

# The Sea Gull



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## Monday

Exercise with Peg 7 AM - 8 AM

Water Aerobics 11 AM

WII Bowling 1 - 3 PM

Bingo 5 - 9 PM

## Tuesday

Chair Yoga 9 AM

Billiards 1 PM

Bid Euchre 1:30 PM

## Wednesday

Exercise with Peg 7 AM - 8 AM

Sewbirds 9 AM - 2 PM

Euchre 10 AM - 12 PM

Water Aerobics 11 AM

## Thursday

Shuffleboard 1 PM

Mah Jongg 1 PM

## Friday

Exercise with Peg 7 AM - 8 AM

Chair Yoga 9 AM

Water Aerobics 11 AM

Grandma's Bingo 11 AM

Book Club 2 PM (2nd Fri.)

Billiards 1 PM - 4 PM

## Sunday

Euchre 10 AM - 12 PM

Billiards 1 PM - 4 PM

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## Manager's Corner

**No manager note this month.**



**Robin Sexton, President**

I hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving. I truly hope that everyone enjoys the holidays and has a chance to enjoy time with family and friends. Being here is usually a struggle for a lot of us to visit with family. But the use of video chat and maybe just a phone call helps bring them closer. Thanksgiving to me, without family, is just not the same.

For those of you who have not kept up I will skim over the goings on over the past month. First on my list is the General Meeting regarding the vote on the HOA By-Laws on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. This was the first general meeting we have had in this Park since January of 2020. The Park is filling up and it was good to see familiar faces and new faces. It was also good to see a strong interest in our shared issues. This meeting was to address the proposed By-Laws that have really never been completely updated since 1988. We were able to make our quorum thanks to the proxies. The final vote was 73 yeas and 3 nays. So we have new By-Laws. It changes very little for the individual member; it does affect operations of the HOA.

At the same meeting the Nominating committee, chaired by Carol Roberts, presented the ballot for January 2022: Lori Dashiell, Kim Desrochers, Joe Feltner, Doug Irish, Bob McDermott, and Robin Sexton. There are short bios for each candidate in this issue of the Seagull for your information or

amusement. The Board Election is January 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the HOA Annual Meeting in the Clubhouse. Proxies are not allowed for elections, so your attendance is very important.

Negotiations are proceeding. The Negotiating committee, chaired by Kim Desrochers, is really working very hard on this very difficult task. She is doing an outstanding job. Everyone would be pleased by the amount of work she is putting into this very important effort. The one thing that has become very evident is that this committee needs to be formed early on in the year and it needs to continue throughout. Trying to learn what information to collect and collecting and organizing that information is not something that can effectively be done in just a few weeks. The committee is adding to their knowledge base and hopefully that will be passed on in the future to new committee members, thereby decreasing the learning curve. The first meeting went about as expected. We hope the second will go better. However, it became obvious to the Board and the Committee that legal counsel was needed. We have since obtained the services of a highly recommended attorney. This is in preparation for the very real possibility that we'll need to proceed to mediation. The Board believes that it would be foolish to not have professional help as we know ELS will.

Tie Downs should be over soon. Haven't heard many complaints. The ones we have heard have been in regards to communication and organization. Forms not getting to the contractors or contractors not knowing about certain homes. We have been working to make sure all this gets sorted out but we have had very little contact with the contractor, just the local on-site crews. Since we are an older park, many homes could only have portions done, and some not at all, D



due to clearance, obstacles, and other factors. But I guess, what can you expect for a free, government-sponsored project?

So, to all a Happy Thanksgiving. Despite all the worries and troubles many of us have had over the year, I do truly hope that everyone can find some joy or memory that they can be thankful for. It may be nothing more than today is a gorgeous day to be alive and being able to view the dawn. Personally I love watching the sunrise and I am very thankful that I have a beautiful, loving wife that I can very slowly and methodically drive nuts.



### Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida

Karen Kellen, Park Rep.

I am pleased to report that the tie down program should be completed in the next few days in our park. This program provides new tie-downs to homeowners who signed up to participate; new tie-downs at no charge. If any park owner who signed up for the program has been missed, please contact me immediately so that you are on their schedule. At completion, Storm Ready Services will be providing certificates for each homeowner. The paperwork will be delivered to the HOA President, Robin Sexton, and we will work with Robin to get them distributed to residents. It is recommended that homeowners contact their insurance companies, in hopes that this additional structural support will warrant a rate decrease. I want to recognize Ron Grove and FMO staff members for all their hard work in bringing this project to fruition.

