



**FOUR LAKES HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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version in (more readable) color that can be printed
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President's Remarks

Mark Miesmer

At the risk of being called "Mr. Obvious," it sure is hot and rainy in Florida in the summer! This has truly been a typical Florida summer with scorching daytime temperatures and afternoon downpours. On the bright side, things are quite lush and green with the golf course looking exceptionally great. The ponds are at capacity and Lake Haines is reaching its previous high levels. Many activities continue through the summer months and not all require fighting the elements. Anything in the Clubhouse is temperature controlled; you can even exercise in comfort. Of course, the restaurant offers many "cool" activities including Bingo, karaoke, darts and entertainment. Our recently remodeled Library and Card Room, along with the Pool Room are great ways to beat the heat. Also, don't forget our wonderful Cinema House - I challenge you to find a better bargain for movie watching.

Many of you may have already noticed the displays from various groups on the walls of the Great Room. These are the beginnings of our Activities Fair which will serve to inform the community about the many various organizations and activities that occur here at

Four Lakes. Information regarding this fair will be forthcoming.

I have seen many of our street speed limit signs are being repainted and are now more visible, which should lead to more paying attention, which should lead to less speeding and stop sign running, RIGHT? This is just one more example of the little things that are being taken care of by our new management team.

Please keep in mind that our next HOA meeting will be on September 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Room. We are trying to have the 2014 HOA By-laws prepared in time for distribution at this meeting. Please make time on your calendar for this meeting.

Thanks for reading,

Mark



**Four Lakes Home Owners Association
Regular Board Meetings cancelled until
September 11th: See information on HOA
Bulletin Board for Planning Meetings**

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Treasurer's Report

Beth Winsor



Your Money:

The following is a summary of financial activity since my last report in the July Newsletter:

As of July 25, 2014, your HOA has \$6,950.70 in the checkbook and \$31,900.97 in savings. We currently have 436 paid HOA members.

These are the specific transactions:

Expenses:

Office Supplies	(\$160.64)
Newsletter Printing	(\$914.85)
Internet/Telephone	(\$150.10)
Webmaster Fee	(\$75.00)
Newsletter Editing Supplies	(\$75.00)
Total:	(\$1,375.59)

Revenues:

Cinema House	\$177.39
Newsletter Ads	\$4,550.00
Membership dues	\$15.00
Total:	\$4,742.39

I will put copies of July's complete financial report on the HOA bulletin board shortly after the end of the month. Feel free to pick up a copy.

Regards, Beth

Please remember to place a basket by your door for Four Lakes mail. By law, HOA (and your friends) cannot place notes in your mailbox!



Welcoming Committee

From Gail Price, Chair



Welcome to the neighborhood!:

Not so hard to say, is it? New residents are beginning to move in, stress enough to have to unpack all of those boxes, but in this heat? A smile and a cool drink would go a long way to building a great relationship... **Larry and Leslie Axelrod** have moved (CALIF) into their new home at 1720 Glen Abby Lane. **Jim and Marcia Allen** (MASS) have moved into their new home at 1629 Glen Abby Lane. **Jack and JoAnne Gable** (FL) are not new to this community, but have recently purchased a home at 2902 Shoal Creek.

If you are newly settled in our community and have received a letter from the Welcoming Committee, please take a moment to call the number provided. You'll only get a visit if you want one, but we do have things that you should have, i.e., the Vial of Life. It is one of the first items that EMS personnel look for when responding to an emergency.

To Larry and Leslie, Jack and JoAnne, and Jim and Marcia :
Welcome Home!

FLGC Bingo Association Update

From Bev Eppler, FLGC Co-Director



Hello, Bingo players!

Here we are in August and no Bingo in the Great Room for one month. We will resume in September. Thanks to Annie and Joel, we WILL have Bingo in the bar every Tuesday during the month of August. They will start selling at 6:30 p.m. and calling begins at 7 p.m. So, you will not have to have Bingo withdrawal.

When we resume in September, we are *hoping* that more residents will step up and volunteer to help us out with being callers, verifiers, sellers and set-up helpers or even operators. If we could get enough people to volunteer, one would only have to do it every other month or less. Please, Bingo players, think about this very seriously and always remember to say, "Thank you," to the volunteers who faithfully work Bingo so you can play.

So, until next month, Happy Bingoing!

Bev Eppler 298-9325
Joel Fleischman 298-8414
Curt Darling 292-0425

Cinema House

From Sonia and Ed Overstreet



August Cinema House Schedule

Sun., Aug., 3, Tues., Aug. 5, Thurs., Aug. 7
***A Night in Old Mexico* Not Rated 104 Minutes**
 Academy Award winner Robert Duvall stars as Red Bovie, a Texas rancher, forced to give up his land and home. He is not about to retire quietly in a trailer park. Instead he jumps in his Cadillac and hits the road with his estranged grandson for one last wild adventure filled with guns, women, and booze. "This cowboy ain't done yet!"

