



**May 2024      Action News**



**Our annual Memorial Day Observance will be held on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am at our Veterans Memorial Flagpole. All residents are invited to attend and honor all those men and women who gave their ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country.**

**All Veterans are invited to wear their branch of service caps or insignias and gather around the flagpole to be recognized for their service. The Social and Travel Club will host light refreshments after the ceremony. Come rain or shine!**

**The Meadows Welcome Wagon**



- Lot 332 Robert and Joan Nash from Coconut Creek, Florida
- Lot 251 Ericca Broussard from Deerfield Beach, originally from Middletown, New York
- Lot 373 Marianne Comperiatl from Deerfield Beach, originally from Elmhurst, New York

May they have many years of happiness at the Meadows of Crystal Lake. We look forward to welcoming all new residents at the next Meet & Greet in the fall.

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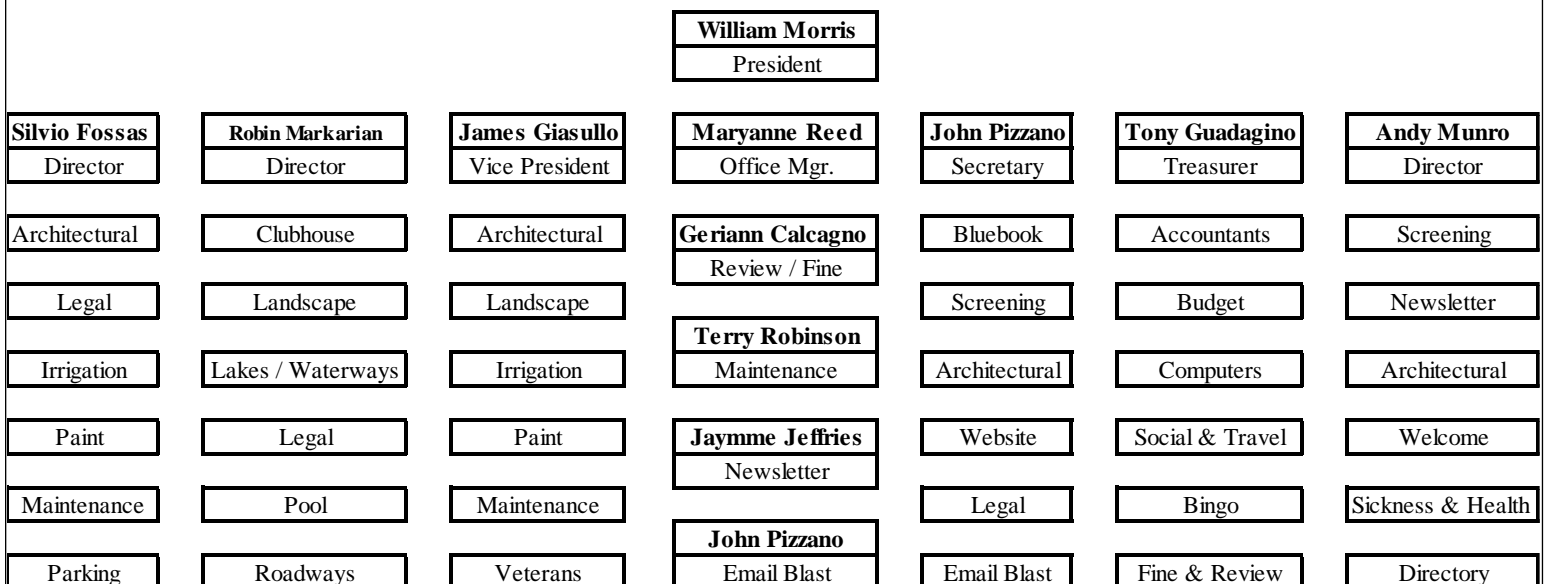
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**Ruth Rivard  
John Condon**

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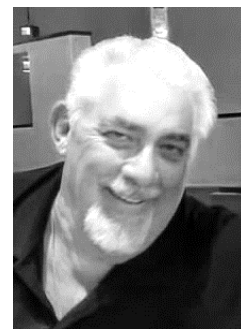


## **On My Mind from the President**

Hello Residents Near and Far,

Summer is quickly approaching! Where did the winter go?

