



EMERALD LAKES COMMUNICATOR

December, 2016



Dates to Remember:

- BIBLE STUDY: Every Tuesday at 10:30 am
- BILLIARDS: Available when the clubhouse is open. An adult must be present to supervise.
- BINGO: Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm
- COFFEE & DONUTS: Every Tuesday at 9:00 am except the 2nd Tuesday of the month
- EUCHRE: Every Monday at 6:30 pm
- LADIES GOLF: Every Tuesday. 9 holes at King's Ridge.
- MEN'S GOLF: Every Wednesday. 18 holes at Swiss Fairways.
- TEXAS HOLD-EM: Every Saturday at 6:30 pm
- WATER EXERCISE: Every Mon-Wed-Fri at 9:00 am except for the 1st Wednesday of the month

- 12/2 Men's Club 9:00 am (First Friday of the month)
- 12/4 Ice Cream Social & Birthday Celebration – 2:00 p.m. (First Sunday of the month)
- 12/7 Ladies Club – **9:30 am** (First Wednesday of the month. **Note this is a new time**)
- 12/8 Board of Directors Agenda Meeting – 9:00 am (Second Thursday of the month)
- 12/10 Pancake Breakfast – (Second Saturday of the month)
- 12/12 Pizza & Salad – 5:30 pm (Second Monday of the month)
- 12/13 All Park Breakfast Out –8:45 am (Second Tuesday of the month)
- 12/15 Shareholders Budget Meeting; followed by Board of Directors Meeting – 9:am (Third Thursday of the month)
- 12/15 Men's Lunch Out – 11:30 pm (Third Thursday of the month)
- 12/17 Bring N' Share – 5:30 pm (Third Saturday of the month)
- 12/21 Ladies Lunch Out – 11:30 am (Third Wednesday of the month)
- 12/23 All Park Singles – 11:30 am (Fourth Friday of the month)
Special Christmas All Park Dinner Out (Watch Bulletin Board)

Activities suspended:

- Bocce and Shuffleboard – Suspended until January (Sign-up sheets are posted)
- Ruby Red Gems – Watch the bulletin board for initial meeting date and time.

Events This Month:

Light up the Park Saturday, December 3rd

- 5:30 pm Golf Cart and anything that moves Decoration Contest
- 5:45 pm Judging
- 6:00 pm Light Up The Park
- 6:05 pm Golf Cart and anything that moves Parade
- 7:00 pm Cookies, Hot Chocolate and Caroling in the Clubhouse

Make &Take Jewelry Party. Friday, December 9th at 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sign-up sheet on bulletin board - Sue Shaffer.

Special Event: Felix Dendau, Jr, Dean Martin impersonator, Monday, Dec. 12th at 7:00 pm

New Year's Eve Party/Dance: Saturday, December 31st at 8:00 pm.

Upcoming Events:

Annual Shareholders' Meeting, February 16th 2:00 pm
Health Fair: February, date to be determined
Winter Rummage Sale, dates to be determined
Valentine's Dance, Feb 14th, Tim Hargis playing
MASA – March 9th at 12:00 pm. Lunch will be provided.

E.L. Ladies Club

The Ladies Club went to the Crooked Spoon in November. The outing was well attended. The service was good, but there were some who weren't happy with their food.

As part of our Ladies Club charter, we are committed to giving at least 10% of our profits raised to charity. This year, we have donated \$200 to each of the following: Cornerstone Hospice, Haven on the Lake, Love Extensions, New Beginnings, First United Methodist Church – back-pack program, Clermont Police – toys for trunks, and the Historical Society. Earlier this year, \$150 was given to the Lions Club. Good work ladies.

December 21st at 11:30 we will have our annual Ladies Club Christmas Luncheon in a private room at Buffalo Wild Wings. Please sign up by Tuesday, December 20th so we can make reservations. Be sure to designate on the sign-up sheet, if you will meet us at the restaurant or will come to the clubhouse for a ride. If you aren't a member of the Ladies Club, it's not too late to sign up and attend. The more, the merrier.

The November Bring 'N Share theme was "Thanksgiving". Turkey and stuffing was provided by the Ladies Club. The evening was hosted by Pauline Ouellette and Judy Paradis. There were a lot of people who assisted. Special thank you to Mark Sinicropi and Warren Thomas for carving the turkeys. Also thanks to Jean Cloos, Eileen Cochran, Ann Hornberger and Pam Sweat (Helen Young's daughter) for their help serving. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to help with clean up. Ginger Widican won the 50/50 drawing. Geraldine Lesch won the second prize, a beautiful framed thanksgiving cutting made by Eve Bowditch. The "entertainment" for the evening was a video of a Dean Martin program. About 30 people stayed to watch, many of us found it so funny we laughed so hard we had tears in our eyes more than once. Thank you to Vic Cloos for setting up the system so we could watch and hear the show.

Special Event: Felix Dendau, Jr, a Dean Martin impersonator, is performing **Monday, Dec 12th** at 7:00 pm. His act lasts about 90 minutes. There will be a \$5.00 charge for this event. Tickets are being sold by members of the Ladies Club. If you decide to come last minute, tickets will be available at the door. Please bring your own beverage and a snack to share.

