



# The Lakes Neighborhood Review

Newsletter prepared by Judie Gollwitzer for  
The Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda, Park Estates,  
Lakes of Jacaranda & Grassy Oaks  
Proofread by Judie Kreitman

Monkeys – A well-established population of rhesus monkeys has existed along the Silver River in Central FL for nearly 70+ years. Some say they escaped from a Tarzan movie, others say the jungle cruise boat manager released them. Do you know the answer?

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- Friday, **January 13<sup>th</sup>** TRIVIA, 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, **January 18<sup>th</sup>** Dr. Boeke Lecture 1:00 PM
- Tuesday, **February 14<sup>th</sup>** Annual LOWofJ & LOJ Meetings
- Wednesday, **February 15<sup>th</sup>** Lecture on Your Pet's Health by Janet Spevak 1:00 PM
- **April - TBD**, Cooking Demonstration and English tea party by Chef Chris Smith – limited to 40 ladies

### 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

### YOUR LOWofJ CANDIDATES

**Joseph Beima  
William Meints  
Bruce Callahan**

**NEW ALARM SYSTEM  
(See LOJ for details)**

# Section I – Master Association - LOWofJ

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Joe Beima	Annual Meeting & Elections Venice Gardens Civic Center 406 Shamrock Drive February 14 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
Vice President	Matthew Soldano	
Treasurer	Bill Meints	
Secretary	Judie Gollwitzer	
Director	Guy Cusumano	
Keys-Caldwell	Jim Kraut <a href="mailto:Jim@keys-caldwell.com">Jim@keys-caldwell.com</a>	

**Board Meetings are scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. Meetings may change due to the availability of the BOD members.**

February 14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting 7:00 PM (Elections)	Venice Gardens Civic Center 406 Shamrock Dr.
March 6 <sup>th</sup> New Board Meets 1:30 PM	Clubhouse
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1:30 PM	Clubhouse

## BOD MESSAGES. . .

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

### **Messages from Board President Joe Beima**

*Elections. . .*

#### **Annual Membership Meeting and Board of Directors Election:**

**When** Tue, February 14, 7pm – 9pm

**Where** Venice Gardens Civic Center 406 Shamrock Blvd., Venice, FL, 34293 ([map](#))

**Description** Annual BOD Meeting and Elections for the LOWofJ & LOJ

**Candidates** The terms for three positions are expiring this year.

- ❖ Joe Beima, President, is running for re-election for a third 2-year term
- ❖ Matt Soldano, Vice President, is not renewing his candidacy due to conflicting commitments
- ❖ Bill Meints, Treasurer, is running for re-election for a sixth 2-year term
- ❖ Bruce Callahan, Member of the Architectural Review Committee is the third candidate running for a 2-year term

**Needed - Volunteers to Count Ballots** – Each candidate will name three people to serve as vote counters, but nine people will not be sufficient to perform the tasks at hand. **Please volunteer to assist by calling Jim Kraut, Keys-Caldwell Management Company, (941) 408-8293, or send an e-mail to [jim@keys-caldwell.com](mailto:jim@keys-caldwell.com).**

### **Messages from Board Secretary Judie Gollwitzer**

*New Residents / Meet Your Leaders. . .*

It has been suggested that we hold an informational meeting for new residents so you can be introduced to the leaders in our community and listen to them talk about what they do and how and why they do it. I will be announcing this series in the *March / April Newsletter*. The timeframe will be sometime in late March or early April. It will be interactive. The intention is for you to better understand the community in which you live.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

***LOWofJ Board Member, Guy Cusumano. . .***

As many of you may know Board Director, Guy Cusumano, has not been able to attend Board meetings due to a stroke and the therapy that followed. We are pleased to announce that on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> Guy was able to participate in the meeting over the phone. He continues his positive track towards a complete recovery. Guy has faithfully served our community for several years and has received lots of prayers and support from many in our community. We continue to wish Guy a full recovery so he can come back to his family, friends and the Board.

**COMMITTEE NEWS. . .**

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)**

No report.

