

# GRAND HAVEN OUR COMMUNITY

December 2008



Happy Holidays



**'Tis the most wonderful time of the year!**

May the holidays find you in good health with serendipity just around the bend. The joy of this season never ends when we are blessed with family and friends.

## **The Fountain:**

The fountain along Pineda Causeway Extension makes a nice Impression for those entering Grand Haven. Hopefully, motorists will be cognizant this is a thriving Community as well as a convenient drive to I-95.

Consideration must be foremost for families living here. We are so fortunate to have an active community with children at play, walkers, joggers, bicyclists, and wildlife around us, but all must be protected. Please drive cautiously.



## **Children's Corner – For Young Readers:**

### **A Mystery to Solve**

Three men went to a hotel to get a room for the night. The room cost \$30.00. To divide the cost evenly, each man paid the desk clerk \$10.00.

The clerk later discovered the room only cost \$25.00 and asked the bellboy to return \$5.00 to the men in room 222. On his way upstairs, the bellboy decided the men would have a hard time dividing \$5.00 three ways, so he gave himself a \$2.00 tip and returned \$1.00 to each man.

To summarize: Each man paid \$9.00 for the room, making their total bill \$27.00. The bellboy kept a \$2.00 tip – making a total of \$29.00. What happened to the other dollar?

### **Consonants and Vowels**

1) Can you make a word out of the following?

**SSNEESPLLSSEE**

2) What creature has two hearts? Unscramble the following to find out.

**ELE**

3) Who uses the saying "Roaring Forties?" Unscramble the following to find out.

**SORSLIA**

Interesting note on "Roaring Forties" is found at the end of this Newsletter along with the answers to Consonants and Vowels and A Mystery to Solve.

### **Ma Ma's Words of Wisdom**

- 1) Life must be lived in order to be experienced.
- 2) From challenge, courage and love – we gain understanding.
- 3) Poise and relaxation are the key elements necessary to absorb wisdom.

## Helpful Hints:

**To easily clean your microwave oven**, place 1 cup of water and 2 tablespoons of lemon juice (or baking soda), in a bowl and place in the microwave. Heat on high until the mixture boils, then let it boil for 5 minutes so that steam accumulates on the walls and door of the microwave oven. Remove the bowl and wipe down the interior.

Mary Alice Warren, Waco, Texas

## Fruits and Veggie Wash, compliments of National Health Review Vol 3.

Rinsing fruits and veggies in tap water usually isn't enough to remove harmful pesticide residue. Try this easy and natural wash to help do the job.

2 cups of water

1 tbsp baking powder

3 or 4 drops grapefruit seed extract (available at health food stores).

- 1) Mix the contents
- 2) Place into a spray bottle
- 3) Spray on fruits and veggies – leave for 5 minutes
- 4) Rinse

Source: [www.gorgeouslygreen.com](http://www.gorgeouslygreen.com)

## Thought for the Day

Yesterday is gone, Today is the present, and Tomorrow isn't here yet. Therefore, be neither concerned over Yesterday nor worried about Tomorrow for either one will rob you of your present – the “gift” of Today.



## Share a Favorite Recipe

### Crunchy Broccoli Salad

2 bunches of fresh broccoli (use florets only)

1 bunch of scallions (sliced)

1 cup of raisins

1 cup salted dry roasted peanuts

½ pound package sliced bacon

1 cup of mayonnaise. Stir 1 tbsp. white vinegar into the mayonnais.

Cook bacon until crisp and crumble into small pieces. Set aside. In a large bowl, mix broccoli florets, scallions, raisins, bacon and mayonnaise. Toss well. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Remove. Add peanuts, salt and pepper to taste and toss before serving.

## Emergency Alert

**Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately** to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. A person never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell him an application for credit was made over the internet in his name. The alert means any company who checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

Here are the numbers you always need to contact if your wallet is stolen or the contents are missing:

- 1) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- 2) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
- 3) Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289
- 4) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271

**Do not sign the back of your credit cards.**

Instead, put **“PHOTO ID REQUIRED.”**

**When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts**, do not put the complete account number on the “FOR” line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the numbers, and anyone handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won’t have access to it.

