

# Camp Florida Property Owners Association

LAKE PLACID, FLORIDA

## THE CRITTER

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## Letter from our POA President – Rodd Blakeslee

To all POA Members and our Camp Florida friends:

For my first *Critter* letter as your new President, I would like to take a moment to first thank Mr. Bruce Ridley for his outstanding leadership as President over the last six years, as well as years prior where he served in other board capacities. Under Bruce's leadership, many improvements were accomplished in our park. In particular:

- **POOL** – Our pool, which is rated as a best maintained pool by the Highlands County Health Department, was reinforced with fiberglass and converted to a salt water pool.
- **STORAGE AREA** – The road in the storage area was upgraded with shell gravel (and most recently blacktop) and additional storage spaces were added.
- **RECYCLING** – President Ridley spent many hours at the County Office Buildings expressing the need for Camp Florida to have a recycling dumpster instead of the County's plan to switch to individual recycling bins.
- **SKINNY DIPPING POINT** – A fence was installed at Skinny Dipping Point to protect our property.

I believe Bruce truly loves Camp Florida and all who reside here. Having worked directly with Mr. Ridley and now knowing him as a friend, I am certain we will all miss him and his servant's heart. I will remain a friend of Mr. Ridley (Bruce) and will miss both Bruce and Dottie in our park. To BRUCE & DOTTIE – THANK YOU! WE WILL MISS YOU!

Secondly, to Cindy Donovan and Joe Nolan – Congratulations and welcome to the board!

And last, but certainly not least, to Cindy Leising and Bonnie Morris – Thank you both for being the voice of the people. On behalf of all Camp Florida members and guests, myself included, let me say that your efforts did not go unnoticed. I hope you'll continue to serve our park with the same enthusiasm you showed during the recent election. You both made/make a difference!

If any questions or concerns arise, please feel free to contact me or any board member. My email is [roddblakeslee@gmail.com](mailto:roddblakeslee@gmail.com) and my cell is (616) 292-2865. Thank you! Rodd Blakeslee, POA President

### “Critter” of the Month

- excerpt from an article in the *Florida Weekly*

“Ugh, SNOWBIRDS!”, some Floridians say with a snarl! “Isn't it time for you to be heading back home?” Snowbirds start flocking to Florida in November, though some arrive earlier and some later. According to [www.Floridasmart.com](http://www.Floridasmart.com), it's estimated that 900,000 to 1 million Snowbirds come to Florida during the winter season, increasing the state's population by 5%.

Once here, Snowbirds drive S-L-O-W-L-Y, because they have absolutely nowhere to go and all the time to get there! Their cars are always defective: either their signal lights don't work, or one blinks nonstop even though the car's driving straight for the next 10 miles!

Their plumage is either beige or clashing tropical colors. They wear hideous white socks with sandals and shorts. They clog up the roads and restaurants. They swim even when the water's cold. THEY ALL FLOCK TOGETHER!

Typically, they leave around Easter, and have never had to survive a Florida hurricane or deal with temps and humidity in the high 90s. Then they return to do it all over again the following winter.

Those Floridians think they've got us all figured out...HA!



“Snowbirds”

### Activities Committees

#### Activities Chairs:

*Joanne Shilling*

*Brenda Whitcombe*

#### Critter:

*Brenda Whitcombe*

#### Entertainment Chairs:

*Jan Foley*

*Linda Reuter*

#### Food Chairs:

*Paul & Ethel Stephenson*

*Tony Tornatore*

#### Music/Sound Chair:

*Gary Shilling*

#### Park Events:

*Joanne Shilling*

#### Scheduling Chairs:

*Joanne Shilling*

*Brenda Whitcombe*

#### Singers Events:

*Tom Stansifer*

## CFROCKS Workshop

Saturday, March 21

9:00 – 11:00 AM • Card Room

Gather your rocks and painting supplies and join us in the Card Room for this fun and creative workshop!



Together, we create little “works of art” by painting rocks with uplifting messages, and/or pictures, then placing them in the park (or nearby community) for someone to find.

Help us spread a little love and joy!

## Park Manager’s Message – John Sims

It’s hard to believe this is our last *Critter* of the season...time sure does fly! I hope your time spent here with us has been enjoyable!

First, an important message for property owners:

As you know, Camp Florida is a property-owned, gated community where residents are issued gate card keys or remote gate openers to gain entry to the park. Those gate card keys and remote gate openers **are for property owners and renters only** and are not to be given to non-residents (i.e. relatives and friends) for them to come and go as they please.

If a non-resident is found to be gaining access to the park with a device that is assigned to a property owner, ALL devices of that property owner will be deactivated immediately until the issue is resolved.

