

Algonquin House Newsletter

Around the House

May Showers ...

Social Events...

- The **TGIF** will be hosted by the 8th floor on **May 19th**. *This event is always scheduled for the third Friday of each month and the hours are from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.*
- May's movie is "**Hidden Figures**". It will be shown on **Tuesday, May 16th, at 1:30pm**. The movie runs about two hours. An encore evening showing will be held on **Wednesday, May 17th, at 7:00 p.m.**
- We did not receive any information from Bob Place about "**Men's Night Out**" **Movie Night** before this newsletter went to press, so look for information at the desk and in the mailroom if a May Men's Movie Night is scheduled.
- **Gentle Mental Chair Yoga** will be held every **Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30 pm in the Algonquin Room**. If you are interested, just show up. There is will be a small fee of \$5.00 *Please note the time change.*
- The **Belly Dancing Class** meets **Mondays only at 10:30am** in the Algonquin Room. **The cost is \$30.00 for 10 weeks**. New members are welcome! This is more of an exercise class than a dance class, and stresses building up core strength
- **The Men's Coffee Group** will meet on **Tuesday, May 16th from 10:00 – 11:30am** in the Algonquin Room. The group had their first meeting last month, and those in attendance enjoyed it immensely. All men living in the Algonquin House are invited to join in fellowship and conversation.

Mark your Calendars...

- **The monthly Board Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, May 23rd, starting at 9:20 am**, for the Homeowner's forum. **The formal meeting starts at 9:30 am**. An additional 10 minute homeowner's forum will be held following the Board meeting.
- The social Committee will be hosting a **Hot Dog/Hamburger Roast** on **Sunday, July 9th at 5:30pm**. More details will be provided later.



Special Announcements...

- A warm welcome to new owners **Thomas Parker, 8E; Tom Simpson, 9L; and Kathy Morris, 10B.**
- **Units 9E** (two bedroom on parking lot side) and **8L** (one bedroom on river side) are on the market for sale. **Unit 9A** (one bedroom on the river side) is being completely rehabbed and will be on the market for rent in a week or so.
- Special Thanks to **Ida E. Becker Hersh, 5H**, for her donation of 25 Eastern Rosebud seedlings. The Rosebud is a type of tree that does well in Virginia, particularly in urban settings

Around the Corner...

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| ● Cinco de Mayo | May 5 |
| ● Kentucky Derby | May 6 |
| ● Mother's Day | May 14 |
| ● Pool opening | May 26 |
| ● Ramadan | May 27 |
| ● Memorial Day | May 28 |

Puns...

- Did you hear the horse and pig are dating?
They're in a stable relationship.

Did you Know...

- The air conditioning has been put in service for the season.
- If you like your apartment warmer, turn your thermostats up to 75 or higher to keep the air conditioning from coming on.
- Whether there is heated air or cooled air coming out of your fan coil unit depends: if the temperature outside is below 67 degrees, heat will be on, if the temperature outside is above 70 degrees, air conditioning will be on. Between 67 and 70 degrees

the system is in “transition”, and neither heat nor air conditioning is on.

- Our heating/air system is designed so that only heat or air conditioning is on, or neither (when it is in transition).
- Every time a pizza box is shoved down the chute and gets caught it costs every one of us money for repairs. **Remember that the next time the Condo Fee goes up.** And can you believe it happened again last weekend!?! Someone shoved a huge trash bag full of plastic containers down the chute. They must have had to work really hard to do this. If you know who the guilty culprit is, please don't protect their bad behavior. Let Susan know.
- Every time lights are left on in your unit and you are not there, every time lights are left on in the communal areas (Algonquin Room, Library, Mail Room, Kitchen, Laundry Rooms, Bathrooms) it costs everyone money. Our **average** electricity bill is **nine thousand dollars (\$9,000)** a month! I am convinced that if everyone makes an effort to turn off the lights when they leave a room, we can reduce the bill. (124 units = a lot of lights!) It's like voting folks, if you do it, you have an impact on your future, if you don't do it, you have really opted out on having any impact and the consequences can be negative. **Remember that the next time the Condo Fee goes up.**
- There is a reason hours are posted in the laundry room and the rubbish room. **The laundry rooms are next to the bedroom of the L units and the rubbish rooms are next to the master bedroom of the J units.** When you go in early, you are waking folks up. You are no longer in a “stand alone” home where you could do laundry at midnight or dump the trash at 5:00 a.m. This is “communal living.” It works best when people are considerate of others.
- **If you feed the geese, you will be assessed a \$50 charge for each offense. This is in our Rules and Regulations. And please understand you are not helping the geese, you are disturbing their natural foraging instincts.**

Poem...

Acrostic poem about the month of May
May, you have reason to be really proud

Marvelous delicate petals flying in the air
Amazing colorful flowers here and there
Yellow bright sun makes the cold disappear

May, you have reason to be really proud
Among your time, beautiful birds sing so loud
Young children playing games in a big crowd

Most enjoyable month of the long year
Alive are our hearts in this atmosphere
Yes, I do not want you to ever disappear

© 2010 Marinela Reka

Helpful Hints...

- Our very own Mac Dudley came up with the idea for a buddy system on each floor. If you see the newspapers piling up or other signs that your neighbor is not home or not following their usual procedure, please check with the front desk and make sure they really are out of town. You will be providing a safety check for your neighbor.
- When you are ordering out, make sure your restaurant understands that the delivery person may **not** go up the elevator and into the hallways to deliver. They must stay at the front desk and wait for you to retrieve your delivery.

Book Review...

Everyone Brave is Forgiven by Chris Cleave – London, 1939-1942. The Blitz. London's citizens had slim hope of survival, much less victory.

Mary North leaves finishing school the day war is declared and goes straight to the War Office to sign up, already planning her wartime career as a liaison, or an attaché to a general's staff, or perhaps even a spy. When she is assigned as a teacher, she is certain there has been a mistake.

Tom Shaw has decided to give the war a miss, sure that it won't last – the belligerents on both sides will surely pull back from the brink. Since all his colleagues at the Education Authority have left to join the Army, he is given a school district to run. Tom ignores the war as long as possible, until he learns his roommate, Alistair Heath, has enlisted in the Army.

An insightful and heartbreaking novel about three lives entangled during World War II. In those early, difficult days they confront not just privation but shocking and unexpected losses, both at home and on the battlefield. Searing and timeless, this is a powerful portrait of war's effects on those who fight, and those left behind.

May 2017 Edition (Lyn) “Around the House”