## **The Gator Gazette**

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



#### **JANUARY, 2023**

New CLV Website: www.countrylakesvillage.com



**Toys, Toys and more Toys!** Generosity abounds at CLVI! Over 100 toys were collected for needy children! There were bikes, scooters, skate boards, games, footballs, soccer balls, basketballs and much more! Betty Henry and Martha Ackerman checked each toy to see if batteries were needed and those who needed them were added. On December 5th Daryl Wilkinson from the Salvation Army picked up all the gifts which will be distributed to parents on December 16. "Thank you to all who donated!" said Mike Lierman and Martha. "May your Christmas be merrier!" *Additional Photo, Page 19.* 



#### JANUARY IMPORTANT MEETING

7 p.m. Residents' Club Meeting <u>Wednesday, January 4, 2023</u> CLVI Clubhouse Coffee at 6:30 p.m., Meeting at 7 (All CLVI Residents are Welcome & Encouraged to Attend)



**Several years ago** CLVI residents began decorating two additional trees during the December Pot Luck. These two trees were decorated with hats, gloves, socks, etc. and were donated to charieties. This year, shown with the trees, from left, are Judy MacInness and Sandy Gilbertson. These "gifts" were donated to Adventure in Learning Daycare, located around the corner from CLV. Foster care children attend this daycare.

**Important Message:** Since our new owner so generously provides social funds to both parks throughout the year, new guidelines are now in affect. See Page 9.

When residents attend social functions, tickets are exchanged for \$10. That \$10 is refunded when the resident attends that function or lets the host know four hours prior to the event.

You <u>MUST</u> have a ticket to attend/participate in said events. There will be no exceptions. Events with food such as Veterans' Day and Christmas Eve Luncheon, etc. are examples. Food has to be ordered a week in advance and no extra is ordered due to the cost and waste.







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

JANUARY, 2023

residentsclub5700@gmail.com

Jennettie Lierman 2022-2023 President



Board Members: Barb Clymer, V.P.; Linda Caton, Sec.; Sue Meyer, Treas.; Cathy Kasch, Historian; Directors: Sandy Gilbertson, Trudy Littleton, Bill Rank, Larry Smith; Ad Hoc: Juanita Centanni

Happy New Year 2023! I hope your new year is off to a healthy, safe and sunny Florida way.

December was full of social events and so far, I only know that The Fulcos were incredible (first timers to our park). More details on the fun month later. Thank you, Judy MacInness for booking them and Chuck and Sue Eckert for hosting.

Thank you to those that stepped up to volunteer as a chair to one of our committees: Carol Nims - Decorating the Clubhouse and Pat Nadeau – Entertainment. And thank you to All that volunteered to help with our social and/or food events.

Last year we invited new residents to our Potluck, and it was wonderful to meet them. So mark your



calendars for Friday, February 3's Soup Potluck for another Meet and Greet New Residents. Hosts will be Martha Ackerman and Betty Henry.

**"No Postage Needed"** is available 24/7 to all residents and located in the hallway of the Clubhouse. Instead of using a stamp for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays etc., you can leave your cards for residents in the appropriate slot by their last name and Lot #. Also write your name and Lot # in the upper left corner.

Our next Residents meeting is Wednesday, January 4, Coffee and Cookies 6:30 p.m., Meeting 7 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Thank you, Mike Lierman and Martha Ackerman for another successful Toy Drive with the Salvation Army. Thank you All for your donations. Think about their smiles when the children received a present on Christmas Day.

CLVI & II will have their annual driveway sales on Saturday, January 21, 2023, 8 a.m.-Noon. Mark your calendar, start pricing your stuff and get ready.

See the following ads for January:

Page 3.. Potluck, Jan 6

Page 7...Ladies Luncheon, Jan 11, TBA

Page 4.. Driveway Sales, Jan 21

Page 7...Evening @ the Club, Max Winfrey, Jan 30

Page 11 . .Going to the Movies!, Jan 31

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



#### Pot Luck

Friday, January 6 CLVI Clubhouse

Bring your favorite Dish or Dessert and Join Us for a Social Time at 5 p.m. with Dinner at 6 p.m.

