

The Sea Gull



Lakeside Terrace, 24 Sunrise Lane, Fruitland Park, FL 34731 January, 2021

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Monday

WII Bowling 10 AM-12PM

Bingo 1 PM-4 PM

Water aerobics— on hold

Activities

in the club house

are on hold due

Increase of covid 19

in the park.

Tuesday

Chair Yoga 9:00 AM

Produce Man 11 AM

Bid Euchre 2 PM–4PM

Wednesday

Euchre 10 AM -12 PM

Not your Grandma's Bingo 1:30 PM

Water aerobics— on hold

Friday

Chair Yoga 9 AM

Grandma's bingo 11 AM

Book Club 1PM - 2PM

(monthly, second Friday)

Billiards 1PM-4PM

Sunday

Euchre 10 AM– 12PM

Billiards 1PM-4PM

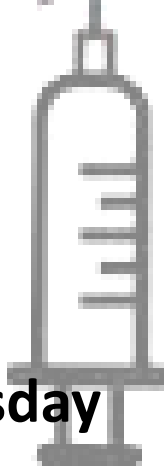
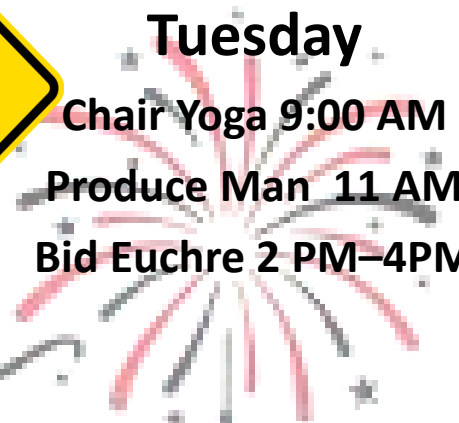
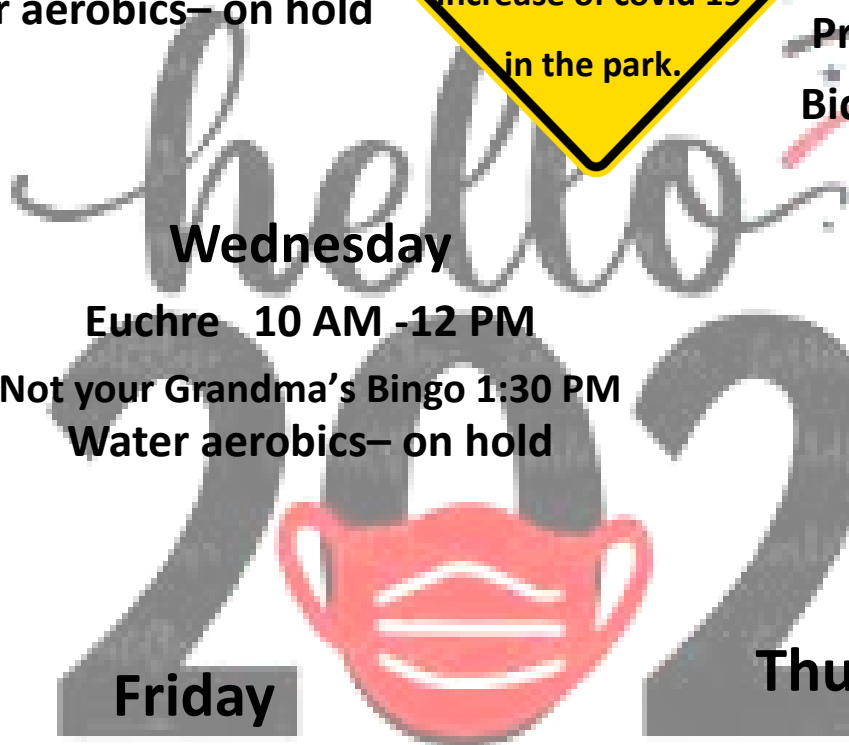
Thursday

Sewbirds 9AM-12 PM

Shuffleboard 1 PM

Saturday

Bean Bag Toss 1PM



Manager's Corner

Linda Nier, Community Manager

I want to take this moment to thank you for your joint effort to keep Lakeside Terrace as safe from Covid-19 as possible. We all must still shop, go to Doctor's appointments, keep some sense of normalcy and still maintain social distancing. We together have worked to keep each other as safe as possible. Thank You! And still, we have those who do not wear a mask, those who are asymptomatic, those who walk around not knowing they have the virus but still socialize. Please be careful! As a community we are in this together.



