

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 9:00 AM

Billiards 1 PM

Bid Euchre 1:30 PM

Wednesday

Exercise with Peg 7 AM - 8AM

Sewbirds 9 AM - 2 PM

Euchre 9:30 AM - 12 PM

Water Aerobics 11 AM

BOWLING at AMF Leesburg 12:45 PM

Not Your Grandma's Bingo 6:30 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 - 4PM

Thursday

Shuffleboard 1 PM

Mah Jongg 1 PM

Sunday

Euchre 6 PM

Billiards 1 PM - 4PM

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Managers Corner

Happy New Year! Wanted to take a moment and thank you all for being at the top of your game with protecting yourselves from the COVID variants that seem to be affecting our area. Please continue the New Year with these great habits of hand washing, face masks, 6 feet of social distance and staying in when you're not feeling well. With most of our friends and neighbors back it is nice to see all the busy people in the community. A reminder the speed limit in the community is 10 mph. We are ramping up for the 360 reviews. Take a minute or two and go outside and look at your home. See if you can find and repair what we may find.



NOTE: everyone will need to turn in a copy of your title and registration to the office as a part of your record. If you need copies to be made, please see Hope.

Let's make it a great season

Hope Clark

Administrative Assistant

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Karen Kellen

Hoping everyone had a merry and blessed Christmas.

Many thanks to Sandi Snell and the many helpers who put together XMAS dinner for all LST residents. All the glowing comments said the dinner was delicious and the merriment was enjoyed by all.

Also want to thank all of the residents who made The Toys for Kids and The Food Drive so successful. We live in such a generous community. The true spirit of XMAS was abundant.

The return of The Holiday Flotilla was so impressive this year and enjoyed by the all who attended. Best boat honors were awarded to Gale and George Bagley.

Residents also did their best to light up the streets of our park with their festive decorations. Honors were awarded again this year to Trish and Tom Kedrowski. Best decorated golf cart honors were awarded to Margaret Combs Bresinski and Jim Holthus. Great job everyone to everyone who participated

A big thank to The Elf Squad for delivering Christmas cards throughout the park and The Carolers whose beautiful voices were enjoyed by many. You all brought so much Christmas joy and smiles to us all.

New Year's Eve Party at the Clubhouse is being hosted by Darrell Diluzio and Diane Henry. Please check the clubhouse bulletin board and kiosks for info.

Wishing everyone Happy New Year and all the best in 2022 .

Social Club's next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 13th at 7 PM in the Clubhouse. A short meeting regarding the upcoming Tag Sale will follow.



Merry Christmas! I really hope everyone does have a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday, or a Blessed Yule this year. It has been a rough couple of years for just about everyone. This Covid thing is just not going to go away easily. New variants pop up all the time. I suspect that we will be getting Covid shots now every year as new variants evolve. Kind of like the flu. We have also been seeing some pretty strange weather. Tornadoes in the Midwest in December! I am sure they happened before but I am not remembering them. To be fair I am not remembering a lot of things these days. I wonder what could be causing that? I did ask my wife what she would like for Christmas this year. She said nothing would make her happier than a diamond necklace. Since I want my wife to be happy I got her “nothing” as she asked for. (Don't tell her, I want it to be a surprise !)

On to business, First on the list is the Tie-Downs. 2nd VP Will Johnson has been keeping up to date on their progress. Doing an excellent job, by the way. As of today, as far as I know, all the homes have been done. There may be a straggler or two out there somewhere but the contractors have moved on to other parks. We will be getting a final tally soon along with the contractor's reports on the individual homes. One item that became apparent is quite a few

of our residents didn't get the word about the Tie-Downs and were scrambling towards the end to get their forms in. Most of these residents were not registered with the HOA, so didn't get the emails that were sent out back in September. If you're not registered and if you leave the park in the summers you may be missing out on information that you need. Please get registered.

The Negotiating Committee is still working for our benefit. Another meeting was held recently. Kim Derochers is the Chairperson and she has put in a great deal of time and effort. She attended the negotiating meeting even though she was not feeling well and should have been home resting. If you see her thank her for her efforts. Kim should have a short blurb in this month's Seagull.

