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## Meet The Candidates

### Christine M. Kozak

My name is Christine M. Kozak. I currently serve on the HOA Board as a Director and Board Secretary.

I had been interested in the workings of the HOA for a long time and decided to submit my name for consideration for the term beginning January 2021 through December 2023.

In my capacity as a member of this Board I did get to see and support the workings of the Grounds and ARC Committees in their efforts to keep Herons Glen a great place to live and enjoy.

In addition, I am the liaison to the Communications Committee and I continue to work with other residents on that committee to improve the way we keep every homeowner in Herons Glen updated with the latest changes and additions to HOA policies.

I am also the liaison to the Newspaper Team. I attend all their meetings and fully support all they do to provide updates on resident's lives whether through human interest stories or sports reporting.

Making a solid contribution to the HOA Board and the committees I assist has been my goal. It was a promise I made to myself and I believe I have kept that promise.

Everything I do on the Board is to assist the residents and to help the community. That said, I am asking for your vote as I run for re-election for the next three-year term running from January 2024 through December 2026.



### Richard L. Romine

My objective is to listen to all views and communicate effectively with HG residents on issues affecting our community, work with community leadership and HOA and HGRD Board members to resolve issues affecting the current and future well-being of our community, responsibly manage HOA finances while working to maintain and develop the HG amenities that we all enjoy. I will have served two three-year terms on the HOA Board at the end of this year.

I was married for 49 years to Stephanie before she passed, we have three children and eight grandchildren and have resided in Herons Glen since 2006, initially in Solana and presently in the Enclave.

I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati and was employed 36 years at Eltech Corp/Occidental Chemical Corp. as a technical manager of Chlor-Alkali technology (technology that converts salt water into chlorine). I hold seven patents that helped lower industrial energy costs/reduced environmental impact of technology. I then formed RLRomine Consulting LLC in 2006 and continued to work as a consultant in the Chlor-Alkali industry on a part-time basis after retirement.

I currently serve as HOA Board president for the last two years and previously served as HOA Board secretary. I served as vice president of Solana sub-HOA Board when I lived



there, on the HOA Activities Committee, six years on the HOA Architectural Review Committee, and two years on the HGRD Facilities & Amenities Committee.

Other volunteer positions include serving on Parish Council – St. Gabriel Parish, Mentor, Ohio. Founder and president of Men's Club, St. Cyprian Church, Perry, Ohio; and Parents Advisory Education Committee, Lake Catholic High School, Mentor, Ohio.

### John Sullivan (no photo submitted)

I am asking for one of your two votes for a position on the HOA Board. I have been a resident/owner in Herons Glen for 11 years, first on Valparaiso Boulevard, and now on Skyler Drive. I served as a member of a condominium board, as well as 20 years in various positions in town government when I lived in Massachusetts.

There are a lot of reasons I have decided to run at this time. The first being is there should never be an uncontested election in this community. The owners should always be able to have a choice as to who represents them on the HOA Board.

The second is, and this is not to disparage anyone who is or has served on any board or committee, is that I believe there should be a limit as to how many terms a person can serve on a board or committee. I have talked to many people who have applied to volunteer, and were not chosen, even though they had the qualifications. I would advocate for a policy that no person could serve no more than three consecutive terms in any HOA position and no more than four terms in total on any board or committee.

The third reason I am running is change. Change is inevitable. Sometimes it is done by law, and sometimes by consensus. Policies, procedures, covenants, and standards change here in Herons Glen on a regular basis. I would work to make sure that any changes to the HOA regulations are not imposing an unfair burden on any homeowner, and that homeowners have a path to seek changes to existing policies if a change is beneficial to our community. If you would like an example of something I would like to see changed, I would say that the prohibition of "mixed media" in planting beds would be one I would change. Can anyone give me one good reason why you should not be able to have a landscape feature that incorporates both stone and mulch? I can't.

If you have a specific question or concern, please feel free to shoot me an email to [JohnCSullivanJr@comcast.net](mailto:JohnCSullivanJr@comcast.net). Thank you.

## Rick Scharf, Reptile Wrangler

By Pam Scheid, Herons Glen

If a gator's prowling through your neighborhood, who you gonna call? Reptile Wrangler!

Several residents reported alligators wandering through their neighborhoods the last few weeks of this summer. While sharing the Glen with these indigenous creatures is a part of living in Florida, the threat of a home invasion by these creatures is another matter.

Recently, a resident, who lives on Skyler, heard a loud knocking on his front door. When he investigated, he discovered an 11-foot alligator pounding his door with its tail.

When our alligators become aggressive, it is time to call animal control to capture and remove them. The two men who came to do the job were glad to see that Rick Scharf was nearby.

The men were able to hook the gator from their boat, but the gator refused to follow them to shore. When it lunged at the boat the men shouted for Scharf to use the boat's rope to pull them, with gator in tow, toward land.

Once they got to shore, the men got the first rope around the still struggling gator, then handed the end of that rope to Scharf who was to hold the beast until its



captors could restrain it. Finally, with a rope around its jaw, the Skyler gator was subdued.

Before they loaded the alligator into their van, Scharf had a rare opportunity to pet its leathery skin.

Scharf now has two citations to add to his Reptile Wrangler credentials. A few years ago, he happened to be on the scene of the capture of the alligator that had wandered into a garage on Kaidon Lane. This time he was asked to hold the alligator's leg as the captors hoisted it into the van.

The flora and fauna of Southwest Florida are among the many reasons we enjoy living here. However, when aggressive fauna wants to share our dwellings, it's time to call the Reptile Wrangler.

