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Remodeled Guest Rooms

After months of planning, decision-making and shopping, the Village Interiors Committee is pleased to have the refurbishing of our guest rooms completed.

We had the excellent guidance of our interior designer, Carol Belz. We are thankful to Winnie Beutelspacher for reupholstering the chairs and Jim Beutelspacher for mounting the TV's on the wall. Also, thank you to Dick Pinomaki, Gary McDonald, and Byron Bluse who helped us move the bed frames and mattresses.

Lynn and Gary McDonald keep the rooms clean and ready for occupancy. If extra towels are needed for your guests, they are the contact. To accommodate people with allergies, we decided to use free and clear detergent and no dryer sheets. Our bed pillows are covered with hypo-allergenic pillow covers.

As hosts and members, we are responsible for our guests, including any damage that might occur. A guest room policy is on the dresser.

We hope our GVC members enjoy having their guests use the rooms.

*Ginny Gustafson and Mary Hilgren,
Village Interiors Committee*

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Notes from the GVC Library

The library is celebrating March Women's History Month and the birthday of Dr. Suess who would have been 113 years old on March 2. Please stop by and see our displays featuring three women Supreme Court Justices, Malala Yousafzai, Madeleine Albright, Amelia Earhart, Dian Fossey, Rachael Carlson and other women who have made valuable contributions in all areas of life. We have a very special book, Gift from the Sea by Anne Morrow Lindbergh, in the spinner.

April will be highlighting Minnesota authors available in our library. Favorites such as Vince Flynn, Brian Freeman, John Hassler, William Kent Krueger, Lorna Landvik, Julie Kramer, Garrison Keilor, Al Quie, Sinclair Lewis, Joanne Fluke, Laura Child, LaVyrle Spencer and others. Please stop by to see if your favorite Minnesota author is available.

All books are donated and free for taking, reading and passing on to others. However, please return books when finished to the baskets available by the door to be enjoyed by others.

Please stop by the GVC Library to see what else we can offer you for your interests.

Kathy Engholm, Library Chair

Welcome New Members

Marie Bartholomew – E224

Jack and Marlyss Burch – W116

John and Lucie Levy – W309

Mitch and Therese Rothman – E326

Ray and Madeline Weghorst – W302

Becoming Involved

As a "past" Board Member and President, I know what it feels like to be thrust into a position that may be totally foreign to you. Yes, I worked every day in front of children but they were FIRST GRADERS!!

My first task was to get a book regarding "Robert's Rules of Order." Every meeting was a learning experience, an experience I don't regret because they were all incredible.

One of my goals was to get to know as many members as possible since I had only lived here six months. An experience that came to mind was from a principal who told his staff, "Once you get to know the parents, you better understand the child." Yes, you will face challenges, but it's through these challenges that help you better understand the community you just joined.

Visit as many committees as you can and decide which one best fits your interests. Join friends in the Community Room for coffee. I have never been on a Committee or Board that didn't have some fun. Join and give us a try!

Val Negaard

Stretch Your Mind with OLLI (OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute)

OLLI, an affiliated program of the University of Minnesota College of Continuing Education, is run entirely by volunteers. The membership is comprised of curious older adults who are interested in the world around them.

As an OLLI member, you will have access to a broad range of educational, cultural, social, physical courses, activities and programs. There are many OLLI sites located throughout the Twin Cities and a member can take course(s) at any site. It is hoped that GVC will become an OLLI site.

Gary Hanson, of OLLI, will speak about the program after Coffee with Jeff on Thursday, April 6 at 10:30 am.

Kay Webers, Social Committee Member

Senior Services

- Coborns Delivers – call or order online
763-971-4900
www.cobornsdelivers.com
- Lunds & Byerly's online grocery shopping.
Delivered to door for \$9.95.
- Meals on Wheels
Call 651-604-3524
- Metro Mobility
Call 651-602-1111 for rides
- Roseville Seniors Transportation Program
Rides given by volunteers
Call 651-604-3535 for rides and suggested donation
- Senior LinkAge Line
800-333-2433
- Serving Seniors United Hospital
For free parking, call 651-241-8787
- Shuttle Bug Bus Service – Roseville Area
Call 651-604-3535 for rides. \$3.00 each way
- Store to Door Groceries from Cub
Twice a month; there is a delivery charge based on ability to pay,
call 651-642-1892

Byron and Georgi Bluse

After years of “mobility,” Byron and Georgi Bluse, now readily agree that they feel “planted” for good here at Greenhouse Village – not only planted, but eager to grow from these new roots into an active part of the Greenhouse community.

The shop is a favorite spot for Byron, and he is looking forward to using his skills as part of the Building Committee. He also quietly says that the yard and gardens of the many homes they have owned has been his domain and pride and joy, so he hopes to take an active role in gardening and grounds activities. His watch word seems to be “whatever I can do to help.”

Georgi, who was born on George Washington's birthday, was named after the first president by the doctor who said to her mother, “Well, you didn't get your George, but you have a Georgi.” Like her namesake, Georgi is willing to step up to help in any way she can. Although the Bluse's have been here just a short time, she organized our first ever St. Patrick's Day Potluck dinner! Beyond that, we can look forward to more new ideas and involvement.

Life for Byron and Georgi began in northern Wisconsin where they grew up, met and married 59 years ago. Since their Ashland days, they have moved many times – usually for job changes or for family needs and opportunities. Staying close to their three children and grandchildren continues to be a priority for this close-knit family of “born huggers.”

Whether you need a hug or just conversation, these new neighbors of ours would like to meet and greet you sometime soon.

Bev Liebenstein



Coffee with Jeff - March 2, 2017

- The refurbishing of the guest rooms is completed and the Interiors Committee did a great job. You are encouraged to “take a peek” when they are not in use.
- The Comcast installation of our new services will take several months (probably at least two), but they have started.
- Our annual election will take place in April. Two Board members’ terms are expiring so consider running for a position. New committees will be formed as well. Sign-up sheets are ready and will be available at meetings between now and the annual meeting on April 20.
- Jeff encouraged committee membership. Committees keep GVC running and volunteers doing tasks saves us money.
- A St. Patrick’s Day pot luck was announced for Friday, March 17 at 5:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.
- The presentation by OLLI has been postponed until the April 6 Coffee with Jeff.

Barbara Conklin

Board Meeting Highlights - March 16, 2017

Housing Manager’s Report: Jeff Welle - 16 tours, 17 phone calls, 6 Internet and 22 on wait list.

- One unit is for sale.
- Comcast update: the outage we experienced was due to a problem at the corner of Larpenteur and Lexington, not our upgrade.

Building Committee: Barbara Conklin reported

- Installation of guards for the sprinkler heads in unit closets
- Cleaning of dryer vents
- Changing furnace filters

Social Committee: Margaret Kuhfeld reported

- Thank you to Georgi Bluse for organizing the St. Patrick’s Day potluck.
- Watch for information on the Safe Driver class on April 27. Dick Pinomaki will be teaching this course.

Marketing Committee: Val Negaard reported

- New member reception will be in April.
- Hope the new picture directory will be completed by May.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Approve membership for Marlyss and Jack Burch; Marie Bartholomew. Motion carried.
- Rescind Dorothy Holmgren’s membership due to health issues. Motion carried

Next Board Meeting and Annual Meeting: Thursday, April 20, at 10:30 am

Merry Christensen, Secretary