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Again, We Say "Thanks"

By Howard Harrison

After our inspiring tribute to our veterans and their families, followed by a community Thanksgiving feast, the time appears to be right to remember many of our blessings.

Thanks to:

- ★ Spouses and family here and up in the frigid north for their understanding and companionship;
- ★ Thanks to the legion of volunteers who bring beauty and structure to our lives;
- ★ Thanks to the professional and volunteer management that provides the dependable guidelines to our activities;
- ★ Thanks for the opportunity to be with people of similar interests, to stay active in sports, the arts, music and other creative pursuits;
- ★ Thanks for our "just-right" sized homes with lots of open space between them. For our lakes and trees in a warm friendly climate.

Clearly we are blessed. The season to acknowledge our blessings is again with us as we remember to say "thanks."



Jack Crotty (L), Jim Todd, Len Gorman, principal presenters at the Veterans ceremony, stand at attention by the new Veterans monument. (Named bricks at their feet.)



The placement of the wreath at the new Veterans monument (six wives of deceased Pine Lakes Veterans stand in the front row).

Congratulations go to the Pine Lakes/Lake Fairways maintenance team on receiving the award for the best ELS maintenance team in Florida. Keep up the good work. We're proud of you.

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Thank You Vets

By Joe Lancellot

Having rented in Pine Lakes for seven years and being a resident for the past eleven years, I find every year is better than the last. Each event is also greater than the previous. No event can top Tuesday, November 11, the day dedicated to our veterans. Whether they served in peace time or war time, they are our heroes!

With the help of Jack Crotty, ELS and the Veteran's Committee, a dream became a reality that day. Len Gorman's! The headstone project along with named bricks was uncovered, but not before each branch of the service was called and not before each veteran who has gone before us was named and, last but not least, not before each veteran standing strong received a pin as a recognition award. It brought tears to many a person.

It was a ceremony to be remembered for a long, long time. I thank all who made it possible and I am so proud to be living here in the Land of the Free. Thanks to all who made this possible – especially our veterans. God bless all of you!

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VETERANS DAY PROGRAM
PINE LAKES COUNTRY CLUB
NOVEMBER 11, 2014 -- 11:00 A.M.

- Ringing the Armistice Bell
- Parade the Colors led by Kevin O'Rourke, bagpiper
- American Flag Raised
The National Anthem, sung by Robert Wallauer
The Pledge of Allegiance, recited by all
- Service Unit Reports
Unit Flags Raised
- Invocation - Barbara Patton
Greeting - Jack Crotty
- Dedication - Len Gorman
Fanfare for the Common Man by Aaron Copeland
Unveiling of Monument
God Bless America - members of Pine Lakes Chorus
- Bell Ceremony - Reading of names of Pine Lakes deceased veterans
- Presentation of Pine Lakes Recognition Pins - Jim Todd
Distribution of Pine Lakes Recognition Pins - Jack Crotty, Len Gorman, Jim Todd
America the Beautiful - members of Pine Lakes Chorus
- Dear Sarah*- Letter by Maj. Sullivan Ballou - Read by David Helms
- Wreath Ceremony
Taps
- Amazing Grace* - Kevin O'Rourke
- Retire the Colors
- Recessional - All Military Personnel

Shopping For Vets

By Lois Likinay

Wow! I wish to thank all the residents of Pine Lakes who gave supplies or money for me to "Shop for the Vets at Christmas Time" in Tampa. Danyelle, the director at the VA Hospital was very grateful for everything. My car was filled to the top when we drove to Tampa on November 12, 2014.

Thanks again to you who cared. We need to remember our vets. I will do this again next year around the same time.

If you have an extra Christmas card, you can send a card to: A Recovering American Soldier, c/o Walter Reed Hospital, 6900 Georgia Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20307-5001.



A few of the hundreds of flags placed by John Mooney of Saddlebrook Court prior to Veterans Day.



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Community Government

November Liaison Meeting

By Judy Hale

This meeting was held on November 13, 2014

The pool gates are still on schedule to be installed by December 15, 2014. It is hoped that we can use the same keys for access that were previously distributed to the residents.

The pool speakers and radio are now working properly. New signs for the pool are being reviewed by the ELS legal department. Due to the various problems at the pool on weekends, starting Thanksgiving weekend, a roving guard will be patrolling the pool area. This will continue through the season. Small signs will be placed on the pool umbrellas asking residents to lower the umbrella when they leave the pool area.

A pergola has been purposed for the outdoor kitchen area at the pool. The purpose of this structure is to provide shade for volunteers cooking at the grilles during the pool parties. The pergola has received all approvals necessary and construction will begin as time permits.

The issue of visitors entering our community is always a concern. New visitor passes will be used as soon as they are received from the supplier. A hanging pass will be used for the restaurant. Dashboard passes will be used for medical, tennis, and golf that have emblems identifying them. Personal visitors will also have dashboard passes. Do we have a lot of visitors? About 500 visitor passes are issued each week.

The 2015 budget still has the recommended money for road repair. Although the budget has not received final approval, no one in our management chain of command expects any reductions. Julie is working to get recommendations and bids for road repair at the present time.

The size and number of dogs in the community is causing concern and confusion. ELS rules for the community override the estate owners covenants and the prospectus. On page 9 of "Rules and Regulations for Pine Lakes Manufactured Home Community" dated June 30, 1988 states 'Tenants are limited to one cat or dog per home. Dogs shall not be larger than 30 pounds in weight. Park owner reserves the right to refuse admittance to the park to any pet depending upon the circumstances surrounding that

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pet's compatibility to the park in general.' Discussion on this topic continued for some time. It was noted that if the pet owner has a letter from a doctor identifying the dog as a companion or service animal, the rule cannot be enforced.

Julie stated that rules concerning pets as well as horticulture and trash pick up rules will be published on the front of the December calendar.

The cost differential for golf membership between Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways was discussed. Julie felt there was nothing they could do for 2015 as many have already paid their fees. She said she would discuss the issue with her management and recommend that the fees be equal for 2016.

People continue to make right turns from the left lanes and left turns from the right lane when exiting the clubhouse driveway onto Pine Lakes Boulevard and when exiting the community onto Route 41. Julie agreed to have arrows painted in the respective lanes.

People who have not responded to letters requesting them to do maintenance work on their homes or yards will receive followup letters and action will be taken by ELS to do the maintenance. The home owner will be charged. See the manager's letter in this issue.

A trash can will be placed at the horticulture dump site so the bags used to carry the waste to the site can be placed in the trash.

The subject of easels in the lobby was raised. These have been previously banned due to safety concerns. The Day of Caring easel and ELS easel are the two there now. The ELS easel as well as the brochure holder will be moved to the sales office. The Day of Caring easel will come down as soon as the Christmas decorations are in place. We will try to find an alternative place for the day of caring poster next year,

Various areas that need more attention to cleaning were discussed.

The liaison meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. Residents are encouraged to give issues they would like to see addressed to their respective HOA board members.



