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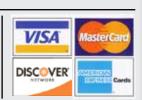
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### Social Club Calendar

January 2024

Tue. 7th Social Club Meet + Greet 6:30 PM Social Club Meeting 7 PM Tue. 14th ANNUAL HOA Board Mtg. 6 PM

**Recurring Activities (Monthly)** 

Ladies' Lunch Jan. 7. 1 PM 2nd Fri. **Book Club** Jan. 10, 2 PM

3rd Wed. Grandma's Bingo + Wine

Jan. 15, 6:30 PM

3rd Thu. Birthday Party Jan. 16, 5 PM

Recurring Activities (Weekly)

Sundays = 1 PM Billiards

Mondays = 7 AM Exercise with Peg

10 AM Pool Aerobics

10 AM Virtual Senior Fitness

1 PM Wii Bowling

5 PM Bingo

Tuesdays = 9 AM Chair Yoga

1 PM Billiards

2 PM Left, Right, Center

Wednesdays = 7 AM Exercise with Peg

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Thursdays = 9 AM Chair Yoga

1 PM Mah Jongg

1 PM Shuffleboard

Fridays = 7 AM Exercise with Peg

10 AM Pool Aerobics

10 AM Virtual Senior Fitness

1 PM Billiards

6:30 PM Not Your Grandma's Bingo

Saturdays = 9 AM Coffee Klatch

### **Activities Lists**

Donna Johnson, Seagull Winter Editor Please notify me at diwi23@gmail.com re: any changes needed in the activities lists above. Thank you.

### Lakeside Terrace's Online Facebook Calendar

William Johnson

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r/ month/2024/11/1

(Please advance the Calendar to the month of your choice.)

### **Social Club News**

Martha Grove, Social Club President

Happy Happy New Year from your Social Club executive Board.

We had a really fun and busy December.

A Big thank you to all who donated toys and non-perishable food items during the Sally Cannon Toys for Kids party. We had an amazing turn out for the pasta dinner; over 70 people attended.

A big Thank you to Darrell and Dianne and their helpers for hosting the Christmas dinner. It was great as always. Also for hosting the New Year's Eve party. As always, a great time.

The next Social Club meeting is Tue. Jan. 7th. We'll have a Meet and Greet at 6:30 PM, and our Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Make sure you watch the kiosks and bulletin boards for all the information on upcoming events.

### Chair Yoga

Barb Stodola

We will begin Chair Yoga again every Tue. and Thu. in the Clubhouse, 9:00 - 9:45 AM. Hope to see you there.

### Senior Fit Classes

Barb Stodola

Beginning Dec. 2, we will start Senior Fit classes in the Clubhouse at 10 AM each Mon. and Fri. by way of a live Zoom broadcast. Senior Fit focuses on increasing mobility, flexibility, balance, and functional strength. techniques are dedicated to strengthening muscles and increasing range of motion for daily life activities. Equipment includes hand-

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held weights, elastic tubing with handles, and a ball or band. Often a chair is used for seated exercises or standing support. As they use various instructors each class is a little different. So, with the holidays coming with all the goodies, it will be a good time to join us. I hope to see you!



# Manager's Corner Malinda Brown, Community Manager



Well, we have finally made it to another year. Happy New Year! Welcome to 2025! May this be a year full of happiness, laughter and love for each and every one of you!

Some reminders for this upcoming year: All vehicles and bicycles MUST obey the SPEED LIMITS and STOP signs. NO vehicles are to be parked in the grass for ANY reason! Our water lines aren't very deep, and we do not want broken water lines and/or someone else inconvenienced due to disregarding this rule. No resident vehicles should be parked in the road either, unless it is for dropping off and picking up someone. Of course we do make exceptions for contractors working inside the park. If you have company visiting in need of parking, there are spots at the Clubhouse. This is what they are there for. If you have too many vehicles for your driveway to accommodate, please see me to reserve a spot in our RV storage.

If you are having any electrical, water, or any other work done that would block the roads or affect another resident's usage, Please, Please, Please let me know so I can communicate this to the community! Also on that note, if you are having any water issues, please do not touch another resident's meter, overflow or lines in ANY matter. Call FGUA to have them solve the problem.

