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12 05	Sylvia Martin	Lot 93
12 08	Edna Caudle	Lot 311
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12 09	Linda Mericle	Lot 24
12 11	Gail Anderson	Lot 164
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	Eugene Brown	Lot 151
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12 15	Michael Griffith	Lot 177
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12 22	Nadine King	Lot 202
12 23	Joseph Hourihan	Lot 136
12 24	Donald DeAngelis	Lot 168
12 27	Don Hanson	Lot 92
12 28	Amy Haynes	Lot 238
12 30	Susan Wilson	Lot 171
12 31	Bill LaFever	Lot 75
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# **ANNIVERSARIES**

12 04	Bobbie & Edna Caudle	25 yrs. Lot 311
12 09	Dale & Donna Therrien	47 yrs. Lot 127
12 10	Martin & Linda Read	13 yrs. Lot 102
	Clifford & Nancy Chiasson	58 yrs. Lot 107
12 14	Emilio & Dora Castro	62 yrs. Lot 65
12 15	James & Angela Robertson	40 yrs. Lot 33
12 16	John & Lydia Van Aken	53 yrs. Lot 215
12 17	Ronald & Rita Teeter	49 yrs. Lot 244
12 23	Edward & Sharon MacDonald	52 yrs. Lot 303
12 25	Kenneth & Tonya Lewis	33 yrs. Lot 137
12 29	Robert & Gail Anderson	47 yrs. Lot 164
	Ron & Leatrice Work	19 yrs. Lot 91



# YOUR DECEMBER COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

December 7	Teeter
December 14	Teeter
December 21	Shuffleboard
December 28	Sunshine Bakery closed, no coffee



A Big Thank You to our hosts!! If you wish to help with coffee and you haven't been asked, just contact one of the hosts. They would be happy to have your help.

# **A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

ll content for the January Piper must be given to the editor by December 5th. Thank you! Jan Schultz

## WALKING GROUP

By Lisa Howell

ur walking group will resume on Thursday December 5 at 8:30 am. We walk to Sandpiper Cafe on Douglas St. in downtown Dunedin. We spend about an hour visiting, having coffee and or breakfast and return to LH at approximately 11:30 am. We walk at a pace for health benefit. Please join us...

# A REQUEST FROM THE SOCIAL CLUB

f you rearrange the clubhouse chairs and tables for a function, please put them back the way you found them.

# **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Don't forget to buy your tickets to the Christmas Luncheon. This year it will be at Island Way Grill on December 12 beginning at noon. Tickets will be on sale at Coffee Hour through December 7. The price is \$25.00 per person. Chances for various raffles will also be on sale. Hope to see you all at the Island Way Grill.



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# NOVEMBER 11 SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

[Please note: The Social Club plans and facilitates the social activities of Lake Highlander. Membership is available to all residents for a mere \$5 per year. This allows the member access to all Social Club events, many of which are FREE. Please sign up in advance for all events involving food.]

he November Social Club meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by president Gloria MacMillan. Other board members present were treasurer Judy Walling, 1st vice-president Bob Bernier, and secretary Cathy Quast.

The treasurer reported that the September 30 bank balance was \$8528.56. Income during the month of October was \$450.66, with expenses totaling \$436.56. The balance as of November 1st was \$8542.66. During the summer months the Social Club alloted \$250 per month for summer activities. Income during the summer from 50/50 raffles and pancake breakfasts was \$1624.94. Expenses for the same period were \$1877.26. Thus, the total April through October expenses were \$727.00.

There was no old business. New business:

- President MacMillan thanked Barbara Pratt for a successful Veterans Day program. She also thanked Gina Griffin, Judy Walling, Becky Holender, and Karen Judson for agreeing to host the Thanksgiving dinner.
- The Social Club is in discussion with the LHRO Board as to who is responsible for repairing the Bingo equipment, should the need arise. The LHRO bought the equipment and have repaired it in the past. Gloria sent a letter to the board advising them of the history and is awaiting their decision at the Thursday November 14 meeting. If they do not agree that they are responsible for repairs, decisions will need to be made as to how to create a repair fund.
- Cathy Sargeant has agreed to run Bingo for the next six months. Cathy has asked for volunteers to be callers during the winter months.
- Judy Walling has received a list of all resident owners and will compare that to her master list of Social Club members. The Social Club will be collecting dues for 2020 beginning in December. She stated that the time of the Thanksgiving dinner has been changed from 5:30 to 1:00 p.m. She would like to create a master list of people who would be available for set up and clean up at food events.
- Bob Bernier mentioned that people sign up for events who are no-shows. Others do not sign up but come to the events. Please remember that you must sign up for all events involving food.
- Hosts are needed for coffee hour in 2020. Please sign up.
- There will be a New Year's Eve House Party again this year. Gloria is contemplating

