



The Lakes Neighborhood Review

Tilapia – Tropical fresh water fish. Some are mouth brooders & carry the fertilized eggs in their mouth right through incubation. If hatched fish sense danger they will return to the parent’s mouth for protection. All are nest builders, and fiercely guard their nests.

Newsletter prepared by **Judie Gollwitzer** for
**The Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda, Park Estates,
 Lakes of Jacaranda & Grassy Oaks**
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- Friday, November 4th LOWofJ Golf Tournament
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- Wednesday, November 9th Test of Emergency Alert
- Tuesday, November 15th Speaker from Red Cross
- November 30th Hurricane Shutters come down
- Thursday, December 15th Holiday Dinner Dance
- Wednesday, January 18th Dr. Boeke Lecture
- Friday, January 13th TRIVIA, 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, February 14th Annual LOWofJ Meeting
- TBD, Lecture on Your Pet’s Health by Janet Spevak
- TBD, Cooking Demonstration, by Chef Chris Smith

NEWSLETTER DUE DATES FOR ARTICLES

Publications	Dates Due
January/February	22-Dec
March/April	22-Feb
May/June	22-Apr
July/August	22-Jun
September/October	22-Aug
November/December	22-Oct



Joanne Falvo (Volunteer of the Year)

Section I – Master Association - LOWofJ

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Joe Beima	To contact a Board Member go to the LOWofJ.com website, type their title + @lowofj.com. Example: president@lowofj.com
Vice President	Matthew Soldano	
Treasurer	Bill Meints	
Secretary	Judie Gollwitzer	
Director	Guy Cusumano	
Keys-Caldwell	Jim Kraut Jim@keys-caldwell.com	

Board Meetings are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of the month. Meetings may change due to the availability of the BOD members.

November 29 th @ 1:30 PM – NOTE DATE CHANGE	Clubhouse
January 3 rd following LOWofJ Mtg.	Clubhouse
February 14 th Annual Meeting 7:00 PM	Venice Gardens HOA Hall on Shamrock Dr.

BOD Messages. . .

To the Residents of Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda, Park Estates, The Lakes of Jacaranda and Grassy Oaks I, II & III

Volunteer Appreciation. . .

Due to travel plans I was unable to attend the Volunteer Luncheon, but I understand that a great time was had by all. The Board extends a special thank you to Judie Gollwitzer and her committee for hosting this very successful appreciation luncheon. Congratulations to Joanne Falvo for all her dedication and hard work over the year. The Board was pleased to vote Joanne Volunteer of the Year.

Hurricane Shutters. . .

This is a friendly reminder that all hurricane shutters need to be taken down no later than November 30th.

Holiday Season. . .

We're entering the Holiday Season. We on the Board wish everyone a safe and sane Holiday Season.

Annual Meeting. . .

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming LOWofJ Annual Membership Meeting to be held on the second Tuesday of February. Yes, it is February 14th, Valentine's Day. Hopefully there will be a lot of interest this year since three Board positions will be up for election.

Submitted by Board President, Joe Beima

Volunteer Luncheon

The luncheon for the volunteers in our community was a huge success. It is the least the Board can do to show how much each and every one of you is appreciated. You do make a difference in this community we all call home. I especially want to thank my committee, because without them, it would have been an impossible task. Committee: Joanne Falvo, Joan Gilomen, Judie Kreitman, Geri Neely and Linda Meints. The men who helped put up the welcome sign and set the room up for the event, were Jim Falvo, Dave Gilomen, Bill Gollwitzer, Vinny Kiefer and Sol Kreitman. Thank you all so very much.

Although the event is open to the community at large, we wanted to be sure our community's volunteers attended so 164 people were invited to attend by special invitation. Out of that 84 responded to attend. It was catered by Angelo's Italian Market and the food was delicious. Attendees were given a complimentary raffle ticket attached

to their nametag and those lucky enough to win went home with beautiful plants that they could plant in their yards and one winner went home with a \$25 gift certificate for Angelo's.

