

TO THE POINTE

A monthly newsletter for a community of condos where people of diverse backgrounds and ages live in close proximity to one another and share common elements with their neighbors.

NEIGHBOR NEWS

Paula Stuart (64-C) passed away a few weeks ago while on a business trip in Florida. Sudden and unexpected.

Her husband, John, had been in hospice since early December and he passed away just two weeks after Paula.

Judy and Lauri's 20-year old cat departed in March.

If this van is rocking ...



Mike and Carol's glam-camper.



NEXT MEETING

MAY 17, 2017

5:00 pm

EVERYONE WELCOME!!



PETS, PETS, PETS

We have a few new canine residents here at our condo complex so let's review our guidelines! (Please check out pages 17 and 18 of our Condo Guidelines).

First, be sure to register your pooch with your Building Captain or CMI. Name, breed, color ... in case of an escape!

All dogs **MUST** be on leash at ALL times when outside. Even though YOU know they will follow your commands and not bother others, we do have residents who are frightened of free roaming dogs.

Please use designated poop zones and pick up and properly dispose of the waste. Questions? Call a Board member or CMI!



"LOVE IS LOVE . . ."

A few years ago... I lost my big old cat, Smudge Pot, out of a clear blue sky. He wasn't that old. He really hadn't been sick... And his passing almost killed me. It was an actual, physical pain to no longer have "Smudgy" with me.

I had made plans to meet the O'Connell's and JB for drinks the next evening. I really didn't know them that well but I felt I'd feel better around upbeat folks. I showed up VERY shaky with my emotions. After about 2 minutes I burst into tears and poured out my heart about my huge loss. JB instantly teared up just listening to me. I thought, "How kind, she must be a cat person!" She quietly leaned over to me and said, "I lost my husband on this day last year. I know just how you feel."

I was immediately horrified at my silly behavior. I apologized to her. Here I was crying over my cat when she had lost her Husband!!!!!! She put her hand on my arm and kindly said, "MB, love is love. You loved and took much care of Smudgy. I did the same with Mr. Ralph! So you see... It's a same sort of loss for each of us in our own way. Love is love. We clinked glasses. I took her remarks to heart.

Last week, we lost our long term neighbor, Paula Stewart who was only 64 years old. She wasn't that old and she really hadn't been sick... But here it is... She is gone. Her close sister and roommate, Chris, is in real pain about

her passing. I tear up thinking about her.

This morning, I learned that Lauri Lindquist's 20 year old cat passed. He called and told me that Pee Wee was gone. He was crying. And I thought... love is love and it hurts. It will be physically painful to them to no longer have Paula or Pee Wee with them.

For a moment I felt like I was being disrespectful by mentioning Paula and Pee Wee's passing in the same article... But JB's words came swimming back to me... LOVE IS LOVE... and we all have the capacity to feel love and loss in such profound ways. It surely reminded me that kindness is kindness and that matters too.

When I lay me down tonight, I will think of Paula, Chris and her family. I will think of JB and Mr. Ralph and Lauri and Pee Wee. I will be kind to them all because I know what they are going through. Love is Love and Kindness is Kindness.

And, I will think of Smudgy....

Submitted by Mary Beth Coffey

P.S. Paula's husband John passed away just two weeks after she did. Love is love.

POOL PICTURES

This project is on time and under budget!



DUMPSTER ETIQUETTE

We have had three sets of old mattresses deposited in our dumpster areas over the past three weeks! You, as a homeowner, pay extra to get those picked up! **DO NOT PUT HOUSEHOLD GOODS IN THE DUMPSTER AREA HOPING THAT SOMEONE ELSE WILL WANT THEM.** All garbage, for the dumpster, must be placed in closed plastic bags.

There is a group named Portland Teen Challenge who furnishes living spaces for homeless teens. They will pick up most furniture, including mattresses. Please call them at 503-719-5318 to make arrangements.

BITS AND PIECES

May is the month that carport sweeping/cleaning begins. We will notify you to move your cars the night before.

The parking lot sweeping was so successful that The Board budgeted to do this at least 3 times per year.

New Roman shades will grace the Riverside Room and the Guest Suite. The windows will be cleaned April 10 with shade installation immediately following. Thank you Judy and Lauri for your successful work on this project!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 8 at 10am to pull the undercover patio together for the season. Sweeping, cleaning, plumping cushions etc

TO GARAGE SALE or NOT TO GARAGE SALE .. THAT IS THE QUESTION ..

Do you want to help organize the 2017 garage sale or should we skip a year? Please call Daniel 503-445-1122 and let us know by April 15.

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