So this prompts the big question, **Why Join FMO?**

- \* Our legislative counsel successfully kept the

tie-down program for one more year.

- \* Requires Citizens Insurance to cover mobile home attachments (sheds and carports)
- \* Defeated attempts to add 7% sales tax to our rent.
- \* FMO political consultant in Tallahassee monitors proposed legislation that may be harmful or beneficial.
- \* Our Largo office FMO staff are there to take your calls to help you with your concerns.

District meetings, which all members are encouraged to attend, discuss issues in members' parks. The next meeting is **January 20 at Cypress Creek, 28944 HUBBARD ST., Leesburg. 12:30 PM.** FMO District 3 Meeting and a light lunch. Guest Speaker Tucker DeMuth: **"How to Save on Homeowners Insurance"**. Guests are welcome. All homeowners are encouraged to join the FMO. It's only \$25.00 for one year per household, or \$65.00 for 3 years. If you are interested you can contact either myself at [karenkellen1954@gmail.com](mailto:karenkellen1954@gmail.com) or Ron at [rongrove@hotmail.com](mailto:rongrove@hotmail.com) for an application, or go to [FMO.ORG](http://FMO.ORG) to join.

Thank you.



### HOA Negotiations Committee

Kimberly Desrochers, Chairperson

It may be getting a bit chilly in Florida but negotiations are heating up! We have our second meeting coming up at the end of November with ELS representatives. We have consulted with and hired an attorney who is an expert in 723 Chapter Law aka The Florida Mobile Home Act. We are well prepared and remain dedicated to fighting for a resolution for all LST Residents.

## Lakeside Terrace HOA Officer Slate of Candidates

### Homeowner & Resident

**Lori Dashiell**

12 Lakewood



EMT and Marine Corps veteran Lori Dashiell moved to Lakeside Terrace as a full-time resident in 2018—from Georgia, via Arizona and California active duty. Our potluck dinners and our pool are Lori's favorites. Lori works at "being involved with my community, helping where I can. I would like to see an emergency preparedness plan to include residents that are home bound or have no family nearby to help. One of the many reasons I like this park is how everyone helps those in need, and how active we are."

**Homeowner**  
**Kimberly DesRochers**  
15 Lakewood

Kim and husband Claude moved their family to Florida from Ohio in 2018 and purchased a Lakeside Terrace home for her mom Deb Brown. Kim is active in Lakeside Terrace as chair of the Negotiations Committee and member of Social Club and Better Than Therapy Book Club. She says, "I'm excited about a more active HOA, positive changes for residents, and improved communications with management."



### Homeowner & Resident

**Joe Feltner**

8 Driftwood



Joe Feltner and his wife Joyce moved from Cabot, Arkansas, and have lived in Lakeside Terrace for almost five years. Joe is a retired Air Force flight engineer with both instructional and mechanical experience with Falcon Jets. The Feltners are members of the LST HOA, Florida FMO, and LST Social Club. Both Joe and Joyce are active in their church and in LST activities.

### Homeowner & Resident

**Doug Irish**

51 Lake Griffin



Doug Irish and his wife Gillian have been full-time residents for almost 4 years. A "military brat," Doug was raised in Texas and served 21 years active duty in Navy Special Ops as a diving supervisor. Doug is a golfer, fisherman, camper, diver, bowler, and as a devoted Texan, he loves to BBQ. Doug and Gil participate in Social Club and LST bowling league. Doug adds, "I believe I can help make a positive difference within our community (LST). Our HOA should combine individual networks to continue our growth."

### Homeowner & Resident

**Bob McDermott**

47 Lake Griffin

Handyman and outdoor lover Bob McDermott and his wife Debbie installed their own siding, water barrels, and landscaping on Lake Griffin. After re-locating from New Hampshire 7 years ago, Bob recently retired but still works in their long-established business. Members of Social Club and HOA, the McDermotts enjoy golf and the LST bowling league. Bob is a devoted granddad, and as a full-time resident, treasures their holiday trips to visit New England family.



### Homeowner & Resident

**Robin Sexton**

55 Eden



Current board member Robin Sexton moved from the UP (Michigan) almost 8 years ago, when he and wife Cherie joined Cherie's mom Shirley Hassom full-time in Florida. Robin identifies his goals for HOA as "better relationships with management and residents, better service and response to members' needs, and better management of the HOA itself."





