The Gator Gazette

The Official Newsletter of Country Lakes Village Residents' Club aka The "Fun" Club



FEBRUARY, 2024

CLV Website: www.countrylakesvillage.com



January "Home of the Month"

The January "Home of the Month" for CLVI is the home of Jay and Betty Henry, 233 Country Lakes Blvd. The well kept yard and paved corner has a relaxing bench for those needing a little rest before completing their walk. (The bench was purchased by donations in memory of the late Betty Hughes) The brick planter holds a variety of succulent plants that need little care while these snowbirds are north.

The back yard is home to a new pergola on the installed paver patio providing a restful respite or casual meeting place. Congratulations, Betty and Jay Henry!

Upcoming Meetings

7 p.m. Residents' Club Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

CLVI Clubhouse

Coffee at 6:30 p.m.; Meeting at 7

(All CLVI Residents are Welcome & Encouraged to Attend)

6 p.m. HOA Meeting (HOA Members Welcome)
Wednesday, February 21, 2024



Happy Valentine's Day!

Join us Wednesday, February 14 7-10 p.m. to welcome

Johnny Lambert's Barstool Rodeo Band

featuring our own Randy Taylor!

This band plays traditional Country music and Oldies to keep the crowd dancing.

BYOB and Snacks

Tickets available from Noreen Turner or Rod Burgess at Saturday Coffee, 902-403-5826 or 264 Country Lakes Blvd.

Entertainment Schedule

- Trivia Night, Tuesday, February 6
- Valentine's Day February 14
- Leap into 2024, February 29
- St. Patrick's Dance, March 17
- Tiki Party in Paradise, March 30

Check Page 11 for all the information on these upcoming entertainment events.

Thank you, Entertainment and Food Committees for the Great Planning!







Country Lakes Village Residents' Club aka The "Fun" Club

FEBRUARY, 2024 residentsclub5700@gmail.com

Jennettie Lierman 2023-2024 President



Board Members: Barb Clymer, V.P.; Linda Caton, Sec.; Sue Meyer, Treas.; Donna Corcoran, Historian; Directors: Sandy Gilbertson, Martha Ackerman, Jay Henry, Dave Vossberg.

I don't know about the rest of you guys, but the Holidays did not end the way I thought it would.

What was that sickness that spread like a wildfire in the park the week of December 18? Is it gone? Is everyone feeling better? Can we come back out and play?

As you know, the Residents Board, Committee Chairs and I acted and cancelled the first two weeks in January all scheduled "FUN" events. Terry West and his staff disinfected the Clubhouse. Thank you!

We, the Residents Board and Committee Chairs, rescheduled one "FUN" event, New Year's Eve party. We have a new: date, "FUN" name, and time. Judy MacInness will make the announcement very soon if she hasn't already. See Page 11.

In hindsight and for everyone in our community . . . If you are not feeling well or know that you are sick, contagious or have any symptoms **PLEASE** stay home. If you have tickets for an event at the Club-

house, you can call the Host 4 hours before the event and have your money refunded to you.

The January Residents Club meeting was also cancelled and did not have elections. On February 7 we will have the elections. As explained in January's newsletter, your secretary, Linda Caton is stepping down in April 2024. THANK YOU, Linda, for all the volunteered hours in taking minutes at the Board & Residents meetings. All other Board members decided to stay one more term provided there are no nominations from the floor. In the March issue I will announce the new secretary.

How was the 1950's Murder Mystery night? Hopefully we had enough "FUN" to bring back the murder mystery another time.

The firepit is working again. I know there have been gatherings there. Mike and I have not attended yet. We are looking forward to an evening at the firepit.

Reminder, when the Big Room in the Clubhouse, the Patio and Grill, and/or Tiki Hut is having a meeting, gathering or private party, you are allowed to quietly enter the building and go to the room you are intending to be in (Library, Work Out Room, Game Room and/or Swimming Pool) and not disturb the function in progress.

The calendar is posted by the Clubhouse Kitchen window and outside the handicapped door in the glass case announcing all events that I am aware of for the season as of 01/09/24 (January through April).

That's all for now. Have the best day you can!



