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12 03	Donna Therrien	127
12 04	Daniel Shomphe	162
12 05	Sylvia Martin	93
12 07	Dianne Spang	60
12 08	Edna Caudle	311
12 09	Linda Mericle	24
12 11	Gail Anderson	164
12 11	Diane Mundt	249
12 11	Eugene Brown	151
12 14	Irene Davenport	283
12 15	Michele Hebert	59
12 20	Lorraine Nicoletta	220
12 22	Nadine King	202
12 23	Joseph Hourihan	136
12 27	Don Hanson	92
12 27	Ron Balwinski	181
12 28	Amy Haynes	238
12 30	Susan Baker	171
12 31	Bill LaFever	75



## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12 4	Bobbie & Edna Caudle	23	311	1994
12 9	Dale & Donna Therrien	45	127	1972
12 10	Martin & Linda Read	11	102	2006
12 10	Clifford & Nancy Chiasson	56	107	1961
12 15	James & Angela Robertson	38	33	1979
12 17	Ronald & Rita Teeter	47	244	1970
12 20	Clair & Shirley Knisely	62	126	1955
12 23	Edward & Sharon MacDonald	50	62	1967
12 25	Kenneth & Tonya Lewis	31	137	1986
12 27	Carson & Margaret Duncan	51	104	1966
12 29	Robert & Gail Anderson	45	164	1972



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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**W**ow! a pretty darn exciting summer season has finally ended (along with Hurricane Season). Thankfully, Lake Highlander survived Hurricane IRMA, battered and bruised but still kicking and ready to face the New Year with confidence and grit.

As one of the 70% of park residents who head to Northern homes during the summer, let me say thank you to all the staff and many neighbors who quite literally, held down the fort during the hurricane. Some roofs and carports along with fences and tree limbs were lost but nothing that can't be repaired or replaced. Communication to residents was swift and accurate considering the loss of phone service, electricity and mandatory evacuation situation. Our office staff promptly contacted many who were away for the summer and had homes that suffered storm damage. This allowed us to make contact with Insurance companies and contractors to start the ball rolling toward repairs and cleanup. Special thanks, to the year round residents (including our staff), who suffered through evacuation and the inconvenience of shelter living only to return and pitch in with the cleanup efforts.

With this our annual CHRISTMAS EDITION, I'm pleased to report things are back to nearly normal and in some cases better than before.

Merry Christmas to all with extra special Holiday Hugs to pass around, thanks for being friends and neighbors who care.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

*L.H.R.O. President Gerry Killham*



**H**ello Lake Highlanders. My wife, Debbie and I are glad to be back at Lake Highlander enjoying the weather and renewing our friendships. Especially since I just received a picture from my sister of all the snow at home. We held our scheduled RO meeting on Thurs. Nov. 9th. It was a lengthy meeting as there were many issues to discuss.

Our manager, Beth Carroll presented a long list of requests, such as: We need a large size bin for recycling as we have been told we can no longer take our recycling to the City recycling area. The bin will be located by our maintenance shed.

We have hired a new pool maintenance company. We have equipment in the pool pit area that needs to be replaced. Other equipment will be removed as it is no longer used. A request was made to convert our security cart shed into a storage area. Deputies are patrolling our park and having their lunch and coffee breaks at the park office. This is a win win situation. When the deputies are stopped at the office, their marked police vehicle is parked outside visible to anyone coming into the park.

There was much discussion about residents putting away all of their outdoor possessions when they go away during the hurricane season.

We are looking at replacing our perimeter fencing with a white vinyl fence.

Susan Zerbe gave the treasurer's report. We are in excellent shape financially. Susan used

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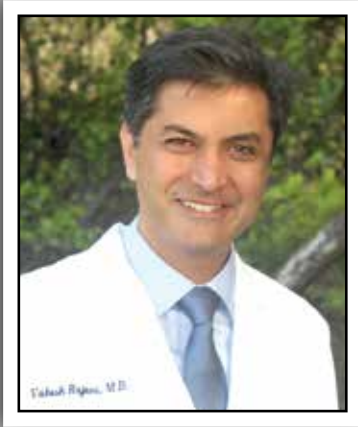
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the overhead projector to ensure that everyone can see the figures as she discussed the budget. Susan also presented the 5 year plan. Great job Susan. Now the different committees that are looking for money for different projects have a better understanding.