The Board would like to extend a warm and sincere thank you to all the volunteers in our community.

Submitted by: Judie Gollwitzer, Board Secretary

Break-ins:

You may have heard that some homes were broken into and jewelry was stolen. Please be vigilant. If you see anything that looks suspicious or just seems out of place, please report it to the Sheriff's Department immediately.

Committee News. . .

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)

In the January/February 2011 newsletter we gave a pretty comprehensive listing of the various types of issues our committee handles and a description of the process we follow. A similar article was provided several years prior to that to help inform our residents. You can refer to that last article or if you have a question on an exterior home project, come to one of our two monthly meetings and we will help explain what may be necessary. We meet on the first and third Monday of each month in the clubhouse at 10:00 AM. It is important to plan ahead so that we do not place either of us in a bind. As an example, recently we completed reviews of several applications at our Monday meeting, the paperwork was processed and when I got home later that day there was a message on my phone about wanting their application reviewed. The person intended to come to our meeting but couldn't due to circumstances. This places everyone in an awkward situation. One of the points I mentioned in the "process article" above was that all three (3) members of the ARC committee review the applications prior to approval. One person is not enough. Even though this situation doesn't happen all the time, it happens and I want to stress this point again.

Neal Homes is about midway through the completion of their first two homes in our development on Lake Scene Drive. Both these residences were reviewed and approved by our committee. A third residence has just been reviewed and approved and they will be breaking ground in the near future.

Submitted by: Co-chairs, Tim Garcia & Tom Davis

DPP (DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE)

On November 1, the Atlantic hurricane season officially ended. By normal measure it was an active hurricane year. We covered names from Arlene to Ophelia, 15 named storms and several unnamed tropical storms. For us here in LOWofJ this has been a very good year. Some say it was too wet and too hot but we were not forced to make the choice "STAY or GO" because of threatening winds as many others did along the Atlantic coast.

The November meeting will be the last DPP meeting this year. We normally do not gather in December. Our season will end with a wonderful guest speaker, Mary Raney. Many of you will remember her as the person that introduced our community to the idea of community preparedness. Mary Raney now holds a responsible position in the local chapter of the Red Cross. She has been busy working various field assignments in Richmond, VA and Harrisburg, PA after hurricane Irene. Most recently she has been named Sarasota District Manager.

She will talk to us about what the Red Cross actually does in a live disaster situation. How they mobilize supplies and who does the work. She has prepared a fascinating power point talk that will keep you on the edge of your chair. **Meet Mary at the Clubhouse on November 15, 2011 @ 6:30 PM**

Submitted by: Joe Thiel, DPP Communications Editor



DHS and FEMA Updates

FEMA, FCC Announce Nationwide Test of the Emergency Alert System

This 30 second test is scheduled for November 9, 2011

As many of you are aware, on **Wednesday, November 9th at 2:00pm EST**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), in conjunction with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will **conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System**. The **test will last approximately 30 seconds** and will be transmitted via television and radio stations across the U.S.

The national Emergency Alert System is an alert and warning system that can be activated by the President, if needed, to provide information to the American public during emergencies. While the system is often tested in local markets (a test with which you and the American public may be very familiar), a nationwide test will be instrumental in evaluating and improving the system, should it ever be needed.

Over the past year, our agencies have been working extensively with our state, local, tribal, and territorial partners, and other critical stakeholders to help inform all members of the public regarding the nationwide test. Now, with the test less than a week away, **we ask that you join us in efforts to educate the public about this important event.**

You can help us in a number of ways: your principals and colleagues can help us spread the word; you can help us by including a message in your newsletters/bulletins, updating your homepages through notification boxes, blogs and online videos; you can help in our Twitter campaign, in the days leading up to the test and during the test; post a Facebook notice about the test; and send notices to colleagues and community members.

