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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Steve Rollison – 941-375-8110

They say that as long as you learn something new and worthwhile every day, you're going to do okay.

Well, on June 29th I learned a worthwhile lesson.

It had to do with not minimizing routine health challenges that others may be facing.

My lesson: never use phrases like “just vertigo.” As in “He got really dizzy and nearly fell, but the doctors determined it was **just vertigo.**” Yes, I'm sure that particular phrase is one I've used in the past.

But on June 29, 2020 I learned first hand that saying someone has “just vertigo” is insulting and shows extreme insensitivity for the affected person's distress.

I was **severely** distressed when Mr. Vertigo and I became personally and intimately acquainted. All I did was roll over in bed, and Susan – and everything in the room – began spinning around like Dorothy and her little dog Toto before they left Kansas.

I even had my first ride in an emergency squad that morning. Whoopee!

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**WE ARE A SMALL COMMUNITY AND
HAVE MANY WALKERS
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Yes, it was “just vertigo.” Not a stroke, which was my biggest fear at the time. Not even a brain tumor, which is what the ER doc said it “could be” – and was his reason for sending me down the hall for a CAT scan. Of course putting me flat on my back for the scan made the spinning worse than ever, and brought me to within a hair’s breadth of tossing the previous night’s dinner.

What hit me that morning was vertigo – not “just vertigo.” And what I realize now, but probably didn’t fully appreciate before, is that people don’t have just migraine headaches, just lower back pain, just arthritic knees, just irritable bowel syndrome, or just any of an untold number of less than life-threatening medical conditions.

So that was the lesson I learned that day: have empathy for individuals facing medical challenges that don’t appear to be particularly serious.

I’d like to thank the many Bay Lakers who sent me their best wishes via Facebook. As of the time of this writing I am still experiencing relatively minor vertigo symptoms. The doctors are sure of their diagnosis of “benign paroxysmal positional vertigo (BPPV)” – i.e. the kind that occurs when calcium carbonate crystals become trapped in the semicircular canals of the inner ear and stimulate the tiny hair-like cilia.

You’ve heard all about that before – right?

I think meclizine and prednisone both probably helped, and I’m encouraged that the pundits on Youtube say physical therapy – which is the next thing that’s probably going to be prescribed – totally conquers BPPV 95% of the time.

Even more encouraging, according to The Cleveland Clinic website, is that while “the symptoms of BPPV can be very frightening” (no kidding!), “BPPV is not a sign of a serious problem.”

Well hallelujah! I guess I was right to begin with.

It is “just vertigo!”

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

by Steve Limkemann – 734-419-9142

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dolores Johnson
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17 Donna & Jerry Loveless
18 James & Rebecca Bradshaw
20 David & Rosemary Baumgartner
21 Bob & Dean Inglis
23 Pat & Tom Cassidy
24 Mark & Renee Loman
28 Bob & Peg Shaw
29 Bill & Donna Reese



We do not have everyone's birth and/or anniversary month and day. If you had a birthday and/or anniversary this month and we missed it, or listed it with the wrong month or day, please send a correction to stevelim@wwnet.com. That's also the e-mail address to use to send your info if you are a new resident or have a phone book change.

FLAGS AROUND THE LAKE

Carol Gilchrist – 941-485-7043

The 4th of July weekend we saw new flags around the lake park entry way and the clubhouse area.



Much gratitude goes to Ken Hill who did this task alone. With both George Phelps and Dave Baumgartner out of the area; George's brother in law, Ken, graciously volunteered to do this project, which was appreciated by all.

When Ken removed the flags, another new volunteer team of Toni Summers and Ginny Caspar placed them on tables in the clubhouse to air dry for two days, and then packed them to be ready for the next outdoor display. Toni and Ginny will continue this task after each time our flags are used.

Much appreciation also goes to Leslee, our community manager, for the purchase of new flags.

We are in gratitude for the success of this project. May God Bless us All. And May God Bless America.