August Concert Video

At the Cinema House, Wed., Aug. 13th at 7:00 p.m.
"Chicago in Chicago (2011)" 1 hour 34 Minutes
Featuring the Doobie Brothers

Sun., Aug. 10, Tues., Aug. 12, Thurs., Aug. 14
***Heaven Is for Real* PG 109 Minutes**
 The movie is based on a true story of a 4-year old Nebraska boy (Connor Corum) who, after major surgery, tells his father – a local minister (Greg Kinnear) that he's been to Heaven. There are doubts of this, however, people begin to accept the story when the youngster reveals information he only could have been given by those who died before he was born.

Sun., Aug. 17, Tues., Aug. 19, Thurs., Aug. 21
***The Other Woman* PG-13 109 Minutes**
 Cameron Diaz stars in this comedy as a jaded lawyer who realizes her new love is actually married to a prattling, scattered-but-sweet housewife (Leslie Mann). And thus, a great comic duo is born in a female empowerment comedy and buddy picture. Diaz takes the straight-woman role to Mann. A funny film with lots of pratfalls.

Sun., Aug. 24, Tues., Aug. 26, Thurs., Aug. 28
***Noah* PG-13 138 Minutes**
 Big, beatific, and (more or less) Biblical, this is an action/adventure take on The Flood that cleansed the Earth. Russell Crowe is the Master and Commander and ship builder. The director has concocted an accessible, modern and mythic version of this oral history that may make purists blanch even as it entertains the rest of us.

Sun., Aug. 31, Tues., Sept. 2, Thurs, Sept. 4
***God's Not Dead* PG 112 Minutes**
 Shane Harper plays Josh Wheaton, a freshman at Hadleigh University who ignores warnings and enrolls in a professor's philosophy class. Professor Radisson is a smug, sneering atheist who insists his students sign an admission that "God is dead." Josh refuses to sign, the professor, played by Kevin Sorbo, decides to give the kid the entire semester to prove the opposite. Does Josh prove it or not?

Volunteers are still needed for Cinema House concession sales and for operator duties. Sign up and/or call Ed Overstreet for training at 295-9257.

DVDs are available for loan at Jackpot and Coffee Talk. Donations are requested.

Laughter Society

Submitted by Charlotte Lohr



Please check out Ann Colotti's website, www.4lakes.info/ for information on The Laughter Society and the other organizations of Four Lakes. There will be clips of several of our "stand-up" routines on the website.

We are having a quiet month. Members are traveling and gathering fun-times. We hope all of you are doing the same. Don't forget to check out the Great Room walls for more information on all the great organizations here at Four Lakes. We look forward to the Labor Day celebration of these organizations.

Please contact Jim Appleby or any member of the Laughter Society if you are interested in joining our group. If you aren't inclined to perform, we need set makers, make-up artists, stage hands, designers, etc.

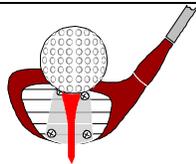
Have a great fun-filled month!



Rudy Stahl, proud of his first Hole-in-One on July 19th, Hole # 8 - photo courtesy of Donna Bragdon

Golf Problems of Concern

From the Golf Committee



Just prior to this year's Gator Classic, some incidents occurred involving two of our golfing families and an anonymous individual or individuals. The first incident was a note left at one family's house that suggested that they had inflated their handicaps in order to win prize money. The note went on to suggest that this couple was cheating and should not consider playing in future Gator Classics. The note was signed by "concerned members of the Four Lakes golfing community."

A second incident involved last Spring's match play tournament. The result sheet posted on the Pro Shop bulletin board was defaced with charges that this individual was a "Sand-Bagger" and claimed that he had also inflated his handicap. The last incident also involved someone posting bogus scores and artificially lowering this same individual's GHIN handicap.

These incidents are nothing more than an attempt by one or more persons to bully other people of the Four Lakes Golf Community and should not be tolerated.

From the Pro Shop

Gerry Cavanaugh



August 2014 Golf Events

The Pro Shop and Management has documented and issued the Four Lakes Golf Club Disabled Golfer Policy (below).

Pat Fitzgerald scored a Hole In One on July 12 on Hole # 8 using a seven iron. Rudy Stahl got his first Hole In One on Saturday, July 19 on the same hole with a nine iron. Witnessing Rudy's shot were Dick McHale, Paul Doppler, and John Speer. Congratulations to both!

STOP signs mean STOP, not slow down.

Four Lakes Disabled Golfer Policy

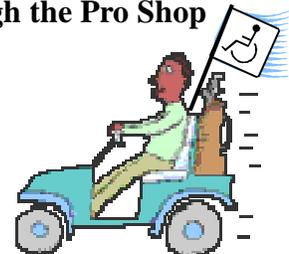
Four Lakes Golf Club policy allows relief for *physically disabled persons related to the use of golf course rules, common sense, and the following:

- A. Normal policy is that carts must stay 30ft. from the green. Those physically disabled may go up to 15 ft. from the green.
- B. On hole # 6, the player may drive up next to the tee box on the street side.
- C. On hole # 13, the player may drive on the fairway in front of the green when the shot is short of the green.

