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12 04	Daniel Shomphe	162	12 20	Lorraine Nicoletta	220
12 07	Dianne Spang	60	12 22	Nadine King	202
12 09	Linda Mericle	24	12 23	Joseph Hourihan	136
12 11	Gail Anderson	164	12 27	Don Hanson	92
12 11	Diane Mundt	249	12 27	Ron Balwinski	181
12 11	Mildred Frazier	154	12 28	Amy Haynes	238
12 11	Eugene Brown	151	12 30	Susan Baker	171
12 14	Irene Davenport	283	12 31	Bill LaFever	v75

December 2016 Anniversaries

Month	Day	Resident	Yrs.	Lot	Year
12	9	Dale & Donna Therrien	44	127	1972
12	10	Martin & Linda Read	10	102	2006
12	10	Clifford & Nancy Chiasson	55	107	1961
12	15	Ross & Carol Kirkpatrick	54	314	1962
12	15	James & Angela Robertson	37	33	1979
12	17	Ronald & Rita Teeter	46	244	1970
12	18	Erich & Corlyn Wempe	51	199	1965
12	20	Clair & Shirley Knisely	61	126	1955
12	23	Edward & Sharon MacDonald	49	62	1967
12	27	Carson & Margaret Duncan	50	104	1966
12	29	Robert & Gail Anderson	44	164	1972
12	31	Raymond & June Marks	28	306	1988



EDITOR'S NOTE: The master Birthday and Anniversary lists as well as the Centerfold Calendar of Events are kept in the park office computer. If you catch an error or omission in the birthdays, anniversaries or event notices, please notify the office so the information can be updated on their system. Please remember to turn in your RESIDENT'S PROFILE as the new computer software needs your current info.



Editor's do the Winter Season Shuffle

It's that time of year again, Summer PIPER Editor Sharon Shedd gets to take a well-deserved 6 month vacation and I will take on the job of producing the next 6 "Winter Season" editions of the PIPER. Sharon will return to her day job as Beth's "right hand person" in the office. Sharon will continue to make all new calendar entries as well as repeat notices for the centerfold calendar of events. If you have an event to "plug" see Sharon to get your notices on the next calendar..

All residents are encouraged to submit signed articles and photos, they are always welcome. The deadline for copy to be included in the next issue is the 10th of the month. It works best if articles are submitted electronically (e-mail) to the editor at... tmoran17@tampabay.rr.com.

Thanks, it's great to be back at our winter home. Here is wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

Terry Moran, Lot#121

R.O.President's Seasons Greetings

President Gerry Killham



Hello Fellow Lake Highlanders:

It's with sadness I announce our last swan Dipper has passed on. Hopefully both Chipper and Dipper are now together in swan heaven. RIP Dipper.

Lake Highlander is now hitting a busy season as Snowbirds are arriving everyday. As usual the park looks great. Thank you Lake Highlander staff for all your hard work. We have had an unusually busy summer, with a new office being installed and an abnormal amount of other park issues. A big thank you to our social club for keeping everyone busy with all the summer activities.

We have had two Board meetings in early November, the first meeting was strictly about our budget as we are preparing for the coming year and our mortgage which is due in early 2017. The second meeting was our regularly scheduled Board meeting where all park issues were discussed.

Hard to believe Christmas is just around the corner, so let us, Your Board of Directors be the first, "Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a healthy Happy Holiday to you and your loved ones". Lets hope Santa is good to us all.



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BOARD HOLDS SPECIAL BUDGET INFO MEETING.

November 7th was chosen for a complete review of budget options at a Special Meeting of our Board of Directors. Approximately 50 resident owners observed the meeting and learned just what our Directors are dealing with prior to finalizing a 2017 budget. Assistant Treasurer Susan Zerbe offered a well thought out list of options available prior to accepting the new budget figures. Two complete budgets are on the table, one requires a monthly maintenance fee of \$207.00 and the other requires a monthly maintenance fee of \$229.00. The budgets are identical with only the Reserve line changed. After studying each option, the Directors decided the \$207.00 per month budget will be offered in a motion at the next R.O. meeting.

