

tower talk

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Towers and Trowels

Hooray!! We have a date and time for the Garden Club!! Circle your calendar for Thursday, March 14th, at 10:00 A.M. in the Recreation room. Mr. Trachtenberg will meet interested residents for a "get acquainted" session and to get an idea of what direction we want our club to go. So by the April meeting, hopefully, Spring will be that much nearer and we can get a head start on planning our deck gardening.

In the meantime, Mr. Trachtenberg suggests keeping your plants "warm and cozy" and that we should not forget to water all shrubs. The rain that goes by the decks, does just what we need, and the few drops that blow in do not water the shrubs sufficiently.

He also suggests while we are waiting, to look at some of the garden catalogs — they are full of wonderful things and surely will start the mouth watering and the adrenalin flowing! Hope to see a good turnout on the 14th.

Observations

Have you noticed the weather stripping on the lobby and garage level doors? It really helps the temperature of these areas and it's noticeably warmer.

The painting in the halls and storage areas continues and is a joy to behold.

Also, did you notice how quickly we had a path available during our recent snow? Seems only minutes after the flakes started sticking that one of our MSI staff was braving the elements and assuring us of safe passage, not to mention cleaning up after — super!

Lest We Forget

I would like to reinforce Joan Larson's newsletter from the Madison — There have been reports of dog messes in the B2 and B3 garage levels as well as hallways. This is NOT a dog walking area. If, en route to your car, your dog goofs, at least have the good neighbor manners to clean up. Surely no one expects the staff to clean up after

our pets — they have enough to do keeping things clean for the two legged residents! The good neighbor policy should also apply to the outside parking area and immediate grounds. As a former dog owner, I know it's awkward to tend to our pet's needs in a high rise situation, but please be considerate of others and keep "man's best friend's image intact and also deter stern reinforcement of rules that may be necessary soon. Please read the Management's column for more technical clout on the subject.

Moving right along — do make sure guests, help or service people don't throw anything over the balconies. I'm directing this at outsiders as I can't imagine a resident doing such a thing, but it has happened in all three towers. Objects don't go straight down which is bad enough, but can blow or float onto your neighbor's decks or windowsills — dangerous if it's a lighted cigarette, messy if it's anything else. Isn't it just as easy to take "it" inside to a proper receptacle, as to do a flip into the wild blue yonder? There are said receptacles designed for outside patio use too!!

One more no-no for this column ... this month! Smoking in the elevators — although we are all aware the air in the elevators is brisk at times, there is not a ventilation system to cope with concentrated smoke and it is offensive. So please put it out before entering, or wait until exit point to light up — OK? Remind any guests of the above — tactfully, of course!

Caring and Sharing

Mr. Jack Robertson called to mention the availability of a lady for fantastic home health care. She is willing to live-in as well as do day care. She prefers the one-on-one care to assure the best care and attention. If you have a need for such select help, call Jack or Odette Robertson (227-0683) and they can give you further information and references. Although I hope no one is tempted to take scissors to the newsletter, you might want to cut out the above for future reference.



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Caring and Sharing (cont.)

Hopefully, no one will need health care, but it sure is nice to have the name of someone this highly recommended, should the need arise.

The Boy Scout headquarters parking lot has been used several times for off-hour parking by our residents when there have been extra guests. This has helped management and residents maintain adequate parking on our lot by taking the overflow, and it would be a nice gesture to say "thank you" in the form of a note and/or donation — agreed? Their address is:

Boy Scouts of America
2145 SW Front
Portland, OR 97201
Attn: Dyna Myte

You could also direct this kind and generous thought to the management, and they will deliver it for you. Remember this good neighbor service is available anytime, but be sure to call management at least 48 hours in advance, so they can arrange it for you.

On the other side of our towers the Red Lion has their monthly menus and news available in the mailroom. In their last printing they announced their offer of a van service to the Performing Arts Center and the Civic Auditorium. They will make two runs, if necessary, at 7:30 P.M. and 7:45 P.M. You should call for reservations: 221-0450, ext. 426 or 430 and Mr. Fery will take your reservation. They will also pick you up for dinner and see that you get home. Great eh? What nice neighbors we have.

Happenings

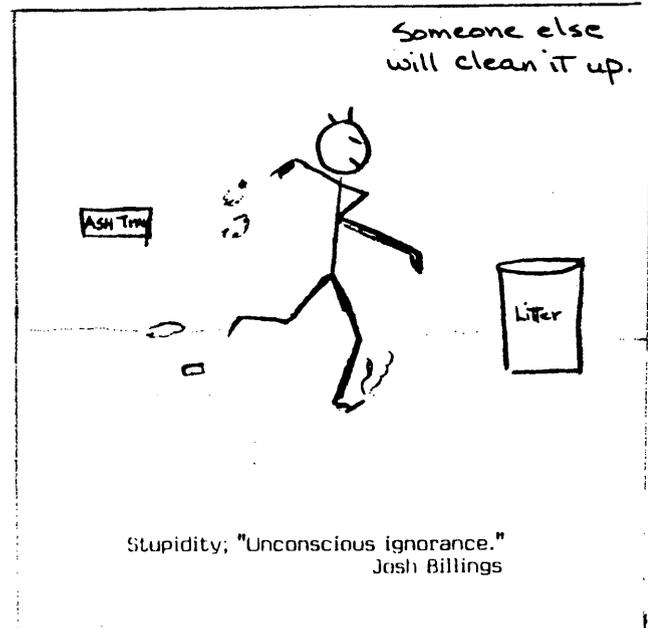
The February 7th coffee was well attended and delightful with several ladies appearing in attractive red outfits with Valentine's Day in mind. The hot coffee and fireplace "fire" were especially appreciated, as we all noted the large cotton ball size snowflakes falling during the coffee hour. Really pretty, but a note of anxiety filled the room as those with driving plans wondered what to expect.