I’d also like to pass along a few reminders to property owners before you head north for the summer:

- ✓ leave a set of keys to your property with me or someone in the park that you know resides here during the summer months.
- ✓ make arrangements for someone to take care of your flower beds (weeds) and the exterior of your home (mold and mildew) while you are gone.
- ✓ DO NOT put a lock on your water supply at the meter. The meter belongs to the water company (not the property owner) and they will cut the lock off. If you are concerned with returning in the fall and finding that US Water has locked you out for no usage, a suggestion would be for you to call them at (888) 228-2134 to put your account on a “seasonal hold”. If you decide to leave your water on, please remember to shut off your hot water heater.
- ✓ If you have problems with your power and/or water bill being too high while you’re gone, feel free to give me a call at (863) 991-0313. I can check to make sure you don’t have a problem with your air conditioning unit or a water leak, etc.

I wish you a safe trip north when you leave and I look forward to seeing you all again next season.

John Sims  
Park Manager

## Look everybody!



Wisconsin Dave is back in the house – in his seat selling tickets at BINGO! Welcome back, Dave!

## Sunshine Committee



Sue Reising (5 Beachfront Lane) will head up our CF POA Sunshine Committee this year. Requests for cards, etc. can be made by calling Sue at (315) 853-2047 or by emailing her at [lsreising@gmail.com](mailto:lsreising@gmail.com).

## TRIVIA

1. What is the nickname used by Indiana University’s athletic teams?
2. What is the groove between the nose and the top lip called?
3. In which year was the Model T automobile introduced by Henry Ford?
4. In which US city was the first subway opened in 1897?
5. How many Canadian provinces have a shoreline on any of the five Great Lakes?

Answers can be found on Page 5

# SPECIAL EVENTS:

GR: Great Room CR: Card Room LB: Library

- 03/01 **NEW YORK & PENNSYLVANIA State Party** - Sign up in the LB. Bring beverages, a dish to pass & table service. 1:00 GR  
**Ice Cream Social** featuring the Camp Florida Singers AND Jammers. Tickets \$3.00. (ice cream at 6:30; entertainment at 7:00) GR
- 03/03 **Royal Potato Bake Dinner** Tickets \$4.00 5:00 GR
- 03/05 **Miller's** (Coffee & Donut Hour) 10:00 GR  
"Donations" encouraged.  
**POA Meeting** 1:00 GR
- 03/07 **Bunco** - Sign up in the LB. Cost is \$5.00. Bring a snack to share. 7:00 GR
- 03/08 **Daylight Saving Time** - set your clocks forward one hour!  
**Tennis Players (& Spouses) Pot Luck** 5:00 GR
- 03/09 **Blood Mobile** Big Red Bus. 10:00-2:00. Parking Lot. Sign up on bulletin board in LB.
- 03/10 **Jewelry Making Class** (with Char Brandys) - Sign up in the LB 1:15 CR
- 03/12 **McPhail's Auto** (Coffee & Donut Hour) 10:00 GR  
"Donations" encouraged.
- 03/14 **Performance Series #5 - Jimmy Travis** 7:00 GR
- 03/15 **Farewell Party for Bruce & Dottie Ridley** 5:00 GR
- 03/16 **Camp Florida 2021 Performance Series** Tickets \$40.00.  
Sale begins at 8:00 AM outside the office
- 03/17 **St. Patrick's Day**  
**St. Patrick's Day Dinner** Tickets \$10.00 5:00 GR  
**Book Club - Harry's Trees** 3:00 CR
- 03/19 **Author Don Stansloski** (Coffee & Donut Hour) 10:00 GR  
"Donations" encouraged.
- 03/20 **Hoe Down - All Country, All Night Social Hour** 6:00 GR
- 03/21 **Pancake Breakfast** Cost \$5.00 8-10:00 GR Sign up in LB  
"FREE" for All 8-10:30 GR Stage Area  
**CFRocks Workshop** 9:00-11:00 CR  
**Sebring High School Jazz Band** 7:00 GR
- 03/24 **Paint & Sip** 4:00-6:00 CR
- 03/26 **Coffee & Donut Hour** 10:00 GR  
"Donations" encouraged.  
**Farewell Potluck Dinner** Tickets \$2.00. 5:00 GR
- 03/27 **Prevention Plus** 8:00-5:00 CR Call to set up an appointment
- 03/28 **Performance Series #6 - Todd Bogue** 7:00 GR



## SAVE THE DATE:

GR: Great Room CR: Card Room LB: Library

- 04/01 **Last Canteen** 5:00 GR  
**Last BINGO** 7:00 GR
- 04/02 **POA Meeting** 1:00 GR
- 04/04 **Last Grilling** 11:30-1:30 Pool  
**Last Bunco** - Sign up in the LB. Cost is \$5.00. Bring a snack to share. 7:00 GR
- 04/05 **Palm Sunday**
- 04/10 **Good Friday**
- 04/12 **Easter Sunday**  
**Easter Dinner** Tickets \$10.00. 5:00 GR

## offseason activities

Many of the activities we have scheduled here during the winter season will be on hiatus during the off season (April-October). Please check with your group leader to see if or when the activities you participate in will stop or be rescheduled.



# TELEWORD

**How to play:** All the words below appear in the puzzle – horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and circle their letters. The leftover letters spell the Teleword.

