



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm a big fan of new beginnings. My life's work was in the schoolhouse and new beginnings were a very important part of our message to both teachers and students. The thought that we can create opportunities to consider what has passed and anticipate what may follow is a powerful incentive to us to reach for our dreams and plan for our future. Those who have observed the changes here in Carefree can attest to the fact that we are a work in progress. The hurricanes of 2004 are fading memories to us. We see through-out the community that the destructions and aggravations caused by the storms have allowed us to become a better, brighter, newer, and more cohesive community of neighbors. We are entering a new year, a new beginning. Our religions, our cultures, our traditions provide us opportunities to reflect upon our past and plan for our future. This has been an ongoing process at Carefree.

One new beginning is the appointment of Ed Rawles as our Community manager. Not really new to many of us but in our present day expectations of a permanent flexibly scheduled manager, a new beginning never-the-less. Our community staffed committees are planning for a season of events that will fill our calendars with opportunities to join with our friends, neighbors and acquaintances to celebrate the Carefree life.

We will be called upon to study and review a number of proposals that are important to our future. Studies will be issued, meetings will be held, discussions will be encouraged and you will have opportunities to become informed and knowledgeable of the issues before us. There will be some who will put before us issues that will tend to divide us. We must all agree that we will work through these troubling events, thoughtfully, respectfully and with the best interests of Carefree in mind as we seek solutions to our problems.

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Message from the President.....continued

There are so many good things happening around us and for us, organized and staffed by Carefree residents, that one is tempted to try to name all who deserve our recognition and gratitude. Reality and the length of the list suggest other-wise, but I would call your attention to the list of committee chairs which is posted this month on the Office Bulletin Board, and lists the many committee chairs that work on our behalf.

New Beginnings? What are your plans??

On behalf of the Board of Directors, may I wish you a happy, healthy, and problem-free New Year.

Charles A. Rogers, # 555



PLAN AHEAD!

Please mark your calendar!
February 11, 2007
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Your presence will help to make our
NEW RESIDENTS' RECEPTION
an occasion!

Lively entertainment,
ice cream delights, cookies, coffee and
more will enhance the evening.

Welcome Committee – Frank & Kathy Weis, #821
318-1781



WISCONSIN DAY

Meet your fellow Wisconsinites
Saturday, February 3, 2007
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
in the Lake Bess Room

Sloppy Joes provided!
Please bring a dish to pass and your own
table service.

RSVP by January 27th to
Bonnie Heezen, #852 – 326-5470
or Cal Buntman, #872 – 3265744

FUN BIKE GROUP



We meet every Monday morning at
9 a.m. by the mailboxes!

If you would like to join us please come
any Monday morning and join the fun!

Jean Flake, #781
Dolores Borgstrom, #447

CHRISTMAS DECORATION REMOVAL



Thank you to all the 8th Street residents who
helped put up the Christmas decorations and
an anticipated thank you to all the 8th Street
residents who will help with the removal and
storage of the decorations.

Removal will be Thursday, January 4th at 9:30 a.m.

Dick Gengler, Chairman, # 824 – 324-5366
Don Lawrence, Co-Chairman, # 762 – 326-1960

THANK YOU!

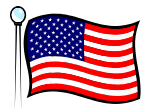
Thank you to all of Santa's elves for
your generosity and caring.



It made our **Employee Christmas Luncheon** a huge success. The employees enjoyed their luncheon, gifts and cookies.

Hugs to all –
Sue Aber, #554
Anna Giese, #785

GOLFERS NEEDED



Thirty Canadian couples
and thirty American
couples are needed for the February 12, 2007 Annual
Carefree Can Am Golf Tournament.
Check the bulletin board in the Golf Center after
January 7th for further information.

Bert and Dick Mackey, Lot #834



RECYCLING COMMITTEE TIPS

We recycle aluminum cans, plastic, tin
cans, glass, plastic bags, phone books and
rechargeable batteries.

Please recycle all newspapers. Do not put paper or plastic
bags, soda cartons, or cardboard in the newspaper dump-
ster..

Crush and rinse all containers before placing in their bins.
Remove all caps and lids.
Many thanks for your help.

Ed Richards, # 712

CELEBRATION OF SHARING

Again this year the Carefree C.C. have
shown their generosity above all
expectations. Every year in the past our
members have stepped up and helped
the needy. The Salvation Army is one of
the finest organizations in helping the
needy. The Commander here in Winter Haven sends his
very sincere holiday wishes to our Carefree members.



This year's food collections have exceeded last year by
about 15%. The money collected was \$2,415. Again an
increase from 2005. Can you not feel proud of yourselves?

