

# The Sea Gull



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## Monday

Exercise with Peg 7 - 8 AM  
Water Aerobics 10 AM  
Wii Bowling 1 - 3 PM  
Bingo 5 - 9 PM

## Tuesday

Chair Yoga 9 AM  
Billiards 1 PM

## Wednesday

Exercise with Peg 7 - 8 AM  
Sew Birds 9 AM - 2 PM  
Euchre 9:30 AM - 12 PM  
Water Aerobics 10 AM  
Bowling at AMF Leesburg 12 PM  
Not Your Grandma's Bingo 6:30 PM

## Thursday

Shuffleboard 1 PM  
Mah Jongg 1 PM  
Tripoli (pennies) 6 PM

## Friday

Exercise with Peg 7 - 8 AM  
Chair Yoga 9 AM  
Water Aerobics 10 AM  
Not Your Grandma's Bingo 11 AM  
Book Club 2 PM (2nd Fri.)  
Billiards 1 - 4 PM

## Saturday

Coffee Klatch 9 AM  
Meet and socialize over a  
cup of java!

## Sunday

Euchre 6 PM  
Billiards 1 - 4 PM

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## MANAGERS CORNER

Helen Bobbitt, Community Manager

Hello everyone. It's hard for me to believe that January went by so quickly. Looking forward to the Super Bowl even if my team will not be playing. Congratulations to the fans whose team will represent them.



Just a few thoughts from me this month:

As all of you know, Tommy Hill has left the community. While I am looking for a replacement I will be attempting to keep the building and grounds in good condition. If you see an area that needs attention, please do not hesitate to let me know. I sincerely appreciate the extra eyes and will do my best to correct any problems that are brought to me.

Congratulations to the new HOA board members. Looking forward to working with you guys to keep Lakeside Terrace a great place to live.

As promised, a winner of "Yard of the Month" has been chosen. I must say that the homes here make it difficult to pick a winner but we have chosen 17 Lakewood Lane. This home, owned by George and Sandra Eakright, shows a great amount of effort and care has been put into it. Congratulations.

Thank you everyone for all of your kind words and encouragement. It means a great deal to me.

## SOCIAL CLUB

Deborah Brown, Social Club President

What passes for winter in Florida is upon us. I'm still looking forward to spring, guess some things are just ingrained in us.

Our Social Club Meeting is Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. Non-members are welcome to attend as guests. We still need nominees for president. Please let Linda Greer know if you would like to serve on the board. It's a great way to get involved in the community and get to know your neighbors.

The Super Bowl Party February 12 is hosted by Darrell Diluzio and Dianne Henry.

The community yard sale is Sat. February 18. The contact person is Sue McFadden.

Treasurer Ron Grove is still accepting contributions for the LST Emergency Fund. This is a 3 month trial run through February.

There are many varied activities here and LST is a welcoming community. To new neighbors (and old) please come out and enjoy yourselves! Happy Valentine's Day. If you don't have a Valentine, get chocolate—lots of chocolate.





# HOA



**Randy Ellis, HOA President**

Well, we've made through January, our coldest month of the year. While there'll be some cold snaps during February, I'm excited to see warmer weather is just around the corner.

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, The HOA conducted its Annual Meeting. Probably the two most important things at the meeting were Robin Sexton's Annual Report, recapping the accomplishments in the past year of the board, including negotiations and the institution of the Infrastructure Committee, and secondly, welcoming the new board members. Before I go on about the present, I would like to thank the outgoing board members, Robin Sexton and Jim Filbert, for their long years of dedication to the HOA. I would also like to thank former board members Kimberly Desrochers and Joe Feltner for stepping up in the past year.

Going forward, let's welcome our new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Carol Hetherington, new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Joe Greene, new Treasurer & Agent Jeff Barstow, and, beginning his 2<sup>nd</sup> term, Secretary Will Johnson.

In the past, the board has been holding monthly meetings during weekday mornings. I would like to try to go in a different direction and hold them when we can get more residents together. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. At this meeting I would like to get input from everyone regarding the best time

to hold future meetings and how often we should hold them. I would also like to hear input on how the board can better serve the community. I'll be sharing a couple of my ideas as well. Unit owners and renters, your participation would be greatly appreciated.