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charging \$2 a person which would cover the cost of prizes. The members will vote on this in December.

- Gloria asked for a three-person nominating committee. Carol Gardinier, Loche Kline, and Joan Bernier volunteered to serve. The election will take place in January and the ballot must be posted 30 days prior.
- It was suggested that the White Elephant sale be two days this year Friday and Saturday. The White Elephant chairpersons will decide on this.
- The Social Club members voted to not support the idea of a carport sale as suggested at the last LHRO board meeting.
- The Christmas luncheon will be on December 12 at noon at the Island Way Grill. Tickets will be sold by all board members. No entrance to the event before noon. Meal selection will be at the time of the event.
- There will be a golf cart parade on December 14.
- A potluck is on the calendar for January 9 but that is the evening of the annual LHRO meeting. The potluck has been changed to January 8 at 5:00.
- Trips & Tours: Cathy Quast reminded everyone of the upcoming trip to St. Augustine in December. The trip attendees will be staying at the Ponce Hotel. The tour leaves at 7:00 a.m. on December 4.

# **ROAST PORK DINNER**

The clubhouse on October 26 was the scene of a Roast Pork Dinner Potluck sponsored by the Social Club. It was a great time to connect with our northern residents who have returned. Many thanks to the Social Club officers and friends who helped with the preparation and clean-up. Activities like this don't happen by themselves. It takes lots of planning and work. Please consider offering a helping hand at the next activity.



Don and Bev Hanson



Corlyn Wempe



Visiting before the dinner



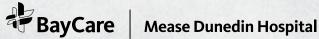
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# **VETERANS DAY/REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Veterans Day/Canadian Remembrance Day was held as usual at 11:00 a.m. on November 11. Barbara Sheridan Pratt was the organizer and emcee of the program. A bell tolling 11 times by Harold Lewis brought a somber beginning to the event. An opening prayer and prayer of remembrance were offered by Darlene Johnson. We were favored with an honor guard from McDill Air Force Base who were led in by piper Greg Brady and drummer Tom Latza. The singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" was led by Steve Schultz and "O Canada" by Dennis LaPointe. They were accompanied by Dr. David Lindberg on the trumpet. After the "Pledge of Allegiance," led by Barbara Pratt, Tom Latza read the history of "Taps." Then "Taps" was played by Dr. Lindberg as the flags were lowered. Terry Moran then read "In Flanders Field." As "Amazing Grace" was played by the pipes and drum, Ron and Leatrice Work placed a Canadian wreath and Neil and Cathy Sargeant placed an American wreath. Then "Reveille" was played on the trumpet by Dr. Lindberg as the flags were raised.

Following the ceremony, all American and Canadian Armed Forces veterans were honored with a pin. Harold Lewis was the only World War II veteran this year and Cathy Sargeant was the only female veteran. Thank you to all veterans who served and thank you to Barbara Pratt for hosting the event this year.



McDill Air Force Base honor guard led by piper Greg Brady and drummer Tom Latza.



Emcee Barbara Sheridan Pratt



Harold rings the bells 11 times



Terry Moran reading "In Flanders Field"

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#### **TRIPS AND TOURS** Submitted by Cathy Quast

H i Lake Highlander, The St. Augustine "NIGHTS OF LIGHTS" tour will be upon us quickly. I checked with the tour company and confirmed again that we can take up to 54 people on this tour. Many of you were still up North when this tour was being promoted, but you may still be able to join us on this tour – but time is of the essence. National Geographic listed St. Augustine Nights of Lights (in 2011 and 2012) as one of the top ten light displays in the world. This tour will kick off the Christmas season with a bang. The cost is \$239.00 per double occupancy. Price includes: travel, hotel (The Ponce, 4 stars), breakfasts, on/off trolley for 2 days (from 9 am – 4:30 pm each day) and the Nights of Lights Trolley (from 6 - 9pm). I am told that the trolley stop is just a few yards from our doorstep (so convenient). The hotel is in the historic district and sports a new restaurant for our comfort.

