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## President's Report



We are in the home stretch of all our activities for this season and I know I am certainly looking forward to some of the remaining events. I hope everyone has and is enjoying the

season here in Lazy River. And I personally want to thank all our volunteers from putting on dances, dinners, entertainment; to coordinating our sports, cards, crafts, activities, etc., etc. We have a very active community based on our volunteers and that is what makes the village special. Thank you again!

As many of you plan your trips north for the summer please plan accordingly. It is important to have a caretaker for your home who can watch over your property. Not only to take care of the weeds that grow very fast in the summer months but also to check that your house is secure and that the air conditioner is working properly. Mold can be our worst enemy over the summer if the air conditioner fails. Also, please

pay attention to weeding and trimming as vegetation grows rapidly in the summer. In addition, please take care of cleaning the outside of your home as well. This will not only help with aesthetics, but unattended mold on the exterior could lead to interior problems down the road as well. As you head north, please ensure all belongings outside your home are put away or secured as the storm season is heavy over the summer.

We are very tight on our Operational Cash and will need to keep a close eye on it going forward. Operating cash is about \$177k at the end of February. We have a projected insurance premium of about \$175k due around July 1. We are dangerously close to not having enough operating cash to make the payments. If need be, we can finance the

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

insurance premiums, but the financing charges will be somewhere near \$3k. Additionally, Real Estate sales seem to be slower as evidenced by the lower income to date as well as seeing houses on the market for a longer period. We will need to keep an eye on it as we budgeted a total of \$23k for the year in Real Estate Commissions and Estoppel revenue. All and all we need to be as frugal as possible as it relates to spending operating cash. As we get into the next budget cycle, we will need to look at strategies to build Operating Cash to a stronger level. It should be noted our Reserves are in good shape as they were funded by the assessment. We are well positioned to perform major repairs and replacement of our assets going forward. But it is not legal to co-mingle Reserve and Operating Cash.

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 appropriate for the storage yard and registered with the office. We do need to ask that all leaseholders have their names on their trailer/vehicle/vessel that is in storage and that a registration is provided to the office.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Jones

## **Realtor's Report**

Hello, Lazy River Village!

The real estate market has been slow-going so far in 2024. March through May is always the best three month stretch for sales, year



after year. I did some research of our 55+ neighbor parks that are just south of us (excluding Holiday Park) and here is an example from 2023. Between January 1st and March 1st of last year, 34 homes sold. The average "days on the market" for the 34 homes sold was 19 days. In 2024, January 1st through March 11th\*, 19 homes sold and the average days on the market for those homes was \*66\* days.

Ouch. I'm excited that we're headed into the prime sales months. Thankfully, June, July, and August are pretty solid months for sales as well. The northern real estate market starts popping in spring (maybe they're finally done with shoveling snow!) and then those who sell their homes up there come and buy in Florida. Maybe some of you know that drill. I know my in-laws do!

I hope everyone had a great stay this season in Lazy River Village. If anyone has questions, suggestions, comments, please reach out to me. I would love to hear from you!

Until next time, cheers! - Kirk de Vries



## **Beautification Committee**

The beautification guys and girls have been busy this past month! Jim Walker power-washed the storage area fence and it looks great! Merrie Mills and Janine Dube are painting the outside stone walls on the Tamiami Trail. Now that's a Job!! Paul Goerge and Barry Flowers finished the shelves in the maintenance storage area and Roy Auvil, Norm Dube and Carl Duvall quickly moved more Christmas Decorations up to maintenance storage. Paul Goerge and Barry Flowers will be building more shelves behind the stage for storage for other activities at Lazy River. Beautification purchased and delivered to the Garden Club 100 bags of mulch. Many thanks to Gary Lynch for his help with this project!

Beautification continues to pick up your cans and old aluminum on Friday am, so put it out and we will pick it up. Cans on or under mailbox! If you have Aluminum gutters or other large pieces of aluminum, call Roy and they will come pick it up.

