

Happy Thanksgiving To All!!!

Smith Family Newsletter
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Well, we hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, with lots of turkey and the fixings and in the company of good friends and/or family. As for Bob & I, we accepted an invitation from Jack, Malvene and Jolene to have dinner with them and their neighbors, Vicki & Shannon. Vicki & I contributed to the dinner, so Mal didn't have to do it all by herself. We stuffed ourselves and enjoyed every bit of it. It gave us an opportunity to get to know Vicki & Shannon as they moved here a few months after we did. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and evening. There was a dinner at the community club house, where some people gathered and some of our immediate neighbors decided to have dinner at *Longbeards*, a favorite local restaurant. We were invited to that one too, so it appears there will always be choices to make each year, with so many different things going on.

It occurred to me after I wrote last months newsletter that I didn't even mention Halloween! Probably the reason is we chose not to participate at the club house that night as we just wanted to relax at home. There were festivities up there though, with costumes and games and goodies.

Other highlights for the month, were a visit with Dean & Winnie from our HR 400 friends. Angie & Paul tipped us off that they were in Briarcliffe for a couple of weeks. We stopped up one day to see them and then all six of us went out to dinner at Pizzeli's, a favorite Italian Restaurant in Little River. Afterwards we rode out to Paul & Angie's new home and relaxed a while. Before leaving, we took a picture of them in front of their home.

This was quite a busy month and did not slow down until after Thanksgiving. We had a wonderful craft show here on the grounds in the big hall with vendors from outside as well as our own 'crafty residents'. The hall was filled with lots of wonderful items. On the right is a picture of the hall and of some of our neighbors showing off their wares.



Well, as you probably know, Bob has had his hair cut short since we moved in here at Lakeside. Debbie is the licensed beauticianno 'Judy's' here. The first names of the two hairdressers in our motor home chapter were both 'Judy'. He likes to be "smart" and tell people he had to get it cut because of the rules here at Lakeside Crossing! We both now get our hair cut here in the community. Men get theirs cut for five dollars and women for ten. You can't beat that anywhere. Debbie does a great job too. In addition to hair cuts, Debbie conducts classes in picture painting and is an artist in her own right.

So, how is Minnie you might ask? One of her favorite places is in a tube like cat bed which is located under our bed. She crawls in there and curls up nice and cozy! She has been a bit of an 'itch' lately! She likes to prune my artificial flower decorations and do a little gardening in my live aloe vera pot when I am not looking. It is a good thing I love her. Whiskers sits in my lap in the recliner at every opportunity.

Next month should be a busy one also....see you then!