



ParkTower

OCTOBER 1981

FOR THE RESIDENTS OF PARK TOWER

OCTOBER ...

has experienced many changes, both in name and number of days. Today it still bears the name OCTOBER for its original placement as the eighth month. After Caesar Augustus named a month for himself, others tried to do the same for October, and it went through four subsequent changes. In succession it was Germanicus, Antonius, Faustinus and finally Hercules -- to honor the Emperor Commodus. Although October was supposed to have 30 days, it was increased to 31 after Augustus added an extra day to his month. Although there are no plans to change the number of days in October ... we will change the number of hours in this month. DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th!!!

LOOKING AT PAST OCTOBERS ...

October 1, 1908 was the beginning of the first traffic jam ... the Model T was born!

Remember SPUTNIK ... the first one was launched on October 4, 1957!

October 5, 1947 saw many seeing the first TV program from the White House. Harry Truman was the star. Heeeeeeeeeeeeeer's Harry!!!

October 8, 1871 is a day many Chicagoans will never forget ... the great fire began.

and finally, a word to the men of Park Tower. DO NOT SEND FLOWERS TO YOUR BEST GIRL ON OCTOBER 21st. This is known as "OLD IRONSIDES DAY" because the great ship was launched on October 21, 1797.

Here's to an outstanding October !!!

Jan Zielke, Editor

P.S. The Communications Committee welcomes your news. Write it out, including your name and phone number, mark it "Newspaper" and drop it in the lock box in the front lobby.

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HEALTH CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 15th ... FILL YOURS OUT TODAY.

People

WE HAPPENED TO HEAR ABOUT TWO HAPPY AND HIGH FLYING SPIRITS LIVING ON THE 53rd FLOOR! Meet JAMES DAVENPORT and BECKY NICKLES.

BECKY just began a new position with Deloitte Haskins & Sells, a large accounting firm. With an office on the 75th floor of the Standard Oil Building and a home on the 53rd floor

of Park Tower ... Becky has reason to spend most of her time in the clouds! Helping to keep her spirits high is a letter of acceptance to DePaul University, where she will complete work on her undergraduate degree in Business Administration. When she does find time to sit down, it's usually at the piano ... for some classical music.

JAMES DAVENPORT is returning to the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in an undergraduate program in clinical psychology. After 2 more years of study and a year of internship, he'll receive his Doctor of Psychology Degree with the hopes of entering private practice in the Chicago area. Having spent a number of years in business, James hopes to use his new professional abilities as a consultant to small and medium-sized businesses and also in writing.

CONGRATULATIONS BECKY NICKLES and JAMES DAVENPORT ... we wish you each continued success.

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HOPE YOU'RE FEELING BETTER DEPARTMENT: IRV HELLER and ED MCGOWAN both went to great lengths to learn that muscle strain is really a pain!!

Also, we send get well fast wishes to JANE BARANCIK, who has returned to St. Luke's Hospital for further treatment.

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HATS OFF TO OUR BUILDING STAFF

We recently printed a letter about the friendly atmosphere generated by our Doormen. Happily, this prompted another note -- saluting ERNEST LOWREY!

I came to Park Tower to meet my then "new" boyfriend. Unfortunately, our plans had somehow gotten crossed and, alas, there was no response when the doorman buzzed his apartment! Angrily, I repeatedly made attempts to leave -- but each time was restrained from doing so by Ernie's soothing words. He "babysat" for me for TWO HOURS and didn't seem a bit surprised when my fella showed up saying, "See Ma'am, I told you he'd come!"

More than a year has passed and I can't help but remember when I pass through the Lobby that if it were not for his kindness and sensitivity on that turbulent evening ... I might have missed all the GOOD times that I now enjoy with my NOW VERY PROMPT sweetie-pie!

THANKS TO THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE TIME TO SHARE THIS WITH ALL OF US and ... HATS OFF TO ALL THOSE WHO WORK IN PARK TOWER TO MAKE IT CLEANER, SAFER, HAPPIER and MORE ORGANIZED.



