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# Gator Tales



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

As we roll into 2023, I want to welcome the two newest members to our Board of Director's...Carmine Gioiosa and Pat Gagne. Carmine will serve as our Vice-President and Pat Gagne will serve as a director and assist Wanda Stanley as Activities Committee Liaisons. Wanda Stanley was re-elected to another term as was Matt Rice who will serve as our secretary. The remainder of the board will be Richard Gould, as Treasurer, Bill Davis, as Director who will chair the Statutory Committee and liaison with the FMO, and yours truly as President.

I believe 2022 was an exceptionally good year as many activities were planned, executed, and well recieved. We had some new ideas, such as the recent Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, which was hugely successful, and coming up in February, we have a retro "Sock Up," which looks to be a huge hit.

Following the HOA Annual Meeting, we reviewed the questionaires, such as the survey, the RIF fund suggestions, and the suggestions for future activities. Our Activities Committee, along with BOD support will be able to implement many of them, however, these events still take volunteers to step up and host as well. The BOD's are here to offer financial support and assistance, but NOT to host every event. YOU can make any event happen, and we will assist you in any way that we can. The HOA BOD's will host and plan two events in 2023...the Spring Fling and the Memorial Day Celebration and cookout. We will also host and support the Annual Yard Sale, to be held in November. All other events are dependent on our residents. Remember.... It truly does take a village!

Clark

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#### **NEWSLETTER**

All newsletters can be viewed in color on the website @ www.floridacommunities.com (click on Lake Hammock @ bottom of page).

Just a reminder, any information for Gator Tales needs to be submitted to me by the **20**<sup>th</sup> of each month. There is a blue box outside my door, you can drop your stuff, or you can send it to the email below. All emails <u>MUST BE</u> in <u>WORD DOCUMENT</u>. <u>DO NOT SEND AS PDF, it will not be added to the paper.</u> 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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#### **NEW HOURS**

Start 6:00 pm

Stop Selling: 5:45 pm Doors Open: 4:30 pm

Hotdogs, Specialty Sandwiches, and homemade desserts.

Don't cook on Monday night, let <u>us do the cooking for you.</u>

#### **LIBRARY**

We want to thank everyone for the books for our library.

Would like to ask that when you bring a book back, please leave it in the material basket. We would like to put them away.

Thank You,
The Librarians

S.W.I.M. Club
Swim Club Meeting, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 pm
TEA PARTY, Bring your favorite cookies,
Tea cup and tea bag!

I hope you will join us. Call me with any questions!

Jeanne Blicker 203-915-1357

Grandma's Attic: Reminder

Grandma (Barb Pund) the founder of Grandma's Attic is retiring as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. However, the attic will remain, thanks to Chuck Presby. He lives at 38 Sargent St with Penny Rosseter and their pet Sassy. Phone # 386-402-2409.

All donated and returned medical devices are to be left with Chuck at 38 Sargent St.

Thank you for all your donations over the years.

Remember to return them Clean

Barb Pund

#### Poker anyone??

Poker started January 21, 2023
If interested, please call: Carmine Gioiosa (708) 516-9584

Lady's NO High Stakes Poker starts on Saturday's 6:30 pm at the clubhouse. We use nickels, dimes, & quarters. If interested, call Marian Spiegel 863-422-1570



#### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S**

| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Ken French          |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Carol Radden        |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Hilda Reyes DeJesus |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Sandra Nolan        |
|                  | Perky Schmauder     |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Charles Kemp        |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Guillermo Solce     |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Bill Palmer         |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Diane Rizutto       |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Roger Landry        |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Gary DeVore         |
|                  | Sue Smith           |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Lori Budzyha        |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Margaret Conley     |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Darrel Chaney       |
|                  | Mary Ann Donovan    |
|                  | Garry Wheelock      |
|                  | Carolyn Sarebreny   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Judy Robule         |
|                  |                     |



#### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY**

| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Edward & Yolanda Lopez |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Darrel & Jo Chaney     |
|                  | Gordon & Judith Geiger |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Bill & Diane Rizutto   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Richard & Carol Gould  |
|                  |                        |

(If you are a new resident, please feel free to contact Dona Rawson with your birthdays and anniversaries so she can put you on her list and if any of the above information is incorrect, please let Dona Rawson know 863-547-9326)

#### **Food Bank**

"TO KINDNESS AND LOVE, THE THINGS WE NEED MOST!"



