



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

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Golden Acres Recreation Committee 2024-2025

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| Chairperson | Maureen Shannon |
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| Secretary | Bob Mickle |
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| Kitchen | Deb Pollard |
| Member-at-Large | Richard Barnes |

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Events

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| 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 | Rose West |

President's Report

By Tammy Davis #21

Hello Everyone:

It is that time of year when we say goodbye to all of our snowbirds for the season. As of this writing, we have no coaches for sale.

The board has created a list of summer maintenance projects. Some of these tasks include a new drip system for our landscaping in the front entrance, cleaning the fences throughout the park, painting the interior of the club house, and repairing and cleaning the sidewalks.

In the United States, the last Monday in May is a dedicated day for honoring U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the armed forces. Over 1.3 million Americans have paid the ultimate sacrifice for their nation. On this Memorial Day, may we remember all of our friends, family and acquaintances who have died for our freedom.



Greetings from the Office

By Karin Desmone

Please welcome George Vander Schelde & Joanne Molen #118, David & Tina Sinclair #147, Philip Morretta #34, and Michael Symak & Charmaine Hay #155 to the neighborhood. Congratulations and may you find lots of happiness, fun, and laughter at your new residence.

ATTENTION UNIT OWNERS

We have a rule at the pool and it's on the pool signs. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE POOL AREA.** Twice in the last couple of months we have had to ask folks **NOT** to drink Alcohol in the pool area. The board of health can come any day, any time, unannounced. If they came for an inspection or the insurance company came, we could be fined and shut down. Please inform your guests, visitors, and renters. **NO ALCOHOL** in the pool area. We know some of these guests, and visitors could be on the share which makes them owners. They should know the rules.

Also, All guests, visitors and renters are to sign in either at the library where there are two clipboards located on the wall or in the office.

Thank you and keep our community safe.

From the Editor's Desk

By Sue Bailey #188
suebail@tampabay.rr.com

The park is clearing out fairly quickly since in mid-April many of you have left to return to your northern homes for the summer. I hope that you had / have a safe and enjoyable journey getting to your final destination. Fall will be here before we know it and we will be welcoming you back to Golden Acres for another winter of good times.

Summer is more of a "laid-back" time in Sunny Florida, so not as many events occur as they do in the winter months. Wherever you are, whomever you're visiting or wherever you're vacationing, your articles are always welcome for the newsletter. We always like to read about what our fellow Golden Acres residents are doing and don't forget the pictures!

As May approaches, here are some notable events to remember:

- "Feliz Cinco de Mayo", Happy Fifth of May! It originated with Mexican American communities in the American West as a way to commemorate the cause of freedom and democracy during the first years of the American Civil War, and today the date is observed in the United States as a celebration of Mexican heritage and pride.
- Mother's Day is May 12th honoring mothers and motherhood. It is always on the second Sunday of May. So Happy Mother's Day to all and enjoy a relaxing day!
- For the Canadians, Victoria Day is May 20th to celebrate Queen Victoria's Birthday. Her actual birthday was May 24th, but it is now observed as the last Monday before the 25th. It is also known as the "May Long Weekend" or "May Two-Four" and is informally considered the beginning of the summer season in Canada. So Happy Victoria's Day!
- Memorial Day is May 27th to honor all Americans who have died while serving in the military. It is not to be confused with Veteran's Day (Nov. 11th) which celebrates the service of all military veterans. It is also informally considered the beginning of the summer season in the U.S. So Happy Memorial Day!

Quote of the month "Today, many will choose to leave the ghost of yesterday behind and seize the immeasurable power of today. Why not you?" *Steve Maraboli is a speaker, author, and behavioral scientist who has inspired millions with his quotes and stories.*

Until next time,
May God bless and keep you well and safe...