By Carol Roberts



Christmas is coming (*and the geese are getting fat*)

and after a delicious and elegant Thanksgiving Dinner, headed by Gillian Irish and her family, Social Club turns to filling Santa's bag. The holidays always provide an abundance of merriment in LST; the 2021 season is no exception. Celebration begins with the annual **Toys for Kids and Food Drive** collections. Boxes are located on the stage in the clubhouse if you need to "store" your donations. The Nautical Nuts are sponsoring the annual **Holiday Flotilla** and Social Club will provide refreshments at the Marina, along with a **50/50 Raffle**. **House and Golf Cart Decorating Contests** will earn some lucky Social Club members well-deserved gift cards. You can vote for your favorites after the **Golf Cart Parade**. **Christmas Dinner** is on the back burner as Social Club recruits a chair for this event and for **New Year's Eve**.

**Be sure to WATCH Lakeside Terrace Family FB page for final activity dates.**

**Social Club** will continue to provide the events and activities we are used to attending. ***We are currently seeking volunteers to chair Christmas Dinner and New Year's Eve. Contact Carol Roberts or Martha Grove if you are willing to chair or to help in any way.***

As always, **upcoming events are posted in the kiosks, on the calendar in the Clubhouse, and on our Facebook page.** Any new residents who would like to join the FB group can contact Carol Roberts @ (937) 409 2844.

**Membership in the Social Club** is \$12 per person, per year, which funds activities, entertain-

ment, and services to everyone in the community—providing coffee and kitchen supplies year round, sponsoring free holiday dinners at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, and organizing a Birthday Bash each month for those celebrating birthdays. Traditional Social Club activities and parties also include New Year's Eve, Valentine's Day, April Fool's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Halloween, and Veterans' Day.

**Social Club meets on the first Tuesday** of each month at 7:00 PM in the Clubhouse. Meetings typically last about an hour and are followed by cake and coffee.

**Social Club Dates: Jan. 4, '22; Feb. 1; Mar. 1; and Apr. 5. Join up and Bring Your Neighbor.**

## Christmas Caroling



We are looking forward to sharing the Christmas Spirit through song with some Caroling around our park on

Tues. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 8 PM.

We would love to have lots of residents join us in the fun of singing carols for their neighbors this year. Bring your golf carts or ride with a friend and meet at the Clubhouse at 5:45 PM on Tues. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Wear your Christmas hats and dress warmly, bring a flashlight, and we will provide the Carol Books of lyrics to sing with.

Those who would love a visit from the Carolers should leave their porch light on. Rain or bad weather make-up date would be Thurs. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>

Darlene Stodola

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## The Elves Will Be Arriving Soon!



### BREAKING NEWS:

Just heard from Santa and he's sending his elves down to deliver Christmas cards this year. He was sorry he couldn't send them during the pandemic but he has assured us they have had all their shots and are looking forward to getting here.

For all our new residents and a reminder to those who have been here – we have an inner park delivery system. If you put your Christmas cards to your (in park) friends and neighbors in the white mailbox in the clubhouse, the Elf Squad will deliver them.

Please include the name and address so we can get them delivered to the correct home. It would be a big help if you have a clip or basket at your front door for the elves to put them in.

The elf squad could use some helpers sorting mail and would appreciate hearing from you if you are able to help. Please contact: Elf Peg at (352) 314-2477 before December 1st.

We'd like to thank previous elves – Shirley Hassom, the late Sally Cannon, Debbie Porterfield, Shirley Smith, Lori Moore, Nancy Vollmer and substitute elf Hubie Porterfield.

Deliveries start on Dec 1.



Peg Aniol, Elf

Carole Kolbe, Elf

## Lakeside Terrace web

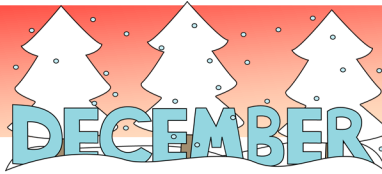
Richard Aniol

Check out the activities that have been going on at Lakeside Terrace, recent ones and from years ago. Also read the Seagull Newsletter online at [www.lakesideterrace.net](http://www.lakesideterrace.net). If anyone has anything that they would like to share with the rest of our community or if anyone has any new ideas or comments for the Lakeside Terrace web page, [lakesideterrace.net](http://lakesideterrace.net), please let me know and send it to me at [LTseagull@aol.com](mailto:LTseagull@aol.com). Please include your name. If you would like to be added to the Seagull Newsletter mailing list, or removed from it, just send me your email address and name. You could email me from the Lakeside Terrace website and also get the newsletter there, [www.lakesideterrace.net](http://www.lakesideterrace.net).



