

Ripples from the Lake

The Official Newsletter of the Deerfield Lake Homeowners Association



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**Monday April 7th
Homeowners
Meeting 7PM**

April 2014 Homeowners Meeting

Support your Deerfield Lake Homeowners Association by attending the April 2014 meeting on Monday April 7th, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

A Message from our Homeowners Association President

On behalf of the HOA Board of Directors, I am pleased to say that everything we recently requested from management was completed before the departure of our former manager Tim Kirby. Once again we thank Tim for his efforts and wish him well in Arizona.

We welcome our new Park Manager Mike Colombo. I and the HOA Directors look forward to continuing the great relationship with Park Management.

The month of March was very busy and included the annual Flea Market, and a Valentine's Party. We want to thank all of our leaders and volunteers who dedicated time and energy beginning with the planning and organization, food preparations, and the set-up and clean-up. We want to thank Robert and Glen for donating the Shamrock Plants for the dinner tables. We also thank all who donated most items used to decorate the club house for the party.

Importantly we thank all of you who attend and support our HOA activities events.

We look forward to seeing all of our residents at the April 7th Homeowners Association Meeting.

On behalf of myself and the Deerfield Lake Homeowners Association Board of Directors, Happy Easter to All!

Anthony Lananna

Welcome Spring

On March 20th the 2014 Spring Season arrived. As we close the winter season we look back to the wonderful weather we all enjoyed. We also reflect back on the fantastic events and activities of the winter season including our Christmas Party, the New Year's Gala, the Valentine's Party and the St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance. The HOA Annual Flea Market was a tremendous success and established a new benchmark for attendance and income for this annual fund raising event.

The arrival of the Spring season also ushers in the beginning of our seasonal resident's annual migration north. To all of you that will be gone before the May Ripples publication we bid you a fond farewell and look forward to seeing you next Fall. May each have safe travels and an enjoyable and healthy, spring and summer season.

All of us that reside permanently in Deerfield Lake can look forward to continuing summer events, activities and the usual Fun in the Sun!

Deerfield Lake HOA Community Breakfast

Please make plans to attend the Community Breakfasts scheduled for Saturday March 29th and Saturday April 26th from 8:00 until 10:00 at the clubhouse. This is for our residents and guests. The cost is \$4.50. The menu for the March breakfast includes Stuffed French Toast, Sausage and Fruit, Orange Juice and Coffee.

Come join your friends and neighbors for great food and conversation. If you are new to Deerfield Lake this would be a great time to meet some fantastic people.

REFLECTIONS by Roselle

"If you go through life without experiencing pain, you probably haven't been born yet" - Neil Simon

Life's unpredictable. It isn't always fair. It's never neat and tidy. Let's face it. It's a great big messy grab bag of the good mixed in with the bad and the ugly. But we can take some comfort in the reassuring words of Norman Vincent Peale who tells us that the tests of life are not to break us but to make us. Count on it.

If experience is indeed the best teacher, when it comes to learning our most significant life lessons --like it or not -- we become better educated by our heartache than by our happiness. It's how we evolve and mature as individuals and how we develop character. The good news is that we are all much stronger than we think we are. But, unfortunately, we usually only discover what we're truly made of with our back to the wall, tears in our eyes, and a lump in our throat.

While we never have complete control over what happens to us in our lifetime -- the setbacks and sorrows, difficulties and disappointments -- we always have the ability to adjust our attitude toward whatever life throws our way. And while we can't go back and rewrite history when fate deals us a bad hand, we can choose how we react to our circumstances and what comes next. If we remember that the quality of our thoughts determines the quality of our lives then giving in and giving up should never be an option. More times than not, we greatly underestimate our tremendous capacity for self-healing. When we're fragile and faltering, when our faith is sorely shaken and we feel sure we'll never be whole again, that is precisely the time when we most need to suspend our disbelief. Because inside all of us, buried deep down beneath our emotional scars, is a spark of something strong, substantial and indestructible. It's called resilience. And if we pay attention, it will show us how to heal and how to let go of the life we planned on so we can move on toward the new one waiting ahead for us, the one full of possibility and promise. So when life throws you a curveball, take a swing at it...even if you strike out a time or two. Any action step we can take, even for a short period of time to shift the focus off our problems putting our energy into something productive and constructive is always a step in the right direction. It doesn't so much matter where we stand in life but rather where we are headed.

