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DAY**

February 2nd

Starlight Ranch Mobile Homeowners' Association, Inc.

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The President's Page by Curt DeLong



Together we can.

Well it's great to see 2016 starting off so well. Like I said in last month's newsletter January was going to be a busy month and not only was it busy it was great! It was wonderful to see the support and participation by our community at both regular and special activities that occurred during the month. It was very exciting to see the clubhouse packed full for our meeting and dinner with MHAction and for our first Latino Dinner since I have been on the Board.

I hope that those that were at the meeting got some helpful information on how important it is for us to pull together as a community with a strong Home Owner's Association (HOA) so we can get what we pay rent for and keep the annual increase fair and balanced. I am very proud that Starlight Ranch is part of such an excellent National group with a great mission and goals!

The Latino Dinner was over-the-top great! Not only was the activity very well executed by the residents that volunteered to prepare and organize it, but the variety and types of food cooked looked amazing. The one thing above all was this was a great opportunity to bring our community closer together and get past the cultural divide that we all too often feel.

The sooner we acknowledge the importance for us all to pull together and support a strong HOA the better it will be in moving forward on the issues that have to do with living at Starlight Ranch. The point is that if we don't pull together the property management/owner will take as much as they can and give back very little in return. I cannot tell you enough how important it is to have a strong community and HOA to represent you!

Ok, I'm off my soap box now. We can look at February as a cold-winter month or as I see it we live in sunny, warm Florida and there is a special day to share Love called Valentine's Day!! How about this idea, we make every day, not just February 14th, a special day and show some Love to all of our friends and neighbors that are part of our lives!

Thanks again to all that have helped this past month bring our community together, and to the Veterans that have given so much to make the U.S.A. such a great place to live!!

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All of these features help to build an Association that is stronger, tightly knit, and more active. Now, everyone can access information when they need it, and participate when they have time.

THERE IS A LOT TO SEE AT

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English to Spanish Translation available on most pages.

Latino Dinner, by Jerry Scott



¡ Magnifico !

Friendship is powerful, and our Latino neighbors proved it is so with a wonderful dinner January 23rd. That night I witnessed the passion and pride of Latino culture that I had never experienced before. Big smiles and big hearts were in attendance!!

And the food? How about some delicious pollo guisado or pollo asado or maybe empanadillas de carne or...guava These were just a sample of over 20 different dishes and many desserts prepared and served by our neighbors.

Some things I notice when surrounded by Latinos. First, there is no end to the food. It's truly an adventure. Second, you'll always get a hug and a kiss on the cheek. And finally, they're not shy dancers. You hear music, you dance. That's how it goes, you can see it in the two lovely dancers in the photo, Rena and Socorro "Mueve la pom-pa."

Although we live in different cultures, let's try to get together again soon!

Adriana Pereira -Confecciones

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February 27, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Activities Club House

Sign up if you plan to attend

Hosted by HOA Volunteers

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

WOW!!! 40% INCREASE IN MEMBERS

What a great way to start the year! The HOA membership is 40% higher than where we were at this time in 2015. Your participation and support really means a lot to the Board and gives a real boost for the important work that is done on behalf of all residents at Starlight Ranch.

Your membership has enabled us to accomplish so much this past year.

Together, we have engaged a lawyer to help us forge a firm foundation for better communication with management.

Together, we have found a great resource in MHAction. This national group will help us join forces with other communities throughout the United States.

Together, we can work towards building a larger community to better understand national issues facing mobile home communities.

Together, we have maintained a close relationship with Florida's Federation of Manufactured Home Owners, which helps us define the rights of homeowners throughout Florida.

TOGETHER WE CAN

Come join us!

The Board of Directors of Starlight Ranch believes and relies strongly in

Strength in Numbers!

The Board of Directors will work and fight more effectively with a majority of residents.

Everyone Wins!

Please talk with your neighbors and friends in the community to encourage their participation as well!

FROM THE ELS MANAGEMENT:

THANK YOU FOR NOT FEEDING OUR DUCKS

Families of Muscovy Ducks are a frequent and familiar sight throughout Starlight Ranch, waddling along roads and yards. Muscovies are year-round breeders, and local populations, if well-fed, can increase dramatically in a short time. A hen can lay as many as 24 eggs in a single clutch which will hatch in 35 days.

