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**March 2021** 

# Gator Tales



March is here! 4 leaf clovers and green beer. Lets party and play but with safe warm cheer.





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#### A Message from the President . . . . . .

#### Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Hello to all, these cool temperatures at night and the warmer temperatures during the day are a perfect time of year. We need to enjoy this weather because it won't last long.

It appears that a lot of you may have gotten at least one of your vaccine shots with the second one coming up. Hopefully, soon they will be opening it up to the rest of us. As we can all see with the numbers starting to decline, the vaccine, along with continuing with wearing masks and social distancing, it is working. We have all done a great job on protecting ourselves and others here in the park. I know this has been hard on all of us but we have all worked to hard to let our guard down. So let's all continue being cautious and careful in this pandemic time we now live in.

Looks like warmer tempertures are here for the summer season, with that the pool will be being used a lot more. We all need to remember to social distance while at the pool also. It may mean that we may need to limit our time to give everyone a chance to use the pool. Hopefully with continued vaccines and lower numbers we can plan a nice cook out towards end of summer. With that being said the Clubhouse remains open for use with mask wearing and social distancing still a requirement.

If you see me out, feel free to stop me with any suggestions, comments or just to say hello.

Jerry Sibila President

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#### **NEWSLETTER**

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Just a reminder, any information for the Gator Tales needs to be submitted to me by the **20**<sup>th</sup> of each month. There is a red box outside my door, you can drop your stuff, or you can send it to the email below. If you need a flyer done, I need the information by the **15**<sup>th</sup> so I can do it and get it approved and back to me by the **20**<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about the Gator Tales, please contact Shelly Shaffer at 910-624-8925 or (shelly.shaffer81@yahoo.com). We are always looking for new ideas and way to improve our community paper.

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Phil would like to let you know NOT to put your checks in the Literature Box that's in front of the office. If the office is closed, you can take your checks to the Clubhouse and place it in the box out front by the doors to the left.

Thank you,

Thank you Phil



#### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Julie Camp
	Mike Molnar
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lori Johnsen
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pat Gagne
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lee Rhoades
6 <sup>th</sup>	Rita Clapp
7 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Leland
12 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Hinrichs
	Pamela Landry
15 <sup>th</sup>	William Davis
	John Grasso
	Elizabeth (Beth) Hinstsala

16<sup>th</sup> Marileigh Osborn

Nyla Sharp

Teri Stump

Matt Rice

18<sup>th</sup> Deb Devore

21st Lee Emery

22<sup>nd</sup> Judith Geiger

Susan Schofield

23<sup>rd</sup> David Bitner

Bruce Hatfield

Phyllis Lennox

24<sup>th</sup> Ronald Radden

26<sup>th</sup> Jan Baczkiewicz

28<sup>th</sup> Charles Hofer

31<sup>st</sup> Sharon Bowden

Anna Smith



#### **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

9<sup>th</sup> Wayne & Trudy Bickford
17<sup>th</sup> Bob & Cathy Baughman
30<sup>th</sup> Bob & Lorraine Sharples

(If any of the above information is incorrect please let us know, Dona Rawson, Shelly Shaffer, Joyce Middleton.)

# The Many Thanks Page to our wonderful residents of Lake Hammock Village!!

The donations to the Food Bank have been really progressing. Totals since inception of the program about 4 years ago have weighed close to two tons. For new residents, the collection box for non-perishables can be found at the clubhouse in the back room. The need is great so please think about contributing any items.

The time has come for the Blicker's to relinquish the job of collecting and distribution. The job requires just one or two hours twice a month.

If anyone would like to take over the job, please let us know! Call us at (203) 915-1357

Thank you, Fred and Jeanne





#### **GET WELL**

Fred Blicker – Hospital Jerry Smith – Hospital – Home Joice Smith - Hospital

#### **SYMPATHY**

Roger Martell Family Bruce & Brenda - Residents

Please call if you know of a resident that has been ill or hospitalized so that Carol can send Get Well cards.

Carol Gould
Sunshine Committee
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Ruth Carroll & Walter (Hutch) Hutchinson 9 Silver Crest Dr Residents since February 2020

Hutch and Ruth have been together for four years, both have resided in FL for 15 years.

They grew up in New Hampshire and currently live in Maine. They moved to FL, as "Snow Birds" to escape the northern winters. There is one additional family member living with them Abigail a 14-year-old Schnauzer.

Before relocating to Lake Hammock Village Ruth and Hutch lived in Winter Haven. Ruth located LHV on the internet and liked the park for its cleanliness and the size of the park. She also appreciated that the homeowners planted flowers. The commute to Kissimmee, for "Old Town" and close to friends, was also important to them.

They still go to Winter Haven often to have dinner at "Gaskins" one of their favorite restaurants. Ruth likes the various stores Winter Haven has to offer.

Hutch has three children, one son and one daughter living in NH and one daughter living in SC, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren and with another on the way. One of Hutch's children works for the New England Patriot Organization. One son-in-law works as a scout for the Cleveland Browns and the other child is a manager for a medical supply company. A son-in-law works for "Tufts Medical Center."

