

# The Bay Laker

## Issue 175

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Newsletter Article Deadline..... May 15th for the June issue.
- Saturday Morning Social Hour ..... Every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Free coffee & donuts will resume in September.
- Romeos breakfast..... May 12th and May 26th at 8:45 a.m. (see the sign-up sheet)
- The Juliets lunch ..... Thursday, May 14th at 1:00 p.m. at Dockside
- The Juliets breakfast..... Tuesday, May 19th at 9:30 a.m. at Joy’s Kouzine
- Memorial Day Lunch..... Monday, May 25th at 1:00 p.m.

### MANAGER’S UPDATE:

As many of you are aware, we have recently introduced new pool furniture. We kindly ask that all residents use a towel when sitting on the chairs to help protect them from tanning oils and sunscreen, and to ensure they remain clean and well-maintained for everyone’s enjoyment.

### SPOTLIGHT ON RULES

Golf carts may seem like fun for teenagers to use; however, they can pose serious safety risks if not operated responsibly. This is a reminder that individuals under the age of 16 are not permitted to operate a golf cart under any circumstances. All operators must hold a valid driver’s license, and the speed limit for golf carts remains 15 mph.



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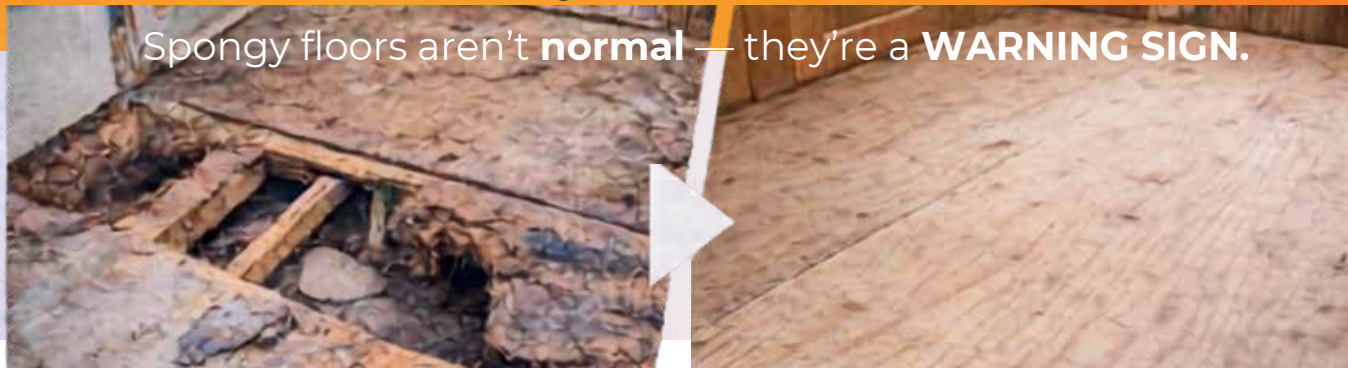
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## **FROM THE EDITOR**

contributor – Michael M Kloian 912-547-2416

Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday of May, is a U.S. federal holiday dedicated to honoring and mourning military personnel who died in the performance of their duties. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated after the Civil War to decorate fallen soldiers' graves with flowers and flags.



### Key Aspects of Memorial Day:

- **Purpose:** It is a day of remembrance for the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the United States.
- **History:** The holiday was officially proclaimed in 1868 to honor Union soldiers, but after World War I, it was expanded to honor all American fallen.
- **Traditions:** Common observances include visiting cemeteries, placing American flags on graves, holding parades, and flying the U.S. flag at half-staff until noon.
- **National Moment of Remembrance:** Congress established a national moment of silence at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day to honor the fallen service members..
- **Distinction:** Unlike Veterans Day (Nov. 11), which honors all who served in the military, Memorial Day specifically honors those who died while serving.

It is often considered the unofficial start of summer, though its core purpose is solemn reflection on the cost of freedom.

The Memorial Day poppy (pictured above) is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice, worn to honor military personnel who died in war. Inspired by the WWI poem "In Flanders Fields," it represents the blood-red flowers that grew on battlefields, symbolizing remembrance, hope, and the support

of veterans. It is often called the Flanders Fields Memorial Poppy or Remembrance Poppy.