BYOB, Fresh Popcorn Provided

Turn off your cell phones, dust off the brain cells and come to the Clubhouse to test your memory of trivia. You can compete for prizes as a team, as a couple or as an individual depending on how brave you are.

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February, 2024

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Congratulations to the "Homes of the Month" for CLVI - Jay and Betty Henry, Lot 233; and CLVII -Dave and Lucia Klukow! Remember this will be an on-going contest so there is plenty of time to be chosen to be future "Home of the Month" winners. You will be seeing the signs in the yards of the winners. The sign will remain in the yard the entire month until February, 2024 winners are chosen. Those winners will be announced in March's newsletter. Rest assured the judging will continue to be done by others that are impartial, not by staff of Country Lakes.

All guests must be registered with the office. Guests' stay must conform to the rules and be limited to no more than 15 consecutive days at a time, no more than 30 per calendar year. If staying longer, the guests must be age qualified and screened by submitting an application to the office as stated in the Community Rules. This applies to ALL Seasonal renters as well. Homeowners found to be in violation will be sent to legal and fees will be added once the notice is posted from legal.

Cats must be kept inside the manufactured home except when taken outdoors on a leash for reasonable outdoor exercise periods. Cats may not be allowed to run loose outdoors. I have reports of cats on cars, defecating in flower beds and under some homes, creating a problem for residents that don't want their vehicles scratched and yards used as a cat waste depository. Please respect your neighbors and keep your cats restrained, pursuant to the rules. Coyotes have been spotted in both CLVI and CLVII at sunrise this year. They mate January through March with a peak in February which means they will be searching for food. They are omnivorous which means they will eat about anything including your cats if allowed to run free.

I will be evaluating the CLVI RV Storage Area in 2024. RV's, boats and/or trailers can only be parked in the RV storage area and must have a current DMV registration as well as approval from the office. This area is an amenity to store useful RV's, boats and trailers that are functional and road worthy. Items not meeting that standard will be given appropriate notice to remove them or be towed. My objective is to maximize the area for as many residents as possible and cut down on the clutter. There are currently a few vehicles that aren't approved by the office or do not have a current tag. After notification, I will have the vehicles towed, if necessary.

Habitual Parking in the road is in violation of the community rules. If deemed habitual, I will post a 1st notice on your vehicle. A 2nd notice will result in Steve White Towing being called. Most of the time the driveways are empty so please use them. Visitors and occasional street parking is permitted, just not every day habitual parking. Clear streets are aesthetically more pleasing as well as safer in case of emergency vehicles entering or exiting. Your compliance is appreciated.

LCAM

Speeding and reckless driving in the community won't be tolerated for obvious reasons. Violators will be sent a cease and desist from the attorney and subsequent violations will result in the termination of the tenant's lease. The safety of the residents is paramount and dangerous driving won't be tolerated. Please report all incidents so I can ensure our residents are comfortable walking and driving in our community.

No carport, porch or other areas around the home and lot may be used for gardening (fruits and vegetables) or for the "mass" collection of plants and pots. Management reserves the right to determine what constitutes "too many plants" and pots. There are homes with numerous plants and pots that circle the home. Others are just stacked up in front of in-ground landscaping which isn't a good look. Numerous potted plants, empty pots, weak plants aren't acceptable. Twenty to 30-plus pots and plants in front of the inground landscaping isn't a look I want to perpetuate. Less is more with the potted plants meant to accentuate the landscape design, not clutter it up. It's not a good look. Thankfully there are only a few flower pot hoarders.

Reminder for all Lus users: Any support issues, please call Lux Support at 877-589-3015. This is **NOT FOR RAVE!**



Strawberry Social

The annual Newby Management Strawberry Social will be held on February 22.

Stay tuned for details.

Mike's Walking Count

1, 2, 3...By Mike Lierman



With such beautiful weather, we are having I counted 16 trash cans blown over, 3 sandhill cranes walking on the yards for food, 2 redtail hawks flying high above, 2 Osprey chatting on a light pole and planning the day, 8 people in the library playing bridge, 6 woodstorks, 7 people taking down Christmas decorations in their yards and 19 houses for sale.

