

Lake Clarke Gardens Newsletter

February 2024

Lake Clarke Gardens Regularly Scheduled Activities



- **BINGO:** every Wednesday @ 7 p.m.– Auditorium
- **Bocce Ball:** every Tuesday & Thursday @ 4 p.m.– BOCCE COURT
- **Bridge:** every Friday @ 1 p.m.– Card Room
- **Bus to the Beach:** every Monday @ 10 a.m.– Pick up by Ping Pong Area
- **Bus to Publix & Walmart:** every Wednesday & Friday @ 9:30 a.m.
Pick up @ West Pool parking lot & Ping Pong Area
2nd Friday of every month includes Presidente
3rd Friday of every month includes Aldi
- **Dance Lessons:** every Tuesday @ 7 p.m.– Auditorium
- **Dance Night:** 4th Friday @ 7 p.m.– Auditorium
- **Exercise/Chair Yoga:** every Wednesday @ 9:15 p.m.– Auditorium
- **Exercise/Walking Program:** every Monday through Friday @ 8:30 a.m.– West Pool
- **Exercise/Water Exercise:** every Tuesday & Thursday @ 10 a.m.– West Pool
- **Karaoke:** 2nd Friday @ 7 p.m.– Auditorium
- **Spanish LOTO:** every Thursday @ 6 p.m.– Card Room

February Special Events 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 am Building Rep Mtg - Card Rm	2 2 pm Special Mtg. of the Board of directors Aud	3
4	5	6	7	8 3 pm Every Day Psychology w/ Lynn Strano - Card Rm.	9	10 6 pm Valentine's Dinner Dance
11	12	13 Election Day	14 Happy Valen- tine's Day	15 11:30 am Bus to the Breakers	16	17
18	19 5 pm Romance in Venice /Italian Music for	20	21 10 am Arts & Crafts League Water Color	22 3 pm History Talk w/ Arch Hunter - Card Rm	23 4 pm LCG Flea Market Set-Up Aud	24 8 am LCG Flea Market Aud
25	26	27	28	29 Leap Year Day		

Lake Clarke Guardians



This monthly section of the Newsletter will be dedicated to a community member who has an interesting life story and/or is an active member of our community. Please contact Danstrano@yahoo.com if you would like to nominate someone.

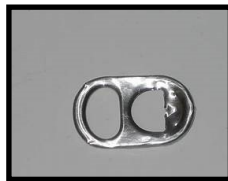
DUANE BURBANK

Duane was born in Brattleboro Vermont and went to a boarding school there for his early education. In 8th grade his family moved to Somers Connecticut. After high school he moved around and eventually landed in the Boston area. It was there he met his now husband Larry Charrier of 44 years. They worked in the Boston florist business for many years. In 1984, they moved to Skowhegan Maine and started a successful business called Skowhegan Fleuriste and Formal Wear which was in business for 26 years.

They retired and moved to Lake Clarke Gardens in 2009 as Larry's brother lived here. Duane has been a very active member of LCG. Among his various contributions, he decorated the Card Room vestibule for Christmas, ran the election one year, and served as co-chair of Bingo. Duane and Larry were Building Reps, servers at many of our dinners, and supplied the flowers for these events. Outside of LCG, he has been a member of the Lions Club for 37 years: winning two prestigious awards for his service. He is also a lecturer at Sacred Heart in Lake Worth. Duane is an all around happy, funny, and high energy person. LCG is thankful!

Dear Residents:

Janet Lembach is collecting pop tops and donating them to Ronald McDonald House. Proceeds made from recycling these tabs will go to help care for families staying at the house, while their critically ill child undergoes treatment. So let's all pull together and save these tabs. There is a can in the cardroom for you to drop them off.



RULES & REGULATIONS *REMINDER*

When doing work in your unit, remember the hours are from
8:00AM–5:00pm
MONDAY–SATURDAY.