Your visitors can visit for up to 14 days straight. If anyone is staying with you or at your house longer than 14 days, they MUST go through a background check and become an authorized occupant. Unauthorized occupants will result in resident violations and subsequent evictions are possible. Please take the necessary steps to ensure neither of these things happen. One of the most important aspects of this community is that we keep it safe for every resident here.

Taxes are due! Please make sure that your EFT accounts are set to cover these charges. If you need to request a payment plan of 3-month installments, please let me know.

We will be doing our yearly 360 Inspections at the end of January. These will need to be completed by the end of February. If anyone wants a list of the items we inspect, just let me know. If anyone needs financial assistance from the Help Fund, please see Lorri Rowe. She is the Social Club Treasurer.

I have spoken with the Director of the Lake County Debris Removal and have been told that they have been diligently working on clean-up throughout Lake County. They had to create additional Disaster Dump sites to accommodate all the debris from Milton as the Tavares landfill did not have enough room to hold all of it. I'm hoping by now they have removed it from Picciola Rd. If not, please be patient with them. They are coming! He also told me that there has been a lot of misinformation spread regarding this, so rest assured it is going to be picked up. Do not believe any Fake news you might have heard.

Lastly, thank you for your patience with me as I have been without a Maintenance Man for some time now. I truly appreciate those that have reached out and/or helped. I hope I find us a good one soon!!

Let's start this year out on a good note that can continue all year round!  $\ensuremath{\odot}$ 

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### **Heating and Air Conditioning Emergency Unit**

Social Club and HOA can supply a portable Heating - A/C unit to be used if yours fails.

### **Emergency Portable Air Conditioner and Heater**

Heating - A/C Unit is housed at: 56 Terrace Drive

**TO USE**, please CONTACT: Randy Ellis 508 - 697 - 8745 Martha Grove 352 - 973 - 9731

**Volunteers** who can **assist** in the pickup and setup of the unit:

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(Park Maintenance) Monday - Friday 8 AM - 4 PM

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Resident who will use the unit:		
	(Signature)	
Address where it will be used: _		
Date Resident received unit:		Date Unit returned:
Witness:		

### **Lake County Senior Watch**

If you live alone or have medical problems and need someone to check on you, take advantage of the Lake County Sheriff's Office's Senior Watch Program.

- When you join, you'll be assigned an identification number. Then, just call the Senior Watch telephone operators each morning and tell them how you feel.
- If the Senior watch operators don't hear from you, they'll call you. If you don't answer the phone, they'll try to contact one of your neighbors or a relative to check on you.

  If they still can't contact you, a deputy will be dispatched to your home.

TO JOIN: Call the Lake County Sheriff's Office at 352 - 343 - 2101.

Select Option # 4. Provide your name, address, telephone number, age, medical condition, and details for your friends and relatives who can be contacted.



### Lakeside Terrace HOA

Randy Ellis, President, Lakeside Terrace Homeowners Association Inc.



### **Greetings from the HOA:**

As I write this article, it is Dec.10, and I am in Massachusetts with family. We're getting ready for the Christmas Season. We hope everyone will have a Happy and Safe Holiday season.

Our next HOA Board Meeting will be the Mandatory Annual Meeting as prescribed by FL Statute 723 on Tue. Jan. 14, 2025, @ 6:00 PM in the Clubhouse. (It is "Mandatory" that this meeting be held. Attendance is not mandatory, but all are welcome to attend.) At this point, there will be No Elections and No Major Issues to vote on. I will provide my President's Annual Report and projections for the year ahead. 1st Vice President Carol H. and I will be meeting with Malinda to get more updates on projects that are planned. Hopefully this will include the most important (Clubhouse) project. We will have the Wish List available if anyone wishes to fill one out. The Wish List is done annually and submitted to the Park Manager. From my travels (via FMO Meetings), this is something that is done in most Parks.

It is a pleasure to see even more of our Winter Residents returning from the north. I'm sure more will return as the new year begins. It is great to see all the activities going strong.

As most everyone knows, we communicate using Facebook and Email. If you are not on Facebook, and do not have an email address and would like to receive a hard copy of my communications, please get a message to me and I will do the best I can to provide you with such. If you are not receiving emails from the HOA, please contact us so that you can be added to our emailing list. Any personal information that the HOA receives from a resident is not shared with any outside groups. With your consent, it can be shared with the Social Club and our in-park Directory. There are Resident Information Forms at the Clubhouse for anyone who needs to update their personal information with the HOA. We also have a new Comment/ Wish List Slip at the Clubhouse. The HOA also has a locked box at the Clubhouse in which anyone can submit these forms or slips.

