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## HOMEOWNER FORUM

Tuesday, December 2 @ 9 AM

## BOARD MEETING

Friday, December 19 @ 9 AM

(All meetings at Lifestyle Center)

## BOARD NOTES

*BY GORDON HERRICK, PRESIDENT*

The Board of Directors voted at their October meeting to close the Lifestyle Center and Bowling Center on Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7 PM. If an activity is scheduled for a weekend evening, the lockup time will be at 10 PM. The buildings are empty on most weekend evenings, and therefore security becomes an issue. A copy of the updated Rules & Regulations showing the change is enclosed in the issue. Please discard all previous versions.

Bill Wurst and John Moran were reelected to the Board of Directors at the Annual Members Meeting for the Association of Marion Landing Owners, Inc. held on November 14, 2008. The Board of Directors held their reorganization meeting following the Annual Meeting and elected the following officers:

**Gordon Herrick, President**  
**Bob Fink, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**  
**Bill Wurst, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**John Moran, Treasurer**  
**Woody Wodrich, Secretary**

Committees were thanked by the Board of Directors for their work in 2008. The committee chairpersons for 2009 will be announced at the Board meeting on December 19.

The Patrol Committee was presented with the Volunteer Group of the Year plaque by the Board of Directors. They were recognized for the many hours of service given to our community each month. The group consists of over 100 homeowners and provides a contact point between the Marion County Sheriff's Department and Marion Landing. It was noted that many homeowners feel secure and comfortable as they see the Patrol car's lights flashing in their windows each evening. Patrol is one of several groups in the community that deserves this special recognition.

The members of the Board of Directors want to wish everyone in Marion Landing a very Happy Holiday Season.

*(See photos from the Annual Meeting on Page 6)*

**DEADLINE FOR JANUARY COMMUNICATOR ARTICLES — DECEMBER 15 AT 5 PM**  
**JANUARY EDITORS: CONNIE ROWE & GLORIA WILBERG**

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGER

by *Deeann Welch*

### Water Meters

A friendly reminder that water meters will be read on December 16 and water bills will be sent out by the first week in January.



### *Happy Holidays!*

I wish everyone in Marion Landing a very Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, or other Holiday that you may celebrate at this time of year. I hope you all enjoy this special season. For your enlightenment, the rest of my column this month is devoted to some information that will help you know a little more about the employees who work with you. They are listed in alphabetical order. Happy Holidays!

### Know Your Leland Employees

#### George Armonaitis, Bowling Attendant

George wishes to stay a mystery!

#### Pam Guenther, Activities Coordinator

I am originally from New Hampshire and have lived in Florida for 20 years. I have three children: Paulina, Tracy, and Trevor. I have a BA in Business Administration.

My job in Marion Landing, as Activities Coordinator, entails a wide variety of tasks that help to make this community an enjoyable place to live. I work closely with the Social and Recreation Committee and other volunteers to schedule and plan events that are both entertaining and informative. That can include everything from contacting and booking speakers, entertainers, and Tuesday morning MC's, to selling tickets, making posters, copies and flyers, and keeping the very important calendar of events current. I also attend the bi-monthly S&R and the Clubhouse Remodeling Committee meetings. I am a member of The Senior Alliance, which helps me stay in contact with people who offer a variety of services for seniors. As you know, I write a monthly column for this newsletter and also prepare the Calendar insert and am a proofreader.



**Prior jobs:** before coming to Marion Landing, I was the Neighborhood Network Director for Royal Management, ran my own coffee shop, worked in accounting, and was an office manager.

**Volunteer Activities:** Marion County Rape Crisis Spouse Abuse Center, served on the Board for Derby Farm Property Owners Association, wrote for the *Ocala Star Banner*, and currently write articles and columns for the *Voice of South Marion*.

**Likes:** motorcycles, snorkeling, photography, and dancing. I was a finalist for Mrs. New Hampshire in 1988.

### Glen (Eric) Halkola, Bowling Mechanic/ Maintenance Person

I am originally from Denver, Colorado, and I have lived in Florida for 6 years. I am unmarried and do not have any children. The schools and classes I have completed are AMF Pin Setter, AMF B Mechanic School, and Brunswick Electrical Certification.

**In Marion Landing:** my job is doing whatever is needed of me, but the main thing is keeping the Bowling Center operating smoothly and running Bowling Leagues. I also do maintenance for the Clubhouse and Administration Office, help to keep the outdoor recreation facilities clean and in good order, and clean up unfortunate animals from the street.

