



# The CURRENT

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## President's Report

I cannot tell you how happy I am to be given the honor of being Lazy River's President. It is both humbling and exciting all rolled into one.

As a result of the election that occurred at the January 16, 2020, Annual Meeting and the resignation of three Directors, your new Board of Directors consists of:

- Jean Swain – President
- Betty Rumley – Vice President
- Rusty Shelley – Treasurer
- Jackie Hall – Secretary
- Ted Makowski – Director
- Keith Rule – Director
- Rich Tindall – Director

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Joe Abbruzzese, Joe Jinnette, Lou Rose, Donnie Childers, Sue Keeler and Paul Beaudoin for their service to this community.

I would also like to thank the candidates Wayne Anderson, Jackie Hall, Bob Jones, Lou Rose, and Rusty Shelley for stepping forward and

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## Manager's Report

Well, it seems that most of our residents have returned. I'm hoping that everyone had a great year and with the Annual Meeting behind us we can all focus on what a great place you all live in.



We continue to see major changes. The new maintenance building should be done by the end of February or early March. Beautification should have the bridge done to the island by the end of this season and then you will have use of it once again. Along with the fountain and lights; which had to have electrical work completed? The new lights should be on Tennis Court #2 by the time this is printed.

I want to remind everyone to check in and out with the office when you are leaving the village and heading north or returning from being up north. This is the only way to assure that you re-

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## Happy Valentine's Day!

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volunteering to run for this sometimes very thankless task. All of the candidates were wonderful and deserve our respect and gratitude.

There has been the standard Lazy River dialogue on what happens next and how are the vacancies going to be filled. I can assure you that your elected Board members worked very hard on reviewing all shareholders for potential appointees and are extremely pleased with the three who accepted the challenge to step into the Director seat for the balance of the unexpired term of office of the Director he replaces.

The process of selecting new Board Members when there is a vacancy is governed by both our By-laws Article 4.2 (f) and Florida Statute 719.106 (1)(d) 6.

The By-law states:

“If the office of any Director becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal from office, a majority of the remaining Directors, even if less than a quorum, shall choose a successor who shall hold office for the balance of the unexpired term of office of the Director he replaces.”

Following our By-laws and the state law your Board selected Ted MaKowski, Keith Rule and Rich Tindall.

All three of these gentlemen, I believe, have what it takes to help us move forward.

At the writing of this article, your Board has only been in office for two days and let me tell you they have been busy. We have met with staff, reviewed current and anticipated projects, talked with potential volunteers, listened to concerns and considered Joe Abbruzzese’s excellent suggestion of changing the date of the annual meeting to February and even found time to enjoy the Booster’s Club Draw and Share dinner.

Hopefully we also held on January 22, 2020, after Coffee Klatch a Workshop to introduce your new Board members and to hear your positive suggestions on what we can do to make Lazy River Village even better.

Bocce court reconstruction, relocating the screen room, putting a new floor in the gazebo and addressing storm drainage issues are just the start of the list of projects on the horizon.

Again on behalf of all your Directors I want to thank you for your support and assure you that we will do our very best to meet your expectations.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Swain, President

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## Manager's Report *(continued from page 1)*

ceive mail from the office. Additionally, if your away address changes the office must be made aware of this. Even if you have put a new address in with the postal service it will be slow reaching your new home as the postal service will be required to forward your mail.

We had 200 people sign up for Auto Debit with Centennial during the month of December. I'm hoping the remaining 115 residents who have Auto Debit through Synovus can get their forms turned in and make the change before the end of February.

We are still waiting on approximately 100 residents to turn in their Resident Database /Health form. This was originally sent out at the end of May 2019. If you haven't updated your information please do so.

We are still having issues with property being damaged. People are still hitting the entry gate. We had the lights on it fixed on Monday, January 13th only to have a resident come in within a couple of hours to tell us someone had just hit it again. Additionally, the small white chain fence has now been hit and broken twice. Maintenance has removed the paper towel dispensers from all of the bathrooms. Please, if you see anything, tell someone, leave an anonymous note. I just ask that everyone keep their eyes open and protect your assets.

*Thank You,  
Submitted by Nola Brinkley – CAM  
Community Association Manager  
For the Lazy River Board of Directors*

## Beautification Committee

The beautification crew continues to work on the bridge to the Gazebo in Lake Antigua, under the direction of Jerry Mills. Now that we are using the new "Blue Bins" for recycling, beautification would request that if you have not repurposed your small blue bin, we would like to use it for storage. If you would clean it and call Roy Auvil (309-339-5450) we will pick it up. As always, we appreciate the bagging of cans and then placing them on or near your mailbox! We are still collecting windows, aluminum shutters or awnings, if you just place them outside with your other trash on a Friday or call Roy for pickup. As always Beautification enjoys meeting new members, join us Monday mornings at 8:00am behind the manager's office.

*Submitted by Carol Basch*

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## FEBRUARY 2020 ANNIVERSARIES



Years Married

- 10 . . . Ron and Brenda Dilley . . . . . Over 50
- 10 . . . Edward and Linda Kowalchyk . . . . . Over 50
- 11 . . . Charles and Ginnie Hebel
- 14 . . . Roger and Sue Effner
- 15 . . . Maynard and Barbara Dreas . . . . . Over 50
- 16 . . . Richard and Sylvia Ciarlo
- 19 . . . Tom and Marie McEnroe . . . . . Over 50
- 20 . . . Charles and June Biggerstaff
- 20 . . . Bob and Margaret Butera . . . . . Over 50
- 21 . . . Steve and Dianna Hale . . . . . \*50\*
- 23 . . . Ed and Barb Laetz . . . . . Over 50
- 23 . . . Pete and Myrna Miller . . . . . Over 60
- 24 . . . Bill and Dorrine Eckel

**Note:** If you are celebrating 50 years or more of marriage and it is not recognized here, it is because I do not have the year you were married.