See You There!



Thank You! Residents of Country Lakes Village I continue to bring the holiday spirit to others. Thanksgiving turkeys were delivered to the Salvation Army and to Our Daily Bread for their holiday dinners. Shown, from left, are: Fred Ackerman, Betty Henry; Rick Koepke and Fr. Walter Heinz who head the annual project, and a member of the Salvation Army's staff. Just before Christmas, hams and all the trimmings were donated to both agencies. It's a tradition at CLVI as residents so generously donate.



**Click on Community News** 

Username: clvresident Password: CountryLakes







#### Ring in the New Year

Dance the Night Away

With One of Our Favorite Bands:

George Durham

Saturday, December 31, 2022

8 p.m. til Midnight CLVI Clubhouse BYOB

Hor d'oeuvres, Hot and Cold

Served Throughout the Evening

Tickets Available at Saturday Morning Coffee and from Hosts, Sandy Porter, 941-448-1559 & Sandy Gilbertson, 941-504-0121

<u>All Ticket Sales End December 27, 2022</u> New Ticket Policy Applies. See Page 9

## Who knows your community better than someone that lives there?



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Bring a little Sunshine to Someone's Day

The year of 2022 we remember our loved ones who have passed: Louann Fisher, Betty Lou Hughes, Duane George, Jim Leach, Harold Naylor, Bob Reisdorf, Jacklin Bolton Stopp, Elayn Leopold, Harry Schieferstein, Daniel Steimel, Tom Weaver and Jim Wolfe.

<u>Obituary</u>: Joann Fenstermaker, sister to Barb & Tom Clymer, passed away November 26, 2022. Joann died of COVID related health issues. Please

keep Barb and Tom and their family in your prayers. Send cards to Lot 232.

Well Wishes to Snowbirds: Dale Jesse, former resident, 19 Veterans Dr., New Milford, PA 18834; Sharon Kidwell, sister to Trudy & Steve Littleton, Lot 1002; Tony Yonak, 229 Oaklawn Ave, Woodsfield, OH 43793.

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**1-800-226-0955** FLLIC. #CCC 057091 Well Wishes in Sunny Florida: Gina Barnhart, Lot 236; Jerry Caton, Lot 803; Juanita Centanni, 6904 69th Street E, Palmetto, FL 34221; Greg Kasch, Lot 552; Brian Link, Lot 307; Trudy Littleton, Lot 1002; Marilyn Measday & Kathleen Dickey, Lot 542; Patty Milhoan, Lot 520; Connie Queen, Lot 510; Bill Rank, Lot 1001; Don Renaldo & Betty Seagraves, Lot 316; Marion Sommers, Lot 818; Billie Sue Taylor, Lot 246; Carol Wagstaff, Lot 201.

**Skeeter Hughes**, Lot 715, resides in Westminster Manor, Bradenton. **Millie Murphy**, long-time resident of CLV is now living at Heritage Park in Bradenton. Please keep in your prayers Skeeter, Millie and their families.

Remember to check "**No Postage Needed**" in the clubhouse hallway. There are plenty of cards waiting for you to pick up and hopefully bring a smile to your face.

A heart-warming "shout-out" to all our caregivers. We love and thank you for taking such good care of us. If I did not mention your name this month and you are feeling blue, hopefully you will be in the pink again soon.





We Wish You and Yours A Very Happy New Year!!

From the Contributors of the Gator Gazette



#### Shuffleboard Every Tuesday

9:30 practice; Game on 10 a.m. \$.25 each week to play







#### Come, Join Us!

Wednesday, Jan.11 11:30 a.m.

Host Needed Check the Bulletin Board for Details





#### Evening @ The Club

**Tuesday, January 30 7-9** p.m. **CLVI Clubhouse** 

#### Max Winfrey, Stunt Comedian, will entertain with his quick wit and crazy juggling skills

He performed at Disney World and was a semi-finalist on America's Got Talent

#### **BYOB Event; Snacks Provided**

Mike and Jennettie Lierman are hosting. Tickets available at Saturday Coffee.

