

# ***RIVERLAND***

**December 2024**  
**~ Special Memories ~**







## President's Report

Vickie and I have been back in Riverland for nearly a month now and the weather this year has been exceptional. Last year we seemed to have more rain and some downright colder temperatures, but this year we have had sun almost every day and only a couple of cooler

days. There have been Riverlanders at 'Show Me the Money', boating to Pirates' Cove, going to Dune Dogs 'Two for one Dinners' and much more.

At Riverland itself, we have Hotwire starting their construction mobilization for our new fiber communications service, the south dock at the Marina is completed and looks excellent, and the new roof repairs for the Clubhouse are completed.

As to Hotwire, please make every effort to participate in the construction Kick-Off Meeting at the Clubhouse on December 9th at 10:00 am. This meeting will be available through our Zoom Broadcast, and you will be given an in-depth description of the new services available and process of construction. Hotwire will be communicating individually with each Lot's Shareholders in the configuration of your individual house connections, not only during the start-up process prior to March 1, 2025, but also available for all of the coming year by your appointment at no additional charge. Questions from Shareholders will be answered during the Kick-Off Meeting.

As earlier mentioned, the south dock construction by TCMC has been completed, raising the south dock out of the water, improving the handrails, and elevating the finger dock to slip 21 for easier access. Future work in raising the remaining docks is under consideration and there is a potential for an extension to the south dock. Also, research is being initiated on the allowance of boat lifts for the slips 21 through 25. There are no costs anticipated from Riverland in either of these situations.

The roof work at the Clubhouse has been completed successfully and Riverland is awaiting the final inspection from the manufacturer on the application pending for a new 15-year warranty.

The sound system in the Clubhouse has now been completed (we just need to remember to keep good batteries in the microphones), improvements at the pool with filtration and water supply are installed, and new

furniture for the Gazebo is ordered, pending delivery.

Importantly, all Shareholders have received ballots for the upcoming vote on the 2025 budget. A vote approving Motion #1 will allow for a reduced assessment next year to \$340 (\$335/month when paying with ACH). Motions #2 and #3 relate only to the line item of entry for our accruing interest at Riverland. Approval of Motions #2 and #3 will allow this money to remain in our Reserves as a single line item for future use. Motion #3 will allow Riverland to modify our By-Laws such that this accrual of interest will be allowed annually without the necessity of a vote each year

Before closing, I would like to make sure we introduce our new Office Manager, Leslie O'Reilly. She is already doing significant work in assisting Board Members, assisting in the Hotwire communications, working with James in the Zoom broadcast set-up and aiding in the financial data entry process. Leslie is a great asset to the Riverland community, and you are encouraged to go into the office between 10:00 and 2:00 to introduce yourself.

Finally, in our 2025 Budget, Riverland does have opportunities for significant infrastructure improvements. Some of these are potential repaving of roads, replacement of the well tank or the controls system for well pressure, possible replacement/repair of street light poles and fixtures, replacement parts for the Marina electrical system, inspection and reconstruction of the Gazebo floor structure to eliminate uneven settlement, a reconstruction of the failed Marina wall at the boat ramp, and your individual suggestions... All of this takes planning and Shareholder involvement to prioritize Riverland's efforts and to reduce costs. The Riverland Shareholder is by far our best asset; please look towards where you might be able to assist and provide guidance in where we can maintain and improve Riverland.

Respectfully,

**Bob Schultz**

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## December 2024 Treasurer Report

Holiday Greetings,

### RIVERLAND 2025 BUDGET

The 2025 Riverland Budget is currently going through the voting process. Keep in mind, the fully funded budget is the default budget unless a majority shareholder ratification to NOT fully fund.

### 2025 DUES, ACH vs Non-ACH – PAYMENT other than MONTHLY

The preference and recommendation for maintenance dues is monthly payment via ACH. This process is less risky, less costly, and saves significant accounting, banking, and bookkeeping time. To that end, the Riverland board and staff wish to thank those that made the change over to monthly ACH. Riverland is currently at approximately eleven that pay other than ACH, down from approximately 25 – 30. The goal is 100% ACH monthly payment.

Riverland has been asked, will annual one-time yearly payments be accepted for 2025. Riverland will accept an annual payment in January for the whole of the year, if the shareholder prefers that option. Riverland, however, continues to note the preference for monthly ACH payment, as this form of payment is less costly and mitigates risk in an environment where there is a prevalence of risk. Please call Dalia or me on specifics related to the benefits to Riverland and shareholders of monthly ACH payment. And reach out relative to the requirements for an annual payment option if pursuing that route.

