

The Bay Laker

Issue 136

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Jane Ann Miller 419-280-1054



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Saturdays: Morning Coffee (9: a.m.)
Game Night (7:00 p.m.)
Sundays: Pinochle (1:00 p.m.)

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It's sooo nice to be back in Florida, and to see our Bay Lake family of friends and neighbors. I am so sorry for those who have damage to their homes, but very thankful that no one was harmed from that dreadful intruder, "Ian." You were all in my prayers.

At the time of our return, our community was looking pretty darn good, after seeing the pictures of all the damage. I'm sure the pictures were nothing compared to actually being here. I do commend our manager, Leslie, and ELS for hiring Servpro, they really did a great job with helping get our park back to some normalcy. It was also very thoughtful of ELS to provide water, and food for our residents.

A big shout out to Michael Kloian and his team, for cooking dozens of burgers for our residents on Oct. 10th, and then again on Friday, October 14th for those hard-working people at Servpro. That was a great idea to serve them burgers. Great job, Barb Hickey.

Our homes will eventually be mended, and everything will be back to normal. But let's never forget those that went out of their way to help someone no matter how big or small. We need to stay united to help one another every day.

Getting back to a routine, our next board meeting will be **Dec. 1st at 10 a.m.** The next association meeting will be **Dec. 6th at 6:30 p.m.** for refreshments, and meeting starts at **7 p.m.** **Dec. 10th** is our annual **Golf Cart Parade.** We will have golf carts line up at the clubhouse at **6 p.m.** with the parade starting at **6:30.** Golf carts are generally decorated in a Christmas theme, however if you do not own a golf cart, you could decorate a bike, a scooter, a wheel chair, or yourself. There will be 3 prizes awarded for most original, funniest, and the most Christmassy. Golf carts will parade

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WE ARE A SMALL COMMUNITY AND
 HAVE MANY WALKERS
 PLEASE ADHERE TO
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around the park and end up back at the clubhouse for cookies, and coffee, and some X-mas carols.

At the December association meeting, a nominating committee will be generated. We hope to find several folks interested in running for the board of directors. There will be 3 director positions that need to be filled for a 3 year term.

A Christmas dinner will be provided for residents and their guests hosted by Michael Kloian and Joyce Martin. Look for more details in this newsletter.

There will be a New Year's Eve potluck at 6:00 p.m. and we are hoping to return for this to provide some music and perhaps a few karaoke songs—so we can ring in the new year together. And, in the past, 9 p.m. is now the new midnight (when we have the 50/50 drawing)!! However, we can resume more partying if we want after 9 p.m.!! Look for more details in this newsletter.

I hope you all enjoy your Thanksgiving dinner hosted by Dana Kelley, Joyce Martin and Jane Hodson. A lot of planning and time is invested to provide a dining event like this. Thank you for volunteering. I know that it will turn out great!!

The association meeting for January will be held on the 3rd and please note there may be a time change but you will be advised ahead of time of course.

I personally would like to thank Ken Hill for taking time each week to check our home during the summer. But mostly, for his effort to get into the back door after the hurricane, by cutting away metal to be able to enter. This was greatly appreciated by both Ron and I.

I would also like to thank Frank Carrier, Kenny Nifong, Derk Bonin, and his son Troy for getting rid of that annoying dangling metal as well, and for having it all hauled away before our return. You fellas are amazing. You all helped so many people. You are all a great asset to our community and I for one am very proud to call you my friends. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Ron and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas. And we both hope to see you at the clubhouse when we ring in 2023!!

FROM THE EDITOR

Michael M Kloian (912) 547-2416

A special segment aired on the History Channel this past July 11th regarding the Colosseum in Rome. The Colosseum is the largest ancient amphitheater ever built, and is still the largest standing amphitheater in the world today, despite its age. Built around 60-70 A.D., the emperor at that time was former General Titus who oversaw this magnificent construction project, the first of its kind in the entire world.



The Colosseum was the symbol of conquest and authority for all of Rome to admire. Gladiators from around the known world flocked to Rome just to participate in the 123 days of continuous games. Many would not return home after meeting their fate on the field. The Roman citizens loved the action as well as the ability to provide a thumbs up (to save their favorite gladiator from death) or a thumbs down (to watch him die a gladiator's death). Years later, the Colosseum housed dozens of flesh-eating lions, when Christians were thrown to the lions for sport. Some years later, Emperor Commodus fought on the field as a gladiator. He **was** a Roman emperor who ruled from 176 to 192 A.D. He served jointly with his father Marcus Aurelius from 176 A.D. until the latter's death in 180 A.D.



