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Fri. Feb 15, 2019

## JANUARY LIAISON MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2019

By Bob Konetzny, Secretary HOAII

- There is no 2019 budget to install security cameras around the pool area.
- ELS has removed the gazebo in their advertising of 31J. Per our Prospectus, gazebos are not allowed.
- The 360 inspections continue on an ongoing basis.
- Funds have been budgeted in 2019 for road resurfacing. Julie is currently working with the contractor to identify which cul-de-sacs will be completed. A contract will follow.
- The fountain behind the pool has been shut off. There is no further update at this time.
- The replacement of bulkhead on hole # 4 is under contract and currently scheduled for January 21st, 2019. The bulkhead on hole #10 will be repaired during 2019, as the budget for this project has been approved.
- The tree stump on 10A will be removed.
- A new fixture has been ordered to repair the lights on the shuffleboard and bocce courts.
- A letter has been sent to the owners of 43N to clean up the outside area around their home.
- Julie stated that she will request funds in 2020 to put white lines on Circle Pine Blvd.
- Julie stated that over \$400k has been approved to replace the clubhouse roof.
- The exercise bicycle in the exercise room does not work properly. Julie will follow up.
- No funds were budgeted for Pub renovations in 2019.
- Julie will measure for square footage in the pool/craft room.
- Future Liaison meetings will be held at 2:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month.
- As of this meeting, ELS management has not approved the installation of a Shuffleboard table.
- Signs have been ordered stating that proper attire is required during play in the Pickleball courts.
- Julie will supply copies of the "Statement of Work" form.
- Julie will remind residents of both Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways that it is illegal to feed wild animals.

Items included in the 2019 Budget are:

- Renovate the pool bathrooms
- Seawall replacement on hole #10
- Repaving of roads
- Clubhouse roof replacement

PLEHOA Minutes can be found on the  
Pine Lakes web site.

## DO YOU HAVE INTEGRITY? ARE YOU SELFISH?

By Maura Alexander, Pine Lakes Lease-land Representative

**I** once read that the ugliest personality trait a person can possess is SELFISHNESS. If you are selling your house are you selfish and thinking, “Why should I care if my buyer signs a new ELS prospectus? My house will be sold and I’ll be leaving Pine Lakes. What do I care if my neighbor’s son is buying my house, or a friend from up-north, or even a stranger and they won’t have the same rights as I had? I’m not going to search for the prospectus belonging to my house because I’m busy and I just care about ME!”

I also read that the most prized personality trait a person can have is INTEGRITY. The article stated that, “Doing the right thing is never the wrong thing to do.” How can you be sure you are a person with integrity when you sell your house? You can have a copy of your house’s prospectus handy and demand that your selling agent explain to your buyer that it belongs to the house. The buyer should not sign one that is different, one with higher charges, one that ELS may ask them to sign. You can make sure your selling agent and the buyer know that your house’s prospectus contains a CPI cap that protects the buyer from high land rent raises.

ELS has a new prospectus, effective 9/’18, that they are eagerly waiting to have signed by an unsuspecting, unaware, buyer. ELS has no legal obligation to inform the purchaser that they have the right to assume the existing prospectus from the seller. PURCHASERS SHOULD NOT ACCEPT A NEW PROSPECTUS FROM ELS IF THEY ARE BUYING A HOME FROM THE HOMEOWNER. AT CLOSING, NEW PURCHASERS SHOULD SIGN A COPY OF THE PROSPECTUS ALREADY BELONGING TO THE HOME.

Do you know what a prospectus is? A prospectus is a legal document filed with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR). The “Prospectus for Pine Lakes Manufactured Home Community” contains the specifications and the rules and regulations for living in Pine Lakes.

Do you know at closing you signed the prospectus that belongs to your house? There were so many items to be signed at the closing of your house that you may not remember signing a prospectus, or a letter saying you received a prospectus, but you did.

Do you know where that prospectus is? Go right now and get it from the place you know you put it. There are many things in my house that I know, “I put it right there”, and it isn’t there now.

Do you know how to get a copy of your house’s prospectus if you can’t find the one you signed when you purchased your house? You can **go to the Concierge** and ask her to print you a prospectus for your lot number. She can bring it up on her computer and print it. If that doesn’t work you can **ask a neighbor to print their prospectus off for you.** You could **borrow your neighbor’s prospectus** and make a copy yourself or at a store that makes copies. If that fails you should write to **Tallahassee** asking for the “Prospectus for Pine Lakes Manufactured Home Community”, add your lot identification and a check for \$35 made out to CTMH. The address is: CTMH, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

Do you know your house’s prospectus is a valuable document when you try to sell your house? We are so fortunate to have a prospectus that has a CPI cap on how much ELS can raise our land rents. A new prospectus from ELS probably does not contain this agreement.

Do you know if the buyer of your house knows your house already has a prospectus? If the buyer does not know his/her rights, the buyer will be given a new prospectus with higher fees and charges? That’s correct! As of 9/ ’18 ELS has a new prospectus awaiting unfortunate buyers.

Do you know that ELS has no legal obligation to inform a buyer that the house they are purchasing has a prospectus? A park owner’s only obligation is to give the first owners of your house a prospectus. After that it’s up to you to insure that that prospectus is passed along.

**Do you know that you should belong to HOAll and FMO?** These two organizations are watching out for you. You have no other organizations working for your protection.

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Estate Residents: When you have your house & land up for sale ELS could buy it and turn it into a lease-land lot. Don't be selfish, have integrity! ELS may want to buy your house and land now, make the lot a leased land lot and then sell your house back to you. You now pay ELS rent but be careful what you think is a good deal. Be vigilant!

Everyone: Join FMO now and help fight the park owners' organization that wants a law that gives them first refusal when you have a buyer for your house. Join FMO so that you give FMO a powerful voice to stop ELS for having the "right of first refusal". The right of first refusal means that if you have a buyer that is prepared to buy your home for \$1,000,000.00 ELS can step in and say they want to buy it for that amount you cannot refuse ELS' offer. But it's your son who wants to buy your home ----- tough!

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## POKER PLAYERS!

The Pine Lakes Men's Club invites all men and women residents of pine lakes and their live-in guests to come join us for a fun night of **NO LIMIT TEXAS HOLD-EM**. We play each monday evening in our clubhouse activity room, sign up at 6:30pm, game starts 7:00pm and we play the final 3 hands at 9:00pm.