**Prior jobs:** worked for AMF Brunswick and Sierra Lanes.

**Volunteer Activities:** kid's bowling leagues, senior bowling state leagues.

**Likes:** bowling and fishing.

### Jake Verbanatz, Bowling Attendant

I am originally from Wisconsin, but have lived in Florida for 56 years and consider myself to be a Floridian. I have lived in Marion Landing for almost 12 years. Before moving here, we



## S&R COMMITTEE UPDATES

by *Jerry Wood*

The community has just finished two very busy months in October and November, and December looks exciting as well. We have the Landing Lites coming up first, followed by a Theatre presentation which promises to be a great start to the Holiday Season.

In addition we have a resident outdoor decorating contest this year, and you will be hearing specifics of that at the December Forum. Information will also be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby at the Lifestyle Center.

Pam has lined up some great resident talent to perform at the Forum & Socials every Tuesday before Christmas. In the spirit of the Holiday Season, the Social and Recreation Committee will provide free doughnuts and coffee on these four Tuesdays.

Finally, we finish up 2008 with a New Year's Eve dance and party on December 31. I would remind all attending that event, that how you behave will have a great deal to do with how you feel to start 2009!!! THIS ADVICE COMES FROM A VERY RELIABLE SOURCE.

The S & R Committee wishes all of Marion Landing a joyous Holiday Season and a great 2009!!



## **Pam's Program Updates** by Pam Guenther, Activities Coordinator

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Yes, I know it is hard to believe, but Christmas is right around the corner. I hope everyone is more prepared for the holidays than I am! The Lifestyle Center is looking very festive and bright. Many thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help decorate our Clubhouse and grounds. You did a fantastic job as usual!

I hope everyone plans to come to the Tuesday Socials this month, even if it is something you seldom do. We have entertainment scheduled for each Tuesday that will certainly put you in the Holiday mood. We have a couple of Holiday shows that will also entertain, such as the traditional Landing Lites Concert on Saturday, December 6, as well as a new surprise show called "The Christmas Gift". Marilyn Pineau and company have been working very hard organizing and rehearsing for this performance.

The Clubhouse activities have not slowed down either, and we are planning even more new classes and activities for the upcoming New Year. We also have a tour of Dudley Farms, in Alachua County, on January 16 that you won't want to miss. This is a historic State Park where they demonstrate the evolution of farming from the 1850's through the 1940's. It features 18 buildings and live demonstrations as you are accompanied by a tour guide on your visit. We also have had some residents who were not able to attend the Jail and Prison Farm tours, and those will be on the agenda again in 2009.

I hope everyone enjoyed the special Medicare Seminar last month as well as the Backstage Tour of Ocala Civic Theater. The "New Pretenders" concert was also a treat and, hopefully, there will be many more concerts and shows like it on upcoming Sundays.

If you are planning to attend any classes this month, please be sure to check this issue of *The Communicator* or the flyers at the Clubhouse for changes or cancellations due to the upcoming holidays. I wish all of you a very happy and safe Holiday and prosperous New Year!

### **CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

We know this is a busy time of year for everyone, and especially for those caregivers who give of their time to take care of their loved ones. That is why it is especially important to take a much needed break and come to the Clubhouse for the Caregivers' Meeting on Wednesday, December 3, at 11:00 AM. Karen Butler, from Marion County Senior Services, will be here in the Library, as usual, to help you with any concerns or questions you may have. The meeting is open to anyone interested.

### **BUNKA SHI-SHU**

Margaret Nelson will be here each Wednesday in the Craft Room from 2:00 to 4:00 PM for her Japanese embroidery class. Come out and see what it is all about and how much fun

it is to learn this unique craft. You might even be able to make that one-of-a-kind Holiday gift for the special person who has everything. As always, the cost is \$3.00 per class, plus the price of whatever kit you select. Sign up on the flyer is preferred.

### **BASKET WEAVING CLASS**

Sharon Baiardi is taking a little break for the Holiday Season, but she will return next month on the last Wednesday as usual. That date is January 28, from 9 AM to 3 PM. She will have her new basket on display in the Activity Office, so come by and check it out. What better way to unwind after the stressful holiday season than with a relaxing day of basket weaving! Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Clubhouse lobby if you are interested in participating in this class.

### **BOTANICAL FLOWERS CLASS RESUMES**

I know many of you have been asking when Barbara Shoop will be back. Well, she has scheduled her next class for Wednesday, December 17, at the usual time of 9:30 AM, in the Craft Room. She hopes to see all her regular students, as well as a few new faces. This class is a lot of fun and very easy. If you have never tried it before, and just in time for Christmas, she will be teaching the Poinsettia flower. Please sign up on the flyer in the lobby if interested. Cost is \$12.00 for everything.



