly much less. But, until the work is completed, we will not be sure.

The Board, therefore, negotiated a loan agreement with the NCB, a federally chartered bank whose mission is to lend to cooperatives and condominiums throughout the country. During the time the garage is being repaired, we will have a line of credit of up to \$4 million which we can use to pay the contractor's progress payments.

When the work has been completed, the amount we have drawn down from the line of credit will be converted to a 15 year loan. During the construction period, we will pay only interest on the amount we borrow. Thus, for the rest of this calendar year, we will be using budgeted funds — and also will borrow some from our reserves, if necessary—to pay the interest.

There will be no special assessment this year to cover the loan service. But as soon as construction is completed and we convert our line of credit to a 15 year loan, we will levy a special assessment on each unit to cover the cost of interest and amortization. Unit owners will have some flexibility on how to pay. They can pay it monthly for 15 years or they can pay their share of the loan principal in a lump sum and not have to pay any interest, or they can prepay part of their share of the principal at the beginning and, once a year, will have an opportunity to prepay some or all of the balance. The amount they will owe for interest will be reduced accordingly.

DECK OVER GARAGE

The deck over the garage will be repaired as part of the garage repair project. The unit owners have voted not to change the park-like character of this area, so it will be repaired and restored to more or less its prior appearance, except that the large planted boxes with trees will not be replaced because they were leaky and responsible for water damage to the garage. The cost of this part of the garage project is about \$400,000.

ROOF OVER THE WEST BUILDING

The roof over the West Building needs to be replaced because there are serious leaks in several units on the 17th floor and in the West Party Room. An engineering inspection conducted under the auspices of the PPOC confirmed that a complete roof replacement is necessary. Bid inspections have been prepared and bids are being sought. We also are exploring whether we have any recourse against the contractor who previously replaced this roof in 1990. If we do, we will, of course, pursue it. But it is not certain that we do.

CABLE TV OPTIONS

Our cable TV options are to contract with one of three providers for bulk service to all of our units. We can stay with Washington Cable, our present provider; we can contract with OnePoint, a provider that would use our master antenna system, as Washington Cable does, and can give us a choice of individual cable service, or we can go with MediaGeneral, which gives us a choice of either basic services or expanded services at two different prices.

The survey that was distributed in March is aimed at determining which of the channels residents are most interested in receiving from OnePoint. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO CHOOSE 40 CHANNELS — JUST PICK THE CHANNELS THAT YOU PREFER — WHETHER IT BE 1 or 40.**

President's report (continued)

- When the Board has had an opportunity to consider the issues further, there will be a town meeting called to thoroughly review the pros and cons of each choice and to get some guidance from residents as to their preferences. We plan to do this in a few weeks and hope to make a decision before the end of April.

We are engaged in a search for a Deputy General Manager to complement and support the efforts of Randy Lyon. The Board of Directors and Randy look forward to interviews in the near future and selection of the best candidate.

If there is a theme in this letter it is this:

*An association such as ours
cannot run well without the
efforts of talented and dedicated
VOLUNTEERS,---*

- whether in publishing a house newspaper, performing committee work in support of the Board of Directors, or serving on the Board itself. We need volunteers to serve on the Hearings Subcommittee of the Covenants Committee. This is the body which, when all else fails, enforces the rules we chose to live by when we bought or rented a unit here at Skyline House. A number of our veteran members have moved away or are no longer able to serve. The time commitment is relatively low, approximately one meeting a month, but the requirements for an even temper and sound judgment are high. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity to serve your Association please contact Covenants Committee Chairman, David Kafka, or myself (CharleyRoberts@juno.com).

- In closing, I want to express my gratitude to my fellow Board members as a group. President Mike Moore handed over to us an Association named the best in its class in the local area by the
- Community Association Institute. When health problems forced Mike to step back for a while,

Kevin Fahey led us through an unexpectedly early change in Management. And when the requirements of his profession forced Kevin to step aside. David Tilson agreed to join the Board as Vice President, this in addition to voluntary role in defining the need for organizing the Policy and Personnel Committee. Bob Busby, David Mayrose, Barbara Michelman and our Secretary, Virginia Poindexter each made key contributions to the work of the Board of Directors, often despite significant challenges in their "regular" jobs. Thank you one and all.

By the time you receive this NewsLetter, we will have a new Board of Directors and new officers. I look forward to serving on the Board for another year and, with help and support, to completing work which is under way and to addressing new tasks for the improvement of this place we call HOME.

Sincerely,

Charley Roberts

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1999 - 2000**

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Barbara Michelman
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"Courtesy is contagious ---- so let's start an epidemic."