Because local ducks originated in Florida from domestic stock, they are not considered "wildlife" and are not protected by state wildlife laws or the federal Migratory Bird Act. State law does prohibit the relocation of Muscovies into wild areas as they may be carriers of diseases which can adversely affect native water fowl.

Please **DO NOT FEED your neighborhood ducks!**

Although we appreciate that feeding Muscovy Ducks is enjoyable, it is often not in their best interest.

It is not healthy for them as they become dependent on people for food. The best food for ducks is what they eat naturally (algae, insects and a variety of plants) which are abundant in our subtropical climate. Humans most often feed them bread and similar items. These have no nutritional value for the duck. Additionally, feeding by humans makes the ducks reliant on such handouts, too lazy to continue foraging for their natural dietary items.

Also, feeding ducks encourages them to use the neighborhood as their bathroom, leaving droppings on patios, sidewalks, driveways, and porches. As a result, controversies frequently arise between residents who enjoy the ducks and residents who consider them a nuisance. Wild ducks can spread disease to humans. When the elderly and persons with immune systems problems directly handle newly hatched chicks, they may be exposed to salmonella.

Muscovy Ducks are beneficial to the environment and community as they eat mosquitoes as well as black widow and brown spiders and other pest when left to forage for their own food.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission does not remove nuisance Muscovy ducks. Removal of ducks can be done by the landowner or by a hired nuisance wildlife trapper. For more information on the prohibition of releasing or relocating Muscovy ducks, please see the Federal Control Order (50 CFR 21.25 (b)(8)(i) and 50 CFR 21.54, paragraph c).



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January Veteran's Social Hour

By Pat Williams

Welcome John, Richard, Laurie and Jackie and the 5 guests. Joe and Dave hope to see you next month.

Mary made a homemade chicken soup. It was delicious and I told her so and she said she just added water. I got Mary's permission to write that. I didn't want to write any tales out of school. (Hahaha)

Now that the holidays are behind us it would be great to have new people join us, both veterans, spouses and guests. We sit and talk about anything you would like. But, mainly we chat about ourselves. We tell stories about which service we were in, where we are originally from and how we survived military life.

Will see you all next month, stay well.



Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is undoubtedly, the most popular Romantic Holiday - a day to express our appreciation, feelings, and love to our spouse, or significant other. It is also a day to let our friends, and family know how much they mean to us.

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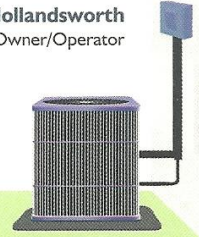
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Weekly Activities

Georgia Moffat, Activities Chairperson

Monday	Bingo 6:45 PM, Last Sale 6:30 ACH	
Tuesday	Chair Exercise, 10AM	MCH
Wednesday	Bread, 9 AM	ACH
	Tickets issued at 8 am, Distribution at 9 am	
Thursday	Bunco, 6:30 PM	ACH

HOA HOSTED EVENTS

Monthly Activities

Ice Cream Social	Feb 6, 1 PM	ACH
HOA Board Meeting	Feb 10, 7 PM	ACH
Vet's & Friends	Feb 12, 6 PM	MCH
Valentine's Day Dinner	Feb 13, 6 PM	ACH
Movie Night	Feb 20, 6 PM	ACH
Soups & Sandwiches	Feb 27, 6 PM	ACH



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Dennis & Joanne Goerndt-	2-17	"65 th
Jose & Iris Rodriguez -	2-17	



Carlos Rodriguez -	2-1
Betty Anderson -	2-4
Wellington Cleveland -	2-4
Charles Mullen -	2-4
Adriana Pereira -	2-8
Micki Dugan -	2-11
Gigi Rifi -	2-13
Nancy Correa -	2-15
Connie Dusablon -	2-19
Sabrina Smith -	2-25
Robin DeSlivio -	2-25
Sandy Zajesky -	2-25
Darcy Bailey -	2-26
Bob Coyne -	2-28
Roger Hebert -	2-28

Saludos Amigos Residentes del Rancho Starlight

Jose Rodriguez VP – HOA

¡Eaaa-diachi ! Ya se fue enero, viene febrero que es un mes corto, y ya mismo es la primavera...wow. Y hablando de enero, que bien se dio. Tuvimos tremenda sesión de varios días con MHAction, la organización que brega con los asuntos de comunidades como la nuestra, y nos prometieron seguir asistiendonos a prepararnos para cuando vayamos a enfrentarnos a la gerencia a discutir aumentos de renta, calidad de servicios y otras cosas mas, esto consiste de proveernos con adiestramiento, materiales y herramientas para esa ocasión. Lo que queremos es que los aumentos sean justos y bien balanceados, y buen servicio siempre.

