The Breeze January 2015  HAPPY NEW YEAR 

2015 ALREADY - Another year!!! Aren’t the people of Southwinds special?? I think so. So many people with such good hearts.

And the park; just look at all the improvements that have been made this past year. The additions to the Recreation Hall are just fantastic. Many of us couldn’t see what it would look like in our minds when we left in the spring, but what a pleasant surprise to come back to. I thank our full time residents for enduring the chaos I am sure the construction phase put you through. We are indebted to all of you who voted to make the improvements and then the many volunteers (too many to count) who have worked so diligently to bring it to fruition.

Again I say; THANK YOU, YOU ARE SOUTH WINDS, HEART AND SOUL OF OUR COMMUNITY.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT – ALIVE AND WELL IN SOUTHWINDS 

Thanks again to our wonderful volunteers who decorate our park from front to back. The luminaries were great again this year even if a downpour put a lot of them out (for those who don’t know, gallon jugs with candles in them are lit up on Christmas Eve and placed along the streets. All are asked to participate). It is a beautiful sight especially when the whole street cooperates.

And the many thoughtful gifts given to our shut ins by the different organizations are truly appreciated.

Christmas dinner was hosted by the front of the park (the pink group). THANK YOU. Being that this was the first big event to be hosted with the new kitchen, our own dishes and flatware, it was a learning experience for everyone and you came through. Dinner was delicious and your hospitality was stupendous. Lots of great work, done by many, and it was appreciated. Your group was fantastic!!!!!

THANKS YELLOW GROUP FOR HOSTING THANKSGIVING DINNER 

Again, the food was delicious and the fellowship was great. We are so blessed to have this second family here in South Winds to celebrate with us and to give thanks for all we have.

“When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food, and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself.” Tecumseh (1768-1813) leader of the Shawnee

AND THE NEXT GROUP TO BE IN CHARGE WILL BE THE ORANGE GROUP- HOSTING THE PARK PICNIC ON MARCH 21ST



AN EVENING WITH STAN MACKINNON & NANCY MICHEL

On Saturday evening, December 20th, about 50 people were treated to the sounds of music by Stan Mackinnon on the fiddle, with Nancy Michel accompanying him on the piano. Stan began by giving a background of the music he plays in Cape Breton.

They started with a set of Christmas tunes familiar to all. This was then followed by some Celtic (Cape Breton) tunes. And then a beautifully written song by Stan for his South Winds family. Terrific job, Stan!!

Finishing up, they did some more Christmas carols for audience participation.

Thank you Stan & Nancy for an enjoyable evening in South Winds Park.

ALL FAITH’S FOOD BANK 

A special thank you to all of the residents who contributed to “All Faiths Food Bank”.

We delivered 215 lbs. of food and $355 in cash. It does feel good to know that we have provided a helping hand that many need.

Hope your Christmas was blessed and you are on your way to a healthy, happy New Year.

Don & Shirley Langlois

REC CLUB EVENTS

Rec. Club Executive Meeting

January 9, 2015 @ 9:45am in the Annex

Rec. Club Coffee Hour

January 17, 2015 @ 9:00am in the Rec. Hall

EZ Street returns!!!

Mark your calendar for our very popular January social with EZStreet.  (Tickets required)

If you haven't been to this social, come and see why it has become so popular.  You don't have to dance. It's great listening music and a chance to get out and socialize with your neighbors.

Date: January 21, 2015

Time 7:00 - 9:30.

$8.00 + munchies and drinks for your tab

CLOUD NINE

COOKIE EXCHANGE & YANKEE SWAP 

Hostesses Nora Chisamore and Wendy Mineault and their helpers welcomed approximately 50 ladies who were treated to the Cloud Nine Yankee Swap and cookie exchange. Sharon Currie presided over the gift exchange and Pauline Freda and Evelyn Coleman just could not keep any gift they opened, someone was always stealing from them. Made for lots of comments and fun.

Each lady was given a plate of cookies to take home. Plates were made up for our neighbors who could not attend and the rest of the cookies were sampled and enjoyed by those attending.

A new addition to the afternoon of fun was the donations to the Salvation Army’s Women & Babies charity. The optional donation was really embraced and needy mothers and their babies will benefit greatly from the generosity of Southwinds. As we have come to expect, ours is a caring and compassionate community.

BUS TRIP TO IKEA 

Cloud Nine’s trip to IKEA will be the program for the month of January. A bus will pick up those attending at 9am on January 12th and return at approximately 4PM, with storage space for those parcels you have bought. Lunch will be available at IKEA with plenty of time to shop. Hostesses: Janet Smith & Dorothy Vasey

WELCOME BREAKFAST 

We will be welcoming new owners and 1st year renters to the park with our annual Welcome Breakfast on January 30, 2015.

Committee chaired by Sharon Currie #188 (926-7341)

By invitation only.

Although the office provides a list, you can make sure that no one is left out by contacting Sharon if you know of someone who should be included.  Invitations will be sent out in January. If you receive an invitation, RSVP please so that we will have some indication of how many guests we can expect. We look forward to welcoming our newcomers and getting a chance to show off our beautiful park.

HOBBY CLUB 

Southwinds Hobby Club will hold its first meeting of the 2015 season on Jan. 7 from 1-3PM in the annex. Bring a few simple craft ideas to share and we will choose what we want from your ideas. All are welcome. Hope to see you then.

Contact person: Carol Carley (Unit 136) 317-432-7813

A lot of problems in the world would disappear if we would talk

 TO EACH OTHER instead of ABOUT EACH OTHER

POT LUCKS 

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 @ 5:30pm - Entertainment – Just Duet

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 @ 5:30pm - Entertainment – Dwayne Hill

Bob Heid who will be 92 on January 27

BRAVO!! 

