

# October 2022 Action News

# **Breakfast at the Meadows**









We had an enjoyable time with everyone who attended our breakfast on September 18th. Thank you to the Social Club team who prepared, setup and served the food. A special thank you to Jackie and Christine for preparing the food and Tony for his continued hard work helping wherever he's needed. And lastly thank you to all who helped with cleanup afterwards. It takes a village to make a social event memorable.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be January 9, 2023

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## **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

Actions speak louder than words, next time someone tries to convince you that they care,
Look at what they do, not what they say.

#### **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**

To any families still enduring the loss of a loved one may the wonderful memories of your loved one bring you comfort and know your Meadows neighbors are here to listen and help.

#### FREE Technology Club via 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.

#### 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 themeadowsofcrystallake.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 <u>inovickas@yahoo.com</u> or go to the "Contact Us" website page.

## On My Mind from The President

Hello Residents Near and Far,

As we begin a new Fall season, we welcome cooler weather and welcome back old friends. It has been a very hot and dry summer. Good news is with the recent heavy rains, a lot of the brown grass is coming back green. We are putting the finishing touches on the clubhouse; new chairs and furniture will complete the refresh. All coming soon.



I have several reminders for our returning residents and our new residents.

The Election of officers is just around the corner. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please touch base with Mary Anne at the office or Barbara Higgins, Election Chairperson @954-830-6501

We will be voting on three positions this year. All owners are eligible.

We must remember to lock our cars. All the time, not just at night.

We need to check our lamp posts to make sure your switch is on and the bulb works.

We must remember not to add or remove trees from the common grounds. Get a work order.

We need to refrain from leaving obstacles on the common grounds.

No parking on any roadway from 1am – 6am.

Remember, everyone must pick up after their dogs.

Living alone? Sign up for the 211 daily calls. There is no charge for these friendly voices!

The Speed limit in our community is 15 MPH.

So that is it for now. We are getting ready for a great winter season. Social and travel has several events planned. Watch for the calendars, bulletin boards, signs and fliers.

Join a committee, meet your neighbors! Social and Travel and Newsletter distribution are looking for your help and input, contact Mary Anne if interested.

Have a safe fall season Bill M. Board President

# Getting to Know Sybil Berrie By Bill Jeffries

On September 4, 1939 a 12-year-old girl from the East End of London was visiting family in Brighton Beach, England when she heard the news that would change her life and the lives of all British people. Britain had declared war against Germany. Sybil Berrie is the girl and her story is one of courage, triumph and cherished memories.

Sybil was born on December 1, 1926, at Hackney Hospital on the East End of London. Her father was a butcher and her mother a homemaker. Sybil was the youngest of four children. Her sister was the oldest then came the two brothers. Her parents had also taken in a sixteen-year-old girl from an orphanage name Louisa to help with the children. Sybil remembers her as Lulu, she was like one of the family and lived with them until she married.

"We lived within the sound of the Bow Bells," is how Sybil described the East End of London. She continued by saying, "Anyone from London would understand being able to hear Bow Bells and tell you, you were in the East End of London." "Growing up there, before the war, was a wonderful time, we would play in the streets and the back yards." she recalled.

It was a very busy time of young Sybil's life. Every Thursday, around the corner on Hessel Street was a huge open air food market. There were push carts with every kind of meat, vegetable, and fruit you could imagine. People came from all over London to do their weekly shopping. Then on Friday, the entire area, according to Sybil was back to normal. Then on Saturday, her father would go (sometimes taking her) to the animal auction in the town of Colchester.

Sybil attended Raines Foundation High School for Girls. She recalls the boy's school was right next door, separated by a fence. She remembers having a Winter uniform and a summer uniform, with the summer uniform featuring a Panama hat. She also remembers having outside and inside shoes. The inside shoes being called "plimsoles shoes" or soft shoes.

