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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Everything seems to be up and running at Carefree and its members busy with myriad tasks. The holidays are fast-approaching, and we all have added Christmas shopping to our hectic schedules. But, a happy time nevertheless. Our Canadian neighbors and friends have feted the Americans with a scrumptious Thanksgiving dinner once again, and we are truly grateful. The time and energy required by such a large undertaking has to be great, and we are so fortunate to have them as our friends. Thank you Canadians of Carefree.

We face a very busy month ahead in spite of the holidays. I and others will be heading to distant parts to celebrate Thanksgiving with family, returning in December to address pending Board business which will include the appointment of a manager.

With all our comings and goings, let me take this opportunity to wish you all, on behalf of the members of the Board, a Merry Christmas, happy holidays and a safe and healthy New Year. May God bless you all.

Charles A. Rogers

Merry 
Christmas 

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ATTENTION CHRISTMAS DECORATORS!

8th Street Residents

Monday December 4, 2006

Meet outside Clubhouse at 9 a.m.

Tradition has it that 8th street will really turn out in force for this event this year.

Coffee & goodies in Upper Clubhouse after decorating.

Dick Gengler, Chair, # 824 - 324-5366

Don Lawrence, Co-Chair, # 762 - 326-1960

Removal will be THURSDAY January 4, 2007 at the same time.



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE!



Work Orders - Anyone requesting work done on lots (sprinklers light posts); commons (picnic tables); Clubhouse - please inform the Office and a work order will be forwarded to maintenance. Please DO NOT directly contact the maintenance department. Work is done as maintenance can schedule it.

If you need a gate opener, you will need to purchase "The Clicker" model # CLT1 D at Wal-Mart or The Home Depot and bring it to the office to be programmed.

People are reminded to put park I.D. tags on their cars and lot numbers on their golf carts. These are available in the office. Number decals for the carts are available in the office.

Suggestion and comment box is located in the office - we encourage everyone with good ideas to bring them forward.



Bless us Lord, this Christmas,
with quietness of mind;

Teach us to be patient and always to be kind.

Helen Steiner Rice

LADIES GOLF

We had our first ladies golf day of the season on Nov. 8. Winners for that day are posted on the outdoor bulletin board at the Golf Center. We encourage all ladies to join us next time. Don't feel intimidated if you can't drive the ball a mile, chippers and putters are a LARGE contribution to the team.



Our next ladies day is Nov. 29 and sign up sheets will be posted Nov. 23. We are planning some fun team games. Come and have a good time and meet some new friends. Don't forget to enter your daily scores in the computer so your handicap is up to date.

Comments – Questions – Suggestions – Call or see:
Karen Dorman, # 556 Harriet Mouw, # 1011
875-0328 875-1648

CAREFREE CHAPEL



December is almost here and as December comes we think about preparing our hearts and minds for our celebration of the arrival of God's son on earth. Please come and join us for worship this Advent season, every Sunday morning, at 9:30 a.m. in the upper Clubhouse.

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday so we will have our regular Sunday morning worship that day with Christmas Eve services at 6:30 p.m. If you are in the park during the holiday we invite you to join your neighbors as we celebrate God's greatest gift to us. Merry Christmas!

Jean Westermann, Chapel Committee Chair, # 705

EMPLOYEES CHRISTMAS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



December 8th – 12 noon

Let's show our appreciation to all the workers who have been caring for our park by giving our donations to:

Sue Aber # 554; Anna Giese # 785;
Shirley Dussl # 475 or Ruth Lerom # 858.

Thank you for your generosity.



I want to thank all of my pool friends for the lovely pool party with cake and ice cream and many cards for my 90th Birthday.

Lucile Bradbury, # 583

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

We will soon be putting up the Carefree Nativity Scene. For new residents I would like to give you a history of this project. The project was started in 2001. All expenses were paid from various gifts and memorials from park residents. The entire project has evolved over the years with additions and changes.



We are always looking for ways to improve the stable and that is ongoing. We seem to have a "full house" now with the statutes and even though there are things we could add to it there is always a storage problem so for now we consider it complete. The finishing touch is added each year by the flowers bought for it by the Beautification Committee.

