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\*\*\*ALL events at Serendipity have been cancelled or postponed by our HOA and ELS due to concerns with the Coronavirus. This is in effect until further notice. The Monthly Media calendar may not be correct. If you have questions please call the chairperson of your group, watch the bulletin boards and the electronic sign at our entrance for updates. Please all stay healthy! *Nanci, Editor* 

## **HOA President's UPDATES**

Pat Lucksinger, HOA President, 518-573-0968

## Notes from the monthly meeting with ELS:

- Mailboxes are in place but nothing is being delivered individually to homes (as of 9/08). There were an over whelming number of home delivery requests. The USPS will look them over and call physicians if that is needed. Mailboxes are ADA approved to make it accessible for any handicapped persons.
- No new furniture for the clubhouse porch as of yet. It is approved and ordered.
- Trying to come up with activities that will give people something to do and still remain safe. Any ideas or thoughts residents may have please let a board member know. ELS makes the decision whether they will approve it. It can not at this point be an HOA sponsored event so a small group getting together is fine. They are going to try to do 10 cent bingo but with many rules that ELS wants approved.
- Talked about getting a food truck to come in once a month to have something different to eat and not leaving the park.
- Filters and air conditioners in the park are being serviced monthly to insure they are keeping our facilities safe.

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- ELS is having the dishwasher serviced per an independent contractor and when we can use the kitchen again it should be good.
- No date for the lawn service change as of yet. There will be a change as another company won the bid. Who knows if it will be better or worse. Just know it will never be perfect.
- ELS will leave the drop box at the office and you can drop off your checks or correspondence during BUSINESS HOURS and ONLY on days the office is open. All other times it will be locked. There is a large group that think it's not fair to residents to mail or pay on line. ELS decided if it's so important they will meet residents half way.
- Looking into doing Zoom meetings for the fall and winter if we need to. Any thoughts?
- HOA would also like to look in to events on Zoom. We could also get some speakers who would do a virtual meeting.
- Remember you need an appointment to go to the office. Returning messages you may leave may take up to 48 hours if it's something routine. The best way to be in touch with management is email. serendipity\_mgr@equitylifestyle.com

Be safe and enjoy the beginning of the fall season.- Pat

## **Manager's Corner**

Penny Garcia, Resort Manager serendipity\_mgr@equitylifestyle.com Office (727) 784-2675 Fax (727) 781-7513 Cell (727) 463-7656



## **Just-A-Note**

Nanci Dorau, 321-201-2479, nanci.j.dorau@gmail.com

rom: Pat Lucksinger, HOA President:

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\*\*\*In these challenging times of uncertainty on our lives. I hope you are staying healthy and safe. Safe travels for our seasonal residents. If these restrictions are lifted and the Clubhouse is available. Beth Ott will be leading the videos.

See you in the fall! - Terry Ackroyd

## **Chair Yoga Exercise**

Terry Ackroyd, 518-429-7420

LASSES ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! We are excited to continue our chair yoga exercise classes. This class is run to a video that includes stretch, strength and chair yoga. An easy format for all ages and abilities. We meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. at the East Clubhouse. Come and join us! Meet new people, Make new friends. If you have any questions please call me at 518-429-7420. -Terry

## **Line Dancing**

Leslie Bellinger, 727-729-5039

INE DANCING IS OVER FOR THIS SEASON. We will be starting again in October. Watch this Monthly Media Newsletter for the starting date. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I will see you in October.

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Hope to "see you on the dance floor"- Leslie

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LEASE EMAIL OR CALL ME TO REPORT ANY CHANGES TO From the Editor THE BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY LISTS!!! If our residents do

not let me know of changes in the park, I can not keep the editing of the newsletter current! Remember to get your submissions in to me before the 10th of each month. Any errors or late submissions will be noted in the next month's Monthly Media.

NEW!\*\*\*A committee is working on updating the birthday and anniversary lists. So, bare with us if errors appear! Please send me updates on birthdays and anniversaries! Nanci

\*\*\*Our new SUNSHINE GAL is Beth Ott. Her contact information is in the Sunshine Gal article later in this Monthly Media. Please contact her with any information on residents who are ill or have had a loved one pass away. We need everyone's help with this! Thank you Beth for volunteering to take on this position!