Sue and I wish to thank all of you who have contributed
time and energy in the Celebration of Sharing. We who
have so much show that sharing with the needy warms
our hearts in this holiday season.

Respectfully,
Sue & Roy Young, #680

We want to say "thank you" to all the caring
and wonderful people here at Carefree for all
the prayers, phone calls and cards during
Don's recent heart problems and surgery.
We are grateful to be back at Carefree once
again.



Don and Char Olson, # 865

GRAB YOUR PARTNER AND COME SQUARE DANCING

Saturday, February 24th—Upper Clubhouse
7—8:30 p.m.
Caller is Keith Stevens



Watch the bulletin boards for date of ticket sales.
Conveners are Les & Robbie Hansen, # 871

Final square dancing night will be Saturday, March 31st,
so mark your calendars now! For more information call
Loree Rumpel # 825 at 324-2069.

WINTER DANCE

Saturday, January 27th — 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.



Tickets go on sale at the Golf Center,
Monday, January 15th from 8 to 10 a.m.

If not sold out tickets will be sold on
Tuesday, January 16th from 8 to 10 a.m.

Limit 2 tickets per lot. Bring your photo ID
and cash, no checks—\$7.00 per person

Jim & Shirley Kurn, #707
Tom & Marlene Drennen, #813

ATTENTION ALL TENNIS PLAYERS

Please check the board at the tennis courts and up-
date the list of names with new phone or lot num-
bers.

We have two groups playing. One group plays at
8:30 a.m. Monday—Saturday with server out if there
is an odd number.

The second group mostly plays in the afternoon or
whenever four people can arrange a game.

You can play with either or both groups. To show
your interest put an "M" in front of your name for
the morning group or an "A" for the afternoon
group.



Remember— all are welcome!

Lew Trumper, #835—326-9504

DID YOU KNOW . . .

that **Jim Corbeil, # 365**, participated in the 13th
Annual Florida Senior Games State Champion-
ships, hosted by The Villages, and was top
overall finisher in the 5K race walk with a time
of 27:36.31 to set a new record in the 65-69 age group.



This qualifies Jim for the 2007 National Senior Games in
Louisville. The 13th Annual State Championships feature
a total of 2,914 senior athletes (age 50 & over) competing
in 23 sports & events.

Congratulations, Jim!

WORK DAY—2007



Mark your calendars now!
Work day will be a little earlier in 2007!

The date is Thursday, February 1st.

If you have requests for work please call me no later than
Friday, January 26th.

Last year we had a great turnout
and we are counting on YOU for February.

Burt Brevik, # 360—324-7346



RE-SALES

There are now 11 units and 2 lots for sale.

January Open House will be:

Friday, January 5th from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The next open house dates will be
Friday, February 2 & Friday, March 9.

Betty Hall, # 622

CAREFREE BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be on
Tuesday, January 9
at 7:00 p.m. at the Golf Center.

My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult will be discussed.
Everybody is welcome.



For more information contact:
Kay Hathaway #348 (324-7167)



THE CAREFREE GREY EAGLES

The Grey Eagles met for the first time this season on Monday, November 21st. A change of plans directed them to the Florida Air Museum on the Sun 'n Fun grounds at the Lakeland Airport. There are many beautifully restored old aircraft on display, pictures and stories. We experienced a new traveling exhibit, "Heroes of the Sky, Adventures in Early Flight" that celebrates more than 100 years of flight through stories of men and women who transformed airplanes from the novel inventions of tinkerers into sophisticated machines of transportation, commerce and war. Twenty-six members and wives attended and enjoyed an excellent lunch at Tony's Restaurant, second floor of the Terminal Building.

The December 18th meeting was held in the Upper Clubhouse Ballroom. Bill Roach entertained with a showing of pictures of the trip to the Florida Air Museum. He also presented "Champions of the Wave". This was a video of a soaring championship in New Zealand.

The next meeting will be held in the Upper Clubhouse on January 15th at 10:45 a.m. See you then!

Art Tomes, #552

POOL NEWS



Scheduled times in the pool:

9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Therapeutic Lap Swimming
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	Water Exercise
11 a.m. to 12 noon	Water Walking (Check Bulletin Board for details)
5 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Lap Swimming

Karen Jensen, Pool Committee Chair, # 1020

I hope that you are all enjoying the Nativity Scene.

I want to thank Roger Anderson, Darwin Francis, Jerry Fischer and Clare McArthur for all the help in putting it in place.

Enjoy and have a Blessed Christmas!

