# Oaks Royal III News

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# **Update on COVID-19: Masks, Travel Quarantine, Vaccine and COVID Test**



We have masked up, quarantined ourselves, social distanced, shut down our economy and reopened it, are still masking and social distancing, and after nine months most of us are anxiously awaiting a vaccine! Hopefully, the vaccine, one it is available to the general public will help close this epoch of our history, sometime in the next year!

On Monday December 14th, the first dose of The Pfizer vaccine in Florida was given to a nurse at Tampa General Hospital. On December 10th, Governor Ron DeSantis outlined the State's initial plan for distribution of the COVID-

## **Blankets for Thomas Promise**

You see them around Oaks Royal 3, at coffee hour, crafting, playing bingo or maybe at cards, but behind the scenes three of our residents are busily crocheting away to help the less fortunate in our community, and they need our help! Bernie Scholz, Louise Harmer and Pat Austin, are crocheting blankets for the homeless kids of Zephyrhills and Pasco County. The idea started when a friend told Bernie that many of the kids in the area sleep in junk cars and one told her he slept in any unlocked car he found!

"I kept thinking about the homeless kids sleeping in old cars, etc without blankets and warm clothes. I had some scrap yarn and started to make a blanket."

Bernie Scholz

Then Bernie talked to Louise who agreed to help, then she talked to Pat Austin who agreed to see strips together. The blankets they sew help the homeless children through the <a href="Thomas Promise Foundation">Thomas Promise Foundation</a>. Bernie thought a representative from Thomas Promise would be a great speaker at one of our coffee hours, while it's cold outside.

19 vaccine. The initial allocation of 179,400 doses of the Pfizer vaccine will be distributed. The press release stated: "We are working to get as much vaccine for our citizens as possible, but Florida will not, nor will any state, have enough to vaccinate everyone right off the bat. So, we've set priorities to help protect our most vulnerable as well as those on the front lines of the pandemic. Our top priority is residents of long-term care facilities. They are at the greatest risk and this vaccine could have a positive impact on them, not just protecting them from COVID, but allowing them to return to a more normal life. Also, a top priority is health care workers who are in high risk and high contact environments. And those initial two priorities will be the focus of the 179,000 doses that we have initially received from the federal government."

On December 22nd, Governor DeSantis gave a press conference at the Villages, where he outlined the next steps in Florida's vaccine distribution plan. This Governor's announcement follows the approval and expected delivery of the first Moderna vaccines in the State, and the new guidelines announced by the CDC December 20th. During the press conference the Governor discussed his differences with the recently announced CDC vaccination guidelines. that they did not protect enough elderly quickly, in favor of younger, healthier workers. DeSantis further clarified his position that any guidelines from CDC or the White House are only guidance for the states and that Florida has taken strong measures throughout this crisis to protect our elderly population first. "Vaccines will be targeted to elderly population, where risk is greatest. We will not put younger, healthy workers ahead of our elderly population." The governor plans to initiate phase 1b for elderly 70 years and over, which he estimated would reach approximately three million Floridians over the next 6 to eight weeks.

The New CDC Guidelines recommend a four phase approach.

 Phase 1a.) Healthcare workers and Long-term care residents (i.e. nursing homes and assisted care facilities)



Blanket crocheted by group

For our newer residents, Thomas & Sons is an auto dealer in Zephyrhills that established a foundation to help homeless children and others in dire need of food and clothing. When Brooke Thomas saw some of her 1st grade classmates go hungry, she would give them her lunch money. When she asked her mom for more money her mom asked, "why?" Brooke's answer came from the heart – She just wanted to help. Out of Brooke's compassion rose the Thomas Promise Foundation.

"Our mission at the Thomas Promise Foundation is to provide Pasco County's most valuable resource – our school children – with the simplest things that most of our kids take for granted. Each week we pack over 1,400 backpacks with safe, non-perishable, and nutritious food to see them through the weekend when school meals are not available.

