

# Ventura Lakes Community News –Nov 2011

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## MANAGEMENT NEWS

Pickleball is the fastest growing court sport in the United States. It is very popular with seniors as it plays slower than tennis. The result is less impact on joints and bones of the players. The tennis court has been resurfaced and restriped. In anticipation of this fast growing sport, we had the lines for pickleball stripped on the court to make it multi-purpose useful. Google it and see for yourself. Gary has completed the work of rebuilding the tennis court benches. We replaced the lumber, stained and installed some supports for additional strength. Hope to see you on the court.

The front sign area has been replanted, refreshed and replaced. The new stem wall really enhances the look and makes the new sign letters and colors stand out. What an awesome job.

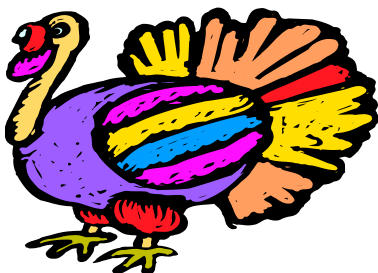
Due to the volatile real estate market, the sales activity in the office remains slow but we have recently seen an increase in traffic. We anticipate a good selling season as the folks from the north return to Florida in search of a new home or community.

I am sending out a plea for all residents to help in updating the web site. We need to have pictures of the community, functions, events, parties, or travel pictures. Please send them to me via email, disc or a memory card and I will collect them for some lifestyle pages on the Ventura Lakes web site.

In November, we have scheduled the clubhouse cleaning, fertilization and pest control. Also, a replacement of an air conditioning unit at the clubhouse, as well as several other projects that have been on our list.

Thanks to all of you who make Ventura Lakes such a great place to live and work.

Dave and Ted, email [venturalakes@gmail.com](mailto:venturalakes@gmail.com)



It's turkey time! Happy Thanksgiving



**NOVEMBER BREAKFAST – Don't forget to come to the monthly breakfast on Sat., 5 Nov from 8 – 9 am.**

## THANKSGIVING DINNER

We are in need of a person or group of people to host the Thanksgiving dinner. If you are interested, please contact Chris Robb. I will help you anyway I can. It is a pretty easy dinner to put on; the turkeys are cooked by volunteers and everyone brings a dish to share. Please sign up to do this so those who have nowhere to go can celebrate with friends. Thank you, Chris Robb, 639-3502

## SUNSHINE

Get well wishes go out to Jo Redd, Craig Nichols, Irene Blier, Paul & Jean Vornheder, Paul Kross, Christine Venclik, Elaine Geagan and Jane Cavanagh. Also, several individuals returned from the recent cruise with cold and flu symptoms. Hopefully, all are well now.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Bernice Meissler in the passing of her beloved husband George Meissler who passed away on 22 Oct 11. His funeral took place on Wed, 26 Oct 11.

Congratulations go out to Marilyn and Bernie Poelman (# 266) who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**NEW RESIDENTS - Welcome new Ventura Lakes residents** Bill and Sue Miller, (#11) from NY; and Carl and Ceph Hering (#58) from NY.

## VENTURA LAKES PHOTO DIRECTORY

Directories are available for purchase for \$8.50. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors. If you want a copy, contact Anne Hawthorne (#213) at 269-964-4941.

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## VENTURA PHONE DIRECTORY

As most of you know, we publish a new phone roster in January. Please check your names and phone numbers so I can make any changes for the new roster. If you are new to the community, I need to make sure I have the correct spelling of your names and correct phone number. All your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Send any additions or changes to my email, [retired87@gmail.com](mailto:retired87@gmail.com), or phone me at (941) 639-8135. Cathy Aleshire, #239

## WIDOW/WIDOWER CLUB – NOV 2011

All WWC activities for the remainder of this year are canceled. Resumption of WWC events are under review. Joanne Sullivan

## THE SOLO'S EVENTS - NOV 2011

**Sat, Nov 5** - Ice Cream Social at Karen Coldiron's (#280) at 7:00 pm. Homemade vanilla ice cream will be provided by Karen. Join in the fun by bringing your favorite topping to share.

**Tues, Nov 8** - Reminder to all ticket holders: "**Elvis Tribute**" by Dwight Icenhower at Visani's. 7:30 pm showtime. Meet at the clubhouse at 4:45 pm to carpool to Visani's. Contact Rose Bellissimo at 505-2151 if you have questions regarding this event.

