

# Carefree Times



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## MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT!



"Spring is coming to Carefree! If you are an early morning walker, you are now walking in the dark but those that enjoy the early evenings are enjoying the sunsets later in the day. I can think of no other place in Florida that has as beautiful sunsets as Carefree does. Take a walk down to Lake Bess and sit at one of the benches or get a good look from our beautiful dock but make sure you bring a camera along. By the time you have read this, our new gate will have been ordered and it will be "state of the art". If you are here mid-April, you will no longer have to look at five ugly dumpsters that fill so quickly but will be using the new trash compactor. Carefree is donning it's new Spring clothes!

Another new look for carefree -. the majority of residents, by a wide margin, voted to reduce the number of Board Members from nine to seven. If you watch Channel 95 (which I encourage you to do), you are now aware who the new Directors are. They are Don Swedeen, Dick Pearson and I. The Organization Meeting was also held on Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>. Your officers are: President, Priscilla Badgley; Vice President, Ray Slaunwhite; Secretary, Don Swedeen; Treasurer, Elsie Van Bree. We all will try to serve you and meet the needs of Carefree for the next year.

I am now looking at all our committees. Are you aware there are 16 committees operating right now? That's a lot of chair people spending a great deal of time each month working with their committees. And we're supposed to be retired? By the time you read this, all chair people and liaisons will be appointed.

I want to thank the outgoing Directors for all the work and time you have spent over the past three years. Twyla Ring, Don Collins and Les Hansen. We all are especially grateful to Les Hansen who stepped up to the plate this past year and filled the President's position. He showed us all what great leadership skills he has. He will be a hard act to follow. Thank you Twyla, Don and Les.

Now is the time when we start saying good bye to all our northern friends. We are a unique group from across this great continent of ours. I decided to look through our

## President's Message — continued

directory and count how many different states we represent. I guess I have too much time on my hands. There are thirty states and, of course, Canada! WOW!!

Please be safe on your travels north and come home to us in the Fall all rested and ready to play again.

## LAKE BESS/RUBY HYDRILLA PROJECT

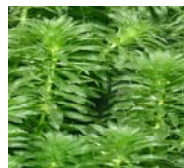
A new committee was formed with the task of solving the hydrilla problem on Lake Bess and Lake Ruby. Since the two lakes are connected all the lakefront owners on each lake have a legal option and equal voice of what will or will not be done on the lakes. This is in conjunction with all government agencies that are responsible for any permitting in and around the lakes. Lake Ruby presently has only a small amount of hydrilla. The majority of the problem is in Lake Bess.

If unsolved, this non-native plant will eventually close down our lake for all activity as we now know it. There are many negative implications to this problem. It is not a quick, short term project without expense.

The committee will be gathering information from many sources as to the possible remedies, costs, options and on-going monitoring of the project. This will be communicated to the Board of Directors and members as frequently as possible.

Carefree is only one (1) of around 88 lakefront owners on the two lakes. Although we have 500 members, lakefront is owned by the association. Each individual lake front owner has an equal voice as to what happens on the lake.

There will be much to do so we will need volunteers for this committee. If interested or if you have any questions concerning this project call Chuck Radloff, 324-0513, or drop by Lot 1003.



We will be active this summer so by the next issue of this publication in November we hope to have a lot more for you.

Chuck Radloff, # 1003

## Street Bocce Ball Tourney Report

The Street Bocce Ball event for 2008 ran for four Mondays throughout the month February. Six teams made up from the various streets and combination of the shorter streets took part in the tournament. The tourney consisted of seven games and ended on February 25<sup>th</sup> with Seventh Street Saints winning the Championship over the Fighting Fierce Fifth Street Team by a score of 208 to 183. Sue Young of Sixth Street was crowned this year's Queen.

Final Standings were:

- First Place.....Seventh Street Saints (Two years in row)
  - Second Place.....Fierce Fighting Fifth Street
  - Third Place.....Eighth Street All Stars
  - Fourth Place.....Bandana Gang (4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets)
  - Fifth Place.....Sixth Street Patriots
  - Sixth Place.....A-Team (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Streets)
- They have the coveted Monkey prize.



