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Hello Starlight Ranch residents:

I would like to start out by saying that it has been a very busy month for the HOA board as well as yours truly. We are glad to say that there has been some GREAT response from park management on several issues that we have been working to resolve.

One of our problems was the long term parking in the clubhouse parking lots. As you may have noticed there was a flyer with your monthly statement explaining the changes. Although we do see that this may be a bit inconvenient from time to time, some residents have been using the parking lots as vehicle storage lots, which make it difficult for other residents to find a parking space when they go to their mail boxes, use the clubhouse pool or attend other clubhouse events. This is why the board and management, working together, devised the new plan.

Parking has been only one of many issues we are working on or have already solved. I mention this one, because it has come to my attention that some residents are in the dark when it comes to what our HOA has been doing. If you are not active in the community or attend our events you could easily think that "the HOA does not get anything done". Joining (only \$10 for a whole year!) and attending the board meetings and Town Hall Meetings (each only once a month!) will enlighten you.

Not only do I sit as the President of our Home Owners Association here at Starlight Ranch; but in order to gain knowledge about all of the rules and regulations, I also have a seat on the Select Committee with Networking for Progress on the state level. This is a group that represents the HOA's all over the state.

In Equity Life Style parks (ours), this group meets 4 times a year with top ELS management for the state of Florida. We also have a monthly meeting to work on common issues and receiving that information is the key to having a good working relationship with management for all of us. This is "my key" to knowing the rules and regulations that not only WE have to obey but THE MANAGEMENT has to use in making decisions running the park. All of the ELS park-managers get minutes from these meetings and any agreements that are approved at these quarterly meetings are added to all of the manager's playbooks.

This is just a tip of the iceberg of things going on with your HOA. You can see that it is very important to have a strong HOA when dealing with management. The state rules do say that all residents that are homeowners are members of the HOA. If you are not a paid member (only \$10 for a whole year!) you are still a member, but you have NO SAY on board decisions that really do make a difference in our community. Without a good strong HOA, unfortunately, the management will make all of the calls on how the park is run ignoring either intentionally or neglectfully the rules and regulations the state has set up to make it fair for both residents and management.

I hope this has helped clear up some confusion about what the board does. Don't forget we also have some great activities! Give us a chance! You might really enjoy the event and it will give you a chance to meet other residents. We have some really great and friendly residents!!

Hope to see you soon

Curt

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The Starlight Ranch Collection Program which was received in the June lot rent statement has a mistake. The highlights section at the top states “Garbage Pickup Days are Monday with Yard Waste”. The Yard Waste section at the bottom states “Yard waste is collected on Wednesday”. Correction:

*Yard waste is collected on Monday not Wednesday. Please DO NOT put the yard waste out on Wednesday.*

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## **Resident of the Month**

**By Joan Stearns**

Max at 18 years old

Interviewing the residents of Starlight Ranch is one of the best things I've ever taken on. It is amazing to me that in our neighborhood we have such remarkable people with such vast backgrounds.

Max Gonzalez, who is 90 years old, and lives by himself – and his sweet dog, Tiye – has wonderful neighbors who help care for him. He has lived in the Orlando area for over 10 years. He was born in Puerto Rico, then moved to Tampa (which he considers his hometown), then moved to Spain from the ages of two through seven. He then returned to the United States, and went to High School in Tampa. He has lived in Europe, Canada, and South America. His father was in the tobacco industry, enabling Max to live in a great amount of luxury. He has four sisters, all born in Spain. Max never married, and has no children.

He was a classical dancer, trained by George Balanchine of the American Ballet, on Madison & Fifth in Manhattan, for 12 years. He danced with the NY City Ballet. He loves all the traditional ballets, including Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty, and Giselle. During his ballet career, Max also a professor of Comparative Literature in Puerto Rico.

What a life he has had! He happened to be in Barcelona during WWII, which he still considers a wonderful, beautiful city. Hitler's troops used to take their small vacations in Barcelona...Max befriended one of his soldiers, and spent a year with him and his family after the war. He also was in Cuba just before Castro took over...as a matter of fact; he took the last boat out of Cuba to Key West.

Max is almost blind, but you can see him on his scooter. He takes walks by himself, shops by himself, and is ever thankful for all his friends who come bearing food.