## Ice Cream Truck

### Scream For Ice Cream

**Who:** Scoops on First ice cream truck

**When:** Nov. 19 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Herons Glen ballroom parking lot

**Why:** Because we love ice cream





# Community News

## In Memoriam

Delores DiSeveria Linda Madl Sharon Salminen  
 Necolet Gureli Steve Mahan Jerry Seaman  
 John Head Carl Naghtin Bob Weddleton

## Welcome

Coleen DiGiorgio and Danielle DelVecchio  
 Wade Howard and Donald Howard  
 Charles Tewksbury

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Issue Month/Year	Date Due To The Heron
December 2023	Friday, November 17
January 2024	Friday, December 15

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## Coming Soon

(Note: Based on restaurant completion some ballroom events may be in the restaurant.)

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Nov. 14 Socialites            | Ballroom    |
| Nov. 16 Farmers' Market       | Parking Lot |
| Nov. 16 Ron Lorenzo           | Ballroom    |
| Nov. 18 Welcome Back Party    | Ballroom    |
| Nov. 19 Scoops Ice Cream      | Parking Lot |
| Nov. 23 Thanksgiving          | Ballroom    |
| Nov. 25 Trivia                | Ballroom    |
| Nov. 28 Farmers' Market       | Parking Lot |
| Nov. 30 Smalltown             | Ballroom    |
| Dec. 3 Golf Cart Parade       | Parking Lot |
| Dec. 4 Bloodmobile            | Parking Lot |
| Dec. 7 Farmers' Market        | Parking Lot |
| Dec. 7 Rick Austin            | Ballroom    |
| Dec. 11 Singles of the Glen   | Ballroom    |
| Dec. 12 Socialites            | Ballroom    |
| Dec. 14 Farmers' Market       | Parking Lot |
| Dec. 14 Double Dare           | Ballroom    |
| Dec. 15 VOG Dinner/Dance      | Ballroom    |
| Dec. 16 Candlelight Dinner    | Ballroom    |
| Dec. 17 Marbles               | Ballroom    |
| Dec. 21 Farmers' Market       | Parking Lot |
| Dec. 21 Mike Morris           | Ballroom    |
| Dec. 25 Christmas             |             |
| Dec. 28 Farmers' Market       | Parking Lot |
| Dec. 28 Sunset Duo            | Ballroom    |
| Dec. 30 Trivia                | Ballroom    |
| Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Dinner | Restaurant  |
| Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party  | Ballroom    |

## In Case You Missed It ... Highlights From The HOA Weekly Bulletins

*From your HOA Communications Committee*

This listing highlights important articles covered in recent HOA Herons Glen Weekly Bulletins distributed by email to residents listed with the HOA Office. These issues affect every property owner, their renters, vendors, and guests.

The articles are intended to help residents better understand the actual requirements for our restricted community and may also include safety information. Reading about and understanding these issues could eliminate an escalation of problems that may result in potential fines.

If you have questions about a subject, you can locate the full article from the bottom left link on the HOA website at [http://hgccc.com/hghoa/files/office\\_news.html](http://hgccc.com/hghoa/files/office_news.html), then CLICK the link titled HOA News Bulletins, EXTRA! EXTRA! Or you can see the issues listed by date in the middle of the web page under HG HOA News from Management.

**Oct. 20** – HOA Candidates for the Board; Annual HOA Membership Meeting & Proxy Form; HOA Board Meeting to Consider Amendments to ARC Construction Standards for HG; HG Rental Rules, Restrictions & Forms; Visitor Management

**Oct. 13** – HOA Pet Rules & Regulations

**Oct. 6** – HOA Rules for Placing Decorative Items on a Home or Property, Home Cooking Safety Tips (from SSEP)

**Sept. 29** – Election of HOA Board Members; HOA Board Meeting to Consider Amendments to the Flagpole, Flag and Banner Guidelines & Standards; Selective Herbicides for Florida's Lawn Weeds

**Sept. 22** – Lee County Sheriff's Safety Message about Unoccupied Vehicles

**Sept. 15** – Emergency Contact Information Form, Lee County Sheriff's Community Outreach Newsletter

**Sept. 1** – HOA Volunteer Information, Recognizing Heat Illness (from CERT)

**Please keep this reference guide in a location that's easy for you to find when needed.**

## Zoom Access To HOA Meetings

*From the Herons Glen HOA*

Near the end of each Herons Glen HOA Weekly Bulletin sent out by the HOA office, there is a listing of upcoming HOA Board and committee meetings. All residents are welcome to attend these meetings in person.

If you prefer to attend via Zoom, you must contact the HOA office at [hoaoffice@heronsglenhoa.org](mailto:hoaoffice@heronsglenhoa.org) for Zoom registration information. Because these meetings are not open to the public but only to Herons Glen residents, the Zoom access information is not made publicly available.

During the hour prior to each meeting, the HOA staff are busy setting up the meeting and necessary communications for the Board and committees, so please contact the office at least one hour before the meeting begins.

## HOA And HGRD Schedule Of Meetings

The following is a listing of HOA and HGRD meetings known at the time of publication. As **these dates are subject to change**, please check the Herons Glen website calendar and the community channel for updates.

### Calendar Of HOA Meetings Nov. 13 To December

All committee meetings are via Zoom/HOA Conference Room unless noted otherwise.

