



## **The CONNECTION** **April 2015**

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### **Greetings**

**Social Activities Director-** Hello Everyone! Hope everyone enjoyed their stay this season. It's been a great season! I want to thank everyone for their support this year. The Social Committee and I have planned fun filled and exciting events for next season! I wish everyone safe travels and I hope to see everyone next season. Take Care ☺ Manny Fernandez Office 239-692-2724 Cell: 609-721-3435 Email: [cwactdir@yahoo.com](mailto:cwactdir@yahoo.com)

**Newsletter Staff** - This has been an extremely challenging season for the newsletter staff as we've all had various personal and life changing events occur. I especially thank Jeanne Lutz, who deserves the greatest credit for content, sourcing and inputting of material. With that said, we pulled through and brought what we hope to be a higher standard for *The Connection* newsletter. As this is the last edition for the 2014-2015 season, we wish you safe travels and a wonderful summer! Jim, Jeanne, JoAnne, Jackie, Nancy and Joyce.

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**Social Committee** - We want to thank all the volunteers who helped with all the activities throughout this season and thank all the residents who attended the events and activities. You made this a fun-filled and successful season. As we all prepare to leave Cypress Woods and travel back to our other homes, we wish you safe travels. See you in the Fall. Thank You!

The Social Committee: Barb Krueger, Caroline Putt, Debi Kennedy, Colleen Hart, Grace Johnston, Isabelle Robinson, Joyce Kamp, Vicki Mari and Tom Knowlan.

### **Last Event of the Season**

#### **Season Finale for Karaoke – Town Center Great Room**



Celebrating with a Pizza Night!  
7PM Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015  
Bring a drink and relax  
Bring a treat to share if you like  
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### **Coming Events for the 2015/16 Season**

*Mark your calendars for the following events... don't miss out!*



Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Dinner
Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Dinner Dance
Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Concert
Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day Dinner
Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve



## Kudos To

### Cypress Woods Artists Making a Difference

In the summer of 2013, Carolyn Polkinghorn called her good friend, Sharon Stultz, and invited her to use her creative painting talents at the Manatee Elementary School. After one visit to the school, Sharon saw a need to brighten the lives of the underprivileged students who attend. Being a gifted artist, Sharon launched a yearlong project with 8 of her friends and neighbors – each of them with a talent to draw and paint.

Hundreds of hours later, her team transformed the plain beige walls into hand-painted murals of amazing beauty. Scenes of underwater ocean wildlife, beach and ocean activities, swamp and Everglade native animals peeking out of the brush - these are just a few of the hundreds of feet of magical and one of a kind creative murals.

This school educates some of the poorest children in Lee County. Most do not have the proper clothes to attend and many of them eat their lunch at school knowing it is the only meal they will have that day. Just as the food nourishes their little bodies, the art work nourishes their minds and they can get lost in this fantasy adventure as they study the uplifting and educational murals.

Team members are Jackie Morton, Melvetta Shutt, Joyce Kamp, Kris Elliott, Billie Peters, Jan Bobo, Caroline Putt and Lynn Ryan. But there is a story within this story as well. Team leader Sharon Stultz has advanced Parkinson's disease with tremors. Miraculously, the tremors subside when her hand becomes steadied while focusing on the mural paintings. A therapy of a loving gesture that truly heals her.

These children have great role models in the 9 ladies who have created a happier environment for them. But as any of the artists will tell you, the smiles on the faces of the children are the greatest gift of all.





## ALL VOLUNTEERS

On Thursday, March 19, 2015, you were honored by your Social Committee in a sponsored Recognition Night. What a Huge Success it was, with over 200 volunteers in attendance!

The night began with three beautiful song selections from our very own Cypress Woods Chorus. A continuous slide show of over 350 photographs from the 2014-2015 season events were displayed by Jimmy Picard on the big screen. Words of appreciation recognizing the efforts of all volunteers were expressed by Colleen Hart, Joyce Kamp and Debi Kennedy. Refreshments were served and mementos of appreciation were distributed. To round out the evening, Tom Bowling, Jerry Dufresne and Jim Picard entertained the audience with renditions of their favorite songs.

