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President's Report



Hard to believe it has been one year already since joining the BOD. It has been an interesting year. There has been a lot of activity to recover from the hurricane, both individual homes as well as the village. While we have more work needed, we are looking more and more normal every day. It is nice to have all our normal activities and entertainment in full swing the entire past year. Thanks to all those that are volunteering.

I know we have had to repair and / or replace a lot of the village's assets during the year. Unfortunately, this comes at a cost which required us to replenish our reserves with the now infamous \$600 assessment. Our reserves are now in good shape, legally funded and can support remaining repairs as well as ongoing repairs/replacement.

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Beautification Committee

Even with the crazy weather we have been having this season, the Beautification guys and gals have been busy.

Janine Dube has painted the white pillars at the front gate and it's a nice fresh new look!

Paul Goerge and Barry Flowers are ready to take tools in hand and build more shelves in the maintenance building for the rest of the Christmas decor (never ending)! Also, a spot for some Beautification stuff!

Merrie Mills and Janine Dube have just finished painting the lines of the pickle balls courts a gorgeous green! They are now onto a new job!

Jerry Mills tells me he is busy organizing the beautification tools in the workshop, thank you, Jerry!

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

President’s Report *(continued from page 1)*

Going forward, we will need to keep a close eye on our operational cash. At the end of January, we have less than three months of expenses covered in our operational cash. Ideally, we would like to have 6 months’ worth of expenses on hand in case of unexpected expenses. And we will have significant insurance premiums due around July 1. While I think we will be fine, operational funds are tight and we will need to keep a close eye on it. It is important to note that we cannot combine Reserve Funds with our Operational Cash.

We are nearing the roll out of a new village website, and it does look very sharp. This is in conjunction with a new office database that will be fully integrated with the website, eliminating the maintenance of data in multiple locations. The new website should correct some of the issues all of us have been having with the current site. The Electronic Process Committee continues to do outstanding work.

We are continuing to work with homeowners to improve their properties and the overall appearance of the village. We are following up on homes needing globe light repairs, power washing, weeding, etc. As well as ensuring homes that need repairs of some sort have a plan in place for the repairs needed. Monthly inspections in the storage yard have started to ensure spaces do not have debris and that the vehicles/trailers/vessels stored are indeed appropriately registered with the office.

Lastly, as we now have the new BOD in place, I want to sincerely thank Bob Stanko for all his work over the past two years. And I would like to welcome Ray Thompson to the BOD.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Jones



Realtor’s Report

Nothing to report

Beautification *(continued from page 1)*

Since golf changed their day for playing to Monday from Tuesday, we have lost some of our volunteers. If any of you out there would like to join us, we would love to meet you and welcome you to Beautification.

If you have scrap aluminum you want to get rid of, call Roy Auvil and he will pick it up! Beautification, as always, will pick up your beer and soda cans on Friday around 7:00 AM. Place them under or on your mailbox and we will pick them up.

We also have tools, ladders, rakes, picks etc. that you can sign out, use and return. Regardless of what you borrow, if you lose it or break it, you bought it and must replace it. We sincerely thank you for doing that!

We would like to thank all our active volunteers for all the hard work and dedication to Lazy River, you guys and gals do a fabulous job!!

Respectfully submitted by Carol Basch



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Veterans' Island

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Submitted by Bob Stanko 330-240-0406

Lift Assist

Who should you call if you have a **non injury** fall? I have spoken to **LIFT ASSIST** and this is the information they gave me.



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Activities Team



Activities would like to thank all those who attended the Welcome Back Breakfast. There is talk about doing it again next year.

The Sip and Safety event was a success. Those who attended, remember be mindful and aware of your surroundings!

The Health Fair was a great success. We are hoping to have a few of the vendors come back for educational sessions.

Activities would like to thank Mike and Ann Donovan for the donation of the TV to the park. It is stored in the storage area behind the stage. It is on a cart and can be wheeled anywhere in the hall. Please check to make sure that it is not being used by another group before planning on using the TV.

Groups hosting KK are:

MARCH: Shuffleboard APRIL: Golf

Music Bingo 7:00pm on March 15th and April 19th. Cards are \$10 and we are giving cash prizes. Come join us for a fun night and maybe win some money!

Submitted by Theresa Jones

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UNITY, FREEDOM AND LOVE

In the Old Testament the LAWS were the system God established for the Jews to live at peace among themselves, and outsiders. These laws taught them what they were to do as far as their conduct, but it could not change their heart's true motivation of love for God. "Your heart far from Me...." Isaiah 29:13. God has never forced humanity to love God. God did not want a robot, but a human being created to love from their own heart.