**Old material removed from the unit
MAY NOT be put in the dumpster.
You or your contractor is responsible
for removing it from LCG property.**



The **MARCH 14th 2024** talent show has been canceled because too few people were involved. Thanks to the participants who invested their time on this project! GR



Communications Committee Report

In order to facilitate communication we met with Iris Rosario on Wednesday Jan 17th. This is some information to pass along.



- Nerline Lovanice is our newest employee joining the administrative staff. She has experience with TOPS and other computer programs. She is professional and has a great personality. Welcome to LCG Nerline!
- Pink communication cards are now available in the office lobby.
- Continue to mail payments to the Lehigh Acres address.
- Iris will start having a Property Managers Report in the March Newsletter.
- Newsletters will again be added to the LCG webpage.

ANY QUESTIONS? lcgcommunicationcommittee@gmail.com

Lake Clarke Gardens Craft League



WATER **COLOR**
CARD CLASS

WHERE AND WHEN: *Card Room*
February 21, 2024
10:00 am –12:00 pm

- **SIGN UP IN ACTIVITIES OFFICE:** *\$5 Refundable Fee*
- **INSTRUCTOR:** *Bonnie Villiard*
- **COST:** *\$5 per card*
- **Sample on display in the Activities Office**
- **Refreshments will be provided.**
- **Bring your creativity and have some fun!**
- **Limited to 16 people so sign up early**



Every Day Psychology Talk

Finding Love on the Internet

Romantic partners use to meet through friends, at work, a party, or by happenstance. Today, meeting on the internet has become one of the top three ways to meet a partner. How does it work? Has online dating changed the way we approach mate selection? Do people use deception when crafting their online dating profiles? Are such matches long lasting? All these questions will be answered.



Join me Lynn Elmore Strano in the Cardroom February 8th @ 3:00.

History Comes Alive–Arch Hunter



February 15th at 3:00 pm in the Card Room

Harry S. Truman, the 33rd president of the United States. President Truman was truly one of the most colorful Presidents in the history of our nation. How did this unassuming man go from owning a men's clothing store, to a quiet political career in Congress, to Vice-President of the US, and then President of the United States? In two days after Harry Truman became President, he had to make the most important decision of World War II that would alter the course of human history!

The Potsdam Conference, Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, Desegregating the Military, Berlin Airlift, Korean Conflict, and the dismissal of General MacArthur were important decisions made by President Truman.

President Truman wins the 1948 election in an upset over Thomas Dewey. By 1952, President Truman was a very unpopular President but within the past 20 years has risen to the "top 10" presidents in our history! "Give em Hell" Harry was a leader that feared nobody and the press corps treaded lightly with him!

FREE CMA
*Complimentary Evaluation
 for your Property*



Think Big!
 Call Valentina
 561.335.9459
 LUXSTYLEPB.COM



www.luxstylepb.com

Looking to Buy, Sell or Invest
 in Florida Real Estate
 Contact me today!

LUXURY PROPERTIES INT.
 ☎ 561.335.9459

MARK'S DRIVING SERVICE
NOW AVAILABLE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK - 24 HRS A DAY

Do you need a ride to:

Work - School - Airport - Grocery Store - Church - Dr.'s Appt -
 A Night Out On the Town

Better Than Uber - Cheaper Than A Taxi

* No Meter Running * Available by the hour

Affordable. Dependable. Reliable.

Call Mark 561/254-2458
 (Resident - Lake Clarke Gardens - Bldge 24)




Sharon L. Tocket
Realtor®
 12161 Ken Adams Way 110 S1
 Wellington, Florida 33414
561 252-7294 direct
SharonTocket@comcast.net

**I Need Listings
 Everything is
 selling**



Bingo callers needed:

Volunteer callers are needed for our weekly bingo in the auditorium, Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm.

Orientation to the bingo machine will be given. Please contact brendakay51@aol.com text:864-735-5471.