**Solution:** See Page 5

## JOINING A CHALLENGE

**Solution: 7 Letters**

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S	S	E	C	C	U	S	P	O	R	T	S	T	N	E
S	Y	I	N	A	O	L	A	O	G	T	E	I	S	E
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N	D	S	N	R	I	B	T	S	A	I	B	C	A	C
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**THANK YOU**

*Thanks to all who have been donating cans, which we give to the Center for Great Apes Maintenance Department. They are currently saving for much needed tools and truly appreciate the donations, as they get no Federal funding.*

*Thom & Rockie Kainz  
54 Winward Drive (Circle C)*

**THANK YOU**

*Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!*

*We would like to express our appreciation for your votes and support in our recent Board of Directors Election. Even though the election did not turn out the way we would have liked, we truly believe our efforts opened eyes and our voices did not go unheard. We were humbled and happy to have met so many homeowners during our campaigning endeavors. As we uphold our promise to you to be the voice of the homeowners, we have presented all the ideas, concerns and wishes that were discussed in our Town Hall meetings to our Board of Directors for their consideration. We would like to send out special thanks to our campaign committee (Rockie, Cathy, Joanne) and all the homeowner hosts that provided a meeting place for our Town Hall meetings.*

*"Together we did make a difference"*

*Sincerely,  
Bonnie Morris & Cindy Leising*

**THANK YOU**

*We would like to thank our volunteers, both property owners as well as the many renters, who helped make the 2019-2020 season of activities such a huge success. Without your help, we wouldn't be able to pull off all the amazing activities we've had here this year! THANK YOU!*

*The CFR Activities Committee*

**THANK YOU**

*As the season's Pancake Breakfasts come to a close, I want to give a BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who worked the five breakfasts...you are truly appreciated!!!*

*Also, thank you to all the people who supported us with your attendance.*

*Buzz Howes*

**THANK YOU**

*A big THANK YOU!*

*Dick and I would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our friends and neighbors for all their prayers, help, kindness, cards, food, visits and concern for Dick and me after his recent accident. A special shout out goes to Thom & Rockie Kainz, Rob & Anne Hierlihy, Earl & Janel Desjardins, Darrel & Sharon Richards, Karen Johnson, Jim & Dianne Newberry and Janet Shortridge, all of whom helped in so many ways and made a terrible situation bearable. For all the many newer people here at Camp Florida, we hope you realize that there's no better place to be in times of crisis – especially if your family lives on the other side of the country. Our family here was the next best thing and we are so grateful beyond words.*

*Sincerely, Cathy & Dick Ferrando*



## EASTER DINNER

Sunday, April 12, 2020  
5:00 PM – Great Room

We will be serving a traditional ham (and turkey) dinner with all the fixings, including dessert. Dinner will be served buffet style. \$10.00 per person. Tickets will be sold at the door. Sign up at the office.

## THE CRITTER

If you would like to submit pictures and/or an article to appear in the next issue of "The Critter", please feel free to contact Brenda Whitcombe. Articles are due no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month and must be kept to 25 words or less. Critter Request Forms are available in the little red mailbox at Brenda's home (24 Hidden Cove) or at the POA Office. You can also contact Brenda by email at [bwhitco55@gmail.com](mailto:bwhitco55@gmail.com).

## From Dottie & Bruce Ridley

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Camp Florida family for all their love and assistance over the last 15 years we've been coming to Camp Florida. It has been quite a ride for us, serving all of you in any way that we could, and especially all the friendships we have created. We would also like to thank all of you for your help and assistance in the many ventures we tried – Habitat for Humanity, the various dinners, allowing Bruce to emcee or say a prayer of Grace or serving on the Board of Directors. The old axiom "It takes a Village..." is indeed spot on. Without all of you, nothing we endeavored to do would have been successful. God bless you all! We love you!

Dottie and Bruce Ridley

TELEWORD ANSWER: CONTEST

TRIVIA ANSWERS: 1. The Hoosiers 2. Philtrum  
3. 1908 4. Boston 5. One

ANSWERS

It's a

# HOE DOWN

at the

 **CFR Corral**

FRIDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> ★ 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Grab your hat and those dusty ole boots and mosey on down to the Club House for some dancin' and fun times!

"DJ Swede" is ready and rarin' to play

**ALL COUNTRY, ALL NIGHT**

at this **FREE** event.

**BYOB** and a snack (if you reckon) and get there before 7:00 PM for the special entertainment!

## RISE AND SHINE...

*it's PANCAKE time!*

Stop by the Great Room on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 – 10:00 AM for the last pancake breakfast of the season! Buzz Howes and the gang will be waiting for you! The cost is \$5.00 per person. Sign up in the Library.



**"FREE"  
for All**

March 21, 2020

Have items you no longer want or take things you just can't live without. It's all "FREE"! What's left will go to Nu-Hope. You don't need to bring something to take something! Come check it out! 8:00-10:30 Great Room stage area.

# Paint & Sip Class

A minimum of 16 participants are needed to hold the class.

