

The Village Voice



February



Newsletter For Country Lakes Village II

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HOA)

Theresa Stevens, HOA President

Here we are heading into February--it is already too cold too early, although I believe we have a lot of things happening in our cozy little park to be very happy about! We have a new Park Manager Katie Dell, who made a guest appearance at our January HOA meeting. If you have not met her, you will find her professional, friendly, and full of energy. She is here to help us become a 5-Star Community. She is already hard at work. The pavers have already been laid for the smoking area. Although it is not done yet, it is a great and fast start. She has the tree company out assessing our trees and removing the ones that are down. She ordered the dog park sunshades, so that is also moving right along. There is much more that she is doing and you will see a lot of positive changes shortly.

Craig Taunt spoke at the meeting about having a second AED/CPR class for the residents. If you attended the last one, this can be a refresher. We must know how to use the equipment in the clubhouse in case of an emergency. He also mentioned the speeding in the park by cars, trucks, and golf carts. We are a 15 mph community. If you see someone driving too fast, including the delivery people, ask them to slow down. Joann Dodge mentioned raising the speed limit signs so they are more visible to higher vehicles. Anna Syjud mentioned that we have a lot of walkers at all times of the day and night. She asked them to please, especially at dusk and dark, wear reflective clothing and use flashlights. It is all for everyone's safety.

Judy Marshall stated that she appreciates MHM trying to improve the current smoking area. She would also like MHM to consider an additional smoking area at the back of the clubhouse past the tiki huts. This location would be at the far right if you are exiting out the back doors of the clubhouse.

Jim Roberts asked when the branches downed during the hurricane were going to be removed from the lakes/ponds in the community. Katie stated that they will be working on getting the debris from the lakes/ponds removed.

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We have a lot to be grateful for in 2025. Let us all look to the future with a smile as things are getting better in Country Lakes II.

God Bless You All!

Sincerely,

Theresa Stevens, HOA President

RESIDENTS' ACTIVITY COMMITTEE (RAC)

Kevin Karcher, RAC President



I want to welcome the last of the snowbirds back from up north. Someone brought the cold with them. (haha)

We started the year with a great New Year's Eve event at the clubhouse. Thank you to all who attended and helped in any way.

We have events planned for February. Please keep your Village Voice calendar handy to keep up with what is happening in the community.

I want to welcome our new management team, and some new members of our maintenance crew. We hope to work with them to improve our community.

As most of you know we had an uncontested election for the RAC board. Two members stepped down or chose not to run. We now have a seven-member board. I believe we can provide a great schedule of events with this board.

We are always looking for help from our residents to assist at an event.

Lastly, let me remind everyone to report any suspicious activity in the park to the Manatee County Sherriff. They patrol the park every night.

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Kevin Karcher

RAC President

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FROM MANAGEMENT



News from the Manager's Desk

Thank you, all, for the warm welcome as your Community Manager! I'm the luckiest mom in the world to four incredible children. Delaney, 15, is a sophomore at Palmetto High School. Kooper, 13, 8th grade at Buffalo Creek Middle School. Twins, James & Joseph, 6, 1st grade at Blackburn Elementary. I've been married to my handsome husband, Dan, for 16 years and continuing the count. I've spent the last (2)+ years at Sun Key Village right up the street with some of the BEST people I have ever met. I look forward to our paths crossing and offering my support when needed in your beautiful community.

Hello, my name is Daniel, and I was born and raised here in the Bradenton and surrounding areas. I have a lot of family and friends here locally, and spend a lot of time with them. A couple of my hobbies are fishing and photography ranging from wildlife to automotive and more. I'm excited to connect with and serve this community.

With 2025 just getting started, let's keep the momentum by remembering why you moved into Country Lakes Village. The rules and regulations are the backbone of your enjoyment in the community. Beginning March 1st, I will be addressing homes in need of cleaning, maintenance, or in violation of rules. Hurricane damage will not constitute as

a violation; however, you must have a timeline for repair completion. Requests/complaints/suggestions MUST be in writing. A written request will be accepted by email or on the required form with contact information. Anonymous will not be acknowledged. Do not address concerns of any sort with Country Lakes Staff, or Vendors. 2025 is going to be an exciting year, please practice patience and kindness with everyone around you. Every Board, Group, and Resident is trying their very best every single day. It's time we work together as a team and realize there are no hidden secrets or agendas. A piece of advice for everybody. Facebook is NOT the place to vent Community issues in which residents have zero control; my office is and the door is always open. I'm looking forward to meeting some new faces!

