President’s Message
Mark Miesmer

I’d like to take this time to wish everyone a Happy New Year, with hopes that 2016 will be an even better year here at Four Lakes than was 2015. Although there have been changes here this past year and many of our dear friends are no longer with us, I would hope that the voids left can be refilled with new friends and new exciting experiences.

At the time of this writing, your HOA, Management, and Republic Services are negotiating a new agreement for trash pickup and recycling. It appears that we will be able to reduce the amount of the annual raises, extend the contract and have our $3.00 fees refunded. As soon as the contract is signed, we will be able to provide actual and projected costs. Thank you for bearing with us on this extended issue.

At the annual meeting in March, we will conduct our Board of Directors elections. To that end, we are still seeking help on the Nominating Committee, the Election Committee, and, of course, potential candidates to the Board. The term of each Board member is three years. Of the nine Board positions, three are filled each year. Once elected to the Board, there is a mandated Job Assignment Meeting at which the individual tasks are distributed among all of the Board members. This means that as a candidate, you would not be running for a specific office or position. Your abilities and wishes would be used to determine your job on the Board. Please consider volunteering to help your community on either the Election or Nominating Committees or by filling out an application to run for the Board.

Now that we are at nearly full residency, it is time to be reminded of some of the rules that sometimes are overlooked. I know that children love to drive the golf carts but this creates a very serious safety issue. We could all use a reminder regarding the observation of the stop and speed limit signs here in the community.

Once again, Happy New Year. Let’s make 2016 a great one here at Four Lakes.

Sincerely,
Mark Miesmer
Treasurer’s Report
By Beth Winsor

Your Money:
The following is a summary of our financial activity since my last report in the December Newsletter.

As of December 20, 2015, your HOA has $3,112.51 in the checkbook and $30,919.88 in savings, as well as $50,080.18 in the Legal Fund. I have collected dues for 586 members during this membership year. The following amounts represent the specific transactions:

Revenue:
- Newsletter Ads: $700.00
- Newsletter Insert: $60.00
- Cinema House: $98.63
- Membership Dues: $45.00
- Recycle Rebate: $600.00

Total: $1,503.63

Expenses:
- Newsletter Printing: ($809.08)
- Internet/Telephone: ($148.21)
- Community Projects: ($108.00)
- Fountain Supplies: ($139.06)
- Office Supplies: ($43.31)
- BOD Expenses: ($15.89)
- Welcome Committee: ($146.66)

Total: ($1,410.21)

Highlights: The $600 Recycle Rebate was an annual collection from Republic Services. The $108 expense in the Community Projects category was for the purchase of alarm components for the cabinets holding the AED equipment.

The Welcome Committee’s funds included in our checkbook balance are currently $377.51.

I have completed the HOA 2016 Budget and reviewed it at the December Board Meeting. The Directors will vote to approve it at the January Board Meeting.

Wishing you all health and happiness in the New Year!

Beth

Four Lakes Welcome Committee
From Les O’Neal, Chairman

Please welcome the following “New Faces” to the Four Lakes Community:

Melody Voland, 1331 Las Brisas Ln. (Indiana)
Donald and Darlene Heber, 942 La Quinta Blvd. (Florida)
Norman and Marilyn VanDyke, 2422 Crooked Stick Dr. (Minnesota)
Jackie and Philip Villemure, 2443 Crooked Stick Dr. (Michigan)
Thomas and Sandra Wert, 1410 Wild Dunes Ct. (Pennsylvania)

The Welcome Committee wishes all of our residents a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Please remember to place a basket by your door for Four Lakes mail. By law, HOA (and your friends) cannot place notes in your mailbox!

Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)
From Gail Price, Director

The next CERT classes begin February 9th. They are held twice a week (Monday and Wednesday) from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. for four weeks. You’ll learn more than how to respond to a hurricane; CERT assists when professional responders are not immediately available to help. You will learn fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. For more information, call me at 293-6320.

Speaking of fire safety, when was the last time you checked your outside dryer vent? When you are drying clothes during a time when it’s raining, the air from your dryer pushes the flaps on the vent open. Rain gets inside, and lint is trapped in the wetness. Over time, a wall of lint is built, and the heat acts on it. Check your vent; better safe than sorry.
Cinema Movies

January Movies: 7:00 p.m. (Sundays, Tuesdays & Thursdays), Snacks: 6:15 to 6:55 p.m.
Rentals: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Hosts: Petie & Ed Keller - Happy New Year!