We now have more than a few residents who have tested positive for the virus. As you know all the amenities have been closed except for the pool and spa. These amenities will remain closed until we feel that it is safe for the residents and then we will reopen. I am anticipating the end of January 2021?

I will begin the 360 inspections hopefully within the next 2 weeks. Remember to remove the items laying outside and around your home. Nothing should be on the ground outside except for your trash cans, and lawn furniture. NO tires, boxes, old paint cans, mulch, gravel, rakes, potting soil, planting pots etc. Nothing outside. Nothing on your driveways other than patio furniture. Remember to pressure wash your home

and driveway, and clean any lattice work you have hanging.

Remember when selling your home by owner or by realtor to let your buyer know about the pass thru taxes and renewing your mobile home license. Remember if you are the seller to notify the office if you are on EFT and are about to close on your home or are selling it.

ELS rules for compound, slips in the marina or storage area require a 30-day notice of cancellation. If a 30-day notice (hand written or emailed) is not given within 30 days, the contract for the storage or boat slip will remain on your ledger until the notice has been properly given. If the key to the storage compound is not returned your ledger will be charged \$35.00 per month until it is returned.

I have seen increasingly motorized 2-wheel bicycles or forms of transportation which are not a moped and have not been approved to be in the park by this office. Whoever that is, please contact the office at once.

Remember, I realize there are so many changes to our lives lately. However, if you have anyone in your home for more than 30 days and have not had them park approved then please contact this office. In addition, if you are not on a lease and the primary leaseholder moves, vacates, or passes away it is



your responsibility to notify the office and process an application to approve you as the new lease holder.

Our projects for this year are as follows: To pave 3 old roads, to rebuild the deck off the clubhouse, to enlarge the lounging area at the pool and to add a new commercial grade fence with automatic locks around the pool area. As you know these items will be worked on over the months. You know I do not know when these will be scheduled. There are lots of things to do to get the process started but when I know you will know.

We do have new residents on Lake Griffin who are deaf. A sign has been added, so please slow down... they cannot hear you.

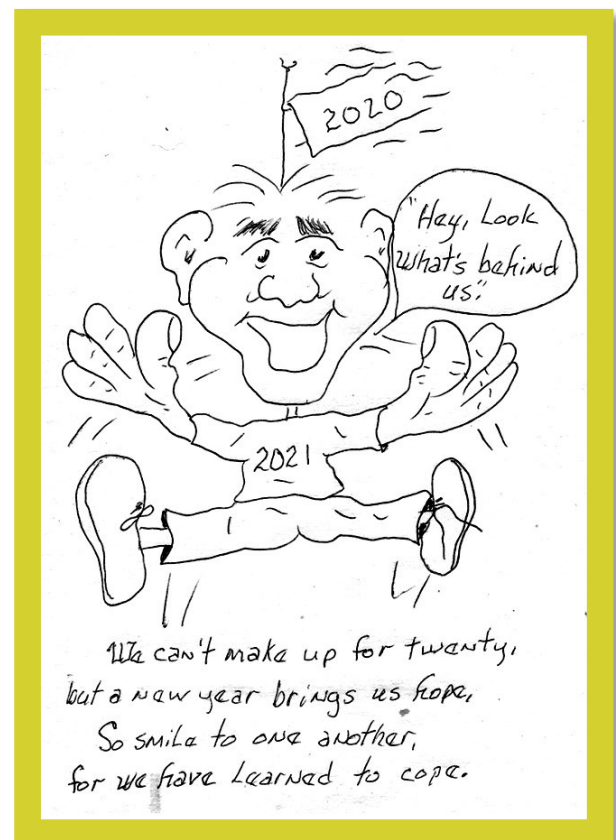
I hope the rainy season will be starting soon and it has always been a dream of mine that those who do not edge their drive-ways, or around their trees, rock gardens and along the road would begin to. It is such a nice clean look and makes the park look so professional.

