

# CHRISTIE CHRONICLE

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## DECEMBER, 2015: IT WAS ALL ABOUT THE WEATHER

aph December 2015



The weather on the East Coast during December was not ordinary. It was also very abnormal here on Beech Mountain. The graph above shows how extremely warm it was on Beech Mountain. There were:

- 12 days where temperature was 60+ degrees
- 14 days where temperature was 50+ degrees
- 3 days where temperature was 40+ degrees
- 2 days where temperature was 30+ degrees

In December, we had no natural snowfall. But, we did have **7.69 inches of rain**. Needless to

say the slopes were not able to make snow but were green with grass instead. One business advertised bike rentals instead of ski rentals. Most businesses are having a tough year.

But will January, 2016 be different? I can say that it will be colder and there has been more snow. The average high temperature for the first 23 days of January was 30.8 and the average low temperature is 16.8. The lowest temperature we have experienced in January has been **-4.6** (that's minus) on January 19. The slopes have been able to make snow and can continue to make snow as long as the temperature is 32 degrees or below. We also had at least 24" of natural snow. So maybe January has been kind to the ski slopes and the businesses that support the ski industry.

## IT'S GONE ! THANK YOU FRANK ROTHMANN !

Many times when owners visit Christie Village they see improvements they can make to Christie Village. Such was the case when Frank Rothmann visited last October. (See the owner featured in the FALL newsletter).

For many years we have used the black mailbox and boy, was it battered and worn. Frank being an avid woodworker, saw how his craft could improve the front of the office. He went home with the idea of how a new mailbox could improve our looks.

After he left, he had to take time out to have surgery. BUT, on January 9, 2016 IT ARRIVED, complete with screws to mount it! The new mailbox is made of cedar with coats of spar varnish, so it should weather well. It has a very friendly appearance but also looks very professional.

I asked him to include a sign that tells who made it, so when you open the box to get your keys, think of Frank Rothmann.



## RENOVATION 2A

In the FALL issue we showed you the renovations in 7A. Now, Unit 2A has undergone major enhancements. Some of the changes you will see are:

- New carpet
- New ceramic tile,
- New kitchen cabinets
- New bathroom cabinets
- New painting & some new sheet-rock
- All new appliances
- New mattresses
- New deck furniture

2A and 7A opened in 2015. We are currently working on 5A which should be ready for the SPRING issue.



*There is no*

*problem that we  
cannot solve if we*

*work together to  
solve it!*

### New Members

GREAT NEWS!!! In 2015 we enrolled five new member families to Christie Village.

#### **Kevin and Dawn Edgeman:**

They have visited Christie Village for many years as renters. After being away for several years they yearned to be back up here and decided to join.

In October James and Lorraine Rizzo came for their visit to

Christie Village. They brought along two couples. Both couples decided to join and signed up during their visit. They also encouraged another friend couple to join. The new members are:

**Robert and Melanie Morgans**  
**James Black & Suzanne Rizzo**  
**Matthew and Sharon Speer**

James Black is a retired electrician and he and Suzanne are coming in February. He will help with some electrical tasks and

Suzanne is going to help with other tasks.

Our members Ann Scott and Wanda Porter brought friends up to visit and play cards. The friends decided to join while they were here for their visit. These new members are:

**Maurice and Nancy Parker**

**Do you know some potential members you could recommend in 2016?**

## Do you Have some special skills??? Would you like to VOLUNTEER?



Maybe you can remove wallpaper, paint, organize kitchens, put in shelf paper, rake leaves, build retaining walls. Perhaps you would like to “man” the office for a weekend. Christie Village has opportunities for you to use your skills.

If you're interested, give us a call (828-387-2100).

## Indictments for Timeshare Fraud

Alan Rodrigues, 56, Jones Bowen, 62, Larry Smith, 43, William Harper, 62, Jozsef Mate, 73, and Tracy Jones, 54, operated World Travel Access, also known as Travel Solutions, Travel Solutions LLC dba World Travel Access, and WTA Services LLC, according to the attorney general's office. Between August 2013 and July 2014, the six are alleged to have told victims that they would transfer timeshare ownership in exchange for an upfront fee, but they never "actually attempted to transfer ownership of a timeshare" or refunded any money, according to the indictment.

"These deceptive timeshare resale scams targeting our elderly population can cost victims thousands of dollars, and are especially devastating to our vulnerable seniors," Nevada state Attorney General Adam Laxalt said. "I encourage Nevadans to be skeptical of paying advance fees for resale services, and to report any suspicious activity to my office."

The phony timeshare company invited victims to a presentation about transferring timeshare ownership. The victims each lost thousands of dollars and were unaware they had fallen victim to a scam until they received bills from their respective timeshare companies for yearly fees, according to a news release.

To review this story see <http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/las-vegas/six-indicted-timeshare-scam>.

Timeshare fraud is real! Don't be fooled by someone who offers "to take your timeshare off your hands". Most of the time they will ask you for money up front. Sometimes they will call you on the phone or offer you a deal at another resort you might be visiting. We have heard stories from our members that have been taken by these frauds.

## ARE YOU DELINQUENT?

**Annual Statements were sent on time! All payments were due in full by December 31, 2015. If you have not paid in full you are considered delinquent.**

Many of you have paid your 2016 dues. But for some reason there are quite a few that have not paid. Please call the Christie Village office (828-387-2100) or send an email to [info@christievillage.com](mailto:info@christievillage.com) if you have lost your statement so we can get you another copy.

*"Those that say you can't take it with you never saw a car  
packed for a vacation"*

*Author Unknown*

## Meet Christie Village Owners - Hassan and Loretta Rezzoug

In our newsletters we like to introduce you to our owners. This edition we are featuring Hassan and Loretta Rezzoug,

They have lived in Moncks Corner, SC for eleven years. Hassan works for Boeing Plant in Charleston as a Mechanical Technician and has been employed there for

four years. Loretta works for IHG, which is affiliated with Holiday Inns.

Hassan moved to the US from Morocco and attended Oklahoma University. Loretta grew up in Pennsylvania. After attending OU, Hassan and Loretta both moved to Tampa where they met over thirty years ago.

It was pretty much "love at first sight" and they have now been married thirty years on June 6.

Hassan and Loretta have been members of Christie Village for eleven years. They received their Christie Village unit as a gift. Their week is week number "04" which means their week is in the winter and there is usually snow when they come. They love coming in the winter even though they do not participate in the snow sports, however they do love the fresh air and scenery of winter time. They also enjoy the proximity of Beech Mountain to the other natural attractions like Linville Falls and Caverns and Grandfather Mountain. They also enjoy shopping around in the small towns and just riding around looking at the scenery. They enjoy sharing their Christie Village with family and friends.