Sunday, 3  Manna From Heaven*****  2012  PG  120 minutes  Family
What if a “Gift From God” was just a loan?  This is a feel-good comedy about faith and family!
When a blizzard of cash falls mysteriously from the sky into the hands of a family in Buffalo, New York, young Theresa declares it a miracle. Now years later, Theresa has become a nun and decides they must pay it back! Starring: Shirley Jones, Cloris Leachman, Louise Fletcher, an all-star cast including Seymour Cassel.

Tuesday, 5  Silver Linings Playbook *****  2012  R  122 min.  Comedy
Nominated for eight Academy Awards. An unexpected bond forms between a formerly institutionalized man and a woman recovering from her own demons. Starring: Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence.

Thursday, 7  Repeat: Silver Linings

Sunday, 10  The Forgotten ****  2014  PG-13  92 min  Drama Suspense
Haunted by the memories of a son her husband swears she never had, a distraught mother’s search for the truth leads to a mind-shattering conspiracy of unearthly terror. Starring: Julianne Moore, Christopher Kovaleski.

Tuesday, 12  Repeat: The Forgotten

Thursday, 14  HOA MEETING - 7:00 p.m.  Support your Community!

Sunday, 17  Ricki And The Flash*****  2015  PG-13  101 min.  Comedy Drama
Fifty-something rocker Ricki abandoned her family years ago when she left home to pursue her dreams in Los Angeles. Years later, she dates her guitarist but still fears commitment. But when she gets a call from her ex-husband that their daughter is going through a difficult time after the collapse of her own marriage, Ricki returns home to try to make things right. Starring: Meryl Streep, Kevin Kline Ben Platt.

Tuesday, 19  Repeat: Ricki And The Flash

Thursday, 21  The Gift****  2015  R  109 min.  Drama Suspense
Simon and Robyn are a young married couple whose life is going just as planned until a chance encounter with an acquaintance from Simon’s high school sends their world into a harrowing tailspin. Simon doesn’t recognize Gordo at first, but after a seemingly coincidental series of encounters proves troubling, a horrifying secret from their past is uncovered after 20 years. Starring: Jason Bateman, Rebecca Hall.

Sunday 24  War Room*****  2015  PG  120 min. Excellent Sunday Movie!
From the creators of Fireproof and Courageous comes War Room, a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power that prayer can have on every area of our lives. Starring: Alex Kendrick, Priscilla Shirer.

Tuesday, 26  The Heat ****  2013  R  118 min.  Comedy
Incompatible cops team up to bring down a drug lord in this outrageously funny comedy. Starring: Sandra Bullock, Melissa McCarthy.

Thursday, 28  Repeat: The Heat

With the IMF disbanded, Ethan and his team join forces with a disavowed British agent, who may or may not be a member of this rogue nation, as they must face off against a new network of highly skilled special agents, the Syndicate! Very exciting, suspenseful and GREAT! Starring: Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

Golf cart raffle tickets go on sale this month: The golf cart to be awarded this year will be a 2014 custom painted red and tan Club Car with new batteries, new seat, and custom steering wheel. Watch for pictures on our poster soon and in February’s Newsletter. The drawing will take place at Jackpot on Monday, March 21st. Tickets @ $10 each may be purchased at Jackpot, Coffee Talk, at Wednesday Bingo, or from TOPS members. As usual, only 600 tickets will be sold. Money collected from our various fundraisers is used to provide incentive prizes for successful losers and for member attendance at the state and international recognition days, to be held in July at Disney World in Orlando.

Start the New Year out right: Did you overeat a little during the holidays or perhaps all during the previous year? How does your weight now compare with the beginning of 2015? Do you want to make some changes either in your eating habits or your activity? Need support? TOPS can help. We meet every Thursday morning in the Great Room. New members or potential members (male or female) are welcome anytime. Weigh-in starts at 8:15 a.m. and the meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. and lasts about an hour. For more information, contact Leader Sharon Miesmer at 875-3065 or Co-leader Rose Helm at 701-5758 or visit the TOPS website at www.tops.org.

Saving Aluminum Tabs for Ronald McDonald Houses

Every Tuesday, a special container is placed at the front door of the Clubhouse for aluminum tabs. All during the rest of the week, stations are near the Pro Shop and the bar in the Great Room. These tabs are usually pure aluminum (versus the rest of the can which may include other metals) and so are quite valuable. Ronald McDonald charities provide places where families of ill children can stay while their child is hospitalized.