I want to share something with you. I have been the Community Manager here at Lakeside Terrace since 2010. I have worked with the Social Club for 10 years. Each President has offered something special or has had a kindness or a skill that has been unique to others but the one thing they have had in common was the wellbeing of the community. The Social Club cannot take credit for some of the things they have accomplished by thinking and acting outside of the box.

They have helped residents with a wide variety of needs and some that required confidentiality, and compassion. Whenever I have called upon the social club for assistance they have never said "No" and have always found a way. You should be proud of this organization. I know I am!

I want to take this opportunity to tell you what a wonderful group of shining stars you are. You make me proud to say I manage this park. You make me proud to know you. Thank you for making my job and my life easier. Because of you I continue to try to not only make your park a better place to live but to be proud for you to call it home.

Have a great day! And stay safe!





By Robin Sexton, President

Happy New Year, I truly hope everyone does have a Happy New Year but let's be honest, it ain't starting out that way. Currently we are still dealing with the COVID-19 virus and it is affecting all of us in various ways. The biggest is just the way we interact socially. For Christmas my wife and I pretty much just did the video Christmas. Not the same as being able to spend actual time with family but for everyone's health we really couldn't risk it. Everyone had high hopes that the vaccines would provide a big change. However, I have to say that the roll out, at least in Florida, could have gone better. I know many of us are searching for a list or a location where we can get vaccinated, if not for ourselves then for someone we care about. Frustrating is putting it mildly. Speaking of Covid, I know there are opinions all over the spectrum as to the seriousness, prevention, mortality, how infectious it is, etc. I know several people in the medical field. They all stress that this is serious and getting worse. Locally I recently had the opportunity to speak with a Hospitalist at a local hospital. For those that may not know, a Hospitalist is one of the Medical Specialties. The easiest way I can define them is, they are the General Practice Doctors who work the Hospital floors. This local Doctor staffs at a couple of the local Hospitals. He told me that currently he is seeing about one death every four days related to Covid. He also told me that the problem isn't so much the mortality but that the Covid patients are filling up the Hospitals. At one hospital he works he has had a patient housed in the Emergency Department for two days due to no bed space. This patient was being treated for a stroke. So, serious health conditions may have difficulty finding bed

space. Please, for the foreseeable future we will be wearing masks and social distancing. No matter what your opinion it's for the safety of your family, friends and neighbors, take this seriously. OK, now to HOA business. The Board meeting for December was adjourned due to lack of quorum. I want to clear up one misunderstanding. IF you have your name on a title for one of the Homes in this park you are a MEMBER of the HOA. This HOA charges no dues and requires very little from our members. We would like to know who you are though, if you don't mind. So if you are not getting information from the HOA via e-mail please send an e-mail to lakesideterracehoa@gmail.com Each Home gets one vote, if we can ever get a chance to vote on anything. Normally, in January is the Big General Membership Meeting. For us to have meeting with a quorum our current By-laws requires 60 members to be present. I did have a suggestion recently that we could have an outdoor meeting. I know they meant well but short of having the meeting in the storage yard with a PA and speakers I don't see that being logistically possible. Also at this meeting we are suppose to select new Board Members and other corporate functions. Obviously we won't be having this meeting this month. Florida Statutes allows us to amend our By-Laws with an Emergency clause whereby we can enact a "Stand in Place" policy. Basically, everything stays the same, Board officers, Budget, etc. until we can hold a meeting. If this lasts 'til summer we will be pretty hard pressed to have 60 members in the Park. So personally, I don't see a General meeting till the fall at the earliest. Now, recall earlier in this paragraph where I said " we don't require much from our members"? Here is the little bit we do need. One of the big items on the HOA's jobs is to negotiate with