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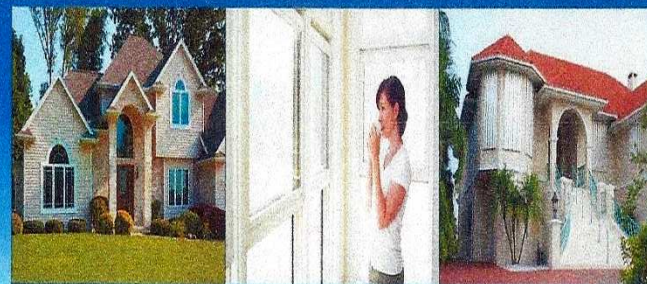
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Welcome Back Snowbirds!

By Luanne Putnam, PLEHOA President

A few reminders as you are returning to Paradise!

We have a new manager. Her name is Julie Flake. Julie will be doing the 360 inspections in January or February 2015 for the estate section. 360 inspections are where management drives around and looks at the properties to be sure they are being maintained in accordance with the covenants and rules and regulations. Please refer to Article 5.11 of your covenants. Here are some specific tips:

- Check for weeds and make sure your bushes are trimmed
- See if your siding is in need of powerwashing
- Take a close look at the garage doors and shutters – is it time for a fresh coat of paint?
- Do your palm trees need a trim?
- Is your yard light in working order?

Let's see if we can pass inspection with no violations. In a recent newsletter from our manager, the policy for violations was published. See letter from manager on page 9.

This is OUR community. If we all work together, we can have Pine Lakes be the BEST PLACE TO RETIRE IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA!

PLEHOA Meeting November 12, 2014 Minutes

Prior to the start of the formal meeting, President Putnam introduced Leane Atchison who has been Pine Lakes' Welcome Wagon representative for the past 14 years. She is stepping down and asked for a few minutes in order to introduce her replacement Lucille Fuller. Leane remarked how much she has enjoyed her role and is confident that Lucille will carry out the duties just fine.

The regular monthly meeting of the Pine Lakes Homeowners' Association was held on this date. President Luanne Putnam called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance, in addition to President Putnam, were Vice President Charlie Matthews, ARC Chair Bo Kromas, Treasurer Pete Williams, and Secretary Peter Talty. There were also 35 guests present.

The Secretary's report was read and being no corrections, a Motion was made and seconded to accept the report.

Pete Williams provided a treasurer's report covering the last two months up to November 14, 2014 which was accepted. The details can be found in the posted copies.

ARC Report: Bo Kromas reported that although he has received several phone calls of inquiry, there were just two formal requests processed and approved for color changes: 25K and 8J.

President stated that information from the Liaison meeting was covered in detail in the *Whispering Pines* so there was no need to repeat this. She will attend the next Liaison meeting tomorrow and will report on this at our next meeting. Updates on some of the items will be addressed under either Old and New Business.

OLD and NEW BUSINESS:

President Putnam updated the members on the following items:

1. Shuffleboard Courts:

The latest information from Julie Flake contradicts what was said by Steve Foligno when he said that the contractor reported that the courts were not repairable, and he would not undertake the job because the courts were in such poor shape that he could not guarantee his work. Julie now says that instead of the courts being removed and replaced at the cost to ELS of \$12,000 per court, they are now only going to be re-surfaced at the cost of only \$12,000 for all six courts. Julie also said if this work does not prove satisfactory, she will seek the additional money from ELS to replace all of the courts in a year. This is disappointing news because the shuffleboard courts are an amenity that we pay ELS to maintain.

2. Marketable Record Title Act (MRTA):

We have been informed by the attorney for the insurance company for our HOA Board that our covenants are not providing us the protection we once thought. This is one more indication that our HOA attorneys are not meeting our needs, and we are exploring the possibility of replacing them.

3. Our covenants are adequate for now and do not need to be re-recorded until 2017. Therefore, President Putnam asked for a Motion to rescind the Motion approved at our last meeting to authorize Becker & Poliakoff to proceed with re-recording of our covenants. A Motion was made to this effect, seconded, and passed.

4. Status of Delinquent Properties:

It was with great pleasure that President Putnam was able to report that at this time we have no delinquent properties. The saga of 170 was a convoluted nightmare resulting in the loss of some revenue to the HOA. However, the decision to sue resulted in the judge "extinguishing the lien" we had placed against the property. This is where our covenants were inadequate and place us in a vulnerable position. Our HOA Board insurance attorneys informed us that our case was not strong, and to settle would be best for the residents. We were not charged any additional legal fees and they paid the \$2,500 to settle the case. All this is further evidence that new attorneys seems to be appropriate.

5. The January bills have gone out and are due upon receipt.

6. Julie Flake will begin the 360 Inspections of homes in January or February. Residents are asked to be sure their homes are in good shape. President Putnam will attempt to do her own 360 and provide feedback in writing to those homeowners whose homes are well maintained.

7. A computer system, software, and protection for use by the treasurer was purchased for \$762.47 to ensure effective record-keeping and the accurate transfer of functions to subsequent treasurers.

8. We donated \$100 to the Beautification Committee for the purchase of Christmas decorations for the community.

9. President Putnam apologized for not asking new homeowners to introduce themselves at the start of the meeting, but welcomed them and asked them to introduce themselves at this time.

Vice President Charlie Matthews recognized the valiant and tireless efforts Luanne Putnam has made in the past year on behalf of the HOA and residents of Pine Lakes.

Residents' Comments and Concerns:

President Putnam made note of these items and will bring them up at the Liaison meeting tomorrow and report back at the next meeting.

1. There is a buildup of algae in the bottom of the pool.

2. The Pub floor is filthy as are the bathrooms next to the pool.

3. The Memorial Walk is dangerous and not readily safely accessible.

4. Speeding continues to be a problem.

5. Quality of grass cutting is lacking and the grass cutters leave garbage from their lunches scattered about.

6. President Putnam has learned that the removal of trees no longer requires approval from Lee County. The HOA covenants also do not give the Board authority over tree removal. Therefore, it is asked that the homeowners respect the beauty that the trees bring to our community, and act responsibly when removing trees.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

*Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday,
January 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM*

*Next HOA Membership Meetings Wednesdays,
December 10, 2014 and January 14, 2015*

Respectfully submitted, Peter Talty, Secretary

Florida' State Legislature and Governor Could Impose a 7% Sales Tax on Top of Current Manufactured Rental Fees

By Ruth Zabierek, Pine Lakes FMO Estate Owner's Representative

A statewide FMO meeting on November 14 was hosted by Harbor View Park in Port Charlotte. In attendance from Pine Lakes were myself, my husband, Roy, Maura Alexander, Pine Lakes Leased Land Representative, as well as residents Ginny Dykes and Clair Webb. Guest speaker was Charlotte County's State Representative Ken Roberson. He has been in the legislature for over ten years and during that time has been a long-time and strong supporter of FMO and its mission and goals. Rep. Roberson stressed the critical need for increased membership in FMO because, to the state's governing bodies, membership is votes. A Membership Form is available on page 38.

"Getting increased membership in FMO is vital," he said.

