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### Hello Starlight Ranch Residents

Spring is once again upon us here at the Ranch and is always a great time of the year in the Sunshine State. As the trees and flowers bloom, some dread the pollen while others see the beauty of the flowers and blooms on the trees. The same kind of goes for the changing seasons at the Ranch, some will dread the changes that come with time while others will see the beauty in what those changes will have to offer.

We are about to see some changes at the Ranch that should brighten up the season for those of us that live here and understand why we have Rules and Regulations to put structure and back-bone in our community that makes it a great place to call home.

We are all aware of the problem of too many people living here not going through the proper channels of becoming a legal resident at the Ranch. People who move here the proper way did not invest their hard earned money into a community that is full of young adults and children. This is NOT a family park!! It is an "age qualified community" that has a vetting process to qualify the proper people.

We, as the HOA Board, are working very hard to turn this "boat" in the right direction to be what we signed up for. As a community we all need to be "on board" to keep the community the kind of place that we are proud to call "home". If you know that there is a problem next to you or down the street please say something! If you do not feel comfortable taking your issue to the office the Board does have a process that will help get your problem addressed with management and then follow up on what has been done about it. With a few minutes of your time you could make a big difference in the happiness of your home and those that live close by.

We are also working on getting other issues resolved such as our swimming pools not working properly and being shut down way too often.

At our town hall meeting this month, it was brought to our attention that a lot of residents are upset about water pressure, down time and how hard that is on the water lines inside our homes.

Another issue is the storm drains that are not working properly now. We are questioning if our sewer system will be able to handle all of the new homes coming into the community.

These are just a few of the reasons why we have the town hall meetings. The HOA Board can hear directly from residents what problems they are having. I was very happy to see such a great turnout at this recent meeting in March and felt that it was a very productive use of our time for people in our community to have a chance to voice their concerns. Thank you to those that were able to be there and taking the time to help make Starlight Ranch the great community we call home.

*Curt*

#### **"ATTENTION"**

We are having our Community Rummage Sale this month! Like the last one, we are hosting the sale in each of our driveways! You don't have to pack your merchandise up to the clubhouse and parking lot!! YEA!!! Hopefully, we will also have a large dumpster so we can do a little spring cleaning in the community as we get rid of "stuff" as well as putting a couple of bucks in your pocket on the same day. Signs will be posted and ads will be put on the local community webpage. Please be kind to your neighbors if you are having a sale and try to keep your customers from blocking your neighbor's driveway. If you are going to have a sale, please sign up in advance on the sign-up sheet inside the front clubhouse at the kitchen serving counter.

Thank you and good luck with your sale!

*Curt*

**Veteran Benefits: Programs/Assistance**

Central FL Paralyzed Veterans of America Chapter  
407-328-7041

Disabled American Veterans National Headquarters  
859-441-7300

Disabled American Veterans of Central Florida  
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Orlando FL 32805  
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Orange County Veterans' Services  
2100 E. Michigan Street  
Orlando FL 32806  
407-836-8990 (Administrative)

Osceola County Veterans' Services  
108 Park Place Blvd., C  
Kissimmee FL 34741  
407-742-8400 (Administrative)

Seminole County Veterans' Services  
534 West Lake Mary Boulevard  
Sanford FL 32773  
407-665-2300 (Administrative)

Disabled American Veterans National  
Headquarters 859-441-7300

Veteran's Outpatient Clinic, Orlando  
5201 Raymond Street  
Orlando, FL 32803  
407-629-1599 Main

2400 State Road 415  
Sanford FL 32771  
407-322-8645



NAME	BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARY
Jerry Scott	4/1	
Guy Bolleville	4/5	
Susan Ortiz	4/5	
Carmen Gonzalez	4/5	
Deanza Bostick	4/6	
Theresa Smith	4/11	
Craig Olsen	4/11	
Beverlee Swerdlen	4/12	
Ellen Estep	4/13	
Rosa Perez	4/14	
Joe Moreno	4/15	
Roberto Cotto	4/17	
Pam Echard	4/18	
Tom Dance	4/19	
Gertrude Michaels	4/20	
Leila Acevedo	4/20	
Jo Ellen Hall	4/22	
Carmen Santiago	4/23	
Peggy Serett	4/27	
Miriam Rodriguez	4/27	
Shirley Henry	4/29	
Linda Olsen	4/29	
Connie Carter	4/30	
Pam Springer	4/30	
Debbie Smith	4/30	
Bryan & Darcy Bailey		4/4
Steve & Beverlee Swerdlen		4/12
Jerry & Betty Scott		4/30

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.

**How about a joke or two Jim?**

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

Q: Is Google male or female?

A: Female, because it doesn't let you finish a sentence before making a suggestion.

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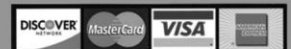
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*Joan Stearns*

As I sit here with Frank, our cat, on my lap...I realize that I've spent a lot of time thinking about what I should write about this month.