Thank you all for your cooperation in paying timely. If anyone is interested, please call me ASAP or come by my home (Lot 54) with your payment. There's always room for more.

Since I haven't been past Sarasota yet, I'm looking forward to our second trip: "KEY WEST AND THE FLORIDA KEYS". This trip is \$229.00 per person double occupancy and will roll out Jan 15 – Jan 17, 2020. I do require a \$40 non-refundable deposit from those interested in this trip and full payment by December 10 so please be conscious of payment times. A number of us have already signed up so I believe we are off to a good start. There are fliers at the clubhouse describing this trip, but I want to entice you with this brief description.

#### Key West, Florida Keys (Everglades) and Miccosukee Resort and Gaming

Includes: Travel, hotel, continental breakfasts.

**Day 1:** We leave at 7am and travel the famous Tamiami Trail where there is an array of exotic wildlife including the Florida Gator. We stop for lunch (on own) then head to Big Cypress in the heart of the Everglades. An air boat ride opportunity (extra cost of approx. \$20) awaits. Bring your camera – we are going to visit the smallest post office in the US, the Oasis Ranger Station to view a film about the culture, creatures and ecology of the area and then continue through the Miccosukee Indian Reservation. We check into the hotel in late afternoon, explore the area and enjoy dinner at any of the nearby restaurants.

**Day 2:** After breakfast we hit the overseas highway and cross over 42 bridges connecting the Florida Keys. We travel across the turquoise sea on the same route of prior travelers from the north at the turn of the century. The journey ends in Key West at the trolley station.

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**Day 3:** After breakfast we head to the Miccosukee Indian Reservation at the Miccosukee Resort for some casino fun. We can eat, browse or play on any of the 1,700 gaming machines or at one of the 32 gaming tables. With some jingle on our pockets we then head home. **NOTE:** A Government ID/Canadian Passport is required at the casino.

Coming up soon is the "Savannah" tour (Feb 19-21, \$229 per person). Further out is the "Kennedy Space Center" an overnight trip in March (\$199 per person).

Contact me, CATHY QUAST at 580-695-5534, Lot 54 for more information or, by email at 1947clq@sbcglobal.net. **STRESS LESS, TRAVEL MORE.** 

# **FLORIDA STATE PARK PASSES**

Submitted by Loche Kline

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Honeymoon Island is a popular spot with Lake Highlander residents

# GRATITUDE

#### Submitted by Margaret French

e have all tried to teach our children to have an "attitude of gratitude," mostly because we believed it was the right thing to do for their social well-being. As life has moved forward, I have found new meaning and reasons to be thankful. I believe it can make us happier, healthier, and help us have a more positive "can do" attitude. A big plus is that we are easier and more pleasing to be around, and others enjoy a happy attitude to be near.

Having gratitude seems to be a driving force in improving a sense of well-being. Oftentimes, I have found that those who count their blessings, and are thankful for each and every day, those who give back by helping others, even in the smallest of ways, seem to not only survive – but also thrive. If you are a person who has a grateful spirit, you're ahead, and don't even have to think about being and saying you're grateful. I do believe that some are given the gift of gratefulness.

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# **GERMY THINGS YOU TOUCH EVERY DAY**

Since flu season is upon us, we need to be careful about the items we touch. Here is a synopsis of an article found on WebMD about the germiest things with which you may come in contact every day.