On to park news. As most everyone knows, our maintenance man, Tommy Hill, has moved on. Good luck Tommy! Helen has been using maintenance personal from other ELS Parks. Helen has also hired a new pool maintenance company. Many of you who know me are aware that I'm a frequent swimmer and know the pool issues like the back of my hand. I've been very impressed with the new crew of Niko and Colton. They spend more time cleaning, and they're here every weekday, as opposed to 3 days a week by the former company.

While they've been scrubbing and vacuuming and making the pool much cleaner, two particular things caught my attention. They actually clean the filters on a regular basis. They told me that the pool filter requires a complete clean out every 2 weeks and the hot tub filter every week. The other thing that I've noticed is that before they leave, they take photographs of the both the pool and hot tub. They told me that this is done on every visit and the snapshots get uploaded to ELS upon completion.

At the last HOA meeting, George Bagley suggested that we have Helen look into the purchase of new microphones for the Clubhouse. Before even getting a chance to talk to Helen

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about this, she informed me that she'd ordered the microphones. I'll be seeking out help within the Park to see if we can get the new microphones up and running properly. I'd like to thank Helen for being so proactive. I've created a Facebook Name "Lakeside Terrace HOA." I'll be using this name to share information regarding HOA, including any notices from the office, such as future water outages. I created this so it would not be confused with my personal account. I'll also be using gmail to send messages, and of course you can email me as well. HOA email is: "lakesideterracehoa+pres@gmail.com".

If you're not in the database that Robin created, I strongly suggest you give your email address to us. I'll make forms available at all meetings, or just ask for one.

Finally, I just want to thank everyone that has put their confidence in the new board members and in me as President. We'll do our best to get answers for any questions you may have and strive to contribute in making our lifestyle living here at Lakeside Terrace a wonderful experience for all of us.

tremely useful for both Veterans and Non-Veterans. During the FMO portion of the meeting, they discussed how the Tie-Down program is progressing throughout the State of Florida as many parks have yet to be done. They suggested you hold on to the certificate that you received (if you got one last year) because the way the insurance companies are reacting about roofing, you never know if they will require proof of tie-downs.

They also discussed proposed bills that are still in the committee stages regarding the elimination of the sales tax on the re-sale of a mobile home and limiting the time allowed for a mobile home park to approve a new resident to 15 days. These bills are not possible without the input of the FMO. Keep in mind what the FMO can do for you. When FMO was able to help stop the proposed sales tax on our lot rents, that would have cost everyone in Lake Terrace in additional \$30.00 a month.

The next FMO meeting is on Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> at Parkwood Oak in Wildwood. Luann Duncan will discuss **Steps in Closing Your Winter Home**. You do not have to be an FMO Member to attend. Please consider joining our organization whose purpose is to protect us as Mobile Home Owners. Dues are only \$25 per year or \$65.00 for 3 years. If you have any question or need an application, call me at **508-697-8745** or email **randyellis01@gmail.com**



It was nice to see 4 residents in attendance at the FMO meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The guest speaker was Kirk Armstrong from Lake County Veterans Services. This information was ex-





**Jane Diodato** is the new owner of 59 Eden Drive. She moved here recently from West Monroe, New York, just north of Syracuse. Jane was born in Brooklyn and raised in Westchester County, New York.

Jane's career was as a night auditor in the hotel industry since the 1990's. She really enjoyed being able to work at night and not dealing with the heavy day-time traffic. Jane retired in 2020 when Covid caused shut downs.



Since renting in New York has become so expensive, Jane found Florida to be a more economical retirement home choice. She found LST online and likes being in a community on a lake. She also likes the warmer weather here.

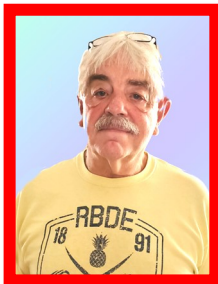
Jane's significant other is Mike, who is still living on Lake Oneida in New York. He will be joining Jane next fall. Jane also has a daughter in the Dallas, Texas area with 2 grandsons.