- Other business discussed at the Special Meeting included the following items;
- By choosing the lower monthly increase, R.O. Directors have decided that park funds will continue to fund reserve shortfalls until a new mortgage is arranged in 2018. The reserve fund shortfall will be covered by using money in the pay down account. Cash derived from monthly note principle repayments will continue to be funneled into the pay down account. There was general consensus of the board that this method is the best way forward.
- The Board is currently changing maturing C.D's to a system where the funds are more readily available by using Money Market investments.
- Any further Geo Tec repairs will be funded from our operating account using money market cash.
- The Board will circulate a list of benefits that are available to all residents living in the park. This list will be included in the budget mailing to all owners.
- The Board agreed that the mortgage finance study group should continue their study and deliberations as we move toward the refinancing of the park's mortgage. The Study Group working with Treasurer Dusty Rhodes is comprised of Ed Hughes, Doug Stewart and Terry Moran.

• Meeting adjourned at 10:25

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE OFFICE

It gives me great pleasure to wish all Lake Highlander a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Christmas offers us the opportunity not only for celebration but also for reflecting on the past and looking ahead to the year to come. It is also a time for us to send good wishes to those we care about. We welcome those people who have recently chosen to come and live in Lake Highlander, and remember those who have left us this past year. Christmas is an opportunity, also to thank the many residents and volunteers who give

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generously of their time and talents to make Lake Highlander such a happy, energetic and caring community.

We would also like to say a special thank you to special donors for their generosity of a brand new office building and the furnishings. Santa came early for us.

We hope that your Christmas is enjoyable and wish you a Happy New Year!

Beth

WHERE THE @#\$%&*+? HAS THE OFFICE GONE?

Some 70% of Lake Highlander residents are Snow Birds and many were a bit confused when they returned for the season and discovered our office was missing. But, thoughtfully the office staff had left oversized OFFICE signs to help direct folks to our new but temporary office. It isn't hard to find, it's in the former CARD ROOM next door to the Clubhouse and in front of the Laundry.



As you will note by the photo it still looks like the card room from the outside but the interior has changed radically.

Here is what Park Manager Beth Carroll and Admin. Assistant Sharon Shedd have been using as their office for several weeks.

Just a bit crowded but it is serving the purpose as our brand new full sized office is being built. The new building was graciously donated by an anonymous source and others have donated to new office furniture

etc. What a pleasant surprise and no doubt it was sorely needed. The new office will be handicapped accessible, featuring an entrance ramp and several new rooms including a Board Room, Managers private office, a reception area, new washroom facilities and plenty of proper storage. Move in date is early January or even late December depending on contractor schedules.

Meanwhile, Beth and Sharon are enjoying another challenge as they smoothly transition from old workspace to temporary workspace and then finally move into the brand new facility. Hang in there ladies, you're going to love the new Lake Highlander office facility.



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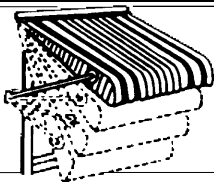
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HIGHLIGHTS NOVEMBER 2016, R.O. BOARD MEETING

- To open the meeting, members were asked to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- All 9 Directors were present and approximately 60 residents were in attendance..
- Correspondence #1 was a letter from a resident concerning tree limb disposal. The Board Secretary commented that this matter would be dealt with later in the meeting.

- Correspondence #2 ... A letter signed by the entire Social Club Board of Directors asked that the matter of replacing the Park's swans be discussed by the R.O. Board. A lengthy discussion followed. Park Manager Beth Carroll outlined some of the issues owning and caring for swans present. ****Swans wings must be clipped to prevent them from flying away, **They need special food, **When they require treatment, swans must be removed from the lake and transported to the Orlando area for Veterinarian services. **The law requires swans be moved into a safe place during hurricanes. In our case they are removed from the lake and placed in one of the bathrooms in the multi-purpose room. During their storm captivity they must be provided hay for bedding and be given drinking water as well as water to keep their bodies hydrated. **When being removed from the lake they become quite aggressive, biting and hitting forcefully with their 6 foot wingspan. **The swans often attack workmen who work on the aerators and do shoreline maintenance work. **last year the total cost for feeding and maintaining the swans exceeded \$2100.00. **The biggest concern is the job of moving and caring for the swans when they have to be taken out of the lake. It is difficult and dangerous work and not in the managers or maintenance staff job description at this time.**It requires two able bodied men (or women) to take the swans out of the lake, as they weigh 30 to 40 lbs. Director Fred Wimmer reminded the Board that 2 swan removal volunteers must be on call during all 12 months. If the swans have to be removed from the lake for any reason during the summer, very few people (interested in being swan handlers) are in the park.**

- There were a number of comments from the floor, reminding the Board that there has been a strong emotional connection and generally a positive relationship with the swans for the past 20 years. Homeowners and visitors alike have been pleased with the overall look of swans on Lake Highlander.