New Testament

In the New Testament, after Jesus died and rose again, the written Laws were canceled as the means to be in a right relationship with God. By faith to believe Jesus was their Christ, a Christian's conduct was to be established by the rule of the Holy Spirit in a believer's heart. This was a relationship, not rules to follow. The O.T. rules, while established by God, were not able to change the sinful heart into a heart that loved God and obeyed Him. Without the Holy Spirit's cleansing of the heart mankind was unable to please Him. Only, through the new heart, in being "born again" could a new relationship be formed.

IN ESSENTIALS, UNITY IN NON-ESSENTIALS, FREEDOM IN ALL THINGS, LOVE

It is necessary that rules are established within each church (denomination) to guide members in their conduct to be of one purpose, to love God and love others. Even though these rules were based

on the Bible, it is only from the work of the Holy Spirit we have a changed heart. Church attendance does not make a Christian as changing our conduct does not change the sinful, self-oriented heart into one that hears and obeys God.

It is within this context that the above statements of the unity, freedom and love comes into play. These rules should not be the means we judge one another. Judgment is from God, not from mankind. Yet these rules help us bring everyone into a common fellowship, helping each to understand what the Bible teaches that we have a oneness with God.

God created the human race to be like Jesus. Jesus loved His people, His goal was to become the Savior not only for the Jews, but for the whole human race. This was the Father's will for Jesus. When we have accepted Jesus as our Savior then the Holy Spirit begins His work in bringing the internal heart into obedience to the Father. Jesus said, "If you love Me, obey My commandments." John 14:15-21. While we think that this commandment is the 10 commandments, when we read further into what Jesus said, we must also read Matthew 22:36-40. Jesus does not say that the 10 Commandments are canceled, but He has added for our understanding, that the summary of these laws is that we must love God first and foremost so that we will, by the help of the Holy Spirit now be able to love others as Jesus does. This explains how it is possible with the Spirit's help to love even our enemies. Matthew 5:38-48.

We have been learning from Matthew 5 that God is teaching us what our attitude and motivation will be when we allow the Holy Spirit to be in control of our whole life. This is a miracle in itself because, from our birth we have fought to have our own way.

I invite you to our Bible study each Thursday at 10. We meet in the Myakka Room of the clubhouse.

*Respectfully submitted by Nancy Penoyar,
Study Leader 941-451-4939*



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07 Sylvia Ciarlo	16 Jim Walker	30 John Gribben
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09 Bill Arwood	18 Jo Faria	30 Karen Pridgen
09 James McMahon	18 Sarah Holcomb	30 Carol Wick
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11 Thomas Adams	18 Katie Wegscheid	31 Jerry Lupien
11 Carol Birch	22 Jan Hopping	31 Marie McEnroe
11 Marsha Charest	22 Bill McGee	
11 Tom McNulty	24 Jean-Marc Rheume	

Submitted by Joyce Cote



March 2024 Anniversaries	Years Married
2 Thomas and Sarah Holcomb	
3 Keith and Shirley Milburn	Over 60
3 Ernie and Brenda Smiley	Over 50
7 Jamie and Sue Ellison	
8 Mark and Kim Walker	
9 William and June Bechard	
11 Thomas and Gail Adams	
11 Brian and Doreen Werner	
19 William and Sharon McGee	
20 Kelly and Cherie McWhorter	
22 Donald and Dianna Janes	
24 Alan and Janet Bonifas	

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.*

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Submitted by Joyce Cote



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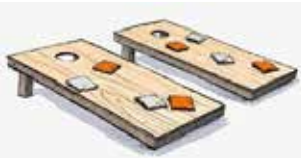


We play Mondays at 10:00am and Wednesdays also at 10:00am.

New players needed, lessons provided. It's a fun game come on out and give it a try. Thanks.

Submitted by A.J. Gilson

Cornhole



We welcome new players at any time. Join us on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00pm. Partners are picked

by the luck of the draw. We recently purchased indoor throwing mats with money from our Super Bowl Square fundraiser raiser. This has enabled us to be able to throw indoors in the Clubhouse when the weather is not conducive to throwing outside. If we are not playing by the screen room we will be inside the Clubhouse.

Congratulations to the winning teams this past month. The winners were Fred Charest and Mike Berg, Lori Smith and Paul Headley, Bob Jones and Paul Headley, Mike Berg and Steve Vella.

The Super Bowl Game has not been played at the time of writing my news article. We will publish the winners next month. Thank you to all of you for supporting our fundraiser.

