



# The CURRENT

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## President's Report

We have had a very busy start to the new year and it is hard to believe I am now writing a March President's report. I want to thank everyone who has made the transition to a new Board a very positive experience.

As everyone probably already knows, there is a Maintenance Building now standing proud and strong in Lazy River. I want to thank Jackie Hall, Ted Makowski and Keith Rule for stepping up to the task of making sure Beautification and Maintenance are happy with the end product and overseeing those crucial end hours prior to and during construction. Also want to thank Joe Abbruzzese for getting the project off the ground and running.

While I am thanking people, another thank you to Jackie Hall, Ted Makowski and Nola Brinkley for coordinating a meeting with Brightview, our landscapers, and Crosscreek, the company that put in the geotubing around Cayman Lake,

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## Manager's Report

Hello and Happy Spring!

We have had a very busy month with so many residents home and guests. It's nice to see all of you enjoying time with your friends and families. As I've discussed previously everyone needs to be sure that their guest(s) know the rules and are following them. Most of the rules pertain to safety and that is our top priority here in the office. I know everyone loves to have visitors, especially grandchildren and other small ones. They cannot be left on their own. I'm asking each owner to be responsible for your guest(s), especially the children. No child is allowed at the pool without an adult. No children should be walking or riding bikes alone.

The new maintenance building is up. It was a long and difficult road with Sarasota County causing many delays but with the guidance of our general Contractor it's up, with the electric

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Happy  
**St. Patrick's Day!**  
**March 17**

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ACTIVITY LEADERS	
Anniversaries / Birthdays	Joyce Cote
Art Classes	Kip Greener
Band	Jan Campbell
Beautification	Roy Auvil
Bible Study	Nancy Penoyar
Bocce - Monday	A.J. (Allen) Gilson
Bocce - Tuesday	Paul Gunnels & Susie Anderson
Bocce - Wednesday	Bob Erickson
Bowling	Rich Bigelow, Maddie Ducham
Canine Fitness Club	Tom VanMassenhove
Cards Pepper	Richard Ciarlo & Marion Kahler
Pinochle	Lyn Tindall
Tuesday Bridge	Dot Driscoll
Hand & Foot	Mary Dishinger
Chorale	Jan Campbell
Dance Club	Jenny Darling
Dominoes	Rich & Dolly Ciarlo
Fitness-Stretching	Marion Myers
Golf Men's 18 hole	Scott Lockhart
Golf-9 hole Men's & Women's	Bob Jones, Sharon Olmstead
Golf-Couples	Sharon Olmstead
Knitting	Marion Myers
Library	Heike Canaday, Linda Lindsay
	Lisa Gunnels
Mahjong	Carol Ann Kosinski
Miracle Melodies	Jerry Cote
Nickel Bingo	Chris Kamerik
Pickleball Club	Dennis Gershkoff, Diane Gempp
Pinochle	Kip Greener
Quilting	Betty Morse
Shuffleboard	Sharon Olmstead
Stained Glass	Fred Buttery
Table Tennis	Ginnie Wood
Tennis Club	Nancy Penoyar
Water Exercise	Lisa Gunnels
Woodworkers Club	Ed Laetz

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**OFFICE HOURS****In Season:** October thru May: 8:00am to 3:00pm**Out of Season:** June to September:

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00am to 3:00pm; Wed. 8:00am to Noon

**LAZY RIVER ACTIVITIES TEAM****Team Leaders:****Treasurer, Cheri Case****Secretary, Janet Gray****Bruce Basch, Babs Findlay, Janet Gray,  
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**President's Report** *(continued from page 1)*

and all the residents who about the Lake. It was a very successful resolution and we now have a far better understanding of how to maintain the banks of the Lake as we move forward.

At the February Board meeting several committees were created and new volunteers added to existing committees. All of the committees are making amazing progress on their assignments and we will hear more from them at the March 4th Board Meeting.

We made a few alterations to the front entrance gate and I am happy to report that we may have put an end to the knock down gate game. We are keeping our fingers crossed that it will continue to work.

Everyone remember to smile and wave – it is our signature good deed and it makes someone's day a little brighter.

*Respectfully submitted by Jean Swain, President*

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

and plumbing complete. We still need to complete the interior and with Beautification lending their time and skills it will be fantastic once completed.

The bridge and gazebo on Lake Antigua are beautiful once again. This was a major undertaking and we owe a big round of applause to Beatification and the Woodworkers. We will now be able to enjoy our island.

Spring is a great time for sprucing up your home and enjoying the outdoors. We've been working on home and storage yard inspections. We want the village to shine like the star that it is.

Our open houses thus far this year have been phenomenal, homes are selling. One of the best speaking points I can make to prospective buyers is that when one of our residents is looking for a new home...it's a new home right here in our village.

Thank You!

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



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# Beautification Committee

Beautification would like to throw out a huge thank you to the Woodworkers and the Boosters of Lazy River for their generous monetary donation toward the completion of the bridge to the gazebo.

The cement has been poured for the sidewalks and the Trex should be in place within the week. The electric work will follow and we hope the bridge will be open by the end of February.

As always Beautification collects soda and beer cans each Friday morning before 7:30am. We really appreciate our wonderful Lazy River residents who place their cans in a plastic bag and then either hang them from the mailbox or place them on the ground beneath the mailbox.

Thanks folks!