SKYLINE HOUSE TO START WATER SAVINGS PROGRAM

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Randy Lyon, General Manager

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the water conservation program at Skyline House gets under way on TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1999.

The key to the success of the program is a high rate of participation among the residents. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

The program is designed to reduce Skyline House's high rate of water usage for years to come.

The Board of Directors has chosen H2Options, Inc., of Oakton, Virginia, to implement the program. H2Options specializes in water efficiency programs for condominiums and apartments in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

The program consists of an initial phase of work in all units, followed by four years of in-unit maintenance for certain types of leak repair.

All work covered by the contract with H2Options is completed at no charge to unit owners and residents of Skyline House. H2Options' only compensation throughout the length of the contract will be a share of the savings generated by the program.

The initial phase of work consists of replacing toilet valves, faucet aerators, and showerheads. Faucet leaks will also be repaired.

The program also includes free in-unit maintenance for certain plumbing repairs for the duration of the contract. Most faucet, tub, and toilet leaks will be repaired for free as part of the program.

All residents will receive notice regarding

H2Options' work schedule, and every effort will be made to accommodate busy schedules.

We look forward to updating you soon on the successful course of this program, and on the vast savings that the program will generate.

FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER

Greg Grimm, Chief Engineer

Spring is here, and that means it's time for your heat pump yearly preventative check-up. To ensure that your heat pump operates properly and at its peak efficiency, we recommend this service be done in the spring. It helps greatly to prevent air conditioning system leaks.

This service includes cleaning the drain pan, the drain line, adding an anti-algaecide tablet to the drain pan, checking the freon level, cleaning the coil, if needed, and changing the filter. This usually runs about \$25.00. Contact Tania in the Management Office for an appointment.

If you did not see the notice posted in the elevators, Skyline House now offers General Electric appliances at a reduced price. Several residents have made purchases of appliances through this program. If you are interested, see Tania in the Management Office for more details. We offer almost everything General Electric sells for your kitchen, and I think you will be surprised at the amount you will save.

SKYLINE HOUSE

WATER CONSERVATION WORK SCHEDULE

WEST BUILDING

17th Floor Tuesday, March 30
16th Floor Tuesday, March 30
15th Floor Wednesday, March 31
14th Floor Wednesday, March 31
13th Floor Thursday, April 1
12th Floor Thursday, April 1
11th Floor Tuesday, April 6
10th Floor Tuesday, April 6
9th Floor Wednesday, April 7
8th Floor Wednesday, April 7
7th Floor Thursday, April 8
6th Floor Thursday, April 8
5th Floor Tuesday, April 13
4th Floor Tuesday, April 13
3rd Floor Wednesday, April 14
2nd Floor Wednesday, April 14
1st Floor Thursday, April 15
T Level Thursday, April 15

EAST BUILDING

17th Floor Tuesday, April 20
16th Floor Tuesday, April 20
15th Floor Wednesday, April 21
14th Floor Wednesday, April 21
13th Floor Thursday, April 22
12th Floor Thursday, April 22
11th Floor Tuesday, April 27
10th Floor Tuesday, April 27
9th Floor Wednesday, April 28
8th Floor Wednesday, April 28
7th Floor Thursday, April 29
6th Floor Thursday, April 29
5th Floor Tuesday, May 4
4th Floor Tuesday, May 4
3rd Floor Wednesday, May 5
2nd Floor Wednesday, May 5
1st Floor Thursday, May 6
T Level Thursday, May 6

IMPORTANT:

Your participation is the key to the success of the program. Please make yourselves available for H2Options to complete their service in your home.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAM, PLEASE CALL H2OPTIONS at 703-242-2201.

This program is FREE.

COVENANTS COMMITTEE

David Kafka, Chair

One of the goals of the Covenants Committee is to make life at Skyline House a pleasant, peaceful and enjoyable experience.

To accomplish this, certain rules have been established. These rules have one purpose: to set boundaries of behavior for all the members of our community so all residents can enjoy their privacy and quality of life with as little interference as possible.

When anyone sees an infraction of the rules being committed, it should immediately be reported. There are report forms at the reception desk. Fill out the form completely and it will be acted upon. **ACTION BY MANAGEMENT CANNOT BE TAKEN UNLESS THERE IS A SIGNED REPORT FILED.**

During the last two months, the following infractions occurred:

- ▶ Loud, disruptive noise (1)
- ▶ Offensive odors (1)
- ▶ Trash room violations (6)

LET US ALL BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH WERE FORMULATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL RESIDENTS.

RECENT HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE COVENANTS COMMITTEE

Date	Rule	Infraction	Finding	Assessment
10/27	18-F-2	Tailgaiting	Guilty	\$ 50.
1/26	13A	Noise Disturbance	Guilty	\$ 200.
2/23	10A	Emergency Keys	Guilty	\$10/day Until compliance
2/23	18-F-2	Tailgaiting	Guilty	\$ 150.