Last item, Annual Meeting **January 11, 2022, at 7 PM in the Clubhouse.** Please be there. Sev-



eral items on the agenda, which we will be getting out soon. The big item is the elections for the new Board. A majority of the Board members are leaving after 4 years. They are Darrell Diluzio, Darlene Stodola and Jim Filbert. My term is up also but I threw my hat into the ring to give it another go. On January 11th you will have the opportunity to vote for 4 names from the following. LORI DASHIELL, KIM DEROCHERS, JOE FELTNER, DOUG IRISH, BOB MCDERMOTT, and ROBIN SEXTON. The rules of engagement are as follows. You **MUST** pick 4



names, no more and no less. No Proxies are allowed. The four names that receive the highest number of votes will be the new Board Members. A little side issue due to an issue in the By-Laws, the top two vote recipients will be for a 3-year term. The third and fourth top vote recipients will be for a 2-year term. This is to comply with the By-laws requirement for staggered terms. We determined that this is the most equitable way to do the terms. You are not voting for the Board positions, (Pres., VP, etc.). That is determined by the newly elected Board in a closed session after they are elected. Carol Roberts, Chair of the Nominating Committee, will conduct the election. Hopefully, with the aid of our volunteer Cyber Ninjas. They did a great job at the meeting in November.

I think that is enough for now. There will be a Board meeting in early January to finalize the election process, year-end requirements, and turning over to the new Board. Until next year then. It has been an interesting year, lots going on, and still lots to do. Enjoy family and friends both near and far. Make sure to leave out some cookies and treats on Christmas eve, A jolly, old, fat guy, with white hair and beard may be out and about and I do like cookies. Merry Christmas!



Robin Sexton, Pres.
Lakeside Terrace HOA

My wife still hasn't told me what my New Year's resolutions are!

Homeowners General Meeting

January 11, 2022 - 7 PM, Clubhouse

Agenda: minutes, president's comments, voting for new Board members (quorum needed) ***all homeowners are members of the HOA and requested to attend if possible. Thank You

Negotiation Committee

Year end greetings and an update on our negotiations with ELS thus far; We've had positive outcomes on some issues which will be shared when finalized. We are still negotiating and exploring solutions on a couple others. Other than the \$26 tax credit received this year, there will be no other rent consideration (due to our prospectus). This is an ongoing process and we feel good about what's been done so far. We have a fourth meeting scheduled in January. Merry Christmas all and Happy New Year!

Kimberly Desrochers, Chairperson

*I have only one resolution:
To rediscover the difference between wants and needs. May I have all I need and want all I have!*



"Meet Your Neighbors"

Darlene Stodola

Jane Belanger is the new owner of 55 Lake Griffin Drive. She moved here from Norway, Maine. Jane was looking online for a place in Florida to buy and after viewing many parks, she decided to choose LST. Luckily, when she called the LST manager, 55 Lake Griffin had just become available. She moved here in October.

Jane is still working full-time for a Commercial Insurance business. She has been doing this for 50 years. Her husband, Rick, was a mechanic for Dodge, a semi-driver, and later an accountant. He passed away in 2019. Jane also had a daughter that passed away while in college from a brain aneurism. Jane has a son who recently moved to The Villages.



She enjoys walking early in the morning around the park, reading, and needlepoint. Shopping on weekends with her son is another free time enjoyment.

Even though she is working full-time, Jane has agreed to take on the responsibility of the Vice President position of the LST Social Club from Karen Kellen, who is now the new President.

Jane has a birthday in May. Her phone number is 207-461-2197. Welcome to Jane.



Gail and Jim Roth recently moved to 56 Lake Griffin Drive from Samaria, Michigan just north of Toledo, Ohio. They have been snowbirds for 7 years and have lived in various parts of Florida. They decided that this area of Florida works well for everything they like to do. They are permanent residents now.



After 4 years in the Navy stationed in Vietnam, Jim became a Supervisor at the Toledo Water Reclamation Plant for 30 years. Gail had an antique store for 30 years. Their 50th wedding anniversary is this December and they are going back to Davenport to celebrate with their family at a KOA campground. They have a daughter in Missouri and a son in Leesburg, FL as well as 4 grandsons.

Jim and Gail grew up on neighboring farms and during their time in Samaria, they continued with a hobby farm to grow vegetables. They had a roadside stand to sell the vegetables as well as donating fresh produce to the area food pantries, senior care facilities and the VFW.

