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PRAYER FOR OLDER ADULTS

*Dear God, as I grow older, keep me from
becoming too talkative, from repeating myself,
and falling into the habit of expressing an
opinion on every subject. Give me wings to get
to the point. Give me the grace to listen to
others without the need to interrupt. Teach me
the glorious lesson that, occasionally, I might be
mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet and not
sour in nature. And, Father, give me the
patience I seem to be misplacing more often.*

Amen



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to 2024!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Welcome to 2024.

At our Communication Meeting on January 8, 2024, you will be meeting the candidates for your Board of Directors. They will be on stage and answering four questions.

January brings many activities for our residents both in the clubhouse and outside. Feel free to join in on the activities. It is a good way to meet residents, new and old, and just have some good old-fashioned fun.

We need a new Editor for The Banner newsletter. Our current Editor will be giving up the position on the first of June, 2024. If this position is not filled, there will be no Banner after June. Your consolidated source of events and activities will disappear. Please contact me if you are interested.

In November there were four golf carts stolen from Golf Lakes. This happened during the night. Even though this is a gated community, thieves know how to get in, especially in the dark. Keep your doors locked, lock up your golf carts and bicycles, remove valuables from your car and lock it at all times. Keep the outside lights on. Cameras are not really expensive when you consider the cost of replacing what is stolen and any damage the thieves caused. Put some on your house or in your carport. You are responsible for your home, belongings, and safety. Golf Lakes is not. If you see something, say something. CALL 911.

Mark Hooker

My wife and I send
each of you
a wish for a
Happy New Year
filled with health,
happiness, family,
and good friends.



RESIDENT UPDATES

November 2023

New Residents

Mathey, Rosemarie	5001 6 th D St E	WI
920-819-9891		
Persson, Brad	5001 6 th D St E	WI
920-606-4336		

Updates/Corrections

Please see separate listing of Directory Errors which will be provided this month and in February.

Deaths

Mastromatteo, LaDonna	Former resident	09/12/2023
Shultz, Sue	Former resident	11/27/2023
Vander Kooi, Kenneth	Former resident	11/21/2023
Wiatt, Larry	Former resident	11/09/2023

*Prepared from information received from the Golf Lakes office.
Any official changes should be directed to the office, not the Banner.*

DATE CHANGE FOR JANUARY



BP's will be taken in the Friendship Room on Thursday, January 25th from 8:00–9:15 AM. Stop by to have this done when you go to the Activities Committee's Pancake Breakfast. Any questions, call Phyllis Wendt at 812-453-6363.

Submitted by Phyllis Wendt



Due to the New Year holiday, the office will be closed on Monday, January 1st. Your staff wishes you a wonderful, healthy and happy New Year.

IMPORTANT

Cancellations



Tai Chi & Qi Gong Exercise will no longer be available in Golf Lakes. We thank John Dansereau for all the wonderful years volunteering his time.

Singing Men will no longer be performing or practicing as a group in Golf Lakes.

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Manager's

Report

Tracy Roux

Happy New Year 2024! May we all start the year with kindness in our hearts and joy and appreciation for those around us and the beautiful community here at Golf Lakes. I am a big believer in grace, and I

want to encourage this community to demonstrate grace to all fellow residents for the common good of all. We have a lot of ways to communicate including e-blasts, The Banner, Facebook, and other outlets. It is tempting to air grievances on forums like Facebook, but these can be used in such a way that no good can possibly come from it. As your manager, if you find yourself unhappy about something that directly involves the policies and procedures of Golf Lakes or is related to the business at Golf Lakes, please call me and let me know what questions you have or how I might be able to address any concern that you have.

With the New Year we have a new opportunity to begin the year anew. Remember that we live very closely together and that no one should be feeding or attracting wildlife. Even small birds can do damage when landing on the roofs of units. When birds stop foraging for food, they can become unhealthy and even their beaks can soften. Florida offers plenty of natural sources of food for native wildlife, so please let Mother Nature provide.

As you know we had some golf carts stolen in November. Remember that it is everyone's responsibility to be diligent to keep things locked up. The thieves entered Golf Lakes from the golf course next to Golf View Lake and cut and rolled an entire section of fencing back which allowed them an easy exit and avoided the gates and cameras. Please keep your golf carts secured and lock your car doors. If you see something, say something. Call 911.

The staff and I thank you all for a wonderful 2023. It is a pleasure to work here and we appreciate the opportunity to serve each and every one of you. Let's make 2024 great together.



Any articles, photos, etc. for the February issue should be received by The Banner no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday, Jan. 10th. Items may be placed in the Banner box located on the front of the sound booth in the Clubhouse or emailed to the Editor at golfcakesbanner@gmail.com.

Carolyn Boyle, Interim Editor

KEEP THE BANNER VOLUNTEER TO BE EDITOR

Do you enjoy picking up the newest edition of The Banner every month and reading about everything that is going on in your home park? **The Banner needs you!** Are you very computer literate? **The Banner needs you!** Do you like to reword articles or add a bit of art work to them? **The Banner needs you!** Do you have the mindset of giving the best you can to whatever you do? **The Banner needs you!** Do you have about 15 to 20 hours every month that you can devote to something that everyone enjoys? **The Banner needs you!**

This issue of The Banner was done completely in Word. I had to manually convert a lot of files from Publisher in order to make the files user friendly for anyone interested in taking over the position of Editor. **The Banner needs you!** I have only returned for a short term. **The Banner needs you!** This is a volunteer job that is very rewarding. **The Banner needs you!**

If you think the Banner actually needs you, email me at golfcakesbanner@gmail.com so we can discuss the possibilities. **The Banner needs you!**



If you are in charge of an event in the clubhouse and are in need of sound, special lighting or media, be sure to fill out a form as soon as possible. The forms are located on the front of the sound booth. The sooner we know, the sooner we can make arrangements to fill your request.

Submitted by Cheryl Dunlap

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All that's missing is U !

The 2023-24 directory shows one vacancy on the Beautification Committee, one on Management & Personnel, one on Activities, one on Fitness, and three on the Green Committee. Since the directory went to the printer, there may be other vacancies which have occurred. The Banner Committee is a case in fact. The Banner is currently looking for a new Editor to take over as of May 30th.

In checking the total number of VOLUNTEERS on various committees, I came up with approximately 110 and that does not include the Board of Directors (9) or special BOD appointments (12), heads of various clubs and organizations (50), special Activities Committee appointments (20), and all the ladies who hold positions with the Women's Club (15). That's a whopping total of approximately 215 volunteers with their names on paper - probably not even a quarter of our residents when you consider that a number of our volunteers are on two or more committees!

Terry Keller tells me that, including himself, there are only a total of 12 on the Activities Committee. He currently has one vacancy. With 22 events during the year, that means that committee members must do double-duty as far as heading events. However, with the Welcome Back Picnic in November there were jobs for all of the committee members from planning, set-up, cooking, and everything in between, before, and after. And, I have a feeling that there were volunteer volunteers (dessert bakers for one) working that event as well. I don't think it would be an exaggeration to say there were about 45 volunteers involved in that picnic.

But, that is only one of the 22 events that Activities hosts throughout the year. Social Hour is only included as one event even though it is held weekly!

Then, there are the major holidays – Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter – and all they involve, plus Potluck Dinners, the Health Fair, the Flea Market, and the Sports Mixer. Got an idea yet as to how busy those 12 volunteers are?

Maybe you don't participate in every one of those activities but I'm sure you participate in a few and enjoy yourself in the process. Without the Activities Committee you eliminate all of your fun!

Consider our different committees and your area of interest:

Standing

Activities Committee – Terry Keller
Banner Committee – Carolyn Boyle
Budget & Finance – Al Rupp/Steve Augsburger
Fitness Center – Phil Snape/Bill Blake
Management/Personnel – Brad Tuttle/Barb Jahnke
Park Beautification – Steve Pandiscio/Phil Crawford
Safety Committee – Joel Pinker/Art Earl
Swimming Pool & Spa – Gene Wilson

Operating

Gate Committee – Bob Mueller
Green Committee – *Vacancy*
Home Placement – Cletus Willems/Joel Pinker
Kitchen Committee – Betty Chiffolo
Stage & Storage – Cletus Willems/Nelson Kellogg

And, of course, there is our Board of Directors! Every year there are three positions up for nominations. Contact any board member or the park office for information.

