



CHATTER

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Special Note From Your President

This has been a very busy year for all of us. I want to thank everyone who contributed their time and talents that made this a successful year. I also want to thank everyone who participated in the many events that we have available at LBV. It is your participation that makes this Park special. I am honored to have served as President for the past year and look forward to another successful year for our next season, 2010-2011. See you at the next Fun Club meeting in November.

Betty Church

Fun Club Infor

The Executive Committee reviewed the vote taken in February to increase admission price to the dances. It was recommended that admission be free and a 50/50 drawing be held at each dance to support the price of the band, with the exception of the New Year's Eve Dance. The cost of a band for that dance is much higher than the rest of the season dances. This was voted on at the general meeting and passed.

We will be installing new vertical blinds in the kitchen.

New mirrors have been installed in the exercise room. Larry Cable reported this will complete the work done on that room. This room is shared with the poker players who have their new table and their old refurbished table. With the improvements made to the entire room it is more accommodating for everyone.

New chairs have been purchased for the Community Hall. They have been marked with "LBV", a reminder to everyone that things are not to be taken out of either club house for personal use without signing them out. Several chairs are missing. If you have any of them, please return them.

New window coverings will be installed in the Community Hall screen room. This will make the room more user-friendly when we are having inclement weather. We decided on the dark color coverings; this should help keep some of the sunlight out on the hot days.

A recommendation was made to alternate the Variety Show and the Auction in the future as well as alternating the Style Show with a Ladies High Tea. This change would make it easier to get volunteers/donations.

Byron Townsend received the President's Award this year. This is given to someone who goes beyond the call of duty and contributes their time and talent for the good of our Lake Bonnet Village community. Can't think of anyone more deserving.

Officers for next season are: President-Betty Church; 1st Vice President-Byron Townsend; 2nd Vice President-Ritz Blitz; Secretary-Marijane Rettig and Treasurer-Barb Woodruff.

Your President, Betty Church

Co Op Update

The season is changing and many are leaving-most important is to drive safely and look out for the other driver.

When leaving, please turn off your water as damage to units have occurred. Secure or remove all decorations, plants or other objects that might cause damage to your or other units.

If parking a car, cart or boat on someone else's property, a written permission is required from the person granting that permission. We have had problems with unauthorized parking and unit owner's when coming back had these items in their driveway.

To provide security, safeties and peace of mind to residents that remain for the summer, please keep your front yard light on. The cost is very minimal. When trapping and catching animals in traps, please call Animal Control as soon as possible and not leave them at the office. Animal Control phone number is (863)655-6475.

Any item that is donated to the Co-Op becomes the sole property of the Co-Op, therefore, the Co-Op can decide in what manner the donation is to be utilized or disposed of at any given time. No item will be accepted "on a loan basis". Any manuals or instructions on use would be helpful when items are donated.

The BOD voted to continue one-way traffic on Redwood for all motorized vehicles. Two-way traffic will be allowed for golf carts, bicycles and foot traffic.

Summer hours for the office will be in effect as of May 1, 2010 until October 1, 2010. Summer hours will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM until noon.

President, Ron Medema

Fitness/Card Room Remodel

Check out the changes that includes tearing out the old unused storage room, patching and painting, new baseboard, additional lighting and the mirrored wall in the exercise area. Tina Stidham has agreed to form and lead exercise classes next January. Special thanks to Shan and Trudy Wood, Bill and Pat Kelly, Lonnie Clark and George Henderson for all their help and Ron Medema for his support. This is a room we can be proud to show to anyone and it will also look great on our website.
Larry Cable

50th Wedding Anniversary

What a beautiful evening it was; 50 years of marriage celebrated with a Hawaiian theme! I would like to thank my committee and volunteers for all their hard work. And thank all of you who came to celebrate such an enjoyable evening.
Joanne Hodges

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

We would like to thank all of our people who helped us and brought pies to the luncheon of February 23rd. We all had a good time working in the kitchen and with our friends and neighbors. Thanks again.
Ethelyn Mills & Helen Walden