Jo Anderson, # 616
Gifts and Memorials



DANCE CALENDAR – 2007

Sat. Jan. 13 Brats Dance
5:00 – 6:00 Dinner
6:00 – 9:00 Dance – Roger Schultz
Conveners: Del & Carolyn Hapke # 337

Sat. Jan. 27 Winter Dance
7:30 – 10:30 Goldtones
Conveners: Jim & Shirley Kurn # 707
Ron & Sharon Nelson # 610

Sat. Feb. 10 Valentine's Dance
7:30 – 10:30 Heartland
Conveners: Don & Carime Corbett # 735
Porter & Peggy Hood # 749
Sonny Nuteson & Marje Baade # 259

Sat. Mar. 10 St. Patrick's Dance
7:30 – 10:30 Len & Lois
Conveners: Dan & Betsy Carlin # 787
Tom & Marlene Drennen # 813



ATTENTION GOLFERS – REMINDER



To be eligible to participate in the Annual Club Golf Championships in March, you must have a handicap based on at least 10 rounds from the current season. Please enter your score in the computer after every round.

Bob Borgstrom, # 808
Bud Aber, # 554
Tournament Committee

CAREFREE BEARS



We appreciate your donations, especially polyester fill – we've really been stuffing those bears! This Fall we gave 111 to Winter Haven Hospital and over 100 to the Sheriff's Department. Thanks to all our ambitious and dedicated women who make this possible.

Join us on Thursdays from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Lake Bess Room.

THE CHANCELLORS QUARTET



This group of gospel singers is special to many of our Carefree residents and we wanted to tell you they will be singing at:

**Hope Presbyterian Church
(2110 Cypress Gardens Blvd)
on Saturday, January 13th at 6 p.m.**

A free will offering will be taken.

CAREFREE TRAVEL CLUB NEWS



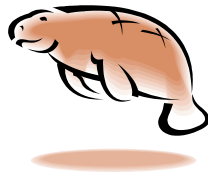
Our PANAMA CANAL CRUISE is scheduled for January 19-29, 2007. We're excited as several Carefree members are taking the cruise.

Our last Travel Club meeting was held in March 2006. Suggestions at that meeting are now implemented for 2007:



January 30th – St. John's State Park – Day Trip

February 12/13 – Webster Flea Market – on to Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park; overnight at Spring Hill, Hansen Inn. 13th – Tarpon Springs (1 night).



March – Charleston & Savanna Trip (3 nights) - dates to be determined.

April 4/5 – Fort Myers – Manatee Boat Tour, Broadway Palms Dinner Theater "Dam Yankees"; April 5th – Edison Ford Museum (1 night)

Watch the bulletin board in the lower level of the Clubhouse; Channel 95 and our Carefree Times Newsletter for details and pricing. Call **"PERSONAL TOUCH TOURS** at 292-8701 to RESERVE. 1146 Havendale Blvd., Spring Lake Square in Winter Haven to sign up. If we have 20 people from Carefree going, they will pick us up. If not, you would meet the bus at Spring Lake Square SW corner by Personal Touch Tours.

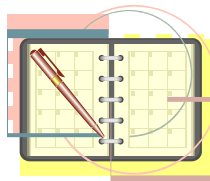
Our 1st meeting is on January 9th at 1 p.m. in the Clubhouse. You can sign up for tours then or call them early.

Thanks to each of you who attended our Travel Meetings last season. The meetings for 2007 are as follows:

January 9th – 1 to 2 p.m.
February 13th – 11 to 12 noon
March 12th – 7 to 8 p.m.

Judy & Harold Honkola, # 710
Virginia & Jim Kirchoff, # 435

GOT YOUR 2007 CALENDAR READY?



If you thought that the "holiday rush" had ended, start making plans for the "Carefree Rush" of activities for 2007! Just pick the event(s) you'd like to attend and start having a great time with your family of neighbors.

There are so many things to do that I urge everyone to carefully read the calendar and check the bulletin boards for the events, dates and times. Whether it's cards, bingo, trips or dances there is definitely something for everyone at Carefree. With this thought fresh in your mind, it goes without saying, that all these choices are made possible by some of Florida's most incredible volunteers . . . **YOU!**

Just a couple of reminders for all conveners. Please remember to put in a temperature request at the office for your event. Bill and his staff are still working to make sure everyone is comfortable and need to be reminded of everyone's needs. Make sure you check with Loree Rumble or Sandy Weber with your paper product needs. Last, but not least, follow the posted guidelines for occupancy. Most important have fun!

Be on the lookout for a new weight machine in the fitness room. Ray Slaunwhite has assured us that this new machine is designed for both men and women. Attendance in the fitness room is growing and this machine will fit the needs for all of us. Once the machine is installed, Ray will be holding informative classes on proper usage.

