



### **Golden Acres R. O. Association, Inc. 2025-2026**

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### **Golden Acres Recreation Committee 2025-2026**

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<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Maureen Shannon</b>
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<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Glenda Spafford</b>
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<b>Bingo</b>	<b>Anne Knott</b>
<b>Kitchen</b>	<b>Deb Pollard</b>
<b>Member-at-Large</b>	

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### **Events**

<b>Bingo Committee</b>	<b>Anne Knott, Marilyn McKay, Paula Bunevith</b>
<b>Darts League</b>	
<b>Fun Shuffle</b>	<b>Team Captains</b>
<b>Golf</b>	<b>Ron Tasior and Ed Richtmyer</b>
<b>Health and Welfare</b>	<b>Master of Ceremonies (Coffee Hour)</b>
<b>Indoor Exercise</b>	<b>Elaine Janes</b>
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	<b>Sue Bailey</b>
<b>Paddling Club</b>	
<b>Pickleball</b>	<b>Staicy Boyd Gunter</b>
<b>Pool Exercise</b>	<b>Debra Farris</b>
<b>Progressive Cards</b>	<b>Dave &amp; Lynn Roselli</b>
<b>Shuffleboard</b>	<b>Rose West</b>

# President's Report

By Tammy Davis #21

Hello members of Golden Acres,

Over the summer, three-unit owners questioned the decision to change management companies. Please take a moment to read the board's justification for changing.

On 5/20/24 the Board received an email through our property manager, from Maureen Reardon, President of Progressive Management, that she sold her business to ProActive Property Management effective 5/17/24. Each GA member received a letter dated 6/25/24 by mail from Progressive Management and ProActive about this acquisition. Prior to this event, we had been with Progressive for over 15 years. The board was shocked by her decision and her lack of timely notice of this change.

I am sure you can appreciate that due to the timing of her announcement, the board had no time to react to her decision to sell, so we were compelled to continue with them.

The Board was hopeful that ProActive would be a great addition to our community, they were not.

Over the past year, the board has had nothing but issues with ProActive. The ACH change to members' payment was a difficult challenge and still not completed into May for a few of our members. In addition to this issue, we had several members come to us throughout this year with various concerns with ProActive.

The company had an extensive communication problem with Karin in the office, which trickled down to the board, and provided many challenges for us to manage the park effectively and efficiently.

Our park manager, Tony Falco, provided us with good support however even issues we raised with him he could not get answers. Tony Falco resigned from ProActive in June.

The final determining factor came to fruition when Proactive's contract came up for renewal in April. The new contract, which only benefited Proactive, had considerable increases in their fee structure, they reduced their services (no longer managing our CD portfolio) and extended the length of their contract. This, combined with their lack of communication, left us with no options, but to search for a new management company.

I can assure you on behalf of the board, we thoroughly investigated three Management companies that our attorney suggested over a period of six months, before selecting Qualified Property Management based on our community needs. Please keep in mind that we are also community members and understand change is difficult, so we did not make this decision prematurely.

The decision to change management companies is a board decision addressed in our bylaws. The community at large does not communicate with the management company on a day-to-day basis. The board of directors and the management company partner together manage our park. The management company is a source of expertise for the board to use. With that said, we just didn't have that partnership or expertise with ProActive.

While we have had a few transition issues with QPM, their communication and support systems are better. Their lines of communication have been great, and we do get answers when needed.

As always, Karin is a source of support for you. Please reach out to her if you have any outstanding items as we go through this transition.

Thank you.



## From the Editor's Desk

By Sue Bailey #188  
suebail999@gmail.com

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Autumn was my favorite time of the year when I lived in the north. Those beautiful tree covered hills full of vibrant colors. In Florida it is also my favorite time of the year because it represents cooler weather from the summer heat and humidity and also because our northern residents will be preparing to come back to Golden Acres for another winter season of fun and friendship!

We have had so much heat and so many thunderstorms this summer that we have just been staying indoors to keep cool and dry. Although we did have a couple of get-togethers with fellow residents in August at Prohibition Kitchen Dunedin and a fun activity of rock painting at the clubhouse!

Important dates in October include Monday, October 13th is Canadian Thanksgiving Day. Happy Thanksgiving to our Canadian neighbours! Also on October 13th in the USA is Columbus Day. and Thursday, October 31st we celebrate Halloween with haunts, scares, ghouls, costumes and of course trick or treating.

Thanks to all who provided articles and pictures for this month's newsletter. If you are traveling to Golden Acres this month, have a safe and enjoyable journey.

**Quote of the Month** “In the morning, wonder and be generous like the sun. In the evening, meditate and be kind like the moon.” — *Debasish Mridha accomplished entrepreneur, philanthropist, and author.*

Until next time,  
May God bless and keep you well and safe...

