



Village Voice



October 2011

From the Vice President

As was announced at the September meeting, our president, Irene Kanzler will not be back to SLCCV until January due to a family emergency. In her absence, I will be acting in her place, a big job at best! I pledge to make the transition as smooth as possible.

I want to reiterate the way issues are to be brought up to Wynne Corporation by the residents. Write and sign your concern and put it in the suggestion box. The issue will be communicated by me, in writing, to John Brennan, the park manager, who will in turn respond in writing to the resident. If multiple residents offer the same suggestion, all of their names and addresses will be included. A paper trail is an advantage for all of us.

I urge everyone to donate to the COP program when the envelopes next appear on your door-knob. It is discouraging that we have only 50% of our residents coming forward, when 84% of Fairways donates. The deputy tells us how this ongoing patrol helps keep our community the safe place that it is, so please help with the cost.

The next big HOA event is the Halloween Dance on October 29th. This is traditionally a costume ball which is a lot of fun for all, but costumes are not required.

The combined November/ December meeting will be held Tuesday evening, December 6th, at 7:00 pm. Be sure to mark your calendars accordingly.

Paul Moore

Citizens Observation Patrol

The newest class of C.O.P. members includes Al Henri, Rose Dale, Jerry Dale and Kathleen O'Brien. They completed their training on Thursday, August 11, 2011. Give them a friendly wave when you see them on patrol. In fact, give all of our volunteers a wave!

The Spanish Lakes Country Club Village C.O.P. (Citizens Observation Patrol) is funded by our residents and the Wynne Building Corporation. For this year's fund-raising drive, less than 60% of our residents donated money for our operating costs in 2011. We will be accepting donations all during the year. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per home. Some people give more, but any donation, large or small, is accepted.

The purpose of volunteer programs like the C.O.P. is to act as eyes and ears for the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department. The C.O.P. does not replace or supplement routine patrol activities of the Sheriff, but provides additional observation capabilities within our village. The C.O.P. is intended as an extension of the "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" program here at SLCCV. Our patrol car is on the streets of our village day and night looking for suspicious activity. The volunteer drivers report any such activity to 911. Our group of residents are your friends and neighbors who have been trained by the Sheriff's Department, and give their time during the day and night time hours to help keep our village safe. If you are interested in joining the C.O.P. Program, call Morgan Jones at 489-4564 for more information and an application form.

... Mailbox ...



To All Artists:

Let's Paint! Who would like to meet with fellow artists to :

- *Exchange ideas and information,
- *Encourage and support each other,
- *Be inspired to do more and better work.

Bring your own supplies and join us to paint on the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Arts and Crafts Room.

Shirley Garnett
772-480-6307

Thank you to all my friends and neighbors for your prayers and kindness that made me feel so good after my recent illness .

Thank you again.

Milly Bertone

I want to thank all of you who came to help me celebrate my 88th birthday. It was the best party I ever had! Everyone there helped to make it very, very special.

Bill Hankish

I would like to thank the following people, who so graciously volunteered to help with the Labor Day Hot Dog Bash.

Pat Agan - Jim Amato -Ralph Balzano -Marge Collette - Carol Craft -Carol Fensterer -Mary Keegan -Bob Mullens -Idaho Mike Ross -Maddie Sandall - Fred Sandall - Tom Schneider - Jo Trainor -Sonny Troccoli -Ray Tudino- and Ernie and Joe at the front desk.

Due to unforeseen circumstance the event would have been cancelled had it not been for these volunteers.

You all did a great job, thank you.

JoAnn Camino

What a wonderful caring community we have. To those who said a prayer ... to those who sent cards and Mass cards, or made a donation in memory of our son, Senior Master Sergeant Raymond F. Tudino, we say thank you. All of you cared and your wishes have helped us through a difficult time.

This is what makes SLCCV the caring community it is. We all have each other in time of need. We thank you and God Bless you all.