The Roths both enjoy the theater and the Orlando Theme parks. They buy season passes for all the theme parks and go to different theme parks each week. Their favorite park is Animal Kingdom. This past week they visited Sea World. They use scooters to get around.

Gail has a birthday in November and Jim's is in September. They have an unpublished phone number. Welcome Jim and Gail to LST.

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Santa asked if we wanted to have some fun
He told us he'd send us where there was sun
We definitely weren't wearing a frown
Couldn't wait until we touched down

He said our job would be very simple
When he smiled you could see his dimple
Santa sent us on our merry ways
Wishing all of us very happy days

We found LST – our new home
No way would we want to roam
The residents are so full of cheer
To us you all have become so dear

Santa will be calling us back real soon
We have to get our voices in tune
As you know we have a big night ahead
Santa wants us to sleep in our own bed

A Merry Christmas we want to wish you
Plus the love and hugs you are due
We wish you the best in the New Year
As we leave LST we definitely will shed a tear

ELF SQUAD - 2021

Peg Aniol	Carole Kolbe
Mary Jane Beckhans	Marge Bresinski
Sheri Holman	Sue McFadden
Penny Rajala	



Our Fall Season has ended with Dick Seamans and Gil and Doug Irish as our undisputed winners. Congratulations to their team, The Gutter Ballers.

Our Winter Session begins on Wednesday, January 5th at the usual time- 12:50 PM practice and 1:00 PM start time. We are looking forward to seeing more teams this session. We're still 2 bowlers short and would really like to see the teams filled. Contact me if you are interested. Kathy Walden, 330-414-2555 (cell).



Join us on Monday evenings for a fun evening of Bingo. Packages are only \$5.00 for 20 games. We start selling packages from 5 - 5:45 PM; games start at 6 PM. A cookie jar number is randomly chosen at the beginning of the night. If anyone Bingos on this number, they win the cookie jar plus the game payout. Karen Kellen was the lucky cookie jar winner this month, winning \$140. Come and join us and get a chance to bring home the cookie jar winnings.



**Congratulations
Karen Kellen
on winning the
cookie jar of \$140**



Turning Pages

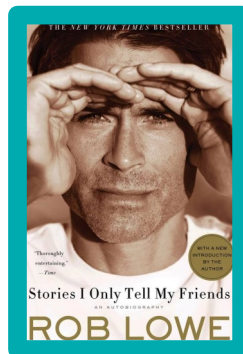
Carol Roberts



A recent Ohio book club selection led me into literary territory I usually avoid. While I really enjoy historical fiction and often read non-fiction, biography (or autobiography) is not a genre I typically choose. Its fact driven base and narrow focus have, in the past, led me to dismiss it as either banal or narcissistic. However, when it is well-done, the narrow focus on one life can illuminate an important historical event or an entire age and offer interesting commentary on the times.

This month, I read Dayton native Rob Lowe's first memoir, *Stories I Only Tell My Friends* (2011). I didn't expect much from what sounded like a Hollywood tell-all, but I was surprised that some of the book was interesting and entertaining. I had always dismissed Lowe as a pretty boy, a minimally talented and somewhat narcissistic actor, but I began to admire him and his self-deprecating manner as he worked in the sitcoms *Parks and Rec* and *The Grinder*. In both of these roles, he seemed to take himself less seriously and seemed willing even to laugh at himself. And I will admit that these qualities also show up in this memoir. Unfortunately, so does an element of self-absorption and pretentiousness.

The episodes of Lowe's early life with his par-



ents in Dayton, Ohio, give some insight into his character. After his parents divorce, at more than one moment, as a young man, he is supporting not only himself but also his family. After his mother moves him and his brothers to LA, he is tenacious in pursuing acting as a goal, traveling from audition to audition, alone by bus across town and back. His mother's struggles with depression often leave him and his brothers to fend for themselves, and Lowe is open and honest about his emotional struggles in the face of this situation. While he carefully explores his relationships with fellow performers, specifically the "Brat Pack," his anecdotes take on a name-dropping quality as he leads up to the punch line – usually naming a very famous, successful performer whom he knew "back when." These include Daryl Hannah, Cary Grant (and his daughter), Janet Jackson, Tom Cruise, Patrick Swayze, Martin Sheen, John Belushi, Liza Minelli, Francis Ford Coppola, even JFK junior and Monaco's Princess Stephanie. The A-List mentions go on and on, and only serve to detract from his attempt to cast himself as an ordinary guy, just one who is extraordinarily good-looking and very lucky. (Lowe is quite honest about the impact of his looks.) Always willing to give one hundred percent to a project and to accept dubious projects to keep his career alive, Lowe willingly shares the ups and downs of his career, detailing the screaming frenzies of teen girls, the off-screen machinations on *The West Wing*, and the embarrassing final cut of *The Outsiders*. He is transparent about his addictions and time in

