

CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

MAY 2012 NEWSLETTER

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The President's Message

This has been another banner month in CRV, with a large attendance at Breakfast, good crowds at Bingo, the Clubhouse busy every day of the week with activities, cards and games, and just this past weekend a successful Spring Fling. The exercise room, library, and pool have also been kept busy. As this year's winter season winds down, I can truly say it has been a great year for CRV Homeowners Association.

A few homes have changed hands recently but nowhere near the 18 units that sold last year, even though the housing market has improved. It is unfortunate that not enough of those selling homes signed up to participate in a joint HOA Open House this year. Regardless of what you may have been told, FL legislation does give you the right to sell your home yourself. You lost an opportunity that is your right under FL law. Selling it yourself allows you to pass along to your buyer a sales tax savings on deductible items (like a carport, lanai, shed, and furniture). This reduces their sales tax, in some cases eliminating it totally, a real incentive for a potential buyer. In addition, you save a dealer's commission, a win-win for both the buyer and seller. We will try to organize an Open House for next year if there is sufficient interest. Please consider participating, and let us know by the early fall.

Leo Lumpiesz, Barbi Nichols, and I attended the scheduled biannual meeting with Park Owners on Thursday, April 12. Jean Whitehurst was there representing the Owners. Upon entering the room she advised our group we had 10 minutes of her time. She said she is required to meet with us but nothing says for how long. She told us she reads our newsletter every month and it is nothing but a bunch of lies. She did mention pool lounges are on order but did not share any information on when they might arrive. When asked what the Owners had done to improve the lives of CRV residents in the past year, Mrs. Whitehurst had no response. She did say that if anyone has a concern, they should call her at the Office, 794-7161, not our HOA. That may or may not resolve your concern, but we still suggest you also let your Board know about it, so they can follow up if the Office does not respond. There was little time to discuss any other items of concern to our residents before she said that our time was up, and abruptly left the meeting.

We bid our snowbirds and renters farewell for the summer. You bring much enthusiasm and energy to our Village activities, and you will be missed. Have a safe summer and return soon.

Carl Preston (#340) 795-6458

Court Hearing

The court hearing that was supposed to take place on April 18 was postponed. The Whitehursts, who have changed attorneys again for the third time in three years, requested and were given an extension.

For those planning to attend the hearing, the new date is Tuesday, June 12 at 2:45 pm with Judge Patricia Thomas presiding. The County Court Building is located in Inverness behind the historic Old Court House. Please allow plenty of time to go through their security, which is much like at an airport, with a walk-through metal detector and X-ray screening of your personal belongings.

Mystery Dinner in May

We are trying something new in May. Instead of having the usual Pot Luck on the third Thursday, we will have a Mystery Dinner instead. On May 17, at 6:00 pm come to the Clubhouse for a complete meal with a main course, bread, dessert and hot or cold beverage. You don't need to bring anything, just come and socialize with your friends and neighbors. You can have a break from preparing a meal. And for those singles who find it difficult to cook for just one, this is a great opportunity. The cost is \$3 per person. Plan to attend and bring your neighbors.

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

May Birthdays

3	Gloria Kinnison	(440)	19	Ken Ogdie	(365)
4	Barbara Reese	(290)	20	Peggy Hilton	(420)
6	Dolores Harrison	(336)	22	Tom Woodfill	(181)
9	Bud Shott	(504)	23	Shirley Decker	(520)
10	Robert Jewett	(370)	23	Bill Kuhn	(168)
10	Rose Peckham	(447)	24	Earl Tischer	(489)
11	Fran Cardinal	(163)	26	Denise Barok	(363)
13	Eliza Velicu	(417)	26	Bonnie Cates	(321)
14	Vernon Kiesler	(175)	26	Margaret Strother	(308)
17	Jim Brown	(298)	28	John D'Elia	(377)
17	Cliff Cummings	(533)	28	David Hardin	(287)
19	Jack Hilton	(420)	30	Angie Burton	(506)
19	Carl Kukka	(409)			

May Anniversaries

1	John & Patti Olenik	(293)
9	Art & Mie Norton	(373)
11	Bill & Jane Bryan	(306)
14	Ed & Barbara Bakes	(525)
20	Bob & Fran Cardinal	(163)
21	Art & Ingrid Brinkman	(522)
29	Jim & Mert Brown	(298)

Quote for the month:

The human brain is unique... it is the only container that the more you put into it, the more it will hold.