- Nov. 14 Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
- Nov. 15 Communications Committee, 1 p.m.
- Nov. 15 Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
- Nov. 16 Activities Committee, 10 a.m.
- Nov. 23 Finance Committee, 1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 24 SSEP Committee, 8 a.m.
- Nov. 28 Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.

Dec. 5 Board Workshop, 1 p.m.

Dec. 12 Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.

Dec. 13 Annual Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Ballroom

Dec. 13 Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Ballroom

Dec. 14 Grounds Committee, 1 p.m.

Dec. 20 Communications Committee, 1 p.m.

Dec. 21 Activities Committee, 10 a.m.

Dec. 22 SSEP Committee, 8 a.m.

Dec. 26 Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.

Dec. 28 Finance Committee, 1:30 p.m.

### Calendar Of HGRD Meetings Nov. 13 To December

All committee meetings are via Zoom/Card Room C unless noted otherwise.

Nov. 13 Long-Range Planning Committee, 9 a.m.

Nov. 20 Board Meeting, 9 a.m.

Dec. 4 Golf Committee, 9 a.m.

Dec. 4 Resident Events Committee, 1 p.m., Activities Room "A"

Dec. 7 Facilities & Amenities Committee, 1 p.m.

Dec. 11 Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Dec. 18 Long-Range Planning Committee, 9 a.m.

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# Community Activities

## Artist Group Happenings

By Kathy Lynch, Herons Glen

Interested in getting in touch with your creative side? The Herons Glen Artist Group is an active organization in the Glen. Activities Room A is busy almost every day of the week with classes in acrylics, watercolor, and new this year, a drawing class. It is a space to unleash your artistic energies in a relaxed supportive environment. Want to move past drawing stick figures? The drawing class is on Monday from 9 to 11 a.m. The classes will be Nov. 13, 20 and Dec. 4.

Interested in watercolor? Come discover your inner artist! If you're new to the medium and want to give it a try, artists gather every Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to noon, for a morning of guidance, chatter and general camaraderie. Often class is followed by lunch in the lounge if interested. Come with your projects or just stop by to see what it's all about. The same works for acrylics on Friday from 9 a.m. until noon. Not in the Glen yet? Don't worry, come by Activities Room A on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday morning to meet us. Also, the Artist Group meets on the third Monday of the month at 5 p.m.

Our next meeting is Nov. 20. Feel free to contact me with your questions or interest at klynch30@gmail.com.

## Socialites' Season Opens With Their October Luncheon

By Pam Scheid, Herons Glen

Glad to be together again on a beautiful fall day, 72 members of the Socialites gathered for their first luncheon of the new season.

President Janet Kerns welcomed everyone, including four new members, and introduced this year's officers and committee chairmen. Martie Shea, who had resigned as luncheon chairman, was applauded for her 10 years of planning the menus.

Kathleen Colletti, the new luncheon chairman explained the new menu plans and the increased cost. She also encouraged the members to download the Herons Glen app, which will soon become the method for making all dining reservations. Treasurer Bev Groft announced this month's member contribution to the All-Souls Church Food Bank totaled \$366.

Joan Thompson, chairman of the Angel Tree project, and Karen Coburn, vice president explained the process for participating in the Christmas gifts for HG employees' children.

Following the meal, Rhonda Parkinson, the new program chairman, who has scheduled programs to show ways we can "give back," introduced Melanie Musick, a representative from



Rhonda Parkinson and Melanie Musick



Officers and Committee Chairs: Joan Thompson, Kathleen Colletti, Janet Kerns, Bev Groft, Karen Coburn, Rhonda Parkinson. Not pictured, Rose Swisher and Cheryl Dawes.

PACE, a nonprofit alternative junior/senior high school for at-risk girls. Studies show that academic difficulties lead to all kinds of problems for girls. The PACE program focuses on bringing girls' education to grade level. Their slogan is "growth and change," so they offer the girls counseling. The program has an impressive success record with 100 percent of their graduates staying out of the justice system and 95 percent of them enrolling in public school, higher education, or pursuing a career.

Located on Evans Street in Fort Myers, the Lee County center has 62 girls, who are learning the value of education and making good life choices. The PACE schools are partially funded by the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Department of Justice. However, with a cost of \$22,000 per girl, PACE also depends on fundraisers and donations.

The meeting closed with the reminder to everyone that, because of the holidays, the November and December luncheons will be on the second Tuesdays.

## Singles

By Louise Roessler, Herons Glen

Thursday, Oct. 5, Ginny Varney arranged for 20 Herons Glen Singles to carpool from the clubhouse to Cape Cabaret at 4725 Vincennes Blvd., in Cape Coral to have a great dinner and see and hear a wonderful tribute to the Beatles performed live by the tribute band Liverpool Live. They were very entertaining



Marla Pierce, Sandy Croft, April McGarvey, Ilena Budde, Chris Eibling, Barbara Benke, Dawn Sullivan, Lew Iffland, Ginny Varney, and Donna Snead

and had us singing, clapping and dancing to the familiar music with three separate costume changes denoting how The Beatles' appearance and their music changed over the years.



