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The Everly Set
 Friday Jan. 10
 7:00
 Tickets \$15.00
 Available at
 Breakfast Club
 Or The Shorts

Boy Band Evolution
 Sat. Jan. 25 7:00
 Tickets \$20
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 club starting Jan. 11
 or from the Woodruffs.

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The Evolution Of Music

JANUARY GATE CODE 6172

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THE ACORN PLAYERS
present
Sheryl Faye
Portraying
Eleanor Roosevelt



One of the top ten most admired people of the 20th century, Eleanor Roosevelt was the first presidential spouse to hold press conferences, write a syndicated newspaper column and speak at a national convention.

Don't miss this unique performance by a master storyteller.

Thursday, January 16, 7 pm

Tickets \$5 - Breakfast Club or 3422 Overcup Oak

NEIGHBORLY CARE FUND

By MJ Paul

Many aren't aware that we have a fund which was established for emergency use for people in our community who are not veterans. Our veterans group is doing a fantastic job for our veterans, but we have other members of our community who are not veterans. Back before Covid we wanted to do something for them too.

We want to activate this fund during the new year by helping these neighbors. Donations can be made to this fund at the office at any time. It will be managed by MJ Paul (of Bingo fame) and Bridget Meehan. If you've got a need and are not a veteran, please feel free to contact MJ at 941-376-5956 or by email at majepaul@aol.com 🌿

Country Western Dance

January 18, 2025



*Music by
Bert and the Party Boys*

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Tickets - \$10.00

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*Tickets available at Breakfast Club
Starting Saturday, December 28, 2024*

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

By Judy Cowan

*H*appy New Year!

In last month's column I laid out the election procedure for filling the three open Board positions. As it turns out, there will not be an election because only three members submitted paperwork for the three positions. Please join the current Board in welcoming Rick Evans who will be continuing on the Board, along with Rich Knapp and Marty McSweeney. Homeowners are invited to attend an informal "Meet and Greet" evening on Friday, January 3, at 7pm.

Stepping down from the Board are Frank Dawes and Marcia Berkey. Frank has served on the Board for twenty years and has overseen our finances as Treasurer. A huge thank you to Frank for taking on this fiscal responsibility and always looking from the perspective of what is in the best interest of our homeowners and Oakwood Manor.

Marcia was our New Member Director, guiding new homeowners through the process of becoming members of our community. She also was the liaison between the Communications Committee and the Board. Thank you for serving your community in those capacities.

As a homeowner and member of the Oakwood Manor Homeowners Association, the Board asks that you attend the Annual Membership meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 7pm. In order to hold this meeting, there must

be a total of 324 members who have filled in a proxy and returned it to the office or are in attendance at the actual meeting. In addition to the regular business associated with a Board meeting, the membership will vote on whether or not to carry over the operating budget surplus from 2024 to 2025. As a member, please make every effort to attend or return the proxy paperwork. On Tuesday, January 14 at 1pm, homeowners are invited to attend the Organizational Board Meeting, at which time the officers and other Board positions will be voted on by the Board.

It has been my experience that all of us on the Board bring our commitment to serve Oakwood Manor in the best way we can. Our backgrounds and expertise differ, but our desire to serve our community has been very apparent to me. I'm reminded of the mission statement that was crafted in 2020. It is still relevant today:

Oakwood Manor, located in Sarasota, Florida, is a progressive, well maintained 55+ resident owned retirement community. Oakwood Manor is managed by a licensed community association manager and governed by an elected board of directors who are responsive to the residents' needs. We offer recreational and social activities in a safe, secure, friendly and caring community while striving to enhance the quality of life for our residents.

Let's continue in the spirit of a caring community throughout the new year.

As always, you are welcome to use the *Comments Form* to be in communication with me, another Board member or staff. The form is shared with the entire Board and appropriate staff and will be returned to you with an explanation of what action was taken. The *Comments Form* is available in the Clubhouse lobby.

