



Lake Henry Estates Newsletter

DECEMBER 2023 Editor: Karolina Straw

Thank you Board & Volunteers for Upgrades to our Community



NOTICE - Increase in Monthly Fee
At the November Monthly Board meeting, the Board of Directors approved increasing the monthly maintenance fee to \$300 per month, due on the first of each month beginning January 1, 2024.
If you have an autopayment setup with your bank, please change the amount to \$300 instead of \$250.
LHE Board of Directors

CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR BOARD
MEET THEM ON DECEMBER 6th 7pm



BOB REUWER



CRAIG SPOORES



CINDY WILLIAMS

Thank you to those that share information for our pleasure. Everyone's help is appreciated.
Community Photographer- Herb Kramer

We apologize for any omissions or errors in this edition.

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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please have all information submitted by the 20th of each month for the next months publication.

For any submissions, please use this Email: newsletter@lakehenryestates.com



SUNSHINE - Judy Koblentz is our Sunshine Committee Chair.

Street Captains, please EMAIL your verified information to Judy at jkoblentz@gmail.com.

Residents please continue to contact your Street Captains, as listed below according to assigned house number, with verified information regarding illness or death. As always, we want to ensure correct Information is shared with the community. All information must be verified by family members.

STREET CAPTAINS by HOUSE NUMBER

Nancy Brinson: #420 - 433, 543-553, 554 - 557

Diane Tebaldi: #478 - 486

Nancy Karhoff: #498 - 499, 533 - 537, 610 - 646, 661 - 669

Phyllis Hennen: #437 - 444, 511 - 523, 538

Roseann Merschen: #541-542, 686 - 696, 558 - 565, 698 -709

Val Moore: #590 - 607, 647 - 660

Sharon Adler: #445 - 477

Beverly Brooks-Gore: #487 - 497

Cindy Poling: #500 - 510, 524 - 532

Carmen Wilde: #539 - 540, 589, 670 - 683

Jan Coman: #566 - 588, 684 - 685, 697, 710

SUNSHINE

FRED SHEPHERD of 595 Sweetwater Way, passed away on November 21. He died peacefully while in hospice at about 8:30pm. Cards and condolences may be sent to Rosemary Frost at their home.

ED ANDREWS of 704 Pinnacle Drive, passed away in Maine on November 15th, surrounded by his family. Condolences may be sent to Judy at their home in Maine, 356 Beckwith Rd., Cornville ME 04976

PAULINE (Polly) FINNEGAN, age 90, a former long time resident of Lake Henry Estates passed away on September 16, 2023 in Tyngsborough, MA with her family by her side. Her obituary can be read at: Tyngsborofuneralhome.com

ELAINE DORIS & SHARON KENT, wish to thank ALL their LHE friends for the cards, prayers and condolences on the passing of our husband & brother, **Dan Doris**. The people of LHE are truly family!

Dear Neighbors - Thank you for all the kind words after our Mother's passing. She was a 25 year LHE resident. **Ora Mae Ward Kirk** - 11-16-29 to 10-21-23 - "Live Long and Prosper"
From the Kirk Family



LHE Christmas Card Elves are coming!!!

Christmas card delivery is December 6-20. Bring your addressed Christmas Cards to the library and sort them into the boxes. Our Christmas Elves will deliver them for you.

Please remember to have a basket, box or some place near your front door for the cards to be placed.

In you need more info, please contact Jeanne Whitt!



The 2024 calendars arrived and are available in the library.

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NEW RESIDENTS



Please welcome **LORRAINE & GIL CATHERWOOD** and their dog, **HARLEY**, to LHE. They live at 530 Eastlake and are snowbirds. They bought their house from the Holbrook's.

Both Gil and Lorraine are originally from Canada where they will spend the summers. Their previous home was in Naples. A realtor had told them about this and from that they looked at our website where they saw several homes for sale. They are busy doing some updates to their home. Both of them like projects and furniture refinishing.

