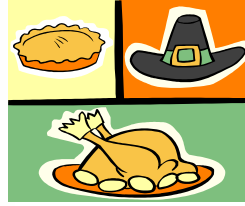


# Carefree Times

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Transitions....It seems like I have been told about, or warned of, or prepared for, the many transitions I would have to experience in my life. They were to be exciting and important times, especially as I moved through the milestones of adulthood and prepared for retirement. Retirement would arrive and the transitions would be part of my memory. Well here I am, and the transitions are still coming fast and furiously. To coin a phrase "transitions are just a gentle word for change". And change has been part of our experience at Carefree.

The beauty and excellence you experienced when you returned to Carefree is testimony to the superior work that our manager and staff and full-time members have accomplished on our behalf Ed Rawles; our manager, has exceeded all expectations in his willingness to extend himself well beyond agreed-to goals. Changes in staff led to unanticipated problems but were resolved in ways that have left us better prepared for the challenges ahead. Our full-time residents experienced these "transitions" first-hand, and I appreciate the many calls and emails I received throughout the summer, each giving me first hand observations of Carefree events.

I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the Board, all of whom were called upon to consider ongoing park circumstances, discuss and make decisions on a number of issues arising May through September. In addition to the many phone calls, emails and office-generated memos, they always responded to my call for information, all of which contradicts the misinformed suggestion that they are members of a part-time board. The Board met on two occasions via phone-conference to act upon two timely and important issues. Board member Andy Kuriluk chaired the meetings, all members cooperated; and it worked well.

In an unprecedented number, we are again faced with "transitions". All cannot be mentioned in this moment or even known, but they include the appointment of a new manager, pending insurance increases, waste water treatment plant compliance requirements, a thorough review of our bylaws, supporting rules and regulations, etc. They will challenge our ambition; our industry, our ideas, our finances, and they will challenge and test our ability to work together.

Five hundred share holders, one thousand residents, both full-time and seasonal, will have difficulty in coming to common agreement on each of these pending issues. But as I look back to 15 years of active participation in Carefree, look at the wonder of what we have now, and then view the "transitions" we will face, it becomes obvious to me. It will be hard, even divisive, but we have persevered.

With all of you joining together in the Carefree tradition we will succeed.

Charles A. Rogers

## THE EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Jingle bells, jingle bells!




The Employee Christmas Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 8th, in the Lake Bess Room at 12 noon. This is one way we can say thank you to our employees for their hard work caring for our park throughout the year.

Monetary donations will be accepted on the employee's behalf on November 16 and November 21 at the Golf Center from 10 a.m. to 12 noon or they may be given to Sue Aber, Lot 554; Anna Giese, Lot 785; Shirley Dussl, Lot 475 or Ruth Lerom, Lot 85.

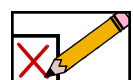
Thank you in advance for the consideration to our employees.

Sue Aber, # 554

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE!

- Please make sure you have a title to your unit in your name as well as your proprietary lease and membership certificate. This is a **MUST** if you decide to sell. 
- WALKERS! When the gate is closed, use your clicker – **DO NOT** force the gate open.
- The 20 yard dumpsters are for brush only: tree limbs, branches, leaves, etc. **NO LUMBER**. If what you have will not fit in the 8 yard dumpsters – like furniture, please contact Jan Robertson, #253; Doris Hawkinsen, #629, The Salvation Army, or the office. **DO NOT LEAVE BESIDE THE DUMPSTERS.**

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 7TH!



## WELCOME BACK DANCE



**Saturday, December 2nd from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.**

Bring your drinks, snacks, and party spirit as we travel back in time to Florida the way it used to be. Big band sound. Casual dress. Down home hospitality.

Tickets go on sale at the Golf Center, Monday, Nov. 20 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. until noon.

Any remaining tickets will be sold Monday, Nov. 27 from 8 to 9 a.m.

Limit 2 tickets per lot. Bring your photo ID and cash (no checks). \$6.00 per person.

Table seating may be chosen at the time of ticket purchase.

**Singles** – We need you, we want you, and we will have a special table for you.

Jim Beaulieu & Karen Jensen, #1020  
Gary & Alice Gilbertson, #257

### CAREFREE CHAPEL



Welcome back to Carefree!

