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Amen



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The month of February is a busy month. Adding to the normal activities in the clubhouse will be the Annual White Elephant Sale. January 31st is set-up day and February 1st is the day of the sale. The clubhouse will be closed to all activities on those 2 days. To our newest residents, this is the Women of Golf Lakes' largest fund raiser and they can always use your donations of useable household articles, jewelry, and workers. You can even donate your goods on January 31st at their drive-up at the clubhouse. See their notice in this edition of the Banner. We have many visitors in the park on the day of the sale. Be patient. All the normal activities will resume after the ladies (and their trusty helper husbands) clear out the left-over unsold goods.

During the month, rehearsals for Stage and Storage's Annual Night of Music will occur. This is always a fun event as you get to see your fellow residents at their best! Lots of laughs that night. It is a fund raiser for Stage and Storage so be generous with your donations at the door. They rehearse in February and the show is in March. Watch the Banner for articles on all events for the entire month.

February 12th is the Cooperative's Annual Meeting. You have received your voting packet which contains instructions on what each paper represents. On the night of the meeting votes will be counted for the Board positions. It is VERY important that you sign your proxy and return it promptly. We need a quorum present IN PERSON (not on Zoom) to count the votes including the Board candidates. Your proxy can count as part of the quorum if you do not attend IN PERSON. Your deadline to turn in your voting packet is 7 PM that night, but please sign it and turn it in as soon as possible.

We have several committees that really need members. These committees are very important as they help to entertain us, feed us, keep us busy and not bugging our spouse. If there are no members, there are no activities, no flowers, no entertainment, no pool activities or access, no sound or lights in the clubhouse, no books in the library shelves, etc. Look in your directory for the names of the chairperson and make a call and volunteer. You will not regret it. You can also call any Board member and that person will be glad to assist you.

Valentine's Day is the 14th. I have it on good authority (guess who) that there is a musical program that night sponsored by Women of Golf Lakes. Take your sweetheart to dinner and then go to the musical. Again, be generous not only with your donations at the door of the musical but also with your spouse (also on good authority)!

My wife and I wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and a happy life in our slice of paradise.

Mark Hooker

RESIDENT UPDATES

December 2023

New Residents

Baie, Dave & Linda	802 49 th Ave Dr E	MI
616-437-1912/616-824-5001		
Carpenter, Barbara	5010 8 th B St E	ONT
Carpentier, Robert		
941-713-8425/941-326-7610		
Marlett, Janice	802 48 th B Ave E	WI
414-333-1225		
Smulick, Gary & Wendy	5202 6 th A St E	PA
724-910-9211/724-910-4737		
Treinen, Patricia	802 48 th B Ave E	
414-550-7882		
Vanderbilt, Jeff & Kim	714 48 th B Ave E	FL
941-524-1396		

Moved Away

Anello, Sandra	802 48 th B Ave E
Boomgaard, John & Christine	5208 8 th A St E
Hymbaugh, James & Debra	813 52 nd Ave Cir Dr
Ross, Hedy	5202 6 th A St E

Updates/Corrections

Ash, Gerald & Terrie	231-392-1575/231-392-3514
Bundrick, Julie	941-290-7074
Lobraico, Tracey	5208 8 th A St E
Miller, Carla	5115 8 th A St E
Schaefer, Gerard & Terry	414-750-1602/214-403-0496
Schatner, Patricia	813 52 nd Ave Cir Dr E
	616-430-4454

Please see separate listing of Directory Errors which is provided again this month.

Deaths

Herman, David	604 49 th E Ave E	1/1/24
Spyker, Theresa	714 49 th A Ave Dr E	1/2/24

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Happy February. At the time of writing, the POOL IS OPEN...FINALLY. We do have additional improvements that will be made to the spa, so another brief closure and inspection are expected in the coming weeks. I hope that all are open very soon.

The Election of three new Board members is taking place this month. We will see Judy Keller, George White and Gerry Barnicle finish up their tenure and we thank them for their time and hard work over the past years.

Please remember to send in your blue proxies to ensure we can meet the quorum requirements to hold the meeting and election. Since the meeting is only days away, please fax to 941-755-2312 or email it to Luis@golflakes.com. You can also drop off or mail in your ballot for the Board.

Now that most everyone is back for the season, please take this opportunity to inspect your home and lot and perform all necessary maintenance while you are here. All property should be kept in a neat and tidy manner without storing items in view from neighboring homes. Please remove and discard any unused items, clean your awnings, shutters, home's exterior and roofs as needed. They should be free of excessive dirt or mold.

We also want to announce the re-naming of the NEW HOME PLACEMENT COMMITTEE which is now the EXTERIOR DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE. Please see an article about this inside this edition of The Banner. Remember: All exterior changes require prior approval by the Association.

We are receiving complaints about SPEEDING inside Golf Lakes. Please observe the posted speed signs – 15 MPH.

This month marks the final month of my first year at Golf Lakes. I am so happy to be here and thank you for an incredible first year. If we have not yet met, please stop in anytime and let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO BE KIND. YOU LIVE TOO CLOSE TOGETHER NOT TO GET ALONG.



Any articles, photos, etc. for the March issue should be received by The Banner no later than 5:00 PM on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Items may be placed in the Banner box (BUT NOT IN THE FORM FOLDER) located on the front of the sound booth in the Clubhouse or emailed to golflakesbanner@gmail.com.

