



# Willow Lakes News

## January, 2008

### **DECEMBER BOARD MEETING**

Present board members included Stan Hartman, Mike Marlar & Bob Williams. Charlie Grit was available by phone connection. Linda Gott acted as Secretary taking notes. The financial report stated \$309,000 income, \$279,000 from homeowners fees & \$7000 from laundry. (To make things clearer..I hope, I will talk about a mixture of things not as they occurred but by subject.) While on laundry subject...we need a new washing machine & the overwhelming request from the ladies stated that they want a larger & more durable unit than in the past. It is felt that many are going to outside Laundromats rather than to our facility because of the condition of the machines...i.e. cleaning ability. Stan stated they expected to replace the bad machine with a similar machine to the chagrin of most of the ladies so everything has been tabled for another month! While a larger, more durable machine would initially cost more, the group feels that the additional income warrants the added expense.

Back to the budget...Major expenses include lawn care, administrative costs (these probably need to be spelled out better), & repairs. All in all, we are looking fairly good with over \$26,000 in our checking account & \$75,000 in the reserves. It was mentioned that the money in the reserves should probably be put into something with a little interest, such as a CD.DUH!! However, this was tabled also. We were able to pay our insurance in full rather than incurring interest as in years past.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: ARC has submitted revision #4 to the board to include the most recent updates & are hoping again for an approval. John Ritskes asked, how to get approval on these? Turns out the board must approve, afterwards sending to the lawyer for incorporation into the Assn. Bylaws. John admitted he would like to have one more go at it to continue to improve the language so it 's understandable by all. Hopefully this will occur in January. A decision to verify that all new home/lot owners receive a copy of the rules was discussed & it was decided to try to force the developer to include these with the sales papers as required by law. The last discussion was in regard to enforcement which seems to be forthcoming! Letters are being sent this week to all violators with action to follow.

The RULES COMMITTEE is also looking for answers to submitted problems & information as to why they do not hear about results. Apparently the board needs to be a little more proactive in this respect. LANDSCAPING report is elsewhere in this publication.

BIG NEWS!!! Apparently the front office is declining any mail for renters not rented by them!! Owners of lots who rent out must notify their renters of this & make arrangements. At this time, renter mail will go into a box in the mailroom; not very private but the best solution we can come up with on short notice & it was open in the office with little to no supervision. Thankfully we are a very responsible Park & I feel this will probably work...certainly in the short term.

Maintenance will meet on Jan 12 at 9:30AM. If you can possibly help with sprinkler or other minor repairs, PLEASE come by. The billboard passed at the last meeting came up for discussion as it was decided, again, who should pay for it. The final decision...I think...was the Assn, as opposed to Dick Edwards Entertainment committee, which must always submit all plans to Candy, an Assn Committee leader makes the Assn responsible. The Clubhouse Committee discussed the upcoming & past successful events. Candy & Dick are doing a great job!

(See more on a later page)

## Golf Galore and More

by Candy Godin



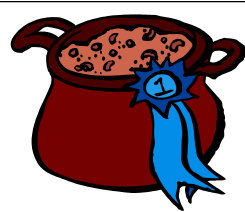
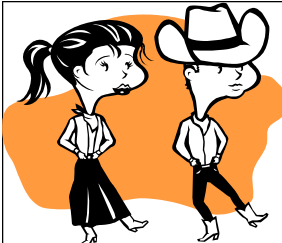
The **Sunday Couples League** at 3 PM has been a fun afternoon, with many winners under a points system using a two person, best shot scramble format. This is a man/woman league. There are some single men looking for loose women so contact Larry Johnston or Jim Greenwood if you need pairing. Some experience necessary but you don't have to be an A player.

Both partners have to sign up at the same time at the pro shop before noon Friday. There is such a good response, tee times have to be reserved ahead of time as the pro shop has to limit play to the public. Indicate if you need a cart. Due to the holidays, the league will resume play on January 6, 2008. After the golf game, everyone meets in the clubhouse for happy hour and the monetary awards are distributed.

The **Residents Scramble** starts again on January 3 and on every other Thursday until mid March. It culminates with a banquet. Thanks to Ron and Rita Diguier, new challenges are thrown in for variety. On the last scramble, left handed golfers had to putt right handed and vice versa. Another time, you had to use any club to putt with other than your putter. Watch for the flyers. Be sure to sign up in the pro shop. The winning team's traveling trophy is proudly displayed at each players lot until the next golf day. Look for it.

**Willow Lake Ladies**, sign up in the pro shop before Friday. You golf with different residents and vie for a chip-in pot. The quarters add up with carry-overs.

The **Guys Away Golf** is the alternate Thursdays from the Residents Scramble. They have gone to Trumbull Bay in New Smyrna Beach and The Great Outdoors. See the mail room for sign up sheets and details.