Regarding a Marina slip maintenance payment, please make that annual payment separate. In addition, with monthly payment, Riverland prefers slip and unit maintenance payments be made separate.

### BALLOT – REMOVE LINE-ITEM SPECIFICITY - RESERVE INTEREST INCOME

Regarding the proposal to remove the required line item re-class of earned reserve interest and dividend income to line items to a separate reserve for contingent major repair and/or replacement, any questions to this proposal, please reach out.

### YEAR END AUDIT - BALLOT

Riverland is moving closer to obtaining a year end engagement proposal letter from a CPA firm that specializes in Florida CO-OPS and Associations, for reviewing.

To that end, Riverland is addressing our presentation of year-to-date accounting data to the CPA firm in such a way that accounting principles are adhered to. This will mitigate Audit time, year-end adjustments, and help lower fees.

Regards,

**Dicky L. Sanford, CPA**

### **Schedule Reminder**

Please note the updated schedule for our activities:

- Marbles: Monday night at 6:30 PM
- Mahjong: Tuesdays at 1 PM
- Hand and Foot (Card Game): Tuesdays at 5:30 PM

Thank you for your attention, and we hope to see you at the events!

### **Hurricane Relief**

Bill Batignani, Lot 115, will be making his second trip to Burnsville, NC with hurricane relief supplies. A monetary donation would be appreciated as he stops in Charlotte NC to purchase items so desperately needed by all. He is also asking for blankets, tents, sleeping bags, winter clothing, etc.

Please give him a call at 772-266-8078 to find out more information. Thank you for your donations.

**Vickie & Bob**

### **The Dirty Dozen**

The Dirty Dozen is back! Trash pickup is Tuesday and Thursday mornings. A big thank you to:

Bill Batignani, Rod Brower, Barry Coombs, Tony DeLorenzo, Gus Gleichauf, Monk, Steve Pikuett, Bob Schultz, Ken Sunafrank, Mike Vaspasiano, Cliff Wedel, and Jerry Wildman. My apologies if I forgot someone.



## Compliance & Grounds Report

December is here already, and I am happy to report that we have made so much progress here at Riverland since July, although we have so much more we need to do.

We are now focusing on the streetlights. I have been asked by a few residents when will the streetlights be fixed, but unfortunately the 45 plus years have caused many problems which include: non-weatherproof electrical boxes, damage due to landscapers hitting them with mowers, some major wiring issues, as well as the post on more than a few have rotted out at the base. I have been working with Brandon, Bob Shultz and Tony DeLorenzo on rectifying these problems.

Dan Kolen, the shuffleboard captain, is in the process of getting bids to clean the surfaces of all the courts and paint the triangles where the points are marked.

The new Pool Cartridge filter system at the pool is working out excellently. There is no more backwashing the DE chemical into the street.

We now need to focus on the hot water supply for the external shower and the bathroom sinks in the men's and ladies' room. The existing tank in the Pool house is very old and rusted, and if it ruptures can cause major damage to the pool filtration system since it is mounted right above the return water tank below.

We have many up-and-coming projects that need our attention. One is our beautiful gazebo, which was donated by Mildred Dupont, and very much appreciated by our community. Unfortunately, the floor boards, which have never been treated or maintained, are now causing a major shift to the gazebo. We realize how much the community enjoys sitting, reading, etc., in the gazebo that we will not start this project until late in the season.

I am happy to report that the Dirty Dozen is in the process returning strong. The count is 8 so far and climbing, with the return of many northerners. I encourage anyone who would like to come down to the garage on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:00 a.m. to do so. Enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation with definitely more than a few laughs. As a reminder to our Shareholders, your trash needs to be put outside by 8:00 a.m.

I also would like to remind our Shareholders when putting out a PILE of vegetation clippings, please put them in a container which will be returned to your home. There are many 5-gallon buckets left over from the roof resealing that are behind the garage for the residents to take. If you don't have one, please talk to Brandon and he will provide one. This will make for an easier pick up.

Brandon is now painting around the outside facade on the Clubhouse as I am writing this article, now that our roof is repaired from holes in the back-side sheet-metal. A new 4 by 8 sheet was installed and the entire roof was re-coated and we will be given another 15-year warranty from the material manufacturer. I want to thank Tony DeLorenzo in helping me to oversee the roof project from start to finish, and making sure the contractors cleaned up the clubhouse areas when they finished at the end of each day.