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

## **ON-GOING EVENTS...**

- Mondays:** Cornhole \*
- Tuesdays:** Cards -Texas Hold-em for BLE residents only 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays:** Golf \*
- Thursdays:** Cornhole \*  
Shuffleboard \*
- Fridays:** Golf \*  
Mahjong 1:00 p.m.  
Cards (dealer's choice) 6:30 p.m.  
Euchre 6:00 p.m.
- Saturdays:** Sat. Morning Social Hour 9:00 a.m.  
(Free donuts will resume in Sept.)  
Game Night 7:00 p.m.
- Sundays:** Dominoes every week at 6:30 p.m.  
at the clubhouse-no sign up sheet.

\* Suspended until September.

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**2027 RUMMAGE SALE**

At the **March 3, 2026 HOA meeting**, the following members were appointed as **Co-Chairs for the 2027 Rummage Sale**:

1. Deb Kreta
2. Scott Nekrasz
3. Robin Izbicki (Plant Sale)

The rummage sale is always a wonderful community event, but it also requires a great deal of planning, organization, and help from volunteers to make it successful. As we hope to reclaim our storage shed in the coming months, preparations will be getting underway.

If you would like to be part of this fun community effort, **we would love your help!** Please feel free to provide your name to any of the co-chairs if you're interested in volunteering.

Let's come together as a community to make this event a wonderful success!

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## MEMORIAL DAY LUNCH

*Brad Bixbee & Debbie Kreta, host and hostess*

On Monday, May 25th at 1:00 there will be a complimentary lunch for all residents at the clubhouse. The menu will be hot dogs, fried chicken, and Michael's baked beans and whatever else the committee comes up with.

You won't want to miss this well planned lunch.

## SCAM WARNING

*contributor Steve Rollison (614)327-3792*

### **Future Columns**

My intention is to make Scam Warning a regular column in The Bay Laker. But different than this month's column which could be classified as "general scam education." Future columns will be shorter and focus on "actionable steps to prevent being scammed."

Planned Outline for Future Columns.

Different how? The focus will be on actionable preparations, rather than general scam-avoidance advice like you see above.

- The newest scam that has ripped off seniors
- How the scam works
- What the scammer will say to you
- The first thing you must do to avoid the scam
- Further steps to avoid being victimized
- Scammers are very skilled and devious. What to do if despite your best efforts you are scammed anyway.

## NEW PHONE BOOK DIRECTORIES ARE READY

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I recently had a consultation with a guy who was frustrated that he couldn't hear well in restaurants. He shared that he had bought cheap hearing aids specifically for use when going out. He explained that he didn't feel the need to invest in higher-quality devices since he only wanted to use them while dining out.

I understood his thinking. He believed hearing aids could simply filter out background noise, allowing him to focus solely on speech. Hearing aids, however, don't work quite that way. They amplify specific frequencies. Premium hearing aids use artificial intelligence (AI) to recognize and reduce background noise, making speech brighter.

His reasoning wasn't entirely off. He understood that hearing aids could help improve speech clarity in noisy environments. However, what he overlooked was how the brain processes new sounds.

It's the introduction of new sounds that thwarts his intention. When we hear an unidentified sound our brain goes on alert, part of our flight, fight or freeze survival mechanism. New sounds are initially perceived as potential threats, and the brain reacts to each one. I often explain this by saying the brain is "showing off" all the sounds it can hear.

The best way to train your brain to hear well in a restaurant is by wearing your hearing aids consistently. Wear your hearing aids in a quiet house, running into the grocery store or even stopping by the library. Regular use of your hearing aids helps your brain adapt to different sounds. Over time, your brain will learn to tune out unwanted noise and focus on what's important like conversations.

By wearing quality hearing aids which brighten speech in noise and training your brain, you are able to be more engaged while dining out with friends.

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## **BAY LAKE BOOK GROUP**

*by Karen Limkemann -*

We would like to have more people come to our Reading Book Group. I know there are more readers out there. I see you reading books at the pool.

Joining a book club, turns a solitary hobby into a shared experience, offering discussion, debate, and intellectual and personal growth.

One of the great things about belonging to a book club is that you discover new genres, authors and challenging books that you wouldn't normally pick up.

You gain new perspectives and understand books and themes more deeply through varied interpretations and experiences from others.

Analyzing plots, characters and themes boost critical thinking. Keeping your brain active and engaging with complex ideas and stories sharpen your mind.

There is also the socialization and meeting new people and making new friends when you join a book club.

We had been meeting on Wednesdays in the library at 1:00. But, to encourage more readers to come we changed our time to 7:00 PM.

We discuss one book at each club meeting, from November through April. In next month's Bay Laker you'll be able to see which eight books that club members selected for next season's reading list.