### **LAST CALL FOR LINE DANCING**

Well, I hope everyone has just about mastered the fancy footwork of line dancing with Sylvia Lafarr! Her last class of the six-week session is Wednesday, December 3, at 12:30 PM. Everyone has had a great time and learned a lot. Rest assured we should be able to coax her into another class, perhaps by early Spring! Check with Pam in the Activity Office for a tentative date.

### **INTERESTED IN BALLROOM DANCING?**

William Odom, a professional ballroom dancer, has agreed to teach a dance class in ballroom technique, provided there is enough interest. Cost may range from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per class, depending upon the number of students signed up. We only need a few more people to get the class started, so if you are interested, please sign up on the sheet posted in the Clubhouse lobby.

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# NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

by Sharon Talbert

A New Year cometh!! Wow, where has the time gone? I guess that means we're having fun, right? Well, if you want to bring in the New Year, '09, with even more FUN, we have the perfect way to do that. We all need stimulus to stay young and we've got just the ticket. You won't want to miss the New Year's Celebration Dance on December 31. We are planning a very special, exciting evening that will include fabulous music and entertainment, a sparkling setting, great company and the "World's Biggest Hors D'oeuvre Table". Everyone is asked to bring their own special 'treat' that serves 6-8 people to add to this amazing collection of goodies.

We are pleased to bring you *Sounds of Time* for your listening and dancing pleasure. This combo is a marvelous live vocal duo, combining smooth guitar styles and professional sound tracking for an evening of outstanding entertainment. You can dance the night away doing the waltz, fox trot, cha-cha, disco, country western, electric slide and many more. The *Sounds of Time* can be seen and heard throughout Central Florida, including The Villages. Tony & Kathy Mongerio originate from New York and New Jersey, and they have performed with many show bands throughout the country. This duo really knows how to motivate the crowd and get folks to join in the fun. They settled in Ocala in 1979. Maybe you recall them from the WFUZ radio promotion band *Goldrush*, which opened for many acts.

Won't you come and join your Marion Landing friends and neighbors in the first dance of the year...starting off the year with a 'bang', a hug or a handshake, wishing your friends and neighbors a wonderful New Year? Hope to see you there. How about inviting someone new to join you!

There will be balloons, hats, noisemakers, beverages (you bring your own) and, of course, there will be plenty of food. To top it all off, we'll be serving the annual shrimp cocktail at 10:00 PM. We provide the ice. The cost is \$12.50 per person for all of this!

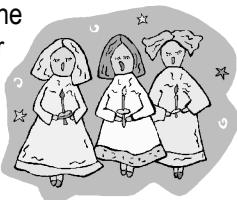
Doors will open will open at 7:30 and music is from 8:00 to 12:30. There will be a limited number of tickets sold, so get yours early. Tickets will go on sale November 25.



## Pam's Updates, cont'd

### TUESDAY SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT

Although there is no speaker scheduled for this month, we will have lots of Holiday entertainment for your enjoyment. Starting with the first Tuesday of the month, in addition to the Forum, there will songs of the season and sing-alongs. Many of our talented residents will be here to surprise you and get you in that Holiday spirit. You won't want to miss all the great entertainment we have in store for you! You will just have to come out and see!



# MARION LANDING PATROL

by Rich Toneske



Santa Claus, sleigh bells, good times, family, and lots of food--it's upon us again! It is time for us to take a minute or two and look around and make sure we are prepared for all circumstances that could and probably will arise. Sure it is merry times for us, but there are a few out

there who would like to revel in our merriment and take advantage of our relaxed state. This is the time of year when the phone calls start and someone or some organization is looking for your money or whatever they can SCAM from you. There are many tremendous groups out there who do a world of good, but there are some real creeps too. Be aware and be careful. Don't let the bad guys spoil your fun time with family and friends.

Patrol will meet on December 9, along with the Search Team. This will be a combined meeting, so put it on your calendar or tie a string around your finger. At our last meeting, in November, we held an election for a VP/Treasurer and Secretary. Thank you, Howard Shay and Charlie Mock, for stepping up to the plate. I would like to thank all who did the extra patrols on Halloween night and again on November 1 for the Bazaar. Everything was covered and all went well. The community, in general, has been quiet; and we will do our best to keep it that way.

