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**President's Message:**

At our last meeting, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to adopt the amendments that were approved by a majority of our residents pertaining to fining authority and casualty destruction. We had a tremendous response from residents. 81 ballots were returned out of a possible 106. 78 of these ballots were in favor of adopting the amendments.

Also at this meeting, we had Richard Miller with Insurance Service of Sarasota, the company that has our Association's insurance, to review our coverage. There are a couple of minor changes he has recommended which will be discussed at the Board's next meeting. Also, he recommended that we never hire a contractor to do work for The Villas unless they have adequate insurance coverage including Workman's Compensation.

Unfortunately, there was an incident in our community involving rat poison. A Villas resident was walking her dog in the neighborhood; the dog entered another resident's lot and ingested something that was either rat poison or something that contained the poison.

Rat bait stations are a very common practice

in Florida. In fact, I have noticed these bait stations next to grocery stores.

There are several homes in The Villas that have these bait stations. One can only speculate on how it got into the front yard, but I am sure it was not put there deliberately to harm anyone's dog.

Here are some facts that I have learned while looking into such an incident:

Article 7, paragraph 15 on page 21 of our documents states, "no pet shall be permitted to go on or stray on any other lot without the permission of the owner of the lot. Also, I learned it is illegal in Florida to "intentionally" place rat poison out in the open, but bait stations are permissible.

The owner of the dog who ingested the poison has written a letter to the DCCA Board and the local newspaper regarding this incident.

I would like to take this opportunity to clear up some of the statements that were made. The pet owner has never contacted me at anytime regarding the incident as stated in the letters. The editor of our quarterly newsletter says she was not familiar with the rules & regulations concerning pets and certainly would never have the temerity to tell any Villas resident that they must walk their dogs in the street.

This was a most unfortunate accident and was not done intentionally to harm anyone's pets or children. I feel bad about this incident for as you may know, I also am a dog lover. It is indeed good news to everyone that this beautiful dog is doing well.

As a precaution, I would ask residents who place bait stations around their homes to take the responsibility of checking the stations to assure bait has not gotten scattered.

Recently we moved a large Canary Island Palm tree from Bobcat Circle to the pool area.

This palm was growing into a large oak tree at 8030 Bobcat Circle. The oak tree is a "greater" oak and by Florida law cannot be removed. We had a choice of either cutting down the palm or moving it to a different location. The Board decided it was worth moving it rather than cutting it down.

It is a beautiful tree and adds so much to the appearance of the entrance into our Villas.

All of our landscaping looks very attractive. A great big thank you to all the volunteers who contribute so much personal time and work to keeping our Villas looking so attractive.

*Gary Koch, President*

#### Architectural Review Board: (ARB)

##### Requests approved:

4468 DTB – replace sliders from master bedroom to lanai with wall w/two windows.

4564 DTB – Replace side entry and front doors.

4572 DTB – Replace garage light fixtures.

4579 DTB – Replace garage door and approved exterior paint color for house.

4588 Deer Trail Blvd – Approved glass enclosure for lanai.

4503 DTB – Replace side entry door to garage.

*Ron Benice, Chair*

Please remember that any change to the outside of your home requires a Villas Action Request Form before any work is done.

#### Landscape Committee:

The large, beautiful Canary Island Palm, which was recently moved, is now in a new home next to the pool walk. It is truly majestic and we urge you to have a look at it.

Trimming of oaks and other large trees is complete for this year. Due to budgetary constraints, we are only able to do a third of the trees at this time. Others will be done in the next two years. This three-year plan will eliminate a very large expense in one calendar year.

Wax Myrtles and other ornamentals are being trimmed. We have many wax myrtles which are old and misshapen because they had been trimmed so often to keep them off roofs. Unlike legustrums, which grow back nicely, myrtles tend to die when severely pruned, especially when they are very old.

Grass will be mowed weekly starting in May. Grass was fertilized in April with a combination weed/feed product. Planting beds were also fertilized.

Plant Replacements: Plant replacements will be done on a limited basis until the summer rains are established. Residents are asked to water the new plants every other day until they are established, usually for two weeks at this time of year.

