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President's Message

It's summertime and the living is easy. Get outside and enjoy this beautiful weather. Most of the snowbirds have gone and we hope to see everyone back soon. For all you full timers and snowbirds stay healthy and please drive safely.

It's been a great year. Thanks to volunteers and participants we had a very successful bazaar, Christmas drive thru, Hospice event, as well as all the other activities including games every night in the clubhouse, crafts, exercise classes, pickleball and many more.

Special thanks this month goes to Alice Peck, our VP of activities, for keeping everyone up to date on what's happening and scheduling so many activities. You are appreciated!

Hope to see everyone at coffee plus on Sat. May 4th .

Have a great summer.
Gary Lange
HOA President



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Copy is due by the 20th of the preceding month.

It is the intent of the ATP staff to deliver the newsletter by the last day of the month. Please be patient as some residents may receive their copy earlier than others. Extra calendars will be available on the table in the north clubhouse. If you have not received your copy, by the first, please contact Frank Forney at 804-491-3104

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Manager's Message:

Let us welcome a few new residents.

Doug and Linda Speck have purchased 1836 Stonybrook Dr. and they are from Michigan.

Glenn and Susan Tureski have purchased 1845 Golden Ponds Dr. and they are from Virginia.

Paul and Beverly George have purchased 1796 Walden Ponds Dr. and they are from Massachusetts.

Mike and Kay McCoy have purchased 1699 Booth Bay and they are from Florida.

Welcome to the Golden Ponds community.

Since we are going into hurricane season, please make sure all carports are cleaned up and yards so no debris will fly around. If we find stuff after a storm more than likely you will not get it back.

No trailers or boats are to be in carports overnight. They must go back in the storage.

Now is the time to prepare for hurricane season and have a plan.

Please slow down, slow down, slow down, slow down, slow down.

Keep an eye on the North side of your house, especially for power washing.

Sundays are quiet days.
No parking in the grass.
No guest dogs in the park.
All overnight guests must be signed in at the office.

LOOK FOR SOMETHING POSITIVE IN EACH DAY, EVEN IF SOME DAYS YOU HAVE TO LOOK A LITTLE HARDER...

Have a great month.

Yvette Peppard - Manager

MAY 2024 HOLIDAYS/DATES

May 5Cinco de Mayo

May 12.....Mother's Day

May 18.....Armed Forces Day

May 20.....Victoria Day(Canada)

May 27.....Memorial Day



Armed Forces Day

Since 1949 we have formally honored Americans serving in the US military with this day of recognition. Please honor our united service members within the 6 branches: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard and our newest one, Space Force! Thank you all for your service!



GOLDEN PONDS BOOK CLUB

Well, let me tell you, my suggestion of the classic novel *1984* by George Orwell was a complete bomb. (No pun intended.) This book was required reading for some of us in high school in the 60's. Good lord, what were they thinking? I had read something about comparing it to what is currently going on in the world so I thought it would be a good choice. There were six of us that attended our April meeting and one more who sent me a message with her opinion. Out of the seven only one brave soul had finished the book! This was a first for our group and not a good one. It was published in 1949 after the end of WWII as a prediction of what would happen in the future. There is also a movie made from the book. I watched it. Don't.

Moving on to hopefully better things. In May we will be reading *She's Come Undone* by Wally Lamb. That one has to be an improvement! That will be followed by *Sanibel Flats* by Randy Wayne White in June and *Orchid Beach* by Stuart Woods for July. Both of these books take place in Florida and *Orchid Beach* is set along the Treasure Coast, our own backyard.

By our May 9th meeting a majority of our group will be in their northern home but some of them have let us know that they

will be reading along with us and will check in.

Until next time, have a good summer and keep on reading.

Alice Peck

LIBRARY NEWS

Hope everyone has had a safe trip home to the north. The Park is emptying out. The library continues to be busy with all the books you have been returning and donating.

