

The Bay Laker

Issue 168

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Newsletter Article Deadline – October 12th for the November issue.
- Saturday Morning Coffee 9:00 a.m. Free coffee & donuts ended May 3rd and may resume soon.
- Romeos – Oct 14th and Oct 28th at 8:45 a.m. (see the sign-up sheet)
- The Juliets will dine for lunch on Thursday, October 09th, at 1:00 p.m. at Trattoria Italian Restaurant - Venice
- The Juliets will be going to Metro Diner - Venice for breakfast on Tuesday, October 21st
- Halloween Dinner & Costume (optional) Party – Friday Oct 31st 5-7pm at the clubhouse

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Gaetane Carrier

613-799-0055

As the air turns crisp and the leaves begin to show their brilliant colors here in Canada, we are eagerly planning the return to our sunny Florida home. We're looking forward to reuniting with our Florida friends and winter family.

This summer in Canada has been unusual; - cooler days and nights were the norm, with only a brief heat wave. All in all, it's been cooler than average, which makes us even more excited for the warm Florida sunshine.

I have a few updates to share with you:

1. Fitness Room Remodel

The fitness room is undergoing a complete remodel with brand-new rubber flooring and all-new equipment. Work may already be underway by the time you read this. The project will take a couple of months to complete, so we ask for your patience during this time.

2. New Homes

The empty lots on Flamboyant are being backfilled in preparation for new homes. Currently, nine new homes are planned, with the possibility of more in the future. You can expect to see some new arrivals very soon.

3. Maintenance Shed Update

The city has not yet issued the permit for the new maintenance shed, but approval appears to be close (only four check-boxes away). We'll keep you informed as soon as we have more news.

In the meantime, let's hope the storms stay away, but please remember to stay alert and follow the news for the latest updates and safety warnings.

Stay safe and healthy,
Gaetane

FROM THE EDITOR

contributor Michael M. Kloian (912) 547-2416

What is -THE PROMISE

The "promise" in the 2024 & 2025 60 Minutes segment titled "The Promise" refers to the commitment by the New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to identify the remains of all 9/11 victims through continuous, painstaking forensic work, using advanced DNA technology to provide answers to over a thousand families who are still waiting for news of their loved ones.

The Goal:

To identify victims whose remains are still unclassified, a process that has continued for over two decades since the 9/11 attacks.

The Challenges:

The remains suffered extensive damage from jet fuel, sunlight, chemicals, heat, and bacteria, making DNA extraction incredibly difficult and requiring repeated testing.

The People Involved:

The segment highlights the work of the medical examiner's lab and features interviews with families, like the Habermans, who are still awaiting identification of their loved ones.

The Process:

The lab utilizes new technologies, such as a cryogenic grinder and DNA amplification techniques, to extract and analyze DNA from even the smallest fragments.

The Significance:

The segment shows that the promise of identification is being kept, even after nearly 25 years, demonstrating the nation's commitment to never forgetting the victims and providing peace to the families.



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They are still finding and identifying human remains from the 9/11 attacks, with three additional victims identified in August 2025 using advanced DNA technology. However, significant portions of the over 22,000 unidentified body parts recovered from the World Trade Center site are too degraded or small to test without destroying the last remaining particle, and these samples are being carefully preserved for future technological advancements. The NYC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) is committed to this ongoing effort, as over 1,000 families still await word of their loved ones.

Progress and Challenges

- **Ongoing Identification:**

The OCME's work to identify remains is continuous. In August 2025, they identified three more victims using advanced DNA analysis, bringing the total number of identified individuals to 1,653.

- **Technological Advancements:**

Improvements in DNA extraction and analysis techniques, including the use of genetic genealogy, have been key to identifying remains after the passage of time and the challenges of the site's conditions.

- **Degradation of Remains:**

Many remains recovered from the World Trade Center site were severely degraded by the impact, fire, jet fuel, and time, making DNA extraction difficult and sometimes impossible with current methods.

- **Preservation:**

Over 7,000 human remains are stored in the OCME's repository, with scientists holding off on testing some of the smaller or more degraded fragments until more sensitive technology becomes available.

- **Family Involvement:**

The OCME is in ongoing contact with families, providing them with a connection to their loved ones through the repository and the identification process.

The World Trade Center Repository

- The World Trade Center Repository is a facility beneath the 9/11 Memorial site that serves as a dignified resting place for the unidentified and unclaimed remains of the victims.
- It is maintained by the OCME and is not accessible to the public, though families can visit a nearby Reflection Room.

