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***In Memory of Two Friends***

*By Randy Burlison, President, HOA; Vice President, Activity Association*

*It is with great sadness that we report the deaths of two of our board members, one from each of our boards.*

*Kent Farrar, who passed away on June 29th. Kent was serving his second term on the Home Owners Association Board, having previously served as President during his first term several years ago. Kent had suffered for many years with severe back problems which limited his ability to do many things. Those who worked with him will miss his good spirit.*

*Jane Wiederhold, who passed away after a brief illness on July 6th. Jane was serving as a Director on the Activity Association Board, of which her husband, Steve, is President. Jane was our Activity Card Chairperson, and always ready to help out with decorating, ticket sales, kitchen work, and whatever else needed doing. She loved helping on the Board and loved LaCasa. She and Steve had visited here for many years, since Steve's parents lived here. Jane couldn't wait to become an active part of the Park. She will be sorely missed by those who knew her.*

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## **Welcome to LaCasa**

*By Caren Karns*

**Nancy Underwood, 508 LaPlaya, 413-209-4333** comes to us from Montgomery, MA. She is a retired quality control inspector for Tube Products. She also worked as a CNA home health care aid for 5 years. Nancy has 1 daughter and 3 sons, giving her 6 grandchildren. She loves to do oil painting, sewing, gardening, reading, swimming, bike riding and walking. You can see Nancy at the pool or at Bingo, as she is already actively involved with activities.



**Howard and Carol Hellman, 815 Villa Del Sol, 914-656-6219** come to us from Somers, NY. Howard, formerly a NYC High School teacher, is now retired and is a self-published author and writer. He hopes to have his newest creation published soon. When not writing he enjoys boating and socializing. Carol was a Middle School Math teacher before retiring from ATT as a program analyst. She enjoys boating, reading, Mahjong, Exercise, and line dancing. They have 5 children and 9 grandchildren, ranging in age from 9 to 16. Howard and Carol look forward to getting actively involved in LaCasa.



**Melanie Chadwick, 309 LaCosta, 276-6107.** Melanie, her mother Shirley, and son come to us from North Port where they have lived for 9 years. They are originally from Rhode Island. Melanie is a retired school teacher. She has been working hard to make her place home and is looking forward to getting involved in beading, stained glass, crafts, kayaking, biking and traveling in her motor home. You will see her soon in the water aerobic classes.



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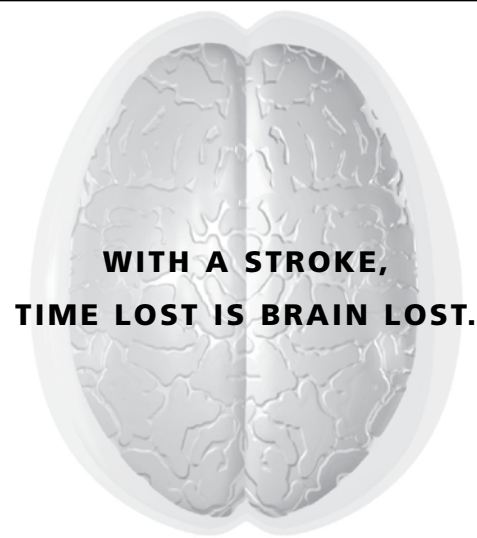
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## **Memorial Reception Committee**

### **Marilee Taylor 426-3159**

There were no Memorial Receptions during June, 2012, but thanks to Dorothy Howe for being ready to hostess. At this writing, in early July, there has been one reception which was held at the Rec Hall.

On July 9th, the Rec Hall was adorned with several arrangements of beautiful fresh flowers while a large extended family and many LaCasa friends gathered to celebrate the life of Jane Wiederhold, who passed away suddenly July 6, 2012. Her three children and their spouses from Port St. Lucie, FL and New Jersey were in attendance to honor their mother. Also attending were many relatives from New York and around Florida. Jane and her husband of 38 years, Steve, have lived at their home at 221 Vistoria since 2009, where Steve will continue to live. Jane was on the LaCasa Activity Board and could always be counted on to lend a helping hand.