- Director Susan Zerbe suggested a committee be made up of Board members and residents to examine the pros and of cons replacing the swans.. That way the entire membership will have a voice in this matter. President Gerry Killham agreed and asked Director Zerbe to chair the committee and select the other members.

- PARK MANAGERS REPORT; By Beth Carroll


- ** The interior of the new office is expected to be completed in mid December. All workmanship is being inspected by City of Dunedin Building Inspectors.**

- **Christmas decorations will be installed on our Island in mid November.**

- **Maintenance Man John is currently power washing all park sidewalks. This includes removing rust stains where possible.**

- **A new combination lock has been ordered for the multi-purpose building.**

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**Road depressions have been filled, compacted and paved.. Bruce DeWaters was thanked for his volunteer efforts during this operation.

**Residents were reminded that items not permitted in our dumpster, such as electronics and chemicals can be disposed of on December 17 at 29582 U.S.19N, (just north of Doral Villas M.H.P.and across the road from The Olive Garden).

**If you need any loose fill (dirt) there is a pile available at the Maintenance Building. Check with Dave or John.

➤ FINANCE REPORT, by Treasurer Dusty Rhodes

**This month's Profit and Loss statement continues to reflect the unusual emergency expenses related to ground depression remedies. Ample funds were available in savings to offset this unplanned expense.

**The Board is looking ahead to refinancing the mortgage in 2018. The pay-down account has been accumulating the principle from certificate (share) Loan payments and should be in excess of \$900,000.00 at mortgage time.

**Planning is underway to decide how best and with what bank, we should refinance with in 2018. All projections indicate we will have a substantially lower monthly mortgage payment.

**Note repayment income is shrinking as notes are paid off.

**Total assets are in a comfortable position with C.D's and money market funds.

**Still undecided is the question of how much shall we put against the mortgage in 2018. The answer to that question should become much clearer once the new mortgage interest rate is determined.

**The Finance Advisory Group will submit their recommendations to the Board as refinancing time approaches.

**The Treasurer submitted the final draft budget for circulation prior to the December 2016 Board meeting. The Budget reflects a modest monthly maintenance fee increase to \$207.00 for 2017.

➤ GOVERNING DOCUMENTS REPORT by Dennis Lapointe

**The bylaw concerning disposal of specific trash items is being rewritten. Effective immediately, residents may no longer dispose of furniture, appliances or construction waste in the dumpster. The large roll off dumpster located at the maintenance building is intended for shrub and tree trimmings only, no household waste.

For disposal of the restricted items, call the office and make arrangement to have your large refuse items picked up with Dunedin's Solid Waste trucks by appointment only. Each large item will require a \$16.07 disposal fee. The Park manager has all the details. You must make arrangements for pickups with the office. For disposal of building material waste, the office will arrange for a container to be placed at your home . The cost for this service is \$105.00 for a two week period. It was noted that Home Depot also has a program for construction waste removal. For details, check at the local Home Depot store. Director Lapointe said the revised by-law will be posted for 30 days before a vote to confirm the changes.

➤ DISASTER AND RECOVERY REPORT by Fred Wimmer

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➤ SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT by Sue Stevens

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*Following some heated discussion, the motion making “Golf Cart stickers” mandatory was tabled, the Board will decide, (at a later date) if and when to make displaying a golf cart windshield sticker part of the park rules and regulations.

➤ NEW BUSINESS

*A letter from a resident was discussed concerning their request to be reimbursed for removal of a large pine tree limb and also be compensated for damage done to their home by the falling limb. A motion was made by Susan Zerbe to reimburse the family for tree removal but not the damage to their home. That cost should be handled by the resident’s home-owners insurance. Motion Carried. Further to this discussion, residents were reminded that all tree removal and planting has to be approved by the park office. Trees may only be planted at the discretion of the Board.

*Following an inquiry to the park attorney it was noted that the Board may perform emergency construction, maintenance and or repairs in common areas without going to a membership vote, if safety and security are issues. The suggested threshold for this spending is approximately 3% of the current year’s budget. This year that amount would be in the \$24,000.00 range. This applies as an aggregate of expenses within the fiscal year.

*Residents were reminded that their property (within the park) is made up of the footprint of their home and driveway. There are no fixed metes and bounds pertaining to lot sizes.