At no time may the fairways be driven on when conditions make the course or portions thereof "Cart Path Only."

If a person wishes to qualify for these privileges, a Florida state-issued placard or a doctor's note should be placed on the cart. Any conditions other than the above will be determined on a case-by-case basis by management.

*** To invoke the above privilege, one must first report through the Pro Shop**



(FMO) Federation Of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida

From Carol Hamilton

Our efforts to increase Four Lakes membership in the FMO continues. Those of us who are committed members of FMO are especially cognizant of the outstanding value of belonging to this united organization. Together with FMO members from the many manufactured home parks in Florida, we support the efforts of FMO leadership to ensure that we maintain our rights to the special kind of lifestyle we enjoy.

We encourage and welcome non-FMO members of our community to come aboard and feel a part of this united front. The yearly fee to join is about the cost of one cup of coffee per month at your favorite restaurant. Now that's a deal! (Just \$22 a year, or only \$55 for three years for an additional savings.)

More benefits: For those of you who already belong to an auto club i.e. AAA, Allstate Motor Club, or Amoco Motor Club (or have been thinking of it), being an FMO member in good standing entitles you to guaranteed emergency road protection for the primary member (and a spouse) through **Cross Country Motor Club**, the largest independently owned automobile club in the country! At only \$30 per year, it is by far the least expensive of the above-mentioned auto clubs! Not available with the other plans, **Cross Country** also provides Emergency Message Service and will call three family members on your behalf! (This plan provides coverage for travelers in both the US and Canada.)

We're On the Go, With FMO!...Please Join Us! If you need assistance in renewing your membership or becoming a new member, contact me at 863-514-5222.

Sales Office

From Camille Challis, Sales Manager
Four Lakes Golf Club



I went shopping the other day - for a vehicle. I stopped at the Honda dealership and was greeted by a salesman who asked me what my needs were and proceeded to show me a few cars that he thought might fit my needs. While I was there, a salesperson from the Toyota place across the street came up to us, and began to talk with me about Toyotas. He asked me to be sure to come and see what he had to offer before I made any kind of decision. My Honda sales person was somewhat taken aback, but said nothing while the Toyota guy gave his spiel. Later, I did go to the Toyota place, and while I was trying to determine what I really wanted, my Toyota salesman called the Honda dealership and asked them to look up some stats for him, and give him some of the information I had submitted at their dealership. Shocking, right?! Well, thankfully, that didn't actually happen, but it does happen here at Four Lakes Sales Office on a regular basis.

Many have asked why our sales office does not "work like a regular Real Estate office" and the above story is the best way to answer that question. First, we are not selling real estate (ground). The property is owned by a corporation, and we are considered a "dealership," so it is better compared to selling cars from a privately owned car lot. (That's why you **lease** your lot, and renew your 'tags' on your home every year.) **By law, there can be only one "dealership" on this private property.** When you go to a dealership to purchase a vehicle, they do not take you to another dealership to show you vehicles from another lot, and I cannot take you to a competing community to show you homes there. And, although you can list your home with an outside Real Estate office, they are legally not allowed to set up another "dealership" in this community, because there is already a "dealership" (the Sales Office) present on the property. Residents may personally solicit the help of a Real Estate office to help them sell their home, but an outside Real Estate office is not allowed to solicit business from residents in a dealership community.

One cannot (or at least **should** not) compare commission rates because, once again, we are not a Real Estate office. Unlike a regular Real Estate office, we will encounter 95-98% of every potential buyer that comes through the gates. Thus, we are able to show our listings more often than anyone else. Also, we offer a \$2400 golf package that our seller does not have to pay. Even if a potential buyer is introduced to the community by an outside Real Estate office, very often they will still come to our office. If that Realtor happens not to have exactly what they are looking for, they are still enamored of the community, and will come to the office and check out our listings before making a decision.

I hope this clears up the questions with regard to how the process works for listing, selling, and showing homes here in our community. If you still have questions, feel free to give me a call, and I'll be happy to talk with you about it.

Camille Challis
Sales Manager

P.S. (How'd I do, Nancy...?)

Citizen Assisted Patrol

From Russ Hamilton



I was asked to be the speaker at the July 1st Coffee Talk to explain how our Citizen Assisted Patrol program operates. Many of you were not present, so I am sharing some of the presentation in this article.