New Ticket Policy Applies. See Page 9



Coming Next Season to the CLVI Calendar

#### Beginners' Pickleball

Instructors Needed. Want to Volunteer? Call Mary Wright, 905-321-0074

Fall Season, 2022-2023 Mondays and Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. at CLVI Tennis/Pickleball Courts

If anyone is interested in using the courts anytime throughout the summer, etc., you are welcome to do so. Equipment is stored in the cupboard at the tennis court. Your Clubhouse key fits the lock.





#### Gram Slevin's Chocolate Chip Cookies

by Mary Wright

1 c. butter	1 tsp. cream of tartar
1 c. oil	2 tsp. vanilla
1 c. brown sugar	1 tsp. salt
1 c. white sugar	4 & 1/2 c. flour
2 eggs	12 ozs. chocolate chips
2 tsp. baking soda	

Stir together flour, soda and salt. Set aside. Beat butter and oil. Add both sugars and beat until fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla. Beat well. Add dry ingredients. Stir in chips. Drop by teaspoonsful onto greased cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes in 375 degree oven. Enjoy!

#### **Mike's Walking Count**



**1, 2, 3...** By Mike Lierman

#### Mike's Count January 2023

Jennettie, Zac and I drove to St. Louis, Missouri for the month of December. Our great niece turned 25 years of a beautiful woman, our great great nephew turned 1 year old and celebrated Christmas with family and friends. Pretty cool! We should be home in time for Jennettie's Mom 92nd birthday and see everyone at the New Year's Eve Dance.

On the drive up I counted: 20 Amazon trucks, 42+ McDonalds, 30+ Wendy's, crossed Hwy 41, 8 times, spotted 2 New Mexico license plates, 2 cities named Atlanta and drove through 7 states (Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas and Missouri to Florissant, Missouri where we stayed at Hotel Sally's (my sister's house).

Happy New Year to you All and have the best 2023 you can!

## **MOBILE HOME ROOFING**





It's 2023 and the Entertainment and Food Committees have more fun and delicious events for you to enjoy in January and February.

>> January 14 - We'll be kicking off 2023 at our Snowflake & Sunshine Dance featuring a park favorite band, Robert & Wolfie. BYOB and snacks and be ready to enjoy yourself while listening and dancing to some good music. Tickets will be available at Saturday coffee or from Brigitte Emond 819-459-8846 and Brenda Emond 613-809-4078, 814 Banyan, our Hosts for this dance.

>> January 30 - Evening at the Club featuring Max Winfrey. Max is a stunt comedian with a quick wit and crazy juggling skills. You may have seen him perform at Disney World or as a semi-finalist on America's Got Talent. Social hour from 7-8 pm. Performance will begin at 8 p.m. BYOB. Snacks will be provided. Tickets will be available at Saturday coffee or from Hosts, Mike and Jennettie Lierman at 618-303-3501, 509 Kapok.

>> February 14 - Our Valentine's Day Party will have us dancing to tunes spun by DJ Wayne Wallace from 7-10 p.m. Wayne is eager to spin tunes to keep us dancing in and out of our chairs. BYOB and snacks. Tickets will be available in mid-January at Saturday coffee from our Hosts, Noreen Turner, 941-479-4679 and Rod Burgess at 941-224-9861, 264 Country Lakes Boulevard.

>> February 21 - Music Bingo returns to our park!! We enjoyed Music Bingo and DJ Rich so much in November that we invited him back. Come join us for an evening of fun playing bingo from 7-9 p.m., singing along with songs we remember and maybe a little dancing! BYOB. Snacks will be provided. Tickets will be available in mid-January at Saturday coffee and from our Host, Eileen Vazquez, who can be contacted at 941-465-0733, 1012 Cypress Circle.

>> February 25 - A New Shrimp Boil dinner will be held. A delicious menu of shrimp and accompanying delicacies will be prepared for us to enjoy. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. BYOB and wear your stretchy pants for this event. Tickets will be available at the end of January at Saturday coffee or by contacting Mike and Jennettie Lierman 618-303-3501, 509 Kapok, our Hosts for this event.

