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Beacon Terrace Community Welcomes 2021

With 2020 now in the rearview mirror, BT residents still face an unknown future with the COVID-19 pandemic in full force.

Yet hope perseveres in our small community. The generosity of our many volunteers has kept Beacon Terrace residents well and cared for since the Pandemic began. This effort still hasn't wavered.

The park Christmas light display seemed brighter this year, as did the numerous outdoor decorations exhibited on homes and in yards. The nature Trail has never been more beautiful. And neighbors go well beyond normal friendly gestures.

Beacon Terrace offers us a haven of calm, beauty, and community. So take a walk, watch the birds, sit by one of the ponds, and breathe in an air of thankfulness. It's 2021.



New HOA Board of Directors Confirmed

At the December HOA Membership Meeting, new Board members were confirmed with the following positions:

President: Don Kohnke (#13)
Vice President: Sherry DeFrancisco (#215)
Secretary: Bonnie-Irwin Pocock (#101)
Treasurer: Norm Provost (#75)
Directors: Carol Nash (#295), Steve Holmes (#34), Anne Seifert (#120) (1-year term)

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FROM OUR H.O.A. LEADERSHIP



DON KOHNKE

H.O.A. President

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I continue to be proud of how well the vast majority of our residents have adapted to the Covid-19 requirements. Yes, there may be some help coming with vaccines now approved, but that could be months away. We remain living in our own little “bubble”. It’s not easy, but most choose to do the right things to protect ourselves. The residents truly care for each other.

Well, winter as we know it has finally arrived with some morning temperatures in the 30’s and highs in the 50’s. Luckily, this only happens a few times each year and we still have a heated pool and warm hot tub. Some of our seasonal friends continue to return with more coming every week. Hopefully our Canadian neighbors, who have been delayed, will return as soon as possible. They are missed.

During December, the first community activity occurred where those from outside the community were invited... the annual Carport Sale. We had over 30 individual carports offering sales with many people driving through the community purchasing items.

Use of the pool is slowly increasing as weather permits along with the Clubhouse with hours nearly back to normal at 7am to 8pm every day. Line Dancing returned to every Wednesday morning as did Saturday morning coffee and donuts. Clubhouse use is still limited to residents only with social distancing and masks required inside. The Island Activity Center is now being used many times every week with a variety of cards being played and Island activities scheduled there monthly.

The pool lounge area now has an actual Tiki Bar which was donated by Andy Ertel, in recognition of his parents, Jim & Betty Ertel (#172) and is open to be enjoyed by our residents. With this final addition, it really makes you feel like you’re at a vacation resort!

January activities will include a dedication of the Janis Lafferty Memorial Bridge to the Nature Trail. Date and time TBD. I encourage everyone who enjoys the Nature Trail to attend. More information later.

Now, some HOA business... new Board members were confirmed at the December meeting (see page 1 for the officers). We offer our thanks to the Election Committee comprised of Alice Murray, Bev Furno and Carol Umensetter for their work on this committee.

I would also like to thank Chuck Snaveley, Mike Olive, and Hiram Chirel for their time and dedication to the community while on the Board. A special thanks to Chuck for doing such a great job handling the Treasurer position for many years. The pennies are “relaxing” just a little until Norm transitions.

We continue to seek a volunteer to be our FMO representative. This is an important position, so I hope someone from the community takes the position.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with maintaining the beautiful decorations and plants around the clubhouse and pool areas. If you have a green thumb and have decorating ideas, please contact either Sherry (#215) or Don (#13). We will appreciate your talents.

Our next Board of Directors Meeting will be **Tuesday, January 5th at 2 PM** in the clubhouse. Any member residents can attend and comment on agenda items. An agenda will be posted before the scheduled meeting time. Masks must be worn and social distancing rules followed.

Our next Membership Meeting will be held **January 12th at 6 PM** in the clubhouse. Member residents are encouraged to attend and comment on agenda items. An open floor session for comments and questions will be offered. The agenda will be posted before the scheduled meeting time. At this point, masks must be worn and social distancing rules followed.