Hope to see you on Tuesdays! Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Respectfully Submitted by Lori Smith

Bowling (Gutter Gossip)



By the time you read this article we have finished the first week of Bowling. Due to Covid and Hurricanes this is the first time in 2 years we got to bowl. We welcome new people to come and join in the fun. Bowling is a great way to exercise and develop new friendships in the park.

We had some terrific scores on opening day. Our high scores for the Gals were: Debbie Rohlin with a 173, Linda McGee with a 165, and Sue Keeler with a 163. For the Guys we have Ken Benson with a nice 215, followed by Mark York with a 195, and Larry Weise with a 192.

If anyone would like to join our bowling league, please call Peggy Clay: 317/340/7966.

Submitted by Ralph Clay

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Golf – Couples League



We are now mid-way through our regular season, which runs from the first of January to the end of March. Although we were rained out one Sunday and chilly, windy weather led some couples to cancel golfing on a few Sundays, we have had a good turnout on most Sunday afternoons on the three courses at Long Marsh Golf Course in Rotonda West.

On January 1st our green fee increased from \$30.00 plus tax to \$40.00 plus tax for 9 holes of golf with a cart. The membership fee is \$10.00 per person for the season. The fees are used for prizes in January, February and March and for our end-of-season party. \$20.00 is given to the team having the lowest score each Sunday. To spread the prizes around, on the third Sunday of each month, the prize is given to the team having the highest score.

Our end-of-season party will be held on Thursday, March 21st. There will be a dinner followed by a dance to the music of D.J. and singer Stephen Viel (Silver Sounds). If you are interested in golfing with the Couples group or if you have questions, please email me at sharon.anderson.olmstead@gmail.com or telephone me at 613-401-3423.

Submitted by Sharon Olmstead

Golf - Men's 18-Hole League

Hello Golfers,



The weather has not been in our favor this year. We have had 2 rain-outs so far this year. We cannot afford to have any more. We had some great scores at the end of January, F. Charest - 78, M. Risdale – 76, B. Gustavson - 76, R. Drullinger 77, T. Norwood (Eagle) Nice going, Tim.

Our playoffs are just about to start. Should be interesting who's going to have the hot hand this year. Fred C. has a new system for this year's playoffs. Good luck everyone.

Submitted by Frankie Mangio and Fred Charest

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



Our 9-hole golf group is in full swing for the season. We welcome all golfers; men and women as well as all abilities. This golf group is non competitive as we play solely for the enjoyment of the game and the company of the other golfers.

We are playing at the Long Marsh Golf Course on Friday afternoons as we have been for the past few seasons. For more information or If there are any new golfers interested in joining our 9-hole league at anytime, please let me know at jonesra8@aol.com or at 774-414-3074.

Submitted by Bob Jones

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Pickleball



Our Interpark Pickleball play is turning out to be a big success. LRV Pickleball players have competed against players from La Casa, Holiday Park, Harbor Isle and Harbor Cove. Ladies from LaCasa have reached out to the ladies from Lazy River and they are playing on a regular basis. One of the goals was to make connections with players from other parks with similar skill level. We are so delighted that this goal has been achieved.

Here in the park the Pickleball courts have been very busy. We welcome players who rather play a more gentle game. So if you are new or have not played in a while, let us know - we can surely accommodate any skill level.

Our Pickleball tournament and cookout will be held on Saturday, March 16. You will be able to sign up for the tournament on TeamReach. See Mark or Diane if you need help downloading the TeamReach app. Diane will have the sign-up sheet for the cookout at the courts during regular play time.

A big thank you goes out to Merrie Mills, Linda Deisler and Jeannine Dube for painting our Pickleball lines. We can see them!

Submitted by Diane Gempp

Stretch and Strengthening

Class being on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am-10:00am at the Clubhouse,

Bring water and small towel and wear good sneakers for a fun, exciting hour of getting fit and healthy.

Submitted by Karen Michaud

Shuffleboard



Come and play Shuffleboard. Monday evenings at 6:30pm with practice starting at 6:00pm, and Thursday mornings at 10:00am with practice at 9:30am. Cost is 25 cents to play, with cash prizes.

Inter Park competition is underway with our team in the thick of play, headed up by Sharon Olmstead.

See you on the courts.

Submitted by Jerry Mills

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A group of us go over on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 to 8:00 pm to play partners. It's easy, none of us are experts, but have lots of laughs and fun. We also go on Saturdays from 2:00 till 3:00 pm. It's all in fun and a good way to meet some new friends and get a little exercise. Hope to see you there!!