I am happy to report that Brandon has been doing an outstanding job in our community. I am very happy to say we have received many compliments on his work as more Shareholders ride around the park and catch a glimpse of him doing his daily work assignments.

As we welcome back all our Shareholders, I would just like to remind everyone that volunteering in our community is very important. You not only help improve Riverland, but also meet others and become part of the Riverland team to help others and improve our community. If you would like more information on volunteering, please talk to one of Riverland's Board of Directors or contact our new office Administrator, Lesley O'Reilly, in the front office.

I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and safe travels wherever you go for this Holiday season.

**Michael Vaspasiano – Building and Grounds Director**

### Looking for mahjong players.

We meet at the clubhouse Tuesdays at 1pm.  
For more information please call Brenda Blake  
207-380-3606 or Vickie Schultz 401-533-7355.  
We encourage you to give it a try!







## RIVERLAND'S ROVING REPORTER

**DECEMBER 2024**

Oh my, oh my, where did this year go?

Amazing how fast the years fly by. By the time you get this "report", Thanksgiving will be history. I hope many of you enjoyed the lunch at the Club House. It's always a

great time. Well, I'm still in the cold north, but will be in FL by the time you get this newsletter. Good Lord willing, that is. Speaking of the Good Lord, I found a nice Christian television channel that shows wholesome, Christian movies. The channel is called "The Great American Family". It became the idea of Candace Cameron Bure when she became concerned with the way Hallmark movies were headed. It's not unlike Hallmark, but with a Christian trend. Every once in a while, a scripture verse comes on the screen. It's nice to know that we still have freedom of speech. I don't know what channel it's on in FL, you'll have to Google it or look it up somehow.

Oh, and probably the most important item is the end of the election with Donald Trump winning the Presidency. Whether he was your choice or not, I believe we have to support him as he is the leader for the next four years. It's so important that we pray for him and our country.

I've missed out on a lot of the activities which were held at Riverland over the past summer. I'm sure many of you can fill me in on all the good things that occurred this summer. However, I did hear that it was a very hot summer! On another note, the venue of the last Ladies Lunch was at a place that I particularly like and enjoy.

I just got the news of Roy and Georgia's wedding. I am so very happy for both of them and I'm sure many Riverland people wish them every happiness. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lewis! It's so good to write about good news! I do like to write about happy "stuff", but it's not always possible.

Today I went to the Sandwich Glass Factory in Sandwich, MA. A great place to visit if you're ever in the area.

Another tidbit about MA is that there are plans to build a whole new Sagamore Bridge. For those of you who don't know, the Sagamore Bridge was built in 1933 and is one of only two bridges from the mainland to Cape Cod. The other bridge is the Bourne Bridge. It's going to be quite an undertaking with a cost of 4.5 billion.

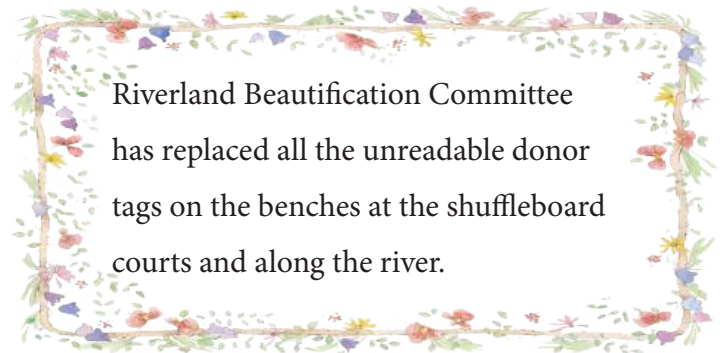
I hope I live long enough to see it. If I am, I'll probably be drooling at the mouth and won't know who or where I am..... Anyway, we don't know what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future!

I don't know if you wanted to know all this about MA, but it's where I am right now, so thanks for listening!

I want to wish everyone a VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS and may the New Year 2025 be good to all!