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 - 6:00 PM ■ Card Room

Local artist, Samira, from Dear Cannon Art Studio & Creative Center, will be here again this year to show us how to paint this beautiful scene. The cost is \$30.00 per class (includes all supplies needed). Bring your own beverages. Sign up sheets are posted in the Library.



# Jewelry Making Class

with Char Brandys

Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

1:15 - 4:15 PM

Card Room



Come join Char Brandys on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> for the last bracelet class of the season. Char will be making this beautiful Crescent and Crystal bracelet. The cost for this beginner - intermediate class is \$30.00 and it includes everything you'll need to make the bracelet. Sign up sheets are posted in the Library. If you would like to choose your color kit prior to the class, please stop by Char's house at 55 Sand Pine Circle to prepay. Hope to see you there!

## A NOTE FROM OUR ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

We would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming support you've shown for our shows this season. Ticket sales have been fantastic! But as you know, with success comes a few problems.

In an attempt to solve some of our seating issues we added ushers to help you get to your correct seating area. These ushers have been an asset to all of us. Thank them!!

You'll notice a few changes in our tickets sales for our 2021 Performances. The front section for the first 120 tickets sold will remain the same. A middle section will be added to get an additional 80 seats closer to the stage. The back section will be used for additional seating, non-residents and individual show tickets.

As in the past, first day tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

(see article on Page 7 for further details)

## POA MEETINGS

### Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2020

1:00 PM - Great Room

### Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, April 2, 2020

1:00 PM - Great Room



## The Activities Committee proudly presents the Sebring High School Jazz Band

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020

7:00 PM ♦ LAKEVIEW CLUB HOUSE



They're known locally as the Sebring High School Jazz Band, but don't let the word "Jazz" fool you!

This talented group of high school musicians, led by Band

Director Tony Juliano, performs hits such as "On the Sunny Side of the Street", "The Nearness of You", "In the Mood", "I Heard It through the Grapevine", "Kansas City", "Sweet Georgia Brown", "Over the Rainbow" and "The Magic Touch", just to name a few.

Their traditional instruments - saxophones, trombones, trumpets, keyboards - are all shined and ready to go! They'll save plenty of room on the dance floor so bring your dancing shoes!

This event, which provides our area high school students the opportunity to display their hard work and talent, will be held in the Great Room on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Admission is FREE; freewill offerings will be greatly accepted. We look forward to seeing you!

## TENNIS PLAYERS POT LUCK

Sunday, March 8

5:00 PM • Card Room



Hey all you tennis players (& spouses)! We will be holding a pot luck dinner in the Card Room on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. Bring a covered dish to pass and your own beverages and table service. Hope to see you all there!

# Cookies?! At the Canteen?!



That's right! Our bakers, Ethel Stephenson, Marilyn Martin, Cheryl Ashley and Sharlene McConeghy have been busy making delicious cookies for the Wednesday night Canteens.

And Ginnie Zbierajewski is always on hand as our taste tester (when she's not stuck wrapping the silverware)!

Thank you, ladies!



# I ♥ NY

Pennsylvania  
*pursue your happiness™*

Hey, all you New Yorkers and Pennsylvanians! It's time for US to party! Our get-together will be held on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1:00 PM in the Great Room. Sign up sheets are posted in the Library. Bring a covered dish to share, plus your own drinks and table service. See you there!

## CAMP FLORIDA 2021 PERFORMANCE SERIES

Tickets for our 2021 Camp Florida Performance Series will go on sale Monday, March 16, 2020. Sales will take place in the Card Room from 8:00 AM to noon. The cost, once again, will be \$40 for 6 shows. On this day there will be a limit of two (2) tickets per person. If you are purchasing tickets for another resident you will need their information; name and Camp Florida address.

### PLEASE REMEMBER –

**THERE ARE NO BAD SEATS IN OUR CLUB HOUSE!**

Tickets will be sold and color coded on a first come, first serve basis as follows:

**TICKET #'s 1-120** – will allow Season Ticketholders access to the FRONT SECTION of seating. (No change from previous years)

**TICKET #'s 121-200** – will allow Season Ticketholders access to the MIDDLE SECTION of seating. (Change from last year)

**ALL OTHER TICKETS** – the BACK SECTION of seating will be for Season Ticketholders with Ticket #'s 201 and above, individual show Ticketholders and non-residents. (Change from last year)

After March 16, Season Tickets may be purchased at the sales desk outside the POA Office from 10:00 AM to noon, Monday – Friday. There will be no limit on the number of tickets purchased. You must have resident information. Tickets for a non-resident may only be purchased by a Camp Florida resident. Minimum age for show goers is 12.

As in past years, individual tickets for each show will be available at the sales desk, 10:00 AM to noon, Monday – Friday and at each individual show for \$15.

Are you looking for something fun to do in the park on Friday nights?

If so, then join us in the Great Room for a wide variety of music, karaoke and dancing!



6:00 – 7:00 Line Dancing

7:00 – 10:00 Karaoke & Dancing

## Ice Cream Social

*featuring our*  
**Camp Florida Singers AND Jammers**

Join us in the Great Room on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> for some refreshing dessert and awesome entertainment!

