

The Bay Laker

Issue 167

YOUR 2025-2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elections were held at the March 4th HOA meeting,

2025-2026 Board of Directors

G (Gaetane) Carrier	President
George Dujanowicz*	Vice President
Linda Nifong	Secretary
John Kreta	Treasurer
Jim Gerarge*	Director-at-large
Deb Kreta*	Director-at-large
Herb VanDyke*	Director-at-large

* Elected by acclamation on 3/4/2025

Thank you to those folks who volunteered to serve.

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Gaetane Carrier

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Hurricane season is here again. While I hope we'll be spared this year, being prepared is essential.

The Sarasota County website offers helpful information and resources. Residents can also take advantage of self-serve sandbag stations, where empty bags and sand are provided free of charge. Be sure to check the county's website for specific dates, times, and locations.

Mobile home communities are typically the first to be evacuated. While not comprehensive, the checklist below offers helpful guidance to prepare for your return home after an evacuation.

Hurricane Return Checklist

- **Water Supply**
 - Clean your bathtub or other large containers and fill with water.
 - Drinking water: 1 gallon per person (and pet) per day, for at least 7 days.
- **Food & Utensils**
 - Canned food and a manual can opener.
 - Disposable plates, cups, and utensils for food/snacks.
- **Health & Safety**
 - Medications and prescription drugs.
 - First aid kit.
- **Power & Communication**
 - Battery-operated radio or television.
 - Flashlights and extra batteries.
 - Battery-operated fans with extra batteries.
 - Fully charged power banks/external battery chargers.
 - Car phone charger (only charge when the car is running to preserve the battery).
- **Important Items**
 - Cash (ATMs may be unavailable).
 - Full tank of gas in your car.

- Photocopies of important documents (e.g., birth certificates, driver's license, title/ownership certificates, insurance papers, etc.).

• **Pets**

- Pet food, water, medications, and other supplies for at least one week.
- Never leave your pets behind—you may not be able to return home for several days.

For additional information on how to be well prepared, go to the County's webpage: [Hurricane Preparedness | Sarasota County, FL](#)

Stay Safe everyone,

Gaetane

FROM THE EDITOR

contributor Michael M. Kloian (912) 547-2416



WHO IS DR. FREDERICK ALBEE? (continued from the August issue)

(Contributions to Venice -Nokomis as per their museum archives)

In early 1917, the Albees bought 112 acres on Dona Bay in Nokomis from Mrs. Bertha Palmer where they built an inn (originally called the Pollyanna Inn), as well as their home, Point o' Palms. In 1925, the Albees bought 1,468 acres from Mrs. Palmer's estate, largely where most of Venice now stands. Also, in 1925 Dr. Albee built the area's first bank, the Venice-Nokomis Bank, on a dirt road in Nokomis that is now Tamiami Trail.

In his first major contribution **to the future of Venice**, Dr. Albee recruited and hired John Nolen—Harvard University's nationally known city

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planner—to develop a town plan for the area.

The fledgling city of Venice was struggling when Dr. Albee made his second great contribution. His work for the Army in World War I had convinced him of the value of a proper convalescence, and he believed that the Florida climate and local citrus and vegetables would aid in patient recovery. In 1933, at the depth of the Great Depression, he bought Venice's Park View Hotel from the BLE and established the Florida Medical Center there. In addition to his surgery at the Medical Center, Dr. and Mrs. Albee grew produce and raised dairy cows to feed Center patients.

The medical complex included an annex and apartments. Staff, as well as patients and their families, helped Venice economically weather the hard times. Initially, the Seaboard Airline Railway was the main transport for the area, but the Center added its own airplane to provide ambulance service.

Dr. Albee and his pilot nephew (see photo), Stephen Albee, Jr., under the wing of Dr. Albee's airplane ambulance "The Reliance" (Stinson Reliant Airplane). The plane was used for long-distance flights transporting patients to his Florida Medical Center located in what was the former Parkview Hotel (where the Venice Post Office is now (2001) located.



In April 1942, the U.S. Army took over Dr. Albee's Medical Center for an Army Hospital, as well as the Annex and the Bungalow Court Apartments. After Dr. Albee died in 1945 the Army returned the buildings to Mrs. Albee, who sold them.

Editor's note: Dr. Albee was truly a man with vision. Just look around and see the fruits of his labor in our area! Similar in nature to the History Channel's TV series, 'The Men Who Built America,' it takes a person with foresight to see the outcome of their endeavors, even before they began! So, every time you drive on Albee Farm Rd I want you to think about the pioneer who created what we have today!

