

FLASH FEBRUARY 2025



A note from the Fountain Lakes Master Association President

The location of the Fountain Lakes Blvd (FLB) gates has been agreed upon by Fountain Lakes Community Association (FLCA) Board of Directors and Island Paradise Dental Squared (IPDS). South Florida Water Management is reviewing the new application. We are not sure when the gate move will begin. The property is still up for sale but we do not know if IPDS will manage to sell the South Parcel or if they will continue with the construction of their building.

I have heard people say, "there are many people who think we should buy the South Parcel". I sent out an E-Blast to survey the opinion of the residents. One hundred and sixty-one residents voiced their opinion. The results were 74 yes, 79 no, and 8 undecideds. Lori Smith presented a review of the financial impact on the Fountain Lakes Community. Considering the overall financial impact, the board voted to table the topic.

Janet Hildebrand

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NEW YEARS EVE "FOUNTAIN LAKES STYLE"
THANK YOU TO FRED & MARY CAREY FOR
SPONSORING THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY REGIS



CHRIS AFTER ALMOST 40 YEARS WITH PEPSI-YOU
ARE TRULY PART OF THE "PEPSI GENERATION"
WELCOME TO RETIREMENT!



White Night

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Tickets \$25
600pm - 900pm
BY.OB.

Come aboard the Fountain Lakes Fantasy Cruise!
Wear your best white attire!

Dinner by: Haney's Catering Inc. Entertainment by: Steve Michaels

"RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT"

TIMOTHY J SHAFFER

FROM SUBMARINES TO AUTHOR

Tim grew up in Western Pennsylvania. After high school, he enlisted in the Navy, where he spent six years in the Nuclear Submarine Service. He then gained employment in Illinois at a nuclear power plant. For the next 35 years, Tim lived and worked in Illinois while raising a family and finishing college. Since 2012, he and his wife, Georgann, have lived in the Villas at Timber Lake as year-round residents.

Most recently, Tim has become a published author, although he considers himself more as a storyteller than an author.

"It began while trying to get my children interested in their genealogy. I noticed they showed interest in stories about our ancestors rather than looking at a family tree. While preparing to write a story about my grandparents, it soon became obvious there was a much larger story to tell. Two and a half years later, I found my name on a published book."

From Knoxdale to Shannondale: The Story of Mary Elizabeth Siverling is a historical fiction story about a humble Pennsylvania Dutch family that spans 90 years, beginning with the Civil War. Based on real people and events, the story tells how the family coped with what life had to offer, set in the backdrop of some of the most prosperous and turbulent times in our country's history.

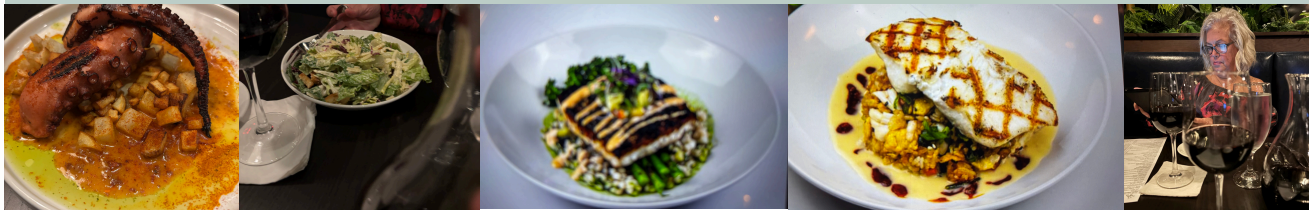
When Tim is not writing, he enjoys golfing with his friends, serving as an Elder at Hope Lutheran Church in Bonita Springs, and visiting with their four children and seven grandchildren.

Tim will have books available for signing at the Fountain Lakes Craft Fair on February 22, 2025.



"FOUNTAIN LAKES FOODIE"

THE REAL SEAFOOD COMPANY – A TRUE GEM IN COCONUT POINT



Our journey to The Real Seafood Company in Coconut Point began a few days early when we stopped by to preview the menu. Despite arriving before opening hours, the staff in the bar could not have been more accommodating. Even in the middle of a lunch meeting, they graciously allowed us to explore the menu, which turned out to be an interactive delight—every item includes a clickable image of the finished dish, ensuring no surprises when you order.

We were sold immediately and made a reservation for my birthday. From the moment we walked in, we were treated like royalty. The service was impeccable, and every detail was thoughtfully executed.

We started our meal with grilled octopus, paired with a crisp Caesar salad, and enjoyed a beautifully decanted bottle of red wine. (Yes, we prefer red wine, even with seafood!) For the main course, I savored the blackened swordfish, perfectly seasoned and explained by our server as being in peak season, while Donna had the black grouper. Both dishes were served over flavorful rice and a medley of fresh vegetables.

