

January 2012 CCHOA Newsletter

From Your Office

By Pat Rath, CMCA

In the absence of your Manager, Natalie, allow me to wish you all a Happy Holiday Season on behalf of the office staff!

Natalie's surgery went well and she will hopefully be back in the office by the time you are reading this article.

If you have just returned to the Park, please make sure you take the time to sign in at the office. This is very important because we have the Annual Meeting notices and other important mail-outs. We want to make sure that everyone receives all the correspondence in a timely manner so we need your address change.

Social Club News

By Carol Blair, President

Thank you is just too little to say for all the support, time and energy you, my friends and neighbors of the Park have given me over the past nine years. Thanks also to all the board members who have served under my administration. Linda Whalen, Pat Jacobs, and Ed Brzozowski in the early years along with Mary McLelland, Pat Little, Dick Sisson, Russ Spearman and Tom Blair.

Thanks also to the ticket sellers, the Trenkamps, the McLellands and the Andersons for their time and devotion. Thanks to all the people who have worked behind the scenes in the kitchen and in hosting events.

As we welcome in the New Year, let's welcome our new Social Club Board of Directors, too.

They are: Interim President, Tom Blair; Vice President, Ruth Sisson; Secretary, Betty Aylesworth; and Treasurer, Harold Aylesworth. We still need volunteers to serve on the board.

Keep in mind the upcoming events for January: The Canadian Bacon Breakfast on January 7th, the Tartan Dance on January 21st and the Park Rummage Sale on January 28th.

Good luck to the new board members and many thanks for your help and support.

Have a Blessed and Healthy New Year.

Best Bargains Ever

By Co-Chairs Joan O'Halloran & Shirley Warren

Best Bargains Ever - Park Rummage Sale
Saturday, January 28th
8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

The date is getting close. To make this sale a success we need everyone's help. Save all your un-used items or things to get rid of in your home and pack them up in a box or two for the giant sale, the last Saturday in January. The funds raised by this sale go to the Social Club.

To make it easy to donate items, please note below:

1. Bring all your donated items to the Library on Thursday evening (1/26).
2. The clubhouse will be open all day Friday for donations (1/27).
3. For large items, there will be a truck pick-up on Friday, January 27th.

Please call beforehand. For questions or arrangements for pick-up of items call: Joan O'Halloran @ 727-544-8822 or Shirley Warren @ 727-544-1645

Recycling Information

Submitted by Linda Whalen

Recycling spares our planet some abuse AND Clearwater Cascade gets money back from the city that gets shared by the "Helping Hands" and "Social Club" groups at Clearwater Cascade. The recycling bin is the blue bin each unit should have, to be set on the curb on Saturdays for collection by the city, utilizing Waste Management trucks. For more information, you can access the website directly at:

http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/municipal/pinellas_park.pd.. The information below is the most current I could locate, so if you find something more recent, please let me know. Thanks!

Annual Park Driveway Sale

Submitted by Janet Padgett

Unlike the Rummage Sale in January, the Annual Park Yard/Driveway Sale is the last weekend of February, and personally benefits those residents who wish to participate. You keep what funds you receive for your sales.

This is my third year of organizing and marketing the event and each year has been more successful and has had more resident participation. For a donation of \$2.00 I put an ad in the newsletter with the publisher, make up maps and mark those units that have donated

to the marketing and place an ad in the St. Petersburg Times if the funds stretch that far. You can pay me any time before the actual sale date to get your unit marked on the maps distributed to those coming into the Park.

It's not too early to start getting your items ready for the 2012 Annual Park Yard/Driveway Sale. We are holding it for 2 days again this year on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24th and 25th, 2012.

Mark your calendars now, but watch for more information. Please contact me at Lot 430 if you have any questions.

Valentine Tea

By Shirley Warren

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Love is in the air.....February is the month for fun, laughter, prizes, and love of course. Be sure to circle the date on your calendar. All Clearwater Cascade ladies are once again invited to attend the Valentine Tea on February 15th at 2:00 PM in the Clubhouse. There will be prizes galore and goodies to enjoy also.

Admission is only a dollar gift (no need to wrap) for the gift exchange at the end of the fun filled afternoon.

Invitations will be coming soon - be sure to come and invite a friend too!

