

CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

The new heater for our pool has finally been installed, and not a moment too soon. The recent cool weather had dropped the water temperature to the low to mid 70s, even with the cover being on. The heater was long awaited, and our pool lovers appreciate its arrival.

At the time of this writing we have not received our rental agreements for the coming year. I hope the owners will take into consideration the poor state of the economy right now. For those on fixed incomes, household budgets are strained, and many are just getting by. Now with the announcement that there will not be a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) this year, any increase will cause extreme hardship.

We have reached the goal in donated funds to cover the expense of a new swan. Polly should have a new companion soon. Residents are encouraged to drive cautiously between the two lakes, especially after dark and at dusk and dawn. If you are out walking and notice a swan near the roadway, shoo it back into the water. We do not want them to get too comfortable with the road. As a reminder concerning alligators, do not feed them or place any food in the water for any animal. Even if you are feeding ducks, the gators think it is for them and quickly become a nuisance. If you wish to feed ducks and birds, do it on land. Our guest speaker at this month's Pot Luck will provide more information on alligators. A note to our new residents, please **do not** give our swans regular food or bread. They need a special food; bread is too salty for their systems. The food they eat is easily obtained at an area feed store.

We still need chairpersons for our Christmas and New Year's Eve Events. If no one volunteers, the Christmas Party may have to be cancelled. The DJ for New Year's Eve, one who has played at CRV before and was enjoyed, has already been hired for that event. (See related article on page 4.)

It is good to see our winter residents returning. They look relieved to be out of the cold and early snows in the North. Many have commented on how good our community looks and how happy everyone appears. We are pleased to welcome you back. You add to the fun at our activities and bring fresh ideas. Perhaps a couple of you might even consider sharing those ideas as chairs of an upcoming event.

~Carl Preston (#340) 795-6458

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Membership Forms

We have over 195 members in our HOA this year. Because it would take a while to reach all of you individually, Membership Forms for 2010 are being distributed in the newsletter this month. You can't miss it, it's bright pink! Please fill it in and return it to either Margie Jordan (#177) 563-9849 or Marj Tischer (#489) 795-5003. Marj is the new Membership Co-Chair with Margie. You may also turn it in at any function at the Clubhouse, such as an HOA Meeting, Bingo, Pot Luck, or you may give it to a member of the Board. Before you return it, please check your listing in the Phone Directory and in the Resident Directory on the Web. If any information needs to be changed, please note it correctly on your Membership

Form and your listing will be updated. The HOA Membership Fee for 2010 remains the same at \$10.

Veteran's Day

All Veterans in our Village are encouraged to attend a special Veteran's Day observation on Wednesday the 11th of November at the 11th hour at our Clubhouse. Please plan to attend to honor these CRV Veterans and those who have gone before. Chairman Richard (Woody) Wood is coordinating this event. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Any CRV resident who is a Veteran will receive a free meal at the Saturday Morning Breakfast on Nov. 14 at the Clubhouse in honor of Veteran's Day.

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

November Birthdays

5 Nelly Benvenuto (514)	14 Peggy Johnson (396)
6 Annie Collie (491)	15 Alice Kelly (499)
7 Judy Hood (178)	17 Richard Decker (520)
8 Barbara Rundle (332)	18 'Mame' Kershner (539)
10 Art Devlin (392)	19 Randall Brown (179)
10 Warner Lubrich (419)	20 Ray Kelly (499)
10 Joan Whippie (323)	22 Mimma Allen (535)
10 Norma Willhoft (286)	24 Barbara Marion (165)
11 Bill Suech (349)	28 Nancy Hardin (287)
12 Jim Kenney (449)	28 Jim Harrison (336)
14 Chip Huckins (169)	30 Ben Andrews (404)

November Anniversaries

12 Ronald & Jan Hunt (367)
22 Ralph & Mimma Allen (535)

Quote of the Month

The goal in marriage is not to think alike, but to think together.

Robert C. Dodds

CRV Fishing Report

Hopefully the weather will change and start getting cooler. When the water cools off, that usually brings the redfish into the Crystal River. Shallow water Grouper fishing will get going about the end of November. I love catching large grouper in skinny water. They are only two to three miles off shore. I would like your help this year in learning what's happening with our CRV Fishing Friends. We like to know the who, what, and where of your fishing successes. I fished last month with both Bob Hrabec and Lorraine Fricke. If you would like to go fishing, call or stop by.