A \$5.00 **One time new member** membership fee helps pay for equipment.

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## NEW CARDS, CRAFTS AND CHOCOLATE CLASSES!

By Gillian (Jill) Birch

Our first Cards, Crafts and Chocolate classes in Pine Lakes got off to a flying start – thank you to all those who came along. There's still room for more crafters (no experience necessary) if you would like to join the fun! Classes are on Thursday afternoons at 2pm in the Craft Room. Materials cost \$5 and all equipment is provided.

We aim to balance creativity and learning with fun and friendship (hence the chocolate on the tables!) To make it easy, all the materials are cut, scored and prepared for you. However, I need to know you are coming, so please sign up ahead of time if you would like a kit and if possible, remove your name if you have to cancel.

Our next classes are:

- Thursday February 7 at 2pm Hearts Box Card (suitable for Valentine's or an anniversary)
- Thursday February 14 at 2pm Butterfly Cards
- Thursday February 21 **NO CLASS** due to Fashion Show
- Thursday February 28 at 2pm Corner Turn-Back Cards

If you would like to join our fun and friendly group, please sign up on the Clubhouse noticeboard next to Reception or FB message me (Gillian Birch). I look forward to crafting with you!



## SYMPATHY/MEMORIALS

### Celebration of Life



**Patricia Milbrandt** of Avon Lake OH, former resident of Pine Lakes, passed away June 16, 2018. While living in Florida, she & husband George (also deceased) enjoyed travel and volunteering for Wake Up America.

**Peter Osterwyk**, former resident of Pie Lakes, passed away in April 2018 in Pennington, New Jersey. Pete was the pianist for Pine Lakes Chorus and an avid golfer.




## NOTICE FOR ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS:

By Cindy, article editor


The Whispering Pines has been extended to **10 ISSUES** (from the previous 9 issues) – April & May will each be separate issues, not a combined issue. Deadlines are reflected in the chart in the back of this issue, but deadline for April is March 16, and deadline for May is April 17. Keeping us all on our toes!



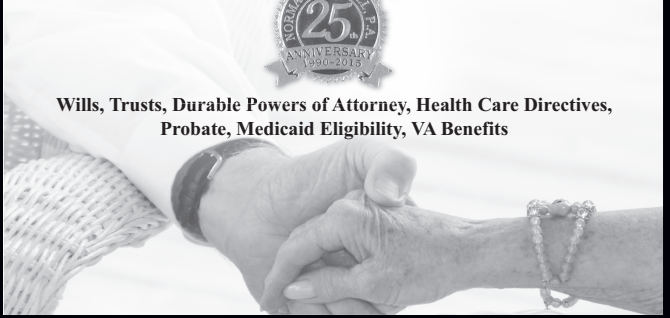


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## BEAUTIFICATION TEAM

By Bonnie Stropes

**W**e wish you all a healthy, and Happy 2019! The Holidays are behind us and all of the community decorations are down and stowed away. Thanks to all of the hard work of our team, spouses, and residents who put in the time and energy to make Pine Lakes festive for the Holidays.

December was a busy month with folks decorating their golf carts for a very “cool” ride through the community to view the beautiful lights and decorations. Our Christmas Home Tour was enjoyed by the hostesses, hosts, and all who toured the homes. The final event rang in the new year, in style, with music by Vicky and Jes Richmond and a champagne toast at midnight.

2018 was a fun and successful year! We wish to thank all of the individuals, clubs, organizations, and ELS for their donations and support. Thanks, again, to the Pine Lakes Men’s Club for the additional donation that helped us add more JOY to the outdoor decor. And lastly, to all of you for attending our events; we hope you enjoyed them as much as we did!

Our first meeting of 2019 is behind us and everyone on the team has agreed to stay on through 2019. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 12th at 1:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse Living Room. We will decide on a project for last year and begin planning our next event to be held on July 4th. If you are interested in learning more about Beautification, or might like to join us, please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Enjoy the sunshine, activities, and all of the wonderful events the Season has to offer here in our little piece of Paradise.

## LINE DANCING

By Linda LeClaire Smith 239-849-0459

**P**lease join us for beginners and/or advanced LINE DANCING classes on Tuesdays from 11-1:00 in the Pine Lakes clubhouse.

11-12:00    **Beginners**  
12-1:00     **Advanced**



## BOCCE

By Betty White

**O**ur Fall Session is in the books and we have completed our second week of the Winter Season.

The final results for the Fall Session are as follows:

**1st Place:** Pete Talty and Judie Greene

**2nd Place:** Shelby Greene and Jean Rourke

**3rd Place:** Tony Fettig and Jan Talty

Congratulations to the winning teams for a job well done.

Our Winter Session began on January 9th and will run until week 10 on March 13th. If need be, the playoffs will follow on March 20th. Thirty teams have signed up for the Winter session along with 6 male and 8 female subs. You can observe us on the Bocce Courts, every Wednesday beginning on the hour at 9:00 AM in the morning and running all day until the last match at 5:00 PM. The weather has been a little chilly for those playing in the early morning times. Hopefully, warmer weather is on tap for the near future.

Just a reminder to all Bocce players: Please be at your assigned court 15 minutes earlier than your start time. This allows the day to go smoothly and not cause back-up on the courts. If you cannot play on any given day, it is your responsibility to arrange for a sub to fill in for you. Please make sure the sub knows the date, time, court number and partner’s name well before the day of the match. Also, let your partner know the name of the sub that has agreed to take your place. And, something new this season, please make sure to mark the roster sheet on the clipboard by adding the subs name to the playing list in place of the regular player for that match. Mike Stropes will send e-mails to us, of the standings, each week after the last Bocce session for the day. Thanks, Mike, for such a great job.

Remember that any and all communications for the season are also posted on the communications board on the side of Court #1. Check there for all the pertinent news and information.

*Best Wishes to all for a fun Winter Session.*



## PINE LAKES TENNIS

By Sharon Thomson

The Pine Lakes tennis community welcomed the New Year with their annual "Crazy Tennis" event. For those who were able to attend, it was a morning of laughter and good fun! Who would have thought you could play with only one racquet to share with your partner and then having to take turns hitting the ball? The pot luck lunch that followed was certainly enjoyed by all. Our thanks to John Davis and Steve McCoy for making sure that no player suffered from dehydration. The day would not have been such a success without the organizational skills of Morgan Schafer and Sue Halverson. We thank them for making this a fabulous way to celebrate the first day of 2019!

