



Views From the Bluffs

A Senior Community

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are at the beginning of the Holiday Season and the grounds will soon be decorated. The staff will be installing the lights on the entrance way palms. We once again will be putting up our large Holiday tree in the pond area. It will be illuminated nightly, since the tree uses led bulbs, the power source is only a 25 watt

transformer. Many of you will be decorating in and around your unit, please double check that you haven't created any trip hazards in and outside your unit. We need to follow the flag rules so no holiday flags are allowed. The activities committee will be busy decorating the clubhouse and other areas about the property, they always do a fine job. L building will once again try to outshine all others, let's give them a little competition this year.

Please keep an eye on the bulletin board and the sheets in the mail room for sign up opportunities.

Check the activities calendar for up coming events. Also, there are many events around the area to enjoy. One of the more famous and favorite destinations is Bok Tower in Lake Wales. For more information go to boktowergardens.org. For a local calendar of events check out the Sebring Chamber website sebring.org.

Again, I need to remind all to watch their speed when driving within the complex, with it getting dark earlier the walkers are hard to see. We all want everyone to see a safe and Happy New Year.

Please enjoy this Holiday season no matter how you celebrate it in your family. In our family it is celebrated with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ken Moran,
President



MANAGER'S NOTE

Greetings,

It's been great to see so many returning residents. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

With the end of the year fast approaching, staff has been working hard to keep up with projects as well as workorders. The Christmas lights on the entry palms, the gate wreaths, and the Christmas tree down by the

lower pond will be lit the First of December.

Currently the fountain pump behind Buildings E-F is down. A replacement pump has been ordered and will be installed when received.

Ard's Awning is set to install the new shuffle board awning and reinstall the clubhouse awnings the first part of December.

The library renovation is underway and should be completed soon. Please be patient with staff as they are multitasking with projects and workorders.

The Board approved the 2022 Budget, and the maintenance fee has been mailed to each owner. (Please be sure to save the sheet and to write the new correct amount on your check, beginning Jan. 1st).

Please be aware of the Bluffs rules and regulations. If you are walking make sure you are not in the middle of the road. When driving please remember the Speed limit.

The Board of Directors meeting will be held on December 8th in the Clubhouse at 2:00 pm.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by or call the office.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chris Foskey,
Manager

VI'S CORNER



I can't believe how fast this month went, and Santa will be here before you know it. We are still seeing neighbors from the north returning to us at the Bluffs. This month we will

see some leave to go home to family to celebrate the Holidays and return in January.

November Activities

November was a busy month full of activities.

On Thursday, November 11th at 10:30 AM we had our Veteran's Day Luncheon & Program hosted by Wanda Reeves, paying tribute to the 100th Anniversary of the Unknown Soldier and our Veterans. The Luncheon was well attended and delicious.

On Wednesday, November 17th we went to Ladies Day Out at the Jacaranda Hotel hosted by Lynn Kern. The historic Jacaranda Hotel was all decorated for the Holidays. The ladies had a great lunch and enjoyed their time together.

Men's Day Out hosted by Ernie Chalfant was held the same day at Highlands Ridge South. The men enjoyed their lunch and catching up.

On Saturday, November 20th we had our Welcome Back Potluck Dinner

Dance hosted by Peggy & Bob Carpenter. For some of us it was 20 months since last being in the clubhouse. It felt so good getting together once again with so many friends we haven't seen in a while. Bob & Peggy did an awesome job on coordinating the event.

On Thursday, November 25th we had our annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner hosted this year by the Grahams & the Parkes and some of our Canadian and American friends. As always, the meal was delicious, and certainly no one went away hungry. We were able to raise over \$500 for the Church Service Center, which, when added to the proceeds of the dinner, will allow us to donate over \$800 to this worthy cause.

On Friday, November 26th we had our monthly Cocktail Party. The number of people attending are increasing as more neighbors return.

December Activities

On Saturday, December 4th we will have our first Breakfast at the Bluffs for this season, chaired by Bill Harr and his committee.

Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM. The sign-up sheet is on the walkway. The charge is \$6.00 per person and tickets can be purchased from Vi Oliver.

On Friday, December 10th we are having a Meet n' Greet in the clubhouse. This is a great time for some of our new home owners to meet other residents in a causal atmosphere. It starts at 4:30 PM and is bring your own beverage and a snack to share. Please come join us. Make new friends, catch up with old ones and relax and enjoy.

On Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th we have our annual lighting of the Lake Luminaires.

