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The Logo

Hope you like the "new look" of Tower Talk! Diana Beck, MSI, found the three tower logo in a box of old American Plaza office supplies and Marge Allen, APCA Chairperson said "Let's use it!" They copied the letter style of the American Plaza sign at First and Lincoln and did some cut and paste lay-out work so now you will be getting my usual neighbor type babble and a picture of the neighborhood to boot!

Happenings

The coffee, January 10th, that was held in the Recreation Room was a huge success and well attended. Our hostesses, Marge Allen and Grace Brown, greeted all with a friendly smile, and with the help of name tags, we all enjoyed meeting old and new friends.

The room was warm and friendly -- a fire "crackled" and the sunshine streamed in the window. Warm cookies and donut holes were consumed happily, and all too soon it was time to leave. Future coffees will be held the first Thursday of each month, as before. So be sure to circle February 7th and plan to attend from 10:00 A.M. to Noon. The hostesses that day will be Virginia Jensen and Hazel Friar. Another nice thing about the new arrangement is that all that is required of the two volunteer hostesses is to greet people. The Association takes care of everything else -- Great eh?

A brand new resident (moved in the day before) of Madison Tower attended, possibly to get away from all those boxes we've all faced, but how nice she wanted to meet people in her new "neighborhood." Also attending was another new resident (since Thanksgiving) from Madison and also eager to meet the "neighbors". One brave gentleman appeared to a round of applause! He said he heard "yak,yak,yak" way down the hall! Hope more gentlemen will attend -- everyone is welcome. Please attend February 7th.

We thank you, Marge and Grace, for a nice new start in 1985.

Board Candidates

The Nominating Committee is presently soliciting candidates for the three Board of Directors positions that will become vacant this April. If you are interested in serving the Association as a Board member or would like to recommend a unit owner for one of the positions, submit a Candidate Interest Form by February 15, 1985.

Interested unit owners may obtain an informational packet from the management office by calling 222-7243. The packet will include information on the Board of Directors Responsibilities, Procedures for Selection of Candidates and a Candidates Interest Form. There are also copies of the forms on the bulletin boards in each mailroom.

If you should need additional information, feel free to contact Manager Stephens or one of the Nominating Committee Members:

Jeannine Cowles (Chairperson) - Grant
Ruth Josslin - Madison
Robert Malmstrom - Grant
Ruth S. Press - Lincoln
Felice Gandy Vorst - Lincoln

The Winners

The Garage Lottery was held January 22, 1985, at 5:00 P.M. The following units were drawn:

Madison G44 (Sp. # 158, Grant 2B)
Grant 321 (Sp. # 14, Grant 1B)
Madison 2042 (Sp. # 157, Grant 1B)
Lincoln 505 (Sp. #18, Grant 1B)
Madison 444 (Sp. #20, Grant 3B)
Madison G42 (Sp. #417, Madison 2B)

Last Call

This is your last chance to claim any items you may have stored in the electrical riser room, on your floor, or outside your individual storage locker. An inventory of unclaimed items will be submitted to the Board of Directors at the January Board meeting for disposition on February 18, 1985. To claim it call 222-7243.



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Observations: I found a new service — and close by. I put notices in each mailroom, but will repeat it here, as it's great, and I know you keep and file all your newsletters should you miss the mailroom notice! It's called "Mail'N Office" and is located at 2718 Southwest Kelly (241-4260).

They provide UPS, Greyhound and Air Cal mail and package pickup at their location. They also have a forwarding and message service, typing and word processing, as well as gift wrapping and packaging — hmmm — wonder if they do windows? Anyway, sure beats a drive to Swan Island or the Airport, not to mention a wait in line at the Post Office.

So turn left on Arthur and drive about a block straight under the overpass, and then left across from Zapata's. I suggest that you do not try the left hand turn off Arthur during heavy traffic time, but in between it's sure handy.

Elevator Notices: Anyone know how to reach the A-Team or Ghost Breakers? Seems there's someone in Grant Tower (hopefully no other) that tears down the notices in the elevators — isn't that ridiculous? Selfish, too, as the messages are for all of us, and of importance to us all.

The notice regarding the elevator repairs for November 30th in Grant and Madison Tower, disappeared from the Grant elevators several days before that date. Nice going, whoever you are — doesn't it occur to you that the rest of us needed to know that elevators would be out of service and the current off for that time? Also the advice

of leaving small appliances off until after service was restored was important to all.