Editors note: To Know or Not to Know (that is the question)

While some people don't really care to know about what happened to their loved one during or after the Twin Tower's collapsed some folks really do care to know if there are any remains or items discovered about their family.

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YOUR DAILY BREAD

contributor yung pueblo (Author)

how people perceive you
is more reflective of
their inner mechanic's
than your actions

you cannot control
how others think and live,
but you can be intentional
about the energy you put into the world

some may misunderstand you,
but what matters most is that you
understand you



IN MEMORY OF...

contributor George Dujanowicz



Memories of Jim Gerarge. I am sure everybody knows by now, we have lost Jim last night (8-23-2025). In my few words, Jim was a great friend to me and to many other folks. Always, He was trying to do the best for his family, and to all of us in the BLE. Despite his (on occasion) uncensored humors, He always meant well for everyone. He was willing to help to whoever was asking for his help even, when His health was slowly deteriorating. Jim was a man of his words. His favorite saying was “say what you mean, and mean what you said”. Needless to say, I have lost a great and honest friend with the golden heart, who always was offering his help when was needed or, it was necessary. Jim joined and was an active member of the HOA Board Of Directors in BLE, trying to make things better in our park for everybody. Today, Jim is in the better world, free of pain and suffering. Please pray for his family. Let God always shine on Jim’s soul.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS

Please send us your request in order for us to send messages of condolence or to acknowledge an illnesses of friends/neighbors in Bay Lake. We will send out cards. Please email or call Debbie Kreta 513-237-0028 thekretas@gmail.com or

Marian Brooks 519-710-2929 mbrooks654@gmail.com

JULIET’S LUNCH

Helen Baker 309-830-8449

The Juliets will dine for lunch on Thursday, October 09th, at 1:00 p.m. at Trattoria Da Mino Italian Restaurant – 335 W. Venice Ave - Venice. Please use the sign-up sheet.

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JULIET'S BREAKFAST

Judy Gerarge 847-401-0115

The Juliets will be going to Metro Diner for breakfast on Tuesday, October 21st at 9:30. 2053 S. Tamiami Trl in Venice

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.

HALLOWEEN DINNER & COSTUME PARTY

Happy Halloween



IT'S PARTY TIME AT BLE

Clean out your closet and find those costumes and spend an evening of fun, games, costume contest, Ghost stories, music and more. 50/50, Great Prizes! Hosted by The Special Events Committee (513-237-0028) on Friday, October 31st at 5:00—7:00 p.m.

Costumes (not clothes) are optional, but does add to the fun of the occasion and there will be three cash prizes sponsored by BluFin (Michael M Kloian) for the top 3 costume winners.

Upon arrival, HOA members are FREE, guests pay only \$7.00 and all you need to do is check in at the front door.

Please use the sign up sheet at the clubhouse. One name per line, please.

MENU: Food will include finger sandwiches, Michael's scratch-made, oh-so popular baked beans, chips, soda, water and a special spooky punch and sweet treats!

Fun games and music!

Sign up sheet will be removed on Saturday 10/25.

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Next month will be the voting for Best of Venice. As a small business owner this is one of the few ways we can feel honored for being in business. If you can please vote for your

favorite local businesses. You can go to the website YourSun.com/BestofVenice to give a shout out to us.

I want to say thank you to everyone who voted for us in the Best of Venice awards from Venice Gondolier. I appreciate all the support and everyone who took their time to vote for us.

Your support and continued encouragement resulted in us being awarded Best of Venice, multiple titles and multiple years as both winner and finalist, Reader's Choice multiple years, and Small Business of the Year.

I am proud to have consistently offered service that is recognized by you and honored to receive so many awards over the years that our wall of awards has expanded onto another wall. Thank you for entrusting me with your hearing, I am glad I earned your respect.

Every day I hear stories about how hearing problems have interfered with enjoying life. I've always had one mission, to help everyone who comes to me to hear their best and engage in life.

Eighteen years ago, I opened my own office and chose to treat all my clients as if they are family. Twenty-two years ago, when I chose this profession, I was inspired by my mother MaryEllen. She was already wearing hearing aids due to ear surgery. Back then I was new to the industry and was not fully aware of how technology worked. As my ability grew, I noticed that the aids my mother wore were not the best for her needs. She was very social and would benefit from better technology. I was able to help her hear her best for her level of activities so she could have her best life.

