

# Season's Greetings



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## Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.....

December has arrived with quite a bang. Both the Eastside and Westside of the state have received the first snow of the season and it is still coming down in buckets. Based on this beginning, I don't suspect there will be a water shortage this summer. The ski resorts opened up a week after Thanksgiving, so that means a good snow pack and hopefully no fires!

## New fun in the clubhouse.....

The new pool table that the Board approved last summer has arrived. **Dave Sneesby** did the research and shopping and selected a beautiful pool table from Costco. The pool table was delivered and set up this past Friday, with the help of **Pat and Bob Krell**. The Krell's have proven to be very helpful when many of us are on the other side of the mountains, and once again, they assisted the community by meeting the delivery people and bringing them into the clubhouse to show them where to set up the pool table. My only concern is that Bob is spending countless hours practicing his pool skills and no doubt will clean our clocks and take our money when we hold our first pool tournament! Bob, we may have to restrict your practice time!!

Dave wanted everyone to know that he had to make a command decision and select the color for the felt. Absent any assistance, he went with burgundy since it matches his boat.....at least he was honest!

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## We have ice.....

Dave Sneesby and Leslie Burns found an ice machine for sale in Chelan. The owners of Troy's Pizza purchased the ice machine from one of the local hotels which was being remodeled and turned into condos. Troy's bought 3 ice machines from the hotel and discovered that one of them was too large for their Manson restaurant. Troy's gave VDL a good deal on the machine, so with some donations from the **Sneesby's, McCann's, Larry Newland and Susie Smith** and the **Burn's**, and creative financing, the Association purchased the machine. It makes up to 250 pounds of ice each day (that is 25 bags). Residents will now be able to purchase ice for **\$1.00** a bag and will not have to run off to the store. The ice machine will be kept in the old laundry room in the downstairs portion of the clubhouse. For those of you who are new, that would be the former computer room.

It seems we are set now with both ice cream (thanks **Bob and Corky Sessous**) and ice on demand!

Once again, the **Krell's** are helping out by arranging for the delivery of the ice machine. It is scheduled to arrive the first week of December.

## Holiday party time.....

The annual **holiday party** is scheduled for Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> in the clubhouse. This will be a potluck event and a sign up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse by the kitchen. We may not have a large crowd, but in the past, we sure have had fun with those who could make it. We will do a gift exchange and participation is totally voluntary. We ask that gifts cost no more than \$15 and should be gender neutral. We usually play a game to divvy up the gifts and this in itself is worth watching, especially if Bob Krell is playing!!

If you are going to be in VDL on the 29<sup>th</sup>, please plan on coming to the party, especially if you are new to the neighborhood. This is a great time to meet your neighbors, play some pool, eat some great food, all in a casual atmosphere. The party will begin at 6:00, with cocktails or mocktails and we will begin eating when everyone is ready. All friends and family are welcome and the dress is casual/warm.

## Leave your heat on.....

As many of you know, it does get quite chilly in Chelan over the winter. Before you leave you VDL home for any period of time, please be sure to turn (or leave) your heater on 65 degrees. This will help keep pipes warm and keep them from bursting. Larry and Susie already had a pipe burst on their fifth wheel in November.

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You may also want to leave a key with one of our full-time residents in case you have an emergency or would like one of them to check on something inside your house. I for one have used the assistance of my neighbors on several occasions and it has given me a huge sense of relief to have them report back on a concern.

## **And speaking of our very helpful full-time residents.....**

This is a great opportunity to thank our full-timers for everything they do to keep the place running and to look out for those of us who aren't there very often in the winter.

**Pat and Bob Krell, Joy and John McPherson, Cecil Craig, Darrell and Judy Thayer** (I hope I haven't missed any) all do a great job of keeping an eye out for each other and all the property. They routinely call owners and let them know of a concern, like when my roof tiles blew off, my heat pump didn't seem to be working, meeting contractors and delivery people, etc. We would be in a world of hurt if we didn't have the full-timers to count on during the winter.....and the summer. Thanks again you guys!!

## **New location for media room and Board office.....**

Thanks to **Jeff McCann** and his wonderful son **Corey**, we now have much better use of the clubhouse office space. Jeff and Corey moved the old Board office into the office previously occupied by the Jewell's. It is a much bigger office and makes a really nice Board office.

Once the old Board office was cleared out, they moved the media room from downstairs, upstairs. It too is a much nicer space, with carpeting and windows. Jeff has hard wired the two computers, so there shouldn't be reception problems like we previously experienced. He also did some work to boost the strength of the wireless system and more people are able to get on-line from their homes in VDL.

Moving both offices was a lot of work and we have much better locations for the Board office and media room. By moving the media room upstairs, we can make better use of the room downstairs. We will put the ice machine in there, and maybe the ice cream machine.

Thanks again Jeff and Corey!!

## **That's all for now.....**

Well, that is all for now. As always, if you have news you want to share with the community, please send me an email ([Lyleandleslie@msn.com](mailto:Lyleandleslie@msn.com)) and I will be sure to get it into the next newsletter.

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I hope all of you have a great holiday season and for those of you who are lavishing in the warmth, soak up some rays for the rest of us hardy souls!!

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