Pinellas Park Recycling

- aluminum cans
- glass bottles & jars (all colors)
- milk & juice cartons
- newspapers
- plastic bottles
- steel cans

To request a curbside bin, call the city at 541-0711 or Waste Management at 572-8779.

Yard Waste Recycling:

12950 40th St. N. (drop off site)
Open daily 7:30am-4:30pm to residents only. Bring loose brush not exceeding 4 ft. in length. For fruit trees, please remove and discard fruit. Show proof of residency such as a utility bill.

Free Mulch Pick-Up:

12950 40th Street N.
(727) 541-0700
Open daily 7:30a.m. – 4:30pm
for residents

Contact:

Don Vaughn
(727) 541-0711
www.pinellas-park.com



No Plastic Bags Please!

Aluminum Cans - Empty aluminum cans used for drinks or food (such as soda or cat food cans). Rinse & crush if possible.

Glass Bottles or Jars - Empty glass bottles or jars (all colors). Labels OK. No caps or lids.

Milk or Juice Cartons - Empty gable top beverage containers such as milk, half-& half, or orange juice cartons. Rinse & crush if possible.

Newspapers - Clean & Dry newspapers & inserts. No string or twine. It's okay to put inside a paper bag.

Plastic Bottles - Empty plastic bottle with a "neck" (opening smaller than the base) such as water, soda, shampoo, or ketchup bottles. No need to check for #1 or #2 –just "check for a neck." Bottles only; no tubs, cups, or bags. Labels OK. No caps or lids. Rinse and crush if possible.

Steel (Tin) Cans - Empty steel cans such as soup or vegetable cans. Labels & lids OK. No aerosol cans or paint cans. Rinse if possible.

Note: Please take Phone Books to a convenient drop off site for phone book recycling.

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From Your Office

By Natalie Poland, CMCA

Congratulations to the two new Board of Directors Members, Buddy Little and Peter Manahan. I would also like to say Thank You to Diane McGann and Bill Jay for submitting their name to remain on the Board of Directors'. I look forward to working with each of you.

The Board is made up of non-paid homeowners. Therefore, please remember they are entitled to the same quiet enjoyment of the park and its facilities as any other member. Please refrain from discussing concerns or problems with members of the Board at social events, poolside, etc. Problems or complaints should be addressed, IN WRITING, to the Park office. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. (Please see Clearwater Cascade's Rules and Regulations, page 3; section I; number 1.)

I would like to thank everyone that volunteered their time during the Annual Meeting. Everyone did an excellent job!

I have ordered the 2012 Maintenance Fee Coupon Books. The first coupon will be for March. I will post a notice on the bulletin boards when the coupon books are ready for pick up. Please call the office at (727) 544-8111 if you cannot pick up your coupon booklet and I will mail them to you.

If you are planning on renting your home for the season please read the following sections of the Clearwater Cascade Rules and Regulations:

Section II.; Page 3; Numbers 1, 2, 4 and 5

Section XII; page 10 of the Rules and Regulations (They are as follows:)

II REQUIREMENTS

- 1. At least one person residing in each home shall be a minimum of fifty-five (55) years of age. Proof of age is mandatory per HUD guidelines posted within the park office. A second resident accompanying a resident that is 55 years old or older must be at least thirty five (35) years of age. It is the co-op's intent to have homes occupied by one family consisting of not more than three adult residents. This does not apply to a caregiver certified by a licensed physician.*
- 2. All prospective residents must be approved by the Board of Directors for occupancy and agree to the rules and regulations in writing.*

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3. *All prospective residents shall submit to a background/credit check at a cost of \$100.00 (one hundred US Dollars) payable in advance.*
4. *Final approval of occupancy must be given by the Board before residency is granted. Such approval will not be unreasonably withheld.*