They say time heals all wounds. But the truth is that time alone heals nothing. It's what we do with that time that determines whether we thrive or merely survive. When the glass appears half empty, take heart. It's still half full. It just depends on how you look at it.

**Annual Flea Market Update
by Maryann Larkin**

The Flea Market was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who worked, everyone who donated such lovely articles, and everyone who spent and purchased articles. It only works when that combination melds together. Thanks again to all.

Raffle Ticket Winners:

- 1st Prize \$250 Pat Green
- 2nd Prize Glen Nitta \$150
- 3rd Prize Maryann Cumba \$50



Gift Basket Winners

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| Jeff Diebl | Irene Zuchowski | Paul Divito |
| Rosalie Shelley | Murielle Le Borque | Dave DeLasqua |
| Suzanne Overstreet | Joanie DeRosalia | |
| Leo Glickstein | | |

Committees

Bowling	Maryann Larkin	427-2897
Crafts	Gert Speiser	570-1154
Emergency Preparedness	Board Members	
FMO	Jan Klafka	270-5405
Koffee Klatch	Vacant	
Ladies Luncheon	Terry Koffer	425-8179
Ladies of the Lake	Joanie Derosalia	954-557-1913
Library	Pat Green	481-8580
Men's Breakfast	Art Green	481-8580
Monthly Cards	Maryann Larkin	427-2897
Policies, Procedures & By-Laws	Pat Green	481-8580
Sunshine Lady	Jenny Freestone	531-0950
Water Aerobics	Ellen McDuffee	481-2926
Web/Ripples	Allen Pummill	309-287-8223
Welcome Lady	Darlene Marcusson	363-4509

Deerfield Lake Association Officers

<p>President Tony Lananna</p>  <p>954-570-8705</p>	<p>Vice President James Overstreet</p>  <p>609-220-7521</p>
<p>Secretary Chris Frasca</p>  <p>954-644-9537</p>	<p>Treasurer Don Potter</p>  <p>954-698-5194</p>

**The Sunshine Lady Report
By Ginny Freestone**




Get Well Cards Sent

Fred Foxwell	Bob and Dot Antonelli	Bette Hoare'
Maryann Stahl	Marge Harfield	Ron Johnson

Sympathy Cards Sent

Richard Byrnes Paul DeVito's brother

Board Members

<p>Ellen McDuffee</p>  <p>481-2926</p>	<p>Suzanne Overstreet</p>  <p>609-220-6863</p>	<p>Art Green</p>  <p>954-481-8580</p>
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**Welcome Lady Report
By Darlene Marcusson**

Welcome our new residents for March

- Jay Norris #J03 Deborah Dane #Q13
- Olga Torregrossa #T16 Ralph & Celia Dominguez #P9

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Community Activities

Water Aerobics

Meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 AM.
POOL IS HEATED



Koffee Klatch

Come join us every Tuesday morning at 9:00am for coffee, a treat, and good fellow-ship. We discuss upcoming events and all are encouraged to attend. Come meet your neighbors.



Bingo
 Tuesday Nights
 7pm \$ 8.00
 Admission

BINGO

February 2014

Attendance 150 (37 ½ weekly average)

\$ taken in \$2073

\$ given out \$1995

Jackpot average \$165



Hand & Foot

Join Us:
 Every Monday 1pm
 Every Thurs. 7PM

Ladies Luncheon

Ladies Luncheons are well attended. Come and join in the fun! Watch your calendar for next date.

Sign-Up Sheets in Clubhouse

Name That Tune

Take a nostalgic trip down musical memory lane --- everything from boogie woogie and the Beatles, to Do-Wop and Dean Martin—at our Musical Trivia Games. Join us the second Wednesday of each month, at 1:30 pm in the clubhouse.

Be there or be square!

Men's Breakfast Club

We had a good turnout for March. We had 8 men and we went to Denny's in Boca Raton.