Your emailed articles will always receive an automatic reply that they were received. The earlier you submit an article, the better. You can always submit changes up until the 10th of the month.

As of the March deadline, I will only be acting as your editor for 110 more days. As of May 31, if no editor is found, you will NOT have a newsletter!

We're looking for someone who is proficient in Word - the choice of most Golf Lakers. A full-time resident may be preferable but not mandatory. Accuracy, adherence to deadlines without stressing, and simple creativity are just a few of the major attributes needed.

If you think you are the person The Banner actually needs, please email your interest to me at golflakesbanner@gmail.com or call 941-752-3907 so we can discuss the possibilities. The Banner needs you!

Carolyn Boyle, Interim Editor

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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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BEAUTIFICATION

**Takes some hard work
and a lot of patience!**

Getting to Know the Golf Lakes Landscape – Submitted by Steve Pandiscio, Co-chair Beautification Committee

I have met some nice residents who recently moved into our park, and they have mentioned that one of the main reasons they chose to live here was due to the beautiful landscaping, manicured yards and well-maintained homes. I thought it would be helpful to share how the Beautification Committee participates in helping to keep the park looking great.

The Golf Lakes Beautification Committee takes on many roles. As an extension of the Board of Directors, our main purpose is to monitor the general beautification of all common outdoor grounds of the park, make suggestions for improvements and help implement approved projects.

Our busiest time of the season begins in early November with the launch of our official "planting day." To make this happen, we order over 350 plants from Orban's Wholesale Nursery in early spring, and upon delivery, use them for landscaping the gardens around the clubhouse and gate areas.

Elaine Pittman,
Margie Capuci, Lori
Mathos and Ari
Mathos helped to
plant the gardens at
the clubhouse.



Flowers are also used to fill the pots we put at the roadside benches. We are fortunate to have several "friends of the committee" who help us get the job done. You will see team members watering the pots every week from November to May. We also sell plants that residents can purchase for their own yards, which helps support the Beautification Committee's budget.



Gayle Lesch
helped plant the
roadside pots.

The team spends countless hours weeding and trimming plants in the various gardens throughout the year, even during the humid and hot summers.

Every six months we launch our "palm tree fertilizing project." There are over 1,000 palm trees in our park that we fertilize to keep them as healthy as possible. This program also allows us to keep an eye out for diseases

that could be harming them. Again, we thank the "friends of the committee" for their assistance.



Phil Crawford and
Mark Billittere
helped plant the
clubhouse gardens.

In December we launch our "holiday decorating days." This project includes stringing over 1,500 LED lights around the Welcome and Pelican lakes, hanging wreaths at the clubhouse, entrance gates and welcome wall, putting up the nativity scene, carolers and Christmas tree displays at the clubhouse, and much more. We offer light kits that residents can purchase for their lamp posts.

The committee has been involved in making upgrades to park amenities, such as planning and overseeing the construction of the South Picnic area and designing the plans for the Veterans' Garden project.

South
Picnic
Area



These are just some of the duties that the Beautification Committee undertakes. There have been many great projects implemented over the years by talented former members of the committee. Hats off to them!

We appreciate the many compliments we receive from residents and guests. If you have a green thumb, can do vigorous work and enjoy the outdoors, consider joining our committee and help us in keeping Golf Lakes a beautiful place to live.

Even if you can't do strenuous work and spend time bending and stooping, we can still use your help. Your monetary donations are always needed whether for plants, planting supplies, holiday decoration refresh supplies, palm fertilizer, etc. In addition, you will see our notice elsewhere in this issue of The Banner regarding donations for the proposed new Veterans' Gardens to be located in front of the Clubhouse.

Thank you for whatever help you can give us in keeping Golf Lakes looking beautiful!

The Beautification Committee

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FEBRUARY

- 1 Rick Burkley, Terry Dreyer, Donald Kline
- 2 David Fisher, Rita Leipf, Mark Schaefer
- 3 Dan Ford
- 4 Shirley Kamps, Flora Schout
- 5 Les Bundrick, Thomas Love, Joan Schrock
- 6 Phil Gargac, Nancy Rosenthal
- 7 Betty Chiffolo, Diane Gordon, John Stanley
- 8 Don Eilers
- 10 Reg DeBoer, Wanda Hurst
- 11 Darlene Lichty
- 12 Forrest Conrad, Phil Snape
- 13 Bea Berry, Janet Stanley
- 14 Mary Hofman, Gayle Lesch, Barb Rospert, Curtis Wulliman
- 15 Leland Ver Helst
- 16 Ria Buitenhuys, Al Derosier, Sandy Gallo, Diane Gelder
- 17 Brenda O'Connor, Cande Vermeulen
- 18 Lynne Neyhart
- 19 Barb Witucki
- 20 Bill Smith
- 21 Debbie Atkinson, Dick Blevins, Cathy Overmyer
- 22 Dale Overzet, Nancy Overzet, Harriet Trumper, Jim Ulbert
- 23 Sharon Dabney, Bill Tice
- 24 Bonnie Holman, Maggie Lowman
- 25 Dale Bronson
- 26 Heather Aberdein, Rhonda Ford, Kay Miller
- 27 Betsy Dykstra
- 28 Betty Maille, John Witucki
- 29 Alan Habegger, Bob Sturgill

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HALL SCHEDULING FOR ALL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS: May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025

It is time again to fill out the Hall Scheduling Requests for the remainder of 2024 and into 2025. Every Hall activity must be scheduled for the period of May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025.