Fred Wimmer announced that he has asked Steve Schultz to co-chair the Hurricane Preparation and Disaster Recovery Committee. We realized after Hurricane Irma passed we have a lot of work to do to prepare for future hurricanes. Fred, Steve and their committee will prepare a presentation for the Directors for our next RO meeting. Good luck to them as this is a big job and one of critical importance. They basically have to tear apart our old plan and start over again. All of the Directors agreed and gave the go ahead.

Susan Zerbe gave her report from the Swan Committee. Susan explained that as beautiful as swans are, with the information the Board has received we cannot recommend to replace the swans. Rita St Laurent read a letter from our Insurance company and the park's lawyer explaining why we shouldn't replace the swans. All of the Directors agreed.

Doug Stewart spoke on why we cannot use the security cart anymore and about the deputies patrolling our park and how that is working. Doug then spoke on the purchasing and installation of new security cameras to be located by the park directory. He also spoke on replacing the clubhouse security cameras as the current ones are outdated and the wiring damaged. The replacement cameras for the clubhouse will be compatible with the cameras located by the park directory. The Directors voted in favour of this project 6 to 1. We knew this was going to be a long meeting and after approximately 2 1/2 hours the meeting was closed. Thanks to all who participated in the Veterans/Remembrance Day Services. Lest we Forget.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE AND BE SAFE.

Gerry Killham

## A LAKE HIGHLANDER CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

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**D**ear Santa,  
*Please bring the following "stuff" to 1500 C.R.#1, Dunedin after you finish delivering toys to the kids.*

\*\*\*An extra large bag of coffee for Dick Barstow, some extra socks too.

\*\*\*New volunteers to assist Fred and Steve with the new Disaster and Recovery plan.

\*\*\*If you have any left-over Christmas cookies, leave them on the table in the office Board Room, they are for the Sheriff Deputies.

\*\*\*A few top notch R.O. Board candidates.

\*\*\*A few more BRIDGE players for Wed. Night Bridge in the library.

\*\*\*Santa, don't forget to check our TOYS FOR TOTS donation box, it is nearly full.

\*\*\*Last but not least, eager new volunteers for writing and editing our monthly park newsletter, the PIPER.

# 2017 VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Saturday November 11th was another spectacular weather day, a perfect day for Lake Highlander's Vets Day annual ceremony. Program organizer and Veteran, Kay Byrne was assisted by Master of Ceremonies, Veteran Harold Lewis and a host of volunteers, the ceremony went off with near military precision. The Celebration was a Can-Am event with veterans from the U.S. Military and Canadian Forces joining in to remember those who served from both countries. Wreaths were placed to honor both countries veterans.

Following the lakeside ceremonies, Butch Partington and his crew of mess-cooks and K.P.'ers, put on the traditional Beans and Hotdog lunch. Butch announced this year's signup sheet was the longest in his memory. The clubhouse was full of Lake Highlanders honoring all who served.



**Wreath honoring U.S. Veterans was placed by Ann and Bill Riley**



**Invocation by M.C. Harold Lewis and Chaplin Darlene Johnson**



**W.W.II Vets Jack Ice and Einar Olsen assisted by Kay Byrne and Joan Duclow.**



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## Organizer Kay Byrne sends her Thanks to Vets Day helpers

Chaplain Darlene Johnson

Bell Ringer: Eugene Brown, Social Club President who also introduced the MC

Bob Birchmore, Sound system and playing music during the luncheon

Volunteers who moved chairs and the podium

Song Leaders: Dennis Lapoint and Susan Zerbe

Flag Party: Bud Howell, Niven Hart, Doug Stewart and Bob Anderson

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# MESSAGE FROM THE HOT COFFEE AND WARM SOCKS GUY.