**Sat, Nov 12** - Game night at the Clubhouse. 7:00 pm. Bring a small snack to share and a beverage of your choice.

**Thurs, Nov 17** - Lunch at Burnt Store Marina's "Linkside Café". Meet at 11:30 am at the clubhouse to carpool to the restaurant. RSVP to Bonnie Massaro at 575-7530 by Nov 15.

## NOVEMBER LADIES LUNCH

Date: Thursday, Nov 3, 2011

Time: 11:30 am

Place: Saltwater Café, 1071 Tamiami Trail North (corner of US 41 and Laurel Road)

Nokomis, FL 34275

Phone: 941-488-3775

Sign-up sheet is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board along with a menu and directions to the restaurant. We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am. If you have any questions or need a ride, please call Rickie Freshley at 575-2484.

**Please note**, the Nov lunch is scheduled for the **FIRST** Thursday of the month in order to accommodate a previously planned community day trip to Largo, FL.

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Ventura Lakes Community has a monthly book discussion group. We meet the first Monday of the month at 10:00 am. We all read the same book and meet to discuss our opinions (likes, dislikes, etc.). We meet from Oct - May of each year. The group members take turns hosting each month. The hostess serves coffee, tea and a snack (pastry or fruit) and sometimes yummy candy. Newcomers are welcome. **Please let the hostess know if you will be attending the book discussion group.** Here is a list of the book titles and hostess for each month:

**Nov 7** - Garth Stein - Art of Racing in the Rain  
Hostess: Gail Rutledge #100, 637-3849

**Dec 5** - Book of your choice (Florida books only) by Randy Wayne White. He has written several books with the story taking place in Florida locations.  
Hostess: Arlene Smith #168, 916-3086

**Jan 2** – Jeannette Walls - The Glass Castle and Half Broken Horses. Hostess: Rhoda Ives #20, 505-8734

**Feb 6** – Suzanne Collins - The Hunger Games  
Hostess: Joan Cox #284, 575-9114

**Mar 5** – Walter Mosley – Fortunate Son  
Hostess: Meg Weigel #97, 637-7738

**April 2** – Chris Cleave - Little Bee  
Hostess: Doris Wozniak #174, 505-0081

**May 7** – Jeanne Blum - Those Who's Save Us  
Hostess: To be announced

If you have any questions, please call Nadine Sommerfield, 639-3565



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## LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to all that were away this summer. Our library has had a few new changes since last Spring. We have two new beautiful book cases, which really enhance our library. Our videos, DVDs, audio (talking books) and magazines are now kept in the card room.

The games and puzzles have been organized and shelved in book cases in the card room. Come check out and see what's new to our collection:

### Non-Fiction:

1. Jim Sciutto – *The New Faces of America's Enemies in the Muslim World*
2. Beth Nimmo and Darrell Scott - *Rachel's Tears*

### Oversize Paperbacks:

1. Susan Johnson - *Hot Spot*
2. Kristy Kiernan - *Between Friends*
3. Leisha Kelly - *Rorey's Secret*

### Hard Cover:

1. Ridley Pearson - *Cut and Run*
  2. Danielle Steel - *A Good Woman*
  3. Andrew Winer - *Color Midnight Made*
  4. Kathleen E. Woodiwiss - *Everlasting*
- Until next month -- Happy Reading  
Diane Dalzell and Gail Rutledge

## VENTURA VAGABONDS

The Ventura Vagabonds are off and running again. Our fall trip was to St Augustine, not the first time we've been here, but there is just so much to see and do.

Friday morning after breakfast of omelets-in-a-bag, we took off in different directions. There were trolley tours, river cruises, museums, outlet shopping and of course FOOD. Dinner was at the Creekside Dinery and if you ever have the chance to visit, the food was fantastic.... A special thanks to Joan and Bill Cox for finding it for us.

Saturday there was a Chocolate Factory tour, complete with samples, followed by more FOOD, lunch at Aunt Kate's on the water, followed by, you guessed it, more FOOD in the form of a pot luck dinner back at the campground.

Sunday morning found many of us out for breakfast at yet another local eatery. We will all start dieting NEXT week so we'll be ready for our next trip to the Keys in January.