In last year's session, a bill that would have added a 7% sales tax to all leased land fees in the state was defeated. Today we have a new legislature with new members and Rep. Roberson is sure the bill will sur-

face again as it is already in effect in other states. This would mean that someone in Pine Lakes whose monthly lease is \$600, would increase to \$642 per month, with an annual fee of \$7704 instead of \$7200.

Our owner, ELS, is one of the country's largest owners of manufactured home communities in the country, owning over 250 communities in Florida alone. They retain half a dozen lobbyists in Tallahassee. FMO, because of poor membership and few dollars, has just one.

Petitioning our legislators by phone, letters and email is influential. In the past, legislators wooed FMO voters. That was 20 years ago. Times have changed and the numbers are down.

FMO membership is the key.



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For greater amounts, please contact Waste Pro directly at the number above.
- No hazardous material. Please contact Lee County Solid Waste at 533-8000 for disposal information.
- All recycles are to be in approved recycle bin. Contact Waste Pro if you do not have a proper bin.
- Cardboard is recyclable and must be placed out on the appropriate day.
- Loose branches and limbs must be tied in bundles not to exceed 6 feet in length and no more than 50 lbs.
- Loose palm fronds over 50 pounds must be tied and bundled.
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*******HORTICULTURE & RECYCLES ON MONDAY*******
*******GARBAGE & TRASH ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS*******

WASTE PRO HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

January 1, New Year's Day
Memorial Day – the last Monday in May
July 4th

Labor Day – first Monday in September
Thanksgiving – 4th Thursday in November
Christmas Day – December 25th

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Holiday Festivities

Men's Club Halloween Party a Howling Success

By Pete Morais

The theme this year was guys and ghouls and there were many costumed participants prepared for the scare parade which took place just before the dancing began. This was a truly fun filled evening.

There was an abundance of compliments on the decorations, and I want to thank all those who helped put them up and setup the hall after coffee social. Actually, many of us started decorating Friday evening and that deserves extra kudos.

There were many getting into the spirit of dressing up this year and prepared themselves to parade around the hall. It was a great costume turnout. We saw some very clever dress ups like the bag people. There were a number of them all dressed up in different kinds of bags. There was the Crayola group, all wearing different colored crayon costumes, there were pirate couples, witches, and it went on and on. Very nice.

A special thanks to Lew Ackley who provides the men's club with a CD full of pictures he takes of all our events and it is truly appreciated.

Erich provided an exceptional night of dance music and as usual it will be remembered for some time. This man is a great talent. Everyone enjoyed him so much that at the bewitching hour the dance floor was still full and they would have stayed later if Erich continued to play. All too soon like all good things it was coming to an end. Erich closed out the evening singing "God Bless the U.S.A.". As we formed a circle holding hands, thoughts of our servicemen & women fighting to keep us free to enjoy an evening such as this one came over me as I'm sure it did others as well.

It was a special evening and those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We have booked Erich for next years Halloween Dance on November 24, 2015.

This was Tom Clark's first time chairing the Halloween dance and he did a very good job especially for a guy who was down with strep throat just a few days

prior to decoration time. Toms wife Anna did double duty for this one since she was responsible for ticket sales as well. A well deserved THANK YOU to them both for their efforts on our behalf and they will be doing it all again next year. Well Done!

My heartfelt thanks to our board members and their wives along with the many volunteers who were there Saturday evening to help tear down all the decorations and to Tom Clark who put it all back in storage. For some of us board members and our wives, the setup and tear down of our dances is a three (3) day project which is a lot of work and I do appreciate it very much.

We especially want to thank those of you who supported our Men's Club dance with your attendance. You make it all worth while.



Men's Club Board Members with Wives



Holiday Golf

By Barb Willis and Denise Wright

The Halloween Golf Tournament was held Saturday, October 25, with seven teams (two couples on a team) participating. The game was a two best ball shamble.

First place team with a 56 was Roger Jung and Lindy Worrall and Bob and Elaine Knell. Second and third place teams, tied with a 59, were Charlie and Donna Schneider and Dennis and Joann Cline and Dave and Denise Wright and Dave and Linda Knotts.

The weather was beautiful and a good time was had by all. After golf, everyone was treated to a really good sit-down lunch that was served to us. Thank you to Sue and all who took care of us.

A special thank you to Elaine for planning and organizing the tournaments before us and for the home-made cookies, and to Bob for always remembering to collect for the staff that waited on us.

The next holiday tournament is the Turkey Trot which will be held Saturday, November 22. We hope to see a lot more of our golfers come and enjoy the fun.

Christmas Day Dinner

By Bill Roberts

During dinner last Christmas day, we and our guests realized that at least one of our neighbors didn't have anyone to spend Christmas with. That night the idea of having a Christmas Day dinner in

the clubhouse, open to everyone, danced through my head. After consultation with some other possible preparers, the idea became a plan.

So ... with the goal that nobody should be alone for Christmas dinner unless they chose to be, we started working the first week of January. This is what we have planned. A family-style dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. on Christmas Day in the clubhouse ballroom. If anyone needs transportation to and from dinner, we will provide it for you. If you are homebound, we will bring the meal to your home.

The Christmas meal will include baked ham, baked white or sweet potato, green beans, whole kernel corn, roll and butter, coffee or tea. Any other drinks are your own responsibility. We are asking each household to bring your favorite Christmas salad and/or a dessert to share with six to eight other people.

After dinner and dessert there will be some caroling, a soloist and a special appearance of a special group. Of course Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present all afternoon and the fireplace will be blazing.

The cost is only \$10.00 per person with reserved seating. Tickets are on sale at the Saturday morning coffee socials or may be purchased by calling Steve or Debbie at 349-4564. Please come and join your Pine Lakes family and help make Christmas merry.

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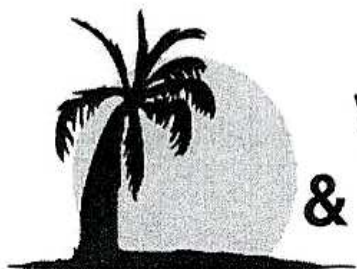
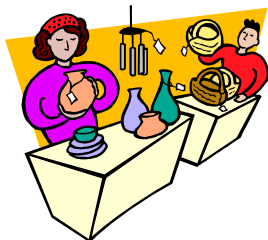
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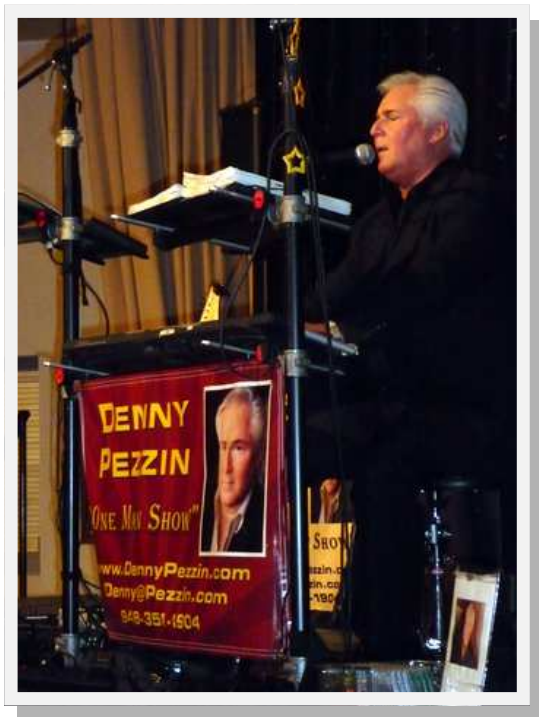

Party for the Cure

By Donna Schneider

On Saturday, November 15, over 200 people attended our "Party For The Cure." We all enjoyed a fantastic Denny Pezzin one-man-show and hope he appears here again soon.