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

**DPP (DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE)**

No report.

*Submitted by: Joe Thiel, DPP Communications Editor*

**LAKES AND WETLANDS COMMITTEE REPORT - December 2011**

In a recent article we mentioned that a lot owner in Plantation had cleared an area, approximately 500 square feet in size, of native vegetation on LOWofJ property. A proposal to restore that area, at the lot owner's expense, includes wax myrtle and live oak trees. While the wax myrtles grow relatively fast it will take approximately 1 to 2 years for the area to begin to recover.

Please remember the permit issued by South West Florida Water Management District for our neighborhood 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.

Another issue that comes as the temperatures drop in Florida, is fish kills as the cold fronts move through our area. Blue tilapia are the dominant fish in the lakes in our community and they have a tremendous impact as they tend to over populate. They spawn 3 times a year and produce 1,500 to 4,000 eggs per spawn. With little or no predation these fish rapidly over populate our lakes, which contributes to the fish kill when oxygen levels drop. They are also sensitive to cold water and stop feeding when the water temperature drops to 60 degrees and begin dying as the temperature falls below 60 degrees.

Obviously, we don't want to experience fish kills and the resulting smell and mess that go with it. The Lakes and Wetland Committee continues to work with Hart Harvesting to remove tilapia from our lakes by netting them to prevent over population. This is an effective approach and if you see 2 men in a boat netting fish in our lakes, be aware the BOD has authorized them to do so.

Another important item in the prevention of fish kills is to restrict fertilizer from getting in the lakes. Residents should not blow grass clippings into the street gutters or fertilize within a few feet of the lakes. This will restrict

nutrients getting into the water and ultimately reduce the growth and impact of algae when the oxygen level in our lakes drop.

*If you have any questions or see anything wrong with the lakes please contact us by e-mail at [suniparadise42@msn.com](mailto:suniparadise42@msn.com).*

**Submitted by: Art and Barbara Bradley**



We have many wonderful volunteers in our community, but we're always on the look out for people with new ideas and new energy. If you have thought about getting involved in our community, please contact one of the Board of Directors. We'll be happy to talk to you.

What does it mean to be a volunteer? It's a great way to be PART OF OUR COMMUNITY in a positive way. Please consider sharing your time with others.

**Submitted by: Judie Gollwitzer, Board Secretary**

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES & LECTURE SERIES FOR LOWOFJ, PARK ESTATES, LOJ & GRASSY OAKS I, II & III. . .**

### **THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:**

#### **Holiday Dinner Dance**

It has been the pleasure of Cookie Sonnabend to serve as your Chairlady for the 2011 Holiday Dinner Dance. A huge thank you to: Bru Murawski, Pat Weber, Maggie Surwilo, Roseann Rastelli, Judie Gollwitzer, Sharon Flender, Joanne Falvo, Geri Neely and Joan Cusumano. Hope you enjoyed your souvenir photograph and the rose that Santa left you. See you on the dance floor in 2012.

We do have a volunteer to chair the 2012 Dinner Dance, Bru Murawski. I know you'll support Bru as you supported me.

***Cookie Sonnabend, Chairlady***

#### **Dr. Tom Boeke Lecture**

The community thanks 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. (See details under *Lecture Series*)

***Judie Gollwitzer, Chairperson***

### **New:**



**Third annual Lakes Classic Car Event.** It's an opportunity to display your vehicle and check out the interesting cars/vehicles of our associations. It's very casual and free. Classics and newer appealing vehicles are welcome. Come to the Lakes of Jacaranda Clubhouse parking lot on **Sunday, April 15th 1:00-4 PM.** Let's see who has the wildest car story. ***BE THERE!*** This is an event for the residents of LOWofJ, LOJ, Park Estates and Grassy Oaks. ***Organizer: Bill Hickman 941-256-3356***

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



## **Mah Jongg in the evening**

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 Monday, 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.