Ollie Simon Lot #364 Phone 220-6068

Shuffleboard Winners

Sep. 29	Bill Kuhn & Woody Wood
Oct. 6	Ken Schedel & Woody Wood
Oct. 13	Barbara Lohfink & Barbi Nichols
Oct. 20	Thelma Bachert & Barbi Nichols

Bingo Jackpot Winners

Sep. 30	Stephanie Raney	\$193
Oct. 7	Lynn Preston	\$132
Oct. 14	Carol Cate	\$189
Oct. 21	Dorothy Taylor	\$198

Planning Ahead - Yard Sale

The CRV HOA Yard Sale is held near the end of February. We always use many plastic grocery bags for the sale. If you could save a few for us, it would be much appreciated. If you wish, you may drop them off with Carole Nye before then. Also If you have items ready to donate, they can be dropped off at Carole's garage at #314. Watch the newsletter for a definite date for this year's Yard Sale.

Bingo Fun

As our snowbirds return, attendance at Bingo is increasing along with the size of our jackpots! I think most are enjoying our "Speed Bingo," too. That game alone is generating a \$40 plus payout each week.

The Bingo schedule for the upcoming holidays will be as follows. Bingo WILL be held on Nov. 25, the night before Thanksgiving. We will NOT have Bingo on December 23 and 30. With the busy holiday season, we want to take a break and let our usual volunteers take a break also!

And speaking of breaks...I'd like to invite any of our snowbirds interested in calling at Bingo while they are here to contact me. It's easy, it's fun, and if some of you can do it while you are here, it would give our regular callers a bit of a break and a chance to play, too. I extend that invitation to our full-time residents as well. We are short-staffed at times and could use the additional help.

See you at Bingo!

Bob Hrabec, Chairman (#437) 794-3357

The Citrus Playbill by Gary Ammerman

The Arts Center of Citrus County will continue its season with a farce entitled "*Take a Number, Darling*" by Jack Sharkey. The plot involves a famous pianist and his wife, a soap opera star, who live in a penthouse. Their PR agent invites a reporter from a scandal magazine over to do a profile, but before he arrives an old Navy buddy, a former lover and an extra wife show up, forcing increasingly fanciful explanations of how these characters fit in with the idyllic life of the famous couple. The production opens on November 6 and runs through November 22, with performances at 7 pm on Fridays and Saturdays and Sunday matinees at 2 pm.

The Nature Coast Performers, Inc. will be holding auditions for "*It's All in Your Head*," a new show by local playwright Sam Noll. The auditions will be held on Friday, November 13 at 7 pm and Saturday, November 14 at 2 pm. Please call 352-527-9061 for more information and venue location.

The Citrus County Community Choir will be presenting a "*Fall Harvest Concert*" on November 20 and 22. The Nov. 20 concert will be presented at Our Lady of Grace in Beverly Hills at 7:30 pm; the Nov. 22 will be presented at the Faith Lutheran Church in Lecanto at 2:00 pm. The performance, covering over 5 centuries of Choral Music, includes highlights of works by Mozart, Haydn and Handel. The concert should be very exciting. Tickets are \$10 donation for adults while children 12 and under are free.

A Kiwanis Benefit Show will be offered at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club for one night only on November 6, 2009. It is a dinner theater with an interactive mystery comedy titled "*Dead Air*." Tickets are \$40.

Be sure to support Citrus County's Fine Arts!

November Ladies Luncheon

The day of the Ladies Luncheon has been changed for the month of November due to Thanksgiving. It will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at noon. This month's location is Applebee's. Your hostesses are Ruth Slaton and Bev Ellis. Signup sheets will be posted at the Clubhouse.

Citrus County Family Resource Center at October Pot Luck

Ginger West, the Executive Director of the Citrus County Family Resource Center, was the guest speaker at the October Pot Luck. The Center was begun in 1983 by foster parents in an effort to decrease the need for foster care. Over the years it has grown into an organization that also provides services for young families rather than just directing parents to the services they need. The Center teaches parenting classes, runs a clothing closet and food pantry, and coordinates Christmas presents for needy children in Citrus County each year.