The Beautification Crew meets on Mondays at 8:00 AM at the Maintenance Building behind the office. We would love new volunteers to join us in the fun of keeping Lazy River the beautiful place it is to live.!

Respectfully submitted by Carol Basch

### 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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## BIBL, E Study

#### A PERFECT LIFE

Jesus as the Son of God lived a perfect life, to be the example of God's standard of perfection for all humanity.

Humans have been flawed from this standard since Adam and Eve's choice to live by their common sense. They disobeyed God's spoken words, ignoring the warning of punishment of death as their consequences. They had trusted in the suggestion of our enemy to be able to make wise choices.

We may assume that Jesus, who is God in the flesh, could not really have any problem in always doing the right and perfect thing. But, Jesus was truly a human man, just as much as you and I. We have this proof in Scripture of the temptations of Jesus by the devil himself. The only difference is that Jesus did not inherit a fallen nature. Joseph was not his biological father. The Holy Spirit came upon Mary resulting in the birth of Jesus as God in the flesh. He had no natural rebellion against God's authority. His heart was naturally tuned to God's will. This is what is missing in our life, we have a heart turned only to our natural desires.

So, what is the problem in our world today? It's you, me, and every other human acting on our own desires. We all, in one way or another, want to be in control. Truly these choices are not based upon our love for God, nor is it based on our love for others. It is self love, very selfish.

Belief in Jesus as the Son of God is the perfect and only way to escape from the final consequences of separation from the very God we rebel against. Thank you, Father, for providing this way, now we can draw near to you personally and live with you forever in heaven. The other way for the soul leads to eternal damnation in hell, because that is where our self control leads.

Everyone is welcome to attend the weekly Bible study each Thursday at 10 am in the clubhouse Myakka Room.

Submitted by Nancy Penoyar 941 451 4939

### **Activities Team**

**Nothing to Report** 



Veterans' Island

Since my recent health problems, I would like to thank Tom Adams for installing the new bricks, Mike Hammond for fixing the fountain and Karen



Thompson for fertilizing the plants on the Island what a great job.

If you want to buy a brick for yourself or immediate family member, they are \$50. They cost me \$26 and the rest is used for the upkeep of the MEMORIAL.

Submitted by Bob Stanko 330-240-0406



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Submitted by Joyce Cote

#### **APRIL 2024 ANNIVERSARIES**

#### Years Married

**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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Submitted by Joyce Cote

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201 Martinique Road

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Sharron: 517-712-6723

eMail: jimja1@yahoo.com

Sharron: <u>1amsharron68@yahoo.com</u>

Birthday: Jim: 02/11 Sharron: 05/19

Anniversary: 08/29/1992

Previous Owners: Mario Garcia and Judith Austin

A transfer took place on 11/17/2023

## FUDA, Vincenzo J.

214 Lazy River Road,

Phone: 941-615-8000

eMail: vince@prestigehomerealty.com

Birthday: 11/24

Previous Owners: Dick & Betty Loos

This buyer is not 55 and will not be living in LRV; he

will be flipping the house.

A transfer took place on 12/19/2023

#### **HAMILTON**, Richard and Tobi

160 Martinique Road

Phone: Richard: 970-616-2744

Tobi: 970-691-7423

eMail: <u>richard@creativecrush.com</u>

Tobi: doctdh@gmail.com

Birthday: Richard 10/09 Tobi: 10/02

Anniversary: 10/20/2001 Previous Owner: Julius Snyder

A transfer took place on 03/15/2024

## MacGINNIS. Brian and KIRKLANDS Kathleen

115 Tahitian Way

Phone: 316-304-1665

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Previous Owner: Nick and Gwen Fulbright

## **Best of Venice Winner for 2023**



## **Call Your Husband**

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Karen has created her own favorite joke and it goes like this. A woman says, "I can't get my husband to come in and get hearing aids."

Karen says, "No problem. I'll call and yell at him. I would talk to him but he isn't wearing hearing aids."

Every time she gets to say this she cracks up. I am more amused by her laughing at her own joke.

Getting husbands to come in for hearing aids is the one talent I haven't mastered.