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By Michele Nauyokas

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Auditions will be held in the living room on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 and Thursday, January 15, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We encourage anyone that is interested in acting to audition.

More information about the show will be featured in "The Whispering Pines" each month.

Please Note: Anyone attending the Pine Lakes Theater and Chorus production of "Toyland Christmas, Show and Tell," please bring a canned good or an unwrapped toy that will be taken to The Salvation Army.

**Coming Soon ...
A Very Classy Show**

By Donna Morris

February 14 will be a very special day for entertainment at Pine Lakes. Our Entertainment Committee has successfully negotiated to bring you an outstanding performance by Tony Pace, backed by a five-piece band.

Tony Pace may be a name that you do not recognize now, but we promise you that you will never forget it after you have seen him perform. We first saw and heard him sing at a Showcase last January. He was introduced as the Man With A Voice ... and, boy oh boy, does he ever have a voice. Leaders in the music industry have also dubbed Tony as "America's Best Kept Secret."

This entertainer feels that he was given a gift that he must share – and what a gift it is! There is precision and wit to everything that he does. When you combine his voice, talent, quick comedic wit, musicianship and keen sense of the audience – they make him a phenomenon you will want to experience. An impersonation or two might also come into the performance.

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Tony Pace not only sings, but also uses his talent working with children's organizations and enrichment programs. He has a background in theater and currently has an off-Broadway production called "Up On The Roof." He has toured with show bands and a 20-piece orchestra.

When Tony performed at the showcase last year, many in the audience were on their feet halfway through his act and that included us. We looked at each other and, with a nod, we booked him with his agent before his act was finished! We found him to be a very classy entertainer with a classic voice and a good deal of character and finesse. You will not want to miss this performance.

Tickets will go on sale at the Pancake Breakfast on December 6 and every coffee social after that. For this show, the tickets will be handled by Pattie Rascoe at 728-8595.

Show: February 14 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$15.00. BYO/ Snacks

Chorus Thinks Spring!

By Jeannine Gorman

It's a lot easier to "think spring" in December, when holiday temperatures climb toward 80!! And that's exactly what the Pine Lakes Chorus is doing.

Our spring show director, Darlene Topp, has chosen country tunes from Johnny Cash, John Denver, Patsy Cline, Hank Williams, and many others to produce a Pine Lakes Western night of song that will have you, the audience, tapping and clapping to our *We're a Little Bit Country* songs

Mark your calendars now, and keep the weekend of March 20 and 21, 2015, open. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of February.

NOW — In the past year, Pine Lakes has greeted many new residents, and we know that some of you believe that singing feeds the soul. If you're one of us, and you'd like to be *on stage* without our great group of Pine Lakes Chorus members, please phone either Jeannine Gorman at 731-1174 or Darlene Topp at 731-3444. We welcome new singers who have had experience singing with choral groups and who read music, at least somewhat. This is a perfect opportunity for anyone who resides in Pine Lakes, even from January through March, to take part in a wonderful activity with a great group of people.

Volunteerism at its Best

A Day of Caring

By Adele Heft, Barbara Hood and Sue O'Donnell

Once again you have shown your love and concern for our neighbors in need. Pine Lakes, along with other communities – Lake Fairways, The Heritage and Tara Woods – have come through. Checks were delivered on November 20 and we have raised \$14,000.00 so far. This money was delivered to the Salvation Army, The Fort Myers Rescue Mission, Community Cooperative Ministries Soup Kitchen and the Hispanic Services of Catholic Charities. This will allow us to feed many men, women and children on Thanksgiving Day and throughout the Holiday Season.

If you have not donated yet, please give. We will deliver more money in December to help these needy people through Christmas. We cannot thank you enough. We are so fortunate to live in such a caring community.

We wish you a most enjoyable Thanksgiving and a very Happy Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year

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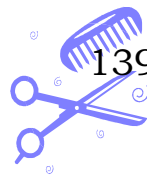
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We thank you in advance

Bingo Report

By Dick Loubier

I don't know where they are all coming from, but it has been great. Last night we had 109 people. That is the third week with over 100 people. We also had two people hit our \$250.00 progressive jackpot on October 29, 2014 – Lee Anderson of Meadows Court and Penny Oliver of Frenchman's Court. Both hit it and each won \$125.00. Last night we had a \$150.00 cover-all. Giving away a lot of money and the kitchen is doing great, something different every week. We will be off for Thanksgiving and will open up on December 3. So come, eat and have fun and make some money. Again, we open doors at 5:00 p.m., stop selling at 6:30 p.m. and finish around 9:00 p.m. See you all in December.

Please Meet Cecile Fuller

By Leane Atchison

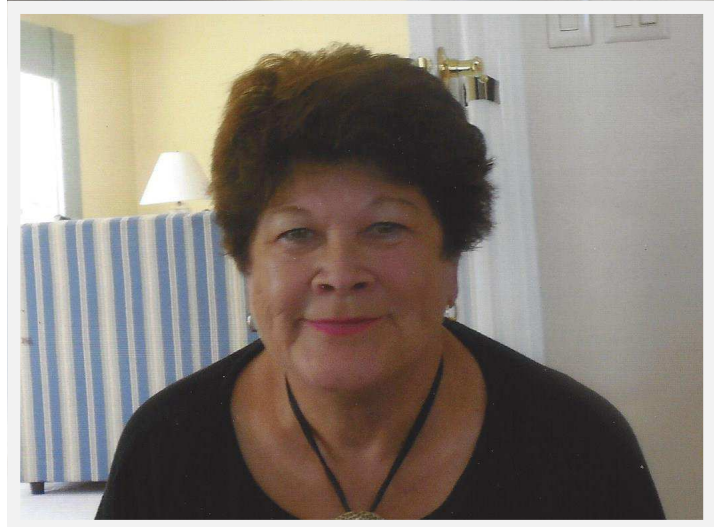
Cecile Fuller will be our new Welcome Wagon Lady.

Cecile comes from Maine, lives full time in Pine Lakes and resides in Lone Palm Court with her husband, Leonard, and their dog Ted.

I am so pleased to turn the baton over to Cecile because of her infectious enthusiasm and friendliness.

I have so thoroughly enjoyed meeting our new residents for the past fourteen years but it's time for me to retire.

To all the new residents I have visited – a big thank you for your smiles and welcoming me into your homes.