(Pease note: if you want to eat "Pizza and a Salad" before the Dean Martin show it is necessary to sign up separately at a cost of \$4.00 per person. Sign-up before Monday, the sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.)

Our next Bring N Share is December 17th. Peg Kuhlman, Ann Hornberger and Anne Ellis have volunteered to take the lead. This dinner will have a Christmas theme. The Ladies Club will provide ham as a main course. As usual, you are asked to sign-up and bring a dish to share.

New Year's Eve Party/Dance, 8 to 12 on December 31st: The ladies club will be selling tickets. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Entertainment will be provided by Pietro. He and his accompanist have been playing locally at several popular venues. They caught the eye and ear of Eve Bowditch, our entertainment chair. She assures me they will be well worth the ticket(s) price. As usual, we ask that you bring your own beverage and a treat to share. You don't need to dance, just come for the pleasure of good music. If asked, he may even sing a song or two from a popular opera!

Our next meeting is December 7th at **9:30 am** in the clubhouse. This time change was voted in at our last meeting

President, Harriet Pirino

E. L. Men's Club

Friday, December 2nd, is our next Men's Club meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing you that day. The meeting will be in the clubhouse at 9:00 am as usual.

After the meeting the Men's Club will put up the lights around the park. Mark Sinicropi will head up the clubhouse decorating, Al Schmitz the Marina, Kenny Young and Ken Cook will take charge of the light house, the bridge will be headed by Larry Lubick. Anyone who wishes to help please come to the men's club meeting and be ready to work. The Christmas trees also need to be put up in the clubhouse.

The men will continue to get together to eat out on the 3d Thursday of the month. All men are welcome. We meet at the clubhouse at 11:30 to carpool. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. This month will be going to Panera's on December 15th at 11:30 am or following the board meeting.

President, Paul Hornberger

All Park Breakfast Out

Breakfast out is on December 13th. We will be going to Cheeser's. Everyone in the park is invited to take part. If you need a ride call Charlie Neville, otherwise we'll meet at the clubhouse at 8:45 am, or we'll meet you there at 9 am. Please be sure to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the clubhouse so an accurate reservation can be made.

All Park Dinner Out

This will be a special Christmas All Park Dinner Out: Keep an eye on the bulletin board for the date and destination. Please be sure to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the clubhouse so we have an accurate count for the reservation.

Bible Study

Our Bible Study will be having a Christmas lunch on Tuesday, December 13th at noon. We will meet at Jan Flanagan's home, and as usual spouses are invited. Please call Carolyn Kilbury or sign up at Bible Study for this lunch. Turkey will be provided by Jan, and others will bring a covered dish.

Our weekly study will continue each week at the Clubhouse on Tuesdays at 10:30 am with the exception for the 13th. All residents are invited to join us for this non-denominational study of God's word, and this lunch would be the perfect place to get to know people.

For prayer requests or information, please call Dee Peters, 352-394-3217

Bingo

Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm, residents (and guests) are invited to meet at the clubhouse to play Bingo. The charge is \$3.00 to play four cards. Typically, there will be 5 or 6 games and 1 coverall for the entry fee. Afterward, for an additional \$1.00 you can buy 2 cards to play another coverall. Everything that is collected is awarded as prizes. The games are usually over by 8:00 or 8:30 depending on how many games are played. It is a fun evening out. I hope you can come and join us.

Bingo Callers are needed. The hope is that you could commit to calling for a month at a time, but if something comes up, someone will step in to substitute. If you've never called before, training will be provided.

For more information or if you are interested in calling, please call Barb McGinnis, 352-536-6833.

Craft Sale

I think it's fair to say that this year's Craft Sale was a success. There were at least 7 different people presenting their crafts. The main meeting room of the clubhouse was filled. I certainly enjoyed looking at all the beautiful things that were available. I hope all the crafters had good sales.

Emerald Lakes Singles

The park Singles' Group will have their Christmas Party (Dinner) on Friday, December 23rd at 11:30 am at the Clubhouse. Here is a chance to dress up a little, if you wish. It is very important that you sign up this month, as we are cooking from a menu and need to know your choices. We will have "real dishes", tablecloths and even waitresses. We might even have music, etc. No one will need to bring anything but themselves. We will have a tip jar for the waitresses. We are hoping to have a great turn-out, and want you to join us even if it is your first time. Any questions, call Dee Peters at (352) 394-3217.

Flags

It was a great pleasure to see our streets lined with flags so many times this year. Thank you to all the men and women who helped to put them out and take them in so efficiently. A special thank you to Helen Young who suggested the idea and to Carolyn Kilbury who volunteered to lead this effort. We will keep the effort going next year by unanimous decision.

Harriet Pirino, Ladies Club President

Homemade Cookies Needed

The ladies club is asking for contributions of homemade cookies. Please have them to the clubhouse on Saturday, Dec 3rd by 1 pm. They are needed for the Light up the Park celebration on Saturday.

