

Algonquin House Newsletter

Around the House

February, the month of Valentine's Day, the Super Bowl, Ground Hog Day and More!

Social Events...

- The monthly **TGIF** will be hosted by the 11th floor, and held on **February 16th**. *This event is always scheduled for the third Friday of each month and the hours are from 5:30 - 7:30p.m.* The hosts provide decorations and set-ups. Bring your own alcoholic beverage and an appetizer to share.

- **February's movie** will be **Victoria and Abdul** (2017), starring Judi Dench. Abdul Karim arrives from India to participate in Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. The young clerk is surprised to find favor with the queen herself. As Victoria questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance that her household and inner circle try to destroy. As their friendship deepens, the queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes, joyfully reclaiming her humanity. The movie will be shown on **Tuesday, February 13th at 1:30p.m.**

- The **Belly Dancing Class** meets **Mondays at 10:30a.m.** and some **Wednesdays at 10:00a.m.** in the Algonquin Room. **The cost is \$5.00 per session.** New members are welcome! This is more of an exercise class than a dance class, and stresses building up core strength.

Mark your Calendars...

- The **monthly Board Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, February 20**, starting at **9:20 a.m.**, for the Homeowner's Forum. **The formal meeting starts at 9:30 a.m.** An additional 10 minute Homeowner's Forum session will be held immediately following the Board meeting. Board meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month. March, June, September, and December Board meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m.



- The **Riverfront Civic League** held its' quarterly meeting here on Monday, January 22. Toni Pridgen represented the Algonquin House. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend Civic League meetings to hear the latest news about our neighborhood and have input on upcoming projects. The next meeting will be held in the Algonquin Room on April 23.

Around the Corner...

- **Super Bowl LII** **Feb. 4**
- **Mardi Gras (also known as Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday)** **Feb. 13**
- **Ash Wednesday** **Feb. 14**
- **Valentine's Day** **Feb. 14**
- **TGIF** **Feb. 16**
- **President's Day** **Feb. 19**
- **Board Meeting** **Feb. 20**

From the Board...

- January came in like a lion so we hope it goes out like a lamb. There was much to do to avoid getting cabin fever. During the snowstorm, our community helped each other by showing daily movies, covering the front desk, helping at the front door, mopping up wet floors from snow tracked in, cooking for the staff who came in, and helping to open the front doors when they wouldn't operate properly. Our thanks to Gail Austin, Abby Baird, Brian Campbell, Roy & Bettie Jean Darnell, Henry Gottlieb, Margaret Magnussen, Joe Marasco, Sally McPhillips, Chris Ortolono, Sally Palmerton, Carol Parks, Bob Place, Barbara Romeo, Roy Sheckells, and Mary Jo Sturtevant. If I missed anyone, I apologize but please know you are important to our home. Whether you reached out to help downstairs, kept a neighbor company, or took lunch to a shut-in,

you were doing your part in making the Algonquin House the best place to live.

Ellie Marasco, President

● We want to recognize the **Social Committee volunteers** who helped with the spectacular **Holiday Party!** They are Barbara & Pacific Romeo, Joan & Don Hammer, Joe & Ellie Marasco, Lyn Tucci, Margaret Ayscue, Kathy Dial, and Nora McFadden. Thanks to their hard work, the decorations were beautiful, the food delicious, and a good time was had by all!

● Kudos to Vicki & Joe Hansen and Joan & Don Hammer, who hosted a **New Year's Day Brunch.** The decorations and food were outstanding, and enjoyed by many residents. Vicki agreed to share her delicious recipe for Tomato Pudding with us:

Vicki Hansen's Tomato Pudding

1 - 28-oz. can diced tomatoes, *drained*
2 - 16 oz. cans stewed tomatoes, *partially drained*
2 cups seasoned croutons
1 cup sugar
1 stick butter, *melted*

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray 9 x 12 pan with oil. Mix all ingredients in a large bowl, pour into prepared casserole dish, and bake, uncovered, for 40 mins.

● The 12th floor kicked off the New Year with a festive **TGIF** celebrating the spirit of the Algonquin House. Old photo albums were available to peruse. Everyone enjoyed Margaret Ayscue's Corn Pudding. The pan was literally scraped clean. She agreed to share her recipe:

Margaret Ayscue's Corn Pudding

1 can creamed corn
1 can white shoepeg corn, *drained*
2/3 cup sugar (or less)
3 tbsp. sifted flour
3 eggs
½ stick butter

Combine ingredients, and bake uncovered at 400° for 45 mins.

● Also, Llew Roberts' homemade, super large, super crunchy, peanuts were a big hit. Llew is willing to conduct a "pro bono" cooking class on making raw peanuts into this delicious snack. Give Llew a call and she will make all the arrangements.

● **Have you noticed the box on the front desk labeled Homeowner's Forum?** It is for your questions/suggestions for the manager or Board consideration. There are notecards on top for you to use. Please put your suggestions in the box for the Board to consider. **Remember to include your name;** anonymous messages will not be addressed.

● **Our website has been updated** and it looks fantastic. There are tabs for meeting minutes, rules, newsletters, swap meet, and more. Contact webmaster Bob Place for a password to access information available to residents only. Visit the site at www.thealgonquinhouse.com.

● Have you had problems with Cox Cable, phone, or Internet services? The City of Norfolk has a liaison to help you. First contact Cox ((1-866-867-2629) and request a record of your calls. Put that record with a narrative including your name in the Homeowner's Box "Attn: Lyn Tucci" and they will be forwarded to the Liaison for remediation with Cox.

● Condolences are extended to the family of former resident Mary Graham Andrews, who died in January.

Please contact Newsletter editor Sally McPhillips if you have information you'd like to share in an upcoming newsletter. Committee chairs, please send her any information you'd like to have published in this newsletter by the 20th of each month.



