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President's Report

By Ray Lamoureux #9





e were very lucky with hurricane Ian, the park had very little damage, only one carport roof was damaged. I was here for the hurricane and the winds gusted at times up to 70 miles per hour and a lot of rain.

The budget meeting for next year's budget will be held on the 26th of October with the member's meeting on December 7th. Water and sewer will be going up 8 percent next year and electric another 7 percent. I have not heard on insurance yet for next year, but it will also be going up.

The pool deck was started October 12th and the pool will be shut down for a week or less to get it completed. The deck is in bad shape and needed to be resurfaced. I'm waiting for a date to get the palm trees trimmed. It should be happening in the very near future as they are hanging very low now and need to be trimmed.

The floors in the clubhouse were completed this week and they look like new floors again. The company did a very nice job.

We have no units for sale as of this writing.

The park had its first coffee hour today and had about twenty residents attending. I was told it was nice to get together again, it's been a long time.

The people are starting to come back for the winter I see new people every day.

From the Editor's Desk

By Sue Bailey #188 suebail@tampabay.rr.com

Tovember is a month that is all about giving thanks. Giving thanks to our Armed Forces for protecting our freedom; giving thanks for our abundance and a good life; giving thanks to our family and friends; and giving thanks for all our relationships and From the Editor camaraderie within our Golden Acres' community.



Many thanks to those of you that submitted articles and pictures for November. You will read the 50th Anniversary reminder, Reports from our Recreation Committee, Golden Nuggets Bowling League, A Trip to London, Paris and Normandy, a beautiful picture of fall in Youngs Point, Ontario, A Review of our Website, Dream Trip at Last, News in Health, and Fraud Watch.

Some important dates to remember in November include Daylight savings time ending on November 6th so don't forget to set your clocks back an hour and gain an hour of sleep. Veteran's Day is November 11th (Remembrance Day in Canada) to honor and give thanks to all the men and women who have served and are serving in the Armed Forces. November 24th

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is Thanksgiving

Quote of the Month: "Love is heaven and fear is hell. Where you place your attention is where you live." —Alan Cohen, best-selling author and contributing writer for the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series

Until next time,
May God bless and keep you well and safe...

Need Wednesday Coffee Hour Volunteers

By Debbie Douthit #60

The are nearing our busy time of year as permanent residents are joined by the many returning "snowbirds". Your Rec.

Committee is expecting many new challenges and looking forward to continuing our progress in making Golden Acres the premier Park in Dunedin.

HELP>>>>Our 2022-23 goal is to make all current and new residents welcome and aware of birthdays, activity updates etc. happening in our park. Beginning the first week of November we need "Wednesday coffee hour volunteers" to emcee, kitchen clean-up, and table setup / tear down.

Please contact me if you want more information or want to volunteer. Debbie Douthit @ ldou0110@aol.com (or) call 812-629-0384 .

We hope we can count on your support. Thank you.

BINGO

By Linda St. Peter #140

ello everyone, hope you all have had a good spring and summer.

Bingo will return to GA, Monday, January 9, 2023, at 7pm. We're looking forward to having Bingo again! We need volunteers to help

run this activity. Volunteering will take up a few hours on a Monday once a month. We need Bankers, Callers and Workers. A few people are already signed up for callers and workers. There will be a couple of training sessions for these jobs. None of them are hard. In order to make this successful we need your help. Please email or call me if you can give some time. My contact is info is Lindastpeters@gmail.com or call me at 978-621-9241. Looking forward to seeing everyone.



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Golden Nuggets Bowling League

By Jack Terry #141

reetings my fellow Goldenites, this is Jack Terry. My partner, Claudia and I have owned 141 H Court since 2017. I am looking to organize and run a FUN bowling league on Friday mornings at 9:00, at the Dunedin Lanes on Patricia.



The league would start January 13th and continue every Friday through March 31st. I envision 3 people on each team. The first two weeks we would bowl to establish our averages then break into teams. I'm hoping to get enough people to join so we can have 5 or 6 teams. Each team will have 1 experienced bowler. This will be a fun league open to all, experienced and new to bowling. All new bowlers will be instructed and coached. Bowling balls and shoes provided by Dunedin Lanes.

Bowling remains the most popular, participated sport in the nation that can be enjoyed way into ones later years. If you are interested in signing up for our new bowling league, then please email me asap at jdterry57@yahoo.com and feel free to call me with any questions at 727-358-5722. Thanks, and see you all soon.

