



Golden Acres R. O. Association, Inc. 2024-2025

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Golden Acres Recreation Committee 2024-2025

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Sub Committee (Bingo)	Anne Knott
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Events

Bingo Committee	Anne Knott, Marilyn McKay, Paula Bunevith
Darts League	
Fun Shuffle	Team Captains
Golf	Ron Tasior and Ed Richtmyer
Health and Welfare	Master of Ceremonies (Coffee Hour)
Indoor Exercise	Elaine Janes, Carol Spinney
Newsletter Editor	Sue Bailey
Paddling Club	
Pickleball	Staicy Boyd Gunter
Pool Exercise	Debra Farris
Progressive Cards	Dave & Lynn Roselli
Shuffleboard	Bill Battersby, Dan Peters

President's Report

By Paula Bunevith #202

The Annual Board Picnic will be held on Wednesday March 20th at the clubhouse. Sign-up sheets will be available in the clubhouse. Time to be announced.

Happy Easter Everyone, the last Sunday in March this year. Some of you will probably be leaving to head back to your northern homes. We wish you Safe Travels and a great Easter and a fun filled Safe Summer.

As most of you know we had a power surge, and half the clubhouse was without electricity. As of this writing that problem has been fixed.

Second Inspections will be happening at the end of the month. If you have infractions and have corrected them, please notify Karin in the office. Otherwise, you will be receiving another notice.

As of this newsletter there are no coaches for sale. We had a very busy January and February.



Lighten Up -Have Fun.

Old people have a reputation for being grumpy. Don't let it grab you. I challenge you to put some fun back into your world. Buy a clown nose, Share your funny stories.

LAUGH OFTEN and SMILE.

From the Editor's Desk

By Sue Bailey #188

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Happy St Patrick's Day!

Another packed month of events for Golden Acres in March! In addition to our Weekly Repeats our scheduled events are Penny, Bake, Jewelry Craft Sale; Can/Am; St Patrick's Dance; Pancake Breakfast; Progressive Cards; Park Picnic; Golf Banquet; and Spring Send Off Social. Be sure to check out the dates on the March calendar.

Many thanks to all of you that provided articles and pictures for this month's newsletter. As a reminder, if you host an activity, it is always customary to send it to me along with pictures to share with all residents in the monthly newsletter. Please let's keep the articles and pictures flowing every month in 2024.

Some important dates to remember in March are:

10th: Daylight Savings Time (Spring Forward 1 hour)

11th: Commonwealth Day (Canada)

17th: St Patrick's Day

20th: Spring Begins (Spring Equinox)

31st: Easter

Until next time,

May God bless and keep you well and safe...

Quote of the Month: "The Dictionary is the only place where success comes before work." *Vince Lombardi, American Football Coach.*

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Greetings from the Office

By Karin Desmone

Please welcome Jeff Christian #27 and Tod & Denise Olsen #126 to the park. Congratulations and may you find lots of happiness, fun, and laughter in your new home.

Carport Sale – February 3, 2024

By Eleanor Saunders #76

Thank you to all who participated in the annual carport sale. Residents were pleased with the flow of traffic throughout the park. I hope, as you meandered around the park, you were able to meet some of our most recent new residents. Welcome to you all.

Thank you to Marty Wittenbols #153 for passing out the park map to our visitors. Thank you to Bob Mickel #29 and Paul Casavecchia #75 for putting out and bringing in the carport signs.

Some folks donated their left-over items to the white elephant table for the Penny raffle bazaar coming March 2nd. Thank you.

PENNY Raffle Bazaar - MARCH 2, 2024 - 0900 - 12:30

By Eleanor Saunders #76 and Pat Vanderheyden #23

Looking forward to the camaraderie and excitement at this year's Penny Raffle Event. Come out and make this year special for the recreation committee. **YOUR** donations are used to support recreational activities.

Please call the following residents if you are able to donate to the following tables.