~Glenn Doman

Bingo Fun

First, Bingo needs HELP. We are down to only two regular callers. Bob VanDuzer, who did a great job filling in for us while he was here, is back North. Thanks, Bob, for all your help in making Bingo fun for all. For those interested, you only call once a month, sometimes a second time if we need a fill-in for somebody who is absent, and training is easy. If you would like to join in the fun and see how excited people can get when you call 'their' winning number, please contact Woody or me. We can also use table helpers to give the regulars a break.

See y'all at Bingo!

Bob Hrabec, Chairman (#437) 794-3357

Memorial Day Activities

A Memorial Day Service will be held Monday, May 28 at 10:00 am at the Clubhouse. We will observe a time of remembrance for those residents who have passed away since last year's service. Those being remembered are Marion Carpenter, Marie Cross, Stella Fuks, Alan Gibson, Hulette Hilton, Margaret Kiesler, Connie Long, Serena McCammon, Dale Nichols, Ed Plissey, Roberta Stahley, and Marjorie Tischer. The military biography of Ed Peckham, the third honoree in our CRV Veterans History Project, will be presented. Following the service light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Carl Preston, 795-6458, or another member of the Board.

Bingo Jackpot Winners

Mar 28	Carol Cate	\$192
Apr 04	MaryLou Maynard	\$218
Apr 11	Anne Marie Kanganis	\$217
Apr 18	Joan Helms	\$205

HOA Home Sweet Home

The winners for March are:

Home Sweet Home Golden Award

Harry & Barbara Schoeller #357

You've turned your corner into an eye-catching beauty. Thanks, Harry and Barbara!

Home Sweet Home Silver Award

Jim & Mary Gavaza #505

What a unique way to present your yard. Great job!

~HOA Home Sweet Home Committee

Shuffleboard

Apr 03	Thelma Bachert & Shirley Peterson
Apr 10	Gary Ammerman & Bud Shott
Apr 17	Don Gibeau & Barbara Lohfink

A friend is one to whom you may pour out your heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of kindness, blow the rest away.

~Arabian Proverb

April HOA Meeting Summary

As residents arrived for the Semi-Annual Meeting on April 3, 2012 they were given ballots to vote for the recommendations for the Nominations Committee and to approve the Annual Budget. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, then a moment of silence was observed in memory of the recent passing of four residents, Bobbie Stahley, Serena McCammon, Dale Nichols and Stella Fuks. A quorum was represented with 62 units in attendance and 31 absentee ballots received. All 8 Board members were present.

As soon as all ballots were marked and turned in, Marilyn Snell Brown, acting Clerk, took the ballots to the library to be counted. Marsha Gibson accompanied her as Observer.

The Secretary reported that notes of the March meeting have been posted to the bulletin board. She read correspondence from a resident concerning an incident with a speeding vehicle that had occurred recently. The Treasurer reported on income and expenses for March.

Committee reports were given. Dottie Matteson reported she will no longer be taking blood pressure for residents biweekly, as she has done for many years. Wii Bowling is done for the season. Dennis Lunney reported on FMO and the increase in membership among our residents. Leo Lumpiesz gave a brief report for the Rent Committee and noted that the recent letter from Management asking for a vote on the renaming of CRV streets was improper and not valid. He encouraged residents to ignore the letter.

The ballot count was completed and results were reported to the Board. The proposed members for the Nominations Committee, Demas Brubaker, Bill Bryan, Lorraine Fricke, and Ann Hodge were approved, and the proposed budget was accepted.

Carole Nye Polisson thanked everyone who assisted with the successful Yard Sale. A note has been sent to the First Presbyterian Church thanking them for allowing us to use their parking area and renting tables to us.

Leo elaborated on the letter concerning speeders. Several residents shared similar experiences and also expressed concerns about speeding in golf carts and children driving them. One resident noted that they had learned minors must be 14 years of age to drive a golf cart without an adult present. Residents with visiting grandchildren need to be aware of this and ride with their minor visitors.

Jim and Joan Kenney, who do community civilian patrol, offered to obtain a speed warning sign to set up temporarily in the Park. The Owners said no to the suggestion. It will be discussed at the next meeting with Management.

It was announced that Busy Bee Mowers will be back to a weekly mowing schedule this month.

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

Blood Pressure Readings

Dottie Matteson has recently retired from taking blood pressure readings for CRV residents. For many, many years, Dottie, a retired nurse, has faithfully arrived at the Clubhouse every other Wednesday morning to assist residents with monitoring their blood pressure. In recent years she has been assisted by Joan Kenney and also Beverly Ellis. The number of residents who use the service has dropped off, since many now have their own cuffs and can keep track of their blood pressure for themselves.