If she was still with us today, I know she would be celebrating with us and all the people who have been able to engage in their own life with more ease and better understanding.



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contributor Steve Rollison 941-375-8110

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New residents are encouraged to subscribe so as to keep up with any last minute changes or events.

NEWSLETTERS

Home delivery of our monthly newsletter ended May 1st and if several folks volunteer home delivery could very well begin in October. 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.

MIRACLES DO HAPPEN!

As seen on Nightly News 09/09/2025

9-year-old prodigy studies neuroscience at college, looks forward to medical school...

A 9-year-old boy from Pennsylvania may just be a real-life Doogie Howser in the making. He’s already in high school, taking college classes and looking forward to medical school. Aiden Willkins, 9, looks like any other kid, but he is already a sophomore at Reach Cyber Charter High School.



WHERE TO DINE – WHAT TO EAT

contributor Michael M Kloian (912-547-2416)

YOUR KITCHEN - PIZZA – PIZZA – PIZZA

Pizza is by far the most consumed food product in America. Chicken wings are not far behind. The stats are staggering as to the amount of pizza we Americans consume each year.

I’m certain once you tabulate the cost of buying a pizza at your favorite pizza joint or a frozen pie from the supermarket verses making one from scratch you’ll be saving money and time spent in the kitchen instead of preparing your very own home-made pizza. However, once you taste your kitchen-

made pizza you may never again order out.

The following is what you will need to create your own pizza pie:

You will need to purchase 1) a pizza paddle, (a large, flat wooden tray with a handle in order to slide the dough onto the pre-heated pizza stone), along with 2) a large round pizza stone to bake your pie on in the oven; 3) dough – scratch-made or store bought from Publix, 4) fresh pre-sliced mozzarella cheese from Publix, 5) pizza sauce (I prefer Flora brand from Publix, a very tasty pizza sauce from Italy); 6) your favorite toppings, whatever that may be, like fresh basil, peppers, onion, olives, mushrooms, pepperoni, pre-cooked sausage, not raw, etc. If you use mushrooms try baby bella or the gourmet blend from Publix and sauté the mushrooms in a little butter, salt, pepper and for some added flavor pour a small amount of Marsala wine and allow the wine to cook down.

Heat your oven to 450 and preheat the pizza stone for about 30 minutes. Start by placing either breadcrumbs or course corn meal over the entire pizza paddle to make sure the dough is able to slide off without resistance, then, once the dough is somewhat rolled out (not entirely) place the dough on the paddle and finish rolling it out with a rolling pin or hand stretched.

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.

THE HUMANE THING TO DO

Joshua Patenaude, a New England man, is paying homage to iconic stores that everyone used to know and love. The Halloween display outside his home features tombstones with logos of stores that have closed over the years.



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BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

contributor: Peggy Cammer

Bay Lake Estates Bible Study Group met Monday, September 8th. We did not have an assigned topic since we are resuming after a couple months off.

We spoke of Christ! We discussed some of our beliefs and concerns. We even brought up some linger questions we have concerning Christ and the Gospel. What do we believe God looks like? When Christ returns, will he understand English? We discuss some of our problems and how to overcome them in this world.

How to we find joy in this World amid suffering and trials.

1. Know that suffering is not a result of sin.
2. Heavenly Father is intimately aware of your suffering
3. Jesus Christ offers his enabling power to help us have the strength to endure our suffering well.
4. Choose to find joy each and every day.

“The joy we feel has little to do with the circumstances of our lives and everything to do with the focus of our lives.” If we focus on our Savior and our Heavenly Father and not on what we don’t have or cannot do, we choose to be a happier people. Thankful for what we do have and what blessing He has given us.

The Bible Study Group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in the Library. On September 22, we will be discussing John 11. Please join us!

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by Steve Limkemann (734) 419-9142

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kathie Morris
- 5 Bonnie Heintz
- 7 Deborah Bucsek
- 8 Kenny Nifong
- 10 Rebecca Dole
- 11 Sandra Lee
- 13 Tom James
- 17 Bill Adamson
- 19 Herb Van Dyke
- 22 Bob Shaw
- 23 Liz Breadstill
- 26 J. Dino Carella
- 30 JoAnn Macchia



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Alice & Kevin McKay
- 13 Dawna & Ray Riley
- 17 Ernest & Valerie Hopkins
- 21 Brenda & Wayne DeNardis



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.

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
April 8	The Woman with the Blue Star by Pam Jenoff pub: 2021	Joyce Martin

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