

## *Ripples from the Lake*

### Updates from the Board

This has been a wonderful year! Would like to congratulate the Holiday decorating winners:

1<sup>st</sup> place T-12 Joel  
Cornwell/Dan Utt

2<sup>nd</sup> Place T-3 Carlos Gerena

3<sup>rd</sup> place A-20 Gorge Martinez

There were so many beautiful homes to choose from making our decision very difficult. Everybody did a lovely job and are all true winners.

Caroling went well and was enjoyed by many! Happy New Year!

### (Cont Updates)

Our first HOA meeting of 2019 will be held on Monday January 7 at 7 pm. There is a 50/50 for \$1 per ticket, new board members should be announced and it is the time to share your ideas, concerns and just contribute to your community.

Annual HOA Directors Election will be held on Monday January 21 at 7 pm. We need to have a quorum of 25 for these meetings and ALL HOA meetings. (A quorum is at least 1 member per deeded household). This doesn't mean that as a "resident" you cannot attend, it pertains more to voting.

### HOA Board of Officers & Directors

President	Maryann Larkin 954-427-2897
Vice Pres	Sandra Ladue 954-425-8500
Treasurer	Thomas Gildersleeve 954-290-1118
Secretary	Lorri Hollingsworth 386-689-9783
Directors	Deborah Dane 954-420-9090  Peter Saunders 954-901-4502

### ELECTIONS

The regularly scheduled HOA meeting is on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7PM. Another meeting, on **Monday, January 21, 2019, also at 7PM is the mandated (as per Florida Statute 723) Annual Meeting.** It is at this meeting that elections for Directors will take place. For 2019 there are four open seats on the Board and there are four people who have been nominated to fill these seats. They are: current Board Members, Thomas Gildersleeve and Sandy Ladue; two new people, Linda Cammallere and Mark DiBattista. In order to hold the Annual Meeting a quorum is still needed. We must have a minimum of 25 people representing one person per household whose name appears on the manufactured home title. With no contested seats there will not be a traditional ballot vote, instead we will have a slate approval with a single vote cast by the current secretary. The Directors will then be sworn in by the secretary after which they will meet, amongst themselves, to determine who will hold the position of President, V.President, Secretary and Treasurer for 2019. The Nominating/Elections Committee would like to thank, in advance, these community members who have stepped forward to serve on the Board of our HOA. Please attend both meetings so that we may move forward with HOA business which can only be accomplished when a quorum is present.

Linda Caswell (Chair), Susan Edwards, Monique Lananna, Don O'Malley

**Committees**

Audit Committee	Everett Rosner	954-254-0876
Bingo	Darlene Marcusson	954-363-4509
Bowling	Maryann Larkin	954-427-2897
Crafts	Linda Cammalleri	732-895-6404
FMO	Robin Nicholson	561-409-6690
Ladies Luncheon	Terry Koffer	954-425-8179
Social Committee	Barb Pummill	309-287-4121
Library	Ellen McDuffee	954-481-2926
	Linda Caswell	914-388-4548
Monthly Cards	Maryann Larkin	954-427-2897
Policy & By-laws	Deb Sulany	954-333-8453
Sunshine Lady	Terry Koffer	954-425-8179
Water Aerobics	Ellen McDuffee	954-481-2926
Web/Ripples	Dianna MK Saunders	401-855-3253
Welcome	Sharon Minnick	215-280-6230

We are looking for Chairpersons for the following Committees: Emergency preparedness, Koffee Klatch, Men's Breakfast. Please speak to a board member if you are interested.

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



**Neighborhood Watch**

Deerfield Lake neighborhood watch meetings are conducted monthly in the clubhouse. ALL are welcome to attend. Check your tubes for date/time.

**Bingo Report**

Residents enjoy bingo at 7:00 on Tuesday evenings, at the clubhouse, throughout the year. Bingo is a very well attended activity with a long tradition here at Deerfield Lake. In addition to the opportunity to win a monetary BINGO jackpot it is an opportunity to socialize with friends and neighbors as well as make new friends!

Why not come out this Tuesday and join the fun. Free coffee and snacks are always included.

Questions? Call Darlene at 954-363-4509.

**BOWLING**

Bowling at Sawgrass Lanes Bowling Alley  
 2:00 PM every Thursday.