Non-perishable items can be left in the clubhouse at any time. You can find the bin in the back room. The food is delivered on the first and third Friday of every month. If you are unable to bring your donations to the clubhouse yourself, please call or send a text and we will pick them up.

Thank you for your support! Sharyl and Dave Graham 603-915-1757

# BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We will celebrate January and February birthdays and anniversaries on Sunday, February 5th at 6:00 at the clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to join us for cake and ice cream. We were so pleased with the December turnout we are hoping to see all of you again! We will begin with cruise style trivia where you can choose your own team. The winning team will receive a prize for their celebrant. Come to join the fun!

#### C & D Bus Tours for 2023

Informational brochures are available in the clubhouse where the sign-up sheets are.

#### **Diabetes Support Group:**

Brainstorming Session #6
Topic: DIET!
Wednesday, February 1st, 7 pm - Clubhouse
New Members Welcome
For more info- Maureen Hatfield
617-874-7755



#### January:

2- Lee Rhoades – Hospital - Home Chuck Hofer – Hospital - Home Chuck Koenig - Hospital - Home Merrill Davis -Hospital

Deb Evilizer – Fell- Home

Bee Koenig – Hospital

Wanda Stanley – Hospital – Home



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

**Carol Gould** 

863-422-5902

#### OUR BELOVED PETS, OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



Molly: Beloved pet of Jim & Millie Currey

No Photo

Buddy:
Beloved Pet of
Jerry & Terri Cruz





Carmine & Audrey Gioiosa 111 Reineke Rd

Residence since June 2020

Carmine and Audrey were married June 3, 1978, and will celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary this spring. They have three children, two boys and one girl. They also have five grandchildren four boys and one girl, ages nine and under.

They relocated from Lockport, IL after residing there for thirty years. Carmine and Audrey are snowbirds and spend their summers in Seneca, IL. They are planning on spending seven months in Fl and five months in IL.

Currently Carmine and Audrey do not have any pets. They had two German shepherds over the years and a large fenced in yard for them to run.

Carmine attended Moraine Valley College studying "Law Enforcement". He went through all ranks retiring as Chief of Police at the Justice, IL Police Department. He retired after 28 years. After retirement Carmine provided armed security for utility companies. Spending 20 years working for the security company he again retired.

Audrey attended De Paul University earning a degree in "Business Management and Development". She worked for an insurance company as Sr. Claim's Adjuster.

After Carmine and Audrey retired, they were ready to start the next chapter of their life. They decided to downsize and relocate to FL. They visited other parks and were considering Royal Palms; they had a friend that lived there. Carmine and Audrey liked what they offered, that is until they saw the number of alligators that also lived there.

When driving in "Lake Hammock Village" they liked the appearance and cleanliness of the community plus the friendly residents. Carmine likes to fish and was happy he could enjoy that activity here. Carmine is currently running for the HOA board. He would also like to start a men's poker night. His hobby is making "home made Italian sausage".

Audrey is getting involved with the activities in the community. Her activities include line dancing, "Birthday and Anniversary's", and enjoys the monthly painting class. She also plans on attending the monthly "Ladies Luncheon". Audrey also enjoys walking in the evening.

Both love to cruise and have been on many Carnival Cruise's. They currently have four cruises planned. Cruising was also a determination in relocating to FL. Carmine and Audrey's bucket list includes traveling to Italy and Germany.

Audrey is not a big sports fan. Carmine is a fan of the Chicago White Sox, Blackhawks, and the Chicago Bears.

Carmine and Audrey are happy with Lake Hammock Village Community and all their new friends and neighbors. They are glad they will be spending their winters here.



# The HOA Emergency Preparedness Team - Looking Ahead for 2023

by
HOA Emergency Preparedness Team
Article for the February 2023 edition of Gator Tales

Last month we reviewed the activities of the HOA Emergency Preparedness Team in 2022. During 2022, the

Team worked diligently to help residents be prepared. The Team believes that its efforts helped to increase awareness and encourage residents to be better prepared for the storms that we know will eventually come. In 2022 all of us were challenged by not one but two storms! As we stated last month, overall LHV did very well. In 2023 the Team hopes to do even more to help prepare for these events of nature.

