

# CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

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### The President's Message

You have recently received a letter and packet encouraging you to join (or rejoin) the FMO (Federation of Manufactured Home Owners). Thanks to Dennis Lunney for taking over as our representative to the FMO. I cannot stress enough how important it is to have this organization looking out for us in Tallahassee. For those who say the FMO hasn't done anything for you, just consider what a 6% sales tax would be on top of your monthly rent. This is only one item of legislation that the FMO, through their lobbyist, has helped to defeat in recent years. It costs money to have a lobbyist there looking out for our interests. Florida's Park Owners have larger and deeper pockets to support their lobbyist. I encourage you to support the FMO.

Contrary to rumors you may have heard, we will still be holding all of our regular monthly activities and functions in CRV. To the best of my knowledge, dating back to the beginning of the association, CRV residents are allowed to invite family and guests to attend these events with them.

We have had some absolutely fantastic events this month. The Saturday Breakfast had a record breaking 134 residents and guests in attendance. It was so pleasing to see the 130+ who attended the Italian Dinner stay on into the evening, socializing and enjoying camaraderie with their fellow residents. Attendance is up at Bingo. We had a great Pot Luck. More people are getting out, meeting new residents and enjoying themselves. Isn't this why we moved to Florida and to Crystal River Village, to enjoy the fellowship and relaxed lifestyle promised to us by Management in their literature? It is heartwarming to see it happen. Our HOA is happy to be able to provide these events with your help as volunteers who chair events, plan, cook, and serve your fellow residents. Special thanks to our volunteers.

Shuffleboard is going strong and even held a social gathering following a recent match. My apologies for the state of the shuffleboard courts. Your Board and I continue to work with Management on getting them properly repaired. It's nice to see you having a good time, in spite of their condition. And the newest activity in the Village, Wii Bowling, has a large following already. It is an electronic game you play on your television. You should check it out. As I said at our December meeting, if you have an idea for a fun activity in our Village, contact me or a Board member. Perhaps we can help bring it to fruition.

Until next month, go have fun, stay united, and be victorious in your pursuit of the good life.

Carl Preston (#340) 795-6458

### CRV Valentine's Day Celebration

Singles, Couples, Groups! Come one, come all!

To the Clubhouse for a Party on

**Tuesday, February 14th.**

**5:30-6:30 pm - Happy Hour**

Bring your own beverage

Set-ups & Hors d'oeuvres provided

**6:30-10 pm - Dinner & Live Entertainment**

**Dinner:**

Don Hudson, Bill Bryan and crew are preparing a delightful menu, with a choice of stuffed pork chop or stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, cranberry sauce or apple sauce, dinner rolls, and strawberry shortcake.



**Live Entertainment:**

**Ric Standard**, who performs at Clawdaddy's, will entertain with songs for listening, sing-a-longs, line dancing, dancing, and karaoke.

The cost of this event is \$10 per person. You can get tickets from Lorraine Fricke, Joan Helms, Lee Horner, Leo Lumpiesz, Carole Nye Polisson, Linda Shott, or Trudy Wood. Purchase your tickets by February 10. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

*Be My Valentine*

## Congratulations & Best Wishes!

### February Birthdays

1	Dianna Bupp	(512)
2	Carol Hilton	(398)
3	Don Whippie	(323)
4	Laura Autovino	(378)
4	Mari Smith	(529)
6	Harry Schoeller	(357)
7	Penny Hesselberg	(342)
7	Genny Woodfill	(181)
12	Joyce Blide	(174)
12	Alan 'Rob' DeRemer	(002)
14	Marilyn Snell Brown	(179)
14	Faye Cartner	(442)
14	Marilyn Plissey	(343)
15	Russ Boersma	(385)

15	Diane Kraemer	(531)
15	LuAnn Talamo	(536)
18	Mert Brown	(298)
18	Marilyn Huckins	(169)
18	Bernice Nehring	(452)
21	Beatrice Pulsifer	(408)
21	Jack Shriver	(436)
23	Cindy Drew	(422)
24	Donal Strother	(308)
25	Wendell Reed	(528)
26	Bill Pickett	(318)
28	Harry Chisholm	(320)
28	Hulette Hilton	(530)

### February Anniversaries

5	Tom & Genny Woodfill	(181)
12	Lou & Ann Talamo	(322)
17	Dick & Priscilla Ballagh	(348)
17	Ron & Caryl Kershner	(337)
29	Bob & Carole Frank	(317)

We've had many new residents move into our Village recently. If I have missed your special day(s) and you would like to have it included, please contact me. Contact info is at the top of the front page.