Fondly,

*Louise – Your Roving Reporter*



*This is the Daughter of Mildred Dupont.  
She was nice to let us share in her writings.*

## **Casting Shadows of Gratitude**

*By D. L. Gollnitz*

No one questioned the traditions and formalities. From oldest to youngest, we were expected to be both properly behaved and very hungry for the huge Thanksgiving dinner served promptly at two o'clock. Men wore suits and ties; women put on their best dresses. My brother and I had to learn the rules of the dinner table—which utensil to use when—while staying clean for a full afternoon and evening.

We are a very American family, forged of European immigrants and Native Americans. My paternal grandparents were from Portugal, and my maternal grandmother's family was German and English. My mother's father was half English, half Indigenous American, the latter he would never admit because, back in his day, "it would get you no good." My brother and I called our two grandmothers Mammy.

Our house was cleaned daily, but as Thanksgiving approached it sparkled. Fall cleaning meant washing walls and windows, waxing and polishing hardwood floors, cleaning drapes, and shining the dining room chandelier. My mother laundered and pressed the already pristine table linens so they would be fresh. The day before, the table was adorned with candlesticks and crystal; the places set with the good china, glasses, knives, forks, and spoons—all aligned according to Better Homes and Gardens Cookbook diagrams. Mom was proud of her family and the home that she and my father worked hard to provide.

Our tradition started with Wednesday food preparation. For years my mother has claimed she doesn't like to cook. But Thanksgiving dinner was drenched in love.

My Portuguese grandmother would come to the house late in the afternoon, arriving with her freshly baked Portuguese massa—our lingo for massa sovopía or sweet bread. It was a specialty that no one could replicate, a dense round loaf baked to a shiny brown crust. Inside was firm yet fluffy sweet bread that brought joy to my mouth.

By the age of ten, and no longer a liability in the kitchen, I could be helpful in a real sense. We laughed and talked as we peeled enough vegetables to have days of leftovers (and I ate lots of massa in the process). My

grandmother brought a vegetable peeler to our prep session because we didn't own one. She must have worried about me wielding a knife and taught me the tricks of the peeler. Mom had taught me to use a paring knife without slicing my thumb, but I liked this new tool.

We readied squash and turnips grown on the farm my mother was raised on. Potatoes were a staple of our weeknight suppers, always available in a ten-pound bag that sat on the landing between the kitchen and the basement stairs. These vegetables would be peeled, cubed, immersed in pots of water, and covered. The turkey was dressed and put into the oven before Mammy went home for the night.

The twenty-plus pound poultry cooked low-and-slow until serving time. On Thanksgiving morning, my mother would rise early and check the bird. After I got out of bed, we prepared olive trays. I stuffed dates with walnuts then rolled them in sugar.

The peeled vegetables were boiled and drained. We worked as a team adding butter and spices to the squash and turnips. All were mashed, not whipped, and potatoes had to have a perfect amount of milk to make them creamy. Peas and carrots were shortcut dishes, out of a can but with an orange marmalade glaze on the carrots. The peas had to be the small, sweet variety—the perfect size for the hollow I would create in the mashed potatoes on my plate.

Sliced jellied cranberry sauce was arranged on a crystal serving dish with whole cranberry style in a matching crystal bowl. Rolls were baked from prepared dough, and salad was tossed with farm-fresh ingredients. Every dish was served in its own assigned basket, china, or crystal vessel.

We wore aprons like those seen on homemakers in television commercials. But unlike those stereotypes, my mother was a fifty-fifty partner with my father in a business, starting in 1950. The expectations being set were incredibly high, but I didn't even realize what I was learning.

As about twenty relatives gathered, everyone who walked through the door had a comment. "Oh, it smells sooo good in here." "Did that bird cook all night?" "My mouth is watering."

My mother and I were in the kitchen, perfecting the gravy. The recipe called for fat to be separated from the juices and to brown some of the juice with fat in the roasting pan on a gas burner. We made roux with flour



and stirred it into the pan. Browning to nearly a burn was our secret to perfect gravy.

There was so much more behind Thanksgiving that no one made a fuss about. My mother's parents owned and operated a farm—acres of orchards for apples and pears in several varieties, yellow and white peaches, and plums. Large gardens produced three types of corn, butternut squash, turnip, tomatoes, summer and zucchini squash, cucumbers, pumpkins—and many other things I probably don't remember.

We enjoyed the farm's bounty— all the produce we could consume, Mammy's tough-crust apple pie, and her canned peaches and pears. Every Halloween, my brother, four years older than I, carved jack o'lanterns, knowing where those pumpkins came from. But Thanksgiving was where we truly celebrated that abundance.