## Greetings from the Office

By Karin Desmone

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Please welcome Kenneth & AnneMarie MacDonald #186 to the park. Congratulations and may you find lots of happiness, fun, and laughter at your new residence.

## A Nice Catch This Summer

*By Norma and George Moore #54*

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A GA friend suggested I send one of the pictures to show some of our activities this summer. We have fished for salmon in Lakes Huron and Ontario for many years, but this year the fish were scarce, even the charters were getting skunked. So, we were pleasantly surprised when this 25 lb. salmon decided to join us in the boat.



## Florida Musings

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### DID YOU KNOW...

The world's first scheduled passenger airline service operated between St. Petersburg and Tampa, Florida. The first flight on this route took place on January 1, 1914. The flight's pilot was Tony Jannus, and the first paying passenger was Abram C. Pheil, former mayor of St. Petersburg. The 21-mile (34-kilometer) flight across the bay to Tampa took 23 minutes.

## Lip Sync Meet & Greet

*Mark & Lin Johnson #174*

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Greetings Golden Acres,

We hope this message finds you all in a good place. Upon returning to the park in January, Lin and I will be hosting a Meet & Greet to help us reunite once again with our friends here at Golden Acres. We want to invite you to join us on Thursday, January 22, from 5 pm - 7:30 pm or so, at the clubhouse. The plan is to entertain each other with a lip sync party featuring music from the 50's and 60's. The venue will be staged with a good sound system, and we encourage guests to choose a song, and enhance their performance with costumes and choreography. We would like everyone to get into character, be creative, and have fun welcoming each other back to the park. Please bring an appetizer to share and the beverage of your choice.

If you plan to perform, we will need the name of your song and the artist you will be lip syncing. Please get this to us as soon as you are able. Some park members have already signed up, and songs will be on a first-come basis to avoid duplication. Feel free to contact us at [ljohns9345@hotmail.com](mailto:ljohns9345@hotmail.com) or call 727-365-9323. Solo and group performances are all welcomed.

Thank you for your time and inspiration.



# Rock Painting Fun Day on August 21

By Summer Recreation Committee

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## Summer Rec News

By Debbie Douthit #60, Chair

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Many of us enjoy our wonderful library that is managed by Steve & Sue Toner #199. Such a thankless role the two of you spend countless hours managing while providing enjoyment to many, so please hear a BIG Thank You from all of us.

Lots of new events were added to our 2025 calendar: Paint 'n Sip, monthly activity day, & monthly luncheon supporting local eateries.

Elaine Mackey #59 introduced our first "rock painting" in August. Her experience and leadership embraced by all. Thank you to Peg Vanbeveren #45 for adding her past rock designs and assistance. We appreciate it, Elaine, Peg and volunteers. September activity was shell decoupage allowing time for conversation and laughter. October activity sign-up is posted in the clubhouse. A big thank you to volunteer Gina Douthit #55 for posting summer activities and updates on our GA face-book page.

August luncheon was enjoyed by all at Prohibition Dunedin. Nice ambiance, friendly staff, and good food.

Dunedin Fine Art Center is not just about creativity on the canvas; it's also a culinary destination! September luncheon at the "Palm Café", creates an enticing selection of breakfast and lunch options, along with freshly brewed coffee and delightful treats.

October 9 @ 1:00 p.m. jewelry activity sign-up is posted in the club house. October 13th, 12:30 Café Alfresco luncheon signup is posted in the clubhouse if you would like to join us! Please contact any of the summer recreation members below if you would like to carpool or have questions.

A big thank you to our many summer volunteers! The list is too extensive to name everyone but know that you are invaluable in making things happen and we couldn't do it without you.

Blessings and good health... until next time.

Sincerely,

Summer Recreation Committee: (Gina Douthit #55, Fran Clark #47, Elaine Mackey #59, Debbie Douthit #60)

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## Active-Duty Soldiers to Remember

Please take a moment to offer a prayer of thanks and remembrance to all those who help to protect our way of life. Keep them in your prayers until they return safely to their loved ones.

Adam Coburn (British Army), Nephew of Mildred and David Todd, Lot #2.

Damien Fitzpatrick (Tech Sgt. USAF) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.

Sean Fitzpatrick (Major US Army) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.

Reid Forster (Master Corporal with the 4th Royal Canadian Regiment) son of Dave Forster & Colleen Collins #128

Tim Joy, US Army Special Forces Green Berets, Fort Bragg, NC - Nephew of Jack Terry, Lot #141.

Daniel Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.

Matthew Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.

Brian Karhoff (US Army LTC) Son of Nancy Karhoff, Lot #67.

Colleen Terry, US Navy, Petty Officer 3rd class, Naples, Italy - Daughter of Jack Terry, Lot #141.