Starting Feb. 24th, a folder of blank forms and a folder for completed forms will be hung on Board 2 in the Clubhouse. Both sides of the form must be completed. It must be signed on the right-hand side of the back.

As a reminder, the Library, Game Room, and Kitchen are not available for scheduling. Any questions, contact Mary Fowler at 440-487-8223, email mfowler.43@gmail.com.

You may also contact Terry Keller at 269-953-2431, email shadrack4068@yohoo.com.

All completed/approved requests will be returned by the end of March. Requestors will be responsible for resolving all conflicts.

Submitted by Terry Keller



TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDER

When turning onto streets within the park, do not cut corners short. Slow down and stay in your lane so you don't hit anybody in the other lane. This is especially true when turning from 8th Street onto one of the main intersecting roadways like 51st as there are side streets close to those intersections.

Also, when exiting the park via the main gate, in addition to looking for cars, please use caution and look both ways for pedestrians and cyclists.

Submitted by Bob Mueller

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	Change
Raymond, Karen	Husband William passed during summer of 2023
Pears, Renate	First name misspelled; home state is Oklahoma (OK)

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.

ATTENTION NEW RESIDENTS

The Activities Committee has a **New Resident Welcome Committee** and we would love to talk to you. The Committee shares information about our park, provides you with a voucher for a free safety vest and a "New Resident Handbook". A short interview provides the opportunity for your formal introduction to the park. At a minimum, the meeting with the Committee results in your introduction in The Banner. A New Resident listing appears most months in The Banner.

You would be surprised the number of times our new residents have found folks from their own state or 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



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

It never ceases to amaze us how a lot of "show" folks come to our first organizational meeting of the year in January and then – away we go! We are on our way to putting together another exciting show for Golf Laker's; nothing like a little song and dance to get us moving.

"ETC....." is our theme this year and we believe it will be very entertaining. It is always fun to see your friends and neighbors "act up" a bit! We know there are a lot of new folks in the park and we would especially like to extend an invitation to you to join in the fun; it is not too late. If you have questions, please feel free to call Jo Rupp or Sherie Wood.

Vouchers for this year's show will be available soon for everyone who wants to attend. Don't miss out – watch The Banner, Channel 732, our Facebook page or – better yet – come to Social Hour – then you'll know everything going on and how to obtain a voucher. We always have a great time putting this show together for "you all" and look forward to seeing you there. This is the Stage & Storage Committee's one and only fund raising event of the year.

Submitted by Sherie Wood



Karen Raymond purchased her home at **5112 6th B St E** in February 2023. She comes from Goffstown, New Hampshire, and works for BAE Systems. Karen enjoys bike riding, walking, spending time with her 2 grandchildren and decorating her new home. She was familiar with the area and was delighted to find her seasonal home here in Golf Lakes where she is close to the beaches, shopping and friends. She was interviewed by Susan & Milton Christy.

Dave and Jan Fitzsimmons reside at **802 49th B Ave**, having purchased in the spring of 2023. They are from Grand Rapids, Michigan and will be seasonal residents. Dave retired from Meijer Inc., working in retail management. Jan also retired from Meijer Inc. as an administrative assistant for 43 years. They both enjoy staying active by walking, running marathons, bike riding, jet skiing and paddle boarding. They are members of the Moose Lodge. On one of their travels to Florida they had the opportunity to visit friends here at Golf Lakes and decided this would be the best place to purchase their winter home. They were interviewed by Susan & Milton Christy.

Jeff and Brenda Hendrickson are new residents who reside at **4817 8th C St E**. They will be seasonal residents and hail from Lawrenceburg, Indiana. A couple of years ago they came to Florida to visit family at Village on the Greens, and had planned on buying there until they heard that the park was in the process of being sold. After coming to Golf Lakes a couple of times to play Bingo, liking what they saw and desiring to live in a resident-owned community, they came to Golf Lakes and purchased in April of 2023. Both Jeff and Brenda still work. Jeff is a Property Manager and Brenda is a Logistics sales manager. In their spare time they are big time thrifters and love scavenging flea markets. They also enjoy walking and reading. Brenda has worked a lot with Special Olympics and Paws and they are both very involved with their church. They were visited by Dick and Karla Blevins.



WINTER **LAWN BOWLING**

Our winter Lawn Bowling season started in January and will run until March 3rd. If you didn't get a spot, we could use some subs or you can come out and cheer for our players!

Submitted by Nola Frye

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



Are you ready to dance? A recent proposal for fundraiser dances has been approved by the Golf Lakes (GL) Board of Directors. Initially, 25% of the proceeds will be reserved for expenses. The remaining profit is designated for a specific charity, thus the name "Dancing for Dollars". Everyone in GL is welcome to come and visit with friends and neighbors while enjoying a mix of dance music – from waltzing to line dancing!

At the *"Homecoming Dance"* in January, we welcomed GL's new and returning "snowbirds", and profits benefited the GL Veterans' Memorial Garden Project.

Two more dances are scheduled for this season. On **Saturday, February 10 – "Friendships and Valentines"**, we will be dancing for the Manatee County Food Pantry. Then, on **Saturday, March 2 – "Spring Fling"**, we will be dancing to raise funds for the Golf Lakes Beautification Committee.