As this article goes to press, planning for the first ELS tennis tournament of the year is underway for January. It is a wonderful time of sharing some friendly competition with our Lake Fairways partners and we look forward to many great matches.

A Mexican Fiesta dinner/dance was scheduled for January 24th which was a very special evening. It provided an opportunity to welcome back those who have returned and to greet some new members. Please check the tennis board for other planned events and for available court times.

The teams of Pine Lakes continue to appreciate the support from those who come to the games to cheer them on. They are facing some very strong competitors this year, but: They never throw in the towel, they use it to wipe off the sweat and keep going!

## PARTNER DANCE LESSONS

### (Singles Welcome)

By Linda LeClaire Smith

Beginning Sunday, February 10, I, (along with a partner), will be teaching a partner dance class in the Pine Lakes Ballroom from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. These are choreographed dances, where everyone is doing the same dance at the same time. We will start with 32 count beginner dances. Dance patterns include cha cha, swing, waltz, meringue, rumba and more. Singles are welcome. For more information, call me at 239-849-0459 or email me at [smithlinda25@yahoo.com](mailto:smithlinda25@yahoo.com)





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JANUARY 9, 2019

President Williams gave an update from the Liaison meeting: The list of roads to be repaved this year has not been released. The bulkhead at hole number 4 will be repaired in February with 2018 funds. Funds to repair the bulkhead at hole number 10 were requested in the 2019 budget. Pickle Ball players need to wear a shirt while playing pickle ball. Funds to renovate the pub will be requested in the 2020 budget.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl Schlachter, Secretary

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### Featured Listings

#### 10008 BARDMOOR CT

Great location in Pine Lakes! MOTIVATED SELLER! Bring an offer

#### 10050 BROKEN WOODS CT

This is a one of a kind 4 bedroom or 3 bedrooms and a home office home in the Estate Section of the Pine Lakes Country Club. The home has been upgraded to include: complete hurricane windows, new water pipes and vapor barrier, new roof in 2008, Upgraded kitchen including a walk in pantry, the pool is heated and has a ADA pool chair to assist a handicapped person. A golf cart and furnishings will be available for sale.

#### 10086 BROKEN WOODS CT

Convenient location in the Pine Lakes Country Club. This 2 BR 2 Bath home with a 2 car garage has had a new roof in 2015, New laminate floors in 2016. Owner had replaced the gray water pipe, refrigerator, dishwasher, AC, hot water heater and side garage door. There is a sitting area in the side garden to enjoy the outdoors.

#### 19829 EAGLE TRACE CT

From the shaded Lanai/Florida room you are able to watch golfers or the activity at the pond. Pine Lakes is a 55+ community which offers a wide variety of activities and has golf either by membership or pay as you play. There is an excellent restaurant on site. A Home warranty is included in the sale of this property. The AC was new in 2016, the roof in 2009, Washer and dryer in 2011 and the DW in 2012. This home also provides a garage for your golf cart. This property is being sold with some furnishings. What you see is what is being included with the sale.

#### 19801 EAGLE TRACE CT

Perfectly maintained 2 bedroom home nestled in a quiet cul-de-sac. This is the perfect snowbird escape in a very active 55+ golf & tennis, pet-friendly community. Cards, shuffleboard, pool, hot tub, pickle-ball, tennis, restaurant and pub round out the many activities. Boat and RV storage is available.

#### 19832 FRENCHMANS CT

This beautiful 3 Bedroom upgraded home with 2,032 sq.ft. under air in the Pine Lakes Country Club estate home section is being offered 100% turn key. A golf cart is being included. Enjoy the spacious split floor plan, large eat-in kitchen, formal dining, walk in closets, large yard with plenty of room for a BBQ, spacious Florida room with it's own window AC unit, and many more amenities. The bright and spacious kitchen features an office area and a confection oven microwave that comes in very handy during the holidays or when entertaining.

#### 19843 FRENCHMANS CT

This beautiful Pine Lakes Estate home in a 55+ community has been completely upgraded, plenty of room to entertain all of your new and old friends and family.

#### 10061 PINE LAKES BLVD

Water heater 2018, new Roof 2016, new kitchen flooring 2016, also a new dish washer and washer in 2016, home also comes with a golf cart. Located within 2 minutes walking of all the action.

#### 19831 FRENCHMANS CT

This is a rare triple wide Palm Harbor Energy Miser manufactured home with many upgrades which include windows and a new roof in 2018. There is a large garage plus an additional garage for the golf cart. The golf cart and charger are being included. A private patio has been created with a hot tub, lounge area and a fire pit area for your evening enjoyment.

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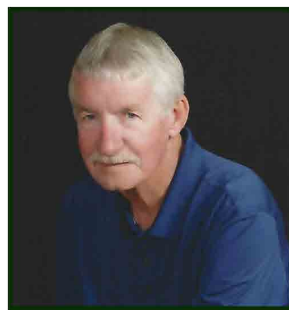


#### 10079 BROKEN WOODS CT

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# PINE LAKES MEN'S CLUB

By Tom Minahan

Lots are happening in next few months--February a busy month for the Men's Club. The big thing for the community is the 6th Annual Home and Garden Show on Feb 8th, the hours are 9am to 3pm. We have a great list of vendors signed up this year, something for everyone. We need Men's Club members to help on Thursday the 7th setting up the room for the curtains after 1pm--should take about an hour. On Friday at 3 pm we need help breaking down and putting all the card room and ballroom back, also the Lobby. Again, this should take about an hour. Please show up as this helps the Men's Club and also the community.

Next for February, we have our Show featuring a comedy Magician and the second half is a fantastic comedian, you can't miss this show, you will really enjoy it.

On sale at the Pancake Breakfast is the St. Patrick's Dinner Dance Tickets. Please have the names and what they want for dinner that evening (either corned beef and cabbage

or pot roast). This will speed up in the buying process. See all information for shows and dances in flyers in the *Whispering Pines*.

Again, on the 22nd of February we have The Shredder from Goodwill returning to Pine Lakes. The hours are 10am till 12noon, this is a secure process, all your items go into a locked box and only opened as they are put into the secure shredder in a secure area. Goodwill is the largest operator doing shredding for the Federal government.