Chapel services will resume for the season on

**Sunday, November 5th, at 9:30 a.m.**

We are fortunate to have Pastor Ray Haugland doing most of the preaching and we are fortunate to have Pastor Gil Meseke back with us.

Come and worship with your friends and neighbors. We would love to see you there.

Jean Westermann, #607, Chair, Chapel Committee



Carefree Chapel Choir will rehearse every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. in the upper Clubhouse. All who wish to join are welcome!

**The family of Bill Dolbow, #828, appreciates all the kindnesses shown to them during their bereavement.**



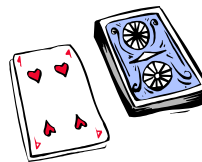
### CRIBBAGE

**UPPER CLUBHOUSE**

**EVERY FRIDAY AT 7 P.M.**

**ALL WELCOME!**

**Bev Lewis – Lot 456**



### **Ladies Marathon Bridge!**

The sign-up sheets are now posted on the Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse Basement.

Play will start on the 5th of January at 1 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

Anyone who wants to play and doesn't have a partner please contact Jean Petrie at 326-1372 (#772)

### CAREFREE RED HATTERS!



There will be a meeting in the Upper Clubhouse on November 14th from 1 to 3 p.m.

This will be a Koffee Klatch!

Bring along suggestions and ideas for the coming winter season.

Queen Donna, #607



## LINE DANCE

Advanced Beginner & Intermediate  
Starting, Monday, October 23

This class requires a basic knowledge of line dance steps. It meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the Upper Clubhouse

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Beginner  
Starting Wednesday, January 10

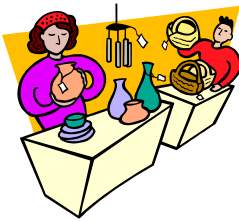
This class is for the novice dancer. The only requirement is a desire to have fun.

We will learn basic steps and do easy dances.  
The class meets Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 am until 11:30 am in the Upper Clubhouse.

Remember –  
There are no mistakes in line dancing, only innovations!

Alice Gilbertson, #257

## HOLIDAY BAKE SALE & ART/CRAFT BAZAAR



Mark your calendar and join in the fun on Friday, November 17th at 12 noon in the upper Clubhouse. There will be baked goods; hand-crafted items made by park residents; the Attic Treasure Shop for old treasures! Then make plans to sit down and visit with your friends and neighbors over a cup of coffee and a goody. There will also be a raffle. Door prize drawings will take place beginning at 12:15 and will be drawn every fifteen minutes until closing at 1:30.

All residents are encouraged to make their favorite baked items or candies to be sold at the Bake Sale. Please bring them to the Clubhouse between 11:15 and 11:45 a.m. If you have something to donate to the Attic Treasure Shop please bring please bring it along with you at the same time.

Do you have craft items that you would like to sell? Tables are available to all Carefree residents at \$8 for an 8' table or \$4 for a half table.

To reserve your space call  
Joy Gordon at 324-2419  
or  
Carolyn Hapke at 326-9698.

## CLUBHOUSE LOWER LEVEL & KITCHEN

The lower Clubhouse has been completed with the exception of one area. We would like to thank Ed Rawles, Manager, for helping us navigate the political arena, for his dogged determination that the bathrooms would be done. Our thanks to James Blackburn, Maintenance, for painting and hanging whatever we wanted painted or hung. But, mostly just for "putting up" with us! James, you should be employee of the year!

Our thanks to Mel Braxton, our new cleaning lady, for keeping the Clubhouse so spotless. Last, but far from least, our special thanks to Andy Kiriluk. We hope you enjoy it!

Judy Kiriluk, #457  
Loree Rumble, #825



The Clubhouse kitchen has been thoroughly cleaned over the Summer. The decorations, including the window toppers, are now complete. New labels have been added to the cupboard doors. **The new rule for the kitchen this year is.....anything left in the frig and not labeled for future use will be thrown away in a few days.**

This will prevent spoilage.

Loree Rumble, #825

## SALES & MARKETING



A special thanks to Don & Marian Novodvorsky for doing a superb job of keeping the Sales & Marketing going this summer. There were 3 units and 2 lots sold from May 1st to the present time. There are now 10 units and 2 lots listed for sale.