In our Florida section of books, be on the lookout for Susan "Sam" Legree's books. She was a former resident of Golden Ponds. You will find three of her books in that section. *Champagne In a Plastic Glass*, *Finding Roses in the Clouds* and *Old Girl Talk* on the top shelf. Also in the Florida section you will find *A Land Remembered* by Patrick D. Smith. This is a book of the first settlers of the old frontier of southern Florida. You will recognize many places discussed around Ft. Pierce.

Finally we have several books written by Randy Wayne White about Florida. The book group will be reading one by him in June. We will let you know how we rate it.

Happy reading this summer. Remember we also have DVD's, Large Print Books, Romance Books and many of your favorite mystery writers on the shelves.

Linda Merrill

Sunshine Committee

Hello neighbors,
Here are the cards which have been sent
in the last month on behalf of the HOA.

Get Well:

*Catherine Snook, 1863 Golden Ponds
Drive

Sympathy:

*Theresa Shaeffer, 1708 Walden Pond
Drive, on the passing of her Mother.

Thinking of You:

*Jerry Griffin, 1803 Walden Pond Drive

*Donna and Gordon Goble, 1716 Bar
Harbor Drive

*Bunny Dearcop, 1697 Golden Ponds
Drive

Thank you all,

Sharon VanDell

Sunshine Chairperson

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May Birthdays

- 1 Cyndi Iacobucci
- 3 Francis Dougan
- 4 John Laubenstein
- 5 Michael Piro
- 6 Loudell Huggins
- 8 Kathryn Kovalevich, Janet Smith,
Anita Soldano
- 9 Catherine Martinez, Mary Torres
- 10 Michael Csehi
- 11 Connie Baldock
- 12 Neal Plante, Rita Sheard
- 14 Robert Cerreto, Tammie Sue
DeJuliis, Peter Loveland, Ray
Ruckdeschel
- 15 Carol Leonis
- 17 John Hodge
- 18 Greg Baldock, Barry Keck, Keith
Lake
- 20 Jeannine Carabin, Claudia Insognia
- 21 Carol Shaw, Melody Smith
- 22 Marie Ann Francoeur
- 23 Paulette Reich
- 25 Ruth Brownell, James Heisey
- 27 Jean Michler
- 28 Mark Bender
- 30 Peg Thompson
- 31 Donna Bartolucci, Jeff Onink

May Anniversaries

- 5/2/92 Regis & Darla McIntosh
5/4/73 Michael & Betty Csehi
5/4/96 Tom & Laurie Dillon
5/15/04 Dennis & Bonnie Hutchinson
5/18/68 Len & Marylou Meenan
5/21/77 Robert & Barbara Knight
5/21/83 Bill & Joan Markis
5/22/64 James & Ruth Brownell
5/24/69 Jim & Deb Hackett
5/25/84 Andre & Doreen St George
5/28/77 Jerry & Donna McGee
5/30/17 Ernie & Beverly Burl

*4/28/90 Tim & Linda Klock

missing from the April Anniversary List

HEALTH FAIR IN OCTOBER

During the last week in October we will be hosting a Health Fair here in Golden Ponds. We are working with the Agency on Aging and some other organizations to come and speak with us giving information on services that the various groups provide. At that time, Royal Care Pharmacy from here in Fort Pierce will be providing the current flu vaccine at no charge. All that is required is that we bring our insurance or Medicare card. There is already a sign up sheet in the North clubhouse. The reason it is there this early is so that in mid July we can give Royal Care a good estimate of the number of vials of vaccine they need to order to meet our needs. If you are currently up north but will be back by late October and would like to take advantage of this opportunity, let Ruthie Chuqui-Conder or myself know and we will add your name to the list. We will probably be able to give you a definite date of the Health Fair in the June ATP.

Alice Peck

RAH! RAH! RAH! We did it again. We had a very successful hospice auction and bake sale. At the March H. O. A. meeting. We gave Treasure Coast Hospice a check for \$10,000. Isn't that wonderful? When so many people "pitch in" to help, it makes our community a park to be proud of. Treasure Coast Hospice appreciates our efforts to raise money so they can continue to help those in need. Chick and I wish to thank the new Golden Ponds Hospice directors: Lynn and Nancy Leiterman, Donna Ashton and Paul Rodrique. They have some great ideas for hospice 2025.