I wish I had a camera with me while at the St. Patrick's Dinner! The food was so delicious, and, yes, I use vinegar on my cabbage. And, we need to have a "Well Dressed in Green" contest next year, as everyone looked so great. (Yes, I agree that Beverly Swerdlen would have won.) The evening ended so beautifully with the out-of-this-world cream puffs, handmade by Joan Laverty.

Then I realized that I wanted to tell you about Frank, who would make a perfect 'Pet of the Month'. He is a huge black and white very affectionate cat, who has been with us for about 14 years. He loves laps...even leaping from the kitchen floor onto my lap as I lie on the couch.

He actually is a second "Frank"...named after the first one we got for our son when he was in high school. We went to a shelter in Atlanta and noticed this wonderful grey fluffy cat with blue eyes (hence the name Frank). What a life he had...he attended GA Tech with Ben and then the University of Michigan with him, and finally settled in Boston.

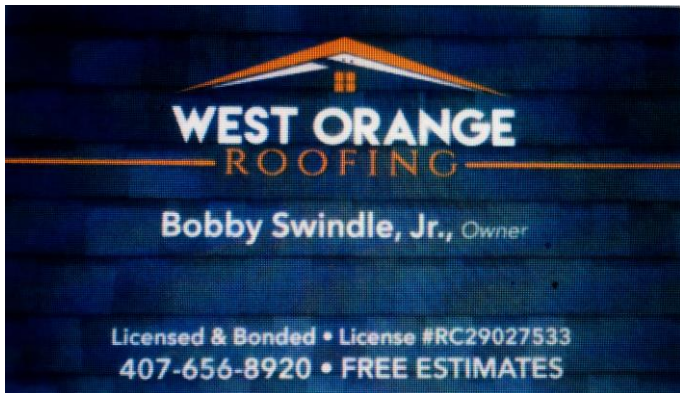
Ben also got two more cats, named appropriately Dean and Sammy.

And, now I'm off to plant some pansies.

**Okay... more jokes Jim**

In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples, "Only take one. God is watching." Further down the line is a pile of cookies. A little boy makes his own note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

A bus full of ugly people had a head on collision with a truck. When they died, God granted all of them one wish. The first person said, "I want to be gorgeous." God snapped his fingers and it happened. The second person said the same thing and God did the same thing. This went on and on throughout the group. God noticed the last man in line was laughing hysterically. By the time God got to the last ten people, the last man was laughing and rolling on the ground. When the man's turn came, he laughed and said, "I wish they were all ugly again."



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**Help Needed by Resident**

Needing a seamstress for resident's alterations

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Please leave a message for Karen

Laurie Lyons

The Starlight Ranch complaint form has changed to the "Comment Form." We are compiling a list of all comments to be addressed by ELS. If you have a comment (past and current) not resolved by ELS turn them into Georgia Moffat (HOA Treasurer) to add to the list which will be presented to ELS Management. Georgia has a monthly meeting with ELS manager to review each comment form. If you would like to remain anonymous you leave the "Your Contact Information" blank and no signature is needed but please put the date. You will have to fill out the "If your concern is about a particular resident or address" and the "Details" (time, date, what happened, etc.). Put your lot # on the back so the HOA can contact you and drop it off at the HOA office in the back clubhouse. You can slide it under the door or drop it off during office hours on Thursday and Sunday from 2 – 3 PM. You can also put the Comment form in the suggestion box in the front clubhouse. The forms are available in the front clubhouse or back clubhouse on the bar. We are also looking for information to identify unauthorized residents and children living in the park. Please help the HOA make your community a nice safe place to live.

**Veterans and Friends**

At our March social hour the veterans were Jerry Scott, Navy and David Douma, USMC and Laurie Lyons, Navy. Friends were: Betty Scott, Pat Williams, Betty Fisher, Patty and Craig Olsen and Barry Bertsch. For our meal we had three kinds of pizza, mixed salad, Betty made a cake with Rhubarb sauce on the side and chocolate chip cookies. We also had coffee, soft drinks and water. For entertainment we watched a movie. We would enjoy having other veterans stop by and say hello and have a meal with us. I'm sure any stories you could tell us would be very interesting. Wives are more than welcome. Bet they could tell some stories also.

**Chair Exercises**

We are still doing our chair exercises Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the back clubhouse at 10am. The exercises are done sitting down and you only do as much as you are comfortable with. We supply the weights when needed and we also use plastic plates so there is nothing you need to bring. Our regulars are Ruthie, Mabel, Bertha, Maria, Pat and Dave. Our friend Cathy has been visiting from up North and has been coming to the exercises and really enjoying them.

Happy Easter Ranchers! The Vets Social is on Friday, the 5th at 7 PM in the back clubhouse. Our Ice Cream Social will be on April 6th at 1 PM. The 13th is Movie and Pizza night at 5 PM. The 20th is our Easter Dinner at 5 PM. The 27th will be our semi-annual COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE from 8AM to 1PM. You can have the sale in your carports. You must sign up at the front clubhouse by April 24<sup>th</sup>, so management will pay for your permits. Crafting group meets every other Monday night in the back clubhouse, this month it will be on the 1st, 15th, and the 29th at 6:30 PM. If you have never been to an activity before please remember to bring your Resident ID with you.