➤ *COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

*Pat Kasprzak lot #188 thanked the office staff for making a success of the temporary office arrangement. She also commented on the Board Meeting start times. She asked if the Board would consider holding their meeting in the evening, with a 7 PM start time. Director Susan Zerbe replied that training workshops offered to Board Members have consistently indicated that morning meeting are much more efficient. Especially where seniors are involved, as we all tend to be less attentive in the evening. She also reminded the residents that they were observers at Board meetings and the current Board members have decided morning start times are best for their schedules.

➤ The meeting adjourned at 12 noon

SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS TRADE POSITIONS



*Doris Lapointe and
Rachel Savage*

At the November 7, 2016 Social Club meeting President Rachel Savage stepped down from the Presidents chair and 1st Vice President Doris Lapointe stepped in to fill the office until the end of the year.

Other Social Club Business

***Approximately 50 members were present.

***The meeting opened with an invocation by Social Club Chaplin Darlene Johnson and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Doris Lapointe.

***President Savage announced she was stepping down due to health issues. First Vice President Doris Lapointe will serve as Club President for the rest of the term.

***President Doris Lapointe welcomed all members with a special “nice to see you back” to all the Snow Birds. She reminded everyone that Administrative Assistant Sharon Shedd continues to make up the Activities Calendar of Events found in the centerfold of the PIPER , the calendar is also displayed on the clubhouse bulletin board. Please check with Sharon if you have an activity you want placed on the calendar. The office must approve of meeting place availability and eliminate scheduling conflicts before sending the calendar to the PIPER Editor for publication.

***Secretary Jean Gard read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

***Treasurer Becky Holender gave a complete Financial Report including reconciling expenses for summer time activities. The summer activities expenses came in on budget. The report was approved as presented. The Social Club bank balance effective October 31, 2016 was \$5,680.47..


***Karen Judson reported that Dennis and Doris Lapointe will host Thanksgiving dinner in the clubhouse. Signup sheet will be available for those wishing to attend.

***Volunteers are needed to help at the Christmas Luncheon to be held at the Dunedin Country Club on December 8th. Please contact Karen Judson or Lucille Towle if you can lend a hand. The Country Club Christmas meal will be served promptly at noon, plan accordingly.

***A motion to donate \$200.00 to the Dunedin Choir was passed unanimously.

***Carol Gardinier reports there are several bus trips being offered. Info is posted on the travel board in clubhouse.

***Summer Social Activities co-ordinator Gloria MacMillan reported that all the activities held over the summer were well attended. Expenses were kept within the \$1,800.00 budget with some additional revenue being generated by participants. Gloria and her assistant Bob Bernier read a list of the summer activities which included; pot luck dinners, sub and a movie nights, A wedding spoof, family feud night, pool tournament and Corn Hole Toss events, just to name a few. A New Years Eve House Party in the clubhouse is in the planning stages. All will be invited and signup sheets will soon be available. When asked about a dress code, Gloria stated she prefers formal (all gussied up) but several other members would like everyone to



come in their pajamas. The matter was not resolved. Watch the bulletin board for more details.

***Secretary Jean Gard reminded everyone to make sure the office has your email address. Each Monday the office sends out a EMAIL BLAST with the weeks activities listed. Sharon Shed is the EMAIL BLAST co-ordinator.

***The club plans to arrange an update of the clubhouse photo board over the next few months.

***Treasurer Becky Holender requested that all members bring their membership cards to all activities. Non-members often participate in Social Club events without helping to offset the expenses. For example Social Club helps offset the cost of Saturday mornings coffee hour coffee and donuts, holiday dinners, dances, Vets Day luncheon and a host of other activities. PLEASE purchase your 2017 membership from the Treasurer at Saturday coffee hour. Membership are sold for **\$5.00 per person for the entire year**. They are sold before and after coffee hour at the rear of the clubhouse next to the door leading out to the pool area.

***Shirley Greer has decided to retire from coffee hour planning. Millie Beaulieu will take over Shirley's chores. The Club thanked Shirley for her years of service.

***A friendly reminder was given to all who store any food items in the clubhouse. We are currently experiencing some pest problems which require ALL food items be securely stored in tight & secure containers. Thanks for helping.

***New Social Club officers will be needed effective January 1st. Please consider throwing your hat in the ring for one of these very important volunteer positions. A signup sheet will be provided for those willing to help by running for office.