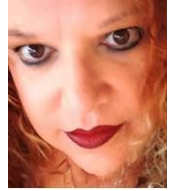
We continue to look forward to when a normal lifestyle returns. There is some light at the end of the tunnel with vaccines becoming available, but that may be some time yet. The things you do by following the CDC guidelines, although they may be challenging, help us maintain our “bubble” and keep us all safer and healthier. Be assured your Board is doing our absolute best to make things as pleasant as possible while maintaining safe conditions for all.

May everyday be better than the last and may everyone stay safe and healthy.

"Aloha! Aloha! 2021"

SHERRY DEFRANCISCO

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Aloha! "Aloha" means farewell and goodbye; it also means hello, welcome.

Linda Castor and I were talking and she came up with the idea of the perfect way to say good bye to 2020 and hello welcome 2021. It is in true Aloha spirit that we welcome 2021 with kindness in our heart for our neighbors and our Beacon Terrace family.


It is also a great time for me to say thank you to all of you for supporting and coming up with ideas to keep our community having fun in a time when we need it the most. It's also a great time for me to thank those of you who come to the social meetings, coming up with continuing ideas so we can enjoy and have fun. To those of you who work to make the events happen, those of you who come to and support our events. It is all of you that are the backbone of this wonderful community.

This is also the perfect time for me to thank with all of my heart Bonnie Irwin Pocock for working countless hours making posters, helping with events, and mostly keeping me organized which is a job in itself. It's such an honor for me to be able to help with social events as we go forward keeping Beacon Terrace the most fun place to live.

Aloha 2021! Get ready for new ways to make this the best year ever. As always remember thoughts are things so think the good ones!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING January 13, 2 pm in Clubhouse

Love & peace, Sherry DeFrancisco



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The background of the page is a photograph of a large, mature tree with dense green foliage. The tree is situated in a field of bright yellow wildflowers, possibly milkweeds. In the distance, there are rolling hills under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is peaceful and evocative of a rural landscape.

Have you ever

By Joy Nipper

Have you ever heard the music, in the rustle of the leaves

As the wind blows thru the branches of the stately maple tree

Have you ever laid upon the grass & looked up toward the sky

Seeking different images, in the clouds as they roll by

Have you ever picked a milkweed, made a wish & gave a blow

Just to see it scatter, o'er the wind, you'd watch it go

Have you ever picked a holly hock, you really needed two

A temporary doll to make, pretend, that's what we'd do

A childhood filled with memories of a time so long ago

A time of peace and happiness and innocence I know

So now when life gets difficult, and things are hard to bear

I travel down old memory lane and seek contentment there.

Northern Reflections

What Will 2021 Bring? Hope?

By Donna Hodgson

Sometimes when I have a bad day, I just want to go to bed so that I can put the day out of its misery and start over the next day. The year 2020 has seen me search for my pillow on many occasions.

Actually, I am blessed. My family and I remain healthy, my children all still have their jobs, we all still have houses to live in and food on our table.

I do not have the right to whine. But I do.

I miss going to the movies. I miss my friends at Beacon Terrace, and the trail, and the weather, and the pool. I miss visiting with friends, going to restaurants and hugging people. I whine because I don't want to walk the dogs in sub zero weather, I don't want to put winter tires on my car and buy new winter boots. My husband Brad would much prefer helping with the Friday morning weed crew rather than shoveling snow and scraping ice off the windshield. The plan was that we were going to winter in Florida every year. This pandemic threw a wrench into that plan.

What will 2021 bring? A vaccine? Hope?

I look forward to going to bed on December 31st to wake in a whole new year.

Travel Notes



January 16, 2022

Our *7-night cruise on Royal Caribbean's Harmony of the Seas* from Port Canaveral. Visiting St. Thomas, Antigua and their great private island.... Coco Cay. A most relaxing day.

Several already going.... if you want to join the fun just sign up on the travel board and I will come calling. Lots of flyers hanging there.... help yourself. Friends/family always welcome.

Sure will be happy when I can add some day trips to this note!

Bev Furno , Lot 64, 863-687-1686

CRAFTERS UNITE!

We welcome all our new neighbors and our snow-bird friends back!

The Ladies Crafting Group meets every Thursday in the Clubhouse from 1:00-3:00pm.

We don't teach you any new crafts although we all have learned something new during our time together.

Whatever, you do, just bring it with you and spend time working on it while also conversing with the ladies in a relaxing atmosphere.

This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and relax while working on your hobby.