May your special day...be surrounded with happiness, filled with laughter, wrapped with pleasure, brightened with fun, blessed with love, remembered with joy and enriched with hopes. Birthday wishes go out to: Millie Banfill, Mary Burel, Judy Bryant, Dianna Grant, Donna Marcelino, Dan (Bucky) Neely, Julie Oliver, Bobby Petitt, Darlene Powell, Marilyn Quinn Bill Smith, Gloria Stephenson, Jeanette Valentino, Peggy Wathen.





## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

By Darlene Stodola

**Mary Burel** is the newest owner of 28 Lakeview Drive. She moved to LST in August 2021 from Ocala. She was born in Michigan near Flint. After Junior College she moved to Florida and raised her family of 5 children — 2 boys and 3 girls.

Her career was raising her children on a farmette in Ocala area with lots of animals for her children to help tend and be involved in 4-H.

Mary homeschooled her children for a number of years and attended their many sporting events.

Her children are all adults and each have 2 children of their own. Mary teasingly says she wishes she could have had her 10 grandchildren first.

She is very involved in her church, is in charge of the Christmas decorations committee there, and sings in the choir.

Hobbies for Mary include: sewing, art, baking, and her recently inherited Bass Tracker Boat. She enjoys mornings on the boat with her coffee and the beauty of the lake. She loves her walks around the park and going down to the pier. She will be enjoying her next birthday in December.

Mary also promotes a product line of Noni Juice, which is derived from a Polynesian fruit and helps with healing and health from within the body, as well as Modere Trim for collagen production.

Mary and Carol Roberts are collecting pictures of residents to post on a bulletin board in the



clubhouse to help get to know each other. Pictures with names and addresses can be placed in a box in Mary's carport area or by email to Carol Roberts. Mary's phone number is 352-895-7536. Welcome to Mary Burel.

**Carol Hetherington** moved to 56 Terrace Drive at LST in October 2020 from Citrus County, Florida. She is originally from Brooklyn, New York. Carol met her husband Max in Brooklyn where he was a New York police officer. He had previously served in the Navy during World War II. They moved to lower Michigan in 1963 where Max took a job as a semi-driver hauling Chevy vehicles to dealerships. Max was a native of Michigan. They moved to Florida after retirement. Max passed away after 60 years of marriage.



Carol was a housewife and mother to 4 children — 2 boys and 2 girls. She has 13 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. One child still lives in Michigan, while the other 3 are in Florida. Her son Pat and daughter-in-law Grace also live

here at 18 Driftwood Lane. Her grandchildren live in Michigan, Texas and Tennessee.

Hobbies that Carol enjoys include activities at LST such as Wii Bowling, It's not your Grandma's Bingo, Ladies of Leisure Luncheons, and Piccadilly Ladies of the Lake Red Hats. She also enjoys going to the theater, especially for Musicals.

Carol says she loves it here and is enjoying the new friends she is making. She also has a lovely view of the lake from her porch and can sit there early in the morning enjoying her coffee and the view. Her birthday is March 23<sup>rd</sup> and her phone number is 810-964-5606. Welcome to Carol Hetherington.



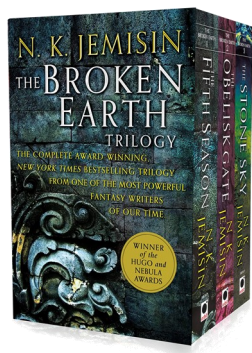
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## Turning Pages: Sci-Fi Forever

Carol Roberts

I've written before about my love for fiction in a series, works that invite the reader to travel, to explore, to linger in another world or alternate universe. Sometimes that world is historical, and real, but these days the worlds of high fantasy and science fiction seem more appealing than ever. Perhaps it's the age; perhaps it's the socio-political climate; perhaps it's global warming or the increasingly powerful influence of technology—or perhaps it's just the cycle of literary tastes, but more writers are emulating the invented worlds of Middle Earth, Narnia, Earthsea, Dune, the Seven Kingdoms, and many others.