*Submitted by Ginnie Wood, Coordinator,
Ping Pong (Table Tennis)*

Tennis



We had an informal meeting to discuss how to use our tennis dues money. The one thing we are considering getting is a new ball machine. The two machines we have do not work, we have tried to fix the one but it only shoots the ball straight out, it does not shoot the balls left/right or high (to practice overhead shots). Also, the balls continue to get stuck in the machine. So, next step is to price different machines.

We are also looking for the scoreboard that we had before the storm, those boards came with a ball tray. Hopefully they are stuck behind something in the storage shed. The search continues!!

We play Monday, Wednesday and Friday and are always looking for new players. We have different levels of play so if it's been awhile since you've played don't worry about it. When we have enough players we can play on both courts with those who want to play regular sets on court one and the more casual players on court 2.

Come join us for the fun and exercise.

Submitted by Susan Gilson

ECHO (Everyone Can Help Others)



Echo is a committee of volunteers from our residents who meet monthly to confidentially discuss needs of our residents or renters. The volunteers can make phone calls, visits, and provide assistance with maintenance of property, garden yard work, and minor repairs.

Food shopping, make trips for errands, tidy up the house, some cleaning, and provide transportation. Additionally, we have information, such as, medical and community resources, meals on wheels, home health agencies, companion care, and county resources assistance. Also, our residents have donated used medical equipment for Echo to lend out to other residents, such as wheel chairs, walkers, shower chairs, some canes, and commodes. They are available and stored at the Chair lady's home - Rosemarie Sulzbach.

The Idea of Echo is to offer help to all residents, including renters, creating a culture of neighbor helping neighbor. It is also a way of getting to know your neighbors.

Looking toward to the future, we are in need volunteers. The volunteers can choose how much time to be available and/or schedule specific days. Contact The Chair with questions or requests for registration forms. Committee members are: Ellie Marrone, Marion Myers, and Pat Weaver. You can contact them directly or call the Chair lady - Rosemarie Sulzbach at 941-875-3635, who will coordinate the services.

The committee members are listed in the Resident Directory, with the individual phone numbers. You can call anyone of us to refer someone who has a need, or email a request for services. We are committed to keeping the information in confidence.

If you are interested in getting involved we will be happy to provide you with a survey form. We also send out survey forms yearly to residents who may want to volunteer. Welcome..

Submitted by Rosemarie Sulzbach

Tickets will be on sale in March at Koffee Klatch
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CLUB NEWS

Bingo –Bingo – Bingo

Have you played bingo lately? Even if you've never played now would be a great time to join us for some fun and try your luck at winning some extra cash! LVR bingo welcomes all levels novice to expert just be ready for fun! We play every Tuesday evening 6pm - 9pm November through April.



The January monthly drawing winners were:

**Ken Mullins -
won a complete set of bingo sheets.
Susie Anderson -
won a basic set of bingo sheets.
Congratulations!**

Lou and Joan Rose have been involved in LRV bingo for 12 years. That's 72 months, 288 weeks and 864 hours, a tremendous amount of their personal time. Please, when you see them next, shake their hand and THANK them.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact us at 785-410-2285. We hope to see you soon!

Submitted by Ray and Karen Thompson

Boat Club



Ahoy maties and welcome to the 2024 rendition of the Lazy River Boat Club.

The commodore Change of the Watch dinner dance by all accounts was a tremendous success. With the absence of Mike Donovan, Mike Kapture, Mike O'Connor and Marsha Charest and Bill Shafer falling ill there could have been too few board members to have a quorum, but Bill recovered and all was well.

Upcoming events include the February 15 dinner dance and the February 21st trip to Rum Bay where a number of members will be taking the water taxi.

We are in the process of forming a group to record the history of the Boat Club. Jean Swain has graciously accepted the role of board liaison and I'm sure many members will be hearing from her.

Projects such as the kayak launch and the bulletin board at the marina are ongoing. The boat club purchased "No Wake Zone" signs. They are free of charge if you feel the need to have one in your location. Keep an eye on the Lazy River Facebook page for current events and information.

Respectfully submitted by Mike OConnor

Lazy River Boosters

Hi Boosters,

Thank you to all who participated in the "Draw and Share". We all had a lot of fun, and it was a great success in raising money for the village. We had one big winner who went home with \$300.00 and many others who won a smaller amount.



St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner and tickets will be going on sale in March at the KK. Please note there will be no dinners this year served as take out. We will keep you informed as to when the tickets go on sale. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the next event.