BIG THANKS

The election mailing is time consuming and takes a lot of effort to prepare. Thanks to all the staff members and volunteers who assisted, especially Betty Weber, Serge Gloukhoff, Nadyne McKelvey, Sophie Anderson and Toska Prather.

Special thanks to Sandra Alami who assisted tremendously throughout the whole process of preparing the election mailing.

"You don't stop laughing because you grow old --- you grow old because you stop laughing."

PHYSICAL PLANT AND OPERATIONS (PPOC)

Ken Grant, Co-Chair

Following the holiday season recess, there was a good turn out for the January meeting. The committee was most interested to hear of progress with the garage repairs, some encouraging and some frustrating. Design aspects for the north quadrant of A deck West have been completed, steel supports delivered and installation on the beams is now going ahead. Management obtained indoor parking at the Smith complex, more areas in the East wing were vacated and, initially, work on the decks proceeded more rapidly. Then came delays to deal with severely damaged spots. Frustrating? — yes. The Ad Hoc Garage Repair Committee is satisfied with the quality of the repairs and recognizes that, in a job of this magnitude, surprises can occur to upset the smooth flow of the operations.

The group at the “walk around” in December, which covered the mechanical rooms, included some participants who do not attend PPOC meetings. The committee would like to have more residents take advantage of these opportunities for informal discussion as we observe our physical plant. The next “walk around” is scheduled for February 9 to visit the garage and observe the repairs. Meet near the lobby desk at 2:00 P.M.

Interest was shown in a proposal by Management aimed at water conservation through replacing components of all toilets. This is estimated to save \$51,000 a year on our water bill, for which the budget is \$156,000. The committee was concerned about access to units and Management advised that staff would accompany the contractor in all units and inspect the work. Further consideration was deferred to enable Management to present three bids at the next meeting.

Ross MacAskill reported 24 entries in the Maintenance Log in November and 46 in

December. Two of these were reported by security guards, a first for our condo, and none by Ross himself, another first. This report, Ross said, would be his last, since they are moving into a retirement community. On behalf of the committee, the Chair expressed appreciation for the many years' of work by Ross for the condo. In particular, for the way he has built up the Maintenance Log into a most useful working tool. Members joined in a sound round of applause and good wishes to Ross and Helen for their future.

The committee decided to change its regular meeting date to the third Thursday of each month. In this way the meetings would not follow so closely on those of the Board and matters presented would be more timely for eventual recommendations to the Board.

There were several enquiries about Howie McClennan, a member of the committee since the early days of the condo. Hearing that he was in a rehab center, members voted to have a letter sent to Howie expressing gratitude for all his work with the committee and our good wishes for his recovery and return to our community. This was done the next day.

January 1999
(PPOC)

The major item considered by the committee at its February meeting was the water conservation program. From three offers received, Management recommended a Service and Shared Savings Agreement with H2Options covering inspection/refitting of toilets and repairs to leaking fixtures in private units and common areas, followed by monitoring of water consumption levels for three years and making any repairs necessary. The committee was joined briefly by an H2Options representative who responded to questions from members seeking clarifications on the operation of the program. There was agreement that it was attractive, particularly since there would be no direct costs to unit owners or to the Association. The cost for this service is covered

(PPOC) continued

through shared savings based on comparison of future VEPCO billings with our current average consumption. After each billing period, the Association would pay H2Options 65% of the savings over that period while retaining the other 35%. Following discussion of all aspects, the PPOC unanimously endorsed the Management proposal to the Board.

There were twenty participants at the PPOC/Management property inspection - the "walk around" - in February, attracted by the opportunity to see the repair work in the garage. The group were able to observe repairs in progress on the last section of deck and various stages of operations on supporting beams at A level. The contractor described the various operations, pointed out broken cables and demonstrated materials and equipment being used.

In March, unfortunately, the first major snow storm to hit this area in three years forced cancellation of the "walk around" planned for the garage roof plaza/deck. This was rescheduled for APRIL 13 at 2:00 P.M. The group will meet by the desk in the main lobby and all interested residents are invited to participate.

At this meeting the committee considered plans for the rehabilitation of the garage roof plaza. These included removal of perimeter planters, a source of water damage to the garage below, and the replacement with pavers of walkway surfaces which for some time had been unusable. These would be more attractive than concrete, facilitate maintenance and be more durable. Three proposals were reviewed and the committee supported Management recommendation to accept the low bidder.

Looking to the future, the committee reviewed and accepted, with suggested changes, a 'scope of work' to replace the West building roof which is causing problems to the floor below. There was

also preliminary presentation of other matters referred to the committee, which will be on future agendas for review.