*Submitted by Carol Basch, for Beautification*



Beautification crew replacing the concrete walkway to the bridge on Lake Antigua



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### March 2020 - Weekly Schedule of Activities

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
	3:00PM to 5:30PM	Security Committee Mtg	Myakka Room	Ted Makowski	301-926-6575
<b>1st &amp; 3rd</b>	5:00PM to 6:00PM	CFC Cocktail Hour	Sunset Park	Jean Swain	941-423-8003
	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	Dennis Gershkoff	401-219-4100
	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
<b>17TH MARCH - BILLIARD ROOM CLOSED - PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY VOTING</b>					
	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	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	Diane Gempp	401-447-6916
	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 2:00PM	Line Dancing	Main Hall	Frankie & Marie	941-426-6261
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Knitting/Crochet	Myakka Room	Carol Ann Kosinki	941-429-9079
	1:00PM 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
	7:00PM to 9:30PM	Pinochle	Myakka Room	Kip Greener	941-426-7454
	7:00PM 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 Minatures	Sunset Room	Richard Ciarlo	508-579-2622
	6:30PM to 9:00PM	Joker	Myakka Room	Connie Bromley	517-898-1574

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### March 2020 - Special Events

Day	Time	Activity	Location	Contact	Phone
Sun 1st	8:00AM to 12:00PM	Set-up for Re-Creation	Main Hall, Sunrise & Sunset	Hugh Brooks	352-316-5955
Sun 1st	8:00AM to 11:00AM	Re-Creation	Main Hall, Sunrise & Sunset	Hugh Brooks	352-316-5955
Mon 2nd	10:00AM to 11:30AM	Canine Fitness Club Monthly Meeting	Myakka Room	Jean Swain	941-423-8003
Mon 2nd	2.30PM to 4:30PM	Boat Club Board of Dir. Mtg	Sunrise & Sunset Rooms	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Mon 2nd	4:00PM to 5:00PM	Tennis Club Monthly Meeting	Myakka Room	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
Mon 2nd	5:00PM to 8:00PM	Dance Club Season Tkt Holders Party	Myakka Room	Harry Stephens	859-462-0247
Mon 2nd	6:30PM to 8:30PM	Choir Practice	Main Hall	Dolly Ciarlo	508-579-1973
Wed 4th	9:00am to 11:00am	LRV B of D Meeting	Main Hall	Nola Brinkley	941-426-4307

Wed 4th	2:00PM to 4:00PM	Web Design Committee	Welcome Center	Ted Makowski	301-926-6575
Thu 5th	5:00PM to 10:00PM	Alcohol Painting setup with Jeanne Brown	Main Hall	Jeanne Brown	941-441-8676
Thu 5th	6:00PM to 9:00PM	Acohol Painting with Jeanne Brown	Main Hall	Jeanne Brown	941-441-8676
Fri 6th	12:00PM to 9:00PM	Potluck dinner and entertainment	Kitchen & Hall	Carmelle Awad	617-678-9569
Sat 7th	8:00AM to 1:00PM	Tennis Club Take-away Food Sales	Screen Rm-Bocce Hall & Kitchen	Billie Chambers	856-723-7909
Sat 7th	1:00PM to 9:00PM	Canada Day Party	Bocce/Shuff.board Hall & Kitchen	Linda Kowalchyk	941-786-5008
Sun 8th	8:00AM to 5:00PM	Midwest Day	Setup & Cleanup Kitchen & Hall	Viv Puetz	219-863-7673
Sun 8th	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Midwest Day	Hall	Viv Puetz	219-863-7673
Mon 9th	12.00PM to 2:00PM	Beautification Luncheon	Kitchen & Hall	Roy Auvil	309-339-5450
Mon 9th	6:30OM to 8:30PM	Choir Practice	Main Hall	Dolly Ciarlo	508-579-1973
Wed 11th	10:00AM to 4:00PM	Boat Club Prep for Dinner	Kitchen	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Wed 11th	2:00PM to 4:00PM	Web Design Committee	Welcome Center	Ted Makowski	301-926-6575
Thu 12th	10:00AM to 10:00PM	Boat Club Dinner Meeting	Hall & Kitchen	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Fri 13th	12:00PM to 5:00PM	Setup for Scavenger Hunt	Kitchen & Main Hall	Sue Keeler	269-832-4711
Fri 13th	3:00PM to 5:00PM	Scavenger Hunt	Main Hall	Sue Keeler	269-832-4711
Sat 14th	9:00AM to 10:00PM	Set-up for Michael D'Amore Show	Main Hall	Connie Bromley	517-898-1574
Sat 14th	4:00PM to 10:00PM	Dressing Rooms for Michael D'Amore Show	Sunrise & Sunset Rooms	Connie Bromley	517-898-1574
Sat 14th	7:00PM to 9:00PM	Michael D'Amore Show	Main Hall	Connie Bromley	517-898-1574
Sun 15th	5:00PM to 7:00PM	Concert in the Park	Behind tennis crts outside billiard room	Dawn Abbruzzese	518-441-7171
Mon 16th	12:00PM to 8:00PM	Prep & Setup for St Patrick's Day Dinner	Kitchen & Hall	Jeanne Brown	941-441-8676
Tue 17th	5:00PM to 10:00PM	Dinner for St Patrick's Day	Kitchen & Hall	Jeanne Brown	941-441-8676