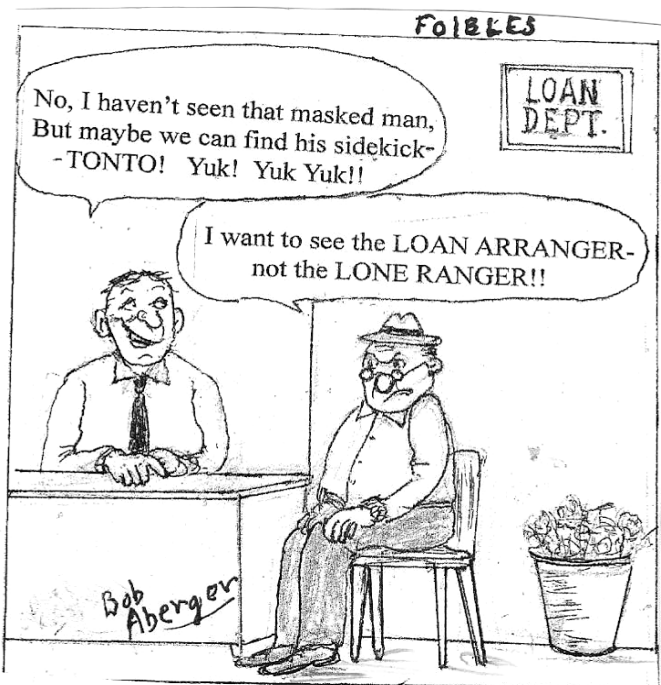
Anita and Ray Tudino

I want to thank everyone in SLC for their kind thoughts, prayers, Mass cards and condolences sent to me after the loss of my sister, Peggy Stewart. She had a very full life here; active in tennis, golf and she joined various clubs. She hosted the Saturday night Happy Hours in the lounge (formerly run by Ruth and Ed Glovan). She donated the player piano now in the lounge for everyone's enjoyment.

She loved to travel and toured many foreign lands. Peg's final journey ended peacefully on July 25, 2011 in the loving care of Hospice.

Peg will always be in my heart. God bless you all.

Kay Webersinn



Seniors Supporting Soldiers

I'm sure most of you read about Army SPC Jordan Christopher Schumann who died July 5th in Afghanistan. He left behind a wife, Sarah, who was seven months pregnant with their first child.

On Friday, August 19th, Seniors Supporting Soldiers delivered a crib, dresser, changing table, lamp, etc. (everything needed for the nursery) to Sarah Schumann, along with a monetary gift for unforeseen needs. Meeting Sarah and her parents was a true blessing. She is having a boy, Tristan, and says he will grow up to know the sacrifice his dad made for our freedom.

One of our residents, Irene Spagna is the aunt of Sarah, and marvels at her courage and strength through everything.

Seniors Supporting Soldiers is very active in Spanish Lakes Country Club Village and with contributions generated from the Veterans Club and the generosity of our residents, continues to send packages and monetary gifts to our servicemen.

*As a late-breaking note, Tristan arrived on September 17th weighing in at 7 lbs. 8 oz. and all is well.

My Success Story

I am happy to have this opportunity to tell all those who have not heard my story about what went on in July. For years I have suffered from spinal stenosis, treated by my doctor with injections (at cost to my medical plan) and powerful pain pills. With these I was able to travel to Jordan and Egypt this past April, though there were difficult times when it was very painful to walk. In May I was only able to take a few steps before having to sit down, which made life very restricted, as you can imagine.

My doctor was suggesting regular back surgery which he admitted was 90% not successful, but my daughter did some research and had me contact the Laser Spine Institute in Tampa. I sent them an MRI, taken within the last couple of years, and from that they could say whether or not they could help me. I was delighted when they called to say that they could, and they sent me for more testing.

I had to go to Tampa and stay in a motel for a

few days, as no one stays overnight in the institute. I had another MRI and tests, answered many questions about my medical history, but finally the day came for my surgery. I had to have someone with me all this time who could stay with me for days after the surgery. The Institute itself is beautiful, with wonderful staff and a restaurant for free breakfast and lunch. We met several other patients who recounted stories of being in acute pain and were now walking pain free, which helped allay my nervousness a little! They do 450 procedures a month and have done 16,000 since 2005 with an 87% success rate at the Institute.

The surgery took around three hours and all I remember is waking up to a cup of coffee and a muffin. I walked out of recovery and walked to a chair – pain free. I had to spend a couple of days being careful, and putting an ice pack on my back several times a day, but I was walking 15 minutes at a time several times a day. I came home and took care of myself for a few weeks, but all this time I am absolutely without pain. I still find it hard to believe.

