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HOMEOWNER'S DINNER AT THE SAVOY A GREAT SUCCESS

The 1998 annual dinner was a success with 172 people in attendance on Tuesday, April 21st! This was the largest turn out that the association has every had. Lots of information, lots of new faces and lots of door prizes, thanks to Red Greth and Mt. Lemmon

business owners for their contributions.

Our president, John Mulay conducted the program, introducing our speakers, starting with Supervisor Raymond Carroll presenting his proposal for a shuttle for the highway and the announcement of improvements on the comfort station in the village - hallelujah! District Ranger Dean McAlister spoke on the road construction, which will begin in the year 2000 from Bigelow to Windy Point. He also talked on some of the work being done on the mountain from the User Fee Pilot Program monies. Arizona Game and Fish announced that there are still a few bears around and to be careful about putting out

hummingbird feeders and birdseed. Ap-

parently the bears like feeders (which is not

news to us).

President Chuck Autrey of the Mt. Lemmon Cooperative Water announced that the Coop has been approved for a grant and therefore, there will be a lot of work going on

this summer, so watch for it.

Trico's manager Marv Athey talked about the deregulation of the power companies and how Trico will be there for us! Chief John Roads reported on the importance of having a smoke detector in your cabin and he would be more than happy to visit your cabin to tell you the right placement of the detec-

tor. He also spoke on the progress of the firedepartment, reporting that we now have two paramedics.

The 1998 Summit
Award was presented to
Dani Hayhurst by last year's
recipient Sheri Lee. Sheri and
her husband Bob left the next day
for their new home in Pagosa, Colorado. Dani was given the award
for her hard work, energy, loyalty and enthusiasm for the Mt.
Lemmon Homeowner's Association, serving as president and
secretary, Administrative Assistant
for the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department, President and secretary of the

Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club. She also just finished her term of two years as the president of the General Federation of Woman's Club of Southern District of Arizona and while all of this was going on, she was busy as a sales associate for Mt. Lemmon Realty. Congratulations to Dani for all of her good deeds.

AN UPDATE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

by John Roads

Things have been fairly quiet at the fire station during April, as far as emergencies go. We have had a few cuts and falls, but things have slowed down a bit since the snow has stopped. February and March weren't particularly busy, however, they were the busiest February and march on record. Most of that activity was tied to snow related injuries and accidents.

Several big events are currently in the works at the fire station:

Chili Cook-Off - The Chili
Heads of Tucson will again be holding a cook-off to benefit the Fire
Department. The Cook-Off is
June 6th and is held at the Kimball
Springs parking lot. The Chili is usually ready for tasting by 2:00 p.m. If
you are interested in being a judge,
please call Chief at the station. Anyone interested in being a contestant
or anyone wishing to make a large pot
of any chili to sell for proceeds, please
contact Julian Garcia at Kimball Springs, 5'

contact Julian Garcia at Kimball Springs, 576-1468. Please join us that day, as the proceeds go the Fire Department.

Prescribed Burn - Mt. Lemmon fire fighters will be assisting the Forest Service with Wildland/Urban Interface Hazard reduction burns near the town of Oracle on May 5-7. These burns, along with others in the area are designed to reduce the fire risk to the communities. The burns also provide the Mt. Lemmon fire fighters with an opportunity to practice and show their stuff under actual fire conditions. If you see smoke on the back side near Oracle these three days (weather permitting), keep in mind that it is a prescribed fire.

Pile Burns - Things are finally drying out enough that we might be able to begin burning raked piles again the in the village. If you have a pile, or want to know where to put

your pile, contact the fire station for assistance.

New Tender - The old 1952 Water Tender that has been on the mountain forever has finally given up the ghost. The Tender was put on surplus from the Federal Government after years of service at Palisades and was placed on loan through the Arizona State Land Department to the Mt. Lemmon Fire District circa the District's inception in 1979. This Tender was one of the first two trucks utilized by MLFD for fire protection services. Plans are in the works to have the truck replaced. The Arizona State Land Department

currently has a 1984 Tender available. The plans call for trading the truck out sometime in May.

Prevention Lecture - The fire units recently responded to a village home for a chimney fire. The chimney hadn't been cleaned in a while and an extra hot fire in the fire place set the built up soot on fire. In this particular incident, the chimney was built substantially enough that no structure

members caught fire. However, chimney fires do often set the roofs or attics on fire. There was no dollar loss listed, but the potential was high. As a reminder, check the chimneys for soot build up and clean them out as necessary. Also insure that a spark arrestor exists on the tops of the chimneys, and as I've been preaching for some time, make sure your cabin is equipped with an operating smoke detector.

Even with all the moisture this winter, there still is the potential for fire problems this summer. While we don't expect severe forest fires this summer, small pine fires can cause big problems, especially in the cabin areas. Let's keep alert, keep watch, and keep safe this summer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Chief at 576-1201.

A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

by John Mulay

Well has everyone been able to find their cabin under the snow drifts from this winter? I know I am happy to put up my snow shovel and tire chains!