\*\*\*If anyone would be interested in helping with the "Meet Your Neighbor" column for the Monthly Media, please call me or email me.

Remember these articles...

- 1. Meet Your Neighbor! With your permission, we will highlight a member of our community. Whether a new move-in or a seasoned veteran, we would like to know your name and a little about you.
- 2. Marilyn's Recipe Corner! Drop off your favorite recipe with your name at my home (#378) or email it to my address above and I will enter one each month in the newsletter.
- 3. Community Articles! If you wish to submit an article that may be interesting to our residents, feel free to email or drop it to me at #378 for editing and submission for publication. Be sure to add your name and phone number.

There is a wooden box on my driveway patio that says "NEWSLETTER" to leave any articles, recipes, or notices. You can also email me at nanci.j.dorau@gmail.com



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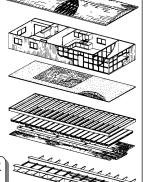
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## **Our Residents Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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## ~OCTOBER 2020~

erendipity and our residents wish everyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this month a wonderful day.

Birthstone: Tourmaline or Opal Birth Flower: Marigold or Cosmos

Birth Flower Meaning: Creativity, Passion, Peace, Tranqulity

## **October BIRTHDAYS**

2	Raymond Quirion	6	Nancy Doyle	23	Charlotte Boylan
3	Errol Isserlis	7	Betty Suranyi	23	Linda Fecura
3	Sharon Milbourn	12	Diana Meurer	25	Marilyn Farnworth
4	Peggy Dubendorfer	16	Barbara Clark	27	Vivian Williams
5	Sandra Schumaker	20	Shirley Cline	30	Gary Dubendorfer
6	Gloria Arnone	21	Sunni Sylvester		•

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>A belated birthday wish for Beth Ott whose birthday on September 20th was inadvertanly omitted last month!

## October ANNIVERSARIES

10 Rich & Carol Wake
 11 Robby Robinson/Karen Kleinman
 15 Bob & Linda Curee
 26 Les & Vivian Williams



## **Bingo**

Melissa Caswell, 518-337-0120, Betty Sager, 518-308-9329

THERE WILL BE NO BINGO UNTIL SOMETIME IN THE FALL AND THAT WILLALL DEPEND ON HOW THINGS TURN OUT FROM THIS PANDEMIC AS LONG AS WE DON'T GO BACK TO A CLOSE DOWN AGAIN. WE WILL TRY TO REOPEN. WE SURE DO HOPE THIS CAN HAPPEN BUT FOR NOW IT CAN'T HAPPEN AT THIS TIME IT'S JUST NOT SAFE.

BINGO is played in the East clubhouse. We have all new equipment including a new screen and computer. We play BINGO every THURSDAY at 7:00 P. M. sharp! Please bring a friend, bring a neighbor! It's a fun night out and you can get a chance to meet new people. I want to thank everyone for participating in our BINGO. We have a great group of people and we always welcome more to attend - the more the merrier! This also means the bigger the pots to win.

Thank You, Melissa Caswell. Any Questions please call me at 518-337-0120

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Bob Jones, 727-638-0822

Telcome back to our winter residents! I hope you all had a great summer with the pandemic going on.

At this time I have contacted most of the bowlers who were bowling last year to see if they want to bowl this coming season. Understandably, most of the people contacted have decided not to bowl until this pandemic is under control. So, as of now bowling this season is "up in the air" and will be POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

To all our park residents – we would like to invite you all to join our Friday morning mixed bowling family in the coming months. There will be a sign up sheet in the West Clubhouse only for new bowlers to sign up for just in case all goes well!

Watch this Monthly Media and the bulletin boards for information on any changes or updates. No matter how well you bowl, please come, join our bowling family and have a great time with us! We are a "fun" league and we cheer everyone on! It is never too late to join. If you have any questions please call me at 727-638-0822.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the lanes in the near future! -Bob

## **Bridge**

Steve Sisson, 727-772-5882

**RIDGE GAMES ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!** Hi all! Games are played on Thursdays at 7:00 P. M. at the East Clubhouse. New players are welcome and instruction is available. Call for information and to let us know you will be attending.