Enjoy the beautiful days we are having!

Submitted by Joannie Maurer

Best of Venice Winner for 2023



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I want to say thank you to everyone who voted for us in the Best of Venice awards from Venice Gondolier.

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I am proud to have consistently offered service that is recognized by you and honored to receive so many awards over the years that our wall of awards has expanded onto another wall. Thank you for entrusting me with your hearing, I am glad I earned your respect.

Every day I hear stories about how hearing problems have interfered with enjoying life. I've always had one mission, to help everyone who comes to me to hear their best and engage in life.

Fifteen Years ago, I opened my own office and chose to treat all my clients as if they are family. Twenty-two years ago, when I chose this profession, I was inspired by my mother MaryEllen. She was already wearing hearing aids due to an ear surgery. Back then I was new to the industry and was not fully aware of how technology worked. As my ability grew, I noticed that the aids my mother was wearing were not the best for her needs. She was very social and would benefit from better technology. I was able to help her hear her best for her level of activities so she could have her best life.

If she was still with us today, I know she would be celebrating all the people who have been able to engage in their own life with more ease and better understanding.



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CLUB NEWS

Dance Club



We have now completed two successful dances with great music and people having a fun and enjoyable time.

Our third and final dance of the season will be March 22. The music will be provided by the ever popular Robert and Wolfie. They are known to keep folks dancing all night.

Come join us, support your dance club and have yourselves a ball.

March 22nd, 7:00pm-10:00pm BYOB BYOS
TICKETS ONLY \$10.00 per person.

Submitted by Babs Findlay

Line Dancing

Hello, Dancers,



We are now in the 2nd month of dancing. Unfortunately the Clubhouse had to be shut down two out of the four weeks for dancing. Some things can't be helped. We have no control over this.

At least we got 2 weeks in to have fun with the "Alan Jackson" dance group.

Attendance has been good. See you every Friday from 1:00pm to 2:00pm for March, every Friday.

Submitted by Frankie & Marie Mangio

CLUB NEWS

Nickel Bingo - Daytime



Game is played on

Thursdays in the Sunset Room

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 - 317-340-7966

Nite Riders

I'm sorry to say I can't ride my bike with the nite riders. I would love to have someone in the Park to help me lead this club until I am able to ride again.



Anyone who would like to ride can still meet by the screen room near the bocce courts at 5:30pm. We try to ride when the sunset starts to set. We don't ride if the weather is too cold, rainy or too windy.

Please call me anytime if you have any questions and if you would like to join the Nite Riders. There is no charge, just exercise, meeting with friends and neighbors. Call me with any questions at 617-678-9569

Submitted by Carmelle Awad

Quilting

Nothing to report this month

Red Hat Society

Quoted directly from the Red Hat Society website: "The Red Hat Society is a worldwide membership society that encourages women in their quest to get the most out of life. We support women in the pursuit of Fun, Friendship, Freedom, Fitness and the Fulfillment of lifelong dreams."



If that sounds good to you, you can be a red hatter and enjoy the fun memories and new friends that we make! You don't need to drive to the restaurants, since we always meet at the screen room at 11:30 AM and carpool from there. Sometimes we have activities right here at Lazy River! You don't even need to have a red hat! I'll GIVE you one from my collection of hats! If you don't have something purple to wear, you can get some great deals at Goodwill, Salvation Army, or other thrift stores! I'll be collecting \$5 YEARLY DUES in March (good until NEXT March), so that I can provide name tags and door prizes for everyone, and so that we can continue to be an official Red Hat Society chapter.

The "Lovely Ladies of Lazy River" enjoyed lunch together at Stefano's Restaurant in Englewood on February 7th. Our hostess even greeted us wearing HER red hat!!! We also enjoyed a luncheon at Captain Crab Seafood Restaurant in Port Charlotte on February 28th.

In March we're planning events on Wednesday, March 13th (meet at the screen room at 11:30 AM), and Wednesday, March 27th.

We'll always have room for more members. My philosophy is "the more the merrier!"

See you at the screen room! Be sure to RSVP, so I can make a name tag for you.

(Queen) Carolyn Arwood, Carolyn72@sbcglobal.net 440-339-6202

Submitted by Carolyn Arwood



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CLUB NEWS



Woodworking Club (Come See What We Saw)

It is March and almost Spring. It was one of the coldest winters I've seen since I have been coming here, almost 20 years.

We welcome your feedback. It helps us in planning for next year. Still haven't paid your dues for this year? You can still pay them without us sending Bruno to come and get them.