EDITOR'S NOTE: I'll sure trust HOWARD to take care of my taxes anytime ... but he may not trust me to type his column! I made a typing error last month and will try to keep errors down to zero from now on ... wish I could get my taxes down to zero! Earnings for people under the age of 65 was printed as \$4,800 and IT SHOULD HAVE READ \$4,080.00. I apologize for the inconvenience.

QUESTION: MY FIANCEE AND MYSELF, WHO BOTH WORK, WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SO CALLED "MARRIAGE PENALTY"

ANSWER: The "marriage penalty" is simply that a married couple with two incomes pay more taxes than two single persons with identical earnings.

EXAMPLE: Assuming in 1980, a married couple where both the husband and wife each have a taxable income of \$20,000 would pay \$9,355 -- two single individuals with identical incomes would pay only \$7,658, a difference of \$1,697.00.

HOWEVER, GOOD NEWS!!! Under the Economic Recovery Act of 1981, for taxable years beginning in 1982 and for the years thereafter, a two-earner married couple will be allowed to deduct on their joint return Ten (10) Percent of the first \$30,000 of earnings of the lower earning spouse.

This deduction will be phased in over two years. A Five (5) Percent deduction, with a maximum of \$1,500 for 1982, and the full Ten (10) Percent or \$3,000 for 1983 and years thereafter. NOTE: THE DEDUCTION WILL BE AVAILABLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU ITEMIZE YOUR PERSONAL DEDUCTIONS.

If you have a tax question to be answered in the coming months, write it out giving your name and phone number, mark it "TAXES" and drop it in the Lock Box in the Front Lobby. The information contained in this column is based on current general information. As with any tax situation as applied to you, it's always wise to check with an Accountant.

HOW'D YOU DO ON THE INTERNATIONAL MONEY QUIZ???

Answers for last month's money quiz are as follows:

Australia-Schilling
Brazil-Cruzeiro
Costa Rica-Colon
Denmark-Kroner
Greece-Drachma
Guatemala-Quetzal
Honduras-Lempira
Indonesia-Rupiah

Netherlands-Guilder
Nicaragua-Cordoba
Pakistan-Ruppee
Paraguay-Guarain
Portugal-Escudo
South Africa-Rand
South Korea-Won
Venezuela-Bolivar
Zambia-Kwacha

... In case it's been a long time since you've seen one ... the currency in the United States is still the DOLLAR and not a PLASTIC CARD!!!

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING - Dates and times TO BE ANNOUNCED. Those interested must sign up in the Party Room, Thursday evenings, October 1st, 22nd or 29th.

MORE ABOUT THE WORLD AROUND US

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EAT YOUR WAY THROUGH ETHNIC CHICAGO??? - Dates and times TO BE DETERMINED

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CARDS, GAMES AND GOOD CONVERSATION

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BASED ON THE RESPONSE TO THIS EVENT -- WE HOPE TO MAKE THIS A WEEKLY PROGRAM! It's a great opportunity to get out of the house ... and yet stay in the building. Meet new people, enjoy a card game, share a hobby, or just enjoy some conversation. Bring cards, games and friends for an enjoyable afternoon in the Party Room.

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PLEASE NOTE: THE PARTY ROOM WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8th (YOM KIPPUR) and on OCTOBER 15th

DONE WITH ONE NOVEL AND READY TO TRY ANOTHER??? Any books that you no longer want can be books that others are looking for. For that reason, shelving has been installed in the PARTY ROOM for a "Book Exchange". BRING A BOOK AND TAKE A BOOK -- a system that will be of benefit to all ... if we remember to bring the books back and KEEP THEM IN CIRCULATION!