Dick Barstow



We will be collecting socks for the homeless again this December. There will be a box near the stage in the clubhouse. The socks that are the most appreciated are the athletic ankle socks that are the warmest and that they can tuck their pants cuffs into at night. The colors should be either white or black. Men and women both use these and the people we deliver to personally are 90+% men. However, if you wish to donate to school age children, we will happily deliver them to "Clothes to Kids" in Clearwater. If you have any questions feel free to call me at 727-386-5798. These people really appreciate your help in keeping them warm and dry. Many thanks. Dick Barstow.

## HIGHLIGHTS NOVEMBER R.O. MEETING

*Editors note, There were approximately 50 residents in attendance. Director Bergeron attended electronically.*

- ✓ President Killham asked for a moment of silence to honor and remember Millie Frazier.
- ✓ An OPEN FORMUM time was offered, there were no speakers.
- ✓ **Managers Report:** ...newspaper and tin dumpsters will be removed. They are uneconomical, newspapers will still be picked up and tin will continue to be accepted in recycling barrels.....# Pool equipment area will be upgraded, est. cost, \$2,600.00. ....#Former Security Cart shed is being converted to storage facility to include Christmas décor, medical loaner items and other essential park items. New doors for the storage facility have been donated. ....# Pool temperature is set at 84 degrees and will not change. That temperature is best for geothermal system. ....#The manager requested a new reserve study be undertaken in 2018, the Treasurer spoke in favor of this proposal. All study costs will come from Reserve Account. ....#.Manager spoke of the severe problem created by unsecured items during Hurricane force winds. Many seasonal residents leave items like barbecues and planters outside when they go away for the summer. If not properly stored, these items will be picked up and disposed of as soon as a resident leaves and their water is shut off. Director Wimmer suggested a fine of \$50.00 for residents who don't comply with this issue. ....#.The area around the maintenance building has been enclosed with vinyl fencing. ....#.new fencing is being added to the north property line. This will replace fencing blown down during Irma. ....#.New vinyl fencing is being priced to replace wooden fencing along County Road.#1....
- ✓ **Treasurers report,** The new mortgage was finalized in June this year. The mortgage was set at \$930,000.00 with a 4.56 interest rate, fixed for 15 years. No maintenance fee increase is projected for 2018. Jefferson Bank has been sold and is now named Center Point Bank. When we last financed the appraisal came in at \$7,640,000.00 the appraisal done for the 2017 mortgage came in at \$20,000,000.00.

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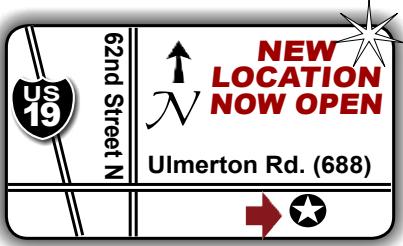


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✓ **Sales and Marketing** report by Mary Lou Fraher, Currently there are two homes for sale in the park.

✓ **Disaster and Recovery**, Director Fred Wimmer reported he has added Steve Schultz to the committee. Together Fred and Steve are preparing a draft of the new D&R format to be submitted to the Board for approval. Many flaws in the old format were discovered during the recent Hurricane. He reported that volunteers were difficult to find during the emergency. The committee is pricing new L.P. generators to replace gas fired units, as per FEMA recommendations. The park needs a building either retrofitted or built to withstand 150 MPH winds. New D&R members are being solicited. Please call Fred if you wish to help.

✓ **SWAN COMMITTEE** Director Susan Zerbe's report stated that replacement swans are no longer being considered. Following advice from both our attorney and Insurance Company, legal and insurance problems prohibit keeping swans on the lake. The R.O. Board agreed unanimously, that there will not be swans on the lake in the foreseeable future.