As a kid, I loved the tradition of cooking with my Portuguese grandmother and mother, but I never considered the farmwork that provided for our

celebrations. Later, as a young adult, I wondered why everything had to be so elaborate.

Now, the farm is long gone, my grandparents and my father are dining in heaven. My mother, brother and I live at distances that make holiday gatherings a challenge. I have never had the opportunity to host a multi-generation family meal.

My own growing family creates new traditions that are very different from those of my childhood. In the shadow of my mind, though, I still hold onto the rituals that symbolize my family's gratitude.

Recalling that 1955 ranch home in Rhode Island, my mind goes back to those long-ago Thanksgiving mornings filled with anticipation and preparation. There was at least one homemade pie for every two people, an abundance of hugs and laughter, and all the love we could hold.

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## From the Kitchen

By Maddie Gretzinger

December and the holidays are here, and yet we are still eating root vegetables from the garden. This year's carrot harvest—16.4 pounds. That means more roasted maple carrots, carrot souffle, carrot cake, and (one of

my favorites) carrot soup. So, if you have never tried homemade carrot soup, it is delicious and comes highly recommended by B. Bunny! (It also uses 2 pounds of carrots.)

### Carrot Soup

2 lbs. carrots, peeled or scrubbed, and chopped

4 cups stock or water

1 ½ tsp. salt

1 medium potato, chopped

Bring to a boil. Cover and simmer 15-20 minutes. Let cool to room temperature.

1 cup chopped onion

1-2 small cloves crushed garlic

1/3 cup chopped almonds

Saute in 3-4 Tbsp. of butter with a little salt until the onions are clear.

Puree everything in a food processor or blender until smooth. You may need to do this in batches. Return the puree to a kettle or double boiler and whisk in ½ pint of half and half.

Add 2 pinches of nutmeg and a dash of cinnamon and heat very slowly. Serves 4 – 5. Enjoy with your favorite wrap or sandwich. Bon appetit!

Your humble sous chef, Maggie Gretzinger



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Community menu on the left side of the screen (for smaller devices like a cell phone use the 'Documents and Links' button at the bottom of your screen). Once you are in the right place, you can sort directory information by Shareholder name or lot number, or even filter it down to an individual street (something very handy for street captains!). Printing works the same way – but sorting and filtering needs to happen after clicking on the 'Print Directory' button to receive the desired printout.

The directory includes all users but not all user contact information; there are a handful of users who didn't

want their telephone number and/or email address included in the directory (you will see blanks instead). In this area of the website, you will even find a helpful 'Edit My Information and Preferences' button to use if you want to change how your own information is presented.

If you have questions about the online directory or the website, please don't hesitate to use the online 'Suggestion and Comments eForm' located under the Forms menu. Your questions and the questions of others have been used to build the 'FAQs for Owners and Residents' section under the Rules, Policies, and Legal menu.

*Don Barber, Secretary*



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## Boater's Club Notes

Our snowbird members are slowly gliding into Riverland. Over the next month I would ask everyone who is interested

in being a member in the club to seek out your Street Captain and sign up. Our first meeting of the season will be December 16 starting at 6:00 pm for a social hour. We will serve some appetizers, and our Boaters Club Pub will be open too! Then at 7:00 we will have a treasurer's report and review what we have planned for the rest of the season. Currently our Board of Directors are Bunky Barstow, Commodore, Daryl Lynn, Vice President, Tina Lynn, Secretary, Mary Barstow, Fleet Captain, Bill Sparks, Treasurer and Tom Brokenshire, Rear

Commodore. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board, drop off your nomination at our meeting in December to our Secretary Tina. At our January meeting we will have a vote to see who the new board members will be. To all of you youngsters (under 72!) the current members really want you to run. We must start handing off the club to "new blood." We only meet when we absolutely must about three or four times a season. It is a simple and fun job or I would not have done it. We plan trips to go here and there, eat at nice restaurants, have a glass of wine now and then and ride around on a boat. Does that sound like something you are qualified to do? If it does, sign up to join the board. I'm telling you this is right up YOUR alley!! So having said all that let us get together December 16, its always a fun night with some music, food and sharing with our members the great things we will be doing this season.