## Guidelines for CLVI and CLVII Events (2022/2023 Season)

- 1. All indoor events at CLVI and CLVII will have a designated maximum number of attendees, depending on the event. In order to properly plan for seating and food, all events will require a ticket for admittance.
- <u>Residents</u> The Host of the Event will keep a list of names of residents who receive tickets. There will be a \$10 deposit collected for each resident ticket. This \$10 deposit will be refunded at the event. If unable to attend the event, the resident must contact the host 4 or more hours prior to the starting time of the event for the \$10 deposit to be refunded.
- 3. <u>No-Show</u> If a resident is a No-Show for the event, the deposit will be retained. All No-Show funds will be deposited into the appropriate Residents Club treasury fund.
- 4. <u>Guest and Residents of our sister park</u> The Event Host will keep a waiting list of names of Guests and Residents of our "sister park" who are interested in attending the event. If there are tickets still available two weeks prior to the event, tickets will be made available to people on the waiting list. A \$10 non-refundable charge will be collected from all non-resident Guests.
- 5. <u>Walk Ins</u> Residents who show up at the event without a ticket <u>may not</u> be seated upon arrival. They will be asked to wait until 5 minutes before the event begins to see if there are open seats due to No-Shows. If there are open seats, they can be seated. A \$10 deposit will not be collected from these attendees.
- 6. Guests and Residents of our "sister park" who walk into the event without a ticket and are able to be seated will be charged \$10.

All events will be open seating with no reserved or saved tables or chairs.





**TRAVEL** with Larry and Bev Smith 607-742-9949 bevseneca@gmail.com

**"ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISE** January 28, 2023 to February 3, 2023



<u>NOTICE:</u> Royal Caribbean Cruise Meeting January 19, 3 p.m. at CLVI Clubhouse to receive your boarding papers for the January 28 cruise.

Late February, 2023, Calypso Queen Dinner Cruise out of Clearwater with a D.J. providing music and see the city lights. We're sharing a bus with another park so we only have 26 seats available and date announced later. Watch your Travel Board.

April 7, 2023 "JERSEY BOYS" Broadway Show at



ERSEY BOYS" Broadway Show at Broadway Palms in Fort Myers.. Full lunch paired with a Broadway Show. \$124 per person includes the show, lunch, tip, busy and bus driver's tip. Limit 50.

**"ALASKA"** July 29-August 9, 2023. 5-day land tour and 7-day cruise.

<u>SPECIAL ALASKA MEETING</u>: January 19 at 4 p.m. at CLVI Clubhouse.

PLEASE sign up if any interest on your Travel Board in clubhouse Or Call Larry or Bev Smith, your CLV travel representatives. Valerie Gill is our travel Agent 941-232-8612 <u>valatwk@aol.com</u>.

<u>SEE ABOVE</u> for upcoming meetings regarding the Royal Caribbean and Alaska cruises. Special Meetings!!

#### ATTENTION...

The Library does not accept Cook Books or Magazines. And also until further notice, we <u>cannot</u> accept Puzzles due to the lack of storage

space. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THESE ITEMS!

Thank You, Sandy Porter, Librarian



Come out and meet the new residents who have made Country Lakes Villages I their home in the last year. As we did last year, a Meet and Greet has been set for the February Pot Luck, which will be February 3.

"We will be stopping by the homes of new residents personally inviting them to this event. If by some chance we miss you, please come anyway," said Martha Ackerman and Betty Henry. New residents do not have to bring a dish but we would like each one to RSVP so we know how to prepare. We look forward to meeting you!

#### **Recycling Information**

Did you know we have a recycling bin in our clubhouse? It's located in the corner in the kitchen and we would like to encourage our residents to use it for items that can be recycled.....not for trash.