-Steve

## Cards – 65 Rummy

ARD GAMES ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! Cards are played every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the West Clubhouse. We will play on Fridays at 6:30 at the West Clubhouse. It's easy to play. Come join us for a fun night out.

## **Cribbage**

Steve Gebbett, 727-784-0439 or Jim Beatty, 727-216-3715

RIBBAGE GAMES ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! Cribbage is played on Tuesdays at 7:00 P. M. in the card room in the East Hall. See you there!

-Steve

## **Dominoes**

Phyllis Messina, 727-785-3249

OMINO GAMES ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!
We are always looking for more players. Everyone is welcome. Come for the FUN!
Dominoes are played year round every Sunday and Wednesday at 6:30 P. M. in the West
Clubhouse. For further information please phone Phyllis Messina at 785-3249.

## **Euchre**

Marty & Beth Ott, 727-787-3272

ope everyone is enjoying their summer. Stay well, see you in the fall and hopefully we can resume play!

-Beth and Marty

## **Serendipity Travels & Adventures**

hope you all are staying healthy and safe. Safe travels to the homeward bound. Our travel plans will resume after the COVID-19 pandemic had subsided and the travel industry picks up again.

-Terry Ackroyd

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## 'Monday' Golf at Tarpon Woods Golf Club

Linda Taylor, 727-418-4087

t the present time, I have been contacting some of the courses as to rates and availability in the event that we want to change our venue for golf for the upcoming season.

Will keep current golfers aware of any changes via e-mail and will post updated information in Serendipity Clubhouses.

Anyone interested in playing with the group can contact me at lindataylor661@hotmail.com or call at 727-418-4087. Everyone is welcome and you do not have to be a resident of Serendipity.

-Linda



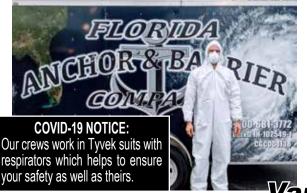
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## 'Tuesday' Golf League

Jean-Louis Lamontagne, 727-787-1213, or Jim Beatty, 727-216-3715

The Tuesday Golf League plays at the Crescent Oaks Golf Club, with tee times starting at 10:00 A. M. Please note: This is a mixed league, open to everyone who wishes to enjoy good fun.

-Jim and JL.



## Karaoke

Casey Reed, 413-427-6337 or Gail Sauter, 727-216-3761

ARAOKE ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! Offering Karaoke every Sunday, free of charge, from 2:00 – 5:00 P. M. in the West Clubhouse. This is open to all residents of Serendipity. Dates are subject to change if special events are being held in the hall. Come and join the fun. Call Casey if you have any questions!

## **Ladies Luncheon**

Phyllis Messina, Marge DeMarco, 727-204-7919

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Please join us for a lovely time! -Phyllis and Marge



## **Meet Your Neighbor!**

Nanci Dorau, 321-201-2479

Tam looking for someone to help me out with this column. Please call or email me. Nanci. Check back next month!



## **Mah Jongg**

Melissa Caswell, 518-337-0120

AH JONGG IS OVER FOR THE SEASON! Thank you to all our Mah Jongg Players and Friends! I am so sorry we had such a small amount of time to play this year. I'm praying next year will be much better. I hope everyone is able to stay safe and healthy during this Pandemic. We will start up again, if everything goes well on November 4, 2020. I hope everyone has a great summer and you are able to join us next year.

-Melissa Caswell

Mah Jongg is played every Wednesday, 1:00 P. M. until 3:00 P. M. in the East clubhouse. Anyone is invited to join us. Don't worry if you never played because these are learning classes as well as people who know how to play. It's a fun game and you will be able to meet some of your neighbors as well.