***Carol Gardinier spoke of the recent passing of our park mascot swans. Apparently, there is a long waiting list to purchase new swans. It may take up to a year to arrange a purchase. She asked the members how they felt about replacing the swans. There was much discussion, all in favor of adding a pair of swans to the lake. President Lapointe asked for a show of hands for those who would like this idea to go forward. The members voted unanimously YES to the idea of new swans.

***Motion by Carol Gardinier that Club Secretary Jean Gard draft a letter to the R.O. Board, outlining the Social Club's suggestion for purchasing a pair of swans to live on Lake Highlander. It was requested that the letter be read during the correspondence portion of the next R.O. meeting. The motion was approved.

***Some events planned for December.

1. Dec. 8, Christmas Luncheon at the Country Club,
2. December 18th Golf Cart and House Christmas Decor event, Prizes offered.
3. December 25, dinner at the clubhouse
4. December 31st. All invited to a park house party at the clubhouse.
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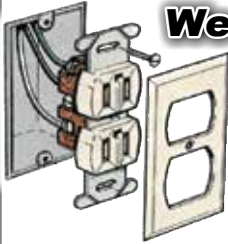
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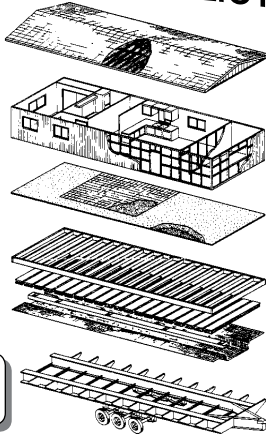


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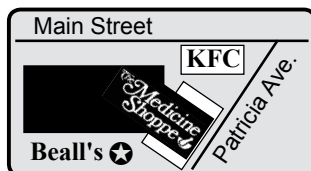
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submitted by Dick "The Coffee Guy" Barstow, LOT #64



Socks for the homeless program begun by Dick and Jean Bole will begin again in December. Black or white athletic socks for adult men and women are the most needed, but I will also accept children's socks that will be taken to "CLOTHES FOR KIDS" for distribution. The sock collection point will once again be a large box on the stage at the clubhouse. Dick Barstow will take care of the distribution of socks for adults in the Clearwater area.

Editors note, Last year, park residents donated 600 pair of socks to this "home grown" effort to aid the homeless. Dick Barstow, Lot #64, distributed socks at various shelters and homeless gathering places in the Clearwater area. Dick has also been handing out free hot coffee via his 20 cup thermos. Thus the homeless community know him as "THE COFFEE GUY".

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LOOKING BACK 10 YEARS ... ITEMS FROM THE DECEMBER 2006 PIPER

Paulene Monroe was Social Club President

- The 2006 park residents Christmas dinner was held at Island Way Grille, \$18.00 per person included tax and tip.
- Past R.O. President Don Hanson was sporting a new left knee and was hopeful it would help his golf game. Mrs. Hanson (Bev) reported Don was doing well in rehab but was just a bit "Grouchy" at times.
- Edward Hughes, Lot #278 was appointed to the R.O. Board to fill a position left vacant by a resignation. Ed is a retired Chief Financial Officer of a New York Corporation.
- Bonnie Enberg reported that the HOBBY CLUB will produce a COOK BOOK made up of park resident's favorite recipes

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A DATE TO REMEMBER

submitted by Liz Longhurst

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We will be recognizing owners who are new to Lake Highlanders since last January.

All are invited to come and get acquainted with our new neighbors. Refreshments will be served.

A CHRISTMAS DINNER REMINDER FROM BILL AND RACHEL

This Dynamic Duo is well experienced in putting on successful holiday dinners in the clubhouse. This Christmas will be no exception. Along with co-host Karen Judson and a busy bunch of cooks and bottle washers, the Savage family will host a turkey & ham supper on Christmas day. Sponsored by the Social Club, there will be no charge for members.



Ever mindful of keeping track of how many folks will be eating there that night, Rachel sent along this reminder.

Please don't forget to sign up for Christmas Dinner. Sign up deadline is December 20 and the big meal will be served on Christmas Day. Signup sheets will be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board.

HELP WANTED

How would you like to write a monthly column for the PIPER? Lakeside Lassie has been grinding out a nice general interest column for several years and we could use another contributor or two with some fresh ideas to freshen up our content.