Jo Anderson, Chair, # 616

RECYCLING PROGRAM IN FULL SWING

We continue to recycle plastic bottles, tin cans, glass, aluminum cans and newspapers. Remember— the newspaper dumpster is only for newspapers, not paper bags, plastic bags or cardboard boxes.



Rinse and drain all containers. Remove all caps and lids. Crush all plastic bottles and aluminum cans.

We appreciate your cooperation and support to this important project.

Ed Richards, # 712

Dick and I want to thank all of you who thought of us in Maine this summer following his auto accident. The get well cards, phone calls and especially all the prayers brightened our days. Dick is recovering well and happy to be back at Carefree.



Priscilla and Dick Badgley # 636

I would like to give a very special "thank you" to all my friends at Carefree. All the prayers, cards and calls were greatly appreciated. It's good to be back!

John Swartz, # 515

We want to thank all of you wonderful & caring people in Carefree, for the many prayers, cards, phone calls and concerns, during Dick's battle with cancer. Everyone of you make the days brighter. Thanks again. Love & Hugs,

Peg & Dick Smith, # 585

GRAB YOUR PARTNER AND COME FOR A NIGHT OF SQUARE DANCING



Saturday, December 16th
Upper Clubhouse
7–8:30 p.m.
Caller is Keith Stevens

Tickets are \$5 and will be on sale
December 7th at the Golf Center
from 10 a.m. till noon

Convenors are needed for
December 16th; February 24th; March 31st
Call Loree Rumble # 825 at 324-2069

BULLETIN BOARDS—POSTER SIZE

1. All special events may be 8.5 x 11" (those are one time events).
2. All continuing events (daily; weekly; etc) should be half size— 4 x 5" — because of limited space.

To keep our information boards neat please stick to computer generated posters. If you need help, please contact me and I will direct you to someone.

The want ads in the laundry room are to be on 3 x 5" cards (the office has them at no cost). The instructions for what information should be on them is on the board. Please adhere to this. This want ad board is for CAREFREE RESIDENTS.

Questions: Peg Smith, # 585—324-7886

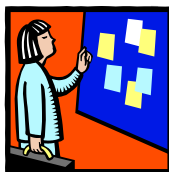


TABLE TENNIS ANYONE?

The table tennis table is now in the lower Clubhouse and has a brand new indoor net. Paddles and balls are in a container beneath the table. Any one interested in playing please sign up in the hallway going to the pool.

If possible, we would like to get some type of on going tournament so we can play with different individuals. For any additional information call Darlene Palmer at 325-8543.



EDITOR'S OMISSION IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE

I apologize for omitting the following sentence in the article on Page 3 of the November issue entitled

Lower Clubhouse & Kitchen

"Our thanks to Chuck Radloff for the beautiful pictures in the stairway. Chuck takes such beautiful pictures; we wish we could have used all of them. What an eye you have, Chuck!"

Last Winter we had six men sign-up for **SAMARITAN'S WALLET** to do minor home repair and light lifting for widows and handicapped, in Carefree, for FREE. Sign up sheet is in pool hallway. This winter it would be a help if we can get ten signed up.

Carl Benhase, # 613

SALES & MARKETING



There are now 10 units and 2 lots listed for sale.

Open houses will be from 9:30 am to 2 pm on Fridays— **January 5; February 2 & March 9. Please note change in March date!**

The office will not be manned until January 1st, 2007, but, one of my committee or myself will be on call every day—anytime.

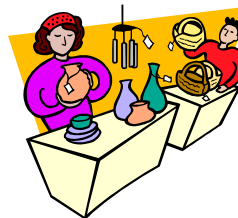
Betty Hall, # 622

BLOOD MOBILE

Blood Mobile—December 15th
Sign up sheets in the hallway by the pool.

Mary Wedig, # 350

Thank you Carefree!



A big thank you to the Carefree Community for your donations, purchases and support of the Holiday Bake Sale and Art & Craft Bazaar.

You made this function a huge success.

Thanks to the crafters and artists who participated and a special **THANKS** to the many workers, you are greatly appreciated.

Joy Gordon & Carolyn Hapke

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE



There will be a **20th Anniversary Party on March 5, 2007**. This will be an all day event sponsored by the Activities Committee. Any residents who have pictures, video, memorabilia or stories regarding the beginning of Carefree please contact Kay Dawson or Loree Rumble.