Ruth has three daughters, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Ruth has one daughter in NH and two in FL, Tampa and Lakeland. One daughter is a banker, one daughter works for a psychiatric hospital as manager of the dietary dept. The third daughter is a lead programmer for Comcast.

Hutch retired from Gillette Corp after thirty years, and is a mechanical engineer. He studied at IBM and various trade schools for continuing education.

Ruth attended North Eastern College in Boston, MA. She owned her own business as Real Estate Broker, and management / development firm. She Developed and managed communities like LHV. She sold her business in approximately 2010 to retire.

Both Hutch and Ruth enjoy watching the Mecum Auto Auction. They enjoy watching cars being sold that they can only dream about. They both remarked on the sale of the original "Carroll Shelby GT40" selling for 5.7 million.

Hutch's hobbies include anything doing with Mustangs, as you can see by the trophy's on display. He is a regular at "Old Town". He would like to get acquainted with other car enthusiasts. He also enjoys shooting on Fridays with some of the men here at LHV. He is also setting up his wood working shop.

Ruth enjoys the arts and is involved with her local theatre when living up north. In her younger days she enjoyed skiing and running. You will see Ruth walking LHV with Abigail. Ruth also enjoys reading two of her favorite authors are John Grisham and Daniel Steel. She is currently reading "Mercy Killing". Ruth's saying is: "Enjoy life as you can".

They are looking forward to being involved in the community and disappointed "Covid" occurred at the time they moved to LHV.





Karen Wilson 129 Silver Crest Dr Resident since March 2013

Karen and her husband moved to Lake Hammock Village after visiting with Jack's sister Linda Carpenter. They first moved to 69 Sargent Street and later relocated to a larger home on Silver Crest Dr.

Karen and Jack were married June 8, 1963 in Easton Town, NJ. They met while working at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg, WV.

They had 2 daughters and 1 son, one daughter lives in Jacksonville her other children live in VA. She has 5 grandchildren, 4 boys and 1 girl. Karen also has 2 greatgrandsons living in CA.

Karen attended school at "Medical Tech", St Louis, MO. Jack attended UVA and was an X-Ray Technician. Karen and Jack both worked at various hospitals in MD, WV and VA. When they moved back to VA Jack retired. Karen and Jack decided to open "Wilson's Country Store" in Darlington Heights, VA. Karen said it was a true country store as they were located in the country. They owned and operated the store for 8 years. When they closed their business she then went back to work at the local hospital.

Karen and Jack loved to travel; they took 5 weeks crossing the United States. They followed "Charles Kuralt's book "A Life on the Road – off the beaten path". They saw the beauty of our country. Other travel adventures included over seas trip one being Germany. The last trip they made was to Israel. They also took several cruises, which Karen enjoyed immensely.

Jack was known as the man "who never met a stranger" became ill and passed in 2017. Karen has continued to be a "Snowbird". This year she missed her Canadian friends especially her BFF. Karen is hoping she will be able to see her this summer" Covid Permitted".

Karen has a small home in VA, and one of her sons has his home across the field from her. She loves to see her Virginia family and the cooler summer temperatures. Karen also maintains her flower gardens in VA.

Karen's hobbies include crocheting, knitting, and doing puzzles. She enjoys playing cards and games at the club house. She now meets with friends to play cards and games here in Lake Hammock Village. Karen also loves to travel, meeting new people and enjoys visiting with LHV residents. You will see Karen walking with friends and also on her bike riding around LHV.

Karen is also involved in the activities at the club house. She is co-chair for the "Park Breakfast". She also volunteers for anyone needing help with various activities. Karen anxiously waits for the club house to open so we can get back to the community activities again. As for sports Karen roots for the Pittsburgh Steelers. She also notes she has had a "Good Life"!



#### FUN FACTS: MARCH

Birthstone: Aquamarine and Bloodstone

Flower: Daffodil

Zodiac signs: Pisces and Aries

#### **History:**

The name March comes from the roman God of war, Mars. For many years, March, being the start of spring was also the start of the new year. Britain used March 25<sup>th</sup> as the beginning of the new year until 1752.

#### Did you know...?

Production of the first **typewriter** begins. (March 1, 1873)



First **non-stop around the world** airplane flight takes place. (March 2, 1949)

The **Star Spangled Banner** becomes the US National Anthem. (March 3, 1931)



**Thomas Jefferson** becomes the first US president inaugurated in Washington, DC (March 4, 1801)

**Elvis Presley** gets out of the army. (March 5, 1960)



Walter Cronkite's last CBS Evening News Broadcast. (March 6, 1981)

The first broadcast of **The Nashville Network (TNN)**. (March 7, 1983)

The first **stock car race** is held in Daytona Beach, Florida. (March 8, 1936)



The first **Barbie doll** debuts. (March 9, 1959)

All 9 planets of the **Solar System** align on the same side of the sun. (March 10, 1982)



**Janet Reno** becomes the first female Attorney General of the United States. (March 11, 1993)

**Coca-Cola** is sold in bottles for the first time. (March 12, 1894)



Harvard College was named for clergyman, John Harvard. (March 13, 1639)