(Note: It is best to be aware and take precautions before things happen.)

**Be aware** there are unmarked cars with men dressed as policemen having a flashing light on top of their vehicles hoping you will stop. Immediately dial \*77 (star 77) on your cell phone. You will be talking with someone at the nearest Police Station. Ask if they have unmarked police cars in the area you are in. If not, the station will send out an alert and the vehicle in back of you will soon have an entourage of police cars after it. Never stop your car. Keep driving.

## Announcements

1) **Computer Hardware/Software Support** - Bob Schild is a retiree and former Computer Programmer. He is willing to help our community by giving free computer software and limited hardware assistance to those within Grand Haven. He may be reached by calling (321) 259-8910.

2) **Knitting and Crocheting Lessons** - Laura is interested in giving knitting and crocheting lessons for a good cause called **Heavenly Angels in Need**. We need people who can sew, paint small projects, etc. Please contact Barry and Laura for more information via Email at [CentralFloridaAngels@cfl.rr.com](mailto:CentralFloridaAngels@cfl.rr.com)

3) **Trash Containers** - Many of your neighbors have expressed concern over discards placed in the street or trash blown there or into other yards by the wind. A child was almost hit recently and in another instance a head-on collision was narrowly avoided due to this debris. At a minimum this is an eyesore that degrades our community and worse yet, could become an accident. Please don't place your trash in the street and don't place plastic bags containing meat leftovers outside your covered garbage container as the buzzards peck through the bag. Do secure the lid to your garbage container so the wind doesn't blow your trash into your or your neighbor's yard.

Brevard County Regulation Sec. 94-47

"In no event shall solid waste or solid waste receptacles be placed at the collection point before noon on the day prior to the regular collection day; and receptacles shall be removed from the collection point by noon on the day after the collection day."

Grand Haven CC&R's Exhibit F – Rules and Regulations

No garbage cans, supplies or other articles shall be placed on the exterior portions of any dwelling unit

