



## Views From the Bluffs

*A Senior Community*

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Here we are cannon balling into December as if we were traveling on the mystical Polar Express with a wide open track, headed to the HOLIDAYS. There is always a lot of activity going on around the Bluffs this time of year, so please join in.

If you are decorating your unit, either inside or out, be sure to check for tripping



hazards...we just don't bounce back after falls like we used to. Be sure to check your wires and replace any worn or broken items. If decorating on the outside, each condo building has convenience outlets which may be used for Holiday lights.

I hope all residents have checked their smoke detectors and changed the batteries. When changing batteries, please check the manufactured date of the unit. Smoke detectors have a life span of 10 years and need to be replaced to help assure your safety. If you are in a Villa, it is recommended that you also have a carbon monoxide detector as well. With vehicles using key fobs rather than keys, it is much more likely to leave your car running in the garage, which in turn can let carbon monoxide seep into the living quarters.

With the time change it is getting dark much earlier and we are also having many more people walking

after dark on the roadway. Drivers be on the watch for these residents and be careful to mind your speed. Walkers, you also must do your part to stay safe. Please wear light colored clothing and have some sort of either reflective material or carry some sort of flashing light or an LED arm or leg band to help drivers see you.

We all want to have a safe and joyful Holiday season, no matter how you may celebrate it. In our house it is Merry Christmas, so please enjoy December safely here at the Bluffs.

*Ken Moran,  
President*



**MESSAGE FROM THE  
MANAGER**

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday. As we head into December

and residents start decorating around units, please reassure there are no tripping hazards and all connections with cords are waterproof.

Over the next few months, we will be seeing more residents return for the season. Please use caution while driving, walking, and riding bikes around the community. The speed limit is 17 mph. With more residents coming home, be courteous when using the community dumpsters and break down large items. Appliances and large household items are not to be disposed of in the community dumpster.

A few reminders: A board meeting will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the clubhouse. A mailing will be sent to all owners this month regarding the February annual membership meeting. If you are back for the winter, **please let the office know**, as this will help on mailing the letter to the right address. For all other activities please review the activities calendar attached to the newsletter.

If you are experiencing issues with BroadStar please call them to report the issues and ask for a ticket number...if needed, the ticket number allows the association's office to follow up on issues. BroadStar should not charge any fees for installation or service calls. Please also contact the office if BroadStar cannot resolve your issue. BroadStar customer service number is (863) 658-3484.

On behalf of staff, we hope everyone has a safe and great Holiday Season.

*Chad Lancaster,  
Manager*



## VI'S CORNER



### November Activities

On **Wednesday, November 16th** we had **Ladies Day**



**Out** hosted by Lynn Kern. A large group of us enjoyed a lovely luncheon and the beautiful Christmas decorations at the Jacaranda.

**Men's Day Out** hosted by Jim Becker was also held at the Jacaranda. The guys caught up and enjoyed their meal together.



On **Saturday, November 19th** we had our **Welcome Back Party** hosted by Peggy & Bob Carpenter. We had an abundance of food, as everyone brought a dish to share. We danced the night away to music.



On **Thursday, November 24th** we had our annual **Thanksgiving Day Dinner** hosted by Carol & John Graham and their Canadian committee. They served a complete traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, complete with delicious dessert. Due to your generous donations, activities and profit from the dinner we are able to donate \$1,592.00 to the Avon Park Church Services to assist the less fortunate in our area. Thank you all so very, very much for your donations.

On **Friday, November 25th** at 4:30 PM we had our monthly **Meet N' Greet**. It is so good to see so many people attending this function.

### December Activities

On **Friday, December 09th 12:00 pm** we will have our **Employee Appreciation Luncheon**. We normally have this luncheon in October, but due to all the congestion with roofers, painters and tree trimmers we postponed this lunch until December this year. This is such an important event, as it gives us a chance to let our employees know how much we appreciate all they do for us throughout the year. If you would like to help with this luncheon, please contact me at 585-746-3547. If you can find time in your schedule, please come and join us. A poster with all the details and sign-up sheet will be on the walkway this week.