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FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS ON THIS MONTH'S EVENTS ... SEE THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS SHEET.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Yom Kippur | 9 | 10 |
| 11 CULTURE BUS West Route 10:30AM Meet in Front Lobby. | 12 Thanksgiving Day (Canada) Columbus Day | 13 BOARD MEETING 7:30PM PARTY ROOM | 14 AFTERNOON SOCIAL 1 to 4PM PARTY ROOM | 15 | 16 MOVIE ON INDIA 8PM PARTY ROOM | 17 |
| 18 SO LONG SOFTBALL PARTY FOR PLAYERS 2:00PM PARTY ROOM | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 GAMES, CARDS & CONVERSATION 7:30PM in PARTY ROOM *** | 23 | 24 |
| 25 SINGLE'S SOCIAL 7:30PM PARTY ROOM | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 GAMES, CARDS & CONVERSATION 7:30PM PARTY ROOM *** | 30 | 31 Halloween |

There's NOTHING so beautiful as an Autumn sunset over the waters of Lake Michigan!

But, wait a minute ... the sun doesn't SET over Lake Michigan, it RISES over the Lake!

That simple fact had me all mixed up for a month or so when I first moved to Park Tower. I'm from Michigan, you see, and THERE we enjoy the truly unbelievable sight of sunsets over the Lake. In fact, for most of us living in the small town of Stevensville, Michigan -- the whole social schedule was planned around viewing that last slip of sun sink below the waves, and admiring the Helio Halo that signaled the end of the day.

But, I've adjusted. As I look out my window now, I not only can enjoy the sun setting over buildings way off in the distance, but I can also enjoy the twinkle of tiny lights as the city lights up to compete with the stars.

In a mobile society, isn't it nice to know that when we say goodbye to one area of the country with its beautiful sights --- the road leads us to new excitement and sights to treasure!

Yet, if you haven't had an opportunity to see the sun set over Lake Michigan, call me ... and I'll tell you how to get to Stevensville, Michigan!!!

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DID YOU KNOW???

... that ILLINOIS AVENUE is the most frequently landed on spot in the game of MONOPOLY?

(We checked our computers for that???)

Why not check it out to see if it's true on one of the Thursday Game Nights!



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FRANK GOMES thanks those who called him expressing interest in the BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE. More members are needed -- no accounting or finance experience is necessary. PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT IN PARK TOWER -- JOIN! Call Frank at 769-5378.

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PLANNING A BIG EVENT??? Rejoice! You live in Park Tower and have access to a lovely and spacious Party Room. Call the Management Office for more details.

YOUR TURN, a chance to sound off!

We're going to go out on a limb and offer residents an opportunity to speak out on a particular pet peeve.

Remember, we are a community of neighbors in Park Tower. Before submitting your favorite pet peeve for print ... you may want to stop and think ... "IS THERE ANYTHING I MAY BE DOING TO ANNOY OTHERS?"

If this "YOUR TURN" column causes each of us to think of ways to be a better neighbor, then we will all benefit.

One resident was in a stew and wrote ...

"IF NOTHING CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE VENTILATION, COULD A LETTER BE SENT TO PEOPLE PREPARING SPICY DISHES ASKING THEM TO DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO PREVENT ODORS FROM GETTING INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTY.

THERE IS NOTHING MORE ANNOYING THAN WALKING INTO YOUR HOME AND THE WHOLE PLACE (INCLUDING THE CLOSETS) IS POLLUTED WITH GARLIC OR OTHER ODORS!

WHAT'S THE RIGHT WAY TO HANDLE THIS SITUATION???

Management advises that the best way to prevent your cooking smells from permeating the homes of others is to:

1. Keep the windows closed.
2. Turn on your kitchen light, as the switch is connected to turn on a ventilation fan.
3. You may want to leave the kitchen light on for a little while after meal preparation ... to draw out any aroma.
4. And, if you absolutely crave that meal of sauerkraut, or garlic, or onions, or curry ... maybe that's a time to plan a treat...
and, EAT OUT!!!

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THE ATTEMPT CONTINUES! There is still something you can do to stop the proposed high rise from being built across the street. On October 1st, there will be a Meeting in Alderman Volini's Office and on the 15th of October there will be a Meeting of the Zoning Board. WATCH THE BULLETIN BOARDS FOR MORE INFORMATION AND PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS!



IN A STEW????