We hope to see you soon! Don't forget your mask!

January Birthdays



- 2 Anthony Hudson
- 4 Cindy Probel
- 7 Terry Richardson
- 9 Isobel Johnston
- 10 Kim White
Sandy Lewis
- 12 Chuck Castor
Frank Riley
- 13 Kern Lindsay
- 14 Jacki Provost
Jim Werner
Dave Zimmer
Betty Stevens
- 16 Sharon Pingitor
- 18 Sandy Oulman
John Reid
- 19 David Bradley
- 21 Jenny Barnette
- 24 Jeannine Call
Helen Impbruglia
- 26 Tom Gumm
- 27 Don Smith
Bonnie Pocock
- 28 Norm Provost
- 29 Diane Deming
Judy Henn
Robin Dunn
Betty Probasco



U.S. Navy Veteran, Jon Norrix,

Anyone among us enjoy famous quotes? I love quotes by Winston Churchill and have a whole collection by Jefferson. But I heard one yesterday that made me stop and think because it's so appropriate for what we've experienced for the past nine months. Quoting our seventh president, Andrew Jackson, "Never take counsel of your fears." That one made me take note as I heard it from one of our residents who used it to refer to life.

Meet Jon Norrix, a U.S. Navy veteran who is likely the most traveled person I have met. If any of you travel, you know it ain't for wimps. And wow, this guy has traveled!

Let's start with Jon being the son of a Japanese mother and an Irish-Scandinavian father who was also a Navy veteran. His mother grew up in Japanese-occupied China. Though Jon's brother was born in Japan, Jon was born in Washington state.

His father's Naval career included service on the Ingersoll DD990, the ship which rescued 44 people who were escaping to the Philippines from Vietnam after Saigon fell. Is it possible Jon inherited some fearlessness from his parents or possibly from his grandparents who served as Christian missionaries in Manchuria?



Jon's parents, 1972



Having been born in Seattle and then living in Alaska from age 5 to 7 for his dad's 2-year stint there, grass has never had a chance to grow under this sailor's feet. His father's Naval career had Jon and his family move 38 times over 25 years. [See photo of family at train station in Alaska—LEFT].

Going from frigid Alaska to a hot and humid Alabama must have taught Jon you really can bloom wherever you planted. In 1978, Jon finished high school in Maryland and completed Boot Camp there [See photo of Jon and his father, 1978—BELOW]



Jon's career on the seas began, taking him to Guam, Japan, Malaysia, Portugal, and Bahrain. In the Navy, he was trained in Electronic Technology including Radar and Coding equipment.



Boat races in Shimoda, Japan (left); Jon in his front yard (right) with some of his woodworking projects on the porch.

Still Not “Traveled Out”

By Regina Marshall

Anyone remember the room-sized computers with the tubes? How far we have come in these few decades!! We're all carrying computers in the palms of our hands or in our back pockets!

With good training, Jon's service included his own 4 years in Alaska. He describes the beauty of the crystal blue ice of Harding Ice Field with the cobalt blue water of Seward and recalls the incredible sight of the night skies where the Milky Way is so beautifully defined when viewed from a ship.

The travels didn't end with Key West, his last assignment in 24 years of Naval service. His next five+ were on a NATO training tour to learn the European System of Communications which was used before satellite communications. Poor guy had to be in Italy to be trained. His travels while on that continent included Corsica, Greece, much of Italy and his favorite, Portugal, where a Dutch girl almost nabbed him...but it was not to be.

Closing the chapter of civilian service, Jon went on to become a Merchant Marine and worked the oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico (Texas) and then on to rigs in Malaysia. While in Asia, Jon was able to take multiple trips to the Philippines along with 4 trips to Thailand and 4 to Singapore.

But one of his favorite memories is of the people of New Zealand where he was invited to a wedding for the daughter of a friend. As travel sometimes goes, Jon encountered some happenstance that could have quickly and easily ruined his trip, had it not been for the help he was offered from strangers in that country. The happy ending led Jon to conclude that the people of New Zealand have to be some of the KINDEST on earth.



Jon's neighbors in Portugal



Still not “traveled out”, Jon has a Bucket List which includes his own heritage, the beautiful country of Ireland, and hey, while he's on the European continent, he just has to “check out” the Czech Republic.