Marcie #223 - bake table

Marilyn #194 - white elephant table

Lori #5 - jewelry

Pat #23 or Eleanor #76 - donations to the Penny raffle table

Tables are available for anyone interested in selling crafts at \$5/table.

Thanking everyone in advance - I know we are going to have a GREAT DAY!

Community 50th Anniversary Celebration

By Paula Bunevith #202 and Kathy Schmitt #217

We would like to Thank all of the workers that showed up on Saturday, February 10th to help set up the hall, we also would like to Thank Everyone who helped on Sunday, February 11th.

And to those of you who came and helped celebrate our four 50th Anniversary guests (Larry and Deborah Douthit #60; Steve and Deborah Pollard #221; Norman and Barbara Sanford #142; Gerald and Eleanor Saunders #77). A great big Thank you for making their day a huge success. A special Thank you to Donna Richtmyer #66 who did the name cards and Norma Moore #54 and Chris Sprague #96 for the flowers.



Recreation Report

By Debbie Douthit #60
Recreation Chair

The Big Red Bus made another visit to Golden Acres, as part of their blood drive. Thank you to the 17 park and many outside residents for giving the gift of life, what a worthy cause! A sign-up sheet will be made available on the clubhouse bulletin board for the next Red Bus donation. Kudos to resident donations!

A big thank you to Elanor & Gerald Saunders for spearheading this year's carport sale. Hopefully all participating residents found the event profitable, while many park residents enjoyed strolling through the court searching for the perfect bargain. As the saying goes..."one man's trash / good used stuff is another man's treasure", so all in all, I'd say it was a fun day for all!

From seating, to decorations, beautiful flowers, lovely autograph photo frames, cake, ice cream and attention to detail Kathy Schmidt and Paula Bunevith once again did an amazing job hosting our 50th anniversary party. Kathy and Paula work throughout the year to make sure this event is perfect for our milestone couples. Words cannot express our appreciation.

Thankfully Dunedin's well-known band, "Soul Fish," was booked for our Valentine's Day dance! The recreation committee called Soul Fish in Jan. 2023, only to be told that they were already booked. ☹ However, after much negotiation, we managed to book them for Valentine's Day & at a much-reduced cost of only \$600, compared to the \$2000 fee they charge for Valentine's Weekend! Steve and Linda Swann, along with committee help, did an outstanding job hosting our Valentine Dance. Around 100 attendees shared a Sweetheart of an evening!

We are humbled by the huge volunteerism and chair host managing the many activities our park has to offer. So please check your calendars and get involved, as we only have 4 days this month that some type of activity is not scheduled. We do appreciate Bob Mickle for his diligence in managing our constantly increasing scrolling TV calendar updates. So, come join in the fun!

March Event: Penny Sale.... Reach out to co-chairs Eleanor Saunders # 76 (or) Pat Vanderheyden #23. Pat and Eleanor will direct you as to where you can drop off wrapped baked items, new items, and jewelry you no longer wear. (excluding clothing and furniture) Table rental is available for talented arts and crafts residents. A few extra volunteers may also be helpful. The Penny Sale historically is a fun, profitable venue our residents look forward to attending. A special recognition goes to Rita Syroteuk for forming and managing our penny sale over the past few decades and working tirelessly while passing the torch to our next committee volunteers! Also, thank you to Eleanor and Pat for continuing this legacy event.

March Dance: St. Patrick's Dance Be sure to thank our longtime active park residents Ed & Donna Richtmyer #66, and Gordan & Glenda Spafford #151! These four were first to step-up and volunteer to co-host one of our four 2024 dances. Ed & Donna Richtmyer plus Gordan & Glenda Spafford will have tickets available prior to the Big Green Event.

March Pancake Breakfast: Jim Schmit t#217 and the grill master's second pancake breakfast of the season! Tickets are available and we appreciate each of you! Looking forward to your yummy pancakes!

March Can-Am....Contact Jimmy List and Robin Jewell # 19 for tickets and information. We are waiting anxiously as they work tirelessly with many talented volunteers while preparing our CanAm extravaganza!