Wed 18th	2:00PM to 4:00PM	Web Design Committee	Welcome Center	Ted Makowski	301-926-6575
Thu 19th	12:00PM to 2:00PM	Shuffleboard BBQ	Hall	Sharon Olmstead	941-423-2444
Thu 19th	5:00PM to 10:00PM	Setup for Painting with a Twist	Main Hall	Jeanne Brown	941-441-8676
Thu 19th	6:00PM to 9:00PM	Painting with a Twist	Main Hall	Jeanne Brown	941-441-8676
Fri 20th		Choir	Sunrise & Sunset Rooms and the Hall	Hugh Brooks	941-423-4278
Sat 21st	12:00AM to 4:00PM	Boat Club Blessing of the Fleet	Marina	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Sat 21st	10:00AM to 4:00PM	Boat Club Blessing of the Fleet	Sceen Rooms Bocce & Pool	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Sat 21st	8:00AM to 11:00PM	Prep for LRV WW Horse Race	Kitchen & Main Hall	Cheri Case	734-755-9558
Sat 21st	6:30PM to 10:00PM	LRV Woodworkers Horse Race	Kitchen & Main Hall	Cheri Case	734-755-9558
Sun 22nd	8:30AM to 2:00PM	LRV Golf Scramble	The Hills Golf Club	Chris Gachignard	941-423-2936
Wed 25th	9:00AM to 9:00PM	Men's 18 hole Golf Party Prep	Kitchen & Main Hall	Scott Lockhart	203-455-1766
Wed 25th	2:00PM to 4:00PM	Web Design Committee	Welcome Center	Ted Makowski	301-926-6575
Wed 25th	3:00PM to 8:00PM	Men's 18 hole Golf Party	Kitchen & Main Hall	Scott Lockhart	203-455-1766
Thu 26th	4:00PM to 10:00PM	Dance Club Dance	Hall		
Fri 27th		Choir	Sunrise & Sunset Rooms and the Hall	Hugh Brooks	941-423-4278
Sat 28th		Choir	Sunrise & Sunset Rooms and the Hall	Hugh Brooks	941-423-4278
Sun 29th	1:00PM to 6:00PM	New England Day	Kitchen & Hall	Dolly Ciarlo	508-579-1973

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05 . . . Heidi Grab	18 . . . Katie Wegscheid
05 . . . Chuck Kamerik	21 . . . Charles Hebel
05 . . . Frank Mangio	22 . . . Jan Hopping
07 . . . Sylvia Ciarlo	22 . . . Bill McGee
08 . . . Edward Davis	25 . . . Thelma King
09 . . . Bill Arwood	26 . . . Ginger Holstein
09 . . . Jeanne Brown	26 . . . Sharon Wright
09 . . . James McMahon	27 . . . Sheryl Childers
09 . . . Connie Pommenville	27 . . . Norman Dube
10 . . . William Boeck	27 . . . Michael Kindellan
11 . . . Carol Birch	27 . . . Harry Stephens
11 . . . Marsha Charest	28 . . . Rich Bigelow
11 . . . Tom McNulty	29 . . . Linn Dalrymple
11 . . . Betty Rumley	29 . . . Kip Greener
13 . . . Paul Deischer	29 . . . Pat Huffman
15 . . . Margaret Butera	29 . . . Ed Szwed
15 . . . Shirley Cousino	29 . . . Barbara Walker
15 . . . Fran Kirk	30 . . . Richard Loos
15 . . . Beverly Larson	30 . . . Karen Pridgen
16 . . . Jerri Meneely	30 . . . Larry Shields
16 . . . Jim Walker	31 . . . Allen Gilson
16 . . . Ernie Whitmarsh	31 . . . Jerry Lupien
18 . . . Jo Faria	31 . . . Marie McEnroe

**Anniversaries****MARCH 2020**

	Years Married
1 . . . . Gordon and Linda Deisler	
3 . . . . Keith and Shirley Milburn. . . .	Over 60
8 . . . . Mark and Kim Walker	
11 . . . Brian and Doreen Werner	
16 . . . Rick and Nancy Richardson	
30 . . . Chris and Priscilla Cadmus	

**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:

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The words "Thank you" don't seem adequate enough to say, to so many wonderful people. My heart is aching with sorrow at losing my soulmate, but at the same time filled with joy because of all the kindness shown to me by so many of you. You have all rallied around me, and made me feel so comforted. Your outpouring of love has been unbelievable. My children and close friends have even commented that they feel comfortable in leaving me alone here in Lazy River Village, knowing that I will never be totally alone.

I would also like to thank everyone very much for the beautiful flowers, cards, phone calls and kind expressions of sympathy shown following Dieter's sad passing.

*Sincerely, Carol Klotz*

## Sunshine Report



### GET WELL CARDS SENT TO :

- Kay Wilcox
- Dorothy Reade

### SYMPATHY CARDS SENT TO:

- Carol Klotz and family on the passing of her husband Dieter.
- Ellie Marrone and family on the passing of her husband Joe.
- Carol and Jim McMahon on the loss of her sister.

## In Memory of Jim Innes

As many of you know, I lost the love of my life on January 1, 2020. Although I haven't been able to be at the Village since 2018, I have felt the love and support of so many during Jim's illness and passing. Thank you for the many phone calls, social media messages, cards and prayers that continue to comfort me during this very difficult time.

Our Lazy River friends enriched our lives and I am forever grateful for the seven years Jim and I spent together in this community. Our family is planning on a Lazy River Celebration of Life for Jim during the winter of 2021. The date and time will be posted on the Lazy River Facebook page after arrangements are firm.

*Sincerely - Jackie Innes & family*



"Many things I don't know and more that I don't understand, but what I don't understand does not undermine my trust in Almighty God, nor weakens or diminishes my faith in His Holy Word and precious never failing promises" Quote from Berge S. Najarian from his book, "Climbing on top your troubles"

Berge and his wife Doris, personal friends, are now both reaping their rewards for faithful service in God's mission field as missionaries to the Holy Land of Israel and continued until each was taken home to heaven.