We should all be grateful that our efforts to help others, through hospice, will continue. Thank you to all who contributed to the continuation of the many Treasure Coast Hospice programs.

Linda Huber and Chick Hamm



HOSPICE CORNER

Paul Rodrigue, Donna Aston, Lynn Leiterman, and Nancy (Mitchell) Leiterman will be chairing the 2025 Hospice Auction which will be on February 20, 2025. We cannot thank Linda Huber enough for her leadership and hard work over the last six years. We have met with Linda a few times recently to learn the details and timeline for this annual event; we now have a greater understanding of her leadership, dedication, and hard work coordinating the auction. We are thankful that there are four of us to do it. There will be a short article (Hospice Corner) in the ATP every month to keep everyone updated on what we are doing and to share a little bit about what Hospice does through the continued generosity of Golden Ponds.

Did you know?

Hospice General Support ensures a strong infrastructure so their clinical teams are able to provide the best care to patients, clients, and their families.



THANK YOU!!!

Gloria and I want to thank everyone for the awesome surprise Birthday Party for my 90th birthday! It was such a surprise to Gloria as it was to me (our family didn't trust her to keep such a secret from me!).

I appreciate all the beautiful cards and well wishes I received that day from our friends at Golden Ponds and from our wonderful family.

Having come to Golden Ponds 36 years ago we have always found it to be the best place on Earth to live out our "Golden Years".

Larry Durocher



Ponders are the best! They can even rescue trash cans, flags, decorations, clothing and many more things blown around our community! Visit our webpage or facebook page for any missing items that may get posted there!

 **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** 

Although the numbers may be decreasing as our northern friends go home, we will still have a great selection of ice cream and toppings at the Ice Cream Social on Sunday May 19th at 2:00. So get out of the pool or out of your easy chair and come and join us in the South clubhouse for sweet treats and good conversation. As always \$5.00 at the door.

Alice Peck



POT LUCK SUPPER ON MAY 17

Just a bit of a change this month for our Potluck Supper. We are going to have it on Friday night. I have discovered that several of our residents attend church on Saturday afternoon so I thought this might allow other people to attend. I'm not sure if the fire pit will continue through the summer but if that's the case we can share some good food and then enjoy a beautiful evening by the fire and view the pond if there is still any water in it. We need the rain but hopefully not on Friday the 17th of May. Let's make the theme Family Favorites. It can be dishes from your youth or something that was loved by your kids. There is no right or wrong with this category.

Hope to see a good crowd. Alice Peck

MEMORIAL DAY COOKOUT



Golden Ponds will celebrate Memorial Day on May 27 in the Summer Kitchen with a cookout hosted by your HOA Board of Directors. The event will start at 1:00 when we will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixings, homemade baked beans made by Ruthie Chuqui-Condor, salads, chips and something yummy for dessert. Ice and cups will be provided but, as usual, bring your beverage of choice. It is expected that Gary Lange and Frank Forney will be manning the grills and Ruthie, Rosemary May, Barbara Chenette and myself will be serving our residents.

The current plan is to put up one of the big tents that we use for the bazaar to shelter us from the sun. In case of rain we will move dining inside to the South clubhouse. Tickets will be on sale in the North clubhouse on 5/16, 5/18 and 5/20 from 9-10:30 and the cost will be \$6.00 per person. Ticket sale rules apply. 2 tickets per household: day 1 HOA members, day 2 HOA members and renters with HOA activity card, day 3 HOA members and renters with HOA activity card and non-HOA members and overnight guests.



I'm not sure if everyone knows but I want to share with you that we are booking a cruise for residents and their friends for February of 2025. A bus will pick us up from here in Golden Ponds on February 22 and take us to Port Canaveral where we will board the Carnival Vista for an 8 day cruise to the southern Caribbean islands including Aruba, Bonaire and Grand Turk. We will have four days at sea and return on March 2. The bus will meet us that morning and return us back to the park. I have information packets with cabin prices, insurance information and itineraries if you are interested. If you google Carnival Vista using the cruise date of February 22 - March 2, you can find cabin, dining, excursions and deck layouts and much more material about the ship.