Attention 50th Anniversary Couples

By Kathy Schmitt #217

f you plan on celebrating your 50th anniversary with us at Golden Acres in February 2023 please note:



- 1. Be sure you have notified Paula Bunevith #202 or myself, Kathy Schmitt #217
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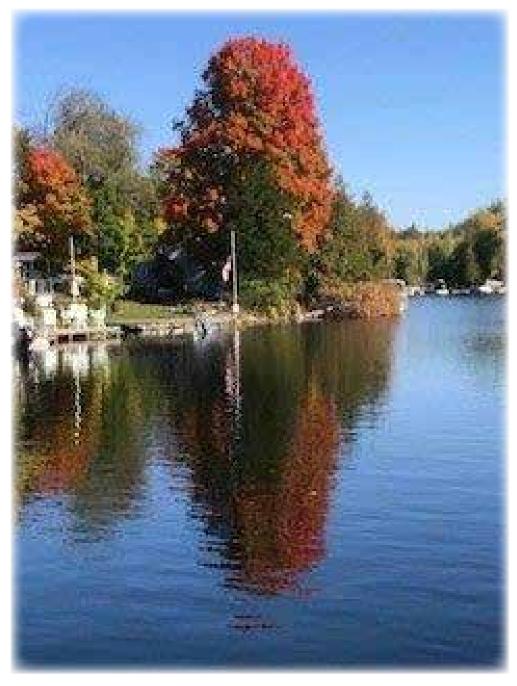
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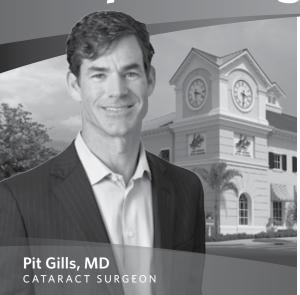
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A Trip to London, Paris, and Normandy By John & Phyllis Cullen #110

re planned this trip many months ago through Globus. Just before our trip Queen Elizabeth died. We arrived in London the Sunday before her spectacular funeral on Monday. Everything was closed. Her funeral brought hundreds of thousands more people into Central London. Our hotel was directly across the Westminster Bridge with a view of Big Ben and Parliament. Around the corner from Parliament was Westminster Abbey, the site of the Queen's funeral.

On that Monday we did follow the crowds through the streets of London with hopes of seeing the funeral procession. The Metropolitan police had blocked off all streets near the Abby and Parliament Square, and The Mall to Buckingham Palace. After following the crowds for well over an hour, we finally gave up and leisurely walked back to our hotel and watched on the "telly" like the rest of the world.

We had planned tours of Westminster Abbey and Windsor Castle. We were able to tour the Abbey, but Windsor Castle remained closed.





We took the Eurostar train to Paris and toured that amazing city. We then took a bus trip to the Normandy D-day beaches of Omaha, Juno and the American Cemetery with over 9000 soldiers buried there.



Overall, it was very historic trip and we enjoyed it very much. It was another box checked on our bucket list.





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Our Golden Acres Website

By Sue Bailey #188

ith so many new residents, I wanted to introduce our website and provide information of what you can find there. The link is http://www.goldenacresfl.com/. When you go there, you will find all kinds of information regarding our park.

On the home page you can select this years' worth of eNewsletters to review; links to Tampa Bay Attractions; and Golden Acres' forms.

Under BOD (Board of Directors) you will find photos and titles of our current board members.

On the Maintenance Tab, you will find a list of what our monthly maintenance fee covers, plus an introduction to our maintenance man, Robert.

The Recreation Officers Tab lists our Recreation Committee and a list of events held at our park.

The Park Resources takes you to a Park Review. This requires a password as it contains our park's monthly financial information. In order to obtain the password, contact Karin Desmone in the office. Rules and Forms are also available under Park Resources.

Using the "Contact Us" tab there is an email form you can fill out if you wish to contact the office with any questions or comments. Check it out if you have Internet access.

