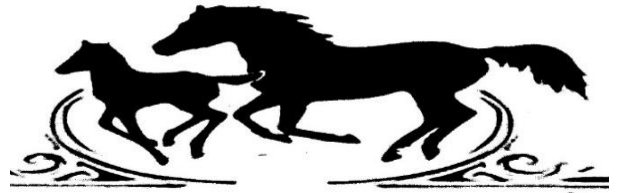


Starlight Ranch Mobile Homeowners' Association Newsletter



April 2016

St Patrick's Day Dinner

"Wear'n the green" was the color of the day at the St. Patrick's Day dinner. Over 60 people enjoyed a traditional meal of corned beef and cabbage with fellow Starlight Ranch residents. The only thing missing was the green beer.



Register early at the Front Club House to participate in April's food events.

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Earth Day is April 22. You can do your part in helping our beautiful planet.



- Recycle. Pick up is every Wednesday.
- Clean up after your pets.
- Pick up litter and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Plant a flower.



Taxes are due by **April 18** this year. However, you have an option to request a 6-month extension that moves the filing deadline to **October 15th**. The quickest and most accurate way to file your tax return and receive your refund is to e-file online. Filing online may be free

The HOA News

By Jerry Scott

Interviews were conducted and three new members were appointed to the Board. Their abilities will strengthen the Board and improve our community.

We need the membership along with other resident homeowners to continue to support our efforts to have ELS be accountable for following our own prospectuses and the Florida Statutes, which govern mobile home owners.

About New Board Members

Harvey Edgerton

Originally from Belleville, New Jersey, I joined the Navy at 19 and served in Vietnam. Upon returning, I moved to New York City and worked at a major medical center for 23 years. While there, I testified before the House of Representatives and Congress about guidelines on methods for sterilizing and cleaning hospital equipment, which led to a letter of commendation from the Surgeon General.

I served as assistant chairperson on the New York City Tenant Association.

I'm widowed, married for 35 years, and have six children, 24 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. I'm also an ordained inspirational pastor. I enjoy photography, art, music and cooking (my passion).

I look forward to being on committees and the challenges of being on the Board to help those that feel they don't have a voice. Management can say "No, no, no," but we can say, "Yes, yes, yes".

Carlos Rodriguez

I am a Puerto Rican who was born and raised in the Bronx. I earned a degree in airframe and power plant mechanics. With this degree, I entered the Army National Guard for four years. After working for many companies for several years, a friend and I opened a small plumbing business. Ten years later, I sold the business to my partner and moved to Florida—Orlando Metro West. I served on the Hampton Condominium HOA. I was able to make positive changes to that community.

With a desire to be around people more my age, we moved to Starlight Ranch. I live here with my wife and dog. I write as a hobby. I am published on Amazon with the novel *Supreme Judge*.

I have three handsome sons, 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild on the way.

We need the support of every homeowner. Without you we are weak.

Bob Marley

I was born in the Bronx but moved to Ft. Lauderdale when I was young.

As a general contractor with a broker's license, I worked primarily building detached condominiums, and custom homes. I have managed 500-unit rental properties as well as individual rental properties. I have worked with a condominium association on by-laws and with my neighborhood HOA.

I have two children, a mother and brothers. My free time is spent rebuilding my home, hiking, and camping.

I wish to bring a sense of ownership and voice for the residents of Starlight Ranch to the corporate controllers of our community.

Board Undertakings

- Long-awaited new pool furniture is in place (waited 18 months).
- ELS responded to picture submitted as evidence of community issues. Provide us pictures of your issues since this seems to help with responses.
- Membership Drive Committee will reach out to all residents to increase HOA membership. Strength in numbers.
- Statutory Committee formed to negotiate with ELS management on new long-term contracts covering lot rent and other topics.

****NOTE TO RESIDENTS: We are suspending our spring (April) Community Yard Sale. With a lack of volunteers to help, it will be difficult to put it on. Please think about the fall sale and let the Board know if you would like to help.**



Starlight Ranch Website

- ✓ **Read the Newsletter in color!**
- ✓ **Check out articles and photos on our website blog.**
- ✓ **English to Spanish Translation is available on most pages.**

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To Your Health

By Ron Speener

Being alone can kill. Recent research on social isolation of seniors

has found diminished quality of life and an increased risk for death.