Both dances will be held in the GL Clubhouse from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Sign up sheets will be posted on Bulletin Board #2 prior to each event. Bring your own snacks, beverages (alcohol allowed), and a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person.

PS: Don't forget your dancing shoes!

Submitted by Karen Furnari and Rose Patterson



HE'S A RODENT, NOT A METEOROLOGIST!

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)
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- 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



WANTED: RESIDENTS TO RUN FOR THE 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Yes, we will be tallying the vote for this year's election on February 12th. However, 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 which is 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



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

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

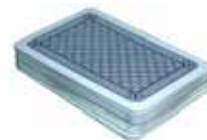
If you have no cards to play and you are stymied as to what to do with your hands all summer, we are seeking ladies (and even men) who are interested in being handy by using donated yarns or linens.

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

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



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



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



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



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

I ONLY PLAY BRIDGE

 ON DAYS THAT END IN "Y"

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



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



Mah Jongg is a Chinese game of tiles. Everyone is welcome and we will teach newbies or refresh old timers. Join us either day and enjoy learning or playing this different game.

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

Contact Jan Ballard

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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

The Golf Lakes Ten Pin bowling season is in full swing! We need regular bowlers and substitutes. We have two sessions, so you folks who arrive after the 1st of the year can now bowl during the second half which ends 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

FEEDING THE SPIRIT



Harmony Notes

When: 12:30 - 2:00 PM Mondays

Where: Stage in Clubhouse

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.

Submitted by Terri Vinovich



Join us on Sunday evenings for inspiration and joy. Vespers is regularly from 6 to 7 PM but will be changed on Feb. 11th due to Super Bowl Sunday. The schedule for February 2024 is as follows:

February 4 - Pastor Jonathon Jankovich
February 11 - Pastor Gene Maddox (**4:30 PM**)
February 18 - Pastor Jason Lane
February 25 - Pastor Dwain Kitchens

Submitted by Carol Montgomery

MY STORY BY GINETTE BAILEY

When I was a child in elementary school I memorized the Ten Commandments and the importance of living by them. Christians celebrate Christ's coming to earth because our selfish nature makes it impossible for us to fully obey God's laws.

The good news is that God sent his Son, Jesus Christ who would ultimately pay the penalty by dying on the cross for our failing to obey the Ten Commandments.

The Bible is an exciting book full of history that shows us that God is just. He is pure. He is holy and He loves us more than we can possibly understand. Because of that love, God sent His Son to pay the penalty for our sin when He died on the cross and was resurrected the third day.

I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins. When I asked God to forgive my sins, He forgave me and cleansed me from wickedness. God helps me to live out the Commandments every day.

I invite you to come to Vespers on Sunday nights and find out more about the God who loves you more than you know.



Come join us for a wonderful Bible Study.

Kristi McLelland is leading us through seven video sessions of Jesus and Women in the First-Century and Now.

When: 9:00 AM Tuesdays

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 complete the 7-week session at the end of February. Come for one or all of the remaining classes. We would love to have you join us.

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

Open Invitation!

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

Jonathan Jankovich, Faith Bible Church, 1511 57th St. E, Bradenton – service at 10:30 AM

Eugene Maddox, Oneco Hope Global Methodist Church, 2112 53rd Ave. E, Bradenton – services at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Jason Lane, Skyway Community Church, 512 61st St. E, Palmetto – service at 10:45 AM

Dwain Kitchens, The Tabernacle Church, 4141 Desoto Rd., Sarasota – service at 10:15 AM

Submitted by Carol Montgomery



GOLF LAKES MASONIC SQUARE CLUB

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

The Golf Lakes Masonic Square Club meeting will be held on February 8, 2024, at 2:00 PM in the board room.

Submitted by Bill Gordon

Save These Dates!

→ → PLEASE NOTE DATE CORRECTION !!



ANNUAL PARKING LOT FLEA MARKET Friday March 1st

- The Annual Golf Lakes Flea Market/Parking Lot Sale will be held **Friday March 1st** in the North Parking Lot between the hours of 8:00 AM and 12:30 PM.

The marked off parking spaces will cost **\$10.00 each**. The parking lot spaces will go on sale at Social Hour February 10th and will continue until all spaces have been sold. If you don't attend Social Hour, contact Terry Keller 269-953-2431 (call or text). Please note, **no reservations will be taken prior to February 10th**.

- As in the past, spaces are limited. Also, the number of spaces per person could be limited based on overall demand.

As a reminder, **no overnight vehicle parking is allowed in the North lot Thursday night the 29th**.

Submitted by Terry Keller



GOLF LAKES' ANNUAL SPORTS MIXER (Fun Activities at Any Age)

The Annual Sports Mixer will be held **on Friday March 22nd** in the Clubhouse. **Breakfast and registration starts at 9:15 and the games begin at 10:00am.**

The cost is \$5.00 for breakfast and lunch. Coffee/donut will be served in the morning and sloppy joes, chips and drinks for lunch. For those that have never participated in one of these fun-filled events, be assured that you need to have **NO SKILL whatsoever** to participate.

"Sports Mixer" is truly an appropriate title. The events held are modified activities similar to Lawn Bowling, Shuffling, Corn Hole, Basketball and Putt-putt golf. Luck is usually more important than skill! Door prizes are awarded after lunch. Time required is about 30 minutes and a "fast pass" is provided for the events. Please sign up in the Clubhouse on Board 2.