## **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.



### **Your Pet's Helth**

Janet Spevak, Certified Veterinary Technician, will talk to you about the health of your pet. If you have questions or concerns, Janet will be here to help. Put **Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM** on your calendar and join us.



### **Cooking Demonstration and English Tea**

English Chef, Christopher Smith, will teach us how to make specialty foods for a proper English tea. The date in April is TBD, but it will be toward the end of April since Christopher and Kathleen are in England until then. This event will be limited to 40 ladies. The attire is garden party casual complete with a lovely hat to complete the look. You must call Judie Gollwitzer to sign up for this event since attendance is limited. 497-6368

## ***LOWofJ ONGOING ACTIVITIES***

### **LOWofJ & COMMUNITY-WIDE ACTIVITIES**

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

<b>NEW: Mah Jongg Opportunity</b>	Starting January 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM @ the clubhouse	Joan Fahey	408-7044
<b>Women of the Woods (WOW)</b> Are dining out!	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 6:30 pm	Beverly Johannes	493-8474
<b>Writers' Group (Will resume again in April or May – watch for details)</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 10 AM (Note date change)	Kathy Smith – <a href="mailto:kathy77smith@gmail.com">kathy77smith@gmail.com</a>	

## LOWofJ WEBMASTER REPORT

### Year End 2011

#### Overview:

I am pleased to report that the LOWofJ.com website had a very good year. Visitors, in the year 2011, showed continuing interest in the community at several levels. Social events, the Board of Directors activities and information on the LOWofJ Disaster Preparedness Plan (DPP) were the three most visited sections of the website. A special **THANK YOU** to all who supported the website in 2011. And also a special **THANK YOU** to those community and Board of Directors members who kept the information current and up to date. These efforts clearly add to the success of the LOWofJ website in 2011.

#### The Statistics Show LOWofJ.COM had:

<i>For Year 2011</i>	
Visitors	10,620
Pages Viewed	35,916
Site Hits	224,365

#### Site Access Data - Direct Address / Bookmarks / Links –

<i>For Year 2011</i>	
Direct Bookmarks =	87.5 %
Search Engines =	8.0 %
Links =	4.5%

#### Most Active Month (by visits):

<i>For Year 2011</i>
January

#### Duration of Visits:

<i>For Year 2011</i>	
1 hour + =	.8 %
30 minutes to 1 hour =	2.0 %
15 minutes to 30 minutes =	2.9 %
15 minutes or less =	94.3 %

#### TOP 15 Most Viewed Pages:

<i>For Year 2011</i>
1) RC Mail
2) News & Announcements (Community)
3) Board of Directors / Documents

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

4) Board of Directors / Index (Home)
5) Board of Directors / Minutes/Agendas
6) Calendar
7) Homeowners Contacts
8) Index (Community Home Page)
9) Links
10) Disaster Plan / Documents
11) Sitemap
12) Disaster Plan / News
13) Slide Show
14) Disaster Plan / Contacts
15) Disaster Plan / Links

Your Comments and suggestions are always welcome.  
**Bob Valenziano, Webmaster** [RJValen@LOWofJ.com](mailto:RJValen@LOWofJ.com)

## Section II – Park Estates

### PARK ESTATES BOD MEMBERS (NEW)

### CONTACT INFORMATION

President	Mark Schiefer	<a href="mailto:schtrail@verizon.net">schtrail@verizon.net</a>
Vice President	John Cullinan	<a href="mailto:jfcullinan@verizon.net">jfcullinan@verizon.net</a>
Treasurer	Chris Maurizi	<a href="mailto:maurizi1@comcast.net">maurizi1@comcast.net</a>
Secretary	Bud Weber	<a href="mailto:budweberoh@yahoo.com">budweberoh@yahoo.com</a>
Director @ Large	Fred Green	<a href="mailto:fred.green@gmail.com">fred.green@gmail.com</a>

### Park Estates Homeowners Association Board of Directors - 2012 Meeting Schedule

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

January 11	Bud Weber
February 8	Chris Maurizi
March 14	Mark Schiefer
April 11	Fred Green
May 9	John Cullinan
June 13	Bud Weber
July 11	Chris Maurizi
August 8	Mark Schiefer
September 12	Fred Green
October 10	John Cullinan
November 14	Bud Weber
December 11	Annual Meeting

# BOD MESSAGES...

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Submitted by: Mark Schiefer, President Park Estates*

### FROM THE BOARD....

The 2011 Park Estates Annual Meeting was held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Woodmere Park, meeting room C. The attendance at the meeting was strong and combined with proxies, a quorum was easily established.