**The Men's Club meeting is the second Thursday, February 14th--a meal will be served.** Please don't miss this meeting.

Again, Thank You for supporting the projects and Shows. This helps us do projects that benefit everyone in our community of Pine Lakes!!



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## PINE LAKES WOMEN'S CLUB

Secretary Report - Jan. 3, 2019

Cindy Ahrens presented results of the Spaghetti dinner in November which totaled \$1,167.37 in profit which goes to support our donations for local charities in Fort Myers.

Bev Mercurio reported that we currently have 130 paid members.

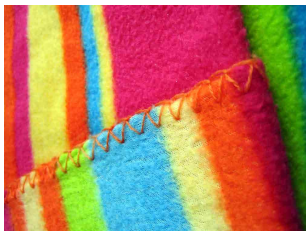
Several of our members went to Fort Myers Cemeteries to lay Veterans Wreaths for Veterans Day remembrance and hope to participate again next year with the people we support through our military box donations.

Thanksgiving Dinner results were given by Phyllis Fulwider. There were overwhelmingly positive responses to our first offering of Thanksgiving dinner served by Mel's Diner. 155 people were served and since taxes and tips were not included in the cost of tickets the club lost a minimal amount. There are plans to continue this community service next year.

Women's Club Christmas dinner results were given by Pat Dieringer which was catered by Southern Accents and members were entertained by the Calendar Girls. Members again enjoyed the buffet dinner.

The first Christmas Bake Sale chaired by Bridget Heier was a huge success with dozens and dozens of cookies and other seasonal treats including a gingerbread house and profited \$550.

Jane Vogel and Jesse Howard continue to collect gently used and new blankets for the Homeless Coalition and this year Lake Fairways is joining us by donating a large supply of blankets as well. They took 200 blankets to the Coalition during the cold weather in December and will take the next installment to distribute on Feb. 2. With donations given by the Men's Club, the Women's Club, and the Saturday morning Coffee Socials 300 tarps were purchased with additional funds reserved for future purchases.



Members were reminded that the next meeting will be Jan. 31 as our February meeting in order to vacate the clubhouse for the Men's Club Home Show. At that meeting the Bylaws will be reviewed and changes voted on.

Future events include:

- The Second Annual Health Fair chaired by Judy DeLonge on Jan. 8
- The Fifteenth Annual Craft Fair chaired by Martha Stevens on Jan. 18 with 59 vendors expected as well as raffle items and bake sale.
- Treasure Sale will be held March 1st with Bev Mercurio, Phyllis Fulwider, and Carol Taylor leading the event. Lunch and bake sale also available.

***Next meeting is Jan. 31 at 7:00 P. M. and the speaker will be Steve LaFave, a Pine Lakes resident, a motivational speaker.***

The meeting was adjourned so that Fashion on a Dime chaired by Dianna Baughman could occur.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia Neumann, Pat Dieringer, and Karen Filippini



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## PINE LAKES WOMEN'S CLUB

By Pat Dieringer, President

Jan. 31st will be our next meeting to leave our regular February meeting date open for the men to set up for the Home Show. At that meeting we will be reviewing and voting on bylaw revisions. Also, we will need nominating committee for upcoming elections in March. Depending on the outcome of the bylaw vote we may need a new vice-president and will definitely need a secretary and corresponding secretary. Karen Filippini will seek the secretary position as a continuation but others may run as well. Pat Dieringer and Celia Neumann plan on running again for president and treasurer respectively.

Now that the Health Fair and Craft Fair have been huge successes this year, we move on to the Fashion Show chaired by Bridget Heier on Feb. 18. Donations are needed for raffle baskets (beer, wine, liquor, chocolate, bath/spa, pets, etc.). Tickets are \$18 and seats are reserved. Call Jackie Harrigan 731-1462. Guests are welcome. Fashions by Belk. Catered by Mel's Diner.

At the Jan 31 meeting the Treasure Sale chairpersons will be sharing important information and seeking volunteers to help man the tables, set up the stations, and bake sale items. Please call Bev Mercurio for information or to volunteer 513-746-8181. Since this is our largest fundraiser, we need everyone to help in whatever way possible.

The military box chairs Linda Dowd and Lois Likinay have requested peeps and jelly beans in addition to the usual items for the Easter deliveries.

*We appreciate all of our members and everyone who donates or supports our events.*



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW PLHOA II BOARD!

January 21, 2019

On January 21, 2019 a new PLHOA II Board was elected. Those elected were:

President, Ron Hovet; Vice President, Ray Walton; Secretary, Bob Konetzny; Treasurer, Beverly Bynum; Directors, Maura Alexander, Charlie Schneider, Mike Gloss, Bruce Wrede, Gary Nicolin

At the PLHOA II Annual Meeting the most frequently asked questions, by the members, were concerned with the prospectus that belongs with the house. I dug deep in my FMO files and resurrected a previous article that I had written about that subject. See article on page 3 and I hope it helps you to understand what is meant by, *"The prospectus stays with the house."*



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## PINE LAKES SHUFFLEBOARD – WINTER/SPRING SEASON ON ITS WAY!

By Elaine Mandeville

Only the tough and dedicated came out for the first two games, but a good time was had by all. We had 5 full courts for our first game, which quickly dwindled along with the temperature for the second game. Several hardy souls turned up for both games and the early leader is Al Gaetani, but only by one point! I'm sure once we scare away the 40-degree nights, our numbers will climb right back up. But those who braved the cold were able to chock up more wins. We look forward to folks joining us for our 2019 season as it warms back up!! So, come on out any Tuesday at 7PM and give it a try. It's quite simple to learn and everyone has a great time – win or lose!! We have more laughs than winners!! We welcome all Pine Lakes residents. The cost is a rousing 25 cents per person per night. And each winner gets 10 cents!!



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LAST	FIRST	1	2	
Gaetani	Al	1	3	4
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Hyskey	Larry	1	2	3
Reese	Don	2	1	3
Coats	Rick	2		2
Furlong	Terry		2	2
McGuinness	Ann	1	1	2
Milley	Sandy	2		2
Richards	Char	1.5		1.5
Guile	Gail	1		1
Hayter	Bob	1		1
Hayter	Lynda	1		1
McGuinness	Alison		1	1
Shelton	Hal		1	1
White	Betty	1		1
McGuinness	Bob	0.5		0.5
Peters	Cathy	0.5		0.5
	TOTALS	17.5	12	29.5

## PINE LAKES BILLIARDS

By Mike Stropes

Hello all you Pine Lakers. Billiards is alive and thriving here in Pine Lakes as we've just wrapped up our fall session of the North Fort Myers Seniors 8-Ball League. Congratulations to the Pine Lakes #1 team for winning the League over the other nine teams. The Pine Lakes #2 team finished back in the pack in 9th place. We'll be starting the Spring session next Tuesday night and finishing on March 19th.