Happy New Year, everyone! Hope you had a wonderful Christmas.

On Thursday, December, 17th, we had our monthly fishing day here at Four Lakes. It was very windy and the fish must not have been hungry that morning. Bob Nicolai caught the most fish and the biggest fish, with two bluegills and two catfish in the 15” - 16” range. Several others caught one fish each and Bud and I didn’t catch any.

We’re going to try our luck at the Skyway Pier on January 14th. Any members who missed the meeting may sign-up to go by calling Bud or me. Bait can be purchased at the pier and carpools will be formed.

Thank you very much to Karen Weller who recently made a generous donation of fishing equipment to our club. Our members will make good use of it. Thank you also, to Judy Halstead, our Sunshine Lady, who donated the new orange safety ring down at the dock. This was done in memory of her late husband, Bruce.

Fish ‘n Friends donated a large portion of the profit from the “Money Wreath” raffle to the American Legion’s “Fishing for Freedom” program. This will promote fishing, help veterans, and support the Legion’s efforts.

We’d like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Ray Champagne. Ray has a boat and says he loves to fish. Also joining us recently were Jim Drago and Judy O’Brien. Jim had beginners luck at the November fishing day and caught the most fish - eight bluegills; he was using red worms.

Our next meeting will be on January 21st. Hosting the luncheon will be Steve and Laverda Pavlik and Wayne and Carol Joyner.

Let’s keep on fishing!
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FMO Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida
By Carol Hamilton

Let your voice be heard!
Since 1962, FMO has not only enthusiastically supported the rights of manufactured home owners, but also has innovatively anticipated problems and moved to preemptively strike any attempts by park owners to challenge those rights. Ever vigilant, FMO’s Board of Directors, lobbyist, and legal counsel keep watchful eyes on Tallahassee and on the industry. The FMO organizational staff are your sentries in Tallahassee, so you may rest assured that your lifestyle as a manufactured home owner, is protected from park owners’ and the Florida State Legislature’s jeopardizing actions.

Join the FMO now and ensure that our work will continue. FMO memberships cost just $25 a year; if you’d like to take advantage of our best value, consider a 3-year membership for $65. A greater FMO membership base makes for a more influential FMO voice in the State Legislature. If you are a new Four Lakes resident, we would like to visit with you about FMO. For your application call me at (863) 514-5222, or you may join on the FMO website using a credit card at FMO1.org.

FLGC Bingo Association Update
From Bev Eppler, Co-Director

Happy New Year to all Bingo players!
We had a good 2015 and hope 2016 is even better. So, get your neighbors and friends to come to Bingo and see how much fun we have, especially if they win.

The Bingo Committee wants to thank all of you who do come to Bingo. Please say thank you to all the volunteers who do this so you can play Bingo. It’s really nice if they get a thank you or a pat on the back for all the work they do.

So until next month, Happy New Year again and Happy Binging!

Any questions please call…
Bev Eppler 298-9325
Curt Darling 292-0425
Joel Fleischman 298-8414

Four Lakes Veterans Organization
Submitted by Bill Allard, Communications Officer

A special thanks to the FLVO Auxiliary members Nancy Julian, Ginny Robinson, Donna Bragdon, Diane Reese, Anne McDonald, Cynthia Borrelli and Charlotte Robertson for their great job in decorating this year’s Christmas tree in the Great Room.

The “Veteran of the Year” award was presented at our Annual Dinner Dance. This year’s award was presented to not just one individual but to two, Rick Julian and Ginny Robinson. They were both honored for their outstanding contributions to the organization throughout the year. Congratulations Rick and Ginny!!

If you are a veteran (of any country) and a resident of Four Lakes, and are not yet a member of the FLVO, please consider joining the organization so you can participate in our meetings and enjoy all the functions. You can contact any Board member for an application.

The FLVO wishes everyone in Four Lakes a Happy and Healthy New Year!!

Four Lakes Laughter Society
From Charlotte Lohr

Please Check out Annie’s Website at https://sites.google.com/site/4lakesactivities.

We hope all of you had a wonderful Holiday Season and a Great New Year to our friends and neighbors. We will be reorganizing the Laughter Society the second Tuesday in January, right after Coffee Talk in the Great Room. To all present members and to those who are interested in joining the Society, please attend.

You can contact any member of the Laughter Society if you are interested in joining our group or have any questions. Please feel free to give any of us a call. The member list is on our board in the Great Room. Please visit our board in the Great Room and enjoy our jokes posted on it.