Recently a couple came in. As they were completing the new paperwork the husband said to his wife, "why aren't you filling out forms? You need a hearing test as well." She looked at Karen, who was at the front desk, then said softly, "I have very sensitive hearing. I said that to trick him into coming in. He needs help but won't get it." He didn't hear a word.

Karen walked them into my office and said under her breath, "He thinks they are both getting tested. I told them we might only have time for one. He has a big loss, he didn't understand me twice. She has sensitive hearing."

After the test it was obvious he could be helped with hearing aids. I had even said, "You may not realize how hard it is for you to hear your wife's voice. Your loss shows me that you will struggle to hear her without hearing aids. You married her so listening to her and this should be your priority. Hearing aids will help with this."

As he was leaving he turned to Karen and asked, "How do I return demos?"

Karen mentioned to me later, he'll drop them off, he won't wear them. His wife tricked him to come in. He isn't ready to receive help.

I wasn't surprised when he walked in a couple of days later to return the demos and mentioned he didn't wear them much. I assured him, when he is ready we will be here to help. When you decide you want help, we are here for you.

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### **Bocce Ball**

We will continue to play on Monday & Wednesday morning at 10:00am.

We need new players Anyone interested come over to courts by the pool and we will teach you how to play. It's a lot of fun and easy to learn. Thanks

Submitted by A.J. Gilson

## **Bowling (Gutter Gossip)**

By the time you get your April Current we will be getting ready for our Bowling Banquet on April 2nd. at Herron Creek.



As of week 10 the team of "Up Our Alley" (Ken Benson, Mike Donovan, Peggy Clay, and Carol Beaudoin) are leading the way. Second place team is "Bowler Coaster" (John Otten, Frankie Mangio, Ann Donovan, and Marsha Charest). Good luck to everyone.

Also we have some nice individual scores: Ken Benson with a 573 for Mens High Series. Peggy Clay leads the women high series with a 535. For the Mens high scratch game we have Mark York with a 211. For the Womens high scratch game we have Connie Pommenville with a 188.

We will give out all the final results after the Bowling Banquet. We are always on the lookout for new bowlers. Remember, you don't need to be good, just be able to have a lot of fun. All weekly results can be found on the bulletin board next to the craft room.

Submitted by Ralph Clay

## Cornhole



Cornhole Tournaments are played every Tuesday at 1:00pm. Despite the name

including the word "tournaments", we play for fun and are not, by any means, professional throwers. So don't be intimidated and come on out and play.

The winning teams that gained bragging rights this past month were Lori Smith and Bernie Lamancusa, Paul and Julie Headley, Joyce Mullins and Fred Cheriest, and Lori Smith and Karen Hammond.

The Super Bowl Square winners were:

1st Quarter Lori Smith
2nd Quarter Marie Mangio
3rd Quarter Marie Mangio
4th Quarter Kathy Winkelspecht

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Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone who participated in our fund raiser.

Respectfully Submitted by Lori Smith



## Golf - Men's 18-Hole League

Our Golfers continue to have some great rounds at Pinemoor. Pinemoor is the golf course that most people don't pay any attention to. It has turned



out to be a blessing for our league.

Great scores shot by: D. Kirk – 79, R.Drullinger – 77, Mike Bosma – 76 & 78, M. Risdale – 78, F. Charest – 78, F. Mangio – 78, T. Norwood – 73, J. Barker – 74 & 70 amazing, D. De Fede – 79, G. Clark – 78.

This year, play-offs are finalized.

"A"- Flight winner - Fred Charest

"B" Flight winner - Dean Kirk

Congratulations to our Champions. Four long weeks of grinding it out.

Submitted by Frank Mangio and Fred Charest



## **Golf – Couples League**

As this article had to be submitted by March 9th, I am going to predict that our end-of-season party to be held on March 21st was a complete success. The nine-hole golf group, which golfs on Friday



afternoons, were invited to be guests. Bob Jones organizes and prepares the schedules for the men's and women's 9-hole golf groups and most of our members also golf on Fridays. Our estimated attendance of eighty golfers and guests will have enjoyed a dinner of rotisserie chicken, potato salad, coleslaw and dessert. After door prizes were given out, we danced to the music of Stephen Viel (Silver Sounds). All this for a Couples Golf group membership fee of \$10 per person, which includes a chance to win a small cash prize after we golf on Sunday afternoons!