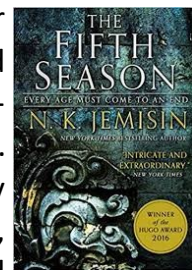
My latest discovery is *The Broken Earth Series* by N. K. Jemisin (published 2015-2017.) Jemisin's world is a chaotic, cataclysmic one in which seismic events occur like the seasons—and are called seasons, but these are seasons that last decades, even generations, akin to “the end of the world as we know it.” The volcanic events that strike the Stillness, as Jemisin's world is called, can be modulated or sometimes negated by the special gift of those inhabitants known as Orogenes. These people have the power to tap into and harness the volcanic forces within Father Earth, as she calls the planet. As powerful as they may be, Orogenes in Stillness are essentially the captives of the socio-political system established in the capital city Yumenes. Orogenes are feared by the majority non-gifted Stills in their communities as their powers can acci-



dentally destroy another person or an entire village. Orogenes are sought by “Guardians,” who are trained to teach self-control to young ones and to guide them in the use of their powers. The Guardians seek to “rescue” child Orogenes before they can harm others or endanger themselves, and young Orogenes are trained in the Fulcrum, located in Yumenes.

That's just minimal background. Jemisin accompanies this intricate setting with an equally compelling language, societal structure, and culture. A cruel and harsh caste system has evolved in the Stillness, one into which each person is assigned at birth. Abuses of power, greed, inhumanity, privilege—all converge in Jemisin's world as readily as they do in ours. Her work in establishing a believable post-apocalyptic world is masterful, and while magic is one of its major components, its human relationships, emotions, and motivations remain supremely realistic.

*The Fifth Season*, the first novel in the series, is the only one I have completed, but in itself is a marvel. Jemisin introduces her world in this novel but skillfully combines her fantasy elements with a solid knowledge of geology and rocks—the science part of science-fiction. The story line traces the journey of a secret Orogene named Essun, who is searching for her husband and daughter, after a world-ending cataclysm. Along Essun's route, Jemisin's world becomes more detailed as other fantastic beings and powers are revealed. But it is not only Essun's story we follow; her chapters alternate with the stories of Damaya and Syenite, two more Orogenes. It is not until near the end of the novel that the reader understands that these three women are one person at different stag-







es of her life. This narrative perspective is amazingly well-done; although some clues appear, it's a lovely surprise. Essun's journey is a dangerous, magical, and fantastic one that ends with a literally earth-shaking increase in her powers, but without her finding her daughter. Essun survives to continue her search in volume two of the series, *The Obelisk Gate*. I've already begun reading!

I'm HOOKED!



### Piccadilly Ladies of the Lake

Two new members were welcomed at the monthly breakfast on November 22nd at Perkin's: Jean Cherovsky and Carol Hetherington. Others enjoying the food and fun in being together were: Sue Greenwood, June Hoffert, Darlene Stodola, Deb Ludwig, Shirley Smith, Barb Stodola and Karen Keenan. We are looking forward to our Christmas Party on December 6th and a play at The Melon Patch Theater on December 12.



## Ladies of Leisure

The November luncheon was held at La Palma on November 23rd. It was wonderful to be able to gather again after a long hiatus due to Covid. Attending were: Marge Bresinski, Sue Greenwood, Jean Cherovsky, Sue McFadden, Sherry Shaw, Shirl Schmelzer, Barb Stodola, Linda Wolosyn, Sandi Serdar, Sheri Holman, Darlene Stodola, Shirley Smith, Donna Johnson, Carol Hetherington, Mary Burel and Karen Keenan. The luncheon is a monthly event held on the 3rd Tuesday. All ladies in the community are welcome to attend. The next luncheon will be held on December 21st at City Star Restaurant. Please join us.

**REMINDER:** If you sign up to attend a luncheon and find you are unable to attend, **please notify Karen Keenan at 352-365-2854 in advance.**

Reservations are made for the number who sign up and with a large group the restaurants plan space and staff accordingly. When there are no shows or if you send information with someone that you will not be attending, adjustments with the restaurants are not able to be made.



## December ANNIVERSARIES

Many best wishes and blessings to you as you continue walking life's paths hand in hand, and heart in heart. December anniversary wishes to: Rich & Peg Aniol; Terri & Randy Ellis; Jerry & Kathy Kowalski; Kenny & Rosie Ratcliff; Jim & Gail Roth; Don & Sherry Shaw; and William & Shirley Smith.

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