My reason for telling you my story is to let everyone know that this laser surgery is available. All of you who have real back and/or neck problems should look into it. It works! It is expensive, but is covered by insurance except for the operating room, and the institute does have a foundation that covers the cost for two people each month. Many of you may find that your regular doctor is dismissive of this procedure as being 'experimental.' Maybe so, but the experiments work, and I heard dozens of success stories.

Anyone who would like to know more about this can go on line, or just contact me and I am only too happy to tell the world about it.

Carol Craft

As the one who stayed with Carol for this week in Tampa and was also with her during the trip to Egypt, I can attest to all she says, and what a wonderful recovery she made. Even the operation scar is barely visible. I only know I was pushing her around in a wheel chair one day and taking her for walks the next.

As an added note, as a result of Carol's telling of her story other successful spine operations have been done.

Carol Fensterer

Unwilling or Unable

I have had, because of the nature of my vocation, thousands of opportunities to ask the question “Is this person unwilling or unable ..” (to change, to grow, to stand trial, to love, to understand, to learn, to be a responsible parent, etc.)

As a society, and because we see people as rational, thinking, responsible citizens, we assume that based on their humanity, all persons are capable of changing, loving, learning, etc. if they are willing, if they choose. Stated another way, their capabilities are assumed.

So, for example, if parents demand some change in the department of their college age son, they make that demand assuming that their son is capable of making the changes they are requiring. Now, the son may be unwilling to make those changes and he will then be responsible for the consequences. But what if the son said “It is not that I’m unwilling, it is that I am unable to make the change.” We would now have to wonder and ask him what defect or disability was rendering him unable. He says that the disability which renders him unable is that he’s in love and must spend all his free time with her, and therefore does not have the time to bring up his grades. What do you think; is he unwilling or unable? On the other hand, a young man leaves a luncheonette without paying his small tab. He says that he is king of the universe and is therefore exempt.

What say you? Unwilling or unable.

Dr. John F. Fitzgerald, PhD, F.A.M.P

Kazoo Band

We need people who like to have fun, like to make people laugh. Can you play an instrument; can you sing, dance or just want to play a kazoo? No experience necessary, just a willingness to have fun! So please join us! This is a fun group! We put on a show in March for two nights and we have Thursday afternoon rehearsals starting in October..

If interested call Joanne Frey at 464-0452, talk to any kazoo band member, or just stop in October 20th at 3:00 pm and see what we’re all about.

Tropical Storms—Where?

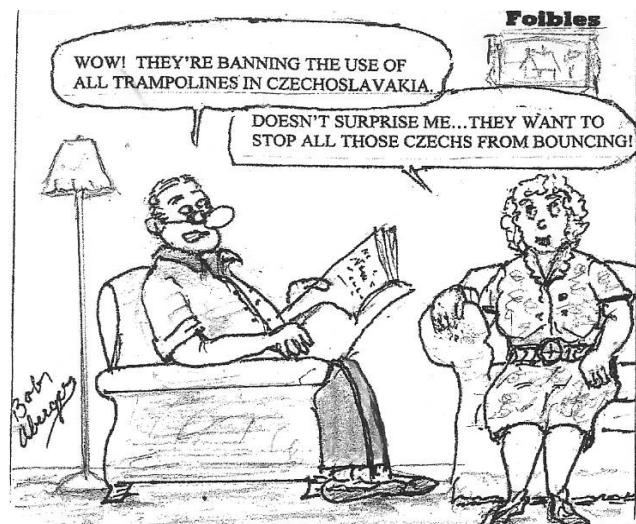
In August Betty and I decided to go to Connecticut for three weeks. You know—son, grandchild. All was well for a while until the earthquake in Vermont. That was a shaker in Broad Bank, CT. Wow!

Then the tropical storm “Irene” was coming. Wind, rain, tree limbs down, power outages. Thought I was in Florida! It was tough finding food, we had no stock where we were. Found a couple of restaurants in Vermont that had power. Also a hundred cars waiting at each one.