Please be aware of the new Sarasota County water restrictions, which allow no watering (including hand watering) between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm.

If you have new grass plugs or sod, you may water every day for 15 days and then every other day for the next 15 days before 8 am or after 6 pm.

For new plants, other than lawns, watering is allowed daily for 30 days and then every other day for 30 more before 8 am or after 6 pm.

The County has also set restrictions regarding the Villas sprinkler irrigation schedule for our lots. Residents should be aware that if they violate County hand watering or irrigation restrictions they are committing a civil infraction and can be fined \$500 per violation. These fines may be imposed on first violation with no warning.

We welcome our new neighbors and take this opportunity to inform you of the proper steps to report landscape issues:

Landscape problems should be reported on a “Villas Action Request Form,” which you may pick up at the gatehouse. Fill in the information and return it to the gatehouse to be picked up by the landscape chairman.

Please, do not remove any plants or replace them without checking with the Landscape Committee first. An approval by the Villas Architectural Review Board may be necessary,

Wilhelm Brothers, Inc. is our Landscape Contractor. Two of their employees, Sue and Tom are here five days a week to trim hedges and plants, and spray for insects on a regular schedule. They service each of the 106 yards once monthly. They have been with us many years and know many of the residents’ particular preferences and try their best to accommodate. Please feel free to compliment them on a job well done. On the other hand, if you are not satisfied with the service, please notify me by email: [nzeman@comcast.net](mailto:nzeman@comcast.net) or fill out a Villas Action Request Form and leave it at the guardhouse. Mowing and tree trimming are done by a separate Wilhelm crew, as is the fertilizing and weed control.

Landscape Committee members make routine rounds of the Villas yards and the common ground, but please, notify us if you notice a problem so we can try to take care of it before it becomes more serious.

Please remember, we are volunteers and try to do the very best job we can to please all residents. At times, this is difficult, if not impossible. Your cooperation, understanding and patience are truly appreciated.

Let’s keep the Villas Beautiful!!

*Nancy Zeman, Landscape Chair*

At this point, I would like to say there are many fine volunteers in the Villas working diligently to keep us looking great. We have Carla, Roger, Bob & Nancy, clipboard and

pencil in hand determining the condition of the plantings.

Others that come to mind are Russ and Roger who are out there Monday mornings assuring the irrigation system is doing the job and Ron, who keeps the pool up, running and ever so clear and comfortable for our swimmers. Be thankful and grateful for every committee member!

*Joni*

Pool Committee:



It’s Spring-cleaning time! The pool house, deck, walls and furniture were pressure washed in April. And, we’ll be relying on the sun instead of our propane heater to keep the water warm.

The pool drain cover has been replaced with a new federally mandated safer cover. The new type has a slightly convex surface and smaller holes designed to prevent the two most common types of accidents involving children and pool drains.

Our poolside table umbrella was left open and got blown away and damaged beyond repair during a recent windstorm. It will be replaced, but we want to remind everyone to close the umbrella when they leave the pool area.

*Ron Benice, Chair*

Social Committee News:

Sorry we were unable to hold our “Welcome to Spring” pool party. After two postponements caused by high winds and much cooler temperatures the first night, then a terrific thunder and lightening storm and much needed rain the second time around, we decided to welcome spring on our own. Better luck next year!

### Cinco de Mayo:

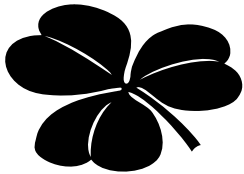
There is a pool party this upcoming Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, same time, same place, same hors d'oeuvres, etc. Not only are we celebrating this event (any excuse for a party!), we also celebrate and congratulate all women on Mother's Day. Have a happy one.

### Valentine Special – Amore



Our first get-together of the 2009 social season of the Villas started out well. A jolly crowd showed up on Tuesday evening February 10<sup>th</sup> at the pool and the weather could not have been nicer. The color of the evening was definitely RED! All shades. Snacks, per usual, were first class with plenty of delicious meatballs. However, no one showed up with the pasta!