Take the time to consider what you enjoy at Golf Lakes and then volunteer to help that committee in some small way. Not only will you find people with similar interests and make some friends, but you will be appreciated!

Carolyn Boyle, Interim Editor

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NEW NUMBER!

FEEDING THE SPIRIT



Harmony Notes

When: 12:30 - 2:00 PM Mondays
Where: Stage in Clubhouse

Practices started in December for the Harmony Notes but we did not meet Christmas or New Year days. Practice will resume on Monday, January 8th.

For the ladies who are new to Golf Lakes, Harmony Notes is a group of ladies who love to sing! We sing all genres of music from pop, to Broadway hits, to sacred hymns. We practice once a week for 90 minutes to 2 hours, then perform several times during the season at Coffee Hour and Vespers. Our season culminates with a concert in March here at Golf Lakes.

Our annual **Meet and Greet will be held on Sunday, January 7 from 2 to 4 PM in the Friendship Room.** Please join us for food, fun and fellowship. We may even sing a song or two! New ladies are asked to join us and see what we are all about.

Submitted by Terri Vinovich



We invite you to join our small group, in-homes Bible studies commencing in January on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays and continuing through February and March 2024. This season's studies are open to both owners and renters alike and will be on the books of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John. A sign-up sheet has been posted on bulletin board #4 for those wishing to participate.

Submitted by Marty Van Egten



GOLF LAKES MASONIC SQUARE CLUB

An invitation is extended to all Masons to come and enjoy a short time of Fellowship.

Our Square Club meets the 2nd Thursday of every month [January 11th this month] during season in the Golf Lakes Board Room from 2 – 3 PM.

Submitted by Bill Gordon



Come join us for a wonderful Bible Study. Kristi McLelland will lead us through seven video sessions of Jesus and Women in the First-Century and Now.

When: 9:00 AM Tuesdays beginning Jan. 16th
Where: Golf Lakes Clubhouse

Kristi will transport us back to Jesus's first century world. We will be walking in the footsteps of the women who came face-to-face with the Living God. Watch as Jesus also speaks to us as His valued daughters. We will start our 1st session on Tuesday, January 16 at 9:00 AM in the Clubhouse. Come for one or all seven classes. We would love to have you join us.

Nancy DeBoer (616-260-4542) or Ruby Van Egsten

VESPERS

Let the New Year bring wisdom, inspiration, and joy. Our schedule for January 2024 is as follows:

January 7 - Pastor Jonathon Jankovich
 January 14 - Pastor Gene Maddox
 January 21 - Pastor Jason Lane
 January 28 - Pastor Dwain Kitchens

Vespers is from 6 to 7 PM on Sunday evenings in the Clubhouse. Any and all are welcome. There is a seat for you!

Submitted by Carol Montgomery

Open Invitation!

Our Vespers guest speakers invite you to join them in their respective churches whenever you feel led.

1. Jonathan Jankovich, Faith Bible Church, 1511 57th St. E, Bradenton – service at 10:30 AM
2. Eugene Maddox, Oneco Hope Global Methodist Church, 2112 53rd Ave. E, Bradenton – services at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
3. Jason Lane, Skyway Community Church, 512 61st St. E, Palmetto – service at 10:45 AM
4. Dwain Kitchens, The Tabernacle Church, 4141 Desoto Rd., Sarasota – service at 10:15 AM

Submitted by Carol Montgomery

Ways you can SERVE

Head Start Outreach

The Golf Lakes Women's Club is now collecting items for donation to the local Head Start program. We are in the process of determining where and when these items may be donated.

All items should be separated and placed in the appropriate cabinet in Storage Room B. PLEASE DO NOT JUST LEAVE ITEMS IN BAGS IN THE ROOM!

The following items will be collected:

- Cardboard Paper Towel Rolls (not toilet paper!)
- Clean Egg Cartons (Styrofoam or cardboard)
- Empty Kleenex Boxes, flattened
- Large Detergent Bottle Lids/Caps (not bottles)
- Plastic Berry Baskets
- Plastic Square Food Containers (not Styrofoam!)
- Fronts only of Greeting Cards
- Oatmeal/Chip Containers with Lids
- Candy/Cookie Tins

We will also be collecting yarn and used linens (for the fabric) to use for nursing home projects. Please see the article next to this one if you can help make items. Yarn and linens may also be left in Storage Room B.

Barb Wenzler, Outreach Chair



Handmade Blessings

HANDMADE BLESSINGS meets throughout the year on **Thursdays at 9:30 AM in the Craft Room.**

These crafters spend their time 'spinning yarn' into hats, blankets, mittens, and other crocheted and knitted items for babies, children and seniors. They love what they do and invite others to join them in their endeavors. Even if you don't crochet or knit, bring a craft with you and spend time with the group!

For more information, call Kim at 941-216-4440.

Submitted by Kim Dolnick



WANTED: RESIDENTS TO RUN FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Every year there are three (3) Board of Directors positions that need to be filled. Any resident of Golf Lakes is eligible and encouraged to fill these positions. It is very easy to apply:

- Fill out an Application for a Board of Director position, available in the office.
- Write – up a short resume or information sheet (1 page) about yourself. Enclose a picture of yourself.
- Return your Application and Resume to the office. Elections will be in February.

Now is your chance to add your voice. Do you see things that need to change? Are you ready and willing to step forward to represent all members of the Association? Or, are you comfortable to let these (9) people make all of your decisions for you?

If you have any questions or need more information, you may contact me. My Phone number is in the directory.

Submitted by Jim Hofman

LAP ROBES

We have a group at Golf Lakes who cut, sew, iron, and assemble donated fabrics, sheets and yarn into lap robes delivered monthly by the Women's Club to seven (7) area nursing homes.

Donations of fabric scraps, used sheets and yarn are always appreciated. New members are welcome as your time permits on **Tuesdays at 8:30 AM in the Craft Room.** If you prefer, you may take pieces home to be assembled. Call Donna for more information.

Submitted by Donna Gastier

Golf Lakes Women's Club Crafters



If you have no cards to play and you are stymied as to what to do with your hands all summer, we are seeking ladies (and even men) who are interested in being handy by using donated yarns or linens.

There is always a need in nursing homes for these items – Bibs, Caps/Hats, Walker Bags, Shawls, Slippers, Scarfs, and Kleenex Holders. We'll give you patterns or directions as well as yarn or linens!

If you can help us by making items this summer, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me immediately if you can help during the summer.

Barb Wenzler, Outreach Chair

LEARNING



iPad Classes Beginning February 6, 2024

Do you have an iPad (Apple product) and don't know what to do with it? Or maybe you only play games and want to know more? You're in luck! iPad classes will meet Tuesdays from Feb. 6 to March 26. There are 2 beginner classes and an intermediate class. Classes meet in the Clubhouse.

Following is a brief description to decide where you feel you would be most comfortable. If you or I feel you don't fit in that particular class we can discuss a change.

Beginner 1 (12:30 PM) - know almost nothing about your iPad; not sure what to do with it; not confident using it; have used it a little; although you have attended class before you still feel you need reinforcement in the very basics.

Beginner 2 (1:30 PM) - have taken the class before; are familiar with basics such as email, messages; can play some games etc. (not all these are necessary, we will review them); are getting some confidence but still unsure a lot of the time.

Intermediate (2:30 PM) - feeling quite confident; not afraid to try some new things on your own; have taken the class and ready to move more rapidly with less re-teaching.

There will be a sign-up sheet on bulletin board #1 the middle of January. Call Linda 860-227-5958 with questions.

Submitted by Linda Stannard



Upcoming Programs and Presentations

At Golf Lakes Clubhouse

Mon. Jan. 15th @ 7:00 PM

Personal Safety & Scams by Manatee Sherriff

Mon. Feb. 26th @ 7:00 PM

Fall Prevention & Balance by Dedicated Senior Health

Mon. March 11th @ 7:00 PM

Brain Health & Dementia by Dedicated Senior Health

Mon. April 15th @ 7:00 PM

Hurricane Preparedness by Manatee Emergency Mgmt.

Submitted by Bob Mueller



Certification Class

When: February 22 @ 10:00 AM

RSVP: Brad Tuttle @ 508-335-8866

If you are interested in getting your Food Safety Certification for the first time, or if your certification expired some time ago, we will be offering a new certification class in February. Seating is limited for this class and you must RSVP.