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rehab, yet he barely mentions the well-known sex scandal involving a minor, and he even credits the scandal as the best thing that ever happened to him. His eventual success as a sober, happily married, fairly well-adjusted father of two is marred by this sort of narcissism. However, Lowe definitely is happily married, sober, fairly well-adjusted, and quite successful. The reader really wants to accept him and like him. And I admire his skillful management of a less-than-stellar career, his transformation of himself from sexy teen idol to serious actor to talented comic character. I wish Rob Lowe's memoir were a little more accepting of himself – he wants us to see his flaws and foibles, to understand him as a work in progress, just like the rest of us. But he can't seem to believe that that's what we want. So he gives us another character, one who says I'm just an ordinary, lucky guy, but who also has to impress us with his connections and brushes with fame. *Stories I Only Tell My Friends* is an entertaining story, but it's disingenuous to think that Rob and I are friends.

Rob Lowe has written a second memoir, *Love Life* (2014). Other biographies I recommend are *Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder* by Caroline Fraser and *Mornings on Horseback: The Story of an Extraordinary Family, a Vanished Way of Life, and the Unique Child Who Became Theodore Roosevelt* by the inimitable David McCullough. Fraser's book is one that illuminates an entire age through the life of one struggling pioneer, housewife, and author; McCullough's gives the reader a com-

pletely unique portrait of a beloved and well-known president through the eyes of his family. Both of these works complement the light treatment in Lowe's memoir. A biography reviewed in an earlier issue also deserves another mention: *The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers* by journalist Maxwell King.



The "Red Hatters" held their annual Christmas celebration on December 6th at City Star Diner. A special gift was that Shirley Hassom was able to be with us. Sue Greenwood doubled as Santa Claus and handled the gift exchange. Others enjoying the fellowship, fun, good food and "oohing and aahing" over the gifts were Karen Keenan, Joanne Speas, Barb Stodola, Darlene Stodola, Jean Cherovsky, Pattie Voelker, Deb Ludwig, Carol Hetherington and Shirley Smith.



Nineteen ladies of the community gathered at City Star Diner on December 21st for the monthly luncheon. Everyone enjoyed a leisurely lunch with delicious food and enjoyable conversation. Attending were: Marge Bresinski, Linda Wolosyn, Donna Johnson, Carol Hetherington, Jean Cherovsky, Sue Greenwood, Barb Stodola, Shirley Smith, Sue McFadden, Jen Barstow, Darlene Stodola, Sherry Shaw, June Hoffert, Karen Keenan, Hazel Cotzin, Deb Ludwig, Ann Reeves, Sandi Serdar and Mavis Larmay.



January Birthdays



Wishing our January birthday residents a day that starts a spectacular year filled with happiness and success. Happy birthday to:

Peg Aniol, Donna Covell, Kathy Craft, Sue Greenwood, Henry Hauss, Grace Hetherington, Frank Hipp, Carl Jackson, Sandi Jischke, Tom Kedrowski, Bob McDermott, Mary Ann Paquette, Tom Pierce, Bob Rayunas, Carol Roberts, Don Shaw, Pat Small, Joanne Speas, Phyllis Tomlinson, & Kathy Walden.



A special birthday wish to Phyllis Tomlinson who turns 95 on January 19th.



January anniversary wishes to Michael Bernd & Karen Keenan and George & Martha Kelley.

May you continue to enjoy the blessings of togetherness, all the joys of love as you travel the roads of life ahead. Happy Anniversary!

with deepest sympathy

(so sorry for your loss)

*Lori Dashiell on the loss
of her mother.*

*Martha Grove on the loss
of her sister-in-law.*

Euchre will resume on Sunday evenings, January 2 at 6 PM. The cost remains at \$.50 which is used for prize money.



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