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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I myself can't believe that we are getting into the fall season. The weather this year has been something to remember. The big old snow falls and the heavy rains from the spring and early summer.

This part of the President letter is more important than my gibberish. There have been a number of residents asking if I would pass along their Thank You.

I will start with a Thank You to Ron Lostetter for his persistence in putting together another Celebration Picnic. We now have the official name for this celebration. There were 30+ entries and Sue Marking came up with the perfect name "Perseverance Celebration".

Speaking of the Celebration it turned out so well. It did take a village to have such success. Karen Oehrlein had the idea for the large banner that is hanging over the fire place. Tom Huss previous owner of the Plaza Bar, downtown Madison, was kind enough to serve us the, famous Plaza Burger. The menu turned out to be a committee effort, we had the brats, potato salad, baked bean and the rest just fell into place.

Once everyone was fed, we needed some entertainment. Thanks to David and Dianne Schults who suggested a group they had heard. I contacted The Acoustic Collective Group and made the arrangements for our Celebration. They were very accommodating with the delays in our timing. They had a good play list and it was very entertaining. Seeing Jack Marking wasn't there, Mary Scholidon 100 years of age had to fill in for him. Jack, you have competition.

Hank Ruff asked if I would post a Big Thank You for all the friends at OV who reached out with cards, food, flowers and phone calls to he and Polly while she was in the hospital and at Hospice. Polly passed away August 16th her two daughters, Lisa from Texas and Amy from Idaho who spent the last few weeks with Polly before she passed.

There was another Thank You from David & Dianne Schultz to the committee for a great evening. The residents really seemed to enjoy visiting and catching up on what's been happening. The men were doing a great job working the grill making sure everyone got what they ordered hot off the grill. All the side dishes were made by the ladies and gents on the committee. We can't forget the special Plaza Sauce. We know the evening took a lot of time and work.

Mary Scholidon, asked if I would give a Thank You for all the people that have been so kind. She loves being able to join in the activities. People were there to give her the assistance to get around. She was the only one with the help of Tom Huss on the dance floor that night.

Sue Stang, President

More Kudo's about the Celebration

It was nice to have some of residents bring guests to the Celebration. Tom Huss's daughter, Shanon, and grandson, Chace, worked endlessly all day and during the party. Karen Oehrlein's aunt Chris helped Karen with the many projects she had going. Linda Soltwedel's friend Mary joined her for the celebration. It was also great to have some of our newer residents join us. Mike and Pat Hahn, Joe and Peggy Bertone, Linda Soltwedel and Sue Eckert.

Hank was asked to speak for five to seven minutes and he did pretty good. He was able to do it in eleven minutes. He was able explain why we have the celebration in August. Hank had their kids join him for the evening activities. I'm sure it was hard for all of them seeing that Polly had passed the night before. I know Hank wanted to tell the story in as few words as possible, as to what happened during the transition and how we became Olympic Village Inc. It was very important that he mention how Polly was his Hero through all that time. She took endless calls, messages, taught him how to have virtual meeting on the computer and most likely helped write what he was dictating to send e-mails.

I'm sure, everyone who lives here in Olympic Village would like to thank the members of the Transition Committee. Hank Ruff President, Tom Huss VP, Nancy Veenendaal Secretary and Mike Mullens Treasurer were the original committee members. Mike left the Committee early, and Ron Lostetter became the 4th member as Treasurer. I can't imagine the hours and most likely some sleepless nights with so many things that needed to be done to keep us here in our homes with only a \$300.00 out of pocket expense for each unit.

Also, a special Thank You to the spouses, Dave Veenendaal, Sharon Lostetter and the two beautiful ladies who have passed, Carol Huss and Polly Ruff. There were a number of family members of the committee who helped OV in this whole process.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

4th	Karen Kepper
5th	Jeff Froh
9th	Arthur Eggert
19th	Tom Huss
20th	Dick Wagner



Residents Corner

I want to send hugs and best wishes to four of our residents, and wish them a speedy recovery. Marty Kepper has been putting up a good fight for many weeks with treatment for his cancer. Jerry Cap was in the hospital for ten days and now home for two to three weeks trying to regain his strength back after getting Sepsis after a medical procedure. Dick Rimrodt is home recovering from surgery. All these men are so lucky to have such loving caring wives. Remember guys, "What's behind a good Man is a loving and supportive wife."