If you attended the Annual Homeowners meeting on November 14, you elected two Board members. There also was a brief presentation by the Marion Landing Patrol going over the past, present, and future of this group. What we were trying to get across to the community is that you are getting great coverage for minimal expense. But, as was pointed out, we are losing members faster than we would like and that is where our problems arise. If Patrol can't do the job, the community must hire an outside firm and the cost is going to hurt. If you did not make the meeting, there is an insert in *The Communicator* giving all facts and figures. We are asking that all of our residents, whether you have been here for years or are new to the community, *please, please* consider joining Patrol. We need your help and it only requires 4 hours a month in the winter and 2 hours a month in the summer. Please call any Patrol officer listed in the Marion Landing phone book to get the process started. **HELP US HELP THE COMMUNITY.**

A final note to all: if traveling, be extremely careful and get back to the community safely. We do like having all of you around. If the family is visiting, enjoy them to the fullest and may they all be safe in their travels. But most of all, **HAVE A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!**



# SEARCH

by Rich Toneske

**There will be a Search meeting on December 9, along with the Patrol meeting. All residents are invited to attend the Patrol meeting; you might just get a little itch to join. Anyway, you can't blame a guy for trying.**

December is the month that is very hectic, but most of it is fun. Just think, some of us will get to see our grandchildren and children. Yea, we will spend money, but that's the fun part. Just seeing all those smiling faces, and of course, a few frowners. Oh well, you can't make them all happy all the time.

This brings me to what I believe is a valid point. These little ones could wander away from your house, and not being familiar with the community, get lost. This is where your Search Team would be of assistance to you. Yes, you're completely right; we don't have a picture on file, but we could help in many other ways, and I'm sure Grandma and Grandpa would be able to provide us with a picture or two. This is what makes the Search Team a valuable asset to Marion Landing. Isn't it great that you have us available to be called upon and assist you along with the Sheriff's Department? That is why we constantly ask you to fill out the Resident Information forms and have a picture taken, so a record may be kept on file in a secure place, but yet available if there is a need. The Search Team members do have lives and many other things that we could be doing, but we have committed ourselves to also spend some time helping our friends and neighbors in the Marion Landing community. Why don't you make the same commitment by completing the forms and having a picture taken in order to be ready if something should happen to you or your loved one?

I don't know if this should come under Search or Patrol, but I blew it in the Patrol end so I'll mention it here. Like I said last month, post lights and general lighting around your home look better when they are working. Please get them lit; they do help when we are patrolling the community, and they also may prevent the bad guys from trying to pay you a visit. Also, if you have plants blocking the sign on your post light, please trim them back so your street number can be seen.

In closing, please have a **GREAT HOLIDAY and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

See you next year...bet you thought I was going to screw up and say next month!



## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

*by Jerry Wood*



Our November Volunteer of the Month has brought great entertainment to the residents of Marion Landing for well over ten years. Her performances of the Little Theatre Group once or twice a year have always been well attended and enjoyed by all. Not only does she direct this rag-tag bunch of performers, but she also writes the plays.

Congratulations, Donna, and thank you for all that you have done to entertain us.

## VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE YEAR



Board President Gordon Herrick presented a new Volunteer Group of the Year Award to the Marion Landing Patrol during the Annual Meeting on November 14. Pictured are Patrol Officers Fred Parish, Howard Shay, Dave Wilberg, Ed DeMauex, Gordon Herrick, Rich Toneske, Dot Toneske and Nancy Holmes.

*(All photos by George Taragna)*

## HOLIDAY CONCERT

*by Floyd Hickman*



It's the most wonderful time of the year! As we approach the Holiday Season, we have fond memories of gift giving, family homecomings, and religious celebrations. All of these remembrances are facilitated by the wonderful music that is associated with this time of year. On Saturday, December 6, at 7:00 PM, The Landing Lites recall these vivid images with their annual Holiday Concert. The program is a blend of sacred and secular music, a total of 15 numbers in all, which have been selected for their beauty and audience appeal. This year we are adding a new dimension. The pageantry of Christmas is highlighted by a Nativity Tableau that includes a beautifully costumed cast. We are also featuring two talented flute players, who will accompany the chorus and perform a duet. Tickets for this program are \$5.00 and may be purchased during Tuesday morning Socials or from Pam on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 PM. We look forward to seeing you at this festive event.

