



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

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Events

Bingo Committee	Anne Knott, Marilyn McKay, Paula Bunevith
Darts League	
Fun Shuffle	Team Captains
Golf	Ron Tasior and Ed Richtmyer
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Pickleball	Staicy Boyd Gunter
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Progressive Cards	Dave & Lynn Roselli
Shuffleboard	Rose West

President's Report

By Tammy Davis #21

December is one of my favorite months of the year. We have the upcoming holidays to celebrate with family and friends, and I look forward to seeing everyone at GA. We have many new members in the park. Please take the time to welcome them.

We are very fortunate to have many established activities in the park. I would like to extend a big thank you to those members that volunteer their time to run these activities. With that said, we need more volunteers for many of the committees and events; sign-up sheets are available in the clubhouse. Participating is a great way to meet new neighbors.

The Board of Directors for GA plays a vital role in the community. We have three upcoming seats available in 2026. Please consider running for a seat on the Board. Expect a mailing this month explaining the process and deadline to apply.

As of this writing, we have 5 homes for sale.
Wishing you and your family a beautiful holiday season,
Tammy Davis



From the Editor's Desk

By Sue Bailey #188
suebail999@gmail.com

Happy Holidays:

Welcome to all you residents that have returned to the park for the winter. As you can see our GA Calendar is filling up with activities for December. With more activities coming in 2026! Indoor exercise at the clubhouse resumes, and let's not forget the Birthdays and Anniversaries lists that Norma Moore #54 provides every month.

The articles and pictures for the December Newsletter were very limited. Please, we need more articles and pictures for the newsletters going forward so that all residents may enjoy them. Many thanks to all who have contributed to our newsletter throughout the year. Also, a big thank you to all the volunteers who signed up to deliver the published monthly newsletter door to door. The sign-up sheet will be available on the clubhouse bulletin board for 2026 along with the newsletter deadlines for each month.

Some important dates for December include Pearl Harbor Remembrance on the 7th; Winter Solstice on the 21st; Christmas on the 25th; Hanukkah starts on the 14th, Boxing Day in Canada on the 26th, and New Year's Eve on the 31st.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Quote of the Month: "I never wake up in the morning and wonder why I am here. I wake up and wonder why I am not making here better." — *Jeffrey Fry, author*

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



Greetings from the Office

By Karin Desmone #1

Please welcome Jim & Shelly Kelley, Unit #76 and Ronald & Cynthia Garlick, Unit # 44, to the park. Congratulations and may you find lots of happiness, fun, and laughter at your new residence.

*Warmest thoughts & Best wishes for
wonderful Holidays and a very Happy New
Year!*



50th Anniversary 2026

By Kathy Schmitt #217 and Paula Bunevith #202

Did you get married in 1976? If you did you will be celebrating your 50th Anniversary in 2026. We would like to celebrate this special occasion with you.

On Sunday February 15, 2026, from 1 to 3 pm in our clubhouse. If you would like to celebrate, please contact one of us. Thank you

Kathy Schmitt #217 (607) 437-7935 or Paula Bunevith #202, (508) 826-1562.

Lip Sync Meet & Greet

Mark & Lin Johnson #174

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 or call 727-365-9323. Solo and group performances are all welcomed.

Thank you for your time and inspiration.

December Recreation Report

By Maureen Shannon #200

Committee Chairman

To those just returning, Welcome Back!

By the time you see this, Thanksgiving will be just around the corner. As usual, the Park will celebrate dinner in the club house, thanks to Anne & Bob Knott, #189. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the club house. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out on Wednesday Weekly. Coffee starts at 9 am. Oh, thank you to Frank St Peter #140, Paula Bunevith #202, and Jim Davis #21 for stepping up so that coffee happens. Please consider signing up to help keeping it going. The more that volunteer, the less time each of us will have to do. Please remember to bring your coffee cup.

The Blood mobile was recently at the park. Thank you to all who donated. They will be back in January and March 2026. Consider donating to a great cause.

With December just around the corner, we have a busy year. Please consider helping decorate the park for the holidays and setting up the luminaries for Christmas Eve. It's usually fun and quickly done. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the club house.

Christmas dinner will be Thursday, December 25th, hosted by Paula & Joe Bunevith #202. Turkeys are provided by the Rec Committee. Watch for the sign-up sheets posted in the clubhouse.

Next on the agenda, is the New Year's Eve bash hosted by Jack Terry & Claudia Burke #140, and Nancy Karhoff & Eric Duling #67. The band will be At Large. See Jack's write up in this newsletter for details.

January will start most of our monthly activities. Bingo, breakfast, progressive cards, weekly cards, golf, and Jamin with Jim. Remember to save Thursday, January 22, for our Meet & Greet with Lin & Mark Johnson #174. This is a great time to come and meet new and old neighbors. The calendar will be posted in the clubhouse, but be aware, changes can always happen. Watch for more information.

The Bingo Committee will conduct information and training sessions in December. Please join us to see if you can volunteer as a banker, caller, or worker, your choice. The more volunteers we have, the better it is for all of us. It may be once a month. Please consider attending a session.

Looking forward to a happy, busy, fun year.
Safe Travels...

New Year's Eve Dance

By Jack Terry & Claudia Burke #141, and Nancy Karhoff & Eric Duling #67

New Year's Eve Dance will be hosted by Jack Terry, Claudia Burke, Nancy Karhoff and Erick Duling. We've hired the husband-and-wife duo, At Large. Many of us have enjoyed listening to them at several venues in the past and they are FANTASTIC.

This year our party theme will be "TROPICAL", so please break out the Hawaiian shirts, leis and tropical dress ware. Tickets will be sold at the Wednesday coffee meetings starting in December along with further information.

