The Bay Laker Editor: Janice Van Dyke

Issue 47



Dates to Remember:

Feb. 4 BLEA Meeting

Feb. 12 Ash Wednesday

Feb. 13 Woman's Club Lunch

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

Feb. 16 Valentine Dinner/Dance

Feb. 17 President's Day

Feb. 20 Rummage Sale Set Up

Feb. 21 Rummage Sale

Feb. 27 Board Meeting

Feb. 27 OH-MI Club Lunch

Home Owners Association Officers

President Bill Reese 480-1985 Vice President Sylvia Richardson 480-0208 **Treasurer** Grace Gagliardi 484-6412 **Secretary** Jane Ann Miller 483-3247 Director John Stephens 488-5680 Director Jo-Ann Finnell 484-7476 Director **Mike Parisi 488-2889**





WELCOME BACK PARTY

Donna Reese

The Welcome Back Party was held Sunday, January 12th, from 7to 10, at the Clubhouse. Entertainment was provided by Joe and Penny from Escape Entertainment. We had a couple different contests, one of which was a guessing game for guessing who was in the childhood pictures of some of our residents. We included a bonus picture of a bride and groom. Lottery tickets were won by the person whose guess was drawn and provided the first correct answer. It proved to be lots of fun for everyone. We also had a Name Tag Contest, and there were some very creative nametags. We had four categories of winners, Best Location won by Sandy Richardson, Most Beautiful won by Rosemary Parker, Most Creative won by Joyce Martin, and Funniest won by Patti Schinharl. It was wonderful to see how creative all our residents were in making their name tags. Thanks to every one who came and a special thanks to my wonderful committee.

Managers Newsletter

Leslee Jones

Full steam ahead for another great season!

First a huge "THANK YOU" to Lisa Godsoe and her committee for the beautiful holiday decorations throughout the community and to Donna and Jerry Loveless for the Christmas Eve luminaria around the lake. Driving through our community continued on page 2

during the holidays is always a treat as so many of our residents decorate too!

Please see the insert in this month's newsletter regarding "flushable" wipes. Starting in March, if our plumbers are called to your home for a sewer blockage that is from the sewer clean-out to the main line and non flushable items are found, Bay Lake will pay for the first service call as a courtesy. If there is another service call needed and non flushable items are found in the line it will be the resident's responsibility to pay for the service call. Remember – not everything that may say it's flushable really is!

Oh my gosh – once again the birds (or the fish)! Please don't feed the birds or the fish. That means no bread, leftovers or anything else.

Don't forget the ELS Expo events to be held in March. For more information see the "Expo" board in the clubhouse or stop into the office for a flyer. There will be several big events in our local area!

Our "Home of the Month" award for December went to 106 Oleander Street and January's award went to 31 Orange Blossom. They both received their \$50 gift cards! Make sure that you take a ride by these homes. Good luck to next month's winner!

Until next month!

Voting Information

Voting for association officers will take place on Tuesday, February 4th at the Association meeting. Voters must be owners and current Association members. Bring your membership card to the meeting. You will be given a ballot at the door in exchange for showing your card. Sample ballots will be posted on the doors of the

Notice PLEASE put a clothespin on your door so the person delivering your newsletter will have a place to hang it if you are not home.

clubhouse and on the bulletin board inside one week prior to the voting.

If you will be away, obtain a ballot from a Nominating Committee member before you leave. Return the completed ballot to any Nominating Committee member in a sealed envelope. Committee members are Jim Trent, Susan Rollison, Fran Stine, Lu Gould, and Donna Reese.

LAST CHANCE

By Janice Van Dyke

The Bay Lake Estates Resident Directory will go to press as soon as a new officers are elected at the February 4, 2014 Association meeting. If you have any changes, corrections, or are a new resident please contact me, Janice at jm.vandyke@comcast.net or 941-483-1043.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Janice Van Dyke

If you would like to put your email address in the 2014 Resident Directory, please email me your name and email address. I will not assume if I have your email address that you want it in the Directory. If I don't hear from you, your email address will not be put in.

RUMMAGE SALE - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, February 20th

Set-Up tables @ Noon

Friday, February 21st

Workers at Club House 8:00am to start unpacking and setting up the donations on the tables in each area.