50th Anniversary 2025

By Paula Bunevith #202 & Kathy Schmitt #217

Did you get married in 1975? If you did you will be celebrating your 50th Anniversary in 2025. We would like to celebrate this special occasion with you on Sunday February 9, 2025, from 1 to 3 pm in our clubhouse. If you would like to celebrate, please contact one of us. Thank you.

St. Patrick's Day Dance

By Gord & Glenda Spafford #151

The St Patrick's Day Dance was held at the clubhouse on Wednesday March 13, 2024.

A good time was had by all in attendance. We danced the night away with wonderful music by the Popa J Band. A special thank you to our co-chairs Ed and Donna Richtmyer #66.

Paint & Sip Event Picture

Picture by Dan Perry #11



Wednesday Weekly 50/50 draw

By Glenda Spafford #151

I took on the task of selling 50/50 tickets each Wednesday morning, it was a pleasure to speak to everyone as they were buying their tickets. I am happy to announce that we were able to donate \$260.00 to the Wounded Warriors Project with this year's proceeds. Thank you to all who participated.

Shuffle Banquet Picture

Picture by Rose West #108



Amazing News to Share

By The Board of Directors

Amazing news to share.... The park has been awarded the Best of Dunedin award for Mobile Home Parks for 2024. This is *five* consecutive years that we have been presented with this award. Congratulations to every member for this incredible recognition.



RocOpraNatra Concert

By Dave & Lynn Roselli #97

We all enjoyed a wonderful performance by RocOpraNatra. Thanks to everyone for your donation. We collected \$1000 which was donated to St. Jude's children's Hospital on behalf of the residents of GA and RocOpraNatra. Thanks to Danny, Brian, and Chris for performing for our Park.

CanAm

By Robin Jewell & Jimmy List #19

We want to thank everyone who participated in CanAm. A special thanks to Gilles Prescott #91 for all his work on the technical aspects that went into the show. We can't thank him enough for the music and musical requests, video, lighting, and sound. Thanks to Jim Davis #21 who did a great job once again as our emcee. A shout out to Nancy Karhoff #67, and Richard Barnes #5 for helping Jimmy with setting up the stage and decorating. Another shout out to everyone who helped with tear down, ticket sales, ticket taking, and of course, to all of the talent! The talent takes a lot of time into creating/making costumes, sets, and rehearsals. We do have such great talent in Golden Acres! Thank you to all who attended, and we hope you enjoyed the show!

From Our Recreation Committee

By Debbie Douthit #60

Resigning Recreation Committee Chair 2022-24

Dear Golden Acres Members,

Easter Dinner was an indulging culinary exceptional experience, met with refined ambiance. Thank you to our meticulously curated menu, complemented by refreshed décor and fellowship, which offered the ideal setting for this memorable dinner thanks to Frank & Linda St Peter #140 and volunteers.

Much appreciated foods and luscious deserts were generously provided by host Jack Terry & Claudia Burke #141 & our bowling league, special music accompanied by our very own drummer Gary Collins rocked a seasonal farewell allowing residents to embrace the street party prior to departures by many residents for the summer.

With the advent of May, we are pleased to present updates and events aimed at enhancing your community experience. All events promise an engaging park, featuring summer and winter activities for our thriving, fully occupied community. We extend our sincere gratitude to our residents for your support and engagement, contributing to the vibrant atmosphere at Golden Acres.

For your convenience, we are thrilled as part of our 2022-2024 recreation commitment to recognize "Newly added events": Paint & Sip, Wine & Cheese, beginning bridge lessons & ping pong! The addition of professional RocOpraNatra and donations from residents were proud to report over \$1,000.00 was raised for St. Jude's Childrens Hospital! Thank you again to Margaret and John Sannachan #40, their nephew, Dave Roselli, and wife Lynn #97 for bringing son-in-law, Danny Scott, and professional musicians! They were fabulous!

Through recent activity enhancements and refinements, we maintain a complete 2024-2025 roaster and remain steadfast in our commitment to maintaining each category.

All Fall and Spring dances are booked, and all volunteer hosts are in place for next season's events.