Please send any corrections or additions to the birthday and anniversary list to Joyce Cote:

941-429-0112 or  
jaglcote@gmail.com

# Birthdays

## FEBRUARY 2020 BIRTHDAYS



- 03 . . . . . Debra Tetreault
- 04 . . . . . Michael Berg
- 04 . . . . . Tom Schulte
- 06 . . . . . Betty McNulty
- 10 . . . . . Ellen Ewen
- 10 . . . . . Dean Kirk
- 10 . . . . . Roger Wolcott
- 11 . . . . . Peter Rapelje
- 12 . . . . . Jeffrey Ball
- 12 . . . . . Steve Gray
- 14 . . . . . Marcia Dunnells
- 14 . . . . . Ilene Lewis
- 14 . . . . . John Milankov
- 15 . . . . . Mark Kouse
- 16 . . . . . Lou Rose
- 17 . . . . . James Goff
- 17 . . . . . Debra Riha
- 18 . . . . . Juke Snyder
- 18 . . . . . Julie Weise
- 19 . . . . . Bob Guyot
- 20 . . . . . Len Anderson
- 21 . . . . . Charlie Racicot
- 22 . . . . . Tom McEnroe
- 22 . . . . . Jan Peloquin
- 22 . . . . . Michael Riha
- 23 . . . . . Florence Powers
- 26 . . . . . Ellen Hurley
- 28 . . . . . Hugh Brooks
- 28 . . . . . Gary Cooney
- 28 . . . . . Wanda Milankov



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Day	Time	Activity	Location	Contact	Phone
<b>Mon</b>	8:00AM to 8:45AM	Stretching Exercises	Fitness Center	Marion Myers	941-426-6260
	8:00AM to 12:00PM	Tennis	Tennis Courts	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	9:00AM to 4:00PM	Quilting	Sunrise & Sunset	Betty Morse	941-423-0352
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Water Exercises	Pool	Lisa Gunnels	248-807-3363
	1:00PM to 3:00PM	Other Band Rehearsal	Stage	Tom VanMassenhove	989-295-5602
	12:30PM to 3:00PM	Hand & Foot	Myakka Room	Mary Dishinger	941-426-7241
	5:30PM to 8:00 PM	Men's Texas Holdem (2)	Welcome Center	Nick Fulbright	269-240-3444
	5.30PM to 8:00PM	Evening Nickel Bingo	Myakka Room	Chris Kamerik	941-426-4620
	7.00PM to 9:00PM	Shuffleboard	Shuffleboard Courts	Sharon Olmstead	941-423-2444
<b>Tue</b>	8:00AM to 10:30AM	Pickleball	Court # 1	Rich Donelson	734-771-6249
	9:00AM to 12:00PM	Water Color Painting	Sunrise & Sunset	Shirley Coleman	941-423-6613
	10:00AM to 12:00PM	LR Band Rehearsal	Main Hall	Jan Campbell	941-426-1607
	12:00AM to 4:00PM	Bridge	Myakka Room	Dot Driscoll	941-204-4571
	5:30PM to 8:00PM	Men's Texas Holdem (2)	Welcome Center	Paul Myers	513-258-6626
	5:30PM to 9:00PM	Men's Texas Holdem (1)	Myakka Room	Ralph Clay	317-402-7401
	6:00PM to 9:30PM	Bingo	Main Hall	Joan Rose	941-423-6065
<b>Wed</b>	8:00AM to 8:45AM	Stretching Exercises	Fitness Center	Marion Myers	941-426-6260
	8:00AM to 9:00AM	Koffee Klatch	Kitchen & Hall	Various	
	8:00AM to 12:00PM	Tennis	Tennis Courts	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Water Exercise	Pool	Lisa Gunnels	248-807-3363
	10:00AM to 12:00PM	Miracle Melodies	Myakka Room	Jerry Cote	941-429-0112
	1.00pm to 3.30pm	Hand & Foot	Myakka Room	Mary Dishinger	941-426-7241

	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Art Class	Sunrise & Sunset	Marion Myers	941-426-6260
	6:30PM to 9:30PM	Pepper	Myakka Room	Richard Ciarlo	508-579-1973
	7:00PM to 8:00PM	Table Tennis	Billiard Room	Ginnie Wood	941-423-2184
<b>Thu</b>	8:00AM to 10:30AM	Pickleball	Court # 1	Rich Donelson	734-771-6249
	9:00AM to 4:00PM	Quilting	Sunrise & Sunset	Betty Morse	941-423-0352
	10:00AM to 11:30AM	Bible Study	Myakka Room	Nancy Penoyar	941-275-0276
	10:00AM to 12:00PM	Shuffleboard	Shuffleboard Courts	Sharon Olmstead	941-423-2444
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	MahJong	Myakka Room	CarolAnn Kosinski	941-429-9079
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Daytime Nickle Bingo	Top RH Cnr Hall	Peggy Clay	317-340-7966
	6.30PM to 9.30PM	Ladies Cards	Welcome Center	Jan McMillan	941-426-8324
<b>Fri</b>	8:00AM to 8:45AM	Stretching Exercises	Fitness Center	Marion Myers	941-426-6260
	8:00AM to 12:00PM	Tennis	Tennis Courts	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	9:00AM to 11:00AM	Chorus Rehearsal	Main Hall	Jan Campbell	941-426-1607
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Water Exercise	Pool	Lisa Gunnels	248-807-3363
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Knitting/Crochet	Myakka Room	Carol Ann Kosinki	941-429-9079
	2:00PM to 4:00PM	Joker	Sunrise/Sunset Rooms	Diane Makowski	301-351-0080
	1.00pm to 4,30pm	Men's 9 Hole Golf	Long Marsh Golf Cl	Bob Jones	774-414-3074
	5.00pm to 7.00pm	Private Get Together	Bocce Screen Room	Linda McGee	716-640-1705
	6:30PM to 9:30PM	Pinochle	Myakka Room	Lyn Tindall	815-751-2935
	6:30PM to 9:30PM	Dominoes	Sunset Room	Richard Ciarlo	508-579-1973
<b>Sat</b>	10.00am to 2.00pm	Open House	Welcome Center	Various volunteers	
	10:30AM to 1:30PM	Men's Texas Holdem (2)	Hall/Myakka Room	Nick Fulbright	269-240-3444
	10:30AM to 3:00PM	Men's Texas Holdem (1)	Myakka Room	Leo Lussier	508-509-7825
	11:00AM to 1:15PM	Ladies Texas Holdem	Sunrise & Sunset	Rosanne Clark	941-423-4302
	1:30PM to 4:00PM	Ladies Poker	Sunset & Sunrise	Sue Keeler	269-832-4711