- Cellphone. It goes everywhere with you, even into the bathroom. Make sure you wash your hands after using the restroom and before picking up your cellphone again.
- Remote control. Clean it with an antibacterial wipe.
- Computer keyboard. Clean it with an antibacterial wipe.
- Kitchen sponge. It is the dirtiest thing in your house. It's wet, absorbent, and you rub food and dirt with it. Replace it when it starts to smell.
- Toothbrush holder. Many germs stick to the bristles of the toothbrush after brushing. Then they drip onto the holder. This spot has one of the highest bacteria readings of anything you touch. Clean it often.
- Anything in the clubhouse kitchen. The microwave, refrigerator doors, and the faucet are all covered with bacteria. The damp, dark reservoir in the coffee maker could be full of yeast and mold. Wash your hands before and after you touch the appliances. Rinse the coffee pot between uses and run vinegar through it once a month.
- Money. Researchers found that most dollar bills are covered in 3,000 types of bacteria. Wash up after you handle cash.
- The laundry. A study found that some nasty viruses, including rotavirus which can cause severe stomach troubles, made it through the spin cycle and dryer. Wash your cotton underwear on hot, use bleach when you can, and don't skimp on drying time.
- Your purse. You frequently leave it on dirty counters, in bathroom stalls, and car floorboards. Hang it on a hook whenever possible and clean it with antibacterial wipes.
- The ATM. Scientists in New York City found microbes left behind from food like fish and chicken, bacteria from rotting plant and dairy products, and mold linked to spoiled baked goods.
- Shopping carts. Thankfully, most store provide anti-bacterial wipes next to the bank of carts.
- Soap dispensers. After all, your hands aren't exactly clean when you give the soap dispenser a nudge. Wash your hands thoroughly and use paper towels to dry.
- Kitchen towel. Your dish towel can be home to things like salmonella or fecal bacterial. The more often you wash your towels, the better off you'll be. Soak them for 2 minutes in bleach first.

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# WHAT'S YOUR FARMERS' MARKET IQ?

From Food Network Magazine, April 2018

### It's farmers' market time in Florida. Are you a savvy shopper?

- 1. What state has the most farmers' markets?
  - a. Oregon
  - b. California
  - c. New York
  - d. Florida
- 2. Peak citrus season is:
  - a. Winter
  - b. Spring
  - c. Summer
  - d. Fall
- 3. Which of these leafy greens is not edible?
  - a. Carrot tops
  - b. Beet greens
  - c. Dandelion greens
  - d. Rhubarb leaves
- 4. Which of these is not a root vegetable:
  - a. Beet
  - b. Kohlrabi
  - c. Turnip
  - d. Daikon radish
- 5. Romanesco is a type of:
  - a. Lettuce
  - b. Sauce
  - c. Cheese
  - d. Cauliflower
- 6. Put these leaf veggies in order from least to most bitter.
  - a. Iceberg
  - b. Romaine
  - c. Radicchio
  - d. Escarole

#### TRUE OR FALSE

- 7. Rainbow carrots contain different vitamins from those in orange ones.
- 8. Strawberries are not berries.
- 9. Chives and scallions are the same thing.
- 10. Brussels sprouts grow underground.
- 11. Broccoli rabe is a cousin of broccoli.



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# **ANSWERS TO FARMERS' MARKET QUIZ**

1. B. according to the USDA National Farmers' Market Directory, California operates 761 registered markets.

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- 3. D. Rhubarb is usually sold without its leaves for a reason: They contain high levels of oxalic acid, which can be harmful if consumed.
- 4. C. despite its bulbous shape, kohlrabi is a cousin of cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower and grows above ground.
- 5. D. This cruciferous veggie is a spiky, neon green relative of cauliflower and broccoli. (One point for each) A, B, D, C.
- 6. T. In addition to beta and alpha carotene pigments in orange carrots (which promote
- 7. Vitamin A production), purple carrots contain anthocyanin, red carrots contain lycopene, and yellow carrots contain lutein.
- 8. T. Because strawberries do not have a seed inside, they are technically not true berries.
- 9. F. While scallions and green onions are the same thing, chives are a completely different species.
- 10. F. Brussels sprouts are mini cabbages that grow on stalks. They were first cultivated in Belgium.
- 11. F. This slightly bitter veggie is actually a cousin of the turnip.



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# **ORIGINS OF O CANADA**

The following is from Uncle John's Bathroom Reader Plunges into Canada, eh! which can be found in the Lake Highlander Library.

How many people does it take to create a national anthem?