A parade was held on Feb. 25 consisting of a live band, Santa Claus, motorcycles, and about 20 decorated golf carts, six carrying this year's Queen Candidates. Many of our residents turned out in front of their lots to watch the parade go by. The parade was organized by Ron Nelson and we owe him and all the vehicles and people who took part a big thanks for a job well done. Del Cowel organized a lunch for the final day, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, which went over great and earned \$308.27 for the Activities Committee. Big thanks to Del and all his cooks and workers. Over 222 players took part in the event and at least 15 to 20 more helped in the various activities.

I would like to thank Owen Plauda for being the scorer and timer at all the games. Ron Nelson for organizing the Parade and all the advice he gave to me. Joan Plauda and Sharon Nelson for organizing the chip positions and drawings. These so called bag ladies have one of the toughest jobs in this event. Lots of kudos to these ladies. I don't have space to name all the Street Captains and all of the scoring judges who worked the game, but believe me the participants and I appreciated your work and we all thank you. Also, last but not least, my wife Carime who filled many jobs as needed and held my hand when I really needed it.

**THANKS AGAIN TO ALL WHO HELPED OUT.**

We now have a year to prepare for the next one!

Coordinator – Don Corbett, # 735  
February 6, 2008

## Baby Hats



Thanks to all of you who have been making the cute little hats for the Regency Hospital. They really love receiving them. So far this year, we have sent a grand total of 122 adorable hats to them.

Barbara Rowe,

**THANK YOU CAREFREE!**



I would like to thank the Carefree community for all their support in making The Spring Fling a huge success.

Ladies, you did a fantastic job on the Bake Goods, they were really great!

I was so pleased to have such a good turn out. It takes a hard working group of ladies to have a function like this be the success that we all enjoyed; ladies, you were the best! Thanks

Joy Gordon, # 335

A special "THANK YOU" to everyone who gave of your time, efforts and talents in helping make the "NEW RESIDENT RECEPTION" a real success.



Because of our volunteers, we can do these wonderful acts of friendship and caring at Carefree Country Club.

Co-Hosts, Chuck & Ruth Bianci, # 512 & Jim & Virginia Kirchoff, # 435

**BOOK CLUB – UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

Upcoming book club schedule as follows:

Tuesday, April, 8 - She's Not There  
By Jennifer Finney Boylan

First book of the Fall will be - The Glass Castle  
By Jeannette Walls



Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Golf Center. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Kay Hathaway, Lot #348 (324-7167 ) or Pat Retherford, Lot #815 (325-9891.)

Thanks to all the Health Committee, volunteers. We did make a difference at Carefree Country Club!

Mary Wedig, # 350, Health

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

Recycling of plastic bottles, glass and tin cans will end on April 13th. We recycle newspapers and aluminum cans all year long.

After April 13th, plastic, glass and tin can be taken to the City of Winter Haven Recycling Center located at Avenue F and 3rd Street. Also phone books and cardboard.



Many thanks to all my workers involved in recycling, you did a great job!

Thanks to the Carefree community for your support to this project.



Many, many thanks to Kay Dawson and her hard working crew for creating such a fun and memorable Saturday afternoon at Carefree.

Thanks to the gals who propelled ducky #62 to victory and a wonderful prize for us.

We still can't believe it!

Lois & Gerry Ollson, # 670  
(2 Lucky Ducks)

**SECURITY NOTE**

Are your guest's registered??  
It's very important – read your rules.



Golf carts are made for two people – don't overload and watch your speed.

Dick Badgley, # 636  
Security Chair

**Next Blood Mobile**



Next Blood Drive on April 2nd, 2008  
9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.

Sign up sheets in pool hallway.

Thank you,  
Mary Wedig, # 350

**BIBLE STUDIES**



I want to thank the guides and teachers of our Carefree Bible study groups. Thank you, Joyce McBride, for guiding both the Monday and Thursday ladies studies and I appreciate Sue Young's faithful teaching of the Friday morning ladies study.