WWE RAW airs on Monday nights, on USA. Whenever I see the trailer for WWE RAW, the indoor stadium is filled with blood-thirsty followers. Though I'm not fan of wrestling or cage fighting, this event does remind me of the same blood-thirsty crowd from the days of the Roman Colosseum. The auditorium is always packed with spectators. People are seen screaming and cheering for more action, and perhaps, more blood. This reminds me of the Colosseum of old.

I can only imagine the throngs of Roman citizens

who were excited beyond belief to see *live action* at the Colosseum back in the day.

To submit a newsletter article, simply type something up in an email and send it off to: Editor@BayLakeEstates.org . Please add the word “Newsletter” in the subject line. If you do not receive a reply from me that I received your article that probably means I did not receive it. Send it again or please call me. No need to worry about spelling or formatting. If you take a picture with your phone that you would like to submit for the newsletter, send it to me in an email with a little note of explanation. Or, if you are unable to do that, simply text it to me at (912) 547-2416. Remember you can read the Bay Laker Newsletter online at BayLakeEstates.org. There you will find links for current and past newsletter editions.

Please note: *ALL articles and submissions may be edited or censored for remarks or comments that residents may find offensive. We strive towards a newsletter that represents our compassionate, loving community that is all inclusive to all current and future residents. If by chance you read something that you find offensive, please don't hesitate to contact me, the editor, to discuss your concerns for future newsletters.*

NEWSLETTERS

The Bay Laker Newsletter's will continue to be placed in clubhouse for pick-up until further notice. With damages to homes and some mail boxes missing we feel this is the safest way right now for them to be distributed.



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- November - April for the Book Club following The 2nd Wednesday of the month.

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HOA MEMBERSHIPS

HOA memberships are currently on sale for 2023. All homeowners may purchase a membership for \$10.00 for the year. *Please note*, when voting for the election of directors **only one member of the HOA per household** are allowed to vote, per #723 of the Florida Statute. Annual renters and occupants may purchase an Associate membership for \$10.00 a year as well. All members may vote on HOA issues and expenditures. HOA memberships are important to receive discounts on certain events, like the Ice Cream Social, the Valentine's Day dinner and dance, and more.

Memberships will be sold at Saturday morning coffee and at association meetings, or by calling Steve Medich at 708-921-3367.

DOG TRAINING

contributor Barb Hickey 941-445-5121

I have been asked if I will be scheduling DOG TRAINING this year and the answer is a resounding, YES. All residents, old and new, are welcome to participate.



This will be an 8-week training course, at no charge, and consists of socialization, proper walking and leash techniques along with sitting, standing, etc. There is no age requirements for your dogs, and yes you can train an old dog to do new tricks. The training is also very beneficial to the dog's owner. Classes will commence on Tuesday, January 3rd at 4:30 p.m. and end on Tuesday, February 21st. The location of training is on the front lawn area of the clubhouse. Please wear proper shoes (sneakers) during the training sessions, and a leash no longer than 6 feet (no retractable leash).

On February 26th we will present a "Show" for

residents to see how the dogs have progressed during their 8-week course. Date and time subject to change if weather is a factor.

If you require additional information or would like to sign up please contact me @ 941-445-5121. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

contributor Michael M Kloian 912-547-2416

On Sunday, December 25th at 3:00 p.m., BLE will host a traditional Christmas dinner for all residents to enjoy. This event is sponsored by the on-going generosity of ELS Corp. and our HOA.



This year's dinner committee is: Michael M Kloian & Joyce Martin. To volunteer serving, for set-up or clean-up, please call Joyce at 941-451-1624. To help in the kitchen (I'll need 2 or 3 volunteers) please call Michael at 912-547-2416.

There is **no fee** for residents. Guests pay only \$7.00. The Menu is: Sliced ham cooked w/scratch-made ham glaze, Scalloped Potatoes, Sweet Potato Casserole, butter braised fresh green beans, rolls w/butter, various desserts, water and coffee. Condiments will include: Mustard, Dijon Mustard & Horseradish Sauce. As a one-time special, I hope to cook about 10 Braised Lamb Shanks w/gravy, for 10 lovers of lamb.