What it is: The Citizen Assisted Patrol (CAP) program was initiated in 2004 by Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd for use as a Crime Deterrent. Robert Groover is the Sheriff's Department **Crime Prevention Supervisor** who runs the CAP operation. He recruits, trains, and deploys citizen volunteers who donate time patrolling Polk County neighborhoods in unincorporated areas, such as Four Lakes Golf Club. We are not in the Winter Haven city limits so there is no law enforcement agency patrolling our streets. CAP patrols help fill that void. These patrols increase law enforcement visibility, enhance citizen interaction with the Sheriff's Office, increase crime awareness, and increases the reporting of suspicious activities and circumstances for deputies to investigate.

How Did CAP Get Started at Four Lakes?: Before moving to Four Lakes, Leo and Judy Garlock lived in a nearby community that had a CAP program and they believed it would be beneficial to have it here. I was approached to run CAP as the lead coordinator. A feasibility meeting was scheduled and advertised for August 1, 2013, in the Great Room. The program was rolled out by two Sheriff's Department representatives to approximately 50 interested residents. At the end of the presentation, 24 volunteers and three associate coordinators made a commitment.

We were ready to move forward with CAP and I knew if we were going to have a successful CAP program, **Planning** would be important. So, I began holding meetings with the three associate coordinators. We needed to determine the goals of the CAP program so a **Mission Statement** was developed.

We were able to recruit 44 applicants who were given background checks by the Sheriff's Department and they were each issued a Volunteer Number. The Sheriff's department held our training on April 8, 2014, in our Cinema House. On that day, 40 volunteers were trained, fingerprinted, photographed, took an oath to adhere to the CAP regulations, shook hands with Sheriff Grady Judd, and were issued their uniforms and ID's.

The patrol cart provided by the Sheriff's department is a gasoline-powered unit, because a battery powered cart wouldn't last for 8 to 10 hours of operation. They also provide the fuel and maintenance of the cart.

What it Takes to Operate:

Lead Coordinator – Russ Hamilton: It is a requirement of the Citizen Assisted Patrol program that a Primary, or Lead Coordinator be the Sheriff's department point of contact. All information to and from the Sheriff's Crime Prevention Administrator, is through this Coordinator. Attending a monthly Polk County CAP Administrator's meeting is required and I may be accompanied by the other coordinators. As the public information resource, I write articles for the community newsletter, and make presentations at community functions, such as the HOA meetings and Coffee Talk.

Scheduler – Russ Hamilton: The scheduler is responsible for ensuring patrol slots are filled in advance and works to schedule the personnel necessary for assignments. Most people are being scheduled on the same day and time each week.

Equipment Manager – Dan Strick: Dan performs weekly checks on the patrol cart for maintenance requirements, similar to an automobile. He also is responsible for the cart emergency kit, rechargeable flashlight and cell phone and maintaining gasoline supply.

Recorder - Wes Schripsema: Wes is responsible for maintaining records, recording meeting minutes, keeps our forms stocked, and ensures that patrol logs are properly filled out and delivered to the Crime Prevention Administrator on a monthly basis.

Management Liaison – Bob Borrelli: Bob is our communication link with Four Lakes Management. He works with them to ensure we have adequate facilities for our equipment storage and parking.

Certified Volunteers: Each person is typically scheduled to patrol for two hours per week with a partner. There are also opportunities for uniformed walking patrols and bike patrols. The CAP call center is always notified when anyone is going on or off duty.

Recruiters – Anyone at Four Lakes: Currently I have six new applicants getting background checks and they will be scheduled for training in the near future.

Four Lakes Charities Association



Submitted by Beth Winsor

Wahneta School Supplies:

The school supply drive continues throughout the month of August. The lists for Wahneta's requested supplies are available in the Great Room next to the related sign. Please consider donating, either by dropping off your purchased school supplies or by providing a cash donation, in which case Charities volunteers will shop for you. Please call Gail Bouchard at (734) 672-0334 or Karen Abernathy 875-8163 to request help with shopping or with any questions you may have.



Golf Membership Raffle: Don't miss out! We are still selling tickets for a one-year golf membership here at Four Lakes. Tickets will be available at Sociables Dinner Night, Bingo, Coffee Talk, and in the Pro-Shop Parking Lot starting September 28th @ \$10 each or three [3] for \$25. The drawing is planned for October 13th at Sociables Dinner Night, just in time for your membership renewal. You need not be present to win. Proceeds will benefit the charitable organizations we support. Project Lead is Claire Hamil.



Swiss Village Partnership: Sometimes you just get lucky at finding volunteers outside as well as within our community. About six weeks ago, Gail Price was sitting in a surgical center waiting room, crocheting wash cloths, when she met a lady crocheting a baby blanket. They struck up a conversation and Gail learned that this lady was from Swiss Village and a member of a group that makes baby blankets for the patients in need at the Regency Center. Their conversation got around to our Charities Association and the volunteer work we do for Wahneta School. The time passed quickly as they exchanged stories and soon they collected their spouses and went home. Two weeks later, Gail received a phone call from a different lady at Swiss Village who, after hearing of their conversation, volunteered herself and her

friends to help with our Wahneta Santa's Workshop. Linda Scanlon and Gail anxiously made a trip to their community to discuss the plans. As a result, the Swiss Village ladies agreed to make rag dolls for the Wahneta children and considered having their men make wooden toys. We're happy to provide these things to the school children, as we do not give them cash donations, and we appreciate the opportunity to share this spirit of giving with the nice folks at Swiss Village.