For more information on this test visit: <http://www.fema.gov/eastest/>

**The National Office of Citizen Corps
FEMA Individual & Community Preparedness Division**

LAKES AND WETLANDS COMMITTEE REPORT - October 2011

Occasionally we get a request from a resident of our community to remove plant growth that is in the lakes or wetlands near their home. In these cases we refer them to the permit issued by South West Florida Water Management District that states:

No property owner within the subdivision may construct or maintain any building, residence or structure, or undertake to perform any activity in the wetlands, buffer zone areas, and upland conservation areas described in the approved permit and recorded plat of the subdivision unless prior approval is received from SWFWMD pursuant to Chapter 40D-4, F.A.C.

SWFWMD will require any plants that have been removed or killed that are in this category to be replaced. In some cases they will also levy fines on the Home Owners Association that are significant and ultimately the responsibility of the homeowner that violated the permit. Aquatic Systems technicians are the only people authorized to manage the plants that grow in and around our lakes and wetlands. Recently, a lot owner in an adjacent community, removed a large section of vegetation in order to gain a view of one of our lakes. All of this vegetation will have to be replaced at the lot owner's expense. Please remember do not cut down or remove any vegetation growing around the lakes or wetlands without prior permission.

Our community is at the beginning of colder weather. Please remember that we could have a fish kill in our lakes and wetlands. This is a common occurrence in Florida during the brief periods of cold weather, which reduces the oxygen content of the water. If you see a large amount of dead fish in the lakes or wetlands please let us know so we can have Aquatic Systems remove them as soon as possible. The first indicator of a large fish kill will be an unusual amount of birds gathering on the shore to feed on the fish.

If you have any questions please e-mail us at suniparadise42@msn.com. *Submitted by: Art and Barbara Bradley*



We have many wonderful volunteers in our community, but each year one of them stands out in the crowd. This year that person was Joanne Falvo who was voted our 2011 Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations Joanne! Your name has been added to the plaque that hangs in the clubhouse.

Would YOU like to become a volunteer? It's a great way to be PART OF OUR COMMUNITY in a positive way. To find out how you can help, contact anyone on the Board of Directors. Thank you!

Submitted by: Judie Gollwitzer, Board Secretary

Social Activities for LOWofJ, Park Estates, LOJ & Grassy Oaks I, II & III . . .



HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE (Sign up sheet on last page)

Where else, except with your friends & neighbors, can you experience hand-delivered hors d'oeuvres, a three-course gourmet dinner, dancing the night away, all at a special price of **\$38.00 per person**? It's a real bargain for today's holiday parties. Come enjoy! Put your tables together and make your reservations early.

Sign-up sheet on the last page: When putting your tables together, please list everyone sitting at the table, the entrée preference and include payment. A Community Table is available for those who wish. Reservations and payment MUST be received no later than December 9, 2011. I am sorry, but cancellations with refunds cannot be accepted after December 9, 2011. Make checks payable to Betty Sonnabend. Mail to: **Holiday Dinner Dance, 680 Lakescene Drive, Venice, Florida 34293**. See you there. If you need additional information call Cookie Sonnabend 941-493-8868.



Mah Jongg (New)

Love mah jongg? Want to play more often? Well here's an opportunity for beginners and advanced players to get together and have some fun. Beginning January 2, 2012 from 7 to 9 PM you will have an opportunity to play. From January to March every Monday evening will be open for play. If you have a mah jongg set, please bring it. This is open to the entire community and certainly not restricted to women. Call Joan Fahey on 408-7044 if you have any questions.

Thank You:

Thank you to Dr. Thomas Boeke for sharing his time and expertise at the October lecture. If you missed it, I guarantee that you won't miss his next lecture on **Wednesday, January 18th**. Mark your calendars.

Don't forget to sign up for the Holiday Dinner Dance!

Lecture Series:



Planned for the winter & spring . . .

