



CHATTER

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Fun Club

Hello LBV residents, and RVers. As the season comes to a close and many are leaving for their northern homes, I would like to take a moment to extend a special thank you to all that chaired and/or assisted with any of our Fun Club activities. A heart felt thank you to my Executive Fun Club Officers, committee leaders and our section leaders for your time and Contributions to our park.

We have experienced a large turnover in our population and have many new residents. This was me in 2013! Until I got involved with the Fun Club I had no idea how important the club is to LBV. Here is just a few of the venues and items supported by the Fun Club: Our state dinners, Holiday dinners, the music entertainment at our dances, Shuffleboard equipment and the maintenance of the same, bingo equipment, our Pool furniture and refurbishing of the same, our Christmas decorations, and tree, AV Equipment, kitchen supplies (all paper goods, garbage bags, sugars, creamers, coffee, and tea), all the small appliances used in our kitchen for all our potlucks, breakfasts, soup and sandwich. We have purchased picnic tables, provided supplies for our fire pit popcorn. As you can see the many items needed to support so many activities. This is why we support the many activities that provide 'income' to the Fun Club. Monies are needed to make sure our park activities are fun and can continue. So please help us in the coming season by 'jumping' in there by volunteering for any function that you enjoy.

The general election was held in March and the officers of your Fun Club for the next are: President- Jeff Centers, 1st VP- Maggie Griesmer, 2nd VP- Donna Eads, Secretary- Sherry Lawrason, Treasurer- Joanne Hodges.

The recipient of the President's Award for Volunteer of the Year is Sherry Lawrason for Her Tremendous support and assistance by 'jumping' in whenever asked. Thank You Sherry! *Jeff Centers*, President, Fun Club

Board of Directors Report

The "State of the Park" is outstanding. After fourteen months of planning, documentation, engineering, fee paying, meetings and countless calls, the new West Clubhouse/shelter is about to be born. Remember L. Cobb Construction has 335 days to complete the project prior to a \$500 a calendar day pay back to LBV. We are working closely with two superintendents for site preparation and construction.

We want to thank all residents, committees and chairpersons for their patience and respect for others during this trying year of scheduling. When the new clubhouse is completed we should have PLENTY of room for all activities.

Since January 1, 2018, LBV has transferred 13 units/shares in our park. Nine of these were current RVers. Welcome new shareholders!

The cleanup on IRMA damage continues. LBV has spent over \$20,000 cutting and cleaning up tree damage and replacing street sign.

Our park storage has gotten away from common sense central. Storage has spilled beyond our usual spaces. Therefore, the storage lots will be renumbered and when filled up, you will have to find space OUTSIDE the park. *Those that have a yearly contract have a guaranteed spot.*

The 10x14 storage shed has been relocated due to popular demand. The Fun Club is making good use of this new shed.

Letters have been mailed to:

1. bad speeding drivers who still can't or won't stop their cars at stop signs,
2. owners of dirty units not washed following the first letter reminding them,
3. owners of units not yet repaired following IRMA's damage six months ago.

Again, the Highlands County Fire Department is asking that NO vehicles be left unattended and parked on our streets. The firetrucks CANNOT proceed due to our narrow streets. Individual reminders will begin.

We have a serious mail problem. If you find someone else's mail in your box, bring it to the office and we'll straighten out the mistake. Do not open or hold mail that is not yours. Many times the mail you hold is very important.

This is the last Chatter of 2017-18 and the Board of Directors wish each of you a happy and healthy summer and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the fall of 2018. Reminder—*a hurricane is always a possibility in Florida*. Remember as you pack to leave, that all water to your unit is turned off, and any object that could possibly fly in a storm be placed inside. For the safety of your year round neighbors you are encouraged to leave your yard light (lamp posts) on. Again, may you enjoy your grand and great grandchildren this summer and see you in the fall. *Byron Townsend*, President, Lake Bonnet Village Co-Op, Inc.

Easter Dinner

Don't forget to attend the 2018 Easter Dinner, April 1st at 1pm. Fried chicken will be provided and please bring a dish to pass and your place settings. Hope to see you there.

Maggie Griesemer, 1stVP, Fun Club (maggie@griesemer.biz or 863-471-6689)

LBV 9th Annual Golf Outing

Thank you to all who participated in our outing. A special thanks to Diane Ludwig, Cindy Graves, and Larry Cable. We were blessed with a beautiful day for golf.

'A' flight 1st place- with 10 under-(62) Gary Boyer Jesse Hathaway, Al Pontarelli, and John Stutzman

'B' flight 1st place- with 4 under-(68) Larry Cable, Sid Hancock, Greg Harbaugh, Ron Harris

'C' flight 1st place- plus 3 (75) Cindy Hathaway, Linda Pontarelli, Teresa Riddle, Vickie Starbuck

CP's-#3 Mike Winchester, #5 Larry Aken, #11 Greg Harbaugh, #16 John Stutzman

We are always open for suggestions, start your strategy now, for your team next year.

