

Ripples from the Lake

The Official Newsletter of the Deerfield Lake Homeowners Association



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**Welcome
2014**

A Message from our Homeowners Association President

The end of year 2013 has brought a number of changes to the Homeowners Association Officers and our Board of Directors due to resignations. Progress has been made as we move forward with newly elected leadership.

As your president I would encourage each of our Deerfield Lake Residents to attend the monthly HOA meetings.

Much time and energy is being expended to provide activities and events for our residents and we encourage your support and participation as we move into a new year.

We ended November with a Thanksgiving Dinner which received many positive comments. December featured a Christmas Holiday Party on December 14th which included an excellent dinner and wonderful entertainment. We will close 2013 with a New Year's Eve celebration.

We thank those who organized and coordinated these events. We appreciate all who volunteered time and energy to ensure their success.

Be kind to one another as we look forward to 2014.

I wish a Healthy and Happy 2014 to everyone.

Anthony Lananna

January 2014 Homeowners Meeting

Support your Deerfield Lake Homeowners Association by attending the January 2014 meeting on Monday January 6, 2014 at 7:00 PM. The agenda for this meeting will include the selection of an HOA Secretary, and one new director, to the Homeowners Association Board.

**New Year's Eve Gala
December 31st
8pm - 12pm**

**Live Entertainment
Hors d'oeuvres/ Refreshments
Coffee and Soda
Bring Your Own Celebration
Beverages**

**Residents and Guests \$10
Dressy Attire**

**Tickets Must Be Purchased in Advance
Sales end- December 28, 2013**

**Call or see Maryann Larkin
954-427-2897 Lot A-36**

Mark Your Calendar!!!

**Valentine's Day
Dinner and Dance
February 15th 2014**

(Flyer with details in Mid-January)

By-Laws Committee Update

At the December 2, 2013 Association Meeting, two new board members were installed; Jim Overstreet as Vice-President and Suzanne Overstreet as a director. At this same meeting, two other board members resignations were read and accepted by the board; Alan Williams and treasurer Barbara Clements. Nominations were made and accepted for Ellie McDuffee, Barbara Pummill and Chris Frasca to fill these positions. Subsequent to the Board meeting, Barbara Pummill has since rescinded her nomination to be on the Board. If there have been no further nominations made by December 23, 2013, there will be no need for an election at the January 6, 2014 general meeting and Ellie will be installed as a director and Chris as the secretary.

Much of this upheaval and uncertainty of our board could have been eliminated if two previously requested amendments to our By-Laws had been approved. It is time to address these proposals again. Our By-Laws, like any governing body is a static document that needs to be periodically amended to reflect the current needs of our community. It is no different than the Florida state legislature yearly amending the various statutes that regulate Condos, Timeshares, HOAs and Mobile Home Parks.

To amend our by-Laws a petition signed by at least ten bona-fide home owners (name appears on deed) must be read and presented at a board meeting. At the next board meeting the amendment is read again and the floor is opened to discussion on the proposal(s). If no changes are made to the wording of the amendments, the new amendments are then distributed to all bona fide homeowners indicating that they will be voted on at the following month's association meeting. At this third monthly meeting the proposed changes are read again and if a quorum of bona fide home owners is present (25), a vote will be taken. If anyone is uncertain as to whether they are a bona fide homeowner, everyone should have received their registration stickers. On the accompanying document, in the lower left hand corner, you will see the name of the bona fide homeowner, the person whose name is on the title. Even if there is more than one name, only one person may vote per household. This would be a good time to check if the office has a copy of your title. This will ensure that there is an accurate list of eligible bona fide homeowners for legal votes, as per our By-Laws.

In the March/April 2012 FMO Newsletter in their legal questions and answers section they address one of our proposals. They note that Fla. STAT. 723.078(2)(D) refers to directors, and not officers. The response from the lawyer goes on to state that an HOA elects those individuals it wants to the Board of Directors, that Board will typically appoint their Officers. The article goes on to state that Fla. Stat. 723.078(2)(a) does not actually indicate that the membership elects the President, Secretary, or Treasurer. It only states that those offices must be filled. Notably, the statute does not indicate that there is a requirement for other offices, unless the Board of Directors decides to appoint and designate other offices. To reference this further, any of you who are familiar with Boards of Education know that you only vote for a board member, and those members vote for their own president; this would be the same concept.

If we had this in place the board would not have been in the situation of having to find people to run, they would have been able to reorganize amongst themselves and selected new officers. This would have been far more effective and efficient.

The other proposal concerns the number of Directors on the Board. In the same statute it states that the minimum number of board members should be five, unless the By-Laws stipulate something different. Our By-Laws have seven directors. A previous amendment was presented stating the Board would consist of a minimum of five and a maximum of seven directors, thus giving flexibility in times when it is difficult to find people to run for the Board.