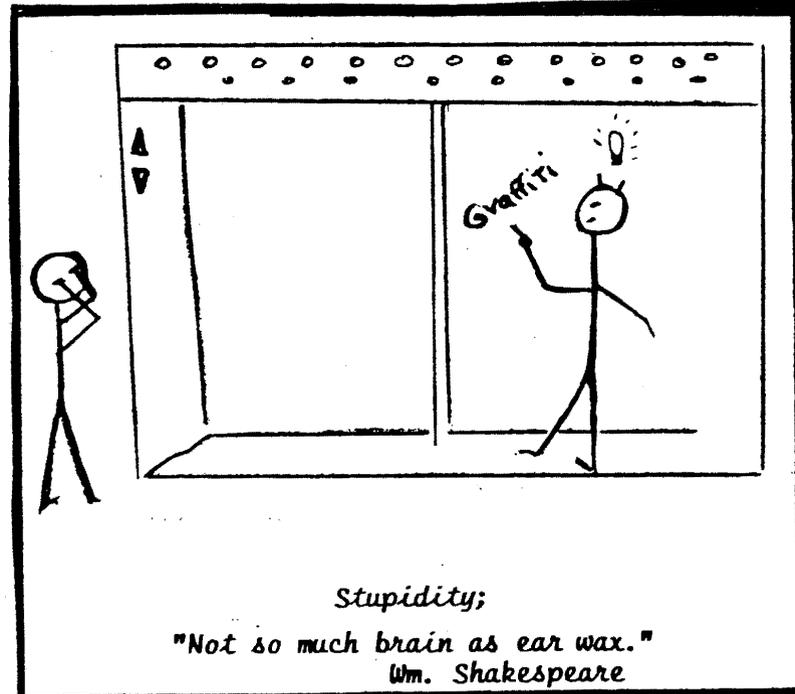
If you have a "thing" about messages, don't read them, but at least give everyone else the choice of being informed. Scribbled and cutsey comments on the notices are one thing, but childish vandalism is most annoying and resented by all! Knock it off — PLEASE!!

Lest We Forget: Should you find your keys missing, PLEASE call security (222-7243). Or if you find keys dangling in a mailbox, again call security. It is most important that these keys to mailboxes, the building and individual units be returned to the proper people soon.

Isn't it too bad that negative is expressed more often than positive? We all will notice and comment on the strange peeling wallpaper in the Recreation room, but have we noticed the nice clean paint on the walls in the halls, etc? We all know the peeling wallpaper will be corrected, eventually, but in the meantime let's take pride in the positive — clean, fresh paint, manicured "yard" and our continuing upswing.

I could quote from our "big book" the proper and applicable reference to garbage but decided to put it more simply — For Pete Sakes — wrap and tie raw garbage in plastic bags before dropping it down the chute!! Too often there are gooey remnants stuck in the chutes. A health hazard, messy and eventually costly when the chutes have to be power cleaned. An investment of plastic bags, twist ties and a little consideration seems a small price to pay for being a good neighbor.

Better Late Than Never: May I speak for all of us to say many thanks for our Christmas lights on the parking and entrance grounds and for the decorated trees in the lobbies?



Stupidity;

*"Not so much brain as ear wax."
Wm. Shakespeare*

If "yes", I did it. If "no", tough -- I did it anyway!!

Towers and Trowels: Hopefully the February, or at the latest the March, newsletter will have definite information regarding a garden club, or at least a date of a get-together with Mr. Trachtenberg. Time is needed to set up a convenient time for him, place of meeting (probably the Recreation room) and to notify residents in time for their participation. I hope no one expects "deck calls", as that would be taking unfair advantage of Mr. Trachtenberg. It's enough that he is willing to share his knowledge at a "meeting" and/or in the newsletter, and I'm sure we are all grateful. Will let you know as soon as we have a day and time -- so keep reading your newsletter!!

J. Fischer, Editor

From Jeff Smith - Our Postman: A new year and a welcome change. After a year of long work days, the Postal Service has seen fit to make some changes in my deliveries. You've grown. The towers almost qualify as a complete mail route. On the 14th of January, I had my route reduced by the removal of one eleven story office building and several other stops. About 45 business deliveries in all. It's down to the three towers, a few surrounding office buildings and the shopping center, next door. The only thing that could make me happier, would be larger mailboxes at the Grant and Lincoln Towers.