Ice cream (with all your favorite toppings) will be served at 6:30 PM. The cost is \$3.00 per person. Tickets are available in the Library.



Then, beginning at 7:00 PM, stick around to enjoy both of our Camp Florida musical groups – the **Singers AND Jammers**. Come and enjoy the songs and tunes they've been practicing since January!

# "YOU MAY BE FROM CAMP FLORIDA IF..."

– by Ken Keller, Emcee

(In case you missed it at Camp Florida Performance Series Show #3)

So I'm driving down from Sebring a week or so ago, listening to this comedian, Jeff Foxworthy, on the radio. Jeff's made a career (and a pretty good living) out of a routine that begins "You may be a redneck if..."

Here's an example: "You may be a redneck if you've ever made change in the offering plate."

Funny guy. Funny stuff. But I thought, "Why should Jeff have all the fun?" So I thought about it a little more and I offer herewith:

## You may be from Camp Florida if...

...the most expensive piece of art you own is your driveway

...deciding what to recycle is as confusing as an Iowa caucus

...you show up at 4:15 for a five o'clock supper and every seat is taken

...circle parties replace Thanksgiving as the biggest threat to your diet

...your idea of a committee meeting is three golf carts parked side-by-side

...across Shoreline Drive

...at rush hour

...there is no rush hour

...emails from Bruce Ridley replace the Ten Commandments as the guiding principles for your life

...that cute thing you lean over to kiss in a stroller has a cold nose and whiskers

And finally

...you have to resist your inner Bruce Willis to drive through the gates as they're closing

The last session of **BINGO** and the Canteen for the 2020 season will be held on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. The menu for the Canteen that night is "Chef's Choice".

# Farewell Party

in honor of

*Bruce & Dottie Ridley*

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

5:00-7:00 PM ■ GREAT ROOM

Please join us for coffee & dessert  
and an evening of friendship  
and happy memories

*How lucky are we to have friends  
who make saying goodbye so hard?*

## NEW IN 2021 – TALENT SHOWCASE

On Tuesday, January 12, 2021, Camp Florida will be partnering with The Fellowship of Entertainers to host a Talent Showcase. Representatives from other parks will be here to watch outside acts perform for approximately 15 minutes each. Once we get the final count of outside attendees we will be offering Camp Florida residents (first come, first serve) free tickets to attend as well. This will give you the opportunity to see what we (Linda & Janet) endure each year to find acts for our Performance Series. This will be a big day so we'll be asking for volunteers to help us. Look for signup sheets at the POA office next year.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

5:00 PM – Great Room



Come join us for a traditional  
corned beef & cabbage  
dinner (plus ham).  
Served buffet style.  
Includes dessert too!  
\$10.00 per person.

Tickets are on sale at the office.

# Valentine's Love Boat Cruise Party

Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

Love was certainly in the air this Valentine's Day...especially if you were at the Club House for the "Love Boat Cruise Party". As the wedding pictures scrolled across the TV screen, "Captain Swede" asked couples to raise their hands and make lots of noise when their wedding picture was displayed. Throughout the evening, couples reminisced, "Cupid" drew back his bow and "lovebirds" walked hand in hand toward the dance floor as their favorite wedding songs were played.

A big thank you to our dance teachers, decorators, "Captain Swede", our Special Entertainers and all the residents who came out and partied with us! Join us at the Club House on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 PM for our final dance party of the season – Hee Down, All Country, All Night! Hope to see you there!



## PET PARADE

Circle "C" was the place to be on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> as pet owners throughout the park dolled up their doggies (and a kitty cat, too) for this year's Pet Parade!



There were 28 pets entered in the Parade this year – one cat (named Jade) and 27 dogs – (Zoe, Papi, Niya, Summer, Jenny Belle, Izzy, BJ, Risen Shine, Sadie, Zoe, Orange Blossom, Monroe, Minnie Pearl, Oliver, Bella, Molly, Annie, Monique, Chloe, Holly, Lola, Doodles, Jake, Mitzie, Sparky, Larry and Bebe). And they were all dressed up – ribbons and tutus, jerseys and capes, bandanas and bow ties – even a shark, for heaven's sake!

The weather was just purrrfect...sunny in the mid-70s, with a nice, steady breeze. The Camp Florida Singers and Jammers provided the music and songs as spectators lined the street to watch this well organized event. Pet

owners and animal lovers alike donated several bags of pet food, along with toys & treats, and took a chance at winning the 50/50 Raffle – all to benefit our local Humane Society.

No bones about it...this was an adorable event! I'm looking forward to the next Pet Parade and all the different "characters" I'll see!





On Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, the Great Room was where 36 of our Camp Florida Quilters gathered for their annual “Quilting Bee”.

The room was buzzing with activity as these talented ladies worked among rows (and rows!) of sewing machines, bolts of batting and piles of color everywhere! There were strips & squares of cotton fabric in every color and print imaginable: paisley, tie-die, floral, pastel...the list goes on and on!

