

Davis Lake Newsletter, June, 2019

Dear Davis Lake Residents:

I hope this finds everyone enjoying the summer season, having returned to “our other lives” away from Davis Lake. To those full-time Davis Lake residents, I’m sure this finds you enjoying the solitude and beauty of our little community.

By now our long-time Office Manager Linda Donnelly and her husband Don have re-located to Lima, Ohio near their family. Nearly 100 Davis Lake residents and other friends enjoyed a surprise going-away party in late March for the Donnelly’s at Whiskey Creek Country Club, just off McGregor Ave. It was a festive and fun-filled evening as Linda received many words of thanks and gratitude for her many years of service and dedication at Davis Lake. Good luck to them as they start a new chapter in their lives!

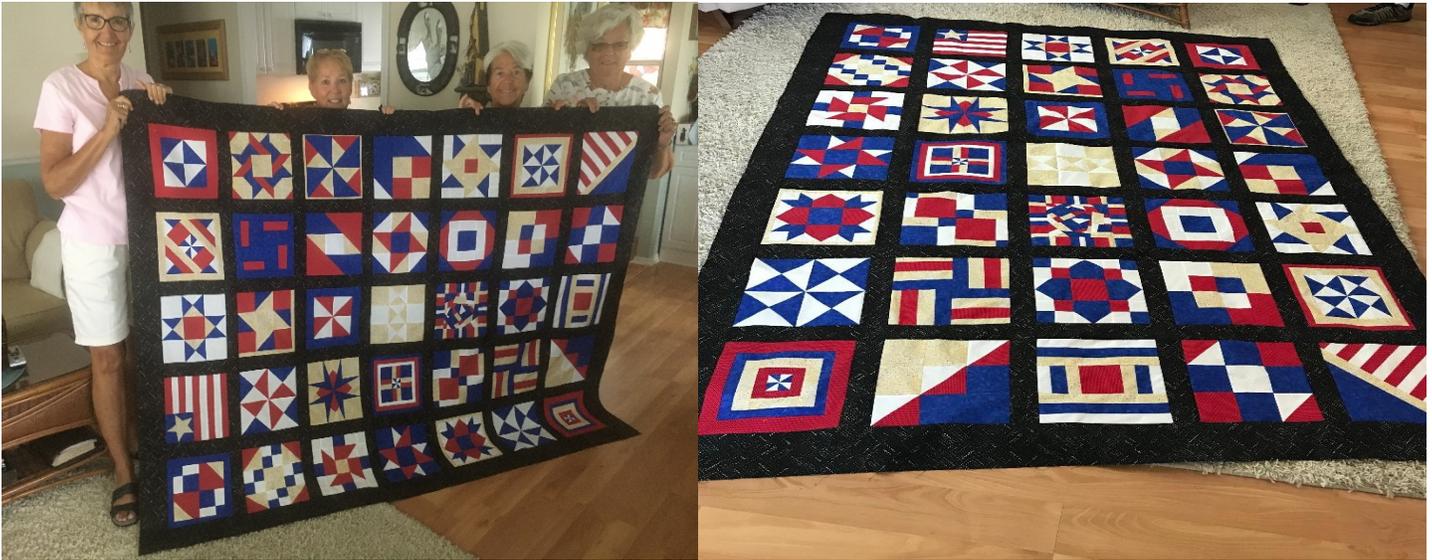
Mike Burow (#212) has settled in as our new Office Manager and looks forward to meeting all of you. Be sure to stop in at the office and introduce yourself if you have not met Mike yet.

In addition to his office duties, Mike is working with Don Knipp to oversee the many projects that have been planned for this summer season. He reports that the tennis/pickle ball court has been re-surfaced as planned, and the new lines for the courts have been applied. (See picture below.) The pavers have been delivered and their installation should begin soon. (See picture below.) Both of these projects should be completed by the time you receive the September newsletter, so I hope to update you with pictures then.



As indicated in the March 2019 newsletter, a defibrillator has been purchased and has been mounted on the exterior wall of the office. The local fire department has indicated they will provide training on the use of the defibrillator. If you are interested in participating in this, please contact Mike Burow in the office. Also, a pressure washer has been purchased and has been used extensively to clean sidewalks and other areas in our community. Any owner is welcome to use the pressure washer, after being instructed in its proper use.

In January of this year, Bert Jackson (#715) and her friend Jeanne from Sunshine Mobile decided to resurrect a quilt group they had belonged to at one time. They found several other interested quilters and started meeting once per week. The group includes Kathy Stewart (#113), Claudette Delorme (#523) and seasonal guest Sarah O'Reilly. The group decided to make a quilt that would be donated to Quilts of Valor, an organization whose goal is to provide comfort to Veterans. Each of the several members made individual blocks which were then sewn together to create a quilt that is approx. 60" x 80." The finished product (pictured below) will be given to a deserving Veteran as a thank you for his/her service. Bert said "We hope whoever receives it will know that it was made with love." We thank Bert, Kathy, Claudette and all the members of their group for their contribution to this worthwhile project! God bless you ladies.



(Pictured from Davis Lake, L-R: Bert Jackson, Kathy Stewart and Claudette Delorme)

In other news, Unit #1021, owned by Dan and Suzanne Hennon has been sold. Also, Unit #615, owned by Janina Ganzert has been sold. We are sorry to lose our long-time neighbors, but look forward to welcoming the new owners to our community!

Ken Johnson asked me to share some distressing news that must be dealt with as the Board plans the 2020 budget. In 2018, our flood insurance premium was \$43,000, and knowing that the premium would increase somewhat, \$52,000 was budgeted. However, the premium came in at \$64,000, leaving a shortfall of \$12,000! President Ken, Treasurer Steve Stewart and Mike Burow went to extreme lengths to find a less expensive alternative, but to no avail. We are required by Florida Condo Association law to carry flood insurance, so we must find a way to manage the ever-increasing premiums. More on this issue later.

The Office Manager sends this newsletter to all owners, primarily via email in order to save postage. For those who do not have access to email, the newsletter is sent via US mail to their home. This newsletter is intended to keep owners informed of projects around the community and offer other items of interest. I really would like to hear from those of you who have something you would like included in the future. Thanks!

Jane Patterson, Secretary

Davis Lake Board of Directors