Thanks, Susie

### Bingo Jackpot Winners

Dec 28	Deborah Clark	\$202
Jan 04	Barbi Nichols	\$191
Jan 11	Jennie Asher	\$250
Jan 18	JoAn Whippie	\$236
Jan 25	Caryl Kershner	\$250

### Super Bowl XLVI Party

This year's Super Bowl is **Sunday, February 5**. Come join your CRV friends at the Clubhouse and watch the big game on the giant Clubhouse TV to cheer on your favorite team, the Giants or the Patriots. The Kickoff in Indianapolis is scheduled for **6:30 pm**; plan to **arrive 30-45 minutes early** to get settled in before game time.

Bring your own beverage and an appetizer, or snack to share. Hot dogs with chili, sauerkraut, and fixings will be available. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend so we will have an idea of how many to plan on. Contact Leo Lumpiesz, (#338) 231-620-7762 for more info.



### New Phone Number

Our Treasurer, Mary Gavaza (#505) now has another number where she can be reached, 352-410-2218. The phone number listed in last month's newsletter is also still valid.

### HOA Home Sweet Home

The winners for February are:

#### Home Sweet Home Golden Award Christine Peterson #329

Chris, you do a great job and your home has true appeal.

#### Home Sweet Home Silver Award Lorraine Fricke #380

Thanks, Lorraine. Your home is a real Village charmer.

HOA Home Sweet Home Committee

### Shuffleboard

Dec 27	Jim Brown & Don Buschbascher
Jan 03	Cold -did not play
Jan 10	Jim Brown & Mal Hood
Jan 17	Don Gibeau & Bob VanDuzer
Jan 24	Mert Brown & Chris Peterson

To view pictures taken at the recent Shuffleboard gathering, click the link on our HOA website in Village Photos.

### December Christmas Breakfast

If you would like to view pictures taken at the Saturday Breakfast in December when Santa and Mrs. Claus visited, go to our website and click the link in Village Photos. I apologize for being so late in getting this link posted.

## January HOA Meeting Summary

The January 3 HOA meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for resident Marie Cross who had recently passed. A quorum was not represented, so it was an informational meeting only. All Board members except one were present.

The Secretary reported that the minutes of the December Annual meeting have been posted on the bulletin board. She read a letter from Senator Dean regarding the petition asking legislators to reject Senate Bill 386. The Treasurer gave the December report and the yearend balance for 2011. Blanche Dooley and Rosemarie VanDuzer will review the financial books with outgoing Treasurer Carole Nye Polisson and new Treasurer Mary Gavaza. Blanche and Rosemarie have also agreed to work with Mary creating our 2012 HOA Budget.

Committees gave reports on can recycling, Saturday Breakfast, the Book Club, the Hard Rock Casino trip, and membership, which is presently at 96 members with one social membership. The Open Houses were discussed; participation of at least 20 is needed, but as of this time only 3 have registered. The spaghetti dinner will be held on Jan. 10, some tickets still available. The Health Fair will be on Jan. 25, with 20-25 vendors and the LifeSouth bloodmobile attending and each providing a door prize.

Leo Lumpiesz reported on the December meeting with Delnora. A tentative drawing of the proposed Clubhouse kitchen was submitted, but it is not in compliance with the contract. The Board will be reviewing the status of all items in the contract and determine how to proceed. He mentioned Delnora's request that our monthly checks not be folded, include lot number and month being paid, and be written in blue or black ink.

Members brought up many concerns including the condition of the shuffleboard courts, work cart parked in common space during holidays and not out of sight, lack of heat in the Clubhouse during scheduled activities, and holes for water main repairs left not filled in. A suggestion was made to increase annual HOA dues, but a motion cannot be brought up unless we have a quorum present. A suggestion was made to have more informational signs for the front gate signboard. Ollie Simon volunteered to help with artwork to make the signs attractive and acceptable to Management.

Mary Stiles presented a Certificate of Appreciation to CRV from the Family Resource Center in appreciation of our support all year long, but especially at Christmas. Residents in our Village adopted 22 children for Christmas and donated enough for 8 additional children.

The tree on the corner of Bobbie Stahley's lot that obstructs vision was brought up. Leo said the last time it was discussed with Delnora, she indicated the family would take care of trimming/removing it. He will address the issue with Delnora again.

Suzanne Dost thanked everyone who assisted with the New Year's Eve Party. Carl thanked all members of the Board and Chairs of Committees who have helped out over the past couple of months while he has been dealing with personal matters.