RAG RUG MAKING

Donna Pfeiffer – 941-586-2812

I am teaching myself how to make a no sew braided rag rug. Have you ever made one? It is a very relaxing and meditative activity that can be done while listening to music or watching TV. It's my desire to eventually begin a circle rug that can be ever enlarging with time and perhaps handed down. We'll see how that goes. I have decided to use mostly 2" wide strips of t-shirt material with a mix of printed cotton material to make an oval bedside rug.

To get started I've been watching a few different techniques found on YouTube videos. The technique I've chosen is demonstrated in a video by Erin Halvorsen. You can find her video, "Lost Art of Braid-in Rag Rugs Part 1" by typing the following in your browser on your computer:

<https://youtu.be/XGjSLhal0Uc>

Let me know if you start one or maybe you have some tips for me if you are an

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experienced no sew rag rug maker. I actually started mine differently than Erin's video. I am kind of working it and making changes as I go. For me, it's like recipes. I read many to get ideas and then customize one to make my own. Sometimes it's a success and sometime I just learn what not to do next time.

This is the start of my first one. Don't judge. (((Smile)))



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Steve Rollison – 941-375-8110

If you are fanatical about reading every Event Alert I send out, you already know about the following. But, believe it or not, not everyone subscribes to the Alerts. Further, I suspect a few subscribers might occasionally even delete an Alert now and then without bothering to read it. If they're having a particularly busy day, anyway.

So if you have already read the following I apologize, but I think it's important enough that it bears repeating here...

There's unpleasant news today from our vice president.

No, not "the" vice president. Our vice president. Of Bay Lake Estates. Susan Adkins.

For the last month a lot of Susan's time has been spent running around town trying to get answers about some health issues. Labs. Scans. Various diagnostic tests.

She finally got her answer.

Metastatic melanoma.

Four years ago she had a melanoma skin lesion removed. Now she has a tumor on her left lung. A PET scan confirmed that it involves more than her lung.

She is still waiting on an oncologist to look at a couple of things to determine what treatments will buy her time.

Susan's energy level is really low now, so

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she's definitely not able to handle visits. Besides, her doctor doesn't want her out and about any more than necessary.

Obviously she isn't up to keeping up the library or being in charge of the rummage sale shed for accepting donated items, so if we could get a couple of volunteers to help out that would be much appreciated.

Perhaps most importantly of all, Susan welcomes and will appreciate your prayers.

(A "thinking of you" card might be a nice touch, too.)



WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

May Wayne Roach
87 Camellia
(previously at 172 Oleander)

June Diane Parris
178 Oleander

***Note:** All residents may want to jot the new residents' information down in the back of your 2020 Resident Directory. We won't be getting new directories for quite some time.*

BEST CORONAVIRUS JOKES

The ONE Joke Nurses Appreciate

Q: Did you hear about the nurse who died and went straight to hell?

A: It took her two weeks to realize she wasn't at work anymore!

Safe Driving

Last Saturday I got pulled over by a cop on Venice Avenue. He said, "I can smell alcohol."

I told him, "That's because you're not respecting social distancing."

Going Too Far

I'll **never** go back to Sharky's restaurant again. I had to use their restroom, and noticed the sign above the mirror that said "Employees Must Wash Hands."

I waited forty-five minutes and NO employee ever came to wash my hands!



CLIP IT - SNIP IT – RAINED OUT

Carol Gilchrist – 941-485-7043

Some of the best made plans can be interrupted by the weather. This year's Clip and Snip volunteers; Karol Nickerson, Donna Pfeiffer, Toni Summers, Carol Gilchrist, Jan Smith, Debra Martin, Ginny Casper, and new resident Diane Potter were all ready, willing and able to get the job done on July 16th. The weather had other plans. Shortly before our scheduled meeting time, the sky opened up, lightning pursued and truck loads of much

needed rain flooded the surrounding grounds. Hence, the Clip and Snip task was postponed for the following week. Too late for this newsletter edition.

Stay tuned for an updated article in September's newsletter, with photos of our volunteers and our beautifully trimmed crepe myrtle trees, located by the office and the laundromat. Weather permitting, of course.