Sleeping Mats for the Homeless: While volunteers were recently visiting one of our sponsored charitable organizations, The Mission, we learned that there was a need for several plastic mats that are used by the homeless to place under their sleeping bags to keep them dry. These mats are painstakingly crocheted from a large number of plastic grocery bags by flattening the bags, cutting them into loops, slip knotting them into a long strip, and then crocheting them into a 36 by 72 inch finished product. Needless to say, we took on the challenge to provide as many as we could. Thanks to the knitting/crocheting group, the first of many mats was delivered to Pastor David Berry at The Mission on July 22nd by Gail Price and Rita DeMaegd. He was thrilled and promised that the mat would not go unused for long. Tonight, someone in Winter Haven will not be sleeping in a wet sleeping bag! He further asked if we could teach people how to make these mats in an effort to speed up production. He's working on getting a youth group, as well as a Girl Scout Troop, to help. Thanks to all of our residents and park employees for collecting and delivering grocery bags - approximately 3,000, to Gail's home last weekend. Making and delivering these mats is a project we will continue to work as long as there is a need. Please contact Gail Price for further information.

A Note from the Charities Vice President, Gail Price: "I have been a volunteer most of my adult life. It doesn't cost me anything but my time, and I get a "feel good" satisfaction by helping others who are not as fortunate as myself. Today, as a member of the Four Lakes Charities Association, I strive to promote the organization and our mission every day, always extending my personal invitation to others to attend one of the general membership meetings. Most of the time, I get a smile, but sometimes I'm met with not-so-nice conversation. 'Why should I help you, when you can't even help someone in our own community?'

"I'm writing to let everyone know that we **can**, and we **do**. However, we must meet certain requirements in order for our organization to remain compliant with our IRS status. We can only give money to other organizations who are a 501(c)-3 Non-Profits. Within Four Lakes, that includes
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Four Lakes Veterans Organization

Submitted by Vince Colotti, Communications Officer



Over the past year, many new residents have decided to make Four Lakes Golf Club their home. Because of this, we thought it would be a good idea to remind all residents what the FLVO is all about.

The FLVO was established in early 2004 with a constitution formally outlining the organization. The FLVO started with about 30 members and today has approximately 250 total, members and associate members combined. It is open to veterans from all branches of service. Since some of our residents come from out of the country, we also accept veterans from foreign service branches.

Our operating funds are primarily generated through yearly dues, the Memorial Day Picnic, the November Veterans Dinner/Dance and the 50/50 raffles at our monthly meetings. The Dinner/Dance and picnic are always open to the entire Four Lakes Community and we have had great support from the residents at these functions.

Our way of giving back to the community is through worthwhile projects to improve the general community. Mainly, the members bring projects to us, but we also communicate with the other organizations, and many times we share the project cost. Funding for these projects must be approved by membership vote.

Special projects include our monthly newsletter that is delivered to each member's door, trash pickup on the county road adjoining our community, and replacing burned out bulbs on lamp posts for those who are unable to do so or are out of the community.

With our various committees, parades, Memorial Day and Veterans Day cemetery observances, and our newly founded Auxiliary group, there is something for everyone in our Volunteer Force. Our honor guard has also presided over a number of Memorials and Flag Folding Ceremonies within our community and also surrounding communities.

The FLVO feels it is our honor and responsibility to help these families in any way that we can.

Our monthly meeting is held on the first Thursday of each month. If you are a veteran and a resident of Four Lakes, please be our guest at our next meeting.

Any resident wishing to join the FLVO can always contact our Administrative Officer, Paul Harnois at 863-969-4759.

FLVO Motto:

“We Remain Veterans Serving Veterans and Our Community”

Charities (Continued from p. 7)

the *FLVO* and *Park Ministries*. Since *Helping Hands* now falls under *Park Ministries*, we are now able to provide support to Four Lakes residents. In order to do this, residents in need must identify themselves or be identified by a friend or neighbor, who may request help for them. In such instances, a case worker must be named to assist. This doesn't require a Master's Degree or specialized training in Social Work but rather just care enough to help. Any such information passed to or from *Helping Hands* is kept **confidential**. The Four Lakes Charities Association has been helping residents for approximately a year and a half now. If you have any questions about this or anything we do, I invite you to attend one of our meetings, which are held on the last Tuesday of each month (with the exception of July and August). Thank you for your understanding. Whenever the opportunity arises, please spread the word.

Sincerely, Gail.”