(This is only a summary. Full notes can be viewed on the Clubhouse bulletin board.)

### February Pot Luck

This month only, the Pot Luck will be held on **the fourth Thursday** of the month. It was moved a week later so it would not come just after the Valentine's Day dinner on the 14th. It will be held on **Thursday February 23**, and begin at **6:00 pm**. Please bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share and your own special beverage. Coffee and a cold beverage will be provided. We have some great cooks in our Village. Come taste some of their delicious offerings, and see for yourself. Please make a small sign with the ingredients of your dish listed for the benefit of those with food allergies.

### February Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies Luncheon will be held on **the third Thursday** this month only. It swapped places with Pot Luck, which was moved to Feb. 23, so it would not be held just after the Valentine's Day Dinner.

This month's luncheon will be held on **Thursday, Feb. 16 at noon at Applebees** just south of us on Hwy 19. Your hostesses are Marsha Gibson (#420) 794-6455 and Faye Cartner (#442) 795-7769. A signup sheet and a sample menu will be posted at the Clubhouse. Remember, if you sign up and find you cannot attend, please contact a hostess so the count can be changed for the restaurant.

## Wii Bowling Results

Last month a new Wii Bowling League was introduced in the newsletter. Here are the results for first session of Wii Bowling. Good bowling, guys!

1st Place - Bill Kuhn & Gary Ammerman

2nd Place - Bud & Linda Shott

3rd Place - Jim & Mert Brown

Another session is just beginning. If you are interested in participating or learning more about it, please contact Don or Margie Buschbascher (#497) 794-3753. To view photos of the Wii Bowling League dinner, go to Village Photos on our website.

## Event Cancellations

Three upcoming events that had been tentatively scheduled in our Village have had to be cancelled.

First up, the two Open Houses that had been planned for February 4 and March 10 needed at least 20 participants to cover expenses. Not enough sellers, signed up so it has been cancelled.

Second, the Military Card Party scheduled for February 15 has also been cancelled. It seems our CRV residents are very busy and involved in other pursuits. This is a good thing!

If you have an idea or suggestion for a fun event for our Village, contact a Board member. Perhaps it is something others would like to participate in.

## CRV Book Club

The Book Club has just finished reading *Bulls Island*, a Dorothea Benton Frank novel, and has chosen another of her books, *Shem Creek*, for their next. If you would like to join the group, it meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 10 am. For more information contact Joan Helms (#416) 794-6220.

## CRV On the Move Trip

A Key West trip is planned for Sunday, March 4. This 3-day trip includes travel on a deluxe motor coach, 2 hotel nights with free continental breakfast in Florida City, an airboat ride, and alligator show for \$149 per person. You must sign up and pay the total by **February 2**. Contact Trudy Wood (#523) at 563-2612 for more information if you are interested.

## Dog Owners! Scoop your P\*\*P!

Recently some dog owners have been seen walking their pets and not picking up after them, especially around the two ponds. The area around the lakes is common ground. Other dog walkers and those fishing around the ponds do not care to step in gifts left by Village pooches. Residents may have to resort to taking a photo of offenders and notifying the Office if this practice continues.

Also, for those newcomers and renters who may not know, you should not cross or go behind anyone else's lot without that resident's permission, even if your dog tries to lead you there. Please respect each resident's privacy.

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, March 15: St Patrick's Day Dinner

You will get corned beef & cabbage and all the fixings. Watch for more information next month. This event will be held in place of the monthly Pot Luck in March.

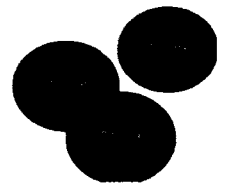
### Saturday, March 31: Annual CRV Yard Sale

This event is still planned, but the location is yet to be determined. Items are always needed, so save the date, clean out your closets and sheds, and donate your items. If you have items to donate and can hold them until the week of the sale, that would be great. If you need larger items moved before then, please contact a member of the Board.

### Saturday, April 21: Spring Fling

Save the date for this fun annual event. This year's theme is "**Lost in the 50s**". Remember poodle skirts, soda fountains, and 45s? The event, being chaired by Barbi Nichols, includes dinner and music.

**Note:** the date of this event has changed since last month's newsletter.



## Prayers Requested

Frank and Jan Rymar (#511) have a 7 year old grandson, Michael Owen, who was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. Michael has a large mass in his chest, and is undergoing treatment. Frank & Jan would appreciate your prayers of healing for Michael.