Circumstances have changed this year. We are in need of one to two volunteers for each condo or villa. The volunteers will be tasked to set out the jugs, put sand in the jugs, lite the candles and on Christmas morning pick up the jugs and put them away for next year. Please text me or call me at 585-746-3547 if you would like to volunteer to do your building. If your building

is already covered you can volunteer to be assigned to another building.

On **Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th at 5:00 PM** we are having our annual **Christmas Potluck**. There is no charge for this dinner. All the meat is supplied by the Activities Committee. We ask that you bring a dish to pass that will feed 10-12 people. A sign-up sheet will be on the walkway. This has always been a well attended, wonderful holiday event.

On **Friday, December 31st at 8:00 PM** Bruce & Gale Parke will host our **New Years Eve Get Together**. This event is a BYOB and an appetizer to share. Tickets can be purchased from Gale Parke and are \$5.00 per person. Come join us to ring in the New Year.

Just an F.Y.I:

Our library is now in the process of being renovated. Our maintenance staff is hard at work, trying to get it done ASAP. So again please have patience and it

will be open before you know it. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

For our golfers – Margaret Hawley will be starting up **Nine n' Dine on Friday, January 08th at 2:30 PM**. As we near that date, look for a sign-up sheet in the mailroom.

Just a reminder to mark your calendar for the **Saturday, January 22nd Treasure Sale**. We are always looking for donations for the sale. There is a lot of hard work, fun and love that goes into this sale. The residents of the community rally together year after year to make this such a success. This event is used to raise funds for the Activities for the Bluffs. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 585-746-3547.



I would like to take a moment to thank all of our volunteers for giving of

their time and the effort they put in to make the Bluffs such a wonderful place to live. From the outside volunteers that decorate, maintain the sign board, the ponds & the lake. To the inside people that decorate, and the chair people and committees that make the parties go so flawlessly. To the people that run the water aerobics classes, exercise class, organize the golf groups, koffee klatch, bingo, shuffleboard, tennis, bridge, euchre, poker, mahjong and sequence. To our Board members, Manager, maintenance and office staff that do such a phenomenal job of taking care of our daily needs. We have such a giving community of people that will help with anything needed to be done.

As the Holiday Season comes near, share the spirit of kindness, friendship & peace.

God bless everyone and thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do

to make the Bluffs a special place. I certainly could not do it without all of you.

One of the greatest gifts
you can give someone is
thanking them for being
part of your life.



*If I haven't told you lately...**Thank You** for being a part of my life's journey. You are so appreciated.*

If you need me stop by Villa 13A or I can be reached at:

585-746-3547 or
violiver48@gmail.com

Vi Oliver, Activities Chair



WELCOME NEW OWNERS

**Felicia & Blaine Cowan J-21
Dave & Renae Martin V-16A**

According to Travel Awaits, there are some very strange Christmas

Traditions practiced in some countries!

In **Norway**, Norwegians have an age old superstition. On Christmas Eve, they believe that evil spirits and witches come out. They have a tradition of hiding their brooms in all the houses across Norway so the witches cannot ride around on them or cause havoc or even break them under the Christmas tree. For good measure, sometimes the male members of the household will go outside and fire a few shots in the air to scare away the witches.

Another belief and tradition is that a gnome called Nisse, who guards the farm animals, will play nasty tricks on Christmas Eve if the kids don't put out a special bowl of porridge for him.

In **Caracas, Venezuela** the citizens attend daily early morning mass the week leading up to Christmas...it is called Misa de Aguinaldo. They don't walk to mass, instead, they strap on their roller skates and skate to church. Why? Nobody really knows, but

it is a tradition. Many roads in the capital are closed until 8:00 a.m. to allow the worshipers safe passage to church. Once home from the service, they plunge into their favorite tamales! I guess no one wants to tempt fate and break the tradition, even though they don't know why they do it!

In **Italy**, an old witch plays Santa. The 6th of January, Epiphany, is the day when kids in Italy get their presents. They are not delivered by Santa gliding down the chimney, but by an old witch called La Befana. Legend has it that the three wise men, in their quest to bring presents to baby Jesus, happened upon a witch, who, hospitably put them up for the night in her house. The wise men invited her to accompany them on their journey, but she declined saying she was too busy cleaning her house. After their departure, she had second thoughts and followed, but was too late to reach the manger before the kings. The legend continues, saying that to this day she is flying around the world on her broom, visiting every house and child,

bringing sweets and little gifts to the good children and a lump of coal to the bad. Kids wake up on the morning of the 6th to find out if they have been good or bad. This being Italy, the sweets the good kids find are the traditional Christmas sweets:

panettone and pandoro. I'm pretty sure the kids know if they've been bad or good before they find their treats!