## **Pinochle**

Jan Barrett, 727-786-8638, Annette Davis, 727-253-4316

Pinochle is every Friday at 6:30 P. M. in the West Clubhouse. It is only \$1.00 to play. Everyone is welcome. Come watch, learn this old time game and have fun! Watch the bulletin boards for future information.

Come and join us, Jan Barrett and Annette Davis

## **Shuffleboard/Fun League**

Chuck Bellinger (727-729-5039), George Wagner (716-604-6370)

HUFFLEBOARD IS OVER FOR THE SEASON! Hope all is well with everyone and we get through this Covid-19 disaster we are experiencing. You are encouraged to continue to shuffle, just get a group to meet on any day. You can put a notice on the Shuffle white board if you want to get a group together. To all, have a nice summer and good health to all! Listed below are the new officers for the 2021 season. Many thanks to those that volunteered.

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Chuck Bellinger, President Terry Morlock, Secretary
Jan Barrett, Vice President Jim Lewandowski, Treasurer

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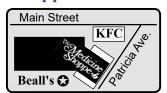
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## **HOA and Social Committee Update**

Pat Lucksinger, President, 518-573-0968, Betty Buehrle, Social Director, 330-232-6345

## ALL SERENDIPITY EVENTS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

\*\*\*PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARDS, THE ELECTRONIC BOARD AT SERENDIPITY'S ENTRANCE, OR CALL THE CHAIR OF YOUR EVENT/GAME TO SEE IF IT IS BEING HELD DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST. BE SAFE, WASH YOUR HANDS AND STAY HEALTHY!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS!

We are always looking for more volunteers. Informational flyers for all events are posted in both the East and West Clubhouses. Sign-up sheets are only posted in the West Clubhouse.

Our HOA meetings are the third Tuesday of the month from November till April.

## 2020-2021 Events for Serendipity MHP

<u>2020</u>	
Oct 31	Halloween Dance with "Stephan"
Nov 18	Welcome Back Dinner/Dance with "At Large"
Dec 9	Xmas Dinner/Dance with "Lady and the Outlaw"
Dec 31	New Years Eve with "Al March"
2021	
Jan 15, 2021	"Cahal Dunne" Entertainment
Feb 14	Valentines Dinner/Dance with "Michael Jayne"
March 5	"Soul Sensations"

To Be Determined

The Covid-19 pandemic continues as our planned events have been cancelled. The HOA board and ELS continue to work, month by month on what we can do safely and avoid infecting others. At this time of writing this article the HOA cannot sponsor large group events.

Please check Bulletin Boards regularly and Serendipity HOA Facebook Group for upcoming events and /or changes that may come up. I will be having a Committee meeting soon. Anyone wanting to chair an event on above list or if you have ideas on other events you want please contact me and/or come to the meetings. We also need lots of helpers with events. I will have sign up sheets in clubhouses.

There are a few small groups meeting at the East Clubhouse adhering to Social Distancing and wearing masks for safety:

Monday at 10:00 AM Chair Yoga, bring your own masks and wipes for chairs.

Wednesday at 10:00 AM Strength Class, bring your own weights, masks, and wipes for chairs. Thursday at 7:00 PM Small scale Bingo, Cards are \$2-4, bring your own dobbers, and place

Thursday at 7:00 PM Small scale Bingo, Cards are \$2-4, bring your own dobbers, and place mats.

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## Activities on your own available:

Bocce Ball

Shuffleboard. See office for equipment.

Billiards

Cards in either clubhouse

Gym/Fitness Center

Please Remember: Be responsible! Maintain safe social distancing. Wear masks where required. Clean off your tables, chairs, and gym equipment after use! Have a good time staying safe and healthy!

\*\*Billiards and Shuffleboard players must be 18 years old to play without adult supervision!\*\*



WHEN: October 31 TIME: Dusk

WHERE: Golf cart line up front of West clubhouse, ending at East clubhouse.

Residents: Get your Halloween decorations and lights out of the shed. We are having a golf cart parade and/or House Decorating contests. There will be prizes for best, scariest golf carts and also for best decorated houses. Refreshments following parade at East Clubhouse.

We will need judges! If you would like to be a judge please see or call a board member.