**Cowboy & Cowgirl Chili Cook-off**  
**January 19, 4:00PM**  
**A western "Cake Walk & Dancing to Mr. "T"**

**Up to 10 cowboy and/or cowgirl contestants will submit their chili for blind tasting by 5 independent judges. 1st place = \$25, 2nd place=\$15 & 3rd place=\$10, & the "crowd pleaser" award will be selected by Willow Lakes Chili Lovers!**

**Chili lovers will get a 4oz sample of each chili, including corn bread & whatever each contestant may provide to sway the judging for the very low price of \$5.00 each. Sign up by the 15th of January in the Clubhouse. Pay Wilma Delaney, lot 97 or Linda King, Lot 10 by Jan. 17. We must have an accurate count so the contestants don't run short of their gastronomic delights.**

**We need 10 volunteers to make a cake for our western "Cake Walk". Volunteers will receive 10 free 50/50 tickets for their efforts. Cake walk winners will be strongly encouraged to share their winning cake with their table mates.**

**Contestants & cake volunteers sign up with Wilma Delaney (342) 352-8963 or Candy Godin (813) 244-0474 by January 10th. Be fast—only the 1st 10 contestants will compete!! Each contestant will be provided with a 4oz ladle & proceeds from the attendees will cover prize money & financial help with chili preparation.**

**5 Independent judges will be selected & remain unknown until the big night!**

**Lots of other fun things are planned so DON'T MISS OUT!**

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## LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE REPORT



The Landscaping committee and volunteers have continued with the finishing touches of plants and mulching the front entrance area. For the first time we have had beautiful Christmas decorations and lighting greeting residents and guests as they drive into the resort. Monies for this came from the Residents Association and not out of our budget. This is greatly appreciated. Again many volunteers participated in making this happen. Steve Babinsky and Jack Langley played a big part in getting power in place for all this lighting. We will continue to do more mulching with the pine bark nuggets around the common areas before the end of the year. We still have money in our budget to do so and want to complete this as our budget for 2008 has been cut way back. Our committee has brought the common areas up to a level that will not demand the care and attention of the past.

As you may know, my term as chairperson ends Dec. 31. Linda Bordeau, 2101 Orbiter Ct. and Ona Langley, Lot #218 will be co-chairing the Landscaping Committee. I would like to thank all of the committee members and volunteers for their unfailing help and support. Without all of them we would not have been able to accomplish what we have. I will continue to be available in an advisory position.

Jan Lang

**Editors Note:** How can we EVER thank Jan enough for all of the hard work she has put into this Resort. Without her we would not be the beautiful Resort that we have become over the past few years. Yes, I know we have had many volunteers who have helped SO much but it's been Jan pushing the developers & then the board to get all of the things done!! Be sure to add a special thanks to Jan whenever you see her!!

**MORE BD MTG NEWS...** Discussion on opening Clubhouse pool doors is awaiting the Fire Marshall's inspection & approval. Usage fees for Clubhouse rentals will be added to the budget & expensed as normally for a "nonprofit" organization.

Various "violation" letters are being sent out with information re: rules, regulations, & assessment penalties to those violating ARC & association rules. The trash bin on the north end of Frontier will be moved to the south end during our "peak" season with probable removal in late March.

**The next board meeting to be held the 2nd Tuesday in the future at 10AM. (8 Jan) The annual meeting will be held February 15th.**

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### JANUARY

08 Dave Stack  
11 Larry Johnston  
19 Arlene Mitchell  
25 Candy Godin  
26 Nigel Broyles  
30 Reynald Charest

### ANNIVERSARIES

3 Pat & Harry Flynn  
27 Nada & Robert Thompson  
31 Judi & Randal Walti  
(49 years!)



### JULY

02 George Crowley  
06 Don Anderson  
07 Dori Sutton  
07 Tom Delaney  
10 Carol Archer  
10 Tina Monteson  
14 Clyde Sutton  
15 Joyce Ritskes  
21 Robert Thompson  
21 Ira Laster  
25 Charlie Puleo  
25 Sandy Hartman  
28 Judy Gritt

### ANNIVERSARIES

05 Nigel & Phil Broyles  
21 Dar & John Roney  
25 Ellen & Leo Lenze

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my first communication to the owners and residents using the WL Newsletter and I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and welcome back to all who have arrived at "OUR" resort since the holidays.

We have ended our first year with the residents in control of the resort & in good financial condition, thanks to the efforts of Michael Marlar, Vice President, Stan Hartman, Treasurer and Bob Williams, Secretary. They have put in a lot of effort working extremely hard and long on our budget and trying to keep our expenses down.

Larry Feather and his maintenance committee did a great job working on the sprinkler system and other much needed maintenance throughout our park. Without the volunteers there would have been an increase in the (more)



Al Dubois with his wife, Vicki, putting their personal ornament on the tree for us to share.