Esa misma semana tambien tubimos la “Reunion del Pueblo”, la cual la dedicamos a que todos pudieran expresar sus sentimientos, querellas y tambien complimentos. La reunion fue muy bien atendida y pudimos compartir mucha y buena información, y naturalmente continuamos a exhortar a todos que nos ayuden a regar la palabra de lo importante que es unirse a la Asociación de Dueños de Casas o ADC (HOA en ingles).

Continuando con enero.... Y que se dice de la tremenda actividad “Latino Dinner”? Oyeme, que bien nos quedo! Nuestros Latinos, especialmente los Boricuas se votaron. Habia comida para servirle a un ejercito. Habia de todo tipico Puertorriqueño, especialmente los postres. Nuestros hermanos y vecinos anglo comieron...mejor dicho, devoraron lo que escogieron...y nosotros tambien. Todas las personas trabajando esta actividad hicieron tremendo esfuerzo, desde la junta que aprobo la actividad, los organizadores, los voluntarios que trajeron los diferentes platos, los que trabajaron la cocina, los servidores, los que decoraron, los que limpiaron...en fin, todos hicieron tremenda labor. Queremos darle las gracias a cada una de esas personas y le rogamos que se repita, que nos sigan ayudando y apoyando para que estos eventos siempre nos queden bien y las otras nacionalidades vecinas nuestras vean que nosotros si sabemos hacer bien las cosas.

Nuestro tesorero, el amigo Jerry Scott escribio en esta edicion su impresion de la actividad, Y dice: Traduciendo: “La Amistad es poderosa y nuestros vecinos Latinos lo probaron así con una fantastica comida el sabado en la noche. Esa noche yo pude atestiguar la pasión y orgullo de la cultura Latina, una cosa que yo nunca habia experimentado. Grandes sonrisas y grandes corazones estaban presente.

Y la comida? Que me dicen del *pollo guisado* o *pollo asado* o quizas *empanadillas de carne* o *guava*. Estos son parte de mas de veinte platos y muchos postres preparado y servidos por nuestros vecinos.

Hay cierta cosas que yo noto cuando estoy alrededor de Latinos. Primera, no hay fin de la comida. Es verdaderamente una aventura. Segunda, siempre te daran un abrazo y en beso en un cachete. Y finalmente no son timidos para bailar. Si oyen musica, es a bailar. Así es como es! Lo puedes notar en las dos bellas bailarinas en la foto, Rena y Socorro. *Mueve la pom-pa!*

Aunque vivimos en diferente culturas, debemos de reunirnos otras vez, pronto!”

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La gerencia ha publicado en esta edición una información extensa sobre la población de patos en nuestra comunidad y como nos afectan, realmente el mensaje es “por favor no alimenten los patos”. Estos patos procreant rapido y en grandes cantidades. Si no tenemos cuidado se nos llenara el Rancho de patos que lo que hacen es molestar el transito y ensuciar nuestras calles y nuestras gramas.

Hasta la proxima, Amigos!

~ February 2016 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	2 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	3 Bread 9 AM ACH	4 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH Bunco 6:30 PM ACH	5	6 Ice Cream Social and Gift Card Bingo 1 PM ACH
7	8 Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	9 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	10 Bread 9 AM ACH HOA Board Mtg 7 PM ACH	11 Chair Exercise 10 AM Valentines Party Refreshments served 2-4 PM ACH Bunco 6:30 PM ACH	12 Vets Social Hour 7 PM MCH	13 Valentines Day Dinner 6 PM ACH Desserts Welcome
14	15 Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	16 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	17 Bread 9 AM ACH	18 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH Bunco 6:30 PM ACH	19	20 Movie Night 6 PM ACH Pizza
21	22 Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	23 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	24 Bread 9 AM ACH	25 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH Bunco 6:30 PM ACH	26	27 Subs/Soup Dinner 6 PM ACH Desserts Welcome
28	29 Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	Notes: ACH = Front Clubhouse MCH = Back Clubhouse				