Many thanks to Betty, Deb, Dorothy, Fran, Sally and Tim for making the deviled eggs; to my hard-working crew, Sally, Deb, Pat, Maureen, Rosemary, Dorothy and Bob; and to Randy for all of his help. These receptions would not be possible without you giving of your time and energy. The family is most appreciative and so am I. Thanks again!

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## **In Memoriam**

Kent Farrar  
on June 29th  
Beloved husband of Carolyn.  
Serving as a Director-HOA

Eileen Moller  
on June 3rd

Jane Wiederhold  
Beloved wife of Steve  
on June 6th after a brief illness.  
Jane was serving as a Director on the  
Activity Association Board.

Tom Heydinger  
on July 9th  
Beloved Husband of Peggy

*Our sincere sympathy to the families of these residents.*

## **Re-activation of Citizen Patrol**

Wayne Gardner, 721 Blanca, has offered to attend to re-activate the LaCasa Citizen Patrol. To that end, he will be at the Rec Hall to sign citizens up to be a part of this. Watch Channel 195 for times he will be there.

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## **News from Up Front**

*Randy Browning, Manager*

### **Tropical Storm Debby**

Debby reminded everyone in LaCasa about how fragile our homes, carports and buildings are, with the damage being loss of roof overs, aluminum carports, patios and trim. We had metal damage to the Rec Hall and damage to the maintenance area vinyl fence. Debby stressed the need to perform ongoing inspections of exterior structures, corrosion, tie downs and straps. Items on carports and any item that is not anchored down will become projectiles in high winds. Debby also showed how residents in a community come together to help one another during a crisis and how a community must be reasonable with getting the damage repaired especially with residents being up north. Many of our residents who are still up north will need a little time to get things repaired and in top condition.

**Special thanks to everyone who helped a neighbor in a time of need.**

### **Rec Hall Metal Work**

The work will start soon on the Rec Hall portico to replace 30 ft. of panels and the bottom steel beams. The need to replace this metal work came to light with the damage from Debby, and will be done by a professional and licensed contractor.

### **Rec Hall Painting**

The painting has been completed, with new window dressings and two tone paint. The Rec Hall looks very nice with the new tables and chairs.

### **Club House Renovation**

The Club House is **CLOSED**. The work has started and everyone is anticipating the reopening of the building in October-November 2012.

### **Ice Machine**

The ice machine at the club house has become a community ice supplier. Many residents make use of that ice machine. Unfortunately we have had residents take advantage of a good thing. There are a few who fill multiple ice chests on a daily basis for commercial or personal reasons. The machine is not for large consumption. PLEASE do not use it for large amounts of ice; it is not there for that purpose.

## **July 4th - A Fun Day**

*By Betty Van Tassell*

July 4th dawned bright and beautiful with blue sky and sunshine (*hot* sunshine, that is). Out front 10 gaily decorated golf carts lined up to participate in our annual Golf Cart Parade. Many thanks to those who took the time to decorate their carts for the day. Ten is not really a good showing for all the carts in this park. However, the judges, Tom and Sally Smith and Marilee Taylor, had a hard time choosing three that they considered "most patriotic". They had such a hard time, we ended up with four winners! They were, in alphabetic order, Vern and Gail Fryer, the Gural Family, Peggy and Mike Ludgate and Tina Taylor (who was towing a decorated 3-wheel bike). Each cart which participated received a \$3 coupon good for a future Bingo night, and the winners each received a coupon good for two tickets to an All Star Show of their choice. Perhaps you can be enticed to take part next year!

After the parade everyone gathered in the Rec Hall and lined up for the Grand March - a LaCasa tradition for many years. And this year it came out right at the end -- even rows of 16 people! All stayed in formation and saluted the flag and sang God Bless America.

Lunch was served! All enjoyed their hot dog lunch and Klondike Bars for dessert and of course, the beer keg. We had about 200 people for lunch.

The entertainment for the day was 10 games of Bingo (with \$25 prizes) and a Cover-All (with \$100 prize). We didn't count how many stayed to play, but over 100 enjoyed a good time.