### St. Paddy's Day – The Wearin O' The Green



It was "iffy" for a short time. A dark and wet cloud moved over the pool about 4:15 PM, but we lucked out and it passed on by after 10 minutes of sprinkles.

It's amazing how many shades of green exist! Everyone got into the mood by having something green on them.

It was a good crowd of friends and neighbors and the delicious snacks contributed by the merrymakers made it even more fun and interesting. Thanks to all who showed up.

We would love to have more of our neighbors show up for good conversation, food and some great chuckles. Please give us a call if you have any questions. Keep the updated schedule on page 8 with proposed dates. Mark your calendars and then staple the schedule to the back of the calendar for easy access. Also remember to check the pool

bulletin boards when new colored flyers appear.

As a reminder and for your convenience, Pat puts out a sign in front of the pool several days before the events. We are trying!!

*Pat, Nancy & Joni*

### Welcome Committee:



Pat and I gave a big welcome to newcomers Adam Carter and Lisa Murri, a nice addition to our Villas' community.

Remember the villa that was being remodeled over many months? Well, it's finished and worth the wait. New from floor to ceiling and everything in between. It is absolutely stunning work. Adam and Lisa want to acknowledge the work done by Don Bronhurst, owner of Gulf Gate Remodeling.

Adam is from the Chicago area where his family owned a sheet metal factory. His parents were seasonal residents in Deer Creek for 10 years and resided on Woodbriar Drive.

Lisa is a lovely Pennsylvania girl who works close by at the Open Pub & Restaurant. She says "Stop by and say hello."

Both enjoy biking and walking the Legacy Trail and working out at the Potter Road YMCA. They are amazed that these upscale facilities are so convenient to Deer Creek.

Lisa and Adam, come by and meet some of your fine and interesting neighbors at our pool parties!

*Joan Wills for the Welcome Committee*

### Neighbor to Neighbor:

*By: Dick Campbell*

Lloyd has written his memoirs, which I have read, about family, hobbies

and his life's work---but,

The moniker "Jonesy" is his name and Flying 'was his game.'

Lloyd's easy going manner immediately put this interviewer at ease. While he has accomplished much in his life, piloting aircraft was the most satisfying and most assuredly his life's calling.

Starting as a Naval Aviator with intricate "touch and goes" and carrier landings, Lloyd logged well over 3200 hours in seven types of propeller and jet fighters. In his post-military days he flew for thirty-two years logging over 25,000 hours as a pilot for Braniff and United Airlines.

"Jonesy" may try to deny it, but this writer believes that he "joined the navy to see the world," --- and, he did just that! His flying in the navy coupled with his days with Braniff and United Airlines took him all over the globe. He flew into some current global Hot Spots such as Islamabad, Pakistan; Cali, Columbia; Panama; Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; and Damascus, Syria, to name a few. It would be far simpler to list where Lloyd wasn't than where he was.

While largely satisfying, life was not without its scary events and tragedies. One heart breaking tragedy involved a fatality with the loss of a friend, his wingman, on an airborne refueling mission.

After the refueling, the four-plane division conducted a 'fly-by' by the tanker. The tanker pilot made a slight descending turn into the fighter division, colliding with the #4 wingman. The tanker pilot was able to eject - the wingman was not. His body was recovered still in the crashed jet cockpit. More close calls? Consider, for example, while in transit for over 24 hours from Tachi to Miho, Japan, and carrying important, special aircraft equipment, Jonesy had to get some sleep. He was fortunate enough to leave his wakeup call with a disorganized orderly who failed to wake him. The flight he missed crashed into Mt Fujiyama shortly after takeoff.

In August of 1966, when leading an F8 Crusader formation over Marine Air Station Yuma, Arizona, Lloyd had to declare an emergency. His alarmed wingman detected the Lloyd's F8 had a "pigtail fire" (the fuel nozzle configuration resembling a pigtail somehow ruptured spewing raw fuel throughout the exhaust). After being cleared to land and proceed, he shut down as the ground crews cleared the runway. When safely down, the crews surrounded the Crusader to assess the damage. The whole aft end of the fuselage generated extreme heat and smoke, irreparably damaging the already rippled melting skin. If the F8s fire warning light had lit, Lloyd would have had to eject.