Submitted by Brad Tuttle



SOCIAL BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

- Helps you meet new friends. Volunteering is a great way to meet new friends as well as strengthen existing connections with friends, family, and co-workers that you volunteer with.
- Increases your social skills. Volunteering gives you a chance to talk to new people and sharpen your social skills.
- Provides a sense of community. Volunteering can help you feel connected to those you are helping in the community.
- Improves self-esteem. Volunteering may boost your self-esteem and self-confidence. When you do something that you feel is worthwhile and valuable for the community, it gives you a sense of accomplishment.

GOLF LAKES NEEDS YOU TO VOLUNTEER!



NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Please do not place any of the following items in the Golf Lakes recycling bins. Our recycling may not be accepted at the recycling center if it contains any of these items.

- Garbage
- Yard waste
- Plastic bags (shopping or garbage)
- Styrofoam
- Sandwich bags / shrink wrap
- Clothing hangers
- Batteries
- Water hoses
- Electronics
- Large plastic items such as pools, coolers or toys
- Any construction materials (siding, decking or molding)
- Household hazardous waste
- E-Scrap (Electric/battery powered devices)
- Egg cartons of any type
- Mirrors or window glass (broken or whole)
- Black plastic plant containers (with or w/o triangle)

SUBMITTED BY YOUR GREEN COMMITTEE; Taken from the Manatee County web site and Single Stream Recycle (11/2018)

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS



Many glass, cardboard and plastic items can be recycled. Plastic bags and Styrofoam cannot be recycled by Manatee County and should not be placed in the Golf Lakes recycling bins.

The following materials are recyclable in Manatee County (all food and beverage containers should be rinsed):

- Newspapers, Junk Mail, shopping ads, windowed envelopes, magazines and paperback books
- Office and computer paper (all colors) **not shredded**
- Phonebooks, greeting cards, brown paper bags
- Non-corrugated card stock (cereal, crackers, frozen food and soda boxes) broken down
- Corrugated Cardboard (must be broken down and placed in the recycle bin.)
- Glass bottles and jars (all colors)
- Aluminum and steel cans (soup and vegetable)
- Plastic bottles (with or without caps) and containers
- Milk, water and juice cartons

SUBMITTED BY THE GREEN COMMITTEE; Taken from the Manatee County web site and Single Stream Recycle (11/2018)

1

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2

Really? That's great, but I have an A/C guy...

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4

I wanna be cool like a Sewell! I'm in!

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- 4 Dave Allen, Lester Baumann, Paul Dwyer, Laura Emser
- 5 Kevin Leshk
- 6 Darlene Baechle, Diane Dube, Mary Robertson, Brad Sequin, Rick Whitehead, Barry Sting
- 7 Bud Smith
- 9 Carolyn Bailey, Jim Fulton, Tom Young
- 11 Paula Ritchie
- 13 Nancy Humes, Ines Espinosa
- 14 Charlie Andrews, Sharon Bilodeau
- 15 Don Ferris, Bev Vasey
- 16 Ellen Eisses, Mike Ferguson, Richard Mille, Rick Watson
- 17 Judy Cashe
- 18 Alan Bennett, Carleen Budinger, Terry Keller
- 19 Debbie Russell, Jan Bundrick
- 20 Carl Tiell
- 21 Duane Frost
- 22 Kathy Drooger, Fern Tucker
- 23 Horace Boddy
- 24 Rusty Cluck, Richard Hicks, Foster A Lewis
- 25 Keith Jackson, Shirley Kamps
- 27 Barbara Jahnke
- 28 Jim Boyle, Nancy DeBoer, Nick DeMerrell
- 29 Geziena Bultman
- 30 David Aberdein, David Leipf, Mark Presley

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS MISSING OR INCORRECT, PLEASE EMAIL
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 BANNER BOX ON THE FRONT OF THE SOUND BOOTH.

SUPPER CLUB

LITERALLY, WE GO OUT AND EAT!

In October, the Supper Club dined at the renovated Linger Lodge. The food was excellently prepared. The staff was most accommodating and the atmosphere has to be experienced. Eighteen Golf Lakers enjoyed a lively evening. The only downer was the rain shower that popped up as we ran to our automobiles. Everyone who tried the Coconut Shrimp wanted more because it tasted so good. The Louisiana Catfish and the Cajun Chicken Kabobs received high marks. If you are daring (as this reporter was), the Braden River Platter was a most delicious sampling of the Linger Lodge Restaurant.

Then, in November, the Supper Club sold-out Captain Brian's Seafood Market & Restaurant. Forty-three Golf Lakers almost filled the establishment. Consider a kitchen that needed to prepare 43 entrees and a serving staff that delivered to all 43 diners within six minutes and you can really appreciate the quality of both the cooks and servers. Yours truly enjoyed the Savage Blonde Oysters from the cold waters of Northern Maine and Prince Edward Island. The Seafood Combo Platter (Grouper, Shrimp, Crab Cakes and Scallops) required a take-home box.

In December, we returned to Speaks Clam Bar (classic Italian entrees, seafood dishes) which was a change from our original plans. We had planned a Turkish Mediterranean outing, but research found that it could not accommodate a group of our size.

If you are interested in eating out once a month and not interested in dining alone, we offer different companions each month! Please see our article on the "January Events" pages regarding our January outing and how to join the group.

Submitted by Don Raymond

Directory Errors

Now that the new Golf Lakes Directory has come out, the office is receiving information on some errors it contains. Corrections will be noted **in bold** as they come in. Should you find an error with your information, please contact Luis Villa in the office with the correct information. The Banner cannot list corrections which do not come from the office.

Correct Name	Address	Phone
Aberdein, David	4929 7 th St.	519-924-3322
Buitenhuis, Herman & Martha	4811 8 th C St E	941-226-2060
Goddard, Roger & Ruth	No Longer Reside in Park - Remove	
Martin, Kim & Pamela	802 51 st B Ave E	same
Raymond, Don & Paula	803 49th A Ave Dr E	same
Willard, Mary Lou	408 49 th B Ave E	same

Thank you for your patience and understanding that some changes were made between the time of submission to the printer and now. Some were, of course, due to human error and for that we apologize.

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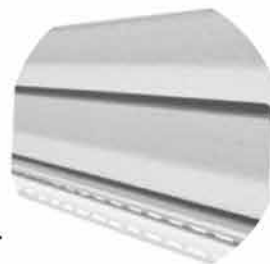
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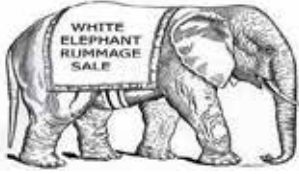
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White Elephant Sale



**WOMEN'S CLUB
WHITE ELEPHANT SALE
Thursday, February 1, 2024
8:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

PLEASE SAVE US YOUR RESALABLE ITEMS!

This exciting event is just around the corner; a really big deal that the Women of Golf Lakes sponsors each year, barely a month away... we have been busy as beavers picking up stuff, the white elephant sale shed is filling up slow but sure. We are a little short on product this year and those presale donations sure do contribute to the success of our sale. We hope you will keep the White Elephant Sale in mind when cleaning out saleable stuff you no longer need or want.

We continue to be very selective about our furniture donations. I hope you will understand; we simply have very little space to keep it and then there is also the matter of the guys cannot lift heavy things like they did when they were young whipper snappers.

Because we do have a storage issue where furniture is concerned, it is most helpful that you hold on to your donation until the pick-up day; however, if you are unable to do so, PLEASE call Lenny Goodie at 301-606-3304, or myself, Sherie Wood; one of us will come to your home and we will solve the problem together! This department did very well at our last sale and we intend to do likewise this year with your help and patience! Rumors have been spread that we don't want furniture anymore. That is simply not true.

There will be more information coming your way via Channel 732, Social Hour, the Banner, Facebook and, if you still have questions call Sherie Wood. This is one of the biggest fund raisers that the Women of Golf Lakes sponsors annually.

We will need lots of volunteers for this FUN work bee and believe me – we do have fun! New residents or renters, we want you to also be a part of this experience and welcome you to join us in the effort. **The last sale required 318 workers...bet that tells you how big an event this really is.** There is a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board for new folks; please sign up. We will really appreciate your participation and it will give you a nice opportunity to get to know more folks in our Golf Lakes family. If you worked last year's sale, don't worry – we got your name and number and we will be contacting you!