Dream Trip at Last

By Roz Frabotta #72

fter almost 3 years and 5 cruise booking/rebooking, my Covid delayed "Girls Trip" with my besties finally became reality in September! The long awaited and planned Mediterranean cruise to Italy and Greece with an extended stay in Rome was every bit as wonderful as I'd hoped! The charming Greek villages with their crisp white buildings dotting the hillsides overlooking the beautiful blue sea were breathtaking! And the ancient Acropolis and Parthenon were amazing beyond belief. It was also hard to wrap my head around the incredible ruins of Pompeii. The tiny country of Malta was delightful as was Sicily. Florence, perhaps my favorite city, has stunning piazzas and astonishing art and architecture! Pictures can't



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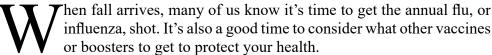
The trip bonus was sharing a day in Rome with Leigh and Anita Herington (#83) as the Covid Effect caused them to change their 2020 travel plans as well! Our paths crossed in Rome, and we packed as much into the day as we could, including visiting the Vatican, Rome sightseeing, and of course, sharing meals and gelato!

Piazza Navona

The travel bug has bitten...ready to plan the next adventure!

Vaccinations and Older Adults

From NIH (News in Health) newsinhealth.nih.gov





Staying up to date on vaccines is especially important for older adults. Our immune system helps the body fight infection, but it gets weaker as we age. Vaccines help to strengthen the immune system.

Other vaccines that are important to older adults include COVID-19, pneumonia, shingles, and TDP (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis).

It's best to get the flu vaccine by the end of October, so you'll be protected when flu season starts. But it's not too late to get the shot even a few months later. Certain flu vaccines are designed especially for people ages 65 and older.

Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines make it less likely you'll get seriously ill or need to go to the hospital if infected with the virus. They also reduce the risk of getting the disease. New booster shots targeting the Omicron variants became available in fall 2022.

The pneumococcal vaccine is recommended for all adults ages 65 and older. It protects against serious infections like pneumonia. As for other vaccines, the TDP booster shot should be given every 10 years. And the shingles vaccine is safe and effective for healthy adults ages 50 and older.

Protect yourself by keeping your vaccines up to date. Talk with a health care provider about which ones you need and if they can be taken together.

Visit www.nia.nih.gov/health/vaccinations-older-adults.



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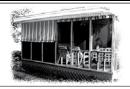
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ow it Works:

A text message from your state's DMV requests payment for an overdue fee and threatens license suspension if you do not pay immediately.

- Alternatively, the message may say you are due for a refund from an overpayment or, this is especially timely, it may say you are entitled to a fuel rebate to offset high gas prices.
- A web search for you state's DMV lands you on what you think is your state's official DMV site.

What you Should Know:

- In some states, DMVs do send text messages, but only to consumers who have signed up to receive them.
- At any rate, government agencies, including the DMV, will not ask for personal or private data by text message.
- Criminals buy online ads to lead web searchers to fake DMV pages with the goal of capturing a payment method or sensitive data that can be used for identity fraud.

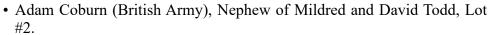
What you Should Do:

- Carefully scrutinize DMV text messages for misspellings or unusual grammar.
- Avoid clicking any links in an unsolicited text message or email, even if it claims to be a government agency.
- Know your state motor vehicle office's correct name. Crooks often use the generic "DMV" in scam messages, even in states with different agency names such as Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles or Illinois' Department of Driver Services.
- Confirm that a DMV website is genuine by looking for a .gov suffix in the address, which every -state motor vehicle agency uses (except Wyoming).
- Report DMV scams to the Federal Trade Commission, online or by calling 877-382-4357, and to your state's consumer protection office.



Active-Duty Soldiers to Remember

Please take a moment to offer a prayer of thanks and remembrance to all those who help to protect our way of life. Keep them in your prayers until they return safely to their loved ones.



- Damien Fitzpatrick (Tech Sgt. USAF) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.
- Sean Fitzpatrick (Major US Army) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.
- Reid Forster (Master Corporal with the 4th Royal Canadian Regiment) son of Dave Forster & Colleen Collins #128
- Tim Joy, US Army Special Forces Green Berets, Fort Bragg, NC Nephew of Jack Terry, Lot #141.
- Daniel Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.
- Matthew Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.
- Brian Karhoff (US Army Major) Son of Nancy Karhoff, Lot #67.
- Jacob Smith (PE3 Army M. Police) Grandson of Valerie O'Farrell, Lot #31.
- Collen Terry (US Naval Recruit), Great Lakes Naval Base, Chicago, IL Daughter of Jack Terry, Lot #141.
- John Wilson (PFC lst Class USMC) Iraq Grandson of Jean Key, Lot #138.