If you would like to compliment your Christmas dinner with any food item to share with your table, or keep for yourself, please feel free to bring it.

The sign-up sheet should be at the clubhouse on Dec 1st and will be pulled on Monday, December 19th so we can adjust our food order accordingly.





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NEW YEARS EVE **POT LUCK DINNER**

Saturday, December 31st at 6:00 p.m., BLE will host a Pot Luck Dinner for all residents to enjoy.

There will be a sign-up sheet so folks can see what other people are bringing in order to avoid having too many like-kind food items i.e., desserts, salads,

meatballs, or whatever. A nice variety of food items is essential for a great pot-luck. We hope to see a 50/50 drawing.



GRATITUDE AND **THANKSGIVING**

contributor Donna Pfeiffer



I have much to be thankful for following hurricane Ian. I would like to give a special thank you to Jesús Febres and Terry Fontanyi. They can be added to the growing list of extremely helpful neighbors that went down the streets helping others where needed. They helped to remove a lot of swinging aluminum with dangerous jagged edges hanging from what used to be our carports. Their kindness and exhausting work allowed us to be able to walk in and out of our homes safely as we all tried to maneuver through the debris and shock of what we were experiencing. Their deeds felt like a rainbow after a bad storm, reminding me that it will get better.

I would also like to thank Andy and Donna Takach for asking me often what I needed as they rode by on their golf carts a few times a day. They offered room in their freezer so I could salvage some meat that was still frozen. (It was strange how the electricity in the park was sporadic and scattered.) They let me charge my phone and even use their microwave. It had been quite a while without a decent meal, so it was very much appreciated. Many of us went without electricity for over 6 days, the restaurants and gas stations were closed for miles from either damage, no power or simply out of gas or supplies.

So, we couldn't drive far to find a restaurant. We also had a boil water notice. Hard to boil water in the hurricane aftermath without power.

The week of cool and dry days that followed the hurricane had to be heaven sent. So, I thank God for that. I don't know how we would have managed the long hard days of cleaning, clearing and hunting down ice, water and gas if we also had to deal with sweltering temperatures and rain. The nights may have been very dark and long, but they were cool, as we slept through the haunting sounds of twisted metal blowing in the night wind through our opened windows.

I will never forget the look on everyone's face during that week. A look of shock, exhaustion, trauma, and bewilderment.

As the news of horrific stories of all those in Fort Myers began to trickle in, our hearts sank even further and we felt lucky. Lucky? Yes, most of us were lucky in comparison.

My heart goes out to our own neighbors that completely lost their homes here. It truly looked like a war zone on every street here and the damage seemed quite random.

After a few exhausting days waiting for the power to come on (Don't hold me to the number of days. It was all a blur.), I decided I truly needed a warm shower, a decent meal and a safe place to sleep. I drove to the Ramada Inn only to find out that they were completely full. I ran into Carol Gilchrist in the lobby. She was staying one more night. She took one look at me and offered me her room. They would go home and I could stay there if I couldn't find a hotel.

With no cell service in the lobby, I returned to my car to make some unsuccessful calls to other hotels. By that time, the only energy I had left was from the heartwarming boost Carol gave me with her generous offer had dissipated. Instead, I drove back to my dark home and jumped in bed with my cats. We were home. We were safe and tomorrow would be another day. Thank you, Carol, from the bottom of my heart!

MEET AND GREET & THE 2023 CHILI COOK OFF CONTEST

contributor Michael M Kloian

Scheduled for Sunday, January 29th, at 6:00 p.m. our HOA will host the annual

come-and-Meet & Greet new BLE residents, including the 2023 Chili cook off contest. I plan to cook those same yummy burgers on the cast-iron grille in the clubhouse kitchen (compliments of ELS). Everyone enjoyed those burgers in October, following hurricane Ian, Plenty of condiments will be on hand, including Tony Packo's chili (topping) from Toledo, OH. There will also be a few side dishes. Look for more information about this event in the January 2023 Bay Laker. There will be a sign-up sheet for this event. Also, beverages will include beer and wine just like in 2022. 2023 memberships will also be for sale along with 50/50 tickets.

We will also limit the number of chili-cooks (contestants) to 8 or no more than 10. Please call me so I may include you as a contestant for the cook-off. 912-547-2416



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MORNING COFFEE

Donuts and coffee are now **FREE**, perhaps only for a limited time. You no longer need to BYO coffee, that is unless you prefer your special brand. When it comes to coffee, we all have our favorite brand.

WOMEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

This year's Christmas luncheon will be at the Paradise Grill on December 8th @ 12:00 p.m., located at 1097 Tamiami Trail N. 34275
#941-786-1524

JULIET'S BREAKFAST

Rosemary Baumgartner 419-215-4733

December 13th at 9:30 a.m. @ First Watch 1617 US 41 Bypass, Venice 34293

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Tim Swain 317-258-3400

The Romeos (the men of BLE) meet for breakfast usually on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 8:45 at a local restaurant. PLEASE check the sign-up sheet in the clubhouse for the location and more details and to be certain breakfast is still scheduled during the summer months.

Merry
Christmas

A LITTLE HUMOR



MY FAVORITE EASY RECIPE

contributor Michael M Kloian

CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS (6- 8 SERVINGS)

1 Whole Chicken (GreenWise @ Publix) + 1 or 2 boxes of no-sodium chicken broth, 1 lg onion (chopped), 12oz bag peeled baby carrots, 1 stalk celery (1/2 chopped & 1/2 whole stalks) several Bay Leaves, no-sodium salt, white or black pepper, celery seed, jar of *Better Than Boullian* chicken base. 1 box of frozen Anne's flat Dumplings (Publix).

Place whole chicken in a large pot. Add water (about 2/3 of a pot); add onions carrots & celery, salt, pepper, bay leaves & celery seed. Cook on medium low heat until chicken is cooked and meat is falling off the bone (1.5 - 2 hrs). Once cooked, remove chicken and wait for it to cool down before de-boning with fingers.

Add chicken bones and skin back into the pot. Add 2-3 tsp of the chicken base. Cook this about 2 hrs., or less. Using a wire mesh strainer, gradually empty the pot into a 2nd pot. Using tongs, remove and save the carrots & only the celery stalks.

Cut up the chicken into small pieces and save. Set some of the cooked chicken aside for a sandwich. Slice up the celery stalks and cut the carrots in half or in thirds and save.

Add the strained broth. Add the box of broth and bring to a soft boil.

For the dumplings, rather than scratch made, follow the instructions on the boxed dumplings. The dumplings are scored – 3 to a sheet. DO NOT COOK the entire box.

Using a clean pot, melt 1/2 stick of butter, then add enough flour and stir until smooth, not thick like paste.

Add the broth, kick up the heat and whip over medium heat until thickened. When the sauce/gravy is to your liking then add the chicken, vegetables & cooked flat dumplings. When I boiled my dumplings in the broth, they cooked for 8-10 minutes and I removed them as I went, then added this to the pot as a final step.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

by Steve Limkemann (734) 419-9142



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 John Bleistein	14 Patricia Brill
3 Ginny Jo Casper	15 Sylvia Richardson
7 Louise Gascoyne	17 Jeannie Burling
8 George Phelps	21 Deanna Decko
9 Kim Barker	21 Tom Poletti
9 Brent Bennett	23 Diane Parris
10 Pat Cassidy	23 Charles Reagle
11 Cheryl Winters	25 Donna Reese
12 Carol Gilchrist	28 Debra Fontanyi
	28 Sherry Van Dyke



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7 Paula & Peter Morrissey
13 Bob & Lorna Malavolti
13 Diane & Keith Steare



We may not have everyone's birthday and/or anniversary month and day. If you had a birthday and/or anniversary this month and we missed it, or listed it incorrectly, 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.

THE HUMANE THING TO DO

contributor Michael M Kloian

Aside from being an independent real estate broker in Michigan, I also designed and built custom homes after selling acreage or a vacant lot to a customer.

I recall building a home in a 40 acre development in the rural area of Montcalm County, Michigan. One day, a gal knocked on my door (I lived in that development) and asked who the drywall contractor was doing the work in one particular home on Orchard Lane. So, I told her. It appears her ex-husband was the contractor but he was hiding the income from the job since the check I wrote was made out to his company, and not him directly. It also appears the name of his company was in his mother's name.

This gal asked me if I was willing to testify in court, since she had petitioned the court for an increase in child support. I said YES. On court day, I was approached by her ex-husband and he told me, "Us guys need to stick together." He was implying I should lie to the judge. But, that's not how I viewed the situation. The judge did rule in her favor for more child support following my testimony. And, in the elevator, this guy had the audacity to threaten me in front of witnesses. All I did was tell the truth.