 In the Florida State Senior Games, held in Fort Meyers, Joe Culver and partner Ci qualified to play billiards at the Nationals being played in Minnesota, July 2015.

SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS 

January propels the shuffleboard program into high gear with our first Sara-Bay League meet for the team here on Tuesday Jan. 6th at 1PM against Bahia of Bahia Vista Estates. We have two other home meets in January with a meet against Vista on Jan. 13 and one versus Oakwood Manor on Jan, 27th.

Our Park Singles tournament, one of the main events of the year, will be held Friday afternoons from Jan. 16th through Feb. 6th. The sign-up sheet to register for it will be placed on the Shuffleboard Bulletin Board starting Friday, Jan. 2nd. Registration will close Wed., Jan 14th at 3PM. We encourage all Club members to compete in this tournament.

We continue to have a good turnout at our regular mixers every weekday and Sat. at 1PM. At our Fun Thursday sessions, we introduce some changes to provide some variety. We welcome new players. It’s a great way to enjoy being outside every day to learn new skills, and to make new friends. We do urge those wanting to join the fun to take the Instruction Course which will be offered Thursday mornings at 10am as soon as there is sufficient interest to start a class. Sign-up sheets are posted on the main and shuffleboard bulletin boards.

PA/WV/MD LUNCHEON

Wed. Jan. 7 –11:30am

Cosimo’s Restaurant

5501 Palmer Crossing Circle

(behind Applebee’s – Clark Road)

Starting a new year together, all welcome

Windy Coulter

NORTHEAST LUNCHEON

Thur. Jan 15, 11:30 am

Harry’s Sports Bar

6606 S. Tamiami Trail

Info: Elsie Raunick-927-7390

Indiana Luncheon

Tues., January 13

Der Dutchman

3718 Bahia Vista

Norma Joyce 929-9398

IL/WISC/IA LUNCHEON

Wed., Jan. 14, -11:30am

Red Lobster

6746 S. Tamiami Trail

Info: John & Karen Gyenge

Unit# 107 - 309-792-3420

OHIO BREAKFAST

Tues., Jan.20, -9am

Bob’s Boat House

(just north of Constitution)

Info: Shirley Jones 922-2299

Michigan Luncheon

Miller’s Ale House

Cattleman and Bee Ridge (3800 Kenny Drive)

Teevens 925-4534

And on a sad note: 

We have been informed of the deaths of two special people here in Southwinds.

Although he was not a resident, Laverne Detweiler has been a fixture in our park for many years. His handiwork is seen all over the park and he became friends with many. Laverne passed away on Dec. 22 in Pennsylvania surrounded by his loving family. Condolences may be sent to Ila at Box 98. Townville, PA, 16360.

Linda Honea, one of our most giving volunteers passed away on Dec. 24th. She was a special lady who continually gave of her time and talents. She will be missed by all who knew her for her wonderful spirit and thoughtfulness. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Harold. We were all blessed to have known her.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS 

The first Tuesday

 Time: 9am – 11am

Place: Card Room Jan.-Feb.-Mar.-Apr.

SOUTHWINDS BOWLERS 

Bowling will be starting on Jan. 8, 2015

Time: 9:30am (be there at 9:15)

Cost: $9.00 for three games

Shoes are available to rent and there are balls

available to use.

EVERYONE IS INVITED, SO COME JOIN THE FUN!!!

 JUST FOR FUN 

GOLF WITH OTHER SOUTHWINDS RESIDENTS

 AT VILLAGE GREEN GOLF COURSE

An executive golf course at the end of Pinecrest – off of Beneva

Cost: $11.00 for 9 holes/$15.00 for 18 holes

Golf carts and pull carts are available to rent

If you are interested, there will be a sign up sheet on the southwest bulletin board in the rec hall until Tuesday at noon of each week.

Questions? Call Laraine Gillespie 440-645-3302

POOL EXERCISE 

Starting on Tuesday, Jan. 6th at 11am

Will continue every Tuesday &

Thursday at that time.

Info: Denise Bryant – 923-6527

STRETCH EXERCISE

Starts Jan. 6th

Tues. & Thurs. at 9:00am

Please bring a mat and a smile

JANUARY CALENDAR 2015 

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| 11 | 12CLOUDNINE IKEA TRIIP9AM | 13SHUFFLEHOME VSVISTA1PMBoard Meeting | 14 POT LUCK5;30PMNORTHEASTLUNCHEON11:30AMIL/WISC/IALUNCHEON11:30AM | 15 | 16 | 17REC CLUBCOFFEE HOUR9AM |
| 18 | 19 | 20OHIO BREAKFAST9AMSHUFFLE AT BAHIA1PM | 21MICHIGANLUNCHEON11:30AME Z STREET7-9:30 PM | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27SHUFFLEHOME VS OAKWOOD1PM | 28POT LUCK5:30PM | 29 | 30WELCOMEBRKFST | 31 |

HYMN SING- SUNDAY-6:45PM POOL EXERCISE- TUES/THURS-11AM

BINGO-MON & FRI-7PM HORSESHOES-TUES-10:30AM

CARDS-TUES & THURS 7PM BIBLE STUDY-FRI-10AM

BRIDGE-MON-7PM HOBBY CLUB- WED-1PM

SHUFFLE-MON/SAT-1PM BILLIARDS/POOL-MON-7-9PM

STRETCH CLASS-TUES THURS- 9AM BOWLING-THURS. - 9:15AM