## Final CRV Fishing Report

I have written your CRV Fishing Report for the past 5 years; now the time has come for me to step aside. I have enjoyed putting down and sharing what information was given to me, so the readers could have a better knowledge of what was happening in the fishing world here in our Village and locally. I hope someone will pick up where I left-off so that we who enjoy fishing can be informed. We are not leaving the Village, just making a little change in our routine. I still hope to go fishing with all my good friends. A special thanks to all who have given me material over the years to include in my report.

Your old fishing pal, Ollie Simon lot #364

Note: Last month Ollie had a chance to sell his pontoon boat and decided it was time. He won't be giving any more trips up the Rainbow River. But he does plan to continue fishing. Many, many thanks, Ollie, for sharing your time and boat with your fellow residents. And to Dorothy for sharing your husband with us. We appreciate your dedication to keeping us informed about what is happening in the fishing world. We will miss your input.

## HOA Membership News

Have you paid your HOA dues for 2012???

The annual fee has not changed, it is still \$10. To renew, return the green annual Membership Form, sent to you earlier, along with your dues to either Gerry Caul (#538) 794-3548 or Barbi Nichols (#349) 794-6539. **This is the last newsletter you will receive until your renewal is received.**

## CRV Health Fair a Success

The Health Fair was a rousing success, with record breaking attendance. The LIFESouth Bloodmobile had 22 people volunteer to donate blood. That is a really good number, considering that many of our residents cannot donate due to medications they are on or for other health reasons. Chairperson Marilyn Snell Brown reported that all of the vendors were very happy with the event and plan to return another year. Many thanks to Marilyn and to all those who prepared food. There was more than enough to serve both the vendors and those who attended.

## FMO Business and Many Thanks

The CRV Homeowners Association representative for the Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida, Inc. (FMO) is Dennis Lunney. The FMO mission is to promote the general welfare of its members, to protect the rights and interests of manufactured/mobile homeowners and to be their consumer advocate in Tallahassee. It is the only nonprofit consumer advocacy organization dedicated to protecting the rights of over 1.2 million manufactured homeowners in the State of Florida.

The FMO depends primarily on membership fees for operating funds. Florida Legislators listen to those organizations with the most voting clout, because voters are the ones who elected them. I am delighted to tell you that your support so far this year is far and away the best it has ever been. We had 17 multiple year members, and now we have almost twice that many and still have days to go! I will share the final tally with you when our 2012 Membership Campaign, Road to Recovery, concludes on March 31.


FMO Leadership and the FMO Legislative Counsel are currently fighting the passage of Senate Bill 386 and House Bill 271. If passed, this new law would devastate our capability to negotiate lot rental increases and would allow park owners to issue a new prospectus each time any of us sells our home. Prospective buyers could not be sure they would receive the same rental rates and amenities as everyone else in the park. Selling our homes for a reasonable price would be difficult at best.

In my January 16, 2012 letter to you I gave you the contact information for the sponsors of the House and Senate Bills 271 and 386 respectively. Some of you have already contacted them, and I hope many more will do so. *"We must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately"* or words to that effect are attributed to Ben Franklin in 1776. Those words are just as true today. Let us be thankful that so many of our residents recognize their truth!

## Use of Bulletin Board

A reminder, any item posted on the Clubhouse bulletin board must have your name and lot # on it, and also the date it was posted. Notices can only stay up for 30 days, and must be removed after that time. Contact Trudy Wood for more info.

# Crystal River Village - February 2012 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	2 8 am - <b>ALUM CANS AT CURB</b> 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg	3 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Men's Pool	4 10:30am - Horseshoes
5 <b>Super Bowl XLVI Party</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>	6 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	7 8am- Men's Breakfast Ladies included 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos <b>7pm - HOA Meeting</b>	8 10am -Blood Pressure 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	9 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg	10 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 7pm - Men's Pool	11 <b>8-10am -SAT MORN BREAKFAST</b> 10:30am - Horseshoes
12	13 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	14 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos <b>5:30pm -VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION</b>	15 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	16 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg <b>12 noon - LADIES LUNCHEON</b>	17 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Craft Class 1pm - Cards & Games 7pm - Men's Pool	18 10:30am - Horseshoes
19	20 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	21 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos <b>7pm - HOA Board</b>	22 10am -Blood Pressure 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	23 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg <b>6pm - POT LUCK</b>	24 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 7pm - Men's Pool	25 10:30am - Horseshoes
26	27 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	28 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	29 <b>Leap Day</b> 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool			

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