Many thanks to all who participated; Steve and Jack who supervised the lunch; all the ladies who served or took tickets; everyone who helped with the clean-up; Clint who supervised the Grand March; Betty who ran the Golf Cart Parade with help from Anna and the judges; Jack who ran the Bingo with help from Jerry Martin (call-backer), Anna (caller) and Betty and Ellie who sold the cards.

All in all, it was a FUN DAY! A great way to celebrate America's Birthday!

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*Clara Schesky*

**A BIG THANK YOU!!!** Jim and I want to thank everyone for all of the support we received from everyone when we were in Ohio. That also includes all the cards, letters and your prayers. A special thank you to Randy Burlison, Ray and Diane Roy, and the Activity Board for their help with personal things...and I cannot forget to thank my brother Jean for taking care of our dogs and home...LaCasa is such a beautiful place to live.

*Liz and Jim Freeman*

To All My Friend at LaCasa -

Life sure has a lot of bumps in it, but as usual when the call goes out, everyone comes forward to help in any way they can. The meals, the cards, the phone calls, the offers to sit with my Aunt; you are all so wonderful. Thank you.

An extra special thanks to my friends at the 7:45 Swim Class. "You're the best!"

*Norma Beach*

To All of LaCasa --

My family and I would like to thank everyone here at LaCasa for all of the support, the love and friendship that I received with the passing of my wife, Jane. I cannot even begin to put into words the loving warmth that this community showed for her. So many cards; so many flowers

Jane really loved living here and all of the friends that we have made in just the three short years we have lived here.

She loved working on the Activity Board with me and the other members, and as I have lost my best friend in life, this community has truly lost a great member of this wonderful place we call home.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Memorial Committee for the work that they put into the memorial luncheon. It was just beautiful and I would truly like to thank my friend Randy Burlison and my board members for all that they did in helping to put things in order.

My children and family were in awe of all that this community will do for one of its own.

From the bottom of my heart, and from my children and family we want to thank everyone here at LaCasa. My love to you all.

Steve Wiederhold

## Some Special Thanks

I want to thank the many employees and residents who came to the aid of the residents who sustained home damages during the Sunday, June 24, 10 pm 85 MPH wind bursts that damaged 30 homes in LaCasa. By 10:30 pm Steve Wyatt of the Maintenance Staff was on site using the LaCasa tractor clearing major roofing and siding debris that was blocking some of our streets and intersections. By 4:30 am Monday morning Randy Browning and Randy Burlison were checking all homes for damage and asking residents if they needed help, and advising them of their damage -- a great wake-up visit! Those listed above and all maintenance staff spent several days clearing debris and moving it to the maintenance yard for recycling.

Numerous residents also took immediate action to make temporary repairs where necessary. No personal injuries were reported during this work.

This is another example of why we are so fortunate to live at LaCasa.

Everett Medling  
HOA Board Director

A special thank you from the Bocce Club goes to our Park Manager, Randy Browning, for his assistance and perseverance in the resurfacing of Bocce courts #5 and #6. The Club also extends a thank you to the HOA Board for their prompt action.

For the Bocce Club  
by Bob Jozwiak

To all our members and all our friends of the Bocce Club, thank you for all the aluminum cans, etc., that have been donated and will be donated to help our Club. We appreciate all the help we can get. So keep it coming!!! It all helps!!!

Bob Jozwiak

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## ***Happy Hour***

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***Friday, September 7, 2012 \$10.00***

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***Information: Jackie 426-3361    Marlene 429-1242***

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We also try to attract attention to the park entrance with signs, banners, and our wonderful Christmas display. All these things help to get the word out that La Casa is a community to consider when looking for a Florida home. We know that once people go through the park, they are very impressed, but first we have to get them in the door. Please feel free to share your ideas with our board members and staff.

## **Crafts**

*By Rose Roy Albers*

The craft group meetings at the Club House are ended due to the renovation of the building. The supplies have been moved to several homes for storage. The group will be back at the same time when the renovation is complete. Watch our TV Channel for a start date in the fall.

Kathy Gardner is still working with her committee making favors for Grandmother's Club. She volunteered to hold her group meetings at her house. If you would like to work with her on this project, please feel free to

telephone her (876-4905).