All lectures are free. They are for the entire community to enjoy. If you are interested in one of the planned lectures. . . great! If you have an idea for a lecture call Judie Gollwitzer 497-6368 and share your idea. If you wish to bring a friend to a lecture, no problem, just let me know so I can add them to the headcount. If you forget to call, don't stay home. Come!

Lecturer #2: By speaker (and neighbor), Tom Boeke, PhD, Political Science – Wed., January 18th @ 1:00 PM at the Clubhouse. Please mark your calendars. You don't want to miss this opportunity to listen to a speaker of this quality.



Dr. Boeke has graciously offered to talk to us about *“The Origin, Evolution, and Current Status of the Arab-Israeli Dispute,”* as promised at the last lecture. Please RSVP to Judie Gollwitzer, since we will have a full house. As always, if you did not RSVP, please don't stay home. Come.

The following are lectures I am working on. As soon as I have them set up I will post them on the bulletin boards and put them into the January / February Newsletter.

1. ***The Health of your Pet*** by Janet Spevak, certified veterinary technician, who will come in and talk about dental health, finding the right pet for you, massage for pets after surgery, fleas, ticks, heartworm, the perils and solutions. These are some of the topics she can talk about. If you have a topic you're especially interested in, please let me know and I'll mention it to Janet.
2. ***A Cooking Demonstration*** by neighbor and Chef Chris Smith. Chef and I are working on an informative and exciting demonstration for the community in late April. Date TBD. Watch for details in the March/April newsletter.

Writer's Group. . .



Kathleen Smith has invited Author Heather Burch to come and speak to us on Tuesday, November 8th at 7:00 PM. Heather has a 5-book contract and is presently negotiating the movie rights for her book called *Halfling* (half human, half angel . . . all trouble). When the movie comes to the theater, you'll be able to tell everyone that you personally met the author. Check out her website at <http://heatherburchbooks.com/About-me.php>.

If you like to write, Kathleen would love to meet you!

If you have any questions, you can contact her at Kathy77smith@gmail.com.

Submitted by: Author, Kathy Smith, Resident

LOWofJ ONGOING ACTIVITIES

LOWofJ & COMMUNITY-WIDE ACTIVITIES

WHAT	WHEN	CONTACT
Architectural Review Meetings	10:00 AM the 1 st and 3 rd Monday of the month	Tim Garcia 493-5763 Tom Davis 262-227-3417
Bowling @ AMF Bowling Alley in Venice	Every other Sunday (Starts in Nov. and ends in Apr.)	Warren Major 496-8622
Disaster Preparedness (Watch for speaker announcements)	Third Tuesday of every month @ 6:30 PM (unless otherwise noted)	Liz Sharpe 492-5638
Lecture Series	Dates & Times vary	Judie Gollwitzer 497-6368

Don't forget to sign up for the Holiday Dinner Dance!

NEW: Mah Jongg Opportunity	Starting January 2 nd at 7:00 PM @ the clubhouse	Joan Fahey	408-7044
Women of the Woods (WOW) Are dining out!	3 rd Thursday @ 6:30 pm	Beverly Johannes	493-8474
Writer's Group	2 nd Wednesday of each month @ 10 AM (Note date change)	Kathy Smith – kathy77smith@gmail.com	

WEBMASTER MESSAGE

RE: Email Privacy - LOWofJ BOD - LOWofJ Committees

It has come to my attention that some of the community members' email addresses are being used for non-community related interests. To help prevent this situation, when sending emails to community members, always use the BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) option. Using this option will protect recipients email addresses from being used for non-community use.

Instructions on how to use the BCC option can be found in:

- The HELP section of your email client,
- Web search (using Google, Bing, Yahoo, etc.) - 'HOW TO BCC' with the name of the email client you are using,
Search example - 'how to bcc with windows live mail' or 'how to bcc with outlook'
- Email me, rjvalen@lowofj.com, and I'll be happy to answer questions on how to use this option.
- Define: **EMAIL CLIENT** - An *email client* is a computer program / application used to manage a user's email.