The Horse Race has come and gone. It was held inside again after being held outside for a few years. What did you think of it?

New lighting is being installed in the Shop and makes it a lot brighter in there.

Plans are being worked on for a few new projects to do to help gather interest and attract new members to the Wood Shop. Contact Dick Case or Clay Swenor for more information.

A new CNC machine was bought a while back replacing the old one. Please contact an experienced member for help before attempting to use it. They will help you. The letters CNC stand for "Computer Numerically Controlled." All signs you see around the Park were done on this "machine."

Easter, which usually falls in April falls in March this year, and means a lot of people will be leaving the Park this year earlier because of it. Have a safe trip and hope to have you all back in the fall.

This Month's Helpful Hint

Don't throw out that old garden hose. Use it to protect saw blades, round or straight, knives that have sharp edges. Simply cut a length of hose that will cover the edge you want to protect. Slit the hose so that it then fits over the teeth of the tool you wish to protect.

Submitted by Dan Foley

THIS & THAT

Bloodmobile News



A BIG Thank You to all who so kindly gave Blood or tried, at our last Blood Drive!!! We had 24 donors that successfully gave and others that were willing. This was a great turnout and a tribute to our Lazy River family. Blood is in such short supply and so needed.

Our next Drive is coming up on March 20th. This is a Wednesday from 7:30 am till 12:30. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board so you can choose the time best for you. Be sure to bring identification and your medicare or other health insurance cards. This is important for their records. Try to eat and drink something as well to keep up your energy level.

This will be our last Blood Drive until next season. Let's make it one of our best!! Hopefully not too many of our residents will be leaving yet, so it should be a good turnout. Remember, the donation you give May save a life. Thank you!!!!

Ginnie Wood, Coordinator, Blood Drive

Michigan Day



Hey, all you folks with Michigan roots.

Come gather on March 3 for great food, fun and fellowship.

Our theme this year is Water Wonderland.

It's a great way to celebrate new and old friendships. Mark your calendars for March 3 from 1:00pm -3:00pm in the clubhouse. Tickets will be on sale in February at Koffee Klatch.

Submitted by Trinie Vander Ploeg 269-686-7024

THIS & THAT

The Current Sky with the Telescope Guy –

MARCH 2024

Hello again!

I tend to discuss evening events for this article, as that's when I usually observe. So for this month:

March 13th: One of the best sights this month will occur in the western sky as dusk begins. A thin waxing crescent of the Moon will be there, along with the planet Jupiter, within 3 degrees. Binoculars will make for a nice view of the two of them.

March 24th: Mercury will make its appearance low on the western horizon just after sunset. Binoculars are helpful here, but if you have an unobstructed sky you will see it with your eye alone. A good place to view it is Venice Beach, or the Pier there. Jupiter will be brighter and higher, above and two the left.

Get ready for the 2024 Total Eclipse on April 8th! This will be a great one to see, as it will be well over four minutes in length. Lodging accommodations will be hard to find and expensive, so if you have access to an RV, it is to your advantage to drive to a location and view. Below, is a figure of the eclipse's path across the United States. Next month, some last-minute items regarding the eclipse and more.



Till next time, Clear Skies and Good Health!

*Submitted by Dean M Schantzen
137 Martinique Road*

Lazy River Village Dinner – March 30

Village dinners held in the clubhouse are a great way to get together —a place to meet new friends and neighbors. Great food and entertainment, socializing and laughs.

Mark your calendars for our second dinner:

Saturday, March 30 - Village Dinner and birthday celebration of our Villagers reaching 90 years. Tickets are sold at Koffee Klatch in March

Submitted by Trinie vd Ploeg

Hand and Foot Card Game

Every Wednesday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in the Myakka Room (Card room) is reserved for all to come and play hand and foot. Everyone is welcome to play their own way. You can bring a friend to play the way you want. We have the cards, so just come and enjoy this very popular game.



Everyone at Lazy River loves to play Hand and Foot. It's a game you will have fun and meet new friends. We will teach anyone how to play the original way, or any way you want. The game is played with a partner. Four or six people can play at one table.

Come, meet new friends and see your old friends and have fun. There is no cost, just fun and being with friends and neighbors.

Any questions? Please call me at 617-678-9569 Hope to see you on Wednesday.