Have a fun month!
Citizen Assisted Patrol (CAP)
From: Russ Hamilton

What It Takes to Operate CAP (Roles and Responsibilities)

Lead Coordinator - Russ Hamilton:
It is a requirement of the Citizen Assisted Patrol program that a Primary, or Lead Coordinator be the Sheriff’s department point of contact. All information to and from the Sheriff’s Crime Prevention Administrator, is through this Coordinator. Attending a monthly Polk County CAP Administrator’s meeting is required and may be attended by the other coordinators. As the public information resource, I write articles for the community newsletter, and make presentations at community functions, such as the HOA meetings and Coffee Talk.

Scheduler – Russ Hamilton:
The scheduler is responsible for ensuring patrol slots are filled in advance and works to schedule the personnel necessary for assignments. Most people are being scheduled on the same day and time each week.

Equipment Manager – Dan Strick:
It is important that weekly checks are performed on the patrol vehicle for maintenance requirements, similar to an automobile. He also inventories our emergency equipment and makes sure we have a supply of gasoline on hand.

Recorder – Carol Hamilton:
Maintaining records, recording meeting minutes, keeping our forms stocked and ensuring that patrol logs are properly filled out and delivered to the Crime Prevention Administrator on a monthly basis are duties performed by the recorder.

Management Liaison – Bob Borrelli:
This is our communication link with the Park Management, working with them to ensure we have adequate facilities for our equipment storage and parking.

Certified Volunteers:
Each person is typically scheduled to patrol for two hours per week. There are also opportunities for uniformed walking patrols and bike patrols.

I recently initiated a recruiting drive to fill vacancies in our patrol shifts. The response was tremendous. I have received nine new applications that are now being processed by the Polk County Sheriff’s department. I am still accepting applicants to be part of this new group of trainees. CAP volunteers don’t have to be full-time residents; we have many seasonal patrolers. If you are interested in joining your neighbors in the CAP patrols, please contact me at (863) 514-5222.

Sales Office
From Camille Challis
Sales Manager

We can’t start the year without saying “Hello and welcome back!” to all the snowbirds, and a shout-out to the rest of the Four Lakes residents!

Last year (2015) was an exciting year for sales, and 2016 is shaping up to be just as good, and maybe even better! We sold more homes during the summer than in any year prior that I can remember.

In case you haven’t looked recently, we have changed out most of the pictures on the website to include the changes in the Clubhouse, the restaurant, the boat ramp, the tennis courts and have added many beautiful pictures of the golf course. Our first introduction to the public is often right at our site. Most of our email customers find us there and begin their dialogue to find their Florida home. Sales overall ranged from $30,000 to $140,000. Although most sales take place right here on property, we had several buyers purchase just from looking at our website, emailing their questions, and doing their initial transactions over the phone. Where there’s a will, there are several ways! So, keep in mind that even if your listed home is not getting many “walk-throughs,” it doesn’t mean no one is seeing it!

Historically, November through January 15th is a slow time because of the holidays, and we look forward to a busy last few weeks in January. We hope it will stay that way before the winter residents fly home. If your home is listed, we will do everything we can to sell it by that time!

Megan and I wish you all a happy and peaceful year full of blessing and good fortune. We appreciate you, and the confidence you place in us each time you list with us, or refer a friend. We pledge to do our best to serve you in 2016.
Dan Johnson had his fourth hole-in-one at Four Lakes on September 12, 2015 on Hole #8. He used an eight iron and the feat was witnessed by his son Chuck Johnson, Keith Parson, and Ed Rodkey. Congratulations, Dan!

January 2016 Golf Events:

The Golf Course and Pro Shop will be closed on January 13th for course maintenance.

All walkers, joggers, bikers, non-playing golf carts, joy riders or fisher persons, Please stay off the course between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. (6 Days a week) and Sundays 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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Golf Committee

From Denise Burns

Thank you to all who contributed to a fund for the golf course maintenance crew’s Christmas bonuses. Together with additional funds from the Four Lakes Golf Committee, we were able to give each crew member a warm thank you and a generous bonus.

Congratulations to Gail Belgiorno who scored her second hole-in-one at Four Lakes Golf Club on November 29th, 2015. She used a pitching wedge to reach Hole #8. Witnesses were Faye and Eddie Hardin and her husband, Mario Belgiorno.