So let's have some fun and make this a Great activity! Maybe we will be on the front page of the Monthly Media!!

\*\*Since we can not post flyers at this time please see or call a board member if you will be participating\*\*

## **TRIVIA NIGHT**

Trivia Night will again start up when West Clubhouse opens and can be scheduled. We meet at 7:00 pm, on a Saturday. The cost is only \$1, with the winning team shares the "pot". Bring your favorite beverage. The HOA will provide refreshments. We have a fun time, playing with teams, trying to come up with the answers to multiple trivia questions. Lots of laughs and maybe learning that you know more than you think!

Any questions on social events please call *Betty B*, 330 232-6345.

## THE CURIOSITY CORNER

by Dennis Buehrle, Resident

Look at the History of Political Discontent and the Possibility of Creating New States

Political discontent is nothing new when researching the history of the United States. It has been over 90 days that the city of Portland, Oregon

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has experienced protests and riots. Seattle's unrest has seemingly subsided a little and taken a less confrontational path. Chicago has made the news several times. There have been approx. 25+ cities that have experienced notable destructive, civil unrest and the number creeps ever higher. Even Tampa's civil unrest made the local news.

The recent civil unrest has been devastating to many merchants around the country. Many of them, hanging on by the skin of their teeth due to lockdown ordinances, were wondering how much longer they could remain in business. Some might place the blame on the national government, others the rioters, and still others on their local governments. There will be owners that will rebuild, some will just close up, and others may move. The civil unrest may convince a few to explore re-energizing past regional statehood movements and put forth new proposals to carve out their own states.

Every once in a while you read of a movement to subdivide a state or of a region that desires to become its own state. The process is long and not easy. Article 4, Section 3, Clause 1 of the Constitution stipulates that; "New States may be admitted by the Congress into this Union; but no new States shall be formed or erected within the Jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State be formed by the Junction of two or more States, or parts of States, without the Consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned as well as of the Congress." The proposed state also must, if I remember correctly, submit a state constitution to be reviewed prior to the vote by Congress. Congress is under no obligation to admit a new state into the Union.

Actually these proposals are more common than you may realize. One reference site stated that if every proposal for a new state had been granted, since the revolution, the U.S. would have 124 states, according to a Mansfield University geography professor. Obviously most of the proposed new states never made it through the admission process.

However, there were four made from the original 13 states. Vermont was formed from New York in 1791, Kentucky from Virginia in 1792, Maine from Massachusetts in 1820, and West Virginia pried from Virginia in 1863. The remaining states were made from territories, and the Independent Republic of Texas. The territories denied acceptance, remained territories until they were partitioned into another proposed state and accepted by congress. Hawaii was the last territory to be admitted as a state into the Union in 1959. Puerto Rico has flirted with the idea of becoming the 51st state but has not had enough popular domestic support to initiate the admission process. There have also been proposals for New York City and Washington D.C. to become the 51st state.

In instances of succession the primary reason was or is dissatisfaction with the state or federal government. The inhabitants within the proposed states feel they're being ignored, not heard, or unfairly represented. Several proposed states actually functioned as states until the congressional vote for admission. They remained territories after congress denied them admittance and were later partitioned into another proposed state. These are the names of a few proposed states that were denied admission; Transylvania, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Scott, Superior, Sequoyah, Westsylvania, and Forgottonia.

The state of Jefferson has been proposed four times in different geographical locations. One instance concerned the Kansas Territory, second and third proposals subdivided Texas as a possible condition for admittance into the Union. The fourth took several counties from northern California and southern Oregon. That proposal faded away because of World War II. However an expanded version of the proposal still occasionally circulates around the region.

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The individuals living in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan have often thought they were ignored by or detached from their government in the Lower Michigan Peninsula because, well... they were detached.

The U.P. has Wisconsin to the west, and surrounded by water on the remaining three sides. Before it became associated with the Lower Peninsula, Thomas Jefferson suggested it be named Sylvania, others preferred the name Ontonagon. The remote location of the U.P. also resulted in proposals for the state of Superior. In 1858 a meeting was held to start the admission process but the Civil War halted the matter. The completion of the Mackinac Bridge in 1957 connecting the Upper and Lower Peninsula addressed the feeling of isolation. However, it's been stated that frustration with recent tax laws has revived talks of succession.