We cooked out at my son’s house whenever we could, but it was hard with six of us. We did find a small lunch place in Broad Brook that had power. “The Dam” Restaurant. That’s really the name of it. Located about 50 feet from a pond and a dam. We had breakfast and lunch there most days. We wanted to go to Cape Cod to see friends, but no power. So stayed in Connecticut. There are 670,000 people in Connecticut, all without power the day after the storm.

I love Florida!

Russ Marth



You must pay for your sins. If you have already paid, please ignore this notice.

Sam Levenson

Sometimes I can't figure designers out. It's as if they flunked human anatomy.

Erma Bombeck

Memory Lane

When CCV opened, it was to be 1,000 homes. Management wanted to add 300 more homes. They built the guest pool and longevity building after discussions with the original residents. When Jean and I arrived, we toured Florida. It rained every morning for a month, but the afternoons were glorious! We finally decided to try tennis, but bought the wrong size rackets, and were trying to hit to each other. Resident Phil Moriarty took pity on us, and showed us the basics. He was so good you learned just by watching him play singles. Later we found out that he was the swimming coach for gold medal champion, Mark Spitzer. Phil was such a class guy. We played a lot of tennis with some great folks. Jean became "Mean Jean" as she was very good and very competitive. We played lots of tournaments, often including home and away games with Fairways. Our tennis club held many parties and dances, great Christmas parties, too. We put on a great show mimicking Ray DeCuba, a tennis pro who came weekly to teach club members for a nominal fee. I wore a wig, a clip-on diamond earring and mustache. My star pupil was Tess Black who played it up so well. I am sure there are tapes here of this terrific show.

Next we tried golf. Jean had some lessons with resident Lou Fehr, a retired NYC motorcycle cop. She has five holes-in-one and was active in our ladies golf club. I managed to get two holes-in-one, but only after my first stroke. We loved playing with Lou, John Dunne and Henry Vander-molen. I also played at Indian Pines with Sam Donaldson, Pete Walsh and Tom White. I also played in our league at Dodgertown.

We enjoyed our pool every day. At 3 pm it emptied out for cocktails hour. Many pool parties were held by all clubs, games, food, etc., etc. The Aquabelles swim team from Fairways came over and put on their great show led by their recreation director, Mary Guzak.

On July 4th the Rec. Dept. put on a barbecue with burgers, hot dogs, soda and all the trimmings at no cost. It was a treat from our park owner, Wynne Building Corp. Memorial Day and Labor Day the HOA hosted barbecues with hot dogs, sodas, and chips for 25 cents each. After a while

they had to charge 50 cents for food and sodas. HOA led by Frank Hart put on beauty contests and other great entertainment. Mel Knouse started the kazoo club. Piano wizard Allen Fisher formed a chorus to do shows and played for all the clubs needing accompaniment. He also played at the Rec. Dept. Happy Hours and performed outside CCV. Ruth Dayhoff and Harry Dowd led the Players Club and put on dramas, musicals and revues. I was lucky to play a priest in a show "Deja Vu".

If tapes of any of these shows are still around, it would be wonderful to show them some afternoon or evening.

Bill Walsh

Getting Back To My Roots

For many years I had a huge vegetable garden that supplied enough produce for canning and freezing. It was lots of work, but with a young family it helped with the budget. We never went hungry!

While we lived on our sailboat, I grew cherry tomatoes in a detergent jug. A "boat boy" in Dominica admired my tomato plant, and offered to give me some of his plants! I quickly declined as I knew he was offering something I could be arrested for having!

I missed having my hands in the dirt while at sea so I am happy to be back where I can plant some flowers and a few tomato plants. In the small town of Salinas, Puerto Rico, we met a lady who owned a sail loft and sold the tomatoes she grew at her home. She had Beefsteak tomatoes, plum tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, grape tomatoes, and our favorite, Black Krim tomatoes, one that turns a very dark color, almost black, and has a slightly salty flavor. The Black Krim comes from a heritage seed which means it is not a hybrid or genetically engineered. You can save the seeds from year to year, and plant them again. I ordered seeds from Gurney Seed Company, and just started them in peat pellets. It takes a while for a northerner to get used to the different growing seasons here in Florida so I hope this experiment turns out well.

Kathleen O'Brien

What is a Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C)?

A Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or a PPO) is another Medicare health plan choice you may have as part of Medicare. Medicare Advantage Plans, sometimes called “Part C” or “MA Plans,” are offered by private companies approved by Medicare.