The Welcome Mat Is Still Out

by Claire Webb

When Bob & I settled in here (after shooing the dinosaurs from the front yard), we were warmly greeted by Jim Walsh as the Welcome Wagoneer. In a few years, Jim's successor was the equally adept, knowledgeable & friendly Leane Atchison. Today, 14 yrs. later, Leane is turning over the reins of the Welcome Wagon to Cecile Fuller, one of our newest and most ebullient neighbors.

Cecile & husband Leonard live on Lone Palm Ct.--happily for us, since it's directly across the street from us. They are the loveliest of Mainiacs (& as I write this Leonard has just returned again from Maine after a few days of rabbit & deer hunting. Brr--he's a better man than I am!)

Does any non-Midwesterner know what a pepperpot is? (One of my Ma's fave words.) Well, it's basically a tingly soup, but in some parts of the country it has also become a descriptive, personal adjective. Pepperpot--that's Cecile. Loves people & projects. Warm, lively, nice to be around.

All our soon-to-be neighbors are in for a real treat.

In Memoriam

Sam Codella of Summer Tree passed away on November 14. He is survived by his wife Helen.

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Here are a few of our recent sales: 27D (LF), 51A (LF), 45B (PL), 40B (PL), 43K (PL), 31J (PL), 32J (PL), 59K (PL), 43B (PL), 41F (PL), 32O (PL), 45C (PL), 47C (PL), 51J (PL), 35D (PL), 52C (PL), 34E (PL), 13F (PL)

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Beautification is in Full Swing!

By Luanne Putnam for Olivia Mastrobuni

Under the new leadership of Olivia Mastrobuni, the Beautification committee is having regular meetings and is focusing on the mission of making Pine Lakes be the Best it Can Be!

The pool was the first focus and new umbrellas were purchased. New signage recommendations have been submitted to management and are currently under review. The new keyed gates are scheduled to be in by mid-December and it is hoped the new signs will be easier to see and understand. We are asking everyone that uses and enjoys the pool to put the umbrellas down when you leave. Also, if you move chairs or other furniture, please return it. This is both for beauty and safety.

On February 2, Deb Larson is heading up an event entitled "Keep Pine Lakes Green". Watch for more details as we get closer. This will be an informational program with speakers sharing information on plants and trees unique to our tropical climate.

On the subject of trees, you may have noticed many

pine trees that appear to be dead. These trees have likely been infested by the southern pine beetle. If you have a tree that is showing signs of death, you should have it removed as well as the stump. For more information, you can Google "southern pine beetle" on the internet and learn how destructive this native insect is to our beautiful pine trees. Many here say the mature trees are one of the things that make Pine Lakes so beautiful!

Finally, the Christmas Tour of Homes is slated for December 21st. Tickets are on sale now. This is the number one money maker for the Beautification Committee and a fun afternoon. Tickets are still just \$5.00 and include refreshments. Call Luanne Putnam at 731-2414 to get a ticket and support the Beautification Committee.

If I Only Knew

I have no idea who took part in the following conversation, but I adore it!

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Men's Golf

By Dick Loubier

Not much has happened this month due to rain and cold, so will give a two-month report in next month's article.

Have a nice Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Bocce News

By Kathy Tannenbaum

Only two weeks left to our Fall Bocce Season. Only two teams remain undefeated. In first place are Joe Luminiello and Arlene Stoecker and in second place are Tony Fettig and Andrea Helms and in third place are Gary Heddleson and Jean Rourke. Congratulations teams. We still have two weeks to shake up this line-up.

All teams have played hard this season and it has been very close scoring for many teams. All in all we have had a lot of fun competing. I commend those of you who have been good sports in win or lose. It makes the game enjoyable for all.

Our Winter Season sign-up will be on January 7th at the clubhouse at 11:00 a.m. Play begins on January 14th through March 18th and our Bocce Banquet will be on March 25th. Be sure to mark your calendar now before all the Holiday happenings so that you don't forget.

If you plan to play in the Winter Season but cannot be at the Winter sign-up, be sure to notify a committee member to sign you up before January 7th. Fees must be paid by January 7th. Teams will be chosen at the Winter sign-up. We look forward to new players joining us. We welcome first time players.

All awards for Fall Season will be given out at our Winter Sign-up and Winter awards will be given at the Bocce Banquet.

We wish you all a very Happy Holiday.

Nifty Niners News

by Ruth Hovet

October 22: It was a challenging day for most of us as we played low net in flights. Shirley Kubie came in with a 30 followed by Audrey Jung and Brenda Loubier with 31. That's all there is to be said for this

game because some of us aren't talking.

October 29: Rain day

November 5 & 6: Eighty golfers played in the Pine Lakes SADIE HAWKINS event. The Nifty Niners were represented by Barb Daley, Shirley Kubie, Robin Hourihan, Jean Marena, Luanne Putnam, Brenda Loubier and Janet Miller. And, drum roll please: the Overall Winners were our **Jean Marena** and her playing partner Roger Jung. Congrats, Jean and Roger!

November 12: Rally for the Cure. Eighteen Niners played a scramble with the McCarthy/Oliver/Martin/Gluck team taking the lead with a 27. Two teams had 29s. They were Kubie/Hourihan/Stevens/Putnam and Yedinak/Daley/Marena/Blesena.

THE LADIES GOLF LEAGUE did a wonderful job organizing the two days of **Rally for the Cure**. We were blessed with perfect weather for golf on Wednesday followed by a delicious luncheon -- with prizes. What more could a golfer ask for? Maybe The Denny Pezzin "One Man Show" on Saturday? The first half of the show was just a warm-up for the second half when the audience started throwing out their song requests. While we at Pine Lakes got great golf, a luncheon and entertainment, the Susan G. Komen Fund received \$4,762, a record breaking amount. It should be noted that in the 17 years of doing the Rally (this is the last year), Pine Lakes has contributed a total of \$44,508 to cancer research. Thanks go out to all the volunteers (husbands too) who helped organize the Rally and those who attended the events. **Special thanks go to Donna Schneider, Bev MacNeal and Linda Knotts.**

November 19: Another weather day -- it feels like it is freezing outside.

THE MONTHLY MEETING was held on November 12 and here are dates for upcoming events:

December 11: Christmas luncheon at Outback Steakhouse on Pine Island Road. Bring a \$5 gift for a Yankee Swap. *Check the Pro Shop board for sign up information.*

January 26 & 28: Member/Member Tournament. The planning for this event is already underway with committee slots filled and anticipation building. Chairman Maryanna McCarthy hopes to have 30 (or more) entrants. *Check the Pro Shop board for sign up information.*

February 5: Member/Member luncheon in the Activity Room.

Tennis

by Kathy Paterson

The first official event of the season, the "Welcome Back Party", was held on November 14th. Terry Brush, Treasurer of the Pine Lakes Tennis Association, welcomed new members and old, and promised a full calendar of events for the upcoming year. A feast of pulled pork, complemented by scrumptious pot luck offerings followed. As a new addition to the opening event, music was presented by Ronaldo, aka Ron Garcia, resulting in the usual dance floor antics, headlined by Morgan Schafer. All in all, it was a great start to the season.