You may not know that Barb Klintman had a real nasty fall days before the celebration party. I hear she really messed up her shoulder. She has been spending time at her daughter Carry Hoppman's home. Barb, we all are wishing you a very speedy recovery.

I'm sad I want not able to thank Polly Ruff for the years as our Sun Shine Lady. If you are interested in this position, please let me know. This is not an elective position and is available right now. All the stamps and cards are furnished by the OV Association.

Landscape Committee

The report was really positive on the progress that has been made this summer. The area where a tree needed to be removed between 986 and 988 will be repaired and the cement work there and at some other areas, should be done by the end of August

There was an area that where water drainage was poor to none and was becoming a real problem. The lawn was regraded so the water runs away from building into the road.

If you noticed, the flowering apple trees have dropped most of their leaves. This is due to a fungus they got from too much rain this spring and early summer. Once they go through winter they should OK next spring.

The ponds and how they look are always on the agenda. There is no easy answer to fixing this. They get the chemicals that are recommended with some success. I went by a city retention pond the other day with ducks enjoying it. The bellies of the ducks sitting around the pod were green. It doesn't make it any better, but I guess our ponds are in better shape than some. I haven't seen green bellies on our duckies.

September Activities

We are holding a sale of the extra dishes and glasses from the OV cupboards. These are commercial dishes, plates, saucers, cups, glasses, and wine glasses that were furnished when the Club House was built. A number of our ladies boxed up these dishes and glasses after determining what we needed to keep. The sale will be on Saturday, September 7th from 10am to 1pm only.

Once the sale is over, whatever is left will be donated to DAIS (Domestic Abuse Intervention Services.) This service is 24/7 for anyone going through a situation of domestic abuse and need help. DAIS in Madison creates a safe shelter with 56 beds for women or men or a parent with

their children that have been involved in Domestic Abuse. They also are there to help find a more permanent and safer living arrangement for some their clients. Some of these people arrive with only the clothes on their backs. If they going out to get permanent housing, DAIS has a small warehouse to help them setup housekeeping if that is what they need. DAIS has so many different services for their clients.

October Activities

October 3rd Foot Care Clinic If questions, please call Jane Miller 608 318-0856.

October is the time to elect new officers. We need some folks to come forward. Not only do we have the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer but also the President position.

Please, to keep the Association in place, we need four residents to come forward to fill these positions.

If you need more information regarding any one of the these positions, please contact the officers that presently hold the position: myself President, 608 335-3812, Secretary Dianne Schultz 608-318-1778, Vice President Mary Davidson 608-837-4924 and Treasurer, David Peterson 608-480-9570.

I , Sue Stang, will be resigning at the end of the year. It was difficult decision to make and I have thought long and hard. I have met so many of our residents just by being in the different positions I've held over the years. I was here less than a year when I was asked to be Chair of the Social Committee. Like new residents. Bill and I hadn't attended many things so I begged Carolyn Riley to Co- Chair with me. Carolyn was like the 2nd or 3rd person to move into the Village and I figured she knew everything, and she does. That was 2017, 3 years before COVID in 2020 put a halt on the Associations large group activities from February 2020 until August 2021. August 2021 was when we had the first Independence Celebration. Things were very plain but the menu was pretty much the same. We didn't need much. We were just happy to see each other again and to be together.

I was VP from January 2022 to January 2024. I filled in for Tom Huss who was going through some tough times with his wife Carol illness and passing in the summer of 2023.

I completed the New Residents Folder by the end of 2023. I believe this was something missing for all the new residents moving in. We are always trying to encourage our new residents to join the activities, and now they have a brief description of what happens if they decide to do so. It was a good ride and I want to thank you all for the help and assistance I received during this time. Now it's the great friendship I will enjoy without asking for help. I feel I have run out of steam and am now having more issues with my eyes, and I plan to have Surgery on 2 more joints. I'm looking forward to my future here in Olympic Village and to sit back and enjoy everything OV has to offer.