If you join a Medicare Advantage Plan, the plan will provide all of your Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance) coverage. Medicare Advantage Plans may offer extra coverage, such as vision, hearing, dental, and/or health and wellness programs. Most include Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D).

Medicare pays a fixed amount for your care every month to the companies offering Medicare Advantage Plans. These companies must follow rules set by Medicare. However, each Medicare Advantage Plan can charge different out-of-pocket costs and have different rules for how you get services (like whether you need a referral to see a specialist or if you have to go to only doctors, facilities, or suppliers that belong to the plan for non-emergency or non-urgent care). These rules can change each year.

Dates to remember:

October 1, 2011 You can start getting plan information for 2012 premiums and benefits.

October 15 — December 7, 2011 This is the Annual Election Period (AEP). During this time, you can make changes to your existing Medicare health or prescription drug plan or select a new plan for 2012. If you are turning 65 you are in your Initial Election Period and can enroll now.

We know Medicare can be confusing. Many of the Medicare Advantage plans are available at No cost to you; \$0 premium other than what you already pay for Medicare part B. If you need help, please call for a no cost or obligation in-home consultation.

George Gay 772-408-8535 or
TheSeniorPro.com

New England Club

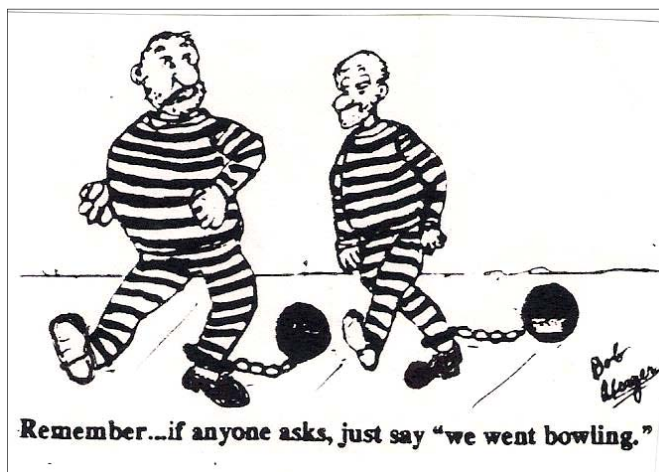
Attention all the wonderful people in Spanish Lakes Country Club Village who come from, or still live in, New England in the summer.

You are invited to join us at our New England Club meetings where you will meet new friends from New England and, who knows, someone from your state, town, or even someone you might know. Our meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month, October through April. Our evening starts at 5 p.m. for a social time, a short meeting around 5:30, and then wonderful food served by none other than our food committee, who you know are culinary experts.

We have entertainment, including talks by our members about their home town, discussions on current events, what’s going on in the park, and fun games. Every year we have a committee to elect “unsung heroes.” These are people who go beyond the volunteer stage to help with park activities, people in need in and outside our park, and who exemplify what an unsung hero is. This Unsung Hero receives a gift, plaque, and is our guest at our meeting to receive his or her award. We are happy to say we have given out five awards to people who belong to our club, as well as individuals outside the club. As you can imagine, it is very well received.

Our president, Howard MacDonald, and members look forward to meeting you and have you enjoy all the New England Club has to offer.

Darlene Coulling, Secretary



Computer Corner



It has been 13 years since Len Burman, Jim Purcell and I started the present Computer Club. Bill McCurdy had tried to start a club years earlier but it did not work out. Bill then came aboard and is a great help to the class. After the death of Jim Purcell, his wife Gerrie formed the Jim Purcell Fund, from which she provided a large screen TV which we are using for teaching. Andy Shima became our official Guru with his great technical knowledge. In his passing we lost a great helper and a dear friend of the Computer Club.

In 2002 we started a Beginners' Class for seniors who have little or no background in computers. The Beginners' Class this season will run from November 8th until April 1, 2012. The class meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1 pm in the PowWow room. Our beginners have just that little knowledge about computers so they can learn about word processing and how it can be applied to email. We try also to show them the basics of the computer. To be a member of the beginners' class you must have a computer or laptop that you can use to practice a minimum of one hour a day. If you don't use it you will surely lose it!

