

MEADOWS OF CRYSTAL LAKE ACTION NEWS

April 2022

Sold Out St. Patrick's Day Party A Big Hit

The *St. Patrick's Day Party* was a success with good food and entertainment, a fun time was had by all. We had 111 partygoers enjoying The Carrie Furman Band with nearly everyone up and dancing all night. The dinner was catered by *St. Pat's Irish Pub in The Cove in Deerfield Beach, stop by*. We had corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes and rolls. For dessert we had white & chocolate cake, from Costco.

Setup for the event started Friday night and continued Saturday morning with assistance from Jaymme & Bill Jeffries, Jacqueline Blanchenay, Alicia Derbin, Rose Church. A very special thanks goes to Tom Milo for all the wall art and decorations and Jackie & Tony Wright for all the table arrangements. The clubhouse looked amazing and suggested fun and excitement with just a touch of elegance.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the efforts of our youthful serving team who donated their time and received compliments all night long for their kindness, politeness and the individual attention they provided each guest and every table. From table setups and serving the dinner to making sure everyone had ice and whatever else they needed throughout the night Adrianna (13), Eliana (13), Joseph (12) and Gavin (12) were great examples of today's youth.

By Ted Church



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New Telephone Directory

Please stop by the office if you havn't picked up your 2022 Telephone Directory. Monday -Thurdays 9am to 2pm.

Get Well Wishes

To all our ailing residents in The Meadows No matter how difficult things might get during your recovery, we are always thinking about you. Please get well very soon.

Stay safe neighbors

Condolences

May the wonderful memories of your loved one bring you comfort and know your Meadows neighbors are here to listen and help. To the Families of

Lillian Alessi
Orva June Giese

**FREE Technology Club, Zoom
OPEN to All Wednesday 4:00 pm Eastern**

Tech club goes on via Zoom. In the interest of health and safety; we have not resumed in person sessions. Once things settle a bit more, we will announce the resumption date for Clubhouse in-person sessions.

Until then...Join with us via Zoom

On Zoom everyone brings a few questions and everyone joins in the discussion
It's all about everyone helping each other. No matter your knowledge level everyone is welcome. We cover Android, iPhone, iPad, Computers

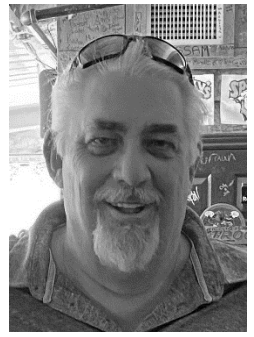
Call Jerry Novickas (954) 260-7071 for a future class topic you would like.

Each week check The Meadows website themedadowsofcrystallake.com/
Please register at the bottom of the home page "Register for Class" to get the zoom invitation.

Request to be added to the Zoom invitation and weekly topic email announcement by Emailing jnovickas@yahoo.com or go to the "Contact Us" website page.

On My Mind from The President

Hello residents New and Old. Congratulations to Robin Markarian after being appointed as our 7th Board member to complete the 9 remaining months of Al Levy's term. As a nine-year resident of the Meadows, a retired Speech and Pathologist Robin brings a fresh prospective to our board. Welcome to the board Robin.



We are halfway through the Mailbox refresh. Looking really good. Please do not put plantings between the mailbox post and the street. We cannot obstruct mail delivery. Just a reminder to turn on your outside lamp poll. It helps with our security. I put a piece of tape over the switch so I never turn it off. Let the Day / Night sensor do its job.

The tree planting project is now complete and the city of Deerfield is happy. Always remember do Not trim trees on Community property. Write a work order and our team will review and take care of any issues. Never plant fruit trees or fruit bearing plants or vegetables. Also, the use of potted plants needs to be conservatively done and well maintained.

I know we have family and guests visiting. Some with more cars some with pets. Please remind your guests not to obstruct other residents parking or driveways.

Your board is looking into expanding the Gym. More equipment and maybe utilizing a larger space. Just like all our amenities we see them being used so we are excited to keep them in good operating condition with our residents active and enjoying the space. Speaking of our amenities check out the Tennis courts, Pickleball courts, the Golf driving area, newly resurfaced shuffleboard courts with excellent lighting and don't forget our billiard room.

Bingo – Hitting new heights with the additional attendance comes larger payouts. Come and enjoy the night out with the added bonus of the friendship and comradery with your neighbors. Hope to see YOU there on Tuesdays!

Social & Travel Club Committee hit a real Irish Jig with the sold-out St. Patrick's Day party. It was so good to see everybody enjoying Great food, Great decorations, and a Fabulous Band. What a great time. Congratulations to Ted Church and the whole Social & Travel Club committee. Future plans may include, Comedy night, Pool Party Bar-A-Que, Movie Night, maybe even a 60' sock hop. You never know what Ted has in mind. LQQK for the next event is May!

Always Lock Your Car!

Have a Safe 2022!