If anyone has any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

### Happy New Year Everyone from your HOA!!!

Randy Ellis

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### FMO District 3

Randy Ellis, District 3 FMO President, and Lakeside Terrace FMO Park Representative

### **Greetings from the FMO:**

Our last District 3 meeting was held at Water Oaks in Lady Lake. Walter Wolf from the Lake County Sheriff's Department was our guest speaker. He spoke about how to set up a Neighborhood Watch. Section F Director Darlene Whitkanack spoke about the last Pac Committee meeting regarding the FMO and FMHA (FMHA is the Park Owners Association) to work together regarding legislation proposals. There are 2 that I feel are important. 1) Changing the law that allows for financial help with lot rents based on financial needs. 2) Prohibiting Park Owners from denying rent payments with checks from any payer.

### **Next FMO Meeting:**

Thu. Jan. 16, 2025

Lake Griffin Harbor

33399 Waterview Lane, Leesburg, FL 34788 Guest Speaker will be **Kathryn Wilgus** (Retired Army/Navy Veteran). Her topic will be updates to **Ashley House**. Carpooling is available and encouraged.

You do not have to be a member to attend any FMO meetings. If you have never attended a meeting, or are wondering what the FMO is about, please come check us out.

Again, please consider joining FMO, whose purpose is to **Protect us as Florida Mobile Homeowners**. **Per Household**, dues are only \$30 per year or \$75 for three years.

If you have any questions or need an application, please contact me at 508 - 697 - 8745 or email me: <a href="mailto:randyellis01@gmail.com">randyellis01@gmail.com</a> Thank You.

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Caladiums

Henry Nehrling

Crinums

### **Embracing Exotic Florida**

Carol Roberts

I've told my story of buying 54 Lake Griffin over the phone, sight unseen. I've probably told my dad's 1950s story of buying three lots in Port St Lucie and Sebastian Highlands for 1000K each from a door-to-door salesperson. I'm sure many of us have similar stories of taking such a leap of—what? Faith? Hope? Stories like these go back centuries, for sure. Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings did it. John and Oko Lennon are supposed to have done it. And an obscure amateur botanist also did it—in the 1800s. Central and South Florida owe many of their most widely cultivated and celebrated plants to an unknown teacher from Wisconsin.

Dr. Henry Nehrling began purchasing land in the German community of Gotha, FL, in 1885. Born into a German immigrant family, it seems logical that Gotha would attract his attention. When he finally visited his purchase, a year later, Nehrling wrote: "When I first came to FL in April of 1886, I had the impression of being The beauty of the almost in a dreamland. untouched evergreen woodlands and the many hundreds of lakes, glittering like mirrors in the bright sunshine, impressed me deeply. diversity of the exotic garden flora inspired me with ever increasing enthusiasm." Nehrling's awe was not misplaced. Arguably, the beauty and diversity of plant life is a primary reason many of us live and garden in FL.

As he was employed by the Milwaukee Public Museum as secretary and custodian, Nehrling at first only visited Gotha for a few months each year, where he began to establish himself as a world-renowned horticulturist. Then, in 1893, while visiting the World's Fair in Chicago, he was inspired by an exhibit of caladiums and began

experimenting with exotic species of plants and trees on his property. As he turned his focus to plants, he eventually bought a total of 65 acres in Gotha, and, with his family, moved there permanently in 1902.

Finally, a full-time resident, Nehrling created Palm Cottage Gardens, a tropical garden that became a popular tourist destination in the early 20th century. A prolific writer, Nehrling corresponded with botanists and gardens around the globe, and plant material was shipped to him from India, Brazil, Hong Kong, Australia, Japan, and China, leading him to develop an experimental testing facility on the property where he helped to establish FL's ornamental horticulture. Employed by the USDA Dept. of Plant Introductions and Testing, Henry Nehrling received, grew, and tested, on the grounds at Gotha, many thousands of species new to the US and FL. His work resulted in over 300 new and beneficial plants being introduced into the FL landscape.