We're encouraging all residents having an interest in playing pool to joint in on the fun and come out and play with us during our practice sessions. Those typically are on Monday's 10:30 AM – Noon and Thursday's Noon – 2 PM. Alternatively, if your wanting to shoot pool at other times, call me (239-989-3415) and we can arrange it. We need to have a roster of alternate players for our League teams. Revive your interest in pool-playing and join us.

Also, I wanted to give you some insight from two pool players that have started playing again here in Pine Lakes, residents Tony Fettig and Tim Neville. They are both on

the Pines Lakes #2 team of which Tony is the captain. Tony says, "It's great to revisit an old passion, enjoying the game and camaraderie." Tim had played throughout the years and began playing again here after he could no longer play golf. He says "I find it interesting in meeting new people and playing in the other communities. Good or bad, I really enjoy it and am very happy playing."

*Hope to see some of you in the billiards room! Thanks.*



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# MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

By Dick Loubier



I guess this is better than shoveling snow or sitting by a fire, but it is sure cold for Florida. Anyway, the sun is out and we are golfing with long pants on and two gloves. These are two very busy months in the golf world here at Pine Lakes. I am sure there is another article on the results of the President Cup finals, so won't go there. Our second day of Member-Member is tomorrow so results will be in next Whispering Pines. Between cold and other events on Thursdays, we had only two days of results, so here they are.

## On Dec 27 we played 1 bb of 3

1.DICK LOUBIER	
TOM PASCHKE	46
BILL LAPORTE	
2.PHIL EBERHARDT	
JOHN TOPP	48
PETE MORIAS	
3.DAVE WRIGHT	
RICK TAYMAN	49
RICHARD THIBODEAU	
4.ROGER JUNG	
DOUG CONNER	49
FRED STEWART	
5.JOE DEMKOWICZ	
RAY ROUILLARD	51
RAY WALTON	
6.BOB FILLION	
RAY REETZ	51
BILL KLAMER	
7.MIKE GLOSS	
CHARLIE SCHNEIDER	51
DARELD SCHICK	

## FLT 2.

1.WAYNE LARSON	52
2.BOB FILLION	54
3.CHARLIE SCHNEIDER	54
4.TOM HARE	54
5.JACK SULLIVAN	56
6.RICHARD THIBODEAU	56
7.FRED WEBER	57
8.DOUG CONNER	58
9.DAVID GLUCK	58
10.DICK LOUBIER	58

## B FLT

1.LARRY HURLEY
2.JIM STEINKE
3.RAY REETZ

## RESULTS OF OUR 4TH SHOOT OUT ON 1/5/19

### A FLT

1.DON LACROIX
2.BOB KONETZNY
3.KEN TOMPKINS

### B FLT

1.BOB FILLION
2.FRED WEBER
3.DICK LOUBIER

## FLT 3.

1.JOHN MALONEY	52
2.RAY ROUILLARD	55
3.ROGERS HAMILTON	56

## THE RESULTS OF OUR 3RD SHOOT OUT ON 12/22/18

### A FLT

1.JOHN DIERINGER
2.CHUCK YEDINAK
3.RON COOK

## ON JAN 3RD WE PLAYED LOW NET IN FLT S.O.Q.

### FLT 1.

1.BILL HAZLEWOOD	57
2.MIKE GLOSS	59
3.DAVE WRIGHT	60
4.PHIL EBERHARDT	61
5.KEN TOMPKINS	61
6.CHRIS TUPPER	61
7.DON LACROIX	61
8.BOB KONETZNY	63

One more shoot out on Feb 2nd and then our grand shoot out on March 2nd where the top five in A Flt and B Flt will play in the mixed shoot out on March 15th. Lots of fun. We have started signing up for Club Championship, so sign up in pro shop until Feb 1st. Our Men's Club Golf Tournament will be on March 23rd and our Member-Guest Tournament will be on March 28th.

*I guess that is all for now. will have results of Member-Member Tournament next month.*

*Must be the cold weather, but we had four hole-in-ones this past month:*

## Hole in 1ers

December 21, 2018  
Phil Eberhardt  
Hole #17

## Hole in 1ers

December 25, 2018  
Dick Loubier  
Hole #14

## Hole in 1ers

January 7, 2019  
Jerry Richards  
Hole #7

## Hole in 1ers

January 9, 2019  
Richard Stock  
Hole #3

## TEE TIME

Ladies 18 Hole Golf League

By Joann Cline

**A**t the risk of being politically incorrect, here's an old quote that seems quite appropriate, *"the difference in golf and government is that in golf you can't improve your lie."* George Deukmejian

Busy January, busy February.

The big news item in January was our two-day President's Cup Tournament. Look for details and winners in this issue of the Pines. The Ladies 18 Hole League would like to extend a special thank you to P.L.G.A. President, Debbie Hamilton, and her helpers for all their hard work.

*"The faster you play, the warmer you'll stay."* was how Director of Golf, Steve Allbritton, kicked off our L.E.G.A. event last year, and, unfortunately, again this year. Twelve of our Pine Lakes ladies showed how tough they are by venturing out on the course on January 16th, when morning temps were in the low 40s. They were joined by 60 ladies from surrounding courses who showed they were equally as tough. Joining our ladies were golfers from Burnt Store, Cross Creek, Lake Fairways, The Landings, Myerlee, Seven Lakes, Six Lakes and Whiskey Creek. Thanks go out to the guys who got the carts organized and ready for play, to Steve who did a great job of calculating and posting scores and especially to Becky Monteleone and Linda Knotts, our L.E.G.A. chair people. Everyone did an awesome job!

At the time this article is being written, we are still looking forward to our Ladies' Grand Shoot-Out on the 26th of January, as well as the Member – Guest Tournament on the 30th. Watch for the winners in the March Whispering Pines.

