



Lake Henry Estates *Newsletter*

FEBRUARY 2026

Editor: Mary Ann OCallaghan



FEB 2nd



FEB 14th



FEB 16th



FEB 18th



To the Lake Henry Volunteers, all twenty-seven (27) of you, for helping with this year's election of new board members. The widespread participation ensures quality and openness of the process. I hope members of the community will also thank you when they see you about,

In alphabetical order Cochairs Diane Lareau & Jeanne Whitt Kathy Blaskovich, Vicki Brandt, Mary & Chad Christianson, Susan & Tom Cowell, Marla Coy, Joyce & Glenn Diesing, John Faneuf, Jerri Gage, Sara Hobbs, Sharon Kent, Jill Marston, Carol Miklaski, Jackie Pratt, Linda Schultz, Patty & Phil Shaffer, Jeff Skuda, Diane Tebaldi, Diane & Jerry VanOcker, and Laura Weller.

Special thanks to all the community members who offered to help if needed. That support makes the work go so much smoother.

It was a pleasure working with all of you.

Lorri Milligan Chairperson



2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Front Row: Mindy Smith (Treasurer), Rita Fournier (President).

Back Row: Rocco Guarino (Director at Large), Carl Criger (Vice President), and Bob Reuwer (Secretary).

VOLUNTEER

LHE is a Volunteer community. Please look over the enclosed form of volunteer opportunities and turn in your choices to the Office.

For those already on a committee, you also need to complete the form so that we know you want to continue being on the committee. Thank you to those who have already turned in the form.

Thank you to those that share information for our pleasure. Everyone's help is appreciated.

Community Photographer— Herb Kramer

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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please have all information submitted by the 20th of each month for the next months publication. For any submissions, please use these Emails: newsletter@lakehenryestates.com or mayacalli482@gmail.com



SUNSHINE

SUNSHINE - Judy Koblentz is our Sunshine Committee Chair. Street Captains, please EMAIL your verified information of illness, hospitalization or death in your family to Judy at jkoblentz@gmail.com. Residents please continue to contact your Street Captains, as listed in the News-briefs online newsletter according to assigned house number, with verified information. As always, we want to ensure correct information is shared with the community. All information must be verified by family members.

CINDY WILLIAMS: Hospitalization or Illness: UPDATE:

Cindy Williams, of 545 Clubhill Drive, fell and broke her shoulder. She had shoulder replacement surgery on Sunday, January 11, and is now home. Cards can be sent to her at home.

WAYNE ALBERT: Hospitalization or Illness:

Wayne Albert, of 494 Sweetwater Way, is home recovering from a 5 day stay in the hospital, where he was treated for his heart condition. He will appreciate your prayers.

HOPE ALBINO: Hospitalization or Illness:

Hope Albino, of 479 Sweetwater Way, had a successful surgery on Tuesday, January 13th, to repair a hiatal hernia. She is home now recovering from that surgery. A Get Well card would be appreciated.

DICK RUNGE: Death of Former Resident:

Dick Runge, former resident of Lake Henry Estates passed away January 16th. Dick, and his wife, Chris were active residents of LHE. They were instrumental in organizing Christmas caroling to residents who were shut-ins during the holidays. <https://www.simplycremationgb.com/obituaries/richard-runge>

SUSIE INFANTINO: DEATH

Suzie Infantino, of 478 Sweetwater Way, passed away January 25th. Cards and condolences may be sent to Jerry at home.



Happy New Year to all Lake Henry residents!

Our parents, Wendell and Arlene Roddy were proud and devoted residents of Lake Henry for more than 20 years. Lake Henry was truly their happy place. They loved staying active being involved, and – most of all – building friendships. Many of you reading this were part of their cherished community.

Due to declining health, we moved our parents back to Wisconsin in July of 2022. In September of that year, we lost our mom, Arlene, after her brave battle with cancer. In May of 2025, our dad, Wendell, peacefully left this world, and we like to believe he did so joyfully, reunited with Mom in heaven.