Her hobbies include: Diamond Art, collecting signed cookbooks and meeting the authors, Italian cooking, and Bingo. She has a 10-month old Boston terrier named Ellie Mae. She's looking forward to trying Not Your Grandma's Bingo, Bingo, Euchre, Tripoli, and Billiards at LST.

Jane's birthday is in May and her phone number is 917-280-4981.

Please welcome Jane to our community.

**James Waino** is the new owner of 28 Lake Griffin Drive. James moved here from New Jersey last fall. He was born in Ishpeming, Michigan and lived in Negaunee, Michigan until he was about six years old. Then the family moved from Upper Michigan to Budd Lake, New Jersey. James attended West Morris High School. James says most people think his name is Italian, but it's actually Finnish. It's pronounced with a long "a" vowel sound.



James has 4 daughters: Amanda, Ashley, Victoria, and Vanessa and also 2 granddaughters: Lily and Amelia. Victoria and Lily live in Connecticut and the rest of the family live in New Jersey. He also has a girlfriend who's still working for the Post Office in New Jersey.

James worked for the US Postal Service for 31 years as a rural route carrier. In retirement, he has been a volunteer for the Father John's Animal House, which is a non-profit rescue and pet adoption home. They successfully adopted out 800 dogs and cats last year. They're a no-kill shelter. Many of the animals they've placed have come from the South.

James loves animals and would be interested in taking care of pets for people on vacation or doing dog-walking during the day for residents. He's thinking of becoming a foster owner of a dog at some point.

During the months of April and May, James is an official for track meets back in New Jersey in Sussex and Morris Counties and state finals. He

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has been a track official for over 30 years and also a football official for 24 years. James will go back again this year to officiate at the track meets.

He found Lakeside Terrace on the Top Retirement locations for 55 plus. He always wanted to retire to Florida after visiting friends in Florida while he was in college at Western Carolina University. **By Darlene Stodola**



WOW!!! Our first Coffee Klatch was a success. We had 28 people. Thank-you for supporting this event. Join us for coffee and donuts Saturdays at 9:00 AM in our Clubhouse. **Kathleen Smales**

## Bingo!

**June Hoffert** took home \$121.00, Monday, January 23rd, winning the Bingo game "Circle 7" and calling Bingo on the cookie jar number of 41. Join us for an evening of Bingo fun every Monday. Five dollars buys you a packet of over 20 games. Packet sales begin at 5 PM, games start at 6 PM. Maybe you can be the next big winner.



To all the days here and after, may they be filled with fond memories, happiness, and laughter. Joyous February birthday greetings to: **Hazel Cotzin, George Bagley, Nancy Barcus, Chandra Been, Doris Buyarski, Maryanna Foster, Ron Grove, Will Johnson, Martha Kelley, Sandi Kinser, Tonya Lawhorn, Nancy Miles, Louise Redmond, Shirley Smith, Lou Ann Stodola, & June VanAmberg**



Best wishes to: **Bill & June Hoffert, Skeeter & Judy Bryant, and Terry & Sandy Miles!** May the freshness of your love remain in your hearts forever.

## Ladies of Leisure

Twenty-six ladies attended and enjoyed the Japanese Cuisine at Sumi II on January 17th. This restaurant features an extensive menu, the atmosphere is inviting, and the service prompt and attentive. The following ladies enjoyed the leisurely lunch and the chance to spend time with each other: Sherry Shaw, Martha Grove, Joanne Speas, Marge Bresinski, Jean Cherovsky, Sue Greenwood, Darlene Stodola, Mavis Larmay, Doris Buyarski, Barb Stodola, Kathy Walden, Jeanne Sullivan, Hazel Cotzin, Sue McFadden, June Jourden, Diane Walker, Sandi Sedar, Mary Burel, June Hoffert, Jane Belanger, Linda Greer, Deb Ludwig, Linda Wolosyn, Shirley Smith, Ann Reeves and Karen Keenan. The February luncheon will be on the 20th at the Fish Camp, south on 441 on Lake Eustis. *submitted by Karen Keenan*

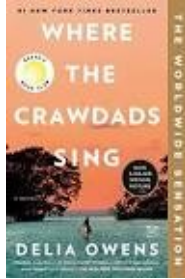


## Turning Pages

Ruth Bernier



Author Delia Owens wrote “**Where The Crawdads Sing**” in 2018. This was written as a murder mystery novel, set in the North Carolina bayous.