✓ **SECURITY COMMITTEE**, Director Doug Stewart gave a comprehensive report on the benefits of installing new security cameras. Two park entrances will be covered with license plate reader cameras and the clubhouse as well as the maintenance yard will have new digital cameras. The total cost to install this equipment will be approximately \$10,000.00. \$5,000.00 for the plate readers and \$5,000.00 for the clubhouse etc. There was considerable discussion on the Board and also from the residents about wanting or needing the cameras. The Board of Directors finally voted on a motion to install the license plate reader cameras, the motion passed unanimously. They then voted to install new cameras in the clubhouse and maintenance area, this motion passed 6 to 1. Also reported were the potential legal problems of using untrained volunteers to operate the security cart. After looking at a number of security options it was decided to use COMMUNITY POLICING provided by the Sheriff's Dept. (*Editor's Note, see article titled PARK SECURITY elsewhere in this issue*). Finally, it was reported that the park is still active in the Neighborhood Watch program. If you observe suspicious activities call 582-6177. For Immediate Emergencies call 911, Report a crime to Sheriff's Dept. 582-6200

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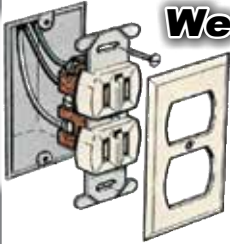
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		Bingo 7:30 am
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New Year's Eve	Christmas Day	

# Lake Highlander

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Aqua Aerobics 9:30 am <sup>1</sup>	COFFEE HOUR 9:00 <sup>2</sup> BAND STAND 7-10PM  FRAZIER-MEM SERVICE 11-1:00
Aqua Aerobics 9:30 am <sup>5</sup> 10:00 p.m.	Aqua Aerobics 9:30 am <sup>6</sup> DEPUTY HUGHEY- SAFETY SECURITY PRESENTATION CLUBHOUSE 10:00- 12:00	Aqua Aerobics 9:30 am <sup>7</sup> Christmas Luncheon  <b>Pearl Harbor Remem- brance Day</b>	Aqua Aerobics 9:30 am <sup>8</sup>	COFFEE HOUR 9:00 <sup>9</sup> Christmas Parade Golf Cart Parade
Aqua Aerobics 9:30 am <sup>12</sup> 10:00 p.m.	Aqua Aerobics 9:30 am <sup>13</sup>  <b>Hanukkah</b>	Aqua Aerobics 9:30 am <sup>14</sup> Board meeting 9:30	Aqua Aerobics 9:30 am <sup>15</sup>	COFFEE HOUR 9:00 <sup>16</sup>
Aqua Aerobics 9:30 am <sup>19</sup> 10:00 p.m.	Aqua Aerobics 9:30 am <sup>20</sup>  <b>Last Day of Hanukkah</b>	Aqua Aerobics 9:30 am <sup>21</sup> Pancake Breakfast 8-10a.m.	Aqua Aerobics 9:30 am <sup>22</sup>	COFFEE HOUR 9:00 <sup>23</sup>
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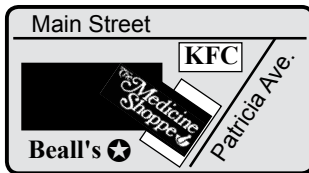
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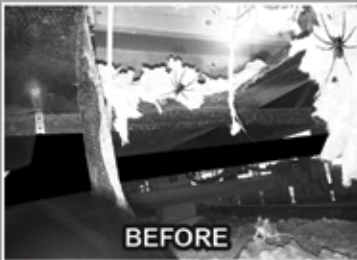
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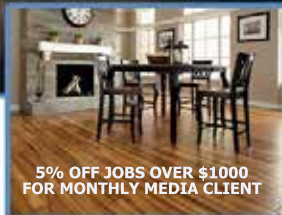
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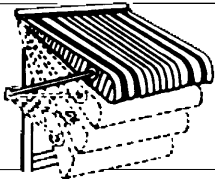
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## A CHRISTMAS STORY WITH A TWIST

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A regular feature in the PIPER is the listing of resident's anniversaries and birthdays. I'm sure these lists get read because on the rare occasion when we mess one up I get lots of calls.

Well this month I checked the list and found a little surprise. Listed under anniversaries were Ken and Tanya Lewis at #137, according to the list, they were married on Christmas Day 1986. I decided to check and sure enough, it's true. Ken and Tanya tied the knot 31 Christmases ago. And here is their story.....

They had been dating for a while and Tanya was aiming for a June wedding. As the holidays approached, Ken got word that he had been hired by a new company and he had to move quite a distance away for his new work. The job started on December 26, 1986, the day after Christmas. Ken was in a dither, he didn't want to move away and leave Tanya behind so he proposed having the ceremony on December 25th.

