

Vista Del Lago Newsletter #26 July 2008

We have new flags.....

You may have noticed that we have some new flags, marking the entrance to VDL. Thanks to Dennis and Emily Bachel for purchasing and donating the flags to our community. In addition, Dennis engineered lighting on the poles, strung the flags and set the poles. They are a great addition to the entrance, thanks Dennis and Emily!!

Shopping party coming in August.....

Cindy Sneesby and Rita McCann will be holding a Southern Living/Party Lite/Custom Jewelry party in the clubhouse in August. I believe they are shooting for the third Saturday in August, but I will confirm the date as soon as possible. If you haven't attended a Southern Living or Party Lite party, they are really fun. Both lines have great home decorations, as well as serving dishes, candles and other fun items for your home or vacation home. Cindy and Rita will also have a full compliment of their custom jewelry pieces at the party. If you haven't seen some of their new items, this will be a great chance for you to shop and try on some of their new looks. Cindy and Rita have been selling up a storm at the Saturday market recently. If you need to buy a wedding, shower, or any other type of gift, including one for yourself, you will not want to miss this party!! More to come on the exact date and time.

Reminders from the Board.....

- Please send your VDL homeowner's dues directly to our accountant, LaPorte Financial Alliance. Their address is 410 E. Woodin Avenue, Chelan. Some dues payments are being sent to VDL and are sitting in the mail, which delays their deposit into our account. We are paying our accountant to handle this work, so please send your payments directly to the office.
- We are 8 lots under the 55 and under cap. This means that 8 buyers who are under the age of 55 may purchase a lot/home in the park. The law states that 20% of the lots in the park may be sold to owners under 55 years of age. Any owner wishing to re-sell to a party under 55 years of age, must get prior approval from the Board.

- A lock box will be installed near the ice machine in order for ice purchasers to donate \$ when they purchase ice. The money will be used for any future repair needs or equipment items. Suggested donation is \$1.00 per bag.
- Do not dump items on or around the RV lot. You will be charged with the removal of such items.
- The heat pump has been fixed, which provides air conditioning in the clubhouse.
- Fifth wheel overhangs must be skirted within 30 days if the fifth wheel is going to be staying in the park 90 days or more.

Activities in the park you might want to join.....

There is a lot going on in the park these days. If you are interested in getting some exercise or just meeting some new people, try one of the classes or events listed below. No experience is necessary and both men and women are encouraged to participate!

- Line dancing on Mondays and Fridays, at 10:00am in the clubhouse
- Water volleyball on Tuesdays at 4:30, in the pool (of course)
- Water aerobics on Thursdays at 9:00am in the pool
- Pickleball on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 8:30am and Thursday nights at 7:00pm on the court in the park. Note these are new times!! Community paddles and balls are located in the clubhouse, downstairs.
- Bible study on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, in the clubhouse
- Clubhouse games on Thursdays at 7:00pm, in the clubhouse (of course)

Two special events coming up.....

On July 19th, Amy Torres will be hosting a homemade cinnamon roll, muffin and coffee break in the clubhouse at 9:00am.

July 26th, there will be a hamburger feed at the pool. The cost is \$2.00. Please sign up in the clubhouse for a side dish to bring. Time TBD, but probably around 6:00pm.

New additions on the Social Committee.....

John and Joy MacPherson have decided to join the Social Committee. I guess John just had so much fun flipping pancakes, he decided to officially join the committee! Thanks to John and Joy for helping out.

Looking for a contractor to do some work in VDL???

If you are thinking about having some work done on your property in VDL and need a good

recommendation for a contractor, check with one of the Board members. They will be able to recommend a good contractor and put you in touch with them. There have been many projects in the park over the years and some of us have learned the hard way who does good work at a reasonable price and who doesn't. Don't be a victim, get a recommendation ahead of time!!

Restaurant review.....

Donna Barkey reported that the recent Tag-A-Long dinner was a huge success. Sixteen people attended the dinner at the Karma Café. In addition to a great meal, there were winery tours, which some of the guests went on. If you go to a new restaurant, or would like to provide a review, please send me the info and I will include it in the next newsletter. Please include the type of food served; seafood, steak, etc and a price range.

Yard sale, huge success.....

The annual yard sale, which was held on July 4th, was a huge success. We raised \$800.00 in about 4 hours worth of work. A pretty good return I would say! We were going to purchase additional tables and chairs for the pool patio, but as luck would have it, Costco has run out of both. We will hang onto the money and make the purchases next spring. We also purchased 3 new pickleball paddles and a dozen balls. They are located next to the sliding glass door, downstairs in the clubhouse. These are community items, so please take good care of them and return them when you are finished.

Thanks to the many people who helped at the sale this year. I was very pleasantly surprised when a half dozen people showed up to set up, more arrived to help sell and more arrived to clean up! It made the sale go really easy this year. It was a great effort and I think we all had a good time!

Medical update.....

Gene Johnson underwent quadruple heart bypass surgery this week. Thanks to modern medicine, Gene was up and about the next day and should be coming home soon. I had several residents in the park report this info to me, so it is clear he has some good support from friends and neighbors. I am sure some additional support when he arrives home will be welcomed!! Gene, here's hoping for a smooth and quick recovery!!

Jim Diver also had surgery within the past two weeks. Barb sent me an email and said the surgery went well and Jim should be back to vacationing at VDL shortly. Jim, we hope your recovery continues to go well and we hope to see you soon!

Like to read?????

A big thank you to the Rodger's who donated approximately 100 books to our library. We weeded out some of the books that were beginning to collect dust and sold them in the garage sale. The books which did not sell, were taken to the Habitat for Humanity store by the Fisher-Bakers. Thanks to both the Fisher-Bakers and the Rodgers for contributing their time and resources to our library. Now, if I can beat some of you up there to get a good book for the pool.....!!

A few more housekeeping reminders.....

We have a very nice facility for doing laundry, which is used by quite a few residents in VDL. In an effort to keep the facility nice, please be sure to clean up after doing your laundry. If you spill soap, please clean it up. Please clean out the dryer vents and wipe down the machines if your laundry load leaves pet hair or fuzz in the washer. If everyone leaves the laundry room just a little bit cleaner than the way they found it, we should have a pristine facility to do our laundry!

Clubhouse and kids.....

Just a reminder, kids under 18 years of age are not allowed in the clubhouse. Kids under the age of 18 must be accompanied to the pool by an adult at all times. All kids under the age of 18 must be out of the pool at 3:00pm each day. These rules are in place for the safety of the children. If you have any questions regarding these rules, please see the VDL rules manual or a Board member.

For sale.....

The Thayer's are selling their resort home. They are selling the home themselves and have it listed at \$224,500. The home includes 2 bathrooms, a great room, kitchen, 1 bedroom and 1 Office/bedroom, storage, fiber optics, automatic irrigation and a nice sprawling deck with patio. The lot has a nice view of the lake and mountains.

If you or someone you know is interested, you can contact Darrell or Judy at ###-###-#### or ###-###-####.

Thanks to everyone who provided information and items for the newsletter. Keep the info coming and as soon as I have enough newsworthy items, I will send out yet another!! Hope you are all having a nice summer and enjoying the golden vitamin D from above!!

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