Caladiums, amaryllis, and crinums were staples in the garden. At one time, the property had more than 250,000 caladiums. Nehrling describes in his writing of having planted 25,000 individual caladiums each year in his Lath Houses, as well as thousands of other species that required protection from the strong FL sun. His other favorites were palms and bamboo; by the middle of the 20th century, he had the largest collection of both in his gardens.

When the 1917 freeze decimated valuable plantings at Palm Cottage, Nehrling extended his work to south FL, near Naples, where he purchased 13.5 acres to house a second garden, My Garden of Solitude. Later named Nehrling's Tropical Gardens and Arboretum, it resembled a miniature world of the subtropics and tropics,

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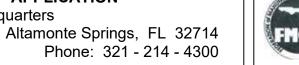


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adorned with plants originating in S. America, Africa, Madagascar, Ceylon, the Near East and Far East—many of which we see growing in our central FL yards. Nehrling's horticultural and botanical library was the largest of its kind in FL, and combined with living plants, made his garden a unique laboratory.

The caladiums he propagated grew into an industry that is worth more than \$13 million to Florida's economy. As part of his work, Nehrling wrote many articles for scholarly journals and magazines. His notes inspired the two-volume My Garden in Florida, used for decades by thousands of gardeners across the state.

Only months before his death in 1929, Nehrling attended the FL Federation of Garden Clubs annual convention in Miami to receive the Frank N. Myer Agricultural Medal. Palm Cottage Gardens was placed on the National Register of Historic Sites in 2000 and continues to be restored and preserved.

Visitors can spend a day at this FL Heritage landmark at 2267 Hempel Avenue, Gotha, FL, every Tue. and Wed. from 10 AM - 2 PM. Open garden days (with opportunities for guided tours) are the 1st and 2nd Sat.'s of each month from 9 AM - 3 PM. Private tours are available by appointment and a \$10 donation per person with a minimum of \$30 per tour. Tours cover approximately 3/4 mile on foot through gently contoured terrain, as well as several small sets of steps. Paths are mulched. Because of the nature of this historic property, they are currently unable to accommodate wheelchairs and apologize for any inconvenience. Each visitor to the Gardens must complete and sign a Release & Waiver before touring the property. https://nehrlinggardens.org/

Happy Birthday

Peg Aniol, Donna Covell, Kathy Craft, Sue Greenwood, Grace Hetherington, Frank Hipp, Sandi Jischke, Tom Kedrowski, Betty Knittle, Mary Ann Paquette, Tom Pierce, Debbie Porritt, Bob Rayunas, Carol Roberts, Don Shaw, Cheryl Simms, Pat Small, Joanne Speas, Bill & Paulette Stewart, & Kathy Walden.

### Happy Anniversary

Michael Bernd & Karen Keenan, & George & Martha Kelley.



### January

Jeanne Sullivan

Since the holidays are past and January is a new beginning, I decided to write something different. This story is loosely based on some family history. The names have been changed to protect the innocent from having anything to do with my stories of family history...HA...I have more.

### Jay Graham

[Abridged from https://obituaries. nationalcremation.com/ obituaries/the-villages-fl/jaygraham-12082233]

Jay Graham of Fruitland Park, FL passed away on Nov. 16, 2024 at the age of 56.

He was born on June 9, 1968 in Orange, CA but grew



up in Westland, MI. He graduated from John Glenn High School in 1986. Jay worked as an automotive designer mainly in and around Dearborn, MI, but spent a year in Australia. He also did a little part time work as a DJ with his friend, Mike Baker. He was actively involved in modifying and driving fast cars and restoring a Willy's Jeep and a '39 Chevy. Besides his family and friends, Jay loved his dogs, Bluey & Butters and making and doing silly things to surprise his co-workers and others.

Jay is survived by his parents Jim & Janet; & his brother & sister-in-law, nephews, niece, Aunt, & cousins.

The family would like to thank Jay's nurses Lynn & Tiffany from Cornerstone Hospice for the care and compassion they showed our loved one in his final days.

Jay was a very kind, loving, generous and witty person and will be greatly missed by all.



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### Time Will Tell

Jeanne Sullivan

The first person I remember vividly was Dr. Adam Brown, a surgeon by occupation. He was a kind and gentle man with a thick moustache and a twinkle in his eyes. He embraced woodworking and carving as a way to relieve the stress of his medical practice.