Bob Valenziano, Webmaster www.LOWofJ.com

LOWofJ WEBMASTER REPORT

October 2011

Overview:

The statistics for October 2011 show visitors sought out information about Community events and Community news. In October, the current Newsletter was the most downloaded document from the LOWofJ.com website.

Board of Directors documents and activities continues to be a major interest of LOWofJ.com visitors.

The Statistics Show LOWofJ.COM had:

<i>For October 2011</i>	
Visitors	637
Pages Viewed	1,763
Site Hits	13,431

Changes, Improvements and Requests:

- 1) RC Email system updates.
- 2) Community Calendar updates.
- 3) A total of 16 requests where submitted and all are up to date.

Site Access Data - Direct Address / Bookmarks / Links –

<i>For October 2011</i>

Don't forget to sign up for the Holiday Dinner Dance!

Direct Bookmarks =	74.4 %
Search Engines =	6.9 %
Links =	18.7 %

Most Active Day (by visits):

<i>For October 2011</i>
October 17

Duration of Visits:

<i>For October 2011</i>	
1 hour + =	.2 %
30 minutes to 1 hour =	1.2 %
15 minutes to 30 minutes =	2.5 %
15 minutes or less =	96.1 %

TOP 12 Most Viewed Pages:

<i>For October 2011</i>	
1) RC Mail	
2) Board of Directors, Documents	
3) News & Announcements (Community)	
4) Board of Directors, Minutes/Agendas	
5) Calendar	
6) Index (Community Home Page)	
7) Homeowners Contacts	
8) Disaster Plan / Documents	
9) Links	
10) Slide Show	
11) Search	
12) Disaster Plan /Contacts	

Your Comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Bob Valenziano, Webmaster RJValen@LOWofJ.com

All statistical data provided by; Awstats – Surge Force

Section I I – Park Estates

PARK ESTATES BOD MEMBERS

CONTACT INFORMATION

President	Mark Schiefer	schtrail@verizon.net
Vice President	Barbara Hockett	barbsh501@aol.com
Treasurer	Jan Molin	ejbmolin@msn.com
Secretary	Bud Weber	budweberoh@yahoo.com
Director @ Large	John Cullinan	jfcullinan1@verizon.net

Park Estates Homeowners Association Board of Directors - 2011 / 2012 Meeting Schedule

Don't forget to sign up for the Holiday Dinner Dance!

Whenever possible, the Board will attempt to meet at **7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month** except the annual meeting. Location will rotate among the Directors and be announced at the prior meeting.

Board Meetings	Location
November 9, 2011	597 Aston Woods Court
December 7, 2011 (Annual Meeting) 7:00 PM	Woodmere Park Meeting Room "C"

BOD Messages. . .

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by: John Cullinan for Mark Schiefer, President Park Estates

FROM THE BOARD....

- The Annual Meeting of Park Estates Homeowners Association will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 7:00pm at Woodmere Park Meeting Room C. Full packets will be hand delivered to residents shortly.
- Remember that all of your documents – covenants, bylaws and regulations are now on the Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda website, www.lowofj.com. Scroll down to the section "Board of Directors" on the left side of the screen; select the item "BOD Documents." You will find all of the documents on the next screen that appears.
- Please remember that you need approval for most work done on the outside of your property, including painting and landscaping. Park Estates conducts their own Architectural Review and forms can be obtained from any Board member or downloaded from the LOWofJ website.
- The Board reminds all residents to pick up after their pets. It's not only the law, but it is the right thing to do!

NEW LIGHT

The Board recently had installed a new pole light by the Wild Oak Park sign opposite the north entrance to Park Estates. There are no homes on that side of the street and it was a dark area, especially for our early morning and late evening walkers. Special thanks to Gary and Lisa Packard who allowed the Board to connect the light to their power and they will absorb the cost of electricity to operate it.