At our last board meeting we filled the vacant seat with Andy Munro. Andy has served on the board of directors at Highland Meadows. His involvement with resident interviews, architectural issues, rules, and regulations and much more. Join the board in welcoming Andy to our board.



As always, our winter residents are beginning to return to their summer homes. Safe travels! We will look forward to your return.

As a reminder, be sure your home is secure. Put outside tables, chairs, hanging baskets and ornaments away while you are gone. For those of you that have hurricane shutters, you may close them if you wish. For appearance and safety, it would be better if you arranged with someone to close your shutters should we have a pending storm. But of course, that is your choice.

As always, the office will be open all summer, but activities will be limited. We will communicate through our website, email blast and Facebook!

Always Lock your car.

Bill Morris  
Board President

### **Newsletter Editorial Team**

Special Thanks to our Newsletter volunteers,  
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**The Text Talk will meet on the 25<sup>th</sup> even though it is Memorial Day Weekend.**

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## **Getting to know Russ Papy**

**By Pat Smith**

Russ is a new member of our community from the Conch Republic. Yes, he is a 7th generation Floridian and a 5th generation inhabitant of Key West, who is now settled in Deerfield Beach and boy does he have some stories to tell.

To go back to the beginning, Russ's family history in the America's starts when his Turkish ancestor, Gaspard Papy, sailed from Menorca to St Augustine in the late 1700's. One of his many offspring decided to make the boat trip down to the Eastern tip of North America, landing in Key West. The Papys have been there ever since. Russ's father was born there in 1898, the second of 13 children, and according to Russ he was a scallywag. He trained as a Master Cigar Maker before Prohibition hit in 1920's, and then his father and some fisherman pals saw the opportunity for smuggling in Rum from the Bahamas. Prohibition was good to daddy Papy, and he went on to open, first the Cabana bar on Duval Street, then later a 3-story establishment right opposite the police station called Whitney's Place. Lou Gerig was seen buying 3 nightly beers, while on the 3rd floor, Charlie, and Oona Chaplin and frequently Ernest Hemingway, arrived at a hush-hush casino to gamble. Ernest, who Russ met, was not a good gambler apparently but Russ's dad would often float him since he was good for business.

Russ was born in Key West in 1945, the second of 5 children, and he was good at sports. By the time he had finished high school he was offered a football scholarship. He was a few days away from signing when he heard about 2 of his dearest friends who had just been killed in Vietnam, and that decided him to enlist instead. He joined the Air Force as a photographic specialist and served 2 tours in 1967 and 1968. He was stationed at a lonely base near Pleiku, close to the front line and Ho Chi Min's birthplace which made it a target. Pleiku was a support base for Australian, U.S. and Korean forces, including a hospital triaging the wounded being unloaded from incoming helicopters and planes providing air support. When the weather was good, Russ's job was to fly out and take aerial intelligence photos of trails and truck paths, monitoring activity in areas of interest. At intervals, he would be flown to Saigon with a briefcase handcuffed to his wrist which he would deliver to the intelligence officials and answer their questions, then be allowed a few days R & R in the city. In 1968, just before the end of his rotation, he was told to go home and see his mother who had had a massive heart attack. He was flown to the Philippines, then Hawaii, then L.A. and then told the rest was up to him. Luckily, he met up with a Navy guy looking to get to Key West for a posting, and they found John Wayne Airport and hitched a Military flight to Miami. Sadly, his mother had passed, and he was only in time for her funeral. Shortly after, he was discharged from Shaw Airfield Base in South Carolina and went home to Key West.