Here's a quick reminder of some items to put in our Recycling bin after events in the clubhouse:

>> Paper, including junk mail, envelopes and magazines

- >> Greeting cards and brown paper bags
- >> Box board, like cereal and cracker boxed
- >> Cardboard (if broken down)
- >> Empty Glass bottles and jars
- >> Empty Aluminum and steel cans

>> Empty Plastic bottles/containers (with no food residual)

>> Empty Milk and Juice cartons

Please <u>Do Not</u> put these common kitchen items in Recycling:

- >> Garbage
- >> Plastic Bags or tablecloths
- >> Styrofoam
- >> Sandwich bags, Saran Wrap, Shrink Wrap
- >> Any item with food or liquid still in or on them

We now have a Blue Recycling Bin from Manatee County that is kept by the trash bins outside. Recycling from the Indoor Recycling bin will be deposited into the outdoor bin. The Park Maintenance Crew will move the bin out to be picked up when needed.

Thank you for your cooperation with this renewed effort. Let's see how much Recycling we can do in order to reduce the trash in our Landfills!



New Ticket Policy Applies. See Page 9



#### Going to the Movies

Last Tuesday of each month.

AMC Bradenton 20 - 2507 53rd Ave. E. in Bradenton

Family & Friends, along with CLVII Residents are invited. Meet at the Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m. to carpool if you wish.

## January Word Search

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# JANUARY 2023

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Sagraves, Stephen	9:00 Residents'	Garvey 1981					Monday
Stryker A: Dale &	Club Board Meeting		6:30 – Coffee &		5 – SOCIAL	MC – Bill Rank	8:30-Adv Pickleball at II
Happy New			7 – Resident's Club		HOUR		8:30-Beg Pickleball at I
Year's Day!			Meeting		6 - POTLUCK		9-Exercises (M-F)
8	6	10	11	12	13	14	9:30-Pool Exercises (M-F)
B: Shirley Dunbar	B: Linda Nuttall,	B: Leah Meinhold,	B: Kathy Snyder			MC – Larry Smith	10-Ping Pong
	Marie Ranallo	Kim Hughes					11 - Zumba
			LUNCHEON – Place			7-10 – DANCE WITH ROBERT & WOLFIE	1-Canasta 6:30-Euchre
							Tuesday
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	8:30-Adv Pickleball at II
	Martin Luther King	B: Rita Secord	B: Joe Wilson	B: Jani Kreitzer, Bob		B: Denise Bair,	9:30-Shuffleboard
	Jr Day			Ranallo, Evelyn		Elaine Murphy	1-Dominoes
						MC – Juanita	Wednesday
				Travel Meeting		Centanni	8:30-Adv Pickleball at II
				with Bev & Larry			8:30-Beg Pickleball at I
				Smith		8-Noon	1-Bridge
				3pm – Caribbean Cruise		DRIVEWAY SALES	Thursday
				4 pm Alaska Trip			8:30-Adv Pickleball at II
				Info			<b>10-Line Dance Beginners</b>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	1-Quilting – Knitting &
		A: Rick & Cheryl Voente 1970	B: Marty Cocke, Vhanidha Colliner	B: Fred Ackerman, Vicki Conde Jack		B: Cheryl Koepke	Crochet Group
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			2010	Harnage		MC – Jennettie	Friday
						Lierman	8:30-Adv Pickleball at II
29	30	31					11 - Zumba
B: Phyllis Romanelli							Saturday
	9 – Residents' Club Board Meeting –		For Calenc	For Calendar Corrections or Additions, Call	ons or Addit	tions, Call	8:30-Adv Pickleball at II 8-Coffee
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	7-9 Evening at the Club with Max Winfrey, Stunt Comedian	GOING TO THE MOVIES, 11:30 a.m., Clubhouse		ckoepke47@msn.com.	omsn.com.		1:30-Dominoes