Donations were received from Sue Hummer, Jana Scheithauer, and Bob Noonan. These have already been given to those who will use them. These donations usually mean that the user makes at least one less trip to the store for more supplies. Thank you for your generosity.

## **LaCasa Comcast New Channels**

*Submitted by Clint Van Tassell*

<u>Channel</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Title</u>
4	WLWN	Food & Home
136	DISN	Disney
172	GMC	Uplifting Entertainment
201	V-ME	Spanish
204	WUSF	PBS 16 Tampa
242	TBN	Religion
613	GALA	Spanish

These channels are available on your TV equipped with the box, NOT the adaptor.

## **Some Good Information for the Cook in the Family**

1) "Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking."

Now how did I ever get along all these years without knowing that! And suppose I buy 4 bump peppers (for stuffed peppers) and then decide to put them in salad? Will that work? I probably would have bought Stouffer's Stuffed Peppers anyway.

2) "To really make scrambled eggs or omelets rich, add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream in and then beat them up. (Caution: Be sure that you like this consistency in your scrambled eggs.)"

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## **BUNCO**

**Katie Bauer (423-0204) and Karen Hoeppner (429-0521)**

We have been playing twice a month now and are really enjoying it. There have been about 20 or so ladies each time, so it's fun to play and visit with everyone.

We played June 11th and 25th at the Club House and had a great time.

We had a funny thing happen on the 25th. There were 10 ladies that each had 2 wins for the evening and the prize for that was only \$2.00! So rather than each received \$.20 they opted to put it toward the prize money for the next time we play. That's the first time that ever happened that we had so many with the same number of wins. You just never know what's going to happen in Bunco; that's what makes it so entertaining!

The great thing about playing Bunco is that you meet and talk with so many different ladies which makes it all the more fun. It seems like there are new players each time we play, which is a good way to get to know our neighbors. So please join us when you can. Watch the TV channel for dates that we play.

We will be playing in the Rec Hall until the renovations in the Club House are complete.

Any questions, please call Katie at 423-0204 or Karen at 429-0521.

## **Summer Pot Luck**

**Mary Borst**

**Friday, August 24th - 5:00**

Let's have some dinner and fun together at our Pot Luck on Friday, July 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Same as before -- bring your own table service, drinks and a dish to pass to feed at least 8 people. After dinner visit or play dominoes, cards, etc.

This will add excitement to our summer blahs!



## **Summer Coffee Hour**

**Mary Borst**

**Wednesday, August 15  
9:15 a.m.**

**Speaker - To Be Announced  
Watch Channel 195**

Blood pressures taken after Coffee Hour. PLEASE sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Rec Hall by Monday PM on August 13th.



## **Breakfast With the Ladies**

**By Gail Fryer**

Please join the LaCasa Ladies as we breakfast together at the Olde World on the first Tuesday of every month. If you haven't been in a while come out and join us -- it's a great way to meet new people.

The next breakfast will be Tuesday, August 7th, so call Gail Fryer at 426-2137 before Monday. Everyone is welcome!





## **Card Game Scores**

### **PINOCHLE**

June 5: 1.Mary Hanning; 2.Esther Sibole; 3.Betty Burns.

June 12: 1.Dell Elias; 2.Betty Papke; 3.Katie Bauer

June 19: 1.Larry Gaudreau; 2.Betty Burns; 3.Mary Hanning.

June 26: 1.Ginny Pyle; 2.Dell Elias; 3.Ernie Flechsfig.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE**

June 6: 1.Emily Bourgette; 2.Shirley Feeney; 3.Betty Papke; ?-Shirley Paro.

June 13: 1.Sharon Goodenough; 2.Marty Rose; 3.Marilyn Casey; ?-Shirley Paro.

June 20: 1.Don Senior; 2.Shirley Paro; 3.Shirley Feeney; ?-Marty Rose

June 27: 1.Don Senior; 2.Shirley Feeney; 3.Verda Mello; ?-Shirley Paro

### **FRIDAY AM HAND & FOOT**

June 1: 1.Dottie Romig; 2.Charleen Curtis; ?-Jo Thibodeau.

June 8: 1.Betty Park; 2.Betty Potter; ?-Pat Nixon

June 15: 1.Charleen Curtis; 2.Betty Park; 3.Gail Paschel..