- Phase 1b.) elderly 75 years and over, and front line essential workers including: first responders (e.g., firefighters and police officers), corrections officers, food and agricultural workers, U.S. Postal Service workers, manufacturing workers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, and those who work in the education sector (teachers and support staff members) as well as child care workers.
- Phase 2c.) Elderly persons age 65 to 74 years, persons 16-64 years with medical conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19 including: cancer: chronic kidney disease: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD); heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies; immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant; obesity; severe obesity; sickle cell disease; smoking; type 2 diabetes mellitus; and pregnancy: and essential workers not recommended for vaccination in Phase 1b including those in transportation and logistics, water and wastewater, food service, shelter and housing (e.g., construction), finance (e.g., bank tellers), information technology and communications. energy, legal, media, public safety (e.g., engineers), and public health workers.

Governor DeSantis was proud to announce that Florida was the first in the nation to actually begin to vaccinate long-term care residents in Broward and Pinellas counties. Health department strike teams vaccinated residents in 106 nursing homes and assisted care facilities in the two counties with some of Florida's densest elderly populations. He said that CVS and Walgreens have begun to distribute vaccine doses to long term care facilities after a difficult start. Additionally, the Governor stated that the state will be receiving 120,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine and the initial 360,000 doses of the new Moderna vaccine this week which will be distributed to hospitals and long-term care facilities under phase 1a.

The Pfizer vaccine requires two doses, one week apart, and

We also help with field trips, school clothes, and sports expenses for kids that might otherwise do without. Our goal is to provide children the things they need to flourish, and grow, into the future of our community."

Thomas Promise Foundation website

Bernie, Louise and Pat are crocheting their blankets in two ways: either whole or piecemeal, where they crochet strips and then sew them together to create the completed blanket. They can use help from our community at Oaks Royal 3 to assist them in helping our greater community. Their request is three-fold:

- Looking for any yarn you can donate for this project.
- Willing hands to crochet blankets or blanket strips.
- Willing hands to help sew the strips into blankets.

If you wish to donate yarn, please contact Louise Harmer at <u>813 779 7616</u>. If you are willing to help with the crocheting, please contact Bernie Scholz at <u>813 406 1792</u>. If you are willing to help with sewing strips together, please contact Pat Austin at <u>585 519 4347</u> to see what she has available. They would welcome any help you can give.

# Oaks Royal 3 Christmas Golf Cart Parade

On December 19th, twenty five fully decked-out golf carts and one bicycle left the clubhouse at Oaks Royal III Home Owners Association on their annual parade of lights through both the Oaks Royal 1 & 2 and Oaks Royal 3 Mobile Home Communities. These seniors, representing both HOA's had been seen excitedly decorating and lighting their golf carts around the parks for the past couple of days.

the vaccine itself must be stored in special refrigeration facilities at -70 degrees Celsius (-94 Fahrenheit). The Moderna vaccine requires storage at -20 degrees Celsius (-4 Fahrenheit). The Governor announced December 15th that an additional 700,000 to one million doses of the Pfizer vaccine would be shipped to Florida by January 1st, and that the Moderna vaccine would be approved by the FDA that week with the first shipment expected in Florida Christmas week. Additionally, clinical trials are concluding for Johnson and Johnson's vaccine, which is a one-dose vaccine and does not require any special storage.

As mentioned in the December Newsletter, Oaks Royal 3 received 300 BinaxNow rapid COVID-19 test kits from the State of Florida in a program Governor Desantis has in place to protect the state's elderly and at risk population. We have been administering tests to residents in the park who have symptoms, have been exposed to people who are ill, to people who have been traveling and wish to reduce their guarantine time, or to those who are going to travel. If you have overnight guests at your home, we have an ample supply of tests to accommodate them as well, considering anyone who is staying here shares the same exposure risk. Tests can be administered to residents at their request, and vou can receive results in 15 minutes! An HOA representative will come to your residence, observing appropriate masking and social distancing protocol, to conduct the test. Your results are confidential. Please contact Guy Engelhardt at (813) 957-4851, Jan Burden at (812) 968-9666 or Sally Schneider (989) 948-6822 to arrange an appointment.

For those who travel, the Florida CDC has changed it's guidelines several times during this crisis, and the current advisement is always available on its <a href="webpage">webpage</a>. in short, the current guidelines state: After <a href="returning from your trip">returning from your trip</a>, CDC advises travelers to get tested 3-5 days after returning home. If you don't get tested, stay home for 10 days after travel and avoid being around people who are at <a href="increased risk for severe illness">increased risk for severe illness</a> for 14 days, whether you get tested or not. New <a href="CDC guidelines">CDC guidelines</a> allow for quarantine to end after Day 7



"The parade is one of the highlights of our holiday season here in Oaks Royal. This is one of the few holiday events we have not had to cancel this year due to COVID. Everyone enjoys it so, whether they are driving in the parade or sitting at their home watching it! This is the boost in spirit we all needed!

Participants started lining up for the parade about 5:20pm. By 5:40pm the full complement of 25 golf carts and a bike were in line, making their final checks on lights, batteries, generators, etc. Parade organizers were handing out Merry Christmas bags of goodies to make sure the participant's spirits (and sugar levels) did not flag during their sojourn through both park that evening. Making merry, waving, laughing and having a good time is hard work you know!



Parade participants lining up

if you test negative so long as the test is taken on Day 5 or after, and if no symptoms occur during 14 days of monitoring.

Yes, Pasco county is still under a <u>mask ordinance</u> dated September 29th. and reaffirmed by the county commission as <u>recently as October 20th</u>, for good reason, the continued rise in COVID-19 cases throughout the county and state. Florida continues to carry the nation's third highest number of positive COVID-19 cases and the fourth highest number of deaths. Pasco County accounts for approximately 18,000 cases of the 1.126 million members of Florida's population suffering from this deadly disease.

# **Clothing for the Homeless**

Vito and Barbara Ingarigola are asking for our assistance this season for the homeless of Zephyrhills. For the next week Vito will be collecting your clean, used clothing, in good wearable condition for those less fortunate who are in need in our community. He is also looking for donations of clean used blankets, also in good condition. Residents may bring your donations to the clubhouse, where Vito has put a sign on one of the tables. He will collect the donations regularly to take to the distribution location near Zephyr Park. Vito Said this collection drive will end after Coffee hour next week, December 29th. Let's look in our hearts and our closets and help our fellow men and women in need at this special time of year!

Before the parade could begin, Judges Bubba and Sally Lapetina had a difficult choice to make, in awarding the Best Cart, but choose they did. President Ann Parks awarded the ceremonial box of chocolates, and bragging rights, to Judy Krusey. They were watched by Toni and Andrew Mitchell, who were the sole audience members to turn out at the Oaks Royal 3 Clubhouse. Judy and her puppy Teddy assumed the lead position and lead the parade as Grand Marshall, right at 6:00pm.



Judy Krusey and Ann Parks

You can view the video and all the pictures on the website.

# Oaks Royal III to Host AdventHealth Virtual Health Talk Series at Clubhouse In January

During the month of January, Oaks Royal III Home Owners Association will be showcasing a program of free health related talks by medical experts produced by AdventHealth. Each week a prominent medical professional form our area will speak on a different topic that is relevant to the 55 and

# Community Goings-On January 2021

Normally, Zephyrhills and the surrounding communities in Florida are really happening places in Florida this time of year. People are crowding into theme parks, taking advantage of the mild weather to visit the many state and county park and beaches, making the circuit of festivals, or visiting the endless list of outdoor flea & farmers markets. Wow! Makes you count all your steps

older population. Oaks Royal III will open its clubhouse to residents Tuesday's at 11:30am for these Noon presentations, that will be displayed for easy viewing on the associations big screen television. Residents that preregister on the AdventHealth website, or sign aa AdventHealth registration card the day of, will be eligible for an exclusive coupon to the AdventHealth Wellness Center Zephyrhills. To pre-register please click on the name of the program you are interested in below. All the programs are free.



AdventHealth Hospital - Zephyrhills

## Oh, My Aching Knee!

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

12:00pm to 12:30pm

A throbbing, painful knee can keep you from enjoying the simplest activities. Whether you need a full or partial knee replacement, Randolph Knight, MD, Orthopedic Surgeon, will explain how MakoTM Robotic-Arm Assisted Technology is minimally invasive, precise and speeds up recovery time. We'll get you moving in comfort again! This is rescheduled from the original play date of 12/1/2020.

## **Treatment Options for Spine Pain**

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm

for the day and head for a nap just to read it! However, as we know, due to the ongoing COVID situation many of these activities have been cancelled or severely curtailed. Yes, the theme parks are open, but you have to go online and make an reservation date to go, and you have to wear masks. For those of us with respiratory issues, it makes it kind of difficult to walk the parks. Good news, the parks and beaches are open, and they are just as beautiful as ever. The gulf water is a brisk 60 degrees right now, so you might want to think twice about jumping right in! I thought you might like to here about some activities you can enjoy closer to home

# Music in Zephyr Park – Sundays 10am to 3pm

Every Sunday during snowbird season, say November through May, elder musicians from all over the area come into Zephyr Park and from up into groups to jam some of the best old-time, folk, country, gospel music you have heard. People bring their lawn chairs & beverages; some even bring picnics, sit under the old oaks or soak up the sun and listen to these folks & sing play songs they enjoy. It is a great way to spend a few hours, and it doesn't cost anything but the smile on your face!

# Flea market at 301 & 56 – Tuesday and Thursday 8am to 1pm

Most of the flea markets and farmers markets in the area have shut down. However this seasonal favorite is back! It opened December 8th, usually until end of May. This is what the old Patriot flea market on Chancey Road grew into. Last year they charged \$1 for parking, this year I saw a comment on the Facebook site that said parking was free.

Join fellowship-trained Neurosurgeon Armen Deukmedjian, MD, as he discusses what STEM cell therapy for the spine can do for you. Stem cell therapy is a cutting-edge treatment for a variety of spinal conditions. The neurosurgeons at NeuSpine Institute use state-of-the-art technology to get their patients' lives back on track.

# <u>Strengthen Your Pelvic Floor Muscles With</u> <u>Therapy</u>

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm

As you age, your pelvic floor muscles typically weaken and you can experience leakage and the urge to urinate more frequently. You may even experience pelvic floor prolapse. Latosha Manning, PT, DPT, CCI, MLD/C and Revely Pelto, PT, DSc, CMPT, AIB-VR, will discuss how pelvic health rehabilitation can help people of all ages improve their health and restore quality of life. Original broadcast date 12-8-2020.

# Carpal Tunnel Syndrome; An Easy Fix

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm

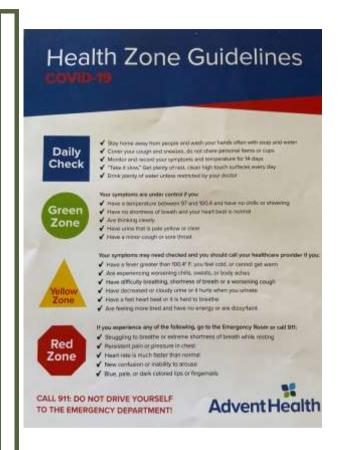
Do you suffer from tingling and numbness in your hand? If so, you may have carpal tunnel syndrome. Orthopedic Surgeon Randolph Knight, MD, will talk about effective treatments and minimally-invasive, same-day surgery options for this uncomfortable condition during his virtual health talk.



From Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce website

# Depot Museum and Park – Saturday 9am to 12 pm (museum)

Depot Park is a passive park loaded with amenities that will keep visitors busy with things to do and see. This 4 acre park features a wooded walking trail, Picnic Shelter with picnic tables, mini-picnic shelters, barbecue grill, and ADA accessible playground equipment. The "crown – jewel" of this park is a fully restored 1927 Railroad Depot that is utilized as a local museum. The Depot also features a 1970s era caboose that is currently undergoing restoration.



# Planning to Cruise into 2021

For those of you that love to cruise as much as the wife and I do, there may be hope in 2021! According to an article by Arron Sanders that came in my email from The Insider, the cruise industry had hoped the combination of readily available testing along with masking, socially distancing and proper sanitizing protocols would have them up and running already. Unfortunately, that has not come to pass. Now, it appears that the news vaccines will be the new linchpin to getting the cruise ships filled. I thought you might enjoy to read the article here.



Caboose at Depot Park from website

The original 1927 Atlantic Coast Line Depot was purchased from CSX Railroad by the City of Zephyrhills in 1989 and relocated 200 feet west of its original location. Restoration of the 2,700 square foot building began in 1997 with a Grant from the State Department of Transportation, and a ribbon cutting ceremony was held November 19, 1997, to celebrate its completion. The Historical Preservation Committee and the Zephyrhills Historical Association assisted in many ways to bring this restoration to reality.

## Some Funnies – Just Because

I thought instead of another in a long line of a year in review, let's look back on 2020, I would try something a little different; since let's face it, we've been there and we have definitely done that! I thought we could all use a little humor to start out the new year, and as we all know, nothing is funnier than us, old folks! Enjoy!



From Cruise Executives: Vaccines Are Game Changers For Industry on web

# <u>Cruise Executives: Vaccines Are Game Changers For Industry</u>

December 14, 2020 By Aaron Saunders (2:45 p.m. EST) — The availability of COVID-19 vaccines, and not merely additional health and safety protocols, will enable cruising to return in 2021, Royal Caribbean Group Chairman and CEO Richard Fain said. .Fain made the remarks in a new video posted to travel advisors on Sunday. "Today, we're in the middle of a very dark period," said Fain. "Confirmed infections in the U.S. are running over 200,000 per day, and fatalities are approaching 3,000 a day. "We had hoped that the combination of tests, protective protocols and treatments, would enable a restart of cruising as early as this month. But the scale of the spread and the reaction to the increased prevalence throughout the country has made that impossible. The arrival of highly efficacious vaccines is a game-changer...previously, we expected cruising to resume based on creating a virtual bubble of safety on the ship, even if the rest of the country was experiencing significant spread. Vaccines change all that. "Today we envision that the key but not the exclusive factor — will be the vaccines rather than purely the protocols, "Fain's comments are the first acknowledgement from an executive at a publicly-traded cruise operator that vaccines will likely play a large part of safely restarting staggered operations when the time is right. Fain isn't alone in his thinking. Frank Del Rio, chairman of Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings, which counts Norwegian, Oceania and Regent Seven Seas among its portfolio of cruise brands, had stated last week that COVID-19





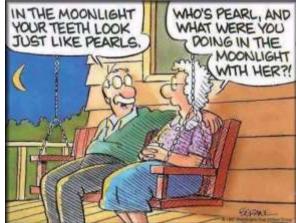


vaccination would be a requirement for all crewmembers, and stated the company is mulling over that requirement for guests as well.

Both Royal Caribbean and Norwegian Cruise Line sailings are cancelled through the end of February. With cruise lines cancelling voyages into March, April and May of 2021 — and beyond — speculation has grown that many cruise operators are waiting for more widespread availability of COVID-19 vaccines before attempting to broadly restart cruise operations. Requiring vaccinations for certain destinations or forms of travel is not without precedent; cruise lines could require travellers to be vaccinated before cruising. Vaccinations could also be required for certain destinations. Officials in the Canadian province of British Columbia, home to popular Alaska cruising ports including Vancouver, Victoria and Prince Rupert, stated in November their preference to not welcome travellers until a vaccine is in widespread distribution. No cruise line has, as of yet, made COVID-19 vaccinations mandatory for passengers.

Cruise Critic will monitor this story and will update it with new information as it becomes available.







The officers, directors, committees and social clubs are actively working throughout the year to maintain and improve the active, 55+ lifestyle we enjoy here at the Oaks Royal III community. Each month they have an opportunity to update you on current activities or showcase future events through this section of the newsletter. Enjoy.

#### Ann Parks, President

Our HOA Attorney has submitted the amendments paperwork to Pasco County for filing. When we get back copies of the final filed documents, they will be posted to the website, and promulgated into the Declaration document. The new Declaration pages will be sent to home owners to put into your copies of your Declaration, and also posted into the Declaration posted on the website at the same time.

The next HOA Membership Meeting will be January's 4th at 7:00. Please attend if you can as this is our annual elections meeting and we do have a full ballot. Thank you to all the candidates who have volunteered to step up and fill board positions opening this year. You are joining a great team of people that pulls together, with a lot of help from other owners when needed, to the important work of not only maintaining this association and its facilities, but moving us forward. It is all volunteer work, jobs we would otherwise have to pay a management company to handle at great cost, and which we currently manage as long as we continue to get community minded people like Pam Champeau, Dale Shiner and Sharon Pollard to step up and share their knowledge, skills and abilities with the rest of us. Thank you so much to our board members whose terms end this month and are stepping down, their years of service have been invaluable to me and this association: Sally Lapetina, Treasurer and Jean Taylor, Secretary! A special thanks to Sharon Pollard for agreeing to run for another term on the board, Sharon has been an outstanding Social Director! It is not too early to start thinking about running for the board next year, as there are three positions that rotate each year. If you want to know more about serving on the board or what position will be coming up next year, please feel free to talk to myself or Kathy anytime.

Thanks to all the volunteers and home owners who have decorated Oaks Royal 3 for a festive Merry Christmas. You all did a wonderful job decking our halls!

### Kathy Swett, Vice President

SLATE OF OFFICERS: Three residents have agreed to run for the HOA Board. They are Sharon Pollard, Pam Champeau and Dale Shiner. Voting on these candidates will occur at the annual meeting of our HOA on January 4, 2021.

WOMAN'S GROUP: There will be a meeting of the Woman's Group on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the clubhouse. We encourage all women to attend. Please know that masks are required and social distancing will be observed. Topics to discuss are: Memorial Service for the February HOA meeting, Board Recognition Dinner, RADA sales, follow-up on Christmas Eve luminaries. Women are asked to bring other issues to be discussed, realizing that many events will not be held due to continued restrictions.

APPROVED AMENDMENTS: Mr. Todd has forwarded the approved amendments to Pasco County for inclusion in our current declarations.

## **Sharon Pollard, Social Director**

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE !!!

Monday January 4th, 7pm – Association Meeting. We will have the election of officers so please attend....there will be other important matters up for discussion also. We will honor our deceased residents at our February 2021 meeting this year.

Thursday January 21st, 5pm to 7pm – Pizza Man. Instead of pot luck the "Pizza Man" will be here. There will be a sign up sheet posted on the board in the clubhouse. Some important items about this event are:

- Masks must be worn and social distancing rules will be followed.
- This will be free to Oaks Royal III residents.
- There will be a guest charge of \$5.50 per person.
- Please bring your own table service and drinks.
- Please bring your own container, as no take out containers will be provided.
- Orders will be taken every 10 minutes.

Tuesday night's 6:30pm – Bingo

Wednesday mornings 8:30am - Coffee hour

Wednesday nights 6:30pm - Dominoes

Thursday and Friday nights at 6:30pm - cards

Stay well...Stay safe and I will see you all soon !!!

## Harry Whitaker, Maintenance Director

Glad to be back in Zephyrhills!

After New Year's we will have 4-5 projects that need to be done. I will have a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse. We will meet at the clubhouse on Wednesday after coffee hour and work for 2-3 hours. Please remember this community belongs to all of us. We should take pride in it. If you come to work, you will make some new friends!

Please remember any construction or modification to your home must be approved by the Building Committee. Committee members: Marty Draper, Dave Schneider, Harold Teska, Clair Marquart, Marvin Cirks and Harry Whitaker.

I would like give some big Thank You's to some very deserving people for their contributions:

- Paul Grizenko, Herb Schultz and Dennis Kramer who helped decorate the clubhouse and entrance.
- Jan and Jim Burden & crew for decorating the bridge.
- Len Woodill, Jim Burden and Norm Snyder for the use of their electrical expertise over the years.
- Clair Marquart for fixing the lights on the bridge.

We are going to have the Strawberry Social. No date yet. Free!

## Donna Birch, Library

It is good to be back in Oaks Royal III and to see that the library has become a popular place due to necessary stay-at-home restrictions. New residents: FYI – there is no check-out procedure – please deposit returns in the basket provided for that purpose as well as for donations.

"You know you're getting older when: It feels like the morning after, but you didn't go anywhere last night".

Laughter Never Gets Old by Bob Phillips

Some of the new titles are as follows:

- "The Book of Two Ways" by Jodi Picoult;
   "Hideaway" by Nora Roberts
- "The Parting" by Beverly Lewis; "The Bride of Ivy Green" and "The Ladies of Ivy Cottage" by Julie Klassen; "The Healing", "The Hope Jar" Book One; "The Forgiving Jar" Book two by Wanda Brunstetter; "Forgiven"; "Even Now" "Beyond Tuesday Morning"; "Shades of Blue" by Karen Kingsbury
- "Almost Amish" by Kathryn Cushman; "A Man of his Word" by Kathleen Fuller;
- "Distant Shores" by Kristen Hannah; "Murder She Wrote-Killer in the Kitchen" by Jessica Fletcher and Donald Bain; "Any Dream Will Do" by Debbie Macomber (This one was a no put down page turner!
- NON-FICTION: "Quiet Strength" by Tony Dungy; "Life is a Gift" by Tony Bennett

### Sally Lapetina, Treasurer

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Oaks Royal III Treasurer for the past 6 years. I want to thank everyone for all their support in helping me do my job.

## Jean Taylor, Secretary

After serving for a total of 15 years as a board member, I have decided now is the time to retire. I will truly miss working with you all.

My late husband and I moved to Oaks Royal III in 2000 and in 2001, I was approached to run for the Board which I did and won. At that time, there were 4 to 6 people running so ballots were issued and members voted. As the years passed, less and less people were stepping up to run for the board. It has gotten to the point that we have to beg people to run for the position of board member. This is so sad.

Won't you as residents of Oaks Royal III seriously think about helping out our association by being willing to volunteer your services as a board member whether you are a full time resident or seasonal resident. We have a beautiful park but it does take members being willing to make sure it stays beautiful! Thank you.

## **Guy Engelhardt, Webmaster**

The association website is slowly taking on a new look and feel. New content is going up. Please

- "If I Live to be 100" lessons from the centenarians by Neemah Ellis, producer of NPR's 100 years of stories
- "Prisoners of Hope" the story of our captivity and freedom in Afghanistan by Dayna Curry and Heather Mercer; HRC – State Secrets and the Rebirth of Hilary Clinton; "Here We Go Again- My Life in Television" by Betty White

Some of you have already discovered the entertaining Mitford series about the life of a small town Episcopal priest; I am on my third reading since it was given to me twenty years ago as a birthday gift, beginning with the first one – "At Home in Mitford". These are in the hard-cover section and a list is posted of the suggested sequence. Many thanks to Diane Stevens for maintaining the library over the summer.

I would like to hear about other favorite titles and authors please email me at **DMaeB628@aol.com**.

check back often and let me know what you think. www.oaksroyal3.com

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- To submit articles for the newsletter or story ideas please email <u>oaksryal3@gmail.com</u> by the 15th of each month.
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