Sad to say his homecoming was not what he might have expected. At that time Vietnam vets were not welcomed but rather insulted, and Russ was having a hard time finding a job. Luckily, his old Little League Baseball Coach was now Deputy Chief of Police in Key West, and he offered Russ a job as a policeman. Russ's first response was that he no longer wanted to wear a uniform and carry a gun, but he needed a job. After working as a cop for a year, he realized that he liked it and that you could do some good in law enforcement, but he felt he needed more education in Criminal Justice.

So, he left Key West and used the GI Bill to attend Florida State in Tallahassee; and in 1972 got his degree. His next job was working again as a police officer in Delray Beach, from where he could carry on studying at FAU for a degree in Public Administration. His goal was to become a Federal Officer, working for DEA, FBI, U.S. Customs or Treasury, and he was recruited, with top secret clearance from Vietnam. But he had recently married his wife Linda in 1972 and started a family and he was told that the Federal postings would be to some terrible spots, and involve moving frequently, so he decided to stay within Florida State with some family stability. He was to stay in Florida policing for 30 years.

In 1973, Billy Freeman, Sheriff of Monroe County, called Russ in Delray and invited him to come home to the Keys and once again work as a Sheriff's deputy in C.I.D. During his time in this position, he was approached by someone in his men's softball league and asked to come and work in the Florida State Attorney's office for the 16th Judicial Circuit. He worked as a Florida State officer for 16 years, dealing with cases from the Keys, Everglades, and lower Miami that sound like Miami Vice TV scripts. While the Keys were great for fishing, diving, local theatre and family interactions, there was a whole lot more going on in those 300 miles of coastline, and when you run a multi disciplined drug unit, and handle high profile serious cases in Tallahassee, you feel like you are always watching your back. So, when he finally retired in 1997, Russ and Linda found a hideout south of Branson in Yellville, Arkansas for 2 years, to let the heat die out. Russ lived at the top of a mountain with a long gravel drive that he guarded with a .38 and a shotgun if he heard unexpected visitors.

Russ next settled in Okeechobee where he found lots of Vets with whom he felt comfortable, and for the next 20 years he worked hard with the local VFW as Commander to build an All-State Post, 600 strong. They won many awards in the community for helping Vets, supporting the troops, creating scholarships, and rescuing community members in trouble. He loved the camaraderie and working with the group, but eventually he and Linda decided at 70 they needed some time for themselves. So, they bought an RV and toured the U.S., visiting daughters and their families in Portland, Oregon, Alberta, Canada, and Boca in Florida, as well as a son in Washington. But it was during this time that Russ noticed Linda was having trouble walking and talking, and this started a long trail of testing in California and the Mayo clinic.

So, they bought a big house in Punta Gorda, near doctors, and expecting visits from his 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Then COVID hit and the diagnosis of Parkinsons was made for Linda. For 4 years, Russ was her sole caretaker as her condition deteriorated. Finally, his daughter



Nicole in Boca convinced them to move near her in the Meadows; but one month after they arrived, Linda sadly passed. Russ has had a very hard time dealing with this loss of his wife of 51 years. As he said, he "crashed and burned"; but both daughters are urging him to get out and take part in life again and let's hope the Meadows folk can help with that.

Russ's life has shown him many of the evils in society, and he has spent many years fighting those in various ways. He is a remarkable man to have in our community, whether it is telling us about the background on the "Bubba Busts", sharing his acquired wisdom, reminding us of what we owe to veterans, or just joining a park foursome on the greens. When you run into him, be sure to get him telling some of those stories.

## **Bingo**

**The last Bingo night of the season is Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Bingo will resume on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Volunteers are needed call Ralph @ 914-610-5685 or John @ 561-613-7785 for additional information.**

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On Sunday April 14, 2024, we had another Sunday Breakfast. We had 76 residents and guests in attendance. We had three lucky door prize winners, Mike Miller, Ann Costa, and Liz Martucci. One lucky 50/50 raffle winner was Ingrid Gatto who took home \$177.00. Congratulations to all the winners. We will start Sunday Breakfast back up in September!



## Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Ice Cream Social

Another great Ice Cream Sundae Social event today! 75 residents and guests joined us for a nice sundae!