Those cookies that are left over will be saved until Monday, but we will need additional cookies for distribution to the various emergency services who are so helpful to our community: firefighters, police, ambulance crews, mailmen, etc. We will need additional donations of homemade cookies on Monday by 10:00 am. The ladies club will create trays and deliver cookies to the various services.

Harriet Pirino, Ladies Club President

Light Up the Park, Saturday, December 3rd

Judging Parade Entries

5:30 pm – Parade participants, please bring your decorated entries (yourself, your bicycle, golf cart, anything that is "Lighted and Moving") to the staging area in front of the clubhouse. Judging will take place at 5:45 pm. Then we will move to the parking lot by the marina.

Lights Turned On

6:00 pm – All residents gather by the boat ramp for the best view, as the men's club throws the switch and lights up the clubhouse, marina, bridge and lighthouse.

Golf Cart / Bicycle Parade

6:05 pm – The parade will leave the parking area of the clubhouse and travel through the park so be sure your batteries are charged.

Reception

7:00 pm – Gather at the clubhouse for refreshments provided by the Ladies Club. Enjoy the fellowship of your neighbors. Our newly formed choir will lead us in caroling!

Property Rentals

Do you want to RENT YOUR HOME? Drew is compiling a list of people who would like to rent for the winter months here at Emerald Lakes. If you would like to rent your home, she would gladly exchange this information. There will be no contract and no fee for this service. She will have absolutely no responsibility for the condition of home, problems during rental, nor character or behavior of those renting. This is a free and voluntary service.

If you are interested, please contact Drew Bergeron, Lot 129, 978-317-2140, paulanddrewb@gmail.com

Sports

Ladies Golf has been playing through the summer, but now that the weather is cooling more people might like to join. We play 9 holes at the King’s Ridge executive golf course on Tuesdays. T time has been 8:00 am. If you would like to join us, call Eve Bowditch (cell: 517-610-2542) by Friday for play on the following Tuesday so that reservations can be made. Also, be sure to cancel by Monday if something changes.

Men’s Golf has also played throughout the year. The men play 18 holes at the Swiss Fairways in Groveland. The T time may vary, but is posted in the clubhouse.

Fishing Contest: Watch the bulletin board for the sign-sheet and starting date.

The season for **Bocce and Shuffleboard** won’t begin until January, but the **sign-up sheets are posted** on the bulletin board.

Volunteering

We believe we have the nicest park with the best people in Florida. To keep it that way we need your help. Your volunteering days are never over. They keep you young. We ask your assistance by participating in and helping to make our events successful. If it sometimes feels like a few individuals run the park, it is because no one else volunteers and those who do hate to see great activities fall by the wayside.

You ask “How can I help?”

- 1st – take a turn volunteering (with someone else if you prefer. It’s called on the job training)
- 2nd – if you can’t volunteer, please attend, especially the special events
- 3rd – please don’t criticize those who do volunteer – we all do our best.

You may support our activities by simply signing up on the bulletin board across from the office. If you have never participated in an activity, please give it a try. We hope we have the chance to get to know you, work with you and laugh with you some time in the near future.

Dee Peters

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

COMMUNITY WIDE MEETING – We will be having a community wide meeting after the holidays. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss a few issues. 1) possibly revise some of the rules and regulations again. We recently changed the pool hours which need to be filed with the State. Before doing that, we wanted to go over them one more time; 2) schedule a community-wide clean-up of the park;3) elect officers for the Social Club who membership includes all residents. More information on each of these items, including the date for this meeting will follow soon, so be sure to look at the Bulletin Board once the New Year begins.

MEMORIAL FUND REMINDER - Give a living tribute in memory of a loved one. A gift of any size will be used with other gifts to make a significant contribution to purchasing something that will enhance the Emerald Lakes Park. Ask the office for a Memorial Fund Brochure or pick one up at the reception table in the Clubhouse.

NEW POOL HOURS – The pool is now open from Dawn to Dusk. However, keep in mind that when our Pool Company is cleaning the pool, everyone swimming must vacate the pool until they are done. This is for your own safety as some of the chemicals could cause you injury if you are in the pool or get back in too soon. Also, **remember your pool bands**, please when visiting the pool. By wearing or having the bands in your possession, it lets everyone know you are a resident here or connected with someone who lives here. If you have misplaced them or didn't receive pool bands yet, please come to the office and Anne will give you some.

SPEED LIMITS IN PARK

The **MAXIMUM** speed limit on roads in the park is **15 mph**. Please don't go any faster. This speed limit is for golf carts as well. There have been some near accidents. Please keep in mind that many have trouble walking and cannot move quick enough to get out of your way.

WIFI IN CLUBHOUSE –We now have a new router in the Clubhouse strictly dedicated for WiFi for our residents. However, for the protection of our residents, it also has a password associated with it. When you come into the Clubhouse to use it for the first time, please see Anne and she will give you the Access name and the Password. Keep in mind that Anne is not here on the weekends, so if that is when you will be using it, please see or call Anne during the week. We want to thank everyone for their patience while this process was being handled. It was greatly appreciated.

**Don't put off until tomorrow
what you can do today!**
-Benjamin Franklin