Whoever would they get to perform the ceremony? Tonya's girlfriend was a pastor's wife and just maybe he would do the job. They called and pled their case. Both Ken and Tanya had relatives in town for Christmas and if they could squeeze in a Christmas wedding ceremony the entire family could attend. Finding his Christmas spirit, the pastor agreed. Ken and Tanya were married Christmas Day at the Park City Indiana Methodist Church, the first and last time that has ever happen in Park City. Tanya swears Ken picked Christmas Day to be married so he would never forget their anniversary, and he hasn't.

But what about the wedding reception?

Well here is what happened following the wedding. All the relatives along with the newlyweds gathered and opened their Christmas presents. In between passing out and unwrapping gifts, everyone toasted the new bride and groom. A hastily baked wedding cake was on a platter surrounded by Christmas cookies and folks just partied on. What a great Christmas story. By the way, Ken moved the next day and his new bride followed shortly.

If you happen to be on Joy Circle on Christmas Day 2017, drop in at #137 and wish the Lewis's a very merry Christmas and a happy anniversary too.

## IN MEMORIUM

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Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to June Marks family and friends.

June, Lot #306, passed away on October 18, 2017.

Also in our thoughts, the family of Mildred Frazier, Lot #154. Millie passed away on November 7, 2017.



## EVACUATION STORIES

Here are just two stories of the many from Lake Highlander who had to evacuate their homes as HURRICANE IRMA bore down....

Irma created an emergency situation that demanded a MANDATORY EVACUATION of all Lake Highlander residents. The City of Dunedin provided storm safe shelters where Dunedin residents could stay until the storm passed. Long time year round residents of Lot # 89, Pat and Bob Reynolds packed up a few essentials and rode out the hurricane at the Palm Harbor high school. Here is their story;

The news came over the TV, all mobile home parks in Pinellas County MUST evacuate!!

Pat and Bob put together some personal items and headed North on County Road One to the Palm Harbor High School Building, a designated shelter for Senior Citizens. All who arrived were signed in on forms stating they were eligible as seniors.

Pat and Bob were assigned to a classroom with 10 other senior citizen evacuees. Student desks and chairs were available to rest on. They spent two fairly quiet evenings while the Hurricane got closer and closer to Dunedin. The Reynolds had their own bedding and slept on the floor during their stay. The building is soundly built and the only time they heard the storm noise was when they poked their head out side for a quick peek. Evenings were quiet and they did not encounter any difficulties. As IRMA closed in, the shelter admitted many last minute evacuees who arrived with children and pets and had no other safe place to go. The last minute people had to spend the night in the halls as the building was overflowing with people and pets. Police were present and school staff stayed the entire time to provide 3 meals each day. No one was turned away and all were fed and able to stay safe. Washrooms were kept tidied up and after two days of anxious waiting Pat and Bob came home to find their home at #89, safe and sound.

Pat and Butch Partington, Lot #103 had a somewhat different evacuation but were equally pleased with the well organized program. Butch and Pat spent 3 days in the new elementary school on Union and Patricia. This shelter was designated for people with special needs. They were given individual cots and clean linen and new blankets for their stay. The school staff stayed in the building along with the evacuees and provided 3 meals daily and janitorial

services. The Partington's were also very happily surprised with the efficiency and thoughtfulness of the city, county and state professionals who set up the centers. They also came home to the park to find only a few bumps and bruises on their home. All's well that ends well, it sure is comforting to know that evacuating during a hurricane is not as bad as we thought it might be.



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## **NEW PARK MORTGAGE PROJECT, HUGE SUCCESS**

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**F**or the past several years, a number of volunteers have been working diligently to arrange financing of a new park mortgage.