Humans are social animals and need the contact with others. As we age, our social network can decrease because of deaths, limited mobility, and economics. The friends we had when we were younger die or move. Our health limits our activities; we no longer drive or the body no longer moves easily. Our financial resources decline and we cannot afford to do what we once did. We are alone.

Although little can be done about some of the effects of aging, social isolation is mostly in our control. Our friends may not be around, but here, at Starlight Ranch we have a community bound together by age.

- Connect with your neighbors,
- Participate in community activities and events,
- Build friends.

As one study says, "Thus, despite inevitable physical deterioration, we may be able to enhance a satisfying late life by optimizing our social relationships (Quality of Life Research, Jan. 2016)."

Veteran's Social Hour

By Pat Williams

We had a very nice social hour in March. John, Joe, Jerry, Craig, Laurie – it was great seeing you all. Also, Pat, Betty, Patti, Angie and Barry. Missed you Dave and Jackie, hope you can make it in April. I brought my sister, Mary Pendergast, who is a nun in Rhode Island. Mary had attended meetings down in Tampa for a few days. It had been about 5 years since our last time together so we really enjoyed the visit. (Cont. on pg. 4)



(Cont. from pg. 3) Patti Olsen made up a delicious meal. We had baked ziti, fresh cut-up fruits and salad. Desserts were mini chocolate brownies, carrot cake and hummingbird cake.

There are many veterans living in Starlight Ranch, and we would really love to have you come to our group on the second Friday of each month. Tell us where you are from, which branch of service and anything else you would like to say.

Resident Spotlight

By Joan Stearns



At 95, Rena Hunt is one of Starlight Ranch's oldest residents. She and her husband moved here from North Carolina in 1999. Although widowed in 2002, she is still an active part of the Starlight

and the Orlando community. She attends HOA social events, Bingo at McDonald's, and dances at the Eagles, where she is a member.

Her secret for a long life: healthy eating, no smoking, and an occasional Canadian Mist with Sprite.

Saint Patrick's Day Bingo

By Mary Rivera

Thursday March 17th **WellCare Health Plans, Inc.** sponsored a fun afternoon of bingo. Hosted by Well Care representative Angelica Saborio, Ms. Saborio and WellCare have a commitment to our community to educating our residents on their health

care insurance and having fun at the same time.

The big winners were both Lou & Judith Kerns along with Steve and Beverly Swerdlen. Both couples came away with many prizes. They definitely had the 'luck of the Irish' on their side.

There were several other winners as well. It was a fun, festive afternoon activity for all. We look forward to more events from WellCare.



WellCare will sponsor bingo again on April 27 at 2:00 PM in the Activity Club House (front).

Orlando Area Activities

Meet-ups

Meet-ups are informal groups that share common interests. Hundreds of these groups exist in Orlando. Here is a list of some just for seniors:

- <http://www.meetup.com/topics/seniors/us/fl/orlando/>
- <http://www.meetup.com/topics/singles-over-50/us/fl/orlando/>
- <http://www.meetup.com/topics/over-60-social-club/us/fl/orlando/>.

Some meet-up groups are

- Orlando Widows and Widower's Group,
- Let's Go Out and Dance our Booties Off,
- East Orlando Ladies Having Fun.

HOSTED HOA EVENTS

Ice Cream Social	April 2	1:00 PM – ACH
Vet's & Friends	April 8	6:00 PM – MCH
HOA Board Meeting	April 13	7:00 PM-- ACH
Pancake Brunch	April 16	11:00 AM - ACH
Taco Dinner	April 23	6:00 PM – ACH

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

By Georgia Moffat, Activities Chairperson

- Monday – Bingo - 6:45 PM (Last Sale 6:30) – ACH
- Tuesday and Thursday – CHAIR EXERCISE - 10:00 AM – MCH
- Wednesday – Bread - 9:00 AM (Tickets at 8:00) – ACH
- Thursday – Bunco - 6:00 PM – ACH



Anniversaries

Randy & Lynne Kratzer	4-2
Bryan & Darcy Bailey	4-4
Steve & Beverly Swerdlen	4-12
Jerry & Betty Scott	4-30



