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### Your HOA President's Message

#### **Happy New Year Starlight Ranch Residents!**

Here we are at the start of the new year, and as most people do, this is a great time of the year to set goals and make plans to do things in our new year to come!

It makes me very happy to see the new HOA board members seated and to hear the fresh ideas and support to move forward in helping the residents try to find happiness and harmony living at Starlight Ranch.

The HOA board of directors can be a very helpful part of living in a corporate owned park when it comes to having the park managed and operated to the standards and rules that we all agreed to when we moved to The Ranch.

There seems to be a new mindset for some people that are moving here, that if they buy a home here that they can do whatever they wish when it come to the rules or the standards of home upkeep. When you buy a home here you sign a contract that outlines these rules called a prospectus. By state law 723 both management and residents must follow this contract. It can be enforced in a court of Law. What this means is...if you do not follow the agreement that you signed, you are breaking the law. The same rules apply to the management of the community. They must also honor this same legal contract.

There are many people breaking these rules such as renting out their homes or having people live there that are not approved by the management. If you live here, you are required to be approved by the management!! If you have not been approved, then you are breaking the LAW.

If you do not want to follow the rules, you need to move before legal action comes knocking on your door. If you have people living next to you that you know are breaking the rules then you owe it to the community to

let someone know!

For example, if there are children or young adults living here you need to let the management know about it with a comment form (available in each clubhouse) signed and dated. If you feel the management is not doing anything about it, you have an HOA here to follow up on why! Sometimes the situation is not as it seems and we can obtain an answer for you.

If you are not comfortable going to the office, but have an issue with something or someone in the community, we have a program to help get your complaint filed for you! Always remember that if you have a problem that is public law problem you should call the sheriff's department.

If you file a complaint and get a statement from the Orange County Sheriff's Department you should forward a copy of the report to our office with a comment form (available in each clubhouse) so they have a record and probable reason for eviction or warning.

Well enough of the rule issue and on to why we moved here to begin with!! There are a lot of very wonderful residents living here who moved here to relax and enjoy their Golden Years. We as an HOA for Starlight Ranch will do our best to keep it that way! We always put out our best efforts to keep the rent fair and keep the community up to the standards that the owners agreed to when you moved here to enjoy these amenities.

Remember the stronger the HOA membership---the stronger the HOA when we go to meet with management. They do recognize the membership and its support so thank you for your support!!

*Curt*

## New Year's Celebrations

**New Year's Eve Block Party at Wall St. Plaza:** Free access to all seven of this entertainment complex's themed bars, along with lightshows, dance parties and a big countdown to 2019, make this downtown Orlando's largest New Year's Eve bash. **Pricing: Free to attend.**

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Head down to **Disney Springs** for a family-friendly New Year's filled with live music, great food, and lots of fun shops to check out. For those traveling with smaller children, the party lasts till about 11 p.m. After that, shops, restaurants, and bars stay open till 2 a.m. for the adult crowd to enjoy. Stay in the Holiday spirit and enjoy the Christmas Tree Trail which is on display in Disney Springs November 8th - January 6th.

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From Dec. 1st - Jan. 6th, the Eola Wonderland 72-foot Christmas tree will come alive with a synchronized light and music show while the Lake Eola fountain displays red, green and gold lights to celebrate the holiday season.

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The ORLANDO CITRUS PARADE is coming to downtown Orlando **9:30 AM December 29th**. The event will be supporting the Give Kids The World Village

In addition to its signature citrus floats made of tangerines, grapefruits and oranges, the parade will feature celebrities, large-scale parade floats, local celebrities as Honorary Grand Marshals (hometown heroes), spirited high school marching bands from across the nation, participating bowl game college marching bands, balloons, local performing groups, specialty units and other exciting performances. Upwards of 3,000 participants take part in the event.

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A note from Pat Williams.....

*I enjoyed reading the article about Cranberries in Christmas in the December newsletter. I love cranberries and eat them and other berries every morning on my different cereals. I stock up on them at the beginning of the season and put them in the freezer. This year Aldi's had 12 oz. packages for 99 cents each so I'm all set until next December. 😊*

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Do you want to express a thought? Just send an e-mail to me and after review I will try to post to the next newsletter. jim@henlyhome.com

## January Activities

Happy New Year Ranchers! I hope you enjoyed our Christmas dinner. Bertha Myers, Tony Ortiz, and Joan Stearns won the Afghans. I want to thank all of our volunteers for a job well done and the residents who gave us donations. Thank you to Tony Ortiz for cooking a great dinner.

Jan, 5<sup>th</sup> is our Ice Cream Social and gift card Bingo, the 11<sup>th</sup> is our Vets and Friends Social, the 12<sup>th</sup> is Pizza and a movie (we will be getting a soundbar for the TV before then). The 19<sup>th</sup> is the TOWN HALL so come meet the new board members and see what we would like to accomplish this year. The 26<sup>th</sup> is our Chili Cook-off. If you want to make a quart of chili (and maybe win a gift card) there will be a separate sign-up sheet with the sign-up for the dinner. There will be 3 gift cards, so bring it on for bragging rights. We will have a non-spicy chili for dinner with all the toppings. There will be NO WellCare Bingo in January.