OAKWOOD MANOR

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DEADLINE FOR COPY: 20th of the Month





News from your Show Committee

We are excited to offer two shows this month. Some of you may have already purchased your tickets to see The Everly Set. The first show will be on Friday the 10th at 7pm. Members of the show committee will continue to sell tickets at breakfast club on January 4th or at Linda Short’s home. If you are not in the park yet, please email lindashort4@gmail.com and ask to reserve your seats for this show only. You can also buy tickets at the door.

What Boy Bands can you remember?

Does their music bring back fond memories?


Boy Band Evolution will be performing on the Oakwood Manor stage on Saturday evening January 25th. Four talented singers will take us back to the early days of boy bands, bringing us their fabulous voices and reminding us of all the wonderful songs we have heard throughout the decades. This exciting and timeless blend of music creates a night to remember and truly provides something for everyone. Boy Band Evolution integrates smooth choreography with songs to take you on an exciting journey of music. Make sure to buy your tickets early to choose your reserved seat. Tickets are \$20 each and will be available starting January 11th at Breakfast Club or from Mike and Vicki Woodruff.

From the Desk of
The Vice President
By Richard Evans

When you return to your Florida Home after the Holidays, here is a short list of things to do to prepare your TV for watching.

- If you have WiFi, notify ISS that you are back to get it turned on. 941-378-5200.
- Make sure your remote has good batteries.
- Check the power plug to make certain that your TV is plugged in. In addition, if you have the cable box, please make certain it has power also.
- If the TV has been off for a long period of time and you do not have a cable box, you should re-scan the channels to pick up any changes.

After completing these checks, and your TV still doesn't find the stations, call ISS at 941-378-5200



Reminder:

New York & New Jersey Residents
Save the date for our February 7th
Potluck Luncheon at
12:30 pm to 3 pm.

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and drink, and come & Party.

Any questions, text
Missy Kellam at 518-321-2785.

Acorn Players Presents Sheryl Faye

By Neil Cowan

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TREASURER'S REPORT November 30. 2024

By Frank Dawes



Once again Milton was a factor in our operating loss for the month, we spent \$59,000 on tree trimming and clean up in the month, this with the October expenses totaled some \$120,000 for tree trimming and cleanup caused by Milton.

For the month of November we had operating income of \$105,940 and operating expenses of \$122,437 resulting in an operating loss for the month of \$16,497. Year to date our operating income of \$1,183,775 less operating expenses of \$1,140,888 gives us an operating profit for the eleven months of \$42,887.

Our month end cash balances were operating \$79,631 and our reserve funds \$524,764.

There were no additions to fixed assets during the month. 🌿

VETERANS BOARD

BY Vicki Woodruff

I will be updating the Veteran Board in January. I have several new people to add. Please give me your Name, Branch of Service and Rank, Years of Service and if you served in any conflict.

Please send me an email with the above information to woodruffv@yahoo.com or hand the information into the Office and they will see that I get it. 🌿

Shuffle Club News

By Vicki Gregory



We have been busy at the courts. Many of our members are still returning to Oakwood Manor so the activity will only increase.

Our first Club meeting will be January 13th at 1 pm up at the courts before play starts. Our new separate committee structure for club activities will be discussed in detail. Each committee team leader will introduce their committee members and speak to what to expect going forward.

Palmer Sesti- Disk polishing and maintenance

Ken Jones- Court Duty, maintenance/ordering supplies

Doris Schwartz- Food Service for all Club events

George Manekas- In-house Tournaments

Palmer Sesti and Ed Gregory-Dance Committee

Annual Banquet lead to be determined

A quick reminder that the Doubles Tournament is on Friday, January 24th at 10 am.

Is everyone ready for the Premier Dance of the season? Our Dance Committee has been working extremely hard putting the finishing touches to this years' spectacular event. Once again, we will provide you with outstanding entertainment by local artist, Fawny Frost, our famous Basket raffle, and wonderful Door Prizes and of course the Heart Photo picture area. Tickets are \$10 and Envelopes will be available at Breakfast Club and Thursday Bingo. Look for more details on Channel 2 and at Breakfast Club.

