



Home Owners Association

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you: Approximately 150 residents attended the HOA meeting December 3rd to discuss what we should do after two meetings with Sun Community VPs, including a Senior VP, failed to get the proposed rent increase reduced. After talking with the HOA attorney, we had three options we could pursue. Our attorney asked three questions: 1] Do we have the funds to go forward, we have approximately \$50,000, 2] do we have support of the residents, 3] can the situation be worked out without damaging relations with Sun Communities. We can go to mediation [which is not binding], file legal action, or do no more this year. Mediation would indicate to Sun that we are serious but would not result in reducing the rent increase. It would cost an unknown amount of money for no return on the investment. After reviewing the many failures of the amenities and our complaints, the attorney's opinion is that our only legal action would be with the continued hot tub problems. We would need to identify the dates of closings and hire a professional to determine what percentage of our rent is represented by the hot tubs. This is not what any of us wanted to hear. There were many comments made by the residents in attendance. You can see the meeting minutes posted on the bulletin boards in Club Rio and Club Lago or look at them on the HOA website. The consensus of most was to do no more this year, pick our battles for another time.

HOC [Home Owners Committee]: Members of the HOC will be determined this Spring. Many people who spoke at the HOA meeting regarding the rent have some good ideas are encouraged to consider becoming a member of this committee. The HOC negotiates with Sun regarding rent, reduction of service, rules and regulations. Knowledge of Florida law 723 is helpful. Common sense and ability to communicate are the most important assets to be of value for the residents. The board encourages anyone interested to contact myself or any board member.

Election: There are four openings on the Board of Directors to be filled at the HOA Annual Meeting January 7, 2025. Only four people were nominated to fill these positions. Therefore, they will be elected by acclamation. The four are: Gregg Allen, Denny Jameson, Bob Karvonen, and Tom White. Gregg and Bob will be new to the Board, while Tom and Denny will be re-elected. Officers for 2025 will be elected immediately following the HOA meeting and announced that evening. The Treasurer and Secretary will be appointed at this meeting.

Denny Jameson, President, Club Rio HOA

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 2024**

SYMPATHY

Pat Laumer
Patti Doran
Marty Wolfgang
Eileen Allen (Mother of Susan Butler and Barb Massimo)

GET WELL

Eugene Carpenter
Joan Carpenter
Bill Barry
Evelyn Wright
Jim Costello
Jeanie Everest
Donny Chappell

If you know anyone living in Hacienda that is in the hospital or has passed away, call Mary Heasley at 330-409-5418.

All table supplies are provided complimentary by the Social Committee for Memorial Services in either club house.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

The next Social Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7th at 10 AM at Club Rio. Everyone is welcome to attend and share ideas.

UNDER THE SEA PARTY

What will you be? A pirate, or a mermaid, or come as you are, and join us on January 25th at 5 PM. Tickets go on sale on Monday, January 13th from 10 to 11 AM and from 5 to 6 PM at Club Rio. Tickets are \$15 per person which includes a baked potato bar and a chowder cook off, entertainment and BYOB. Prize for the best mermaid and pirate.

If you would like to participate in the chowder cookoff, please contact Laura Grogan at 203-822-8866.

CLUB EVENTS

FISHING AND BOATING CLUB

Annual Tournament Awards Dinner – **January 11th**, 5PM at Club Rio. You must have fished in at least one tournament this year (2024) to be invited to this event. Invitations are being called to you at this time. Male and Female Anglers of the year will be announced. Menu is fried haddock, three bean salad, corn pudding, cole slaw, cake and beer and wine will be provided.

Monday, **January 13th**, 6 PM Club Rio Tournament sign- ups for both tournaments this month.

Tuesday, **January 14th**, Monthly meeting – 6 PM at Club Rio.

Saturday, January 18th. It will be a **SURF** tournament because the docks remain closed. Location will be announced at the meeting and on Facebook.

Saturday, January 25th. River Tournament.

At the December meeting Brien Hackbart was voted in as our new President and Jim Barrett will serve his second year as Vice President. The Board of Directors has several positions to fill. We need a new Membership Director, Hospitality Director and River Tournament Director. If you are a member and would like to help guide the future of the club please contact Brien Hackbart.

Club members – Don't forget to send photos of your catches documenting the date and length of the fish for the Bragging Board to Brien at 904-999-7019 or email, knot2worry@hotmail.com. Check it out in the club display case at the South Dock.

Certain Club Merchandise will be on sale at discounted prices. Check it out at the meetings and events! **DUES** for 2025 are now being collected. They will remain \$10 per person per year. You **MUST** be a member to sign up to fish in the tournaments and purchase tickets to the events. The monthly meetings are open to all.

Do not forget to check out and join our Club Facebook page Hacienda Fishing & Boating Club. Type in Hacienda Fishing & Boating Club in the "Search Bar". Once on the website, request to "Join". You must be a current member. At the top of the page look for the "Files" tab. In there you will find the By-Laws and the Fishing Rules.