I. SEASONAL RENTING

1. *Seasonal renting will be permitted for a minimum three (3) month period and maximum six (6) month period. Renting will be limited to one time per year (October 1 through September 30). Renting will be permitted as long as there is no outstanding debt to the Co-op. Renters must be approved by the Board prior to occupancy. This, however, does not in any way alleviate the responsibility of the member regarding the rules of the Co-op. Should renter be in violation of Rules and Regulations, Co-op may look to member to remedy situation.*
2. **Prospective renters must read and complete an application for residency with the Co-op office and be accepted in writing before occupancy. Renters must comply with age requirements.**
3. **Prospective renters must receive and sign for a copy of current rules and regulations.**
4. *Homeowner shall be responsible for all violations of the rules and regulations.*
5. *The Co-op management shall direct its complaints and other notices regarding renters to the member.*
6. *Renters shall not sub-let or split rental time with others.*
7. ***It is the responsibility of the homeowner to inform Co-op management of their intention to rent and for having renters complete all necessary paperwork for the Co-op.***
8. *If a resident rents his or her home, they relinquish their rights to all common areas in the Co-op.*

If a renter comes in and resides in your unit without the acknowledgement of the Board of Directors' and this office and has not been approved, they can and will be asked to leave (evicted) until the appropriate procedures have been met. The Board does not wish to adopt such a harsh position in regards to enforcement; therefore, we ask for cooperation.

Don't forget that someone special for Valentine's Day!

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From the Vice President - Thoughts of a Snowbird

By Bill & Marie Jay, Lot 419

Our home here at Clearwater Cascades is not a winter cottage it is one of our two homes and we love them both.

When we were interviewed 15 years ago the president of the day welcomed us by saying we love to see snowbirds choose Clearwater Cascades because they usually purchase older units and then proceed to invest in refurbishing them inside and out thereby breathing new life into the Park.

A great many of today's residents are snowbirds and have invested very substantially in improvements to their homes, as well as being very active in planning, organizing and participating in Park activities throughout the winter.

We have been made to feel welcome by our neighbors, be they American, Canadian, winter or permanent residents.

We, and I am sure other snowbirds, greatly appreciate the efforts of full time residents in preserving our beautiful Park while we are absent.

I have heard it said, perhaps carelessly, that we don't have the same interest in Clearwater Cascades as those who are here year round. Personally we and obviously other snowbirds care a great deal about our home here and arrange for its upkeep while we are away for the benefit of our neighbors.

Please don't sell us short, we love and care for Clearwater Cascades as much as anyone and plan to spend many more winters here, the good lord willing and the creek don't rise.

By the way, we were originally visitors who were made to feel welcome and as a result invested here. This happens over and over with visitors and renters who become owners.

What a great place to live.

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Social Club News

By Tom Blair, Interim President

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and will have a healthy and prosperous 2012.

Most of the people who went north for the holidays have returned and the social calendar is beginning to get filled. The annual Christmas party featuring the Choral group directed by Dory Rice was well attended. Thanks to all who helped prepare the food and the liquid libations. The January Breakfast hosted by the Aylesworths and their crew was attended by 125 people. At this writing, the Tartan Dance hosted by the Scottish lads and lassies will take place on January 21st and there is a Benefit Spaghetti Dinner on January 15th.

Upcoming events for February are the breakfast hosted by the Hecht's on the 4th, the horse race on the 11th, and "An Evening in Paris" Dinner Dance featuring the music of "The Two of Us" on the 18th. The 24th and 25th will be the outdoor Yard Sale. Watch the Bulletin Boards for more information on these events. March will feature a breakfast, a dance and we will end up the year with our Annual Park Picnic.

I would like to thank the new people who have joined the board; Ruth Sisson as VP, Betty Aylesworth as Secretary, and Harold Aylesworth as Treasurer. Russ Spearman has decided to stay on the board and for that I am grateful. Thanks also to Mary McLelland, Dick Sisson, Pat Little and Carol Blair for their many years of devotion and dedication to keep the club running. You will be missed.

Thanks to the ticket sellers, too. Without them we would have no functions.

We would still like to have more board members. If you are interested contact me at tblair1938@aol.com; or by phone at 549 0542 or in person at Lot 72. I am open for new ideas and constructive criticism. If you have a problem, come to me and we can solve it together. We can always use more help and suggestions.

Thanks for listening.

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Citrus Fruit Donations

By Doreen Fournier

Citrus picking season is upon us once more. This year I will again be picking up bagged fruit to drop off at the RCS Food Bank in Clearwater. Thank you to Barbara and Robert Broadbent for taking over for me last year while I recuperated from surgery.

Pick up will be on Tuesdays -- just leave your bagged fruit near the end of your driveway on Tuesday mornings by 10 am, rain or shine. Call me, Doreen Fournier, at Lot #61, at (727) 541 7444 with your name and lot # to be put on the pick up list.