DON'T FORGET THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Mark your calendars for all day events on March 5th with more information to come. Right now the committee needs your help to make this a successful event. We're looking for pictures, stories, videos and memories to share. Whether you've been here one year or twenty your help is needed. Please contact Loree Rumble, Elsie VanBree or yours truly. Enjoy another great season of activities courtesy of your neighbors and friends.

Kay Dawson, Chair, #448

'FORE' YOUR INFORMATION



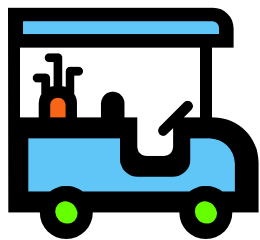
Our Carefree golf course just keeps on getting better! Greens are being cut to the proper heights after tining and seeding, trees and bushes are being trimmed, and the tee boxes are looking good. Thanks to Mike and his staff for a job well done. Filling divots on the fairways and tee boxes is on-going. If interested in helping out, add your name to the posted list at the Golf Center. As always, if you have a divot on a tee box use the sand provided, this gives a helping hand to our volunteers.

Congratulations to two more residents who have added their names to our "Hole-In-One Award Club". Bruce Leckie on #8 and Upton Funk on #2. This brings a total of four for the season. The cost of beer just keeps on getting less and less.

Our Golf Center now sports a newer, up-dated computer and hard drive thanks to the help of Bill Roach and Jim Koksai. Jim cleaned up the hard drive, and Bill used his undeniable knowledge and skills by downloading new updates and giving the page a new look. Without Bill's assistance the Golf Committee would have spent monies better used on improving our course.

With the Rangers officially back to work since December 17th, it's time to remind everyone the proper procedure for sign-ups. Each resident is allowed one tee-time for a group of five or less. If there are more than five you must have another resident fill-in those names. This is a fair program for the entire community.

Let's all enjoy another great golf season at Carefree by following the rules; being kind to our volunteer rangers; and valuing the private course we have.



Paul Dawson, Chair, # 448

ELECTION COMMITTEE

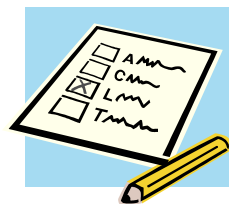
Our Annual Membership Meeting of the Carefree Country Club Corporation scheduled for March 17, 2007 seems a long way off, but it's not too early for the Election Committee to begin preparing for that very important day. The Election Committee has primary responsibility to oversee the elections that take place at our Annual Meeting. Of the several decisions that will be made at the meeting we call your attention to the election of board members to the Board of Directors. As of this date, this year's meeting will require us to elect three directors, each to a three-year term.

During the past twenty plus years we appreciated the leadership and foresight of many talented Carefree residents, men and women who have used their skills and experiences to address the important issues that have come before us. They have represented us as they created policies and directives required for the successful operation of a community such as Carefree.

It is time for us to identify those who are willing and able to carry on in the tradition of service and leadership. As we have in the past, we will contact individuals who have been recommended to us by the membership as having qualities required of Board Members. Our task is **not to convince, but to inform** and to answer questions put forward by interested homeowners. We also want to hear from those among you who are interested in becoming candidates for the Board. "Notice of Intent to Run" form may be obtained from committee members or from the Office. The signed form is due back in the Office no later than **February 5, 2007**. We encourage Carefree members to make us aware of those friends and neighbors they would like to recommend to us as prospective candidates for the Board.

The members of this committee, listed below, are prepared to take your nominations and discuss the possibilities of Board membership with those concerned. Please let us hear from you. We cannot carry out our responsibility without your help.

Jerry Lerom, # 858 (318-8043)
Bill Andre, # 876 (875-1084)
Ray Petersen, # 540 (325-9825)



LINE DANCE



Advanced Beginner & Intermediate

Resumes Monday, January 8th.

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

Beginner

Starts on Wednesday, January 10th.

This class is for the novice dance. 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 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the Upper Clubhouse.

Did you know that the basic steps of line dancing are the basic steps of ballroom dancing? At the end of the beginner's session, we will have learned the waltz, polka, cha cha, rumba, and lindy. The intermediate class will have learned these steps as well as the mambo, tango, salsa, hip hop, and east and west coast swing.

Alice Gilbertson, # 257

YOU CAN'T BEAT BEER, BRATS & DANCIN'

It's beer, brats and dancing on Saturday, January 13th. Come and join the fun – dinner begins at 5 p.m. with the famous Carefree brats, sauerkraut, potato salad, chips, dessert and all the trimmings; the ticket price includes beer and wine. Join the dance crowd in a polka or a waltz with music by "Schultzie", beginning at 6 p.m.