	2:00PM to 3:00PM	Table Tennis	Billiard Room	Ginnie Wood	941-423-2184
<b>Sun</b>	8:00AM to 12:00PM	Tennis	Tennis Courts	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	9:00AM to 2:00PM	Historical Miniatures	Sunset Room	Richard Ciarlo	508-579-2622
	6:30PM to 9:00PM	Joker	Myakka Room	Connie Bromley	517-898-1574

**If you have changed or cancelled any activities,  
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### February 2020 - Special Events

Day	Time	Activity	Location	Contact	Phone
Sat 1st	12:00PM to 9:00PM	Potluck dinner and entertainment	Kitchen & Hall	Carmelle Awad	617-678-9569
Mon 3rd	10:00AM to 11:30AM	Canine Fitness Club Monthly Meeting	Myakka Room	Jean Swain	941-423-8003
Mon 3rd	2.30PM to 4:30PM	Boat Club Director's Meeting	Sunrise & Sunset Rooms	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Mon 3rd	4:00PM to 5:00PM	Tennis Club Monthly Meeting	Sunrise & Sunset Rooms	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
Mon 3rd	3:30PM to 8:00PM	Dance Club Season Tkt Holders Party	Myakka Room	Harry Stephens	859-462-3728
Wed 5th	9:00am to 11:00am	LRV B of D Meeting	Main Hall	Nola Brinkley	941-426-4307
Fri 7th	11:00AM to 1:00PM	Health Fair with Lite lunch	Kitchen & Main Hall	Sheryl Childers	502-396-3687
Sat 8th	9:00AM to 10:00PM	Set-up for Rock Starr Show	Main Hall	Connie Bromley	517-898-1574
Sat 8th	4:00PM to 10:00PM	Dressing Rooms for Rock Starr Show	Sunrise & Sunset Rooms	Connie Bromley	517-898-1574
Sat 8th	7:00PM to 9:00PM	Rock Starr Show	Main Hall	Connie Bromley	517-898-1574
Sun 9th	9:30AM to 2:00PM	Setup & Cleanup Celebration of Life	Kitchen & Main Hall	Carol Klotz	941-525-8805
Sun 9th	10:30AM to 1:00PM	Celebration of Life for Dieter Klotz	Main Hall	Carol Klotz	941-525-8805

Tue 11th	12:00PM to 5:00PM	Boat Club - Food Prep Commodore's Dinner	Kitchen & Hall	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Tue 11th	12:00PM to 5:00PM	Boat Club Decorate Hall	Hall	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Wed 12th	12:00PM to 5:00PM	Boat Club - Food Prep Commodore's Dinner	Kitchen	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Wed 12th	10:00AM to 10:00PM	Boat Club Commodore's Dinner	Main Hall	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Thu 13th	8:00AM to 11:00AM	Boat Club Clean up	Main Hall	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Thu 13th	12:00PM to 8:00PM	Boosters Prep for Draw & Share Dinner	Kitchen	Jeanne Brown	941-441-8676
Fri 14th	4:00PM to 10:00PM	Boosters Dinner Draw & Share	Main Hall	Jeanne Brown	941-441-8676
Mon 17th	4:00PM to 7:00PM	Shuffleboard Pizza Party	Main Hall	Linda Kowalchyk	941-786-5008
Thu 20th	12:00pm to 1:00PM	Set-up for Karaoke Evening	Hall & Stage	Rich Donelson	734-771-6249
Thu 20th	6:00PM to 7:00PM	Seating & chatting prior to start of Karaoke	Main Hall	Rich Donelson	734-771-6249
Thu 20th	7:00PM to 11:00PM	Karaoke	Main Hall	Rich Donelson	734-771-6249
Sat 22nd	12:00PM to 4:00PM	Boat Club Valentine's Day Cruise	Marina	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Thu 27th	4:00PM to 10:00PM	Dance Club Dance	Main Hall	Jenny Darling	763-755-0868
Sat 29th	4:00PM to 10:00PM	Set-up for Re-Creation	Main Hall, Sunrise & Sunset	Hugh Brooks	352-316-5955
Sat 29th	7:00PM to 9:30PM	Re-Creation	Main Hall	Hugh Brooks	352-316-5955

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## SCHEDULING INFORMATION

Anyone who has not yet provided me with a new "Facility Request Form" for 2020, please do so as soon as possible.

If you don't let me have it timeously, there is a possibility that someone else might have put in a request for the same venue and same date that you normally have. Please be understanding. I have to accommodate everyone on a "First Come, First Served" basis.

Forms are available in the wooden document h)see page 11 for artcYou cannot just change your date/s because someone may have already scheduled that date.



*Many thanks,  
Submitted by Carol Klotz, Scheduler. Tel. No. 941-525-8805*



I would like to thank everyone very, very, very much for all the prayers, cards and phone calls during Nancy's hard fought 18 months battle with cancer. Your support at this very difficult time was very much appreciate and a great comfort.

Lazy River is a special place filled wonderful people, filled with love and kindness. I even had two our residents come to funeral Mass in Ohio.

*Thank You All, Bob Stanko*

### **Farewell and Thank You**

I want to bid farewell to all my preclous Stretch Class neighbors. I moved to Lazy River permanently in 1980 and worked until 1993 when I retired right here. I was so delighted with the 'Stretch class that I took up leading it in 2010. Just a year later the previous class leader passed away after battling cancer.

I really enjoyed reorganizing the class into a more cohesive rhythm. I took special pride in emphasizing the coordination of the footwork needed to balance the stretches. I loved the class and my friends and neighbors who faithfully attended. In fact, I only missed a few classes and I even brought my son Robbie when he visited from Baton Rouge.

Sadly for me, by 2018, I had become disabled from a broken back and significant scoliosis. After 8 years of running the class, I will always miss my Stretch Class and the camaraderie that we all had, and have to give it up. Thank you and farewell to my friends and neighbors and their new leader, Marion Myers.