2016 Golf Calendar Changes:

ATTENTION

ALL 4 LAKES GOLF MEMBERS

THE GOLF COURSE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY ON THE FOLLOWING DATES IN 2016 TO PERFORM VARIOUS MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS. ISSUED 12-1-2015 GJC

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3 HOUR CLOSING 12:00 - 3:00 PM

| WEDNESDAY | MARCH 9, 2016 | TOP DRESSING GREENS |

Thank you to all who contributed to a fund for the golf course maintenance crew’s Christmas bonuses. Together with additional funds from the Four Lakes Golf Committee, we were able to give each crew member a warm thank you and a generous bonus.
Computer Bytes
From Bob Johnson

I hope Santa Claus was good to you in December.

Now for the tech stuff: Windows 10 is FREE! But do you want it? Are you happy with Windows 7? Then why change? Please let it go! BUT if Windows10 happened, not to worry. You have 30 days for easy removal. Go to Settings> Control Panel> Updates and there you will find a big button to remove. Now for the folks with Windows 8 and 8.1, do download Windows 10, please.

The biggest complaint with Windows 8 and up is that it’s hard to find what you want. Trust me, it’s still there. One of my compliments to Microsoft is that it usually maintains the same functions that existed in previous versions. DOS is still there and the same kernel that Bill Gates received from HP is still in use.

Examples include the “Windows Keyboard Shortcuts” of which there are over 200. A list can be found by a simple search. I have used many of these since 1995. Here are some of my favorites:

- The RUN dialog box; hold the Windows Key (bottom row of the keyboard, left of the Spacebar) and press the letter “R”, or the letter “D” goes to the Desktop. Most everyone is often interested in what their computer has on it. Previously you may go to Windows Start Button (bottom left on the screen) and click (My) Computer. For the same result, while you have the RUN dialog box open type, C: (colon) click the OK button. I also often use the CTRL Key (bottom row). To find content on a page use CTRL F; to Copy CTRL C and to Paste use the CTRL V.

Happy computing to all,
Bob Johnson, Computer Guy
863-294-5181, 2907 Shoal Creek Place

Park Ministries
Byron Sweezy for Chuck Blake

Our non-denominational church service meets in the Great Room, Sunday nights at 5:00. Please join us as we worship the Lord. Christmas has been a good time to give an extra effort to acknowledge Christ and worship Him.

The prayer list is updated and distributed on a weekly basis. We have so many blessings and yet, so many needs. This time of year there are many people grieving who are not on the prayer list. Please consider them at prayer time also. To receive the prayer list, request prayer, or provide updates, email chuckblake@tampabay.rr.com.

Our community is blessed to have an all volunteer team that is here to assist many of our neighbors who are in need. Barb Roberts continues to lead Helping Hands in this effort. As Barb seeks people needed for specific tasks, please consider being a volunteer. Four Lakes organizations do such good work for our community.

The Bible study has begun its weekly sessions. It is basically a leader-led study, while questions are encouraged. We meet in the Cinema House on Monday evenings at 7 o’clock. The study begins with a movie followed by a discussion. With most residents here now, we turn to the book of Matthew. Come whenever you are able. A week here and there has value.

We extend sympathy to the family of Leo Garlock who passed away in December. Remember and support the family where possible.

Thought - If you want to know what is in your heart, listen to your mouth.
From Charlie Eppler, President

This past year was a busy one for Sociables and 2016 is expected to be busy as well. We celebrated the 20th anniversary of Sociables with our gala Octoberfest party October 24 and the Four Lakes Olympics will return in March.

We couldn’t do all of our activities without the support of Four Lakes residents who attend parties, Jackpot, Dinner Nights, Coffee Talk and Social Committee activities. As we have said before, Sociables is just what the name implies: activities where residents can get together and enjoy themselves with their fellow residents.

Also new this coming year Sociables will conduct horse races on the last Monday of each month (beginning in January) at Jackpot. We hope this will increase our attendance at this function.

Please remember that Sociables’ Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 19th at 2:30 p.m. in the Great Room. This is the day that we elect new Board members. It is imperative that we have a quorum.

The Sociables Board of Directors wishes all Four Lakes residents a very healthy and Happy New Year.

The Sociables Board of Directors:

President    Charlie Eppler   298-9325
Vice-president  Bob Piurowski   299-7016
Secretary    Corrine Waterman  294-5163
Treasurer   Bob Buchman   293-5719
Director at Large Jack Benson    662-5039
Director at Large Brian Carter    875-4673
Director at Large Mary Grindol   401-9178

Kitchen and Dinner Night News
From Betty Brough and Bev Lowe bettyallenboop@aol.com

The Sociables Dinner Night menu for Jan 11th will be hamburgers, hot dogs, marinated vegetable salad, and dessert. Take out soup for the month of January will be chicken noodle. Pre-orders are suggested.