The Republic of Forgottonia was not a serious proposal. Two men from West Central Illinois, along with other sympathetic citizens, made this fictional proposal. Citizens of a 14-county area felt ignored by the state and federal government in the late 1960s and early 1970s. They received little or no support for their regional projects. They had the audacity to elect their own governor and even made the town of Fandon the state capitol. They never seceded from the Union but caught the eye of the federal government. Amtrak returned to the area in 1972 and the government provided funds for infrastructure repair.

The state of Scott seceded from Tennessee during the Civil War to support the Union. The state of Tennessee didn't protest or recognize the county's independence. The fact that Scott had seceded from Tennessee was actually forgotten until 1986, the state's 125th birthday. The state of Scott repealed it's proclamation of independence and was welcomed back to the state of Tennessee.

Once in a while you may hear the rumblings of a state or region that desires to secede from the Union. The most recent one that I have occasionally heard about was California becoming its own country. Was it a fictitious rumor? I have no idea. The last serious effort to leave the Union resulted in a long bloody civil war. The right of succession was debated during the writing of the Articles of Confederation and arguably put to rest with the Constitution, although the Constitution does not specifically address it. The Civil War was fought for several reasons, depending on which side of the Mason-Dixon Line you were on. One was to preserve the Union.

The 1869 case heard by the U.S. Supreme Court, Texas vs. White, reaffirmed the Union's interpretation of the Constitution. In 1850 Texas received \$10,000,000 in federal bonds. In 1862 the state of Texas transferred those bonds to several individuals as payment for Confederate military supplies. After the war the Reconstruction state government filed the suit in an effort to recover the bonds. The suit stated that the bond transfer was illegal. The defendants stated that Texas had seceded from the Union, and therefore was not bound by federal law.

The Supreme Court held that the Confederate States had only temporarily lost privileges of Union membership but not its membership status. Writing the opinion for the court, Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase stated that the federal Constitution "in all its provisions looks to an indestructible Union, composed of indestructible States." Therefore, the Supreme Court decreed by law what the Union's Civil War victory had so brutally done by force, enforce the principle that no state may secede from the Union. Upon admission into the Union, Texas had entered into an irrevocable union with like members in a political body. Their time for reconsideration, or revocation of the admission process had passed. Their only escape from the Union was through revolution, or with the consent of the States. Consent was not given and Texas along

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- Dennis

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## **Long Time Resident Mae Schmidt Passes**

Submitted by Cindy Rudd Sharpe, Lot #22A

erendipity lost another Angel on the August 30, 2020. Mary "Mae" Schmidt passed away a short illness. She was 98 and just the sweetest woman to me and others. She had lost a sister and a son this year. Her survivors are a son, Frank Schmidt Jr. and a daughter, Barbara Knight, several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mae was a devout Catholic and always attended Saturday's 4 pm mass at St. Michael with her friend Bob here at the park. Then the pandemic hit and she and so many others here in the park were shut out of being able to anything except sitting inside their four walls of home. This has been so hard for many seniors to be confined without any sunshine or exercise, not only to keep their spirits up but also to keep healthy. During this same time is when her sister passed and later her son.



She and the other ladies were the first people I met when I arrived last August. I called to play dominos, rummy, and bingo.

Mae still drove wherever she wanted to go. I know. Isn't that awesome! I started playing with Marge K., Kay, Mae, Phyllis, Betty and Diane.

Last year we lost Kay. This year we lost Mae. About that same time Marge Krauser moved to an independent living apartment. Now, I understand that Marge is moving back to her home here. Yay!

I challenge all of us to look out for our neighbors and especially neighbors that stay home and do not get out often. This is a great park and I know several people here already look out for others. Thank you to everyone!

- Cindy

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Son – Frank J. Schmidt, Jr., 2419 Gulf-to-Bay, Clearwater, FL 33765

## Get Well cards were sent to:

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