If you would like to volunteer to help, there will also be a volunteer signup sheet on Board 2. Approximately 80 volunteers are needed for this event.

Submitted by Terry Keller



After February, only two more Potlucks are left for this season. Mark your calendars so you don't miss out!

- The regular **March potluck** will be held on **Wednesday the 20th** in the Clubhouse and is hosted by the Activities Committee.
- The **April Potluck** will be on **Wednesday the 17th**. This could be the last chance to gather with old friends before everyone heads back to their summer retreat.

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 sheets will be on Board 2. Activities provides the drinks and a \$1.00 donation per person is requested.

Submitted by Terry Keller



Saturday March 30th @ 9:00 AM EASTER BONNET PARADE

It time again for our annual Easter Bonnet parade. The date is March 30th during Social Hour. Get you hat ready and join in the fun (men are also allowed to wear an Easter hat). Glamorously glitzy to fabulously funny are all welcome. Everyone is welcome to participate. Just decorate your bonnet, hat, or whatever and prepare to strut your stuff during Social Hour.



Sunday March 31st @ 1:00 PM EASTER DINNER/POTLUCK

Bring a dish of your favorite food to pass as well as your table service, a serving spoon and a cup or glass. The Activities Committee will provide Ham, coffee, ice tea or lemonade and ice water. A \$2.00 donation is requested at each activity when the ham is provided. **Please sign up on bulletin board #2.** The signup helps to determine how much ham to order for the meal.

Submitted by Terry Keller

Knee Pain?

Arthritis?

- Are your knees **stiff** in the morning?
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February Events



The Women of Golf Lakes

The Women of Golf Lakes will meet on February 8th AT 2 PM. The program will feature "THE MYSTERY OF FAMILY GENEALOGY". Do you know where your family originated? Where did they settle in this country or area? The program will be presented by Janet Eisses. Come and see if you have some famous relatives that you know nothing about. You might find out that you are from royal lines. The thought for this presentation is, "Family is where life begins and love never ends".



Our second event for the month will be held on February 14th at 7 PM. It is a night of music with Eddie Michael. Admission is free for Golf Lake residents with a suggested donation of \$10 per outside guest. Put a spark in your day with this special VALENTINE MUSICAL. Bring your sweetheart out for an evening of entertainment with Eddie Michael.

These are great programs offered by your WOMEN OF GOLF LAKES.

Submitted by Sharon Bilodeau, Publicity Committee



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



GAD-ABOUTS LUNCHEON

When: Thursday, February 22nd at 1 PM

Where: Scarpino's, 6152 14th St 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



PIANO EXTRAVAGANZA

There are 88 keys getting tuned up for your listening pleasure. That's right, the annual Piano Extravaganza is planned for Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 2:00 PM.

If you enjoy playing the piano, please contact either Ruth Klungle (616-403-3074) or Sandy Augsburg (404) 918-4525. Your favorite pieces are what everyone wants to hear. 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



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 this month. Seating is limited for this class and you must RSVP.

Submitted by Brad Tuttle

February

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	FR	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

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



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LEGEND

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 8A – White Elephant Sale	2 GROUNDHOG DAY	3 9A – Social Hour
4 6P - Vespers	5 9A –GLW Exec Bd Mtg	6	7 9A – Health Fair	8 9A – BOD Mtg 2P – Square Club 2P – GLW Meeting	9	10 9A – Social Hour 5P – BANNER DEADLINE
11 4:30P – Vespers 5:30P – Super Bowl Party	12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY 7P – Annual Mtg.	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY/ ASH WEDNESDAY 7P – Eddie Michael Concert	15	16	17 9A – Social Hour
18 6P - Vespers	19 PRESIDENTS' DAY	20	21 5P – Golden Butterflies Potluck	22 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY 8A – BP Check 8A – Pancake Bkfst 9A – BOD Mtg 10A – Food Handler 1P – Gad-a-Bouts	23	24 9A – Social Hour HALL SCHEDULING BEGINS
25 6P - Vespers	26 7P – Safety Program	27 BULK TRASH DAY	28	29 		

February Events



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



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



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



Supper Club was unable to secure reservations in December due to the large number of Corporate Christmas functions. In January, we returned to Scarpino's Family Restaurant. Eighteen persons attended. The "Dollar Meatballs" was chosen by many.

The February Supper Club date will be Thursday, February 15th at an as yet undecided location. Listen at Saturday Social Hour or watch on Channel 732 for more information. New members are always welcome. -Send an email to raymond803@earthlink.net to be added to our lively group.

Submitted by Don Raymond



UNDER THE PALMS will continue through April on the Clubhouse grounds from 2:00-4:00 PM.

The performances in February will include:

Feb. 1 – Lisa Noe

Feb 15 – Lucky & Pat

Ms. Noe's sound is the love child of Melissa Etheridge, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Pink, and Adele.

Both performances are graciously being sponsored by Freedom Health.

Submitted by Ron Emser

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

A little bit of everything

ART GROUP meets on Fridays at 9:00 AM in the Craft Room. All inspired artists are welcome! Contact David Harris for more information.



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.



DATE CHANGE FOR FEBRUARY

BP's will be taken in the Friendship Room on Thursday, February 22nd 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.



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.