*Submitted by Marion Kahler*

### **Christmas Lights – Thank You**

I would like to thank the following ladies and gentlemen for their help with the Christmas decorations on the island and marina. Jeanne Brown - the best bow hanger ever; Jim and Mark Walker; Carl Duvall; Stan Riddle - the tree decos, Linda Linsey for the marina bows; and Connie, who coordinated the whole park, and finally Mike Riha, the keeper of the lights. Thanks to you all.

*Submitted to you all by Gary Lynch*

### **Christmas Lights – Thank You**



I would like to thank all the elves (over 70 volunteers) who made this year's Christmas lights a success, especially Co-chairman Mike Riha, who is everywhere and every night fixing the power to keep the lights on and Co-chair Gary Lynch, who makes Island Point come alive with the Christmas Spirit and supplies an occasional beer when I need it.

We all missed Steve Ashford, who made the entire area around the clubhouse a must-see sight. Thanks to Randy and Jackie Hall, who were able to figure out power cords, icicle lights, tree lights, (the Clays' son put them all up on Saturday) net lights - more power cords -what a nice job!

Thanks to all the tree climbers.

We had twenty people who were leaders of their individual areas. We couldn't do it without you—thanks!

A big thanks to the Boosters Club for donating \$270 to buy lights, timers, cords and net lights. The Lazy River Board of Directors provided the balance needed of \$199. Thank you.

Thanks to Joyce Cote for all the typing of lists and instructions and for her editorial excellence.

We will have a new chairperson for next Christmas. Sue Avon has volunteered to take over and will add new ideas and additional areas to be decorated. Thanks all, it has been a fun four years.

*Submitted by Connie Quinn*

*(See photos on back page)*



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We, too, have natural ways to protect ourselves from whatever we deem a danger to our selves. God tells us that all humans have a deceptive heart and it is desperately wicked. Humanly the use of the word wicked would be limited to those we would judge as really bad, evil people. Someone like a serial killer might fit into this category, but God sees the heart's motives as the way in which he judges justly.

We do not know our true motivations, the why we do what we do, nor can we truly know the motivation of others. Our judgments come from what we can see, feel: our common sense. It is also the way in which we judge God.

One of the realities of the human mindset is our need to be in control of our life. It begins in birth to express ourselves, our independence. "I want to do it myself." Because we do not live forever, this is necessary that children, grown up and mature, to take their place in society. However, spiritually, we have been created by our creator to depend upon God. He alone knows our real needs, and has planned for our living with him forever in heaven. We are given total freedom to make a choice of taking God at his word, and truly learn to love God with our whole heart. When we love God, knowing his judgments and his love, mercy and grace, we can enjoy obeying the rules he has set for our good. The challenge to our intellect is that we think we know better than God what is best. We need to recognize that everything we have, life itself, and all that is needed for life comes from God.

God's logic is not our logic, therefore, to judge God from our common sense brings conclusions that might make sense, but are not true. God has provided enough proof of his existence as well as his mercy to all who truly want to know. Do you really want to know him? Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 15:18,19; John 10:10

Come and discuss with us more of the logic of God as we read God's Holy Bible every Thursday at 10:00am.

*Submitted by Nancy Penoyar 941-451-4939*

## Sunshine Report SYMPATHY CARD TO

Jacqueline Innes on the loss of Jim



### THE LOSS OF A FRIEND

It is with deep sadness that we would like to share that **Jimmy Innes** passed away on January 01, 2020 after a brief illness. He leaves behind Jackie, his wife of over "50" years, sons David and Jimmy, and their wives Cindy and Jane, along with their children and his extended family at Lazy River. All Jimmy ever wanted to do was to have fun!! Whether it was on the Shuffle Board Courts, the Bocce Courts, around the Pool or just dancing up a storm with Jackie, the love of his life. His happy-go-lucky approach to everything he did will be missed by everyone that Jim encountered. He was always there to lend a helping hand whenever asked.

I will miss you, Bud!!

*Submitted by Gary Cooney*



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### What I Wish You Knew...

Having worked in this industry for over 20 years, I've seen all too often people who waited to get their hearing checked struggle during conversations. They describe the same pattern, while listening to their friend's story one word sticks out as odd, and they lose track of the rest of the story.

It's always just one word in a story that causes confusion, which results in an interruption since the story doesn't make sense. Needing to ask for help with a misunderstood word gets embarrassing for the listener. Overtime they stop asking for clarity. Then they worry that everyone thinks they are always confused.

Being able to hear a story clearly is what hearing aids should do.

People think wearing a hearing aid is like wearing glasses. When you look at a flower, you see a flower. When you hear a simple noise, like a siren, you hear the sound. However, a better comparison would be listening is like reading, since both involve understanding what is being shared.

Reading is not about looking at words it is about comprehension of words. Reading a story requires you to imagine characters and what they will do. When you get caught up in a story you feel their reactions and hope for their future. You have an emotional response to the characters. You aren't just reading words, you engage in what happens.

Listening to a conversation is not about hearing sounds, it is about the words and their meaning. Listening involves the entire story, including emotions and experiences. You honor your friends by engaging with their stories.

Studies have shown that waiting to address a hearing loss will reduce the words you understand. Every time a word is not understood during a story, you will lose the flow of what is being shared while you try to figure out that one word. Missing out on words during a conversation reduces your ability to connect the words you hear to the full experience of the story.

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## Activities Team



Welcome back to all our snowbirds and we are all looking forward to a great winter season. A big warm thank you to Sheryl and a number of others who have been very busy with arranging our activities for the 2020 season. Here is an update on where we stand with respect to some of this season's activities. Please be sure mark your calendars:

### **Health Fair – Friday, February 7, 2020 - 11:00 am to 1:00 p.m.**

We have 27 vendors so far, and tickets will be sold at the KKs. At this event we will be offering a light lunch at a cost of \$3.00.

### **Scavenger Hunt – Friday, March 13, 2020**

Sue Keeler and her team will be responsible for running the Scavenger Hunt. Further info will be posted in the Club House and in the 2020 March Current.