Golden Nuggets Bowling League

By Jack Terry #141

Golden Nuggets bowling league will be starting our 4th season, the 1st Wednesday in January at 3:00 pm at Dunedin Lanes. We will play every Wednesday in January and will end the last Wednesday in March, followed the next day, March 26th, with the 3rd annual H Ct Block Party.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for the bowling league. The Golden Nuggets have plenty of room for new bowlers. Last season we had 36 bowlers, some new to bowling and some more experienced. It's a lot of fun and you get some decent exercise as well, so please sign up. Any questions, feel free to reach out to Jack Terry - 727-358-5722.

What Is Barrett's Esophagus?

From NIH (News in Health) newsinhealth.nih.gov

A condition called Barrett's esophagus affects about 5% of adults nationwide. It causes the lining of the esophagus, the tube that carries food from your mouth to your stomach, to change. This raises the risk of getting cancer of the esophagus.

Doctors don't yet know what causes Barrett's esophagus. But some people are at increased risk. The condition is more common in the U.S. than in other countries. People are more likely to have it if they are aged 50 or older. Tobacco use raises the risk. So does excess weight around the waist.

Barrett's esophagus itself has no symptoms. But many people with this condition also have gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). Symptoms of GERD can include heartburn, chest pain, or nausea. Some people with GERD have problems swallowing. Doctors usually diagnose Barrett's esophagus by using endoscopy. Endoscopy uses a small flexible tube to see inside the body.

Barrett's esophagus is often treated by using the same medications used to treat GERD. Other treatment options can include surgery.

If you have GERD, managing your symptoms can help reduce damage to the esophagus. Your doctor may recommend dietary or other lifestyle changes. Learn more at go.nih.gov/

Florida Musings

DID YOU KNOW...

Placid, a small town in Florida, is known as the "Town of Murals." It boasts over 40 outdoor murals depicting various scenes and historical events, making it a unique outdoor art gallery.

Famous Faces, Fake Messages

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/>

Social media can make it feel like we're closer than ever to our favorite celebrities. But if you suddenly get a private message from a musician, actor, or athlete you admire, don't get starstruck – get skeptical. It's almost certainly a scam.

Criminals are using artificial intelligence (AI) to impersonate celebrities – from Brad Pitt to Elon Musk – and steal fans' savings. Here's how these scams work and how you can protect yourself.

How It Works

- You follow your favorite celebrity on social media and regularly like or comment on their posts.
- One day, you get a private message claiming to be from the celebrity or a member of their team, like their manager, offering exclusive access, an invitation to a special event, or to ask for help supporting a charity.
- Over time, the “celebrity” claims a financial need and asks for your help.

What You Should Know

- That personal attention isn't from the celebrity. It's from a criminal impersonating them or someone close to them.
- Scammers tailor the scam tactic based on the target's responses to lean into a romance scam or perhaps a charity scam. The story may change, but the goal is always the same – to steal money and personal information.
- They often urge targets to move the conversation off social media to a platform like WhatsApp, Telegram, or Signal; they may steal the target's funds by coaching them on how to use gift cards or cryptocurrency to send money on false pretenses.
- With AI, criminals can now clone voices, create fake videos and livestreams, and post convincing ads, making impostor scams even harder to spot.

What You Should Do

- Enjoy following celebrities online, but know that engaging with their posts could make you more visible to scammers.
- Anytime unexpected communication puts you into a state of high emotion (like excitement) and involves urgency, let that be your signal to disengage because it's likely a scam.
- Report fake celebrity accounts or impostors directly to the social media platform; victims should report to law enforcement and insist on a record in the event of possible future restitution.

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

For changes to the list of soldiers, please contact Sue Bailey suebail999@gmail.com

Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Norma Moore #54

Golden Acres December Anniversaries

Best wishes to those who are celebrating their anniversaries this month.

Nigel and Karina Drane	.....	December 1
Andrew and Bobbi Bragg	.....	December 6
Leigh and Anita Herington	.....	December 12
David and Mildred Todd	.....	December 18

Golden Acres December Birthdays

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

John West	.....	December 2
Claudia Burke	.....	December 3
James Quinn	.....	December 3
Marilyn Burton	.....	December 4
Dan Perry	.....	December 5
Tammy Davis	.....	December 7
Donna Franco	.....	December 8
James Stewart	.....	December 8
Deborah Grasser	.....	December 9
Ann Marie Zeaser	.....	December 9
Kathleen Gilliam	.....	December 11
Debra Moran	.....	December 12
Jon Kenney	.....	December 14
Jeff Christian	.....	December 15
Philip Devine	.....	December 15
James MacDonald	.....	December 15
Sheona Ayles	.....	December 17
Stewart Gupstill	.....	December 18
Jim Kelley	.....	December 18
Phillip Morretta	.....	December 18
Ross Cali	.....	December 20
Betty Glisson	.....	December 20
Alan Zunich	.....	December 20
Marie Gengarelli	.....	December 21
Stella Brown	.....	December 22
Richard Donnelly	.....	December 22
Heather Blanchard	.....	December 24
Lynn Roselli	.....	December 24
Catherine Kotsay	.....	December 25
Donna Ferrini	.....	December 27
Tony Gaspar	.....	December 28
Donna Richtmyer	.....	December 29
Martin Neynens	.....	December 31
Anthony Fittipoldi	.....	December 31

December - 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Indoor Exercise 8am Aqua Fit 10:30am Shuffleboard League 12-4pm	2 Walking with Belinda 10am	3 Weekly Update 9am Aqua Fit 10:30am Shuffle under Stars 7-9pm	4 Indoor Exercise 8am Walking with Belinda 10am Twisted Stitches 1pm	5 Aqua Fit 10:30am	6
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