Pancake Breakfasts

A tremendous thank you to all the men who worked their magic to make the pancake breakfast a successful event this season. We also want to give a huge thank you to all who attended. It has been a pleasure to serve you all.
Dick Maki & Rodney Martin

Coffee & Donuts

Thanks for all your attendance throughout the season, your attention to the speakers and donations to the Blood Drive. If you have any suggestions for next season, just let me know. Thanks and see you next season.
Rita Blitz

Quilt Raffle

The ladies who quilt would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank you all. Quilters Group

Fun Day Refreshments

A big thank you to Trudy Wood and Helen Walden for helping with the coffee, tea and other things; Jim Walden for help with cooking the brats; Steve and Pat Hissong for taking care of the drinks; Marilyn Eaton for taking charge of the money at the last minute and Shan Wood for his help in the dining room. All of you made our job easier.

Joe & Alice Geswein

Poker Run Results

1st place winner - Jim Mechlin

2nd place winner - Don Lane

3rd place winner - Lynn Harbaugh

Auction

We did it again.....thanks to all Lake Bonnet residents. It was really a great success. Over \$1,500 was made. Hope all that came had a good time.

A special thanks to Ron Yoder-what an auctioneer! To all those who helped-thank you, thank you, thank you! You made my job easy.

Also thanks to all for the items donated. You made it all possible. Jean Elliott

Variety Show

Another Variety Show behind us. We had 210 chairs filled and many folks were standing.

Who would of believed that there were so many veterans in our Park. Wasn't it a tear-jerker when Don read the poem followed by Taps. Thank you for serving to keep America free!

(An apology to Joanne for not calling attention to her Salvation Army uniform. The hat she wore was her moms. You looked great! Thanks)

A big thank you goes to all the participants in the show. I'll bet you all had fun and you sure were great. Also, thanks to those behind the scenes.

As always, folks pitched in to clean up. Thanks from all of us. Lake Bonnet folks are great!

Jean Elliott

Committee-Joanne Hodges, Richard Hook, Bev Cable

Fishing Contest

WOW!!! A great day for the contest. The rain held off. We had 14 boats in the contest.

Bill Sproessig and Deon Eaton won the Bass Division with the longest bass of 24 inches; also total weight of the division of 18 pounds. We also had extra prizes to give to the 1st Place of Bill and Deon; 2nd Place to Joe Clayton and Jake Ruggles and 3rd Place to Bob Gendron and Ed Downer thanks to the wonderful effort of Claude Crossley. He was able to get donations from the Candy Store and Hendricks for the fishing contest.

In the Pan Fish Division, Claude Crossley and Marty Clementz took 1st Place with 4 lbs. 8 oz. Leroy Hodges and Ralph Scharff took 2nd Place and Fred Vittitow and Red Sanders took 3rd Place.

A good job was done by all. Thank you for all who participated. We had fun with coffee and donuts, hot dogs, chips and a lot of fish stories again. A thank you to Jim McDonald for grilling the hot dogs, Byron Townsend for ciphering, Joann Summerskill and Nancy Ritchey for their help with the food. It was a fun day. Joanne Hodges

Golfers First Annual Outing

Lake Bonnet Village's first outing was a beautiful golf day and everyone had a great time. Putting a twist to a scramble by using everyones tee shot four times in the 18 holes turned out to be very interesting.

1st Place - Larry Cable, Larry Starbuck, Greg Harbaugh, Jess Hathaway

2nd Place - Roy Allen, Bob King, Mike Winchester, Jim Momeyer

Last Place - Cindy Hathaway, Vickie Starbuck, Linda Cohn, Linda Turner

Thank you for your participation.

Don Lane, Vickie Starbuck, Herb Schrader

Spaghetti Dinner

Thanks to all who helped me with the dinner. Everyone did a great job. I couldn't have done it without you. Also, thanks to the cake makers.

Doris Rutan

Section Leaders & Subs

I enjoyed working with you the last ten years. You were always willing to do whatever I asked of you. You made my job a lot easier. We had some good visits; had a lot of laughs over some of the crazy things that happened.