There will not be a Charities General Membership Meeting in August, therefore the next one is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30th in the Great Room at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. Everyone is invited so... please join us!

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Sociables

From Susan McConnell, President



The new chairs for the Great Room have been ordered and should be delivered around the first week of August. They should make a big difference in the look of the room. Sociables is very happy to make this contribution to the Four Lakes Golf Club. We have sold 238 of the old chairs to an organization in Winter Haven and plan to sell the remainder of them to our residents. If you would like to purchase any, call Charlie Eppler at 298-9325 and have your name placed on a list. The price is \$5 each or four for \$15.

Seeing how dirty the tables had become in the Great Room, a group of Four Lakers volunteered to clean them. Thanks to Mary Allard, Betty Brough, Bev Eppler, Annie Fleischman, Clare Hamil, Sandy Resnick, Ginny Robinson and Maureen Vislocky. The tables now look like new.

Sociables would like to make Four Lakes residents aware of a long standing Community service which began about 17 years ago. A Memorial Fund was started and kept solvent by donations from our residents. The purpose of the Fund is to help with a memorial service when a resident has passed away or to send a donation to the resident's favorite charity, whichever the family wishes.

The Fund is now depleted and Sociables needs your help. If you would like to keep this very important service active, your donations would be very much appreciated. A box will be available at Coffee Talk and Jackpot for cash donations or you could make a check out to Sociables and drop it off at the Activities Office. Thank you so much!

Ramps: *If you need to have a temporary ramp installed, please contact Barbara Roberts, Chairperson of Helping Hands at 224-4611. All other items will be loaned out by Sociables Angel Closet as always. Angel Closet Co-chairs are Jackie Rieger at 299-5966 and Sharon Tramontana at 307-3470.*

Sociables Kitchen Committee would like to have a new addition to our part of the Newsletter. Each month, they will feature a quick tip. This month's is an easy way to clean and cook corn on the cob. Leave the husk on, put in microwave for 4 minutes per ear. When finished, hold the cob at the silk end with a pot holder and cut off about 2 inches of the stem. Gently push the husk down toward the cutoff end and the silk will come off completely at the same time.

Sociables Dinner Night

From Cheryl Morris, Co-chair

The August meal will be Wahenee Chicken (Wahine in Hawaiian), rice, and a dessert. If you need tickets and can't get to the Clubhouse or forgot, you can call Co-chair Betty Brough at 863-294-9760. Ticket sales will be at Monday Jackpot and Tuesday Coffee Talk.

Sociables Party Committee

Submitted by D-Corrine Waterman, Chairman

Labor Day Party, September 1st. Theme: A "Labor" of Love: Decorating is in progress for this special Labor Day Party. The various Four Lakes organizations and committees were invited to decorate a wall in the Great Room to showcase their Labors. Decorating has already begun and will continue during the month of August, to be highlighted at the Labor Day Party, and remain during the month of September. This is our way of saying "Thank You," to the volunteers who make Four Lakes so special.

You are invited to attend our Labor Day Party: Doors open at Noon. Lunch is at 1p.m. Menu: Hot Dog, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Dessert. BYOB/Cash Bar. \$5.00 pp. Tickets: Beginning August 4th, tickets will be available at Jackpot, Coffee Talk, or Contact: Corrine at 294-5163. Musical performers: Graffiti, (our own residents Krista and Terry Horner) for your listening and/or dancing pleasure. Door Prizes, 50/50, and Games.

Saturday, October 25th: Halloween Party: Mark your calendar now and start thinking of your costumes; this is a fun party. Play "guess who's who." Musical performer is Rick Arnold, who plays the oldies but goodies. This party will be catered by Sociables Dinner Night Committee, yum, yum. Tickets will sell for \$7.50 pp. BYOB/Cash Bar, Assigned Seating. Doors open at 5 p.m. Costume Contest at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m. Note: We will sell tickets at the September 11th HOA meeting, before and after, at Jackpot September 15th, Coffee Talk, or contact: Corrine at 294-5163.

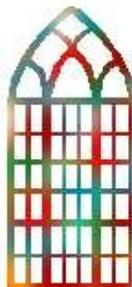
Report: 4th of July: Party-goers helped celebrate the Birth of our Nation, with birthday cake, proceeded by a lunch of: fried chicken, potato salad, and coleslaw. Highlights were watching party-goers form a large circle and pass around (in opposite directions) two beach balls. The two winners received patriotic decorated cakes. Bingo was played with a number of winners receiving cash prizes. Door prizes were drawn, and the 50/50 was won by Betty Benton. Our thanks to all the volunteers, we could not do this without you.

Sociables Events Committee: Reminder: Start of Senior Year, Saturday, October 18th - watch for more info.

Park Ministries

From Chuck Blake

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord! I pray that you are having a great summer. We sure miss our friends that have gone north, and are anxious for you to return.