We will have another chance to bring in the new year on Leap Year Day, February 29 because we were too sick to enjoy it on December 31. Happy 2024 to







Leap into 2024
With Friends &
Good Music

Memphis Rub Band

Known for their blend of blues and rock

Thursday, February 29, 2024 7-11 p.m.

BYOB, Snacks will be Provided

Tickets Available at Saturday Morning Coffee from Hosts Brigitte, 819-459-8846, or Brenda, 613-809-4078 or at their home at 814 Banyan Drive.







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SUNSHINE REPORT

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Bring a little Sunshine to Someone's Day

Obituaries: Bob Meier, Lot 1007; Bob and Jean are snowbirds. He passed away in his sleep on December 16 in his home in OHIO. Jean and Bob were at a party that evening. Bob always had a twinkle in his eyes and a smile for everyone. All cards should be mailed to 873 Chautauqua, Lakeview, OH 43331. RIP Bob!

Mary Lou Guyot, former resident of Lot 800 passed away peacefully the week of Christmas in the nursing home where she was lived. Mary Lou was married to the late Wally Guyot. They had a lot of "Fun" living in our community. A CLVI newsletter was mailed to her every month. Her daughter, Cindy Howard, said she always smiled when the newsletter arrived. Cindy's address is 233 Liberty Star Rd, Wendell, NC 27591.



Well Wishes to Snowbirds:

Chris Hetrick, 208 O'Connell St, Fox Lake, WI 53933-0421. Chris is **NOT** having surgery. **Chris' foot is healing**. Please keep her and Dale in your prayers.

Colleen Wolfe, Lot 710, while visiting family in OHIO for the holidays, was diagnosed with the return of cancer. She had surgery and is recuperating at her daughter's home. Colleen plans to return home mid-February. All messages and cards should be mailed to: Colleen Wolfe, c/o Darlene Hummel, 713 Wedgewood, Findlay, OH 45840

Well Wishes in Sunny Florida: Faye Couch, Lot 524; Wayne Doyle, Lot 517; JoAnn Frabott, Lot 209; Bob & Gussie Frame Lot 532; Sandy Gilbertson, Lot 218; Greg Kasch, Lot 552; Mary Ellen Lewis, Lot 507; Marc Lind, Lot 522; Trudy Littleton, Lot 1002; Bill Luce, Lot 604; Patty Milhoan, Lot 520; George Milne, Lot 272; Wendy and Blair Mosher, Lot 210; Carol Nims, Lot 324; Sandy Porter, Lot 220; Gwen Reynolds, Lot 526; Betty Sagraves (I remembered!) & Don Renaldo, Lot 316; Kelvin Sampson, Lot 321; Carol Wagstaff, Lot 201; Tony Yonak, Lot 801

Laura Gafner, Lot 268, moved back to Michigan. Please keep Laura in your prayers anytime you think of her. Laura's dad, Tom, is not moving. His son and daughter-in-law live in Bradenton. When you think of Tom, stop by or call to see how he is doing. Laura, we will all miss you and Princess. Please come back for visits anytime you can.

"No Postage Needed" is back in business in the clubhouse hallway. Check the appropriate slot they are not in alphabetical order so look twice when leaving cards or to see if you have a card waiting for you that will hopefully bring a smile to your face.

Give me a C-A-R-E-G-I-V-E-R, what's that spell . . . CAREGIVER! Thank you for all that you do to take care of your loved one, friend or neighbor. If I did not mention your name this month and you are feeling blue, hopefully you will be in the pink again soon.

MOVING FORWARD

Bob Miller, owner of Country Lakes Villages, has an Advisory Board in place, comprised of residents from both parks: CLVI-Sandy Gilbertson, Sue Eckert and Bruce Steltzer; CLVII-Sue Dibble, Laura Reynolds and Bree Borders with Cheryl Koepke, Chairperson.

The Advisory Board handles certain responsibilities until such time that these responsibilities can be undertaken by the HOAs in each community. Mr. Miller will determine when that transition can take place. This has not happened as yet.