Each year, a new project is selected for the group to work on...a table runner was chosen for this year’s quilting project. Although the quilters follow the same pattern, their interpretation of colors for this project made each table runner unique.

During this activity, “Bush’s Best Brunch” (aka Jim & Marcia Bush) prepared a delicious lunch for all to enjoy. And at the end of the day, they complimented one another on their skills and color choices and admired all of the beautifully finished products.

## National Soup Day Cook-Off

February 4, 2020

Our 1<sup>st</sup> National Soup Day Cook-Off was a huge success...142 people were on hand to judge all the wonderful concoctions. Most of the judges stood in line to grab 5 to 6 samples at a time while others, like myself, remembered to bring our mini muffin tins to get ‘em all at once (THANK YOU Jim & Marcia Bush for that very useful tip)!

There were a total of 23 cooks throughout the park that entered their favorite soup (only 2 were duplicates) for a chance to win the “wooden spoon” and bragging rights as CFR’s most delicious soup! Nancy Sheldrake took home the top prize of \$50.00 with her “Prize Winning” Seafood Chowder (see Nancy’s recipe on page 12). Congratulations, Nancy, and all the other lucky winners!



## WATER COMPANY ISSUES?

Have you tried calling the Water Company to ask questions or report a concern? Did you feel like you were getting the run-around? If you answered yes, then maybe you should try filing an official complaint on Florida's Public Service Commission website:

<http://www.psc.state.fl.us/ConsumerAssistance/ComplaintForm>

This website is very easy to use and it only takes a minute or two to file a complaint. In fact, complaints toward most (if not all) of the Florida utility companies we use can be submitted on this same website. You just choose the utility, put in some of your account information, type your complaint then hit "Submit". It's that easy! If you have a minute, check it out...you'll be glad you did!



The last Partner Dance Lessons for the season will be held on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

## ROYAL POTATO BAKE

Don't forget – Tuesday, March 3rd is the **ROYAL POTATO BAKE**. We'll have baked Idaho potatoes with a variety of your favorite toppings: butter, sour cream, chili (without beans), onions, bacon bits, chopped tomatoes and LOTS & LOTS of cheese!



So grab your drink and your ticket (a few are still available in the Library for \$4.00) and head on down to the Great Room at 5:00 PM for this tasty meal!

### Nancy Sheldrake's "Prize Winning" Seafood Chowder

1 lb onions, minced but not mushy	2 c whipping cream
1 ¾ T dried thyme leaves	½ lb halibut or haddock
1 ½ T celery salt	6 oz scallops
16 grinds fresh black pepper	¾ c sour cream
½ lb potatoes, medium cubed	2 ½ oz frozen/canned lobster meat & juice
	1 ½ c milk

Fry onions in a little butter until soft and transparent. They should be cooked enough for the raw onion odor to be gone. Add salt, thyme, celery salt and pepper. Steam potatoes for 8 minutes. Poach halibut in whipping cream, remove with a slotted spoon and break into chowder size pieces. Poach scallops in the same cream. (Bring to a gentle boil and let stand for 5 minutes.) Combine all ingredients and add sour cream, lobster meat and juice and 1 ½ cups milk\*. Heat but do not boil. Serves 6.

\*Add 1 ½ cups milk if halibut is used; less if cooking other fish (halibut tends to reabsorb liquid after cooking while most other fish does not).

### Camp Florida Basic/Mainstream Square Dance

March 9, 2020  
March 23, 2020  
March 30, 2020

### Square Dance Workshop

March 2, 2020  
March 16, 2020

Classes are held on Mondays from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the Club House, 231 Shoreline Drive, Lake Placid.

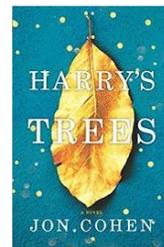
Cost is \$5.00 per person.



## Book Club – 2020

Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 PM ■ Card Room

Harry's Trees  
by Jon Cohen



Life, death, love, grief and the power of the Human Spirit to soar above tragedy and find joy.

When a little girl tells you to believe in fairy tales, you just have to obey.

This novel is worth its weight in "Gold".

# MONTHLY/WEEKLY EVENT NOTES:

**Activities Committee** meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at 11:00 in the Card Room. Everyone is invited to attend and offer suggestions for events in the park.

**Bible Study** will be held on Wednesdays at 10:00 in the Card Room. January through March.

**BINGO** will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 in the Great Room.

**Bocce Ball.** Afternoon games Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:00; morning games Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00. Scheduled games but court is open other times to play on your own. Return equipment to shed when finished.

**Bonfire at the Lake.** Every Sunday at the fire pit. The fire will be ready by 6:00 for those who want to cook. Bring your own food.

**Books with Chocolate.** Book Club will meet on January 21, February 18 and March 17 at 3:00 in the Card Room. Selections for 2020 are:

- January – Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman
- February – The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
- March – Harry's Trees by Jon Cohen

**Bridge.** Will be on Mondays at 7:00 in the Card Room.

**Brown Bag Lunch** (with Diane Lucey). For cancer survivors to get together to share stories and support each other while eating lunch. Bring your own lunch. Meet on Tuesdays at 11:30 in the Card Room.