Ralph McBride taught the men's study on Monday mornings and had a good study in the book of Colossians. Gene and Audrey Elfering had a couples video series which met at the golf center on Sunday evenings.

I have felt it an honor to be the coordinator of the women's Bible studies for ten years. I am happy to turn over the reins to Jerri Koksall who I know will be an excellent coordinator. She can be reached at Lot 731 and I am sure she would appreciate many of you Carefree women and men joining us next year. We have a potluck the Sunday after New Year's to kick off the Bible Studies.

Thank you friends.

Joan Lundgren, # 511

**Dates have been set for the "55 & Alive" (refresher driving classes) for the Fall of 2008!**

Mark your calendars with these dates!

Monday, November 17th – 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
and  
Tuesday, November 18th – 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

In October 2008, watch for the sign-up sheet on The Bulletin Board in the lower Clubhouse.  
Class limit of 20



Edna Danielson #235



Many, many thanks to everyone who made the **Flea Market** such a success. Thanks to all those who parked cars, set up and took down tables, brought baked goods, prepared lunch, priced and sold items, donated items, purchased donuts, coffee or lunch, bought tables and items for sale.

We made \$969.48.

Sandy Weber, # 638  
Barb Rowe, # 1027

**PROJECT SAFE & SOUND**

The Polk county Sheriff's Office launched a new project called "Project Safe & Sound" in December 2007. Project Safe & Sound is a voluntary identification program that aids in the safe return of special needs children and adults. Here is how it works:

1. Caregivers wishing to participate in the program will complete an application/ authorization form with specific questions regarding to the special needs child or adult being registered.
2. The Polk County Sheriff's Office will then enter the information from the authorization form into the Project Safe & Sound data base – making this information accessible to the county's first responders.
3. After the information is entered, the special needs person will be issued a "Safe & Sound" bracelet, which includes an assigned number along with additional emergency contact information engraved on the plate of the bracelet.
4. In the instance that the special needs person has wandered off and has been located, the responding law enforcement officer will be able to contact the Sheriff's Office.
5. The Law Enforcement Officer will then be given the caregiver's phone number to assist in the reuniting the individual with their caregiver.

Citizens who inquire about the program may be directed to contact the Crime Prevention Section at 863-534-6677.

**SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CALLED**

Members, you recently received a large envelope with information announcing a Special Membership Meeting at 10 a.m. on April 18 at the Upper Clubhouse called by the Board for the purpose of voting to amend the Articles of Incorporation and the Declaration of Covenants, Easements and Restrictions.



The packet contains copies of the documents being amended, cover letter and information page, and a limited proxy ballot and envelope. Members can vote by proxy by simply completing the proxy ballot and placing in box in the office before April 18, or vote at the Meeting. Voting on the amendments is the only item on the agenda of the Special Meeting and only last until those attending have cast their ballot.

**BALLOTS RECEIVED AFTER APRIL 18 WILL NOT BE COUNTED.**

If anyone has questions about any of the proposed amendments plan to attend an information meeting at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 1 at the Upper Club House or e-mail questions to rjlerom@aol.com or contact any member of the Document Review Committee. If you e-mail a question please do so by April 1 so these questions can be addressed at the informational meeting.

If any member plans to leave Carefree before April 18 be sure to drop your ballot off at the office.

Documents Committee: S. Aquilino, J. Lerom, C. Rogers, D. Strejc, F. Weis, D. Zaun

For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;  
the flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of the singing of birds is come,  
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.



—Song of Solomon

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE LADIES WHO FACILITATED ART AND CRAFT CLASSES DURING CAREFREES' 2007-08 SEASON!**

You may have wondered what in the world goes on in the Lake Bess Room?

The answer is: Our community is very fortunate, we have a very talented group of women, who take time from their very busy schedules to teach a wide variety of Arts and Crafts classes to fellow residents.