Please contact Maryann Larkin at 954-427-2897.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**Koffee Klatch**

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

**MONTHLY "CARD PARTY"**

The 2nd Friday of every month a "card party" is held at the Clubhouse. This is a social gathering for \$2 a person; which includes refreshments. We are always looking for more people to attend, so feel free to come with your friends- the price depends on how many more games. The hours are from 12-4. A table must be reserved by contacting Maryann Larkin at 954-427-2897. We hope to see you there.

**Hand & Foot Cards**

Every Monday 1 PM  
 Every Wednesday 7 PM

**MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB**

The January Men's Breakfast is scheduled for 8:30 Ladies Luncheons are very well attended.

Come and join in the fun! The January Ladies Luncheon will be **WEDNESDAY January 16th**  
 SIGN UP IN CLUBHOUSE

at 12:30.

Sign-Up Sheet in Clubhouse

**FLAG DISPOSAL SERVICE**

Anyone replacing a worn American Flag should have the old flag disposed of properly. Please bring old flags to Dick Dabb at Lot D-18 for coordinating the proper disposal.

THANK YOU, DICK, FOR PROVIDING THIS SERVICE!

## The FMO (Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida) Update

Founded in 1962

### Dec. 12, 2018 District 12 FMO meeting summary

Location: Coral Cay

Attendees: Total 18 (1 Deerfield Lake, 13 Coral Cay, 4 Everglades Lakes)

Facilitator: Sheri Poland, FMO District 12 President

Discussion highlights:

- New FMO website: Please log onto the new, improved FMO website at: <http://fmo.org/> If you experience any problems, contact Tom Bertz, web master, at Tom.Bertz@fmo.org
- FMO is networking with other organizations to promote more support.
- Working on a bill to standardize HOA boards.
- Must educate new members in Congress about our manufactured home communities and their issues
- Efforts to reduce FMO expenditures:
  - FMO Largo building is for sale for \$490 K. Currently looking for smaller location for approx. \$150-175 K. Currently using 3 out of 19 offices.
  - Members may go online for the FMO magazine instead of receiving the printed version reducing printing and postage costs. Contact the office to discontinue receiving printed magazine.
- Board Certification being offered at Coral Cay Feb. 27, 2019 – 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM (no lunch included). Pre-register by Feb. 13, 2019 with \$25 payment. Any questions please call 727-530-7539.
- Round table discussion
- Copy of “Where to Find Help in Florida” was distributed. It will be located in the clubhouse near the kitchen area.

### District 12 updates

- Sheri Poland, District 12 FMO President, has resigned.
- Robin Nicholson, Deerfield Lake FMO Park Representative, has resigned.
- If anyone is interested in filling these positions, please contact the FMO office at 727-530-7539.

### Become a FMO member!!

The membership form can be found on the new FMO website: <http://fmo.org/> and in the clubhouse near the kitchen area.

### **Next District Meeting:**

10 AM Jan. 9, 2019 (Wed.) at Everglades Lakes, 3300 SW 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Davie, FL 33314

Park contact: Jim Blaszk, H: 954-533-6700, C: 954-328-7689

## REFLECTIONS by Roselle Scaduto

In this fast-paced hectic world that expects us to do more and more, and to do it faster, bigger, and better, I truly believe that less is more. With the hustle and bustle of the holidays behind us, perhaps we could all benefit from giving ourselves a New Year's gift -- the gift of time.

A daily dose of a little leisure, allowing us to be more present in the here and now, can work wonders for reviving the mind, body, and spirit. Every day we can make a conscious choice to give ourselves some room to breath by slowing down, pacing ourselves, and enjoying our own company for a while. Forget yesterday. Let tomorrow take care of itself. Just for today, toss out the to-do list and make yourself comfortable doing whatever your heart desires and enjoying some simple pleasures. We connect with our true selves by recognizing what gives us genuine comfort and joy. So take a coffee break. Take a nap. Listen to your favorite music. Or listen to the birds singing. Watch a movie or just watch the clouds go by.

Here's to 2019 and giving ourselves permission to kick back and take a well-deserved time out every day to lift our spirits and recharge our batteries. Life is not a matter of monumental milestones but of meaningful moments, and if we put enough of those moments together, we have a life. A wonderful life..

Seize the moment. Seize the day.  
and Happy New Year to all!

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