**Bunco.** Will be on the first Saturday of the month at 7:00. Cost: \$5.00. Bring a snack to share between rounds! Great Room.

**Camp Florida Singers:** will meet and rehearse every Monday at 1:00 in the Card Room beginning January 6. Everyone is welcome.

**Canasta (Ladies):** Canasta will be played on Wednesdays from 1:00-4:00 in the Card Room. Experience is not necessary. We'll teach you!

**Canteen:** Served on Wednesdays before BINGO. Sign up for teams on bulletin board in the Library. Everyone is welcome. You do not have to play BINGO to take advantage of our Canteen.

**Chair Exercise:** will meet Mondays and Thursdays at 11:15 in the Great Room. low impact exercises which will help strengthen and stretch your muscles. Wear comfortable clothes.

**Cribbage:** Tuesdays at 7:00 in the Card Room.

**Dancing:** A variety of basic/beginner to advanced dance classes are offered Monday through Thursday in the Great Room.

- **Line Dancing – Basic Line Dance** Tuesdays at 2:00 with Sondra Gerber (256) 670-2420. Teaches basic line dance steps. December – March. **Beyond Basics Line Dancing** Tuesdays at 11:00 and Thursdays at 2:00 with Lynne Blakeslee. Teaches more line dance steps and dances. Experience recommended. January – March. **Line Dance for Fun** Mondays at 6:30 with Joyce Covington, (309) 642-5881. Everyone welcome! Beginners too! Doing older dances and some new. November – April. **Line Dance Review** Mondays at 10:00 with Rockie Kainz, (863) 633-8177. Reviewing the "classic" line dances. November – April.
- **Partner Dancing – Basic Partner Dancing** Wednesdays at 10:00-10:30 with Dede and John Raymond (507) 363-0175. Teaches basic partner dance steps for those who have never taken partner dance. January 8 – March. **Beginner Partner Dancing** Wednesdays at 10:30-12:00 with Dede and John Raymond. Teaches beginner partner dance and review of past years dances. January 8 – March.
- **Square Dancing – Basic Square Dancing** classes are held at 2:00 on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month while **Mainstream Square Dancing** classes (with caller Nelson Wakeman) are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays. Cost is \$5.00 per person. January 6 – March 30.

**Darts:** Join your fellow dart throwers. Meet on Sunday evenings at 6:30 in the Pool House. Come check it out!

**Euchre:** Thursdays at 7:00 in the Card Room.

**Golf:** Foursomes, Couples, Guys, Gals. Everyone welcome. Special rates for CFR group. Join any week. 18 holes or 9 with cart. Non-committing, no pressure. Make your own game. Game on Tuesdays; must know weekly by noon on Mondays. Joyce (309) 642-5881 text or call; if no answer please leave message and she'll return the call.

**Horseshoes:** Women on Mondays, Men on Wednesdays and Co-Ed on Saturdays. All games begin at 1:00. \$1.00 entry fee. Arrive by 12:45 to draw teams.

**Jammers:** Join us for some music "picking and grinning"! Wednesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 (set up at 12:45) in the Great Room. All are welcome.

**Library:** Hardbacks are housed in the library of the clubhouse. Paperbacks are kept in the pool clubhouse.

**Mahjong.** Players will meet in the Card Room on Sundays at 2:00. Bring a set if you have one.

**McCracken Farms:** Will be in the parking lot between the pool and clubhouse. Wednesdays between 9:00 – 9:30.

**Open Game Night.** Tuesdays at 7:00 in the Great Room. Bring your own game.

**Pickleball** is played every M-W-F at 11:00 and Tues-Thurs-Sat at 9:00 on the tennis courts. Paddles and balls are available for your use.

**Pinochle:** Tuesdays at 7:00 in the Card Room.

**Poker** will be held on Sundays at 7:00 in the Pool House.

**Pool (Billiards)** Tuesdays at 7:00 in the Pool House.

**Pool Exercises:** **Water Exercise** classes M-W-F at 10:00 beginning December 2. These are low impact, stretching and strengthening exercises that are especially good for arthritis. **Swimnastics**, a more aerobic water exercise class is held M-W-F at 11:00.

**Poolside Grilling:** **Fridays at 4:00** (bring your own food & beverages). **Saturdays 11:30 – 1:30** beginning January 4. Check the bulletin boards to sign up for "Grilling Teams".

**Shuffleboard** will be from 10-12 Mon thru Fri on the CFR Courts. We draw for partners before each of the 4 games. No experience is necessary and all are welcome to play. Equipment is provided for players.

**Social Hour:** Friday Night Social Hour with CFR DJs every Friday evening from 6:30-9:30 PM. Great conversation and a perfect place to practice all dance rhythms and types of dancing you've learned in Camp Florida and more.

**Sweatin' to the Oldies:** Meets in the Great Room at 9:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. January – March. Wednesday's class is Walking Zumba.