How about a Sports column, featuring scores and short bios of all the park athletes. Bowling, golf, shuffleboard you name it there is lots to write about.

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It's wonderful to be back at Lake Highlander, meeting and greeting both our year around and "snowbird" friends. Never have we returned to hear so many comments about the numbers of big palmetto bugs that are being found in our homes! I've been encouraged by residents to again share an article that I wrote a few years ago. It will hopefully explain the "why", "how", and "what now" that especially our new and returning park residents have been discussing.

Have you ever gone to battle against a Palmetto Bug? Yes, those things can only be considered big and ugly and scary. We all dread the thought of one of them being "in our space", even if it happens to be outside! I can almost guarantee that nearly every Florida home owner has found at least one, dead, with it's legs in the air, especially upon re-entering our vacated "tin homes". On very rare occasion we come in contact with one that isn't dead. Of course, we'd prefer to go the other way, but if they are in our home, battle we must!!! I did a little research and want to share the interesting information that I discovered.

While there are several Florida varieties of what we call a Palmetto bug, as much as I hate to admit it, each is simply some type of a roach! None of the big "Palmetto Bug" species are really hazardous to humans, unlike the much smaller kitchen pests primarily found up north. I'll concentrate on telling you about our SW Florida insects.

Seldom do "Palmetto Bugs" get into and contaminate food. None of them attack, sting or bite and they do not cause structural and/or other damage. They are seldom found on walls or in furniture and cabinets. While the above qualities might allow the bugs to be less frightening, they still are NOT any more loveable! The main problem is that it's just plain creepy thinking about even one of these huge bugs living (or dead!) in our home.

All of these "monster" varieties have an assortment of common features such as their size (up to 2" in length); dark color (from reddish brown to nearly black); and glossy body. Their living habits are very much alike, as well. They all tend to live in and near Palmetto trees, which is where the name Palmetto Bug comes from. These insects are not usually indoor pests, however there are still occasions when an individual or small group seek refuge indoors. While they do like moisture, they tend to find their way into our homes when it's extremely rainy and wet outside. (Thus, one reason for the 2016 increased sightings!) During the summer our homes offer a dark, quiet, dry area of escape, however the bugs rather quickly die of dehydration when they don't find their way back outside. Keeping plant vegetation and such things as wood mulch, where Palmetto Bugs like to live, away from our homes will help keep the insects from leisurely wandering in!



No bugs are pleasant or healthy to have indoors, so I have a couple of "home remedy's that will help minimize having to come in contact with them.

You can sprinkle Boric Acid, Borax or even Silica Gel around the outside of your home,

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as well as inside, if you'd like. Each can be purchased in powder form at home supply centers, drug stores and dollar stores at reasonable prices. The powder is often in a container with a pointy end that makes distribution easier. Those products are also good to fight other insects, like ants! You need to only put a fine dusting of your choice under sinks and around baseboards of your home, especially in the kitchen and bath areas, where they are likely to squeeze in along side of plumbing. You might want to put some around your stove and refrigerator, where they butt up to the cabinets, under drawers and in other dark locations.

Another easy to clean up hint, using the same powders, is to mix a tablespoon of sugar with 1/4 tablespoon of the Borax, Boric Acid or Silica Gel. Add enough water to make a paste. Put a dab of the paste on pieces of paper to place in areas where the insects might be found. The sugar will attract and encourage them to eat the fatal mixture! The paper can later be removed with no mess or fuss.

While these home remedies are touted as being non-toxic, please keep them out of the reach of pets and small children.

If you live in Florida, you have to understand that "Palmetto Bugs" are a harmless, although ugly, fact of life so we must learn to keep a cool head while dealing with them. This is Lakeside Lassie advising you not to let these pests upset or get the better of you during the battle!!!!

VETERAN'S DAY 2016“Remembering all who served”

The Veteran's Day ceremony drew a large crowd of Lake Highlanders to the Flag poles at the Veteran's Memorial. Master of Ceremonies Harold Lewis kept things moving smoothly as many residents took part in the celebration honoring all who served.



A large turnout arrived to thank the Veterans

Social Club Chaplain Darlene Johnson offered the invocation and spoke about her father who was killed during WW!!.

The Lake Highlander community is honored to have several veterans of WW II living in the park. Many of our neighbors are men and women who have served in all conflicts since World War II. Korea, the Cold War, Viet Nam, The Desert Wars, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Men and women in uniform serve whenever and wherever they are asked to go.

