



# CountrySide Lakes

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HAPPY  
4th of  
JULY!

A  
FASCINATING  
LIFE



## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ours is a diverse community made up of people from all walks of life and different parts of the country.

To a casual observer, our residents appear to simply be seniors. However, each member of our community has led an interesting life, in many cases a fascinating life filled with beautiful memories and unique accomplishments.

Life has been compared to a camera. Just focus on what's important, capture the good times, and develop from the negatives. If things don't work out, just take another shot.

In this month's newsletter, we will focus on the fascinating life stories of some of our residents. From bankers to authors to atomic bomb workers, you may now see and appreciate your neighbors as the truly unique individuals they are.

We are blessed with so many fascinating residents and savor the life experiences they have brought to CountrySide Lakes.

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

TRUDY SIMMONS - Executive Director  
PETER PAKURIS - Marketing Director  
KRIS WILLIAMS - Nursing Director  
GEORGE GAUNT - Culinary Director  
BARBARA LOVELACE - Activities Director  
ANDREW SWEENEY - Maintenance Director  
CELIA LAUREANO - Housekeeping Director  
CHAD OWENS - Physical Therapy Director  
SHERI MARCUM - Business Office Manager



7/3 FRAN GRISLEY  
 7/4 BILL POTTER  
 7/6 MARSHA SPAR  
 7/10 PAT KRIEGER  
 7/14 BETTY SNOVER  
 7/15 ALICE PELPHREY  
 7/16 MAXINE MERRILL  
 7/17 MATTHEW GREENE  
 7/18 JOAN DECOURSEY  
 7/18 KATE EICHLER  
 7/21 IDA CHURCHILL  
 7/22 JACK CURRAN  
 7/23 ROSEMARY WOLFE  
 7/24 GAIL ZANDER  
 7/25 RON FOGEL  
 7/28 MARIE GRUETER  
 7/30 JOAN DAIGNEAULT

### STAFF BIRTHDAYS

7/4 MARIA ERWIN  
 7/15 JESSICA TOWNSEND  
 7/20 SHERI MARCUM  
 7/27 DAVID HUGHES

### WELCOME NEWEST RESIDENTS

GLADYS AMOS  
 LEFKI DEMOPOULOS  
 MICHAEL LYNN  
 ROSALIE MCCLINTOCK  
 GEORGE PHILLIPS  
 CATHERINE RITCHEY  
 DENNIS TWOMEY  
 LINDA TWOMEY



Texas Hold'em with ALBERTA ROCCO, JANET VACCHIANO, ALICE PELPHREY, MIKE HELLAND, KATHY MCMINN, SHARKEY THOMAS and the dealer BOB FORTUNE.

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL



KATHY HAWK, STEWART SPAR, and MARY DENINGER working the toppings table at the old fashioned ice cream social.



Enjoying their ice cream sundaes and banana splits are PAT BARNES, JANE MARINE, and FRAN GRISLEY.

### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



CHRIS LISANTI is not only our bus driver but he provides valuable assistance with maintenance and activities.

Prior to joining us, Chris was the owner and operator of a motel/mobile home park as well as a painting/pressure wash business. He has also been a landscaper.

Born in Christenburg, VA, Chris lives in New Smyrna Beach with his wife, three young daughters, and four chickens!!!!



Marketing Assistant ALLISON BUSHUE on her first day at CSL reunited with former senior living industry friends MARISSA PETRANO, ANGELITA PICHER, MARIA ERWIN, ELENITA STEWART, and LILIA BURNS.





### **KATHY SANTI**

After retiring from her two practices as a family physician as well as a career in teaching women's health, Kathy devoted her life and efforts to charitable mission work in other countries. In addition, locally she is fondly remembered for having delivered over 2,000 babies.

### **JEAN DOLEN**

Not only was Jean part of the first graduating class of Queens College, but her diploma and a bronze medallion were presented to her at graduation by the Mayor of New York, ranked first among the ten best mayors in American history, the inimitable Fiorello LaGuardia.

### **ALLAN TRUEBLOOD**

Although most people associate Allan as having been a bank owner, for years he competed in country/western dance competitions winning championship trophies.

### **KATE EICHLER**

In addition to careers in retail security, government tax collections, and hospice, Kate traveled the world and was a successful real estate agent who sold 200 homes in one year.

### **KATHY HAWK**

Her father was an only child. Her mom was an only child. And Kathy is an only child.

### **WARREN ANDERSON**

A lifelong pilot and electronic design engineer, he designed a military navigation system known today as GPS. Warren has been the designer of space missiles, astronaut training programs, a dual redundant computer, a moon landing program, and even monitored atomic bombs in the Pacific.

### **STEWART & MARSHA SPAR**

Having been told they were unable to conceive children, they adopted a baby boy. Right after adopting a second son, Marsha gave birth to a third boy followed by a fourth son. Life for them has never been boring.

### **SUZANNE WALKER**

At Xerox, she was a trailblazer for women to become successful in traditional male businesses. In retirement, Suzanne was a published author of children's books and lesson plans who helped kids understand Bible concepts. She also worked with realtors as a certified stager.

### **CLARENCE & ELLIE BLOOM**

Truly selfless people, they were foster parents to as many as thirteen newborns and adopted all but one of them. Clarence, a Korean veteran, was in charge of heavy equipment and supplied fuel for a B52 hydrogen test bomber in the South Pacific.

### **BUCK "JIM" REID**

An Emmy award winning producer and writer, Jim was also a photographer who shot the iconic photo of Martin Luther King and supporters crossing the bridge in Selma, Alabama. Even though he was badly beaten by protesters, he was able to get the historic shot.

### **LOIS CARR**

Along with her late husband David at the helm of their boat, they adventurously sailed the seas, motor homed across the country, snow skied all over the world, and went on cruise ships to many interesting ports.

### **GILBERT ABREU**

Gilbert aka "El Cubano" was married for 65 years and retired from TWA.

### **MICHAEL LYNN**

An architect by profession and a businessman by avocation, Michael launched four firms throughout his career. In addition to having traveled around the world for business and pleasure, he has become an avid and eclectic reader.

### **MARIE GRUETER**

Once a young bobby-soxer, Marie got to meet Frank Sinatra and gave him a gift. She will always remember him saying on stage "Thank you, Marie."

### **DAVID TANAJES**

The "Mayor of CountrySide Lakes" worked at the YMCA where he took care of kids.



CHEF GEORGE GAUNT MADE THIS AMAZING FLAG CAKE. RAVE REVIEWS FROM LIFESTYLE DIRECTOR BARBARA LOVELACE. THE PORT ORANGE PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION STOPPED BY FOR A VISIT WITH OUR RESIDENTS.