Mary Pickett, Everett Dehn, Joyce Russell, Joy Venker, Gary Olson, Ginny Varney, Nancy Alward, Madelyn Moffat, Louise Roessler, John Corda, and Donna Piascik

Past activities have included:

- Oct. 25 – Miniature golfing at Gator Mike's in Cape Coral. Arranged by Chris Eibling
- Nov. 5 – Boat trip to Cabbage Key. Arranged by Rita Lehman
- Nov. 5 – Cape Cabaret for a tribute to Frank Sinatra. Arranged by Ginny Varney

Future plans include:

- Dec. 11 – Potluck Christmas party in Activities Room A at 4 p.m. Arranged by Rita Lehman
- John Corda has been singing Karaoke at Sabal Springs but is now singing at Blackbeard's Tavern next to Nauti Parrot in Marination Lane, unit C in North Fort Myers on Wednesday at 6 p.m. and is inviting all his Herons Glen friends to come and hear him and enjoy a good dinner.
- Dec. 20 – Dinner at Pincher's Crab Shack and afterwards a visit to the Edison-Ford Christmas light display. Arranged by Bill Beadle

If you are single and living in Herons Glen, you are welcome to join us. Our next meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 11 at 4:30 p.m. in Activities Room A instead of our usual second Wednesday meeting date. Following the meeting we will have a potluck Christmas Party. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby HG Activities book, along with more information.

## Ring Out The Old – Ring In The New

By Jean Perillo-Roman, Herons Glen

New Year's Eve Dance in the Herons Glen ballroom on Dec. 31 from 8 a.m. to midnight. Tickets are nonrefundable at \$20 per person, a real bargain. Purchase your tickets starting Nov. 28 at the HGRD office. The music is by Don Lorenzo and the Funk Factory, starting at 8:15 p.m.

**Food:** You can bring snacks for your table to share; taste testers at the ticket table are available if needed. A buffet is available for purchase in the dining room from 5 p.m. to closing.

**Tables:** You can purchase tickets for yourself and for friends who you want to join you. Bring their names and account number, so they can pay their own way. You may purchase one table with a maximum of eight per table, but if you smile when asking, you can have 10 at your table.

**Other odds and ends:** No beverages may be brought into the dance. Buy your drinks at the dance. Dress is casual or get all decked out; no prizes for outfits.

For a fun, festive way to end 2023 and welcome 2024, meet us Dec. 31 in the ballroom of Herons Glen Country Club.



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- Herons Glen Golf and Country Club website:**  
<http://hgcc.com>
- Herons Glen Homeowners Association website:**  
<http://heronsghoa.org>
- Herons Glen Recreation District website:**  
<https://heronsghlcc.com>
- Herons Glen Facebook page:**  
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- HOA weekly bulletin emails and online:**  
[http://www.hgccc.com/hghoa/files/office\\_news.html](http://www.hgccc.com/hghoa/files/office_news.html)
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<https://heronsghlcc.com/group/pages/communications>
- The Heron newspaper online:**  
<http://hgccc.com/hghoa/files/newspaper.htm>
- Community TV Channels 901 and 902**

## Proxies Needed For Annual HOA Membership Meeting

*From the Herons Glen HOA*

The annual meeting of the Herons Glen HOA will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, in the Herons Glen Ballroom.

To hold the annual membership meeting, it is necessary to have a quorum of 30 percent of the voting members – a minimum of 390 members – in person at the meeting or by proxy. If you will not attend the annual meeting, it is important for you to submit a proxy form to the HOA. The proxy form is **not** a vote on anything. It is a form that states you have authorized either the secretary of the Herons Glen HOA or another person of your choice to stand as your representative so that you will count towards the needed quorum.

Please take a moment to complete the proxy form and return it to the HOA Office at your convenience prior to Dec. 13. You may fold the proxy and leave it in the HOA Payment Box outside the HOA main door.

Proxy forms are available on the table outside the HOA Office or you may request a proxy form by emailing [hoaoffice@heronsghlcc.com](mailto:hoaoffice@heronsghlcc.com).

The online Herons Glen HOA Bulletin also has a link for you to submit your proxy online or to download and print a copy that you can return to the HOA Office.

Completed proxy forms can also be mailed to: Herons Glen HOA Office, 2250 Herons Glen Boulevard, North Fort Myers, FL 33917 or emailed to [hoaoffice@heronsghlcc.com](mailto:hoaoffice@heronsghlcc.com).

Please submit your proxy as soon as possible so this annual meeting can be held. Thank you.

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## Community Interests

### All Souls' Episcopal Church – Outreach Behind The Scenes Tour

*By Denise Johnson, Herons Glen*

Seven members of Alpha Delta Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi made a field trip to All Souls' Episcopal Church on Sept. 27. Upon arrival, Charlie Thompson, director of the Outreach Program, met us to explain what the Outreach Program is all about and what it means to those in need. Volunteers (several from Herons Glen) help on Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesday is preparation day for Wednesday when the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet opens to the homeless, below-poverty level community, those who have outlived their retirement funds and now depend on the Outreach to make ends meet, and 55-plus who are eligible to receive federal government aid once a month. All are referred to as "clients." They serve about 250 clients each week.

Food products are ordered from Harry Chapin and Publix donates day-old bread, bakery products and vegetables and fruit. We hope Herons Glen residents will consider taking frozen or pantry products to All Souls' when leaving for the holidays, vacation or going back north.

All clients are vetted, and a file is kept on each. This assures clients are eligible to participate in the outreach program for grocery/clothes shopping, medical evaluation, etc., are allowed to enter. A hot meal is served on Wednesday and no one is turned away. They also serve a full Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner (they have a **small** kitchen). Volunteers do all the Outreach preparation on Tuesday (sorting, cooking, etc.) and work the Outreach room on Wednesday. Three paid workers who are homeless work at minimum wage to move pallets of food and heavier donations since most of the staff and volunteers are retirement age and cannot lift and move heavy items.