Vickie Starbuck and Cindy Hathaway

LBV 5th Annual Meet & Greet

Thank you to all who were a part of this event on January 15th. We had 146 in attendance. WOW is all I can say. There were 32 new people who we honored. We will be taking 'reservations' for the VIP section on our sign-up sheets. The VIP section is for individuals with special needs, walkers, wheelchairs, or those who can't walk far or need to sit for this event. We had 13 who took advantage of this section this year.

Our next Meet and Greet is scheduled for January 14, 2019 11-2pm. **SAVE THE DATE, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!** The second planning meeting for the 6th Annual Meet and Greet is scheduled for Friday, January 4th 11-noon. All are welcome to join the committee. Decorating for the event will be January 13th at 4:30pm.

This event will be held in the Community Hall unless our new clubhouse is completed.

Peggy Rowe

Final Results of the Fishing Tournament

Bass—Bill Sproessig and Deon Eaton, the total for 3 tourneys was 25 lbs, 7 ounces

Pan—Al Pontarelli and Jim Mechling, total of 23 lbs, 7 ounces

Over 30 fishermen participated. Prizes were presented at the Fishermen's Dinner.

The 2019 tournaments will be held on Tuesday, January 15th, Tuesday, February 12th, and Tuesday, March 12th. If questions please contact *Buddy Fields* or *Steve Rowe*.

LBV Storm Troopers Committee

With hurricane Irma and its impact fresh in our minds, we are organizing a committee to help raise money to outfit our new shelter with initial needs that will make it storm ready. Yes it may be utilized when many snowbirds are not present but remember those neighbors who are here, are the individuals who worked tirelessly to pick up the pieces after a storm. They also communicate to all of us about our homes and the possible damage they may have sustained. We will have an event with participation by FEMA and Highlands Hurricane Awareness group to help identify the initial needs and prompt our residents to prepare for the next hurricane event. As soon as a date is set up I will communicate the information. Our first fund raising event was the Chinese dinner. Between the dinner and

donations we raised \$532.00. We will continue to implement activities next season that will help us towards the goal of outfitting our shelter. Interested in participating, contact *Jeff Centers*.

Silent Auction

Thank you to all who donated baskets and items, and a big Thank you to those who participated by purchasing said baskets and items. You made it a success!!! The Fun Club received \$724. *Linda Cohn and Brenda Libby*

2019 Indiana Dinner

Scheduled for Sunday, February 24th, 2019 at 5pm, place to be determined. Do NOT bring a gift from home. (It gets easier every year!) Drawings will be held for gift cards or certificates beginning at \$10.00; there will also be raffle donations. If you would like to donate for either of these drawings it will be appreciated. *Diane Ludwig* 219-363-0830

Good Byes

After 32 years at LBV, it's time to say good-bye. The winters that I have spent here have been wonderful. After Bob passed, I didn't think I could come alone, but my kids thought it was best to continue to winter in Avon Park. I am glad I did. Everyone at LBV will hold a special place in my heart. The euchre games, horseshoe pitching, shuffleboard, dominoes and ALL the special gatherings have helped me form friendships that will last forever. Thank so much for your help and friendship during my time at LBV. *Millie Hedrick*

With deep appreciation to EVERYONE within the park, I hand over my 'book' to Maggie Griesemer of 2713 E. Elmwood Dr. to continue the work of 1st VP of the Fun Club. Many things were accomplished of the two years I held office. The many activities that we have in our park are successful because of each of YOU! Please continue to support each activity by signing up both in participation and by chairing the event. Everyone is able to do something. Support your officers. God's Blessings on your summer. Hope to see each of you next winter season. *Teresa Riddle*

Thank You

Thank you to all my friends and neighbors for all the prayers, get well cards, and delicious food. *Marge Lechner*

To the Anniversary Committee, what a wonderful evening you provided. It is a memory we will cherish for a long time. What a great place to be—LBV. *Bruce and DeAnn McIntosh*

Many, many thanks to the section leaders. They go to everyone's houses, sometimes two or three times. Our sales have been good. Thanks Lynn for making the posters ASAP. Thank you to all who bought tickets for the events in our park. Great year and good job, gals. *Darleen Lamp*

Sunshine

Sympathy cards were sent to the family of Phyllis Hall, and to Anna Andrick on the passing of her sister. Hope your memories are comforting to you.

Get well cards were sent to Red Sanders, Sharon Schweinhagen, and Stirley McClanahan. Bringing our warmest wishes to you that you will be well soon. *Eileen Borndal*

Chatter Information

There will be no further Issues of our newsletters until November, 2018. If you require a hard copy of the Chatter prior to your arrival for the 2018-2019 season please bring a SASE to the editor at 2723 E Cedarwood Dr. Please indicate the months of the Chatter you wish sent to you. If you have information you wish to have included in the newsletter please mail it to the address listed or email it to cohnlmk@yahoo.com by the 20th of the month.

Calendar

There is no calendar for this issue. Easter Dinner is April 1st. There are no further breakfasts. The General Fun Club meeting is April 10th and activities (bingo, card bingo, dominoes, etc.) will end at the direction of the chairperson. Please watch the bulletin board for information.