I would like to take this time to recognize all the great facilitators who taught classes during the 2007-08 Season:

CLASS FACILITATOR

Knife Painting - Rosalind Moloy

Advance Oil Painting—Margaret Groves

Beginning and Advance Jewelry Making -

Andrea Gengler and Mary Ellen Roach

Wounded Finger Quilters - Jean McPherson

Carefree Bears - Sandy Arthur

Regency Baby Hats - Barbara Rowe

Crocheting Classes - Robbie Hansen

Knitting Classes - Robbie Hansen

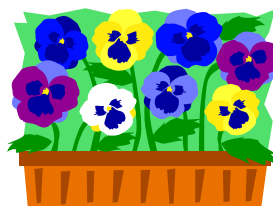
Fimo Bead Making - Mary Ellen Roach

Eucalyptus Trees - Linda Tarpley

Nylon Hose Flowers - Jennie Lubbers

Holiday Bazaar and Spring Fling—Joy Gordon

Next time you see any of these ladies, tell them how they are appreciated, and give them a big THANK YOU!!



Carolyn Hapke  
Arts and Crafts Coordinator

**CAREFREE THURSDAY  
BOWLING LEAGUE**

On the last Thursday of the season (position round), Close Enuf, Kingpins, Wolverines and the Indians will be battling it out to see which team will own the bragging rights for the 2008 bowling season.

Most Improved Average, Men:  
Mike Stepp, Mickey McMenamin, Dean Tabbert

Most Improved Average, Women:  
Valerie Melzer, June Osvold, Barb McDowell

Individual High Average, Men:  
Dean Tabbert, Paul Murray, Mike Stepp

Individual High Average, Women:  
Martha Thomason, Andrea Gengler, Joan Johnson

Once again, thanks to our treasurer, Roger Pansch, and his wife Rita for taking excellent care of our bookkeeping. Also, a special thanks to Co-Chairman, George Aberts (and wife, Sharon) for all their work in putting our bowling banquet together at Cypress Café on March 27th.

A big "thank you" to all the team captains and bowlers for their cooperation in making this another enjoyable season.



Gene Johnson, Co-Chairman, # 776

**CAREFREE BEARS**



My appreciation to everyone for an outstanding year of bear making. Thanks for all the kind donations of time, fabric, money and supplies.

To date we have donated 988 bears since November with more to go. We have donated to nine different organizations.

Many thanks,  
Sandy Arthur, # 830-318-9450

**GIFTS & MEMORIALS**

I am sure you have seen the new trees that are planted near the entrance road by #2 tee box. The Norfolk Pine is a memorial to Floyd Milanoski and Merle Archibee given by their families and friends.

One Pigmy Date Palm is a memorial to Clinton Randall given by Bud and Mary Austed, Jerry, Tom & Doug Randall.



The other Pigmy Date Palm is in memory of Merle Archibee from Bud and Mary Austed.

The Cribbage players received several new cribbage boards from Barbara Lundstrom in memory of Ivan Lundstrom.

Other funds have been received and are being held for future projects.

Jo Anderson #616

**BRAINERD (Minnesota) GOLF-A-THON**

We will again be hosting this event and hope to, once more, have a record turnout. Mark Tuesday, August 5th on your calendar and plan to be with us for a day of fun and fellowship with Carefree friends. For those of you who have not attended in the past, the day begins with a buffet brunch, then a nine hole golf tournament (not serious), then dinner and awards. Some even come on Monday afternoon and we all have dinner together at a local restaurant.

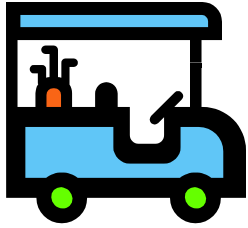
If you think your name may not be on the flyer list, (I will send it in June) and you would like to receive all the info., just let me know in any of the following ways:

- Call me here @ 326-1372, or leave a note on the door - # 772
- Call me in MN after the middle of May @ 218-963-2977
- Call me on my cell phone 612-845-3702
- Send an e-mail to: genejean@tampabay.rr.com (all year)



Jean Petrie, # 772

**'FORE' YOUR INFORMATION**



Let's take a quick look back on another great golf season at Carefree!