*Bunky Barstow, Commodore*

# Boaters Club Cruise 2024

**The residents of Riverland are invited to a cruise  
March 2-9 on the Celebrity Ascent**

## ITINERARY:

<b>March 2</b>	<b>Fort Lauderdale Depart 3:30 pm</b>
<b>March 3</b>	<b>At sea</b>
<b>March 4</b>	<b>Puertp Plata, Dominican Repaublic</b>
<b>March 5</b>	<b>Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>At Sea</b>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>At Sea</b>
<b>March 8</b>	<b>At Sea</b>
<b>Marcg 9</b>	<b>Ft. Lauderdale</b>



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Lot #	Name	Date
7	Kathy Detloff-Rider	3
109	Amber Powers	3
108	Diane Metzger	3
106	Stacey McNatt	5
94	Walter Fischer	6
54	Pat Giles	6
158	Annette Luzar	8
99	Marie Nault	12
17	Dave Watson	12
164	Brenda Blake	14
146	Nancy Pikuet	15
102	Linda Lorusso	16
103	Beverly Schlumpf	17
115	Connie Batignani	18
22	Stephen Horton	18
115	Bill Batignani	19
42	Nicole Guiba	19
185	Bob Crichton	19
58	Sandy Turner	19
14	Janice Doyle	21
154	Linda Knight	22
147	Sean Steele	23
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## Social Club

Not only is it the season to be jolly, but it is definitely the month to be busy.

This is not the time to forget to check your Riverland calendar that is on the back of your Riverland newsletter and also on the Condo Site emails. We have a full month in store for us.

We ended November with an absolutely fabulous Thanksgiving dinner at the clubhouse. Everyone had great food and a very good time together.

The first Saturday of the month, December 7, will be a major meeting of the Social Club BOD and the members. There will be many plans to discuss for the future months of 2025.

It is also the time to start thinking about decorating your golf cart, because December 14 we will be having our Christmas golf cart parade starting at 5PM. Our Christmas community party at the clubhouse will follow at 6PM. All are welcome to attend. We will eat together after the golf cart parade is over. There will be a prize for the best decorated golf cart.

It is most likely that by the time you get this newsletter, the clubhouse will be decorated in the Christmas spirit, but if you see us up there, struggling to get everything done, feel free to join us. We take every bit of help we can, and we have fun while decorating. Christmas is a time to be together and to enjoy the season and remember the reason.

This New Year's Eve party is going to have that great couple that we had last year, and their name is Shepherd & Green! They are very happy to return to Riverland and they enjoyed themselves so much playing for us last year! You will be getting flyers and tickets in the early part of December. Your street captains will be helping you get your tickets.

I'm hoping everyone will be happy with our choice and will let you know the menu shortly. The fact that we can all meet together at the clubhouse, have a great time, and we can even walk home if we wanted to and the cost is going to be, I would say, very fair and affordable.

Please ask any questions you need to ask or want to ask and we'll find the answer if we don't know it offhand.

January is going to be a little easier on us and give us some time to go fishing, go boating, sit at the pool, and I'm hoping to get a nice pool party set up for a Sunday afternoon. Also, I am suggesting that we all learn how to not feel guilty when we want to do nothing. It's OK to just sit there and enjoy the river and chat with people at the gazebo.

Thank you all again for everyone's support and may The Force be with you!!!!

*Karen M DeLorenzo, President, Social Club, 2024-25*



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*by Mary Frances Barstow*

During this holiday season, we are all so very blessed here in Riverland. I would like to tell you a story about a woman who came to Riverland to enjoy her

retirement. This lovely girl who was experiencing health challenges but kept her spirit high, her heart light and full of love, had a wonderfully positive attitude. She decided to go to one of the wonderful functions that Riverland offers. Yes, she was attending the New Years Eve Dance at the clubhouse.

During the evening, there was a very dashing gentleman who was also attending. He was still recovering from the loss of his wife a few years back. However, he was a very positive chap who decided he was going to get back to the world of happiness. Across the floor, his eyes fixed on this lovely woman sitting at a table. He slowly walked over near her as the music inspired him... He looked into Georgia's wonderful eyes and asked, "Would you share a dance with me?"

That one dance led to a wonderful celebration. In November of this year, Georgia and Roy Lewis became one.

We celebrate their union, and we all bask in the joy of their love. Congratulations to Roy and Georgia Lewis on their wedding.

What a heartwarming story! It beautifully captures the spirit of resilience, love, and community.