## Christmas Show Reminder

*by Marilyn Pineau*

Tickets have been on sale since November for this show, which is called "The Christmas Gift". The performance will be on Saturday, December 13, starting at 7 PM. It is a variety show of sorts and will include skits, single acts, and other things for you to enjoy. May you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## OUR 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Bob Fink, Gordon Herrick, & Woody Wodrich (back row)  
Bill Wurst & John Moran (front row)

## JANUARY BREAKFAST

*by Joe Raffony*

Breakfast will be served in the Lifestyle Center on Saturday January 24. Tickets for this popular event will be available for purchase starting on December 30 during the Tuesday morning Social. If you are not able to attend the Socials, tickets may be purchased from Pam on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 2 and 4 PM. Tickets are \$2 per person, with a limit of 250 tickets being sold. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, hash browns, pancakes, sausage, biscuits & gravy, grits, fruit, juice and coffee. Breakfast will be served from 8 AM to 9 AM.



from materials donated by our friends and neighbors in Marion Landing. Thank you for your contributions.

Now our cupboards are almost empty. Once again, we are asking for your help. We need fabric and yarn. Remnants of fabric and partial skeins of yarn will work for our purposes. Donations will be accepted on Monday afternoons in the Craft Room from 1 - 3 PM. You may also leave them in the basket (near the telephone) in the Craft Room at any time.



## BAZAAR 2008

*by Evelyn Olsen, Treasurer  
&  
Peggy Reed, Chairperson*

Cafe	\$202.00
Books	263.01
Plants	319.60
Jewelry	698.20
Baked Goods	790.55
White Elephant	1316.92
Late Donation for	
Bake Sale from 2007	10.00
Advance from S&R	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL	3900.28
Return to S&R	<u>-300.00</u>
<b>Bazaar Profit</b>	<b>\$3600.28</b>

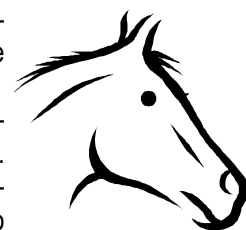
## HORSE AUCTION

*by Carolyn Salzlein*

Join us on Wednesday, January 7, as we carpool to Ocala Breeders Sales for our annual trip to the horse auction. One of the highlights of this trip is to hopefully see some newborn foals.

We will leave the Lifestyle Center at 1 PM and should return by 3 PM. There is plenty of seating in a climate-controlled arena. For those who want to go outside, we will see the horses being readied for auction.

If you'd like to join us, there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby of the Lifestyle Center. Please call me at 237-2590 if you



## CHARITY CRAFTERS

*by Ann Gillin*

The Marion Landing Charity Crafters have been preparing Holiday gifts for the women and children at the Crisis Center in Ocala, and for the teen-aged mothers and their babies at HOME in Belleview. We are also completing blankets and quilts for the Salvation Army. All these items have been crafted

## NEW ENGLAND CLUB

*by Joyce Gloman and Rhea Rouquie*

Come and enjoy the holiday season with the New England Club. We will meet at Ruby Tuesday on Tuesday, December 9, at 2 PM to enjoy a fabulous salad bar and great food. Please sign up for this luncheon by December 5 if you plan to attend.

A thank you to all the members who helped us set up our luncheons throughout this past year.

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS

by Vivian Waite

November was a busy month for the Sunshine Committee. We staged a very successful fashion show and luncheon, held memorial luncheons for Hank Cedrone and Art Mengel, sold 30 cookbooks at the Bazaar, and continued our practice of giving plants and flowers to those residents recently released from the hospital and/or ill at home.

Our November membership drive has so far gained seven new members. We are so very happy to have you join us.

The Committee's post-holiday luncheon will be on January 14 at Stone Creek. Members need to pay in advance by check made out to "cash" and given to Gloria Feltrin. For the past few years, instead of exchanging gifts at Christmas, many of us donate a personal check to Hospice of Marion County. These checks should be given to Nancy Rife, our Treasurer.

Lately, we hear that some of our residents are not receiving our phone tree messages. When the phone rings and you answer, there is a 20-25 second delay before the message begins, so some people are hanging up too soon. Please just stay on the line a little longer. When this issue of *The Communicator* arrives at your door, Thanksgiving will be over and Christmas will be just around the corner. We wish you all a very happy and healthy Holiday Season.

## ANGEL TREE

by Ellen & Bob McGrath

I'm sure many of you have seen the Angel Tree in our Lifestyle Center, since some of the angels have already been adopted. For those of you who are not familiar with the Angel Tree, it is decorated with tags, each bearing the name, age, and size of clothing the child wears. The children have been chosen by the Salvation Army and are among the neediest in our community. You are invited to adopt an angel and provide that child with an item(s) of clothing and, if you are able to do so, a small gift to make each one's holiday brighter.