Submitted by Sherie Wood



PENNY SALE

The Penny Sale Chairpersons are ready for your new or re-gifted items/donations; we are surely looking forward to receiving what special items you folks put together for us this year. Our team is in place to put this project together and it WILL be a great success with your help.

If you have an item you would like to donate to the Penny Sale, please contact Debbie Russell or Kathy Clute. They will either pick it up or you may drop it at one of their homes. Some Golf Lakes groups put their heads together and make a donation to the Penny Sale that surely helps with this project.

Submitted by Sherie Wood



The annual White Elephant Sale Raffle has some great items this year that will certainly tantalize you. They are:

- A 14K 18" Chain and Floating Heart Pendant
- A \$100 Walmart Gift Card
- A One Hundred Dollar Bill
- A Scratch-Off Lottery Ticket Tree
- A lovely "white on white" Bed Runner donated by Diane Bradt

There may be a couple more raffle items available – time will tell!

Raffle tickets will be sold every Saturday morning at Social Hour; also at special events or Sherie Wood will make house calls; just ring her up!

Submitted by Sherie Wood



JEWELRY WANTED!

We are a little low on donations in the Jewelry Department this year so please clean out those jewelry boxes!!!

Janet Eisses, Joanne Kloosterhof and/or Sherie Wood are available to receive jewelry donations. You may drop them off at Social Hour - there is a jewelry box located on the right side of the stage on Saturday mornings. If you cannot get to Social Hour, Sherie, Janet or Joanne will pick up at your home!

Submitted by Sherie Wood

Save These Dates!



Golden Butterflies Potluck Wednesday, February 21st at 5:00 PM

All couples married 50 years or more **as of February 21, 2024** will be honored at the February Potluck dinner. An evening of entertainment has been planned in your honor. Bring the love of your life and enjoy the evening with others who have made this wonderful journey.

The Activities Committee will provide ham, coffee, and other drinks for the meal. A signup sheet will be posted on Board 2 the first of February. **Signup is required** to prepare the Golden Butterflies nametags and the program. Deadline for signup is February 17th.

Non-Butterflies are welcome to attend. A \$2.00 donation will be requested for all non-butterflies that join this celebration. If you have any questions, call Terry Keller 269-953-2431.

Submitted by Terry Keller



NIGHT OF MUSIC March 7 & 9, 2024 7:00 PM Each Night

Organization and rehearsals have started for this annual show that brings fun and entertainment to all of us. Mark your calendars to attend one of our shows. We'll have singing, dancing, comedy, **ETC!** If you can't do any of that, we'll take your applause! No rotten tomatoes, please.

Submitted for Sherie Wood

Activities Committee Fundraiser February 22, 2024 at 8:00 AM

Back by popular demand, the Activities Committee will hold a second Pancake Breakfast in the Golf Lakes Clubhouse on Thursday, February 22nd.

Join your friends again for a wonderful filling breakfast from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. For a mere \$5.00, you get coffee, sausage and all the pancakes you can eat.

Submitted by Terry Keller

PIANO EXTRAVAGANZA



The annual Piano Extravaganza is planned for **Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 2:00 PM**. If you love to play the piano, please contact Ruth Klungle (616-403-3074) and let her know the favorite piece you plan to play. Solos and four-hand piano are welcome. If you enjoy a variety of piano music from a number of different pianists, plan to join us for an hour of relaxation and music that touches the heart.

Submitted by Ruth Klungle



GOLF LAKES HEALTH FAIR Wednesday February 7th 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

For the benefit of the entire Golf Lakes Community, the Annual Health Fair will be held in the Clubhouse on February 7th.

There will be 15 to 16 organizations in the Clubhouse to disseminate information on health-related issues such as hearing, podiatry, eye health, advanced care, etc. All information is geared toward senior concerns. This is a wonderful opportunity to get answers on many subjects at no charge.

A free light breakfast and healthy lunch are provided. Each vendor will have door prize tickets if you visit their table or display. All information is free to our residents. The drawing for door prizes will take place about 12:30 PM.

Be healthy, stay safe and visit the 2024 Health Fair.

Submitted by Terry Keller



ANNUAL FLEA MARKET Friday March 7th

The Annual Golf Lakes Flea Market will be held March 7th in the North Parking Lot between the hours of 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The marked off parking spaces are \$5.00 each.

If you would like to reserve a space, please contact Judy Keller at 269-986-7848 or Mary Ackeret at 262-343-0128.

Submitted by Terry Keller



Golf Lakes Super Bowl LVIII Party

All Residents, Renters and their Guests in Golf Lakes are invited to attend a Super Bowl party on Sunday, **February 11th at 5:30 PM** in the Clubhouse. A request for approval to have alcoholic beverages will be made. If approval is granted, residents will be notified. Please **RSVP on Bulletin Board #2**.

Submitted by Betty Chiffolo

Special Programs



GOLF LAKES VETERANS GARDEN PROJECT REQUEST FOR DONATIONS



The Beautification Committee is seeking donations for the proposed Veterans Garden Project that was approved by the Board of Directors last spring. The garden will replace the green that is located in front of the clubhouse. The benefits include: providing a pleasing area to honor our Golf Lakes veterans (names to be displayed in the clubhouse upon completion), repurposing unused space, providing safe access to the clubhouse from the parking lot, and reducing landscape maintenance. The cost of the project is approximately \$80,000.

If you would like to make a donation to honor a resident veteran and/or help make improvements to our clubhouse entrance, please write a check to **Golf Lakes Residents Assoc.** and write on the memo line **"Veterans Garden"**. Also include the name of the resident veteran that you wish to honor. Send the check to Cindy's attention at the main office.

Please contact Steve Pandiscio with any questions. Thank you for your support!



Channel 732

Sometimes things change after an article is turned in to The Banner for printing. For up-to-date information on things happening in Golf Lakes tune into your Community Channel—**Spectrum 732**. Slides are normally no longer than 15 seconds, and are kept current. Please contact either Barb Jahnke at cjahnke@tampabay.rr.com or Diane Dube at dubedi52@gmail.com if you have information you would like posted on the channel.

Submitted by Barb Jahnke

The Piecemaker Quilters are contributing \$1,000.00 toward the Veterans Memorial Garden Project at Golf Lakes.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our group by donating to the quilt giveaway, making this donation possible, and giving us the opportunity to continue in our charity work.

Thank You!

LOOKING FOR SOME HISTORY...

Dale and Jill Yarmosh have taken over the **volunteer** position of Historians for Golf Lakes by keeping and updating the large photo albums which may be found in the hallway outside of the Board Room. These are the same books which were used last year to put together the 2023 cover stories of "Through the Years." They are searching for any interesting or informative photos in your files or phones from the past three (3) years. As always, they are requesting names of persons in the photos as well as the events which were captured.

If you have anything which you can share with Dale and Jim...and, ultimately, Golf Lakes...you may email them at ANGEL999958@AOL.com, post it to the Jilly Hart Facebook Page, or call them at 941-313-4095 and they will make arrangements to pick your photos and captioning information up.

Submitted by Jill Yarmosh

FUN & GAMES



When: 6:30 PM Start/Arrive at 6:15
2nd and 4th Wednesdays only
Where: Friendship Room in Clubhouse
Cost: \$1.00 Entry Fee
Prizes awarded each evening

Join us for an evening of fun playing BUNCO - a dice game everyone can play, requiring NO skill whatsoever! Your \$1.00 fee is fully refunded in prizes. We look forward to seeing you!

Grace Naegele at 614-314-1101



When: 6:30 pm Fridays
Where: Clubhouse
Cost: As Much as You Want

Last call for sales is 6:15 PM. Bingo is open to all residents and their friends outside of the park so please pass the word.

Bill Oravec



Banagrams

Banagrams is a tabletop word game where lettered tiles are used to spell words. The name is derived from the claim that it's the "anagram game that will drive you bananas!" Join us on Saturdays at 1 PM in the Friendship Room!

Contact Eleanor Love for more info



When: 9:15 AM Tuesdays
Where: Bowlero Bowling Alley
4208 Cortez Rd W, Bradenton

Welcome to the Golf Lakes Ten Pin bowling season! We need regular bowlers and substitutes. Everyone is welcome! Please sign-up in the Clubhouse. We have two sessions, so you folks who arrive after the 1st of the year can now bowl a full second half, ending the last week of March. Many of our members will attest we have a fun league!