The Inter-league Teams are now in full swing, competing with teams in other parks in the surrounding vicinity. The progress of our ladies' Swift Panthers team, as well as the mens' Blue Gators, White Ospreys and Red Lakers will be reported on throughout the season. Good luck to all!

The Whatever tennis group, conceived and coordinated by Rick Tipmore, continues Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This popular event is open to any member at any time during play, with no sign-up required.

CHRISTMAS DANCE

The Christmas dance known as the Black and White Holiday Ball will be held on December 6th, hosted once again by the Tennis Association. Under the leadership of Dixie Shaw, her committee of Karen Fauci and Annette Harp, along with numerous volunteers, this promises to be a spectacular event. The evening will be brought in with carolers, followed by a fine feast of prime rib and chicken provided by Beef O'Brady, prior to live music performed by the ever-popular band, Galaxy.

ELS GOOD NEIGHBOR TOURNAMENT

The first tournament of the season to be held December 13th is open to all levels of players from Pine Lakes, Lake Fairways and other ELS parks. The deadline for entries is December 3rd, so don't be late signing up! As added enticements, coffee and donuts will be served in the morning, followed by hot dogs at lunchtime. As if that weren't enough, a social with libation will take place after the tournament, where the winners of the men's and women's divisions will be announced, along with the winner of the 50/50.

NEW YEAR'S DAY TENNIS

Next on the tennis calendar is "New Year's Day Crazy Tennis", conceived by Morgan Schafer. This has become an annual event, aptly named for its

nontraditional and slightly wacky variations of tennis. An all-time favorite, tennis volleyball is sure to be included as well as one-racket tennis. The games will finish off with another all-time favorite of tennis players, eating and drinking!

COMMISSIONER APPOINTED

Pete McGrath was appointed Commissioner of Competitive Tennis by the Board of Directors at the meeting of November 17. The primary focus of this position is to resolve issues in accordance with the tennis bylaws.

That's all for now.

Remember, keep your eyes on the ball!

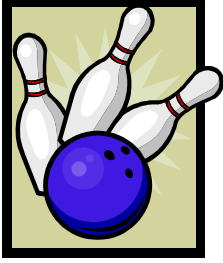


Morgan and Sandy Schafer enjoy themselves on the dance floor at the Tennis Welcome Back Party.

Bowling

Sharon Rondeau caught a few of the bowlers practicing one day.





Bowling

By Sandy Antes

The Pine Lakes bowling league is strong at 11 full teams at 4 persons per team. For the Spring season which begins on January 5, 2015, if anyone would like to bowl, please contact Sharon Rondeau at 239.543.5386. We are a few bowlers short for the next session. Come and bowl with us. You'll have a great time!

As a reminder we will bowl on December 22nd.

We will NOT bowl on December 29th.

Currently, the standings are as follows:

TEAM STANDINGS

1 st	Team #3, Golden Girls	36 wins	12 losses
2 nd	Team #7, We Got Framed	33 wins	15 losses
3 rd	Team #10, Bowling Bags	32 wins	16 losses

Men's High Scratch Game

1 st	Larry Hyskey	247
2 nd	Pete Schreyer	224
3 rd	Frank Krawczyk	224

Men's High Handicap Game

1 st	Larry Hyskey	300
2 nd	Dennis Studdard	258
3 rd	Dave Rotthoff	252

Women's High Scratch Game

1 st	Blanche Scalise	201
2 nd	Andrea Helms	199
3 rd	Juls Lohnes	196

Women's High Handicap Game

1 st	Juls Lohnes	260
2 nd	Blanche Scalise	254
3 rd	Andrea Helms	244

Men's High Scratch Series

1 st	Frank Krawczyk	600
2 nd	Pete Schreyer	561
3 rd	Elliott Doliner	554
4 th	Larry Hyskey	554

Men's High Handicap Series

1 st	Larry Hyskey	713
2 nd	Dennis Studdard	671
3 rd	Frank Krawczyk	660

Women's High Scratch Series

1 st	Sharon Rondeau	494
2 nd	Andrea Helms	492
3 rd	Lou Oden	485

Women's High Handicap Series

1 st	Sharon Rondeau	644
2 nd	Lou Oden	644
3 rd	Blanche Scalise	639

Individual Averages

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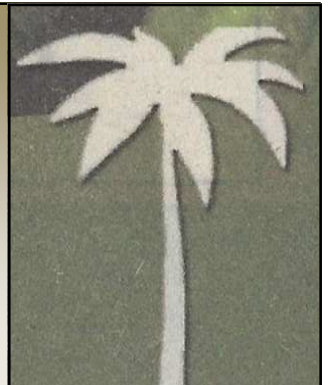
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We look forward to celebrating with you on either December 12 or 13 - or both!



Clubs

Women's Club

By Debbie Sawall

Craft Fair Chair, Martha Stevens, 239-217-0730, is accepting table space reservations for our January 16 Craft Fair.

Western Night: January 24. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Music by Southern Express from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. BYOB and set-ups. Tickets are \$15.00 each and will be sold at the Saturday morning coffee socials or you may contact Pat Rothoff.

Women's Club Craft Fair and Bake Sale – January 16, 2015. Free entry. 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Multiple raffles. Lunch available.

The Women's Club January meeting has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

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WOMEN'S CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2014

- Women's Club Annual Christmas Party (members only) December 4
- Tour of Homes (Beautification Project) December 21
- New Year's Eve Party December 31

2015

- Women's Club Meeting (Tuesday and not Thursday this month) January 6
- Craft Fair January 16
- Western Night Dinner Dance January 24
- Benefit Rummage Sale February 8
- Fashion Show February 26



Men's Club Calendar of Events 2014-2015

Men's Club Gives Back.

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at Coffee Social March 7, 2015

Don't forget Men's Club Meeting

2nd Thursday each month

Note: new start time for monthly meetings is 6:00 PM

Election of officers at the November Meeting

Something new: **Free Food** at every meeting

BINGO every Wednesday

Texas Hold'em every Monday

Keep This Calendar of Events Handy

Lazistan, Bill Klamar, Chuck Yedinik, Tom Ryan 31D N.Y., Patrick Wagner 32L N.Y., Richard J. White 32M Queensbury, N.Y., Terry Kretz 19B Antigo, WI, Joe McDonald 52H Mass., Jerry Richards 3A Union, Ohio, Tony Prisco 60E Toms River, N.J., Dennis Bower 30G Fenelon Falls, Ont, Canada, Bill Klemmer, Dan Daniel 50I Romeo, Mich, Bruce Slack 30B, Dale Harrison, Oberlin, OH, Gary Pouliot 4I Spfld, Mass, Hayes Harp 3G Kentucky, Steve Coy 29E Mich, Roy Zabierek Mass, Bruce McCullough 43K, Greg Grier, Bruce Reid See Tom Minahan for Men's Club Shirts. They are on sale for \$15.

Elections were held to fill four open positions on the board. Re-elected were Tom Minahan and Steve Laqrou. Newly elected were Bill Smith and Gene Stevens.