Volunteers will be coming through the park

to pick-up anything you have at the curb for the sale.

"CLUB HOUSE WILL BE CLOSED & LOCKED AFTER SET-UP"

Saturday, February 22nd

Committee members should be at the Club House by 7:30 am . Workers will come at 8:00am - Get your name tags.

We will be having some meetings in February to work with the committees. We will contact you.

If you have anything for the shed call: Rosemary Parker 419-215-4733 or Dave Baumgartner 419-260-2451 to make arrangements to get your things to the shed. It is getting very full but we still have a little room left.

The sign-up sheet is in the Club House if you would like to work in any of the areas, we can always use your help.

WIN

Donna Reese

We held the first meeting of our new Bay Lakes Weight Loss Support group on Friday, January 10th. We named the group WIN (Weigh in Now and Win!). We have asked Joyce Martin to reserve Wednesday mornings at 9 am as our



official meeting time at the Clubhouse. Some of the things we will be stressing are accountability (weighing yourself and keeping a food log); Motivation (keeping each other motivated to continue); Exercise (striving to get in some exercise each week); and drinking water. We will be sharing recipes and ideas as time goes on. This group is open to everyone, so please come and join us each Wednesday at 9 am.

NEW RESIDENTS

The Bay Lake family would like to welcome our newest members:

Terry & Beverly Post 3 Flamboyant Robert & Victoria Sillick 157 Oleander Federico Planes 178 Oleander

We also congratulate Willie & Barb Hickey on their new home at 227 Orchard.

CHORUS NOTES

Marion Armstrong

The Bay Lake Chorus is hard at work preparing for its Spring Concert. The program is titled Music; Music; Music and will be presented on March 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. There is still time to join these dedicated singers for rehearsal on Tuesday evening. All are welcome.

CRAFTS

Crafts began on Monday January 6, 2014 at 1 p.m. We are working on some jewelry and other items. Feel free to bring a craft that you are currently working on. Everyone is welcome.

BAY LAKE BEACH PICINC

Janice Edwards

The Bay Lake annual Beach Picnic will be held on Tuesday March 25, 2014 at noon at the North Jetty Picnic Shelter.

Lunch will be provided. Bring your own drinks. Tickets will be on sale mid-February.

We'll be having a Hawaiian Shirt Contest—so wear your loudest, brightest and most colorful shirt!

WOMAN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

The Woman's Club Salad Luncheon and Fashion Show will be held on Thursday February 13, 2014 at noon in the clubhouse. Clothing will be supplied by Bonworth's and modeled by our Lovely Ladies of the Lake, Grace Gagliardi, Helen Stephens, Jane Ann Miller, Donna

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FREE ESTIMATES

1-800-226-0955 FLLIC. ACCC 057091 Loveless, Barb Hickey and Joan Zimmerman. This luncheon is free to all ladies of Bay Lakes. Tickets for guests are on sale now at Bingo and Saturday coffee or call 484-1371.

The Woman's Club will also sponsor a Bake Sale at our Annual Rummage Sale on February 22, 2014

WOW

Darlene Laursen

Women of the Word bible study is Tuesdays starting January 14 thru the end of March. We will be studying the books of 1st & 2nd Timothy & Titus this year. It is an 11 week study and we meet in the library Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. When there is an association meeting we will meet right after the meeting is over.

We plan to have a luncheon once a month where we enjoy our favorite foods and get to know each other better.

BOOK CLUB

The Bay Lake Estates Book Club will be meeting at 10:00 A.M. in the library on the third Wednesday of February, March and April. The dates and book selections for February through April, 2014 are as follows:

February 19, 2014 - The Hot Flash Club by Nancy Thayer

March 19, 2014 - The Husband's Secret by

WE ARE A SMALL COMMUNITY AND HAVE MANY WALKERS. PLEASE ADHERE TO THE SPEED LIMIT OF 15 MILES AN HOUR.