**1952:** Kya (given name Catherine Danielle Clark) is the youngest of five siblings in an isolated marsh. She watches as her mother leaves the marsh with suitcase in hand. Her mother has left because of the abuse of her husband. Her mother does not return. Slowly, one by one, her siblings also leave, which leaves just Kya and her father.

Her father temporarily stops drinking and Kya learns how to fish and get food and plants to sustain herself. Her father gives her a knapsack so that she could collect shells, marsh creatures, and also feathers from different birds. She starts doing paintings of these with the watercolors that her mother left behind.

One day she finds a letter in the mailbox. Her father snatches it from her, reads the letter, becomes infuriated, then burns the letter and most of his wife's belongings. He returns to drinking and takes long trips to do gambling. Eventually, he doesn't return at all. Kya assumes he has died.

Thanks to her relationship with nature and the kindness of Jumpin' and his wife Mabel (a black couple) who run a gas station and store at the

boat dock in town, she survives and sustains her life alone in the marsh.

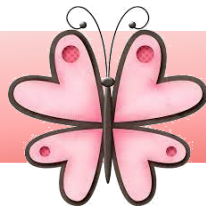
Kya becomes known as the Marsh Girl. She attends school only one day. Embarrassed, she never goes back.

She's befriended by her older brother Jodie's friend Tate Walker. He teaches her how to read and write, and eventually forms a romantic relationship. When he leaves for college, he promises to return to Kya, but, while away, he realizes that she could not adapt to his social world and he leaves Kya alone with his broken promises.

**1965:** Kya is 19 and still ostracized. The star quarterback of the high school asks her for a date. He tries to sexually assault her and she runs away. He apologizes and she gives him another chance. They date for a year and Chase tells her he loves her. Kya makes a necklace for him, a distinctive shell she found and hung on a rawhide string. He wears it every day. Thinking he was intending to marry her, she goes away for the weekend with him and sleeps with him. Shortly afterwards, she sees an announcement in the paper about his engagement to another girl. Kya ends the relationship.

When Tate finishes college, he comes back and confesses his love for Kya. She rejects him. Seeing her collection of shells, he encourages her to write a book. Working with her, she publishes two books on seashells and birds of the marsh, earning enough money to pay off taxes for the house and land and renovate the cabin.

Three years after their last encounter, Chase



confronts Kya, intent on continuing their affair. She refuses, he beats her, and again attempts to rape her. Two men witness the attack, but Kya knows the town won't take her side. A few weeks later, Kya is invited to an out-of-town meeting with her publishers. During her time away, Chase is found dead in the marsh, lying face up at the base of the fire tower where he had once taken Kya on a date.

**1970:** Kya is tried for Chase's murder. The sheriff and deputy find clues and townspeople tell them about the assault on Kya. They believe she killed him out of revenge. Shoddy evidence is given at trial and she is found not guilty. Tate and Kya become lifelong partners and live a full life together. She dies at age 64. Tate discovers a cache of poems written by A.H., who turns out to be Kya. One is a description of Kya murdering Chase. Tate burns the poems.



***“Marsh is not swamp. Marsh is a space of light, where grass grows in water, and water flows into the sky. Slow-moving creeks wander, carrying the orb of the sun with them to the sea, and long-legged birds lift with unexpected grace — as though built to fly — against the roar of a thousand snow geese.”***

Many people at the book club expressed their reasons for liking / not liking the book. Some people said she murdered Chase out of revenge; others said she murdered him for self-preservation. If you read the book, you may form your own opinion. Mine was for self-preservation.