### **Concert in the Park – The Other Band – Sunday, March 15, 2020, 5.00 p.m. to 7.00p.m.**

No charge for this event, but donations to the food bank at Linda Lindsay's church would be welcomed.

Also we will be collecting money donations again this year to give to the Band. Bring your own nibbles and drinks. Come out and enjoy the fun.

*Submitted by Janet Gray, Secretary  
on behalf of the A-Team*

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### JIM CANADAY

Jim Canaday was born October 26, 1947, and raised in Council Bluff, Iowa, a town of 85,000 people, nestled in an area just outside of Omaha, Nebraska. Jim lived an unremarkable childhood and graduated from the local high school. Upon graduating, he attended Omaha Art School where he met his first wife.

At the age of 21, after receiving his draft notice, he was inducted into the U.S. Army in January 1971. Three days prior to leaving for Fort Leonardwood, Mo for 8 weeks of basic training, Jim married the mysterious girl from Art School, whom he divorced three days after he was discharged in May of 1972. (Could it have been love, maybe not).

After finishing basics, Jim received Advanced Individual Training which lasted eight weeks, during which time he showed an aptitude for typing and clerical work. He was subsequently deployed to Rahm Bay, Vietnam in the China Sea, where he became a clerk at the Supply Depot for the Headquarter Company. Jim spent eight months in Rahm Bay, and as the war was winding down in 1972, his Company was standing down (disbanding preparing to leave) and all of their guns had been taken, giving them a sigh of relief.

Two nights before he was to leave the Bay they were attacked by the Viet Cong from the top of a hill, who launched rocket mortars in their vicinity as they sat in bunkers. Some, including Jim, were given machine guns for defense in the event of a ground assault. Fortunately Jim never had to fire his weapon as the enemy never advanced. Jim believes the assault was intended more of an attempt to destroy morale. In total, they suffered 8 casualties and 25 were wounded. Jim briefly experienced the reign of horror that took so many lives in a protracted war.

In May of 1972 Jim was honorably discharged, receiving a welcomed early out. He returned to Council Bluff where he worked at a number of different jobs.

He eventually moved to Massachusetts where he spent 25 years at the Factory Paint Store in Brockton. In 1989 when attending a singles group called New Beginnings, he met the love of his life, a young widow named Heike, whom he dated and married in 1991. Heike, who worked for the State Bank of Boston, got an early out in 2011 and they realized their goal of retiring to Lazy River in Florida. Jim and Heike were no strangers to Lazy River because her parents had lived here since 1978, and they had visited many times, the house they now call home at 111 Tortola Way. Jim and Heike love to travel and have many more places on their bucket list. Jim loves playing pickleball, his music in The Other Band, and of course his Magic.

Jim, on behalf of all your friends here in Lazy River, we thank you for your service to our Military, who has kept watch throughout history that we might sleep well and enjoy the freedom that we well know is not free.

*Respectfully submitted by: Rich Donelson*

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### Couple's Golf

We are now in full swing (I know, an awful pun J), with our Couples Golf season. We did get rained out one Sunday but generally, we have enjoyed good weather for being out on the links with our neighbours and friends. Our numbers have increased to approximately 55 golfers and will likely continue to grow.



We are golfing on all three of the courses at Waterford now and, since the last Sunday in December, Waterford has kept its kitchen open for us. A lot of our golfers would prefer to eat an early dinner at Waterford after golf than have to prepare dinner after they return home.

The green fees have remained at \$25.00 for nine holes and a cart. Our tee times have started at 1:00pm but may be moved back a little later by Waterford soon. We started collecting a dollar per golfer in January each time you golf with the Couples group. The funds will be used for the dinner and prizes at the end-of-the-season party.

For those who have not yet golfed with us but are interested in doing so, please e-mail me at [sharon.anderson.olmstead@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.anderson.olmstead@gmail.com) or call me at 941-423-2444. (I do still have my [sharon\\_anderson@bellnet.ca](mailto:sharon_anderson@bellnet.ca) e-mail address as well.)

For those golfing with us on Sunday, please indicate on your score card whether you want to golf on the next Sunday and give the card (with your dollars inside) to me at the clubhouse after we finish golfing. An e-mail will be sent at the start of the week, advising whose names I have that have indicated they want to golf on the following Sunday. If you want to add or delete your name from that list, please let me know by Wednesday. I'll prepare the schedule and then e-mail it to the group by mid-Friday.

You do not have to be part of a "couple" to participate. An individual can indicate that he or she would like to play and I will add them to the schedule.

*Submitted by Sharon Olmstead*

### Men's and Women's 9 Hole Golf

The number of Lazy River men and women playing nine holes of golf on Friday afternoons at Long Marsh Golf Club, Rotunda West, has continued to increase. Each week the women golf on one of the three courses while the men golf on another of the three courses.



As of January 3rd, we are paying \$28.00, inclusive of tax, for a green fee with a cart. Also since January 3rd, we have been collecting a dollar from each of the golfers. These funds will be used for our end-of-the-season party that we will have in March with the Couples golf group. After we golf, the dollars are handed in with our score cards (on which we have indicated whether we are playing on the following Friday), to John Overton. If you are interested in playing 9 holes of golf with us, please contact Bob Jones, by email ([jonesra8@aol.com](mailto:jonesra8@aol.com)) or by telephone (774-414-3074). He will add you to the list of players and include you in the schedule which he prepares and sends out by Tuesday of each week.

If you have suggestions for or questions about our golf events, please contact me by e-mail ([sharon.anderson.olmstead@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.anderson.olmstead@gmail.com) or [sharon\\_anderson@bellnet.ca](mailto:sharon_anderson@bellnet.ca)) or by telephone (941-423-2444) or John Overton by e-mail ([john.overton@sympatico.ca](mailto:john.overton@sympatico.ca)) or by telephone (941-426-7353).

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## Men's 18-Hole Golf



Happy New Year. Welcome back to the village for another exciting season of golf. We are now up to full strength with about 8 foursomes weekly. As always, we are open to new players. Welcome to the group Bruce Boyle.

Last week we had some awesome play by Fred Charest who shot a 76 and an eagle by Butch Wells.