We've had new volunteers (both owners and renters alike) at the desk that were there to assist all of us. A new computer brought us into the 21st century along with WIFI.

New logo head wear was eagerly bought, and last but not far from least, the construction of a new tee box on #2 with dedicated monies from Merle Archibee.

We've been fortunate to have both the brains and brawn to complete all the projects this season. A special thank you to each of my committee members, without your dedication, the job of a successfully run golf season could not have taken place

We look forward to seeing you next season when another project to enhance our course will be undertaken.

Your Golf Committee wishes everyone a safe summer!

Paul Dawson, Chair, # 448

**Volunteers Needed**

The following volunteer opportunities are available under the Activities Committee. If interested please give me a call and I'll be happy to pass the your name along.

**Continuing Events Coordinator**

**Bingo Coordinators**

(without these volunteers there will be no bingo next season)

**New Residents Welcome Committee**

(wouldn't it be a shame not to welcome our newest residents and renters)



Kay Dawson, # 448  
324-0563

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DINNER**

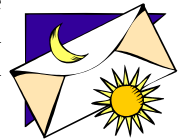
Going home? Would you like to donate to this event before you leave? This dinner for our employees enables us, the residents to show our appreciation for their hard work and commitment to Carefree. This event provides them with a dinner and Christmas bonus.

Donations will be received by:



Sue Aber, # 554  
Ruth Lerom, # 858  
Anna Giese, # 785  
Shirley Dussl, # 475  
Mary Ann Coopy, # 648

I would like to thank all our Carefree friends for their prayers, food, and kind thoughts. I am doing well, just need more time to heal.



Thank you.

Nancy Tallman, # 234

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A huge "thank you" to all of our friends and neighbors here at Carefree for the prayers and good wishes during Jene's recent bouts with kidney cancer and a melanoma. We could "feel" your support! The cancer is gone but we will remain vigilant in case those nasty cells try to develop again. See you all next Fall, God willing.

Jene Frydenlund and Kay Dahl, # 879.

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Dear Friends,

Don & I wish to thank each of you for the many acts of kindness shown us during a very difficult time. You Provided transportation, food, love, and a spirit of genuine concern. We have always considered Carefree "our little corner of paradise" and you proved it again.

Thank you,  
Don & Doris Hawkinsen, # 629

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A special thanks to all of you who brought your used greeting cards to me to take to the nursing home for their use. I got lots and lots of cards! Thanks so much.

Eulalie Wickland, # 438



**A Letter to the Editor!**

*This is a new feature in the Carefree Times.  
We welcome your comments about this letter.*

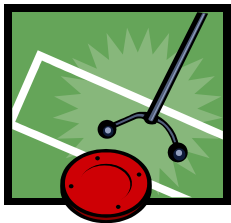
A commemoration highlighted the generous monetary gift, willed by Merle Archibee, to be dedicated for beautification of our golf course. Thanks to Paul Dawson, the Golf Committee and many others for making the second tee-box a great visual example to improvement possibilities at Carefree. Community action projects can serve as invitations for involvement in responding to internal and external forces of change. Enlisting an expanded pool of knowledge and skill can prove creative input for welcome output.

An informal facilitation force of volunteers could expedite and strengthen our policy-making process. Supporting leadership, wise use of resources, employing media channels and encouraging citizen participation empowers us toward positive action. Civic engagement energizes people toward the common good. Perhaps the time has come for an interactive liaison to reaffirm an ancient adage that "knowledge is power".

Harold Honkola, # 710  
3/10/08



**SHUFFLEBOARD**



We would like to thank everybody who came out on Work Day to clean our supplies and paint the outside of the courts. A special thank you to the men who built our new benches.

Unfortunately our tournament was cancelled. We did have a great turnout for our end of season cover dish dinner. Hope to see more of you next year at the courts.