Our community has been very fortunate to have Dottie watching over the health of some of our residents. We thank her and wish her well as she fills her Wednesday mornings with other activities.

April Ladies Luncheon

This month's ladies luncheon is on **Thursday, May 24** at noon at the **Boathouse Restaurant**, located on Hwy 19, just outside our Village. Your hostesses are Beverly Ellis (#446) 563-5376 and Ruth Slaton (#438) 795-4060. Watch the bulletin board for a sign-up sheet and sample menu.

CRV Book Club

The Book Club members decided to each read a book of their own choice for May, and give a report to the group. The Club meets every other Monday at 10:00 am at the Clubhouse, this month's meetings are on May 7 and 21. If you enjoy reading and discussing books you have read, we invite you to join us. For more information, contact Joan Helms (#416) 794-6220.

Big 'Loser' Winner

On March 30-31, a meeting of *Take Off Pounds Sensibly* was held in Fort Myers. The second place winner of Division I (the heavy weight category) was Margaret Stevens who lost 67.5 lbs. in 2011. Margaret was presented a certificate, a State Winner pin and ribbon. At the end of the meeting, her story was read on stage to the whole assembly. Margaret, who has lived in our Village at #496 for almost seven years, says the Fort Myers Workshop will be remembered as one of the most beautiful experiences of her life.

Editor's Note: Congratulations to you, Margaret. You have worked hard to reach this goal and your fellow residents are very proud of you.

In Memoriam

Marjorie Tischer lost her hard fought battle with cancer on February 27. She and Earl have been residents of our Village for about 10 years. Marj was a volunteer pink lady at Seven Rivers Hospital for a number of years, running the gift shop. She also served on the Membership Committee here in our Village, and loved going to Bingo. She is missed in our community.

We send our sincere sympathy to Earl and her family and friends. I apologize for the omission of her name in last month's newsletter.

CRV Annual Yard Sale

Many thanks to all of the guys and gals who helped make this year's Yard Sale a great success. The preparing of the items took about 80 man hours, with pricing and sorting, then loading and finally unloading the trailers at the yard sale site. It was a huge effort. Thank you all for your assistance and support. I appreciate all of you who made the annual yard sale happen...again.

~Carole Nye Polisson

Editor's Note: Our HOA is grateful to the Crystal River First Presbyterian Church for all their support. Even though they, too, had an event going on at their Church, they were helpful in providing their tables for our use. It went very well considering it was our first time at that location. We may use that area again another year.

Heartfelt Thanks

Thank you to all the residents who have prepared meals for Lynn and me, and to those who have provided moral support, and a special thank you to the anonymous group who left a get-well card with grocery shopping gift cards enclosed. Your generosity has been such a help. It has been a difficult 6 months and we appreciate your support more than mere words can say.

This is a great example of why Crystal River Village is such a wonderful place to live.

Carl & Lynn Preston

Grateful Thanks

Several weeks ago I fell and fractured my knee. I was immobilized in a leg brace for three weeks and could not get around at all. Now I am in a brace that lets me move a bit more, but I still need a few more weeks of physical therapy. Carl (Kukka) has taken over my domestic duties and has done all the cooking and cleaning. I could not have managed without him. And my neighbors Cliff & Terry Cummings and Bea Pulsifer and Verna Williams have been very helpful. Many thanks to them and to all the other residents who have assisted me.

Roberta Humason (#409)

New CRV Residents

Two homes have sold in our Village this past month. Dick & Sharon Tow purchased #297 and will be seasonal residents. They rented in CRV this past winter so many of you may have already met them.

Thomas Pyktel and Helen Petzer recently bought #426 and will be year round residents. They will probably not arrive here until next month.

We welcome them to our community. The sale of a couple of other units is pending. We will soon be seeing even more new faces in our Village.

Recycling Aluminum Cans

Trash and items other than aluminum cans have been found recently in the can containers at the Clubhouse. Those containers that have a hole cut in the lid are for aluminum cans only. Many thanks to those who do recycle. It saves our earth, and brings in some funds for our HOA, too.

Pioneer Singles

We had a great meeting in April with Marilyn Plissey (#343) as our guest speaker. Marilyn, who is a registered dietician, shared ideas and tips for "cooking for one". We were really pleased with the helpful information and enjoyed her presentation. Our next meeting is May 10, 2012 at 1:30 pm. Please give it some thought and bring ideas for activities you might like to have us do, or upcoming events we could attend as a group.