Our Intermediate Group has been meeting all year on the second Monday of each month at 1 pm in the PowWow room and will continue to do so. This class is a Q&A session. If a member has a problem we try to solve it. For more information call Frank Buzzelli (466-9152) or Bill McCurdy (464-3462). Right now the dues for the Club are \$5 for a lifetime membership. That is hard to beat!

Frank Buzzelli

When I was a kid I used to pray every night for a new bicycle. Then I realized that the Lord doesn't work that way, so I stole one and asked Him to forgive me.

Emo Phillips

Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.

George Carlin

Recent Incident on La Calle

After a second bicycle or tricycle-auto collision at the intersection just outside our home, I decided to relay this true story, in the hopes that all residents might learn from it and be more alert and considerate when driving our streets.

A few days ago (first week of June) I stopped my car at one of the four-way intersections. After letting a car pass through from the left I turned right and proceeded up the street. Within just a hundred yards or so, my vehicle was suddenly passed by a white automobile, which had obviously not stopped for the stop sign.

This same white car proceeded to pull out and attempt to pass the car moving ahead of me. But, the driver of the first car saw what was happening and pulled into the center of the road, in effect to stop the car behind. Both the driver blocking the street and I got out of our vehicles and talked with the driver of the offending vehicle.

His response for what he was doing goes something like this; "The cars were going too slow. I'm one of the original residents, you know." After both of us discussed the elderly gentleman's driving habits a bit, he also asked, "What are you, a cop?"

In analyzing the situation, it was obvious that attitude was to blame for this particular driver's careless driving. However, the incident did give pause to think about re-testing older drivers for reaction time, eyesight, and perhaps, mental acuity. I'm not saying I'm necessarily in favor of re-testing, but certainly renewing driver licenses by mail doesn't provide an opportunity to re-assess drivers for anything.

Roland O'Brien



Along the same train of thought I might add that on entering the park after dark recently I almost broadsided a golf cart. Please use lights if you are out at night, you are just invisible otherwise.

Carol Fensterer

A Plea

Hi!!!! We are twins. My name is Righty and my brother is Lefty. We are a great pair! A pair of purple crocs! We belong to Maddy. She always took good care of us. She put jibbits in our hair to make us look cute. She used to take us to the pool so that we could help her do the water aerobics.

lot of fun and nice people. be in the pool work out too as cool. One day



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Maddy was in a hurry and she left us at the pool when she went home. We were really sad. When she realized we were missing she thought that one of her friends might have picked us up for her. At the very least she thought that someone who found us would have taken us inside the clubhouse to the lost and found. Now she thinks that someone must have really needed us so they kept us for themselves.

Now we don't get to the pool with her and never get to see her anymore. We really miss our life with Maddy and wish that whoever took us would bring us back to the pool, or at least bring us to the lost and found.

Madelyn Sandall

Christmas Lights (Reminder)

The C.O.P. will again be sponsoring the Christmas Lights Contest in December. The 2010 contest was a great success. Residents and visitors alike were impressed with how festive SLCCV looked thanks to the efforts of residents and elves alike. We would like the 2011 Christmas Lights Contest to be even better than 2010. Further details will be announced later this year.

Notable Neighbors

Jane Hughes has been recognized as Champion Home Health Care's Home Health Aid of the month for July.

In the past year and a half, Jane has had some of Champion's more difficult cases, and her calming and reassuring manner has worked especially well with Alzheimer's clients. The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Treasure Coast Women honored Jane at its annual July social, where it also hosts a ceremony presenting scholarships to deserving Indian River County graduating students.

We are so lucky to have Jane as a resident in our village. She is always giving her neighbors in need a helping hand.

Betty Horvath

DEPARTED FRIENDS

We shall miss the following departed friends. This list is as known to the front desk from May 30, 2010 to September 30, 2011.

Chester Wojcik	Mary DeToma	Jeanne Hall	Bertha Zangrillo	Emily Reidy
James Reidy	Fred Anderson	Joan Greene	Kathryn Comings	Thamer Brandalik
Peg Stewart	Beverly Burke	Marcy Gau	Nancy Henri	Ronald Lancour
Ernie Cologne	Donald Armstrong	(ex residents)	Jim Delaney	Bill Sears

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