Call Grace Naegele. 614-314-1101 for info

Get In Line



When: 11:45-12:30 & 12:30-3:00 PM Fridays
Where: Main Hall of Clubhouse

The first 45 minutes is absolute beginner class. You don't have to know anything about line dancing but want to find out what it is about and learn a few dances. At 12:30 we begin class for anyone who has a little experience and wants to learn more as well as for seasoned dancers. We'll learn some new dances and dance to some different music. The class will proceed as everyone is comfortable.

You can come for as much of the time that you want. It is great mental and physical exercise not to mention just plain fun.

Submitted by Bonnie Frye



Dancing In The Street

WHERE: 4915 2nd A Street
DAYS: Tuesday & Thursday
TIME: 8:30 AM

Come join us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for some fun and exercise. We've taken line dancing to another level with rock and roll music. Class starts at 8:30 AM and lasts approximately one hour. Anyone is welcome including beginners or even those with two left feet. Please bring a towel and some water!

Submitted by Karen Furnari

January Events

The Women of Golf Lakes

January will bring us our first meeting of 2024 on January 11th at 2:00 PM. We will be starting off the year with a program we hope you will enjoy. The theme of this presentation is "Creative Clutter is Better than Idle Neatness." If you are like me, this is going to be a "don't miss" event.



Also in January will be the Ice Cream Social and Community Forum. This date is January 25th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Come enjoy ice cream and check out all of the Golf Lakes activities available for your enjoyment.

Submitted by Sharon Bilodeau, Publicity Committee



On **January 9th** the Supper Club excursion will be to **Scarpino's**, a favorite Italian dining experience located off 14th Street and Bayshore Gardens Parkway.

Reviews of previous excursions may be found elsewhere in this issue.

If you want to join Supper Club, send an email to raymond803@earthlink.net to be added to our lively group.

Submitted by Don Raymond



GAD-ABOUTS LUNCHEON

When: Thursday, January 25th at 1 PM

Where: R.J. Gators, 6100 Cortez Rd W

All single ladies of Golf Lakes are invited to join us. There is a **sign-up** sheet posted on **bulletin board #4** in the Clubhouse. Be sure to print your name and phone number. Also indicate whether you need a ride or you can drive. Please wear your name tag to the luncheon. Contact Gloria (941-527-5881) with any questions.

Submitted by Gloria Slowiak



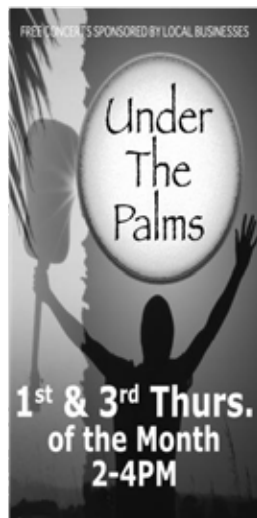
WINTER LAWN BOWLING

Our winter season starts Monday, January 8th and will run until March 3rd. Sign up sheets have been taken down but you can call Nola Frye (269-830-7657) to see if there are any spaces remaining. All players will be committing to playing twice a week.

The launch meeting will be held on Saturday, January 6th at 10:15 AM (following Social Hour) in the clubhouse. There will be a \$10 player fee or \$5.00 for substitutes.

If you don't get a spot, come out anyway and cheer for our players!

Submitted by Nola Frye



UNDER THE PALMS returns to Golf Lakes on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in January and through April on the Clubhouse grounds from 2:00-4:00 PM.

The first performance is on **January 4th** featuring *The Bluegrass Pirates*. 'Pirates' because they pillage and pilfer music from numerous genres, adding a bluegrass-ish hint to their eclectic mix of tunes.

Submitted by Ron Emser

Contact Ron at 216-731-5213 if you know of any groups who would like to sponsor an upcoming performance.



Re-Certification Class

When: January 11 @ 10:00 AM

RSVP: Brad Tuttle @ 508-335-8866

If your Food Safety certificate has expired within 30 days of this January class date, please sign up for the class. Seating is limited and must be reserved. Meeting location will be provided at the time of your seat reservation. RSVP to Brad at above number.

Submitted by Brad Tuttle



DAILY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Monday

Ladies Exercise	CH	8:15
Men's Golf League	GOM	8:30
Women's Monday Golf	GLC	9:00
Ceramics	CR	9:00
Water Aerobics	P	9:40
Lawn Bowling (Jan & Feb)	LC	10:00
Harmony Notes	S	12:30
Ladies Bridge	FR	12:30
Clever Creations (2 nd & 4 th only)	CR	1:00
Shuffleboard	SC	1:00
Feather Your Nest (1 st & 3 rd only)	CR	6:00
Double Pinochle	FR	6:15

Tuesday

Ladies on Greens	GOM	7:30
Dancing in the Street – 4915 2 nd A		8:30
Lap Robes	CR	8:30
Women's Bible Study (begin 1/16)	CH	9:00
Women's Tuesday Golf	GLC	9:00
Ten Pin Bowling – at Bowlero Lanes		9:15
Lawn Bowling (Jan & Feb)	PC	10:00
Hand, Foot & Elbow	FR	12:00
Mah Jongg	CH	1:00
Shuffleboard	SC	1:00
Quilting Ladies	CR	5:30
Hand, Foot & Elbow	BR	6:00
Couples Bridge	FR	6:30
Shuffleboard Open Play	SC	6:30

Wednesday

Breakfast Club @ Fiona's	out	8:00
Ladies Exercise	CH	8:15
Ceramics	CR	9:00
Zero Impact Exercise	CH	9:00
Fall Prevention Exercise	CH	9:30
Water Aerobics	P	9:40
Lawn Bowling (Jan & Feb)	LC	10:00
Women's Bridge	FR	12:30
Woodcarving	CR	1:00
Shuffleboard	SC	1:00
Bunco (2 nd & 4 th only)	FR	6:30
Euchre	FR	6:15

Thursday

BP Check (2 nd only)	FR	8:00
Dancing in the Street – 4915 2 nd A		8:30
Handmade Blessings	CR	9:30
Lawn Bowling (Jan & Feb)	LC	10:00
Piecemakers Quilt Club	CR	12:30
Mah Jongg	FR	1:00
Shuffleboard	SC	1:00
Square Club (2 nd Thurs. only)	BR	1:00
Women's Club (2 nd Thurs only)	CH	2:00
Under the Palms (1 st & 3 rd)	CHG	2:00
Hand, Foot & Elbow	FR	6:00
Cribbage	CH	6:15
Bible Study (2 nd & 4 th only)	PH	7:00

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START YOUR YEAR OFF RIGHT!

Friday

Ladies Exercise	CH	8:15
Art Group	CR	9:00
Water Aerobics	P	9:40
Lawn Bowling (Jan & Feb)	LC	10:00
Line Dancing (beginner)	CH	11:45
Hand, Foot & Elbow	FR	12:00
Line Dancing (regular dancers)	CH	12:30
Shuffleboard	SC	1:00
Social Hour Set-Up	CH	3:00
Bingo	CH	6:00

Saturday

Social Hour	CH	9:00
Banana Grams	FR	1:00
Shuffleboard	SC	1:00

Sunday

No Activities Scheduled		AM
Vespers	CH	6:00

LEGEND

BR	Board Room
CH	Clubhouse
S	Stage
CR	Craft Room
FR	Friendship Room
P	Pool
SC	Shuffle Courts
GLC	Golf Lakes Course
PC	Pickleball Court
HC	Horseshoe Court
GOM	Greens of Manatee
LC	Lawn Bowling Court
CHgr	Clubhouse Grounds
PH	Private Homes
CHG	Clubhouse Grounds