Let's try to donate more than last year's 3,000 plus pounds of citrus to the food bank. This is such an important community service, helping families to enjoy the health benefits of our citrus fruit, that otherwise would go uneaten.

Thanks to all who participate.

From the Editor

By Linda Whalen

Two quick notes: First, until March 30, 2012 the Park office will be open until 4:00pm. At that time the Board will re-evaluate keeping the extended hours.

Also, the "Meet Your Neighbor(s)" article in the monthly newsletter seems popular but requires volunteers to provide their story and picture. This is not a by invitation only opportunity and requires at least 12 participants per year. In the summer I prefer to double up on the feature, so that requires 5-6 more volunteers. And for the summer months, I collect the necessary information before mid-April. If no one steps forward, I try to locate someone to present. I like to include a mix of residents, some couple, some singles, some long-term residents and some new residents.

If you are interested in volunteering to be featured, let me know by putting your name, phone number & lot number on a piece of paper and either giving it to me or by putting it in the hanging note catcher on my side door knob at Lot #4. The requirements from participants are a picture I will take with my digital camera and an article about yourself, either written by you or by me after interviewing you – your choice.

Happy New Year to all!!

CCHOA March Newsletter



From Your Office

By Natalie Poland, CMCA

Everyone should have received their maintenance fee coupon books. If you did not receive your coupon book please call the office at (727) 544-8111. However, if you currently use the auto debit program you will not receive one.

I would also like to thank everyone for taking the time to recycle. The Park receives a credit each year from the City of Pinellas Park the water, sewer and trash bill. The credit for 2011 was in the amount of \$1,056.00. This money was divided equally between the Social Club and Helping Hands. This helps the Social Club keep their ticket prices to you at a low minimum and gives Helping Hands the money they need to live up to their name "HELPING HANDS."

Therefore, not only is the recycling keeping our environment beautiful and green, it is also providing a lot of benefits to the park.

If you aren't already recycling, hopefully this will convince you to do the right thing and start now. If you have any questions regarding how to get started or what can be recycled please feel free to call the office and we will try to help you in any way we can.

From the President

By Buddy Little

I am very proud of the residents of this community. I believe most of you know about Diane Worley and her situation. She is a trooper and we all wish her well.

The pride comes from the outpouring of goodwill from the people here. We initially raised \$1,050.00 through donations. Also the dinner we held on her behalf, along with other donations, we raised another \$1,020.00 for a total of \$2,070.00. I am sure this will help a lot. We should all feel proud because this is what a community should do for our own. THANK YOU

Social Club News

By Tom Blair, Interim President

"Beware the Ides of March." No not really. March will be an exciting month in the CC social calendar. March 3rd will be a breakfast hosted by Paul and Doreen Fournier. Saturday the 10th will be the St. Patty's Day Dance

featuring some green beer. Sunday the 18th will be a chicken dinner featuring the cooking of Chef Henri and Chef Gerald who flew in for this event from Canada. Last but not least on the 31st will be our Annual Park Picnic with lots of games and music provided by some local talent. We still need volunteers for some of these events.

Thanks to everyone who attended, worked and supported our February events. The rummage sale which replaced the Christmas bazaar was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and purchased merchandise. Joan and Shirley did a great job in organizing. Thanks to the Hechts and Andersons and their cupids for a delicious breakfast. They do a great job every year. As of this writing, the February events such as the Horse race, The Ladies Tea and the Evening in Paris dance will be up coming. The Yard Sale will be the last weekend in February.

The Social Board has scheduled events for the end of 2012 and the beginning of 2013. We are still in need of people to host these events and volunteer to help. Likewise we are still in need of 4 more people for the board. If you are interested give me a call.

The next newsletter will come out in April and many of you will be headed north by then. Have a safe journey and a healthy and happy spring and summer. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in the fall. Over the summer think about coming up with new ideas for next year and think about joining the board. We need you.

Thanks for listening.

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Thanks to all who participate.



CCHOA April Newsletter

From Your Office

By Natalie Poland, CMCA

Please remember the speed limit is 15 mph! It is being reported that people are ignoring the stops signs. The Stops signs and the speed limit are not suggestions. It is mandatory to abide by these rules. This is for the safety of our residents, visitors, guests and even the pets. Please slow down and abide by the signs just as you would anywhere else.



