



**MAY 2025 SEASON**

# *Review*



## ***A NOTE FROM THE FOUNTAIN LAKES PRESIDENT***

Twenty-Five years ago, my husband and I moved to Florida to live as full-time resident in a Deed Restricted community. We had no idea what a “Deed Restricted Community” was! We talked to our attorney who told us it was nothing unusual for Florida. State of Florida HOA and Condo laws set the guidelines for the Communities to adopt their Documents, Covenants, and Rules and Regulations. It sounded ok, so we bought our lot and built our house.

We soon learned there was a lot we did not understand. I am sure many of you who are not native Floridians have or are experiencing the same issues. It was not until I joined the FLCA Master Board that I became fully aware of all the responsibilities of a Deed Restricted lifestyle. You don’t really have the freedom to do whatever you want with your OWN property!

I have heard people say, “it takes so long to get anything accomplished.” Yes, it does! We have Florida State laws, County codes, Village codes, and Southwest Florida Water Management mandates. There are added Neighborhood and Master Association restrictions as well as contacting Companies to supply quotes. The Volunteer FLCA Board Members, with the help of our Management Company and Attorney, make sure all the laws and codes are followed. Add in the need for multiple quotes, funding approval, legal review, and contractor scheduling—it all takes time.

Mike and I never regretted our decision to move into a Deed Restricted community. We realized these rules existed to ultimately protect us and the value of our home. Wishing you all a pleasant Spring and Summer!

*JANET HILDEBRAND*

## ***FOUNTAIN LAKES MASTER BOARD ELECTION RESULTS***

We are pleased to introduce the newly elected members of the Fountain Lakes Master Board:

- Joseph Ballerine
- Greg Clancy
- Karen Vaughn



We also welcome back Janet Hildebrand, who was re-elected to continue her service on the board.

These individuals will join Lori Smith, Keith Chew, and Rick Delucia to complete the Master Board for the 2025–2026 term.

We thank all residents who participated in the election and look forward to working together to continue building a strong and vibrant Fountain Lakes community.

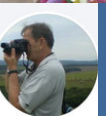
**MASTER BOARD MEETING 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 6PM COMMUNITY CENTER\*\*  
PLEASE VISIT [WWW.FOUNTAINLAKESESTERO.COM](http://WWW.FOUNTAINLAKESESTERO.COM) FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES AND ISSUES  
CONCERNING OUR COMMUNITY**

**\*\*\*WILDLIFE PHOTOS COURTESY OF RANDY MILLER, WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER\*\*\***





A SPECIAL THANKS TO ROY MAEDER FOR SHARING WITH US HIS  
PHOTOGRAPHIC TALENT - 2024/2025 YEAR IN REVIEW





## "RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT" ROY MAEDER



Teresa and I first discovered Fountain Lakes in 2010 when we visited friends for a couple of days. We fell in love with the community, rented for three months in 2014, and soon after, in March of that year, purchased our home in the Villas of Fountain Lakes. Since then, we have spent every year here, except for one due to COVID.

I dedicated 36 years of my career to the Durham District Catholic School Board as a Facility Services Coordinator, overseeing custodial and maintenance operations for 56 schools and managing a team of 188 staff.

Photography and videography have been passions of mine since the 1980s. I turned this passion into a business, producing promotional and training videos while working full-time. One of my most exciting ventures was filming and editing *Two in a Vineyard*, a television series that aired 13 episodes on CBC in Canada in 2009. This project took me on incredible travels to Austria, Quebec, Prince Edward Island, the Niagara region, and Brazil, where I had the privilege of meeting and befriending fascinating winery owners from around the world.

The evolution of digital photography has made capturing and editing moments more seamless than ever—far easier than the days of 35mm film, where waiting for development added an element of suspense. Over the years, I've taken approximately 25,000 photos and recorded over 800 hours of video. Now, I simply enjoy photography as a hobby, focusing on candid shots that capture life's spontaneous moments. Teresa also enjoys photography and many of the shot highlighted are contributable to her, it has become our family affair.