Craft and painting classes are starting.

Welcome Karen Jensen, Pool Committee Chairperson, to our committee.

Recycling is now in full force and our thanks to this committee for doing such a wonderful job.

The lower Clubhouse should be finished by the time the Carefree Times is printed. We hope everyone enjoys being in the lower Clubhouse reading, playing billiards, ping-pong, watching television or just gathering there.

Diana Strejc, Secretary, # 579

POOL NEWS



The pool has been resurfaced and the cover is being repaired.

Scheduled times in the pool:

9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Therapeutic Lap Swimming
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	Water Exercise
11 a.m. to 12 noon	Water Walking (Check Bulletin Board for details)
5 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Lap Swimming

Karen Jensen, Pool Committee Chair, # 1020

DANCE CALENDAR – 2006 & 2007

Sat. Dec. 2
7:30 – 10:30
Conveners: Welcome Back Dance
2nd Time Around Combo
Jim Beaulieu & Karen Jensen # 1020
Gary & Alice Gilbertson # 257

Sun. Dec. 31
8:30 – 12:30
Conveners: New Year's Eve Dance
Roger Schultz
Gene & Audrey Elfering # 261

Sat. Jan. 13
5:00 – 6:00
6:00 – 9:00
Conveners: Brats Dance
Dinner
Dance – Roger Schultz
Del & Carolyn Hapke # 337



Sat. Jan. 27
7:30 – 10:30
Conveners: Winter Dance
Goldtones
Jim & Shirley Kurn # 707
Ron & Sharon Nelson # 610

Sat. Feb. 10
7:30 – 10:30
Conveners: Valentine's Dance
Heartland
Don & Carime Corbett # 735
Porter & Peggy Hood # 749
Sonny Nuteson & Marje Baade # 259

Sat. Mar. 10
7:30 – 10:30
Conveners: St. Patrick's Dance
Len & Lois
Dan & Betsy Carlin # 787
Tom & Marlene Drennen # 813

BLOOD PRESSURE

We will be checking Blood Pressures in the Golf Center Conference Room beginning January 4, 2007. The time is 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. each Thursday through March. See you there!

Carol Montgomery and "Team"

CAREFREE BEARS



We are now in full swing! Join us on Thursdays in the Lake Bess Room from 1:30 to 3 p.m. to make bears for the Winter Haven Hospital and Sheriff's Department.

We still need ribbon (1/2" or less); felt (black or white); material (cotton or permanent press); and polyester fill. We also accept monetary donations to help pay for the fill.

Marion Roberts, # 683

Wounded Finger Quilt Club Members

Our classes will begin Thursday, December 7 at 8:30 a.m. We are not able to accept new members at this time due to lack of space but we keep a waiting list for those interested in joining us. If interested please contact me.

Jean McPherson # 659



Carefree Chapel Choir will rehearse every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. in the upper Clubhouse. We meet at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays to prepare for the worship service. All who wish to join are welcome!

Friday Bowling League



ATTENTION ALL INTERESTED BOWLERS!
NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO JOIN.

The 2007 bowling season is upon us. The league will be starting at 3:00 p.m. on Jan. 5, the first Friday in January. Our organizational meeting for all team members and any others who want to join the league will be held on Friday, December 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Upper Clubhouse.

We are looking forward to the return of last year's bowlers, as well as all interested newcomers. All those wishing to join in the fun are asked to sign up on the sheet in the pool hallway in the clubhouse. If you have any questions, feel free to call any of the committee members listed below.

Captains: PLEASE, PLEASE contact your teammates and notify a committee member of all returning bowlers and any vacancies.

Many thanks for your cooperation in helping us plan for the new season. Committee members are Bob Borgstrom, # 808; Bev Lewis, # 456; Del Cowel, # 885; Bill Hammond, # 733; and Dave Chance, # 621.

Bob Borgstrom, # 808
324-5672

BINGO BINGO BINGO

Tuesdays – 7:30 p.m.

Beginning December 5th – Upper Clubhouse



JOIN THE FUN!

Jack & Carol Pickering, # 874
Dean & Carol Traster, # 748
Richard & Phyllis Purdy, # 462

NEW CARD GAME

“HAND & FOOT”

Starting on Tuesdays on December 5th
in the Clubhouse from 2 to 4 p.m.