The Center receives no government funding; it functions on donated funds. Eight area churches consider it a mission and provide support. It also receives funding from United Way. Programs are developed as needed. For example, a volunteer trained in Social Security Administration was provided to assist with paperwork for those who cannot do it themselves. So far this year 119 bikes have been provided for the Bike to Work Program.

Last year many CRV residents sponsored a child for Christmas, and twelve have been sponsored so far this year. If you are interested, contact Lee & Mary Stiles (#386) 564-0391. There is always a need for new clothing at our Center. Instead of sponsoring a child, perhaps you could provide an item or two from the following list:

Christmas Wish List Family Resource Center

Sweat Pants & Tops - any size

Boys Jeans or Pants - Sizes 4T, 5T, 6-6X, 10

Boys Briefs - Sizes 4T, 5/6, 6/8, 10/12, 14/16

Girls Jeans or Pants - Size 5T

Girls Panties - Size 6, 8

Women's Briefs - Sizes 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Men's Briefs - Small (30/32),

Medium (34/36), Large (38)

Ms. West noted the greatest needs for the Center are financial support and volunteers. If you can support their "Annual Fund" or offer a few hours a week between now and the holidays, it would be greatly appreciated. For more information or to donate, contact Lee & Mary Stiles (#386) 564-0391.

October HOA Meeting Summary

All Board Members were present at the October 6, 2009 Meeting of our Association. A quorum was in attendance, allowing for business to be transacted. The Secretary and Treasurer Reports were read and accepted. Harry Rundle reported serving French Toast at the Saturday Breakfast had been very successful, and it would be served again this month. A motion was made and approved to allow up to \$1000 for expenses for the upcoming Halloween Party. Half that amount will be recovered by ticket sales. President Carl announced that \$275 has been pledged/donated so far toward a new swan.

The floor was opened for nomination of Officers and Directors for 2010. The following people were nominated to continue their positions on the Board: Carl Preston as President, Trudy Wood as Vice President, Gary Ammerman as Secretary and Carole Nye Polisson as Treasurer. There were no other names presented. Directors Bobbie Stahley and Lee Horner have another year left on their 2 year terms. Directors Linda Shott and Connie Long whose terms end this year did not wish to run again. The names of Art Devlin and Leo Lumpiesz were placed in nomination to fill those Director positions. Since there were no other names presented, and all positions are unopposed, that will be the Slate of Officers and Directors for 2010.

Following nominations, Mary Stiles, a volunteer at the Citrus County Family Resource Center, had a list of children from the Center's Sponsor a Child for Christmas Program available for those interested. She announced that the Center's Executive Director, Ginger West will speak at the Pot Luck later this month.

Thanksgiving Celebration

Don't be alone on Thanksgiving. Come join your CRV family on November 26 at 4:00 pm for the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Clubhouse.



Signup sheets are posted in the Clubhouse. Everyone brings a part of the holiday meal to share, and the turkey, stuffing and gravy are provided. Please indicate what you will bring and how many will attend with you so we can plan table settings for all. There is no charge for HOA members; non-members and guests are \$3.00 each.

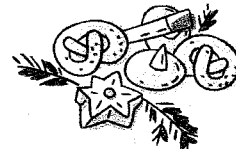
Volunteers are needed at 8:30 am to help arrange the dining room and after the meal to assist with the clean up. If you are willing to help, please call Rose Peckham at 563-9831 or Ruth Slaton at 795-4060.

New Year's Eve Celebration

Last year's plans to hire musical entertainment for our New Years Eve Party fell through because the hired musician cancelled. This year the Board started early with those plans and has already engaged a DJ. In order to cover the cost of having the DJ, it will be necessary to charge an admission fee. Signup sheets will be posted to indicate your plans to attend. If there is not sufficient interest, the DJ and event will be cancelled.