We received a letter from Wake Up America requesting help in purchasing a trailer. Wake Up America is a volunteer organization. They collect bakery items from Publix Stores and Pepperidge Farm warehouse. They then deliver it to The Salvation Army, several churches, Hope Hospice, and even a parking lot where homeless vets come for food. We have donated the entire amount, \$2075, to purchase the trailer. They also need new volunteers, especially those of you who live here during the summer months. See picture of the trailer on page 3.

We received a letter from the Beautification Committee asking for a \$100 donation. We sent the donation for Holiday lighting.

We also received a request from F.I.S.H. for \$200. Friends In Service Here provides transportation, loan of equipment, and respite care for all residents of Pine Lakes. We are glad to help with the donation. The January 24th Men's Club Golf Outing sign-up is full. Names are being taken for the reserve list. See Dick Loubier.

January's speaker will be Dr. Flores, Orthopedic Surgeon.

BOGO January and February Shows tickets are selling fast, but there are still some tables open.

Bingo is doing well with over 100 players each week.

Texas Hold'em continues on Monday Nights.

The Home Show will be held on February 13th. Because of this, the meeting will be moved to Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Thanks to Jack Crotty and Len Gorman for putting on a great Veteran's Day Program and for all the

Pine Lakes Men's Club Membership Meeting Minutes November 13, 2014

President Pete Morais called the meeting to order at 6:04. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and a moment of silence was observed to honor the veterans and deceased members.

Pizza was served.

The meeting continued with the reading of the minutes; they were accepted as read. John Brown read the Treasurer's report, and it was accepted.

New members: Dave Wright, Jerry Wedergen, Marty

work on the Memorial.

Many thanks to Sal Carrera and Jack Crotty for their many years of service on the Men's Club Board. Being on the Board entails many hours of work and sacrifice.

Our next meeting is on January 8th at 6:00 p.m. The menu will most likely be Cheese Steak.

The 50/50 and two \$50 & two \$25 drawings were picked.

Respectfully Submitted,



The Men's Club had a record attendance and new member count at the November Meeting

Tom Clark, Recording Secretary

Our November Texas Hold'em Tournament

By Pete Morais

The ballroom kitchen and our card room are reserved for the third Monday in November and January. These dates will not change. We also play the regular Monday evening games year 'round.

Our first Texas Hold'em Tournament of the season was held on Monday, November 17, 2014. The cost was the usual \$15/person, all of which goes into prize money. The Men's Club provides the food and drinks.

On tournament day, the committee was busy preparing the game room at 2:00 p.m. Tom Clark and Gene Stevens were there to help set up the tables and chairs; Sal Carrera, his wife Cher, and Sandy Morais were preparing food in the kitchen, while Janet Principe, Ed Delaney, Bill Smith, and I were getting the card room prepared. Thanks for all the help. With Pete Williams unable to play, we were thankful for the help and thankful Pete was home and feeling better.

As in the past, those not in the room by 5:00 are disqualified. This day there were two no-shows. First prize was to be \$300.00 based on the amount of entries



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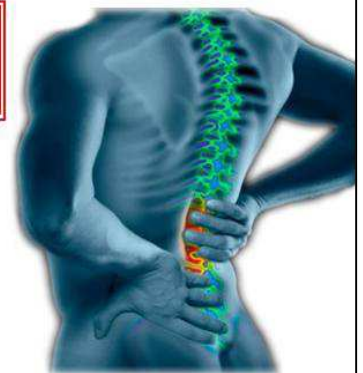
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except that this time we allowed re-buys which would increase the prize money.

Another twist to this game was the Bounty Card. One was given to each player at registration which meant that if a player was knocked out of the game, the card was given to the player responsible for his demise. Each bounty card was worth \$5,000.00 worth of chips in the 2nd round of play. . . a nice bonus.

Yes, for an additional \$15.00 fee if you are knocked out of the game before 7:00, you were able to buy back in, get another \$10,000.00 worth of chips and be placed at a table other than the one you just left when eliminated. You only had this opportunity once, up until 7:00. After 7:00, all bets are off and you are on your own - no more re-buys for the rest of the night. We stop the game for the 7:00 break when we adjust the tables and have a soda or water.

This event was a competition just like we have every Monday where we play down to four people at a table, then move those players to other tables.

This night was unlike our previous tournaments in a couple of ways. This is the first time a woman actually won the tournament and the first time a committee member won first place. Other women came in the money in previous tourneys, but Janet Principe was

the one and only woman to ever win it all and the first committee member to accomplish this feat. Congratulations to you. When I grow up I want to be just like Janet!! See picture on back cover.

Another first was that the other three who finished at the final table of four were all re-buy participants. Janet was the only non re-buyer in the top four, and she won the first prize of \$360.00 and a trophy. We paid eight places and the other winners were Roger Riley, second, won \$250; Rogers Hamilton, whose wife Debbie coaxed him into playing, came in third which was worth \$150.00, and Lou Napolitano at fourth got \$100.00. Joe Luminello, the same guy who hit our Royal Flush jackpot two weeks in a row, came in fifth; a new player Douglas Tokarsky came in sixth; Rob Krouser was seventh, and Eddy Duffy, another relatively new comer, came in eighth. Congratulations to all.

For those of you who have never played in our weekly game, all men and women age 18 or older who are either a resident or are a "Live in Guest" of a Pine Lakes or Lake Fairways resident, are cordially invited to play every Monday as well as in our tournaments.

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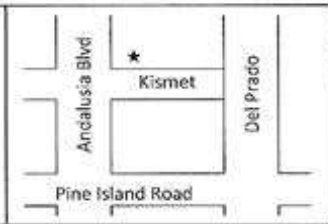
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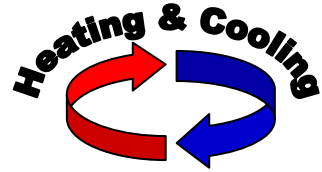
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Old Age, Huh?

Author Unknown

I have always dreaded old age. I cannot imagine anything worse than being old ... How awful it must be to have nothing to do all day long but stare at the walls or watch TV.

So, last week, when the Mayor suggested we all celebrate Senior Citizen Week by cheering up a senior citizen, I decided to do just that. I would call on my new neighbor, an elderly retired gentleman, recently widowed, and who, I presumed, had moved in with his married daughter because he was too old to take care of himself.

I baked a batch of brownies and, without bothering to call (some old people cannot hear the phone), I went off to brighten this old guy's day. When I rang the doorbell, this "old guy" came to the door dressed in tennis shorts and a polo shirt, looking about as ancient and decrepit as Donny Osmond.

"I'm sorry I can't invite you in," he said when I introduced myself, "but I'm due at the Racquet Club at two. I'm playing in the semi-finals today."

"Oh, that's all right" I said. "I baked you some brownies ..." "Great!" he interrupted, snatching the box. "Just what I need for bridge club tomorrow! Thanks so much." I continued "... and just thought we'd visit awhile. But that's okay. I'll just trot across the street and call on Granny Grady." "Don't bother," he said. "Gran's not home; I know. I just called to remind her of our date to go dancing tonight. She may be at the beauty shop. She mentioned at breakfast that she had an appointment for a tint job."