Submitted by Carmelle Awad

THIS & THAT

St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshall



This year the Grand Marshall of our Lazy River St. Patrick's Day Parade is Carol Klotz. As with many immigrants, Carol Klotz has a wonderful story to tell about how she ended up in Lazy River Village. She is from South Africa and when she graduated from high school she wanted to

become a teacher but her mother wanted her to work for a lift (elevator) company. She met Dieter when he was playing football (soccer) and her Dad was his coach. Dieter was a master mechanic and a specialist in high-powered race cars. They have two children, Tracy and Alan, and 2 grandsons: Dean and Vaughn.

Her daughter Tracy and her husband emigrated to the United States and currently live in this area (Stoneybrook). Carol and Dieter were retired and living in a retirement community in South Africa. They had a Skype connection every Saturday with Tracy and she always wanted them to come to the United States. After much deliberation, Carol and Dieter decided to make the big move. Their daughter found a home for them in Lazy River Village.

After they moved in Carol wanted to meet people and it happened that Lazy River was looking for a new person to become the editor of the Current. She made a mock-up of the Current layout, which was heartily approved by the editor at the time and Carol has been the editor since then. The job of the editor takes a lot of time—getting people to submit their articles to meet the deadlines. She does all the copy and paste to organize the layout and sends it to the publisher. She also took the activities scheduler position as a good way to meet and get to know people.

Carol stated, "I like it here. I really appreciate that people always greet me and make me feel welcome. People here just do things for each other."

After Carol and Dieter were here a while, they decided to apply for U.S. citizenship. They had to learn the history of the United States and 300 facts, which they studied together. They both passed the written and oral test and became U.S. citizens. When she took the oath of citizenship, tears streamed down her face.

Dieter loved the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He would stay outside to wait for it to come by.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will start at Cayman Lake at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday March 17. Decorated golf carts, tricycles and bicycles, walkers and motorcycles are welcome to take part, lining up at 12:30. There will be an after-party with free green beer and wine donated by Beautification. There will be snacks and other beverages provided by the Activities Committee.

*Submitted by the St. Patrick's Day
Parade committee.*

The Chosen



It's never too late to join us to discuss "What it means to be Chosen" - the movie series about the life of Jesus. The movie will be shown followed by optional discussion.

Season 1 - clubhouse Sundays-January 28- March 10 @ 6:30 pm

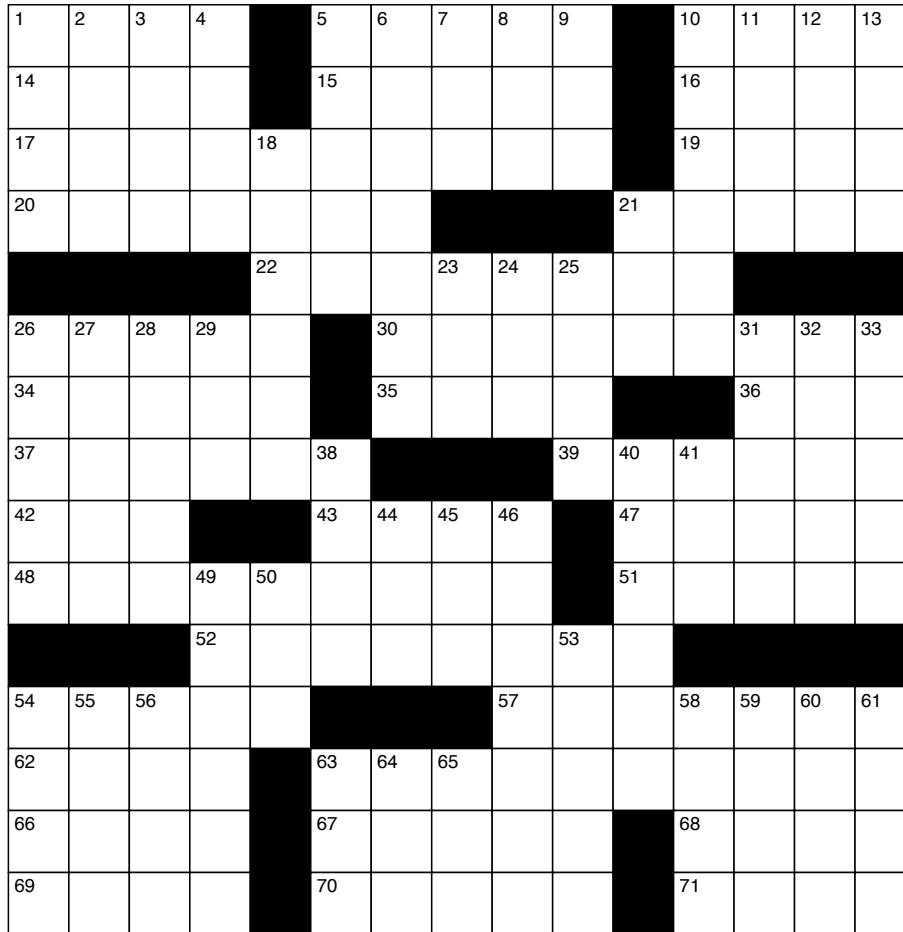
Season 2 - 222 Martinique Tuesdays January 23 - March 5 @ 6:30 pm

No previous knowledge is required nor is study of 1st needed prior to attending season 2. The study connects readers to the Bible in a new way and bonds us together. Everyone is invited to attend and no preparation needed.