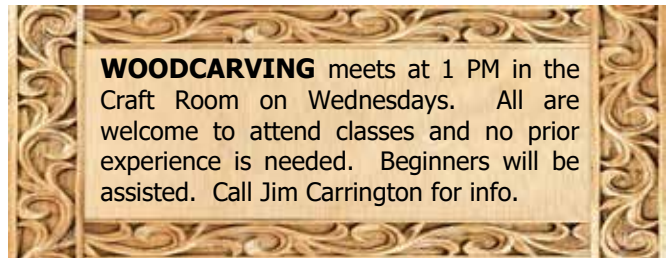
QUILTING LADIES meet on Tuesdays at 5:30 PM in the Craft Room. If you are a member of the Piecemakers Quilt Club, you are welcome to attend on Tuesdays.



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.



This is a watercolor painted by Karon Bell. It is currently hanging in the Friendship Room at the clubhouse. The painting was done from a photo which was taken at Golf View Lake. The birds are Black-Bellied Whistling Ducks. *Submitted by David Harris*



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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. 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



If you are interested in getting your Food Safety Certification for the first time, or if your certification expired some time ago, watch The Banner for upcoming classes for next season, sign up, and be prepared to help with any Golf Lakes kitchen needs.

We will be offering a new certification class in February and information can be found on the February Events page. Seating is limited for the class and you must RSVP.

Submitted by Brad Tuttle

Travel With Beth

Our season of travel is wrapping up. Thank you to everyone who has participated. As this Banner rolls out, we are preparing to go cruising aboard the MCS Seashore on February 4th. Our remaining trips are as follows:

Saturday, March 2nd – "Winery, Bakery & Strawberry Festival"

April 22nd to 24th – Trip to Key West – a sign-up sheet is posted on our board in the Clubhouse

Next season we will be starting out on September 30th with a trip to Savannah, GA and the surrounding area. Our last big trip to New Orleans was great so don't miss out on this one!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 585-330-3580 or Lisa Agee at 941-405-8156.

Submitted by Beth Mueller

Playing



A Round!

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

Date		Week	Time
2 nd Half			
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>			



GREENS OF MANATEE The Family Friendly Course Winter 2024

A belated New Year wish as the folks at the Greens of Manatee Golf Course wish all Golf Lakers a happy and healthy New Year. This past year seemed to pass very quickly. Thanks to golfers and non-golfers, the course had its best year ever. The weather was much nicer than last year, which was a factor in the success. Typically, the course is closed 68 to 70 days a year. This year, the course was closed just 19 days. The unfortunate part is that we are still faced with a drought situation which affects the course. At this time, the course is still looking good and we pray to continue to get rain when we need it.

For the Golfer - Golf Lakes leagues are going strong and began the 2nd half of the season mid-January. All league information is on Board 1 in the GL Clubhouse. As a reminder, the Golf Scrambles are the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month through April. Signup in the golf course clubhouse at any time.

For the Golfer and Non-Golfer - The snack bar is going strong and is excited to serve a great breakfast and lunch. We have many new residents in the park so be sure and tell them about the great breakfast options or the fantastic burgers, sloppy joes and chili. Not only is the food great but prices are very reasonable.

Looking ahead - In 2024, the course will continue focusing on achieving the 5-Year Plan. Key items will be completing our cart battery replacement program, creating a golf cart reserve, and developing a plan to update/replace our aging cart fleet. Additionally, we will continue to look at making small continuous improvements to meet the needs of golfers and non-golfers. Overall, we are excited about our future. Stop over, have a meal, play a bit of golf and enjoy this wonderful green space in our community.

To keep track of what is going on, check out the *Greens of Manatee Golf Club* Facebook page. Posts feature pictures of scramble winners, "hole-in-one" golfers and provides a bit of enjoyable golf humor.

Submitted by Terry Keller for Greens of Manatee



GOLF LAKES LADIES GOLF LEAGUES



Our Winter Leagues began the second week of January but there is still time to join us! 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.

We gather each morning at 9:00 in the north parking lot. The Monday golfers keep scores, pay \$7 to cover prizes, and are encouraged to make up any missed play. Prize money is given out at the end of the season based on weekly points. Tuesday is a drop-in league and there is no fee and no prizes.

Our leagues are a great way to get some exercise and perhaps meet some new ladies. We hope you will consider joining us for a fun season of golf at Golf Lakes! 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.

Submitted by Sandy Teill



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.

Submitted by Maria Baumann

White Elephant Sale

8 AM – 1 PM
Thursday
February 1st



WOMEN'S CLUB WHITE ELEPHANT SALE **Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024, 8AM – 1:00 PM**

We are getting ready for the biggest "VOLUNTEER" event of the season and we actually have a good time doing it! SO, COME ONE-COME ALL to the White Elephant Sale!

We are nearly ready. Workers will be waiting for you to drop off donations on Wednesday, January 31st, between 8:00 AM and 11:30 AM only. Call Lennie Goodie at 301-467-6944 or Sherie Wood at 941-753-4673, to schedule a time for the pickup of large items which you cannot transport yourself.

There will also be books, linens, kitchen items, pots and pans, household goods, antiques, electronics, lamps, outside and inside furniture, Christmas decorations, tools, hardware, and bikes. Lunch will be served and then there are those awesome homemade pies too! Everyone will be there!