All Souls' helps in so many other ways on a **\$40,000** annual budget, which is separate from the church budget. They rely on donations to their Outreach Program to provide additional services to those in need. Some of these services include:

- Provide their address as a place of residence so the homeless can receive and pick up mail there



*Clients wait to shop. Volunteers all wear "lime green" T-shirts.*



*Bonnie Bickel, Diane Mather, April McGarvey, Jo Potts, Bev Davis, Denise Johnson, Gloria Selander*

- Pay fees to obtain birth certificates (necessary for an ID)
- On-site medical evaluations (provide necessary transportation for urgent care)
- Assist with making medical appointments
- Provides Uber or bus passes for appointments as well as job interviews
- Clothes/food allowance (nonmonetary)
- Supports those eligible retirees that cannot make ends meet

We hope that Herons Glen residents will consider donating time, plastic grocery bags, clothes and household goods, as well as monetary donations. Also, there is always a demand for toilet paper and men's shoes.

For a comprehensive list of services provided by the Outreach Program and requested donations, contact Denise Johnson, [djfj0615@gmail.com](mailto:djfj0615@gmail.com). For information or questions about what **you** can do to help, contact Charlie Thompson, director of Outreach at (239) 246-0082.

Please make donation drop-offs at All Souls' Church, 14640 North Cleveland Ave., (just south of the Pine Island Walmart). Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### Butterfly Society Update

*By Kim Basile and Linda Lynch, Herons Glen*

The Herons Glen Butterfly Society welcomes back all garden lovers!

The Butterfly Society is the group responsible for all things connected to the beautiful Butterfly Garden along Herons Glen Boulevard near the 18th hole. The garden is now four years old and is the result of lots of planning and organizing, as well as ongoing care by a group of volunteers.

It was a brutally hot summer and the bushes and flowering plants in the garden were parched. Then came the rain. Now the cooler weather is perfect for regrowth, and we are seeing lots of butterfly activity.



*Butterfly Society Update on page 5*



Artist: Andrew Libeck

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If you aren't aware of the garden or haven't visited it recently, you should put it atop your to-do list. It is well worth it.

In order to help maintain and enhance this beautiful garden space, please make note of the society's two major fundraising activities that are coming up:

- Annual Plant Sale – The society leadership team and members are currently growing many types of butterfly-friendly plants and will offer great gift items.
- Annual Bake Sale – Fabulous bakers will be making their specialties (including doggie biscuits)!

Watch for dates and times from various HG news sources!

If you are interested in joining the Butterfly Society or would like to participate in either fundraising event, please contact Kim Basile, (443) 253-5062 or Helen Graziano, (516) 509-6707.

**Fun, Food And Friends: A Pretty In Pink Cookbook**

By Janet Slater, Herons Glen

Fun, food and friends! What could be better? How about supporting a great cause at the same time? This new cookbook is stuffed with over 300 recipes from your friends and neighbors here at Herons Glen, with everything from main dishes to desserts and categories like Tee It Up (appetizers) and the 19th Hole (cocktails). Best of all, the proceeds from the cookbook go to support Pretty in Pink's charity, Partners for Breast Cancer Care Inc.



Cookbooks make a great Christmas gift for friends and family, so be sure to get more than one. Books are available in the main lobby on Tuesday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and Thursday 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. through Nov. 30. The cost is \$18; please make checks payable to PFBCC. You may also get cookbooks from: Sue Atkin, (615) 202-9045; susanatkin2004@yahoo.com or Andy Edmunds, (239) 560-6800; alaswim@yahoo.com.

**Outside Holiday Decorating Guidelines**

From the Herons Glen HOA

With the approaching holidays, it's a good idea to refresh your knowledge about what is allowed and not allowed in Herons Glen when it comes to outside holiday decorations.

The HOA Bylaws have specific rules for placing decorative items on a home or property in Herons Glen. However, some latitude is permitted for holiday decorations. Residents should always check the rules before adding or changing anything to their home or property. The complete deed restrictions, rules, guidelines and standards for both holiday and non-holiday decorations can be found on the HOA website, www.heronsglenhoa.org or can be viewed at the HOA Office.

**Holiday And Special Event Decorations**

Special events (e.g., sports games, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) decorations are permitted for that day only. Christmas or other holiday decorations are permitted starting the Monday before Thanksgiving and must be removed by Jan. 10. During all other times of the year, holiday decorations are permitted, but only for a period not to exceed seven days during the time of the holiday.

**For non-holiday exterior decorations attached to the house,** there are clear guidelines overseen by the Architectural Review Committee:

No exterior decoration of any kind is permitted on a house, mailbox or lamppost. This includes cartoon characters, driftwood, fish, dogs, cats, birds, wreaths, artificial vegetation, names or nameplates, patriotic items, addresses other than on the lighted plaque installed by builder, etc.

**Exceptions:**

- Decorations are permitted inside front entranceways, loggias, and lanais.
- Wreaths are permitted on the main front door.
- Clear plastic rain gauges mounted on the backside of the mailbox post protruding by no more than 1 inch above the post.

**For non-holiday exterior decorations not attached to the house,** standards are overseen by the Grounds Committee:

- These Landscape Standards apply to decorations placed in landscape beds, driveways, sidewalks or otherwise not attached to home (including, but not limited to sculptures and nameplates).
- Decorations shall not be offensive in any manner or nature. The Grounds Committee will have the authority to make the determination of offensive.

- Artificial flowers, plants and trees are not permitted with the exception of front entry door wreaths, which are permitted.