February is the month for golf madness here at Pine Lakes. Sweet sixteen, elite eight, and final four all lead up to our Club Championship being played on February 22nd and 23rd. Along with the match play taking place on the course, the Long Drive, Chipping and Putting contests are a lot of fun both for participants and spectators. Whether you compete, caddie, volunteer for a job, or spectate, please plan on taking part – it takes a community! Good luck to all the entrants!

### January Shoot-Out Winners - CONGRATULATIONS!

**1st Place** - Donna Schneider

**2nd Place** - Bev MacNeal

### PINE LAKES WINNERS – L.E.G.A. – January 16th – CONGRATULATIONS!

#### Flight 1

2nd – Annette Maloney net 54

6th tie – Darlene Topp net 57

#### Flight 2

3rd tie – Joann Cline net 54

6th tie – Debra Russo net 56

#### Flight 4

2nd – Donna Schneider net 61

### LEAGUE PLAY WINNERS – CONGRATULATIONS!

#### December 19th – O.N.E.S. (count only holes starting with O, N, E, or S)

1st – Cyndi Parks net 26

2nd tie – Annette Maloney net 28

2nd tie – Gwen Booth net 28

3rd – Darlene Topp net 29

#### December 26th – 3 clubs and a putter

1st – Darlene Topp net 53

2nd – Gwen Booth net 58

3rd tie – Joann Cline net 59

3rd tie – Bev MacNeal net 59

4th – Cyndi Parks net 62

#### January 2nd – Low Net in Flight

##### Flight 1

1st – Cyndi Parks net 55

2nd – Bev MacNeal 56

3rd tie – Debra Russo 58

3rd tie – Darlene Topp 58

##### Flight 2

1st tie – Leah Tompkins net 55

1st tie – Nancy Underwood 55

2nd – Nadine LaCroix 57

3rd – Sandy Tupper 59

4th – Sandy Craig 60

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### Important dates in February:

- 1st Deadline Club Championship sign-up
- 2nd Ground Hog Day
- 5th Chinese New Year - Year of the Pig
- 6th Sweet Sixteen Ladies
- 9th Valentines Tournament
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 13th Elite Eight Ladies
- 18th Final Four
- 19th Long Drive Contest
- 20st Chipping Contest
- 21st Putting Contest
- 22nd Club Championship
- 23rd Club Championship
- 27th Member – Member Tournament



## **NIFTY NINERS NEWS**

By Jacquie Yedinak

**I**n spite of the busy Holiday season, we continued with our league play by having a posting day December 19. Finishing in first place was Nancy Hurley with 25. Tied for second were Veronica Klimko, Bonnie Larson and Brenda Loubier with a score of 26. Third place was also a tie with a score of 29, for Betty Glasson, Joanne Gluck and Shirley Kubie.

Seven of our members decided to play on Dec. 26th and first place went to the team of Jean Marenda, Nancy Hurley, Donna Cunningham and Brenda Loubier with a score of 31. Nice going ladies.

**Here we go.....2019**, and to start off the year, January 2, we welcomed Libby Richards to our league. She had a great start by being the only one on her team to get over the water and on the green on hole one. Way to go Libby! The event for the day was a scramble and again the best score was 31 for the team of Jean Marenda, Adele Heft, Donna Cunningham and Bonnie Larson. Following right on their heels with a 32 were Ruth Hovet, Pat O'Connell, Pat Dieringer and Nancy Hurley.

The President's Cup Tournament was on January 9 and 10 and eleven of our league participated in the tournament. Coming in first was our president, Barb Daley with a two-day score of 53. Congratulations Barb!! Veronica, Nancy and Pat D. tied for second with a score of 55. Friday evening found us in the ballroom enjoying the company of our golfing friends and a delicious dinner and music for dancing.

We have had a new member almost every month. We have a lot of fun and play some good golf too. Is it going to be YOU that joins us in February?

## **PRESIDENT'S CUP**

By Joann Cline



**W**hile golf's official President's Cup will return to the prestigious Royal Melbourne Golf Club in December of 2019, our Pine Lakes golfers were able to stay right here at home in order to participate in our own Pine Lakes Golf Association's President's Cup Tournament.

Bringing out some of the best golfers our course has to offer, the tournament, held January 9th and 10th, was a total handicap, low net, every man/woman for him/herself game. Divided into 4 different groupings, there were eleven nifty niners, fifteen 18 hole ladies, eight men's forward tees and 32 of the men's white tees group.

Once the dust settled and the scores were calculated the following were at the top of the leaderboard and were able to claim the prestigious Pine Lakes President's Cup trophy.

\*\*\*\*\***C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S**\*\*\*\*\*

**Nifty Niners – Barbara Daley**

**Ladies 18 Holes – Linda Wakefield**

**Forward Tees – Dudley Bynum**

**Men's White Tees – Rick Tayman**

\*\*\*\*\***C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S**\*\*\*\*\*

On Friday evening, January 11th, with the large and small failures and victories of competition behind them, the participants and their guests gathered in the clubhouse for a celebratory banquet. While socializing and hashing over the previous days' antics were the order of the evening there was one last winner who had to be determined. Drawing of names in a quest to be able to name the "Last Golfer Standing" left Debbie Hamilton and Dick Loubier waiting nervously for one last draw. When Debbie's name was the last to be drawn she reluctantly sat down, leaving Dick as "the last golfer standing" and winner of the huge 'pot' of cash. Congratulations! Dick.

Organizing and running an event like this tournament is an enormous undertaking and our P.L.G.A. President, Debbie Hamilton, did any amazing job! Our Pine Lakes golfing community owes her and all her helpers a huge **THANK YOU!!!**

Special thanks also to Steve Allbritton, our Director of Golf, for all he did to make this tournament a success.





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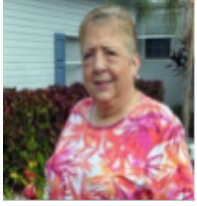
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## CANDIDATES FOR PLEHOA BOARD 2019 –

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### **Cindy Ahrens**

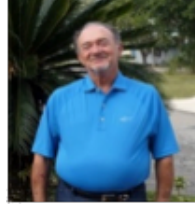
In my career and now as a volunteer, I strive to be fully informed on pertinent issues, feel I am fair in my decision-making, and am open to member suggestions and input to successfully maintain our lifestyle.