Just a reminder- all residents with Starlight Ranch ID or guest passes are welcomed to all events.

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### **New Year Notes**

New Year's may be all about looking ahead, but there's something undeniably nostalgic about the holiday that falls at midnight on December 31. After all, the iconic tune "Auld Lang Syne" roughly translates to "old long since," or "times gone by." There are so many fun and interesting New Years' traditions that were practiced each and every year.

**Make New Year's Resolutions...** It wasn't all tinsel and tipples for good old Gram. Making resolutions is perhaps the most popular New Year's tradition, but previous generations in particular practiced the art of goal-setting for the upcoming year.

**Actually Keep Them!** ...More importantly, your predecessors probably *stuck to* their goals. This year, we resolve to have the perseverance of our parents' parents.

**Decorate a New Year's Tree...** Who says the fun has to end after Christmas? The tradition of the New Year's tree goes all the way back to the 1600s, and you can easily transition your Tannenbaum to suit the celebrations

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### "Three Senior Pals"

Three seniors are out for a stroll. One of them remarks, "It's windy." Another replies, "No way. It's Thursday." The last one says, "Me too. Let's have a soda."

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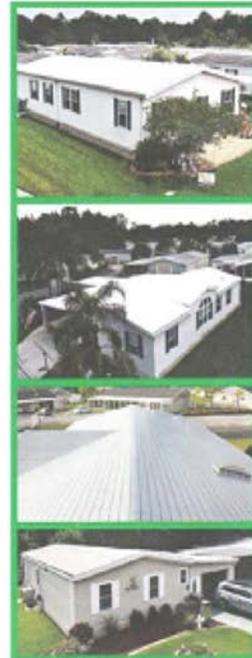
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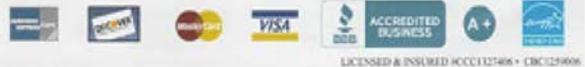


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### Resident of the Month

"Kathy Whitty"

*by Joan Stearns*

It is with great pleasure that I write about a dear friend, Kathy Whitty. I have known her for over 50 years...hard to believe. We were a group of six wonderful friends from South Jersey. There was Whitty, me, Carol, Carole, Mary, and Kate. I cannot remember how we ever got together – but I still love these women. We celebrated birthdays and holidays together, without fail. Carol was the business-centered one, and married a very wealthy business man. The other Carole always wanted a family, and now lives in Pittsburgh, near her daughter and her family.

Mary was also business oriented, and married a man who adores her. They were married on Rider College's campus where I graduated, and on the property that Carol's family used to own.

Kate is absolutely beautiful, breathtakingly so. She married a man 17 years younger.

All of us spent these amazing summers of laughter at the Jersey Shore – Spring Lake.

Kathy got her Masters of Education at Trenton State (now College of New Jersey). She taught English for over 30 years at Harry S. Truman High School in Levittown, PA.

She and the love of her life, Bill, moved to Starlight Ranch in 2004. Unfortunately, Bill died a few years ago. We all miss him.

I love that she is quite a reader...always recommending novels to me. Some of the novels she loves are "The Right Stuff", by Tom Wolf; "Pillars of the Earth", and stories like those by Dick Francis...novels with not too much gory or with brutal details. Kathy would love to start a book club here in Starlight Ranch! On another note, when "The Age of Innocence", starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Daniel Day-Lewis was being filmed in Philadelphia, Kathy had a small role. But to all of us, she really is a star.

She has had a wonderful life – one of her magical times was when she travelled one summer with two other teachers...spending time at many of the European countries capital cities. Her favorite was Bern, Switzerland.

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### Recent Obituary

Robert A Nadeau passed away on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Robert was a resident in Starlight Ranch and lived on Wild Horse Road. He was born in Woonsocket, RI, to parents Aime and Gertrude Nadeau. Robert is survived by his wife of 51 years Simone, sons James and John, and sister Lucille Pandolfi. A Memorial Mass will be held at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, 4545 Anderson Road in Orlando on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

## Resident Birthday/Anniversary List

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
Lorraine Moller	1/1	
Wayne Davis	1/1	
Eliu Villa Fane	1/2	
Beatrice Oloughin	1/3	
Laird Black	1/3	
Robert Tash	1/4	
Stephen Bagley	1/4	
Minerva Rivera	1/6	
Tim Liversidege	1/6	
Carlos Mercado	1/7	
Cesar Zayas	1/9	
Carmen Molina	1/9	
Rafael Reyes	1/11	
Diane Bagley	1/14	
Elaine Kooienger	1/14	
Priscilla Lopez	1/15	
Luis Castro	1/17	
Orlando Rodriguez	1/23	
Pat Williams	1/23	
Aida Martinez Torres	1/25	
Margarita Morales	1/27	
Mable Donahue	1/27	
Mercedes Castro	1/28	
Albert Erdmann	1/28	
Janis Craig	1/30	

*If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in future issues, please print the information on the clipboard in the front (ACH) clubhouse. You only have to put your name on the list once. It is then added to the Master List. Also, please let us know of any residents that have passed-on or moved away.*

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**An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly." The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"**

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... the one that's red and has thorns." "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes, that's the one," replied the man.