- Decorations shall have a height of no more than 4 feet or a diameter of no more than 3 feet and shall not be placed on the lawn. Decorations are limited to plant beds, driveways, entries, and walkways. No more than two decorative items may be placed on any driveway and may not block ingress and egress to home. **(Holiday décor is excepted.)**

- Decoration(s) must complement the overall home's landscaping and be kept neat, clean, unbroken, and not otherwise unsightly rusted or faded. Total decorations shall be limited to no more than six.

- Homeowners are responsible for the removal of all exterior decorations when leaving their homes for an extended period of time and/or when threatening weather conditions exist.

**Fun With Words**

By Jack Nelson, Herons Glen

Suppose someone asks you a question, and that person wants you to be sure of your answer. If you were to respond "absotively, posilutely," they'd probably think you lost your marbles. Then you'd have to tell them that you were just playing with words; that you really meant absolutely, positively.

How about redundant? The dictionary definition of redundant: exceeding that which is necessary. A prime example would be the sinking of the *Titanic*. That was undoubtedly a catastrophic catastrophe. How about your favorite team winning the world championship? That would be a victorious victory for sure. Remember the classic movie, *Gone With the Wind*? Of course, you do. The film is a prime example of a melodramatic melodrama, with Rhett and Scarlett providing the histrionics. Do you get the picture now?

Are you a good speller? Many of us struggle with spelling. My brother-in-law, who had a Ph.D., struggled with spelling, and frequently asked for my help when he was tackling crossword puzzles. When I taught spelling to my fifth graders, many of my students were naturals, which is to say they didn't need to study the weekly word list at all. They were the lucky ones. Now, let's say you're attending a party, and spread before you are dozens of tasty "orderves." Now that's the sensible way to spell the tasty snacks, but if you really wanted to spell it correctly, you'd spell "hors d'oeuvres." Tricky, right? Absotively!

When I'm writing, either fiction or nonfiction, I love to use alliteration, which is simply the repetition of initial consonant sounds. The classic example: "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers." Another example, which is also a tongue twister: "She sells seashells by the seashore." In my novel, I used alliteration frequently, including "hundreds of hugs, tons of tears, and extraordinary emotion." My favorite is one that I composed decades ago: "Papa put plenty of peanuts, popcorn, and pretzels into Peter's pants pockets in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania."

How can you remember the names of the five Great Lakes? It's HOMES: Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, and Superior. HOMES is a mnemonic device, which is an invaluable item to help keep your memory sharp. Back to spelling, why there is a silent "m" in front of "mnemonic" is a mystery to me.

When you say the word "often," do you pronounce the "t"? If you do, you are correct. If you say "offen," you are also correct. Surprised? Let's face it, the English language is full of surprises. Or is it surprizes? Either spelling is correct, but "surprise" is preferred.

Now for one final redundancy. You'll need to use your imagination here. You've been sitting under the roof next to your lanai cage. You've just witnessed a violent thunderstorm passing through and you are now seeing the most vivid, beautiful rainbow of all time. You've heard, countless times, of that elusive pot of gold at the end of it. Just for the fun of it, you decide to look for that pot, and before the rainbow dissipates, you run at top speed to find the end of it, and to your amazement, you find it! And the pot of gold? There it is, filled to the brim with the most beautiful gold coins in the world! You are now the richest person in the world! A miraculous miracle? Posilutely!

**All About The Dennisport Gate**

From the Herons Glen HOA

Many new and even older residents of Herons Glen may not know the history and purpose of the Dennisport gate, the gate between Herons Glen and Magnolia Landing at the end of Dennisport Lane. This gate is accessible by residents of the nine Herons Glen households who live on the cul-de-sac on the other side of Magnolia Landing Lane.

This gate was approved by the Lee County Commissioners on March 13, 2013. This approval was part of the amendments to the development order for the intended

separation of Herons Glen and Magnolia Landing as two distinct communities.

The gate was installed to prevent unregistered traffic, including large trucks and uninvited visitors, from entering Herons Glen via Magnolia Landing and the Dennisport residential street. The Herons Glen HOA took a vote of the community and received a two-thirds vote in favor of a gate at Dennisport. It took an enormous effort on the part of Herons Glen residents to convince Lee County to allow the installation of the gate. Buses of residents attended the Lee County hearings, and it was overwhelmingly evident that the community wanted this open street access secured.

The county rezoning is very clear that the Dennisport gate access is only permitted for emergency services to Herons Glen and Magnolia Landing and for ingress and egress for the nine homes on the Dennisport Lane cul-de-sac who have been provided with electronic gate-opening devices. These nine homes are included in the Herons Glen Covenants making a total of 1,300 homes here.

Residents have asked why the ingress and egress is limited to these nine homes. To provide unlimited access for general traffic to and from Herons Glen through this gate would have required a larger opening, additional land, and installation of the gate farther into Dennisport Lane to meet the county requirements. In addition, Mystic Way and Dennisport Lane would have experienced a large increase in traffic driving through residential streets, and Magnolia Landing would have had an increase in Herons Glen residents, visitors and vendor traffic going through their gates and using their roads.

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## Veterans Of The Glen: Still Involved In Service

By Pam Scheid, Herons Glen

Photo by Sandra Marino, Herons Glen

“The Veterans of the Glen gather in unity for the following purposes:

- To protect the proud heritage and unswerving loyalty of our veterans who proudly gave of themselves so that we could all live in a country of freedom, peace, and good will.
- To preserve the benevolent memory of those who have died protecting our hard-won freedom.
- To perpetuate a true spirit of Freedom, Democracy, and Friendship.
- To assist veterans in our community who we recognize have a need, through our dedication, service, and charitable donations.”