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| NYE Dance | Dec 31, Frank DJ \$800.00 |
| Pajama Rama | Jan 14, Jason DJ \$375.00 |
| Valentine's Dance | Feb 14, Soul Fish \$800.00 |

St. Patricks Dance March 12, Steve & Kenny \$375.00.

We invite new and existing residents to relish the exquisite flavors and impeccable service that characterizes our community by volunteering to host and/or participate in our many calendar events.

Much gratitude to Gerald Saunders #76! Gerald was instrumental during his past role as board liaison on our recreation committee while relinquishing his duties to the capable hands of Randy Nickle #225.

Embrace the Syzygy and cherish Your Community experience as we observe the unique alignment of events. Let us pause to cherish the camaraderie and experience that define our esteemed park. While the term “syzygy” may be uncommon in everyday conversation, its significance mirrors the exceptional nature of our community and the cherished moments we share together. We look forward to welcoming you to Golden Acres as we embark on a summer filled with camaraderie, excitement, and culinary delights. Your presence enriches the fabric of our community, and we are committed to exceeding your expectations at every opportunity through past and current, recreation committee, board members, office management & each volunteer!

Summer Recreation Members

Summer Committee Elaine Mackey #59

Summer Committee Gina Douthit #55

Summer Committee Fran Clark #47

Summer Committee Debbie Douthit #60

Safe travels, Blessings, and good health... until next time.

God bless our Military for our many Freedoms.

Totally Amazing

By Roz Frabotta #72

The April 8th total eclipse lived up to all the hype!

I am sooooo appreciative of how lucky I am to have such a major event as a total eclipse being in the center of the path of totality literally right in my own back yard! I'm so glad to have made the decision to return home to Cleveland so early in April for the eclipse! It was a calculated risk counting on favorable weather in northeast Ohio in early April, but the weather did not disappoint. Not only was it sunny, but it was also warm!

My niece and her husband traveled from Kansas City and my nephew, his wife and sons traveled from California to witness this phenomenon with me. I hosted my out-of-town relatives, a local niece, Leigh and Anita Herington (coach #83), and a couple of friends, and we saw everything beautifully and completely right from the comfort of my own back yard!

Watching the moon eclipse the sun was incredible in itself but the sight of the totally eclipsed sun and the earthly experience of totality was spectacular!!

The coolness of the 10-degree temperature drop, the darkness (actually not as black as I thought it would be) and the 360 degree “sunrise” was a very surreal and an amazing experience. An experience beyond any expectations and quite the celebration!!

Now I understand why my “kids” traveled from KC and CA for this event. Leigh, Anita, and I are going to join them as “total eclipse chasers!” We're looking at Spain on August 12, 2026! Seriously!







Anita & Leigh Herington #83 and Roz Frabotta #72

Appendix Pain - Preventing Appendicitis Complications

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

Appendicitis Symptoms

- The most common symptom of appendicitis is pain in your belly. This pain may:
- Begin near your belly button and move lower and to your right.
- Start suddenly and may even wake you if you're sleeping.
- Get worse when you move around, take deep breaths, cough, or sneeze.
- Be severe and may feel different than any pain you've ever felt.
- Happen before other symptoms, and worsen in a matter of hours.
- Other symptoms may include loss of appetite, nausea or vomiting, or a fever.

The Social Security Office is Calling Except It's Not

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/>

How It Works

- You get an unexpected call, text, or email from someone claiming to be from SSA who needs to talk with you urgently.
- You learn there is a problem with your Social Security number, for example, warning that it's been linked to criminal activity and suspended.
- Or they will explain that you qualify for an increase in your benefit, but you must register and pay a fee to obtain it.
- To address whatever issue they present you need to share sensitive information such as your Social Security number or pay with gift cards, a wire transfer, cryptocurrency, or a payment app.