You were always prompt about getting tickets back to me. Thank you!

Barb Card

Hands of Love

What is "Hands of Love"? I see it scheduled on the Lake Bonnet calendar each month. Do they give manicures, polish nails or what? Being the nosey type, I decided to stroll over to the West Clubhouse one Thursday to find out.

Well, sometime in the early 1990's, two couples were playing cards and the ladies started talking about what their hands could do to help the less fortunate. They didn't just talk; they put their hands to work. They designed their own logo and started a group called "Hands of Love". I learned that they use their hands and their hearts to make gifts for the following organizations.

Children living at the HANSON HOUSE received mesh backpacks cleverly decorated with a cute bear and filled them with hand-made jewelry boxes, \$10.00 WalMart Gift Cards, toiletries, button bracelets, fleece scarves, hand-decorated tablets w/pen and an appropriate Scripture quote. They were also given fleece blankets as well as Bibles donated by the Lake Bonnet Church.

The ORANGE BLOSSOM PREGNANCY CENTER now have blankets and bibs for unwed mothers.

CHARLIE CREEK CHURCH received many hand-made items for distribution to the needy in our community.

SAMARITAN'S TOUCH MEDICAL CLINIC were given blankets and gift bags containing miscellaneous notions.

ROYAL CARE CENTER NURSING HOME have new terry cloth bibs and FLORIDA HOSPITAL received darling hand-sewn teddy bears for the Children's Ward. All the above made by the Lake Bonnet Hands Of Love.

As I visited with the group, I noted that yes, they do use their hands to bring cheer to those in need but they receive much in fellowship while working with the group. There seems always to be laughter, good fellowship and, of course, food at all their meetings.

The group is self-supporting by a number of memorial gifts as well as weekly contributions by members. Last year, there were 32 women working together and having a great time. Praise God that He can use their hands to bring a little joy into the lives of those who are in need.

If you are interested in being a part of this happy group, please call Dorothy Larson or Stella Vittitow. I am proud to have "Hands of Love" in our Park.

Jean Elliott with the help of Dorothy Larson

7 Day Exotic Western Caribbean Cruise

Back in the real world, you have to go looking for fun. On Carnival Valor fun finds you. You can stroll the decks, enjoy a 9-hole mini golf course, three pools, or enjoy a movie on a giant outdoor movie screen, called Carnival's Seaside Theatre. How about scuba diving and snorkeling off Grand Cayman or beaches and barrier reefs of Isla Roatan or Belize for one of the best zoos in the world as well as Mayan ruins to visit. Everywhere you turn, fun will be there. Won't you join our Lake Bonnet Group for a great fun vacation?

Dates: January 16-23, 2011

Port of Call: Miami

Ports Visited: Grand Cayman, Isla Roatan, Belize and Cozumel

Special Group Rates:

Ocean View/Category 6C - \$597.06 per person based on double occupancy. Includes tax & dockage fees.

Contact Craig MacQuown - 1-800-226-6123 at Cruise One. Mention Lake Bonnet Group

A deposit of \$250.00 per person required at time of reservation. Cut off time to reserve is August 19th. Balance due by October 15th. Also, contact Craig if special needs are required.

Sunshine Report

Get well cards were sent to Marge Lechner, Wally Traver, Stan Sherman, Bob Parenteau, Marge Schroeder, Gail Green, Ginny Pilato, Donna Lloyd and Bob Petznick. Hope all are on the road to recovery.

Eileen Borndal

Notes of Thanks

I would like to thank my friends at Lake Bonnet Village for all the prayers and cards during my hospital stay. You are one of the reasons Jack and I settled here. Thanks and God bless.

Marge Schroeder

We would like to thank all of our Lake Bonnet friends and neighbors for their visits and all of the food that was brought to us after our car accident. A special thanks to Jack and Rita Mullins for coming to the hospital and staying with us while we were being treated and for bringing us home. We love all our Lake Bonnet friends. God was so good to spare our lives.