Edna – # 235; Marge # 766 – Pauline # 532



EUCHRE

Mondays at 7 p.m. - Golf Center



Mike & Nancy Landry, # 761
326-6496

WORK DAY – 2007

Mark your calendars now!
Work day will be a little earlier next year!

The date is Thursday, February 1st.

If you have requests for work please call me no
later than Friday, January 26th.

Last year we had a great turnout
and we are counting on YOU for February!



Burt Brevik, # 360 – 324-7346

THE GREY EAGLES MEET AGAIN



The first meeting of the Grey Eagles for this season took place in the upper Clubhouse on Monday, November 20 at 10:45 a.m. We all enjoyed coffee and donuts, hangar flying (aviation talk!), and a great airplane film. The next meeting will be at the same place on December 18.

The Grey Eagles are a group of aviation enthusiasts who have either made their living in the air, are ex-crew, are sport flyers, military flyers, or are simply interested in aviation. We meet in the upper Clubhouse on the third Monday of the month at 10:45 a.m. Come and join us!

Art Tomes, # 552



New Year's Eve Dance



**Sunday, December 31st
from 8:30 to 12:30**

Tickets go on sale at the Golf Center, Monday, December 11th
from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and
Tuesday, December 12th from 10:00 until noon.

Limit 2 tickets per lot.

Bring your photo ID and cash (no checks)

Further details including **cost of dance** will be posted on
bulletin board by mailboxes.

Gene and Audrey Elfering # 261

BOOK CLUB

The Carefree book club meets again on
Tuesday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m.
at the Golf Center.

"Ava's Man" by Rick Bragg will be discussed.

Everybody is welcome.

For more information call
Kay Hathaway, # 348, 324-7167



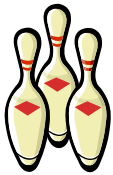
SHUFFLEBOARD

Mark your calendars for shuffleboard
Monday & Thursdays at 1 p.m.
Every week! January – February – March

Don Voce, # 624



TUESDAY BOWLING LEAGUE



Starts January 2nd, 2007 at 9 a.m.
Join the fun!

Call Byron at 324-4949 or
Ray & Maggie at 325-9825

WANTED....DESPERATELY!

If you've always longed to be chair of a
Carefree event, there's a special occasion
just waiting for you!



The annual Minnesota Party is crying out for someone to
find a date and to organize it. It's always a very well at-
tended function and a ton of fun.

Minnesotans know just how to do it! We would be happy
to share some ideas from previous years if you should feel
that you are definitely the right person for this task!!

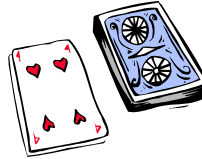
Bev Tomes, # 552, 324-3322
Jean Petrie, # 772, 326-1372

LADIES MARATHON BRIDGE

It's time to get your card tables dusted off! If you and a partner
have not already signed up for Marathon Bridge, now's the time
to do so. The sheet is on the bulletin board in the lower Club-
house.

We will begin play at a group gathering on Friday, January 5th,
1:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. Please be sure to bring your \$5 prize
money fee on that day, if you can. Also the usual 50¢ game
money for the winners of each match. All games following will
be played according to your own scheduling.....any day of the
week you and your opponents decide upon, and not necessarily
in order of the printed schedule.

If anyone would like to play and does not have a partner, please
call me. Rules and schedules will be delivered to each couple
around the middle of December.....as soon as all players
have had a chance to sign up. Should you have any questions,
just call me!



Jean Petrie, # 772, 326-1372

SALVATION ARMY CELEBRATION OF SHARING

The food drive for Carefree this year will be on Friday,
December 8th and Saturday, December 9th.

Street Captains will be designated for each street. If you
would like to give money or a check (checks to be made
out to Salvation Army) please deliver checks to:
John Heald, # 149, telephone 324-9158.

On Saturday, December 9th at 9 a.m. all Street Captains
and members will meet at the mailbox area to carry our
gifts to the Salvation Army.

If you are interesting in packing boxes for the needy at the
Salvation Army Headquarters those dates are Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday – December 11th, 12th and 13th.

If you wish to volunteer as a Street Captain call Sue or Roy
Young at 324-9652.

Respectfully,
Sue Young, # 680