Spring break is upon us and this means we will have visitors with children; therefore, please remember children under 18 years of age are **not permitted** in several areas of the park: **Jacuzzi, saunas, adult pool, exercise room and billiard's room.** Children are permitted in the small pool, recreation hall, shuffle board courts, community center (library) and bocce courts only when accompanied by a resident or adult guest. If you do not have a copy of Clearwater Cascades rules and regulations, please stop by the office and we will gladly give you a copy.

It is that sad time of year when we will start saying good-bye to all of our seasonal residents. It is **very important** for all that are leaving to take a few minutes and come to the office and sign out.

I know that everyone takes great pride in CCHOA. Therefore, everyone should understand when I say that the residents who are not seasonal deserve to look at a well maintained park all year long. Even if you are not here for part of the year, you still have a responsibility to maintain your home and lot as if you were here. So, please make sure to make arrangements with someone (friend, neighbor or hire a company) to maintain the overall appearance of your home and lot while you are gone. Lots must be **free of debris, shrubs must be neatly trimmed, planters**

must be free of weeds and fruit must be picked up frequently. The summer months are the rainy season and the weeds and grass grow at a very rapid rate during this time. If you weed and trim in April or May before you leave it will definitely need to be done again soon thereafter; and probably several more times before you come back. However, if you do receive a violation letter over the summer, please beware it is not the responsibility of this office to notify anyone other than the owner. Please do not ask this office to call anyone else regarding this matter.



I wish everyone leaving a safe trip and hope that you have a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

From the President

By Buddy Little

As I write this, it is still March. By the time you read this it will be April and many of our northern friends will be getting ready to leave for the summer. If you are in this group or are going on vacation, have a safe trip.

There will be, as usual, some projects going on around the Park during the summer. We hope to have several homes ready for sale or rental for the next season. Thank you to all who have helped and supported the projects in the community throughout the year. Without support from everyone, many things would not be completed.

Again, have a safe trip and a happy summer for those of you who are leaving. To all who are staying, I will see you around the Park.

CCHOA April Newsletter

Social Club News

By Tom Blair, Interim President

The month of March is the busy time of year in the park. Most of the organizations are winding up their schedules with parties or playoffs. The northerners are packing and getting things ready to head back home. Carol and I will be staying until the middle of May because of a family function in south Florida.

The Social Club Board is working on next year's schedule to give to the office. If anyone has a function they need to have booked for next year, please give me a call and I will book it for you.

Regarding the events for next year we are in dire need of persons to host or chair events for the rest of 2012 and 2013. We are looking for different menus and different venues and new faces. All interested parties please contact any Social Club board member.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who made my life easier the past few months. The board members, the ticket sellers, my lovely wife, and all the people who faithfully attended our social functions without you we could not exist.

At the time of this writing we had a delicious breakfast hosted by the Fourniers and our Annual St. Patty's Dance each with attendance over 100. The end of March was the Park Picnic catered by Sonny's Barbecue.

To everyone in the Park have a safe and healthy summer and we hope to see you next fall.

Thanks for listening

St. Luke's All Faiths Chapel

By Linda Whalen

"I am among you as one who serves" Luke 22:27

After many years of being among us and serving, Father Bob Rolander is truly retiring and ceasing the weekly church services in the Clubhouse. As those who worshipped there find new places of worship, I ask that you keep Father Bob and his wife in your prayers as well as continuing to pray for those at Clearwater Cascade Mobile Home Park.

Father Bob, thank you for your many years of service to the Park and our residents, and may God richly bless you and your family on a daily basis and in every facet of your life.



OCHOA May Newsletter

From Your Office

By Natalie Poland, CMCA

It is almost summertime and we will have a lot of visitors in the Park. Please make sure you take the time to sign in your guests in the office. You will be given guest passes for each of your guests. The guest passes are color-coded and on the back of the guest pass a label will be placed with your lot number. Therefore, if you received a pass in May it will not be valid in June. This is also an excellent procedure to help us monitor who should and should not be in the park. Also, if your guest has an auto-



mobile parked in the Park, a special tag is given for their auto.