Items we will NOT pickup are: Console or heavy table-model televisions, computer hardware, old large microwaves, mattresses, big mirrors (we love those ornate decorator mirrors though), old mobile home doors and windows, sofas and sofa beds (they are just too heavy for the guys), fiber board computer tables and furniture, and no clothes! If you want to donate something and you are not sure if we would want it, call Lennie Goodie or me; one of us will come take a look and together we can decide if it is right for our sale.

Grab your purse or wallet and come to the clubhouse Thursday morning, February 1st, to see what treasures you can find. Your purchases benefit the Women of Golf Lakes and in turn many projects for all of Golf Lakes.

PLEASE NOTE: The Clubhouse/Hall will be closed to ALL activities starting on Tuesday, January 30th from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM for set-up; ALL DAY and EVENING Wednesday, January 31st, and on Thursday, February 1st until 3:00 PM.

Submitted by Sherie Wood

PENNY SALE



The Penny Sale Committee has been busy as beavers getting the baskets and gift cards ready for your inspection and "chance" to take home. It's not too late to re-gift something you simply didn't need. We will put it to good use.

Submitted by Sherie Wood



The White Elephant Sale Raffle is in full swing; we've been selling tickets like mad at Social Hour and other special events. We have for you this year:

- A 14K Gold 18" Heavy Chain with a 14K Gold Floating Heart Pendant
- One Hundred Dollar Bill
- \$100.00 Gift Card for Walmart donated by Golf Lakes Realty
- Dianne Bradt has donated a lovely "white on white" Bed Runner
- Junior Heyboer has donated a Hand Made Dresser Box with a Matching Under-Board
- And last but not least is a Scratch-Off Lottery Ticket Tree (\$100 worth of scratch-off tickets goes to the lucky winner courtesy of Mary Robertson)

You do not have to be present to win! Winners will be drawn at the White Elephant Sale on 2/1/24! Wonder who will be the lucky winners this year. Sherie Wood will make house calls if you are unable to get out and buy your raffle tickets at the Hall.

Submitted by Sherie Wood

JEWELRY WANTED!

Janet Eisses and Joanne Kloosterhof and their Committee have been busy preparing your jewelry donations for resale every Tuesday in January. They are a little light this year and can always use more; thank you so much for all you have donated.

Submitted by Sherie Wood

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DECEMBER RESULTS

Date	Player	Score
12/13	Gloria Slowiak	17
	Pam Martin	17
	Elaine Jarvis	16
	Laura Medred	Lucky
12/27	Bette Buzzell	15
	Dave Hiltbold	15
	Diane Gordon	15
	Paula Erskine	14
	Sharon Kremnitz	14
	Sherry Bilodeau	14
	Don Eilers	Lucky

Submitted by Grace Naegele



STAGE & STORAGE NEEDS YOU

Thank you to those who have volunteered to be Friends of the Stage & Storage Committee. We appreciate your willingness to serve in assisting us with audio/visual/lighting, etc. We are sure that as newer residents come into the Park there are more and more of you with the skills needed to give us a hand with these jobs.

We could still use some more friends, especially to assist with lighting. You can never have too many friends, you know!

If you are interested in helping out by being our "friend" please contact Cletus Willems, Nelson Kellogg or any member of the Stage & Storage Committee. You are also invited to stop by the sound booth to see what we have in equipment.

Give it some thought. We need you!

Submitted by Cheryl Dunlap



Schedule

The Board approved our new schedule at the December 14th meeting. You can find the new schedule at the clubhouse, courts, or on the website.

Lessons and More

Lessons for Beginners will be by appointment only in February and March. Contact Kevin or Janis Hogan.

Just a reminder that Men's Beginner and Intermediate Play is every Tuesday from 2-4 PM, and the Ladies Open Play is every Wednesday and is scheduled from 4-8 PM.

There are lots of new things happening on Fridays, so stay tuned.

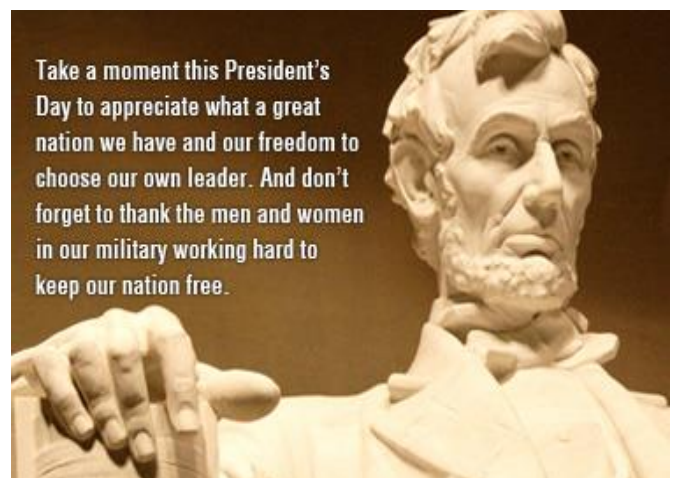
Fees

Just a reminder that your \$20.00 fees can be paid to Glenn Spraetz. For returning members Glenn will check to make sure we have your correct current 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



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Exterior Design Review Committee (formerly New Home Placement)

The New Home Placement Committee has been renamed to the Exterior Design Review Committee. This committee oversees all improvements or changes made to the **exterior of all homes and lots** in the park. This is **not** just for new homes. Please note the following if you plan on making any changes to the exterior of your home, landscaping or any other structures on your property.