Gil retired from West Cast Industries and Lorraine retired from a home builder as a project coordinator. She knows four different languages and contracts her services. Gil is also still doing some contracting work.

Lorraine has one girl and two boys. Gil has one girl and three boys. Together they have eight grandchildren.

They have many interests including traveling, boating, sailing, scuba diving, golf, motorcycling, classic cars and projects. Lorraine likes bible study and history. Gil enjoys sports.

Lorraine's birthday is in April and Gil's in July. Their anniversary is in July.



PICTURES FROM THE NOVEMBER COOKBOOK CLUB GATHERING!!

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DECEMBER

Ticket sales: Beverly Brooks-Gore 863-397-0784 / BJBrooksNC@tampabay.rr.com
 Diane Tebaldi 863-421-4374 / dtebaldi@tampabay.rr.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1:00pm Shuffleboard	9:00 am Golf (Couples) 9:30 am Water Aerobics 3:00 pm Pickle Ball 6:30 pm Joker GARBAGE PICK-UP BULK=every 4th MONDAY	9:30 am Water Aerobics 1:00 pm Men's Shuffleboard 3:00 pm Pickle Ball 6:00 pm Texas Hold 'Em 6:00 pm Euchre	9:00 am Golf (Ladies) 9:00 am Bocce 9:30 am Water Aerobics 3:00 pm Pickle Ball	9:00 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 3:00 pm
3 Last day for Toy Drive	4 1:00 pm Line Dancing ballroom 6:00 pm Munchie Monday	5 COFFEE TALK 9:00 am 	6	7 Painting 5:00 pm
10 Cooking Club Holiday Theme 3:00 pm	11 1:00 pm Line Dancing ballroom 6:00 pm Munchie Monday in Pub pls bring a wrapped gift	12	13 Line Dancing Christmas Party 6:00 pm	14 Painting 5:00 pm
17	18 1:00 pm Line Dancing ballroom 6:00 pm Munchie Monday in Pub	19	20 Cut off for decorating contest Cut off for Xmas cards	21 Painting 5:00 pm Thursday
24	25 Christmas Pot Luck Buffet 1:00 pm 	26 Kwanzaa 	27	28 Painting 5:00 pm
31 Happy New Year Party 7:30 pm 				



Events and Activities are subject to change. Please keep updated by reading the Clubhouse

Community Events

DECEMBER 2023



Please call or text Denise A. 386-848-5442 to report items for the calendar no later than the 15th of each month.

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Golf (Men) Water Aerobics Coed Shuffleboard Quilting Club Pickle Ball	9:00 am Bowling 9:30 am Water Aerobics 1:00 pm Men's Shuffleboard 3:00 pm Pickle Ball YARD WASTE PICK-UP COUNTY RECYCLE PICK-UP	9:00 am Bocce 9:30 am Pickle Ball 6:30 pm Joker 6:30 pm Nickels-Group A 7:00 pm Nickels-Group B
	1	2 Children's Christmas Auction in Pub at 7:00 pm
1:00 pm in Pub Thirsty Thursday	8 Stain Glass 1:00 pm Hanukkah 	9 Christmas Program 7:00 pm 
1:00 pm Happy Pizza Party	15 9:00 am BOARD MEETING Stain Glass 2:00 pm 6:00 pm Karaoke	16 Last day for Adopt a Senior
1:00 pm in Pub Thirsty	22 Stain Glass 1:00 pm	23
1:00 pm in Pub Thirsty	29 Stain Glass 1:00 pm	30
		No ladies luncheon this month