Marsha Gibson (#420) 794-6455

Spring Fling a Big Success

The 85 people who were "*Lost in the '50s*" had a wonderful time there, even with the discomfort of the high humidity and heat in the Clubhouse that evening. The music of Joe Dube transported us back to our youth, as we relaxed and sang and danced like we were teenagers again. Chairperson Barbi Nichols did an outstanding job choosing the theme, and creating a fun atmosphere, complete with a drugstore soda fountain serving root beer and Coke floats. It was a delightful finale to our season at CRV.

The four brave ladies who challenged the hula hoop did an admirable job. Bobbie Rosenberger was the winner, Linda Shott came in second but her hoop didn't survive the experience, Mary Gavaza and Brenda King gave a valiant effort and tied for third. But none could match the prowess of Barbi, who showed us all how it is done! Lorraine Fricke wowed contest judge Joe Dube and came away with the prize for the Twist contest.

Many thanks to Barbi's team, Shelly Lumpiesz, Gloria Baker, Trudy Wood, Susie Lunney, Susan Perry, Don Hudson in the kitchen, and all those others who moved and set up tables and chairs, and helped in so many ways. It was a joint effort that made for a successful event.

You can view some great photos of the event on our website in Village Photos. Thanks to our photographer, Bud Shott.

CRV Security Notice

The front entry gate to the Village will remain in an open position for the next several days. It needs a part that has been ordered, but may not arrive until next week. During this time, residents should be more cautious and keep your doors locked.

FMO News & Information

Your enthusiastic response to this year's FMO Membership Campaign, "The Road to Recovery," earned our CRV HOA some accolades at the FMO District Meeting this week at the Walden Woods North Clubhouse. If you have read the FMO News for March/April 2012, you know about them already. Our CRV HOA was presented with two awards at the meeting. The first welcomed us into the President's Club for having 23 new members in 2011, and the second awarded us Gold Status in the President's Club for having 32% of our residents as members of FMO! Both awards will be more formally presented in the fall after our snowbirds return, but you should see them at our next meeting. It was a proud time at the District Meeting, and I wish all of you could have been there. The next FMO News should have a picture or two of the event. Many thanks to those of you who support the cause, and remember, there is strength in numbers. Invite your neighbors to join us in helping FMO help us in dealing with our legislature.

Dennis Lunney, FMO Representative



Document Shredding Event

Residents in the Homosassa/Crystal River area will have the opportunity to get their sensitive documents shredded on May 5, 2012 from 10:00 to 2:00 pm at Love Motorsports on Hwy 19. This is a great time to destroy those documents which you no longer need, but which have personal information on them, that you don't want to dispose of in your regular trash. Anything with sensitive data, including paper, CDs and DVDs can be shredded. The fee is \$5 to shred everything that will fit into a 10 ream copier paper size box. If you don't need that much space, combine your items with a friend, split the fee, and save money.

BizCo of Citrus County, Inc. is providing this service through Crime Stopper Shredding, a professional shredding service. BizCo is a newly formed not-for-profit cooperative of business professionals that exists to help businesses in Citrus County.

LIFESouth Blood, who is also sponsoring this event, will have their Bloodmobile at this location to provide you an opportunity to give life saving blood donations. They will be serving hot dogs and soft drinks to donors.

Crystal River Village - May 2012 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8am- Men's Breakfast Ladies included 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Meeting	2 10am - Bible Study 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo	3 8 am - ALUM CANS AT CURB 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 7pm - Men's Pool	4 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 1pm - Craft Class 6:30pm - Poker	5 10:30am - Horseshoes
6	7 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 10am - Book Club 6:30pm - Poker 7pm Women's Pool	8 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	9 10am - Bible Study 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo	10 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 1:30 - Pioneer Singles 7pm - Men's Pool	11 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 6:30pm - Poker	12 8-10am -SAT MORN BREAKFAST 10:30am - Horseshoes
13 <i>Mother's Day</i> 	14 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Poker 7pm Women's Pool	15 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Board	16 10am - Bible Study 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo	17 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 6pm - Mystery Dinner 7pm - Men's Pool	18 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 1pm - Craft Class 6:30pm - Poker	19 10:30am - Horseshoes
20	21 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 10am - Book Club 6:30pm - Poker 7pm Women's Pool	22 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	23 10am - Bible Study 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo	24 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 12 noon - LADIES LUNCHEON 7pm - Men's Pool	25 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 6:30pm - Poker	26 10:30am - Horseshoes
27 	28 <i>Memorial Day</i> 10 am Service 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Poker 7pm Women's Pool	29 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	30 10am - Bible Study 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo	31 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 7pm - Men's Pool		

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