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ON-GOING EVENTS...

Monday:

Tuesdays: Cards -Texas Hold-em for BLE residents only 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: Golf in Venice (8:45 a.m. when in season)

Thursdays: Shuffleboard (6:00 p.m.)

Fridays: Mahjong 1:00 p.m. Cards (dealer's choice) 6:30 p.m. Euchre 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays: Coffee & donuts at 9:00 a.m. Game Night 7:00 p.m.

Sundays: Domino's every week at 6:30 at the clubhouse-no sign up sheet.

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JULIET'S LUNCH

Helen Baker 309-830-8449

The Juliets will dine for lunch on Thursday,
September 11th, at 1:00 p.m. at Joy's Kouzine in
Bird Bay Plaza – please use the sign up sheet.

JULIET'S BREAKFAST

Judy Gerarge 847-401-0115

The Juliet's will be dining on Friday, September
26th, 9:30 a.m. at the Suncoast Café – 400 Airport
Ave, Venice. The sign-up sheet will be in the
clubhouse.

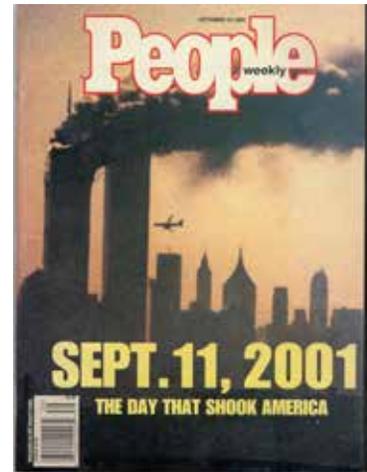


THE ROMEOS

Tim Swain 317-258-3400

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

LEST WE FORGET



A TRIBUTE TO ALL GRANDPARENTS

contributor Michael M Kloian

In the United States, Russell Capper (age 9 in
1969) sent a letter to President Nixon suggesting a
special day be set aside as Grandparents' Day. On June
12, 1969, he received a letter back from Rose Mary
Woods (personal secretary to the President) reading,
"Dear Russell, Thank you for your letter to President
Nixon. Your suggestion regarding a Grandparent's
Day is appreciated, but the President ordinarily
issues proclamations designating periods for special
observance only when a Congressional resolution
authorizes him to do so. With best wishes, Sincerely,
Rose Mary Woods Personal Secretary to the President."

Since the aforementioned letter, Marian McQuade
was recognized nationally by the United States Senate
– in particular by Senators Jennings Randolph[3] and
Robert Byrd – and by President Jimmy Carter, as the
founder of National Grandparents Day. McQuade
made it her goal to educate the youth in the community
about the important contributions seniors have made

A LITTLE HUMOR

throughout history. She also urged the youth to "adopt" a grandparent, not just for one day a year, but rather for a lifetime. Co-founder Cynthia Bennett, who worked for Marian's husband, contributed by writing letters of verification.

In 1973, Senator Jennings Randolph introduced a resolution to the senate to make Grandparents' Day a national holiday. West Virginia's Governor Arch Moore had proclaimed an annual Grandparents' Day for the state, at the urging of Marian McQuade. When Senator Randolph's resolution in the U.S. Senate died in committee, Marian McQuade organized supporters and began contacting governors, senators, and congressmen in all fifty states. She urged each state to proclaim their own 'Grandparents Day'. Within three years, she had received Grandparents Day proclamations from forty-three states. She sent copies of the proclamations to Senator Randolph.