Bill Morris, President

Getting to Know Giacomo Castagna

By Bill Jeffries

Who is that guy who decorates The Meadows' Community Center Christmas Tree, passes around the microphone at Board Meetings, sings the loudest at the Christmas programs, and can always be found on Tuesday night at Bingo? You guessed it, Giacomo Castagna, or as he is better known here in The Meadows of Crystal Lake, "Jacko".

Jacko was born April 19, 1941 in Ribera, Sicily Italy. He is the middle brother of three boys in a middle-class family. His father worked for the city with a "horse and wagon" repairing the roads. Jacko remembers it being very hard work.

"As a kid, I dreamed of coming to the United States," he recalled. He had two aunts and an uncle who had moved to the United States, and occasionally they would send packages of clothing and shoes to Jacko's family in Sicily. Jacko remembers it being like Christmas opening the package and seeing the gifts from America inside.

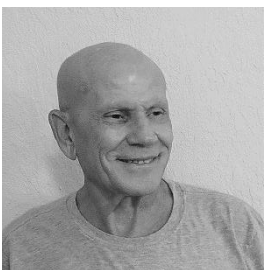
As a young man he worked as a carpenter from his early teens until he was 20 years old. His mother passed away in 1961 and Jacko left Sicily and moved to London, England. In London he worked as a busboy at the Cumberland Hotel, one of London's premier hotels at the time. He stayed in London for two years and then returned home to Sicily.

Back in Sicily Jacko joined the Italian Army. After four months of basic training, he became part of maintenance detachment working at a remote base for the next 11 months. That was the end of his military career.

After his honorable discharge from the Army, he moved back to London and was rehired as a waiter at Cumberland Hotel. He worked there for two years. In 1967 he went to work at the Mayfair Hotel and trained to become a Maitre d'. The Mayfair was and is a 5 Star Hotel in the Radisson collection and one of the finest hotels in London. While working as the Maitre d' Jacko met John, an Exxon executive, from the United States and they fell in love. They lived together in London for nine years, until John was transferred back to the United States. In 1976 the two were reunited in New Jersey and after two years Giacomo Castagna got his "Green Card". At that time, he was working for Chemical Bank's Executive Division as a Maitre d'. He worked for Chemical Bank for 10 years. Five years after getting his "Green Card" Jacko earned his United States Citizenship.



Jacko and John retired and moved to Florida in 1985. They lived in Coral Ridge Tower East and enjoyed the good life in Florida. In 1995 John passed away from cancer after 30 years with Jacko. Jacko started painting in 1985. He says he is mostly self-taught, with only two lessons. His work can be seen on the walls of the Meadows Community Center and if you're lucky enough to be invited in, on the walls of his home. Many of his paintings are recreations of famous master pieces. While we can't enjoy the originals anytime we want, Jacko's copies are where we can see them every day.



In 2000 Jacko and George moved to the Meadows of Crystal Lake. They were partners until George passed away in 2019. Jacko's current partner is Don and they have been together for three years. Don was an ICU nurse in Dallas for 40 years.

When asked for words of wisdom, Jacko said he has had a good life and is happy to still be in good health.

Social & Travel Club

More fun is in the works for the coming months. The new paint and carpet for the clubhouse put a damper on an event in April but a May 15th event is in the works, with another great band. They're one of South Florida's busiest wedding and event bands because of the excitement and vocal stylings they bring to the stage. You don't want to miss this event. We're working on the dinner plans for the night.



Tickets will go on sale on April 18th, a purchase form will be included in the newsletter to help us become more organized at getting you in the door quicker and seated at your table, with the people you desire. Please use, and include the form when you make your payment at the office. It will make our job easier and hopefully more fluid.

Note: we noticed that not everyone has paid their Social & Travel Club dues, and some residents paid for only one person in the home. Keep in mind that the dues are **\$5.00 per person** not per household and they help offset the cost of events. Thank you for your continued support. Hope to see more new faces for the next event

Rob's Guitar Jamm

In the Clubhouse, Fridays 1:00-6:00 PM.

Bring your own instrument and join in. Or, just come to visit and enjoy.

Requests honored. If I don't know it, I'll learn it, Rock on!



Bridge at the Meadows

Attention: If at one time you played Duplicate Bridge and would like to get back in touch with Bridge, we have something for you. We meet weekly at the clubhouse in the library on Thursdays at 12:30pm. If you have any questions, please **call Jo Lojewski @954-429-3320 or Trudy Kalen @954-729-0750.**

Bridge has been recommended as one of the things to sharpen your memory and to off-set Alzheimer's Disease.

The Meadows Welcome Wagon

The Meadows would like to Welcome our newest Home Owners:

Lot# 258 Irlene & Serge Charles and Immacula Midy from Coral Springs, Florida

Lot# 133 Robbin Jacobs & Jodi Zallis from Wilton Manors, Florida



WELCOME
to the
neighborhood

Veteran's Club

The Vets Club met Wednesday, March 16 at 2:00 PM. We welcomed new member Jim Wells, retired Marine. Subjects discussed, Memorial Day celebration, new flags, membership in American Legion Post 162, Deerfield Beach and Post 142, Pompano Beach. Any Vet needing a Post Service Officer they are available at Post 142 Tuesdays 10 AM to 12 PM.