Birthdays

1 Jan Moody	14 Sharon Conely
1 Peggy Bertucca	14 Norma Jones
1 Mark Bockelman	14 Val Moore
4 Lue Robbins	15 Colette Parker
5 Linda McKelvey	20 Patricia Underwood
5 Joe Tousignant	21 Dan Schoof
6 Kim Anderson	22 Dora Brady
6 Amy Tousignant	22 Russ Woolums
7 Frank Albino	23 Martha Sayles
7 Pamela Johnson	23 Herb Kramer
8 Joan Hoffman	23 Karolina Straw
9 Dawne Bockelman	23 Daniel Tebaldi
10 Lyn Veltheer	24 James Schultz
11 Carol Criger	25 Rita Manly
11 Jean Cyr	25 Lorraine Ricci
12 Mark Frank	25 Trina Nguyen
12 Ron Tilton	27 Bruce Calvin
12 Bill Dam	27 Clyde Nicely
12 Sharon Spenik	28 Gene Urquhart
13 Rita Fournier	30 Ted Bargwell
13 Ronald Headworth	30 Bob Collins

Anniversary's

2 Jim & Eleanor Sheldon	1961
7 David & Nora Kay Francis	1985
8 David & Pamela Johnson	1986
9 Clyde & Pamela Nicely	1972
10 Fabian & Suleyma Caldera	1988
12 Denis & Rhonda Webber	2012
19 Dave & Joyce Conrad	1964
19 Joe & Pauline Minaudo	1993
20 Dennis & Sue Wierck	1969
21 Jerry & Geraldine Berringer	2007
23 Daniel & Diane Tebaldi	1994
23 Dit & Beverly Unger	1961
26 Jerry & Suzie Infantino	1964
28 Noyland & Evelyn Francis	1980
28 Russ & Jen Woolums	2020

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ESTATE NEEDS IN
LAKE HENRY ESTATES

DECEMBER GREETINGS!!! Mid November was the start of my 25th year since I was invited by Stan Kaplan and Bill Reed to help market new homes in LHE . The residents purchased the remaining building lots and common areas from the second developer and invited Stan and Bill to be the builders to complete the community!! How blessed I was to have this opportunity after retiring from a full nursing career to meet and assist sellers and the buyers wanting to purchase a home in LHE! WISHING YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS A SAFE, BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!!!

677 SWEETWATER WAY EAST.....ATTRACTIVE, FULLY FURNISHED AND READY TO MOVE INTO 1349 SF 2BR/2BA HOME located in the ACTIVE, GATED, RESIDENT OWNED 55+ community of Lake Henry Estates! Just bring your clothes, toothbrush and personal items to settle into this amazing home! Designed with an open floor plan and split bedrooms, this home is located close to the clubhouse! A front patio and back patio area allow for enjoying the outdoors! Since ownership, the seller has: repainted the exterior and interior; replaced carpet with laminate flooring; added cabinetry in the kitchen; added a ceramic tile backsplash in the kitchen; replaced the kitchen window over the sink as well as replaced the kitchen sink and faucet; updated the washer & dryer, refrigerator(2-3 years old) and dishwasher (2-3 years old); updated window treatments; and replaced the garage door opener! The ROOF IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING REPLACED! The seller will assign the buyer one voting share in the Sweetwater East Investment Co after closing. The monthly maintenance fee includes 8000 gallons water, sewer, internet, cable TV, & use/care most amenities. Community amenities include: 12,000 SF clubhouse w/library, pub, ballroom, gym & billiards room; social activities; 9 hole executive golf course; heated pool & spa; tennis, pickleball & shuffleboard courts; wood working shop; RV storage; & boat dockage. Conveniently located close to shopping, medical clinics, hospitals, HWY 27 and I-4! Easy access to Tampa, Orlando, beaches & area attractions. MAY HAVE 2 PETS UP TO 20# EACH. \$249,900.00

SALES/SALES PENDING/LEASES 686 PARADISE POINT....SALE PENDING

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FREE ESTIMATES

NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED

Being that I will be selling my house and moving, the position of Newsletter Editor is open.

Now is your chance to take on this position while I am available to help give you any guidance you may need.

The best way to get back on your feet is to miss two car payments!

One thing no one ever talks about, when it comes to being an older adult, is how much time we devote to keeping a cardboard box because it is, you know, a really good box.

At my age "getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in for."
- unknown

Nothing spoils a good story more than the arrival of an eyewitness. - Mark Twain

COFFEE TALK

DECEMBER 5TH @ 9:00 AM

Feel free to bring a non-perishable food donation. Think of a holiday meal for a family. A drawing will be held for those providing a food donation.