Three open board positions were filled with Bud Weber being re-elected for an additional two year term. Chris Maurizi and Fred Green were newly elected to serve on the PE Board for two year terms each. A PE Board Reorganizational Meeting was held on December 11<sup>th</sup> to determine Board positions.

In addition to organizing the Board, the following new committees will be formed to address association priorities determined at the annual meeting. Anyone with an interest to participate on any of the listed committees should contact the appointed chairperson:

- Roofing Committee – Bud Weber
- Mailbox Committee – John Cullinan
- Pond Renovation Project – Mark Schiefer

We are also looking for someone to chair our maintenance committee for 2012. Please contact Mark Schiefer if you are interested in this “easy” role.

The new Board is looking forward to an enjoyable, productive and beneficial year serving the Park Estates neighborhood.

## Section III – The Lakes of JaCaranda (LOJ)

### LOJ BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

### Board Meetings (After LOWofJ Meetings)

### Location

January 3 <sup>rd</sup> following LOWofJ Mtg.	Clubhouse
February 14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting following LOWofJ Mtg. (Election)	Venice Gardens HOA Hall on Shamrock Dr.
March 6 <sup>th</sup> following the LOWofJ Mtg.	Clubhouse

# BOD MESSAGES. . .

## Messages from Board President Joe Beima

### *Proposed LOJ Pool Heating. . .*

The LOJ portion of the Annual Membership meeting will be preceded by a presentation by Symbiont Service Corp, addressing using Geo-Thermal Heating for the Club House pool. They will be prepared to address the expected power requirements, water maintenance, associated costs and address other member questions. If you are interested, you may do some homework by visiting their website at <http://symbiontservice.com/> or alternately viewing their video (on-line) at <http://symbiontservice.com/video/index.html>. Symbiont has submitted a proposal to perform the upgrade for a proposed total price of \$40,653.00 with the following warranty:

- ❖ One year Symbiont Service Corp. all parts and labor on the installation
- ❖ Five year manufacturer's labor on the Symbiont units
- ❖ Seven year manufacturer's all parts only on the Symbiont units
- ❖ Lifetime parts on titanium tube portion of the condenser heat exchanger

### *Clubhouse Improvements. . .*

#### The Plan:

Your clubhouse will be brought into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and will move towards meeting Florida's hurricane codes. Entrance doors have already been replaced and the next step is to replace the existing windows with ones that meet code. As you know the clubhouse is the planned headquarters for your safety should a disaster strike. At the east and west ends of the clubhouse the windows will not be replaced, but they will be removed and replaced with solid walls. This will allow storage units to be installed at both ends. We will not be shutting down the clubhouse during the construction of the east and west walls. However you'll need to be prepared for a great deal of noise and winter chill. Construction will begin in January, and once started should take about three weeks.

*Submitted by: Judie Gollwitzer, Secretary*

#### The Construction:

Beverly Weltzien and I recommended and the Board has awarded J2 Solutions, Inc. the clubhouse construction and storage project. The contract has been signed and construction may begin within the next few weeks. By changing the west wall to a solid wall, we'll been able to extend the kitchen storage with upper and lower cabinets. Electrical connections will be moved up to a convenient location above the lower cabinets. That will allow you to plug in chafing dishes and crock pots. On the east wall the storage area will come forward slightly and have a double-door entrance. The doors and the cabinets will compliment each other by matching the existing doors. All cabinetry will be white to match the existing color scheme. This is a project that is long overdue. We hope to give you a clubhouse we can all be proud of.