This wise statement, recorded in his book, and shared often as they preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ, represents my view of understanding God's Holy Bible. We can't know everything about Almighty God, but we can know Him personally.

We can all come together as children of God to defeat our common enemy, Satan, and do so at peace with God and with each other when our foundation is Christ Jesus as personal Lord of our life, and God in the center of our least endeavor.

I appreciate your prayers on behalf of this weekly Bible study, not because I am the leader, but because we have the freedom to gather together for this event, and hopefully to make a difference here in LRV.

May God receive all the Glory. All are welcome to join us each Thurs morning beginning at 10 am. in the clubhouse Myakka room.

*Submitted by Nancy Penoyar, study leader - 941-451-4939*



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## Activities Team



We regret to advise you that Dawn Abbruzzese, Sheryl Childers and Carole Beaudoin have all decided to step down from the A-Team. LRV owes so much to

these three women, who have worked diligently over the last several years to keep our community thriving and successful. They will be sorely missed by the other members of the team.

On the other hand, we take pleasure in introducing three new people who've volunteered to serve on the Activities Team: Cheryl Case, Irma McGuinness and Debbie Rohlin. Here's an update on where we stand with respect to some of this season's activities.

### Health Fair – Friday, February 7, 2020

For the second year in a row, this was a super event and very well attended. The vendors brought some wonderful prizes for our free draw. The lunches—which

included 30 pounds of pork cooked by Dawn and 300 cookies baked by Carol—were absolutely delicious. Meanwhile, Sheryl organized all the vendors and got them all set up. So a big thank you to Dawn, Sheryl, Carol and all their helpers.

**Jean Brown's alcohol ink painting** on March 5, 2020 at 6.00 p.m. in the Clubhouse is sold out.

**The Scavenger Hunt** – unfortunately has been cancelled.

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

While there's no charge for this event, donations to the food bank at Linda Lindsay's church would be welcomed. We will also be collecting cash donations again this year for the members of the band. Bring your own seats, nibbles and drinks, and we're hoping that everyone comes out to enjoy the fun.

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

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## Featured Veterans

### WESLEY GREENER



This article is about the late Wesley Greener, the beloved husband of Kip Greener, and distinguished World War II veteran who was a long time resident of Lazy River. An engraved brick bears his name at the foot of the Memorial on Veterans Island.

Wesley was born in 1924 on a farm near Lake Erie and Port Clinton, Ohio. He attended school in Elmore, Ohio with his five brothers and sisters. In his senior year his father became ill and Wes dropped out to help with the farming. On May 1st, 1943 Wes reported to the Camp Perry Induction Center, Port Clinton, Ohio to begin his military service. He was sent to Camp Phillips, Kansas, for his basic training, and was assigned to Battery B, 274 Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Army. Wesley experienced his first disappointment when the train arrived in Salina, KS, and he looked out the window and saw lines of airplanes, to which he thought, "Oh good, we're going to be in the Air Force," (the Air Corp was part of the army at the time) but the train kept on going past Smokey Hill Air Base and on to Camp Phillips.

Wes was trained in heavy mechanics and chassis repair, and became an M1 Carbine sharpshooter. While in basic he qualified for Officers Candidate School and was sent to Fort Sill, OK, only to be rejected four months later after his commanding officer discovered he had not graduated from high school. It was off to Camp Campbell, KY, where he was assigned to 562nd Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company where he trained in tank repair. In September of 1944 he boarded a ship and headed for Europe, and eventually landed in Cherbourg Harbor, Normandy, France on September 25, 1944.

There, the 562nd Ordnance was assigned to General Patton's 3rd Army and received orders to move inland with Patton, and traveled thru the French countryside with their tanks and heavy trucks. Wes' Division made its way through Luxembourg and surrounding area repairing tanks and heavy equipment that had sustained damage in battle. On December 23rd, 1944 they set up a repair shop at the Krupp Tank Factory in Steinfort, Belgium, during which time they encountered three German planes on their way to bomb the bridge in Stein fort. The 4th Armored Division was crossing the bridge, traveling on their way to Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge. Wes and his crew unloaded

rounds from a 50 caliber machine gun at the "Jerrys", (that's what they called the German planes) as they flew over.

Wes' Company moved out a short time later, and were actively involved in the Battle of the Bulge. Battling extreme cold and heavy snow, Wes slept under his tank in his sleeping bag in an attempt to stay warm. During the night German planes targeted their tanks and Wes apparently had turned over in his sleeping bag, trapping him with the zipper to his back. Fortunately he was able to cut his way out with his knife, but chose to sleep rolled up in a blanket thereafter. As the 562nd was advancing, air support dropped bombs right on top of them, and Wes' tank was flipped on its side knocking a track off, but thankfully his crew was uninjured. They continued on into Germany, repairing tanks, and providing an invaluable service to the troops, while witnessing the horror of battle.

On May 8th, 1945 the war in Europe was over, and in July they shipped back to the U.S. where they received a big welcome from a grateful country. His Company was sent to California in anticipation of being sent to the Pacific Theater, but thankfully the War ended in August of 1945. He spent the rest of his tour in California and was Honorably Discharged on December 8th, 1945. Technical Sgt. Wesley Greener earned, and was awarded, several medals and ribbons to include the Bronze Star.