Management on the issue of Rent increases. Every year we have the Right by statute to meet with Management and discuss a Rent increase and review their basis for the increase. To do this our By-Laws specify a Negotiating Committee. This committee would be asked to research tax increases, other park comparisons, amenities, change in costs etc. Then in the fall, when notified of the anticipated increase, file a demand to meet with Management. I haven't researched the history that much but in the years that I have been here I don't remember the Members ever meeting with Management. So, to put it briefly, we are looking for anyone in the park that may be interested in helping in some way. Members with knowledge of property management, tax, business or even just an interest in giving it a shot. Please contact me or any Board member and we can answer questions and provide assistance for some information and training. We would like to be rolling by March and much of this can be done via email and video. You don't have to be a full timer. During our January Board meeting we covered a few items. First and I do mean literally a first was a budget. OK it sounds a lot more impressive than it is. According to our By-Laws we are required to have a budget and this budget must be approved by the General Membership, that damn voting thing again. Anyway our brand, spanking new budget is pretty much just our current assets \$10,340.65 in C. D.s and \$6,613.02 in checking. Expenses, State annual filing fees and \$300.00 in operational or office expenses. We have no predicted Revenue except \$0.65 in Checking Interest. Basically the same as last year, if we had a written budget last year. The Board will begin working on a completely new set of By-Laws, basically to bring our current By-Laws to better reflect current



law, practice and proper form for our type of Corporation. When complete, the draft By-Laws will be sent out to the membership for comment and then presented for a vote either in the fall or at the January 2022 meeting, even if we have to hold it in the storage yard. Now, let's go back to that "we don't require much from our members". Yearly, we solicit for a list of "Wants" or "Wishes" that we present to Management for their planning and budget. Please submit your ideas either by e-mail, to a current Board Member or in the HOA mail box in the Club House, if we can ever get in. Yes, the request for a Pub in the Club house will be resubmitted for the 10th time. It is with great regret I have to report that our slightly famous, noble and rising star, Al Pearce, our 2nd VP has tendered his resignation. He will be missed. So, we need a replacement. Please consider volunteering. It doesn't take a lot of time. A little required training, able to do e-mail, a few meetings a year and the desire to speak up and be heard. Again, send an e-mail, talk to a current Board member, or drop a note in the HOA Box. The pay ain't great but the glory and prestige! Well, what can I say. Usually in my member bulletins I try to add some levity to what is basically some pretty dry and boring stuff. I thought about it hard these last few days. I just can't do it this time. Last Wednesday I saw something that I truly never thought I would ever see in my life. The "event" we all saw occurring in Washington DC made me sick to my stomach. Particularly one image, of a character stalking the halls of the Capitol waving a Confederate flag, literally turned my stomach. I know each and everyone of us will have their own personal thoughts and feeling of this event. I don't expect anyone to agree with me. I just can't find humor in anything right now. My apologies, but I just couldn't keep silent



By Laura Erwin

As Debra said we did have a “Bumpy” end to November, and as December came into view, we became excited with the ideas that people began to share with us.

We started with the Golf Cart parade, with 17 entries and the best decorated cart won by Darrell and Diane. We had cupcakes and cider arranged by Ron and Martha and the boat parade with the prize going to Kelly. The highlight of the night was the collection of Toys which included two bikes, and the Food collection which was greatly appreciated. Thank you All for your contributions.

Our next adventure started with a suggestion from Sue Furry, which became the Santa’s Sweepstakes. The whole community got a chance to win a present. We were able to give away 16 presents that included a big donation by Sue of 4 Food baskets. which I understand were very much appreciated and donations from Carol Roberts that included some household items. As I delivered these presents to people, I was very humbled by the positive response. Some said they had never won anything, and some were only glad to get a present for Christmas.

My favorite was a suggestion from Tom Kedrowski to “Decorate your house” and we were amazed at the hard work everyone did on their

houses. The lights were AWESOME. Tom and Trish won 25 dollars for the best decorated house. Good Job done by all.

We had a 50/50 Drawing that brought Henry Haas \$139.00. He wanted me to tell you all that he was grateful that you all contributed.