During WWII Sybil's father was an Air Raid Warden. Each evening his job was to patrol the streets of his neighborhood and make sure no lights were visible that might help the German bombers that nightly bombed the city. On many of the evenings Sybil would patrol with her father. Every night at 7pm the air raid sirens would sound, and everyone would seek shelter. Soon the German planes would begin bombing, and this happened every night. "I was never afraid when I was with my father on patrol, but everyone was terrified during the bombing." recalls Sybil.

Specific memories of the bombing were few for Sybil but one was when a German pilot could be seen floating down to earth hanging from his parachute bathed in search lights. Sybil said "That are didn't get every." Another more painful memory for Sybil

lights. Sybil said, "That one didn't get away." Another more painful memory for Sybil, was seeing a horse that had been hit during the bombing the night before laying on the side of the road one morning.

During the war Sybil met an American aviator named Michael Berrie and they fell in love. But the war being what it was, it kept them apart. Then in 1945 the war was over, and Michael was sent back to the United States, and that seemed to be the end of the relationship.



In 1948 Sybil visited New York to stay with cousins. Soon after her arrival, Michael who was living in Philadelphia, contacted Sybil wanting to see her. She refused. She recalled being very angry with Michael and telling him, "I don't want to see you." Finally, she allowed him to visit her in New York. He asked her to come with him to Philadelphia to meet his parents, and she agreed. "I took nothing but my pocketbook, and on a Thursday evening five days later we were married in Philadelphia. "She recalled.

Michael and Sybil moved to the Meadows in 1998. Prior to that they lived and raised their two children Sherri and Richard in the Philadelphia area. Michael and Sybil were married for 62 years. He passed away in 2010 after a long bout with cancer. Sybil

has three grandchildren, two girls and one boy. Sybil said "I have no regrets coming to this country".

## **Social & Travel Club**

Wow, time sure does fly by! October is almost here and our snowbirds will be returning just in time for our parties We have a Halloween party on October 29th with "Eddy B & Co." to entertain you and get your feet moving on the dance floor. In November be prepared to be entertained with the musical talents of the only two people to be certified to perform a complete show by the "Blues Brothers". That's right the "Blues Brothers" will be here on November 19th for our Italian Night festivities. This is a dinner show you don't want to miss. Good food, good music and a show.

Dues are \$5.00 per person, not per household & they offset the cost of events.

11/19 Italian Dinner 6:30pm – 11pm

12/11 Ladies Meet & Greet 2pm – 4pm

12/31 New Year's Eve Party – 8pm – 12:30pm Entertainment Eddy B & Co



## 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.

# **Free Haircuts for Men**

Alfonso M. Lot #371 is a Retired Licensed Barber and if you are in need of a haircut and can't leave your home, he will come to your home, by appointment only, and cut your hair free of charge. Just call Al @954-446-3242 (no tips or gifts allowed).

# **The Meadows Welcome Wagon**

Frankie Scarpellino and Ed MacDonald hope the new residents of The Meadows of Crystal Lake are enjoying their Welcome Wagon Bags with various local information. The bag also has information of upcoming events from the Social and Travel Club and one free entry to Bingo on Tuesday evening at the Clubhouse.

We are looking forward to welcoming additional new residents for the remainder of 2022.

Thank you, Frankie Scarpellino and Ed MacDonald



### Veteran's Club

The Veteran's Club meets every third Wednesday of the month at 2:00 PM at the Clubhouse. Our next meeting will be on October 19th at 2:00 PM. Hope to see you all there. For more information call Tom Broad 954-637-4971.

#### **Election Information**

The Meadows welcomes back Barbara Higgins as our Election Chairperson along with her assistant Geriann Calcagno who have agreed to chair the Election for The Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting on January 9, 2023. It is not too early to contact Barbara Higgins @954-830-6501 or Mary Anne at the office to give your name as a Candidate to run for the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors' term of office is two years. This year we have three positions open and we are looking forward to receiving your intent to be a Candidate.