If you have a "The Humane Thing To Do" story, you would like to share with BLE residents. Kindly submit your story to Editor@BayLakeEstates.org. Please put in the subject line **Newsletter** and your preferred column. If you do not receive a reply that I received your article, please call me before the deadline...



RUMMAGE SALE 2023

contributor Jane Ann Miller

The Rummage Sale for 2023 will be held on February 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The resident's only sale will be February 24th from 1-3 p.m. Items will be collected during the summer months by Tim Swain 317-258-3400, and Joyce Martin 941-451-1624. Call one of them to make arrangements for items to be picked up, or to meet them at the shed. We ask that donations be in a condition that you would want to purchase. If donating a small appliance please make sure it is clean and it works. The rummage sale is being hosted by the men's golf league, chaired by Kenny Nifong and Dave Eungard.



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MY FAVORITE FILM

OR TV SHOW

contributor Michael M. Kloian

Although I have not *yet* seen Top Gun-Maverick as recommended in the Nov newsletter, I did purchase the Blu-Ray version from Amazon, with an expected delivery sometime in November. So, at the time of this writing, I'm going to cast my vote for the **BEST FILM in 2022**, - "Where the Crawdads Sing" - my favorite film this year. I suspect this film will win several Academy Awards (we'll see soon enough).

A "great" film starts with a "great" screenplay (script), and this unique story has it all, from beginning till the end, including a classic courtroom scene. Although the story is fictional, this film is an adaptation of a Novel written by author **Delia Owens**.

SUMMARY: Abandoned as a girl, Kya raised herself in the dangerous marshlands of North Carolina. For years, rumors of the "marsh girl" haunted Barkley Cove, isolating the sharp and resilient Kya from her community. Drawn to two young men from town, she opens herself to a new and startling world. However, when one of them is found dead, Kya immediately becomes the main suspect. As the case unfolds, the verdict as to what happened becomes increasingly unclear, threatening to reveal many secrets.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Becki Phelps 585-813-8625

The purpose of the Sunshine Committee is to express sympathy and/or concern to residents in the event of illness or bereavement. We want our neighbors to know they live in a community that cares.

Please let us know about a bereavement or illness regarding a resident that could be shared with the Sunshine Committee.

Call either Becki Phelps at (585) 813-8625 or Sandra Lee at (419) 921-9361. The Sunshine Committee will be sure to confirm your information before posting it.

MIRACLES DO HAPPEN

contributor Michael M. Kloian

Many of you reading this *short* editorial may have never heard the name, Lizzie Velasquez, or have seen the film, "A Brave Heart: The Lizzie Velasquez Story," a bio-



documentary. Following the inspiring journey of 26-year-old Lizzie, a 58 pound woman. I watched this film about 8 years ago and literally cried my eyes out – and not because she was born with a rare genetic disorder that disfigured her face and body, as seen in the photo, but because this film is all about her bravery and her being able to "**overcome**" all the abuse and cyber-bullying from others.

When Lizzie Velasquez was in high school, she discovered a YouTube video with millions of views that had dubbed her "*The World's Ugliest Woman*." Some folks are just downright "*mean*." Lizzie, who suffers from a rare medical condition that renders her unable to gain weight, becomes a motivational speaker in the film and a very instrumental anti-bullying lobbyist. This was, perhaps, the only way she knew how to cope with those bullies and her disorder – by helping others.

At age 25, she's given hundreds of workshops on "embracing uniqueness, dealing with bullies, and overcoming obstacles." She also recently graduated from college and completed her third book. To learn more about this incredibly accomplished and resilient "*Mighty Girl*" hero, visit her website at <http://www.aboutlizzie.com> or check out her Facebook page at **Lizzie's Fan Page!** To watch her wonderful speech at TED Austin on "How do you define yourself?" visit <http://bit.ly/1aUNFQL>, or learn more about her motivational book, "Be Beautiful, Be You" at amazon.com.

If you have, or know of, a 'miracle' story you'd like to share with our readers, please send your story to editor@baylakeestates.org. Put NEWSLETTER in the subject line.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

contributor Kathleen Buhler

The following article was discovered in one of our residents' homes. Kathleen passed this along to our HOA president, Jane Ann Miller, who then passed it on to the editor.