Love  
We toss the word love around  
Like we would pebbles from the  
ground  
“I must confess  
I love your dress”  
“I love your new look  
Straight from a fashion book”  
And your new man  
I love how he holds your hand”  
We love that and we love this  
Now, that just seems silly to me  
Love is a feeling not something you  
see  
Love is a very special word  
One you may have heard  
How easily we say it about inani-  
mate things  
Things that don't give a damn  
Yet it's hard to say “I love you”  
To someone who could love you  
back  
Like your children, your father  
your mother  
Sister, brother, your lover  
AND GOD  
Express your love to the one above  
He already loves you back  
Now don't be afraid, don't hesitate  
Say after me, it's never too late  
I LOVE YOU



The SEWBIRDS have had a great time making turtles this past week. We have a Jelly Roll race planned for the upcoming week. Stay tuned for pictures. We welcome new people to join our sewing group.

Maryanna Foster

By



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Linda Greer



The first LST Community Yard Sale will be held on Sat. February 18, 2023, 9-3. The Social Club will be setting up tables at multiple locations in the park to sell donated items. Residents are welcome to set up their own tables and are asked to donate \$10 to the Social Club to help pay for advertising. Volunteers are needed to help sell items at the Social Club tables. See the list below to find a location nearest you to drop off your gently used merchandise. Items may be dropped off at the following sites starting Thursday, February 16, or make arrangements with your neighborhood host.

As of now, these are the Social Club hosts:

- Diane Walker, 4 Clubhouse Dr.**
- Jean Cherovsky, 48 Eden Dr.**
- Carol Roberts, 54 Lake Griffin Dr.**
- Debbie Boyd, 87 Lake Griffin Dr.**
- Linda Greer, 20 Lakeview Dr.**
- Marge Bresinski, 30 Lakeview Dr.**
- Kathleen Smales, 10 Lakewood Lane**
- Carol Hetherington, 56 Terrace Dr.**
- Sue McFadden, 63 Wintergreen Dr.**
- Sandi Serdar, 66 Wintergreen Dr.**

**Bake Sale at: Darrell & Dianne 36 Lakeview Dr.**

Lil' D will let the bakers know when and where to begin dropping off goodies.

We have permission from Helen to sign out tables from the Clubhouse, limit one per household, on Friday Feb. 17, from 4:00 - 6:00 PM.

Sue will be at the Clubhouse to handle table check out and to accept \$10 donations from private sales sites. We have a volunteer willing to deliver the tables during this time period. Tables must be returned by Sunday afternoon. Sunday volunteer pickup will be 2:00 - 4:00 PM. More information will be shared following the Social Club meeting on Feb 7. All Yard Sale participants, both private and volunteer hosts, are encouraged to attend. Thanks everyone for all of the support on this new fundraiser.

## *With Sympathy*



This January we lost a dear friend and neighbor, Bill Kellen. We offer our sincerest sympathy to Karen and her family. Karen's beautiful tribute follows: On 1-17-23 the most

amazing man took his final journey to heaven to meet his son Steven and our precious little Yorkie Gracie. He was the kindest, gentlest, funny, and sentimental man. He loved family above all else and was a friend to anyone that met him. He absolutely loved living in Florida and this community, working in the yard and talking to anybody that passed by. Relaxing at the pool, dancing at the Villages, Bingo and welcoming people in our home brought him so much joy. I was blessed to walk by his side for almost 40 years. We had a beautiful life together filled with wonderful memories. To say his passing is overwhelming is an understatement. Godspeed sweetheart. Until we meet again. A celebration of life is being planned in the near future.

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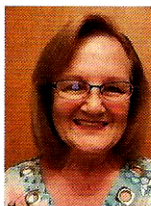
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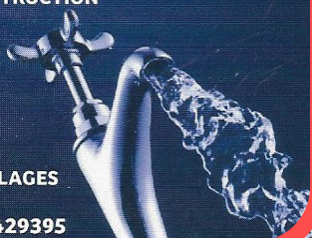
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