*As we come to the close  
Of another fun filled Season;  
You have 'Made it Happen',  
You are the Reason!*  
*Being a Volunteer,  
Means you weren't Paid;  
But the reward you received,  
Was the 'Success of the Event' You Made!*  
*The Social Committee wants to Thank You  
For another Wonderful Year;  
We appreciate Everything you've done,  
And Good Lord willing,  
At the close of 2016,  
We will Recognize you again, Right Here!*

Thanks again from the Social Committee: Joyce, Colleen, Debi, Isabelle, Caroline, Barb, Grace, Vicki and Tom.  
**A Special Thanks goes to Our Spouses for their patience and understanding of our commitment and dedication to this committee.**



## Ongoing Activities

*For detailed information, refer to activity binders in the lobby of the Town Center.*

**Monday Morning Coffee** - Visit with your friends or make new friends every Monday at 9 AM at the Town Center Great Room. Come hear about future events and activities. Coffee 50¢ and doughnuts 50¢. Last Monday Morning Coffee will be April 6.

**Acrylic Painting With Jackie** - Jackie Marth will return to Cypress Woods from January through March 2016 on the 2nd and 4th Friday mornings from 9 - 12 AM for some painting fun! THANKS TO ALL WHO JOINED US THIS SEASON!! Melveta Shutt C-3

**Battle of the Sexes -Texas Hold Em** - Come join the "tournament style" poker game on Wednesdays at 1 - 6 PM in the Town Center.

**Bid Euchre** - We had a great time this season and will resume in November.

**Bridge (Co-Ed)** - Players meet every Tuesday and Friday at 1-4 PM in the Town Center Omni Room. First place winners since February 24 through March 24 were Ginny Sterling 3X, Joan Puetz 1X, Ellen Beachman 1X, Cynthia Veilleux 1X, Howard Anderson 1X, and Carol Place 1X. Come join us for some Kitchen Bridge!!!

**The C. W. Classy Lassies (Red Hats)** - A HUGE Thank You to Marilyn Doyle and Jackie Morton for our very special "Remember When" potluck on March 9th. Many fond memories came back with our gathering around the Welcome Center pool. The Classy Lassie "Fountains" have made the decision not to go on tour. It was a once and done performance! Also, thanks to Pat McCaffrey for our gathering on March 23 at Fishermen's Village in Punta Gorda and our visit to the pottery outlet. What a lovely day!

We have one more gathering this season on April 13th with Molly Widdis as hostess. We will have a light luncheon in the Great Room followed by a style show. For you early arrivals next fall, Eva Beckman will be hosting our November 9th gathering.

In closing for this season, I want to thank all of the ladies who volunteered to host a gathering for our 2014-2015 season. Also, thanks to those who have already volunteered to host an event for next season. I'm looking forward to another season of fun and friendship in just a few short months. Enjoy your summer, travel safely and stay healthy. Queen Mother Carol Place D70

**Community Service Sewers** - The Cypress Woods RV Resort-Community Service Sewers would like to thank everyone who has supported our group during the season. We received money donations from many people, coupons, fabric, thread, batting and other notions for our projects. Thanks to each kind donor. Our running total of completed projects has grown to over 32,600 and our final total will be determined at the end of April when we finish sewing. Our group grew this season to 22 or more depending on the day and time. Thanks "Sewers" for your continued service. Safe travels everyone and we look forward to the fall season. As always you can reach me at my email address or phone number listed in the directory. Lois Braden C-52

**Dancing with Brenda** - Every Wednesday from 3 PM to 5 PM - Come and learn dances from Broadway shows and movies. Suitable routines for performances but performing is not required. The routines are in line/chorus format. Something different where again, no partners. This is great exercise and a special time to meet new people. Brenda Hancock D170

**Sew & Sews** - With the season fast coming to an end, the sewing gals are finishing up their final projects and saying goodbye to dear sewing friends as they prepare to head home. March has been the creative bag month. Diva wallets, ruler bags and craft Project-On-The-Go bags have been produced with sewing care. Many thanks to all the instructors who shared their knowledge and patience with the Sew & Sews. Kay Austiff B81



**Mahjong** - Held in the Omni Room on Sunday afternoon from 1 PM to 4 PM and Wednesday evening from 7 PM to 9 PM. Come play for fun, to watch, or to learn the game. Claire Lepera C41

**Pickleball** - Pickleball is a great fun sport for all active seniors. It is the fastest growing sport in North America. You can play a trial game to see if you will love it as we do! All you need is a pair of running shoes and a desire to have fun. Equipment is available for your use. To arrange a private trial game, contact Ron Gilmore D168 [rongilmore4@gmail.com](mailto:rongilmore4@gmail.com) Gary Snyder C110.