Liane Moriarity

April 16, 2014 - Snowflower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See

If you have any question, please contact Connie Conley at 482-3444. There is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse, so if you're interested in joining us, please sign up!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn Augherton 02-02
Gail Turner 02-04
Willie Hickey 02-06
Mary Lou Allen 02-07
Paula Morrissey 02-08
David King 02-11
Bob Levesque 02-11
Donna Loveless 02-11
Brian Symonds 02-14
Lloyd Hallett 02-18
Connie Conley 02-21
George Stuchell 02-25
David Harper 02-28
John Petropoulos 02-28
Jane Ann Miller 02-29



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

John & Grace Gagliardi 02-04 Shorty & Pat Wriker 02-04 Bob Levesque & Lucille Gould 02-05 John & Elsie Bauer 02-19 Kenneth & Pearl Breeze 02-21 Roger & Louise LaCasse 02-26 Jack & Carla Hannay 02-27

We do not have everyone's birthday and/ or anniversary month and date. If you had a birthday and/or anniversary in February and we missed listing you, please contact Janice at 483-1043 or jm.vandyke@comcast.net. If you are a new resident or have a phone book change, please contact Janice.

EVENT NEWS FLASH

by Steve Rollison

If we have your correct e-mail address on file, you should have recently received a message welcoming you to the new Bay Lake Estates Association "Event Alert" service.

You will receive a brief (usually just one paragraph long) e-mail Alert whenever an Association event is announced or there is any other news or information you should know about. For example, an Event Alert could be issued concerning...

- a holiday party at the clubhouse
- an upcoming Association meeting
- a water shut-off and boil alert (remember those?!)
- planned street repairs or maintenance
- a major decision made by the Board of Directors

Alerts may duplicate much of the information available on Channel 195, but offer a couple of advantages.

- You don't need to remember to tune in to a TV channel to check if there's anything going on that you should be aware of. Just watch your e-mail inbox for the subject "BLEA Event Alert."
- You can easily stay informed about what's going on at Bay Lake Estates all the time—even when you are "at home up north."

To subscribe to the service, just send an e-mail to EventAlerts@SteveRollison.com. You can stop receiving Alerts any time you wish by simply clicking on the link provided at the end of each Alert.

WELCOME BACK—

WELCOME TO THE COMPUTER CLINIC

by Steve Rollison

Perhaps you just got back to your winter home here at Bay Lake and were unaware of the Computer Clinic that is available to you. Or maybe you received a new laptop or desktop computer, electronic tablet, or smart phone for Christmas, and learning to use it is causing you some frustration.

In either case, you may want to take advantage of the weekly Computer Clinic where you can receive expert assistance free-of-charge from 1:00 o'clock until 3:00 o'clock in the clubhouse.

Susan & Steve Rollison and Herb Van Dyke are there to address any problems and answer any questions you may have concerning your computer, tablet or phone. The kinds of questions or problems that residents have gotten resolved include...

- Computers that wouldn't connect to the Internet
- Programs that quit working
- Pictures that needed to be transferred from digital cameras to computers
- Learning how to use Yahoo! Mail and GMail
- Sending e-mail messages to multiple people

Occasionally an issue is too complex or timeconsuming to be addressed at the Clinic. In those cases arrangements are often made for an inhome visit, as shown by these recent examples.

- An Internet connection and sound that suddenly stopped working
- A computer that could print anything except e-mails
- Transferring all files from an old computer to a new one

If you are having any kind of computer problems, you are encouraged to come talk to us about them BEFORE calling a local in-home or carry-in service. When it comes to computers, Herb, Susan and Steve have many years of technical expertise. They may not always be able to work on your computer right away, but if you can afford to wait for a little while, more often than not they can fix problems without any expense to you.

SAVE THE NEW DATE

All are invited to the fifth annual Musical Tea to be held Sunday March 23rd at 3PM in the clubhouse. This year's title is "Sacred Favorites." Currently the program is under construction. Suggestions may be submitted to Grace Gagliardi, 123 Gardenia Street, gsgljg@comcast.net or 941-484-6412. All suggestions will be considered, though perhaps not all can be accommodated within the 45 minutes of music. Previous audiences have had a great time and a wonderful array of tea and goodies. Please join us! Men are welcome, it's not just for the ladies.

VALENTINE DINNER & DANCE!

Sunday, February 16th 6-10 PM

Join us for a celebration of LOVE for ALL (singles & couples).