What a wonderful group we have here at Willow Lakes! Anyone who has been in the Clubhouse over the holidays knows the efforts put in by our volunteers. It's absolutely beautiful!

On these pages are just a few of the photos, thanks to John Roney. A special thanks to Al for starting a wonderful tradition by being the first to add their special personal ornament

**Do you have special news we should know about? Be sure and email me if you do. We want to know about you!**



Ribbons, ribbons & more Ribbons. Thanks, gals!

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING** The Clubhouse looks very festive thanks to the many volunteers. The tree has special meaning this year with personalized ornaments placed on the tree by Willow Lakes residents. Next year those that missed out this year, may add theirs. We finished with the singing of Deck the Halls.



**REMINDER**

Liberty Tax takes used cell phones for Soldiers. We have provided over 2,000,000 minutes for soldiers to call home. They just sign up on the internet to receive free minutes.

This year we are working with the March of Dimes to raise funds for babies everywhere.



Ronny & Teedie Boyd, Dar Rohey & Joe in the background

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER....**

**JAN 1 Football, TV, food & more in the clubhouse....bring yours & some to share**

**JAN 16 Red Hat lunch...watch for sign-up sheets in the Clubhouse**

**JAN 19 Chili Cookoff .. See Article**

**JAN 20 Ice Cream Social**

**“Celebrate what you want to see more of” Tom Peters**

**MORE BD MTG NEWS.** An additional stop sign will be added at Discovery & Shuttle Circle. Thanks to the efforts of Mike Marlar.

Access to the back gates must be recovered so some, including the developer, may be receiving calls to move their vehicles.

Several other discussions ensued but no final decisions made as to any changes per the board's decision. The decision re: hiring a maintenance person has been delayed until the Jan meeting. Hopefully we will have several applications to review at that time.

Any questions, please see board members.

**PRESIDENTS MSG CONTINUED**

maintenance fee. We all can make a difference so please volunteer when and where you can.

We are accepting applications for a paid part-time maintenance person to help us get thru this busy season. Please submit your application to Linda Gott, our administration assistant, in the B.O.D. office, located in the club house.

Due to the recent resignation of Bob Williams, secretary of the B.O.D., there is an opening on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in a seat on the B.O.D. please contact Charles J. Gritt, president of B.O.D. [931]-788-5882 or e-mail to:

[ctrugrit@yahoo.com](mailto:ctrugrit@yahoo.com) or talk to Linda in the office located in the Clubhouse.

Thank You All,

Charles Gritt, Pres, B.O.D.



**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** The picture tells it all. Approximately 18 golf carts carried melodious voices as those brave enough to stay at home, or unable to join us, were greeted by carolers at their door. It was also heard that a certain L.J. also added "Your getting nothing for Christmas, you ain't be nothing but bad" to a few selected families. The hot chocolate was delicious but the temperature did not warrant the hot part. It's been suggested that next year we get a hay wagon to drive us around the park. So Wilma, start searching, sounds like a great idea. Even those that said they couldn't sing, sounded wonderful. Thanks everyone.



Has anyone tried the **Make-It-Take-It Meals** place on Hopkins (3659 Hopkins)? It's getting raves. You can place an order or just stop by. Entrees & sides are ready for you to follow easy instructions to heat & enjoy a gourmet dinner at home. They have a web site to view menus at [www.MakeItMeals.com](http://www.MakeItMeals.com). Give them a call at 321-264-0034.

Mention Willow Lakes for a free gift.

#### REPORT FROM ARC

The committee has been very busy during the past months. We are in the process of making our guidelines more reader friendly along with some additions. If you would like to read a draft copy they will be available from the Board Office. Our goal is to present it to the board for review during the month of December and to be approved at the annual meeting.



It is important that all owners become familiar with ARC guidelines. As an owner, you are responsible for all work done on your site. You must be sure your contractor is certified by the BOD. (eg: if the contractor does something that contradicts the guidelines, the owner will be held responsible.)

The approval system from the ARC consists of a primary approval and if a permit is required you then must receive final approval. The ARC wishes all owners a very Happy New Year.

Some of the artists of the 60s are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate baby boomers.

Herman's Hermits- Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker.	The Bee Gees -How Can You Mend a Broken Hip.
Bobby Darin - Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' a Flash.	. Paul Simon -- Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver
Roberta Flack --The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face.	Johnny Nash -- I Can't See Clearly Now.
Leo Sayer -- You Make Me Feel Like Napping.	The Temptations—Papa's Got a Kidney Stone
The Commodores-Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom.	Abba—Denture Queen
Marvin Gaye -- Heard It Through the Grape Nuts.	Willie Nelson -- On the Commode Again.
Ringo Starr - I Get By With a Little Help From Depends	Helen Reddy-I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore
Tony Orlando-Knock 3 Times On The Ceiling If You Hear Me Fall.	