Park Ministries and many of our churches cut back on our activities during the summer. We need to be careful not to leave God out of our plans. Don't forget about God's grace; we need to thank Him for His forgiveness, healing, compassion, and all the good things that our Loving Father freely gives to us each day. So, I pray that you will take a few moments to stop and thank Him for His awesome power and Love for each of us.

I want to remind everyone about the **Park Ministries Web Site**, located at parkministries.net. We have had this web site for the last five or six years and do our best to keep it up to date with information relevant to senior adults. For example, if you have questions about eldercare, go to the web site and look under the tab for eldercare for some great information.

We will not hold Bible study during the month of August. We will start Bible study again the first Monday after Labor Day, September 8th. During September and October, we will enjoy DVD presentations of various places in the "Holy Land" involving the early church. This will be taught by Dr. Ray VanderLaan. Our major study will commence the first Monday in November and will focus on the Life of Paul.

Our Sunday nondenominational Worship Service will only meet on the second and fourth Sundays during the month of August. We will meet again every Sunday starting with the first Sunday in September.

The Prayer List will continue to be updated during the summer. If you would like us to pray for you or someone you love, please call me or send me an email message at chuckblake@tampabay.rr.com.

The Following Four Lakers have Passed Away Since Our Last Report:

- Denny Holcroft
- Lenny Holcroft

Reminders for August:

1. The Sunday Worship service meets in the Great Room on August 10th and 24th, at 5:00 p.m.
2. Bible study will not meet during the month of August.

Helping Hands

From Barb Roberts,
Helping Hands Coordinator



Helping Hands continues to assist residents during these summer days. We have provided transportation to doctor appointments, grocery store and the airport.

We have provided portable ramps for residents who have difficulty getting into their homes due to injury or illness. We continue to work with the Sociables' Angel Closet to provide wheelchairs, walkers, and items for babies and young children to use while visiting Four Lakes.

We also assisted a resident that had to replace all of the window panels on his lanai. Volunteers installed the vinyl on half of the panels and after learning how to do this, the resident completed the rest. There were 32 panels replaced. This is a situation where Helping Hands helped a resident help himself.

We have had a problem with persons repeating personal issues that they have heard about. We all try to look after our neighbors, but we need to be careful about sharing names and situations. These often get out into the community with inaccurate information causing a hardship or embarrassment to our residents.

I look forward to autumn when I am able to have an organizational meeting to start the busy seasons ahead. I appreciate all of the support and encouragement I have received for the community.



Computer Bytes

From Bob Johnson

We now have a fully functional computer room for public use and the donations have been great!

Ink cartridge collection for recycling continues, however, my collection box is now on the bottom shelf of the library book return cart. According to our management, the Recycle green did not go with the décor so it is now somewhat concealed. Last month, I received a recycled ink cartridge check for \$29! This helps a lot and, along with the paper donations, should put us ready for the first wave of snowbirds and guests.

Old cell phones I received are taken to the Tampa VA for refurbishing and distributing to our less fortunate veterans. All of your personal information is securely removed prior
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From the Managers' Desks

Jeff Julian



Pam and I want to give special thanks to Millie and Dave Bianchi for their kind donation of the two golf figurines which are now located near the Pro Shop. We'd also like to thank the "Ladies of Craft," June and Charlotte, for revitalizing the figures.

Did you know?:

Subject: Pet Owners



Don't forget to pick up after your pets. The bags the newspapers are delivered in as well as Wal-Mart bags work great as pooper-scoopers! Thank you, to the many pet owners in the community who have been considerate of both their pet and their neighbors! Respect your neighbor's property. Please use the two (2) dog walk areas provided.

Subject: Safety First!

We are still getting reports of "close calls." Golf cart drivers and bike riders, please keep in mind that you, too, have to travel at a safe speed, signal your turns, and stop at all stop signs. Please keep to your side of the road when going around curves. Remember, use lights at night. Walkers, too.



Subject: Florida Lightning!



Please remember, if you are at the pool, hot tub, playing golf etc. and hear thunder, get under cover. Lightning can strike even if the main storm is ten miles away.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or Pam.

Four Lakers, the community is looking fantastic!

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to redistribution. You can drop your old cells, with or without the chargers, in the ink cartridge collection box in the computer room or in my front door basket.

Laptop tips this month mostly concern battery life. Two things to do that are most important to promote battery life are to *not* leave it plugged in to the wall power outlet. The battery performs better if allowed to cycle charged to discharge. The second tip is about storing your laptop. If you are not going to use the laptop for more than two weeks at a time, then the battery should be fully charged and then removed to allow more years of service.

One of the most popular questions I'm asked is, "Is it safe to continue online banking with Windows XP and IE 8?" All financial and medical online transactions are conducted on the institutions websites and their



TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

We are pleased to announce that the Four Lakes chapter of TOPS (FL 744 Winter Haven) was honored this past spring by TOPS Club, Inc. for registering an average loss per member in 2013 of eight pounds or more. Then, to "TOP" it off, on July 3rd, the chapter made history with a "no-gain" meeting. Although our members try each week, it is a remarkable achievement to have not one single gain, not even a tenth of a pound - the increments on our scale! Congratulations!