Brenda Hensley Bld. 9/301

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Where can you get the best Cuban Sandwich? Send answer to:

Danstrano@yahoo.com



PAID ADVERTISEMENTS IN THIS NEWSLETTER DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN ENDORSEMENT OF ADVERTISED PRODUCTS OR SERVICES BY LAKE CLARKE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM INC.



The deadline for submission to the March Newsletter is February 20th. Send to Danstrano@yahoo.com. Content may be edited for length, fit and readability.

Recipe Round Up

Each month we will highlight one recipe submitted by a resident, thus illustrating the diversity of our community. If you have a recipe you want to share send to

Danstrano@yahoo.com



Tourtière (French Canadian Meat Pie)

The French-Canadian meat pie comes from way back. Originally the Tourtière was made from large birds called "tourtes" until they became extinct. Now we make them with beef and pork.

Submitted by Susan Roy

- 1lb minced pork/beef (half and half)
- 1 small onion, finely minced
- 1 garlic clove minced
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp savory
- 1/4 tsp clove powder (optional)
- 1/2 cup of water
- 1/4-1/2 cub breadcrumbs (or mashed potatoes)

Preheat the oven to 375F.

1. Add all the other ingredients except for the breadcrumbs/potatoes. Bring to a boil on medium heat and then low heat without a lid for 20 minutes.
2. Stir occasionally to help cook thoroughly until the onion is tender.
3. Then remove from heat.
4. Add 1/4 cup of bread crumbs (or mashed potatoes) to the meat mixture. Let stand for 10 minutes.
5. If there is still liquid add a little more breadcrumbs/potatoes until there is no more liquid.
6. Let it cool and put between two pie crusts (8" diameter dish).
7. Make slits to the top crust in the center. Seal the edges with your fingers or fork.
8. Brush crust with egg wash to help achieve a golden color.
9. Bake in the oven until golden brown about 30-40 minutes.

10.ENJOY!!

The Communication Committee is planning an International Dinner. Get out your recipes!! Details to follow.

Public Service Announcements



Safety Reminder:

As per our rules and regulation, please DO NOT FEED the cats! There have been several instances of feral cats getting up under the hoods of resident's cars. They are very aggressive when caring for their kittens and you are in danger of getting scratched or worse. Also please do not feed them!



SMOKING

Please respect your neighbors when smoking or vaping of any kind. The smoke from walkways and balconies blows into neighboring units. Please smoke inside your unit or in the parking lot. It would also be appreciated if you would pick up your butts.

Your neighbors will thank you for this courtesy, **from a resident with allergies.**

**PLEASE
DO NOT
FEED THE
DUCKS**

Please, please don't feed the duckies!

As an animal lover, I must plead with my fellow owners who also love the animals that populate our home, not to feed the ducks. Nature has provided them with an ample supply of food in the grassy lawns of Lake Clarke Gardens and the neighbouring grounds of St. Luke's. They get their exercise in flying over our grounds to go further afield for food and there is a wonderful balance between the search for and consumption of the food that results in healthy ducks. Disrupting that cycle produces obese ducks and the consequences are tragic. I will give two examples.

The first was heart-breaking. Mama Duck had five beautiful ducklings, inquisitive and a little wayward as most young ones tend to be. They would attach and follow any moving creature and I watched the funny sight of them hurrying behind an owner taking a brisk constitutional, oblivious to his train of little followers, with poor Mama trailing a long way behind. She could not keep up with them as they kept pace behind their *faux Mama*. Kind man that he was, he returned them to Mama. Two days later, they were not that fortunate. She could not protect them from the vehicle that killed all five, though she escaped. A similar fate befell a drake who was too heavy to become airborne in time to escape a vehicle. *By Yvette Holder*

Sax Attack



Get ready to dance the night away with this talented live band!!

\$15

Monday, March 4th in the Auditorium

Doors open at 5, dinner served shortly after.

Entertainment 6-9pm

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, and dessert. Snacks will be brought out later.