With all these memories of faraway places, Jon has been content since 2015 to play golf in our lovely Florida winters and play poker with the fellows from Beacon Terrace.

In just the short time we chatted, Jon impressed me. As much as he has done in life, he never gave the impression that he was anything but humble. *Refreshing.* He was able to tend to his parents in their later life and meet their needs, but he also has some insights on life and how to live it, such as ‘kids need parents’ time more than toys’. He also “tooted the horn” for George Jenkins who created an employee-owned company that still invests back into the local community.

Having seen many, many places, Jon is pretty sure Lakeland fits the bill for a fine place to live...and I suspect he might continue to live by his quote from President Andrew Jackson, “Never take counsel of your fears.” As we look back at 2020, may we adopt that quote so that 2021 is a fearless one for us. Wishing all of you in Beacon Terrace a happy, blessed and fearless new year!

Beacon Terrace Ladies Enjoy an



Twenty-five BT ladies and their guests feasted at the beautiful historic Terrace Hotel in downtown Lakeland on Thursday, December 10th.



‘Endearing’ Holiday Luncheon



A special “Thank You” to event planners , Sherry DeFrancisco and Bonnie Irwin-Pocock (left)



Gumbs and Hudsons Provide Christmas Dinner to Residents

Christmas was made merrier for BT residents with the offering of a free Christmas dinner prepared by Jim and Marge Gumb and Elaine and Tony Hudson. The annual community Christmas dinner was not held, like other Clubhouse events, due to COVID-19.

The couples provided traditional holiday fare of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and dessert for people to pick-up on Christmas Day between 11 am and 1 pm.

Dressed in Christmas attire, the thoughtful four-some, gave out to-go dinners from the warmth of their fireplace in the Hudson's carport.



*Thank you,
merry Christmas elves!*





HEAR YE! HEAR YE! **Evening Bingo Continues!**

Evening Bingo continues after moving to a 6 PM start in December. This feels closer to normal, but we could use a few more players. Only residents are permitted to play and social distancing rules and mask usage remain mandatory for the time being.

Each session contains three jackpots, two Odd/Even and one Lucky Number Jackpot. These provide three possible jackpot prizes creating excitement and interest. We continue to have a relatively small group, but hope that to increases as our seasonal friends return. Everyone still has a great time. If you have interest in playing, but have challenges getting there, please feel free to call me and I will arrange transportation.

Bingo is played every Monday evening in the Clubhouse. Bingo cards are available for purchase from 5:15pm to 5:45pm with games starting at 6pm. The session typically lasts until about 7:45pm.

Please feel free to bring your own goodies and refreshments of your choice and enjoy the session. The more you play, the more we pay!

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January Special Social Events

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Saturday, January 2, 9 am - “Grab & Go Breakfast” on the Island

Breakfast prepared by Chuck and Linda Castor & friends. \$6 person; monthly fundraiser for Social Activities Fund.

Thursday, January 14, 11 am - “BT Ladies Luncheon”

Abuelos Mexican Restaurant; contact Sherry, social activities director at 863-309-2605 to sign up.

Saturday, January 16, 6:30 pm - “Travel the World Through Your Taste Buds” (Wine & Beer Tasting)

Bring your favorite wine and/or beer to share and add to the provided palate-pleasers of grapes, cheese, crackers, and more. \$5 per person. Entrance to Clubhouse area. Contact Sherry, social activities director at 863-309-2605 to sign up.

Saturday, January 23, 6:30 pm “Drive-In Movie, “Caddy Shack”

Drive in with your golf cart or bring a folding chair to enjoy free popcorn and a movie under the stars.

Sunday, January 24 - “Day Tripping to Dunedin”

Sightseeing, shopping, eateries . . .
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BEACON TERRACE ACTIVITIES

Euchre, Mexican Train, and Backyard Games are new weekly activities beginning this month. The additions of the games now provide at least one activity for every day of the week.

Euchre and Mexican Train will be held in the Clubhouse while Backyard Games will meet at the shuffleboard courts. Please remember to wear a mask in the Clubhouse.

Euchre is scheduled for Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Inexperienced players are encouraged to come and learn the game. The card game is a trick taking game with a trump, played by four players in teams of two. In basic play, each player plays one card, the highest card of the suit led wins the trick, unless someone has played a card of the trump suit. An important part of the game is that one of the teams names the trump and must then win the majority of the tricks in that hand. The game is played over several rounds.