REMEMBER, since our pole lamps serve as our street lights, we ask that all residents pay attention to ensure that their lights are lit from dusk to dawn as required by our Covenants.

FALL COOKOUT

Park Estates held their annual Fall Cookout in Willow Rest Park on Saturday, October 29 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This annual picnic featured hot dogs and pulled pork sandwiches along with a variety of pot-luck appetizers, entrees and desserts. It was an opportunity for the more than 60 residents who attended to meet some of their newest neighbors and welcome back others who returned from their northern summer homes. Special thanks to Jan Beech who chaired the Committee that included Kit Barbour, Barbara Hockett, Chris Maurizi, Deb Peterson, and Jayne Schiefer. Wanda Lange conducted a 50-50 raffle to help defray expenses.

Section III – The Lakes of Jacaranda (LOJ)

LOJ BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Joe Beima Vice President Matthew Soldano Treasurer Bill Meints Secretary Judie Gollwitzer Director Guy Cusumano Keys-Caldwell Jim Kraut Jim@keys-caldwell.com	To contact a Board Member go to the LOWofJ.com website, type their title + @LOWofJ.com. Example: president@lowofj.com
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Board Meetings (After LOWofJ Meetings)

	Location
November 1 st following LOWofJ Mtg.	Clubhouse
December 6 th following LOWofJ Mtg.	Clubhouse
January 3 rd following LOWofJ Mtg.	Clubhouse
February 14 th Annual Meeting following LOWofJ Mtg.	Venice Gardens HOA Hall on Shamrock Dr.
March 6 th following the LOWofJ Mtg.	Clubhouse

BOD Messages. . .

Clubhouse Storage –

Beverly Weltzien and I are in the process of getting current bids for storage at the clubhouse. We presented our initial plans to the Board of Directors at the October Board meeting and received the go-ahead to get bids to finalize the costs. When ready, we will present our final plan to the Board. If we receive approval to proceed, there will be well-needed storage at both the west and east ends of the clubhouse.

Submitted by: Judie Gollwitzer, Secretary

Social Activities for Lakes of Jacaranda Residents. . .

Submitted by: Judie Gollwitzer

JANUARY - Let's play TRIVIA! Hosted by Bill & Judie Gollwitzer

How about a competitive game of Trivia? Come to the clubhouse on **Friday, January 13th at 7:00 PM.** As usual, BYOB and an appetizer to share. Teams can form as you arrive or you may come with your own team (a maximum of 10).

It has been suggested that we hold Trivia monthly. We can talk about it at the January mixer and see how it shakes out.

FEBRUARY GAME NIGHT - Hosted by Joanne & Jim Falvo



Joanne is planning a fun-filled evening at the clubhouse on **Friday, February 3, 2012 at 7:00 PM,** to play games (card games, dominos, board games) Joanne has many games that she will provide, however if you have a special game you'd like to play and maybe share and teach others to play it too, please bring it along.

As always BYOB and a snack to pass. No reservations needed, you can call Joanne Falvo at 497-0715 for more information. Bring a friend, a neighbor or come alone, there will be something for everyone.

SOCK HOP – Hosted by Joanne Falvo

HAS BEEN CANCELED!. Sorry!



Don't forget to sign up for the Holiday Dinner Dance!



Book Club – Submitted by Kay Davis

Date	Book Title	Author	Leader
December 1	Advice to Murder	Ellen Miller	Beverly

Holiday luncheon and book exchange will take place on December 1st.

January 5	Florida Shadows	Clarissa Thomasson, personal appearance & book signing	Author
February 2	Boomerang (non-fiction)	Michael Lewis	Pat Casey Smith
March 1	Here we Go Again	Biography of Betty White	Barbara Miller
April 5	Killing Lincoln	Bill O'Reilly	Mickey Skarvi

Host the LOJ Coffee on May 2nd

May 3	The Madonna's of Lenningrad	Debra Dean	Joyce Baum
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June – July – August no meetings will be held.