GOLF LAKES JANUARY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4 2P Under the Palms	5	6 9A Social Hour 10:15 Lawn Bowling Mtg.
7 2P Harmony Notes Meet & Greet 6P Vespers – Pr. Jankovich	8 9A GLW Exec Bd Mtg 2:15 Nite of Music Mtg & Auditions 7P Communications Mtg	9	10 DEADLINE	11 9A BOD Mtg 10A Food ReCert Class 2P GLW Mtg 2P Square Club	12	13 9A Social Hour 10:15 Quilts of Valor
14 6P Vespers – Pr. Maddox	15 MLK Day 7P Safety Mtg & Program	16 BULK TRASH DAY	17 5P Potluck Dinner	18 2P Under the Palms	19	20 9A Social Hour
21 6P Vespers – Pr. Lane	22	23	24	25 8A BP check 8A Pancake Breakfast 9A BOD Mtg 1P Ice Cream Social/ Community Forum 1P Gad-a-Bouts @ R.J. Gators	26	27 9A Social Hour 7P Activities' Musical Fundraiser
28 6P Vespers – Pr. Kitchens	29	30	31 TBD White Elephant Set-Up	Feb. 1 8A White Elephant Sale		

January Events



NIGHT OF MUSIC

Annual Fundraising for Stage & Storage

Everyone – old or new residents – interested in becoming a part of the 2024 Night of Music should attend the first general organizational meeting:

**Monday, January 8th, 2024
2:15 PM**

The Club House Stage Area

The theme of the March 7 & 9 show is "ETC...." What does that mean to you? We are looking for a variety of talent and people who like to have fun! Whether you have a full gamut of showbiz talent or not, please come to the meeting and show us what you've got. Contact Jo Rupp or Sherie Wood with any questions.

Submitted by Sherie Wood



QUILTS OF VALOR

The Second Annual Quilts of Valor ceremony will be **January 13th, immediately following coffee hour.** We hope many of you will stay and celebrate with us the awarding of Quilts to our veterans.

Golf Lakes Quilters choose the veterans each year. We go by AGE. This year we will be honoring those 85 years old to 90 years old.

Quilts of Valor was a dream of Catherine Roberts in 2003 when she started this foundation. There are over 10,000 volunteers across 600 groups in all 50 states. This group has made over 350,000 quilts with the 350,000th quilt awarded in May 2023. To learn more about the Quilts of Valor Foundation visit their website at www.qovf.org

Any questions about the Golf Lakes ceremony please call Gayle Lesch 330-332-5863.

Submitted by Gayle Lesch



TOMMY O

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Saturday, January 27 @ 7:00 pm

Featuring The Tommy O. Show

The performance offered by **TOMMY O** will consist of versatility and encourages audience participation. He has been nicknamed "Elvirotti" which implies his vast range from that of Elvis to Pavarotti. The performance is guaranteed to leave the audience with lasting memories.

Plan to attend and enjoy this wonderful evening of entertainment and support the Activities Committee. This Musical/Fundraiser is extremely important as it helps provide funding needed for hosting the 20+ Activities Committee events during the year. Without funding, events such as the holiday and Welcome Back picnics, the Halloween Party, and various other events will not be possible.

Tickets are \$12.00 per person and will be sold at Social Hour starting January 6th. If you don't attend Social Hour, call Terry Keller at 269-953-2431. Watch Facebook for updates and reminders.

Submitted by Terry Keller



Fundraiser for Activities Committee

Join Golf Lakes for a wonderful Pancake Breakfast. Wake up early and bring a neighbor or friend! Stop in for a complete breakfast of coffee, sausage, and all the pancakes you can eat!

Date: Thursday, January 25th

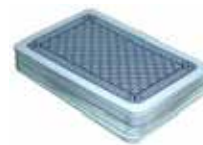
Time: 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Where: Golf Lakes Clubhouse

Cost: \$5.00 for Complete Breakfast

Submitted by Terry Keller

Playing With a Full Deck



Feather Your Nest

When: 6:00 PM 1st & 3rd Mondays
Where: Craft Room in Clubhouse
Cost: \$1.00 per Card/\$5.00 for six

Feather Your Nest is similar to Bingo but played with poker cards and it is fast-paced and a lot of fun. Winnings are distributed from the pot. Contact Duane and Kathy Frederick (860-458-9225) with any questions.

Submitted by Duane Frederick



Where: Friendship Room
Couples: 6:30 PM Tuesdays
Women: 12:30 PM Wednesdays
Cost: \$0.25 – 4 rounds of 6 hands each

All bridge players are welcome. Money is divided among the top three winners.

Submitted by Mary Swed



HAND, FOOT & ELBOW

Your Editor could literally find no information on this game other than it is a derivative of canasta.

Tuesday & Friday at Noon in the Friendship Room
Tuesdays at 6:00 PM in the Board Room
Thursdays at 6:00 PM in the Friendship Room

We're told, though, that this is a fun card game and easy to learn. Everyone is welcome to join in play.

Contact Anneliese Heathfield



If you have never played Cribbage in the past or it's been awhile, this may be a good time for you to join us and learn or brush up on your skills.

WHEN: Thursday @ 6:15 PM
WHERE: Clubhouse

Submitted by Bette Buzzell



When: 6:15 PM Wednesdays
Where: Friendship Room
Cost: \$0.50 Cents – 7 games of 8 hands

Open to all, you do not have to bring a partner we will find one for you!

Submitted by Carol Willems



When: 6:15 PM Mondays
Where: Friendship Room
Cost: \$0.25 – 7 rounds of 4 hands each

Come join us on Monday nights! If you can play single pinochle you will enjoy double pinochle even more. Hope to see you there!

Mike & Jane Vanderbilt 708-672-8902

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WHAT: Ladies' Bridge
WHERE: Friendship Room
WHEN: 12:30 PM on Mondays

The Golf Lakes Ladies' Bridge group as stated above for a good hand of bridge as well as camaraderie. All lady residents are welcome to join the game.

Contact Mary Swed for info



OOPS, NO CARDS INVOLVED!

Mah Jongg is a Chinese game of tiles. If you are a card player or just love games, this is for you! Everyone is welcome to join us either day.

Tuesdays @ 1:00 PM in the Clubhouse
Thursdays @ 1:00 PM in the Friendship Room

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THE BREAKFAST CLUB meets on Wednesdays at 8:00 AM at Fiona's Family Restaurant, 5207 33rd St. Show up, wear your name tag, and grab a seat. No reservations needed. Contact the Ver Heists for info.

CERAMICS meets on both Mondays and Wednesdays in the Craft Room at 9:00 AM. Open to everyone who pays the \$15 per year fee. Contact Barbara Ford for more information.



This season **CLEVER CREATIONS** will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of January, February and March at 1PM. Project sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the Craft Room. Classes are limited to 20 people, so be sure and sign up early. We look forward to our new season with everyone. For more info contact Karen Furnari.



FALL PREVENTION EXERCISES are held on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM in the Clubhouse. Contact Dr. James Gallo for more information.



LADIES EXERCISE is held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the Clubhouse at 8:15 AM. All female residents are invited. Bring a mat, 3 or 5 lb. weights, and water.

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PIECEMAKERS QUILT CLUB meets on Thursdays at 12:30 PM in the Craft Room. If you've always quilted or would like to try, join us! We usually work on our own quilts and volunteer to give lessons on different techniques. We go out to lunch every few weeks and shop for fabrics together. For any information call Mercelle Jackson.

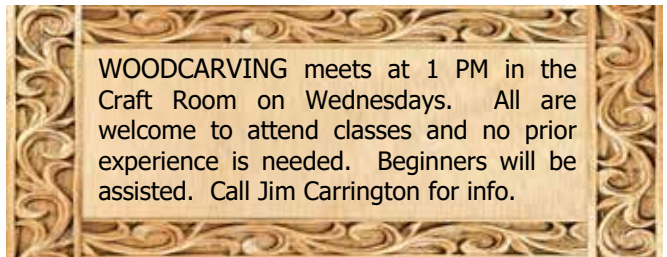


QUILTING LADIES meet on Tuesdays at 5:30 PM in the Craft Room. All are welcome. If you enjoy quilting or would like to learn, come for an evening of fun. Call Ginny DeSantis for more info.

WATER AEROBICS is held at 9:40 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays when the pool is open. This is a half hour routine of gentle exercises that help promote ease of motion.



WOODCARVING meets at 1 PM in the Craft Room on Wednesdays. All are welcome to attend classes and no prior experience is needed. Beginners will be assisted. Call Jim Carrington for info.



ZERO IMPACT MOTION CLASS is held at 9:00 AM on Wednesdays in the Clubhouse. The goal of these classes is to increase range of motion of all movable joints. Bring a mat, pillow, and water to the class. For more info contact Dr. Jim Gallo.



