

# THE GRAPEVINE



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## Mark Your



## Calendar

**Don't Forget**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**April 28 3 PM**  
**Attend or send in proxy**

## **Next Board Of Directors'** **Meeting Thursday,** **May 19, 2011**



## **JOIN US!!!**

in the Administration Building at 1:30 p.m. All unit owners and residents are encouraged to attend all Board meetings.



▶ Property Maintenance Committee, Thursday, May 5 at 1:30 PM, Administration Building

## **Community Forum on Future of the Medical Center**

Friday, May 20th  
at 3 PM in the Ballroom.

**LWCC Executive Board meeting May 31, 9:30 am in Clubhouse I.**

## **The President's Corner**

The President's Corner — April 2011

Spring is now truly here — to me the most beautiful part of the year in the Washington area. April is also the regular time for our Mutual's Annual Meeting and the election of new members of our Board of Directors. I do hope you have sent in your proxy and ballot, especially if you are not going to be able to attend. But even more, I hope to see you at Clubhouse II on the afternoon of April 28. This will be an opportunity for you to hear what your committees and officers have done in the past year and to participate in a discussion of what you would like to see the Board of Directors consider during the coming year. I believe that is the best reason for you to be there, but it is also true that we need you to attend to insure we have a quorum so that we can conduct our official business.

Spring weather permits new outside work projects, too. The work to install new roof shingles on our plaza homes and new vinyl siding is already underway. The Board of Directors also voted to accept a bid to repaint two more of our apartment buildings and that work should begin soon, too.

Good weather does make more of us aware of one perennial problem, however. If you are a dog owner, please remember to walk your pet on a leash and clean up any solid wastes the dog leaves behind. This is required by Montgomery County ordinance as well as by the rules of the Mutual. For all residents, if you see anyone (from our Mutual or from a neighboring Mutual) that is being careless about this, you should take the trouble to remind them, even if it is not a comfortable thing to do. It is the dog owner's responsibility to follow the rules (and the law), but sometimes reminders are needed.

Enjoy the nice spring weather – and please plan on joining us for the Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 28.

Best regards — Richard Bambach

**Richard Bambach, President, Board of Directors, Mutual 14**  
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Cinco De Mayo

May 5

Club Time™ and a  
100% Grapevine  
are registered to use this picture.

**Special Reminder:**

Now that the weather is nicer, more of you are getting out with your dogs. Please remember to clean up after them. And don't let your dog "use" the same area or shrubs all the time – this can damage the lawn and plantings.

Do this for your neighbors and for yourself – it makes our home more pleasant.

But if that isn't enough motive – remember that cleaning up after dogs is the law...



**Personals...**

I want to sincerely thank my many friends and neighbors for their phone calls, cards, flowers, and prepared meals. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness during my hospital stay and recovery.

Ellen Wilson



Happy Birthday

- 5/03 Linda Peters (B17-3G)
- 5/07 Sarah Sutton (B10-2F)
- 5/14 Lorena McCord (B14-3E)
- 5/28 Viola Johnson (B12-2E)
- 5/29 Gerry Windham (B11-2F)

OOPS! I gave you the wrong unit info last time: Sidney & Marie Jarvis are actually in (B17-3C)

Please Welcome



- Edward and Elizabeth Fanning (B13-1E)
- Laurie Burdick (B14-1E)
- Collette Neal (B15-1B)



Mother's Day

May 8, 2011

**Picnic Area for M 14**

The Board of Directors is considering establishing a picnic spot in our Mutual for the use of all Mutual 14 residents and for the Mutual's warm weather parties. The perfect spot planned is the area between buildings 14 /16 and building 11 called Central Park. A picnic table and a barbeque grill along with a trash container would be available for the use of all our residents. Your input is welcome before our next Board of Directors meeting, which is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please send your comments via a snail mail note to

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Administration Building  
3701 Rossmoor Blvd  
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Attention: Gloria Robar

Or by email to: [gloriar@lwmc.com](mailto:gloriar@lwmc.com).



**Landscape Committee**

**• Foundation Plantings**

Over the years, the Leisure World Community, Mutual 14 and its residents have spent a great deal of money to landscape and beautify the grounds surrounding our homes and apartment buildings. It is the responsibility of the Landscape Committee of Mutual 14 to maintain the trees, shrubs and other plants in the common areas of the Mutual.