See you at the courts! 

VETERANS CLUB


By John Jones

Happy New Year! The Veterans club had a very good year in 2024. We provided thousands of dollars in assistance to our OM veterans. I will give you a final tally next month.

We have two more major fundraisers for this season. The first will be our Country/Western Dance on Jan.18, followed by our participation in the Flea Market on the first Saturday of March.

Sadly, I will be resigning from the Veterans Club by the end of March. My mind says don't quit! You love doing this too much! My body says no, you are too old and too tired. I need someone to take over the enjoyment of helping our veterans. This position is open to men or women or couples. You do NOT have to be a veteran. You just must want to help our fellow veterans. You can start immediately and learn the ropes as we complete our tasks for the season.

If you are interested, contact me.

Thank you all for your past and continuing support. 

NEW RESIDENTS

Vernon Knepp
3408 Shingle Oak Terr
941-993-5719

Bogdan Gryko
3306 Oakwood Blvd S
847-331-5631

MANAGER'S CORNER

Bill Walsh CMCA, AMS

*H*appy New Year Oakwood Homeowners.

Here's an update on what's happening in the Park:

MAINTENANCE BUILDING UPDATE:

Hopefully the Building has been certified for occupancy and we are moving in by the time you read this. If not, it will be soon. There will still be some additional work to configure the interior and paving to be done. I anticipate a "Open House" in late February for all residents to view the completed building.

ASSOCIATION ISSUES:

- Monster Tree Services will be on site in mid-January to trim off all dead branches from Hurricane Milton. They will also remove several dead palms.
- After Monster Tree is finished a stump removal company will be in to grind up the palm stumps around the Park.
- Still to do: Replace the remaining 2 malfunctioning pool heaters. Four of the heaters are working fine and keeping the pool at a comfortable temperature.
- The phone line to the Visitor Gate kiosk should be back in operation in January. If you need your personal code to give out to vendors, just call the office. The monthly code is for residents and guests only.
- The replacement mailbox posts have all been delivered and installed where needed.
- We have a new pest control company servicing the clubhouse beginning in November. NatureZone will offer residents a reduced rate for treating individual homes. Stop by the office to get further information.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY
Come out from 5pm to 6 pm


January 8, 2025

Bring a snack to share
and whatever drink you like.


This is your chance to meet
and greet your neighbors.

Information- Bette Lou 941-955-7102

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the Office
of anyone
who is sick
or in the hospital



941-366-2880

- The pergola at the hot tub will be refinished and sealed in January. This will require closure of the hot tub for several days. Sorry for the inconvenience. This project was planned for completion in November, but Milton interrupted.
- Any improvements on the exterior of your home still requires submission of a Plan Approval Form, available at the office. 

BOOK CLUB

By Gretchen McTavish

The Oakwood Manor book club will be meeting on January 17 at 1 PM in the clubhouse. We will be discussing *The Overstory* by Richard Powers, a Pulitzer prize winning novel published in 2018. One resident reader remarked that he would never look at trees the same after reading it. Powers conducted plenty of research in preparing to write this novel about the environment and our relationship to it. Copies are available from Gretchen McTavish at 610.812.9169. All are welcome.



ATTENTION: INDIANA HOOSIERS

By Kay Beyer

Save the date for our Indiana Dinner on February 16, 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM.

Please call or text me if you have home/hand made gifts to donate.

Kay Beyer 574-904-8666

Baked goods, quilt gifts (table runners, place mats, etc), craft items. Share your talents.





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**“Food Truck Event” on Saturday,
January 11th, 2025
from 2p.m. to 5p.m.**

Come enjoy “Willy Yum's” featuring various style hot dogs for the offering such as Chicago, Carolina Slaw Dog, New York, Bacon Mac & Cheese, Cuban sandwiches, Chicken Tender & Fries.

The most requested Greek entree truck many have expressed enjoying is back!!! “Peace of Pita Greek!”

Drinks such as sodas and water can be purchased from either of these vendors.