Club Water Aerobics – Submitted by Mary Ann Kenar

Our water aerobics season has come to an end. I would like to thank all of the ladies who made this season a *BIG SUCCESS*. Looking forward to "2012". Please watch for our new name "Aquacise" with time and date to be announced. **Thank you, Mary Ann Kenar.**

*******AT A GLANCE ONGOING ACTIVITIES*******

Some of the Activities below are seasonal. Contact the leaders for information on activities.

LOJ ACTIVITIES @ CLUBHOUSE

WHAT	WHEN	CONTACT	
Book Club	1 st Thursday @ 10 am	Kay Davis	493-3720
Craft Club	Tuesdays @ 10 am	Betty Gloudeman Sally Russell	492-3686 445-4036
Mixer, Trivia or Game Night	Watch the newsletter for future plans	Judie Gollwitzer	497-6368
LOJ Women's Coffee	1 st Wednesday @ 10 am	Liz Sharpe	492-5638
Mah Jongg (Day time)	Meet the 2 nd & 4 th Monday of the month at 10:00 AM & play to 12:00 Noon	Sharon Flender	493-9743
Men's Cards	Wednesday's 6:30 – 10: 30 pm	Rich Krepela	493-3339
Aquacise (New name for water aerobics)	No classes during the winter season. Watch for classes to begin late Spring.	Mary Ann Kenar	497-0763
Yoga-lates (Stretch & Tone)	Meet at 8:30 to 9:30 AM - Tues, Thurs, & Sat.	Instructor: Felicia Scherrer scherreerr@yahoo.com	

Section IV – Grassy Oaks II

GRASSY OAKS II BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	John Pestana	
Vice President	-	
Treasurer	Anne Hoffman	
Secretary	Edrise Seavers	
Director of Lawn Maintenance:	Guilio (Tony) Pigoncelli	

GRASSY OAKS II - MAINTENANCE FREE HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Submitted by: President, John Pestana

Grassy Oaks II News!

Residents of Grassy Oaks II will receive their annual mulch application beginning November 21st. The mulch will be applied by our lawn maintenance contractor, Ultimate Lawn Care. The recent problem with our sprinkler system apparently was caused by a leak in one of the rings on the pump. It has been repaired and everyone should be back on their watering schedule. **Thank you. John Pestana**

Section V – Grassy Oaks III

GRASSY OAKS III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Dave Sampson	
Vice President	John Tosto (New)	
Secretary	Ace Wuerdemann	
Treasurer	Herman Proetze	

GRASSY OAKS III RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Submitted by: Ace Wuerdemann, Secretary

There is nothing to report this period. Enjoy the holiday season.

Submitted by: Ace Wuerdemann, Sec., Grassy Oaks III Residents Association, Inc.

Section VI – General Information

We have an Issue with the Telephone Directory. . .

We have a *Good News - Bad News* situation.

GOOD NEWS: The Florida Legislature has finally voted and based on their decision, our attorney has approved a form suitable for putting a telephone directory together for our HOA. With your written permission we can include the information you wish to have published in the directory.

Don't forget to sign up for the Holiday Dinner Dance!

BAD NEWS: The form that was originally approved by our attorney, (the one you filled out and put into the mail box and signed), needs to be shredded and the new, improved and legal form needs to be filled out, signed and turned in to me again. Sorry! **Find the new Form on page 14.**

Hopefully, you will value the need for a directory and help me begin the process again. The form is included in this newsletter and will also be available on line. As you did the last time, please fill out the information, have all homeowners sign the form and place it into the mailbox located to the right of the clubhouse front doors.

Naturally, we are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Let's say the end result will be well worth the effort. If you choose not to include your phone number, my plan is to put it into the directory as "unlisted". Unless you say otherwise.