### **Editors Corner**

I would like express my thanks for the amount of work being put in by the people that are planning and carrying out our activities. They work hard planning, shopping, setup, cooking, cleaning, and serving; there is no end to the amount of time they dedicate so that ALL of us can have good time. I would like see a few more volunteers to help set up, serve or clean up, a few minutes of help is greatly appreciated. I would also like to invite everyone in Starlight Ranch to come and enjoy the dinners or other activities that is offered. All you have to do is sign up so that we can plan on how many people will be there. Starlight is a great place to live, get to know your neighbors. Beth and I have made some GREAT friends in the short amount of time we have lived here. Come be a part of the HOA (10\$ a year) and come to the Town Hall meetings. Lets try for some positive things about our complex, not just the negative. If all you see is negative then maybe this isn't the place to be. Be proud of your home, and your yard. Both you and your neighbors will appreciate it!  
Continued:

I would like to see how many people would be interested in joining a Shuffleboard group. Also next month we will have a list of People that can do Handyman work. REMINDER: THAT IT IS YOUR RESPOSIBILITY TO CHECK TO SEE IF THEY HAVE LIABILITY INSURANCE IF YOU FEEL THE NEED. In the mean time; you may contact Curt DeLong (HOA Pres.) or Mike Bateman 407-694-4667 See you next month! David

*Testimony on our HOA Dinners:*

Our Cinco de Mayo celebration was actually on May 5<sup>th</sup>! It is a day of pride for Mexican-Americans. On May 5, 1862, a ragtag Mexican Army defeated the better-equipped French forces of Napoleon.

What incredible food! A great touch was that we were treated to nachos with either salsa or cheese before we were treated to chicken, steak, or vegetable fajitas!

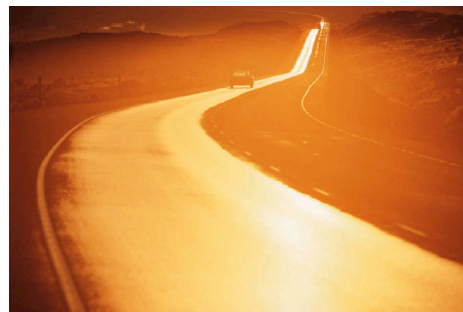
On the other hand, as I was speaking to one of our guests at the celebration (who shall go nameless)...he said the holiday is due to the fondness of the Mexican people for mayonnaise. 8,000 cases were headed to Mexico on the Titanic...and we all know what happened. I will give him the fact that "Cinco" sounds a lot like "sinking". OK, fine, it was Sonny.

Our Mother's Day Celebration featured meat loaf, mashed potatoes, corn or broccoli, with rolls. To me, there's nothing like mashed potatoes and corn, covered with beef gravy. The gentlemen prepared all the delicious food and did the serving. And, they did a great job!!

**Disney Animated Movies**

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 together. Embrace life!

*HAPPY FATHERS DAYS TO ALL OUR FATHERS!*

Hello Ranchers! I want to thank ADT for participating in May’s Ice Cream Social when All Weather had to cancel. They will also be here on June 2<sup>nd</sup> for our Ice Cream Social and gift card Bingo. On Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 3pm-5pm, join us for a happy hour social! Enjoy faux cocktails, music and conversation. Beverages and light refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by Freedom Health and DNF Medical Center. We will be having a Town Hall on June 9<sup>th</sup> with the HOA Board. On Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm we will have WellCare Bingo and on the 16<sup>th</sup> we will have our Father’s Day Dinner. Dinner will be spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread and salad. On Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> we are having a Freedom Health Bingo at 1 PM. Please sign up early and if able, please sign up to help cook or serve. On the 30<sup>th</sup> we will be having our BBQ for Independence Day.

Water Exercise

We will be having water exercise starting June 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9AM at the BACK Pool. Please bring a noodle, water, and sunscreen. All exercises are done to music and at your own pace. We only use the shallow end so you don’t have to know how to swim. We have a lot of fun, so come join us.

If you use the back pool, please be considerate and only use the deep end until class is over at approximately 10:30 am.

Laurie

| <u>NAME</u>            | <u>BIRTHDAY</u> | <u>ANNIVERSARY</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Carmen Cartagena       | 6/1             |                    |
| Carmen Viera           | 6/3             |                    |
| David Blackwell        | 6/5             |                    |
| Eddy Carvalho          | 6/7             |                    |
| Lucy Mejias            | 6/7             |                    |
| Elynn Jenkins          | 6/8             |                    |
| Betty Scott            | 6/9             |                    |
| Mile Yamin             | 6/10            |                    |
| Joan Laverty           | 6/12            |                    |
| Richard Collard        | 6/14            |                    |
| Mike Jones             | 6/20            |                    |
| Wilson Correa          | 6/21            |                    |
| Wanda Cox              | 6/23            |                    |
| Alida Roman            | 6/23            |                    |
| Rodrick Jacobs         | 6/23            |                    |
| Eneida Castillo        | 6/29            |                    |
| Bertha Meyer           | 6/29            |                    |
| Sylvia Rivera          | 6/29            |                    |
| Bette Day              | 6/30            |                    |
| Albert & Gert Michaels |                 | 6/7                |
| James & Beatrice       |                 |                    |
| Olouglin               |                 | 6/16               |
| John & Carolyn Bertsch |                 | 6/27               |
| Edward & Gerry Eten    |                 | 6/30               |
| Terry & Maxine Dray    |                 | 6/30               |