As most of you know, a pay down account was started using payments produced from residents who were financing their notes. Previously, all these monies were placed into our operating account and spent pretty much as it came in. A study group identified this source of revenue as a possible way to assist us in reducing the mortgage when it came due. Given this suggestion the R.O. Board started a long range assessment of how best to implement the ideas of the study group. Many projections were worked on and a final financial solution was agreed upon. Note repayment monies were placed in the pay down account and this account grew year by year. Finally, projections indicated the time had come to refinance. Using the entire pay down account of **\$854,924.00** and other savings of **\$33,823.00** our negotiators had a hefty down payment against a new mortgage, including all the costs associated with the loan. The new \$930,000.00 mortgage interest rate went from 6.5% to 4.565 % and the rate is fixed for a term of 15 years. Our monthly mortgage payments went from \$18,658.00 per month to \$7,143.00 per month. The extra money will help us fully fund our reserve account each year.

Even those of us who don't completely understand the complexities of mortgage finance can appreciate what has been accomplished.

Many thanks to all the folks who wrestled through the years with this complex deal, its completion will favorably impact all our finances through the next 15 years.

## **LOOKING BACK 10 YEARS (Piper articles from Dec. 2007)**

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\*\*Norm Gordon of Lot #124 arranged for his Barbershop Quartet to perform following the last Pot Luck supper. It was a nice evening of old favorites.

\*\*New park landscaping has been completed. We now have a new stone wall between the Clubhouse parking area and the lake. New shrubbery was also added in front of the new wall.

\*\*Hobby Club announced they will meet the first and third Monday of the month, rather than each week

\*\*Social Club announced the 2007 Christmas Luncheon tickets will be \$18.00 per person. The event will be held at Island Way on Clearwater Beach causeway.

\*\*At the November 2007 R.O. meeting, Treasurer, Ed Hughes gave an in-depth review of our finances. He reports we continue to be in very good financial shape. Ed also explained the new "SWEEP" method used on our checking account. The new method is generating a net gain every month on the account balances. Also reported was the fact that there will be no increase in the maintenance fee for 2008.

\*\*The park is looking into refitting our pool to make it a constant depth.

\*\*The Social Club donated \$300.00 for new Christmas decorations. Many of the old strings of lights have been discarded. \*\*Sales and Marketing Lil LaFever reported that twelve homes were sold during 2007



## PARK SECURITY

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For a variety of reasons, local volunteers no longer man the SECURITY CART with its flashing yellow lights and friendly waves from neighbors doing their rounds. . We now have a new and very professional security patrol. The Pinellas County Sheriff's Department. Park Management has arranged to allow the Sheriff Patrol to use our office Board Room for patrol bookwork and job breaks during the evening. The Sheriff in return, patrols the park on a regular basis and raises security visibility by parking in front of the office while using the facility.

The PIPER spoke with Park Manager Beth Carroll and asked her how this new system was working. She replied that it is up and running wonderfully well. The Sheriff cars are parked at the office, often in the middle of the night. They have access to a key and open the building using the Board Room table to do up reports that would otherwise be done in their car. The washrooms are also available and the police report that this is much better than using gas station washrooms and having to keep looking over their shoulder to see who was behind them. When asked if "clean up" was a problem, Beth replied that all the rooms used by the police men and women are left SPOTLESS! They even straighten out the tea towels after washing and drying kitchen items. All in all, the entire program has been very successful. The added bonus of having a middle of the night police presence in the park is just terrific.

Beth also mentioned that she and Sharon occasionally leave home baked goodies for the sheriff deputies. Sure sounds like another successful venture spearheaded by Park Management.

## PIPER EDITORS RETIRING

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As I'm sure you have heard by now, Sharon Shedd has decided to retire from the PIPER staff. So effective May 2018 the PIPER will need some new faces. Many thanks to Sharon for her PIPER efforts which were handled in addition to her job in the office and also as the Park TV station Editor. All that plus, she has to take care of her favorite crossing guard, Billy.