Debra and Martha took on the task of putting together a “Box” for Christmas Cards so that we could continue to say Merry Christmas to our friends. A small group of volunteers decorated Christmas trees and decorated the Club house and the outside area. Even though we did not get to use the area it was nice to be a part of getting it ready in case things changed.

As we got closer to the end of December things got “Bumpy” again and we made it into the New Year with no fanfare, no dancing in the clubhouse and no “Auld Lang Syne” with friends.

As we get into January we have one raffle, “The Vacation Getaway”, but it will end the day this gets to you. So we’ll report on that later.

We developed an “EVENT PLANNING FORM” because we needed help keeping us on track and giving us guidelines for what needed to be done. We are asking you to use this form, which you can get from the clubhouse or from a board member to use before bringing all your great ideas to us.

As we go into the future, which is still unclear, I have started thinking about activities to do that fit within the Safety Guidelines we have. It can



be done, and we hope that some of you will help us in our effort to bring you a little bit of an adventure

I have some thoughts; they are not complete, but I am thinking of a February contest that involves "Who's been married the longest" or a Valentine Photo Booth, maybe a Golf cart adventure in February as we hunt for a "Pot of Gold". Maybe an Easter egg Hunt with eggs that have "everybody's favorite inside" CASH.

If any of these sound like something you would like to see developed give me a shout. Of course, we will continue to work towards our goals of finding something fun to do.

On a personal note: I have been blessed to be a part of this community and the Social Club. With all the politics in the country right now, the

talk about the constitution and what that means to us I thought I needed to remind us all of the constitution of the Social Club which says:

Article 2

The purpose of the Social Club is to set up ways and means to the end that all good things possible may be served and kept in good force for the good of the residents/homeowners of this community, and to promote the spirit of loyalty, cooperation, happiness, and fellowship among all homeowners/residents and cooperation with the management.

If you are not a member of the social club and this statement speaks to you. If you just want to be a part of something bigger than yourself. If you are looking for a good time. Come join us. We will try to live up to our "Constitution".

Social Club Event Form

What is the event: _____

Description of the event: _____

Location of the event: _____

Proposed date: _____ Time (s): _____

What is needed for the event? _____

Who is the chairperson and what are they doing? _____

Assistants/crew: _____

What is the cost to the Social Club? _____

Do you need it in advance? Yes _____ No _____ Date needed _____

Will admission Tickets be sold? Yes _____ No _____ ticket cost _____

Please Note: Social club functions requires 50/50 sales, please prepare for that and arrange the sales. This is our liability insurance. The social club board can approve up to \$200.00 for an activity. Any activity over \$200.00 must be approved by a social club vote at a regular meeting. Please contact the social club president for approval.

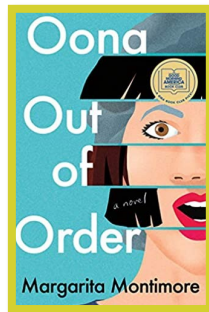
RE-Turnin' Pages

By Carol Roberts



What happens when your family takes you north for six weeks . . . Yep, I missed a book club meeting or two, but reading??? Where to start? I think I read a dozen books: good, bad, and maybe even ugly. Two that I would recommend use two different versions of “time travel,” one of my favorite devices in fiction, and one that was especially appealing as we counted down the minutes to the start of a new year.

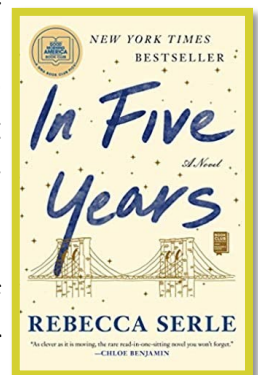
In *Oona Out of Order*, by Margarita Montimore, main character Oona Lockhart experiences a “condition” in which she collapses and wakes up just after midnight in every new year, but in a different period of her life.