Veterans and Friends

By Pat Williams

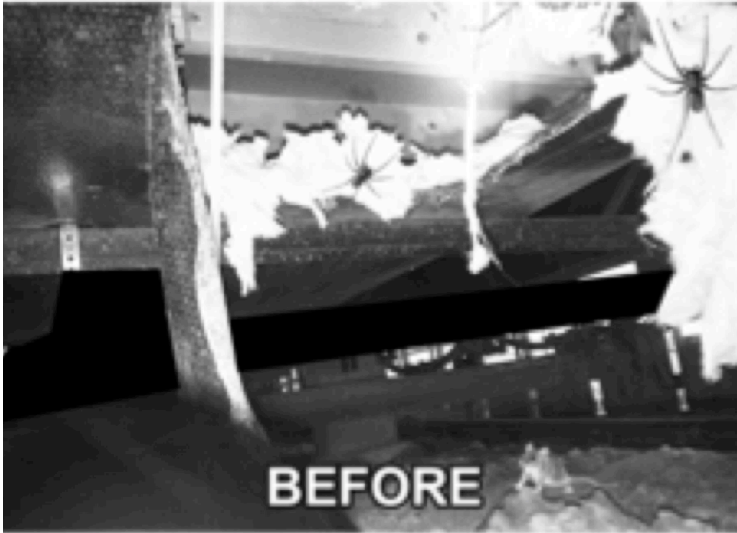
Our veteran’s tonight were John Bertsch – Army, Richard Balderson –Navy, Joseph Laferriere –Navy, David Douma-USMC, Jackie Bedard-Navy.

Guests were Barry Bertsch, Betty Fisher, Craig and Patty Olsen, Marli Silverthorn, and Pat Williams.

Patty made another wonderful meal: Fried chicken, potato salad, macaroni salad, baked beans and rolls. Betty made Gooney Cookies and a wonderful Rhubarb Salad. Jackie passed out her famous chocolates as usual. Also there were coffee and soda. No one goes home hungry every month.

This was our last get-together for the Veterans until September. There will be a notice in the newsletter and of course you’ll all be getting my phone call.

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| Notes:<br>ACH = Front Clubhouse<br>MCH = Back Clubhouse |   |   |  |   | <b>1</b>                                     | <b>2</b><br><br>Ice Cream Social and<br>Gift Card Bingo 1 PM<br>ACH<br>ADT Sponsor |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br><br>Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH<br>Last Sale - 6:30 PM  | <b>5</b><br>Water Exercise<br>9 AM - MCH Pool                                     | <b>6</b><br>Bread 9 AM ACH                                   | <b>7</b><br>Water Exercise<br>9 AM - MCH Pool<br>Senior Happy Hour<br>3-5 PM ACH<br>Bunco 6:00 PM ACH | <b>8</b><br><br>Activity Meeting<br>6 PM ACH | <b>9</b><br><br>Town Hall 11 AM ACH  |
| <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b><br><br>Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH<br>Last Sale - 6:30 PM | <b>12</b><br>Water Exercise<br>9 AM - MCH Pool<br>Wellcare Bingo<br>1 PM ACH      | <b>13</b><br>Bread 9 AM ACH<br><br>HOA Board Mtg 6 PM<br>ACH | <b>14</b><br>Water Exercise<br>9 AM - MCH Pool<br><br>Bunco 6:00 PM ACH                               | <b>15</b>                                    | <b>16</b><br><br>Father's Day Dinner<br>5 PM ACH<br>Desserts Welcome               |
| <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b><br><br>Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH<br>Last Sale - 6:30 PM | <b>19</b><br>Water Exercise<br>9 AM - MCH Pool<br>Freedom Health Bingo<br>1PM ACH | <b>20</b><br>Bread 9 AM ACH                                  | <b>21</b><br>Water Exercise<br>9 AM - MCH Pool<br><br>Bunco 6:00 PM ACH                               | <b>22</b>                                    | <b>23</b>  |
| <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b><br><br>Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH<br>Last Sale - 6:30 PM | <b>26</b><br>Water Exercise<br>9 AM - MCH Pool                                    | <b>27</b><br>Bread 9 AM ACH                                  | <b>28</b><br>Water Exercise<br>9 AM - MCH Pool<br><br>Bunco 6:00 PM ACH                               | <b>29</b>                                    | <b>30</b><br><br>4th of July B-B-Q<br>1 PM ACH<br>Desserts Welcome                 |