Established several years ago as a club for Herons Glen military veterans, the VOG is now a nonprofit service organization dedicated to offering some financial support to volunteer groups helping veterans in need.

The October meeting was a “meet and greet” gathering to welcome back members who had been away for the summer. During the short business meeting, President Bruce Johnson listed coming VOG events and welcomed new members. He also introduced Jonetta Kessack from Holidays4Heroes, a new charity to the VOG. Kessack explained that this organization was formed when it was discovered that some needy vets needed assistance at Christmas and other holidays. They purchase food and toys for the children and provide personal care packages. Holidays4Heroes welcomes volunteers, and Kessack expressed gratitude for the VOG donation.



Gene Noll and Al Marino, Korean War Vets

In order to fund their contributions to this charity and many others, the VOG must raise money. Members and associate members pay dues, but the major fundraiser is the annual Veterans Day dinner-dance. Planning and preparation take most of the year for this popular event in the HG social calendar, which is sold out every year.

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of its service-minded members, many area veteran support groups have received donations from the VOG: Hearts and Homes for Veterans; Affordable Homeownership Inc.; Veterans Foundation; SW Florida Military Museum; Collier-Lee Honor Flight; Special Equestrians; Wreaths Across America; Department of Veterans Affairs (VA Volunteer Services); Military Heritage Museum; and the Dozier Junior ROTC Foundation.

Since 2015, the VOG donated \$64,976.47 to these and other community-serving organizations. In addition to this, VOG members volunteer their services in the Glen. They celebrate American holidays by placing flags along the boulevard. And they honor deceased members by placing flags on the veteran’s lawn.

Our HG veterans are service men and women who continue to serve long after their active-duty years.



Board of Directors: President Bruce Johnson, Vice President Sandy Herde, Treasurer Tom Byrne, Secretary Dave Wingert, Members-at-Large, John Biere, Al Southerland and Mike Zarella

## Topping Off The HG Clubhouse



## Let’s Be Careful Out There

By Jack Nelson, Herons Glen

I’d be willing to bet a million bucks that every Glenner remembers the hit TV show, *Hill Street Blues*, which aired during the early 1980s. And I’d bet another million that you’d remember the beginning of each episode in which Michael Conrad gave a briefing to his officers every morning. You’d also recall his final advice: “Let’s be careful out there.”

Now let’s fast forward to the present time. Michael Conrad’s final advice is certainly appropriate for us here in Herons Glen, especially now that the Glen’s snowbirds are returning to our paradise in rapidly growing numbers. That means our streets, cart paths, and sidewalks are becoming more crowded, and require us all to be more vigilant. I have three “c” words to offer here, which should be helpful in creating a safer environment: careful, cautious, and courteous.

Now, let’s try to imagine that all traffic signals and stop signs in Lee County and Herons Glen suddenly disappeared. Total chaos, right? For sure! Try to imagine what the intersection of La Quinta/Palo Duro and Herons Glen Boulevard would be like without stop signs. Again, there’d be total chaos, plus outright danger! We all know here at the Glen that there have been many instances of cars and carts “blowing” stop signs, but if we all heed Michael Conrad’s final advice, the Glen will be a much safer place for us all.

Thank you for reading this article, and have a fun-filled, safe day.

## Five Safety Tips For Deep Frying Turkey

By Craig Wooley, Herons Glen

With Thanksgiving right around the corner some of you may be thinking about deep-frying a turkey for the first time. When it comes to deep-frying turkey, you want to take every precaution to keep your family and your home safe. Fried turkeys are delicious, but they come with a slew of safety issues. Thousands of fires as well as many deaths and injuries happen each year due to turkey fryer fires. Before you set up your turkey fryer this Thanksgiving, remember these safety tips.

- **Stay away from the house** – Set up the turkey fryer more than 10 feet away from your home and keep children and pets away. Never leave it unattended.
- **Find flat ground** – The oil must be even and steady at all times to ensure safety. Place the fryer on a flat, level surface and carefully gauge the amount of oil needed.
- **Use a thawed and dry turkey** – Make sure your Thanksgiving turkey is completely thawed and dry. Extra water will cause the oil to bubble furiously and spill over. If oil spills from the fryer onto the burner, it can cause a fire.
- **Monitor the temperature** – Use caution when touching the turkey fryer. The lid and handle can become very hot and could cause burns. Also be sure to keep track of the oil’s temperature as many fryers do not have their own thermostats.
- **Be prepared** – Have a fire extinguisher (multipurpose, dry-powder) ready at all times in the event that the oil ignites.



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## Island Coast High School

By Denise Johnson, Herons Glen

For those new to Herons Glen, Alpha Delta Alpha (ADA) Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, provides support to Hearts and Homes for Veterans, All Souls' Episcopal Outreach Program and Island Coast High School (ICHS). ICHS is a Title I School providing educational opportunities for economically disadvantaged students. ADA has provided school supplies and awards/prizes for their behavioral/reward-based program, which is administered by Trish Williams, intervention specialist at ICHS. Williams has provided a list of needed classroom supplies and prizes/rewards for students who meet positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) criteria. The dates for celebrations will be announced in 2024.