Although he and his wife Lucille loved children, they remained childless. When they had an opportunity to adopt a little girl, they were well into their forties. They hesitated at first. However, the effervescent personality of the toddler made them smile. They took her into their hearts and their home.

It was about that same time that I entered the picture, so to speak, and became involved in their daily existence. The little girl, Amy, loved to run her delicate fingers over my features. She admired me in a way, and I felt as though I stood taller in her presence.

After Mr. And Mrs. Brown passed away, I went to live with Amy and her husband Will. It was there I first learned of the happiness and

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chaos associated with the birth of a first child, a daughter, Nell.

The birth of Amy's second child brought mixed joy and sadness. This addition to the family, a son Robert, was received with great joy and celebration. Sadly, it wasn't long before the beloved infant became critically ill. The angel of death hovered over his crib for several weeks, bringing waves of high fever and convulsions. He was never alone. Amy, her husband Will, or the Nanny was with him at all times, bathing his fevered body with cool cloths. Although he survived his illness, he remained a frail child usually confined to the easy chair by the big window.

I always enjoyed the family holidays and gatherings. In the winter, the kerosene stove in the living room was lit spreading its cozy warmth throughout the house. The covers were taken off the "good furniture" and the home was filled with the laughter of Amy's two children and various aunts, uncles, and cousins from Will's side of the family.

It was not, however, all good times. During the Great Depression of the late 20's and early 30's the "Front Room," as Amy called it, was only used on rare occasions. It was too expensive to heat and there was little to celebrate after Will lost his job.

How I missed the family gatherings.

During this time, Robert, now a young man, became ill again. This time, the angels took him home. Amy and Will's grief was intolerable to witness.

Yet, through good times and bad, we were a family. Better times loomed on the horizon when Will got a job as a night watchman.

I watched several generations grow and through it all I remained an integral part of the family. After Amy and Will passed away, I went to live with their daughter, Nell and her husband. Nell and John had six children, and their house was bursting with love and laughter.

Nell is the last of the third generation to own me. She is 90 years old, and I wonder which of her five surviving children will take me to live with them.

Eventually I too grew old and began to fail. In an attempt to help me, several specialists were



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called. I could not be fixed. I lost my usefulness but never my place in the family.

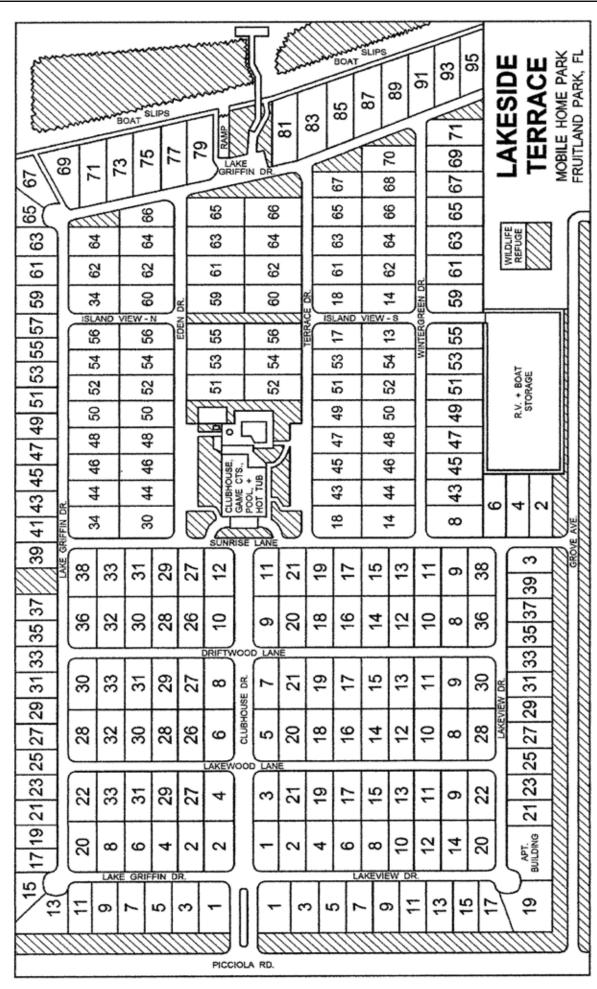
I have not worked in years now. But I am loved and admired by all, especially Nell's children, now grown with children of their own. I still stand sturdy and straight in a place of prominence.

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