Again, had this been in place the present Board would be able to function without having to once again seek people for office. They would have been able to finish out the term with five members. Please attend the January 6th Association Meeting where the new directors/officers will be installed. At this meeting the two proposed amendments will have their first reading.

Thank you, from the members of the By-Laws Committee: Pat Green (Chair), Chris Frasca, Linda Ca-swell and Maryann Larkin.

Committees

Bowling	Maryann Larkin	427-2897
Crafts	Gert Speiser	570-1154
Emergency Preparedness	Board Members	
FMO	Jan Klafka	270-5405
House Committee	Jesse Gwinn	574-0418
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
Social Activities	Jesse Gwinn	574-0418
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

President
Tony Lananna

954-570-8705

Vice President
James Overstreet

609-220-7521

Secretary

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Treasurer
Don Potter

954-698-5194

Board Members

Jesse Gwinn

954-574-0418

Suzanne Overstreet

609-220-6863

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The Sunshine Lady Report
By Ginny Freestone

Get Well Cards Sent

- Larry Clements
- Marty Gordon
- Janet Mirailh

Sympathy Cards sent to the families of:

- Meyer Eisner
- Janet Mirailh

Welcome Lady Report
By Darlene Marcusson

New Residents

- Carmen, Gregorio & Katherine Rayme #O41
- Stephen Daughtery & Debbie Kopp #N17

We welcome all of you to Deerfield Lake. We encourage your participation and involvement in the many activities and events available.

Deerfield Lake Outdoor Christmas Display Contest

First Place: Diehl and McWhorter D-8

Second Place: Glen and Robert S-14

Third Place: Joe and Barbara Clemons I-10

Congratulations to our winners! Thank You to all of our residents for the beautiful outdoor displays!

Men's Breakfast Club
Something Special Just for the MEN!

A Men's Breakfast Club has been formed. We welcome the men of our community to join with us once a month for a time of food, laughter and friendship. We gather at various eating establishments in the area. Please join us for our next Breakfast Club gathering.

When: Wednesday January 15th, 2014
Meet at the clubhouse at 8:30 AM. We will Carpool to the restaurant of the month.

Where: Country Kitchen – Wiles and University

Sign-Up Sheet will be available in the clubhouse.

Questions Call: Art Green 954-481-8580

Community Activities

Water Aerobics

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

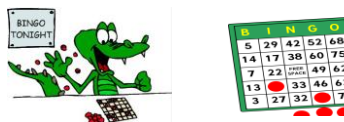


Koffee Klatch

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.

Hand & Foot

Join Us
Every Monday 1pm
Every Thurs. 7PM



Bingo

Tuesday Nights 7pm
\$ 8.00 Admission
Up To \$100.00 or More
Jackpot

November Report

Total Attendance –
126 Avg. 34 @ week
Total Taken In - \$1,845
Paid Out - \$1,817

December Report

For the 3 weeks of December
a total of 91 people played
\$1304 was taken in
\$1285 was paid out
Everyone who played
received a Christmas dauber
as a gift

Ladies Luncheon

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

Sign-Up Sheets in
Clubhouse

Men's Breakfast Club

Men's Breakfast Club was December 18th at the Cracker Barrel. This initial gathering was attended by 12 men.

We had an enjoyable time.

**Resident Items
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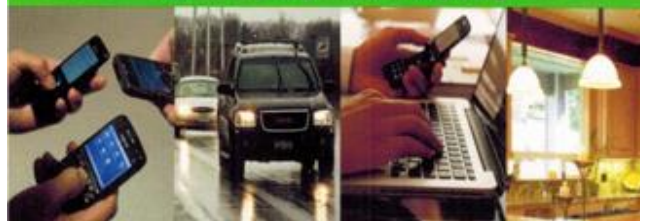
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Ladies of the Lake Activities Recap - Joanie DeRosalia

Wow! We had many exciting activities in November and December. The Ladies of the Lake thank all of our fellow volunteers. Without Volunteers events and activities are not possible.

November Events Recap

- Monthly Breakfast Sausage and Pancakes thanks to Art and Pat Green for chairing this great breakfast.
- Back to the 50's Party - Thanks to Barb and Allen Pummill for chairing this event. Many great dancers live in Deerfield Lake!
- Men's Breakfast held monthly (see Ripples write-up for more details))
- Menorah Tree Lighting Ceremony - Thanks to Linda Caswell for teaching us the significance behind the Menorah tree lighting
- Thanksgiving Community Dinner what a great time serving our community. This was a labor of love and could not have happened without our great VOLUNTEERS TEAM:
 - Pat and Art Green, Chris Frasca, Billy Peterson, Don Potter, Darlene Marcusson, Joanie and Tommy DeRosalia, Helen Dumar, and Debbie Chartrand.
 - Turkey Donations and Cooks: Barb and Allen Pummill, Ellie McDuffee, Darlene and Sam Marcusson, Billy Peterson; Chris Frasca (Desserts). Thanks also to those who donated financially.