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NOTES FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Bob Miller, owner of Country Lakes Villages, has an Advisory Board in place, comprised of residents from both communities. Board members include: CLVI, Sandy Gilbertson, Sue Eckert, Bruce Steltzer, and Judy MacInness; CLVII, Sue Dibble and Bree Borders.

The Advisory Board continues to bring residents' concerns to the attention of the owner and management.

Through the Advisory Board, resident issues are facilitated with Katie Dell, manager. A form has been created so that your concerns can be submitted in writing to any board member. Forms are available in both clubhouses, from any board member and within this publication. With Mr. Miller's approval, issues submitted to the board are those which affect more than one household. You are advised to deal individually with Katie Dell, manager, for personal issues.

The annual review of Rules and Regulations is done with the Resident Advisory Board. Other responsibilities include the review and approval of social funds, the direction of improvements in the parks, along with other issues that may arise.

Additional items for discussion with Katie Dell at the January meeting included:

Mirrors. Mirrors have been installed in the Exercise rooms of both CLVI and CLVII.

Additional items will be addressed in future Advisory Board meetings.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Deb Williams

Please take note of the following changes to the CLVII calendar of daily events shown along the right side of the monthly calendars you receive in the CLVII Village Voice.

- Chicks with Kicks is scheduled on Mondays and Fridays at 9 am.
- Yoga will now be on Wednesday at 10 am.

Also, back by popular demand...the ice cream social. This monthly event will begin in February and be held on the third Sunday of each month. Many of our residents missed this event and we are lucky to have Ron Lorenz step back in to start it up again. We would also like to thank Deb and Dave Oliver for stepping in and organizing the ice cream social during the months they were in residence at CLVII. Their hard work did not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

I would also like to thank Lorelei Millet for bringing the idea of adding an article to the Village Voice detailing those new homeowners and seasonal renters and their contact information. It was a great idea and I was happy to include it in this and future editions of the Village Voice.

Dominoes has now become a weekly event and is listed along the right side of the calendar. Dominoes will be played every Tuesday instead of just the first Tuesday of the month.

Feather Your Nest is also listed only under daily events as it is an event that is played every Thursday at 6 pm.

Deb Williams, Editor

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SUNSHINE CORNER

Peggy Seiler, Coordinator

“And the greatest of these is.....” according to First Corinthians 13:13. It is what I believe we see shown here in our Community! So put out your hearts and show others what we celebrate in February!!!!

We’ve had lots of folks down with the sniffles with the winter colds as well as some cases of Covid. So far I have heard nothing of anyone being hospitalized. We do care about those who have had this winter challenge.

Last month was the funeral service for Mike Coleman and our condolences were sent in our Sunshine Committee card to his wife, Sylvia.

We are all carrying sorrow in our hearts for Bill and Judy Pfister on the passing of their precious daughter, Denise. They are busy with family and we do not know when they will return to our Village.

Dave Nolte has had his challenges too and we trust the card given will brighten things for him.

We are also thinking of Patti Orlic who is joining others in the experience of knee surgery and recovery.

Two of our seniors started the new year in January by taking a tumble, but both are healing and recovering. They are our Harold Nickel and Jerry Stram. It is always a concern when we see the ambulance come into our Park.

Others have received cards, although not mentioned here. They know we care.

Let’s fulfill the above Bible verse and may this truly be a CARING COMMUNITY!

Thanks to all who help me get cards to people.

My phone number is 941-217-9384 and my residence is at Lot # 2110 Lakeside.

Thank you and Blessings,
Peggy Seiler
Sunshine Committee Coordinator

TRAVEL

Bev Smith, Coordinator



February 20, 2025, ‘KENNEDY SPACE CENTER’ is a full day to explore and a shuttle to each building. A full day includes round-trip transportation, admission into the Kennedy Space Center, a Kennedy bus tour, an Imax theater film, all taxes, gratuities, and driver tips. The price is \$147.00. Payment is due February 3rd.

March 20, 2025 ‘STARLITE SAPPHIRE YACHT CRUISE’, day trip from St. Pete, traveling up the intra-coastal waterways. A sit-down luncheon, live music, round-trip transportation, taxes, gratuities, and driver tips are included. The price is \$129.00. Payment is due February 24th.

Sign up on your travel board in the clubhouse for any trips.

All this info is on your TRAVEL BOARD. CLV Travel representatives LARRY and BEV SMITH, 607-742-9949, e-mail bevseneca@gmail.com. Our travel agent is Valerie Gill, 941-232-8612, e-mail valatwk@aol.com We are looking forward to having a fun time with all of you!! Please watch your monthly newsletters and travel boards for updated info.!!

