

SPOTLIGHT ON TWIN LAKES ESTATES

June 2015

HAPPENINGS

As we look around the community we can see areas that are looking better because of the work of many of the residents. The maintenance committee worked two Saturdays putting mulch around the landscaping by the pool and clubhouse and the two entrances. Bob Beebe, Jeff and Diane Ladd, Karen and Rock Garner, Chris Boyd, Janet Scott, Joe Deschenes, John Potteiger, Ron Hornback, Bruce Friend, Wayne Smith, and Mary Stroupe put out 200 bags of pine bark mulch. It really freshened up the appearance of the common areas. A big thank you to all.

The clubhouse is also looking better thanks to the activities committee. Committee chair Jan Guenther had the carpet in the clubhouse professionally cleaned. The committee also planned many fun events for the community. Participating in the events helps us get to know each other better. And those events that were fund raisers provide money to buy paper goods, purchase patio chairs, have carpet cleaned, etc. And committee members donate their time keeping things looking spic and span. Thank you, ladies!

Mondays and Tuesdays (and a couple Thursdays) have been times residents have gotten (apologies to our British friends' ears!) together at several restaurants to enjoy an evening meal and share stories and a laugh or two. Lou Giasante has been heading the group for the last few months Faye Shires will be our contact person again for the summer. We appreciate the effort that Lou and Faye make to make the get togethers effortless for the rest of us.

The Water Lilies are doing water aerobics at the pool at 9:30 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. It is a good place to work off the effects of the dinner get togethers. And share a laugh or two.

The golf cart path has been completed on the easement in Phase III.

NEWCOMERS

We have welcomed several new residents since the beginning of the year. Frank and Karen Vuturo on Twin Lake Circle moved in right after the New Year. David and Betty Essons moved from Texas to Fairway Circle. And two cousins have bought houses on Twin Lake Circle; Teresa Gastfield has moved here from Maryland, and Douglas Collins will be moving here from California when he retires.

FYI and FRIENDLY REMINDERS

NO DOGS in the swimming pool! Dogs should be on leashes when you are walking them. And DO scoop the poop!

GARBAGE CANS should be placed at the curb for pickup at least four feet apart, with lift bar facing the street. Umatilla City code states that cans should not be at the curb for more than 24 hours. And our bylaws and covenants require the cans to be stored out of sight.

TRAFFIC ISSUES:

- Speed limit is 15 MPH. Please slow down.
- Pedestrians should walk against the traffic
- When turning into Twin Lakes from the south be sure you make a wide turn and don't cut the corner.
- Gate remotes work when the keypads don't (most of the time.) Contact Janet if you want to buy one.

CLUBHOUSE LOCK: When leaving the clubhouse be sure to press the lock symbol firmly so the lock engages. Officers have keys for the building if you have any problems with entry.

CAUTION WET FLOOR sign needs to be left in the hallway by the restrooms.

SUGGESTION FROM SEPTIC TANK CLEANING COMPANY: A good product to add to the system once a month is UNIQUE, Septic System Digester, available at Ace and other hardware stores.

HELP WANTED

The pool committee still needs a couple more volunteers for backup to check and record the chemical levels and water temp. It takes only 10 minutes, is easy enough even Janet can do it, and it will look good on your resume. Contact Bob Beebe (bobbbee59@yahoo.com) or Janet if you will help.

JIMMIE'S JOTTINGS

GAME OF THRONES

Many years ago when we retired my late husband Wally declared that we were on a perpetual vacation. I quickly countered that if we were on vacation why was I still cleaning house, shopping, cooking, and doing laundry? Retirement only meant that you didn't go to work anymore and your life and the To-Do list at home stayed the same.

To me a vacation is having a holiday somewhere else, resting and relaxing whilst leaving that perpetual To-Do list at home.

For instance my last vacation I didn't even have reservations and all I had to do was just show up! However I did bring my diary, important phone numbers and a pen. I was given resort wear, toiletries, a private room and bathroom, linens, a large screen TV and even the meals were included and delivered by a congenial wait staff. Anything I desired was just a call button away...

I met people from all over the world: Haiti, Panama and Teheran, Iran. How interesting they were and what fun learning about other exotic places as they shared their stories. I had a spectacular view of the city and nearby lake by

day and the enjoyed the colorful traffic and city lights at night. I imagined taking the scenic flight in the seaplanes I saw soaring at times... almost too close to my window at the vantage point of my fifth-floor-window view of the world.