Although our regular season will end on March 31st, I will continue organizing the Couples golf schedules for Sunday afternoons up to and including April 28th.

I will resume doing so for Sunday, October 26th. If you are interested in golfing with the Couples group or you have questions, please e-mail me at <a href="mailto:sharon.anderson.olmstead@gmail.com">sharon.anderson.olmstead@gmail.com</a> or telephone me at 613-401-3423.

Have a safe and fun summer, Submitted by Sharon Olmstead



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

Our 9-hole golf group is starting to wind down for the season. We will probably play into early May as long as we have golfers. 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.

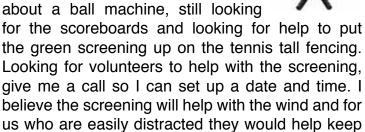
We are playing at the Long Marsh Golf Course on Friday afternoons as we have been for the past few seasons.

For more information or If there are any new golfers interested in joining our 9-hole league at anytime, please let me know at <u>jonesra8@aol.com</u> or at 774-414-3074.

Submitted by Bob Jones

## **Tennis**

Guess I could say ditto to last month's article as we are still just thinking about a ball machine, still looking



We enjoyed playing tennis with several of the renters that were here last month. We play Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings starting at 8:30a.m., come join us. We always welcome new players, we usually play round robin tennis but if we have enough players we can use both courts so some players can play sets.

Come join us for fun and exercise

us focused (HA! one can wish).

Submitted by Susan Gilson

## **Pickleball**



Twenty-two women participated in the women's only Pickleball match between LaCasa and Lazy River. Twenty-two! Wow, what a turnout. Nice job by Sue Eddy and

Deb Stellmach, who established a friendly and welcoming environment that encouraged so many women to participate.

The ice cream social was a big success. Not only was "Make your own sundaes" great fun but the beach ball competition and beer pong game entertained all. Willie and Howard were crowned beer pong champions and Lorraine Gribben and Bob Jones won the beach ball competition. Thank you to Mark York and Daryl Rutt for putting up the new Pickleball nets.

To close out our season, we will hold a tournament and picnic on March 16. Winners will be published in the May Current.

We have had a great turn out on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. Also people are playing Pickleball on Sunday night under the lights. Besides these scheduled times, pick up games occur throughout the week on non-tennis hours. Feel free to join us. Looking forward to seeing you on the courts.

Submitted by Diane Gempp



## Shuffleboard

Nothing to report

## **Table Tennis**

Nothing to report



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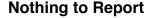
## Stretch and Strenthening

Hi, Ladies,

It's time for me to head to Maine so Stretch & Strengthening will end 4/25/24 and will resume when I return on 11/12/24! Sorry I'll miss you all, have a fun summer wherever you are.

Submitted by Karen Michaud, Instructor

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## **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

### **CLUB NEWS**

## Bingo -Bingo - Bingo

LVR bingo welcomes all residents and friends 18 Years of age and over. We play every Tuesday evening 6pm - 9pm November through April.



The February monthly drawing winners were:
Julie Weise - won a complete set of bingo
sheets.

Mary Zika - won a basic set of bingo sheets.

Congratulations!

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

Submitted by Ray and Karen Thompson

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## **Boat Club**

Good day, Members.



Spring has sprung and I'm sure many of you are planning your trips back up north.

The March dinner dance was fabulous and I wanted to thank all in attendance.

At the dinner/dance Hazel and Leroy Mabery were made lifetime members and Ginnie Wood was recognized for her many years of dedication to the club.

Going forward we will be having our annual picnic at Maxine Barrett pavilion on April 11 and that will wrap up the 2024 season for Boat Club events.

