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Amy Johnson Residence

Summer/Fall

We love our beautiful neighborhood, especially in autumn when the trees put on their spectacular fall show. From our windows we have a front row seat to the changing leaves. September's last weeks of summer stretched out into October and

we took advantage of the mild weather with outdoor activities and outings. The drive down Summit Avenue brought changes each day with full reds, oranges, yellows, and golds mixed with greens that were still holding on until they all reached their pinnacle and start falling to the ground.



Our turkey friends still come to visit and make for some very large birds at our bird feeder. While our busy squirrels are on the hunt for their own fall harvest. By October, we were getting our house ready for Halloween.



Thank You

Our grateful thanks to Jennie Theisen and Stephanie Bowron for coming over and singing and playing the piano for us. We had a wonderful time singing together and we appreciate their visit. We thank Tony and Sandy Menke for bringing us delicious cookies. We enjoyed them immensely! We want to thank Dori Ince for the spooky Halloween décor she shared with us along with the Halloween games she provided. We had a great time throwing "pumpkins into the cauldron!" Our thanks to Babe DuFresne for the donation of the big bag of cancelled stamps. We also want to thank Jon and Kathleen Walgren for their stamp donation. Selling these stamps allows us another opportunity to donate more money to our friends in Honduras. And as always, our thanks to Duane Jagiello for his commitment to coming over each month and offering us communion.



Autumn sing-along

Activities and Outings

With the warm summer weather we visited the Minnesota Zoo. It was lovely day to walk around the beautiful grounds and see the many different animals that live there. In their aquarium we saw sharks, stingrays, and all kinds of fish. We especially



liked watching the dragon horses leisurely floating in their tank.

When the leaves were in their zenith, we took a foliage tour to Taylor's Falls to admire the colors and the drive along the river and countryside. We stopped at Caribou Coffee for a beverage before the drive back

home.

We had another opportunity to experience the fall color by visiting the Pine Tree Apple Orchard in White Bear Lake. Nestled among rolling grounds overlooking a lake, it was a lovely place for a stroll through the many variety of apple trees they keep. We sat outside with a view of the lake and indulged in an apple turnover treat. Apple turnovers, donuts, cider, pies- they had it all.



It was a beautiful day and seemed impossible that winter could ever come.

We went to see a matinee of *Downton Abbey* where we were transported to the England of the 1930s. It was a fun visit and we returned home with British accents and were thankful for some of our modern conveniences.



We were very busy with Halloween preparations and activities. There were Halloween riddles and jokes to be told, pumpkins to be designed, gutted, and carved.



There were Halloween crafts to be detailed and worked on. We transformed our Tootsie Pops into ghosts to hand out on Halloween. There were rounds of Halloween bean bag tosses with the 1st and 2nd place top scorers winning a free soda from our store.



We went to the Como Conservatory to see their late summer exhibition. We visited the primate house at the Como Zoo afterward and counted four sloths and said hello to our monkey friends.



We played another game where the object was to toss the pumpkin (orange basketball) into the cauldron. We sang Halloween songs and when the big day came, we had a Halloween party. Our cook, Leah, laid out a spooky and fun spread for us to enjoy. A highlight was the eyeball ice cubes, which were round ice cubes with a blueberry in the middle.



We had mild weather all through October, but unfortunately it turned colder on Halloween and by the evening it started to drizzle. We still had some trick or treaters, but it put a damper on the event.



We made our monthly visit to the library and shopped at house favorites such as the Dollar Tree, Target, and Walmart. October is our big birthday month with four residents having birthdays so we had many opportunities for fun dining experiences. A pizza party at the St. Paul staple, Carbone's, a Chinese food buffet at Great Moon, Italian fare at Olive Garden, and something for everyone at Perkins. Seafood was enjoyed at Red Lobster, burgers at McDonalds, and we squeezed in one last ice cream treat at Dairy Queen before the cold set in.

Happy Birthday



Cheryl, September 29th



Lee, October 22nd



Luanne, October 3rd



Steve, October 31st



Kathleen, October 16th

Roving Reporter

What costumes did you wear when you went Trick or Treating on Halloween?

Luanne: A princess and a goblin!

Courtney: A witch.

Steve: We would paint our faces.

Joan: I was a cat one time.

Rick Gibbons: Dracula.

Closing Credits

Gary: A cowboy.

Carla: A princess.

Dan J.: We had a mask.

Marilyn: I went as myself once and one time as Paul Winchell.

Lee: I didn't do that.

Cheryl: I went as a witch one year.

Lucille: I didn't go Trick or Treating.

Susan: I was a hobo.

Michael S.: A mummy.

Mike R.: Kermit the Frog.

Kathleen: I was a bunny and also a witch.

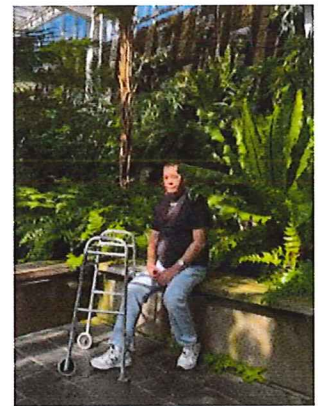
Yeng: Freddy Kruger. I had a mask!

Leng: We didn't celebrate Halloween.

Dan Z.: I don't remember.



Ladies who lunch



Environmental Tip

Batteries can cause serious harm to human health and the environment when disposed of with municipal solid waste. Many companies and retailers will take your old batteries and properly dispose of them or have them recycled.

Inspirational Thought

"You cannot do kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