**Tennis:** Meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 11:00.

**"31" Easy Card Game.** Meets at 7:00 on Thursday in Great Room and Friday in Card Room.

**Quilting Guild:** Group meets on Thursday from 1-4 in the Great Room. Beginners through advanced quilters are welcome. Bring your own supplies and projects. Learn new techniques from other Quilters!

**Yoga:** Classes (to a DVD) are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:45. Bring your mats, towel, and/or weights. **Chair Yoga** will be offered on Tues and Fri at 10:00 for those who have difficulty getting on the floor. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothes.

**Zumba:** Dance fitness at its best. Meet in the Great Room on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 8:00. Friday's class is Walking Zumba.

**Note:** Many of these activities and events were/are on hiatus during the off season months. Please check with the group/person organizing these park functions as this information is continuously updated.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

**Please Note:** Activities are subject to change. Check bulletin boards for further updates. Special Events will take precedence over the use of a facility.

## INDOOR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

## OUTDOOR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

### SUNDAYS

▪ Mahjong	CR	2:00	▪ Bonfire at the Lake	FP	6:00
▪ Darts	PH	6:30			
▪ Poker	CR	7:00			

### MONDAYS

▪ Sweatin' to the Oldies	GR	9:00	▪ Tennis	TC	9:00
▪ Line Dance Review	GR	10:00	▪ Water Exercise	Pool	10:00
▪ Chair Exercise	GR	11:15	▪ Shuffleboard	SC	10:00
▪ Camp Florida Singers	CR	1:00	▪ Pickleball	TC	11:00
▪ Basic Square Dancing (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday)	GR	2:00	▪ Swimnastics	Pool	11:00
▪ Mainstream Square Dancing (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday with Caller)	GR	2:00	▪ Bocce Ball	BC	1:00
▪ Line Dance for Fun	GR	6:30	▪ Horseshoes: Women	HP	1:00
▪ Bridge	CR	7:00			

### TUESDAYS

▪ Zumba	GR	8:00	▪ Golf: Foursomes/Couples/Guys/Gals	GC	8:40
▪ Yoga	GR	8:45	▪ Bocce Ball	BC	9:00
▪ Chair Yoga	GR	10:00	▪ Pickleball	TC	9:00
▪ Beyond Basic Line Dance	GR	11:00	▪ Shuffleboard	SC	10:00
▪ Brown Bag Lunch Group	CR	11:30	▪ Tennis	TC	11:00
▪ Basic Line Dance	GR	2:00			
▪ Cribbage	CR	7:00			
▪ Pinochle	CR	7:00			
▪ Open Game Night	GR	7:00			
▪ Pool (Billiards)	PH	7:00			

### WEDNESDAYS

▪ Sweatin' to the Oldies	GR	9:00	▪ McCracken's Farm Stand		9:00
▪ Bible Study	CR	10:00	▪ Tennis	TC	9:00
▪ Basic Partner Dancing	GR	10:00	▪ Water Exercise	Pool	10:00
▪ Beginner Partner Dancing	GR	10:30	▪ Shuffleboard	SC	10:00
▪ Canasta	CR	1:00	▪ Pickleball	TC	11:00
▪ Jammers	GR	1:00	▪ Swimnastics	Pool	11:00
▪ Canteen	GR	5:00	▪ Horseshoes: Men	HP	1:00
▪ BINGO	GR	7:00	▪ Bocce Ball	BC	1:00

### THURSDAYS

▪ Zumba	GR	8:00	▪ Bocce Ball	BC	9:00
▪ Yoga	GR	8:45	▪ Pickleball	TC	9:00
▪ Coffee & Donut Hour	GR	10:00	▪ Shuffleboard	SC	10:00
▪ Activities Meeting	CR	11:00	▪ Tennis	TC	11:00
▪ Chair Exercise	GR	11:15			
▪ Quilting Guild	GR	1:00			
▪ Beyond Basic Line Dance	GR	2:00			
▪ Euchre	CR	7:00			
▪ 31 (Cards)	GR	7:00			

### FRIDAYS

▪ Zumba	GR	8:00	▪ Tennis	TC	9:00
▪ Sweatin' to the Oldies	GR	9:00	▪ Water Exercise	Pool	10:00
▪ Chair Yoga	GR	10:00	▪ Shuffleboard	SC	10:00
▪ Social Hour	GR	6:30	▪ Pickleball	TC	11:00
▪ 31 (Cards)	CR	7:00	▪ Swimnastics	Pool	11:00
			▪ Poolside Grilling	Pool	4:00

### SATURDAYS

▪ Bunco (1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month)	GR	7:00	▪ Pickleball	TC	9:00
			▪ Tennis	TC	11:00
			▪ Poolside Grilling	Pool	11:30
			▪ Horseshoes: Co-Ed	HP	1:00

**LEGEND:** BC: Bocce Court    GC: Golf Course    GR: Great Room  
 CR: Card Room    HP: Horseshoe Pits    SC: Shuffleboard Court  
 FP: Fire Pit    PH: Pool House    TC: Tennis Court

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