After the war Wes returned to the farming community where he grew up. Wes became an auto body man and worked for General Motors until his working career was ended when he was critically injured working under a vehicle in 1985. In 1956, he and Kip were married and raised their family in Curtice, OH, just east of Toledo, where they lived for 57 years until Wes' passing in 2013.

Wes and Kip loved traveling in their motor home and became snowbirds residing at the Myakka RV Park next to Lazy River. In 1999 they purchased 225 Lazy River Rd where Kip now resides.

Wesley Greener, sir, may you rest in peace for eternity, and we shall remember your bravery and sacrifice made on behalf of the American people, defending the values and principles of a free democracy.

Kip, thank you for sharing such meaningful details and information related to your late husband's military service.

*Respectfully submitted: Rich Donelson*



# SPORTS

## Bowling (Gutter Gossip)



We are well into the second half of bowling and the race for the Championship is heating up. The 200 club is growing with Ken Benson scoring games of 201, 212, 228, and 230. Jim Goff has recorded games of 200, 203, and 224. Bill McGee had games of 203 and 226, while Gary Clark had games of 213 and 220.

The ladies have joined the club with Linda McGee scoring a 206 and Cathy Ashford shooting a 202. Great Bowling, everyone.

Just a reminder, the Bowling Banquet is scheduled for March 31, 2020 at the Plantation. Details will be provided soon.

*Submitted by Rich Bigelow*

## Pickleball



Pickleball has been played at LRV since 2010 and became a club on April, 1st, 2014. No fooling. As we start the 2020 season we have already had the second annual Pickleball Challenge Rodeo on 1/18/2020. Thanks all who attended the Skills Challenge. Here are your winners:

First was Bob Bennett with 51 points,

Second was Butch Wells with 48 points and

Tied for third were Tom VanMassenhove and Bob Jones with 45 points,

Fourth was Trini Vander Ploeg with 44 points.

Thanks to all the volunteers and Dawn and Larry who provided the snacks.

We purchased 4 new nets for the courts. Come on out and check out the new set ups. Speaking of nets, we want to also thank Larry and Roy for adding new wheels to the net stands.

February 20th, from 7:00pm till 10:00pm, was Karaoke night. This is a major event for the Club so thank you for all who came out and enjoyed a fun filled night.

The 4th annual Lazy River Pickleball tournament was held on Saturday, February 29th at 9:00am and was a big success. The celebration cookout was well attended with many people bringing dishes along with all the volunteers that helped score and cook the burgers and hotdogs.

Our own Lou Duke took top honors in his AAU Singles Competition, The Battle of the Paddle, held at the Englewood Sports Complex. There are many opportunities to play in Pickleball tournaments in our area. You can play in different skill and age groups too.

A big collective thank you to Rich Donelson and Cheri Case, for all they did during their time as the past President and Vice-President. And to Debbie Vanmassenhove, Secretary, and Jerry Mills, Treasurer, for staying on.

Coming soon, watch for dates for inter-village play with Harbor Cove and a Mixed Doubles tournament for Lazy River Village.

*Submitted by: Dennis Gershkoff and Diane Gempp*

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## SPORTS



### Couples Golf

As anticipated, the number of people golfing on Sunday afternoons with the Lazy River Couples Golf Group has continued to increase. As a matter of interest, for the week of February 16th, I scheduled seventy two people among the eighteen tee times reserved at Waterford Golf Club.

We are given tee times on all three of the courses at Waterford and efforts are made to ensure that a golfer does not golf on the same course that he/she played on the week before. Also, the scheduling of who will play together in a foursome is determined by matching up couples/people who have not previously golfed together in our group this season, so that we can get to know our neighbours better. Waterford keeps its kitchen open until after we finish golfing so that those who wish to can have an early dinner there. Others just stay on for liquid refreshments. During this social time, the winning team(s) on each course are announced.

The green fees are \$25.00 for nine holes and a cart, with tee times starting at 1:00 p.m. We collect a dollar per golfer 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 on Friday, March 13th. 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 or call me at 941-423-2444.

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, setting out the names that I have of those who 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. The schedule will be e-mailed 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 with the group and I will add them to the schedule.

*Submitted by Sharon Olmstead*

### Golf - Men's 18-Hole League



So far this year the competition has been great, along with some excellent play and weather. We have had some of our guys shooting in the 70's recently, including Tim N., Fred C., Morgan R., and Frankie M. Also, we have been having a lot of fun with the (Closest to the Pin) with Fred Buttery leading the way.

The Playoffs will started on February 20th with 3 flight categories, A, B, and C. All players were given a bracket sheet to update on their handicap group. All golfers must be ready and able to play every week in order to finish the Playoffs prior to our banquet.

Our awards banquet will be on Wednesday, March 25th at 5:00PM with hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer, soda, and a beef or chicken entree with roasted potatoes, green beans and all the fixings. The cost will be \$6.00 per person.

So guys, bring your A game and win some of the great prizes available this year!

*Regards, Scott Lockhart and Frankie Mangio*

### Security



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 and Cheri Case*

## SPORTS

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



Our golf group plays on Friday afternoons at Long Marsh Golf Club, Rotunda West. We pay a green fee of \$28.00, inclusive of tax, which includes a cart. The women golf on one of the three courses while the men golf on another of the three courses. Usually, we do not play the same course in succession. However, as there are more men's foursomes than women's foursomes and as we are usually assigned the same number of tee times on each of two courses, some men may play the same course two weeks in a row. We try to keep that type of occurrence to a minimum.