Through the Advisory Board, resident issues are facilitated with Terry West, manager. A form has been created so that your concerns can be submitted in writing to any board member. Forms are available in both clubhouses and from any board member. (See Page 27) With Mr. Miller's approval, issues submitted to the board are those which affect more than one household. You are advised to deal individually with Terry West, manager, for personal issues.

The annual review of Rules and Regulations are done with the Resident Advisory Board. Other responsibilities include the revue and approval of social funds, the direction of improvements in the parks, along with other issues that may arise.

Advisory Board Working For You Residents' Link to Management

Advisory Board Discussions with Management:

- + Electronic Speed Sign. What is the status of the speed sign that Mr. Miller said he would get for our use? Terry will get an update for us.
- 12-20-23 Asked to consider speed gun as an alternative. Will discuss with board.
- 1-3-2024 Advisory Board is hesitant about the effectiveness of this method, but if Management wants to try it, so be it.
- **+ Rave and Lux.** The Advisory Board will be asking Mr. Miller for a meeting to discuss RAVE and LUX.
- 12-20-23 ZOOM meeting was held between Mr. Miller and the board. LUX has been told to fix the problem or their contract will be terminated per their contract with MHM. Mr. Miller asked for patience as it takes time to iron out the problems. After everything is corrected, Mr. Miller will negotiate a rebate on behalf of the residents. Moving forward there will be training offered for residents on the use of LUX.
- 1-9-24 A Phone Meeting was held with Mr. Miller to complain about the haphazard way that LUX personnel are conducting the repairs. An additional phone call will take place on 1-16-24 to see if problems have been corrected.

Country Lakes Village Homeowners Association, Inc. (HOA)

Board: Art Knight - President, Cathy Kasch - Vice President, Dona Turgeon - Secretary Denise Kennedy - Treasurer, John Day - Director, Lynn Turgeon

Submitted by: Lynn Turgeon - Director

February 2024



Dues: \$10.00/yr includes access to private HOA Facebook Pg
Contact Cathy with questions at 941-212-8764

Save The Date....



Sunday, March 17 🎥



7-10p.m.

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BYOB and Snacks

Tickets will be available mid-February at Saturday coffee hour and from Ruth or Tim Kingston at 508-864-5968 or 200 Country Lakes Blvd.



Line Dancing Update

Barry Arnold, who teaches Beginner's Line Dancing at Country Lakes Village I on Thursdays at 10 a.m., is unable to teach the class this season.

In his absence, we are looking for Volunteer(s) to run Line Dancing in CLVI Clubhouse Thursdays, 10 a.m.

This beginner's class is Line Dancing for everyone, no experience or dance skills needed but we need an instructor.

If you are interested in teaching the class, please contact Jennettie Lierman, 509 Kapok, 618-303-3501.

Safety Reminder: Please remember to lock your car and your house at night and especially when you are not at home. This was advice from Deputy Mays of the Manatee Sheriff's Office a few years ago and is also very important today.

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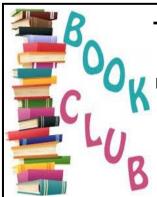


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If you are interested, please contact Jay Henry, 540-424-1408 or Tony Yonak, 740-391-3251



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Questions? Call Cathy Hudson, 561-307-5250



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CLVI Clubhouse

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For more information, contact Jennettie Lierman, 618-303-3501



Pickleball

Instruction is Available

Mondays & Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. at CLVI Pickleball Courts

For Further Info, Call Noreen Turner 902-403-5826

For those who don't have their own equipment, the Park's equipment is stored in the cabinet at the shuffle-board court. Your Clubhouse key fits the lock.

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Pot Luck

Friday, February 2

CLVI Clubhouse

Bring your favorite dish or dessert and Join Us for a Social Time, 5 p.m.; Eat at 6. We Hope to See You There!