Our service boards have been arranged in order of WW2, Korea, etc, Next meeting of the Vets Club is Wednesday, April 20th at 2:00PM. For more information call Tom Broad 954-637-4971.

Dog Poop Problem

A resident brought it to our attention that other residents are using their trash cans to throw their dogs poop in. The problem is the bag is not tied, poop falls into the street and the home owner has to clean it up and of course the smell. So please do not use other residents trash cans, use your own. If you are not a dog owner you did not sign up for that job. **Respect your neighbors.**

Rear Parking Lot: Purpose and Procedures

The purpose of the rear parking lot is to provide “**Short Term**” parking spaces for residents and visitors. “Short Term” should be limited to **one or two days** without the car being moved from the lot.

“**Long Term**” parking arrangements are provided for in the front parking lot, and set up through the Office.

RULES:

- Park only in marked spaces
- NO RV'S Trailers or Commercial Vehicles**
- Must Back into spaces (**Backing into spaces makes it easier to check Note on Dashboard**)

PROCEDURES:

- Resident opens rear lot gate with Pool Key
- The lock must be relocked before the key can be removed**
- Resident or guest backs car into open space.
- Resident and/or guest **leaves a Note on dashboard of car, with Lot #, & date.**
- Resident and/or guest leave, **locking parking lot gate**



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April Celebrations

Birthdays

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

First Name	Last Name	Day	First Name	Last Name	Day
Bill	Bery	1	Henry	Plaisir	16
Carmelina	Reino	1	Nell	Sto Domingo	16
Mohamad	Katah	1	Steven	Schneider	17
Helen	Fahey	1	Gerald	Murchie	18
Ivonne	Morgan	1	Linda	Parente	18
Barbara	May	2	Giacomo	Castagna	19
Roseanne	Messina	2	Maura	Dersch-Wissekerke	20
Barbara	Materia	4	Rosalie	Ray	20
Michael	Colavito	5	John	Condon	20
Clarisa	Hernandez	7	Ronald	Page	20
Jose	Albaladejo	8	Gary	Mann	21
Ronald	Gittens	8	Tom	Scarpellino	22
Sally	Pautz	9	Ramon	Rodriguez	22
Maria	Benedetto	9	Nancy	Long	22
Maria	Iannetta	9	George	Trask	24
Mary Louise	Dutch	10	Dieula	Thimothée	25
William	Pautz	11	Maeva	Adler	25
Georgia	Burkes	11	Donaida	Vergel	25
Sidney	Reed	11	Alice	Bery	27
Francesca	Pitsker	13	Catherine	Kutner	27
Joanne	Rodriguez	13	Mary	Colavito	28
Frank	DiSalvo	14	Rafael	Coste	29
Kenneth	Kalen	14	Thomas	Broad	30
Denis	Lauzon	15	Helga	Honerlah	30
Nancy	Rodriguez	15	Raul	Calderon	30

Paul & Sharon	Messina	1
Luigi & Rosa	Iannolillo	6
Hugo & Monica	Garzon	6
Enrique & Bianca	Orrantia	10
Juan & Joanne	Rodriguez	13
Michele & Norma	D'Andrea	19
Anthony & Jessica	Durane	19
Derek & Susan	Lundstrom	22
Alexander & Irina	Lepeshinski	25
John & Theresa	Caruso	27










Anniversaries

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



April 2022

March '22							May '22						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1  Rob's guitar jamm 1:00PM	2  Nat'l PBJ Day Ramadan begins at Sundown
3	4 Mahjong 1:00PM	5 Bingo 7:00PM	6 Zoom Tech Club 4:00PM	7 Bridge 12:30PM Mahjong 6:30PM	8 Rob's guitar jamm 1:00PM	9
10 Golfer's Day  Palm Sunday	11 HOA Meeting 7:00PM Mahjong 1:00PM	12 Bingo 7:00PM	13 Zoom Tech Club 4:00PM	14 Bridge 12:30PM Mahjong 6:30PM	15 Good Friday Passover Begins at Sundown Rob's guitar jamm 1:00PM	16  Husband Appreciation Day
17 HAPPY EASTER  Easter Sunday	18 Social & Travel Meeting 7:00PM Mahjong 1:00PM	19 Bingo 7:00PM	20 Veteran's Club 2:00PM Zoom Tech Club 4:00PM	21 Bridge 12:30PM Mahjong 6:30PM	22 Rob's guitar jamm 1:00PM	23  English Muffin Day  Zucchini Bread Day
24  Pig in a Blanket Day	25 Non Voting Board Meeting 7:00PM Mahjong 1:00PM	26 Bingo 7:00PM	27 Zoom Tech Club 4:00PM	28 Bridge 12:30PM Mahjong 6:30PM	29 Rob's guitar jamm 1:00PM	30 Vietnam War Ends  Nat'l Mahjong Day
1	2	Notes Water Aerobics at the pool at 11:00AM Monday, Wednesday & Friday come join us Come join the fun at the Pickleball Courts at 9:30AM Monday, Wednesday & Friday we have extra equipment if you need any				

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