## **PLANT SALE?**

Bay Lake Community. So, as Plant Sale Chairman, I would like to ask our residents to keep us in mind if you have no longer needed empty pots, unwanted plants, etc. Although the future plant sale is a year away, hopefully it will be paired with the Rummage Sale. You can call me at 860 608 3271 with Questions ROBIN IZBICKI 169 Oleander St.

## **YOUR DAILY BREAD**

*contributor yung pueblo (Author)*

do what is right for you  
do it over and over again.  
lean into the light.



keep going even when it is hard.  
especially when it is hard.  
do not let doubt stop you.  
trust the process when your mood is low.

let growth be your mission.  
let healing be your reward.  
let freedom be your goal.

## **JULIETS LUNCH**

*Helen Baker 309-830-8449*

The Juliets will dine for lunch on Thursday, May 14th at 1:00 p.m. at Dockside.

Please use the sign-up sheet at the clubhouse.

## **JULIETS BREAKFAST**

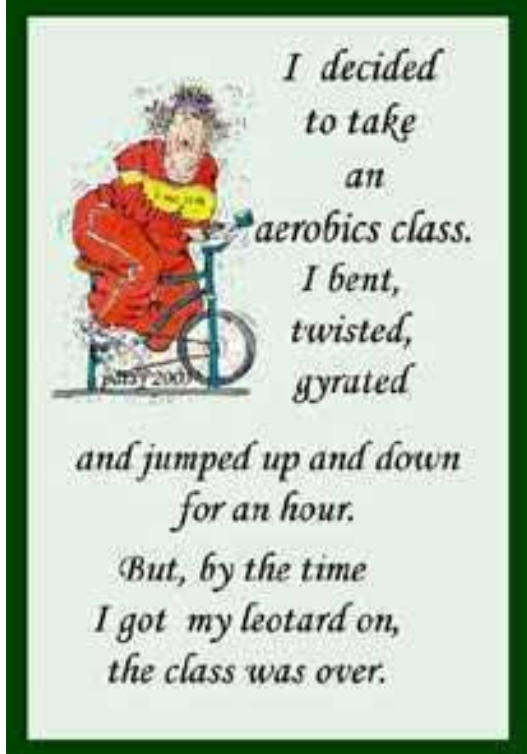
*Judy Gerarge 847-401-0115*

The Juliets will be going to Joy's Kouzine at 9:30 for breakfast on Tuesday, May 19th

Please use the sign-up sheet at the clubhouse.



## A LITTLE HUMOR



I DON'T HAVE HOT FLASHES...



I HAVE SHORT, PRIVATE VACATIONS IN TROPICAL-LIKE CONDITIONS!

## RECIPE OF MONTH

*courtesy of Michael M Kloian*

### OVEN ROASTED CHICKEN

The following recipe has been tried twice in my kitchen.

Preheat your oven to 475.

Remove anything from the cavity and/or neck and discard. Wash the entire chicken in your sink with water and pat dry with paper towels making sure you rinse and dry under the wings, the thighs and legs.

Using a silicone brush, brush the entire chicken with melted butter or olive oil.

In a bowl mix the following spices together with a whisk or fork: garlic powder (not salt), onion powder, poultry seasoning, oregano leaves, ground thyme, ground rosemary, Lawry's seasoning, Cavendars Greek seasoning, paprika, celery seed, dill weed, Cajun seasoning, salt, pepper.

Using your fingers sprinkle the mix and pat the seasonings over the entire skin and inside the cavity.

Stuff the cavity with a small amount of chopped carrots, chopped celery, chopped onion, a slice or two of an apple, a slice or two of a lemon.

Place the chicken on a roasting pan and cover tightly with foil – no gaps.

Roast the chicken for **1 hour** then turn the oven off but LEAVE the chicken inside the oven for about 4 hours covered with the foil before removing.

Fall off the bone tender and tasty. Enjoy!

## 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





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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.

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

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.

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**HOA MEMBERSHIPS**

HOA memberships are on sale for 2026. All homeowners may purchase a membership for \$10.00 for the entire year. While our fiscal year runs from May through April, our dues are based on the regular calendar year, January through December.

*Please note*, when voting for the election of directors **only one member of the HOA per household** is allowed to vote, per Chapter 723 of the Florida Statutes. 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.