Soon the fun and games began: Game of Thrones. I was the only participant and all the action was actually on the porcelain throne in my bathroom. I was engaged in a battle of good versus bad bacteria in my bowels. I was wiped out for a while. Eventually good triumphed over evil and my battle with Diverticulitis ended. After a week my vacation in America's Sea Plane City in Tavares, Florida, ended.

As I was being wheel chaired to the exit of Florida Hospital Waterman, someone working behind a desk in the lobby yelled out, "How was your vacation" Didn't I tell you I was on vacation? The question was actually to someone else nearby, but that definitely was a sign that I am onto something with this whole vacation idea when I am in the hospital.

You can see that whenever I have to spend time in the hospital I declare, "I am on vacation again." I think my positive mental attitude makes for a better experience. And a vacation or journey isn't how far you go but the joy you take in the going made all the sweeter when you are home again. As for my diary I never leave home without it.

Jimmie Jo Hixon

ENTERTAINMENT

Lake County is fortunate to have several community theaters that have talented and creative artists presenting wide varieties of plays. And there is even Improv Comedy Sundays at the Bay Street Players.

The Bay Street Players are marking their fortieth year. The first play they put on back in 1975 was "Hello, Dolly!" To celebrate this milestone they are presenting "Hello, Dolly!" this summer. If you would like to attend this presentation or any

of the local presentations, you can go to the websites, view available seating, and buy tickets. Bay Street's webpage is www.baystreetplayers.com. Mt. Dora theater's webpage is www.icehousetheater.com. The Mount Dora Community Center will also have some entertaining shows this summer. Check out their summer schedule of events at <http://ci.mount-dora.fl.us/index.aspx?NID=429>.

Some of you may not know this, but Umatilla has its own country music radio station. It is found at FM 102.7

GOOD CITIZEN

Resident Jerry Dorfman saw an injured sand hill crane on the side of 19 and took action to save it. He called Sea World who sent a crew out to assess the damage and take it to their vet for possible treatment. High Five, Jerry!



KAREN VUTURO

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CHECK HOME WHEN OUT OF TOWN

WATCH PET, WALK, FEED PLAY

In Memory

On May 29, 2015, our friend and HOA board member Paula Demby passed away in Orlando, Florida. She moved here from South Florida in 2001, one of the first residents here in Twin Lakes. She is survived by her husband Rivers Demby.

She will certainly be remembered for her compassion for others living in Twin Lakes Estates. She went out of her way to check on friends who were sick, prepared meals for them, and took them to appointments (even to the cruise ship docks.)

We will miss her ready laugh and her can-do attitude.

Another of our long-time residents, Pru (Ola) Anastos recently passed away. She was born 85 years ago in Maine and lived in Newport, New Hampshire until moving here in 2003-4. She and her late husband Peter have five adult children and grandchildren. She was a seamstress, knitter and always a life time walker, even walking here daily to get her mail.

If we had a poet Laureate at Twin Lakes Estates, it would be Tina Giansate. She graciously agreed to allow us to print one of her poems in the newsletter.

Palm

Let me cut a rose today
And place it in a glass
Savoring yellow, ruffled blossom
For tomorrow it may not last.

Let me awaken early
Tiptoeing into today
Culling mocking birds' chorus
Lifting my gaze to pray.
Let me extend a kindness
Loving gesture or two
Laying a branch of palm
Paving the Way, Lord For You.

Let me speak a word
Of hope, to a hungry soul
Of heaven, sweet eternal
Of Grace, forging man whole.

Let me cut a rose today. . . .

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HEALTH UPDATES

Phyllis and Jim Davidson's son Jeff is on dialysis and is on the waiting list for a new kidney. They and the family would appreciate prayers for their son.

Ken Giddings is home from the hospital and would also appreciate prayers.

Hugh and Carole Moore were in town last week. She had broken one of her legs but was doing well considering. Hugh was much better than when they left in the spring. They are hoping to return to Twin Lakes Estates when it gets cooler in the fall.

Doris Hollinger (She is Gail's mother.) has been in the hospital a couple times during the past month, but is doing better. She is staying with her older son until she is a bit stronger.

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