March 19, 1999

SECURITY, FIRE & SAFETY COMMITTEE (SFSC)

Ann Mehrten, Chair

The main issue over the past few months has been whether to change Skyline's security guard service. After reviewing proposals and past histories of Guardsmark (our present provider), Barton, and Argenbright, the committee voted unanimously at its March 17 meeting to recommend Argenbright, which we have used in the past. As part of the proposal, Skyline and Argenbright drafted a contract that addressed previous differences. This cooperation was a factor in the recommendation.

In January, two residents reported respectively stolen hubcaps and back windshield smashed in the Skyline Mall parking garage.

The next committee meeting will take place at 7:30 P.M., in the West Card Room on May 13. All are welcome to attend.

NOTE: In the event that Skyline House must be evacuated in an emergency, there is a list at the front desk of residents who may need help leaving the building. If you would like to put yourself on the list, or suggest that someone should be, leave the name and unit number at the front desk.

"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach him to use the NET and he won't bother you for weeks."

GOOD NEIGHBORS COMMITTEE (GNC)

Joan Collins Co-Chair
Toska Prather Co-Chair

Good neighbors are available to assist all residents who are in need of temporary help due to illness or emergency. Call the Good Neighbors of the month if a need arises.

Good Neighbors for April 1999

Fran Stamm 998-8221
Ofelia Leonor 931-0911

The Good Neighbor Committee is **LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS**. Please call one of the Co-Chairs if you wish to join. Members are asked to serve during one month of a year.

NO ONE CAN HELP EVERYONE, BUT EVERYONE CAN HELP SOMEONE.

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY

As we expected during the busy holiday season, fewer books than usual were borrowed, but we always had a steady group of insatiable readers who visited us every Monday evening.

Our dedicated volunteer librarians arrive on time, often stay later than they expected and graciously substitute for each other during vacations and other absences. SO, the Library has always been fully staffed.

We have added three new categories since my last report, and now have a fine selection of books on Sports and Science Fiction. I am so pleased to report that our third addition has been 21

"BOOKS ON TAPE". All books may be borrowed for a month, and **"BOOKS ON TAPE"** for 2 weeks. Both categories may be renewed.

Many, many thanks to our generous book donors for the continuing supply of current books in all categories. Our greatest need is for more **"BOOKS ON TAPE"**.

The **LIBRARY** is located in the former **EAST CARD ROOM**, Penthouse floor and is open each Monday evening from 7:00 - 8:30.

If you have not paid a visit to the Library, you will be amazed at the quantity and quality of the books on the shelves. In fact, the shelves are overflowing. Please come, browse, meet friends and find that book you've always wanted to read.

Barbara Michelman

This is a story about four people named EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY, and NOBODY.

There was an important job to be done and EVERYBODY was sure that 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 would 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.
(An old one, but still true)*

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Tony DiSalvo, Chair

The Recreation Committee is still going strong but as yet has not had the luxury of any new members. The Committee is still looking for a co-chair. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 7:30 P.M., West Card Room. COME JOIN US.

A recap of the last several months is in order. Our latest activity took place on Friday, March 19, St. Patrick's Day Covered Dish. All who were present enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Liza Ruiz, Sophia Anderson, who were the co-chairs and to Margaret Jaffee who did her fair share of work. THANK YOU.

The Annual Italian Night was held in February and from the reports that I have received, they all enjoyed a great dinner.

The monthly TGIF goes on and on. All who attend have a great time and the hors d'oeuvres that are prepared by the residents are great.

If you are a new resident and have not attended the monthly TGIF, make this your first and meet your neighbors and to make it easier, you are requested NOT to bring a plate of *hors d'oeuvres*, just your own liquid refreshment.

The next TGIF will be FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 6:30 P.M., West Party Room. PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF ENJOYMENT.

COMING EVENTS

TGIF: Friday, April 9, 6:30 P.M. - West Party Room

Rec. Cte. Meeting: Wednesday, April 14, 7:30 P.M. - West Card Room

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Come join us in a discussion group at the Borders Book Store in Crossroads Plaza. The group meets on the third Monday of the month. The next meeting will be Monday, April 19 at 11:00 a.m. The topic for the past several months has been "Current Events" with very few topics off limits. The group is called "The Penny University" and if you bring a penny and put it in the pot, this includes free coffee. One of the facilitators is Tony DiSalvo (824-1958) if you have any questions. Call.

MAGAZINES FOR ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

THANKS to all those who contribute their magazines for the hospital. They report they are well received. Just continue dropping them off at the front desk.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (FMC)

Rick Riether, Chair

No Report Submitted.