It's you, the members, that make the boat club special by your support. Thanks to all

Suumitted by Mike O'Connor

## **Dance Club**



Our last dance of the season was March 28 with the band Robert and Wolfie.

This season has been a great success, everyone seems to have enjoyed the bands or D.J. And we have had a good attendance.

Thank you all that supported your dance club. We cannot do it with out you!

We will start up again with our ever popular New Years Eve Dance so, hope to see you there.

Again our thanks for all your support.

Submitted by: Babs Findlay for the dance committee.

### **CLUB NEWS**

**Lazy River Boosters** 

Hello, Boosters,

Well, our second "Draw and Share" was a great success, a big thank you to all who participated and helped support the events. We had two winners, who split a pot of \$330.00 dollars, with others winning smaller amounts along the way. A big thank you to Bob Jones, for doing such a great job as the Emcee for these events.

Our tickets sales for Saint Patrick's Day were a Great Success. We sold out of tickets for the meal at the first KK. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. Also, A Big Thank You to Larry Price, Dave Carley, our board and all those who helped in the kitchen, helped served and helped clean up. We appreciated your help more than you know!

As we get close to winding down for the season, I want to thank everyone who supported the Boosters, to raise money, to give back, to our beautiful park.

Please think about getting involved and maybe even running for the Boosters board, as there will be some openings at the end of the year. We are always looking for new volunteers with innovative and new ideas.

Submitted by, Joannie Maurer

**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



Hello, Dancers,

Well, it's hard to believe we have completed another line dance season. Three months. Goes by very fast once you get going. It was a lot of fun. We got in some great exercise, we also got to hear a lot of good music. Attendance was very good, along with some visitors throughout the season.

We hope everyone enjoyed the class, this was mine and Marie's 31st year of line dancing, and 11 years at Lazy River Village. Where does the time go?

Thank you to everyone who came to the class. Keep dancing and stay healthy.

Submitted by Frankie and Marie

## **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



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### **CLUB NEWS**

## Quilting

The group of quilters in March completed several nice table runners.

Plans are underway for next winter.

Lessons for another quilt may be done as well as several sewing possibilities.

The Sunrise/Sunset rooms are available for sewers and quilters during the summer months. Supplies are in the locked cupboards with contact information listed to have them unlocked.

Submitted by Jackie Gross

## **Red Hat Society**

The Lovely Ladies of Lazy River enjoyed 2 get togethers in March. We had lunch at Buffet City in Port Charlotte (and I believe everyone



had plenty to eat!). We also met at the screen room in Lazy River for an appetizer "pot luck" and game day!

For April, we're going to get together on two Wednesdays, the 10th and the 24th (meeting at the screen room at 11:30 AM). If you want to join us, PLEASE DO Membership is FREE this year, and I always give away door prizes! Contact me if you're interested in joining us. You can call, text, or email me at 440-339-6202 / Carolyn72@sbcglobal.net.



Submitted by ("Queen") Carolyn Arwood

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

It's that time of the year when I tell you that it's April and that you have won \$50,000 in a lottery and then telling you April Fool! I'm not going to tell you that this year because it is a big letdown. This year I am going to tell you that have won \$25,000... April Fool!

April is the month when a lot of the Snow Birds start heading North as the weather begins to warm up. This year, because of calendar changes, Easter comes earlier and so many of us head North before the start of April. I am one of the early departures and will be back North before the end of March.

A friendly reminder for the few who have not yet paid their dues. Please pay!

The Horse Race held at the end of February was a huge success. Thanks to all who helped and especially to all who attended.

The Wood Shop is offering shop instructions on the various pieces of equipment we have: sanders, saws, lathes, etc. A group of members, Dick Case, Clay Swenor, Mike MacDonald have offered their time for demonstrating the CNC machine. Thank you for helping members who are interested in learning their operation. Their help will continue as long as members are seeking help and will start up again in the fall if required.