June 22: 1.Gail Paschal; 2.Pat Nixon; ?-(Tie) Betty Park & Rose Jess.

June 29: 1.Mary Borst; 2.Pat Nixon; 3.Betty Potter..

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON BRIDGE**

June 1: 1.Helen Dunlevy; 2.Evelyn Powell; 3.Gail Fryer..

June 8: 1.Betty Papke; 2.Evelyn Powell; 3.MaryLou Hermes

June 15: 1.Marty Rose; 2.Emily Bourgette; 3.Helen Borisko.

June 22: 1.Shirlene McClellan; 2.Marilyn Casey; 3.Helen Dunlevy

June 29: 1.Betty Papke; 2.Shirley Feeney; 3.Shirlene McClellan

### **EUCHRE**

June 1: 1.Dan Smith; 2.Pat Dinges; 3.Lou Bjork

June 8: 1.Lou Bjork; 2.Frank Stults; 3.Lucy Adair

June 15: 1.Pat Meloche; 2.MaryLouise Pruitt; 3.Paul Adair

June 22: 1.MaryLouise Pruitt; 2.Ginny Pyle; 3.Pat Meloche

June 29: 1.MaryLouise Pruitt; 2.(Tie) Pat Dinges & Linda Smith.

### **SATURDAY LADIES PROGRESSIVE HAND & FOOT**

June 2: 1.Ro Pilot; 2.Dot Romig; 3.Cam Thibodeau; 4.Dot Ritter; 5.Betty Park; .

June 9: 1.Dottie Romig; 2.Nathalie Reiningner; 3.Gail Paschal; 4.Betty Burns; 5.Rose Jess.

June 16: 1.Betty Park; 2.Jo Thibodeau; 3.Cam Thibodeau; 4.Ro Pilot; 5.Gail Paschal.

June 23: 1.Betty Park; 2.Nat Reiningner; 3.Rose Jess; 4.Cam Thibodeau

June 30: 1.Jeanne Klein; 2.Clare Flechsfig; 3.Ro Pilot; 4.Barb Sage.

## ***HELP***

**By Connie Listman**

The **HELP** Dispatcher for the month of August is:

**Dorothy Wiederhold**  
**531 La Playa 426-7594**

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## ***LaCasa Sunshine Committee***

The LaCasa Sunshine Committee consists of Ernie Phillips, who sends residents beautiful Get Well and Sympathy cards, and Shirley Paro, who visits our shut-ins on a regular basis, bringing them small gifts, a visit, and a bit of cheer.

If you know of anyone who should receive a card, please phone Ernie at 426-4140. If you hear of someone who needs cards by way of your being Sunshine Chair for your club or organization, please let Ernie know so a card can also be sent from the park. If you know of some who is sick and shut in, please phone Shirley Paro at 426-0799.

It's amazing what this little gesture can do, but the Committee can only do their job if they get their information from you. Thanks for your help.

## ***A Clever Idea Worth Knowing*** ***(Borrowed from the Computer Club Newsletter)***

"Leftover Snickers bars from Halloween make a delicious dessert. Simply chop them up with the food chopper. Peel, core and slice a few apples. Place them in a baking dish and sprinkle the chopped candy bars over the apples. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes!!! Serve alone or with vanilla ice cream. Yummy!"

"Leftover" Snickers bars? That's a new concept! How about just eating a Snickers with one hand and a dish of ice cream with the other? Sounds much simpler to me!

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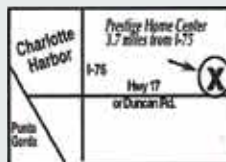
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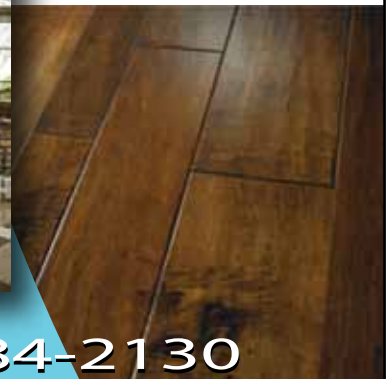
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