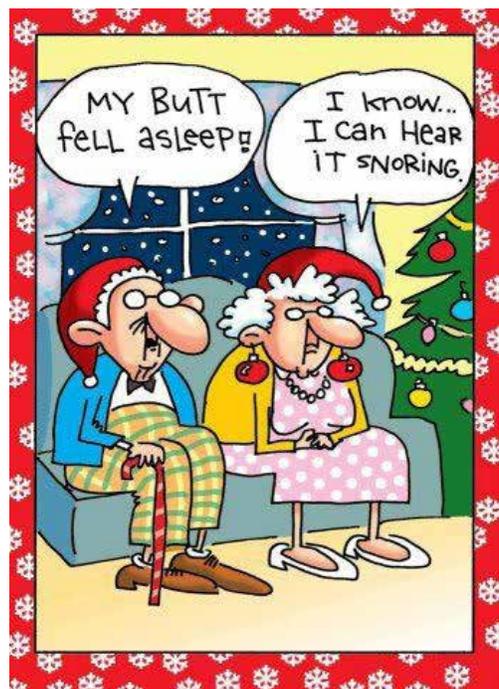
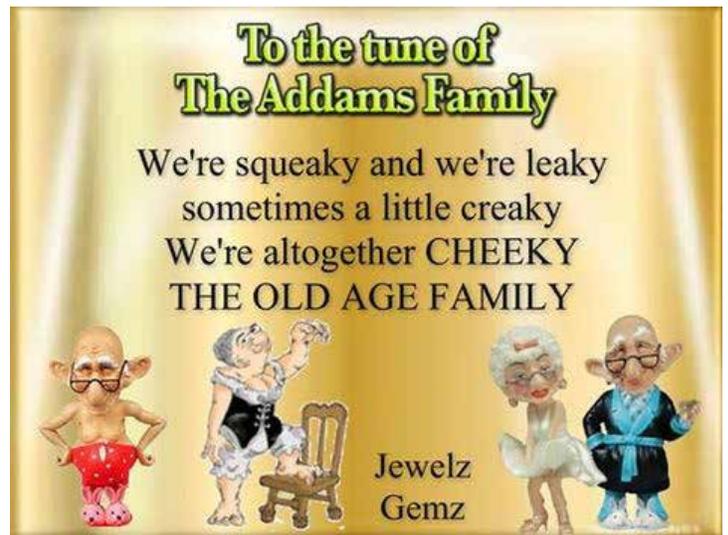
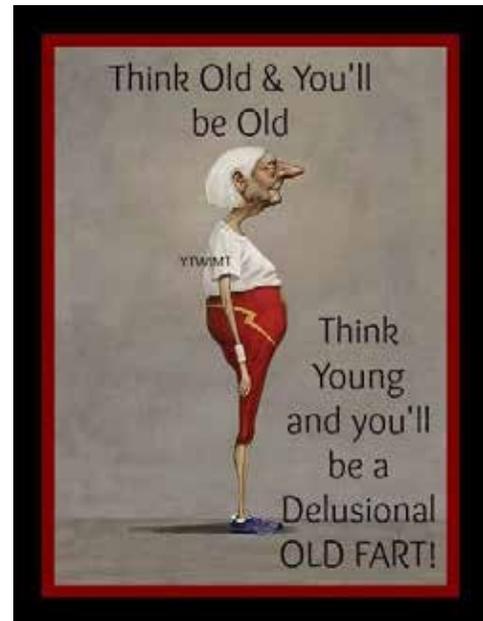
In February 1977, Senator Randolph, with the concurrence of many other senators, introduced a joint resolution to the senate requesting the president to "issue annually a proclamation designating the first Sunday of September after Labor Day of each year as 'National Grandparents' Day'." Congress passed the legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents' Day and, on August 3, 1978, then-President Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation. The statute cites the day's purpose: "...to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help children become aware of strength, information, and guidance older people can offer".

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WHAT'S GOIN' ON IN BAY LAKE ESTATES? STAY CURRENT

contributor Steve Rollison 941-375-8110

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NEWSLETTERS

Home delivery of our monthly newsletter has ended May 1st. You may pick up a copy at the clubhouse on or after the 1st of every month. Stay informed – read the newsletter. Folks always try to attend an event at the last minute simply because they didn’t know about it. If you don’t read **this monthly newsletter** then this is on you.

You can always access past newsletters on-line at www.BayLakeEstates.org.

HOA MEMBERSHIPS

HOA memberships are now on sale for 2025. All homeowners may purchase a membership for \$10.00 for the entire year. This is a fiscal thing, January – December.

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 Statue. 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 and attend HOA meetings. HOA memberships are important to receive discounts or to join special events, like the Welcome Back Breakfast, Ice Cream Social, Valentine's Day dinner and dance, Halloween Party and more.

Memberships will be sold at Saturday morning coffee and at association meetings, or by calling John Kreta at 513-886-4201.

WHERE TO DINE – WHAT TO ORDER

contributor Michael M Kloian (912-547-2416)

NEW BEGINNINGS for... Taqueria Y Fruteria
LA MEXICANA - Nokomis

Low and behold we have a new Mexican restaurant close to BLE (where Two Roosters used to roost – around the corner from Cap't Eddie's next to the Dive Shop). They boast serving breakfast-lunch-dinner. Their two-sided menu seems rather extensive and it is printed in the Mexican language so, although some of the menu items seem intriguing to me, I have little or no clue what some of the food items are other than the words, Tacos, Burritos, Quesadilla, and Fajitas. I do plan to dine there. After all, I think it's important to support out local businesses.