Please review your calendar for March events from: pickleball, bowling, shuffleboard, euchre, progressive cards, darts, pool, exercise classes, bingo, and a plethora of unlisted events throughout the month of March.

A big gratitude of thanks to Paula Bunevith and board members for service on our Golden Acres board. We have a lovely park and a waiting list hoping to move in. This could not have occurred without our board leadership and volunteer efforts.

The recreation committee is here for each of you. Thank you for each of your patience and support. Deepest gratitude to our military families and the men and women that serve.

Blessings and good health... until next time.

Eating Healthier

From NIH (News in Health) newsinhealth.nih.gov

Wise Choices

- Choose whole foods whenever possible. These include fruits and vegetables, unprocessed meat and seafood, nuts, and legumes.
- Drink fewer sugar-sweetened beverages, such as soda and sports drinks.
- Choose foods made from whole grains rather than refined grains. For example, eat whole grain bread or pasta and brown rice instead of white bread, pasta, or rice.
- Keep healthy snacks on hand, like vegetables and hummus, fruit, low-fat yogurt, nuts, and seeds. That can make it easier to choose healthy foods when you're hungry.
- Read nutrition labels. Choose nutrient-rich products with simple ingredients. Limit those that are high in sugar and salt. Learn more at Nutrition.gov.
- Seek support. Get help from your family and friends. Consider consulting a dietitian.

Active-Duty Soldiers to Remember

Please take a moment to offer a prayer of thanks and remembrance to all those who help to protect our way of life. Keep them in your prayers until they return safely to their loved ones.

Adam Coburn (British Army), Nephew of Mildred and David Todd, Lot #2.

Damien Fitzpatrick (Tech Sgt. USAF) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.

Sean Fitzpatrick (Major US Army) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.

Reid Forster (Master Corporal with the 4th Royal Canadian Regiment) son of Dave Forster & Colleen Collins #128

Tim Joy, US Army Special Forces Green Berets, Fort Bragg, NC - Nephew of Jack Terry, Lot #141.

Daniel Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.

Matthew Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.

Brian Karhoff (US Army Major) Son of Nancy Karhoff, Lot #67.

Jacob Smith (PE3 Army M. Police) – Grandson of Valerie O'Farrell, Lot #31.

Colleen Terry, US Navy, Petty Officer 3rd class, Naples, Italy - Daughter of Jack Terry, Lot #141.

John Wilson (PFC 1st Class USMC) Iraq – Grandson of Jean Key, Lot #138.

So that we might get to know these courageous soldiers better, I would like to add their pictures to this section. Please forward any photos to Sue Bailey suebail999@gmail.com

For changes to the list of soldiers, please contact Sue Bailey suebail999@gmail.com

Utility Scams Heat Up During Colder Months

By Sue Bailey #188 as an AARP Fraud Watch Fighter

Free Helpline at (877) 908-3360 or

<https://www.aarp.org/benefits-discounts/all/aarp-fraud-helpline/>

Criminal impostors take on many faces, including those of utility companies.

While utility scams happen year-round, criminals are especially active when customers rely on these services to stay safe and warm during colder months.

Anyone who pays a utility bill can be a target, so here are some things to look for.

How It Works

- You get an unexpected visit, call, text, or email from someone claiming to be your power or water company.
- They may offer a free energy audit or assistance signing up for government programs to reduce energy bills.
- Or they threaten to cut off service unless you pay an overdue bill or maintenance cost immediately.

What You Should Know

- Utility impostors aim to convince you to make a payment to them or to supply personal or financial data that they can use to steal or sell your identity. They may open new accounts and run up charges in your name.
- Legitimate utility companies don't request personal information by email or phone, and they provide advance warning before disconnecting services.
- If anyone ever tells you to pay a bill by purchasing gift cards and sharing the numbers off the back, or to go to a bitcoin ATM to send payment that way, it is a scam.