We welcomed new Vagabonds to our group; Ann & Peter Waldren and Anne & Larry Hawthorne. We all want to thank our hosts Jeff & Jackie Brandon and Ollie & Carol Niccolls for a job well done.  
Paul & Barb Schmidt (#31), 239-209-6934



Vagabonds at St. Augustine's Creekside Dinery, 21 Oct 11

## TRAVEL NEWS – NOV 2011

### Reminder of dates for future trips

Nov 2, 2011	Broadway Palms (Sugar)
Nov 10, 2011	Village tour at Largo, Lunch at Sweet Tomatoes, Shopping at Ellenton Outlet Mall
Nov 30, 2011	Broadway Palms (White Christmas)
Dec 3, 2011	Barbara B. Mann (Shrek)
Dec 11, 2011	Holiday Nights 2011- Edison/Ford Winter Estates Ft. Myers
Jan 14-22, 2012	8 night cruise to the Panama Canal
Feb 4, 2012	Barbara B. Mann (Jersey Boys)
Feb 8, 2012	Broadway Palms (Me and My Girl)
Mar 10, 2012	Barbara B. Mann (My Fair Lady)
Mar 31, 2012	Barbara B. Mann (Wicked)

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## **Broadway Palms Dinner Theater – Sugar and White Christmas**

- If you have paid for a 2011-2012 subscription to the Broadway Palms Dinner Theater, our first production is Nov 3. Information regarding "Sugar" is posted on the travel bulletin board in the clubhouse. Please read and initial by your name. Our second production is Nov 30. Please make sure this is marked on your calendar.

## **A few spots remain for our Historical Village and Shopping Trip to Largo and Ellenton on Nov 10, 2011**

- Thank you for the great response to our historical village and shopping tour in Nov. We only have a few spots left for this trip. We will visit a 21 acre village that is home to 28 structures with some dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Lunch (on your own) at "Sweet Tomatoes" in Largo and then we will then stop at the Ellenton Outlet Center for an afternoon of shopping. We will leave Ventura at 8:00 am and should return at approximately 5:00 pm. The cost of the trip is \$30.00 which is now due and includes: Your donation to the Village, Transportation, and Driver Gratuity. Sign-up sheet is on travel bulletin board. Contact Karen Coldiron at 941-575-0065.

## **Holiday Nights 2011 at the Edison/Ford Estates in Ft. Myers**

- On Dec 11, we are going by motorcoach to the Edison/Ford homes in Ft. Myers to attend their Holiday Nights. The estate will be seasonally decorated and will feature elements of an Old Florida Christmas. In addition, entertainment will be provided by school and community groups. Details of the evening are posted on the travel bulletin board in the clubhouse. This should be a fun evening and we are hopeful that you will join us for this holiday event.

**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER** – Send your news articles to [venturanews@live.com](mailto:venturanews@live.com) no later than 21 Nov. If you want to add, change or delete your name to the email list, send a note to this address. You can also view the newsletters on web site <http://venturasocialclub.com>.

Anne Hawthorne, 269-964-4941

## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1-Nov Rudy Lohff  
3-Nov Jack O'Brien (Lot #211)  
4-Nov Tom Evans  
5-Nov Linda Schulze  
6-Nov Elizabeth Cunningham & Dick Myers  
7-Nov Nancy Moorman  
8-Nov Rick Freshley, Sam Paonessa & Gil Saucier  
9-Nov Joyce Nichols  
10-Nov Cheryl Dye  
11-Nov San Caberto, Helen Daly & Lucille Riopel  
12-Nov Barb Stone & Tim Tyler  
14-Nov Paul Cavanaugh  
16-Nov Mary Ann Csaji & Helene Losardo  
17-Nov Gerald Smith  
18-Nov Elba Gleason  
21-Nov Marge Cobham  
21-Nov Joan Cox & Chuck Schenk  
23-Nov Glen Allen & Toots Rau  
24-Nov Bonnie Goyette  
25-Nov Diane Schenk  
26-Nov Jerry Pelkey & Pat Tyndall  
27-Nov Tom Benton & Bill Cobham  
30-Nov Kay Crassweller & Phyllis Henderson

## **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

3-Nov Phil & Brenda Menendez  
5-Nov Ray & Helen Daly  
6-Nov Frank & Debbie Zalucki  
8-Nov Lowell & Barbara Stenglein  
9-Nov Henry & Irene Blier  
13-Nov Jim & Connie Bowman  
14-Nov Ken & Diane Dalzell  
15-Nov Jim & Connie Campbell  
19-Nov Harold & Ruth Woodhouse  
20-Nov Rick & Marie Schnaitmann  
22-Nov Terry & Doris Wozniak  
24-Nov Don & Nancy Hull  
26-Nov John & Margaret Sblendorio  
28-Nov Bob & Cheryl Dye  
28-Nov Bob & Mary Stromberg

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