All guests are the responsibility of the owner. Please make your guests aware of the Park rules while visiting.

Also, please remember that children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult while in the Park. Children under 18 are not per-

mitted in the adult pool, hot tub, exercise room or billiards room. Children are permitted in the small pool, recreation hall, shuffleboard courts, community center and bocce courts **only** when accompanied by a resident or adult guest.

The office and maintenance department will be closed on Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day.

I hope everyone will have a wonderful, safe and happy summer!

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From the President

By Buddy Little

First, on a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for the well wishes and sympathy shown to my wife, Pat regarding the passing of her mother, it was heartfelt and appreciated.

At the 2012 annual meeting, one item of business was not addressed which is that one of the four open board positions was for a one year term and there was no determination at that time about which

person would hold the one year position. I met with Bill Jay, Diane McGann and Peter Manahan. After explaining the situation, Peter Manahan graciously volunteered to accept the one year term with intentions, as of now, to run again in 2013. Thank you Peter for your decision, making this as painless as possible.

"Heads up" the Park will be repairing all the driveways of Park owned homes in the coming months. Later this year or

early next year the Board will be looking at other driveways in the Park that need repair. So, if your driveway is in need of attention, please start making a plan to fix it. Once the Park decides on a vendor (hopefully before the end of June) there will be information available in the office for those wishing to contact the same vendor.

Thank you.





Social Club News

By Tom Blair, Interim President

It's that time of year when most of the "Snow Birds" have headed home and the full time residents can relax and plan their own activities for summer and the beginning of fall. Carol and I will be heading back to Ohio in the middle of the month to be with our northern friends and family.

The past year was filled with many events and I hope everyone enjoyed them. We started with the November dance featuring the music of "Shout" and ended with the Annual Park Picnic attended by more than 250 people and the music of park musicians playing "Bluegrass." We catered in the food from Sonny's and I hope everyone enjoyed.

Next year's schedule is in place and the entertainment lined up. We have to book the music a year in advance and work around their schedule to get a better price.

I would like to thank the board members who stayed on until December to make my job much easier and the new board members that joined us in January. We have three new people who are interested in joining us next year. Hopefully they will remain with us. We do need a lot of help for next year. If you are interested, contact me at tblair1938@aol.com or 937-549-0542 or any other Social Club Board member.

On a more somber note, we mourn the passing of Joe Zurla who was involved in more park activities over the past years than anyone can imagine. Our thoughts and prayers go out to

his friends and family.

Have a happy and healthy summer and we hope to see everyone back in the fall.

Thanks for listening...

In Memory of Joe Zurla

by Linda Whalen & Bonnie Keck

At the end of March we said goodbye to a dear friend of Clearwater Cascade and a terrific witness to his faith in God. Early on, Joe Zurla single handedly at times, raised funds for the outfitting of the Kitchen and Clubhouse and annually hosted many activities. To say he was a social being is SO-O-O-O much an understatement. I only met him in 2003 but knew immediately that he loved to flirt, dance and make everyone feel at ease and welcome to whatever event he attended and he was devoted to his church and by the time I met him, to Bonnie Keck. Please keep Bonnie and Joe's family in your prayers in the coming months as they deal with his loss.

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events. There will be a mass said June 1st at 7am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pinellas Park and a memorial service for him at the Clearwater Cascade Clubhouse on November 20th.

The following poem was found in Joe's belongings after he passed away and seemed to have been written by him. Both Bonnie and I felt it appropriate to share the poem and were in awe of the content.

Today dear Lord, I'm 80 and there's much I haven't done.

I hope dear Lord, you'll let me live till 81.

But then, if I haven't finished all I want to do,

would you let me stay a while...until I'm 82?

So many places I want to go -- so very much to see.

Do you think that you could manage to make it 83?

The world is changing very fast, there's so much in store.

I'd like it very much to live to 84.

And if by then, I'm still alive, I'd like to stay to 85.

More planes will be in the air, so I'd really like to stick

and see what happened to the world when I am 86.

I know dear Lord, it's much too late to ask and must be nice in heaven,

but I'd really like to stay until I'm 87

I know by then I won't be fast and sometimes will be late,

but it would be so pleasant to be around at 88.

I will have seen so many things, and had a wonderful time,

I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave at 89.

Joseph P Zurla

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89 year old