The event first occurs when she is eighteen. Oona is facing a decision in her life—should she study economics in London as she and her best friend have planned or should she stay in Brooklyn playing in her boyfriend’s band, on the cusp of a big break. Oona’s decision is taken from her at midnight; when she wakes, she finds herself nineteen intellectually and emotionally, yet living her fifty-fifth year, physically and financially. Oona-on-the-inside ages linearly from the age of eighteen while Oona-on-the-outside shows the age into which she has traveled. This random pattern continues throughout her adult life as Oona gradually learns to grasp the threads of continuity that exist through people in her life and to direct events by leaving herself letters each year. The plot points are moving and interesting, but the most significant ideas are the approach to the

nature of time. The novel addresses the idea that time is not an irreversible succession of events from past to present to future. Montimore hints at Einsteinian theory that time is not linear but is an ever-changing now. This novel is entertaining, interesting, and clever—and presents an opportunity for philosophical consideration, too.

In Five Years by Rebecca Serle, presents another female protagonist whose life is dramatically affected by time, choice, and chance. It is a moving love story about five years in the life of Dannie Cohen, a high powered Manhattan lawyer who has everything she has ever wanted, whose life is unfolding perfectly. Dannie has planned her life out, deciding when to focus on career, when to choose to marry, when to build a family. But on the evening after she has secured the next step in her career, the evening after she has finally become engaged to her long-time boyfriend, an exhausted Dannie falls asleep only to wake five years later, in a different apartment, engaged to a different man. An hour later, she finds herself back in her normal life, trying to shake off the effects of her disturbing “dream.” Four and a half years later, she is introduced to the man in the dream, her best friend’s true love. Can she overcome her attraction to him? Can she prevent herself from breaking her best friend’s heart? Real love is the theme of this novel and heartbreak is its shadow.



**MY NEW YEARS RESOLUTION
IS TO STOP PROCRASTINATING,
BUT I’LL WAIT
UNTIL TOMORROW TO START.**



On Another Note...

Kelly Veilleux

It always intrigues me when I hear someone say the bible is boring and hard to read... I wonder if they realize that many of the movie plots that Hollywood produces come from the pages of scripture! The proverbial “bad guy verses good guy” story line that so many movies are based on comes directly from the Bible.

Take for instance the Old Testament book of Joshua. I love the stories in that book for several reasons. Let me recap a story for you; many years earlier in the book of Genesis we find a man name Abraham. God called Abraham out of the middle of idolatry and lead him many miles away so he could preserve the faithful lineage which would eventually become the family that the promised Messiah would be born into. Abraham and his wife Sarah, who at the ripe old age of 90, became the parents of Isaac. Isaac became the father of Jacob whose name was later changed to Israel. He had 12 sons who became the 12 tribes of Israel, later known as the “Israelites”. The Old Testament tracks the movements of the “Israelites” for centuries, bringing them out of slavery on several occasions. (Genesis and Exodus)

The book of Joshua picks up the story near the end of a forty year period of time that the “Israelites” had been “wandering in the desert” due to their disobedience and unbelief. And

now after God had protected them and done amazing miracles for them out in the desert they find themselves once again on the borders of the “promised land”.

The great Jordan River is before them, and without a means to cross over, God performs the parting of the waters miracle once again for them so they can pass safely to the other side. They are then faced with the stronghold city of Jericho. This city was known for its huge walls and mighty men of war and godlessness. In order for the “Israelites” to move forward that city must be removed, but how?

God then gives the strangest “battle-plan” to Joshua, telling him to assemble a parade of priests and soldiers and march them around the city once a day for 6 days; and on the 7th day to march around it 7 times. On that 7th lap around the city they were instructed to shout praise to God. What a mission of faith this was, to praise God **before** the miracle happened! And of course you know the ending, the walls of Jericho fall and God’s people move forward in victory! (see Joshua 1-6)

I find that when I praise and thank God in the midst of a crisis, **before** the victory it strengthens my faith! Perhaps there are walls in your life and mine that God wants to remove so we can move forward to victory and be prepared for that “promised land”! Jesus is coming soon!

Let’s cultivate the habit of thankfulness this New Year, and trust that God will make a way even when it seems impossible!





Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida

Welcome to a new, and hopefully much better, year! I am very pleased that the FMO magazine published a nice article with pictures about our Christmas parades and Sally Cannon toy collection. Even in this pandemic we can have fun and do good things. We've just got to be a little creative!

I wish I could create more interest in our residents to join the FMO. It's the only organization working to protect our life style – home owners on leased property. We need protection. It's only \$25 per year for your household or \$65 for 3 years. Life time memberships are no longer available but I would like to recognize Nancy Barcus as being our only resident who is a life time member of FMO – thank you Nancy! This year the main legislative effort is to renew the tie down bill for another 10 years. It expires this summer and FMO is the only organization working to renew it. We are on the list of communities to receive the FREE tie downs – IF IT IS RENEWED!!! Most of our homes are 30 or more years old and even if they have straps they are probably rusted through and would not hold in a substantial wind.

Please consider joining. You can join online – FMO.ORG – or stop by and fill out an application that I will send in for you. Don't hesitate to ask any questions.

Ron Grove 38 Lakeview Dr. 352 801-7919



January Anniversaries

The best love is the kind that awakens the soul. That makes you reach for more, that plants the fire in your hearts and brings peace to your minds. That's what we wish for you. Happy Anniversary to: **Michael Bernd & Karen Keenan; George & Martha Kelley**



January Birthdays

Birthday wishes to Peg Aniol, Cecile Carr, Donna Covell, Kathy Craft, Ron Cusimano, Sue Greenwood, Henry Hauss, Grace Hetherington, Frank Hipp, Carl Jackson, Sandi Jischke, Tom Kedrowski, Bob McDermott, MaryAnn Paquette, Tom Pierce, Chuck Powell, Bob Rayunas, Carol Roberts, Don Shaw, Pat Small, Joanne Speas, Phyllis Tomlinson, & Kathy Walden.

DEC 22 - JAN 20

Happy Birthday

You are a typical Capricorn;
hardworking, loyal and
sometimes stubborn.





In Loving Memory



This past month we have lost three friends and neighbors: Robert Thomas, Dick Bird, and Ed Schwartz. To Ed's wife Judi and his family, and the families of Robert and Dick, please accept our sincere condolences for your loss. May our Lord help you get thru this difficult time and ease your pain.

Robert Thomas passed away December 29, 2020. His son Mike writes how grateful he was to have had him for a Dad. He said he was so involved with their family as they grew up; Cub Scouts, Little League, Y Indian Guides, Bantam Keglers, camping, fishing trips and many golf outings. Robert retired from Michigan State University after 30 years.

Dick Bird passed away on January 1, 2021. He loved golf and bowling. We also remember Dick's love for dogs, taking care of "Foster" when the family could no longer care for it. He would be seen walking and dog sitting many neighbors' dogs.

Ed Schwartz, Dick's neighbor across the street passed away on January 10, 2021. He and his wife Judi were married for 48 years and had a blended family of 5 children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He worked as a staff assistant at a funeral home for 50 years.

Robert E. Thomas, 85

December 29, 2020

Formerly of Williamston, Mi.

Lived at 44 Wintergreen

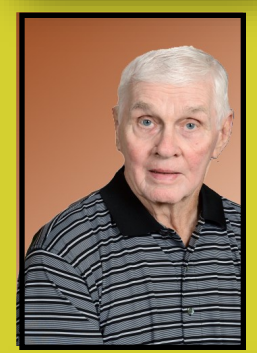


Dick Bird, 84

January 1, 2021

Formerly of Jackson, Mi.

Lived at 19 Lakewood Lane



Ed Schwartz, 81

January 10, 2021

Formerly of Niles, Mi.

Lived at 20 Lakewood Lane



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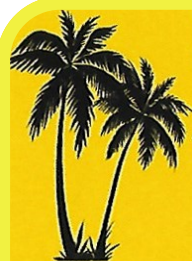
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Mike Reynolds

CEO

Winter Word Scramble

Unscramble the winter themed words and join them to the pictures on the right. We've done the first one for you!

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