I would like to thank all of you that attended the annual dinner on the 21st. This was the largest dinner that the association has ever had. Next year we hope to see all of you that were not able to make it to the dinner.

On May 23, the Mount Lemmon Homeowner's Association in conjunction with the Mount Lemmon Water Coop will have a pot luck at the fire station - with the water coop's annual meeting to follow. This is a good time to get to know more of the people on the mountain and learn more about the water coop. This even will start at 4:00 p.m. with dinner first and then the meeting to follow. Be sure and mark your calendar for this event.

Be sure to join all of us on Saturday mornings this sum-

mer for our hikes (short walks) on the mountain. We meet at the post office and have a great time checking out various parts of the mountain. Be sure to check the <u>Echoes</u> as to when the hikes will start.

Staring May 16th Linda Mulay will again get her Bunko parties started on the mountain. This is a great time to meet your neighbors on the mountain and play a fun and easy game. These parties are at the Alpine Lodge at 6:00 p.m. with dinner and the game to follow. Be sure and read more about this activity in the news letter. All of those that attended last year had a great time. Be sure to mark your calendar for this event.

I hope that everyone has a great summer and if you have any ideas how we can make the mountain a better place for all be sure and contact any Homeowner's board member with your suggestions.

A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE FROM THE SUMMIT AWARD RECIPIENT

by Dani Hayhurst

Sheri Lee, last year's recipient of the Summit Award, was in Tucson just long enough to present the Summit Award to me, making the award all the more special.

Sheri and Bob are building in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, and are missed by many of us. I have been "off" the mountain to help in the care of my husband's mom who is now living in our home.



My activities will lack spontaneity for awhile. I will be up on the mountain, just not as often as I'd like right now. I have activated my brokers license and plan to stay involved in real estate, working out of my home.

Thank you for the recognition, appreciation and the kind words many of you gave to me.

MOUNT LEMMON'S FEE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

by Suzanne Hensel

The Fee Demonstration Project that was bestowed upon Mt. Lemmon has been in operation now for 7 months. Here are some interesting tidbits regarding this tense subject:

- The projected annual income from fees was placed at \$500,000. However, \$327,000 has already been collected with five months still remaining in the first year.
- When the booth first opened back in October the fee col-

lectors heard an average of five negative comments a day. Now they average about five negative comments a week, with many more positive remarks being made. A bicyclist even insisted on paying the fee even though it is not required for bicyclist

- 15% of all receipts go to support the fee project - primarily to pay the employees.

to do so.

So where's all the rest of the money going? Perhaps you noticed that the ugly latrine across from Palisades was finally replaced last month by an SSP (sweet smell-

ing portable). Not only does it look better and perhaps smell better (I doubt anyone would call any toilet sweet smelling), it can easily be relocated during the highway project. This \$46,000 toilet was made possible through the fees.

Here are some more projects that are being supported by the fee booth:

- Additional dumpsters at Palisades, Molina and Hitchcock
- Enhancing the electronic information web site.

- Forest Service brochures to be handed out at the booth that contain brief information about the mountains and seasonal inserts.
- Information signs located at non-wilderness trail heads
- More bear trash cans
- Reprinting Forest Service Poster signs
 - Windy Point interpreter signs including a three sided kiosk
 - Employees to work weekdays and weekends at Palisades Visitor Center
 - Updating the Forest Service water system
 - Trail improvements for Butterfly, Sunset and Bigelow trails
 - Emergency call boxes that contain cell phones to be placed along the highway
 - Developing a host site with solar sewage and a public toilet at the Prison Camp site.



All these projects are currently in the working stages. Completion dates vary depending on the type of work that needs to be accomplished.

A public group has been formed regarding a fee booth for Sabino Canyon. So far this idea is merely being talked about, though.

The above information was provided by Diane Carol-Cobb, Catalina Ranger District, USFS.

MT. LEMMON WOMAN'S CLUB MAKING PLANS FOR A FUN SUMMER

by Helen Quigley

The MLWC had seven members attend the G.F.W.C. Arizona State Convention on April 25th. It's great to be a

part of the largest and oldest women's volunteer organization. We have so much to offer in volunteerism to our communities and yet have fun in socializing in our activities.

The new slate of officers were nominated and they are as follows: Co-Presidents, Luann Waldron and Helen Quigley; Co-Vice Presidents, Olga Pace and Franny Crowe; Secretary, Dani Hayhurst; Treasurer, Jo Ann Foor. The installation of officers will be held on our first

mountain meeting on **Saturday**, **June 13th**, at the home of Fran Zimmerman. Please note the date change.

V.C. Plans are now being made for the summer activities, inbe a cluding Kids Club on Saturdays in June and July, hiking, Bunco, 4th of July Parade,



Membership Tea, Welcome Newcomer information packets and more.

If you are interested in attending a meeting, becoming a member or requesting information on our club, contact Helen Quigley 749-0361/576-1461; Luann Waldron 743-3034, or write to MLWC, P.O. Box 673, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619.

like to THANK our mem-

Last, but not least, we'd

bers who hosted a meeting at their homes or cabins this past year.