Don & Lana Voce, # 624

**GARBAGE COMPACTOR UPDATE**

We are pleased to announce the following progress:

- Site selection identified
- Concrete pad prepared
- Electrical service brought to the location
- Compactor on order
- We expect delivery by mid-April
- Unit installed and operating within days of delivery

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

- Loading more user friendly
- Eliminate the ugly appearance
- Reduce bad odors
- Possible less expense

**HOW DO WE OPERATE THE COMPACTOR**

- Open the sliding door
- Place your garbage bag(s)/container inside the unit
- Close the sliding door
- The compactor is set to operate automatically after a scheduled number of door openings and closings

PLEASE OBSERVE the posted sign on the compactor, and most importantly, enjoy this environmentally friendly upgrade.



Respectfully submitted,  
Refuse Committee.

**MARKETING**

We have 22 homes for sale.

I want to thank all of my committee members for their work and helping me out on projects.



Barb Peach will be our new Summer Co-Coordinator and will handle all the activities for the summer months.

A big thank you to Betty Hall and Marian Novodvorsky for all their help and for the work that they have done.

Carol Neville, Chair – # 433

**ANOTHER ACTIVITIES  
SEASON ENDS!**

How do you know when another season ends at Carefree? Just take a look at the empty bulletin boards that's how.

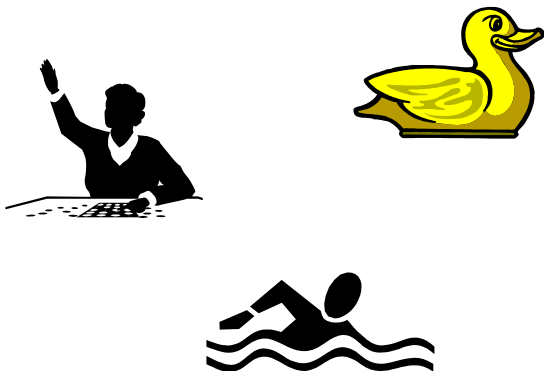
Has this been a great season or what? Great dances, wonderful dinners, a great fashion show luncheon, fun filled arts and crafts, recycling, healthy sports from work outs to shuffleboard, and let's not forget the rubber ducky event.

The total revenue is \$12,814 and still counting. Our expenses were \$11,881.

All in all, I'd say it was a very successful year for Activities. Most important, each of you bought into the events that were planned for you by my wonderful committee.

This will be my last article as Activities Chair. As I stated at the Annual Meeting, I believe in term limits, and after three years its time to pass the gauntlet on to another qualified resident. I have been fortunate to have a great committee that not only made my position easy, but also made me look good to the community. But be assured, my volunteer days are far from being over. God willing, I look forward to many years of dedicated volunteerism at Carefree.

Kay Dawson - # 448



**CANCER FUN-D DAY – MARCH 9TH**

It was a great success! The quilt raffle raised over \$800, luminary sales \$2,250 and the activities on that day, such as the putting contest and closest to the pin, made our total \$6,677.

Many thanks to Hal & Rita Doten and all of the others that contributed to the fund drive.

Special thanks to the many workers that helped with all the activities that day and earlier with the quilt raffle.

This year the silent auction raised \$360 and proved to be very active with the biddings. Please consider donating something for next year.

Thanks again to all the workers on Cancer Fun-d Day.



Lew & Mary Trumper, # 875

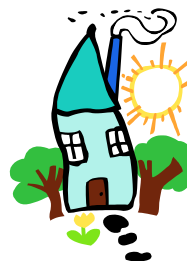
Dear Friends of Carefree,

The Henney family thanks you all for your kindness and support during Bill's recent illness and death.



Your heart felt sympathies and prayers are much appreciated.

Betty Henney, # 632



"A good neighbor is a priceless treasure."

- Anonymous

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE!



### Summer Reminders:

- Be sure to take care of your mail situation before you leave. It is a good idea not to put an ending date on your forward, in case of an unexpected delay in your arrival next year.