Jim & Frieda Beckman

A big thank you to everyone for the cards and that came and helped us celebrate our 50th anniversary. A special thank you to Joanne Hodges and her committee for all the terrific decorating they did. Thanks to Verlin Kemp, Bob Larson, Mildred Lovett and Joanne for their special additions to the celebration. Thank you, our Lake Bonnet family.

Delmar & Nadine Huff

How The Chair Found It's Maker

Some twenty-two years ago, Stella Vittitow worked for the Best Chair Company (now known as Best Home Furnishing). At that time, all employees were assigned a number which was attached to each chair they worked on just in case they were returned for repairs by the employee assigned that number. This number was usually located close to the zipper on each chair. One day in February, Stella was watching Elizabeth McDonald move into her trailer on Grove Road. She was amazed to see two dark green chairs being carried into Elizabeth's home. "I know those chairs," she exclaimed, "those are 'Best Chairs' - just like the ones I sewed-those are my chairs".

Excited she hurried over to Elizabeth's for a closer view. She knew just where to look for the number. With hands almost shaking, she began to examine the chair. She found the number 30 on the chair she was looking at. It wasn't her chair, it was her best friends chair. "My number was 14" Stella said sadly. Elizabeth, who was examining the other cried out, "this is your chair-look here-there is number 14". What are the odds of this happening? Stella says the chairs have to be at least 20 years old because of the date that the Company stopped assigning numbers. Elizabeth remembered purchasing them at a yard sale. The Company must of made excellent chairs to last that long and travel from Indiana to Florida. What a recommendation for the Best Home Furnishings Co located in Ferdinand, Indiana which by the way is still in business.

We can't really imagine how excited Stella was when she found her chair abiding right next door. She took pictures and sent them to friends in Indiana who had worked for the same Company at the same time including her boss who is still living in Indiana. Stella, what's it like to relax in a chair you sewed so many years ago? Stella and I thought this was an interesting story for all you Lake Bonnet folks to enjoy. Have any of you had a likewise experience?

Jean Elliott

Bless Florida

Bless this house, oh Lord, we cry,
please keep it cool in mid-July.
Bless the walls where termites dine,
while ants and roaches march in time.

Bless our yard where spiders pass,
fire ant castles in the grass.
Bless the garage, a home to please,
carpenter beetles, ticks and fleas.

Bless the love bugs, two by two,
the gnats and mosquitoes that feed on you.
Millions of creatures that fly and crawl,
in Florida, you put up with them all!

But this is home and here we'll stay,
so thank you, Lord, for insect spray!

Thoughts to Remember

A smile is a curve that can straighten out a lot of things.

Pick your friends, but not to pieces.

Age is a high price to pay for maturity.

Optimists are wrong just as often as pessimists, but they have a lot more fun.

I can keep a secret...but those I tell it to never can.

Nostalgia....life in the past lane.

The only people you should want to get even with are those who have helped you.

A life without love is like a year without summer.

When love and skill work together expect a masterpiece.

Enthusiasm is energy that boils over and runs down the side of the pot.

Everyday is an opportunity to do something you've never done before.

Money still talks, but it has to catch its breath a little more often now.

Luck is often nothing but a tricky name for hard work.

Let no one come to you without you leaving them better and happier.

There are three stages of life—youth, middle age and “you're looking well”.



Lake Bonnet Village Calendar of Events April 2010



To show a child what once delighted you, to find the child's delight added to your own, this is happiness.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 PM Bingo April Fool's Day	2 Good Friday	3
4 9:15 AM Church Easter Sunday 	5 7:00 PM Bingo	6	7 9:00 AM Quilting 4:00 PM Fire Ring	8 7:00 PM Bingo	9	10
11 9:15 AM Church	12	13 5:00 PM Pot Luck	14 9:00 AM Quilting 4:00 PM Fire Ring	15	16	17
18 9:15 AM Church	19 9:00 AM CO-OP BOARD MEETING	20	21 9:00 AM Quilting 4:00 PM Fire Ring 	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 9:00 AM Quilting 4:00 PM Fire Ring	29	30	