Water Exercise will be starting in May. Every Tuesday and Friday at 10 AM and Wednesdays at 6:30 PM (except the 2nd Wednesday of the month – it will be right after the HOA Board meeting) at the front clubhouse. You DO NOT have to know how to swim; all exercises are done in the shallow end of the pool and are done at your own pace to music. Please bring a thick water noodle.

I want to know if anyone is interested in reviving the SINGLES GROUP. We would meet one Sunday a month for a late lunch or early dinner at a restaurant in SE Orlando. Everyone pays for their own lunch or dinner. If interested, please call or text me at 352-210-6868 with Name and phone number.

We started strong in the crafter's group but it being flu season, we lost a couple of people for a few weeks. Everyone is welcome to come learn how to knit or crochet, or work on your own craft project. In May I will be showing the craft group how to make toxin-free hand soap!

**Another Easter Tradition defined...**  
**SUNRISE SERVICES**  
As the story goes, Mary arrived at Jesus' tomb at dawn on Easter morning to find it empty. In honor of the occasion, many churches hold services at sunrise so parishioners can experience the event similar to how it happened. The first one on record was held in 1732 in Saxony, Germany, by a group of young men. The next year, the entire congregation attended the early-morning ceremony, and soon, the sunrise service had caught on across the country. By 1773, sunrise services had spread to the U.S.—the first was held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.



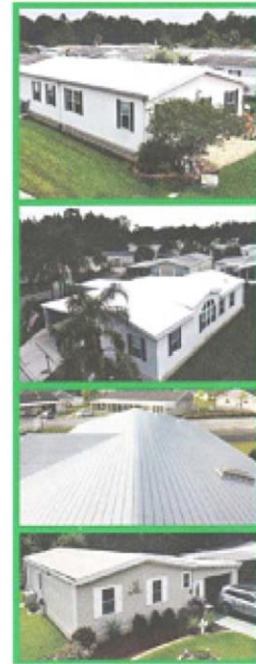
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### Easter Traditions

*There are lots of traditions at Easter. Here's one many do not know about.*

#### EGG KNOCKING

Also known as egg tapping or egg jarring, egg knocking is a sport where two competitors tap the pointed ends of their eggs against each other to see which one cracks and which one "survives." The game apparently goes back to medieval Europe, but when it comes to modern-day egg knocking, Marksville, Louisiana, is "uncrackable". Since 1956, local families have gathered at the courthouse square on Easter Sunday to battle their eggs. Some families even prepare months in advance, giving their chickens special feed in hopes of producing stronger eggs.



### Easter Weekend Open House at the Morse Museum

Delight in the melodies of classical guitarist Joshua Englert while taking in Louis Comfort Tiffany's leaded-glass windows emblazoned with the flowers of spring. *Free admission April 14-16, The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art, 445 N. Park Ave., Winter Park, [www.morsemuseum.org](http://www.morsemuseum.org)*

### Family Day – Free Admission to Orlando Museum of Art

On Saturday, 6 April, 11:00 AM

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Crafting 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale-6:30 PM ACH	<b>2</b> Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	<b>3</b> Bread 9 AM ACH  Activity Mtg 5 PM ACH	<b>4</b> Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH  Bunco 4:00 PM ACH	<b>5</b>  Vets Social 7 PM MCH	<b>6</b> Ice Cream Soci Gift Card 1 PM ACH
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale-6:30 PM ACH	<b>9</b> Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	<b>10</b> Bread 9 AM ACH  HOA Board Mt 6 PM ACH	<b>11</b> Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH  Bunco 4:00 PM ACH	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Movie & Pizza 5 PM ACH
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Crafting 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale-6:30 PM ACH	<b>16</b> Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	<b>17</b> Bread 9 AM ACH	<b>18</b> Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH  Bunco 4:00 PM ACH	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Easter Dinner 5 PM ACH Desserts
<b>21</b>  <b>HAPPY EASTER</b>	<b>22</b>  Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale-6:30 PM ACH	<b>23</b> Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	<b>24</b> Bread 9 AM ACH	<b>25</b> Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH  Bunco 4:00 PM ACH	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Home Rummage 8 AM - 1 PM
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Crafting 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale-6:30 PM ACH	<b>30</b> Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	<b>Notes:</b> ACH = Front Clubhouse MCH = Back Clubhouse			

**IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Emergency	Dial 911
Non-Emerg Help & Information	Dial 311
United Way/Elder Services	Dail 211
Universal Towing	407-816-0102

Starlight Ranch Office	407-273-3130
After hours/weekends	407-770-7015
Rattlesnake Security	407-545-1464
Orange Cty Animal Control	407-836-3111

Sheriff – Non-Emergency	407-836-4357
Mosquito Control	407-254-9120
Crime line	800-423-8477
Narcotics Tip Line	407-521-2400