We cannot thank you enough for this extra effort! Any questions, please call Judie Gollwitzer 497-6368.

I'LL NEED SOME HELP!: Putting the directory together this time is going to be a big job. I'm looking for some help. First I need all the forms in and alphabetized, then I need to compare them to the existing database along with Keys-Caldwell's database, then correct the existing database, and then start putting pen to paper.

Submitted by: Judie Gollwitzer, Directory Chairperson

For Our New Residents. . .

Newcomers of Venice

Residents who live in either Venice, Laurel or Nokomis for a minimum of *nine* months out of the year and are new to the area, may wish to join the Newcomers' organization. It is a very active organization with a diversified membership. To find out how you can join, please call **Membership Chairpersons**, Nancy Dowicki at 584-8646 or Dewaine Smith at 488-7290. You'll meet lots of people, enjoy a wide variety of social activities, and see or participate in athletic events. <http://www.venice-newcomers.org/officers.htm>.

Public Service Announcements. . .

Cleaning for a Reason <http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - once per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. If you know someone in need, please pass this information along.

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>

Books for our Troops

Do you have old books just waiting for a new home? We have someone who collects both paperbacks and hardcopy books to send to our wonderful troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you would like to donate yours, please contact Judie Kreitman at 493-3166 or Kreitman@aol.com.

Special thank you to those who have already contributed.

DATE:

TO: All Unit Owners

FROM: The Board of Directors

RE: Authorization Form

The Board of Directors is updating the Association’s Official Owner’s list which Florida law requires us to do on an annual basis. Because of new State regulations, we need to have your written permission to include your telephone/facsimile numbers, secondary addresses and e-mail addresses to include in the Association’s Directory.

Please provide all of the information requested for the Association’s records.

- Lot/Unit Owner(s): _____ *
- Lot/Unit Number: _____ *
- Official Mailing Address: _____ *
- Alternate Mailing Address: _____
- Contact Telephone/Facsimile Number: _____
- E-Mail Address: _____

*** Information required to conduct Association business**

- **IF YOU DO NOT FILL OUT, SIGN AND RETURN THIS AUTHORIZATION FORM, THEN ONLY YOUR NAME, LOT/UNIT NUMBER AND OFFICIAL MAILING ADDRESS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE OFFICIAL OWNER’S LIST AND ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY.**

I (We) agree to allow the information provided above to be published in the new Association directory/official owner’s list, which will be distributed to all residents.

Signed: _____ Unit # _____ Date: _____

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Enjoy some of the pictures from our Volunteer Luncheon



Wish I had room for them all.

Don't forget to sign up for the Holiday Dinner Dance!



HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

You Are Cordially Invited to the 2011 Holiday Dinner/Dance
Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda, Park Estates, Lakes of Jacaranda, and Grassy Oaks

WHEN: December 15, 2011
WHERE: Jacaranda West Country Club, 1901 Jacaranda Blvd.
TIME: Cocktails 5:30 PM – Dinner 6:30 PM
COST: \$38.00 per person
MUSIC: SOUND INVESTMENT will provide cocktail and dance music for your enjoyment.

The cocktail hour with hand-served hors d’oeuvres begins at 5:30 PM. Cash Bar

MENU

Entrée Choices

Tenderloin of Beef with Béarnaise Sauce - Pecan-Crusted Snapper - Roast Duckling

Accoutrements

- Chef’s Specialty House Salad
- Roasted Fingerling Potatoes
- Asparagus with Hollandaise Sauce
- Flat Bread Rolls & Butter
- Decadent Triple Chocolate Cake
- Coffee, Tea or Lemonade

(Necessary special dietary orders may be requested)

Wait till you see what Santa has for you! It’s a surprise!

Ladies: This is an opportunity to put on that pretty holiday cocktail or evening dress.
Gentlemen: You will look great in a suit & tie or sport jacket with tie.

Name	Phone	Entree Choice	Amount
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