The dates for the 3 open houses will be January 5; February 2 & March 3. The office will not be manned until January 1st, 2007, but, one of my committee or myself will be on call every day – anytime.

Betty Hall, #622

## Carefree Blood Mobile

Carefree has accumulated 375 points toward blood replacements. You may be eligible to have blood replaced by the

Blood Banks of Mid-Florida Medical Services.

Call Mary Wedig at 324-0270 to discuss.

## THANKSGIVING

Watch the Bulletin Board  
by the mailboxes  
for information  
about the dinner!



## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

I hope by now you have seen the changes in our Clubhouse! Please thank our very own "Martha Stewarts" of Carefree. . Judy Kiriluk, Loree Rumble, with the assistance of Mary Wedig deserve to be congratulated on the newly redecorated lower clubhouse, bathrooms and kitchen decor. Special thanks also to Priscilla Badgley who organized, sent e-mails, and made special trips to surrounding communities looking for just the right look to complete our Clubhouse. The lower Clubhouse, bathrooms and kitchen have been redecorated. The upper Clubhouse bathrooms were redecorated by the Tarpley's and the Coopy's at the end of last season.



We would like to thank James Blackburn for his help and donating the fishing tackle you see in the men's room. Thanks to all the caring and talented people of Carefree for all they have accomplished.

The library shelving has been neatly organized by Betty Greathouse. The shelving and new blinds were purchased with funds from the Activities Committee.

**Want to have a New Year's Eve Dance?** I sure do, but we won't unless someone steps up to the plate and volunteers to be the convener. If you've never hosted a dance here's your chance. Without YOU there are no activities!



Kay Dawson, Activities Chair , #448



## "FORE!" YOUR INFORMATION

Welcome to the 2006-07 Carefree Golf Season! Please welcome our new superintendent, Mike Rice. Mike comes with a wealth of golf course experience recently employed at Highland Ridges. Through this transition there will be both complaints and compliments.

Let's give Mike and his staff both the space and time needed to accomplish their job. I have no doubt that we will be proud of their accomplishments.

As you play our course you'll notice some changes. Missing trees have succumbed to both stress and the friendly Florida woodpeckers. Most noticeable to each golfer will be the pine on #1, having withstood hurricanes that pine has been put to rest along with the black wreath. Over-seeding will be done shortly, with a good take expected on fairways and greens. With the help of **ALL** golfers our fairways and greens will stay in shape all season. Remember to fix all fairway divots when possible and don't forget those ball marks on the greens. Fix yours and one other.

The tee boxes are a delicate part of every golf course. Tee markers are placed according to the needs of the tee areas, not to the needs of each individual golfer. In other words, **leave them where they are placed.** Tee boxes will be constantly under repair when golfers move markers. It is up to you to adjust your game and **not** the markers. Dates for the 2007 Club Tournament are March 12, 13, 15 & 16. Rain dates are March 14 & 19. Your Golf Committee has some new ideas and events for the season, stay tuned for more information.

Paul Dawson, Golf Chair, #448



Join us on  
Saturday, November 11th  
at 11 a.m.  
on the  
Clubhouse lawn  
for our  
10th Annual Veteran's Day  
Service

## CAREFREE BEARS



Come and join us on November 16 and every Thursday after (not Thanksgiving) at 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Lake Bess Room to make bears for Winter Haven Hospital and the Polk County Sheriff's Department.

Last year we made them for the Fun Band to take with them to the Nursing Homes. In the three years we've been making bears, our total is now 2,268. Wow!

A special thanks to our faithful ladies who volunteer to help us, and also, those who work at home! Thanks to all who have donated fabric, ribbons (1/2" or under) and polyester fill. Any monetary contributions toward the fill is also appreciated. We can still use donations.

See you there!

Marion Roberts , Lot 683

"THANK YOU" for all the cards, well wishes, phone calls and prayers, following my accident. Recovery road has been good.



Art Hunt

**Deadline for the  
December Issue of the Carefree Times is  
Wednesday, November 15th.  
Please e-mail me your submissions at  
carefreetimes@atlantic.net  
or deliver to  
Ruth Armstrong, #533**