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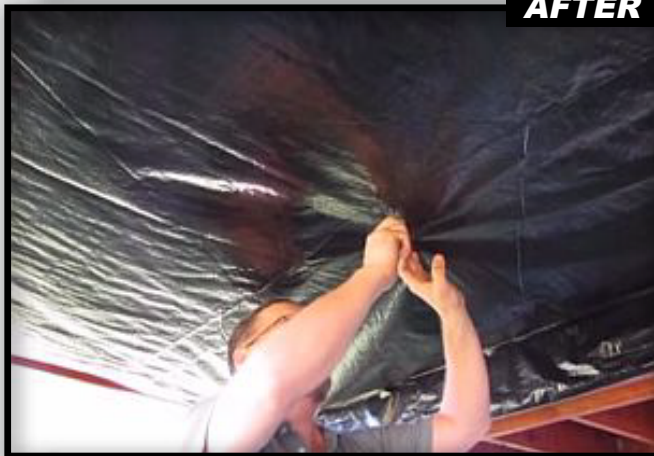
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CLVII UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, February 9: Super Bowl Sunday, 5PM, BYOB, Snacks, 50/50.

Friday, February 14: Rye Road Entertainment, 7-10pm, ticket price \$10, BYOB & 50/50.

Sunday, February 23: 2pm, Beach Bumz, ticket price \$10, BYOB.

Saturday, March 1: Ruby Blues, 7-10pm, ticket price \$10, BYOB & 50/50.

Monday, March 17: John Rinell, 1:30, ticket price \$20, M-N-M BBQ, BYOB & 50/50.

Friday, April 4: Silver Alert, 7-10pm, ticket price \$10, BYOB & 50/50.

Sunday, April 6: Christopher John, 2pm, ticket price \$10, BYOB.

Sunday, April 20: Easter Brunch, 2pm, ticket price \$20, BYOB.

Saturday, May 17: Pool Party, Scott Allen, 1-4pm, ticket Price \$10, BYOB/Appetizers, 50/50.

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day Celebration, 1-4pm, M-N-M BBQ, ticket price \$20, BYOB.

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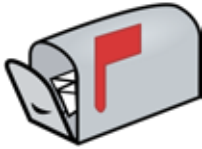
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COFFEE TIME
Join us for Saturday morning coffee, donuts and chat!
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February 2025 CLVII Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
						1	Sunday 1:00 Mahjong
2	3	4	5 HOA Resident Meeting 7PM	6	7	8	Monday 8:30 Pickle ball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 9:00 Chicks with Kicks 1:00 Cornhole 1:00 Pinochle
9 	10	11	12	13	14 	15	Tuesday 8:30 Pickle ball 9:30 Water Exercise 10:00 Ping Pong 1:00 Dominoes 4:00 Social Hour/Potluck 7:00 Mixed Bridge 7:00 Darts
16 Hymn Sing 5 PM Library 	17 	18	19 RAC Resident Meeting 7PM	20	21	22	Wednesday 8:30 Pickle ball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 10:00 Yoga 12:00 "Pennies from Heaven" /Library
23 	24	25	26	27	28		Thursday 9:00 Pickle ball 9:30 Water Exercise 6:00 Feather Your Nest 6:30 Euchre
							Friday 8:30 Pickle ball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 9:00 Chick with Kicks 1:00 6 Deck Canasta 7:00 Karaoke
							Saturday 8:15 Coffee 9:00 Pickle ball 9:30 Water Exercise
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March 2025 CLVII Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
						 7-10 PM	Sunday Mahjong 1:00 Monday 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 9:00 Chicks with Kicks 1:00 Cornhole 1:00 Pinochle Tuesday 8:30 Pickle ball 9:30 Water Exercise 10:00 Ping Pong 1:00 Dominoes 4:00 Social Hour/Potluck 7:00 Mixed Bridge 7:00 Darts Wednesday 8:30 Pickle ball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 10:00 Yoga 12:00 "Pennies from Heaven" /Library Thursday 8:30 Pickle ball 9:30 Water Exercise 6:30 Euchre Friday 8:30 Pickle ball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 9:00 Chicks with Kicks 1:00 6 Deck Canasta 7:00 Karaoke Saturday 8:15 Coffee 8:30 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise
	3	4	5 HOA Resident Meeting 7PM	6	7	8	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	
 7 PM	17 St. Patrick's Day Party 1:30 PM	18	19 RAC Resident Meeting 7PM	20	21	22	
	24  1 PM	25	26	27	28	29	
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Cornhole – Monday at 1:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Kevin Karcher 609-929-2211

Pickleball – Mon-Sat 8:30 a.m.