Candidates will be introduced at the December 12<sup>th</sup> HOA meeting. At that meeting the residents will have the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates to help them decide who to vote for in January.

Candidates start working on your resumes. Your resumes will be published in the December issue of the Action Newsletter. Please send resumes to the website for the newsletter at <a href="mailto:theactionnews@outlook.com">theactionnews@outlook.com</a> no later than November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Thank you

## **Budget Committee**

At the September HOA meeting our Treasurer announced that the first 2023 Budget Committee meeting will be held on Monday, September 26th, at 7 PM. We look forward to having more residents return in October and for that reason a second meeting will be held on Monday, October 24th at 7 PM. The Final budget will be presented to the Board of Directors at the November 14th meeting. All residents are welcome and participate in these meetings.

## **Broward 211**

On Tuesday, May 10th we had a very informative presentation at the clubhouse regarding the 211 Broward and the 211 Touchline service. These services are offered to Seniors free of charge. You are connected with a live person who will call you to see how you are doing? This can be invaluable to someone living alone. They also offer a wealth of varied resources such as information about food assistance, veterans services, disaster related services, just to name a few. If you were unable to attend the presentation or would like to find out more about it, you may dial 211 or 954-537-0211 or <a href="https://www.211-broward.org">www.211-broward.org</a>



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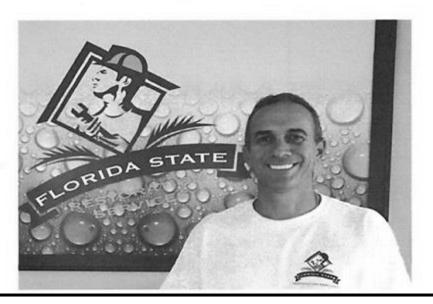
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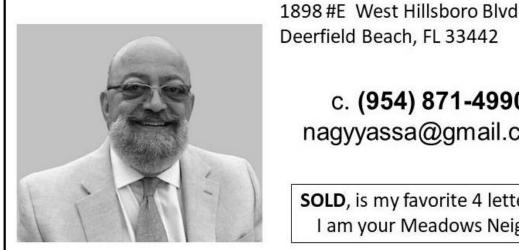
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# **October Celebrations**

# **Birthdays**

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

First Name	Last Name	Day
Francis	Reynolds	1
Juan	Rodriguez	1
Augustus	Sclafani	2
Barbara	Brignola	3
Leny	Desjardins	3
Derek	Lundstrom	3
Patricia	Sous	3
Derrick	Stone	4
Fresner	Dorelien	4
Lucia	Paul	4
Anthony	Reino	5
John	Pizzano	5
Marion	Dolan	6
Alexander	Lepeshinski	6
Rick	Chirichello	6
Alan	Barbier	7
Amadeu	Vieiera	8
Jacqueline	Blanchenay	9
Abraham	Falcon	9
Robert	Herst	10
Richard	Atlas	10
Wayne	Gray	12

First Name	Last Name	Day
Eddie	Gonzales	13
Elizabete	Zamberlan	15
Theresa	Ciminelli	15
Al	Mazzarella	15
Larry	Schatz	16
Monika	Russzin	16
Gerald	Page	17
Leslie	Rosenberg	18
William	Jeffries	18
Rosalind	Guadagnino	18
Antonio	DaCunha	19
Inez	Moore	20
Charles	Hager	21
Thea	Knight	22
Claude	Bernier	23
Eugene	Bueno	23
Gregory	Beer	25
Henriette	Mordecai	25
Jan	Mingolello	26
Olga	Gudkevich	28
Lori	Karol	29
Nancy	Krakowski	30

#### **Anniversaries**

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

Cesar Bravo & Francesca Pitsker	6
Steven & Patricia Schneider	10
Keith & Kathy Pomper	23
Benoit & Henriette Morecai	
Carmine & Angela Giancola	
Frank & Deborah DiSalvo	28



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Halloween
Mahjong 1:00 PM

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