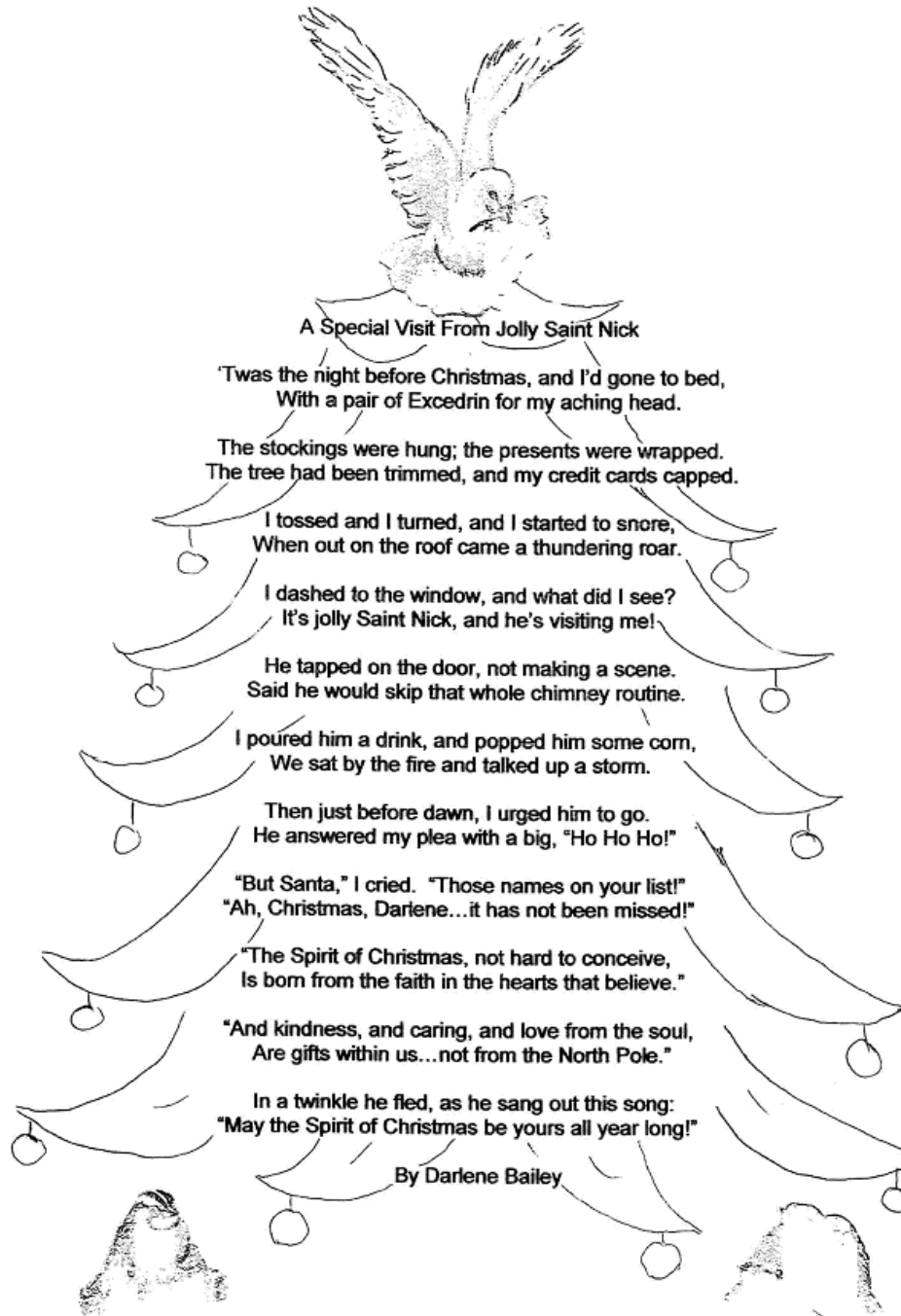
4) **Dog Owner's Awareness** - Neighbors have expressed concern over unleashed dogs that upset trashcans looking for a snack. Unleashed dogs have also been reported for attacking Sandhill Cranes and using other people's lawns to deposit feces. Those who walk their pets are required to bag feces your pets leave on neighbor's lawns. Being thoughtful and courteous goes a long way.

5) **This Is Your Newsletter** - Please let us know what you want in it. Pearl will receive all your suggestions via Email: Just contact [www.grandhavenhoa.org](http://www.grandhavenhoa.org) Have the Subject Line read, **News By Your Requests**. Thank you.



## POEMS

**A Mother's love is the life preserver that sustains us in the stormy seas of civilization:**



## **GLASS FACES**

Though they are grown and far away,  
I washed their faces again today.  
And I mused, as I stood by the windowsill  
thank Heaven, I can wash them still.  
Glass faces they are, upon the shelf,  
each an extension, a part of myself.  
Framed faces they are, with frozen smiles,  
but I can look off over years and miles  
and vision the dirt and tear-streaked cheeks  
of each little face that my heart now seeks.  
Faces so warm and soft they were,  
seen now through my own tears blur.  
Glass faces over garments clean and new,  
captured forever in fine review.  
Wash them gently, old woman, and  
arrange them with care.  
And say for each one a swift silent prayer,  
“Keep the smiles in their eyes, though  
they may not be near  
while I still wash their faces and  
pretend they are here.”

(Anonymous)

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Take one day at a time.

“Hope is an adventure, a going  
forward – a confident search  
for a rewarding life.”

(Karl Menninger)

“If we growl all day, we will be  
dog tired all night.”

(Anonymous)

When you need a respite  
from chores, take a walk  
outside and observe the  
clouds. This not only will  
refresh your mind, but it  
will relax you as well.

(Angelo Battistelli)

A problem well stated is a  
problem half solved.