**PINE LAKES:** Moved to Pine Lakes in October 2015 with my husband Neil. Editor of the WHISPERING PINES, member of the PL Women's Club, co-chair of Women's Club 2018 Spaghetti Dinner, Welcome Committee member, enjoy the beginning Bridge group, and attend the Saturday morning socials to keep up on activities/events.

**BOARD EXPERIENCE:** Four years of past HOA Board (720 FL Statute) experience at Bayside Estates, Fort Myers Beach, FL, as Director-At-Large and as Board Secretary. As Board liaison for the Office Committee, I coordinated the community newsletter, processed member mailings including annual membership meeting notification, coordinated the Board election, and worked to establish a community web page.

**CAREER:** 35 years as Administrative Assistant with Hennepin County, MN: various positions within a large suburban library system, and 5 years experience as Administrative Assistant to the elected county prosecutor.

**RELATED EXPERIENCE/ACTIVITIES:** Served as secretary and president of the Bayside Estates (FL) women's group; Lakes Regional Library Friends Board (Fort Myers)--6 years scheduling monthly author programs; Secretary of the North Fort Myers Friends of the Library for 3 years; VFW Ladies Auxiliary (MN)--President for 2 terms plus served as a District program chair for several years.



### **Bob Godek**

I am Bob Godek. My wife, Dottie, and I moved to Pine Lakes in June 2018 from the Orlando area. I served in the U.S. Army for two years. Prior to moving here, I served on the board of the Lake Olympia North Homeowners Association for 25 years, along with being a board member for the City of Ocoee Code Enforcement Board for 25 years. I was chairman of that board for 19 years. I also served on the Ocoee General Employee Pension Fund Board for five years, serving as chairman for two of those years. I have been a member of the Ocoee Lions Club for 25 years and served as vice president, director and treasurer for the past seven years. I am also the vice commander for American Legion Post 109.

Having served on boards for many years, I believe my experience would be an asset to the Pine Lakes HOA Board.



### **Dick Loubier**

My name is Dick Loubier. I'm running for reelection to the HOA board. I have been on the board for four years - two of which I was treasurer. I'm also on the Men's Club board, vice president of the Golf League and I also run Bingo. My wife, Brenda, and I have lived in Pine Lakes for 16 years. We both love golf and she is on the Women's Club board.

We are from Maine and have four children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I also served in the Air Force for five years.

To me Pine Lakes is a great place to live and being on the board, I feel, will help keep Pine Lakes as nice as it is. I'd really appreciate your vote. Thank you very much.



## PLEHOA BOARD CANDIDATES....cont.



### Nikki Grove-Todd

Allow me to introduce myself; I'm Nikki Grove-Todd. Eleven years ago, my husband Jim told me he could no longer stand the cold dreary Indiana winters. Although he was retired at that time, I was still a working lady so being snowbirds was out of the question. In September of 2009, we came to visit properties in Pine Lakes with immediate success. We made an offer and then found ourselves as full-time residents in November.

I have spent the last 35 years assisting my clients to reach economic and financial success by listening to them and having a strong understanding of their financial goals and objectives. My clients have had top priority of my time – leaving me with just the weekends – many times Sundays only for myself and Jim.

I made a bold step and retired in May of this year when I went from going 5000 miles per hour to zero. I thought to myself that I now have time to pay back to the community by running as a board member on the Pine Lakes Estate Homeowner's Association. I know my listening skills, problem solving skills, and the ability to arrive at un-biased decisions will help make me a strong, positive board member. I will work hard for you.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



### Wendy Saniti

Hi. My name is Wendy Saniti and I am running for my second term on the Pine Lakes Estate Home Owners Association board. I have served as the treasurer and have enjoyed being able to participate and support our community.

My husband, Rick, and I have owned our home since 2010 and moved here 3 years ago upon our retirement. I would appreciate your support and vote in the upcoming election. Thank you for your consideration.

## CANADA COCKTAIL SOCIAL – 2019

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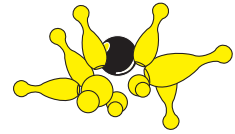
By Betty White

**W**e are two weeks into our Winter League and now have the final standings for the Fall League.  
**Congratulations to the three top teams, which are:**

1st - Pin Busters: Bob Marcoux, Lynn Notarpole, Linda Wakefield, Mike Blankenship

2nd - Needs to Count: Jean Lang, Marilyn O'Brian, Dick White, Daryl Lang

3rd - Ed and His Girls: Trish Bell, Bridget Heier, Betty White, Ed Smith



### Fall League Season High Scores from Week 10 are:

	<u>Scratch Game</u>	<u>Scratch Series</u>
<b>Men:</b>	278 Randy Califf, Mike Blankenship	659 Randy Califf
	267 Ed Smith	643 Mike Puckett
	245 Daryl Lang	633 Daryl Lang
<b>Women:</b>	202 Linda Wakefield	551 Raylene Blankenship
	199 Raylene Blankenship	492 Linda Wakefield
	192 Sharon Rondeau	483 Sharon Rondeau

We began our next session on January 7, 2019, with a total of 16 teams.

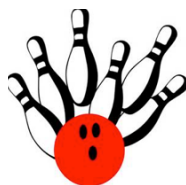
We start scoring anew with the new year and here are the standings from Week 13 (2nd week of the new session):  
**There are four top teams with 2-way ties for 1st and 2nd, and 3rd and 4th:**

<b>Team 15:</b>	Linda Clavette, Ken Hunt, Tony Fettig, Mike Watson
<b>Paradise:</b>	Ron Thoreson, Pat Goyette, Char Richards, Mike Puckett
<b>Pin Busters:</b>	Bob Marcoux, Lynn Notarpole, Linda Wakefield, Mike Blankenship
<b>Striking Ladies:</b>	Adele Heft, Karen Hyskey, Louise Ratliff, Jill Hudson

### Last week top scores:

	<u>Scratch Game</u>	<u>Scratch Series</u>
<b>Men:</b>	247 Randy Califf	643 Mike Blankenship
	243 Mike Blankenship	602 Mike Blankenship
	222 Mike Puckett	594 Randy Califf
<b>Women:</b>	192 Karen Coons	518 Linda Clavette
	180 Linda Clavette	483 Raylene Blankenship
	170 Fran Stauffer	474 Karen Coons

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## PL VETERANS' ASSOCIATION~RECOGNITION EVENING



Submitted by: Gary Walking,  
PLVA Liaison Coordinator

The Pine Lakes Veterans' Association (PLVA) held its inaugural "Recognition Evening" on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The evening was preceded by the monthly meeting followed by presentations to our long time deserving members. A casual reception was held following the presentations.