Another flightless, yet sad day occurred on a Boy Scout 50-mile hike. The third night out, a ferocious East Texas storm destroyed the campsite, as a large pine tree fell on the tent with three sleeping scouts. The weight of the tree crushed and killed all three boys, and in an adjacent tent, Lloyd's tibia was broken.

Other events and being in the right place at the "wrong" time were not exactly comforting for his wife, Dee, but she feels that like a cat, Lloyd is on his own "ninth" life.

While flying for the airlines, he found time to train and successfully complete six marathons including the Boston Marathon. These days back home and on the ground, Lloyd spends his time with golf. However, he has recently been hampered by a torn rotator cuff.

This writer had pretty much the same initial training as Lloyd. I too entered the Navy as a Naval Aviation Officer Candidate, went through the basic preflight and flight training but Lloyd successfully completed all to move up to Advanced Training.

Lloyd had the right stuff!

*Jonesy" is his name and  
Flying 'was his game'*

If you have enjoyed reading Dick's informative write-up and would like to read more about our neighbors, please give him a call at 922-1223 or e-mail him at [sarasotacampbell@verizon.net](mailto:sarasotacampbell@verizon.net)

Don't hold back. Either volunteer for an interview or be a "name-dropper."  
We'd like to get to know you better.

#### Condolences:

We would like to offer our sympathies to Herman Freese and his daughters Laurie and Debbie. His wife, Janice, passed away in January after a long illness.

It is with deep regret we were recently informed of the death of our dear friend Marijean Hardiman on April 2, 2009. She will be missed greatly by all of her friends in Deer Creek. We will especially miss her sweetness, good humor and intelligence. She always had a cheery word and big smile for one and all. The Ya Ya Sisterhood will never be the same without her. Our sympathies go to all her family who Marijean loved greatly. They too, will be missing her ever so much.

#### Villas 2009 Directory:

The phone number for Sue & Rob Thuma is: 740-607-3833. Please add this to your copy.

Please note the correct email address for Gary Koch: [gpkoch1925@comcast.net](mailto:gpkoch1925@comcast.net)  
PS: 1925 is not the year of his birth!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Ron and Doris Benice for helping with the edits for the Voice and Phone Directory. Don't know what I'd do without them!

The lost is found! My favorite red plastic pillow has been found! Thank you. Now I can really enjoy pool lounging again.

#### Email delivery of the Voice:

I have compiled a distribution list of Villa residents who listed their email addresses in the 2009 Deer Creek Directory. If you are not listed there, please do email me with that information.

The purpose is to cut down on printing costs and save on paper by emailing the Voice to you rather than making 106 hard copy- hand deliveries. Folks can be assured of getting the news even if they are away from Sarasota. Don't despair; those who do not have an email account will find the newsletter left in their tubes. Let's start going greener. Go Villas!!

Remember – we also have the Villas Voice posted on the Deer Creek website: [deercreeksarasota.org](http://deercreeksarasota.org).

#### Chuckle for the Day:



#### So, you want to visit Boston?

“home of the bean and the cod, where the Lodges speak to the Cabots and the Cabots speak to God.

Well, here goes:

Bostonians... think that it's their God-given right to cut off someone in traffic.  
Bostonians...think that there are only 25 letters in the alphabet (no R's - except in 'idea'). If the word ends in an "a" it automatically becomes an "er."  
Bostonians...think that three straight days of 90+ temperatures is a heat wave.  
Bostonians...refer to six inches of snow as a 'dusting.'  
Bostonians...always 'bang a left' as soon as the light turns green, and oncoming traffic always expects it.  
Bostonians...believe that using your turn signal is a sign of weakness.  
Bostonians...think that 63-degree ocean water is warm.  
Bostonians...think Rhode Island accents are annoying. Ha!

#### Reminder:

Please remind your guests and workmen that they should not park on the grass. Our sprinklers, which may not always be visible, sit on the edges of the grass and culverts and can be destroyed easily. Thank you.

*Joni*