Tickets are \$10.25 per person, \$20.50 per couple and go on sale at the Golf Center on **Tuesday, January 2, 8 to 10 a.m. and Wednesday, January 3, 10 a.m. to noon. Only 120 tickets will be sold.**

Be prepared to reserve your seat at the time of ticket purchase; there will be a singles table. Limit 2 tickets per lot. Bring golf badge photo ID, renters and no golfers bring name tag ID.

Tickets, if not sold out, will be sold at the Golf Center on Monday, January 8, 10 to noon.

Co-Chairs for this event are: Joy & George Gordon, # 335
Del & Carolyn Hapke # 337

CAREFREE CHAPEL COMMITTEE



We want to thank Mary Stewart for the wonderful job she did serving as the Chapel Secretary/Treasurer for the last year. Mary will continue to serve as secretary and Art Hunt has agreed to serve as Treasurer. We welcome Art to the Chapel Committee and are thankful for his willingness to serve in this capacity.

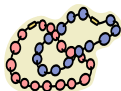
After reviewing our bulletin printing costs for last season we decided to purchase a copier. We had been printing our bulletins at a nearby store that offered this service. Owning our own copier will be much more convenient as well as more cost effective.

In January we will be working with the Homeless Coalition by putting together one gallon zip lock bags full of items that might be useful to the homeless. The Homeless Coalition uses these bags to encourage the homeless to allow the Coalition to interview them. They inform the homeless about programs that are in place to help them. The information from the interview will be analyzed and used to put programs in place to help prevent homelessness. If you would like to participate in this project fill a one gallon zip lock bag with items such as washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, band-aids, a comb, deodorant and anything else you can think of that may help make life a little easier for a homeless person. Use your imagination. If you put gender specific items in your bag, it would be helpful to label it, "man, woman or child." We need to have the bags no later than Sunday, January 14. They can be brought to Chapel services on Sunday, January 7 or 14 or to Jean Westermann, lot # 705.

We hope that 2007 will bring many blessings your way.

Jean Westermann, Chapel Committee Chair # 705

JEWELRY MAKING CLASSES



Andrea Gengler will be teaching the art of Jewelry Making. Classes will be held in the Lake Bess Room for eight Wednesdays, beginning January 17th from 1—3 p.m. Class size will be limited to eight participants. The sign-up sheet is located in the pool hallway. Hurry and sign up and start early making next year's Christmas gifts.

CRAFT CLASSES



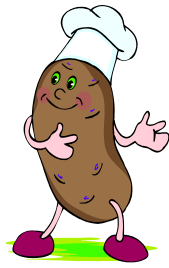
Decorated Tin, Yarn Flowers, and Yo Yo Flowers
Classes that were scheduled for January & February have all been cancelled. If there is anyone in our community that has a craft that they would be willing to teach our residents, please call Carolyn Hapke at 326-9698 or stop by lot # 337.

'TOP THE TATER'

'Top the Tater' will be held

Sunday, February 18th

in the Upper Clubhouse.



Look for ticket information and other details soon. The popular event will be hosted by 5th Street this year.

Convenors: Twyla Ring, #536
Norma Domras, #528

KITCHEN SUPPLIES NEEDS YOUR HELP

Your help is needed in assuring that there are always paper products available for community events. We're asking event coordinators not to remove any products or kitchen items without first contacting Loree Rumble at 324-2069 or Sandy Weber at 318-0299.



Loree and Sandy will make sure that there are enough paper products in the cabinets for all events. If in doubt, please give them a call. By everyone following this procedure a better inventory (and less waste) will benefit all of us. Thank you.

Activities Committee

STREET BOCCE BALL

Coming soon!

Mark your calendar
for the
first four Mondays of February.

Watch for the schedule
on the bulletin boards!

Ron Nelson, # 610

NEW BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 7 p.m.
starting in January

11-Week Study of
ISAIAH

Open to men and/or women.
Beginners are welcome

If interested or for further details call:
Gene or Audrey Elfering – 326-6784

**CAREFREE COMPUTER NIGHT**

We meet once a month!



Our next meeting will be
Monday, January 15th.

Plan to join us and bring your laptop!

Mary Ellen & Bill Roach, # 877

Notes from the Editor

1. We will not be printing the Coordinators list each month. If you need to refer to it, it is posted on the Office Bulletin Board.
2. Deadline for articles for the February Issue of the Times will be Monday, January 15th..

Send to carefreetimes@atlantic.net or deliver to Ruth Armstrong, # 533, 325-9093.