\*\*\*\*\* The FLASH would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Roy and Teresa for the incredible photos they have captured over the years. Their talent and dedication to photography have greatly enhanced our publication, making it even better. We truly appreciate this incredible couple for their contributions!\*\*\*\*\*

### NIGHT GOLF PARTICIPANTS AND WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE FUNDS A NEW STARTERS TABLE AT THE GOLF COURSE



### SPORTS WINNERS 2025

#### GOLF

MEN'S LOW GROSS: VIC CAMPAU

MEN'S LOW NET: MIKE PEHL

WOMEN'S LOW GROSS: MELISSA LAFAYETTE

WOMEN'S LOW NET: KATE LEWIS

WOMEN'S 9 LOW GROSS: COLEEN PEHL

WOMEN'S 9 LOW NET: SHERRY PALMITESSO

#### BILLIARDS

DIVISION 1: RON KADEY

DIVISION 2: WES DICKERSON

#### BOCCE

4 ON 4: BILL & KATE LEWIS, RICK & CINDY WOODS

2 ON 2: BOB HOPLEY & BARB CLEEG

#### SHUFFLEBOARD

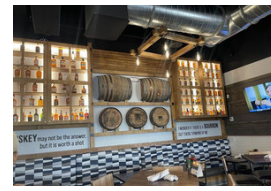
RON KADEY & BOB HOPLEY



THANK YOU  
MIKE AND  
COLLEEN FOR  
BUILDING  
AND  
PAINTING  
THE TABLE

NIGHT GOLF ACQUIRES AND REFURBISHES 5 PAR AID DIVOT BOXES FOR GOLF COURSE- WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL PARTICIPANTS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY. IF INTERESTED IN PLAYING IN THE 2025/2026 SEASON EMAIL: JABALLE166@GMAIL.COM TO BE PUT ON THE EMAIL LIST

## "FOUNTAIN LAKES"



### **Oak & Stone – A Haven for Beer and Craft Cocktail Lovers**

Reviewing Oak & Stone is no easy task because it's far more than just a bar. While their impressive selection of craft beers and cocktails might draw you in, the experience goes beyond just drinks. Their food menu is just as impressive, featuring everything from crispy, flavorful wings to handcrafted pizzas with creative toppings. Even their salads exceed expectations, offering hearty, fresh ingredients that make them a meal-worthy choice.

What truly sets Oak & Stone apart is its self-serve beer wall, featuring an ever-changing lineup of 50 rotating taps. Whether you're in the mood for a rich, bourbon barrel-aged stout, a crisp pilsner, or a refreshing, fruity sour, there's something for every beer lover. This unique setup lets guests explore different styles at their own pace, making it a paradise for craft beer enthusiasts.

For those who prefer cocktails, the bar program is just as impressive. The bartenders are masters of their craft, creating exceptional cocktails with high-end spirits and fresh ingredients. Whether you're sipping on a classic Old Fashioned, a creative seasonal concoction, or diving into one of the best bourbon selections in the area, every drink is thoughtfully prepared.

Whether you're stopping by for a casual pint, a handcrafted cocktail, or a full dining experience, Oak & Stone delivers on all fronts. With a lively yet welcoming atmosphere, it's the perfect spot for beer lovers, cocktail connoisseurs, and foodies alike. [PRO TIP download the Oak & Stone app for monthly invitations to Takeover Tuesday when a new brewery offers free samples on the second Tuesday of the month..](#)

## **FLASH UPDATE**

As we mark one year since revamping the FLASH newsletter, your feedback is more important than ever. Some issues have focused on specific themes—Sports, Elections, Year in Review. Do you like this approach? Are there other topics you'd like to see featured?

One of my personal favorites has been the Resident Spotlight—an amazing opportunity to meet and share the stories of truly remarkable, talented, and determined residents. If you have suggestions for residents you'd like me to interview, please let me know.

From the beginning, my goal was to highlight the vibrant amenities and lifestyle here at Fountain Lakes—a truly special place. But this publication is for you, the residents, so your input is essential. Please feel free to share your suggestions by emailing me at [jaballe166@gmail.com](mailto:jaballe166@gmail.com).

I've also created a FLASH email list for residents and seasonal renters who prefer to receive the newsletter directly. If you're interested, just send me a request.

Now as the winter chill loosens its grips on much of the country, Florida again emerged as a vibrant oasis, drawing friends and families from all corners of the nation—and our beloved neighbors from Canada.

In this sun-kissed paradise, friendships blossom in the warm embrace of mild temperatures and endless blue skies. Whether you're teeing off on a golf course, engaging in a spirited game of pickleball or attending one of the many social events here at Fountain Lakes the winter months in Florida foster connections that turn acquaintances into lifelong friends.

As some part for their Northern homes know that this winter was spent again with friends new and old, and those staying will be anxiously awaiting your return!

Safe travels to all and I hope you enjoyed some of the light hearted humor and pictures on our "REVIEW" page, the next FLASH edition will be in October.

**JOE BALLERINE**