Pickleball scheduled times:    Monday        7 - 9 PM        Wednesday    9 - 11 AM  
                                         Thursday        7 - 9 PM        Friday            9 - 11 AM        Friday 7 - 9 PM

**Water Aerobics** - We gather Monday through Saturday starting at 9:30 AM. Temperature must be 60 degrees at 9 AM on Channel 2 Karen Kraemer D107, JoAnn Landry D99

**Cypress Woods Yacht Club** - The Club is now back on the water. The weekly sailing is Thursday and Saturday at 1:00 PM, weather permitting. New members and observers welcome. There are courses on the small pond & large pond. Dieter Hohendorf, lot D-64 has agreed to have sailing events in front of his site on the large pond. Please use the pathway between Lots D-64 and D-65.  
Rick Cornford, D49 Skype 941 312 2275 Cell 941 780 5660

## External Activities

**The March 12th Paddlewheel Cruise** was a huge success. The entire entertainment level that Fred Lange (Elvis) performed was sold out to Cypress Woods residents.

The 2nd Annual Cypress Cruise will be a Sunset Dinner Dance Cruise on Sunday, February 28, 2016. Boarding at 4:30 PM, cruise from 5 PM to 8 PM. Cost for the Cruise, Dinner, Dance, Taxes & Gratuities is \$48.00 per person. Space is limited and already more than 25% booked. If you are interested in attending please email Fred at [fredlange@hurontel.on.ca](mailto:fredlange@hurontel.on.ca). Fred will contact you in December to collect payment. For the time being this is being offered to CW residents before it opens to the general public – so hurry to secure your seats.

## Past Event & Activity News

The Karaoke Highlights of the Season Show was a huge success. The Great Room at the Town Center had standing room only. We received many compliments and were pleased to provide a truly enjoyable evening for those that attended. I thank all our singers for their talents and making this a very talked about event!  
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## In Our Thoughts and Prayers



*Peg and Bob Morris  
Todd and Jane Zenger  
Dick and Judy Semmes  
Ian and Claire Woolnough  
Carolyn and George Polkinghorn  
John and Dorie Baker  
Mike Ryan*



## For Your Information

**Planning an Event or Activity?** - If you are in need of costumes, decorations, etc., for an event or activity, please consult the SHED BOOK available in the Activities Director's Office. You may also see any member of the shed committee. Jeanne Lutz D90, Carol Place D70, Sharon Stultz C96, Frank Orris D60 or Jerry Custer D103

**Did you know?** - Most activities have a dedicated binder in the lobby of the Town Center where more information can be obtained about that particular activity. Coming soon - dedicated activity pages on-line.

**Bicycle Rack** - Please park golf carts away from the front of the bicycle racks! This area is for bicyclists.

**Cypress Woods Sunshine Lady** - Please submit residents' names who are in need of a little cheer due to illness or death (in their immediate family) to me. Cards are sent from the Cypress Woods Community. Carolyn Polkinghorn C107 c.polkinghorn@comcast.net

**Horticulture Pick Up** - Tuesdays and Fridays

Please place on the edge of your lot, not on the grass. This applies to any resident doing their own trimming. Hired contractors should be removing their cuttings.

**Library** - Did you know we have puzzles in the Omni Room of the Town Center? These are for you to borrow or take along in your travels. Come and enjoy great books you have donated at the Welcome Center Library adjacent to the laundry room. - Your Library Staff

**LP Supplier** - Island Propane 239-470-3490. Delivery every Wednesday. Put a chair at the front of your lot to alert the driver. Payment required at time of the delivery. Cash or Check.

**Name Tags** -Name tags are sold each Monday after coffee. The cost is \$12.50 ...cash only! Name tags are worn at events so we can get to know our new friends. Contact Claire Lepera C41 610-715-5577

**Re-cycling at Town Center** - Aluminum Cans, Tabs, etc...

We will continue this season to re-cycle aluminum cans and collect tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Thus far this season we have made \$553.00 on cans and have delivered 14 lbs 12 ozs. of tabs. Please place aluminum cans in the marked containers, tabs in the container in the Town Center and the other items in the blue containers. Re-cycling helps reduce our garbage dumping fees. Shredded paper and Styrofoam are NOT recyclable. Place reusable items on the compactor's shelf for anyone's use. Thanks for re-cycling.