FOOD PANTRY

Karol Ann Nickerson – 813-464-0648

This pandemic has hit many individuals and families hard economically. Loss of jobs and business closings continue. People who have never needed community food services are finding themselves waiting in long lines for food donations in order to eat. Food pantries are struggling to keep up with the increased need that continues to climb. **Donations are badly needed at this time.**



Although we are not gathering socially at the clubhouse and being reminded of the needs of others consistently, we ask that you remember to give. All non-perishable food items collected will be brought to the Salvation Army food pantry. **Please give generously!**

While the official collection box for donated food has been moved to my carport at 57 Hyacinth Street, you may also leave your donations in the box on the stage in the club house now that the club house is accessible during the day. Thank you for helping to feed those in need during this pandemic.

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF YARD WASTE COLLECTION

On July 17th Sarasota county suspended the pick-up of yard waste for up to three weeks due to the impacts of COVID-19 being experienced by Waste Management staffing.

If you have yard waste that cannot wait, you may use the Central County landfill. Standard fees will apply. For an update and more information, call 941-861-5000 or visit www.scgov.net.

THIS IS A SECRET!

Steve Rollison – 941-375-8110

Okay, that headline is a lie. Everybody knows that in small, close-knit communities like ours “There are no secrets.”

Everybody knows everything that goes on. It just takes some people a little longer than others to find out about it!

If you don't want to always be the last person to learn the latest news, and you receive e-mail on your computer, smart phone or tablet... you need to be subscribed to the Bay Lake Event Alerts. Just to be clear, Event Alerts are **not** snippets of gossip or fodder for the rumor mill.

Rather, they're short, “blast e-mails” that get sent out whenever there's anything newsworthy to report. Generally, that's a few times each month, although it's been less lately. And, you'll be glad to know, they're usually **short**.

Subscribing (or unsubscribing) couldn't

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be easier. Just send me a very brief e-mail, including your name, and I'll take care of all the details. Here's the address:

EventAlerts@SteveRollison.com

IN MEMORIAM

Bob Croy, age 84, husband of Ruth Doll passed away July 15 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Services were held in Plymouth, Indiana the week of July 20th.

Cards and notes of condolence may be sent to:

Ruth Doll

805 Baker Street, Lot 132

Plymouth, Indiana 46563



Our heartfelt condolences to all families and loved ones of Bay Lake Estates' friends and neighbors that have passed on recently. During this pandemic it is most difficult to console each other in sorrow as we observe social distancing or self quarantine for safety. Grief can be much harder without loving HUGS from those that share in the grief. Virtual hugs and written condolences may be poor substitutes, but, they are all we have currently. Please share them freely. They help.

Sometimes the news of one of our resident's passing is unfortunately missed in our newsletter. Please be sure to send notices to the editor, Donna Pfeiffer, at Editor@BayLakeEstates.org

POOL RULES

Steve Rollison – 941-375-8110

Some day everything will get back to normal. I'm sure of it. Well, maybe not everything – but at least most things. Including full use of our facilities.

Unfortunately, until that happens there are restrictions we have to live with. I'm not a "pool person" myself, and haven't even been in the water since last year's last pool party. But from everything I hear, everyone has been adhering to the onerous limitation on the number of people that can be in the pool area at one time.

However, I'm not sure everyone has seen the *fine print* on the notices Leslee has posted.

Not only are there limitations on the number of people that can use the pool (and, separately, the clubhouse) at any one time, but there also is a limitation on which people can use the facilities.

Specifically, only residents can use the pool and clubhouse while we're dealing with the coronavirus – not our guests who may be here for an extended visit or even for just the day.

I guess that kind of makes sense, if you think about it. If I – a rent-paying resident – *did* want to go for a swim, but I couldn't because some other resident's guest was in the pool, I'd probably be a pretty unhappy camper. How about you?

Anyway... that's the rule, and we all need to abide by it. Even if that does make us seem like a pretty unfriendly place currently.

