

Vista Del Lago Newsletter #12

Fun in the summer.....

The 2004 summer season has just about come to an end. We had a great sunny weekend this past weekend, but there was a definite chill in the air. The park was pretty quiet, with most of the snow birds packed up and gone. The few that were left are planning on leaving this week. To those of you still traveling to warmer climates, please drive carefully and watch out for those maniac drivers wanting to get 2 cars in front of you!!

New kids in town.....

We all have some new neighbors. I have met only a few of them, but so far, so good, they seem like decent people, so I think we should keep them!! Welcome to **Dallas and Linette Widen**, **Tom and Joanne Taxelius** and **Perry Farrow**. Dallas and Linette purchased the Boyle's house, Tom and Joanne bought the lot next to the Stevens' and Perry bought the Hodgeson's home.

Batton down the hatches.....

As part of our VDL (Vista Del Lago for you newbies out there) winterizing program, the downstairs sliding door is now locked for the winter, as is the laundry room. As a reminder, sliding door keys can be purchased from **Pat Krell** for **\$5**. This \$5 covers the cost of having a key made and saves you the trip to True Value! The key for the laundry room is in an envelope, marked laundry room. The envelope is in the basket on the counter in the kitchen. If you would like your own copy of the key, feel free to take it and have a copy made at True Value or Kelly's. However, please remember to return the key as soon as possible. If there is enough interest in the spring, I will have some keys made and will dole them out to interested parties.

Dave Jewell (he loves to see his name in bold too), asked me to pass along the following message.....please do not adjust the heat in the laundry room. He has it set at 55 degrees and would like it kept there, in an effort to avoid freezing pipes and certain disaster.

Another security reminder.....the combination to the front door of the clubhouse is **####**. A great way to remember the combination is to remember that I graduated in **####**, thus the **##**, and half of **##** is **##**!! **Lyle** thinks I am crazy, but I never forget the combination!!!!

Thanks to **Jim Norton** for folding up the patio furniture and putting it under the deck cover. We will arrange for a cleaning party in the summer to wipe down the chairs and lounge chairs.

New stuff for the patio.....

As many of you know, our one glass patio table suffered a tragic death this summer and has been permanently put to rest, bless its soul. The board plans on making a trip to Costco and making a substantial purchase of patio furniture, just as soon as the summer stuff begins arriving. My thought was to buy 2 or 3 tables and more chairs. We seemed to be short on both last year and with the addition of some new residents, we may find a few of us sitting on the concrete if we don't get more chairs. Please let me know how you feel about the number of lounge chairs we have.....enough, or need more? Is 2 or 3 patio tables enough? Would you like some smaller cocktail tables? How many more chairs do you think we need? If I don't hear from you, I will assume you trust my shopping abilities!! I am pretty good, by the way!!

Money, money, monneeeeyyyy.....

The board will be working with **Kathy J.** on preparing a new budget for 2005.

Splish, Splash, I was taking a bath.....

As many of you know, our pool committee (**Jim Norton, Joe Blackmore and Chuck Gauthier**) are in the process of conducting some research on a pool furnace replacement. We hope to have the research completed by February. At that time, we will review the options, select our favorite, and submit a proposal to **Dave and Kathy** for the furnace replacement. Hopefully a total replacement of the pool heating system will result in a more harmonious environment in and around the pool in the summer of 2005!!

And for those of you who were wondering, the pool in DAMNED c-c-c-cold when it is not being heated. I know first hand. It seems our illustrious vice president, who shall remain nameless, **KATHY POPPINO**, thought it would be hilarious to throw me in the pool after our last party. Well, I was not about to go in alone, and dragged her in with me. Suffice it to say, I could have won the wet T-shirt contest that day!!!!

New digs.....

Kathy and Dave have almost completed improving 4 lots along the fence line, which is closest to the pool. They have been graded, have water, sewer, electric and cable and will have concrete driveways poured in the next few weeks. These should be mighty attractive to some of those lookie-lews out there and hopefully will attract some winter buyers.

In addition, the two new park models next to **Rose and Dale Young**, are just about completed and ready for the market. They feature a Chelan room and covered cement patio. They are just waiting for a new owner!!

Bright lights and fame.....

Those famous maintenance studs, **Lyle and Gregg**, installed 6 reflectors along the driveway entrance to VDL. New lighting was also installed on the guard shack and 8 solar lights were installed as temporary lighting at the driveway entrance.

Kathy J reported to me that the highway improvement will be completed in 2005. The improvement will consist of a deceleration lane, left hand turn lane, bus pull out and those lights on the big, tall poles. This should take care of our lighting and traffic issues and make for a more attractive and safer entrance to VDL.

Our third famous maintenance stud, **Rich (Roy) Ogle**, who I currently hate because he is on his way to Hawaii for 3 weeks, will hook up the TV cable to our new flat screen TV in the workout room upon his return. That is, if he comes back. He doesn't know this, but he did offer at one time, and thus, I am assigning him a winter project.

Zippy, Zippy, Zippy.....I just love that name.....

The Zippy bill was discussed this week and I just can't believe how much we pay for the Zippies. A lot. Unfortunately, they are the only gig in town, or the valley for that matter, so we are stuck with them. I would, however, be devastated if we got a new garbage service and their name wasn't as cool as Zippy. Oh, back to what I was saying.....In an effort to cut down on the refuse placed in the Zippy and to ensure that a pickup every two weeks is adequate over the winter, the board is going to purchase a Rubbermaid garbage can to place out by the Zippy. The container (we will have to come up with a cool name) will be for aluminum only. This will not only cut down on the contents placed in the Zippy, it will help serve as a conservation attempt on the part of VDL. The board will place a similar container (with a cool name), next to the garbage cans by the pool, so we can empty our adult beverage cans there and thus, continue the cycle of recycling. **How green of us!!**

Ring in the new year.....

I realize it is a little early to begin planning for your holiday schedule, however, I would like to announce the date of the holiday party for 2004-2005. We are going to hold our second annual holiday party in the clubhouse on January 1, 2005. New Year's Eve is on Friday and we thought it best not to compete with other New Year's Eve parties, so we are holding the VDL party on Saturday. We will have our gift exchange (no gifts over \$10), as we did last year. This will be successful if **BOB KRELL** can remember his number this year!!!

In addition, we hope to have games, such as the Wheel of Fortune and maybe a round or two of spin the bottle. Oh no, scratch that one, **Kathy J** said we have to keep our clothes on.....anyway, you get the picture. We may end up at the Casino again, or we may all just lay on the grass and count the stars. In any event, we will have a lot of fun and a lot of food, and can tell lies all night and laugh at **Bob Krell's** memory, or lack of it!!

If you would like to donate prizes for the Wheel of Fortune, let **Kathy P** or I know and we will add it to our prize list. They don't have to be expensive, just fun little trinkets or freebies you get through work.

Happy Birthday to me, Happy Birthday to me, Happy Birthday to me-eeeeeeee.....

Yes, I have finally reached the age of adulthood.....40. I still have 15 years to go before I am legal in VDL, but at least I am a little closer than last year. In addition to my birthday during October, our dear friends **Brian Cather, Jerry Watland, and Rich (Roy) Ogle**, all had, or are having birthdays this month. Happy Birthday to us. Feel free to send any or all of us really expensive presents!!!

That's about all for now kids. I will send out another newsletter as I get material. As usual, if you would like me to make an announcement, please email me with the information and I will get it out. Also attached to this newsletter, is the latest version of the contact list.

Your favorite (and only) Board President,
Leslie