Craft Club Cookie Exchange

The Crystal River Craft Club will hold their Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange at the Clubhouse on Friday, December 4 at 12 noon. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy a pot luck luncheon, games, laughs and an exchange of cookies. For those interested, a signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board with a deadline of Nov. 27. All planning to attend are asked to bring a pot luck dish (hot or cold) and three (3) dozen cookies. After the luncheon and games, the cookies will be exchanged and you will go home with three dozen assorted cookies. If you wish to attend and cannot eat cookies, you may still participate in the pot luck luncheon and fun. Looking forward to having a large turnout.



November Pot Luck Speaker

The guest speaker at the November 19 Pot Luck will be a person who does work for the Department of Fish and Wildlife on alligator control. Alligators are frequently seen in our Village lakes. Our guest speaker will discuss alligators and what we need to know to keep ourselves and our pets safe from them. Come share a meal with your friends at 6:00 pm and hear about this topic of great interest.

Upcoming Trips & Outings

The Bus Trip to the Casino is all set for Friday, November 13. The bus is full and there is a waiting list.

The next planned outing is to the Show Palace Dinner Theatre in Hudson on Saturday January 30, 2010. The production will be "*Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*." Set in Oregon in 1850, it is the story of Adam, the eldest of seven brothers, who goes to town to get a wife. He convinces Milly to marry him and that same day they return to his backwoods home. Only then does Milly discover he has six brothers--all living in the same cabin. She sets out to reform the uncouth siblings, who are anxious to get wives of their own. What follows is a delightful romp, with dazzling dance routines, colorful costuming and numerous musical tunes. The cost of \$39 per person covers the buffet luncheon and show. Groups will carpool from our Village. Watch for signup sheets soon.

Dottie Matteson 795-6898

Trudy Wood 563-2612

A Fun Halloween Party

Our Halloween Party was a great success. I hope everyone had a wonderful time. My heartfelt thanks to all of my Committee Members who gave so freely of their time. And last but not least, thanks to all the CRV residents and guests who supported the party. None of this could happen without you. Thank you all again.


Trudy Wood, Chairperson

Yes, it was another successful party here in our Village. Over 100 attended and enjoyed delicious lasagna and ziti from the Olive Tree and the music of *Starburst*. Trudy and her crew did a tremendous job decorating the hall and creating a festive atmosphere. Bill Kuhn was both creative and enthusiastic in his great job as Emcee. Mummy Barbi Nichols, Ghouls Bud & Linda Shott, and Carl & Lynn Preston as Fly Swatter Kill were recognized for costume creativity along with Witch Hulette Hilton, Tattoo Man Art Devlin and Breathalyzer Buddies Leo Lumpiesz and Joe Elmhirst.



Kneeling: Liza Rossi, Susie Lunney Standing L to R: Barbara Lohfink, Art Devlin, J Lee, Gloria Baker, Shelly Lumpiesz, Joe & Diane Elmhirst, Leo Lumpiesz, Harry & Barbara Rundle, Carole & Jack Jones, Keith Newell, Sylvia Solenberger, Cindy Drew, Carl Preston, Renee Bailey, Bud Shott, Caryl Kershner, Linda Shott., Dennis Bailey, Noel Rossi, Barbi Nichols, Rick Decker, Margaret Kiesler, Dennis Lunney, Jack Hilton, Carol Hilton, Lorraine Fricke, Gary Ammerman (hidden) Joe & Eileen Berry, Hulette Hilton, Peggy Hilton.

Crystal River Village - November 2009 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 DST Ends  <i>Set clock back one hour</i>	2 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	3 8am- Men's Breakfast Ladies included 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Meeting	4 10am -Blood Pressure 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	5 8am - ALUM CANS AT CURB 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg	6 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Table Pool	7 10:30am - Horseshoes
8	9 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	10 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	11 Veterans Day 11am at Clubhouse 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	12 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg 7pm - Card Games	13 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	14 8-10am - SAT MORN BREAKFAST Our CRV Veterans honored 10:30am - Horseshoes
15	16 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	17 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Board	18 10am -Blood Pressure 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool 12-LADIES LUNCH	19 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg 6pm - POT LUCK Guest speaker	20 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Table Pool	21 10:30am - Horseshoes
22	23 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	24 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	25 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	26 Thanksgiving Dinner 4:00 PM	27 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	28 10:30am - Horseshoes
29	30 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool					