

# LAKESIDE VIEWS

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## Are We Social, or What?

In the course of a year here at Lakeside, we know that there is a short list of owners who “hold down the fort” while the rest of us are “up North”. Many thanks to those hearty folks who tolerate the summer months hoping for lower temperatures, lower humidity and rain showers to cool things off, and water the plants and grass, while at the same time looking after our wonderful property.

However, in the fall, many return after the leaves have changed color, but before the snow falls. And then, after the first hint of a snowflake, the rest of us who live in our units, along with renters, make our way down I-75 to the welcomed increase in temperature. That is when activities organized and sponsored by your Social Club kick into high gear. On a seasonal basis, activities occur weekly such as Sunday men and women’s bocce, Monday night cards for the ladies, Tuesday craft class with cards for the men at night, Wednesday bocce for the ladies, and Thursday bocce for men followed by bingo at night. These events are all well attended and a great time is had by all. 2012 events that have occurred, or are scheduled, include: Jan. 21st - Yard & Bake Sale (raised \$665); Jan. 22nd - Welcome Back Pot Luck; Feb. 12th - Ice Cream Social; March 4th - Ice Cream Social; March 17th - St. Patrick’s Day Dinner; March 24th - Farewell Barbeque (free to all). Current Social Club membership includes: Trudy Dell’Orto (co-chair), Cindy Bielawiec (co-chair), Mary Lou Felke, Sharon Sweeney, Lola DiScuillo, Dodie Campana, Marie Scapicchio, and Dolores Schulte. Thank you, ladies, for a job done extraordinarily well, not only this year, but for many past years as well! We look forward to a repeat of these successful events in 2013 plus any new additions.

## Meet Your New Board Member ~ Rich Bielawiec

I am a resident of Windsor, CT (Connecticut) who attended Central CT State College in the 1970’s, where I earned both BS and MS degrees in Biology. I taught for the Windsor Locks, CT School District for 35 years, retiring in 2007. I was also employed by the State of CT Department of Public Health as an environmental sanitarian and retired in 2008. Recently, I had an interim position with a CT Health District as a sanitarian.

I have been happily married to my high school sweetheart for almost 40 years. Cindy and I have 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

I am an avid sportsman who is attempting to learn how to play golf. My family and I enjoy camping on Cape Cod during the summertime.

We have a very nice place here at Lakeside (704), which we purchased in 2008. It will be my pleasure to work with the unit owners of our association.



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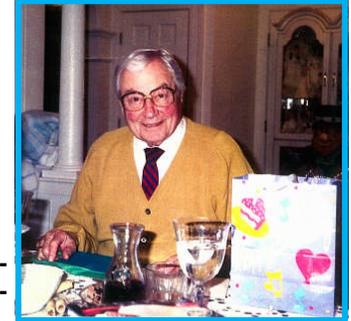
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## Remembering Joe Pelusi

By Carroll Beegan Follas

Did you know Joe Pelusi? If so, you would never forget him. If not, you missed having a great gentleman in your life. Raconteur, teacher, manager and salesman extraordinaire for MetLife Insurance Company, husband, father, grandfather, friend. Joe inspired everyone he met on so many levels. In fact, Joe brought many of us from the Bay State (Massachusetts) to Lakeside. In 1984, Joe and Lou Dirupo travelled to Pt. Charlotte, and after carefully examining architect's drawings and the proposed location for Lakeside Condominiums, decided this was a good thing. Joe purchased units 701, 702, 703, 704 and 1606. The lower 700 units were for his four children and 1606, not too close for comfort, was to be his castle. When the kids lives did not allow for leisure time in Florida, Joe sold 701 to the Beegan/Follas family and 702 to Lida Courteau, who lived here year round through 2011. Joe also influenced Lola DiScuillo to come as well as his cousin, Fred Dellapiano, who lived in unit 1701 until his death a few years ago. Kirsti Dirupo (502) tells me there were many others; the Zito's, the DeAmato's, Milly Capozzi and more that we cannot remember. Thanks, Joe, for bringing us to this beautiful place called Lakeside, with its captivating sunsets, parade of exotic birds and its interesting and caring people.



"The glass is always half full"

## The Continued Beautification of Lakeside

In your travels around Lakeside you might want to consider a deviation from your normal pathway (if you haven't already) and take a close look at two beautiful plant islands that have been developed and maintained by two of our resident horticulturalists, Joann Fusani (1502) and Denise Tremblay (1705). These have been in place for many years, and have been lovingly cared for by these two ladies and their spouses, at their own expense. It clearly demonstrates the old adage "where there's a will, there's a way".



Many thanks, also, to all of the unit owners who have been caring for the plantings from last year (palms, lantana, etc.) during the dry season. Without your assistance, these plantings would wither and die.

Lastly, your Landscaping Committee is active again this year, with Board approval of a great project! On March 5th, the planting of new Pygmy palms, Ixora plants and a Foxtail Palm around the swimming pool, along with new curbing was completed. It looks great! We welcome all suggestions for future projects.

## Did You Know?

1. If you rent your condo, you must pay the \$15 Renter's Fee to the Condo Association prior to the arrival of your renter. If not received from the owner, the Condo Association will ask for the fee from the renter upon their arrival, so don't be embarrassed!
2. Please be sure to inform your renter that trucks, motorcycles, boats and non-owner dogs are not permitted.
3. According to the 2010 Lakeside Directory, owners come from 16 states and 2 foreign countries (Canada and Germany) with the greatest number of owners being Florida residents (30) followed by Massachusetts (22) and New York (16).
4. Huey and Emme Caverly (703), from MI, have 7 children and 19 grandchildren. Jim and Barbara Gaffney (1001), from MA, have 6 children, 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren with twins on the way!

## 2012 Approved Budget: \$235,261 (at Annual Meeting)

- \$2,000 per unit Annual Maintenance/Condo Fees ~ no increase from 2011
  - \$73,110 for insurance
    - \$50,000 Liability & Property
    - \$20,000 Flood
    - \$1,810 D&O and Bond
    - \$1,300 Workmen's Compensation
  - \$71,000 for water, sewer & lift station
  - \$8,125 for telephone & electric (office)
  - \$13,920 for condo association management services
  - \$25,100 for grounds maintenance, supplies, docks and lake
  - \$5,800 for pest control
  - \$6,500 for building maintenance & supplies
  - \$15,080 for maintenance worker salary
  - \$4,400 for pool service & supplies
  - \$2,300 for payroll taxes & inspections/permits
  - \$4,226 for office, accounting, legal, fees, admin. & misc.
  - \$5,700 to funded reserves
- 12/31/2011 Reserve Account Balances
  - \$12,862 Betterment (ongoing)
  - \$20,673 Paving (est. 2015)
  - \$33,084 Painting (est. 2016)
  - \$202,723 Roof (est. 2019)
  - \$1,543 Pool (est. 2024)
  - \$4,642 Settlement (for any necessary expense)



## Happenings at Lakeside



On Sunday, February 12th, at 2PM, an Ice Cream Social was held in the clubhouse. More than 50 ice cream lovers and socializers showed up to pile Jimmies, nuts, M&M's, chocolate sauce and whipped cream on top of a bowl of delicious vanilla ice cream. This event was organized by the Social Club with member Cindy Bielawiec (704) taking the lead along with support from friends (L-R) Janine Schmitt (301), Lisa Carey (107), and Pat Salley (708).

The response was so good that another ice cream social occurred on March 4th! Thank you, Social Club, for making this happen, and a job well done!

In a calorie burning session *prior* to eating ice cream, a few of the guys decided to throw a few shoes at the horseshoe court behind the pool.



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## Al or Ally Gator

Have you seen our resident alligator cruising around the lake recently? He/she seems to have the lake to him/herself. Shyness does not appear to be a problem with this dude/dudet. On a recent day your editor saw our friend cruising along the bank, at dusk, checking me out, and it almost seemed as if he/she was looking for a photo op, so I obliged. It is unknown whether or not this alligator comes out of the lake to sunbathe, but most likely does, somewhere. The length is open to speculation, but would appear to be about 4+ feet.

Here are a few facts about our reptilian friend (sources: Univ. of Florida & Smithsonian Natl. Zoo):

1. In 1987 the Florida legislature designated the American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*) as the official symbol of the state.
2. The family Alligatoridae first appeared on earth about 35 million years ago.
3. The Spaniards, during their exploration of Florida, called the reptile "el lagarto", meaning, "the lizard".
4. The University of Florida sports teams use the alligator head as their logo and are called "Gators".
5. Normally, alligators avoid humans, but alligators that have been fed by humans will move toward humans (at 7 mph) and can become aggressive. In Florida, it is illegal to feed alligators.
6. Alligators hunt primarily at dusk or during the night. Diet depends on what is available to it, which means that it will eat just about anything, including small dogs and cats, so beware!