What You Should Do

- It is a sad state of affairs to say not to answer your door when someone unexpectedly knocks and not to trust email messages, text messages, or phone calls, but this is the world we are in.
- If a message by any channel immediately puts you into a heightened emotional state, say fear or panic, let that be your sign to disengage.
- Contact your utility company at a number you know to be correct from a paper bill, through an online portal you have login credentials for, or by going directly to the utility's website. (Don't do a web search; the results often contain ads bought by criminals to direct customer service calls to them.)
- If you or a loved one have experienced a utility scam, report it to your actual utility company and to law enforcement. You can also share the information with the Federal Trade Commission online or by calling 877-382-4357.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Norma Moore #54

Golden Acres March Anniversaries

Let us wish these couples a very happy wedding anniversary.

Roy and Donna Outhouse	.....	March 4
Joe and Dianne Lemon	.....	March 15
David and Mary Orman	.....	March 17
Lorne and Cheryl Taylor	.....	March 20
Bill and Karen Obermark	.....	March 25

Golden Acres March Birthdays

We want to mention all those who are celebrating this month and send them our very best wishes.

Jacqueline Meunier	.....	March 1
Louis Tasior	.....	March 2
Susan Franco	.....	March 3
Dennis Cunningham	.....	March 4
Linda McCullough	.....	March 4
Kathy Houston	.....	March 6
Pascal Pillion	.....	March 6
Ronald Winders	.....	March 7
Karena Drane	.....	March 8
Kevin Roggenbuck	.....	March 8
Moya Bettridge	.....	March 11
Alan Woodlock	.....	March 12
Karen Obermark	.....	March 13
Barbara Kanney	.....	March 16
Patrick Blaney	.....	March 17
Thomas Frantz	.....	March 18
David Nicol	.....	March 18
Bobbi Bragg	.....	March 24
Tina MacLaren	.....	March 24
Ann Marie Zakala	.....	March 24
Marty Wittenbols	.....	March 26
Daniel Kirkey	.....	March 28
Barbara Pylinski	.....	March 28
JoAnn Daniele	.....	March 29
Ron Tasior	.....	March 29
Iris Desilets	.....	March 30
Michael McCallum	.....	March 30
Frank Van Alebeek	.....	March 30
Mike Piurowski	.....	March 31

Obituaries

Peggy Sue Slapak Obituary (Former Resident of Lot# 86)



With heavy hearts, we announce the death of Peggy Sue Slapak (Strongsville, Ohio), who passed away on February 1, 2024, at the age of 87. Family and friends are welcome to leave their condolences on this memorial page and share them with the family.

She was predeceased by her mother Maudie Castleman; and her brother Jerry Castleman. She is survived by her children, Donna Ferrini (late Frank), Jeff Slapak, John Slapak (Sandy) and Lisa Dynda (Curt); and her grandchildren, Angelina Ferrini, Bradon Slapak, Nicole, John Slapak, Casey, and Brooke Dynda.

Visitation was held on Sunday, February 4th, 2024, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Jardine Funeral Home (15822 Pearl Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136). A funeral service was held on Monday, February 5th, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the same location.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Rose Mary Masters **November 28, 1926 – February 2, 2024** (Former Resident of Lot# 107)

Rose Mary Masters, 97, of Mannington, passed away peacefully at her residence. She was born November 28, 1926, in Rachel, a daughter of the late Charles and Helen Havanko Sezbenski.

Rose Mary was a graduate of Farmington High School class of 1945 and was the oldest living member of her graduating class. She was employed by Westinghouse, having retired after 22 years of service as a final inspector and packer. She was also the oldest living member of the First Baptist Church in Mannington. After going on disability in 1971 due to rheumatoid arthritis, she continued to cook, bake, and provide for her family. Her strength and endurance, through the pain, was amazing. During her later years, people would remark on how strong she was.