(Charles Kettering)

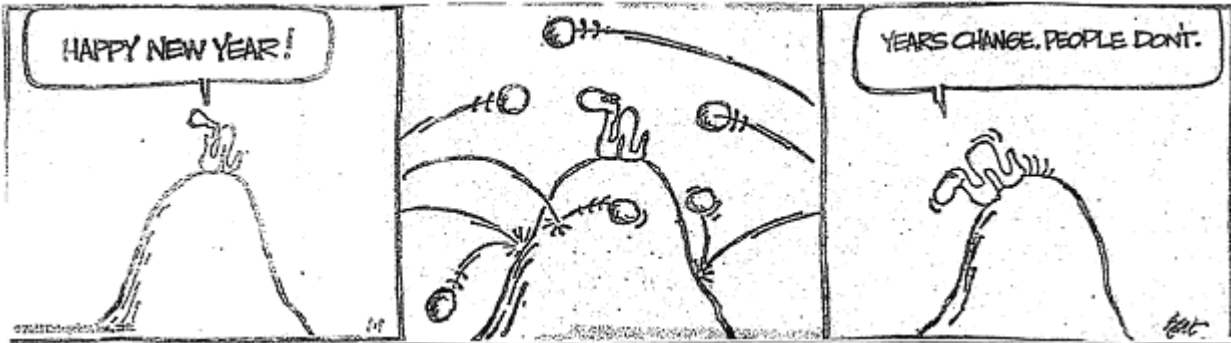
## **Notes**

1) Email messages regarding the August issue of Our Community Newsletter were encouraging and positive. We appreciate your kind words and express our sincere thanks. It is refreshing to hear the Newsletter is well received for much is required behind the scenes in the planning, preparation and mailing of it.

2) Response to the Minnie and Pearl Pantry was nil. It is most unfortunate it failed.

## Happy New Year

We wish all of you – the best in 2009. May the year ahead kindle a glow of hope and peace. The way will be difficult. However, we do survive all happenings and become better people for the experience.



Where this comic strip (BC by Terry), may be true to some degree, let us hope the heartless will change with the years.

So, without further ado, I'm Minnie. Hello there, I'm Pearl. Together, we will do our best to keep your Newsletter interesting and informative.

Until next time – bye, bye

\* Note on "Roaring Forties."

Roaring Forties is a popular nautical term originally applied to an ocean zone in the Southern Hemisphere between the fortieth and fiftieth latitude. This region is notorious among seamen for heavy winds, stormy weather and rough seas.

Little wonder **sailors** call this – the "**Roaring Forties.**"

Answers: 1) Sleeplessness, 2) eel, 3) sailors.

As for A Mystery to Solve: It is a "ploy," meaning a clever maneuver with words.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

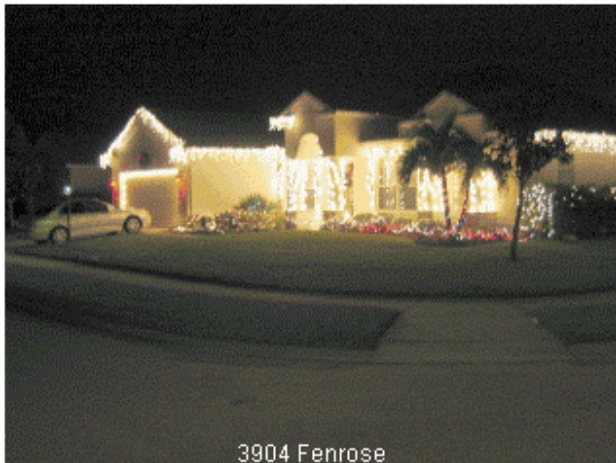
Judging of the annual Grand Haven Christmas decoration contest was done Saturday and Sunday December 13 and 14. The winners in each neighborhood are shown below. Grand Haven's Grand Prize was won by Ron and Denise Catti, 4538 Chastain Drive. They topped their display with Santa and his reindeer, obviously led by Rudolf, landing on their roof while they filled the air with Christmas Carols and holiday music.



3387 Peninsula



3761 Fringetree



3904 Fenrose



4367 Four Lakes



4538 Chastain



5115 Ivory