Kasey's Seafood

7602 Lockwood Ridge Rd., Sarasota Sign-up sheet in Clubhouse Hallway

Hosts: Virginia Weaver, 937-336-6665 and Eileen Vazquez, 941-465-0733



Christmas Turkey Bingo Winners

The annual Christmas Turkey Bingo was held December 12 with lots of cover-all turkey winners. In fact the hosts ran out of turkeys and purchased additional ones for the winners who did not receive one. Turkey winners are shown, from left, front, Judy Smith, Cheryl Koepke, Wendy Mosher, Virginia Weaver, Terri Maiore, Fred Ackerman; back: Kate Johnson, Carol Nims, Laura Millet, Marie Mont, Ginny Sherman, Bertha Sampson, Brenda Emond, Noreen Turner, Mary Wright, Tony Yonak and Rory Burns. Gift certificate winners for bingos were: Ruth Kingston, Andy Knutson, Wendy Mosher, Marie Mont, Marie Rossi, Sue Dibble, Bill Rank, Joan Laffin and Dave Smith.

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After a slow start to 2024 due to resident illnesses, we're excited to resume the fun events we have planned for February and March. We hope you will join us for the following events:

>> Tuesday, February 6, we're hosting **Trivia Night** from 7-9 pm at CLVI. Turn off your cell phones, dust off the brain cells and come to the clubhouse to test your memory of trivia. You can compete for prizes as a team, as a couple or as an individual depending on how brave you are. BYOB. Fresh popcorn will be provided. Tickets available at Saturday Coffee from Sharon Kinsman, 941-776-4689 or at 262 Country Lakes Blvd.

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>> Leap into 2024! The Mardi Gras Party we had planned has been canceled for this year. Instead, we will celebrate the New Year and Leap Year Day together at our Leap into the New Year Dance on Thursday, February 29th from 7-11 p.m. The Memphis Rub Band, known for their blend of blues and rock, will provide music. Yummy appetizers will be provided. BYOB. Tickets will be available at Saturday Coffee Hour and from Brenda Emond 613-809-4078 or Brigitte Emond 819-459-8846 or at 814 Banyan.

>> Our St. Patrick's Day Dance, Sunday, March 17, 7-10 p.m, will feature the Lisa Ridings Duo. Lisa and Chris will perform songs across various genres including High Energy Dance, Pop and Rock music. Don your green attire and join us as we celebrate the Irish and St. Patrick. BYOB and snacks. Tickets will be available mid-February at Saturday coffee hour and from Ruth or Tim Kingston at 508-864-5968 or 200 Country Lakes Blvd.

>> On Saturday, March 30, Noon-3p.m we're having a Tiki Party in Paradise! Join your friends and neighbors as we relax in the Pool and Tiki Huts while a DJ plays some Island tunes and dance music. BYOB to enjoy along with a barbecue lunch. Tickets will be available mid-February. We're looking for Hosts for this event. Please contact Judy 517-231-0388.



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Palm View Elementary Students Entertain

CLV residents gathered in the clubhouse December 13 as students from Palm View Elementary entertained with a number of Christmas carols. After the entertainment, students sat at the tables with residents while enjoying a variety of cookies and beverages. This gave our residents a chance to chat with the students about their school, likes and dislikes, and their families. Residents thank the teachers who made this possible. Hopefully this will be an annual holiday event.



FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
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	9 – Residents' Club					MC – Sandy Gilbertson	0.30-EUCHTE
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MARCH 2024



Christmas Dinners Delivered to Our Daily Bread in Bradenton. Shown, from left, are Fr. Walter Heinz, facility manager Angie, Rick Koepke, one of the workers and a volunteer. Also delivered to the facility were all the socks, hats, gloves and scarves that hung on the clubhouse Christmas Tree. They were very appreciative of everything and I'm sure with the cold weather we have been experiencing, much needed.





The Salvation Army in Bradenton also received ham and fixings for a complete Christmas dinner. Shown, from left, are Rick Koepke, Fr. Walter Heinz, Martha Ackerman, facility worker and the "Chef." Supplied for the two facilities were: Thanksgiving— 15 turkeys, \$258.76; Christmas— Salvation Army, 200 ham dinners; Our Daily Bread, 300 ham dinners. Dinners consisted of ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, apple sace, rolls, butter and Christmas cookies, \$1,712.38. The remainder of the donations was divided between the organizations to cover incidentals. Father and Rick wish to Thank all who donated. God Bless You!

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Happy Birthday, **Pat Dunn!** The flock of Pink Flamingos showed up to help her celebrate









Jim Hanifen, with his new little buddy, was surprised to find the flock in his yard. They came to help him celebrate his birthday.