So that we might get to know these courageous soldiers better, I would like to add their pictures to this section. Please forward any photos to Sue Bailey suebail@tampabay.rr.com For changes to the list of soldiers, please contact Sue Bailey suebail@tampabay.rr.com





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Birthdays and Anniversaries *By Norma Moore #54*



olden Acres November Birthdays

We want to mention all those who are celebrating this month and send them our very best wishes.

Frank Grano	.November 4
John Kostecki	.November 5
Eileen McConnaughey.	.November 6
Elinore Bryant	.November 7
Carol Smith	.November 8
Linda Does	.November 9
Lou Ann Gatton	.November 9
Carol Diniz	.November 12
Suzanne Fleming	.November 13
Bruce Millburg	.November 14
Jack Spurlin	.November 14
Krys Woods	.November 14
Jemey Winters	
Monica Holmes	.November 16
Nancy Karhoff	.November 16



Deborah Pollard	November 17
Putt Bishop	November 20
Jean Morin	November 21
Dorene Robertson	November 22
Eleanor Saunders	November 22
Susan Bailey	November 23
Marilyn Cushman	November 23
Cynthia Guggi	November 23
John Clark	November 24
Robert Wheatley	November 24
Larry Berube	November 25
Joseph Bramante	November 25
Janice Garvey	November 26
Lanying Tjie	November 27
Rose Masters	November 28

Golden Acres November Anniversaries

Let us wish these couples a very happy wedding anniversary.

Robert and Anne Knott	November 4
Michael and Debra Moran	November 10
Anthony and Lorraine Fittipoldi	November 11
John and Josephine Depresca	November 13
Jon and Cynthia Kenney	November 15
John and Barb Kanney	November 23
Rennie and Maria Wittenbols	November 25
James and Marcie Zweifel	November 25





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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Bazaar and Flea Market. Palm Hill Country Club, 8th Ave. SW, Largo. Crafts, household misc. and Christmas. 8-1, Dec. 3rd.

Community Yard Sale: Nov.12, 9-2. Early entry 8 AM \$1.00. Paradise Island MHP, 1001 Starkey Rd in the Clubhouse. 30+ families. Bake sale. 727-303-3417.

Annual Craft Fair - Paradise Island - Saturday November 5, 9 am to 4 pm. Clubhouse, 1001 Starkey Rd., Largo. Handmade items, Bake Sale.

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Clearwater Cascade Craft Fair, Saturday, November 19, 2022 from 9:00 AM to Noon, in our Clubhouse at 9790 66th Street North, Pinellas Park, FL 33782. Vendor tables are 8 ft and cost \$15.00 each. Vendors are welcome to contact Jane Boucher at Mobile: 903-426-3636, Email: janeboucher29@gmail.com

Vendors needed Christmas Craft Show November 5th, 8 to 2. Park Royale 10611 66th, Pinellas Park. For more information contact Jane at jimjane1394@gmail.com

Regency Heights Carport Sale: Friday and Saturday, November 4-5, 8am-2pm. 2550 State Rd 580, Clearwater.

Art/Craft Fair: Sat. Nov. 19, 9am to 1pm. Lake Hiughlander MHP, 1500 County Road 1, Dunedin. Great Holiday Gifts!

11th ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFT SALE - Sat., Nov. 12, 2022 9AM-1PM Lake Haven MHP, Paradise Island Clubhouse 1415 Main St. (SR580 & Lake Haven Road) Dunedin. Newly designed art and needlework projects created by talented hobby club members include paintings, shell art, sachets, greeting cards, crocheted, knitted and sewn items and knick-knacks perfect for home or gifting.

Community Yard Sale: Nov. 5th 8-3pm. Glen Ellen Mobile Home Park 2882 Gulf to Bay, Clearwater

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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Lake Seminole Resort – Christmas Sale/Flea Market – November 12th, 8AM-2PM

Patio Sale: December 3rd, 204 Crane Rd., Largo.

Southwind Craft Fair, Bake Sale and Raffle: Saturday, December 3rd - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. 795 County Road 1, Palm Harbor.

Ranch Mobile Park, Park Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, December 3rd, 8:00am - 2:00pm at 6800 150th Ave. N., Clearwater (Largo).

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