Bob Bernier arranged to enlist a small army of mess hall workers to feed the Veterans and their spouses as well as the many well wishers who attended the ceremony.

A special treat was on the table this year, apple pie and ice cream followed the traditional hot dog and beans lunch.

Kay Byrne, Lot #309 organized the entire program. She sent in this list and wanted to thank all the Vets Day volunteers. Brownie Brown, Roger Santerre, Dave – moved chairs out and

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The Flag party manned the Flags of United States and Canada. Sonny Skeie, Bud Howell and Niven (Spike) Hart made up the flag party.



*Bob Frazier tolled the bell
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in and the podium. Harold Lewis, Master of Ceremonies. Bob Frazier sets up and rings the bell built by Bob May and donated by Alice May. Darlene Johnson, our Chaplain for prayers. Song leaders Dennis Lapoint and Jean Gard. Flag Party assembled by Bud Howell: Niven (Spike) Hart, Sunny Skeie and Bob Frazier. Canadian wreath placed by Niven Hart and Jocelyn Hart. American wreath placed by Greg Gard and Sunny Skeie. Bugler Al Towle played Taps and Reveille. Ushers and poppy pinners were Joanne Sheldon and Joan Duclow. Bob Birchmore provided poppies brought from Canada and also provided the music during lunch.

Bob Bernier set up the luncheon with a large cast of helpers in the kitchen and acting as servers.



Chaplain Darlene Johnson



World War II Vets took a special place at the head of the receiving line.

REMEMBERING HOW THINGS USED TO BE

Editors Note; after the recent Presidential election, I couldn't resist sharing this small slice of Presidential history.

Harry Truman was a different kind of President. He probably made as many or more important decisions regarding our nation's history as any of the other 42 Presidents preceding him. However, a measure of his greatness may rest on what he did after he left the White House.*

The only asset he had when he died was the house he lived in, which was in Independence Missouri. His wife had inherited the house from her mother and father and other than their years in the White House, they lived their entire lives there.

When he retired from office in 1952 his income was a U.S. Army pension reported to have been \$13,507.72 a year. Congress, noting that he was paying for his stamps and personally licking them, granted him an 'allowance' and, later, a retroactive pension of \$25,000 per year.

After President Eisenhower was inaugurated, Harry and Bess drove home to Missouri by themselves. There was no Secret Service following them.



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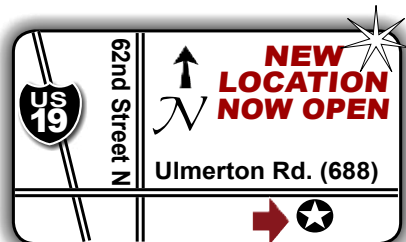
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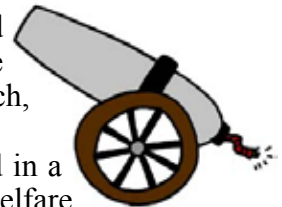
THE HOLIDAY ADOPTION,

Brimming with the spirit of Christmas, a husband and wife who work for the circus go to an adoption agency. Social workers there raise doubts about the living conditions in a circus, but the couple produce photos of their 50-foot luxury motor home, which is clean and well-maintained and equipped with a beautiful nursery.

The social workers also raise concerns about the education a child would receive while in the couple's care. "We've arranged for a full-time tutor who will teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills."

Then the social workers express concern about a child being raised in a circus environment. "Our nanny is a certified expert in pediatric care, welfare and diet."

The social workers are finally satisfied and ask, "What age child are you hoping to adopt?" "It doesn't really matter as long as the kid fits in the cannon."



AN INTERESTING QUESTION

(with apologies to Dennis Lapointe)

During a rather uninhibited holiday party, an Engineer overdoses on drugs, dies and goes to Hell. Dissatisfied with the level of comfort, he starts designing and building improvements. After a while, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. The engineer is a pretty popular guy.

One day God calls and asks Satan, "So, how's it going down there?" Satan says, "Hey things are going great. We've got air conditioning and flush toilets and escalators, and there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

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God is horrified. "What? You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should never have gone down there! You know all engineers go to Heaven. Send him up here! "

Satan says, "No way. I like having an engineer on the staff. I'm keeping him."

God says, "Send him back up here or I'll sue."

"Yeah, right," Satan laughs, "and where are you going to get a lawyer?"



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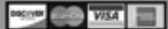


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