### This Month's Helpful Hint

Using a mousetrap as a strong spring paper holder. Screw a wooden mousetrap to a wall or workbench and use it to hold notes or plans.+

Submitted By Dan Foley

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### **Hand And Foot Card Game**



Every Wednesday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm 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, ao 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

## **Bloodmobile News**



Nothing to report

## St. Patrick's Day



We just completed our 8th annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Our Grand Marshall for the day was: Carol Klotz. We had 48 decorated golf carts and bicycles.

The winners of the different categories were:

Funniest: Marion Myers and Roy Auvil; Most Original: Barry and Lynette Flowers;.

Most Beautiful: Bob and Robin Uhl; Greenest: Mike and Melody Czapski and

Best Bicycle: Carolyn Arwood.

Thanks to all who decorated and participated in the parade. It was a most enjoyable day! Special thanks go out to Tom and Gail Adams for use of their convertible; Bert Olmstead for driving the convertible; Jack and Cindy Gardner for leading the parade (with awesome Irish music); Don and Rose Gardner for numbering the golf carts and bicycles.

Again, we thank Beautification, Activities and Boosters for their financial support for making this such a fun day!

Your committee members were: Connie and Ginny Quinn; Paul and Andrea Goerge, Willie and Diane Gempp and Rich and Lyn Tindall.

Submitted by Lyn Tindall

## The Current Sky with the Telescope Guy – April 2024

Hello again! It is early April as you read this, and you still have time to witness what I consider to be the greatest singular astronomical event – the total solar eclipse (TSE). As we briefly mentioned last month, this will be one of the best in your lifetime. With a duration of well over four minutes, there has not been a TSE of this duration nor available for so many to see as this one upcoming on April 8th. In fact, this TSE will be the finest in the US between the years of 1806 and 2045.

While the 2017 TSE swept across the continental US and 11 million people were in the viewing path, this one will sweep from New England to Texas, with 32 million people bathed in the moon's umbral shadow; very likely the greatest concentration of people in the US to ever view one.

I remember the 2017 TSE well! Joannie and I stayed the night before in Nebraska City, NE, waking up to drizzle and clouds. We raced from SE Nebraska frantically searching for open sky for the early afternoon event, finally ending up just north of Beatrice with blue sky, on US Hwy 77. What a sight it was! Open areas near the roadways were filled with people from all over coming to see the event. Many trained their attention and fumbled with their cameras and telescopes to catch this minute and a half TSE. I had nothing of that nonsense, instead opting to experience it without optics. I wanted to experience it as we have for thousands of years before, to feel the environment, the air cooling and the birds quieting down as the sky dimmed just before totality.

So just before totality, with only a thin dark film, I witnessed the "diamond ring" of the eclipse, that ten second time where the sun's rays scour through the moon's valleys and high points and find our eyes as a bright singular light. Was I looking into the sun at that time? Yes, of course! Being a "professional" welder once upon a time, I knew I could use averted vision with a glance or two of the diamond before it went black with only the flowing corona field, the

glowing and moving outermost part of the sun's atmosphere. What an absolute stunning sight it was.

After the TSE ended, we started our journey back to MN and all roads, including I-80, were a parking lot. We winnowed north after a while to escape that wagon train, and found open road.

Now, for this upcoming TSE, I am still on the fence whether to travel up to this one. Lodging accommodations have been non-existent for 6 months, and those in the totality path are 3 or 4 times as much as normal. We may just pile into the Toyota and head north for just the right Walmart parking lot, ya never know! The TSE path cuts across the heart of the US, and many of you from Indiana and Ohio probably have a summer residence smack dab in the middle of it.

If you intend to travel to the path, I recommend you download a free App for either your Android or iPhone. Just search under "Eclipse" or the like and you will find many. They will provide an interactive path to see where the totality line is and the residual path if you journey to see it.



Till next time, Clear Skies and Good Health

Submitted by Dean M Schantzen, 137 Martinique Road

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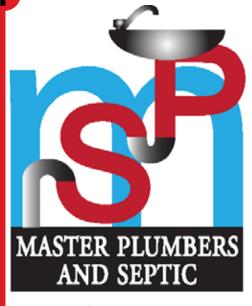
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