Chairman Bud Gehring presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Frank Fazzioli, a PLVA veteran. On the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018, the PLVA sponsored a "A Tribute to the Armed Forces" for the Pine Lakes residents featuring the "A Family Affair" band, led by Frank Fazzioli and his wife Linda. A fine evening it was..... Thank you Frank and Linda



PLVA members; Dave Gluck, Don Hudson, Joe Landry, John Mooney were recognized for their contributions and support of the PLVA. Certificates of Appreciation were provided to each of our members:



Pine Lakes Veterans' Association – Recognition Evening  
15<sup>th</sup> January 2019

L-R: Bud Gehring (Chairman), David Gluck, John Mooney,  
Don Hudson, Joe Landry, Len Gorman

### **Certificates of Appreciation read as follows:**

**" As an active member of the Pine Lakes Veterans' Association over the past number of years, we extend our gratitude, and thanks for your dedication, commitment and continued support "**

*Len Gorman & Bud Gehring,*  
**Co-Chairmen**

The preceding presentations were followed by a "Special Recognition" to outgoing Chairman, Len "Gunner" Gorman. Len Gorman has been instrumental in moving the Pine Lakes Veterans' Association forward over the past number of years. Len's passion, energy, and commitment was and is a testament to his leadership; for the time and effort to set the quality of standards in place today for the PLVA. Len will remain with the PLVA and continue to contribute as he has done in past years, being a Special Advisor and In Charge of the Honor Guard. Len we thank you.

Before Len was given his Certificate, we surprised him with the presence of his fine wife, Jeannine, whom was escorted in by the PLVA Honor Guard.



Jeanine Gorman  
was escorted in by the  
PLVA Honor Guard  
members.



Jeanine & Len Gorman  
with Chairman, Bud Gehring



### **Certificate of Appreciation read as follows:**

**" As our outgoing Chairman, we extend our gratitude, and thanks for your dedication and commitment to the Pine Lakes Veterans Association over the past number of years. Your leadership, guidance and knowledge was truly appreciated in achieving our goals and objectives. "**

*Bud Gehring,* Chairman

# SEASON EVENT/ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

2019

- 2/1/19 New England & Friends Dinner & Dance
- 2/8/19 Men's Club 6th Annual Home & Garden Show
- 2/9/19 Entertainment – The British Invasion Years
- 2/16/19 Ohio Nite
- 2/22/19 Canada Cocktail Social
- 2/23/19 Men's Club Show: Magic/Comedy with Glen Foster & John Rathbone
- 2/23/19 Canada Night Dinner Dance – Lake Fairways
- 3/2/19 Men's Golf Grand Shoot Out
- 3/10/19 Annual Canada Day Golf Tournament
- 3/16/19 Men's Club St. Patrick's Dinner Dance with The Marlinaires
- 3/28/19 Men's Golf Member-Guest Tournament
- 4/13/19 Men's Club Potluck Dinner Dance

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By Tim Mercurio

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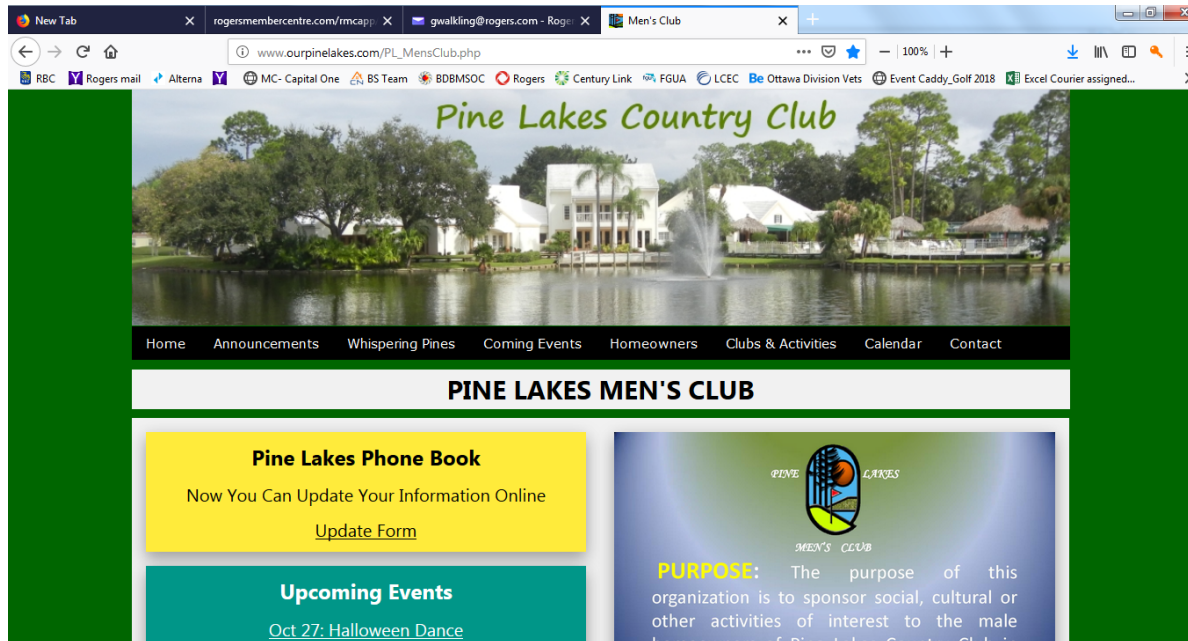


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By Gary Walkling

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## February Anniversaries

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## MEN'S CLUB, ALWAYS BUSY!



**Tom Minahan, Men's Club President (center) with new members at January meeting.**

Left to right: Robert Marcoux, MA; Rich Phillips, NY; Don Gorman, PA; Don Vetter, WI



**Men's Club January Program: Kathy Thousand from Insurance Options received a plaque after her Medicare presentation from Tom Minahan, President.**

## BRINGING IN THE NEW YEAR 2019!



**New Year's Eve fun dancing!**



**New Year's Eve 2018 Music**



**BEAUTIFICATION TEAM –  
New Year's Eve 2018**



**President's Cup Winners**

l to r: Rick Tayman, Barb Daley, Linda Wakefield, Dudley Bynum • Photo by Nadine LaCroix