Mexican Train will be at 6 pm on Wednesdays. Mexican train is a game played with number dominoes. The object of the game is for a player to play all the dominoes from his or her hand onto one or more chains, or "trains", leaving from a central hub or "station". The game's most popular name comes from a special optional train that belongs to all players. (Wikipedia) Novices are invited.

Backyard Games begins Jan. 15 at 1 pm. The game will change monthly, starting with cornhole in January.

More information is available on the bulletin boards near the mailboxes and in the Clubhouse or contact Sherry DeFrancisco, Social Activities Director, at 863-309-2605.

Weekly Activities:

Sunday

1:00 PM **Hand & Foot***

Monday

6:00 PM **Bingo***, Don Kohnke, 863-397-3836

Tuesday

6:30 PM **EUCHRE**, Sherry DeFrancisco, 863-309-2605

Wednesday

12:00 PM **Bridge***, Mike Lowery, 863-688-6526

Ladies Golf, Linda Castor, 863-687-6068

6:00 PM **Mexican Train**, Sherry DeFrancisco, 863-309-2605

Thursday

Men's Golf, Walt Swink, 412-691-0075

2nd Thursdays, **Ladies Luncheon**, Sherry DeFrancisco, 863-309-2605

1:00 PM **Backyard Games**, Sherry DeFrancisco, 863-309-2605

Saturday

8:00 AM **Coffee in Clubhouse**

Third Saturday –**Movie Nite**
Back of Clubhouse

*** In Clubhouse**

THE BEACON

JANUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
PLEASE NOTE: Although regular activities are noted here, please check the event calendar in the clubhouse lobby or call the activity leader about its current status.						8 ^{am} Coffee 9 ^{am} Grab & Go Breakfast on Island- YUM!
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 ^{PM} Hand & Foot Cards	6:00 ^{PM} BINGO	2 ^{PM} HOA Board Meeting 6:30 ^{PM} <u>EUCHRE</u>	8:30 ^{AM} LINE DANCE 12 ^{PM} Bridge 6PM Mexican Train	1-3 ^{PM} <u>Crafting</u>		8:00 ^{am} Coffee
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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05-23 -20

Nancy Richardson #119

06-14-20

Christine Sorenson #46

7-30-20

James Murray #72

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Roger Slee #8

8-8-20

Janis Lafferty #186

9-6-20

Judy Fraser #227

12-17-20

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Alice Murray – Lot 72

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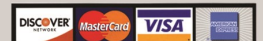
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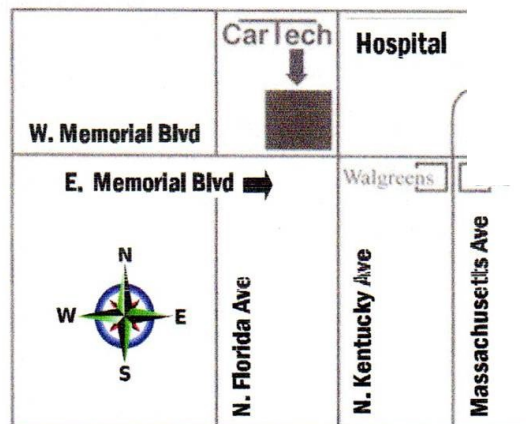
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MISSION: To promote, provide and encourage healthy, beneficial and enjoyable living conditions for the benefit of all residents.

OBJECTIVES:

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES—Promote social activities, bingo, dinners, games, educational events and general good fellowship for all residents.

SUPPORT GROUPS—Cooperate and support Beacon Terrace chapter of the Federation of Mobile Home Owners (FMHO) of Florida and the Lakeland Inter Park Council (LIC) for the benefit of all residents.

PARK FACILITIES—Promote and encourage the proper care of all facilities in the Park by all residents.

RULES and REGULATIONS—Establish reasonable rules and or regulations for all activities in the best interest of all residents and such rules are not to conflict with those of the Park management.

PROBLEM RESOLUTION—Promote cooperation between residents and park management where differences arise and seek agreed resolution. Represent residents to seek proper resolution.

Approved by HOA Board of Directors
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