On **Saturday, December 17th** at 4:30 PM we are

having our first **Ugly Sweater / Tee Shirt Pizza Party** hosted by Renae & David Marten and Jeri & Steve Slaybaugh. Come join the fun of the holidays and show us your creativity. A poster with all the details and sign-up sheet will be on the walkway with ticket sales following.

On **Wednesday, December 21st** we will be having **Ladies Day Out** at the **Outback Restaurant** hosted by Brigitte Eberle. Sign-up sheet will be on the walkway shortly. Come and join us for this fun get together.

On the same day we will have **Men's Day Out**. Host and destination TBD. The sign-up sheet will be on the walkway shortly.



On **Saturday, December 24th Christmas Eve** at dusk, we will be lighting the **Lake Luminaires**. This is such a serene sight at the Bluff's. We are always looking for volunteers to assist. If you would like to help, please

see me or call me at 585-746-3547.



On **Sunday, December 25th at 4:30** we are having our **5th Annual Christmas Pot Luck**. There is no charge for this event. The Activities Committee supplies all the meat for this meal. We will be posting a sign-up sheet on the walkway and just ask you bring a dish to share. So if you are not doing anything special, we would be honored if you would join us as we all gather together for some holiday cheer.

On **Friday, December 30th at 4:30 PM** we are having our monthly **Meet N' Greet**. We ask you byo beverage and a snack to share. Come and get together with your friends and neighbors.



On **Saturday, December 31st at 8:00 PM** we will have our **New Year's Eve Party** to ring in 2023. Tickets for this event will be \$5.00. We ask you BYO beverage and an appetizer and/or dessert to share. Soda will be provided. I'm sure we will have a great time, so come and join us. We are putting together some nice music and will be together to ring in the New Year. The sign-up sheet will be on the walkway with ticket sales following.

**Reminder:** Don't forget to mark your calendar for the **Saturday, January 28th Treasure Sale**. As most of you know this event is used to raise funds for the Activities for the Bluffs. Anyone having anything they want to donate for the raffle, please contact Sandy Vincenzo – Unit O-5 or Brigitte Eberle – Villa 14A.

At this time of the year, we always take a few moments to count our blessings. The generosity of our Bluffs community never ceases to amaze me. I, for one am so grateful to be part of such a special community that gives of their time and

talent to benefit our residents. We have so many caring and giving people that always volunteer to assist whenever they are needed. It takes so many hands and hearts coming together to make this the wonderful active community it is. Thank you so much for your special part in making everything you do add to the magic of the Bluffs.

If you need me I can be reached at: Villa 13A  
[violiver48@gmail.com](mailto:violiver48@gmail.com)  
Or cell# 585-746-3547  
Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year to all

*Vi Oliver,  
Activities Chair*



**NEW OWNERS**

**Luz Gonzalez K-24  
Don Kuykendall B-3**

**REMINDERS**

**No glass or food around the pool deck. Use the eating areas for food consumption.**

**Please DO NOT PARK in the two spaces next to the dumpster across from the clubhouse on trash pick-up days!**

**Remember to break down boxes when putting them in the dumpster.**

**You do not need to use the gate opener to exit.**

**Obey the 17 mph speed limit, please!**

**No bicycles or skateboards on the lake walk.**

**Please use only artificial bait when fishing and catch and release.**



**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Some cats are allergic to people!**

**Apple pie isn't American...apples are native to Asia and the first recorded Apple pie recipe was written in England.**

**The Crown Jewels contain the two biggest cut diamonds on Earth!**

**The voices of Mickey & Minnie Mouse got married in real life. Wayne Allwine & Russi Taylor were married for 18 years until his death in 2009.**

**M&M stands for Mars and Murrie.**

**You can hear a blue whale's heartbeat from more than 2 miles away!**

**If you drive south from Detroit, you'll hit Canada!?!**

**A baby puffin is called a puffling.**

## NINE & DINE

Nine holes of golf and dinner will begin on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up sheet will be in the Post Office. Any questions, contact Margaret Hawley, 309-453-5904.



