

President's Report 2017

Before I recognize all of our volunteers, I would like to pay tribute to our residents that have passed away during the last year. Madred Boyer, Juliette Sansone, Helen Czekalski, Billy Oldham and Frank Wells. They were active volunteers in the community throughout the years and they will be missed greatly.

Now, let me introduce our volunteers who keep our community running smoothly and enable us to keep our dues down.

Treasurer - Tom Kehoe ----- The only thing left is to tell Tom how much he is appreciated for his dedication over the past 15 years. Thanks, Tom.

Landscape- - Jim Czekalski ----- Jim, thank you for your years of service to the Arboretum, as a Board member and head of Landscaping.

Arboretum Directory – Bill Loyd ----- Thanks to Bill for keeping us updated with new homeowner directories during the year. It is greatly appreciated.

Reservations – Bo Plant ----- Bo has done reservations forever and has been an active volunteer in many capacities over the years. My deepest thanks.

Security – John Wall/George Czerw ----- Together John and George have kept the Security system up and running without any problems over the past year. My sincere thanks to both of you.

Clubhouse Manager – Rich Walsh ----- I would like to thank Rich for his time and effort to keep the clubhouse running smoothly.

Arch. Review Committee – Frank Sansone, Trudy Wells, Jerry Johnson, Jack Drum, Geoff Lubsen, and newly appointed member Peter Koch. ----- Once again I say this committee has the hardest job in the community trying to please everyone. So, you have my sincere appreciation for a job well done. I also would like to extend a special thanks to Frank Sansone for his dedication to the community.

Social Committee – Sharon Remaly, Karen Lisnow, Deborah Ahlers, Debbie Drum, Gretchen Koch, Inez Wall, Jeanne Campbell, Megan Heilman, Karen Walsh, Kathie Lubsen, Sue Clarke. ----- My sincere thanks to the group for providing us with events during the past year. It takes a great amount of effort and time to coordinate each event.

Insurance – Sharon Remaly, Kathie Lubsen -----Sharon and Kathie, thanks once again for keeping the community covered with the best coverage and prices.

Audit – Dutch O Connell ----- Thanks to Dutch for audited our financial books year after year. We thank you.

Arboretum Website – Jim Plant ----- What's to say except Jim has done an excellent job keeping our website upgraded and running.

Sunshine Committee – Sylvia Swanson, Debbie Drum -----Thank you for making our new neighbors feel welcome in the community.

Legal Advice – Rob Serra ----- I can always depend on Rob for being there when I need legal advice. Thank you.

Caswell Plantation – Frank Bausch ----- Frank can come on strong but in the end he always keeps an open mind on making a decision. I thank you Frank for your service representing the Arboretum. Also to Bob Ahlers our newly appointed representative to the CBP

Pool/Spa - Janie Schepker, Rob Clarke, Steve DeFlavio, Peter Koch -----The pool team has worked very hard at keeping the pool and spa up to standards so that we can enjoy. Thank you.

Energy Savings Committee – Jerry Johnson, Jack Drum, , Inh Baginski, Mike Reaves, Jack Cowling ----- This committee has finally finished all the energy upgrades to our clubhouse by the addition of solar panels for heating the pool water. Thanks to you all, especially Jack Drum who still can be found making sure everything is running properly.

Beautification – Karen Walsh, Barbara Domen, Karen Lisnow, Mary Bausch, Diane Symre, Gretchen Koch, and Jack Cowling. ----- We have big expectations from our Beautification Committee in 2018 on our roadway islands . We all appreciate the time and effort that will be spent to upgrade our community.

Building and Grounds – Jack Cowling, Jim Plant, Mike Heilman, Bob Ahlers, Gifford Stack, Lee Smyre, Geoff Lubsen, George Czerw, and Peter and Gretchen Koch -----I can't say enough about this group. They can always be seen in the community making repairs or building something new. This committee is one of the reasons our community has low dues. I commend all of you.

The next 2 persons stand out all by themselves. I would like to take this time to recognize Jack Cowling and Mike Heilman for all the time they have contributed to the Arboretum this past year. No one devotes more time to serving the community. Jack, Mike, you both have my sincerest appreciation and thanks for all you do.

Telephone Chain – Barbara Domen, Sharon Remaly, Barbara Kehoe, Leddy Polity, Cynthia Hill, Karen Harvey, Joan Smidlein, Marti Hardy, Sylvia Swanson, and Mary Lou Green----- This group of residents is always on standby to notify the community of any important happenings in the Arboretum. Thanks to you all.

Long Range Planning – Jerry Johnson, Mike Heilman, Peter Koch, John Ferraro, Jack Cowling, Jack Drum. This committee had to take time to move everything around in order to get a firm plan due to the bridge project. But, in the end we should be back to where we were before the end of next year. Thanks to everyone on the committee.

I couldn't finish without recognizing the **Board of Directors – Sharon Remaly, Frank Lisnow, Marty Clarke, and Jim Plant**. We started the year with a heavy schedule, but the attitude of this group to accomplish was encouraging. There was no hesitation on the part of anyone to head any project.

I never had to worry about any project being abandoned. My deepest regret is that I won't be around with them in the next year. My sincere appreciation to each one of you. Last but not least, remember each time you make a decision, that it is for the betterment of the Community.

Now for our two residents that deserve special recognition.

The first person has been a property owner since 2003. She has served in many capacities over the last 14 years including being head of the Social Committee, also serving the community by getting the best insurance rates available. She is now a member of the Board of Directors and serves as Secretary. It is my honor to introduce Sharon Remaly.

The second person is a real old timer in the Arboretum. He moved into the Arboretum way back in the good old days. He was a member of the Board of Directors and served as Vice President. He served as chairman of the Architectural Review Board and worked on Building and Grounds along with other projects over the years. If you don't know who I am talking about, then let me have the pleasure of introducing Jack Smidlein

In closing, let me once again say that only because of all of you, our community is the best place to live.

I sincerely thank you for your support over the past 17 years.

I would hope that our next president carries on the tradition of paying tribute to all our volunteers. They are the backbone of the community.

Last but not least, I believe it is time for us to take a good look at the community and see what is necessary to keep us moving forward.

I thank each and every one of you.

Bob Hittinger