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Hello Starlight Ranch residents

Well we are in the heart of the summer season and one thing for sure mother nature has her fun this time of year, I hope everyone enjoys some of great days we are having now and please be safe on those super hot days with plenty of cool water Ice tea, or even a tall glass of Lemonade! And just when you get that part figured out here comes the rain every afternoon timed just right for what ever activity you get planned for the day. We live in a great state with a lot of things to do when ever you are feeling up to it and one of the best parts is that we get to share those moments with some of the great residents at Starlight Ranch. For me that is what makes our community a special place to live and with very little effort there are plenty of things to do at the Ranch. The HOA is always open to new ideas for our activity list and its always helpful to have residents get involved in helping how ever much you feel comfortable doing. The more people we have step up the more we have to offer to the community. The most important part is getting to know each other so that we can work together as a team and make our community a safer, happier place to live. If you see something that's not right say something. As a team we can have a better place to call home.

Some of the board members had a meeting with management and I'm glad to say that it seem very productive with a lot of issues put on the table. There are several issues that we hear from residents such as Lawn service and the change in trash pick up that where put on the table but the number one issue was how to make our community a safer place to live. We are looking at new ideas and working on how best use the resources we already have in place such as the nighttime security company. If you have something to say about our community or would like to see if your concerns are brought to the table then that's a good

reason for you to come to our Town hall meetings. As I said earlier in this note the best first move is to get on the Team and get to know you community and neighbors. We are planning some guest speakers at future town halls such as vendors that work in the park, a sheriff to help us with safety issues and even Orange County code enforcement to clear up what you can or cannot do to your home.

Hope to see you soon and remember we are here to help make our community a better place to live so join the team and you may be glad you did.

Thank you, Curt

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Betty J. Fisher Resident of the Month

Recently, Betty started volunteering at Bread Distribution on Wednesday mornings. It has been a joy for me to get to know her. It's so wonderful to find a new friend.

Betty was born and raised in Southern Indiana. She has two adopted children, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren!

She grew up in a musical family. Her father taught her and her sister, Judy, to play the guitar. They performed at many local events. Betty married and moved to Birmingham, AL, where she continued to perform on a local TV show, "The Country Boy Eddie Show". She met and performed with many Nashville stars – such as Conway Twitty, Charlie Pride, Merle Haggard, Alabama, The Lancers Gospel Group and many others. Betty is now a member of the local Mormon Church, and performs in their choir

Betty moved to Starlight Ranch in 1998. She worked and retired from Manhiem Central Florida Auto Auction in the Accounting Department. She been and is still a loyal supporter of our veterans. For many years, she rode her motorcycle with a group of local veterans. She loves to attend the Veterans' Meetings here and listen to their stories.

She loves people and enjoys doing acts of kindness. What I love most about her is her easy-going style. Colin Galicki was Betty's companion and partner. They were together 10 years until his untimely death one year ago.







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VETERAN'S INTERVIEW

By Pat Williams

Donald Ray Bentzel----USMC

Don was born May 24,1946 in Lancaster, Pa. His parents had an RH factor problem with their blood and at birth Don received three complete blood transfusions to keep him alive. The doctors warned his dad not to plan for any more children, as he would lose the child and perhaps his wife; so, Don became their only child. He went to college at the Rochester Institute of Technology, in Rochester, New York, and received a degree in Photographic Illustration. While in college, he worked in the summers with his father at Raybestos Manhattan in Manheim, PA, his hometown. The company manufactured brake shoes and clutch facings. Don worked there three summers. In 1967, he wanted to transfer his major, but that would have meant going to school another year. Because of the extra year for school, he lost his student deferment and received orders to report for a draft physical, as the war in Vietnam was in full bloom. Rather than waiting to be drafted, he decided to enlist in the Air Force in the spring of 1968. Since the Air Force recruiter already had his quota, he told him to come back in a week or so. When he went back to the office, he was greeted by a SSGT from the U.S. Marine Corps. The SSGT sat down with him, over a cup of coffee, and 45 minutes later he was signed up for a six-year hitch with a guarantee of Aviation Photography.

Don was assigned to VMCJ-2 Squadron at MCAS, Cherry Point, N.C. His MOS, 6271, was Photographic Aviation Reconnaissance. He was at Cherry Point for three years and then got orders to go to Vietnam and was attached to squadron VMCJ-1. In the fall of 1971, his squadron pulled out of Vietnam and relocated to MCAS Iwakuni, Japan. He was honorably discharged with the rank of SGT E-5 in 1974.

Don moved into Starlight Ranch in 1984. He loves to bake cakes and pastries and worked in the hotel/restaurant business at the Marriott and WDW until he retired in 2015.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Did you know that there are numerous volunteer activities at the Ranch? Helping with bread on Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings, shelving books at our libraries, serving food, cooking, or doing dishes at our dinners on Saturdays, folding newsletters once a month or joining the activities committee. If you are willing to volunteer please print your name and telephone number on the volunteer sheet at the front clubhouse and someone will call you.

