

A TOAST TO THE OAKS

WELL, FOLKS THE OAKS IS SIX YEARS OLD ! AS SOME OF YOU MAY NOT KNOW THE FRONT WINGS OPENED 15 JUN 1987. THE REAR WINGS OPENED THE FOLLOWING OCTOBER. WE HAVE 120 APARTMENTS. WHEN WE STARTED WE HAD 9 COUPLES. WE NOW HAVE 7 NOT ALL OF THEM FROM AMONG THE ORIGINAL 9. AT THE OUTSET OUR POPULATION WAS 75% FEMALE. NOW IT IS 90% FEMALE. CLEARLY MEN ARE GOING THE WAY OF THE DINOSAUR— EXCEPT THAT EVEN THE DINOSAURS ARE MAKING A COMEBACK THESE DAYS—AT LEAST IN HOLLYWOOD. SO FAR WE'VE SEEN THE ADVENT OF ONLY ONE BABY, WHEN OUR LAST RESIDENT MANAGER, KIM, HAD A BABY GIRL—OF COURSE HER HUSBAND HELPED.

WITH THAT LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND OUT OF THE WAY, LET'S GET ON WETH OUR TOAST. IN ADDITION TO SALUTING OUR LOVING MANAGEMENT STAFF, THOSE JUST CITED WITH CELEBRITY TELEGRAMS, WE HAVE SOME OTHERS TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND PRAISE.

FIRST LET US SALUTE ALL NEWCOMERS WHO CELEBRATE THEIR FIRST ANNIVERSARY WITH US TONIGHT. WELCOME! GLAD TO HAVE YOU ABOARD.

SECOND, LET US GIVE A SPECIAL SALUTE TO THE SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 50% OF THE FOLKS WHO WERE ORIGINAL PLANK—OWNERS HERE AT THE OAKS, AND ARE STILL HANGING IN THERE!

NEXT WE MUST HAIL OUR RESIDENTS' ASSO—CIATION, AND ALL ITS COMMITTEES, WHO LARGELY UNSUNG, LABOR LONG AND HARD, TOGETHER WITH THE STAFF TO MAKE OUR LIVES EVER MORE PLEASANT.

FINALLY, LAST BUT NOT LEAST IN OUR FOND MEMORIES, WE SALUTE ALL THOSE FORMERLY AMONG US, WHO NOW ENJOY THE ONLY PLACE BETTER THAN THE OAKS - HEAVEN!

SO . . . LET'S ALL RAISE OUR GLASSES TOGETHER NOW AS WE SHOUT HAPPY ANNVER—SARY! SKOAL!

FROM JACK WRIGHT

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