Since January 3rd, we have been collecting a dollar from each of the golfers. We indicate on our score cards whether we are playing on the following Friday and then hand the score cards, with our dollars inside, to John Overton. These funds will be used for our end-of-the-season party that we will have on Friday, March 13th with the Couples Golf Group. 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 by telephone (941-423-2444) or John Overton by e-mail ([john.overton@msbexpertise.com](mailto:john.overton@msbexpertise.com)) or by telephone (941-787-4092).

*Submitted by: Sharon Olmstead*

### Shuffleboard

Greetings to current and future Shuffleboard Club members!



For new residents of our community, we play shuffleboard on Monday evenings from 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. and on Thursday mornings from 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. Even if you have limited to no previous experience playing shuffleboard but have an interest in playing, please join us. You will find very pleasant people willing to teach you the rules of the games and you will have a good time.

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. You could win 15, 30 or 50 cents, depending on whether you win one, two or all three of your games.

Our membership dues for the 2020 season are \$5.00 per person which also includes admission to our three monthly meals. As this article goes to press, we are making preparations for our BBQ lunch which will be held on Thursday, March 19th, after we shuffle in the morning.

After an encouraging start to its ten-game season, the Interpark squad has returned to our usual last place standing. However, there are 5 more games left and we remain optimistic that we can do better this year! Cheer us on at our home games against some of the nearby parks. Check the schedule posted at the courts to find out which Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. that we will be playing here in Lazy River.

*Submitted by Sharon Olmstead, President.*



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**Tennis Between The Lines**



With 15 members present at our monthly tennis club meeting, the following is reported. Both the secretary's and treasurer's reports we accepted as presented. We are still looking for a volunteer to fill in the position of Treasurer.

Notices are now sent via emails to our members so please notify of any changes. Members voted that beginning next season our dues will be changed to \$10 for single membership, and \$15 for couples.

The new Steering Committee reported their suggestions for the members to consider. One of the items is our playing with Harbor Cove tennis club. All who were able to attend our first outing together at the Englewood Sports Complex reported it as successful and enjoyable and agreeable to continue playing these combined club matches. After discussion, we agreed we would do it again on Tuesday, February 11 and will play at 1:30pm, not 1:00pm as before. This will allow a few more players to join in the fun. If you are interested make contact with either Nancy Penoyar or Ron Ducham. Future plans will be discussed among both clubs and will be announced once the frequency of these matches has been decided.

Master Tennis (a sanctioned shortened version of tennis) will continue each Wednesday after round robin play or about 10:30am as long as there is interest. Ron Ducham has made balls and equipment available for those interested in playing. While a standard racquet can be used, special balls are required. If you are interested in playing, show up on court two behind the clubhouse at 10:30 on Wednesday, or call Nancy Penoyar or Ron Ducham. Instructions are easy and quick to learn, practice is helpful to enjoy the game.

As of this date we are waiting for the permit to put up the lights on court two. Everything is here so once the permit has been issued the lights can be scheduled to be installed.

Saturday, March 7th is our annual Fund Raiser function. This will be a baked goods event to enjoy the contributions of our tennis members as well as

those who would like to support the tennis club with their donations of baked goods. Often it is the early worm that gets their favorite item. The front gates will be opened that Saturday for open houses and/or any yard sales so be sure to check out the screen room on Tortola Way.

*Submitted by Nancy Penoyar, President - 941 451 4939*

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*Submitted by Ginnie Wood for the "Fun Group"*

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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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# COMING EVENTS

## Bloodmobile News



Our final Blood Drive for the Season will be on Wednesday, March 18th. Do mark your calendars to give a pint of blood that is so needed to save lives.

The “Bus” will be parked just outside the entrance to our Clubhouse. The hours will be from 7:30am until 11:45am. They cover all of our local Hospitals and have had a shortage of blood that is necessary during the winter months. Come over to our Koffee Klatch first and then head over to be a Donor, or IF you’re an early bird, they are delighted to see you.

If you are not sure if you are eligible, just walk into the bus and ask your questions. They are very knowledgeable and hopefully you can donate. A sheet is on the Bulletin Board to Sign up or just walk in and they will get to you quickly. It takes about 20 minutes to give a pint of blood, plasma, and platelets but such a blessing for those that need it.

Let’s try to make this one of the best March quotas yet. For all of those that gave in November & January, and those that even tried, Thank You Very Much!!. You are Special people who may have helped save a life right here in Lazy River.

*Submitted by Ginnie Wood -  
Blood Drive Coordinator*



## Midwest Day



### ***Cheesburgers in Paradise***

When – Sunday – March 8th

Time : 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Dinner: Dessert & Beverages

**Fun – Food – Games – Action -**

**BYOB Table Service Provided**

**Contact info : Viv Peutz 219-863-7673**



Our February Potluck was attended by 117 residents. Everyone had a terrific time. The food and Entertainment was amazing. Thanks so much to our Potluck Committee and the Volunteers who helped setup and clean up. We couldn’t do it without all of you.

Our next Potluck “A WEE BIT O’ FUN’ will be held on FRIDAY, March 6, 2020. Make your favorite dish (beef, pork, chicken), a casserole, Salad or Veggies. **DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED.** Cocktails at 5:00PM. Dinner at 5:30PM. BYOB, BYOS. Entertainment by Glen Babcock (Accordion and Banjo).

Tickets are \$3.00 and will be sold at Koffee Klatch on February 19th & 26th and March 4, 2020.

**REMINDER:** We are looking for Volunteers to take over the Potluck Committee. Thanks to the support of our committee members, Carmelle, Diane and I have had a lot of fun. We will be happy to show you the Ins and Outs and will assist you in getting started.