Survivors include her 2 children: Nancy Masters (Ralph) Suter, Mannington, and Bruce (Audrey) Masters, Mannington; 2 grandchildren: Jaime Masters (Mike) Moore, Morgantown and Nicholas Masters, Fairmont; 4 great grandchildren: Colin (Kaitlinn), Caleb, Syndee, and Brittan; great grandchild: Linnon Rose Masters. 3 brothers: Edward (Edith) Sezbenski, OH, Richard (Belinda) Sezbenski, IN, and Robert Sezbenski, Rachel; 2 sisters: Mary Orleyarski, Fairmont and Charlotte Vaughn, FL; and several nieces and nephews including 2 special nieces Barbara Oleyarski Witt and Monica Sezbenski Behum.

The family would like to thank her care givers Mary & Sue as well as WV Caring Hospice. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years Elmer "Punk" Masters May 22, 2008, and a brother Joseph Sezbenski.

Friends may call at the Hutson Funeral Home, 500 E. Main Street, Mannington on Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. and on Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. with Pastor Charles Legg officiating. Interment will follow at the Mannington Memorial Park Cemetery. Condolences may be left for the family at hutsonfuneralhomes.com. The Hutson Funeral Home is honored to serve the Masters family.



March - 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Aqua Fit 10:30am Shuffle Team Practice 1pm	2 Penny Sale 9-12:30
3	4 Indoor Exercise 8am Blood Pressure Clinic 9:30-11 Aqua Fit 10:30am Shuffleboard League 12-4pm Pickleball TBD Bingo 7pm	5 Golf League Countryway 7:45am Walking with Belinda 9:30am Euchre League 6:30pm	6 Weekly Update 9am Aqua Fit 10:30am Bowling 3:15pm Pickleball TBD Shuffle Under the Stars 7-9pm	7 Indoor Exercise 8am Golf League Tarpon Springs 8:30am Walking with Belinda 9:30am Clubhouse Closed 12 noon -	8 Clubhouse closed Aqua Fit 10:30am Shuffle Team Practice 1pm CanAm Show & Social 7pm	9
10 Jammin' with Jim 7pm	11 Indoor Exercise 8am Aqua Fit 10:30am Shuffleboard League 12-4pm Pickleball TBD Bingo 7pm	12 Golf League - Countryway 7:45am Walking with Belinda 9:30am Euchre League 6:30pm	13 Weekly Update 9am Aqua Fit 10:30am Bowling 3:15pm Pickleball TBD St. Patrick's Dance 7:30-10	14 Indoor Exercise 8am Golf League Tarpon Springs 8:30am Walking with Belinda 9:30am Darts 7-9pm	15 Aqua Fit 10:30am Shuffle Team Practice 1pm	16 Pancake Breakfast 8 - 9am Progressive Cards 7 - 9pm
17	18 Indoor Exercise 8am Aqua Fit 10:30am Shuffleboard League 12-4pm Pickleball TBD Bingo 7pm	19 Golf League - Countryway 7:45am Walking with Belinda 9:30am Euchre League 6:30pm	20 Weekly Update 9am Aqua Fit 10:30am Park Picnic TBD Bowling 3:15pm Pickleball TBD Shuffle Under the Stars 7-9pm	21 Indoor Exercise 8am Golf League Tarpon Springs 8:30am Walking with Belinda 9:30am Darts 7-9pm	22 Aqua Fit 10:30am Shuffle Team Practice 1pm	23 Golf Banquet 5 – 7pm
24	25 Indoor Exercise 8am Aqua Fit 10:30am Shuffleboard League 12-4pm Pickleball TBD Bingo 7pm	26 Golf League - Countryway 7:45am Walking with Belinda 9:30am Spring Send-off Social TBA	27 Weekly Update 9am Aqua Fit 10:30am Bowling 3:15pm Pickleball TBD Shuffle Under the Stars 7-9pm	28 Indoor Exercise 8am Golf League Tarpon Springs 8:30am Walking with Belinda 9:30am Darts 7-9pm	29 Aqua Fit 10:30am	30
31 Easter Pot Luck Dinner 2-4pm						