—Staff Photo by Rad Millington

Bay Lake Estates Mobile Residents

... 30 people in the unit

Nokomis Home Park Residents Are Ready For Any Emergency

By NORAH DENISON
Herald-Tribune Reporter

NOKOMIS — The residents of Bay Lake Estates Mobile Home Park on Colonia Lane are in good hands should a disaster or emergency strike — thanks to 30 people decked out in rain slickers and hard hats.

Under the direction of John Posey, the park residents organized their own emergency unit in 1973, to "protect the lives and property of the people of Bay Lakes Estates during hurricanes, tornadoes or other natural disasters."

The unit also exists to aid residents "in time of sickness, death or any other adversity." Bill Wingness, current director of the program, said

that so far the medical unit has not been put into use, but a natural disaster has yet to happen.

The park is divided into eight areas, each under the direction of a unit captain. The 30 residents are trained in security and damage control, said Wingness, and 24 have received cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training conducted by Venice Hospital.

All volunteers are furnished with hard hats, rain gear, flashlights and a whistle, and each side of the park has a radio man equipped with a three-channel walkie talkie to communicate with emergency unit headquarters located in the recreation building.

In case of emergency, volunteers use golf carts and

can also communicate with the headquarters via walkie talkie.

The four-man medical unit is headed by Grace Warrington, R.N. The unit is trained in applying splints, said Wingness, and in addition, six of the residents are equipped with industrial first aid kits.

Four oxygen units have been placed throughout the park, with another in the recreation building, Wingness said. "All equipment used by the volunteers is free and was paid for by donations to the emergency unit by park residents and also by having a pancake and sausage dinner," he said.

Residents have donated so much equipment, said Wingness, that a 10-foot-by-

16-foot metal shed had to be built to store supplies. Some of the donated items, Wingness said, include a hospital bed with mattress and pad, a rollaway bed, two stretchers, three wheelchairs, two baby cribs, plus bed pans and bandages.

The emergency unit meets the first Tuesday of each month, and drills are held four times a year, Wingness said. In addition, blood pressure tests are offered three Tuesdays a month.

Wingness said that two other area mobile home parks, Bay Indies and Spanish Lakes, have shown an interest in establishing emergency units. "I've spoken at both parks, and they are interested."

WHERE TO DINE – WHAT TO ORDER

contributor Michael M Kloian



I'll be the first to admit that I have never dined at a Mexican Restaurant, since moving to Florida 6 years ago, though I thoroughly enjoy Latin food. When I discovered El Chipotle Latin Market (next door to Tidewell, the thrift shop, close to Big Lots, in the same strip mall) I now frequent this establishment every other week for a carry-out. The market offers all sorts of Latin groceries, specialty beers, cookies and candies, including an array of Latin spices, many of which I have purchased when cooking my favorite Latin or Cuban dishes, like Ropa Vieja (slow cooked beef in a rich and spicy tomato blend). In the back of the Market is a small restaurant with tables. Grab a menu, sit and enjoy or do take-out, like I do. Be careful of the Red sauce – it is **real hot**. I for one love their green salsa and always purchase several additional cups to pour over my Tacos. The #1 Taco dinner offers 2 tacos, w/rice and beans on the side. The rice is plain white rice and the black beans are Cuban style, which I pour over the rice for flavor. The chicken flauta entrée offers 4 flautas smothered with that yummy Mexican cheese and lettuce. Their number is: 941-485-5046 and the address is: 519 US HWY 41 Bypass N.

HELP FOR THE PLANT SALE

contributor Karol Knickerson

As many of you know, we have an outdoor plant sale at the time of the rummage sale every year. I cannot chair the sale but Carol Gilchrist and I are willing to be advisors/consultants to any new helpers. The sale is a wonderful fund raiser taking in anywhere from \$700 to nearly \$1,000 for our HOA. We have a new resident who is willing to step up and help but ONLY if she has a helper. If you can help in any way, please call Shand (pronounced Shawn) Wentworth at 603-387- 6470, please leave a message and she will get back to you. We can do this plant sale if you will help!

Also, if you have any hanging flower pots or regular pots that you can donate, drop them at Carol Gilchrist or at my house. Thanks so much.

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

contributor Karol Knickerson



Please be mindful to donate food items this Holiday Season.

There are many folks out there who can really use your donations. IDEA!!! When you see a BYGO advertised at the supermarket, and if you buy one, grab the free one and donate the food item.