*Submitted by Dolly Ciarlo, Carmelle Awad  
and Diane Ogden*

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## COMING EVENTS

### Entertainment

The last of our three stage performances is on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 7:00pm. This month's showman is MICHAEL D'AMORE. Michael's musical passion has been drawn to the harmony of the classic R&B and Doo Wop ages. He is a member of The Capris, and is proud to have sung lead on one of their hits, "There's a Moon Out Tonight."

Michael says that he measures his level of success by the number of smiles in his audiences. Let's give him one of his best audiences here at Lazy River!

Try checking him out on the internet - Michael D'Amore!

Tickets are \$10 at Weds KK's from Connie, or get them at the door on the 14th. SEE YOU THERE!

*Submitted by Connie Bromley*

### Snow Birds Leaving Paradise –

#### Beach Picnic & Dance Party & \$\$\$ Raffle -

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Time: 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm Cost - \$5.00

\*\*\*\* Includes door prize + \$\$\$\$ give back \*\*\*\*  
*must be present to WIN \*\*\*\**

Place: Manasota Key Beach Pavilion

8570 Manasota Key Rd. Englewood, FL 34223

Directions: US 41 N to Jacaranda Blvd. / left onto SR 776 (approx. 1.5 m) / right onto Manasota Beach Rd. (1.8 m) / cross bridge / parking lot is on the right side / Pavilion across street

***"Everybody Welcome" Chicken & set ups provided.***

PLEASE bring: (1) food item to share (2) drinks NO GLASS (3) beach chair (4) ticket for door prize

*\* Must be present to win Raffle after dinner \*\**

*Anyone can win (present or not)*

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ from Lottery Ticket Raffle sales \*\*\*\*

we will split cash proceeds 50%/25%/25% \*\*\*\*\*

**MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN \*\*\*\*\***

*Submitted by Rusty Shelley & Bob Sibley*

### Michigan Day Tailgating Party



Heads up Michiganders.

We hope you are enjoying the north, flowers, trees, beaches, family and friends.



Plans are already being made for a **March 1, 2020** tailgating party.

As you prepare for your return to Lazy River life, please pack your favorite team's sports attire and memorabilia. You may just want to come dressed as a fan.

*Submitted by Trinie Vander Ploeg*



A transfer in title for 216 Martinique took place on 1/9/2020. The previous owners were Gary and Susan Brewster. The new owners are Bruce & Cheryl GUSTAVSON. Their Telephone No is: 231-730-4510. They are from MI.

Another transfer in title for 129 Rarotonga Road took place. The previous owners were Herbert and Sandra Clements. The new owners are Ted and Marty COBB. Their telephone number is 941-426-2427

## CLUB NEWS

### BINGO



Bingo is going GREAT this season!

We ask everyone to be ready to play by 6:30. This helps with the figuring of the money prizes for the evening. Thanks in advance for this.

Our "H" special of the evening is hovering around the mid \$80s. (\$82.00 or \$84.00).

You can't win if you don't play! Hope to see you on Tuesday evenings.

*Submitted by Joan Rose*

## CLUB NEWS



### Boat Club

The Lazy River Boat Club is cruising at close to full throttle in the prime of the winter season. The Board members have been very busy scheduling trips on the Myakka River and the Intercoastal Waterway for March and April. The Club is using our Facebook page to post upcoming events and to show pics of our events. As I write this in the middle of February we had a great trip to John's Pass for over fifty people and a very successful Commodore's Ball.

March will see a trip to Rum Bay for lunch on the 10th, the monthly meeting on the 12th with the theme of Spring Training and the Blessing of the Fleet on March 21, 2020. Talk to the boat Captains about the more informal sunset cruises on our river. If you have suggestions for trips, events or themes please let me know. The Board is here to serve this community.

Lastly, as the new Commodore I have come to closely understand the role of volunteers in making things work around Lazy River Village. Volunteers not only provide the hands and feet to get things done, they do not get enough credit for the ideas and thoughtfulness behind the activities.

*Submitted by Dave Carley, Commodore*

### Canine Fitness Club



The CFC is a group of LR residents and their four legged friends who meet twice a month to promote health and fitness for dogs and their owners. Everyone is welcome to join. It's a great way to meet new people. The monthly meeting will be on March 2 in the Myakka at 10:00am. Annual dues are \$5.00 per family. We will also be gathering on the first and third Monday of the month at Sunset Park (down by the marina) for a social hour where owners and their dogs can mix and mingle. Bring along a beverage and snacks if you like and enjoy the beautiful sunset.

A group picture of the CFC will be taken on March 3 at Sunset Park. Hope to see as many owners with their canine friends out for this wonderful event!

We are still hoping to add a second picnic table to the Sunset Park location as well as another waste disposal station. As this is written, no definitive plans have been finalized. We have started our babysitting contact sheet for dog owners and are still looking to add more names to our list. Contact anyone in the CFC if you are interested.

Did you know? Petting a dog can lower your blood pressure! This occurs because your body releases a relaxation hormone and decreases the level of a stress hormone!

*Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Wells*

### Nickel Bingo



#### DAYTIME

Game is played on Thursdays in the Hall. Door opens at 12:45pm and the game starts at 1:00pm. Please be set up and ready to play before 1:00pm.

Bring \$5.00 in nickels and your own daubers.

*Submitted by Peggy Clay*

#### EVENING

Game is played on Mondays in the Sunset Room. Door opens at 6:00pm and the game starts at 6:30pm. Please be set up and ready to play before 6:30pm.