We apologize for any inconvenience the construction may cause.

*Submitted by: Judie Gollwitzer, Secretary & Beverly Weltzien (former Board member)*

#### New Alarm System:

Many of you who use the clubhouse on a regular basis are fully aware of the new ADT alarm system that has been installed. If you do not currently have the code, please call Keys-Caldwell to obtain it. Before, the alarm was not connected to a service; however, it is now. You will need to know both the entrance code and the exit code. Call **Keys-Caldwell 408-8293**

# SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR LAKES OF JACARANDA RESIDENTS...

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

How about a competitive game of Trivia? Come to the clubhouse on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## Book Club for 2012 – Submitted by Kay Davis

<i>Date</i>	<i>Book Title</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Leader</i>
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
<b><u>Host the LOJ Coffee on May 2<sup>nd</sup></u></b>			
May 3	The Madonna's of Leningrad	Debra Dean	Joyce Baum

**June – July – August no meetings will be held.**

### \*\*\*\*\*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
<b>Book Club</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 10 am	Kay Davis 493-3720
<b>Craft Club</b>	Tuesdays @ 10 am	Betty Gloudeman 492-3686 Sally Russell 445-4036
<b>Mixer, Trivia or Game Night</b>	Watch the newsletter for dates & times	Judie Gollwitzer 497-6368

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<b>LOJ Women's Coffee</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday @ 10 am	Liz Sharpe	492-5638
<b>Mah Jongg (Day time)</b>	Meet the 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 10:00 AM & play to 12:00 Noon	Sharon Flender	493-9743
<b>Men's Cards</b>	Wednesday's 6:30 – 10: 30 pm	Rich Krepela	493-3339
<b>Aquacise</b>	No classes during the winter season. Watch for classes to begin late Spring.	Mary Ann Kenar	497-0763
<b>Yoga-lates (Stretch &amp; Tone)</b>	Meet at 8:30 to 9:30 AM - Tues, Thurs, & Sat.	Instructor: Felicia Scherrer <a href="mailto:scherrerrr@yahoo.com">scherrerrr@yahoo.com</a>	

## 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!*

No report.

*Thank you. John Pestana*

## Section V – Grassy Oaks III

### GRASSY OAKS III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Dave Sampson	Annual Meeting January 19 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM Clubhouse
Vice President	John Tosto (New)	
Secretary	Ace Wuerdemann	
Treasurer	Herman Proetze	

### GRASSY OAKS III RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

*Submitted by: Ace Wuerdemann, Secretary*

#### *Social (for Grassy Oaks III Residents) . . .*

The first social event of 2012 will be hosted by John and Pat Tosto on January 17th at 5pm. All Grassy Oaks III residents are welcome.

### ***Annual Meeting . . .***

The annual meeting will occur on January 19th at the Clubhouse and will begin at 7pm. The Board of Directors will present the Budget for 2012. Elections will also be held for membership on the BOD. Details will follow via emails.

## **Section VI – General Information**

### **THE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY . . .**

**HELPERS!**: Thank you for volunteering to help me with the directory. I'll be in touch with you after the annual meeting. I'll be setting up a process for getting the job done. Once I've got everything in place, I'll let you know what's needed and we can check schedules and get started. I look forward to working with you.

**FORM:** The form residents need to fill out is included in this newsletter as well as on our website [www.lowofj.com](http://www.lowofj.com). If you still need to fill one out, please do so by the Annual Meeting scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to turn them in at the Annual Meeting, I'll be glad to receive them.

*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 Afghanistan. If you would like to donate yours, please contact Judie Kreitman at 493-3166 or [Kreitman@aol.com](mailto:Kreitman@aol.com).

Special thank you to those who have already contributed.

# OUR COMMUNITY HAVING FUN!

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner – Hosted by: Dick & Nancy Hannershitz and John & Gerry Vidas



**Our Annual Holiday Dinner Dance – Hosted by: Cookie Sonnabend and her Committee**



**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unit #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