GARDEN CLUB

JANUARY MEETING January 8th, 1:00 PM, CLUB RIO

2025 Can you believe it? We hope everyone's Holidays were warm and fuzzy and now it's time to hit the ground running. Our program is very appropriate for this time of year, "How to prune your trees and bushes". This is the time to complete this task and "All about rain barrels ", given by Holly Giles from Green Volusia. She is an excellent speaker. We always learn lots from her presentations. We will have a short meeting to discuss the plans for the new year. Remember, this year's dues are \$10 and they are due in January.

JANUARY TRIP: Wednesday the 15th, leaving Club Rio 10:00 AM

The Garden Club will travel to Long Leaf Pine Preserve on Wednesday January 15th. It is located off Pioneer Rd outside of New Smyrna Beach. We will be taking a buggy ride tour around the preserve viewing Pine Flat wood, Cypress strands, Cypress domes and scrub all part of the ecosystem within the wet flatlands. Lunch will be at 424 Bistro in Venetian Bay. Sign up will be at the January meeting. For questions contact Diane Smith 570-677-7048.

Butterfly Garden

There will be monthly sessions of "clean up" to the Butterfly Garden the second Tuesday of the month 8-10a.m. starting in January. Bring your gloves and hand tools and help keep the garden beautiful.

GARDEN OF THE MONTH

Mike and Vickie Kiehl, 569 Bella Vista. They have created a garden with a variety of colorful flowers, foliage, and plants that is visually appealing and uplifting.

OHIO CLUB

Planning Meeting - Wednesday January 8th 6:30 PM at Club Rio. We will have a planning meeting to discuss the future direction of the Ohio Club. Your input is very important. Please plan to attend and bring your ideas to share with the group. Please let Mary Heasley, 330-409-5418, know if you plan to attend and/or are interested in heading up the Ohio Club.

Monthly Social Event - Did someone say Paddle Bingo and Pies! If we have your attention, please join us on Friday, January 10th, 6 PM, at Club Rio for some fun. During the break, we will have a Pie Contest. Paddle Bingo games will begin at 6:30 PM. We will play 6-8 games. The cost of the night will depend on how many games you play and how many sticks you purchase. Bingo sticks are \$1, with a max of 5 sticks per game. The cash pot total will depend on how many people play and the number

of sticks purchased for that game. Kathy Hathaway will be our Bingo Caller. So, bring a guest, a bunch of cash, BYOB and snacks. Each Ohio Club member can invite up to (2) guests. After the contest, pie will be enjoyed by all. To make this a successful event, Cathy and I will need 4-5 members to help with this event. Please contact Mary Heasley by January 6th if you can help at 330-409-5418.

The Ohio Club Pie Contest will be held during the Bingo break. We are looking for (8) Ohio Club members to enter a pie. All types of pies will be accepted; ie. cream, fruit or nut pies. The pie must be prepared by the person submitting the entry. No store-bought pies or pies made with canned fillings can be entered. It is preferable but not mandatory that the pie crust be made from scratch.

There will be awards for the top three pies. Judges selected will not be Ohio Club members. Your non-labeled pie entry needs to be dropped off at the Club Rio kitchen at 5:30 PM. A recipe needs to accompany your entry. If you would like to enter our Pie Contest, please contact Mary Heasley 330-409-5418, or Cathy Harmon 518-701-0174 by January 6th.

The Ohio Club welcomes its newest members - Elayne Maher, Kenny Wince, Pam Tipton and Jim Fox.

RED HAT DOLLS

Our December 3rd meeting that was held at the Grille at Riverview, NSB was a huge success. This was our annual Christmas Party with lots of fancy Red Hats and Purple Festive Clothes with Gloves. The Secret Santa Surprise Gift Exchange took place and all enjoyed the festivities.

Happy New Year 2025.....January 14th Meeting will be held at Clancy's in NSB at our regular meet up time 12:30 PM Club Lago. We have a great lineup of great events and outings awaiting for you this coming year and would like to invite any members who want to join.

For all of the outings, if you need transportation, carpooling is available.

Please use the Hacienda Red Hat website to RSVP or call Sue White so we can get a head count and if you are able to be a driver. Any questions or suggestions contact our Queen Nana, Nancy Rickard. Hope you can join us. Please pass the word as new Hacienda members are always welcome. Our website can be found on Facebook under Groups, search for Hacienda Red Hat Society, and click to join if you haven't already to keep up with the latest news.

PENNSYLVANIA CLUB

The Pennsylvania Club will meet on January 17th at 5:00 PM, in Club Lago. We will again have our cowboy potluck dinner, so as you did before, let's dress the part. Following our dinner, we will enjoy a new kind of game.

NEW JERSEY CLUB

NJ Club will not have a meeting the month of January. Instead on January 11th we are having an outing to Pagano's Restaurant in South Daytona. You can drive yourself or we will carpool. Meet at 12 Noon on January 11, 2025 at Club Lago to carpool.