By the time you read this, the Homeowners Association (HOA) held its Annual Meeting on January 17th. At that time newly elected Board Members joined the existing Board, comprising a 'new' Board which has begun its work. The HOA Emergency Preparedness Team was created by the HOA Board in 2018 and is considered a standing committee.

#### **Next Steps:**

- ✓ At the February HOA Meeting a sign-up sheet will be available for anyone who might be interested in becoming a member of the Team.
- ✓ An organizational meeting will later be scheduled for anyone interested in attending and learning more.
- ✓ The Board will appoint someone as chair or coordinator to follow up. This may or may not be a
  Board member. The process is up to the new Board.

#### Possible 2023 Team Events & Activities:

- ✓ The 2022 Team decided that the Team should have a booth / table / exhibit at the annual Vendor Fair in March. Joyce Middleton, coordinator of the Vendor Fair, has offered the Team a space at the fair, details to be worked out.
- ✓ The Team hopes to obtain 2023 Shelter Maps and other materials and arrange for distribution prior to June 1st. This will be done by 'Zone Representatives' delivering the material to each resident personally. The Team may need to meet to plan these events in detail.
- ✓ A **Hurricane Open House** on or about June 1<sup>st</sup> similar to last year's but with improvements, to be decided by the team with participation of the Board.
- ✓ A possible 'Mid-Hurricane Event' around September 1st, to be decided by the Team.
- ✓ We hope to continue monthly Team articles in Gator Tales assuming we have volunteers who
  would like to work on this ongoing project.
- ✓ A 'Generator Subcommittee' has been proposed to organize a system for helping those
  without generators. Last year an informal network led by Kathy and Dan Deuel provided a
  place to cook and serve food during power outages. There is great interest in this!
- ✓ Lots, lots more!!!! We can do more with your help!

#### 2022 HOA Emergency Preparedness Team Members:

Wanda & Art Stanley, Kathy & Dan Deuel, Matt & Margaret Rice, Pamela Leland, Lori Johnsen, Terri Cruz, Brin & Bob McDonald, Joyce Middleton, Deb & Gary Devore, Dona & David Rawson, Helen & David Hurr, Shelly Shaffer, Jerry Sibila, Jerry Smith, Darlene & Bill Davis, Gary & Valerie Stanley, Peter Morlock, Sharyl & Dave Graham.

#### Other Contributors:

The Team would like to recognize and thank the many individuals who are not 'formal members' of the Team but whose dedication and assistance is appreciated by all! These individuals kept an eye on their neighbors, gathered socially, and provided ongoing support. Many with generators generously stored food for people, fed those who needed it, stored medications, and provided general support to many.



# VALENTINE SOCK HOP SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> 2023 LHV CLUBHOUSE

6:00 - 10:00 PM

DJ CLARK WILL BE SPINNING THE TUNES

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COME AND SPEND THE NIGHT REMEMBERING WHEN TIMES WHERE GOOD, MUSIC WAS GREAT AND LIVING WAS EASY.



#### ST. PATTY'S DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday, March 17th, 2023

Time: 1:00-5:00 PM

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\$8.00 HOA (IGS) and 10.00 for all others.