The portions were generous—so much so that we brought leftovers home. A helpful tip: the side salad offered for \$4.99 with any entrée is large enough to share. To top it all off, the restaurant surprised us with a discount for my birthday, which was a thoughtful touch.

Overall, The Real Seafood Company is exactly what Coconut Point Mall needed—a top-tier restaurant with exceptional food, attentive service, and reasonable prices for the quality provided. It's a true gem and one we'll be returning to often!

ELECTION EDUCATION

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MARCH ELECTIONS

- **First Notice: January 20, 2025 did you receive???? If not please call the office as it may have been sent to your summer address.**
- **Intent to Run: February 9, 2025**
 - Deadline for potential candidates to submit their Notice of Intent forms.
- **Candidate Information Sheets: February 14, 2025**
 - Candidates can submit informational sheets, which are recommended but are not required.
- **Second Notice: February 19, 2025**
 - Includes candidate information sheets, proxy form, ballot, and envelopes. Essential for voting; if not received, copies are available at the office.

**CONGRATS TO JOE AND JONI FOR BEING RECOGNIZED FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS
"PERSONS OF THE YEAR" AWARD**



**Joe and Joni Pavich Will be Honored at
The Don Eslick Person of the Year Award Dinner
on Feb. 27, 2025**

**FOUNTAIN LAKES CRAFT FAIR
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 FOUNTAIN LAKES CLUBHOUSE**

JOIN US FOR A DELIGHTFUL DAY AT THE FOUNTAIN LAKES CRAFT FAIR! EXPLORE A WIDE VARIETY OF UNIQUE, HANDCRAFTED ITEMS, INCLUDING:

🎨 PAINTINGS 🧵 EMBROIDERY 💍 JEWELRY 📷 PHOTOGRAPHY 📖 BOOKS 🍪 HOMEMADE JAMS 🌊 HANDMADE SEA GLASS AND SHELL CRAFTS

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISANS AND DISCOVER ONE-OF-A-KIND TREASURES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



LAKE BANK RESTORATION

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has control over the Lakes which are considered a Wet Retention area. The retention areas are meant to control Storm Water drainage and filter the water before it flows into the bay.

The FLCA Lake Bank Management Program was started in 2020 to rebuild and reinforce the lake bank per SFWMD requirements which will stabilize the lake bank to prevent erosion. We are committed to completing a section of the lake every year to stay in compliance with SFWMD. The funds for the project are budgeted in FLCA Reserves based on the Reserve Study. Copeland Southern enterprises, Inc is the company that has completed 7 sections around the big Lake. The 2024 Section 7 improved the canal on the golf course. There are 3 more sections to complete on the Big Lake and then FLCA will start on the Lakeside Lake.

The process includes shaping the lake bank to meet the standards set by SFWMD. The crew will excavate and reclaim material from the bottom to back fill and re-grade the existing slope, re-enforcing the slope with Layered Coconut Erosion Blanket to re-stabilize the slope and bring it back to the proposed grade matching the 4:1 slope required for lake banks. Crews will install Coconut Erosion Blanket with 6-inch spikes and 1 inch of topsoil on top of the Coconut Blankets to help lock it in with new sod laid down to the Lakes control line elevation.

The result of the project will not only keep FLCA in compliance with SFWMD but also will add to the aesthetics of the community.

THIS PROJECT WAS DONE BY COPELAND CONSTRUCTION

BEFORE



DURING



AFTER



ANNUAL YARD SALE MARCH 1ST

FLOP MARCH 14TH



*Annual
Fountain Lakes Community
Wide Garage Sale
Saturday, March 1, 2025.
between 8 AM and Noon.*

Please register at the office. A \$2 fee to offset the cost of the advertising is greatly appreciated.

The FLOP is scheduled for March 14, 2025. The sign up sheets will be posted by February 14, 2025 located on the bulletin board by the billiards room. The sign up sheets will be taken down on March 7, 2025. On the day of the FLOP lunch will be served at appx 11:30 am, right after the completion of the semi-serious competition. Once again, Reality World-J.Pavich Realty will be providing lunch for the FLOP participants. **YOU MUST BE A PATICIPANT IN THE EVENT IN ORDER TO EAT LUNCH.** A big **THANK YOU** to Joni and Joe for their continued support

REMEMBER TO VISIT THE FOUNTAIN LAKES WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON EVENTS AND ISSUES IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY.

WWW.FOUNTAINLAKESESTERO.COM

FOUNTAIN LAKES OFFICE IS OPEN 8:30-4:30 M-F 239.495.3555

****MASTER BOARD MEETING 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 6PM COMMUNITY CENTER****

ANY FEED BACK OR SUBMISSIONS TO THE FLASH PLEASE EMAIL: JABALLEI66@GMAIL.COM