He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

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### 2019 HOA Officers and Directors

Curtis Delong – *President/Director*

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Laurie Lyons – *Vice President/Director*

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Georgia Moffat – *Secretary/Treasurer*

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Linda Van Meter – *Director*

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Dawn Hughes – *Director*

407-432-6545

Bruce Halverson – *Director*

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### Veteran's Group & Social Hour

Our Veteran's in December were Laurie Lyons – Navy, John Bertsch – Army, Jackie Bedard – Navy, and David Douma – USMC.

Guests were Betty Fisher, Barry Bertsch, Pat Williams, Patty & Craig Olsen, Angie Secrest.

Another great time together and of course Patty had another delicious meal.

We would really like to have other veterans come and spend an hour or two with us and tell us your stories. We are at the back clubhouse every second Friday of the month at 7pm. Spouses are also welcomed. You may have some stories to tell that we would enjoy hearing.

This was Patty's menu: Turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, ham, mashed potatoes, rolls and a cheese ball log. For dessert we had pineapple upside down cake, Pumpkin pie, and Goey cookies.

No one ever goes home hungry.

We're looking forward to seeing you in January. *Oh my goodness, where did this year go?*

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## Senior Joke

### **"Hospital Regulations"**

Hospital rules state that patients checking out must have a wheelchair.

One day a newly graduated nurse assistant came into the room to find an elderly man fully dressed. He was sitting on the bedside chair, with a piece of packed luggage at his side, all ready to go.

When he was shown the wheelchair, he was adamant that he was fully capable of walking himself to the parking lot.

But the assistant told him rules were rules, so he relented and let her wheel him out.

In the elevator, the assistant asked the elderly man if his wife was coming to meet him.

"I don't think so," he replied. "It takes her awhile to change her clothes, so she's probably still upstairs in the bathroom taking off of her hospital gown and getting dressed."

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### **Traditions** continued from Page 2

**Send Thank You Notes...** Grandma and Grandpa knew how to party, but they also knew their manners. Before you ring in the new year, close out the current one expressing gratitude for those who've made an impact in your last 12 months. Then, on New Year's Day, don't forget to send a quick handwritten thank-you note to the party host. Talk about getting things off to a good start!

**Give a Gift...** In the past, the gift-giving season didn't stop at Christmas! Handing out gilded coins or nuts was an old Roman ritual, reports *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, but you could also give eggs for fertility, a Persian practice. Just as in their first-footing tradition, the Scottish apparently also traded shortbread, coal, and silverware, while Egyptians' specialty was earthenware flasks.

**Pray...** It's fitting that the first day of the new year would have some religious significance, even if it has nothing to do with the calendar resetting. Some Christian churches (particularly in African-American communities) host "Watch Night" services, a tradition tied to the Emancipation Proclamation. For Catholics, January 1st, or the *Solemnity of Mary*, is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning they have to attend mass on New Year's Day. However, knowing that revelers will be out late the night before, many churches offer a vigil Mass

option on New Year's Eve as well.

### **Toss Tinsel Everywhere...**

The sparkly streamers have lost steam in recent years, but there's just nothing like loads of the vintage holiday decor for adding glamour to your gathering.

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### **Important HOA News**

A new HOA Board has been appointed. The members from the election are: Linda Van Meter, Dawn Hughes and Denise Koplar. They will be serving a 2 year term. Curt Delong and Laurie Lyons will be serving the remainder of the 2 year term from last election. Bruce Halverson was appointed at the last board meeting and will serve a 1 year term. Georgia Moffat will remain as Secretary/Treasurer. The board still has one seat available. Any resident who would like to be considered for a 1 year term needs to contact one of the board members.

A change was made to Florida Status 723 in 2016. Our bylaws had to be changed to incorporate all changes. The new bylaws were approved by the board on September 14, 2016. One of the changes was about who is qualified to be a HOA member. Section 4.1 was changed to read: "***Section 4.1 MEMBERS. All persons owning a mobile home (as shown on a certificate of title, including name and "Park" address) located in Starlight Ranch Mobile Home Estates, Orlando, Florida shall be eligible for membership in this Association.***" All Starlight Ranch residents will now have to show a title or registration to their mobile home with their name and street address in Starlight Ranch before their HOA membership can be accepted. If you turned in your membership with your ballot in November please contact Georgia at 407-277-1961 to make an appointment to provide this information or you will be contact in January. The membership will be processed after proof is provided. Your membership dues can also be returned if you joined and due not qualify to become a member.

I'm ready for the beach but I think I'll wait for a couple months.....



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