So I went home and called my mother's cousin (age 83); she was in the hospital – working in the gift shop. I called my aunt (age 74); she was on vacation in China. I called my husband's uncle (age 79); I forgot – he was on his honeymoon.

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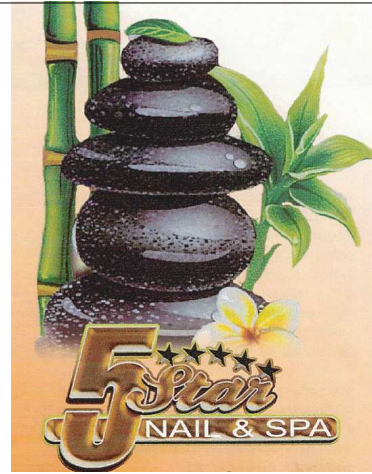
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the 2nd

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Roger Hoffman

the 3rd

Mick Rhodus
Dottie Huebner
Ellen Nocks
Diane Kemmer

the 4th

Katherine Kolar
Elaine Haines
Gerald Russell
Jack Burke
Linda Moon
Emil Schweikert

the 5th

Charles Stanfield

the 6th

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Donald Hawking

the 7th

John Hazen

the 8th

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Linda Knotts
Peter Williams
Paul Johnson
Kathy Ryan

the 9th

Gene Knisley
Robert Cleland
John Kilgour
Patty Caldwell

the 10th

Andrea Helms
Renee Smith
Sam Blevins

the 11th

Donald Tipmore

the 12th

Sylvia Crawford
Diana Sjogren
Jerry Phillips
Maryellen Woodside

the 13th

John Galloway
RoseAnn Ama

the 14th

Sharon Pickett
Sandy Craig
Rita Arsenault
Noelle Maehl

the 15th

Marty Wilton
Peg Tarontola
Ted Wilcox
Peggy Matthews

the 16th

Barbara Ravenna
Marty Payne
Bill Pickett
Robert Zrzepski
Joe Lancellot

the 17th

Penny Bostik
Brenda Loubier
Dick Jung
Steve Coy
Betty Miller
Marge D'allessandro

the 18th

Nancy Rich
Clay Fugere
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the 19th

Dave Duffy
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the 20th

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the 21st

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the 22nd

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Fran Mastin

the 23rd

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Karen Mole
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the 24th

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Fred Weber
Randy Markham
Carol Kosloske

the 26th

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Wayne Larson
Laurin Stanley
Herbert Gallop

the 27th

Charlene Richards
John Highfill
Rosie Krenn
Susie Holden
Terry Koehl
Liz Maffett

the 28th

Karen Hyskey

the 29th

Tom Joy
John McCann
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the 30th

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the 31st

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the 1st

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the 2nd

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the 3rd

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the 6th

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Please note that Dick and Barb Lindgren celebrated their 56th Wedding Anniversary on November 22nd.

Belated Congratulations, Folks.



Barb and John Seiler got a surprise when they trimmed their pine trees this year. A nest of squirrels fell out not long after their "**birth day!**" They were later rescued by their mother.

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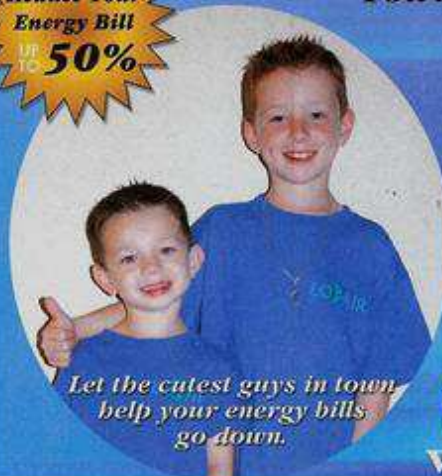
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- *Run-test the heat
- *Laser check the thermostat
- *Check for any loose or frayed wiring
- *Flush and vacuum out the drain line
- *Test ducting for proper air flow and leaks
- *Inspect safety equipment
- *Wash and clean condensing coil
- *Room-to-room "hot spots" inspection
- *Check refrigeration levels
- *Add algacide tablets to the drain pan
- *Check the evaporator coil for mold, and impaction

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If you include a picture, please indicate the name of the photographer.

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Texas Hold'em Tournament



Final Table



And the Winner is Janet Principe!

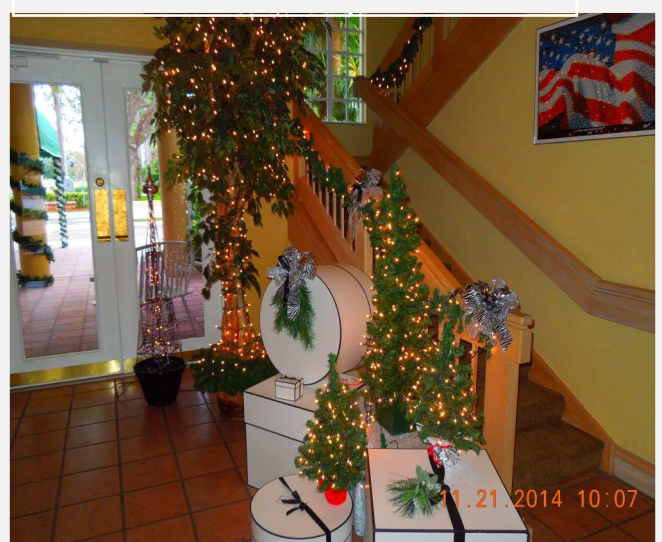
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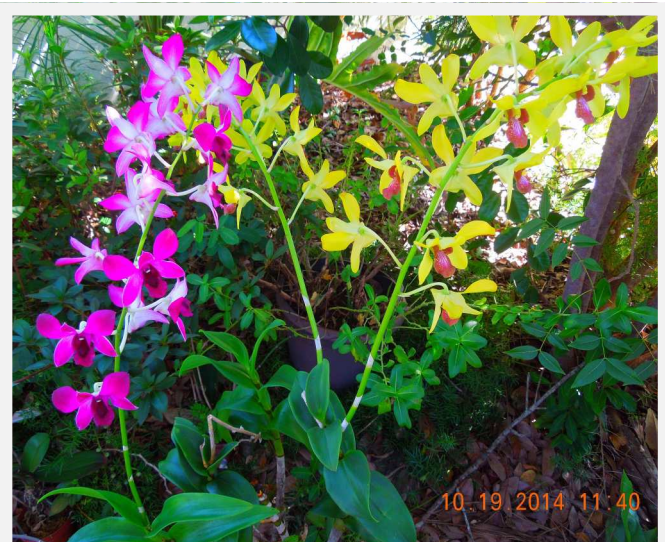
The Lady golfers are ready to play and raise money for breast cancer research.



The Spunky Pink Lady makes a plea at the recent Rally for A Cure tournament.



The stairs to the library radiate the Holiday spirit with boxes, lights, and bows.



It's time for Poinsettias, but the Orchids on Sun Air Court just won't give up.