The gifts should be returned to Pam's office, unwrapped, and in a box or bag. We will deliver them to the Salvation Army on December 5.

This is about the 20<sup>th</sup> year that Marion Landing has been generously participating in the Angel Tree and we thank you for your generosity.



## FOOD DRIVE

by Dave & Gloria Wilberg

By the time you read this, the annual Marion Landing Food Drive will be in full swing. We realize that this has been a very bad year economically, but there are many folks, especially children, in Marion County, who are going hungry. Unfortunately, the food pantries are also finding that often their shelves don't hold enough supplies for all the people who are asking for help. If you can spare a jar of peanut butter, a box of macaroni and cheese, a can of meat, a box of milk, or other non-perishable foods, please deposit them in one of the baskets at the Lifestyle Center. Please donate only foods in their original packages.

The hungry people in our county will appreciate your contribution, large or small.



## OPERATION IRAQ

by Evelyn Olsen

We are all very proud of the people in the Armed Forces who are serving our country. We should also be proud of the people right here in Marion Landing. Our busy hands have knitted and crocheted 806 helmet liners, which is over 300 more than last year, and we collected \$363.71 to pay for material, fillings and mailing fees. We also made 151 holiday stockings that will be filled with all sorts of goodies. I was very happy to be able to deliver all of this to Sandi Celia in Spruce Creek Preserve. Sandi has organized this huge undertaking with her community and several others in the 200 corridor. As we did last year, a number of us will join the other communities in an assembly line to fill the stockings and get them ready for shipping. I want to thank everyone who has helped with this project in any way -- a job well done!



# CHANUKAH

by Florence Lang



On Sunday, December 21, at sundown, Jews throughout the world will light the first of eight candles, commemorating one of the most joyous Jewish festivals, Chanukah, the Festival of Lights. After the Chanukah candelabrum is lit and the children retell that special event, they will receive gifts and a dreidel, which resembles a four-sided top. They will probably sing the little ditty, "Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, I made it out of clay; and when it's dry and ready, my dreidel I will play". One more candle will be lit on each of the following nights.



More than 2000 years ago, the Syrian and Greek armies conquered Jerusalem. They took the Temple away from the Jews and proceeded to fill it with statues and idols. They tried to force the Jews to worship their gods. For three years, a small group of Jews led by Judah Maccabee fought the conquerors to reclaim the Temple. When they finally defeated the enemy, recaptured and freed Jerusalem, they found only enough consecrated oil to relight the lamps for one day. Miraculously, the oil continued to burn for eight days, after which time the additional oil was consecrated and ready for use.

Since that time Chanukah, which means "rededication", has continually been remembered and celebrated.

A Happy Chanukah to all our friends and neighbors.

## A Note from the Editors:

Please don't forget that all *Communicator* inserts must be approved in advance by the Editor for that month. The next month's Editor's name appears in the box at the bottom of the current month's issue.

There is also a schedule posted on our box at the Clubhouse.

# FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

by Lois Gaugler

The Architectural Control Committee has been reviewing and updating guidelines in our Covenants to meet the requirements of State Statute 720. We are hopeful the job will be completed soon.

# WOODWORKERS

by Dan Curtin

The Marion Landing Woodworkers will hold their December meeting:

When: Wednesday, December 3

Time: 10:00 AM

Where: Dan Curtin's home—6236 SW 84th Place Road

Newcomers are welcome and encouraged to come and see what we are all about. Shop tools are not necessary, just an interest in woodworking and good fellowship. For additional information, contact Dan Curtin at 873-0418.



# PENN-DEL-MAR-VA CLUB HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

by Joan Dopler

All former residents of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia are invited to a Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 5, at 2 PM at Ruby Tuesday. There will be an optional \$1 wrapped fun gift exchange for those who wish to participate.



There is a sign-up sheet in the Lifestyle Center. Cut-off date is December 1. Come join us and get in the holiday spirit. Any questions, please call me at 854-3378. Hope to see you there.

## Community Association Manager, Cont'd

had a house in Dunnellon on the Withlacoochee. I've been married to my lovely wife Patti for almost 52 years; we have 3 children, Linda, Michael, and Daniel, who as most homeowners know, died over a year ago. I completed 2 years of college, and received pilot's and real estate licenses.

**In Marion Landing:** I help keep the bowling machines on line, do maintenance and help keep the Bowling Center clean. I also clean the pool deck, water plants, check chemicals and clean the pool on days the pool service isn't here. I assist in keeping the outdoor recreation areas clean and do some general maintenance.