**FORWARDING YOUR MAIL IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.** Help? United States Postal Service, Florence Villa Branch, Winter Haven,

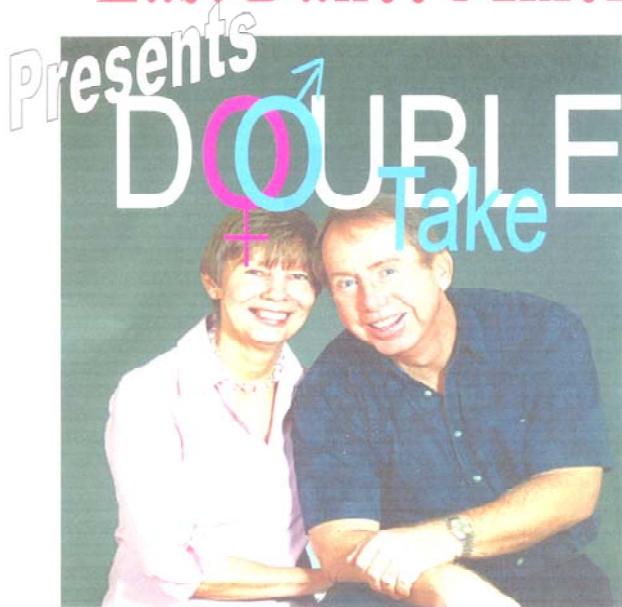
Florida 33884. Call 1-800-ASK-USPS. **If you receive mail in your mailbox that does not belong to you – DO NOT THROW IT AWAY –** do note on the envelope, "This name not at this Lot Number. (NDAA) or Not Deliverable as Addressed. Place it in the blue outgoing mailbox for re-circulating, or, bring it to the Office. It is a Federal crime to throw away mail that does not belong to you.

- Remember to cancel your subscription with the Ledger when you leave. Delivery does not stop when payment runs out.
- It is important that you keep the Office updated on your phone numbers, street, city, state and e-mail addresses. If you move or anything changes, let us know as soon as possible to avoid complications.
- Be sure to move inside or secure all outdoor furniture, etc.
- The Office has a checklist of things you need to do to close up your home for the summer.
- When covering your windows with aluminum insulation, please be sure **signs/ words are not showing.**

**Please use the checklist provided by the Office if you leave for the season and be sure you do not turn off electric to irrigation and front lights.**

**Have a very happy Summer!**

# Last Dance Mixer



April 5, 2008 7:30 - 10:30 PM

\$8.00 Per Person

Sign up March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Clubhouse Lower Level

Seating – Table number to be drawn upon arrival

At 7:30 PM

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

## THE GREY EAGLES VISITED THE 'FANTASY OF FLIGHT'

On March 17, the Grey Eagle group went to the Fantasy of Flight, near Polk City, I-4 at Exit 44. Kermit Weeks, creator and founder of Fantasy of Flight is known throughout the world for his award winning aircraft restorations, vintage aircraft collection and his passion for flight. He has flown each of the planes you see there and is a former champion in international aerobatics competition.

We saw: A Short Sunderland, a humongous flying boat, the last B-26 Marauder flying in the world, a B-24 Liberator, a Curtis P-40, a B-25, P-51 Mustangs, a B-17 Flying Fortress, a Ford Tri-Motor. 40 vintage aircraft, real airplanes with names straight out of the history books.

The guided tram tour of the restricted areas includes an overview of the grounds, including the grass runways of the airfield, a look at the back lot and visited a real working maintenance hangar where the collection is repaired and maintained.

The Compass Rose Diner served some great lunches. The Gift Shop is the most complete aviation themed shop. Charles Kelly, Lot 1008, took advantage of the opportunity to fly in an open cockpit biplane, including helmet and goggles.

The next, and last meeting of the season is Monday, April 21st at 10:30 in the Upper Clubhouse.



Art Tomes, # 552

## *... FROM THE EDITOR!*

A special thanks to Shirley Francis, # 718, and her Committee for folding and delivering the Carefree Times this month. Thanks too, to Jean Petrie for preparing the calendar and list of committees. It is always a pleasure to work with you both!



The deadline for the November 2008 Issue of the Carefree Times will be FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH!!

Have a happy & healthy summer!

Ruth Armstrong, # 533