 Mother's Day

**WHERE TO DINE – WHAT TO ORDER**

contributor – Michael M Kloian

**TUSCANY ITALIAN RESTAURANT & BALLROOM - NOKOMIS**

Although at time of this writing I have yet to dine there, however, after reading countless reviews from others I will say this that their menu is exceptional. On Tuesday only they offer half-price pizza, dine in only, along with Karaoke in the ballroom at 6:30.

**About the chef:**

Jimmy Nadell is an experienced celebrity chef from Aspen, Colorado, renowned for preparing elevated cuisine for thousands, including many high-profile clients such as Donald Trump, Heidi Klum, the Walton family, Tom Cruise, Mariah Carey, Oprah Winfrey, Will Smith, and Mohammad Bin Salman, the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia. A two-time Culinary Arts Gold Medal recipient, Chef Nadell is also the author of two culinary books, Aspen Celebrity Cuisine and My Tuscan Table.

Currently residing in Florida, Chef Jimmy owns and operates Tuscany - Nokomis, where he brings authentic Tuscan Italian flavors to life. Tuscany Nokomis serves the finest traditional Tuscan dishes made with the freshest locally sourced ingredients, offering an exceptional dining experience inspired by Chef Nadell’s passion for fine cuisine.

Featured in both the **February** and **October** issues of Venice City Lifestyle, Chef Jimmy shares his inspiring culinary story and passion for delivering exceptional dining experiences.

*One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well.”*

— Virginia Woolf, A Room of One’s Own



**MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

by Steve Limkemann (734) 419-9142

**May Birthdays**

- 1 Connie Vorraber
- 3 Deborah Callahan-Holmes
- 3 Joyce Sutton
- 3 Dena Swain
- 4 Steve Limkemann
- 4 Charles Van Dien
- 6 Betty Davis
- 8 Brian Anthony LaGasse
- 10 Linda Keene
- 10 Cynthia Knights
- 12 Kelley Amos
- 12 Rusty Lashinske
- 12 Lisa Smith
- 13 Lorna Malavolti
- 17 Michael Knights
- 19 Debbie Bowman
- 19 Debra Lambert
- 19 Marie Spinelli
- 20 Karol Nickerson
- 22 Donna Eldridge
- 22 Chelsea McCullough
- 23 Randy Godsoe
- 25 Michael Bonin
- 28 Julie LaGaipa
- 28 Linda Mitchell
- 30 Mat Madore
- 30 Jeanne Skidmore



**May Anniversaries**

- 4 Kenny & Linda Nifong
- 9 Jolene & Tom Poletti
- 15 Mary & Timothy DeClaire



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](mailto: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.



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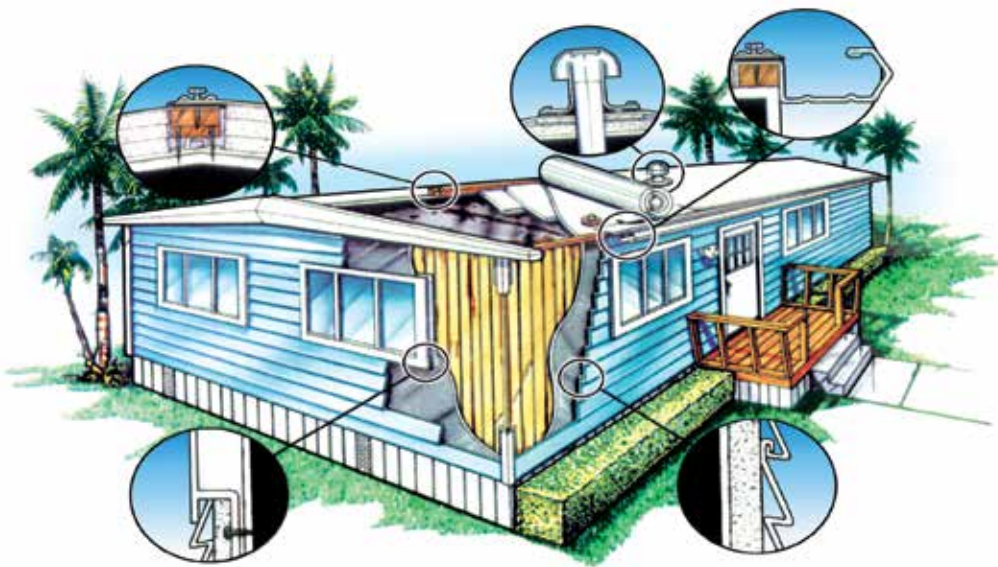
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