We are still collecting your change for the Relay for Life fundraiser.

Come enjoy coffee and donuts with your neighbors!

NEWSBRIEFS FOR NEWCOMERS Newsbriefs is the main communication venue for residents of Lake Henry Estates, with Loretta Kramer as the Administrator. It is a component of the Lake Henry Estates website and can be accessed through the following address: www.lakehenryestates.com/news/

The Newsbriefs website is actually updated daily or whenever Loretta receives new information, however, for your convenience, an email update reminder is sent every Wednesday and Sunday. The email reminder includes a link to the Newsbriefs website. So that you are included in Loretta's Newsbriefs Update Email Google Group, please send your email address to: kramer.loretta@gmail.com

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LHE SOCIAL EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2023

CHRISTMAS CHARITY AUCTION - Saturday, December 2nd PUB 7:00pm

Bring a beautifully wrapped gift to the auction, with a value of at least \$20. Chair: Diane Lareau

ANNUAL TOY COLLECTION

A box will be placed in the lobby for the toy collection for needy children on or about November 1st. The cut-off date for the toy collection is December 3rd. Teresa Guarino will chair this event.

COFFEE TALK - DECEMBER 5TH - FOOD DRIVE

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - Saturday December 9th 7:00pm

Chuck Gillespie will be providing Christmas entertainment in the Ballroom. Cookies will be served. Joann Hoffman is chairing this event. Ticket will be \$5.

COOKBOOK CLUB & THEME Sunday December 10th 3PM PUB - HOLIDAY!

Bring a recipe and a sample to share with attendees. There is a 3 ring binder in the library where all recipes are kept. Feel free to look up recipes.

ADOPT A SENIOR PROGRAM

Names and Christmas "wants" will be placed on the Christmas tree in the office lobby. When you pick a person, sign them out in the folder and sign them in when you bring in your gift. The cut-off date for the gifts will be December 16th. Carmen Wilde is the chair for this event.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Prizes will be awarded to three winners: 1st place \$100; 2nd place \$50; and 3rd place \$25. The cut-off for voting will be December 20th with the announcement of the winner at the Christmas Buffet. Ballots are included in the newsletter and should be returned to the clubhouse by December 20th. Pat Dey will chair.

CHRISTMAS ELVES

The Christmas Elves will be working their delivery magic again this season. Cards may be placed in the boxes located in the library. They will be delivered to your LHE friends beginning December 6th. Boxes will be removed from the library on December 20th. Jeanne Whitt is chair for this event.

CHRISTMAS BUFFET - December 25th - 1:00 pm

Ham will be provided by the Social Committee. Bring a dish to share along with your own tableware. Pat Dey will chair this event.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE - 7:30pm-12:30am

The New Year's Eve Dance with DJ Vinney will be held in the ballroom. Tickets will be \$10 and chaired by Diane Lareau. Feel free to bring snacks to share.

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Decoration Take-Down - January 6th - 9:00am

Keep your calendar open to help take down the decorations. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Annual Dinner Show - Friday - January 12th

A fine dinner is being planned. It will be catered by Cam's and consists of:

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Baked Ziti, Cheesy-Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls and Chocolate Cake. Entertainment will be provided by Dave & Daphne.

Ticket prices will be the same as last year - \$30 per person and will be available for purchase beginning December 1st. Kris Bomgarden will chair the event.

January Pot Luck - Wednesday January 17th

Signup in hallway. Bring your own tableware and a dish to share. Jeanne Whitt is chairperson for this event.

Annual Chili Cook-Off - Sunday January 28th

The Social Committee will furnish crackers, sour cream, cornbread, cheese and other fixins'. Ticket prices are \$10 per person. If you are donating a pot of chili you will receive two tickets free plus a chance to win a prize. Tina Ray will chair this event.

REMEMBER - NO SAVING TABLES UNTIL 1PM DAY OF EVENT!

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