January 9th started "closest to the pin" on two of the par threes. Be sharp in order to win some great prizes at the awards banquet. This year's banquet will be on March 25th, so "save the date" for a fun-filled evening.

We all wish Dean Kirk a quick recovery from his leg injury.

In closing, Frank Mangio has been of great assistance to me in running the league. We have decided since we work so well together, it only makes sense to run the league together for the remainder of the season.

*Regards, Scott and Frankie*

## Bowling (Gutter Gossip)

Hi everyone, hope you all have a happy healthy New Year.



The first half is now complete and we are ready to begin our second half competition beginning January 7th.

Our 200 club now includes Ken Benson with a great 275 game, Gary Clark with 222, 207, and 202, Jim Goff also had a 202 game. I guess they are all warmed up for the second half competition for the annual winners Trophy.

Good bowling to all.

*Submitted by Rich Bigelow*

## Pickleball



Pickleball is more popular than ever, just read the local paper. Recently a World Tournament was held at the new Pickleplex Center in Punta Gorda, which proved to be a big success. Just think, we at Lazy River were playing pickleball before a lot of people ever heard of it. The skill level of most club members has improved significantly.

I would like to personally invite all new residents to come out and try it. I promise you will be welcomed by all, and hopefully you will find it to be enjoyable. You can contact me or others for personal instruction if needed.

The second Annual Pickleball Challenge Rodeo was held on January 18th, unfortunately due to the submission deadline, I don't have the winners for you. I'm sure fun was had by all.

Karaoke night is February 20th, from 7:00pm till 10:00pm. This is a major fund raiser for the Club so please pitch in and sign up to help. It will be a great night of fun, so talk it up with your friends and neighbors.

The Annual Meeting was held on January 10th, with a great number of members in attendance to discuss the future of the Club. One of the items of new business was to elect new officers. Congratulations, and thank you to Dennis Gershkoff and Diane Gempp who will co-chair the office of President, Debbie Vanmassenhove, Secretary, and Jerry Mills, Treasurer. I'm sure they will do a wonderful job bringing new ideas and new energy to the Club.

This will be the last monthly article authored by me, as I am stepping down as president after serving 4 years in this position. I wish to thank all who have made my job easy, namely Cheri Case, Vice-President, Jerry Mills, Treasurer, and Bonnie Mullen, Secretary. Also prior Secretary Sue Keeler, and most recent fill in, Secretary Debbie Vanmassenhove. Many of you stepped up to help me with tournaments and special events, and I thank you as well.

It has been a pleasure to serve you, and I look forward to playing many years to come, as we take the Club to levels. You guys are the best!

*Submitted by: Rich Donelson*



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## Shuffleboard

The sometimes cool and/or windy weather in late December and early January did not deter most of our members from playing shuffleboard on Monday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm and on Thursday mornings from 10:00am to 12:00pm.



We are pleased that there have been quite a few people, who have never or rarely played shuffleboard before, who have come out and then decided to become members of our club. Please arrive at the courts at least 10 minutes early so that you will have time to pay (25 cents), draw a token to see what court you will be on and have a few minutes to practice before we start playing. could win 15, 30 or 50 cents, if you win one, two or all three of your games.

Our Treasurer, Debbie Rohlin, has been collecting our membership dues for the 2020 season. They are only \$5.00 per person and include admission to our three events.

Our ham dinner was held at the clubhouse on January 20th. Our pizza party will be on February 17th. Spouses/partners of members who do not shuffle themselves are welcome to attend the dinners but will have to pay the \$5.00 membership fee. It is a bargain for the very good meals they will have!

Our Interpark squad has started its ten-game season. Come out and cheer us on at our home games against some of the nearby parks on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00pm.

*Submitted by Sharon Olmstead, President*

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If Wednesday nights do not work for you, we also play on Saturday afternoons from 2:00pm till 3:00pm. Many of us do both days and try to keep the game active.

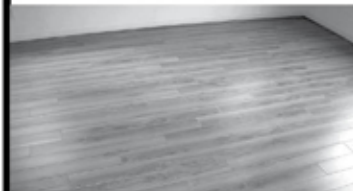
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Our newly formed Steering Committee presented to the members presented some of their ideas and the following will be put into our schedule.

- Mondays will continue to be regular round robin style play as usual, which is open to members and non-members. When enough players are available to use both courts, court #1 on Tortola Rd. can be used for more competitive play. This will be strictly optional upon those playing that day.
- Wednesdays will continue to be round robin but at 10:30am, on Court 2 (back of the clubhouse), Master Tennis will be played. This will continue as long as there is interest.
- Fridays will now be scheduled foursomes. Peter Overton will be setting up teams for the day. The first matches will begin at 8:30am on both courts, and second matches at 10:00am. If enough players a 3rd match(es) could be established. He will be posting via e-mail each week's schedule. Please keep Peter informed if you are not available to be put on the schedule, or if you are interested in playing.
- Saturday, March 7th is scheduled for our annual Fund Raiser. We will be selling bake goods in the screen room on Tortola. Details will follow.

Plans are still being made to play with Harbor Cove players from time to time. We will either send players over to their courts, or invite some of their players to join us on our courts. We are also hoping to have all interested members from both LRV and Harbor Cover to meet over at the Englewood Sports Complex to play. Because there are more courts we will be able to all play at the same time. By mixing up the teams between both clubs we will have more opportunities to play with more players.

Our next scheduled meeting will be Monday February 3rd at 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

*Submitted by Nancy Penoyar*

## ECHO

*(Everyone Can Help Others)*



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The Idea of Echo is to offer help to all residents and to create a culture of neighbor helping neighbor. It is also a way of getting to know your neighbors.

Committee members are: Joyce Cote, Pat Krome, Betty O'Brien and Marion Myers. They can be contacted directly or call the Chairman - Rosemarie Sulzbach at 941-875-3635.

*Submitted by Rosemarie Sulzbach*



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*Submitted by Trinie Vander Ploeg*



Potluck

The first Potluck of 2020 was attended by 80+ people. The food was plentiful and delicious. Everyone enjoyed the live entertainment.

Thanks to our Potluck committee and the many volunteers who helped with decorating, worked in the kitchen and clean up. We truly appreciate your help and support and could not do it without you.