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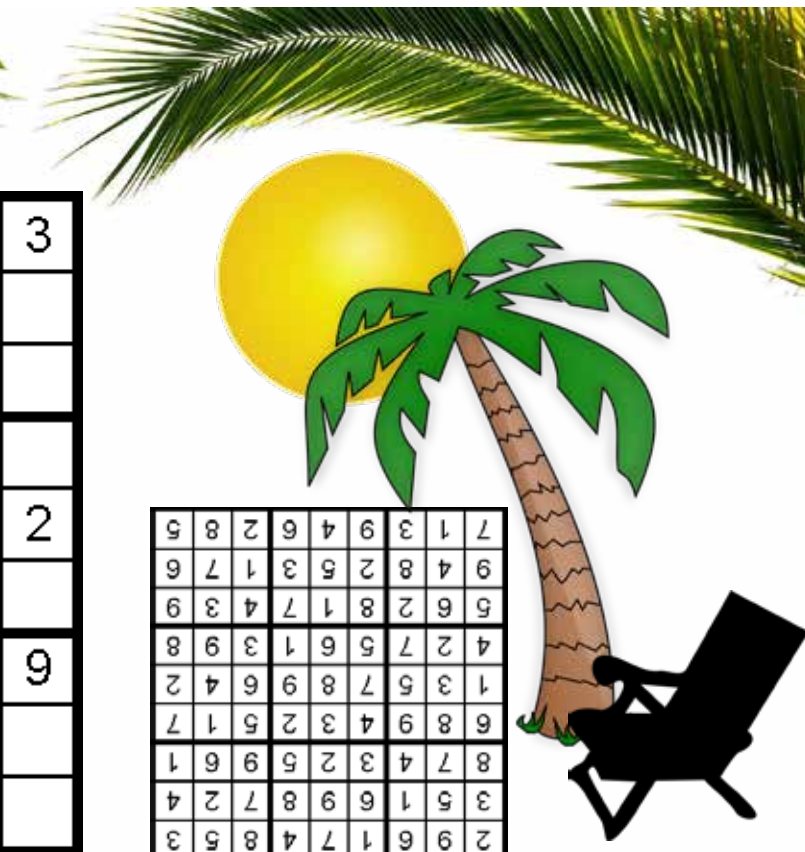
From the Editor

Ummm... Have you heard the one about...? Never mind, I suppose you've heard that one already. Tic toc, tic toc... Nope, I have nothing. Have a wonderful August. Stay safe and reach out if you need anything.

Newsletter Deadline: 12th of the previous month

All articles and information must be received by the 12th of each month to be included in the newsletter for the following month. Please submit articles and photos of upcoming events (when we resume events), past BLE events, note-worthy articles of interest, your favorite recipes, stories to share, ideas for activities while social distancing, etc. Please email all newsletter submissions to: **Editor@BayLakeEstates.org** before the deadline. Thank you.

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Booming TV and Bad Advice

A woman, Frances, came in the other day for her first visit with us. She has been wearing hearing aids for quite a while and she shared how she came to wear hearing aids.

She and her husband had been empty nesters for quite a few years and were getting along just fine. Then, her youngest son moved back home after college. He was so stunned by the volume of the TV that he insisted that Mom go to her doctor the next day and get something done about her hearing. Based on her description of the situation, the doctor didn't think it was bad enough to seek out hearing aids at this time.

I groaned. Being in this industry for over 17 years, I've seen enough to know who got their hearing loss addressed immediately and who waited way too long.

Booming TVs, asking family and friends to repeat everything, avoiding social situations, are all indicators that people should have their hearing tested. People who get hearing aids at the first sign of loss tend to transition smoothly into hearing aids and wear them constantly.

People who wait, who put it off, who aren't ready just yet. These people tend to wear their hearing aids sporadically. They prefer living in the quiet word of their deafness and don't follow conversations as well. This is due to the part of the brain that processes conversations slowing down since it wasn't getting enough information. The person with the loss doesn't realize what it really costs to wait to have hearing loss treated.

