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Hello Members,

I hope that the New Year is off to a great start for all of you. What a great time of year to set goals in place and look forward to the positive things that we will work toward in 2011. Your Club is in that same mode.

The new Board elected in October is in place and ready to guide BMDCC through another year with the help of all of our members. Preparations for the 2011 Summer Season will be in full swing by next month. With that in mind, I would like to kick off two initiatives, both of which are tailor made for member participation.

The first is time sensitive. As many of you know, membership levels at BMDCC are fluid from year to year. When the Summer Season ends, there are always a number of resignations from families who conclude that their use of the Club once their children no longer use it does not work for them economically. This occurred in far larger numbers since the 2009 & 2010 Summer Seasons concluded. The good news is that the reverse is often true for the beginning of the Summer Season. Families with young children and friends that are already members of BMDCC will look to join our ranks. While in typical years these fluctuations have offset, this has not been the case over the last the last two years. The economy has left us with fewer members than we would like and certainly less than the current budget is designed for.




As you read through this bulletin, you will find details about the Membership Drive that Diane launched via email late last week. Please notice that there are incentives in place for new members who join now, as well as incentives for you when you sponsor a new family to the Club. If the incentive for you to sponsor does not light your fire, I hope that you will still work hard to recruit for BMDCC simply because you are an owner of this Club. Remember that the financial health of our Club relies not only in the timely payment of dues but in the number of members who are making that timely payment.

The second initiative deals with a subject that was thankfully brought to my attention by longtime member Don Soignet. For those of you who are mathematically challenged like me, you may be unaware that BMDCC will celebrate its 50th Anniversary of Incorporation May 22nd of 2013. Don correctly felt it appropriate to present a proper celebration to mark this occasion. With that in mind, the Board is soliciting members to join Don on a committee to accomplish that celebration. While the anniversary date may seem far away, I assure you that it will be upon us in no time. Please contact Diane prior to March 31st if you would like to serve on this committee. What an exciting event this will be!!!!

Have a super February.

Larry

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Super Bowl	7	8	9	10	11	12 Club Rental
13 Board Meeting	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

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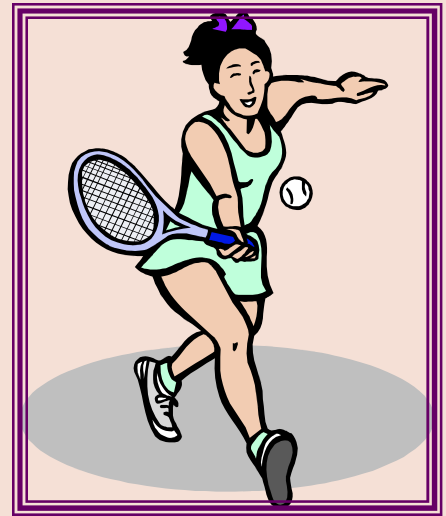
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No Message this month.



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Financial Corner

February 2011

The beginning of the calendar year is a natural time to review your personal financial situation. Here are five financial topics you can resolve and make a positive change in 2011.

Financial Goals - This is the best time of year to review or create financial goals. For example, are you saving enough for your retirement and educational needs?

Rethink Your Insurance - Your family's wealth and financial well being isn't influenced only by the stock market. It is vulnerable to plenty of other factors, such as death, disability, and extended illness. One way to reduce exposure to your family's financial security is to ensure that you are properly insured.

Clean Up Your Portfolio - As a new year begins, gather all your information together, thoroughly analyze it, and clean up your portfolio. Some points to consider during this review include: Take another look at your asset allocation plan, find your most recent statements, decide how to get your allocation back in line, get rid of small accounts if deemed suitable, and look for ways to simplify your investments.

Paying down your mortgage rather than other debt - Often, there is psychological satisfaction in paying down your mortgage to build equity in your home. However, mortgage debt is usually the last debt that should be paid off, since interest rates are typically lower than other forms of debt, and the interest payments are tax deductible. If you want to pay down debt, make a list of all your debts, the interest rates, and whether the interest is tax deductible. Start paying off the debt with the highest nondeductible interest rate. Once that debt is paid in full, move to the next highest interest rate, continuing down your list until all debt is paid in full.

Debt Free - If you have debt do you have a plan of riding yourself of this burden. For example, credit card bills left unmanaged may hinder your long term financial goals.

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Attending- Kay Boutte, Art Franz, Larry Falgoust, Carolyn Hefner, Brad Bradford, Kerri Becker, Charlie DelMarmol, Darrin Olivier, Chris Calongne

Tennis committee –amend paragraph- highlighted section- changing it to read- An independent HR consultant was consulted regarding the head tennis pro position.

October meeting minutes approval- motion to approval- Art- then Carolyn- all approved

Brad & Kay approved the October meeting after the general membership meeting

November- meeting approval-

Facebook- Kerri Becker will be the administrator of Facebook- and will show Diane how Facebook works

Darren Olivier – to write a financial column in the newsletter, instead of just an ad. He handed out a sample of an article. He would buy a page ad as an advertisement but do a news article for the club members.

Christmas Party- Went well, Good Crowd, Parade of Prizes made \$775, Food was great! Thank YOU to all of the donors!!! Decorations looked great!

Membership- December -355 members as of today 353- members behind on dues are on the list provided. We are waiting on over 43 thousand dollars in past dues. Frank & Denise Timphony & Craig & Tonya Hingle each owe over \$1000.

Motion- Kay Boutte- without any response or a call to Diane by January 30, that the last 2 families do not respond by Friday January 28th – pay their dues by ½ by Feb 1, their membership will be terminated. Second by Art Franz

Finances- Financial Statement- see report

Rentals- going great!

New Business-

Tennis Pro- Craig Harrington- Increase his hours to cover 6 days- Tuesday night men are supposed to cover ice/cups. Motion was made to support the executive motion Larry had made my Brad Bradford.

Tennis- @ USTA – 2 teams signed up without Bissonet approval, There will be a mandatory tennis meeting of all captains.

Tennis Fundraiser-need ideas for fundraisers- raffle of tennis items!

Late fee for dues- \$15 per month for any outstanding fee. Motion to support Larry's executive decisions Kay 2nd- all approved

Concession stand- fryer- not fixable- Need to buy a new fryer-Diane authorized up to \$850. motion to buy this fryer from Loubat's- Carolyn 2nd by Art

Advertising-we discussed the rates for advertising in the bulletin- \$150 for a full page right now for a full year. Kerri- Motion- \$250 - full page ad- passed but not unanimous. Accept Darren Olivier at the new rate- 2nd art

Holiday Rentals- double time for Mike Pitt. And he must be available.

Logan Martin- Board Position- Ritchie Kernion- will be asked to fill in for Logan- The board approved unanimously. Chris 1st, Art 2nd all in favor.

Fiftieth anniversary – committee- will be in the president's message- motion to establish the committee by Kay to solicit to general membership 2nd by Kerri

Thursday night tennis alarm code Mike-TNT – Captains and Kerri will make arrangements-

Membership Drive- Waive initiation fee from now &

Benefit – new member- Chris made a motion- see notes

Member benefits-



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*There is no "Treasury Note" from
Cathy Zito, Treasurer*

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Account Number: _____

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Debit Preference

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Signature

Authorized Signature

(Primary): _____ Date: _____

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Please attach a voided check or deposit slip and return this form to
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