- According to local legend, the first version of the lyrics for the Canadian national anthem were written by a Quebec lawyer in the late 1800s. The lawyer's name has been lost to history.
- In 1880, a Quebecois musician named Calixa Lavallée was commissioned to compose music to go along with those lyrics so that the complete song could be played during a celebration for Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day. But Calixa Lavallée didn't want to use the existing lyrics – he didn't want to be boxed in by another artist's words. So he created a melody and then got someone else to come up with new lyrics to fit his music.
- Enter Adolphe-Basile Routhier, a local lawyer, judge, and poet. Routhier put together most of the song, but his friend Ernest Gagnon (also an organizer of the festivities) wrote the first line, including the iconic phrase "O Canada!"
- Then in 1906, a Toronto doctor named Thomas Bedford Richardson translated the French lyrics into English. However, the song was slammed as "too religious" by the English-speaking parts of Canada and never caught on there.
- Two years later, Collier's magazine launched a contest to come up with new English lyrics. The winner: Mercy E. Powell McCollough of Toronto. Her lyrics never caught on either.
- Over the next 70 years, more than a dozen versions came and went. Finally, in 1980, politicians tweaked a poem by yet another lawyer, Robert S. Weir, and those became the song we know today.

## **\*\*LAFF CORNER**

Submitted by Al "Mr. Sunshine" Szynski

### THE HAIRCUT

ne day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill, and the barber replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.'

The florist was pleased and left the shop. When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door

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Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.'

The cop was happy and left the shop. The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Then a Congressman came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.'

The Congressman was very happy and left the shop. The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen Congressmen lined up waiting for a free haircut.



#### THE B.C.

rather old-fashioned lady was planning a couple of weeks' vacation in Florida. She also was quite delicate and elegant with her language. She wrote a letter to a particular campground and asked for reservations. She wanted to make sure the campground was fully equipped but didn't know quite how to ask about the "toilet" facilities. She just couldn't bring herself to write the word "toilet" in her letter.

After much deliberation, she finally came up with the old-fashioned term "Bathroom Commode," but when she wrote that down, she still thought she was being too forward. So, she started all over again; rewrote the entire letter and referred to the "Bathroom Commode" simply as the "B.C.". Does the campground have its own "B.C.?" is what she actually wrote.

Well, the campground owner wasn't old fashioned at all, and when he got the letter, he couldn't figure out what the lady was talking about. That "B.C." really stumped him.

After worrying about it for several days, he showed the letter to other campers, but they couldn't figure out what the lady meant either. The campground owner finally came to the conclusion that the lady must be asking about the location of the local Baptist Church.

So, he sat down and wrote the following reply:

"Dear Madam:

"I regret, very much, the delay in answering your letter, but I now take pleasure of informing

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in that the "B.C." is located nine miles north of the camp site and is capable of seating 250 people at one time. I admit it is quite a distance way if you are in the habit of going regularly but no doubt you will be pleased to know that a great number of people take their lunches along and make a day of it. They usually arrive early and stay late.

"The last time my wife and I went was six years ago, and it was so crowded we had to stand up the whole time we were there. It may interest you to know that right now, there is a supper planned to raise money to buy more seats. They plan to hold the supper in the middle of the B.C., so everyone can watch and talk about this great event.

"I would like to say it pains me very much not to be able to go more regularly, but it is surely not for lack of desire on my part. As we grow older, it seems to be more and more of an effort, particularly in cold weather. If you decide to come down to the campground, perhaps I could go with you the first time you go; sit with you and introduce you to all the other folks. This is really a very friendly community..."

#### **HUMAN ERROR**

ate one Saturday evening, I was awakened by the ringing of my phone. In a sleepy, grumpy voice I said, "Hello." The party on the other end of the line paused for a moment before rushing breathlessly into a lengthy speech.



"Mom, this is Susan and I'm sorry I woke you up, but I had to call

because I'm going to be a little late getting home. See, Dad's car has a flat but it's not my fault. Honest! I don't know what happened. The tire just went flat while we were inside the theater. Please don't be mad, okay?"

Since I don't have any daughters, I knew the person had dialed my number by mistake. "I'm sorry dear," I replied, "but you've reached the wrong number. I don't have a daughter named Susan."

"Wow, Mom," the young woman's voice replied. "I didn't think you'd be this mad."









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