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FOOL'S
DAY

April 1, 2016

YELLOW TEAM DAZZLES



How do you feed 375 to 400 people in 20 minutes; learn of the history that makes Southwinds such a marvelous place to live, distribute over 150 gifts and raffles, dance under the lights and enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors on a lovely SUNNY day? Just ask Nora Chisamore, Carol Proteau, and Marilyn Spinazzola, the chairpersons for the 2016 SWMHA annual picnic, and for this year representing the celebration of our 25th anniversary. These ladies, with the help of a very devoted yellow team, units 103 — 148 developed, worked on and presented an absolutely fabulous event that included a beautiful lighted arch (donated by John Gyenge), decorations (Jocelyne Bourgoin & Johnna Dail), the history of Southwinds with an anniversary toast (Don Langlois), superb desserts (Dianne Miller) and dancing under the lights (Pat Warren & Dave King).

It all began with a group of dedicated yellow team members who were relentless in their desire to make this the 'picnic to remember'. As things came together, they were thrown a couple of curve balls, the most difficult one was predicting the weather. This year, Mother Nature decided to test our patience and flexibility and the picnic had to be changed from a Saturday to a Friday, but this did not deter the residents as they came out in record numbers to enjoy the festivities and a day in the park.

On behalf of the yellow team, we would like to thank all of the residents and sponsors for the multitude of gifts; thank each of our residents and guests for attending; and on behalf of the residents, thank the yellow team for a 'picnic to remember'.

WHERE SOUTH WINDS IS EATING IN APRIL

**INDIANA LUNCH
LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE
Tuesday, April 5 – 11:00 a.m.**

**PA-WV LUNCHEON
LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE
2020 Gulf Gate Drive
Wednesday, April 6th – 11:30a.m. Windy
Coulter #158 941-927-9816**

**IL – WI – MN LUNCHEON
RED LOBSTER
6747 South Tamiami Trail
Wednesday, April 13th - 11:30 a.m.
Joh & Karen Gyenge #107
309-792-3420**

**OHIO DINNER
OLIVE GARDEN
4900 South Tamiami Trail
Tuesday, April 12th – 5:30 p.m.
Her & Mimi Manton**

**NORTHEAST BREAKFAST
DER DUTCHMAN
3713 Bahia Vista
Thursday, April 14th – 9:00 a.m.
Gerry Kochan 941-924-0892**

**MICHIGAN DINNER
CAFÉ BACI ITALIAN RESTAURANT
4001 South Tamiami Trail
Wednesday, April 20th – 5:00 p.m.
Audrie Ryan #183 941-921-0590 or 941-
228-0641**



FUN ON THE COURT

We were involved in the usual flurry of activities that always occurs as the season winds down in the shuffleboard program. The Park Doubles Tournament saw a lot of good competition with the duo of John Carter and Wendell Lawrence emerging as champions. Second place was taken by Carl Brousseau and Larry Proteau. Mary Ann Bender and Keith Damschroder finished in third place. In the Consolation Bracket, Stanley Mackinnon and Jerome Miller emerged in first place while Sheila Aucoin and Greg Russell took second place and Mimi and Herb Manton finished third.

Our Team nosed out Oakwood Manor by one game in the final tally for the season to win second place in the Sara-Bay League. The finish was very close with the Bahia team from Bahia Vista Estates tying us on our home courts in the final match. Fortunately, the Vista Team managed to win enough games in their final home match against Oakwood to enable us to slide into second place. It was a good season for all the participants.

This year's Turkey Shoot provided 47 participants with a lot of fun, regardless of their final scores. Bill Miller gained the most points for the event this year, while Carl Brousseau came in second and Jerome Miller finished third. The name of the person who won the "rubber chicken" for the booby prize will remain our secret. Awards for events won during the season and honors for those who made various contributions to the program were bestowed during the Annual Awards Pizza Party on Wednesday, March 30 at the Rec. Hall.