**Prior jobs:** I was an apprentice photo engraver and then worked as a color separator for *The Saint Petersburg Times*. I worked for the *Times* for 34 years.

**Likes:** private pilot for 10 years, scuba diving, and I was the first in St. Petersburg to fill diving tanks with air.

### Deeann Welch, Community Association Manager

I am originally from Pennsylvania, but I have lived in Florida for 21 years. I have two children: Quinetta and Branden, and 4 grandchildren. I also have 2 sisters, and as many of you know, I had one brother, who died two years ago. I have a BA in Business Administration & Management. I majored in management and minored in accounting. I also have my Community Association Manager's License, as well as my Notary Licenses.

**In Marion Landing:** my primary duty here is to assist the Board of Directors with keeping this community running smoothly. My duties range from soliciting bids and researching information about projects and contractors, to supervising, hiring, and training the Leland Management employees who work here. I monitor all the contractors who do work on our common areas to be sure they do a good job and complete their duties in a timely fashion. In addition, I make sure the bills are paid properly and on time, attend meetings of the Board, the Architectural Control Committee, and the Finance Committee, do property inspections, and send out violation notices if they are required. I must also monitor Florida State Statutes to be sure that we are operating the Association in compliance with the law. Along with the Board and the other employees, I am responsible for the overall management and appearance of this community. I strive to maintain a good and professional working relationship with everyone. In April, I will have been here for three years. I love my job here, and it has been a joy to work with you.



**Prior jobs:** I have worked in a variety of jobs in management from accounting, to the medical field, to being a sales manager. I also ran my own business. While at JC Penney, I had 85 employees and 5 department supervisors working for

me, which can be quite challenging and rewarding. That wasn't nearly as rewarding as working for Marion Landing has been.

**Volunteer work:** I have tutored college students to help them reach their goals; helped the Salvation Army and Interfaith; and sent cookies to our troops.

**Likes:** I love spending time with my family, walks with my dog, Saturday morning coffee, Sunday Church, and talking to my mom each day.



**Check out the photos  
and other items at  
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## ELECTION COMMITTEE

*by Rose Peters*

I wish to thank Carol Mock, Janice Raffony, Tom Spencer, Fran Szutar, George Taragna, and Gloria Wilberg for all their work on the Election Committee. I would also like to thank Lorraine Rusch, Val Spencer and Ethel Taragna for helping with the registration process at the Annual Meeting. The turn-out was wonderful, helping us to reach a quorum with some to spare, and showed the interest of the community. Thank you, one and all, for listening when I had to make the many announcements and for following the instructions making everything at the election go smoothly. It was my pleasure to serve as chairperson, but I am looking forward to being "retired" once again.





## In Remembrance

Evelyn Bennet  
Hank Cedrone  
Art Mengel

October 23  
November 1  
November 14

## Thank You

A grateful thank you to the Sunshine Committee for the beautiful plant and card. I so appreciate my many friends for their cards, flowers, visits, calls and food!! All of this helped me in my recovery from my recent "re-surgery" on my knee. Marion Landing is a "very caring" home. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
*Joni Rausnitz*

Dear Marion Landing Friends,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to Operation Iraq. I am so pleased that you continued to support our project. Soon we will ship very full stockings to our boys & girls serving in Iraq. A sincere Thank You to all.

*Sandi Celia*

I want to thank all of the volunteers for doing a tremendous job on the Marion Landing Bazaar. We worked together like a precision machine. We raised \$3600.28 for the community and had a good time doing it. Thanks again, group.

*Peggy Reed*

Thanks to the Sunshine Committee for the lovely plant and also for the cards I received after my hospital stay. You are special people to do this. Thank you.

*Kathryn Groft*

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Dear Marion Landing Mah-Jongg Players,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$70.00 to Hospice of Marion County, Inc. We are sincerely thankful of your support for the special care that Hospice provides to those patients and families who are facing this difficult and challenging time in their lives. It is because of contributions from you and others that we are able to ensure that Hospice care is available for approximately 400 terminally ill patients and their families each day in Marion County, regardless of their financial status.

We appreciate your continued support of Hospice of Marion County.

*Alice J. Privett*

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President / Chief Executive Officer  
Hospice of Marion County, Inc.



A big Thank You and a very Happy Holiday Season to all the dedicated helpers who help everyone receive *The Communicator* each month.