Our chapter will participate in the decorating of walls in the Great Room for "A Labor of Love" Labor Day Party sponsored by the Sociables Party Committee. Our display (and others) will be on display through August and September. We hope you will take a look at some of our success photos and information.

TOPS continues to meet, even in the summer months, Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Great Room. The meeting generally runs until about 10 a.m. Weigh-in starts at 8:15 a.m. Men and women are welcome and spouses join TOPS Club, Inc. at half price. For more information during the summer, contact Co-leader Rose Helm at 701-5758 and/or check out the TOPS website at www.tops.org.



TOPS members in pool, celebrating No-gain meeting in July. Photo courtesy of Jim Hamil

servers and are extremely safe! The only way that the transactions are unsafe is if you allow someone remote access to your computer.

Next month I'll start bringing Windows 8 and 8.1 tips.

Happy computing,
The Computer Guy
Bob Johnson
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Activities Office

Annie Fleischman, Activities Director

Below is a list of our upcoming events:

Tuesday, August 5: Blood Drive. Please donate.

Friday, August 15: Come and celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries with your friends at Four Lakes. Tony & Tricia provide the music. Free cake and Cash Bar.



Sunday, August 17: We will travel to Tropicana Field to see the Tampa Bay Rays play the New York Yankees. I need four more people to run this trip. \$79.

Monday, August 18: We will be going back to the Victory Casino Cruise. You will receive \$20 in free play, a great lunch, entertainment, and free drinks. \$40.

Monday, September 15: We will travel to beautiful Venice Beach and St. Armand's Circle to enjoy lunch at the famous Sharky's on the Pier. Then off to the Sarasota area for a day of shopping on St. Armand's Circle. \$65. **(This is a date change.)**



Friday, October 10: Take a break and feel refreshed, rejuvenated, and recharged at the Southern Women's Show in Orlando. It has fashion shows, makeovers, entertainment, health information, seminars, gourmet foods, chef presentations, cookware, home décor, furniture, jewelry, clothes, shopping, make up and hair products. And the best part... **LOTS OF PRIZES!** (men love this show too) \$39.

Monday-Thursday, October 27-30: A trip to Biloxi. This has been requested by many residents. We will stay for three nights at the Beau Rivage, receive \$25 free play from them, \$15 from the Palace which is a non-smoking casino, and \$15 from the Imperial Palace. Plus two buffet breakfasts at the Beau. \$199.

Monday, November 17: A delightful trip to the historical district of Mount Dora. We will start by wandering in the gift shops, have lunch on your own. There are so many nice places to have lunch and then a two-hour Premier Boat Tour of Mt. Dora. You will see beautiful Lake Dora, spring-fed Lake Gertrude, historic homes, Palm Island's boardwalk nature trail, and a memorable lighthouse. \$50.

Sociables Coffee Talk

Every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.



Schedule for August:

- 5 - Robin Fleming, Snively School in Eloise
- 12 - Sherry Holbrook, Polk Training Center for Handicapped citizens
- 19 - Cindy Clouse, Senior Helpers
- 26 - Matt Simpson, Edward Jones

Wed – Thurs, Dec 10 - 11: St. Augustine Holiday Jubilee: Explore the historic George Street and after we check into the hotel, we will have dinner at Barnacle Bill's Restaurant. Then we will celebrate "Nights of Lights." We will have a magical tour aboard the Holly Jolly Holiday Trolley. In the morning, enjoy a hot breakfast and then head down to hop on the Red Train Trolley and visit many shops. \$199.

We have quite a few people signed up for our January 25, 2015 cruise. It is an 8- day cruise to Roatan Island, Belize City, Costa Maya and Cozumel leaving from Tampa on the Norwegian Sun. There are still cabins available.

Tuesday, February 17, 2015 "Dancing With The Stars:" Join us at the Lakeland Center where some of your favorite dancers from the television show will perform live on stage. Watch the waltz, meringue, rumba, and all your favorite ballroom dances. Before the show, we will enjoy a delicious dinner at the Lakeland Center. \$79.

I know it is very early for this trip, but you can start saving your money. September 13-24, 2015 an 11- day trip to Italy. The flyers are on the table. If you are interested, please sign the sheet. There is no obligation if you sign. When there are enough names, I will have the travel agent come in and speak to all and answer any questions. He is Scott from Travel & Cruise World [that helps sponsor this *Newsletter* with its ad].

I am also looking into trips to the Singing Christmas Trees (They will not give us dates until September), Savannah, and Washington, DC.

Please come in and see me if you have an idea for a trip. Remember, I need at least 32 people to run a trip. Please try to participate.