Our next Potluck "Love is in the Air" will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Make your favorite dish, casserole, salad or Vegetable. DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED.

Cocktails at 5:00pm and dinner will be served at 5:30pm. BYOB, BYOS. Signup sheets will be on the Bulletin board. Tickets will be \$3.00 Once again we will have live entertainment. Hope to see you there.

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*Submitted by Dolly Ciarlo*



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*Submitted by Connie Bromley*

### Re-Creation Returns



The overwhelmingly popular Re-Creation will perform again at Lazy River on February 29 and March 1. The February show (at 7:00 PM) will be secular music, and the March show (9:00 AM) will be a worship service. There will be no ticket charge for either show, but free-will offerings for the Re-Creation mission to Hospitalized Veterans will be received at both.

Lazy River Residents will be asked to house the young singers on Saturday night. There are 12 members of the group. Contact Joyce Cote at 941-429-0112 if you would like to host an overnight guest.

# CLUB NEWS

## BINGO

Everyone FINALLY came back from the north and the holidays, so our numbers (and money prizes) are up!



Everyone is happy.

See you on Tuesday nights by 6:30pm.

*Submitted by Joan Rose*

## Canine Fitness Club



Due to a conflict with a Board meeting we were unable to hold our January meeting but the calendar, so far, looks clear and we will be meeting in the Myakka Room at 10:00am on February 3rd, 2020. The first half of January was very busy with issues associated with the annual meeting but we will soon be back on schedule for our Monday sunset get togethers.

We encourage home owners with dogs to try out the new dog park recently developed just off of River Road. A reminder that on the third Monday in February we are planning to hold our social hour at the new Dog Park.

Dues are \$5.00 and will be collected on February 3rd at the monthly meeting.

I know this goes without saying but I am saying it anyway – please continue to pick up after your pet as well as any bobcat or opossum scat you may find as people who do not own a dog may not realize the similarity and believe we are being remiss in our duties as dog owners.

We are planning on putting together a babysitting contact sheet for dog owners. There are many people in our community who do love dogs but maybe not want the 365 days of the year responsibility. Anyone who is willing to either go and dog sit at a person's home while they are out, or if you are in the pet section, have a dog over while the owner is away can let anyone in the Canine Fitness Club know. I know my name will be at the top of the list.

*Submitted by Jean Swain – Chair*

## Boat Club



As I write this the Lazy River Boat Club is fresh off the Change of Watch dinner. Right at 150 attended to enjoy a great pasta dinner prepared by Chef Gary and his able volunteers. And a special thanks to outgoing Commodore Larry Hicks for his service and leadership for the past two years. He and Kathy deserve a break from years of leading the boat club.

At the first Koffee Klatch in January we conducted a survey of the attendees regarding the activities of the boat club. The overwhelming response was that we need more and different activities if we are to serve our members. Boat trips locally and at other places, entertainment venues and overnight trips were the most mentioned goals.

Jan Boeck and Mary Berg head this effort so they will be very busy. The survey also showed one issue of concern. The traditional formal nature of some of our dinner meetings are keeping many residents from participation in our activities. As a board our challenge is to find a way to honor the past while broadening our appeal to this community.

I thank the board and our members for electing me to be Commodore and the opportunity to serve Lazy River. This would not have happened if Ginny Wood had not asked me to become a member and to serve on the Board several years ago. Ask people to participate. Let's all go have some FUN!

*Submitted by Dave Carley, Commodore,  
Lazy River Boat Club*



**February 17**

## CLUB NEWS

### Dance Club



It's going to be a busy year for the Dance Club and we are lucky to have such a great team. We would like to advise you that as of January

6, 2020 Jenny Darling has been appointed as Chair and Sharon Morch has been appointed as Co-Chair. Also we have a new member, a big welcome to Theresa Jones.

The New Year Dance brought in 2020 with quite a roar. It was a very successful dance and everyone had an excellent night and lots of fun. Thanks to our Sponsors, Sharon, Jenny and their helpers, for making this evening such a great success.

We are continuing with the sale of our regular single dance tickets for a bargain price of \$10! What better deal can you get for a full night of fun and dance? Here is our Dance Schedule. Please note the 2 events marked with the 3 asterisk's are the special events that the 1st season 68 ticket holders qualify to attend.

\*\*\*On **February 3, 2020** –in the Myakka Room – **A Night at the Copacabana** with guest star Claudia Martinez from 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. (Sponsored by Harry)

On **February 27th, 2020** the band will be the **Marc Anthony Band**. (Sponsored by Jenny and Theresa)

\*\*\*On **March 2nd, 2020** is "**Broadway Comes to Lazy River**" with the **Martin Duo** in the Myakka Room from 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. (Sponsored by Harry)

On **March 26th, 2020** is **Soul Proprietors a six piece dance band** (Sponsored by Janet and Babs)

The Dance Club has agreed that the dances in the Main Hall you can still bring your snacks and drinks, but for the Myakka Room, **drinks only**.

We need your support to keep these great bands coming to our Village and thanks to Harry Stephens for doing such a wonderful job of searching out these bands to make sure that everyone has a great night.

Let's dance till you can't dance any more!!!

*Submitted on behalf of the Dance Club Committee*

### Line Dancing



**COME OUT & LEARN THE WOBBLE - DO THE WOBBLE**

Come on out and have some fun, get some exercise. Hear some great music, and learn Alan Jackson's "Good Time Line Dance"

We do Line Dancing and Couple's Dance

Last month we had a great turnout.

The dance floor was full.

Come one, come all.

Where : Main Hall

Time : 1.00PM to 2:00PM

See you there.

*Submitted by Frankie & Marie Mangio*



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# February Dance



Dance to the music of:



## "Mark Anthony Band"



February 27, 2020



7:00pm - 10:00pm

\$10.00pp

BYOB/BYOS



## CLUB NEWS

### Lazy River Boosters



Our January Draw 'N Share was a "sold out" evening. The dinner, game and laughter spells fun for our Lazy River residents! The winner or winners will be announced in next month's Current.