Bring \$5.00 in nickels and your own daubers.

*Submitted by Chris Kamerik*

# CLUB NEWS

## 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

When: Every Friday

Time: 1.00PM to 2:00PM

See you there.

*Submitted by Frankie & Marie Mangio*

## Dance Club



Just an update on what is happening with the Dance Club and how our events are going so far this year.

**Broadway Comes to Lazy River**, with the Martin Duo on **March 2nd, 2020** at **7:00pm to 9:00pm** in the Myakka Room. (Sponsored by Harry Stephens.)

**Soul Proprietors**—a six-piece band—on **March 26th, 2020** at **7:00pm** (Sponsored by Janet Gray and Babs Findlay.) Tickets will be on sale for the above every Wednesday at KK.

FYI, for Dance Club events, please feel free to continue bringing snacks and drinks to any events being held in the Main Hall. However, for events in the Myakka Room, we ask that you bring **drinks only**.

We need your support to keep these great bands coming to our Village. And we're very grateful to Harry Stephens for doing such a wonderful job of vetting and hiring the bands to make sure that everyone has a great time.

*Submitted on behalf of the Dance Club  
by Janet Gray, Secretary*

## Lazy River Boosters



A very big thank you goes out to all who prepaid and attended a very successful evening of food and fun!

Our February draw and share winner was Elain Wells' niece Wendy Veltman, \$250.00. Connie Quinn's wife stood in for a friend and won \$150.00.

We can now look forward to our next dinner and Ball and Share game. We are not only having a fun evening together, but are raising funds to help other groups with their activities.

Coming in March will be the Booster Clubs' final activity for the season. The sharing of the green!! The ever famous "Irish Dinner!" Mark your calendars and dig out your green shirts, you know the one you wore last year! March 17th dinner tickets \$10.00 and balls \$10.00 each. Tickets will be available at the Wednesday Koffee Klatches.

Remember, if you need some financial help, get a form from Joe Ogden or any Booster worker,

*Respectfully submitted by Jan Boeck*

## CLUB NEWS



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

It's March and on March 17th it's St. Patrick's Day. There are many old Irish sayings and proverbs. Have you heard this one! "May your soul be a full half hour into heaven before the Devil knows you're dead." Or surely you have heard this one: "The Luck of the Irish?" Well a short time after St. Patrick's Day, on March 21st, the Woodworkers hold their annual Lazy River Horse Race Derby and we want you there and wish you "The Luck of the Irish." Tickets sell out fast so get yours early.

Clay Swenor has signed up six ladies for his current project of assembling a cheese tray.

In last month's issue of the Current, we spoke of Dick Case and his three 1st place finishes in the categories he entered. They were displayed at the Craft Show last month in the Clubhouse. Contact him if you haven't seen them. Ed Laetz, Clay Swenor and Vince Guiliani all had beautiful projects on display at this Craft Fair. Hope you didn't miss it.

We hope that by the time you read this, the new Maintenance building will be up and ready for occupation.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Horse Race. Bring a friend or a relative with you.

The Wood Shop is offering a 20% discount on signs for the year 2020. Owner signs are normally \$45.00 but are \$36.00 for 2020. House numbers are normally \$15.00 but are \$12.00 for 2020. Mailbox numbers are normally \$5.00 but \$4.00 for 2020.

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

You will have an easier time driving a screw if you first pull its threads across a bar of soap, paste wax or lip balm. Dipping a screw in linseed oil before driving not only eases the job, it also protects the screw from rust.

*Submitted by Dan Foley*

## THIS AND THAT

### Grand Marshals of the St. Patrick's Day Parade

Gwen and Nick Fulbright are the grand marshals of this year's St. Patrick's Day parade at Lazy River. Nick is a World War II Veteran. He spent over two years in the Airborne at Ft. Benning, Georgia. After the army he became an automotive and diesel mechanic in Niles, Michigan. In a few years he started his own repair shop. Later, he became an entrepreneur, dealing with real estate, finance and apartment rentals. He worked for 32 years and has been retired for 40 years.

In 1997 Nick went to pick up a doorknocker at the local jewelry store and met Gwen. They went for dinner and have been together ever since. They were married in Las Vegas on December 8, 1998. Gwen was a beautician and later was a real estate broker. They retired and moved to Lazy River 17 years ago. They both have volunteered for boards and other committees in Lazy River Village. They are a neat couple and they both said that they are honored to be chosen as grand marshals of the Lazy River St. Patrick's Day parade.

There is a story that St. Patrick kept the snakes out of Ireland. Well, Nick has kept the snakes out of Lazy River. Last fall he stepped out onto his driveway and met a rattlesnake, coiled and ready to strike. He grabbed a three wood, aimed and smacked that snake right on its head. He hit it so hard that the rattles broke off. He said it was a very lucky hit!

The parade will be held on Tuesday, March 17 at 1:15p.m. It will start at Cayman Lake and will cover all the streets in Lazy River Village. After the parade there will be a social gathering at the end of Cayman Lake, with free green beer, wine and soft drinks. There will be trophies for the top golf carts, bikes, etc. This year the trophies will be permanent and will be passed on to next year's winners.

Thanks to the sponsors: Activities Committee, Beautification, Pickleball and the Boat Club. Without their help there would be no parade.

*Submitted by the St. Patrick's Day Committee,  
Andrea Goerge, Chairperson*

*(See photos on back page)*



## *Mindy and Bud Buckley*



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