**Ticket Committee Policy** – If you have questions about the sale of tickets, please review the Ticket Committee Policy. A copy of this policy is available in the Town Center Lobby, the Social Activities Office and from members of the Social Committee. Tickets for events are sold after Monday Morning Coffee and Thursday morning from 9 to 11 AM in the Town Center - Carolyn Sieczkiewicz B2 and Jeanne Lutz D90.

**US Flags** - If you need to dispose of or wish to purchase a US Flag, contact Keith Sterling B92. Cost of a new flag is \$15.00 cash vs. \$26.00 at fleamarket.

## **Friendly Reminders**

- When leaving for the season, sign out at the Welcome Center to update management and mail staff.
- Please remember that the speed limit throughout the resort is 15 mph.
- Stop signs apply to all motor vehicles including golf carts!
- For your safety, please carry a light when walking at night and walk facing traffic.
- When walking your dog, please carry bags and pick up.
- Please refrain from feeding the ducks around the community. This is a disservice to the ducks, as they are wildlife, and when you are gone they will start damaging the flora and fauna of the lot landscaping. The Muskovey ducks are a protected species in Florida and if FWC comes on the property and sees you feeding them, you could be fined up to \$1,000.00 per incident.

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Please contact us if you'd like to designate someone from your group or committee as a liaison.

## Newsletter Deadline

- Provide newsletter submissions no later than 7 days prior to the end of the month.
- Late arrivals will appear under Last Minute Arrivals due to formatting constraints.
- Email submissions to the Social Director **Plus TWO** members of the newsletter staff.

### Proofing and editing WILL occur unless you request otherwise

Please Include:

- Number of Months to run - Maximum 6 (will not renew unless this is indicated)
- Date and time(s) of event/activity
- If food is being served...Time event starts and time food is served
- Is there a dress code or theme?
- What is the entertainment if any... include entertainer website, if any
- Who is chairing the event/activity and contact information, i.e., lot number, etc.
- 80-word limit



## Daily Activities

### Sunday

Cards	Comm. Room	6:30-10:30 PM
Mah Jong	Omni Room	1:00-4:00 PM

### Monday

Water Aerobics	Large Pool	10:00-11:00 AM
Red Hats 2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup>	Great Room	11:30-3:30 PM
Men's Poker	Omni Room	6:30-12:00 AM
Pickle Ball	Tennis Courts	7:00-9:00 PM

### Tuesday

Tennis	Tennis Courts	8:00-2:00 PM
Com Ser. Sewers	Comm. Room	8:00-5:00 PM
Water Aerobics	Large Pool	9:30-10:30 AM
Co-ed Bridge	Omni Room	1:00-4:00 PM
Karaoke - Dancing	Great Room	Season over 4/1
Cards with Robert	Omni Room	7:30-10:00 PM

### Wednesday

Pickle Ball	Tennis Court	9:00-11:00 AM
Sew & Sewers	Comm. Room	9:00-4:00 PM
Water Aerobics	Large Pool	9:30-10:30 AM
Battle of the sexes	Omni Room	1:00-6:00 PM
Dancing with Brenda	Great Room	3:00-4:00 PM
Card Players	Comm. Room	7:00-10:00 PM
Mah Jong	Omni Room	7:00-9:00 PM

### Thursday

Tennis	Tennis Courts	8:00-2:00 PM
Water Aerobics	Large Pool	9:30 10:30 AM
Dancing with Joann	Great Room	10:00-11:00 AM
Dancing with Brenda	Great Room	11:00-12:00 Noon
Men's Texas Holdem	Omni Room	12:30-4:30 PM
Wood Carvers	Picnic Table	1:00-4:00 PM
Yacht Club	Lakes	1:00 PM
Cards	Omni Room	7:00 PM
Pickle Ball	Tennis Crts.	7:00-9:00 PM

### Friday

Pickle Ball	Tennis Courts	9:00-11:00 AM
Water Aerobics	Large Pool	9:30-10:30 AM
Co-ed Bridge	Omni Room	1:00-4:00 PM
Square Dancing	Great Room	9:00-11:00 AM
Cards	Comm. Room	6:30-10:00 PM
Pickle Ball	Tennis Court	7:00-9:00 PM
Texas/Poker	Omni Room	7:00-12:00 PM

### Saturday

Tennis	Tennis Courts	8:00-2:00 PM
Shuffle Board Social	Great Room	9:30-12:45 PM
Water Aerobics	Large Pool	9:30-10:30 AM
Yacht Club	Lakes	1:00 pm