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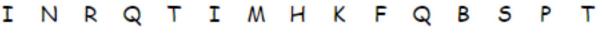
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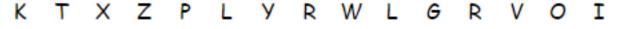
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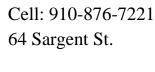
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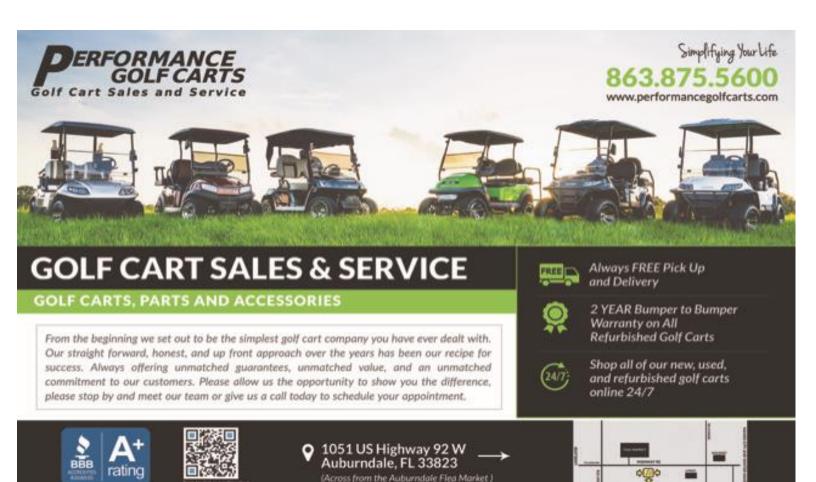




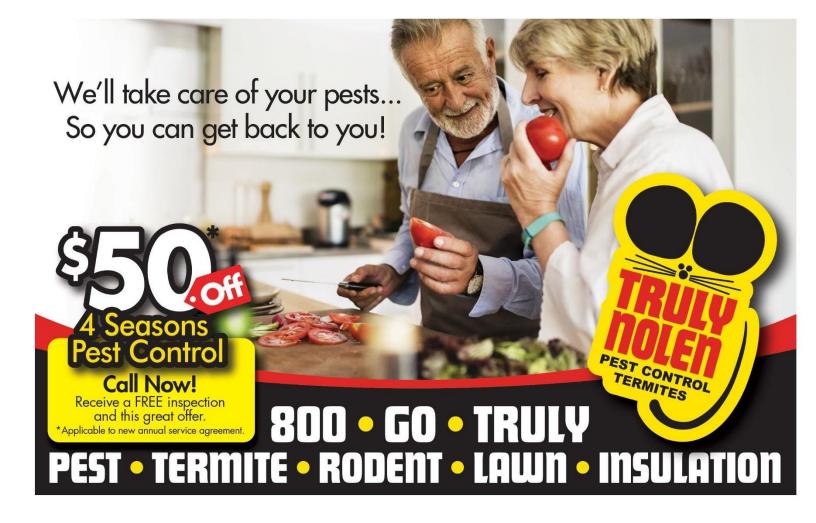
For residents of Lake Hammock Village, I give a 20% discount.

Mary Kay has a new product to deal with undereye puffiness – it works very quickly. If you would like to try it call or text me at 407 276-2307. If I don't answer, please leave a voice mail as I work full-time.

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| 29           | 30                               | 31                          | 1 8 am Coffee & Doughnuts | <b>2</b><br>10 am Shuffleboard | 3<br>9:15 Water Aerobics | 4<br>8:30 am Breakfast              |
|              |                                  |                             | 1 pm Paint Class          | 1 pm Line Dance Class          | Food Bank Pickup         | 6pm Men's Poker                     |
|              |                                  |                             | 7 pm Diabetes Group       | 7 pm Dominos                   |                          | 6:30 pm Women's Poker               |
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|              | 10 am Shuffleboard               | 1 pm Sassy Stitchers        | Doughnuts                 | 1 pm Line Dance Class          | 1 pm POKENO              |                                     |
|              | 1-3 Hand & Foot                  |                             | 9:15 am Water Aerobics    |                                | Food Bank Pickup         | 6 pm Hot Dog Roast                  |
|              | 6 pm BINGO                       | 7 pm HOA Meeting            | 11:30 am Lady's Lunch     |                                |                          | 6 pm Men's Poker                    |
| 7 pm Euchre  |                                  |                             |                           | 7 pm Dominos                   | 7 pm CLR                 | 6:30 pm Women's Poker               |
| 19           | 20                               | 21                          | <b>22</b> 8 am Coffee &   | 23                             | 24                       | 25                                  |
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#### **DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP 2022-2023**

Will meet on the following dates at the CLUBHOUSE at 7 pm.

WED. FEB. 1<sup>st</sup> – DIET

WED. MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> – EXERCISE

WED. APRIL 5<sup>th</sup> – MEDICATION

WED. MAY 3<sup>rd</sup> – STRESS