### FUN FACTS: MARCH

**Eli Whitney** is granted a patent for the cotton gin. (March 14, 1794)

The Broadway musical **My fair Lady** opens in New York City. (March 15, 1956)



**West Point**, the US Military Academy, is established. (March 16, 1802)

The first "St. Patrick's Day" is celebrated in New York. (March 17, 1756)



**American Express** is founded. (March 18, 1850)

**Time zones** are established in the US. (March 19, 1918)

**John Lennon and Yoko Ono** get married. (March 20, 1969)

**J.R. Ewing** is shot on "Dallas", leading to the catchphrase "Who Shot J.R?" (March 21, 1980)



The **laser** is invented. (March 22, 1960)

Elisha Otis installs his first made elevator in New York City. (March 23, 1857)

**Henry Wadsworth Longfellow** dies. (March 24, 1882)

**Slavery** is abolished in Great Britain and Ireland. (March 25, 1807)

**Jonas Salk** announces the Polio vaccine. (March 26, 1953)



The first successful **blood transfusion** is performed. (March 27, 1914)

The first **seaplane** takes off from a water runway. (March 28, 1910)

An upstream ice jam stops almost all water flow over **Niagara Falls**. (March 29, 1848)

**Hyman Lipman** patents a pencil with an attached eraser. (March 30, 1858)

The **Eiffel Tower** is inaugurated. (March 31, 1889)



March 1, 1904: Glen Miller March 4, 1888: Knute Rockne March 6, 1475: Michelangelo March 17, 1951: Kurt Russell March 23, 1908: Joan Crawford March 30, 1853: Vincent Van Gogh

# Myth of the Leprechaun

The legend of the Leprechaun is one of the most enduring myths in Ireland and relates to a mystical type of fairy who is originally linked to the <u>Tuatha De Danann</u> of Irish mythology.

According to fables, Leprechauns are tiny entities that normally take the form of an old man in a red or green coat. They are known to be mischievous little creatures that like to make shoes and store their gold coins in a pot of gold that is hidden at the end of a rainbow. If you happen to capture a Leprechaun, he will give you three wishes provided you let him go.

#### Leprechaun Origin

Most Leprechaun legends can be traced back to the 8th century tales of water spirits which were known as 'luchorpán' which means 'small body'. It is said that these spirits merged with a household fairy and developed a penchant for heavy drinking so no cellar was safe! According to other researchers, the term Leprechaun actually comes from the Irish term 'leath brogan' which means shoemaker.

It is interesting to note that Leprechauns are often associated



with wealth, particularly gold coins, but they are actually cobblers which you would hardly presume is a lucrative vocation! Nonetheless, the myth of the pot of gold persists and there are still people who go looking for this hidden treasure!

If you are lucky enough to capture a Leprechaun, he will give you three wishes if you set him free. What would your wishes be?



The Pot of Gold

This is the most common of all Leprechaun myths which says that they find gold coins buried in the earth and store them all in a pot which is hidden at the end of a rainbow. The fact that a rainbow doesn't have a fixed spot or a real end should be discounted for the sake of the story!

Quite why Leprechauns even need gold is another matter entirely since they can't actually spend it. Some researchers suggest that this gold is used as a means of tricking humans and given the Leprechauns' propensity for trickery, this is entirely possible.

In most Irish folklore tales featuring the Leprechaun, he is depicted as a rogue who will deceive whenever he can. In rare cases where humans catch Leprechauns in tales, they are easily outsmarted by the magical creature that often uses a person's greed against him. Unless you are an expert in all things Leprechaun, there are a few facts about the mystical trickster that may surprise you.

Leprechauns are famous for hiding their pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Will you go treasure hunting?

#### Popular Culture

The image of Leprechauns has been updated and now the legend serves as something of a tourist attraction which lures a huge amount of American tourists in particular to

Ireland. The Leprechaun has really captured the imagination of Americans and features as Notre Dame's mascot and the symbol of Lucky Charms cereal. Of course, not everything related to Leprechauns is fun or particularly tasteful as can be seen in the awful Leprechaun movies starring Warwick Davis.



Warwick Davis has starred in all SIX Leprechaun horror movies.

It is fair to say that many Irish people are irritated by the ethnic stereotypes perpetuated by Leprechauns but there is a tale of morality that can be taken from the fable of the Leprechaun. The fact that they often trick people who seek the pot of gold can be taken as a warning to people not to be invested in 'get rich quick' schemes.

Additionally, you should not look to take what isn't yours nor should you interfere with things beyond your understanding. Ultimately, tales of the Leprechaun are not to be taken seriously and should only serve to amuse and delight us.

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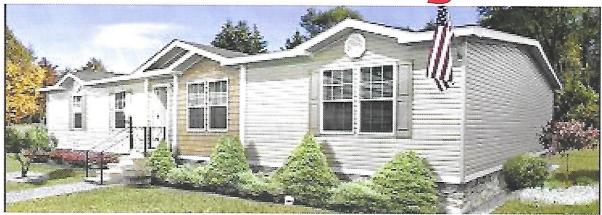




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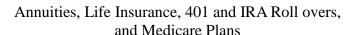
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