Residents of the Plaza Homes and the first floors of the apartment buildings are permitted to plant in an area four feet around their homes. The maintenance of such plantings in the area of four feet by past or present residents is the responsibility of the current residents of the units. This area should be mulched and kept weed-free. If it becomes necessary for the Board to employ a landscaper to remove unsightly weeds, the bill for this will be sent to the resident. You will be notified about this in advance. Shrubs should be clipped so as not to scratch your aluminum siding. Keep them about a foot clear of the wall.

Your cooperation in abiding by the rules will help maintain the beauty of Mutual 14.



**Reminders & Vital Info**



• **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

It's that time of year again. We need someone to chair our entry into the L.W. July Fourth Parade. Please help us 'wave the flag' by chairing this event. Call Richard Bambach at 301-598-5322 before May 15th, so that we may send in our entry.

• **Kitchen Drain Test - Check It Out!!!**

All apartment residents should perform the following test of your kitchen drainage **monthly** in order to avert a flood:

- 1) Fill the sink with water up to 1-1/2 "from the top.
- 2) Remove the stopper and let it drain.
- 3) If the water flows out quickly, all is well; your drain has 'passed' the test.
- 4) **BUT**, if the water drains sluggishly, your drain may be clogging up and could cause a flood in your apartment. **REPORT** this at once to our Mutual Assistant so that the drain can be checked and cleaned out by the plumber.

• **Energy Conservation**

When you go away for any length of time in **Summer** (not Winter), avoid wasting energy by taking these steps before leaving:

- Turn off your Air Conditioning
- Turn off circuit breaker to the Water Heater
- Unplug the TV set, Stereo, Radio, Toaster, or other unnecessary appliances.

You can conserve energy, even while you are at home.

- Close the front door, behind the storm doors.

May 21, 2011  **Armed Forces Day**

**M14 ONLINE:**



[www.professionalusa.net/m14/](http://www.professionalusa.net/m14/)

**ATTENTION READERS:**

The website Calendar as you remember it has been eliminated since the Internet link is no longer available. When a link to the calendar on the Internet can be established again you will be notified in this column.

In the meantime, in its place, a general schedule of our Mutual events has been placed on that page.

As usual after our Annual Meeting some changes were made. Be sure to check out the Board of Directors' page where you will find pictures of our new directors.....

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- President:** Richard Bambach  
**Vice President:** Frank Lozupone  
**Secretary:** Agnes Glass  
**Treasurer:** Ralph Romano  
**Director:** James Moores  
**Director:** Jackie Rabinow  
**Director:** Helen Bass

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

- Advisory:** Agnes Glass & Aleen Phillips  
**Budget & Finance:** Ralph Romano  
**Landscape:** Sharon Moores  
**Property Maintenance:** Frank Lozupone & Bill Buck  
**Social:** Sharon Moores & Mary West

**Web Site:** <http://www.professionalusa.net/m14/>  
<http://www.lwmc.com>

**Mutual Assistant: Gloria Robar - 301-598-1338**

- Building Problems? - **Call** Gloria at 301-598-1338
- Emergencies, when Gloria is not available - **Call** Physical Properties -301-598-1500
- After hours & weekends - **Call** Main Gate - 301-598-1044

**Comcast Issues** - contact 301-920-9951



Memorial Day 2011  May 30

A little Internet Inspiration from the Editor:

A birth certificate shows that we were born; a death certificate shows that we died; pictures show that we lived!

Have a seat. Relax. And read this slowly.

I believe - That just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other. And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do.

I believe - That we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.

I believe - That no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.

I believe - That true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance. Same goes for true love.

I believe - That you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.  
I believe - That we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

I believe - That either you control your attitude or it controls you.

I believe - That heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

I believe - That money is a lousy way of keeping score.

I believe - That sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down will be the ones to help you get back up.

I believe - That sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.

I believe - That maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.

I believe - That it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.

I believe - That our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.

I believe - Two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different.

I believe - That even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you - you will find the strength to help.

I believe - That credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.

Life is short, Break the rules, Forgive quickly, Kiss slowly, Love truly, Laugh uncontrollably, And never regret anything that made you smile.

I believe - That it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.

I believe - That you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

I believe - That you can keep going long after you think you can't.