HACIENDA DANCE CLUB

Well, it's January and we all know what happens now! New Year's Eve resolutions, dealing with that extra Christmas Season "5" and that general feeling of relief that it's all done! Whew! Makes me tired just writing this!

So, your answer to the winter doldrums? Hacienda's Dance and Social Club! Nothing makes us feel better than exercising to great music! I, myself, am proof positive of that!

This month, we will continue with our Sunday evening dance lessons for members at 6:00 PM and open dancing beginning at 6:30. Everyone is invited, so come on out and enjoy an evening with us!!
BYOE...

HACIENDA VETERANS' ORGANIZATION

Both Veterans and the Auxiliary will meet Jan 21st at 6:30 PM, at Club Rio for a combined social. Hot dog cart January 18th from 11 AM to 1 PM. We will drive through the community, listen for bell and siren, and we will finish up at Club Lago. Watch for our sign out front for more info, and check our group page on Facebook: Hacienda Veterans.

FRIDAY NITE LIVE

Friday Nite Live will be January 3rd and 31st starting at 5:00 PM, and games begin at 6:30 PM at Club Lago. Any questions please call Debi at 386-426-2600.

KNOTTY GIRLS

Every Friday from 2-4 PM at Club Lago. Anyone who works and crafts with fiber in any shape or form, whether you knit, needle point, crochet, cross stitch, embroider, weave, rug hook, felt, braid, macramé, plait, lace-making or quilt. ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you need help with your project, or if you are a beginner and want to learn, we encourage you to come and join us.

We also extend an invitation to any and all crafters to join us for crafting and camaraderie.

For more information, contact Lois (Lo) Perazzo at 410-913-4027

MONDAY MEN'S GOLF

The Monday Morning Men's Golf Group is looking for additional golfers. For more info contact Ron Bowling at 386-423-0132.

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS

No meeting this month.

HEALTH 911 CLUB

January 9th 9-10:30 AM at Club Lago will be a talk on Nutrition and meal planning for maximum health by Henrik Martenson. Please register by texting 305-849-1739 so we can plan any handouts etc.

February 6th, from 09:00 – 11:30 AM in Club Lago is the next Friends and Families CPR/AED and Stop the Bleed. Please register by texting Susie Martenson 305-849-1739. No cost for the training. Maximum enrollees 16.

February 11th from 9-11 AM in Club Lago will feature a special speaker on NASA Spacesuit history and interesting Astronaut health questions you would love to know. Speaker, Valerie McNeil, Spacesuit Technician with over 20 years of experience! Please register by texting 305-849-1739 so we can plan any handouts etc.

Dates will also be posted on the community Facebook page.

We are continuing to work on some collaborative projects with community services, the fire department and other agencies. Please submit any recommendations or suggestions for upcoming events to Susie and Henrik Martenson at 305-849-1739 or in person.

HOME MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY TIPS

Cooler weather and your home

Do you feel a cold draft around windows and doors during these colder months? At doors, an easy way to find issues with weather-stripping is to look for daylight between the door and the door frame when the sun is shining on the door. Or have someone shine a strong light or flashlight at the door while you look from the other side. Having a storm door can also help limit the transfer of cold outside air to the inside of your home. At sliding glass doors, be sure that the door that opens and closes is square in the opening and closes fully. At windows, again you can look for daylight around the perimeter of the window, but the amount of daylight coming through the window at the same time makes this harder. Again, a strong light from one side while you look from the other can help, especially if done when the sun is not shining so bright. Correcting weather-stripping at windows can be harder. Caulking at the interior where the window frame and the wall trim meet can also help limit air transfer. New double pane windows are more energy efficient, however the pay back in energy savings is a long time, so generally replacing windows for energy savings is not very practical, and window replacement for ease of operation or other reasons makes more sense. A professional with an Infrared Camera can also help find heat loss around windows and doors and also from damaged or missing insulation.

CLUBHOUSE AND POOL HOURS

Club Rio: 7 AM – 10 PM

Club Lago: 7 AM – 10 PM

Fitness Center at Club Lago: Open 24 hours

Club Rio Pool Hours: 24 hours

Club Lago Pool Hours: 24 hours

Club Lago Pool Activities:

Water Aerobics: Mon-Fri: 8-9 AM, 10-11 AM

High Cardio water Aerobics: Mon-Fri:9-10AM

Arthritis Water Exercise:

Mon, Wed, Fri, 11AM-12 Noon

HELPFUL INFORMATION

MANAGEMENT CONTACT NUMBER: 386-423-5807

MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS CONTACT NUMBER: 877-786-6048

HOA WEBSITE: clubriohoa.org USERNAME: hoa (lower case) PASSWORD: edgewater (lower case)

WIFI – Password at Club Rio and Club Lago: Hacienda

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