**WHITE ELEPHANT
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NEEDED!**

If you have any space we can use until the end of January, please let me know. Also, Lenny Goodie could use a guy or two with a pickup truck, to help do pickups. He is over-worked and under-paid!

Submitted by Sherie Wood

Playing



A Round!

Men's Monday Golf League Schedule Greens of Manatee 2023/2024

Date		Week	Time
01/01/24	Non-League Golf Play		-8:30 AM-
01/08/24	League Week	7	
01/15/24	League Week	8	
01/22/24	Scramble #1		
			2 nd Half
01/29/24	League Weeks	1	- - - - 8:30 AM - - - -
02/05/24		2	
02/12/24		3	
02/19/24		4	
02/26/24		5	
03/04/24		6	
03/11/24		7	
03/18/24		8	
03/25/24	Scramble #2 and Banquet at Moose Lodge (TBD)		
LEAGUE COST IS \$15 FOR THE 23/24 SEASON WITH WEEKLY PAY-OFFS. CONTACT TERRY KELLER FOR MORE INFO AT 269-953-2431.			
<i>Submitted by Terry Keller</i>			



Yeah, just ask me anything you want to know about the Golf Lakes Ladies Golf League.

The Fall League may have ended but our Winter Leagues will be gearing up the second week of January. We play on the Golf Lakes "Chip & Putt" course with the Tuesday League being a bit more informal as they do not play over any of the water and there is no cost or prize money.

The Monday League will begin on January 8th at 9:00 AM. The cost is \$7.00 per person. Prizes are given out at the end of the season.

The Tuesday League will begin on January 9th at 9:00 AM. There is no up-front cost and, consequently, no prizes.

Our leagues are a great way to get some exercise and perhaps meet some new ladies. We always end the season with a nice banquet at a local restaurant.

For information on the Winter Leagues, contact Sandy Teill at 419-277-1571.

We hope you will consider joining us for a fun season of golf at Golf Lakes!

Submitted by Sandy Teill



GREENS OF MANATEE

The Family Friendly Course
Winter 2024

The weather is wonderful and the golf course is in great shape, in spite of the severe drought conditions in Manatee County. As always, November begins the start of our men's and women's golf leagues. It's nice to see folks back on the course and enjoying themselves. To keep track of what is going on at the course, check out the *Greens of Manatee Golf Club* Facebook page. Regular posts feature pictures of scramble winners, "hole-in-one" golfers and provides a bit of enjoyable golf humor. Check out Facebook – "*Greens of Manatee Golf Club*" and share it with your friends.

For the Golfer - Golf Lakes, leagues have started and are going strong. Need a tee time, just call the Clubhouse and they will set you up. The Saturday scrambles are underway and they are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. The scrambles are a big hit and are lots of fun for every level golfer. Also, don't forget Driving Range. It is one of the few driving ranges left in the area and is open every day. Stop in the Clubhouse and get a bucket of balls.

For the Golfers and Non-Golfer - If you have not been over to the snack bar, be sure to stop over and check it out. Breakfast and lunch are both great and prices are very reasonable. Stop in with friends or family and enjoy a hearty breakfast. Lunchtime offers you hot dogs, burgers, sloppy joes, chili and drinks. The staff will treat you as royalty and you can get away without a traffic jam or a bill that breaks the bank.

For Your Information – The GOM Board Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Golf Lakes Board Room at 2:00 PM.

Submitted by Terry Keller for Greens of Manatee

LADIES ON THE GREENS OF MANATEE



All Resident Women interested in playing on an 18-hole golf course are invited to play on Tuesday mornings at Greens of Manatee, located just north of Golf Lakes. We meet at 7:30 AM to form teams with a handicap format. Tee time is 7:45 AM. There is a \$2.00 entry fee with weekly pay-offs. Contact Maria Baumann at 941-251-5315 for information.

Submitted by Maria Baumann



NOVEMBER RESULTS

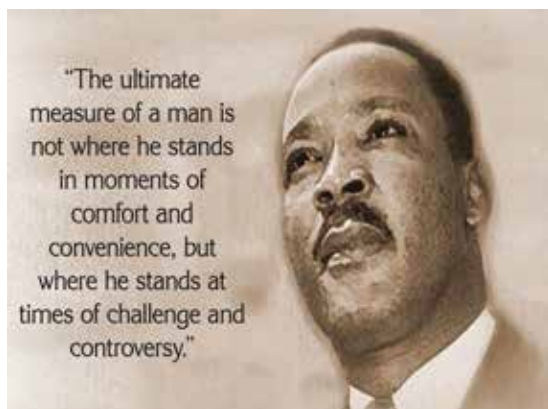
AMATEURS

DATE	PLAYER	PLACE
11/30	Jim Dixon	1 st Main
	Diane Dixon	3 rd Main
	Diane Fielbrandt	2 nd Consolation
	Henry Eisses	3 rd Consolation
	Paul Maille	3 rd Consolation

PROS

DATE	PLAYER	PLACE
11/2	Larry Taylor	1 st Main
	Mary Fowler	1 st Main
	Irene Bowersock	3 rd Consolation
	Rita Marderosian	4 th Consolation
11/9	Larry Taylor	2 nd Main
	Mary Fowler	3 rd Main
	Janet Eisses	3 rd Main
	Jerry Stannard	3 rd Main
	Irene Bowersock	1 st Consolation
	Rita Marderosian	3 rd Consolation
11/16	Janet Eisses	1 st Main
	Rita Marderosian	2 nd Main
	Mary Fowler	3 rd Main
	Jill DeBruyne	3 rd Main
	Jerry Stannard	4 th Main
	Frank Marderosian	1 st Consolation
	Irene Bowersock	3 rd Consolation
	Larry Taylor	4 th Consolation
11/30	Mary Fowler	1 st Main
	Letha Devries	3 rd Main
	Jerry Stannard	3 rd Main
	Janet Eisses	4 th Consolation

Submitted by Rita Marderosian



Pickleball

News

The Executive Board met on November 28th to discuss the survey and what the results and comments meant. This helped us finalize the schedule so that it can be taken to the GL Board for final approval. The Schedule will then be posted at the courts, in the clubhouse, and on our website.

Schedule

Look for some changes to the Pickleball Schedule. Special events will happen on one or two Friday's per month. Beginner lessons will only take place in January, then by request after that. Look for a new time for one of the Ladders, and a change in the point system. Stay Tuned.

Fees

Just a reminder that your \$20.00 fees can be paid to Glenn Spraeztz. For returning members, Glenn will check to make sure we have your correct information. For all new members, make sure that you fill out the membership sheet completely.

An important reminder to everyone involved in Pickleball; if you are involved with any organized event with the Pickleball Club, you must pay your yearly fees. The exception would be that any Lifetime members would not pay the \$20.00 yearly fee.

Please be sure to check out our website at www.GL-PC.org for all the latest pickleball information.

Submitted by Kevin Hogan



A 4-week clinic of lessons will be held Jan 10, 17, 24 and 31. Lessons will be weekly from 1:00 to 2:30 PM on Wednesdays.

Please sign up on bulletin board #2 with your name and contact number. There will be room for 16 players only. Equipment will be provided.

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Submitted by Janet Eisses

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POTLUCK DINNERS 2024 SPECIAL NOTICE WINTER/SPRING Activities Committee

The Monthly Potlucks are back on the schedule! The potlucks will be held on the third Wednesday of the months of January to April.

The January 17th potluck starts at 5:00 PM in the Clubhouse and is hosted by the Activities Committee. The February potluck will be the Golden Butterflies celebration. Look for more information later.

As with all potlucks, please bring your table service, your favorite dish to pass, a serving utensil as needed, and a glass or cup for your drink. The signup sheet will be on Board 2. Activities provides the drinks and a \$1.00 donation per person is requested.

Submitted by Terry Keller

SOCIAL HOUR INVITATION



The Activities Committee is confirming the open invitation to Saturday Social Hour. Golf Lakes has many new residents and it is important for everyone to be aware of our Social Hour starting at 9:00 AM every Saturday in the Clubhouse.

For a nominal fee of \$1.00 you get a seat and coffee. For an additional \$1.00 you get a donut. This is an opportunity to meet new people and catch up on what is going on in the park. In addition, there are special announcements made to keep everyone informed of club or committee activities in the park. Be sure to arrive a little early and come join us! If you have trouble finding a seat, someone will assist you in finding one.