At the time of this writing (4/17) we have 10 cabins booked and I know of at least three more to be added to the manifest soon. I am hoping for a total of 18 cabins or more as that will guarantee us the bus trip at no additional cost. We have already booked enough to get us a cocktail party for the group and \$75 per cabin in onboard credit. It should be a great experience. Don't forget we welcome family and friends of residents to sail with us.

There are information sheets posted in the North clubhouse and you can contact me at 407-346-0993 if you would like an application.

Looking forward to sailing with you.



MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 11, 2024

1 PM

Please join us for our annual Mother's Day Luncheon in the South Clubhouse. We will be serving sandwiches, salads, and dessert.

Tickets are \$7.00 and will go on sale Friday May 3, Monday May 6, and Tuesday May 7 from 9 to 11 am in the North Clubhouse.

Hope to see you there.

Kim Krause

**GOLDEN PONDS HOA WEBSITE NEWS!
NEED A QUICKER ACCESS TO
THE HOA WEBSITE???
TRY THE NEW QR CODE!**

How to use:

Open camera app on your phone/tablet
Aim camera at the above QR Code (Don't take a picture) but center QR Code to see on your camera.

A website popup will appear on your screen.

Click on the popup and away you go!!!!



WATER EXERCISE

AEROBICS: M-S 9:15 to 10 AM

WEIGHTS: M-F 10 to 11 AM



Hand & Foot

Beginning Wednesday May 1st we will be having Hand & Foot cards in the South Clubhouse at 6pm.

If you are new to the game and would like to learn, please contact me and we will set up a time to teach anyone who is interested.

Hope to see you there.

Kim Krause

407-508-9837





*A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,*

*It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away . . .*

*It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking . . .*

*It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .*

*It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation . . .*

*A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.*

Helen Steiner Rice

Tips for Closing Your Home for Summer

- Throw away perishable food or make sure in airtight container
- Turn off water supply to home and at meter
- Turn off water heater and drain
- Fill out information sheet for office
- Set air at 80*
- Have someone check and walk through your home every 2 weeks
- Make sure house is power washed every 6 months
- Have arrangements made for someone to do your weed trimming
- Make sure you have nothing outside your home that will blow around. Put it all inside the home or shed.
- Maintain pest control all year
- Make sure someone will change the lamplight in post
- Trim all trees for hurricane season
- Set charcoal and fabric dryer sheets around to help with odor
- Cover toilets with plastic wrap and shut all drains
- Change furnace/AC filter
- Use damprid in closets and under sinks

😊 Russ Landt's 😊

Commandments for Seniors

- Old age is coming at a really bad time.
- "On time", is when I get there.

CULTURE CORNER

Celebrating our Unity

This month is Cinco de Mayo. According to most online resources, this date is the yearly celebration of Mexico's victory over the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. This is not the independence day of Mexico from Spain as is sometimes incorrectly assumed. That is September 16th. We Americans, in solidarity with our Latin immigrants, celebrate this day with the sharing of tradition and the consumption of many avocados (also a few Mexican bar beverages). We would like to remember to keep this holiday as one that promotes celebration of culture and heritage with our Latin friends. Enjoy your Fiesta and remember to sing along with the Mariachis!



Oriental Salad (online photo sample)

Recipe Compliments of Gene Geiger

- 2 pkg Ramen noodles- - I use Chicken flavor - - broken and uncooked
- 14-16 oz pre packaged cabbage slaw
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sunflower seeds
- 1 cup sliced almonds toasted 3 minutes in microwave w/small amount butter/oleo
- 1 bunch chopped green onions - first 4 to 5 inches OR $\frac{1}{4}$ cup diced onion

Dressing:

Mix in Pyrex: $\frac{1}{2}$ c oil (choice), $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, $\frac{1}{3}$ cup vinegar, microwave 30 seconds, Stir to dissolve sugar, add flavoring packets. Stir again.

Toss all the other ingredients in a large bowl that has a cover.

Add dressing to all the other ingredients and combine well.

- Make ahead at least 2 hours before serving, **OVERNIGHT** is best!