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			Larry & Marty Cocke	ojubcad	MEET & GREET		1 - Bridge
			1969		NEW RESIDENTS with 5 n m – Social	MC – Barb Clymer	Monday
			6:30 Coffee &		Hour 6 p.m Soup		9-Exercises (M-F)
			7 p.m. Residents		Potluck		8:30-Pool Exercises (M-F)
			Club Meeting				8:30 Pickleball
2	9	7	8	6	10	11	10-Ping Pong
B: Kevin Carstensen	A: Chuck & Pam Kessler		B: Dawna Murray, John Zouroudis	B: Sue Meyer		B: Vanessa Birden	1-Canasta 6:30-Euchre
			11:30-LADIES'			MC – Sandy Gilbertson	Тирофач
			LUNCHEON – Place TBA				9:30-Shuffleboard 1-Dominoes
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	B: Joseph Geier, Mary	B: loannis Temenos		B: Linda White	B: Sheryl Walaszek,	B: Cheryl Carlock,	Wednesday
13	Frances Steele	VALENTINE'S DAY			Miguel Chico	Patricia Fox, Dewaine Moncrief, Marie Rossi	8:30-Pickleball
							1-Bridge
		7-10 DANCE with DJ WAYNE WALLACE				MC – Sue Meyer	Thursday
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	10 – Bocce
B: Andrew Janoso	B: Tom Stillitano		B: Larry Smith	B: Mark Johnson	B: Wayne Busch	B: Cathy Hudson, Sharon Kapral. Mick	10-Line Dance Beginners
	PRESIDENTS' DAY	7-9 MUSIC BINGO				McMahon MC – Cathy Kasch	1-Quilting – Knitting & Crochet Group
		with VJ Kich Baum					1-Billiards (League)
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						BOIL & 50/50 GAME 5 – Social Hour	Friday
						6 - Dinner	8:30 Pickleball
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D: Jim Korabacher, Judith Lockwood, Don	9 – Residents' Club	GOING TO THE					Saturday
Hardgrove, Jeff Weaks	Board Meeting –	MOVIES, 11:30 am,					8-Coffee
	Library	Clubhouse					9:30-Spite & Malice
							1:30-Dominoes
FOR CAL	FOR CALENDAR CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS. CALL CH	VS OR ADDITIONS. (		ERVL KOEPKE AT 722-5179 or E-mail ckoepke47@msn.com	-mail ckoepke47@r	msn.com	







Another new month and another New Year.

January 1 is New Year's Day — a time of optimism, planning and resoluteness. There's a feeling that maybe this year we'll make the changes we've been meaning to do: more rest, better eating habits, more exercise or a new job. New Year's Day is about taking a moment to get ready for everything that is about to unfold for each of us.

Most historians credit the Roman emperor Julius Caesar with developing the Julian calendar, designating January 1 as the start of a new year. The Gregorian calendar, which many nations around the world use today, arrived in 1582 when Pope Gregory XIII aligned the calendar, not with the moon, but with the earth's rotation around the sun, marking 365 days.

If you are planning to celebrate the New Year in the South, it is most likely that you will hear about our tradition of eating black-eyed peas and greens on New Year's Day. From gala gourmet dinners to small casual gatherings with friends and family, these flavorful legumes are traditionally, according to

#### by Juanita Centanni

Southern folklore, the first food to be eaten on New Year's Day for luck and prosperity throughout the year ahead. Served with greens, collards, mustard or turnip greens, the peas represent coins and the greens represent paper money, and that you will always have luck in money throughout the year.

The tradition of eating black-eyed peas and greens for the New Year has evolved into a number of variation dishes and embellishments for luck and prosperity.

In the north New Year's tradition is pork and sauerkraut for luck in the coming year. Germans have been eating pork and sauerkraut on New Year's Day for generations because they believe it brings good luck (viel glück in German). As these kraut lovers immigrated to the Midwest, they brought their traditions with them, including this one.

Most popular resolutions are to lose weight, to exercise more, eat healthier, personal growth, get a new job, spend more time with family, learn a new skill, learn a new hobby, drink less alcohol, and stop smoking.

Wishing all a Happy, and Healthy New Year.







Happy Birthday to Brigitte Edmond! The Pink Flamingos came to brighten her special day.

### Pink Flamingo Project

In the Pink Flamingo Project, the birds can be placed for any number of reasons like birthdays, anniversaries, returning for the season, just to make someone's day, welcome new residents, etc.