Submitted by Terry Keller

SOCIAL HOUR

SHORT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Based on concerns about the length and content of announcements made during Social Hour, guidelines have been established to make the announcements shorter and more effective. If making an announcement, please adhere to the following for the benefit of all attendees.

1. Announcements should be no longer than 15 to 20 seconds.
2. Announcements are to inform and not to entertain – elaboration is not needed.
3. Be specific – list dates, times, cost & contact person.
4. Clarify what Board contains specific details and/or sign-up sheets.
5. Should be in a format similar to what may appear as Ch732 announcements (short & concise)
6. Announcements are for events and activities sponsored by Golf Lakes ONLY.
7. Announcements should not be made more than 3 weeks ahead of the activity or event.

If you would prefer not to attend Social Hour but have an announcement, you must legibly write it out and have someone else make it for you or drop it off to the Emcee no later than 8:50 AM that morning and the Emcee will make sure someone makes the announcement.

Submitted by Terry Keller

Just Back & A Little Confused???

Due to the rising costs for donuts as well as coffee, paper products, and other supplies, we had to make a change in pricing for the Saturday morning Social Hour. Effective December 1st, the cost of a donut was set at \$1.00 and is to be paid at the kitchen pick-up window. The cost of your seat and coffee remains \$1.00 and will be collected at the tables as in the past. Any extra funds will be channeled to support Activities Committee events.



SOCIAL HOUR SPOTLIGHT



EMCEES	
Jan 6	Mitch Dykstra
13	Mildred Blankers
20	Ria Buitenhuis
27	Sherie Wood

INTRODUCTIONS	
	Karla Blevins
	Mildred Blankers
	Ria Buitenhuis
	Mildred Blankers

HOST/HOSTESSES	
	The Newcomers/Maggie Lowman
	The Farmers/Bob Ward
	Lawn Bowlers/Karla Blevins
	The Canadians/William & Diane Gordon

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NOVEMBER GAME SCORES



MONDAY BRIDGE

Date	First Place		Second Place		Third Place	
11/06	Dorothy Begin	3690	Audie Pedley	3300	Gail Frazier	2950
11/13	Mary Swed	4570	Barb Jahnke	3430	Gail Frazier	3660
11/20	Bob Wood	3550	Louis Huot	3460	Sandi Ferris	3250
11/27	Norma Huot	3430	Mary Swed	3190	Louis Huot	3090
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TUESDAY BRIDGE

Date	First Place		Second Place		Third Place	
11/14	Sherie Wood	3160	Louis Huot	3110	Bob Wood	3060
11/21	Norma Huot	3850	Sandi Ferris	3720	Sandy Forth	2850
11/28	Sherie Wood	4210	Louis Huot	3750	Mary Swed	2820
Submitted by: Mary Swed						

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

Date	First Place		Second Place		Third Place	
11/22	Bob Wood	3340	Mary Swed	2990	Sandi Ferris	2750
Submitted by: Mary Swed						

THURSDAY CRIBBAGE

Date	First Place		Second Place		Third Place	
11/02	Elaine Porter	711	Elaine Jarvis	700	Kathy Clute	695
11/09	Louis Huot	722	Kathy Clute	719	Larry Restuccia	719
11/16	Carol Thull	722	Richard Para	718	Jeff Durand	710
11/23	Kathy Clute	724	Elaine Jarvis	712	Francine Dupras	701
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Date	First Place		Second Place		Third Place	
11/08	Donna Saunders	63	Dan Simmons	52	Clete Willems	45
11/15	Carol Willems	51	Dale Yarmosh	42	Clete Willems	44
11/22	Bob Monoski	55	Clete Willems	47	Carolyn Bailey	41
11/29	Bob Bradt Carolyn Bailey	48	Diane Bradt	46	Clete Willems	41
Submitted by: Carol Willems						

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Excerpted from a 2021 NY Times article by Christina Caron

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You would be surprised the number of times our new residents have found folks from their own state of even their city through the Banner introduction. At this time, the Committee is working hard to get caught up with interviews due to the large number of new residents. If you would like an "Official Greeting" to Golf Lakes, **sign up on the New Resident sheet on Board 2** in the Clubhouse or call Terry Keller at 269-953-2431. Arrangements will be made for your official welcome.

Submitted by Terry Keller



Linda and David Hazelton recently purchased and moved into their home at **5118 5th St E**. Although originally from upstate New York they have lived in Bradenton for about 7 years and will be year-round residents here in Golf Lakes. They are both retired, Linda from working as a registered nurse and David from security for the Department of Energy. They have 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren. Although busy right now with working on their home, they both plan on becoming more involved. Linda likes to read, crochet, and paint (as in pictures not walls). David is also a reader and intends to try out the Golf Lakes par 3 golf course. David is also a member of the Elks. When asked how they happened to find Golf Lakes, Linda said that she used to come here for Line Dancing and told David if they were to move she wanted to check out Golf Lakes. They were both impressed with how beautiful everything looks and is maintained. *They were visited by Dick and Karla Blevins.*



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NAME: _____
BIRTH MONTH: _____ DAY OF MONTH: _____
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Activity Submission/Update

ACTIVITY: _____
PERSON IN CHARGE: _____ PHONE: _____
ACTIVITY DAY(s): _____ TIME: _____
LOCATION: _____ SIGN UP: _____
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NEW HOME PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REMINDER

One mandate of the New Home Placement Committee is that we are responsible, along with the Park Manager, for determining that modifications to the exterior of existing homes shall comply with the rules as set forth by the Board of Directors. No construction of any new structure or additions to existing structures, or any painting, is to commence prior to submitting drawings and specifications to the Manager and obtaining written approval to proceed with the construction.

Regulations are in place concerning paint colors. Our committee modified the acceptable colors, and these were approved by your Board of Directors earlier this year. If you are planning to repaint, please check to be sure your color is still on the approved list. Samples of approved colors can be obtained in the Golf Lakes Office. More specifics regarding colors can be found in section VII. THE MOBILE HOME of the next issue of the GL directory.

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January Theatre Trivia Corner

The Rodgers and Hammerstein classic *Oklahoma!* This month, the Manatee Performing Arts Center will be celebrating the start of the new year with concerts, drama, and a Broadway hit from the golden era of shows.

This month is all about Christmas songs in Broadway shows. We give you the title and the composer and lyricist. You name the show.

1. What non-musical was ***Oklahoma!*** based on?
2. What was the original title of ***Oklahoma!***?
3. What are the two dances that Will Parker introduces to the cowboys when he returns from Kansas City?
4. What song does Curly sing to Laurey as he tries to convince her to accompany him to the social?
5. Who was the original choreographer of ***Oklahoma!***?
6. What two major awards did the original Broadway production win?

- Answers**
1. ***Green Grow the Lilacs*** written by Lynn Riggs.
 2. The show was originally titled ***Away We Go*** but was changed by the huge success of the title song.
 3. The two-step and ragtime. Will Parker is hoping that Ado Annie's father will keep his promise to let them marry because he won \$50 on his trip to Kansas City. The only problem is that he spent the \$50 on presents for Ado Annie and her father.
 4. "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top"
 5. Agnes de Mille who first came to fame for her work on ***Rodeo (1942)*** whose score was by Aaron Copland.

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Friendship Room Makeover



The Women's Club began redecorating the Friendship Room with a nautical theme on November 10th. A new wall color was followed with reupholstered chair seats and valance.

Our team of painters included Richard Horton, Jane and Ron Brouwer, Mark and Kimberley Billitere, Barb Wenzler, and Mary Hofman. Reupholstering was accomplished by Jane Brouwer, Barb Wenzler, and Sharon Bilodeau.

The Friday Art Class and artists at Golf Lakes will have wall space available to feature their nautical-themed wall art. Stop in and check out this gallery as they continue to fill the walls.

Thanks to everyone for their input in the creative design!

*Photos Submitted by Sharon Bilodeau
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Challenge

Take some time and look at every page of Golf Lakes news in this issue of *The Banner* and you will see that **nothing** will take place for your enjoyment without **VOLUNTEERS!**

"High Season" is Here!

Photo taken on 49th C Ave E shows two remodeling trucks, a driveway sealing crew, and the "tie down" crew.

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