Tickets are on sale in the activities office until **Feb 26th**.

Limited to 150

Bring your own beverages and your dancing shoes!!!!!!!!!!

Community Wide Flea Market

February 24th from 8:00-12:00 in the Auditorium

\$5 per table and one table per vendor

Have questions call Susan Wuollet at 612-598-3679



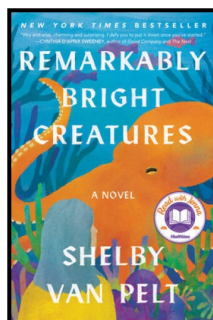
LCG Book Club

February 27th West Pool @ 4:00 pm.

Remarkably Bright Creatures

by Shelby Van Pelt

This is a story of a woman Tova, who lost her son 30 years ago. She works the night shift at a aquarium and befriends Marcellus, a cur-mudgeonly octopus who resides there. Marcellus is one of the narrators of this story and with time he deduces what happened to Tova's son. You will never look at an octopus the same way again.



LCG Arts & Craft League

Come to Arts and Crafts Mondays from 10:00-12:00 in the Card Room. Bring a project you are working on (any skill level), learn something new, and make new friends. Give it a try!!

Liz Wendler with the aide of Julie Sauve have run this group. They are now passing the torch to Bonnie Villiard. Thank You ladies for all you do!

The BOARDwalk Chronicles



A New Beginning

As Lake Clarke Gardens continues to navigate one of its most challenging years, it's important to remember to treat each other with kindness and respect.

Four years ago, when I first ran for the Board I never imagined the following years would be so life changing for many of us. After the Pandemic, condo owners all over Florida faced new rules, regulations and laws that would greatly impact our way of life. On top of all that, after years of our residents demanding that the job of property manager and comptroller be split, the Board of Directors took that step. That transition has not been an easy one. The last few years have been very difficult for all of us. The price of turnovers is costly. It has been extremely difficult to hire and keep a competent knowledgeable staff in the current employment market.

With the recent partnership with Seacrest, it is the Board's belief we have turned a corner and things will continue to improve. Our current Manager, Iris Rosario, is a tremendous asset to our community. We are lucky to have her.

As the election takes place in a few short weeks, and we begin a new year, a few Board members will be stepping down. It is time for others to step it up! "If you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem". Many people have expressed different ideas and solutions to things they consider problems in our community. To remain inactive contributes to perpetuation of the problem. If you want to have an impact in our community, step up and get involved

My time on the board was both rewarding and terrifying! There was so much to learn, and lots of responsibility. I was not prepared for some of the hostility and even threats! I was blessed though, by the support of new friends and relationships that come from hours of working together. I am also thankful for all the support from many community members who understood the commitment made by myself and other board members.

As our community moves through the next year, I want to remind everyone to treat your Board, staff, other residents, and volunteers with kindness and respect.

To quote Mother Theresa:



"The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow".

DO GOOD ANYWAY!

"Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough".

GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY!

Let's all work together in 2024 to make this year and LCG the best ever!

Theresa A. Knowles

Treasurer Report December 2023

ACCOUNTS	DATE		
	12/31/2023	11/30/2023	10/31/2023
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Petty cash	300	300	300
Bank of America	219,426.08	218,528.08	218,528.08
Regions (Activities)	9,572.47	9,163.47	9,163.47
Regions (Operating)	36,933.40	154,003.04	122,660.76
Regions (Special Assessment)	25,490.73	25,490.73	25,490.73
Synovus	1,279,000.55	676,974.90	357,960.14
Wells Fargo	372,912.49	357,715.43	357,913.59
PNC	101,646.35	101,646.35	101,646.35
Flagler Bank	156,268.25	156,093.02	155,973.75
Truist	46,908.68	46,907.49	46,907.10
Banco Popular	3,882.31		
TOTAL	2,252,341.31	1,746,822.51	1,396,543.97
RESERVES			
Chase Savings	246,871.18	246,865.12	246,863.19
Regions Money Market	89,074.27	89,070.58	89,069.82
Synovus (closed)		10,967.55	10,997.37
Synovus Money Market (closed)		139,727.68	139,710.46
Synovus CD	150,658.62		
TD Bank	239,521.92	239,503.81	239,497.90
Truist	128,753.86	128,750.62	136,247.04
TOTAL	854,879.85	854,894.36	862,385.78
GRAND TOTAL	3,107,221.16	2,601,716.87	2,258,929.75

