

Vista Del Lago Newsletter

Edition #6

Spring is in the air.....

Happy almost spring to everyone!! We were over to VDL 2 weekends ago and the weather was perfect. **Blue** sky and relatively warm weather, what else could one ask for?? A few souls have ventured over and March looks like the month where most of us will begin to make our return. Yards are getting cleaned up (mine needed it the most) and plans are being drawn up for new projects.

Exciting ch-ch-ch-changes.....

I would continue to sing the song, but then I may lose my audience, so I will spare you. However, I am sure the **Norton's** won't mind me announcing their exciting winter news.....they bought a park model home in sunny Mesa, Arizona, not far from **Steve and Heidi**. It was unexpected (I think) and too good of a deal to pass up. So they are now true snowbirds. Good for them, I just hope they have room for me!! They are also hooked up with a new internet address, so I will take it upon myself to advertise that as well.....**jimkarennorton@aolcom**. Drop them a line if you have a chance, I am sure they would love to hear from you.

News from abroad.....

This new fangled thing they call email has really kept us connected over the winter. I have heard from **Steve and Heidi** and they are having a good winter. They have been keeping busy working part-time for a company who sells to Costco. The grapevine has it that several VDL owners have met up in Arizona, including the **Simpson's**, the **Norton's**, the **Ogle's**, the **Phelps'** and the **Steven's**.

What to do, what to do.....

Cathy P, is already planning summer for us. She is in the beginning stages of scheduling dates for the garage sale, annual meeting, Fourth of July potluck and other fun events. When you begin your spring cleaning, don't forget to save those little throwaways, because we learned last year, the people of Manson and Chelan WILL BUY ANYTHING!!! Lets turn our discarded gems into dollars once again. We are tentatively shooting for the first week in June to hold the yard sale. Proceeds will be used to purchase a new washer and possibly dryer for the laundry room. You can store your yard sale goodies in the old laundry room in the clubhouse. If you would like to price items ahead of time, that would be great, but not necessary.

For the love of money \$\$\$\$\$

Speaking of money, we have a few needs this year. We could use a few more good chairs for the pool area. The **Poppino's and Burns'** have committed to purchasing and donating 2 chairs. The chairs are approximately \$80 each. If anyone would like to contribute to the cause, we could use 2-3 more. We seem

to be getting really good turnouts for the now popular "4:00 cocktail hour" parties and more chairs would be a great contribution to VDL.

Cathy P. reports that we have approximately \$200 in cash and \$400 worth of VDL clothing still for sale. Items include sweatshirts, T-shirts and vests. The more we sell, the more we make. They make great gift items or even better, clothes you can leave at VDL and you don't have to pack them back and forth from home!!

With the \$\$\$ we earn at the yard sale and the money we earn from the clothing sales, we should have plenty to get a washer. If we do really well at the yard sale, we may have enough to squeek out a dryer as well.

If anyone has additional fund raising ideas, please let a board member know and we would be happy to assist.

Ice age.....

Just a quick note about the damage some suffered this winter from the bitter, bitter cold.....there were several casualties from the cold winter, with busted pipes, exploding toilet bowls and howling wind under decks, all causing several thousands of dollars in damage. When you return to your homes, please check carefully for signs of leaky or ruptured pipes and water damage. Special thanks to our newest resident, **Cecil**, for checking everyone's property for such signs of damage. He walked our lots, checked our water meters and listened for the telltale signs of water hissing. It's really nice to know we have neighbors who are looking out for us in our absence. Thanks again for your efforts!!

Th, th, th, that's all folks.....

Well, that's about it for now. I am sure the next newsletter will be more informative. We have just begun to crawl out from under our rocks, so once we get going full steam ahead, we'll have more news. Hope you all had a safe and sane winter and your trip back to VDL is fun!! We're looking forward to seeing everyone. As usual, if you have news for the newsletter, drop me a line and I will be sure to include it.

Take care and **Happy St. Paddy's Day!!!**

Leslie