It's that time again for the **Bye, Bye Birdie Box**. The box is located in the Rec Hall and will be delivered to All Faiths Food Bank on April 22nd. Should you have any canned goods or unopened packages of staples it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again for all your support and have a safe trip heading north. Shirley and Don



I wish to thank everyone for the prayers for Neil and me when he was sick. I wish to thank everyone for the cards and prayers for me and Bev. It is a very difficult time for us. He was such a good son. Thanks again for everything. **Ethel Hartnett**



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

To my Southwinds family and friends for the cards, calls, visits, goodies – and prayers – while I was in rehab after my surgery. Now, I am back in SW – and added thanks to all for the food, gifts & the beautiful roses from the Rec Club. So again, thanks for all the kind & generous wishes to Windy and me. All these things are a big help in getting this old body in reasonable shape again!!!! **Bernie Coulter**

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We wish to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation to those residents of Southwinds, who over the past several months have remembered us with their cards, gifts, meals and good wishes, starting with a birthday in December, yearend holidays, a birthday in February, and finally an anniversary in March. Thank you so much. **Ann and Harold Davies**

Hymn Sing Ends

The last Hymn Sing of the season will be April 3 at 6:45 p.m. in the Rec Hall. The emcee for the evening is Wayne Pence and Phyllis Matney will be at the piano. There will be an ice cream social. So bring 50 cents. Thank you John Butler and all the talented emcees, pianists and organists.



BIG PIG GREAT GIG

The sun was out in the Rec Hall as over 100 folks enjoyed an evening of friends, family and food. The pig sacrificed for the event did not disappoint. Open Pit BBQ catered a delicious dinner and the diners were appreciative. A corn hole tournament added a fine competitive spirit to the evening with eighteen teams vying for prizes. Brava/Bravo Johnna and Woody Dail (and their helpers) for creating another warm and friendly event for South Winds.



Pickle Ball to Continue on New Court

The very successful pickle ball season has ended. Pickle ball players, learners and supporters will return to the new court in the fall. The new court in the picnic area may be used at any time for those of us in the park. Our new court will increase our hours of play. Allotted playing time will be set where new players can learn. We look forward to seeing everyone this fall in our newly designed court area.



Rec Club April

**Executive Meeting April 8, 2016 - 11:45a.m. in the Annex
Rec Club Coffee, April 16, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. in the Rec Hall**



04/02/1955 – Herb and Mimi Manton 61 years
04/04/1953 – Mike and Norma Joyce 63 years
04/12/1953 – Don and Janet Waldron 63 years
04/12/1958 – Buell and Mamie Smith 58 Years
04/15/1961 – Larry and Yvonne Teevens 55 years
04/28/1956 – Howard and Mary Johnston 60 years





A Special Thank You

The Can You Dig It Landscaping Team extends a major thank you to all Southwinds residents for their support this season. Your attendance at our breakfast fundraisers was terrific and participation in 50/50 draws very generous. You made fundraising for our projects a delight.

Thank you to the Rec. Club, the Board, Cloud 9 and the Hobby club for their major contribution to our landscaping endeavors. You are our rock upon which we build. We greatly appreciate your validation of our landscaping efforts.

Donations from Buell and Mamie Smith and Joani Regner were greatly appreciated.

Each season we welcome donations and positive comments from our residents.

This season we welcome 2 new members to our Club — Diana Gleason and Connie Jones. We now have 26 members.

We will be very visible come next late Nov. and early Dec. as we gather at the New Dynasty fence line with shovels in hand to continue building a "living privacy wall".

This is made possible by all your generous donations.

Our first fund raiser for the up-coming season will be on Saturday, January 14, 2017.

At that time a drawing and write up of our season's landscaping plans will be available for viewing. We welcome input from all our residents. We appreciate your support and encouragement.

Thank you

Your "Can You Dig It" Landscaping Crew