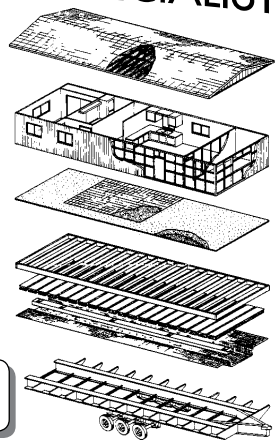
I also am planning to retire after 16 years of writing & editing the park newsletter. . For these past 16 years, the PIPER has been produced year round by two editors. The Summer Edition editor oversees production of the June through November issues while the Winter Season Editor oversees the December through May issues. I have been at this Editors job for many years and think it is time for some new blood! New ideas are what keep us young and the PIPER needs some new faces. What a wonderful opportunity for some fresh voices and new editorial ideas. Naturally, I'm willing to offer on the job training for the new editor or editors. Interested? Let's sit down and talk about it.

Terry Moran, Lot #121

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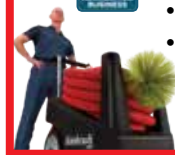
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## HIGHLIGHTS NOV. SOCIAL CLUB MEETING.

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- ❖ Steve Schultz gave the invocation.
- ❖ Dennis Lapointe asked for time to make a comment. He stated that there is a new Flag Protocol for Veterans. At any occasion where the pledge of allegiance is said, rather than holding your hand over your heart, Veterans are encouraged to hand-salute, even when not wearing a cap or hat.
- ❖ Dennis Lapointe led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ❖ Acting Secretary Joan Duclow, read the minutes of the April 2017 meeting. The minutes were accepted as read with a motion.
- ❖ Treasurer, Judy Walling gave a comprehensive financial report that showed a bank balance at the end of September, 2017 of \$7875.32. The October statement was not ready for review. The bookkeeping format is in a state of change. The Club will start using a computer to handle club finance reports.
- ❖ Judy answered several question from the membership concerning the new financial reporting method. The Financial Report was accepted via a motion.
- ❖ **Old Business**; The Wine and Cheese Committee has purchased 3 round high top tables to use during the Clubhouse wine and cheese parties.
- ❖ **2018 WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**, President Brown announced that there will be NO furniture sold at the 2018 sale. All sales will be conducted in the Clubhouse. There will be NO large item collection this year. All donations must be delivered to the clubhouse prior to the sale day. More specific info next month.
- ❖ **Thanksgiving dinner** The committee has decided to start Thanksgiving dinner at 1 PM. Committee members for this year are; Joy and Berry Adams, Mary Lou and Dan Fraher, Susan and Richard Zerbe and Beth and Bob Martin.
- ❖ **December social activities** list will be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board.
- ❖ **NEW BUSINESS**; Past Social Club President Kay Byrne offered to give a reconditioned laptop computer to the Social Club for the exclusive use of the Treasurer. The Board of Directors accepted the gift with thanks.
- ❖ **COSTCO CARD**, membership voted to purchase a Costco membership in Butch Partington's name. Butch often makes purchases on behalf of the Social Club.
- ❖ **Meeting adjourned at 7:45.**

## TIE A STRING ON YOUR FINGER TO REMEMBER...

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\*\*\*Tuesday mornings; 9 to 10, Bible Study in the library. Facilitator; Social Club Chaplain, Darlene Johnson.

\*\*\*Saturday December 2 @ 7P.M. a dance in the clubhouse. Music by BANDSTAND.

\*\*\*Thursday December 7 Annual Lake Highlander Christmas Lunch at the Dunedin Country Club. See clubhouse bulletin board for details.

\*\*\*Volunteer to serve on the Social Club Board of Directors.



# NEW FLAG PROTOCOL

submitted by Dennis Lapointe

**\*\*Veterans Can Now Salute During The National Anthem**

**\*\*Veterans Can Now Salute During The Pledge Of Allegiance**

***Traditionally, members of the nation's veteran's service organizations have rendered the military salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag only while wearing their organization's official head-gear.***

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2008 contained an amendment to allow un-uniformed service-members, military retirees, and veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag. A later amendment further authorized hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans. The initial amendment in the NDAA of 2008 amended Section 9, Title 4 related to "Conduct By Members Of The Armed Forces And Veterans Out Of Uniform During Hoisting, Lowering, Or Passing Of United States Flag" by striking "all persons present" and all that follows through the end of the section and inserting the following: "all persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries present should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes."

## LAFF A LITTLE

The Teacher asked Little 6 year old Bobby if he knew any Christmas Angels. Bobby replied "Only Two, Hark and Harold".