If you have a *Where to Dine – What to Order* article you would like to share, please send this to editor@baylakeestates.org. Put NEWSLETTER in the subject line.

MIRACLES DO HAPPEN!

A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

Crater Of Diamonds State Park Is One Of The World's Only Public Diamond Mines

Forget about finding shark's teeth. On ABC, August 13th, a short segment aired showing a gal (see photo) who visited this famous location in the BAY LAKE ESTATES

USA where diamonds may be found and kept. The woman who found a **2.3-carat** diamond at Crater of Diamonds State Park is Micherre Fox, according to USA Today. She is from Manhattan and spent three weeks searching for the diamond to use for her engagement ring. She found the diamond on her last day of searching on July 29th, 2025.



If you're interested in searching for diamonds and other gems in volcanic ash, the **Crater of Diamonds State Park in Murfreesboro, Arkansas**, is the place to go.

This unique state park sits atop an eroded volcanic pipe known as the Prairie Creek Diatreme. Diamonds, along with other gemstones, were brought to the surface during volcanic eruptions millions of years ago and are now found in the volcanic ash and soil of the search area.

The park allows visitors to search a 37-acre field for rocks, minerals, and gemstones, and any discoveries you make are yours to keep. It's the only publicly accessible diamond mine in the world where you can search for diamonds in their original volcanic source.

Editors note: I'm assuming her fiancé loved her discovery – LOL.

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- 19 Kathie & Robert Morris
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- 25 Les & Nancy Harwood
- 30 Dana Kelley & Michael McVicar



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Anniversary!

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BAY LAKE ESTATES BOOK CLUB 2025-2026



The book club group meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the club house library beginning in November 2025.



Contact person: Karen Limkemann 734-890-9229

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title & Author</u>	<u>Leader</u>
November 12	Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar pub: 2022	Susan Rollison
December 10	This Tender Land by William Krueger pub: 2019	Karen Limkemann
January 14	Appalachian Song by Michele Shocklee pub: 2023	Diane Adamson
February 11	Theo of Golden by Allen Levi pub: 2023	Raylene Baylis
March 11	The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot pub: 2010	Marian Brook
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Lunch at 1:00	2 Cards - Texas Hold-em for BLE residents only 6:30 p.m.	3 Golf in Venice (8:45 a.m. when in season)	4 Shuffleboard (6:00 p.m.)	5 Mahjong 1:00 p.m. Cards (dealer's choice) 6:30 p.m. Euchre 6:00 p.m.	6 Coffee & donuts at 9:00 a.m. Game Night 7:00 p.m.
	8 Women's Bible Study @ 1:00 in the library	9 Cards - Texas Hold-em for BLE residents only 6:30 p.m. Romeos at 8:45 a.m. (see the sign-up sheet)	10 Golf in Venice (8:45 a.m. when in season)	11 Shuffleboard (6:00 p.m.) Juliet's lunch at 1:00 p.m. at Joy's Kouzine in Bird Bay Plaza	12 Mahjong 1:00 p.m. Cards (dealer's choice) 6:30 p.m. Euchre 6:00 p.m. Newsletter Article Deadline for the October issue	13 Coffee & donuts at 9:00 a.m. Game Night 7:00 p.m.
7 Domino's every week at 6:30 at the clubhouse-no sign up sheet.				18 Shuffleboard (6:00 p.m.)	19 Mahjong 1:00 p.m. Cards (dealer's choice) 6:30 p.m. Euchre 6:00 p.m.	20 Coffee & donuts at 9:00 a.m. Game Night 7:00 p.m.
14 Domino's every week at 6:30 at the clubhouse-no sign up sheet.		16 Cards - Texas Hold-em for BLE residents only 6:30 p.m.	17 Golf in Venice (8:45 a.m. when in season)			
	15 22	23 Cards - Texas Hold-em for BLE residents only 6:30 p.m. Romeos at 8:45 a.m. (see the sign-up sheet)	24 Golf in Venice (8:45 a.m. when in season)	25 Shuffleboard (6:00 p.m.)	26 Mahjong 1:00 p.m. Cards (dealer's choice) 6:30 p.m. Euchre 6:00 p.m. Juliet's breakfast at Suncoast Cafe (see article)	27 Coffee & donuts at 9:00 a.m. Game Night 7:00 p.m.
	21 Domino's every week at 6:30 at the clubhouse-no sign up sheet.					
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	29 First Day of Autumn					



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