Joshua Ryan Torres Air Force National Guard Staff Sargent (EOD unit) deployed – Son of Susan Franco, Lot #17

John Wilson (PFC 1st Class USMC) Iraq – Grandson of Jean Key, Lot #138.

So that we might get to know these courageous soldiers better, I would like to add their pictures to this section. Please forward any photos to Sue Bailey [suebail999@gmail.com](mailto:suebail999@gmail.com)

For changes to the list of soldiers, please contact Sue Bailey [suebail999@gmail.com](mailto:suebail999@gmail.com)



## Great Visit with Friends From Golden Acres

By Anita and Leigh Herington #83

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Leigh and I visited Lynn and Dave Roselli #97 at their beautiful home in Niagara on the Lake in early September. We walked in the park that borders the Niagara River and marveled at the number of people who swam 52 miles from the park to Toronto. There is a plaque commemorating this near the gazebo.



## What is Omega-3?

From NIH (News in Health) [newsinhealth.nih.gov](https://newsinhealth.nih.gov)

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Your body needs omega-3 fatty acids, sometimes called “omega-3s,” to stay healthy. These help to build brain cells and keep your heart and other organs in good working order. Your body can’t make omega-3s itself. They come from the foods you eat or dietary supplements. Fatty fish, like salmon and tuna, are rich in types of omega-3s called DHA and EPA. These healthy fats are also found in shellfish, such as crabs or oysters. A different type of omega-3, called ALA, is found in certain vegetable oils, like canola or soy oils. Flaxseeds, chia seeds, pumpkin seeds, and walnuts also contain a lot of ALA omega-3.

You can find dietary supplements that contain different types of omega-3. But most experts agree that the best way to get benefits from omega-3s is from the foods you eat. The health benefits of omega-3 dietary supplements are unclear.

If you’re thinking about taking omega-3 supplements, talk to your health care provider. That’s especially important if you take medicine that affects blood clotting or are pregnant or breastfeeding. Also check with your provider if you are allergic to seafood or considering giving omega-3 supplements to a child. Learn more at [go.nih.gov/](https://go.nih.gov/)

## When Disaster Strikes, Scammers Follow

By Sue Bailey #188 as an AARP Fraud Watch Fighter

Free Helpline at (877) 908-3360 or

<https://www.aarp.org/benefits-discounts/all/aarp-fraud-helpline/>

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### HOW IT WORKS

- Someone claiming to be from the federal, state or local government may call or visit, offering help with grants, building permits or speeding up insurance claims — for an up-front fee.
- A utility worker might offer priority reconnection to the power grid — for an up-front fee.
- A public insurance adjuster may offer assessments and contractor referrals — for an up-front fee.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- In disaster situations, criminals exploit stress and urgency, using fake credentials to steal money.
- Perpetrators often target older homeowners, assuming they may be more trusting, more likely to have assets or may be experiencing cognitive decline.
- Nobody from a government entity or a utility company will charge fees to help you in the aftermath of a disaster.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- Always ask for and verify photo ID from anyone claiming to be with a government agency. A uniform or badge alone is not proof.
- Check the licensing and credentials of insurance agents and public adjusters through your state’s insurance department before agreeing to anything.
- Before agreeing to any work, check your insurance policy to make sure it's covered.



# **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

By Norma Moore #54

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## **Golden Acres October Birthdays**

We want to mention all those who are celebrating this month and send them our absolute best wishes.

David Orman	.....	October 1
Theresa McGrory	.....	October 2
Eric Duling	.....	October 5
Alcide Godin	.....	October 5
Gary Duff	.....	October 7
Tod Olsen	.....	October 8
Carla Boyd	.....	October 10
Tracy Scharf	.....	October 12
Dave Roselli	.....	October 13
Grant Nieszewski	.....	October 16
Judy Pillion	.....	October 16
Andrew Bragg	.....	October 17
Jerry Janes	.....	October 17
John Sannachan	.....	October 18
Rennie Wittenbols	.....	October 19
Kathy Spadafore	.....	October 20
Helen Kameron	.....	October 24
Bob Dean	.....	October 26
Maureen Piurowski	.....	October 26
Robin Jewell	.....	October 28
Cheryl Smith	.....	October 29
Richard Kakala	.....	October 30
Cynthia Kenney	.....	October 31
Peter Modny	.....	October 31

## **Golden Acres October Anniversaries**

Gerry and Gayle Kavanagh	.....	October 6
Judy Fitzpatrick and Tony Gaspar	.....	October 9
Dave and Lynn Roselli	.....	October 11
Pete and Bethany Chorba	.....	October 19
Gerald and Marleen Baker	.....	October 21

## October – 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Jewelry activity 1pm	10	11
12	13 Canadian Thanksgiving  Columbus Day  Deadline November Newsletter  Café Alfresco luncheon 12:30	14	15	16	17	18
19 .	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	