In this holiday season, it's wonderful to hear about Georgia, a young woman who faced significant health challenges yet remained upbeat and filled with love. Her positive attitude is truly inspiring... By attending a neighborhood function, she embraced the community and found a connection in the most unexpected way.

The dance with Roy became a pivotal moment for both of them. It highlights how love can flourish even after profound loss, bringing joy and healing to the heart. Their celebration in November for their wedding is a testament to the power of new beginnings and the support of a caring community.

Congratulations to Roy and Georgia Lewis! Their story reminds us all of the beauty of love and the importance of staying connected with one another, especially during the holiday season. May their joy continue to inspire everyone around them!



*Congratulations!*



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## Senior Funnies

I like having conversations with kids. Grownups never ask me what my third favorite reptile is.

The older I get, the earlier it gets late.

One of the shortest wills ever written: "Being of sound mind, I spent all the money."

An older man, living alone, decided he wanted to add a pet companion to his life. After thinking long and hard about the decision, he buys a parrot and brings it home. However, the parrot almost immediately starts insulting the older man and gets really rude. In a moment of frustration, the man picks up the parrot and tosses it into the freezer to teach it a lesson. But when the bird stops squawking, the man panics and opens the freezer. The parrot walks out, looks up at the man, and says, "I apologize for offending you, and I humbly ask your forgiveness." The man replies, "Well, thank you. I forgive you, and I'm sorry too." The parrot then says, "If you don't mind my asking... what'd the chicken do?"

I'm not hard of hearing... I've just heard enough.

What was the radioactive older adult's superpower? Gamma rays.

I'm going to open a nightclub for senior citizens... The Soft Rock Cafe.

Speaking to her 93-year-old grandfather, a young woman asked, "Grandpa, what were your good old days?"

Grandpa's reply: "When I wasn't good, and I wasn't old."

Boy: "Wow, so many scars. You must have had an adventurous life!"

Old man: "No, I just have a cat."

Two older gentlemen, Fred and Sam, went to see a movie. Merely minutes into the movie, Sam heard Fred rustling around. It appeared that he was reaching under all of the seats. "What on earth are you doing, Fred?" asked Sam. Fred indignantly responded, "I had a caramel in my mouth and it dropped out. I'm trying to find it!" Annoyed, Sam told him not to worry about it — they could get him another caramel later since that one was ruined by now. "But I've got to," said Fred, exasperated. "My teeth are in it!"

"My parents didn't want to move to Florida, but they turned 60 and that's the law." — Jerry Seinfeld

An older gentleman shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself slowly, rather painfully looking, onto a stool. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split supreme. The waitress smiled kindly at him, asking, "Crushed nuts?" The older gentleman replied, "No... arthritis."

A senior is sitting at a bar when a young woman walks in and sits down a few seats over.

The senior man gets up, shuffles over to her, leans in, and asks, "So... do I come here often?"

Two elderly women were eating breakfast in a restaurant one morning. Ethel noticed something funny about Mabel's ear and she said, "Mabel, did you know you've got a suppository in your left ear?"

Mabel answered, "I have a suppository?" She pulled it out and stared at it. Then she said, "Ethel, I'm glad you saw this thing. Now I think I know where my hearing aid is."

Prayer for Good Health for Seniors:

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<b>8</b> <b>7pm Sunday Sundae</b>	<b>9</b> 10am <b>HOTWIRE Intro</b> 6pm Boaters Mtg.	<b>10</b> Ladies Luncheon 5:30 Hand&Foot 6pm Men's Poker	<b>11</b> 9am Ladies Prayer 10am Stretching 10:30 Aerobics 1pm Ceramics	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10 am Budget Vote Mtg. 1pm Bowling	<b>14</b> <b>5pm Golf Cart Parade 6pm Riverland Pizza Christmas Party</b>
<b>15</b> <b>5pm BUNCO 2</b>	<b>16</b> 10am Stretching 10:30 Aerobics 6:30pm Marbles	<b>17</b> 5:30 Hand&Foot 6pm Men's Poker	<b>18 BULK PICKUP</b> 9am Ladies Prayer 10am Stretching 10:30 Aerobics 1pm Ceramics	<b>19</b> 10am BOD Mtg.	<b>20</b> 10-11am Chair Yoga 1pm Bowling	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10am Stretching 10:30 Aerobics 6:30pm Marbles	<b>24</b> 5:30 Hand&Foot 6pm Men's Poker	<b>25</b> <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10-11am Chair Yoga	<b>28</b>
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