If you know any good junk-mail jokes, I don't want to hear them! The forecast for 1985 is a 20-30% increase in mailorder advertising. Last year's Junk Mail Recipient of the Year Award goes to your editor's family, the Fischers in the Grant Tower. The runners up are too many to mention.

The real news here is the postage rate increase. I'm sure you've heard about it. The date is February 17th. First Class will then be 22¢ for up to one ounce. Additional ounces will remain at 17¢. International rates will be unchanged at 40¢ per half ounce. And, yes, the rates are also going up for business and bulk mailers. By the time this newsletter is out, I should have the new 22 cent stamps. I will try to carry a stock of them and the 2 cent stamps for availability to the towers. Catch me during delivery or leave me a message, preferably in your box! Some items left on the counter for the last month disappeared. I'm sure the media will not let you forget the date of the postage increase -- slamming the Postal Service is such great sport for them. See you at the mailboxes -- probably at a new earlier time."

MANAGER'S NOTES by David Stephens

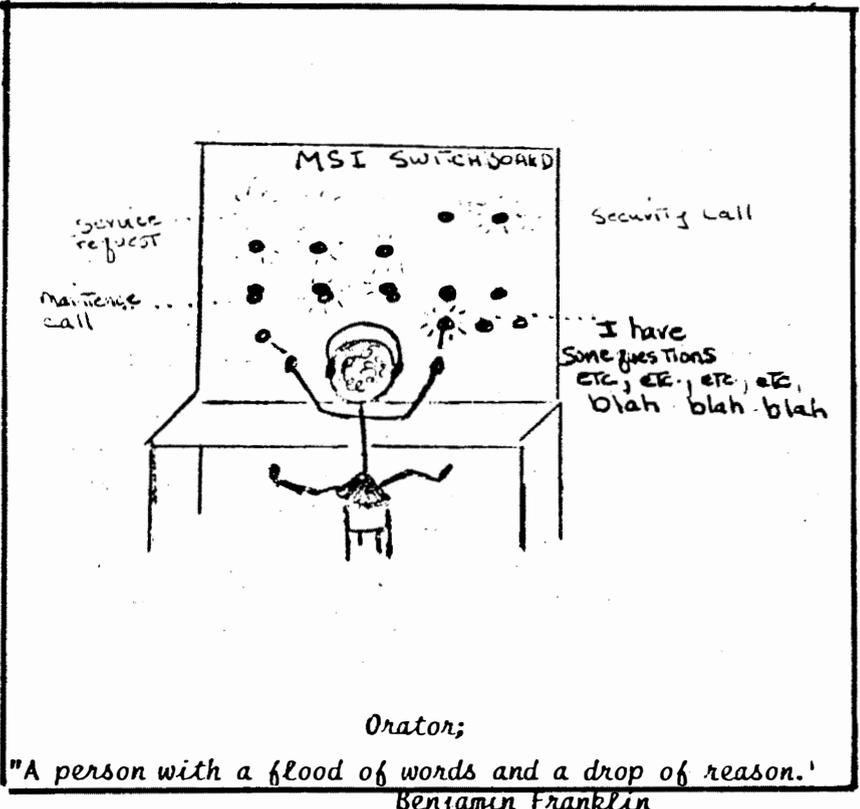
We're off on a brand-new year, and I hope it will prove to be a happy and prosperous one for all of you. I am really excited about the future of the American Plaza Condominium Association and happy to be a part of it.

MSI's service to you will continue to improve as the staff becomes more and more knowledgeable about this facility and your needs. Any suggestions or new ideas you have to help us improve the quality of life here are very welcome. Additionally, if you find reason to question or complain about something, please do not hesitate. Call 222-7243.

Please do use the telephone. A good idea passed on to staff while they are busy with their tasks may make it through the chain to me, but at the end of a long and busy day it could also be forgotten. The sure way to get your message through is to call the office (222-7243). American Plaza is a big complex and we cannot be everywhere at once, so your input can help us to help you have a better home... and that is what we are here for!

A reminder to all residents planning parties, dinners, etc., that will include ten or more guests, to notify the office (222-7243), between 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. When notified, and if needed, they can make arrangements for additional guest parking in the Boy Scout and/or Red Lion parking lots. Security will also be notified so they may assist any "lost guests."

Unit owner's coupon payment books for 1985 fees, plus copies of the 1985 Budget have been mailed. If you have not received your booklet, please contact Ming Taylor, MSI Accounting Supervisor, at 222-7243.



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