Who knew witches played such a big part of Christmas??



EDITORS NOTES

I don't know about anyone else, but the days, months and years just keep flying by faster and faster. I can't believe that 2022 is almost here and Christmas is upon us in less than a month!

We are so fortunate to live in a beautiful, peaceful

community and I give thanks every day. I hope you all had a peaceful, thankful Thanksgiving and spent it with friends or family. Whatever your Christmas plans are, I wish for you joy, peace and safe travels to and from.

There are many people in our county and surrounding counties that are not as fortunate as us. Anything you can do to help would be appreciated, a meal, a donation to help with utilities or even so much as a warm smile when you encounter them. We never know what other peoples situations are or how they got there....I always say, "but for the grace of God go I".

I would like to remind everyone, again, that I am doing the Rudolph Round-



Up this year for the less fortunate children in foster homes or group orphanages that would not have a Christmas, if it were not for the generosity of people like us. If you wish to

purchase a new, unwrapped toy, clothing, personal items or electronic gadget for a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. You may also make a monetary donation, which is tax deductible. The monetary donations are used to purchase what is still needed for the children in need....it does not go to administrative salaries or expenses. They are picking up the donations the first week in December, so time is getting short. You may drop it by my Villa 3B or contact me at 410-299-0444.

Is it just me, or does it seem like Christmas gets earlier every year. I'm amazed at how many people had their yards decorated and trees up in the first week of November! It's the spirit that counts, I guess!

I'm sure we will see many more familiar faces after the holidays settle down. Whether you're new to the Bluff's or an old-timer....Merry Christmas to you and your family and safe travels on your way South!

*Bonnie Lennox,
Editor*

Weekly Activities

Please check the bulletin board for any last minute changes in the monthly calendar or weekly activities. Activities listed below are subject to change. Sign up in the Mail Room.

Bridge (sign-up)	6:30 PM	Tues	Golf(sign up for shotgun)	12:30 PM	Thur
Mexican Train	6:00 PM	Wed	Men's Billards	2:00 PM	M & F
Euchre (sign-up)	6:00 PM	Wed	Mahjongg	1:00 PM	Mon & Thur
Men's Poker	6:00 PM	Wed	Water Aerobics	10:00 AM	M,W,F
Golf (sign up)	Tee Times	Tues	Shuffle Board (signup)	3:00 PM	Wed
Walk away the Pounds	9:00 AM	Mon-Fri	Water Aerobics	2:00 PM	Mon-Fri
Ladies Golf (sign-up)	Tee Times	Tues	Sequence	10:00AM	Thur
Ladies Poker	6:00 PM	Thur			

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BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Diane Greenlees
- 3 Lillie Olivotti
- 3 Debbie Addis
- 6 Mary Moran
- 10 Judi Weaver
- 11 Cheryl Malcomson
- 12 Betty Riley
- 13 J.R. Rohrer
- 14 Jane King
- 15 Keith Meier
- 15 Betty Kleiza
- 17 Carol Smiley
- 18 Rhonda Owen
- 18 Walt Marks
- 19 Bonnie Lennox
- 19 Penne Ark
- 21 Joe Borowski
- 31 Frank Salvatori

ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 George & Kathy Radcliffe 1991
- 24 Charles & Theresa Stewart 1977
- 29 Rosemary & Doug Cochrane 1956



If your birthday/anniversary is incorrect or if you would like to have your birthday/anniversary included or deleted for the monthly calendar, please contact **Vi Oliver Villa 13A @ 1-585-746-3547** or email her at violiver48@gmail.com

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Activities Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Breakfast at the Bluffs – Bill Harr chair 8:00 AM
5	6 Activities Mtg 3:00 PM Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM	7 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	8 Board Meeting 2:00 PM	9	10 Meet & Greet Byo & a snack to share 4:30 PM	11
12	13 Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM	14 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	15 Ladies Day Out – Kim Bishop host Men’s Day Out – Jim Becker host	16	17	18
19	20 Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM	21 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	22	23	24 Lake Luminaires at dusk -6:00 PM	25 Christmas Pot Luck Supper 5:00 PM
26	27 Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM	28 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	29	30	31 New Year’s Eve Clubhouse Get Together Party 8:00 PM	