The committee is responsible for reviewing all requests which are received for the following:

- Exterior painting, including driveways, doors, trim, awnings, shutters, etc. Approved color palettes are available in the office.
- Additions, any additions/changes to sheds, porches, lanais, screened-in areas, or the home itself.
- Landscaping, edging, pavers, concrete, planters, adding or removing trees and shrubs.
- Any change to homes such as additional windows, doors, including changes in size or location.
- All placement requirements for new homes including size, lot placement, plumbing and electrical requirements as stated in the governing documents.

The above is not a complete list, but should be used as a reminder that all modifications require prior approval. Applications are available at the office and must be filed, checked and approved before any work is started.

If you intend to do any exterior changes, repairs, additions, improvements always check at the office to see if approval is required.

Submitted by Cletus Willems, Co-chairman - EDR Committee



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<u>Date</u>	<u>First Place</u>		<u>Second Place</u>		<u>Third Place</u>	
12/04	Gail Frazier	3900	Dorothy Begin	3000	Barb Jahnke	2830
12/11	Dorothy Begin	4020	Barb Jahnke	2890	Robert Wood	2600
12/18	Barb Jahnke	3330	Mel Willard	3200	Robert Wood	3150

Submitted by: Barb Jahnke

TUESDAY BRIDGE

<u>Date</u>	<u>First Place</u>		<u>Second Place</u>		<u>Third Place</u>	
12/19	Sherie Wood	3290	Eleanor Love	1920	Sandy Forth	
12/26	Mary Swed	3180	Sherie Wood	2080	Bob Wood	

Submitted by: Mary Swed

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

<u>Date</u>	<u>First Place</u>		<u>Second Place</u>		<u>Third Place</u>	
12/06	Gail Frazier	3410	Sandy Forth	2800	N/A	
12/20	Sandi Forth	3740	Mary Swed	3290	N/A	

Submitted by: Mary Swed

THURSDAY CRIBBAGE

<u>Date</u>	<u>First Place</u>		<u>Second Place</u>		<u>Third Place</u>	
12/07	Ellen Varney	714	Bette Buzzell	712	Kathy Clute	687
12/14	Elaine Jarvis	725	Ellen Varney	716	Betty Cox	698
12/21	Bette Buzzell	722	Kathy Klute	704	Al DeRosier	703
12/28	Carla Miller	722	Ellen Varney	693	Bette Buzzell	692

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WEDNESDAY EUCHRE

<u>Date</u>	<u>First Place</u>		<u>Second Place</u>		<u>Third Place</u>	
12/06	Nancy Minich	57	Joan Simmons	50	Patty Chambers	46
12/13	Jim Ryan	53	Kay Miller	49	Carolyn Bailey	46
12/20	Darlene Lichty	60	'Bugs'	59	Bob Bradt	58
12/29	Leo Naegele	59	'Bugs'	47	Sue Thorton	46

Submitted by: Carol Willems

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

<u>Date</u>	<u>First Place</u>		<u>Second Place</u>		<u>Third Place</u>	
12/11	Jane Vanderbilt	791	John Harrington	762	Carol Willems	723
12/18	Connie Weixlmann	1044	John Harrington	984	Eileen Pelkey	931

Submitted by: Jane Vanderbilt

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LOOKING FOR SOME HISTORY...

Got any old Golf Lakes photos taking up space at home? 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. They are searching for any interesting or informative photos 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.

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Submitted by Jill Yarmosh

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Special Monthly Dinner For February 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 February 21st potluck will be the Golden Butterflies celebration. Look for more information on the February Events pages.

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

FEB	3	Renee Woinivick
	10	Cele Jackson
	17	Renee Woinivick
	24	Cele Jackson

INTRODUCTIONS

Renee Woinivick
Cele Jackson
Renee Woinivick
Betty Chiffolo

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Terri Vinovich – Harmony Notes
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Birthday Correction/Addition

NAME: _____

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We really want to make sure that your activity, group, or club is reported correctly in *The Banner*. We do not have access to Golf Lakes scheduling and must receive days, time, etc. from you. Here's an abbreviated form that you can complete and place in *The Banner* box located on the front of the sound booth in the main clubhouse. Without your form, we cannot guarantee that your activity, group or club will be listed correctly. **This must be updated each year or whenever any changes are made.** *PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY.*

Activity Submission/Update

ACTIVITY: _____

PERSON IN CHARGE: _____ PHONE: _____

ACTIVITY DAY(s): _____ TIME: _____

LOCATION: _____ SIGN UP: _____

ACTIVITY IS: Weekly _____ Monthly _____, or Seasonal _____

If Seasonal, please provide: Start Date _____ End Date _____

SAME SCHEDULE NEXT YEAR? _____

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Nancy Minich, Sharon Kemnitz, Diane Cody, Katherine Bonacorte, Lorna Ulmer, and Vicky Legg all enjoyed their time at the GLWC's Holly Berry Party.

Photo from Katherine Bonacorte



Santa and his Missus (Brian & Rhonda Kessler) got top awards for joining the Golf Cart Parade.

Photo from Terry Keller



Bob and Beth Mueller took second with their fancy 'baking' designs!

Photo from Terry Keller



Sally Forth, Harry, and Renate Pears joined forces and Rang the Bells with other GL volunteers!

Photo from Lorna Ulmer



2024
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Quite a crowd joined other residents in the clubhouse to welcome in 2024. A good time seemed to be enjoyed by everyone.

Photo from Jill Yarmosh

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