

Frontenac Hotel
Rm. 162. Lido Beach
Sarasota Florida

Dear Em,

Wed. Mar. 17 and we are all settled in and pretty well organized with supplies in and Peg & I have got a nice pink tinge from the sun already. I sent you a card to Gail's address on our way also cards to Garnia! We had a good trip down, nice scenery, singing & tapes. Sarasota looks very beautiful what we have seen of it so far. This hotel belongs to the Travelway Bus Company and is quite new as parts of it are not even finished yet. However we struck it lucky when we were allotted Rm. 162 which is known as the Florida suite here & is rated on the brochure at \$80 per day. The fellow who helped us with our luggage said we must be V.I.P.'s to rate this accommodation, so we gave him a tip and smiled sweetly, but when we got in and saw what we had we nearly flipped our lids! It consists of a large living & dining room with a completely equipped kitchen area & big frig. & all on one side, a lovely chesterfield chair, low dresser, tables, ^{phone} lamps & color T.V. & an adjoining dressing & bathroom & clothes closet. Then we have another big bedroom with 2 double beds & dresser plus another bathroom & color T.V. & phone in there. The whole thing is covered in plush green carpet throughout and opens onto a large screened in verandah & green indoor outdoor carpet, table & lounge chairs overlooking the Gulf of Mexico.

and at our front door is a heated swimming pool, shuffle board, etc - sounds pretty good, doesn't it and for our money we know it is. A lot of others who were on the bus did not get anything like this & believe me we are being envied a bit already for our nice verandah as they pass by to the beach, but we don't say a word about what else we have.

Now dear I don't know just where you are but I'll send this to Gail & I'm sure she will forward this to you. Did you go out with Diane or go to Kansas for the week end? I hope you are enjoying your visit & keeping well & behaving well, also. So far the weather hasn't been too hot between 70-80 & quite cool in early mornings & late evenings, but we have both heat & air conditioning in our Dupuy suite, so its pretty O.K. We are quite a way from the shopping centre here, but they take us by bus free once a week, and there is a city bus every half hour but it costs 40¢ so we won't be doing too much travelling on that. However they are planning some trips out and the first one is to Orlando & Disney World next week, then to Tampa & St. Petersburg later on. How are your eyes coming? Try & drop a card or maybe Gail or Diane could drop a note if you are still in Toronto to let me know how you are doing. I sent a birthday card & note today to Nan so they'll have the news in Parma. Sent cards to all the boys. Must go now & get this in the mail for tomorrow so bye for now. Will write Wayne & Ann next.

Love
Barrie