Birthdays

Jerry Scott	4-1
Guy Belleville	4-5
Susan Ortiz	4-5
Deanza Bostick	4-6
Theresa Smith	4-11
Craig Olsen	4-11
Beverly Swerdlen	4-12
Ellen Estep	4-13
Pam Echard	4-18
Tom Dance	4-19
Leila Acevedo	4-20
Jose Rodriguez	4-22
Peggy Sarett	4-27
Miriam Rodriguez	4-27
Shirley Henry	4-29
Jim Bedell	4-29
Linda Olsen	4-29
Pam Springer	4-30
Debbie Smith	4-30

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency	Dial 911
Starlight Ranch Office	407-273-3130
Starlight Ranch Maintenance (After Hours & Weekends Only)	407-770-7015
Universal Towing	407-816-0102
Rattlesnake Security	407-545-1464
Watering Violations	800-232-0904
Orange County Animal Control	407-836-3111
Fraud Hotline	877-438-4338
Elder Abuse (DCF)	800-962-2873

Hola Amigos Residentes del

Rancho Starlight

Por Jose Rodriguez, Presidente PT ADC (HOA)

Pues llego la primavera, posiblemente la mejor de las cuatro estaciones del año. Es el tiempo cuando los arboles, las flores y las matas cogen vida, florecen, perfuman y embellezan nuestro ambiente. Todo se vez mas lindo y la temperature es perfecta porque es mas fresca. Todo eso nos hace la vida mas agradable.

Bien... y entonces viene las malas nuevas. Primeramente renunciarón cuatro de los miembros de la junta sorprendentemente. Cuatro individuos que nosotros con nuestros votos habiamos elegido para que nos representáran en la junta. El primero fue el que se sentaba en la silla presidencial, Curt DeLong, quien en mi opinión personal estaba haciendo un muy buen trabajo. Curt dijo que su vida personal se estaba afectando y que no podia seguir. Ademas, renuncio Richard Balderson, miembro que muchos creen no aportaba mucho, pero eso no es cierto. El traia un trayectoria de muchos años como residente aqui y ayudo mucho. Realmente Richard está en planes de mudarse para otro lado. A estos les siguio Lou Kerns, que era el mas nuevo en la junta. Lou estaba desempeñando un gran esfuerzo en la campaña de miembrecia. Bajo su tutelaje habia aumentado la miembrecia significamente, pero Lou está muy enfermo y decidio no seguir. Finalmente, un mes mas tarde renuncio el Tesorero, Jerry Scott. Realmente no les puedo

decir lo que paso con el porque el no dio una razón, simplemente que renunciaba.

Inmediatamente se anuncio que se necesitaba reemplazar a estas personas y Gracias a Dios, se presentaron tres candidatos en corto tiempo.. Estos fueron entrevistado y todos dieron el grado y fueron aceptados. Los nuevos miembros son:

Carlos Rodriguez- Puertorriqueño, tres hijos, dinamico con experiencia en asuntos de HOA. Dueño de una de Las casas nuevas donde vive con su esposa Miriam y su perro.

Bob Marley, soltero, padre de dos, mucha experiencia en la gerencia de 500 unidades rentadas y comité de reglas de residentes de condominios, ademas, Contratista General.

Harvey Edgerton Viudo, padre de seis. Experiencia como oficial de agencia de inquilinos, NYC.

La junta tiene un vacante y quisiera que alguien con experiencia clerica se presentara para asumir la posición de Tesorero/a. Seria magnifico si fuese una mujer, pues solo hay una en la junta y realmente debiese haber mas.

Una vez mas le exhortamos a unirse a la Asocacion de Dueños de Casa (ADC) conocida en ingles como HOA. Su participación va hacer clave en la batalla que viene para controlar los aumentos de renta y rebajas de servicios. Como ustedes sabén Abril nos trajo un aumento de 4%. La cuestión será cuanto nos aumentarán el año que viene, y la respuesta la podemos dar nosotros si nos involucramos uniendonos a la ADC y entonces en la batalla.

Bueno Amigos, hasta la proxima!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	5 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	6 Bread 9 AM ACH	7 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH Bunco 6:00 PM ACH	8 Vets Social Hour 7 PM MCH	9
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24	25 Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	26 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	27 Bread 9 AM ACH WELLCARE-Resident Bingo 2 PM ACH	28 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH Bunco 6:00 PM ACH	29	30