After losing Dad, we wanted to do something meaningful in their memory. Those of you who knew Mom and Dad know they shared a deep love of music. With that in mind, we felt it was fitting to donate a new electronic piano to Lake Henry Estates in their honor. It is our hope that this piano brings joy, connection, and music to many for years to come – and that, perhaps, when you hear it played, you might think of Wendell and Arlene and the love they had for this special place they called home.

God bless you all,

The family of Wendell and Arlene Roddy

NEWSBRIEFS FOR NEWCOMERS Newsbriefs is the main communication venue for residents of Lake Henry Estates, with Loretta Kramer as the Administrator. It is a component of the Lake Henry Estates website and can be accessed through the following address: www.lakehenryestates.com/news/

The Newsbriefs website is actually updated daily or whenever Loretta receives new information, however, for your convenience, an email update reminder is sent every Wednesday and Sunday. The email reminder includes a link to the Newsbriefs website. So that you are included in Loretta's Newsbriefs Update Email Google Group, please send your email address to: kramer.loretta@gmail.com



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WISHING YOU A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!!

126 LAKE REGION CIRCLE, WINTER HAVEN.... PARADISE FOUND! Enjoy the peaceful surroundings and relaxing environment from this 2142 SF executive style home located in The Gates of Lake Region, a well maintained and GATED community close to the Winter Haven Country Club! This customized 4BR/2BA home with TILE ROOF and brick paver driveway, was designed with an open floor plan with split bedrooms, formal dining room and living room (which could be easily used as a study, library and/or den), family room and interior laundry room. The well planned kitchen has a breakfast bar, white cabinetry with neutral colored solid countertop and stainless steel appliances. The spacious primary suite has sliding glass doors leading to the lanai, two walk-in closets and an ensuite bathroom with dual vanities and sinks, jetted tub, separate shower and a water closet! Bedrooms #2 and #3 are on the opposite side of the home. Bedroom #4 is located close to the primary suite and currently used as a home office. Most recent updates include: new AC/Heat system April 2025; garbage disposal and microwave installed 2025; and lanai screen & door replaced 2025. The perimeter 90 X 120 lot is a generous in size! Settle back on the lanai and listen to the birds singing and observe the cows on the adjacent ranch property! There is room to add a pool, outdoor kitchen, play area and/or garden! The HOA fee provides re-use irrigation water and maintenance of the gate, road and common areas. Talk about convenience.....For those who enjoy golf and/or tennis, the Country Club of Winter Haven is just 2 Blocks away! A new Publix Supermarket and additional stores are near completion and are located within 0.8 mile! Easy access to downtown Winter Haven, HWY 27 and I-4. Legoland, Bok Tower, world-famous theme parks of Disney, Universal Orlando, Sea World, water parks, downtown Orlando and various other nature parks are within a 7 to 60 mile drive. Offered at **\$400,000.00**
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February 20

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Please call
calendar no

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
1:00 pm Shuffleboard 3:00pm Picleball Mon.- Fri	9:00 am Golf 9:30 am Water Aerobics 6:30 pm B&V Gaff Bible study	9:30 am Water Aerobics 1:00 pm Couples Shuffleboard 6:00 pm Texas Hold em 6:00 pm Euchre	9:00 am Golf (Ladies) 9:00 am Bocce 9:30 am Water Aerobics	9:00 am Golf (M 9:30 am Water A 1:00pm Couples shuffleboard
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Events and Activities are subject to change. Please keep updated by reading the Clubhouse Bulletin board and c

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Community Events 2026

For text Lorri Milligan @586 344 9118 the
later than the 15th of each month.

DAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
en) erobics	9:00 am Bowling 9:30 am Water Aerobics 1:00 pm Shuffleboard for Everyone Trash & Yard PICK-UP 1st Friday bulk pick-up	9:00am Bocce 6:30 pm Joker 6:00 pm Nickels-Group A 7:00 pm Nickels-Group B
5	6	7
g Crafts in the Pub	1:00pm Stained Glass	9am Moffett Golf Tournament COD 2/3
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g 1:00pm 5:00 pm y	1:00pm Stained Glass 6:30pm Valentines Dance	
19	20	21
g 1:00om 5:30pm y	9:00am Board Meeting 1:00pm Stained Glass 6:00pm Karaoke	9:00am Breakfast COD 2/15
26	27	28
g 1:00pm 5:30pm y	8:00am Garage sale Residents 1:00pm Stained Glass	8:00am Garage sale

checking Channel 2491 and our webpage regularly.



Birthday's

1 Wendy McShea	17 John Mudrock
2 Ann Carpenter	17 Diana Cedeno
2 Jacquelyn Damon	20 Larry Bame
4 Dan Pratt	21 Walt Whorten
4 Diane Van Ocker	21 Jim Kositz
4 Julia Benavides	22 Jerry Atterson
5 Dennis Wierck	22 Ruth Formella
7 Leslie Schmidt	23 Jerry Varns
7 Diane Tebaldi	24 John Manly
7 Linda Schultz	24 Brenda Hosler
9 Bill Heffner	24 Cathy Servey
11 Martha Chalmers	25 Diane Bamum
13 Debbie Case	25 Oscar Chapa
14 Mindy Smith	25 Cindy Williams
16 Jeff Whelan	25 Jeanette Blair
16 David Johnson	29 Dave Ducham

Anniversary's

1 Tom & Alice Benard	1964
3 Jacob & Lynn Veltheer	2004
8 Dan & Anne Schoof	1964
9 Jerry & Diane Van Ocker	1962
10 Bill & Wendy Brock	1973
14 Don & Nancy Ross	1987
14 Chip & Nancy Hayward	1989
14 Rod Parkinson & Vicky Matt	2015
14 Carl & Aixa Criger	2019
15 Bob & Mary Godzibiewski	1958
23 Jim & Linda Schultz	1963

LHE SOCIAL EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2026

LHE OLYMPICS AND GREEK DINNER- Sunday, February 1st—5:30pm

Greek Dinner: In celebration of the upcoming Olympic Games that originated in Greece, there will be a Greek Dinner. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from Beverly Brook-Gore or Diane Tebaldi. The menu: Greek Salad, Souvlaki (marinated chicken), Lemon Herb Potatoes, Pita Bread and Tzatziki Sauce, and Baklava (walnut and honey pastry). COD: January 26th. Questions: Contact Kris Bomgarden **(the LHE Olympic Games are going to be postponed and will be rescheduled for Feb 8th, which is the "Souper Bowl" Sunday. The Olympic Games will begin at 1pm in the Pub, and will not interfere, as the Souper Bowl does not start until later in the day.**

VALENTINES DANCE—Friday, February 13th-6:30-9:30pm

Carlos and Company will be returning. Tickets are \$10 from Mary Ann O'callaghan or Diane Tebaldi. Kris is the chairperson.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST-Saturday, February 21st- 9am

Sausage gravy or sausage links, biscuit, scrambled eggs, hash brown potatoes, fruit cup, juice and coffee. Tickets are \$8. **Ticket COD is 2/15.** Liz Albert chairperson.

LADIES LUNCHEON- Tuesday, February 24th- 11:30am

See info below.

LHE GARAGE SALE- Friday, Feb 27th & Saturday, Feb 28th- 8am to 1pm

See info on opposite page.

SAVE THE DATE

ITALIAN DINNER & SHOW- Saturday, March 14th -5:30pm - Show at 7pm.

Rich Wilson will be returning. His last show, a mixture of music and comedy, was wonderful. Diane Tebaldi is the chairperson for the show. Patty Shaffer will prepare an Italian dinner of stuffed shells, meatball, Italian sausage, salad and dessert. Ticket for the dinner and show is \$25. Tickets will be available on Feb 3rd from Mary Ann O'callaghan or Diane Tebaldi. **COD for tickets is March 7th.**

SPRING POKER RUN- Sunday, March 22nd -3:30pm - Dinner - 5:30pm.