For more information call: [Jana Mead \(231-215-5737\)](tel:231-215-5737) or [Trinie Vander Ploeg \(616-566-3044\)](tel:616-566-3044).

March Crossword Puzzle

Crossword #794K2AZF



Across

1. Goes down
5. Dangler on a dog collar
10. Newcomer often spelled with two zeroes
14. Ex-capital of Japan
15. Walter Lantz character, familiarly
16. Tough-guy actor Ray
17. Commencement ceremony
19. Know, to Nanette
20. Marriage requirement
21. Chris Kirkpatrick's former band
22. Island state of Australia
26. 1953 John Wayne oater
30. Veal dish
34. "... to fetch ___ of water"
35. Void partner
36. Shakespearean prince
37. Correct
39. Concurrence
42. "... ___ I saw Elba"
43. Greeting in London's East End

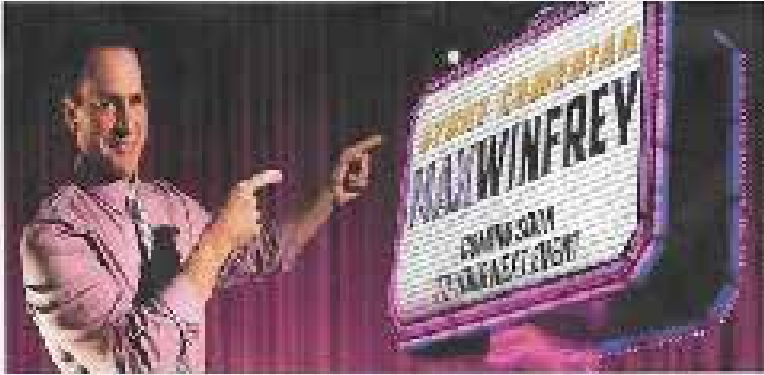
47. ___-Loompa (Wonka factory employee)
48. Samuel Clemens' pen name
51. Acts gloomily
52. Coordinated outfit
54. "Charade" director
57. Healthy breakfast choice
62. Per item
63. "No way!"
66. Aloha State goose
67. Insolent smile
68. Adult cable rating
69. A real beaut
70. Jokesters
71. Ogled

(solution on page 24)

Down

1. Sch. subj.
2. Italian seaport
3. Bric-a-___ (objets d'art)
4. Marquis de ___
5. "___ Male War Bride" (1949 film)
6. Smothers, in a way
7. You, in Montreal
8. Hubbub
9. OB follower
10. The Bahamas' capital
11. Cosmetics brand
12. Norse god
13. Bartlett's cousin
18. Incalculable
21. Tip of a pen
23. East Lansing sch.
24. Communication syst. at Gallaudet U.
25. Emeril Lagasse's French Quarter restaurant
26. Yearlong hideout for Don Juan DeMarco
27. With with soap or space
28. Informant
29. Kick the bucket
31. Emulate Pac-Man
32. Seize, à la Caesar
33. As ___ the hills
38. Certain conifers
40. "The Iceman ___"
41. Avian sound
44. New Guinea port
45. Min. or max.
46. Within a ship
49. Fisherman's prize
50. Former Opry network
53. Shortages
54. Linda of soaps
55. Not closed
56. Zilch
58. Chess ending
59. Green-eyed monster
60. Zenith
61. Be ahead
63. Defense planning grp.
64. German grandma
65. With "ana," a capital city

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 - a. **"Tornado Watch"** - Tornadoes are possible. Remain alert for approaching storms.
 - b. **"Tornado Warning"** - A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately if a Tornado Warning is issued for your area.
4. If a tornado threatens, seek shelter in a small, windowless interior room or hallway on the lowest level of a sturdy building.
5. **Mobile homes are not safe during tornadoes.** Abandon mobile homes and go to the nearest sturdy building immediately.
6. If you are caught outdoors, seek shelter in a sturdy building, NOT a mobile home or portable structure.
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