Then we had three lucky door prize winners Leslie Rosenberg, Mike Miller, and Christine Hunt! We had a very lucky 50/50 winner of \$185 which happened to be my grandson, Wilson.

We then played Musical Bingo. Thank you to DJ Steve Hunt for the music and Jimmy G. for being our MC for the event! We had 2 winners split \$20 for a regular bingo, Alice Bery and Christine Hunt. Liz Martucci won \$50 for marking the X first! Our lucky winner who filled the entire card was Kailey Sodergren, and she won \$150. It was a great day for all!





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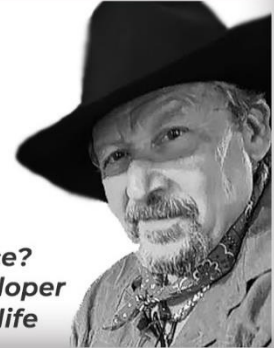
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# May Celebrations

## Birthday

Best wishes to our neighbors! Have a wonderful celebration.  
This month is YOURS

First Name	Last Name	Day	First Name	Last Name	Day
Robert	Smith	1	David	Evans	15
Susana	Holguinde Diaz	1	Maria Eugenia	Santos	19
Theresa	Murchie	3	Thomas	Milo	19
Nadia	Melchiorre	4	Barbara	Dillon	19
Cynthia	Campbell	5	Rita	Collazzo	19
Jeanne	McCaffery	5	Julio	Sandi	20
Helen	Cannone	6	Larry	Materia	21
George	Chammah	6	Maria	Valido	21
Peg	Malley	8	Samuel	Tinoco	22
Stanley	Sieradzan	8	Andrea	Coates	22
Elliott	Lopez	8	Deborah G	DiSalvo	23
Miguel	Valido	8	Claudia	Restrepo	25
George Allen	Granzow	9	Britta	Brandt	26
Joanne	Mashraky	10	Juan	Amaya	26
Jose	Rivera	11	Louisanna	Forgues	27
Jeanne	Venner	11	Soon Hee	Song	28
Agnieszka	Ernandes	11	Vera	Stanislavsky	30
Julie	Richards	11	Lucie	Parent	31
Sara C	Asensio	11	Rick	Scherer	31
Ann	Costa	12			





**Anniversaries**  
Wishing a perfect pair  
A perfectly happy day.  
Here's to another year of  
being great together!

Walter & Sheila	Margeson	1
Jeanne & Kevin	McCaffery	2
Albert & Deb	Lomicka	4
Orlando & Clarisa	Santos/Hernandez	8
Layne & Dora	Clark	13
Bruce & Becky	Laden	13
James & Jenny	Kay	15
Bill & Alice	Bery	20
Theresa & Gerald	Murchie	22



# May 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Aqua's 11am pool Bunco 6:45 pm	2 Bocce 9:30am Bridge 12:30PM Mahjong 6:30PM	3 Aqua's 11am pool Rob's guitar jamm 1:00PM	4
5  Cinco de Mayo	6 Aqua's 11am pool Mahjong 1:00PM	7 Bocce 9:30am Bingo 7:00PM	8 VE Day Aqua's 11am pool Bunco 6:45 pm	9 Bocce 9:30am Bridge 12:30PM Mahjong 6:30PM	10 Aqua's 11am pool Rob's guitar jamm 1:00PM	11 World Bellydance Day
12  Happy Mother's Day	13 HOA Meeting 7:00PM Aqua's 11am pool Mahjong 1:00PM	14 Bocce 9:30am Bingo 7:00PM	15 Veteran's Club 3PM Clubhouse Aqua's 11am pool Bunco 6:45 pm	16 Bocce 9:30am Bridge 12:30PM Mahjong 6:30PM	17 Aqua's 11am pool Rob's guitar jamm 1:00PM	18 Armed Forces Day
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2	3	Notes Memorial Day Ceremony at the Meadows Flag Pole @11:00AM rain or shine Poker every Thursday in the card room 7pm. Come join the fun! Bingo ends May 21st and resumes on September 10th.				

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