The Thanksgiving Dinner was served to over 200 residents. Twenty-five tables were arranged around the room along with several buffet tables. I want to thank all of the residents who helped in so many ways. It makes for a success and was much appreciated. There were a lot of new faces this year along with many residents that have been to the dinner for several years and continue to help in several ways. Again, thank you all for the help you gave to make it successful.

Betty and Bev

Christmas at Four Lakes 2015

From Mark Polnak, Production Group

We started off the Christmas season with the Victorian Stroll and lighting ceremony. Around 50 carts paraded from the front gate to the Clubhouse with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and two of Santa’s elves in the lead. As the new tree on the lawn was lit, the Four Lakes Chorus led us in Christmas carols. While everyone watched, the organizations illuminated their trees around the Great Room. A potluck dinner followed and we were entertained with Christmas skits and songs.

Coffee Talk throughout December featured entertainment. Wahneta School children, sponsored by Charities, came with a special concert. Sociables’ Christmas Party was a wonderful night out and Christmas caroling to shut-ins touched many hearts, including the singers.’ The Tour of Homes, sponsored this year by Sociables and organized by the Production Group, was a great day and the evening of music and dancing that followed in the evening was enjoyed by those who attended.

The year is ending with a New Year’s Eve party and 2016 begins with a “morning after breakfast,” both sponsored by Sociables.

The Production Group would like to thank all who participated in the Season’s celebrations. To those who organized the different events, those who participated as cast members, technical or decorating staff, those who sang, and to those who helped with sets and cleanup, and especially to the families that opened their homes for the Tour of Homes, we say, “Thank you.” Without you all, this would not have been possible. Participation and cooperation like this makes Four Lakes a great place to live.

Here is a sample of what to look forward to in 2016:  
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**Sociables** (Continued from page 9)

January 9th – “Colt 45” performs in the Great Room.
January 23rd – “Destiny” plays in the Great Room.
February – not yet confirmed.
March – Olympics throughout the month.
October – we start casting for a new production. It will be hard to beat “Grease” but we will give it a shot. We will be looking for cast members, stage hands, technical staff, photographers, etc. Once we decide what play we will present, we’ll announce it. So keep an eye out if you’d like to get involved.

Have a great 2016. Come out and participate.

**Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins**
From Mary Grindol, Chair

Thirty-six golf carts with at least twice that many singers came out on Thursday, December 17th to sing to 11 neighbors who don’t get out much due to health challenges. We split into two groups. The red team was led by Mary and Lou Grindol in red Santa hats and the green team was led by two green elves (Norm Seaward and Joel Fleischman) and another rather feminine Santa (Sharon Seaward).

After visiting our assigned homes and singing a couple Christmas carols at each, we met again at the Clubhouse for a wonderful “crockpotluck.” Rhoda and Chris Rice, Phyllis Kupchun, and Ron Beard kept the crockpots warm and set up the feast. Thank you to all who helped with the cleanup afterward including Linda and Larry Smith, Phyllis Hennen, and others.

**Social Committee**
From Corrine Waterman, Chair

**Christmas Party:** Our Christmas party was held on Saturday, December 12th. The lights from the various organizations’ decorated trees, along with the glittery reindeer and trees on snow mounds as centerpieces added to a festive evening. The 50/50 of $207 was won by Jack Benson. Other party goers won door prizes of tickets to the New Year’s Eve party, New Year’s breakfast, or Bingo packets. “Rusty Trumpet,” our musical performers outdid themselves and the dance floor stayed full. Fore Lakes Grill catered a very nice dinner. Our thanks go to all who helped to make this another successful party. A special thanks to Annie Fleischman and her cake-cutting crew. To all who attended, we appreciate your support.

**New Year’s Eve: December 31:** If you receive this newsletter before New Year’s Eve, you may still be able to buy tickets @ $5.00 at the door. The doors open at 8:30 p.m. Music by “Graffiti” (Krista & Turk) will begin at 9 p.m. Bring your own snacks and something to ring in the New Year. BYOB/ cash bar. This is a no-frills, very casual affair.