Enjoy!

GENERAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Hello Neighbors! Here at Golden Ponds we just love our activities and events! Let's see what we can put together to engage in as a community. If you have an idea for a club, event or activity, it's likely that someone else in the park would like to participate! We need summertime organizers to put together these plans. This would be a great way to meet some of our new ponders! Please contact Alice Peck, VP of Activities, for any ideas for an activity, promotion and/or scheduling.

Ladder Golf Results 2024

Tournament Results: **Winners - Darko Medved/Barbara Chenette**
 Runners up - Russ Landt/Janis Brodie
 Consolation - Doug Brodie/Kathy Olson

Season Winners: **Ladies - 1st- Jean Michler**
 2nd- Monique Lafley

Men- 1st- Russ Landt
 2nd- Darko Medved

Bonus Winners: **Ladies- Barbara Chenette**
 Men- Dave Geiger

Congratulations to all our winners. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped out. Hope to see you all next year! Vicki Benedict



*** Note: Please contact all other sport organizers, (Golf, etc) for updated final standings.**

MAY ACTIVITIES

Friday May 3 - Mother's Day Luncheon ticket sales 9-11 \$7.00

Saturday May 4 - Coffee Plus 9:00

Monday May 6 - Mother's Day Luncheon ticket sales 9-11 \$7.00

Tuesday May 7 - Mother's Day Luncheon ticket sales 9-11 \$7.00

Thursday May 9 - Book Club 1:00

Saturday May 11 - Mother's Day Luncheon 1:00

Thursday May 16 - Memorial Day Cookout ticket sales 9-10:30 \$6.00

Friday May 17 - Pot Luck Supper 5:00

Saturday May 18 - Memorial Day Cookout ticket sales 9-10:30 \$6.00

Sunday May 19 - Ice Cream Social 2:00 \$5.00 at the door

Monday May 20 - Memorial Day Cookout ticket sales 9-10:30 \$6.00

Monday May 27 - Memorial Day Cookout 1:00

Non-HOA Events of interest:

**www.veroairshow.com to see the US Navy Blue Angels Airshow 5/4 & 5/5
(see the photo on page 2 of this newsletter)**

NOTES:

Editor's Message

It's so beautiful here in Golden Ponds! The sun is shining, the birds are singing and the grass is...well...it's there in a beautiful shade of brown! Very soon the wet season, as the locals call it, will be upon us and I hope everyone will take care of their homes in order to prepare. There are many online sites to visit for hurricane preparedness. I would like to mention the St. Lucie County directory for this as a great source for local information. You can find them at stlucieco.gov/emergency-preparedness or the cityoffortpierce.com website.

The month of May has many special days in it. Mother's Day is one, not just because I am a mother, but because I have learned to treasure all the gifts my own mother had given to me while she was living. I see her in my own daughter and it lights up my world and warms my heart. I only hope that I have given my children half as much as my mother gave me. Happy Mother's Day!

I also treasure our fallen heroes...those that have given their lives so that I can be free. It means so much to all of us that we live here the way we choose because of their sacrifice. Please sincerely remember them this Memorial Day as you celebrate this unofficial beginning of summer.

In my attempt to convey all the important information that our members want to read, I admit that sometimes details get misplaced. Please let me know if you see any errors or omissions in the newsletter and I will make every effort to correct it. Especially for the birthdays and anniversaries lists - there are many empty spaces in the spreadsheet and I hope to fill it up! Keep sending me emails for articles! I would love it!

However, I do ask that if anyone would like to have anything published, that you submit the information to me by the 20th of each month so there is adequate time for handling. Please note that items for submission are subject to final approval for content. Some clip art, photos and inserts may be edited for printing and are only printed in black and white. Please visit our GP website to see our ATP in all its beautiful color!

I can be reached anytime at debbeliveau@gmail.com. All submissions must be in writing to me by email. If you need to, please contact an HOA Officer and they can assist you with getting in touch with me. My number is in our phone directory. Please leave me a message and I will return your call as soon as I can. Thank You!

Sincerely: Deb Beliveau, Editor/Publisher