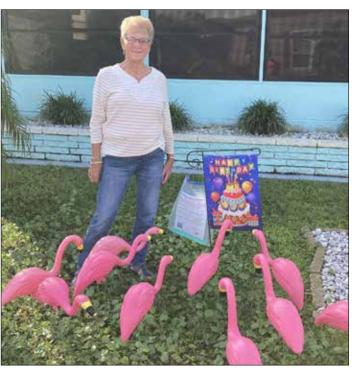
To schedule a pink flamingo visit, call either Barb Clymer at 419-966-0097 or Betty Henry at 540-229-2100.

Suggested donations are: \$15 for 10 birds or \$10 for 5 birds which will be placed at the home of the person being surprised the evening before the occasion and they will remain there until the following day. Since August, Saturday's coffee is paid for with the new budget. You can still celebrate a birthday etc.

as before. A donation of your choice will go to the Southeastern Guide Dogs.







Pink Flamingos brought Happy Birthday greetings to Pat Dunn wishing her a wonderful day.



The purpose of our Federation is to promote the general welfare of its members, protect the rights and interests of, and be a consumer advocate

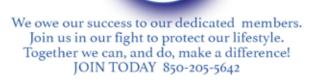
#### FOR MANUFACTURED/MOBILE HOME OWNERS ON RENTED LOTS

Our accomplishments are numerous and include the creation of Florida Statute 723, "The Florida Mobile Home Act", which safeguards your rights as homeowners on rented lots in Florida. Most recently we've successfully lobbied for the extension of The Mobile Home Tie-Down Program for

10 more years.

Download an Application www.FMO.org

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## **SUB-FLOOR & FLOORING EXPERTS!**

#### COVID-19 NOTICE:

We are taking as many precautions as we can to ensure not only our workers safety but yours as well. We are checking employee temperatures daily, limiting contact between crews, and offering no customer contact if you choose. We are an "Essential Business" and here for you when you need us.





Daryl Wilkinson, right, of the Salvation Army, picked up the over 100 very nice toys. Residents of CLVI are making many needy children enjoy a happier Christmas morning. Shown with Daryl is Martha Ackerman, project co-chair with Mike Lierman.

#### Coffee Hour Begins 8 a.m.

Clubhouse opens at 8 a.m. for coffee and donuts. A short business meeting which updates information and a Sunshine Report starts at 8:30 a.m.



#### **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 Veterans' roll to sign the list posted in the Clubhouse. We want to remind you to print your name, lot number and contact information. Thank You!



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We are constantly updating the 2022 Residents' Directory throughout the year.

Do you have changes or additions?

If so, please contact Martha Ackerman, 941-479-7289, marfre1946@yahoo.com or Betty Henry, 540-229-2100, dealbtty@aol.com

Changes may include additions or corrections to your phone numbers, please designate home or cell phone numbers and who the Primary user is for the cell phones; northern address if you are a snowbird; the state you hail from; etc.

<u>ATTENTION:</u> Betty will be finishing the updated information for the 2023 directory. <u>See Page 23</u>



#### Join Us As We Celebrate

#### Dance to the Tunes Spun by DJ Wayne Wallace

7-10 p.m. CLVI Clubhouse BYOB & Snacks

Hosting are Noreen Turner, 941-479-4679 and Rod Burgess, 941-224-9861, 264 Country Lakes Blod.

Tickets will be available mid-January from our Hosts and at Saturday Morning Coffee



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#### **Music Bingo**

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Hosting this Event: Eileen Vazquez, 941-465-0733, 1012 Cypress Circle

Tickets are available at Saturday morning coffee or by contacting Eileen

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#### Information for 2023 Resident's Directory for CLV 1

Please review your 2022 Resident's Directory and fill in any information that is missing or wrong for your Lot number on this sheet. If any information is in the directory that you do not want there, print it in the correct area, draw a line through it and write REMOVE after it.

#### PLEASE PRINT

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Name (s)					
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Please return this sheet to Betty Henry (Lot 233) or Martha Ackerman (Lot 270) before January 15th if you want it added/corrected in the new 2023 directory. (Do not give this sheet to the office.)

If you would like your Wedding Anniversary listed on the monthly calendar, please add with month, day and year:

Anniversary:



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