

## **Creative Living Committee Reports**

**January 28, 2014**

Annual Campaign- we seem to always be breaking records. AC goes on all year as contributions come in at various times. I recently heard a speaker say there was 6.6 billion in charitable giving in Ohio in 2012. 75% came from individual donors and there was a 242% increase in mobile giving. We try to stay ahead of the curve.

I am sure you have heard me talk of the Ruediger's. They are parents of a former and early resident. We own life insurance policies on them where we are their beneficiary. I got a call in December that they were gifting CL some stock and they told me to open an Ameriprise account and that I would see some deposit of shares. Then I get a call and Glenn told me to sell them and write Creative Living a check for \$18,644.71. I love it when I get bossed like that by a wonderful donor. He said to leave the account open as it might happen again.

We love volunteers. The Columbus Woman's Club came and decorated both lobbies for Christmas plus bringing cookie tins to each resident. Then Patty had volunteers come from OSU on MLK Day to undecorate us.

I would like to remind you that with the consent agenda all committees should have a report. There are people who cannot attend the meeting and the written reports are so important.

I met with Dmitri A. Gaston, MCRP Sr. Project Manager/Housing Physical Planning and Real Estate OSU. He is a suggested replacement for Laura Shinn. He has been with OSU two years and was with the housing projects in DC for 25 years. We spent an hour talking about HUD. I personally think he would be a good possibility for our board.

### **Resident Relations- Mary McMunn & Kathy Vesha**

1=Vacancy

2 = (applicants) waiting list (one person has bad credit)

Thank you to all board members who attended one of the Holiday Parties.

All board members are welcome to attend chili cook off: (flyer attached) Please RSVP by Thursday, February 6

Saturday, February 8  
1pm. CLI lobby

## Development- Jon Giganti

- SGC has some traction – Secure State Auto as a partner for their volunteer program, looks like the same will happen with Lifestyle – part of our strategy is to partner with local companies that aren't familiar with CL, even if it's to volunteer at first. Then, we get them to events and/or get them to sponsor. More to come in 2014 on this as the team progresses
- Adam Helbling featured in 614 in December...we should leverage for PR and Development
- Focus on Bouquet is key – sponsors, attendees. Let's push the envelope and make this our most successful bouquet thus far

## Facilities- John Lepley

### Cold Weather

As I'm sure you are aware, the recent extreme cold weather that has arrived with the New Year created some unwelcome surprises. On Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, while Dave was working at Perry, a water pipe above the men's bathroom at 10<sup>th</sup> burst and water came pouring down. Marilyn and the RA scrambled to catch as much water as they could anything they could, until the main water supply to the building could be shut off. Patty was able to track down an emergency plumber, and by the end of the day water to the building was able to be restored.

Just as the mess at 10<sup>th</sup> was being cleaned up, Dave reported a pipe in the laundry room at Perry St. had burst. Comparatively, the damage at Perry St. was much less severe.

The water damage at 10<sup>th</sup> was fairly extensive, and an insurance claim was submitted for over \$5,000. The damage to Perry St. was considerably less, with the repair coming in under \$1,000, which is the insurance deductible. Therefore, a claim was not filed for Perry St.

### Sliding Glass Doors

The five west side Perry St. apartments now have new sliding glass doors. The new doors have greatly reduced the drafts. The feedback from the residents has been very encouraging, as those apartments are now much more comfortable places during the winter months. As to be expected, the requests for new sliding doors from residents in the other thirteen apartments are pouring in. The east side apartments will be the next ones to receive the new doors.

If the financials work out, it would be worthwhile to revisit the current replacement plan for the remaining sliding glass doors, and see if it can be expedited. Each new installation costs roughly \$2,500. In addition to making the apartments much more comfortable places

to be, replacing the sliding glass doors is far and away the top priority for improving the energy efficiency at Perry St.

## **Cameras**

The security camera system installations have been completed. Their operation is fairly simple and required very little training to get the RA's up to speed. Dave, Marilyn, and myself have remote access to the systems should the need arise. Cameras currently cover the lobbies, building entrances, and parking lots. More can be added later should the need arise.