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Judy MacInness was happy to see the Pink Flamingos as she celebrated her recent birthday.



Happy Birthday, **Virginia Weaver!** The pretty pink flock was on hand to help her celebrate!

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The Pink Flamingos were on hand to welcome new residents, Randy and Amy Harris, Lot 800.





Birthday Girl Sue Eckert is shown with her husband Charlie. The flock of pink birds landed in their beautiful yard to help Sue celebrate.

Below Nellie Eddy awoke to the Pink Flamingos hanging out in her yard ready to celebrate her birthday with her.





Carol and George Milne came home to the Pink Flock in their yard to help them celebrate their 7th wedding anniversary!



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Happy Birthday, **Linda Caton!** The Pink Flamingos were there to help her celebrate 2x40 as the balloon says!



The Pink Birds show up for a lot of occasions in CLVI. On this day they came to help **Mary Ann Layhew** celebrate her retirement! Enjoy!!



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Calendar Listings of Birthdays & Anniversaries

We have started calendar listings of birthdays directly from the office records.

If you do not wish to have your birthday listed, email Cheryl Koepke ckoepke47@msn.com or phone her at 941-722-5179 to notify her of your wishes.

If you wish to have your anniversary listed, please send it via same means listed above.





Fred and Martha Ackerman were surprised with a visit from the flock to help them celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary!

Not Shown, **Shirley Dunbar** had a visit from the pretty birds to help her celebrate her birthday. Also, not shown, **Brian Mailand and Darcy Lewis-Ebert** had a visit but unfortunately were under the weather when the birds visited.



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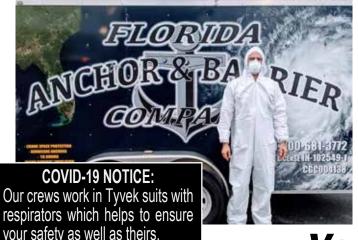
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This and That from your Gator Gazette editor...Martha Ackerman



You'll have to pardon the fact that the pictures in this issue are from November through January because Fred and I, along with many other residents, have been under the weather the whole holiday season and also due to the early holiday deadlines which had to be met.

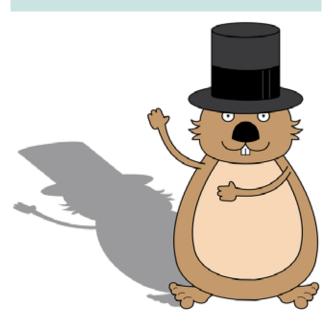
We watched as the golf cart parade went by our house. Unfortunately, our decorated cart was still on the carport. It looked like there were some really impressive decorations this year. Thank you Lynn for organizing the event.

Also Thanks to Ginny Sherman for organizing the Christmas caroling. It was a fun evening which I enjoyed before being house bound for 2 weeks.

The Murder Mystery also, from FB pictures, looked like a fun event. Hopefully it will be a repeat event.

Sending hugs and prayers for all those who are still experiencing the nasty stuff going around and hopefully 2024 will improve as the months go by. BRRR!







Friday 7-9 p.m. CLVII Clubhouse

Questions? Call Roger, 631-487-1821

Volunteers Needed

Coffee Hosts are needed for Saturday Mornings. It's easy but if you haven't done it before, someone will show you the ropes.

Two volunteers are needed each week. Signup sheet is in the Clubhouse bulletin board. Contact Kelvin Sampson, 202-345-8642 for information or to volunteer.

The CLV Library is newly renovated with new bookshelves, tables and chairs.

Librarian Sandy Porter has everything organized and ready for you to find the right book to relax on these beautiful sunshine days.

Puzzles are also available for your use.

Everything is on an honor system basis. Stop In!

Internet is available with password posted.





Attention, Veterans

We are working to keep a current list of Veterans living in Country Lakes Villages I. In doing so we ask that new residents and current residents who are not on our revised Veterans' roll to call Jay 540-424-1408 or Betty Henry 540-229-2100, Martha Ackerman 740-213-3344 with your service information as soon as possible.

Each year Veterans are honored at our annual Veterans Day celebration.

Thank You!

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