LIFE AT BAY LAKE ESTATES

contributor Michael M Kloian (editor)

Most will agree, and some may disagree, that life at Bay Lake Estates is wonderful. We have a community manager, Leslie Jones, who really cares about



our concerns and does everything in her power to get it done. We have a park owner, ELS Corp. who is on the ball and responds to our needs, especially during an emergency. I saw over a hundred cases of water outside the clubhouse, free for BLE residents, following the hurricane. And those yummy burgers they donated were better than Culver's butter burger. I wouldn't trade places for any other park in Sarasota County.

As editor of the Bay Laker, I'd like to extend my sincere wish for all my BLE neighbors to have a very merry Christmas and a happy 2023. I hope to see you at the Christmas dinner or the pot luck dinner New Years Eve.



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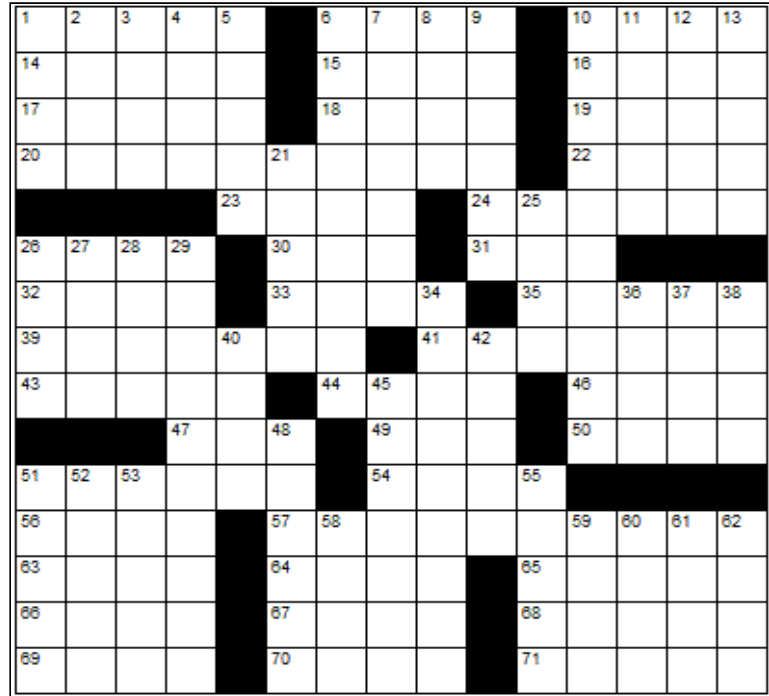
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December Crossword

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14. Ready for anything
15. Seaweed
16. Rattling breath
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18. Extol
19. Scent
20. Encouraged
22. Twinge
23. Formerly (archaic)
24. Come forth
26. Russian emperor
30. Form of "to be"
31. Zero
32. After-bath wear
33. Linguistic unit
35. Andean animal
39. Marjoram
41. Calmed
43. Moon of Saturn
44. Distribute
46. Require
47. British rule in India
49. Joke
50. Sounds of disapproval
51. Handgrip
54. Death notice
56. Absent Without Leave
57. Spin-like
63. Domestic
64. Slaloms
65. Love intensely
66. Ages
67. Celtic language
68. Employ again
69. Crimson
70. Type of sweet potatoes
71. Donkeys



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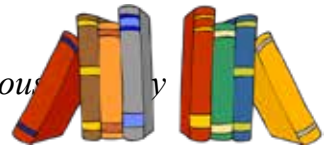
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| 8. Chills and fever | 34. Data arrays | 58. Gumbo ingredient |
| 9. Make unhappy | 36. Affirmatives | 59. Lyric poems |
| 10. Fuel | 37. Docile | 60. French for "We" |
| 11. Radiolocation | 38. Combines | 61. Rear end |
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BAY LAKE ESTATES BOOK CLUB

2022-2023

The group meets on the second Wednesday November through April in the club house
 Contact person: Karen Limkemann



DATE	TITLE & AUTHOR	LEADER
December 14th	<u>A Man Called Ove</u> by Fredrik Backman	Karen Limkemann
January 11th	<u>Goodnight Beautiful</u> by Aimee Molly pub: 2020	Susan Rollison
February 8th	<u>Before the Fall</u> by Noah Hawley pub: 2016	Jane Van Buskirk
March 8th	<u>Midnight Library</u> by Matt Haig pub: 2020	Joyce Martin
April 12th	<u>The Nightingale</u> by Kristen Hannah pub: 2016	Connie Conley



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