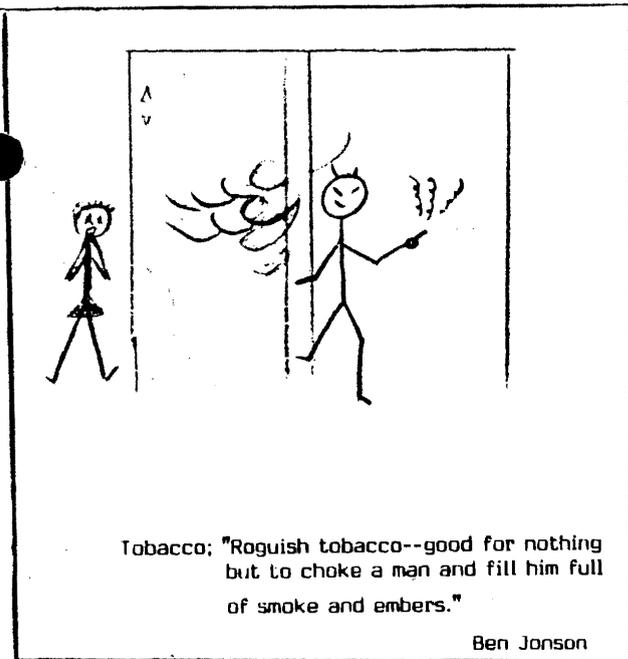
Don't think coffees don't produce great things — Barbara Ray managed to get a commitment from Byron and Frances Adams to arrange the summer party and Marget Tabler volunteered to do some photography for that event!

Hostesses for the next coffee, March 7th, will be Kay Dillard and Odette Robertson. Along that line, I apologize to Virginia Jantzen for misspelling her last name in last month's newsletter as February's hostess.

Reminder for the coffee hour — when you are getting your name tag, please remember to put your 25¢ in the bowl. This is a small price for an enjoyable coffee hour. After all, where else could you get a cup of coffee (unlimited refills), donut holes (also unlimited) including delightful surroundings and super people!?!?

The Association increased its insurance coverage for 1985. Anytime there is a policy change, you and your financing institution will receive a certificate of insurance. If you have not received your copy by April 1, 1985, please notify the management office at 222-7073.





More Happenings

The Candidate's Forum will meet March 28th at 7:30 P.M. in the Recreation Room — all this and dessert too!! Come meet the candidates for the three Board openings. This is a good chance to size up, question and size up again.

The Annual Meeting will be April 18th at the Masonic Temple (at this point, unless something closer is available). You will be notified if it changes.

A packet will reach you about the 16th with information and resumes of the candidates, plus the basic format and a change or two in the procedures. Please READ as it is very important that you be informed — followed by your attendance at the forum and certainly your attendance at the Annual Meeting April 18th.

Advance Scoop!!

Grace Brown (Chairperson of the Social and Recreation Committee) is working on bringing some classes to our Towers. Classes could start April 8th after Board approval. The choices are great: Needlecrafts, swimming, Bridge, exercise, cooking, foreign languages and even book reviews. They would run for four weeks, and the majority of them, are offered four days a week. We will explain later, after Board approval and with more detail, the procedure to register, etc. There will be a charge for these classes, but it's minimal, and worth it!

Imagine, qualified instructors coming right to our "door". Maybe we can not only have coffee and garden together, we can huff, puff, splash, bid, cook, read, stitch and speak with a foreign tongue, together!

MANAGER'S NOTES

by David Stephens

In an attempt to eliminate the recent problem with dogs, your management staff will be enforcing both the Association rules and regulations and the Multnomah County Animal Control laws which are as follows:

APCA Regulations: "No dogs are allowed to be taken in or out of the first floor or lobbies of the towers and must be kept on a leash at all times."

Removal of Wastes From Public Areas: "Any person in physical possession and control of any animal in any public area not designed to receive those wastes, including but not limited to streets, sidewalks, parking strips and public parks." Multnomah County Code 8.10.170

Animal at Large: "It is unlawful for any animal owner to permit an animal to become at large. "Animal at Large" means any animal not confined to the premises of its owner, unless restrained by a leash, tether or other physical control device not to exceed eight (8) feet in length and under physical control of a person, whether or not the owner of the animal, or which enters upon land of another person." Multnomah County Code 8.10.010 (B), 8.10.190 (A) (B) (1)

Please call in any observed violations of the above rules. The source of the call will be kept confidential.

Garbage Disposals

We have received several requests regarding plugged sinks. In the majority of cases we have found the drain plugged with food particles from the dishwasher. It is important that you run your garbage disposal at least twice a week to be sure the food particles are ground and flushed down the drain. This will help avoid the cost of having your sink unplugged.