Teachers requested classroom supplies: notebook paper, pocket folders, graph papers, composition books, colored pencils and bags of Dum Dums, Air Heads or other individually wrapped candies. For student (awards/prizes at events for achievement), anything electronic: phones, tablets, earbuds (wireless), gaming accessories, cool backpacks (remember they are in high school). Gift cards: Chick-fil-A, Starbucks, McDonalds, Target, Walmart, Game Stop, Dick's Sporting Goods (you can buy gift cards or ADA will buy with your cash donations and deliver to the school). This year, ADA is expanding their support to other departments at the school: music, theater, arts, sports. More to come. Since school started in August, ADA has

donated supplies to their Art Department and equipment to their Golf Program (clubs, pull carts and bag).

Should you wish to donate tablets, phones, etc., their tech department will clean all data and restore it to factory settings. Several of these electronics were donated last year. They do not accept printers or CPUs. Laptops can be donated if they are no more than three years old. You may receive a tax receipt for electronic items.

Our residents have been very generous in providing not only monetary support to the positive behavioral intervention and support (PBIS) program, which is funded entirely by donations, but also providing requested school supplies for the students throughout the school year. Donations can be dropped off at ADA Sister Paula Klimas' residence (20854 Kaidon Way); she and other members will deliver to ICHS.

ADA wishes to extend their appreciation to Herons Glen residents who have and will continue (some anonymously) to support all of ADA's worthy causes.

Any questions can be directed to Paula Klimas at (239) 322-0663 or pklimas@me.com.

## Lightning Prediction System

From the Herons Glen Recreation District

Many of our new residents have no doubt heard the siren blasts this summer from our Thor Guard lightning prediction system. We would like to clarify how the system works and what it means to you.

The Herons Glen Recreation District utilizes Thor Guard which is designed to detect and predict lightning

by measuring static electricity in the atmosphere as well as monitoring the changing atmospheric conditions before lightning occurs. The system predicts lightning within a 10-mile radius, the recommended outer range.

Once the system predicts lightning within a 10-mile radius, it will sound one continuous 15-second air horn blast as a **warning** alert that activates the various strobe lights located throughout the community.

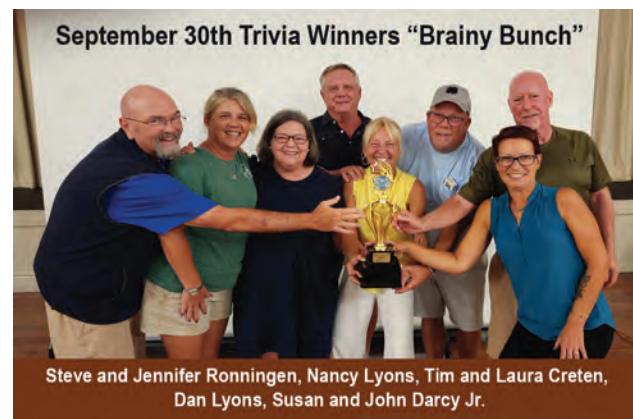
When atmospheric conditions are deemed safe, the **all-clear** signal will sound three, 5-second horn blasts, two seconds apart and the strobe lights will deactivate.

The air horns are programmed to only sound alerts between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

HGRD employees cannot manually alter the system. Everyone should be aware that even if weather conditions look safe, the system won't give an "all clear" signal until it is warranted.

As a reminder, our policies regarding hazardous weather conditions state: "As lightning approaches, the district lightning prediction system activates a warning, and the use of all outdoor recreational facilities must be suspended."

## Trivia Winners



September 30th Trivia Winners "Brainy Bunch"  
Steve and Jennifer Ronningen, Nancy Lyons, Tim and Laura Creten, Dan Lyons, Susan and John Darcy Jr.



October 21st Trivia Winners "Who Gives A Hoot"  
David & Wilma Puckett, Steve & Mickey Lowe, Chuck & Paulie Miller, John & Linda Freeston

## Transportation

By Jack Cotter, Herons Glen



The Veterans of the Glen (VOG) Outreach

Committee and Friends Helping Friends Transportation Committee have joined in a partnership to help Herons Glen residents who are in need of transportation for medical appointments, prescription pickup, grocery shopping or some other essential transportation needs.

**Please do not call for rides to/from airport.** Residents may contact individuals from either organization listed

below. A 24-hour advance notice would be very helpful. Call a volunteer from the list below during the period of Oct. 1 through May 30, 2024.

Transportation volunteers consist of the VOG Committee Chair, Jack Cotter, (860) 490-2183; Bob and Kathleen Colletti, (239) 822-1573; Mike Zarella, (541) 292-2714; Dee Hanks, (239) 470-6593; Nick Dinoto, (301) 807-4580; Ed Schmidt, (616) 745-9057; Dave Wingert, (573) 552-2030; and Bruce Johnson, (716) 472-3860.

We are always seeking volunteers, please contact Jack Cotter if you are interested in volunteering.

## Sports News

### Bowling Mixed League Starts In October

By Mike Stropes, Herons Glen

Calling all bowlers and wanna-be bowlers wanting to participate in the Herons Glen Mixed League. The league is a competitive and fun social activity with your HG neighbors, and everyone is welcome to join. The league bowls at Bowlero, 42 Mid Cape Terrace, Cape Coral (just off Santa Barbara Boulevard and Pine Island Road). The league bowls every Tuesday starting promptly at 2 p.m. and runs from early October till March 2024 with a Christmas holiday break.

Additional details for our league are being finalized, so more information will be forthcoming. Therefore, if interested, it's best to send an email to heronglenbowl@gmail.com. You may also contact one of the officers with any questions or to get

your name on the roster for the upcoming season: Linda Protani, (239) 747-5313; Mike Stropes, (239) 989-3415; Cindi Woodard, (845) 798-7865; or Steve Christiansen, (309) 397-9672.

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