Unfortunately, Frances' delay in deciding to get hearing aids strained the relationship with her family since she wasn't as engaged in the conversation. Had Frances gotten her hearing aids at the first sign she would have avoided additional strain in her household.

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- Select **xfinitywifi** from the list of available networks and then launch a browser.

Xfinity Internet customers can sign in using their Xfinity ID and password to be automatically connected in the future. Non-Xfinity Internet subscribers should visit the **Not an Xfinity Internet Customer** section of the sign-in page to get started. Non-subscribers can renew their complimentary sessions every 12 hours



Starting in June, Xfinity customers who subscribe to HBO will receive a bill message letting them know that they'll now see "HBO Max" on their bills instead of "HBO." HBO Max – which includes all HBO channels, HBO On Demand and the new HBO Max streaming website and app – has also replaced HBO. This change comes at no additional cost.

Xfinity Flex customers and Xfinity TV customers who subscribe to HBO now have access to HBO's new streaming platform HBO Max on web, mobile and streaming devices. We plan to launch the HBO Max streaming app on Xfinity X1 and Flex in the coming months and look forward to bringing the app's expanded offerings to our customers, alongside the other programming included in their subscription



As of May 26, The BYUtv app is now available to customers with Xfinity Flex and Xfinity X1 customers with Xfinity Internet service. BYUtv is a free streaming video provider from Brigham Young University with family-friendly content. Enjoy a 24/7 live stream, live sporting events and thousands of hours of on demand content including BYUtv original series like Studio C, Relative Race and Random Acts.

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Attention Community Residents

A Note From Your Newsletter Publisher:

We are **Community Media** – the publisher of your community newsletter.

We hope that you all are staying safe during the coronavirus pandemic. This is affecting many aspects of daily life for almost every American. Our office staff is following the CDC guidelines of staying home when not feeling well, seeking medical help when necessary, and washing hands constantly.

We encourage you to follow the same guidelines located at **coronavirus.gov**.

The phrase **“We’re all in this together”** is more meaningful now more than ever.

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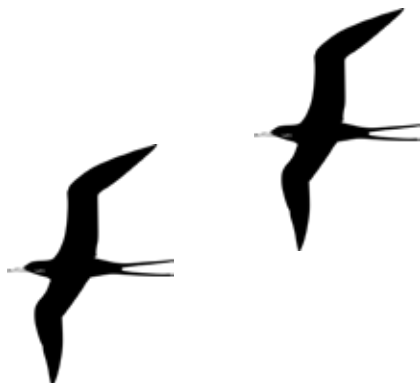
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22. Numbskulls
23. Blight
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31. Chart
34. Angler's basket
35. Petroleum
36. Adult male sheep
37. Pincer
38. Stake
39. Ripen
40. Soft and sticky
41. Travelled by bus
42. A stringed instrument
44. Hearing organ
45. Gloomy, in poetry
46. Palatable
50. Arrives
52. Highly favored
54. Carpet
55. District
56. Nutritious
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60. Border
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62. Glacial ridge
63. A fitting reward (archaic)



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| 1. Hill | 18. Historical period | 40. "Comes and ____" |
| 2. Orderly grouping | 22. Pickle flavoring | 41. Pieces of insulation |
| 3. Feudal lord | 24. Tastes | 43. Fears |
| 4. Flee | 26. Component of urine | 44. Less difficult |
| 5. A moderate yellow | 28. Primp | 46. Creepy |
| 6. Befuddle | 29. Anagram of "Tine" | 47. ____ and groom |
| 7. Thunder | 30. Toboggan | 48. Move forward suddenly |
| 8. Bluntly | 31. A metric unit of weight | 49. Incited |
| 9. Aye | 32. Indian music | 50. Hats |
| 10. A male escort | 33. Proviso | 51. Chocolate cookie |
| 11. Volcanic explosions | 34. Young male choristers | 53. Lie in wait |
| 12. 3 times 3 | 37. Soft drink | 56. Born as |
| 13. Sounds of disapproval | 38. Emanation | 57. Skirt's edge |





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