**New Year’s Day Breakfast:** January 1st. Served from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Great Room and catered by the Fore Lakes Grill. A limited number of tickets will be on sale at the door. However, your best bet is to call Corrine at 294-5163 ASAP.

**Valentine’s Party:** Saturday, February 13th. In recognition of Sociables continuing 20th Anniversary, the theme will be “The Roaring 20’s.” Get out your dancing shoes and cut a rug. The party will be fun, with possible bathtub gin, or even passwords. Attire: dress in the era or Valentine dressy. Ask your best guy or gal to join us. Tickets go on sale Monday, January 11th and will continue to be sold at Jackpot or call Corrine at 294-5163.

As always, thanks to the Social Committee members for their help and to the residents who attend these functions.

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**Sociables Coffee Talk**
Every Tuesday
Coffee & baked goods served starting at 8:00 a.m., the program starts at 8:30 p.m.

**January Schedule:**

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Four Lakes Charities Association

From Patti Knopick

Wahneta Elementary: We were treated to a thoroughly enjoyable concert following Coffee Talk on December 8th by 73 First graders. Led by music teacher Ms. Kennedy, they told a story and songs of Santa’s Visit to Mexico. Another of December’s events was Santa’s Workshop at Wahneta on December 14th and 15th, co-led by Debbie Younger and Linda Scanlon. We appreciate all the items donated to the workshop which allowed the children to purchase Christmas gift items for their families at a nominal cost. It was such a success that we were sold out in two days!! Another wonderful season of celebration with the children and we thank all the Four Lakers who contributed in some way and especially to all the volunteers for their support. We could not have accomplished this without you all.

Poinsettias: For those folks who may be dissatisfied with your Poinsettia plant(s) purchased through Charities, there is a one year replacement warranty on them. You can return them to Lowe’s garden department, Citi Centre Plaza, on 3rd St. SW in Winter Haven.

Theme Baskets: Starting January 4th, come see the fantastic Theme Baskets created by your neighbors. The baskets can be viewed at Jackpot, Coffee Talk, Bingo and other select events. Themes include Valentine’s Day, Golf, BBQ, and six other fun baskets. Chances are $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00. Drawings will be on February 8th at Sociables Dinner Night. You do not need to be present to win.

Spaghetti Dinner and Booze Raffle: We’ll have food to please the palate and music to dine by so be sure to purchase your tickets for this dinner and raffle to be held on January 28th in the Great Room from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. Under the guidance of Betty Brough, Charities’ officers will prepare and serve the meal of spaghetti, meatballs, tossed salad, and warm garlic bread along with a delicious assortment of desserts baked by Charities members. Tickets are $7.00 each for the dinner. They will go on sale beginning January 4th, at Jackpot, Coffee Talk, and Bingo. This is a BYOB event. Booze Raffle tickets will be sold separately the night of the dinner. Also, check Channel 95 for additional information on possible booze raffle pre-sales. Project Lead for the Booze Raffle is Marilyn Martin.

Card & Game Day: Get ready - it’s coming - Thursday, February 25th from noon until 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. More information will follow. Project lead is Joanne Waugh at 875-6675.

Fashion Show: Ladies, mark your calendars for Friday, March 11, 2016. We are going to take you on a trip where the scenery is beautiful, the food and drinks are excellent, and the tropical breezes blow! The Fashion Show theme will be a “Touch of the Tropics” and we’re excited to be partnering with Macy’s for our fashions. Tickets will be limited to Four Lakers only, please. Tickets for this reserved seating event will go on sale beginning Monday, February 1. Detailed information for the Fashion Show will be available in the February newsletter, on Channel 95, Nextdoor 4 Lakes, and Facebook. Project co-leads are Faye Hardin and Erleen Blackwell.

Award Presentation: At our Charities General meeting in December, Executive Director of Anchor House and Barnabas House, Dr. Joe Davis, presented the Anchor Award to Four Lakes Charities for its Outstanding Support of Barnabas House. Manager Deb Homer accepted the award on behalf of the community. Barnabas House, established in the spring of 2015, is a transitional house for young men 18-21 who have graduated out of foster care. The Barnabas House mission is to equip these young men with the tools, skills, and encouragement to pursue additional education and sustainable employment. Barnabas House parents, Paul and Sandy Agens, were on hand to add their personal thanks to our community.

Our Next General Meeting is Tuesday, January 26th at 1 p.m., in the Great Room Come Join Us!!
Activities Director
Annie Fleischman
Annie’s website: https://sites.google.com/site/4lakesactivities.