December Events Recap

- Movie Trivia. Please join us monthly for the next fun Trivia Event. See your calendar for date and time
- December Christmas Party- thanks to Suzanne and Jim Overstreet and their team of volunteers for transforming the Clubhouse into a Magical Holiday Land.
- Christmas Caroling coordinated by Linda Caswell and supported by our fantastic Carolers.
- Look for our Upcoming Exciting New Year's Eve Gala.

December 2014 Christmas Holiday Party

The Deerfield Lakes Christmas Dinner/Dance Party of 2013 was enjoyed by 86 people! The evening began with a welcome from our new president, Tony Lananna, followed by a Christmas solo sung by 5 year old Zoey Adler, granddaughter of Jim & Suzanne Overstreet. DJ, "Marc on the Mic" provided Christmas dinner music and lively tunes, keeping many dancing most of the evening. Ladies of the Lake and other regular party volunteers were able to sit this one out and enjoy the evening with a tasty dinner catered by the Lunch Wagon. Festive Christmas cookies & cupcakes topped off the meal. The clubhouse was fully decorated in a holiday Winter Wonderland theme with over 400 feet of tiny white lights and dozens of glistening snowflakes and snowballs suspended in the air - just minus the cold =).

Many who attended described the event as one of the best ever attended here at Deerfield Lake. We can't ask for more than that! Mission accomplished! We look forward to many more in the coming year!

Many thanks to volunteers: Maryann, Marge, Dick & Gail, Tony & Monique, Barb & Allen, Joanie & Tom, Judy & Tim, Art & Pat, and any others. Our ceiling canopy of lights was the results of the efforts of Jim Overstreet & Allen Pummill – kudos for great results!

Thanks to all who attended!

Suzanne Overstreet, Party Chair
& member of Ladies of the Lakes Activities Committee

REFLECTIONS*By Roselle Manarina*

Did you know Coconut Creek was recently named one of America's best small towns to live in? Sounds good to me. In today's fast-paced, super-charged, technology-driven world, maybe what we most need is to unplug and get back to the basics. And the simpler sweeter appeal of small-town life may be good for what ails us and just what the doctor ordered.

Is it me or are we drowning in information overload but starving for real personal interaction? If you ask me, we could all benefit from fewer names on our contacts list and more actual human contact. Call me old fashioned, but I'd rather have an honest-to-goodness face-to-face conversation without a lot of password protection, pressing a bunch of buttons, logging on and off, and endlessly waiting for the beep. It makes me wonder what my late, sweet, street smart Italian grandmother would make of today's new-fangled high-tech world. Though a lot of seasons have come and gone without her, it seems that none of the life lessons she taught me have lost anything over time and in translation, As Grandma Rose used to say.....

If you always tell the truth you don't need a good memory...there is no right way to do the wrong thing...never set fire to the forest to chase out the wolves...if you don't climb the mountain you don't see the view..., you don't need to have the best of everything; you just have to make the best of everything you have...and my favorite—if the pasta is bad what good is the sauce.

Today, a little older and hopefully a bit wiser, I get the gist of what she was trying to say: The world is what it is. Stop trying to make it so complicated! After all, life is just a circle, what gives it purpose are the connecting links---family, friends, faith, and hope.

So, my fellow small-towners, let's get out from behind the computers, get off our cell phones, put down the remotes and interact.

My grandmother used to say "It takes a whole lifetime to learn to live." Let's just be sure we make some time to live it together in person.

It only goes to show you. Grandmothers really do know what they're talking about.

FMO Update by Jan Klafka

The FMO (Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida) is a non-profit membership organization (since 1962) whose purpose is to protect manufactured home owners. In 1984, with the support of the FMO, the Florida Legislature passed what is known as Chapter 743 of the State Statutes. As a result, manufactured home owners in Florida have more rights and better protection than can be found in any other state. Unfortunately, we often take these hard-won rights for granted, and this complacency threatens the future of our lifestyle.

On December 9 and 10 the FMO held a state assembly meeting in Clearwater, FL, at which time new officers were voted for. Congratulations to Richard Thomas, who was elected Section IV Director for Broward, Dade, Monroe, Martin and Palm Beach counties, in addition to retaining his leadership as President of our District 12. Under new leadership, we expect the FMO to continue moving forward.

ALL residents are welcome to attend the next District meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at Everglades Lakes Manufactured Home Community. Coffee and donuts at 9:30--meeting begins at 10:00. Contact me if you need a ride!