## EDITORS NOTES

It is so hard for me to believe that December is almost here and Christmas is just 27 days away. Yes, our house is decorated and we're in pretty good shape, but I'm still wondering where the year went! The older we get, the faster it goes! There seems to be lots of new lights this year in The Bluff's...keep up the good work!

Speaking of Christmas, I am still accepting donations to the Rudolph Round-Up. I plan to deliver the toys, clothes and monetary

donations to them by December 7<sup>th</sup>. This drive is to help foster children and orphaned children have a Christmas...it is handled through Heartland for Children and they have around 1500 children that they need to provide a Christmas for. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated. You may drop them off at my Villa...3B. If you wish to write a check, it should be addressed to "Heartland for Children" with Rudolph Round-Up in the memo section. Any size clothes, any age toys or books are appreciated....all items should be new.

Please note under the reminders about the dumpster across from the clubhouse. Waste Management has advised that the driver apparently needs two parking spaces to the right in order to angle the truck to dump it. This dumpster gets extremely full from trash from the clubhouse and events, plus many of us residents depend on it for our refuse....if it doesn't get dumped, it's a big inconvenience. Also, if

your dumpster isn't emptied on the day it's supposed to be, probably none of the others are either, so the "No Parking" would extend to the next day. Thanks for helping us solve this problem.

I don't know how many of you will be staying throughout the holiday, but as Vi stated, the luminaries are really lovely to see. If this is your first year here for this, I hope you will get to experience this event. Also, please take the time to go around the famous Sebring Circle to see the Christmas lights and the wonders they have for the children....it is pretty special too!

I wish for everyone peace, prosperity and a wonderful Holiday season and Happy New Year!

*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 mailroom.

Bingo	6:45 PM	Mon	Golf (sign up for shotgun)	12:30 PM	Thur
Bridge (sign up)	6:30 PM	Tues	Shuffleboard (sign up)	3:00 PM	Wed
Golf (sign up)	TeeTime	Tues	Shuffleboard	10:00 AM	Sat
Mahjongg	1:00 PM	M & W	Water Aerobics	10:00 AM	M,W,F
Euchre (sign up)	6:00 PM	Wed	Water Aerobics	2:00PM	MTWTF
Mexican Train	6:00 PM	Wed	Walk Away the Pounds	9:00 AM	MTWTF
Mens Poker	6:00 PM	Wed	Bocce Ball (sign up)	10:00AM	Mon
Pickleball	9:00 AM	Mon	Ladies Poker	7:00 PM	Thur
Sequence	10:00AM	Thur	Healthy Lifestyles	3:30 PM	Wed

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### BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Diane Greenlees
- 3 Debbie Addis
- 6 Mary Moran
- 10 Judi Weaver
- 11 Cheryl Malcolmson
- 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 Ard
- 21 Joe Borowski

### ANNIVERSARIES

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



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## Bluffs of Sebring

### Activities Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM	6 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	7 Games Night in Clubhouse 6:00 PM	8	9 Employee Appreciation Luncheon 12:00 PM	10
11	12 Activities Meeting 3:00 PM Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM	13 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	14 Board Meeting 2:00 PM  Games Night in Clubhouse 6:00 PM	15	16	17 Ugly Sweater Pizza Party 4:30 PM Marten's & Slaybaugh's hosts
18	19 Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM	20 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	21 Ladies Day Out - Brigitte Eberle host Men's Day Out - host TBD  Game Night in Clubhouse 6:00 PM	22	23	24 Lake Luminaires at dusk -6:00 PM
25 Christmas Pot Luck Supper 5:00 PM	26 Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM	27 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	28 Game Night in Clubhouse 6:00 PM	29	30 Meet N' Greet 4:30 PM BYOB & a snack to share	31 New Year's Eve Clubhouse Get Together Party 8:00 PM