

Algonquin House Newsletter

Around the House

**Treasure the smiles, good times, and memories;
Leave behind the disappointments, hard-times, and enemies;
Hold onto faith, hope, and beliefs;
And may your new year be filled with Love, Joy, and Peace!**

Happy New Year!

Social Events...

- The monthly **TGIF** will be hosted by the 12th floor, and held on **January 19th**. *This event is always scheduled for the third Friday of each month and the hours are from 5:30 - 7:30pm.* The hosts provide decorations and set-ups. Bring your own alcoholic beverage and an appetizer to share.
- **January's movie** will be **American Made** (2017), starring Tom Cruise. The plot focuses on Barry Seal, a former TWA pilot who flew missions for the CIA and became a drug smuggler for the Medellín Cartel in the 1980s. In order to avoid jail time, Seal became an informant for the DEA. The movie will be shown on **Wednesday, January 17th at 1:30pm.**
- The **Belly Dancing Class** meets **Mondays** at 10:30 am and some **Wednesdays at 10:00am** 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. **There is no class on New Year's Day.**
- The New Year's Day Brunch and Rose Parade viewing hosted by the Hammers and the Hansens will be on **January 1 beginning at 10:30 a.m.** What a great way to start the new year!

Mark your Calendars...

- **The monthly Board Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, January 16**, starting at **9:30 am**, for the Homeowner's forum. **The formal meeting starts at 9:40 am.** An additional 10 minute Homeowner's Forum session will be held immediately following



the Board meeting. Board meetings for 2018 are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month, with the March, June, September, and December meetings held in the evenings.

- The **Riverfront Civic League** will hold its' quarterly meeting here on **Monday, January 22 at 7pm.** Toni Pridgen has volunteered to represent the Algonquin House. All residents are welcome to attend to hear the latest news about our neighborhood and have input on upcoming projects. Contact Toni (408-1817) if you have a question/concern for the Civic League to address.

Around the Corner...

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| • New Year's Day | Jan 1 |
| • Feast of the Epiphany | Jan. 6 |
| • Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | Jan. 15 |
| • Board Meeting | Jan. 16 |

From the Board...

• As we say goodbye to 2017, let us ask ourselves, "Did we do all we could to continue to keep the Algonquin House the most desirable place to live?" Did we respect our neighbors? Did we follow all of the rules of the trash room, the elevator, or the laundry rooms? Did we attend social events and acquaint ourselves with our amazing neighbors? Did we take time to get to know our staff that work to keep our home clean and safe? Did we familiarize ourselves with the rules and regulations that help to keep our building the best in the area? In 2018, don't ask what the Algonquin House can do for you, ask what you can do to help improve the Algonquin House! *May we all work together in 2018 towards a positive, prosperous, happy and safe New Year!*

Ellie Marasco, President

Special Announcements...

- **Our website has been updated** (Thank you, Bob Place!) and it looks fantastic. Visit the site at www.thealgonquinhouse.com and see the variety of information it offers.
- A big holiday cheer goes to Barbara Romeo and the Social Committee Elves for the sleigh-ful of decorations and delicious food at the annual Holiday Party.
- The **Covenants Committee** is looking for additional members. This important but not time-consuming group helps monitor the common areas on each floor. These include the laundry room, restroom, elevator lobby, and stairwells. If you are interested, contact Margaret Ayscue at 858-2226.
- **Anne Cary Jacob** would like to thank all the generous and kind residents of Algonquin House for their Holiday donations to the Algonquin House Staff. She said she is always amazed and pleased at how thoughtful our folks are towards our staff. Let's thank Anne Cary for handling the collection of funds for our fine staff.
- Condolences are extended to the family of former resident Nancy Worsham, who died in December.

Helpful Hints...

- **Have you noticed the box on the front desk labeled Homeowner's Forum?** It is for our suggestions for the manager or Board consideration. There are notecards on top 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.
- It's that time of year we all have lots of boxes. Boxes, no matter the size, must be broken down and placed in or next to the paper recycling bin in the trash room. Boxes **MUST NOT** be put down the trash chute!
- If you haven't visited your storage space downstairs for a while, consider going through it and donating unwanted items to new homes (family, thrift store, etc.) Also, please be sure all boxes and items are labeled so that when they wander away we know who to return them to. And ... please be aware that your storage items must fit within the storage bin.
- **Please remind your guests of parking restrictions, using the trash chute, and so forth.** If you're not sure of protocol, refer to your condo

Rules and Regulations handbook (green cover) or call the Front Desk at 423-5151.

Prepare for winter before it gets here!

- Keep your headlights clear with car wax. Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. Its' special water repellents will help prevent a messy mix from accumulating on your headlights.
 - Squeak-proof your wipers with rubbing alcohol. Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This one trick can make badly streaking & squeaking wipers change to near perfect silence & clarity.
 - Frost on its way? Ice-proof your windows with vinegar. Fill a spray bottle with three parts vinegar to one part water and spritz it on all your windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of icy mess. (Vinegar contains acetic acid, which raises the melting point of water, preventing it from freezing!)
 - Prevent car doors from freezing shut with cooking spray. Spritz cooking spray on the rubber seals around car doors and rub it in with a paper towel. The cooking spray prevents water from saturating the rubber. (WD-40 works too.)
 - If we get any snow this year, remember to clean your car off **completely** before driving away!

January Quote...

- "Climate is what we expect. Weather is what we get."

Mark Twain

... Just for laughs

- A husband and wife were driving through Louisiana. As they approached Natchitoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They argued back and forth, then they stopped for lunch. At the counter, the husband asked the blonde waitress, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?" She leaned over the counter and said, "Burr-r-gerrr Kiiiiing."

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

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