BANK BALANCES AS AT DECEMBER 30,2023 (Unreconciled)

Lake Clarke Gardens Condominium Association

2981 Florida Mango Road Lake Worth, FL 33461

Main Office: 561-965-8487

Activities Office: Mon, Wed, Fri. 9:30-11:30

After Hour Maintenance Emergency:

561-965-6221

561-308-2416

E-Mail: Office@lakeclarkgardens.com

Seacrest: 561-697-4990

Property Manager E-Mail:

Toll Free: 888-828-6464

irosario@seacrestservices.com

www.lakeclarkgardens.com

FINANCES CONTINUED

We have finally started the process of consolidating our accounts into higher interest-bearing instruments. We closed a dwindling account (due to rather high monthly charges) and with those and funds from another account with .01% interest, we purchased a short term (5 months) CD with a very attractive promotional interest rate of 5.5% APY. Now that we are assured that we are insured to \$750,000 per institution (\$250,000 per signatory), we will shortly be consolidating more accounts.



To date, \$1.2 million has been collected for Building Reserves, which has allowed us to cover the cost of the door lock monitors for all of the buildings, without the need for a special assessment. The option of the 60% reserve funding was to allow us to provide coverage for some expected expenses such as this one. We thank those owners who pay their assessments faithfully, while we continue to actively pursue collection of outstanding amounts, some of which were due to ignorance of where to send payments during our transition to a new accounting firm.

AGED OWNERS' BALANCES OVER 90 DAYS AND >\$1000, AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023

Building #	Amount overdue (rounded to '00s)	# of units >\$1000
2	8,900	3
3	6,000	3
5	18,000	4
6	10,009	2
7	12,200	4
8	1,700	1
10	2,500	2
12	7,500	2
14	7,900	2
15	9,000	2
16	10,600	2
17	22,400	7
18	2,600	2
21	5,700	1
22	1,100	1
23	1,800	1
24	12,100	4
25	2,600	2
26	2,900	2
20A	13,100	2
20B	18,100	1
TOTAL	176,700	50
GRAND TOTAL	211,430	

HOW TO SUMMIT A SEACREST WORK ORDER

Designed to allow you to report your associations related concerns.

- Online visit our website www.seacresrservices.com.
- Click on the Work Order tab at the top of the left of the page and follow the required instruction.



OR

- Call our Customer Service Team at 516-656-6319, speak with a live representative who will generate your work order request.
- **Work orders take 24-48 hours to be processed.**
- Your work order will be assigned a confirmation number with either option as well as communication following completion of the service (usually via door hanger).
- Please do not send multiple work orders for the same job. Call or go to the office if you want to check on your order.

We Need Building Reps

How about joining our team and bringing together your building's people. Share up-to-date information on building concerns.

We need the following:

Building 25 & 20A: Need a Rep and an Alt

Building 6 & 7: Need an Alternate

Call Suzanne at 561-528-7900



Currently the newsletter is only being published in English. Please volunteer to translate.

RUMOR MILL

A term used to refer to the process by which rumors and gossip are originated and circulated among a group of people.



Rumor # 1: East Pool tables & chairs were removed because "they" do not want people sitting there.

FALSE: Furniture was rusted & dangerous. New ones have been ordered and are on backorder.

Rumor # 2: There a plans to get rid of the bus.

FALSE: No such plans. Enjoy without worry!!