The cameras are 1080p capable and therefore quite clear. Already, the cameras captured video of two people breaking into cars in the Perry St. parking lot.

## **Roof Inspection**

A roof inspection is planned for Perry St. this summer. That roof is aging and, depending on the results of the inspection, we may begin gathering quotes for a replacement roof this fall.

## **General Maintenance**

Two furnaces at 10<sup>th</sup> Ave required significant repairs. Those units are only twelve years old. None have had to be entirely replaced up to this point.

The cooktop in apartment K at 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. required replacement. The new unit has four burners instead of the previous two. In order to get a new unit with a compatible downdraft system, a solid surface top had to be selected. It was emphasized to the resident certain types of pots and pans cannot be used on the new cooktop.

## **Bouquet of Flavours- Mary McMunn**

Happy New Year fellow Board Members! Since this is the day to provide event updates, I thought I'd share BOF details with all of you to digest after the golf note!

The BOF committee held our first meeting last week, with many great ideas tossed out and a task list to go along with those ideas!

Needless to say, we need everyone's help to make this year's event a success. Our goal is \$70,000 this year and I know we can meet or exceed it (must put pressure on Golf!). I'll be telling you more about our event at the next board meeting, but in the meantime, I'm asking you to start thinking about what you can do to help make this event a huge success.

You may not realize this, but this is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Creative Living! This is an incredible milestone and one we certainly want to share with our guests. Our program for the evening will include a lot of memories, pictures, stats and success stories of this wonderful organization that have occurred during these past 40 years. Any ideas or suggestions are welcome!

In addition, we'd like to have the wine auction again this year. We're going to take it up a notch and wrap each bottle in a unique way to entice our guests to bid higher. This will prove to be very fun and if you'd like to participate (or your spouse!), please let me know and I'll fill you in on the details. This is a great way to support the event and with so little effort!

We're always looking for unique silent auction items too, so please share any ideas you may have or any connections! We're tossing around the idea of auctioning off the house again...anyone have any thoughts on this? Would love to hear them.

I too will have more at next week's board meeting. In the mean time, stay warm out there and start thinking wine!

Thanks!!

**Golf – Mark Wolf**

Hi Everyone!

We had a great kickoff meeting the other night and I wanted to give everyone a brief update. I can do a more detailed one at this coming Board Meeting.

Riviera golf course will be open this year, but it will be its last. Some feedback on the course are that they have been great to us and very reasonably priced. But, we do have a difficult time getting the residents into the club house and the club house it starting to show its age. With hat being said we have decided to price out different courses around town and see if it would make sense to move this year or wait until we have to next year. We would like for anyone with a connection to one of the local courses around town to see what interest they would have in hosting us this year, and beyond. We are looking for a course that has decent access to the airport for our out of town golfers and possibly grow with us as the demand dictates us growing to a 27 or 36 hole course. We thought the following courses would make sense and would be open to any other courses that anyone may have a personal in with:

- 1.) Scioto Reserve/ Kinsale
- 2.) New Albany country Club
- 3.) OSU- Scarlet and Grey
- 4.) Medallion
- 5.) Wedgewood
- 6.) Foxfire

Please let me know if you have any connections with these courses.

We are looking for the following criteria when talking to these courses:

We would like to have the event Thursday 8/28. If that date is not available then we would prefer Tuesday 8/26 or Wednesday 8/27. We cannot do Monday or Friday in consideration for our out of town guest.

Scramble format

we usually have 144 golfers

our volunteers drive the 2-3 beverage carts

carts included in the cost

clubs available for rental

152 box lunch, includes the volunteers

dinner

hot dogs and brats at the turn

AV equipment

the usual prize holes

sponsor signs able to be all over the course

We do not charge the golfer for anything once on the course and are usually billed for beer and soda on consumption

We are looking to spend around \$119 per person

We also have a cocktail reception (we get a sponsor to underwrite and we give each golfer 2 tickets) not top of the line liquor.