Monday, January 11th, 10 a.m.: Kumihimo jewelry-making class in the Great Room.

Wednesday, January 13: Menopause the Musical. Come join our sisterhood! This is a hilarious musical that will have you cheering and dancing in the aisles. We will also enjoy a wonderful dinner. $92.

Friday, January 15: Birthdays & Anniversaries with “Double Take.”

January 16-24: We have a Carnival Cruise to Aruba, Bonaire and Grand Turk. We will sail out of Port Canaveral. We return January 24th.

Tuesday, January 26: Winter Haven Hospital Blood Drive. 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Friday, January 29: Second entertainment series show with Dave & Daphne. Limited tickets available.

Monday, February 1: “The Tenors” at Lakeland Center. This is the amazing opportunity to hear The Tenors like you’ve never heard them before. Before the show, enjoy a wonderful dinner at the Center. $92.

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 2-3: Join us for a two-day Casino Getaway. First, we will go to the Immokalee Casino where you will receive one drink, 10% off dining and earn $4 in comp dollars and receive $10 free play. We’ll check into the Ft. Myers Best Western Waterfront and then will head to the Broadway Palms Dinner Theater to see Showboat. The next morning, enjoy breakfast at IHOP and we will begin our journey to Brighton Casino where we will get a discount on Bingo games, $5 off a $10 food purchase, earn $4 in comps, and receive $10 free play. $205.

Saturday, February 6: Pick Your Pooch and Place Your Bets! At the dog track, enjoy a great view from the Derby Club dining area or watch on TV screens located at each table. Enjoy all-you-can-eat buffet and a soup and salad bar. $64.

Friday, February 12: Tribute to Buddy Holly, our next show in the Entertainment Series. Tickets will go on sale sometime in January, to be announced.

Monday, February 15: Trip to the Victory Casino. $40.

Friday, February 19: Prevention Plus will be here to do screenings from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Also, Friday, February 19: Birthdays & Anniversaries with “Double Take.”

Wednesday, February 24: Boat ride and tour of Winter Park, Morse Museum for Tiffany art. We’ll have time to explore this lovely town with its shops and cafes. $49.

Friday, February 26: Cruisin’ at Old Town (Kissimmee): Join us to see a unique collection of shops, dining options, and friendly amusements. The brick streets come alive and music sets a tone for the cruise down memory lane. Friday nights are home to the All American Muscle Car Cruise featuring classics from 1988 and older. You will receive a voucher to play mini-golf at your leisure at Pirate’s Cove Adventure Golf. $36.

Wednesday, March 2: Orlando Magic vs. the Chicago Bulls. It is Senior night at the Amway Arena. The first 20 to sign up will get to high-five the players as they take the court. $105.

Wednesday, March 9: Tampa Bay Downs. Enjoy an exciting afternoon with a delicious buffet in our private room. You can settle into your reserved seat, check your program, pick your horses, place your wagers, and get ready - they’re off and running! $59.

Monday-Thursday, March 21-24: Three night trip to Biloxi. Enjoy accommodations at the Beau Rivage Resort where you will receive vouchers for two breakfasts. You will also receive $55 in free slot play with optional visits to the Imperial Palace and the Palace casinos. Gratuities for the hostess and driver are included @ $239.

Wednesday, April 13: Barbara Lee Luncheon Cruise. Enjoy fine dining and an ever-changing water view on the St. John’s River. The Barbara Lee is one of a very few authentic paddle wheelers in the country. $82.

Sunday - Thursday, October 9-13: Key West Sunsets: This is an exciting trip. Starting with our bus ride to Ft. Myers where we will stay overnight after we have a lovely dinner at the Visani Dinner Theater. Next morning after breakfast at IHOP, we will hop on the Key West Express for a ¾ hour cruise to Key West. Our bus will meet us later to check us into the Fairfield Inn & Suites Marriott. Day three, we can pick up the trolley with our hop-on, hop-off tickets. In the evening, we have a Champagne Sunset Cruise on a Fury Catamaran. We say goodbye to Key West the next morning and head to Ft. Lauderdale and check-in at the Hampton Inn & Suites. We will embark on the Jungle Queen and cruise up the New River to a private island for an all-you-can eat dinner and show. Day five, after a hot breakfast, we will depart for Palm Beach to tour Henry Flagler’s mansion. We will have lunch at the museum before departing for home. $999.

Please come in and see me if you have an idea for a trip. Remember, I need at least 32 people to run a trip. Please try to participate.