Sign up will be available Feb 1st in the Clubhouse. Meet at the Pub at 3:30pm for your list of homes. Joann Hoffman is the Poker Run chairperson. Following the Poker Run at 5:30pm, there will be a dinner of sub sandwiches, chips, and ice cream sundae prepared by Carol Mangino. Ticket is \$10. **COD for tickets for the dinner is March 15th.** You may do the Poker Run and not the dinner, or the dinner and not the Poker Run. Tickets will be available Feb 3rd from Mary Ann O'callaghan or Diane Tebaldi.

REMEMBER - NO SAVING TABLES UNTIL 1PM DAY OF EVENT
COD- (Cut off Date for tickets)



FEBRUARY LADIES LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH
HARRY'S OLD PLACE
WINTER HAVEN

Please sign up at the clubhouse by 2/21.
Meet at the restaurant at 11:30am.
Any questions, call Rhoda Rice.

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LHE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE **HOTDOG SALE & BAKE SALE**

FRIDAY, FEB 27th –8am-1pm—for LHE residents ONLY.

SATURDAY, FEB 28th –8am-1pm— Open to the public with a Bake Sale and hot dog roast.

Sign up in the Clubhouse hallway if you plan to participate in the community garage sale. The fee is \$2 per house to help pay for the advertising. Fee must be paid at the office. Dick Karhoff will chair the traffic control, and he is looking for more volunteers to help. Please contact him if you are available. Pat Dey is the Bake Sale chair, and is seeking donations of baked goods to sell. Jackie Pratt will chair the Hot Dog sale.



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Clubhouse

Tuesday

February 3rd

10am-12pm

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FEB 12th– TYE DYEING CLASS

Bring a prewashed cotton shirt– no cost

FEB 20th & 27th –STAINED GLASS LAMP SHADE MAKING

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Any questions, call Karen Mitchell (608) 790-4331



TUESDAY MARCH 3rd - 8:15 AM **BREAKFAST \$7 PER PERSON**

Ultimate Breakfast Ham Burrito, Potatoes, Juice, and homemade assorted pastry.

For tickets please contact :

Cindy Poling: 480-363-9541 or

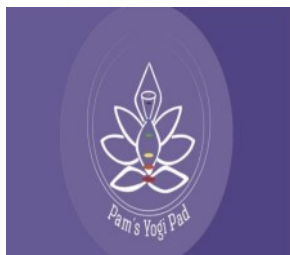
Judy Koblentz: 440-478-0233

COD for tickets: February 20th

♦ **Vegetarian available on request at the time of ticket purchase***

February & March Birthdays celebrated in March

THANK YOU
VETERANS
REMEMBER AND HONOR



Pam Lottinville will lead Yoga in the ball-room every Wednesday at 1:30pm through the end of March. It will be chair yoga, with a little standing and poses that Pam can talk yogis through. With patience, we will survive this. Pam cannot do everything, but is getting stronger each week. If you have any questions, call Pam at **815-848-6284**

"Veterans please join us on February 11, 2026 @ 9:30am for our monthly Coffee hr. All Veteran and partners are welcome! We have a guest speaker scheduled to present insurance information to compliment our existing Tricare and Champ VA plans."

HAPPY NEW YEAR THANK YOU

Jim and Mandy helped us bring in the New Year in 2026. We had a great time, and I would like to say thanks to everyone that helped with this event. Have a healthy and blessed 2026!

Beth Muntzinger

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Effective February 1st Mary Ann OCallaghan will be replacing Beverly Brooks-Gore for ticket sales for the Social committee events.

You may email Mary Ann at: mayacalli482@gmail.com or text to 727-688-2178. Mary Ann would prefer that you TEXT your requests. Tickets will be available for pickup and payment drop off outside her front door from 8am to 8pm.

Diane Tebaldi will continue to be available for ticket sales by email at dtebaldi@tampabay.rr.com or by calling 863-421-4374.

We graciously and sincerely thank Beverly for her years of service to the social committee. She has done a wonderful job being available to our residents and will surely be missed. We wish her the best in her new endeavor.