What You Should Know

- Criminals rely on getting their target into a heightened emotional state, such as fear from threats of arrest or excitement over the promise of more money. They know that it's hard to access logical thinking when emotions are high.
- SSA will not call you out of the blue and will not ask for your Social Security number, they already have it.
- Sometimes the criminal will attempt to add an air of authenticity by claiming to be from the Social Security Office of the Inspector General, no matter what office they claim to be from, it's a lie.

What You Should Do

- Don't engage anyone calling you who claims to be from the Social Security Administration; if you are there is a problem with your account, contact SSA at 800-772-1213 (but prepare to wait a while before you talk to a person).
- You can set up a "My SSA Account" and receive encrypted communications from SSA through it. With access, you can go online to find if SSA is trying to reach you. You can also check the status of an application, get a replacement card, and more. Get started at ssa.gov/myaccount.
- If you shared your Social Security number and feel it was part of a scam, file a police report for a record, and go to IDtheft.gov for specific guidance on protecting against its use in identity fraud.

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 t 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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Norma Moore #54

Golden Acres May Anniversaries

Let us wish these couples a very happy wedding anniversary.

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| William and Kay Erickson | | May 4 |
| John and Rose West | | May 4 |
| Constantine and Christina Argona | | May 6 |
| Jack and Susan Bailey | ..... | May 14 |
| Joe and Nancy Armeli | ..... | May 15 |
| Kevin and Diana Roggenbuck | ..... | May 23 |
| Leon and Helen Collins | ..... | May 26 |
| Stewart and Sandra Guptill | ..... | May 27 |
| Richard and Marie Hutchison | ..... | May 28 |

Golden Acres May Birthdays

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

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| John Cullen | | May 4 |
| Chris Minnick | | May 5 |
| Steven Robertson | | May 5 |
| Richard Binette | | May 6 |
| Mary Lou Larmand | ..... | May 6 |
| Colleen Collins | ..... | May 7 |
| Helen Collins | ..... | May 7 |
| Jacqueline Honyust | ..... | May 7 |
| Gordon Spafford | ..... | May 7 |
| Mark Germann | ..... | May 8 |
| Roy Outhouse | ..... | May 8 |
| Sue Call | ..... | May 10 |
| Diane Hinds | ..... | May 10 |
| Lorraine Fittipoldi | ..... | May 12 |
| Barbara Schuster | ..... | May 12 |
| Barbara Zurich | ..... | May 13 |
| Joe Bunevith | ..... | May 14 |
| Brian Larmand | ..... | May 14 |
| Ed Morin | ..... | May 14 |
| Richard Hutchison | ..... | May 15 |
| John Ayles | ..... | May 16 |
| Susanna Glass | ..... | May 16 |
| Lynne Mickle | ..... | May 16 |
| Roberta Lattanzio | ..... | May 17 |
| Keith Pylinski | ..... | May 17 |
| John Burke | ..... | May 19 |
| Kathy Burke | ..... | May 20 |
| John Kanney | ..... | May 20 |
| Michael Moran | ..... | May 20 |
| David Sinclair | ..... | May 20 |
| Manfred Grasser | ..... | May 22 |
| Scott Mackey | ..... | May 23 |
| Richard Maxwell | ..... | May 25 |
| Scott Skrypek | ..... | May 25 |
| Mildred Todd | ..... | May 25 |
| Marcie Zweifel | ..... | May 26 |
| Debra Kay Farris | ..... | May 26 |
| Maureen Shannon | ..... | May 28 |
| Pat Vanderheyden | | May 30 |

May - 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 19 | 20 Indoor Exercise 8am Aqua Fit 10:30am | 21 | 22 Aqua Fit 10:30am | 23 Indoor Exercise 8am | 24 Aqua Fit 10:30am | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Indoor Exercise 8am Aqua Fit 10:30am | 28 | 29 Aqua Fit 10:30am | 30 Indoor Exercise 8am | 31 Aqua Fit 10:30am | |