It's time again to mark your calendars for our February "Draw 'N Share" event. February 14 is the date, and yes, it is Valentine's Day. What a great way to spend a special holiday! The cost is still \$8.00 and the ball purchase is \$10.00. Tickets will be sold two weeks prior to the event.

OK, all you Boosters, does your Club need some financial help! Just contact Joe Ogden to receive a request form. That's all there is to it. We are here for you!

A thank you goes out to all of you for supporting us. Last year we gave back \$3,132.20.

We also received a thank you from Mike Berg for our donation towards the Veteran's plaque.

*Respectfully submitted by Jan Boeck*

### Something New

I am proposing to start a Photography Club at Lazy River. I am thinking about a bi-monthly club, for roughly an hour and a half meeting time. The purpose would be education and fun. We could have educational sessions on photography and post-processing, share pictures on a monthly subject, go on group photo shoots - whatever the group decides.



I will volunteer to lead the club. The club would be for all levels of knowledge (beginner to expert) and cover all cameras from cell phones on up. If interested please respond to me via text at 734-645-3346 or email at bandsmoore@comcast.net. If I get at least 10 people interested, I will proceed with arranging a time and place for the first meeting.

*Submitted by Bruce Moore - 237 Martinique*



### Woodworking Club (Come See What We Saw)

It's February, "Love Month" and we want to make you love the Wood Shop. Have you thought about what to buy your significant other? Women, you could buy your husband a membership to the Wood Shop, and men, you could buy your wife a membership too. Clay Swenor says he would be glad to continue lessons with the women who were in his classes last year or any new women who would like to experiment with wood working.

As I am writing this article, I learned of Dick Case winning in all the events he took part in the Southwest Woodcarving and Art Show. Dick could explain much better than I what the events were. He has agreed to describe just what they were in his own words. They are as follows:

"The Southwest Woodcarving and Art Show was held January 10th and 11th at the Punta Gorda Exposition Center. LRV woodshop member Dick Case swept all three "Best of Show" awards with his three entries in the advanced categories. This is the first time anyone has won all three. His entries were as follows:

- First Place – Desert Rose Bonsai,
- Second Place – Violet-tailed Sylph (South American Hummingbird) and
- Third Place – Pintail Drake Duck.

The carvings will be on display at the LRV craft show or you can stop by his place anytime to see them. He's glad to show them off. *(See photos on back page.)*

The annual Wood Workers meeting took place on Saturday, January 18th, 2020. Dues of \$20.00 were payable at that time. If you did not pay your dues at that time, you may do so now.

The annual Lazy River Horse Race takes place on March 21st, 2020. We will have more information in the next issue of the Current.

#### **This Month's Helpful Hint**

Last month we told about using WD-40 for taking labels off of non-edible objects. For edible objects, Pam spray can help loosen the label and is not injurious to your health.

*Submitted by Dan Foley*

## Security



Dick and I want to welcome our Lazy River Family back from the North.

Our regular daily security schedule is now being followed.

Just a reminder, if I have scheduled you for security and you are unable to do it that day please change days with someone else on the schedule.

Please remember to mark any changes on the master calendar in the club house.

If you do not get the security plaque the day you are scheduled, please let me know and I will track it down.

Thank you in advance for all you do.

*Submitted by Dick & Cheri Case*



## River Village

Lazy River Village  
Where alligators roam  
A place we all call home  
Hear sea gulls cry  
While watching herons fly  
Low in the sky  
Where you see  
The swimming of the manatee.

In Lazy River Village  
There's no fear  
Danger is near  
As many walk and talk  
Before the rise of the sun  
To begin the new day's fun.

If it's friendship you crave  
Do the Lazy River wave  
In your car  
Or on the street  
The warm wave hello  
Is given by everyone you meet.

Here at Lazy River Village  
There's much to do  
Sweet ladies and good old boys  
Love their toys  
Golf, tennis, bike  
Shuffleboard, swim and hike.  
Horseshoes, shooting pool  
And friendly craft school  
Play GOTCHA with Bocci.

Amateur plays on  
Our clubhouse stage  
Where our actors  
Work without wage.

Our clubhouse  
Is not far to go  
When it's time  
To play BINGO I I

Captains of their boats  
Laugh at each other's jokes.  
Do you bowl?  
Or the monthly dance  
With dreamy romance  
For your soul.

Too much already  
There's more, hold steady

It's not hard  
To play the cards.  
Pot-lucks to feast  
With many sweets to eat.

In Lazy River Village  
The only lemons you'll see  
Are on the trees  
Invite your sons and daughters  
The only crabs we have  
Are in the water.

In Lazy River Village  
Where a person's worth  
Is not defined by their  
Height, girth or purse  
But by their caring,  
Sharing and mirth.

It is enough to pay the bills  
And keep the creditors still  
A pile of money is of no need  
It is love, understanding  
And compassion indeed.  
Here at Lazy River Village  
Finish the glorious day  
With friends you've met  
Watching our dazzling  
Flaming sunsets.

Hear the call  
We already have it all I I I I I

Lazy River Village is a retirement community located on the shores of the Myakka River in Southwest Florida.

This poem is dedicated to my wife Doris and all those at Lazy River Village who have made it a pleasure to live there.

*Author : J. Gene Colhouer -  
January 28, 1996*



*Mindy and Bud Buckley*



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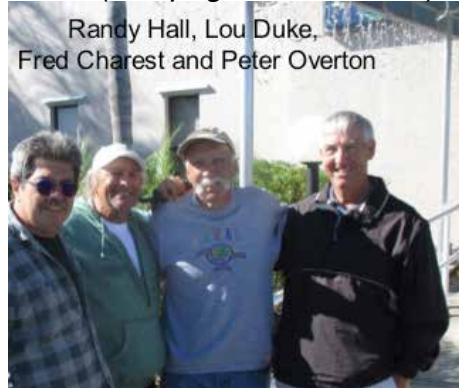


# Christmas Lights

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Peggy Clay, Joanie and Charlie Racicot and Cathy Ashford



Randy Hall, Lou Duke, Fred Charest and Peter Overton



Ralph Clay and Paul O'Brien

# Southwest Woodcarving and Art Show winners by Dick Case

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