HURRAY! BUNKO IS BACH

by Linda Mulay

Back by popular demand -Bunko organized by Linda Mulay. This is an easy to learn game and a fun way to meet your mountain neighbors.

No cooking as the Alpine will offer us a special dinner of chicken breast with



roasted garlic sauce over angel hair pasta, vegie, salad, coffee or tea for \$12.15 including tax and gratuity.

Please RSVP to Linda Mulay by Monday, May 12th @ 327-4615.

Tentative dates for upcoming Bunko games are: June 27th, July 11th, August 15th, September 19th, and October 17th. Mark your calendars.

HIKING

Our Saturday Morning Hiking will begin on Saturday, May 23 at 8 a.m. We meet at the Mt. Lemmon Post Office and everyone is welcome to join us. The hiking group will meet every Saturday through the summer. Come and join us, it's a great way to meet your Mt. Lemmon neighbor. Need information call Luann 743-3034/576-1568.

HOMEOWNER'S Potluck

If you didn't make it to the annual dinner, then plan to attend the Memorial Weekend Homeowner's Potluck on Saturday, May 23, at the Fire Station. It starts at 4:00 p.m. Sgt. Pat McGee of the Pima County Sheriff's Department will be in attendance. Our mountain deputies, Marty Miranda and John Eader will be speaking after the potluck. The Mt. Lemmon Cooperative Water Company Board of Directors will be conducting their annual meeting at 5:30 p.m. So stick around and attend this important meeting because this is your water company!

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Some of you may have noticed that the highway is already being surveyed for the highway widening project that will occur between Bigelow Road and Windy Point. This does not mean that construction will start soon. The project will not begin until March in the year 2000. A "walk through" with the Forest Service and Pima County will occur later this month.

If anyone has any question or suggestions regarding this issue please contact Bill Lewis at the Sabino Canyon Forest Service Office - 749-8700.

KIDS' CLUB TO MEET AGAIN!

The Mt. Lemmon Women's Club is sponsoring this group in an effort to provide a place where kids ages 3-12 can meet new friends, have fun and enjoy some learning activities with music, nature walks, cooking, scavenger hunts, fire fighting, etc. in a safe environment.

We plan to meet every Saturday from

10-12 a.m. at the Pace cabin on Tucson Avenue, located on the right just before entering Summerhaven.

Look for the signs.

For more information call Olga Pace at 577-1993 or 576-1420.



CALENDAR REMINDERS

Bunko - Alpine Lodge Saturday, May 16th. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP with Linda Mulay by May 12th - 327-4615.

Homeowners' Memorial Day Potluck - Fire house, Saturday, May 23rd at 4:00 p.m. Water Coop meeting to follow the dinner.

Kids' Club - Beginning Saturday, June 6th from 10 to 12 p.m. at the Pace's.

Chili Cook-off - Kimball Springs, Saturday, June 6th starting beginning in the afternoon.

Women's Club Meeting - Home of Fran Zimmerman, Saturday, June 13th

Women's Club Membership Tea - Saturday, June 27th

A NEW MEMBER OF THE TEAM AT MT. LEMMON REALTY

Mt. Lemmon Realty has a new sales associate at our office - Alan Lawson. Alan was licensed in February of this year after being president of Triple S Plastics Southwest from 1990 to 1997. Alan and his wife Wendy moved to Tucson from Michigan in 1990 and have two children, Rob (9) and Mary Jean (6).

The Lawsons bought their cabin in Carter Canyon in 1995. The Lawson family enjoys their cabin in

Carter Canyon in 1995. The Lawson family enjoys hiking, family travel and golf.

We are excited about the addition of a new member to our business and of course, to the mountain.

Everyone is welcome to stop by and meet Alan and introduce yourselves. If you need any information or have questions regarding the mountain real estate needs, feel free to stop by.

Help Wanted

Individual wanted to work at Cabins & Cookies, 20-30 hours per week. Cleaning, baking, and customer interaction. Good work ethics are crucial. \$7.00 per hour to start.

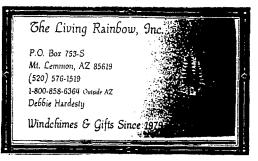
Call Vic Zimmerman at 576-1542.

Congratulations

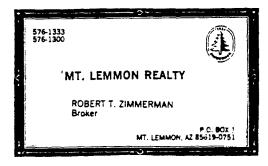
Sonja von Ehrenstein and Michael Stanley tied the knot on May 1st! Congratulations to the both of you.

Here's to many happy years together.

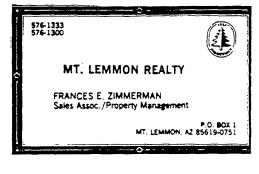






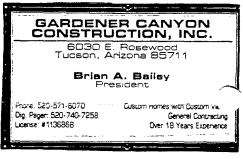






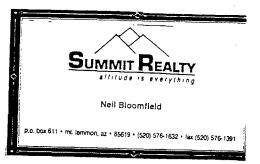


















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