Helping Hands at the Ranch – We have many senior residents who can't afford to pay someone to do the yard work that the landscaping company won't do and are not able to do themselves. (Ex: trimming bushes, weed eating, pulling the grass away from the house, etc.) We would like to find volunteers to help out these residents. If you can volunteer 1 or 2 hours a month and like to work outside please call Laurie at 352-210-6868 for more info.

Donations Needed – Christmas is less than 3 months away and the activities committee is looking for donations for our Christmas Raffle. If you have a new unopened item that you don't want and would like to donate it please bring it to any activity or call Laurie at 352-210-6868 for pick up. We also will accept unused gift cards or new handmade items.

Hot off the press, the owner of Rattlesnake will be at our town hall to answer questions on Aug. 11

Curt

August Activities for the whole community

Hello Ranchers! Well the Dog Days of Summer are here and the air conditioning at the front clubhouse works so come join us for the Ice Cream Social and Gift Card

Bingo on the 4th at 1 PM!! I know we all have complaints so come tell them to the HOA Board at the Town Hall on the 11th at 11 AM. The activities committee loves our volunteers and we let them know it by having an Invitation Only Volunteer Luncheon on the 18th at noon. On the 25th at 5PM we will be having our Monthly Dinner which will be Baked Penne Pasta with meatballs or Italian sausage, salad, and garlic bread. Alternate is Baked Penne with Alfredo. Desserts are always appreciated.

Water Exercises

By Pat Williams

Water exercises are still fantastic. Everyone is having a great time and a great workout. The exercises are all at your own pace so that makes it wonderful for all of us. The water has been beautiful and some of us hate to get out when it's over, so some of us stay a little while longer. We do the exercises to the oldies music so some of us even sing along. Come and join us and have a wonderful time. It's at 9am to 10 am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

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I had the pleasure of seeing two outstanding movies over the weekend – the first was "Mamma Mia! Here we go again" – about 500 times better than I ever imagined. Sophie dreams of renovating a tavern while reuniting with her mother's old friends and boyfriends on the Greek Island of Kalokairi. The audience cheered when it was over. Go. See. This. Movie. Christine Baranski, Pierce Brosnan...and then there's Cher.

And on Saturday evening, I saw "I Can Only Imagine", presented by our Activities Committee in the front clubhouse. A truly inspiring movie! It's an emotional story about a promising singer who suffered physical and emotional abuse at the hands of his father. When his Dad becomes terminally ill, he finds redemption by embracing his faith and rediscovering his love for his son. Years later, Bart's troubled childhood and mended relationship with his dad inspires him to write the hit song, "I Can Only Imagine". By Joan Stearns



NOTICE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF HOA

For those of you that do not understand the parking change at the clubhouses, due to a handful of residents we had to make a small change to the parking at the clubhouses parking areas. These areas are not storage lots for cars, they are parking for residents that are using the clubhouse, pools and mailbox's. Or a place to park your car if you have a resident parking sticker on your car and the office is closed when you can not get a visitor pass for guest on the weekend. If you have questions please call the office or ask one of the community monitors for more info.

Summer Readings BIRTHDAYS by Joan Stearns Barry Renn 8/1 Forget James Patterson, forget Bill Clinton, forget Stephen King, forget Nora Roberts...and I'm postponing Lee Nazar Kollaian 8/2 Child. Debbie Mrazek 8/5 This summer I am hooked on Danielle Steel. I just finished reading "A Good Woman". Annabelle Worthington was born Helen Bostock 8/6 into a life of privilege. However, her idyllic marriage brings Sal Peccaro 8/6 such heartbreak, all caused by the secrets of her husband. Pursued by a scandal she does not deserve, Annabelle leaves New York City for war-savaged France. This novel is filled with Laurie Meroney 8/6 historical details of WWI. Adriana Nazar 8/7 In her novels, Danielle Steel emphasizes the strength of women. Dawn Alexander 8/9 She tells us about the all-too-real women who find the courage to persevere in life's drama of heartbreak and joy. Gary Moreland 8/9 Danielle Steel has sold 650 million of her books!...and every one **Hector Reaez** 8/11 of them is a best seller. Iris Rodriguez 8/11 **Donald Canfield** 8/15 FROM THE EDITER Victor Bouillon 8/18 Jim Hall 8/18 I would like to thank everyone for your help during my temporary Generosa Roman 8/23 internship. Stacy Kormylo 8/23 It has been an experience. Jim will probably be returning in the middle of August Joanne Goerndt 8/25 And I'm sure he is anxious to get back into the editing of the Gladys 8/30 Newsletter. He does a much better job than I. I have other issues Maria Torres 8/31 I will be dealing with and do not have the time to give it my all. I

hope everyone is having a safe summer, despite the rain every day. At least you can predict when it will be (so plan accordingly) and carry an umbrella. Remember to lock your doors, your cars, and keep an eye on your neighbors. Make sure they stay safe. If we watch out for our neighbors, and they do the same our

Again Thanks, David

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ACH = Front Clubhouse			Bread 9 AM	Water Exercise		Ice Cream Social
MCH = Back Clubhouse			ACH	9 AM MCH		Gift Card Bingo
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