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Alas The Piper's "FOOD FOR THOUGHT" columnist, Lynn Marro has retired.

But next time you are thinking about food ask yourself.

"Who do you suppose, was the first person to see an egg come from a chicken's rear end and think" .....I bet that would be good to eat.

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A painter by the name of Paddy Murphy, while not a brilliant scholar, was a gifted portrait artist. Over a short number of years, his fame grew and soon people from all over Ireland were coming to him in the town of Doolin, County Clare, to get him to paint their likenesses.

During the Christmas Holidays, a beautiful young English woman arrived at his house in a stretch limo and asked Paddy if he would paint her in the nude. This being the first time anyone had made such a request, Paddy was a bit perturbed, particularly when the woman told him that money was no object; in fact, she was willing to pay up to \$10,000.

Not wanting to get into any marital strife, Paddy asked her to wait while he went into the house to confer with Mary, his wife. In a few minutes he returned. "T'would be me pleasure to paint yer portrait, missus," he said "The wife says it's okay. "I'll paint ya in DA nude all right, but I has to at least leave me socks on so I has a place to wipe me brushes."....



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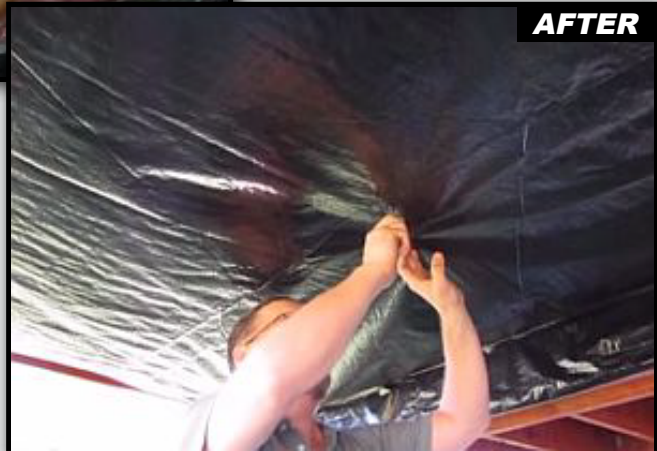
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Palm Hill Country Club Bazaar, Craft & Bake Sale. Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 9am-1pm. 8:30am early entry \$1.00. North Clubhouse 401 8th Ave. SW, Largo.

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Ranch Mobile Park Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, January 6th, 8:00am - 2:00pm at 6800 - 150th Ave. N., Clearwater, (Largo).

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by Rudy Rodrigues

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The author was responsible for opening the first UNICEF office in Kyrgyzstan soon after the collapse of the Soviet Union in a unique environment and culture. During this time, he was working with a government unfamiliar with the United Nations and its goals and objectives. In addition, the Kyrgyz population was traumatized by this sudden period of transition and uncertainty. A major focus of the author's work was gaining the confidence of the government in Uzbekistan and to ensure the building of meaningful partnership programs for women and children.

This book also covers the adventures, romance, and thrill of being born and raised in Kenya; serving as an officer in the army; the challenges of working in Papua New Guinea; and having the glorious opportunity of working in the UN in different parts of the world with a multiethnic/multicultural community.

#### About the Author

*Rudy Rodrigues was born and raised in Kenya. He graduated from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and the British Army Staff College. He was commissioned and served as an officer in the Kenya Army in both command and staff appointments. Resigning after sixteen years of active service, he then immigrated to Canada with his wife and three children.*

*Later, Rodrigues was appointed country director of a Canadian NGO in the Sudan, with a mandate to provide leadership, strategic planning and the delivery of UN (WFP) emergency relief supplies to the more than three million starving people displaced by the famine of 1985. He did so using a fleet of 350 cargo vehicles and a staff of over 3,000 people. This trucking operation was later taken over by the UN, and Rodrigues served as its Director.*

*In 2006 Rodrigues ended his career, and moved from Afghanistan, where he was last working with the United Nations. He retired to Winter Park, Florida where he lives today, and enjoys traveling, writing and spending time with his family, children and grandchildren.*



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