“Welcoming back - Jamie's Cake Creations Truck” featuring canolis, fried cheesecake, ice cream cones dipped in chocolate or strawberry, donut holes, chocolate ganache cake and more! Delicious for sure!!!! I heard rave reviews about this dessert truck when they were here previously!

Specifics of menus will be listed in foyer of clubhouse and on inside and outside bulletin boards for all food vendors.

No tickets to purchase. Bring cash, debit/credit cards. The trucks will be located in the parking lot in front of the clubhouse. Once your purchase has been made join your friends on the East Veranda and socialize.

We hope you'll join us in the fun at this event !!!



Feedback has been most positive for the food trucks!

This event is sponsored by the Pool Party. Questions may be directed to Alice DeLair (941) 809-7314 or Lois Charen (941) 735-5160. 🌿

MICEKTEERS

By Sharon Rump

Hope you had a wonderful year and are ready to start 2025 with a new slate and learn all sorts of new things regarding technology. Our first meeting on January 14 will be delayed by one hour due to the OM Organizational meeting at 1:00 PM. We will meet at 2:00 PM in front by the stage and are excited to have Nancy Williamson share some important information with us.

How to fight back against spam/texts/ emails and robocalls

- How to spot phishing/spam email do's and don'ts- how to set rules/filters
- How thieves get your cell phone number
- How to silence unknown callers on phone – go directly to voice
- How to handle texts with attachments, links
- Do Not call registry.gov
- Latest scams to be aware of 🌿



BLOOD PRESSURES

By Lorraine Costello



Blood Pressure readings will resume first Mondays of each month from 9:30am to 11:00 am in the clubhouse.

January 6

February 3 🌿

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Nifty 90's Event Coming in February

by Nancy Freshcorn

Please join us at Breakfast Club on Saturday, February 1st to honor our resident Nifty 90's. This annual event is to celebrate our community members who have reached the ninth decade of their lives. Special tables will be reserved for the honorees who may ask a guest of their choice to sit with them. Coffee, tea and donuts will be served to the group and pictures will be taken to be placed in a photo book kept in the office reception area.

For many years Oakwood Manor has celebrated those who have reached 90 years and over by gifting them with an official Nifty 90's Card following their 90th birthday that allows the recipients to receive many FREE perks within our community. Examples of some of the benefits are: free coffee and donuts at Breakfast Club, free ticket for shows sponsored by the Show Committee, free dinner tickets for Men's Club meals and free tickets for dances.

This year we have over 50 Nifty 90's! Invitations will be hand delivered to each of our precious nonagenarians during the first week of January. The attendance reply cards may be given to the volunteer delivering the invitation, turned in at Breakfast Club or by phone or email to the contacts listed on the invitation.

Any questions call Diane Knaus
– 920-530-6037 🌿





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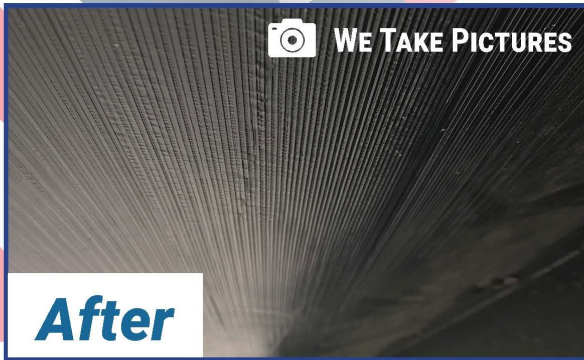
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MEN'S CLUB

By Paul Reimann & Stan Kozenewski

Happy New Year to all. Let's hope that 2025 will be a great year at Oakwood Manor. Our December Pig Roast seemed to be a great success. Many compliments on the dinner. A special thanks to all the volunteers who made the dinner an event to remember. Next up is our popular Pancake Breakfast on January 15th. We are also doing a Men's Club appreciation dinner from 3-6 pm on Tuesday January 21. We are still looking for new members to volunteer for upcoming events, especially anyone with restaurant experience. We are also taking orders for more Men's Club shirts. They are \$28 each (which includes first name embroidered.) The minimum order is six shirts and there is a 4-6 week turn around. If interested, see myself or Stan Kozenewski. As always, any comments or recommendations can be sent to my email

paulkreimann@gmail.com

On another note, I am planning on stepping down as President of the Men's Club as of May 1. It's been a privilege to have been able to lead such a wonderful group for three seasons, but it is time for fresh blood at the helm. I am hoping that someone will step up to take control, and I look forward to showing them the ropes as we go through the season. Thank you all for your support and friendship.