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*Gloria, Connie & Peggy*

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# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

by Merle Gaugler

## December Birthdays

1. Carol Leonard, Vern Moe
2. Pat Smith, Linda Nelting, Gene Earlywine
3. Barbara Rowe, Owen Malcolm, Jerry Rausnitz, Ellen McGuire Manning
4. Marcy Knisley
5. Jewel Earlywine, Nancy Becker
6. Leta Simmons, Jan Sekurski
7. Mary Pat Battice
8. Jean Lejeune, John Ebinger, Armand Duquette, Mary Walsh
9. Virginia Martin
10. Mary Ann Hall, Noella Salas, Mona Collins, Peggy Reed, Carol Pfeil
11. Barb McDermott, Skip Gile
12. Lee Sauer
13. Tom Housworth, Arlene Hurley
15. Bernie Julian, Bessie Roberts, Bob Shouse, Gene Cole
16. Bill Dlhosh, Larry Parks
18. Ruth Gellenthin, Linda Martin, Mike Comer
19. Richard Fabian, Sharan Reif, Joe Stagliano
20. Don Skidmore, Joe Verba, Charlie Leagra
21. Shirley Pohlers, Robert Hnatt
22. Terry Sova, Dot Gregg
24. Brenda Hastings, Ann Juliano, Ann Hughey
25. Mary Blice, Ted Dietz
26. Mary Kelly, Jay DeWitt, Chuck Kristan
27. Marge Hoerr
28. Bob Spotswood, Ginny Dillon, Bob Swigert
29. Richard Sanborn, Jack Case, Clarence Williams
30. Ethel Rabb, Rachel Calvin, Gert Bernhardt
31. Marilyn Darnell, Jim Henderson, Bob Moose

## December Anniversaries

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|----------|--------------------------|--------|
| 1, 1962  | Nancy & Jerry Conklin    |        |
| 1, 1962  | Maureen & Bob Shank      |        |
| 2, 1966  | Ardith & Milt Thomas     |        |
| 3, 1976  | Marilyn & Jim McCready   |        |
| 4, 2001  | Mary & Jack Lippo        |        |
| 4, 2006  | Wanda & Robin Nuttall    |        |
| 5, 1970  | Sheila & Jim Reed        |        |
| 7, 1974  | Mary & Bruce Miller      |        |
| 12, 1986 | Joan & Bill Jackson      |        |
| 12, 1959 | Joyce & Charles Esworthy |        |
| 14, 1957 | Frances & Carlos Cordero | 51 yrs |
| 14, 1984 | Tina & Harry Tate        |        |
| 15, 1984 | Mary Pat & Fred Battice  |        |
| 15, 1951 | Lenore & Eugene Jesse    | 57 yrs |
| 16, 1944 | Cherie & George Litt     | 64 yrs |
| 17, 1946 | Marge & Bob Kremer       | 62 yrs |
| 18, 1949 | Dory & Bob Gibbs         | 59 yrs |
| 18, 1965 | Carol & Frank Castro Jr. |        |
| 22, 1962 | Jackie & John Jertson    |        |
| 26, 1991 | Diane & Van Jones        |        |
| 26, 1953 | Mary & Frank Walsh       | 55 yrs |
| 26, 1953 | Carol & Bob Carso        | 55 yrs |
| 26, 1953 | Doris & Wayne Eaton      | 55 yrs |
| 26, 1952 | Lucille & Carl Whitaker  | 56 yrs |
| 27, 1970 | Barb & Les Fluegge       |        |
| 28, 1974 | Joyce & Gil Grantham     |        |
| 28, 1957 | Eileen & Chuck Stannard  | 51 yrs |
| 28, 1955 | Mary & Buck Buckoski     | 53 yrs |
| 29, 1951 | Pat & Clete Steinmetz    | 57 yrs |
| 29, 1951 | JoAnn & Raymond Boyer    | 57 yrs |



## January

1. Dot Fabian, Jan Thomas, Marie Harrison, Olivia Soter, Ingrid Elsey
2. Jennie Bradley, Elizabeth Herrick, Ellen Duquette, Dennis DeStefano, Ellen McGrath
3. Bob Rhoads, Herbert Goodroe, Bob Hallameyer, Matilde Scerri
4. Lynne Farrell
5. Rhea Rouquie, Nancy Hidalgo
6. Jody Dietz, Nadine Perry
7. Carol Cohen, Bob McDermott, Marcia Torres, Patty Diuguid, Jeannie Hunter

## January

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|---------|----------------------|--------|
| 1, 1983 | Renia & Jim Thompson |        |
| 2, 1982 | Connie & Les Rowe    |        |
| 3, 1953 | Pat & Wade Harford   | 56 yrs |