Live Music by the exciting Gotta Love It Band.

Bob and Lorna Malavolti's famous "Party Chicken" and dessert.

This is a BYOB event so come prepared to PARTY!

Tickets go on sale January 4th at the Saturday morning coffee.

\$10 BLE members / \$12 non-members!

OH-MI CLUB

Phyllis Clifford & Janice Van Dyke

We are going to lunch at the Der Dutchman (formerly Troyer's) on Bahia Vista in Sarasota on Thursday February 27, 2014 at 1 p.m. A sign up sheet will be in the clubhouse. Everyone in the park is invited to attend this lunch. All you need is to know how to spell OHIO.

THANKS A LOT

Jane Ann Miller

I would like to thank all the people who helped sell our HOA memberships. I would also like to thank Joan Goering for mapping out the districts. With all of your hard work we currently have 188 association members and about 18 associate members. Thank you so much, and I am hoping that most of you will do this again next year. Some have told me that they didn't want to, but I am hoping most will do it again next year.

MAH JONG

Anyone interested in playing Mah Jong or learning how to play come to the clubhouse on Thursdays at 1:30 p. m.

MEDICAL SHED

Donna Loveless 219 Periwinkle St. 941-484-4089 is in charge of the medical shed for the months of December, January, and February. It has wheelchairs, walkers, bicycles, toilet seats, bath seats, etc. Items you might need or can use if you have company with children. If you need anything, please give her a call.

SALVATION ARMY

Lois Fisher and/or Rick Bedat take food to the Salvation Army weekly or biweekly. Please leave your donations in the colorful box on the stage at the clubhouse. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Here are the dates for the board and association meetings.

2014

Feb Assoc Mtg.2/4 Feb Board Mtg 2/27 March Assoc. Mtg 3/4 March Board Mtg 3/27 April Assoc. Mtg 4/1 April Board Mtg 4/24 May Assoc Mtg 5/6

LINE DANCING

Joyce Martin

Get out your LINE DANCE shoes!!. Line

Dancing has started and all are welcome. Come to the clubhouse on MONDAYS at 9:30 AM to learn or review BEGINNER dances. We dance until 11:00 AM. I have added a class on THURSDAYS from 9:30 to 10:30 AM for ADVANCED BEGINNERS. This will be a "cue & do" class to practice all the dances we know. Questions call Joyce Martin 421-9663

HAPPY DANCING!!

DOG TRAINING

Barb Hickey

I will began FREE dog training on January 8, 2014. We have training behind the maintenance shed at 9 a.m every Wednesday.

All dogs and their owners are welcome. No dog is too old or young to get socialized. Please wear proper shoes.

If you have any questions call Barb Hickey 941-445-4287

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BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS

Joan Zimmerman

Again blood pressure readings will be offered the 2nd Saturday of each month starting from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in the clubhouse library.

PLEASE for an accurate reading, NO caffeinated drinks until after reading. Also refrain from smoking at least 20 minutes before your reading.

2014 EVENTS

Here are some events planned for 2014 so save these dates:

Woman's Club Lunch 2-13-14

Valentines Party 2-16-14

Rummage Sale Set Up 2-21-14

Rummage Sale 2-22-14

OH-MI Club Lunch 2-27-14

Managers Lunch 3-7-14

Chorus Program 3-18-14

Musical Tea 3-23-14

Beach Picnic 3-25-14

Spring Fling 4-5-14

Thank You

We would like to thank the many businesses that have given gifts and gift certificates to us for the Welcome Back Party. Please patronize them.

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Venice, FL 34292	Venice, FL 34285

Real Bikes	Donna Pfeiffer
581 US 41	146 Camellia St.
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Feb 10-11, Mar 10-11, Apr 14-15

Biloxi, MS - at The Beau Rivage - \$219 ppdo 4 casinos- \$80 free play, 1 lunch- 3 breakfast buffets Feb 10-13, Mar 10-13

More dates available call for details.

Overnight Trips

Fort Lauderdale - Feb 17-18 - \$259 ppdo Pensacola - Mar 2-5 - \$599 ppdo Branson - Apr 7-13 - \$1149 ppdo Chalet Suzanne - June 3-4 - \$179 ppdo

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