2024 PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

By Sharon Rump

The pictorial directories can be picked up at Breakfast Club and at Sharon Rump's house after January 4. Please call 941-587-1927 to make sure she is home.

If you want to have the app on your phone that will give you access to all of the information in the printed directory, contact Sharon and she will give you the code for your app.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish all of our residents a very Happy Birthday and we are listing the January birthdays here so you can send best wishes to your friends and neighbors on their special day. If there are any errors or omissions please let the office know so our records can be updated. If you do not wish your birthday to be listed, please notify Sharon Rump and she will make sure your name is not published.



Orm	Newcomb	Jan 1
Trish	Miller	Jan 1
Katie	Shrock	Jan 3
Marty	Troyer	Jan 4
Jill	Orth	Jan 5
Vince	Serrone	Jan 6
Lou	Wallick	Jan 7
Rick	Holder	Jan 7
Reidun	Yoder	Jan 8
Peggy	Cordes	Jan 8
Richard	Daly	Jan 9
Bobbie	Lander	Jan 9
Mike	Reed	Jan 9
Roger	Garneau	Jan 9
Marcia	Berkey	Jan 10
Bridget	Meehan	Jan 11
Shirley	Martin	Jan 12
Judy	Roehrs	Jan 12
Mary	Sesti	Jan 12
Libby	Quintrell	Jan 13
Sue	Miller	Jan 13
Karen	Renaud	Jan 13
Regina	Bowers	Jan 13
Norm	Mayer	Jan 14
William	Ferris	Jan 14
Candy	Gabriel	Jan 14
Ann	Tego	Jan 14
Keith	Schmidt	Jan 14
Nancy	Kraus	Jan 16
Bill	Kelley	Jan 16

Kurt	Stomiany	Jan 16
Linda	Potter	Jan 17
Nancy	Kohl	Jan 17
Alan	Steury	Jan 19
Lydia	Bornreger	Jan 20
Katy	Strub	Jan 21
Walt	Castor	Jan 21
Martin	McSweeney	Jan 21
Judy	Belanger	Jan 22
Maria	Leffingwell	Jan 22
Charles	Bertoli	Jan 22
Julie	Schiefer	Jan 23
Bev	Collins	Jan 24
Enos	Coblentz	Jan 25
Jenny	Grieshaber	Jan 25
Vicki	Kounk	Jan 25
Eddie	Gregory	Jan 25
Len	Webb	Jan 25
A. Ray	Yoder	Jan 25
Tonios	Skaf	Jan 25
Phyllis	Frishman	Jan 26
Helene	MacDurmon	Jan 26
Steve	Dojcsanszky	Jan 27
Pauline	LaRocco	Jan 27
Lisa	Donovan	Jan 27
Ed	Mosshammer	Jan 28
Ruth	Noggle	Jan 28
John	Yoder	Jan 28
Susan	Ritchey	Jan 28
Gerst	Wayne	Jan 28

Mike	Barber	Jan 28
Norma	Mast	Jan 28
Jeffrey	Purdy	Jan 28
Rich	Keller	Jan 28
Roy	Dunlap	Jan 29
Trish	Jones	Jan 29
Diane	Elie	Jan 29
Ginny	Douthat	Jan 29
Gwen	Garber	Jan 29
Dick	Potts	Jan 30
David	Weybright	Jan 30
Carol	Meade	Jan 31
Don	Logan	Jan 31



Happy Birthday

There will be no Ladies Luncheon In January



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