The April Men's Breakfast will be Wednesday April 16th. By popular request we will be going back to the Lemon Tree here in Coconut Creek.

A sign-up sheet will be in the clubhouse. We meet at the clubhouse at 8:30 AM

**FMO April Update
 submitted by Jan Klafka**

The FMO (Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida, Inc.) plays an important role in your life: **WITHOUT FMO**, there would be no Florida Statute 723 protecting your interests. **WITHOUT FMO**, you would be treated exactly like renters who rent apartments--with no choice other than to move if rents are raised. **WITHOUT FMO**, park owners could evict you to develop their land for some other use, and all of you would have to get out with **NO** assistance for moving your homes.

WITH FMO, you enjoy statutory protections that have been won over the last more than 30 years. A membership in FMO brings you the FMO News six times a year and contains a wealth of information pertinent to manufactured home owners. Also, you have access to the FMO Website, www.fmo.org, where information is available about the FMO and various programs like the Cross Country Motor Club for road service (much like AAA but about 1/2 the cost). Your membership dues (\$22 a year) allow the FMO to continue its important work on your behalf.

Our last FMO District Meeting for this season will be held at Coral Cay on Wednesday, April 9. Coffee and donuts beginning at 9:30--meeting starts at 10:00. All residents are invited. Contact me if you need a ride. Jan Klafka 954-270-5405

Deerfield Lake HOA Website

Please visit the new Deerfield Lake HOA Website and check out the pictures from the Flea Market and St Patrick's Day Party. The website can be accessed as follows: <http://deerfieldlakehoa.org>

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" Through the Years"
Submitted by Patrice Martin

Every once in a while there is an unexpected delight that comes into our lives. Such was the case at the Deerfield Lake Valentine's dinner/dance. My husband Richard, my sister Maureen, and I were seated at a table with a special group of longtime residents of this community. These women, Ginny, Boots, Marge, Betty and Rosalie have always brought class and style to all of us. They radiate smiles, friendliness and a positive attitude.

Most of these women have been here over 30 years. Marge and Bettys' friendship goes back 64 years. Ginny had left Deerfield Lake for a while, but to our good fortune has returned. Rosalie now has family members here. Boots can always be counted on to support our activities.

Through the years these women have supported each other and shared much, including a bottle of Blueberry wine at the dinner/dance.

Many of us may have roots here that go back many years. These roots include wonderful happy and fun times. These women and their legacy, bring back some of those sweet memories.

There are others here that also have contributed so much to our community. However, on that night these were the five women we had the pleasure of their company. Thank you so much ladies for a lovely evening. Oh, did I mention that they each are proud to admit they are all over the age of 90.

May God continue to bless them, for we are blessed to have them here at Deerfield Lake.

Ladies of the Lake Activities Recap for March

Sixty two people kissed the Blarney Stone last Saturday at our annual St. Patty's Day Party chaired by Josie La Rocca and Robert Schenck. What a fantastic effort by their entire team.

The Clubhouse looked Shamrock Green Magical! Every detail was thought out perfectly to make the evening a memorable one. Shamrock plants decorated each table and one lucky person at each table received the lovely plant thanks to Glen Nitta for the generous donations. Flowing music played by DJ Al all night. Many volunteers donated their time to cook the corn beef, carrots, potatoes and carrots. As well as decorate the Clubhouse and clean-up. They include: Jean O'Keefe, Linda Schubert, Marge Reinhardt, Theresa Cannizzo, Barb Pummill, Maryann Larkin, Connie Dubois, Deb Sulany, Monique Lannana, Tom and Joanie DeRosalia, Gail and Dick Dabb. There was a great group of dedicated volunteers!

Please review your monthly calendar for the April events and activities.

Please note those events identified by an asterisk * on the calendar. Sign-up sheets are in the clubhouse for these activities. Clubhouse events such as the community breakfast and dinner and movie welcome volunteers to assist in set-up and clean-up as well as serving and some food preparation assistance.

Thanks to our team members and valued volunteers who make it happen every month. We are looking for more Ladies of the Lake and more volunteers .



Happy Easter
Wishing you a very Happy
Easter that is filled with plenty of
love and happiness.