Coordinator: Linda Weber 618-977-2705

Beginners Pickleball – Mon, Wed & Fri – 8:30

Coordinator: Jim Roberts 410-465-0159

Chicks with Kicks – Mon & Fri 9:00 a.m.

Coordinator: Susie Taunt 989-329-2097

Yoga – Wed 10 a.m.

Coordinator: Jennifer Berglund 716-471-4599

Pennies from Heaven - Wednesday 12:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Sue Garcia 906-280-2890

Pinochle - Monday - 1 p.m.

Coordinator: Barb Gibson 941-304-6588

Water Aerobics - Tues, Thu, Sat 9:30 a.m.

Coordinator: Joann Dodge 941-224-7106

Dominoes – Tuesday 1 p.m.

Coordinator: Jim Roberts 410-465-0159

Potluck & Social Hour - Tuesday 4 p.m.

BYOB and munchies plus a dish to share.

Darts - Tuesday 7 p.m.

Coordinator: Walter Hull 614-578-6562

Feather Your Nest – Thursday 6 p.m.

Coordinator: Kevin Karcher 609-929-2211

Canasta - Friday 1 p.m.

Coordinator: TBD

Karaoke - Friday 7 p.m.

*Coordinators: Cherry Vickery 941-301-7782
Anna Syjud 248-983-8545*

FUN FACTS ABOUT VALENTINE'S DAY

Deb Williams

1. People used to "wear their hearts on their sleeves." During a Middle Ages festival that celebrated the goddess Juno, Roman men were known to have drawn the names of potential partners on their arms.
2. Valentine's Day is one of the most popular days to get engaged. According to a survey from Wedding Wire, Valentine's Day was the most popular day in 2020. This matches up with plenty of other surveys which have found that February 14, Christmas, and New Year's are all dates that people love to pop the question.
3. Pets get Valentine's Day gifts, too—a lot of them. Another statistic from the National Retail Federation claims that gifts for pets made up a whopping \$1.3 billion of the money spent on Valentine's Day in 2021. That's more than the \$1.1 billion spent on coworkers!
4. We have Richard Cadbury to thank for Valentine's Day chocolate. The tradition of eating chocolate on Valentine's Day is mostly due to the efforts of one man, Richard Cadbury, the son of the Cadbury Chocolate manufacturer. Simply to encourage more sales, he started packaging his chocolates in heart-shaped boxes—and, well, the rest is history.
5. Valentine's Day is the busiest day of the year for florists. It's ahead of Christmas and Mother's Day. (Sorry, Mom!) By the way, more than half of Valentine's Day flower purchases are roses—but we bet you knew that.

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RECENT ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK



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AROUND THE CORNER

Lorelei Millett

I know, I know, every February I write about Love. It is after all the month of Love with Valentine's Day wrapping its arms right around the middle of the month. As I'm writing this, we are smack dab in the middle of a cold spell so I hope that by the time you read this, it has warmed up so we can get out and enjoy this beautiful area we live in. So, this may seem silly but as I was trying to think of what we can be doing, the song, Love is in the Air, just popped into my brain so I was challenged to come up with some ideas that go along with the lyrics! Here goes.....

Love is in the air

Everywhere I look around

Love is in the air

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*In the whisper of the **trees***

Love is in the air

*In the thunder of the **sea***

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The Florida Botanical Gardens is a 100-acre park, managed by the Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources Department. The Gardens inspire and educate visitors by showcasing flora, fauna, and natural resources in motivational surroundings that promote environmentally friendly techniques. All that to say it is a beautiful area of garden paths filled with plants and trees as well as educational information about the area. It also has ponds and streams that I would say resemble Seas. It is FREE of charge to visit and they are open from 7 AM – 5 PM Daily

Love is in the air

*In the **rising of the sun***

Love is in the air

*When the **day is nearly done***

So we all know that our area of Florida has the best sunsets in the world but who's up to the challenge of finding the best sunrises in the area? I know I've posted pictures right from my lanai that are breathtaking but let's get up and get out, capture, and post on Friends of Paradise your favorite sunrise location! If you're not on Facebook send me the picture on my email at lmillet1@live.com and I will post it for you. Maybe we can make a contest of it and vote on the best sunrise at our next RAC meeting!

In closing, we recently had a family member pass away unexpectedly. At his Celebration of Life, one of his friends described him as the "Dancing Man" as he was constantly listening to music and dancing. When he collapsed at work he was dancing. He enjoyed life to its very fullest and never missed an opportunity to do good for others and dance through life. I thought to myself that I need to take that attitude in the things I do, so if you see me dancing around the park as I walk, I hope you won't think I'm crazy, well, maybe a little crazy. Life is too short, get out and enjoy, **the day is nearly done!**



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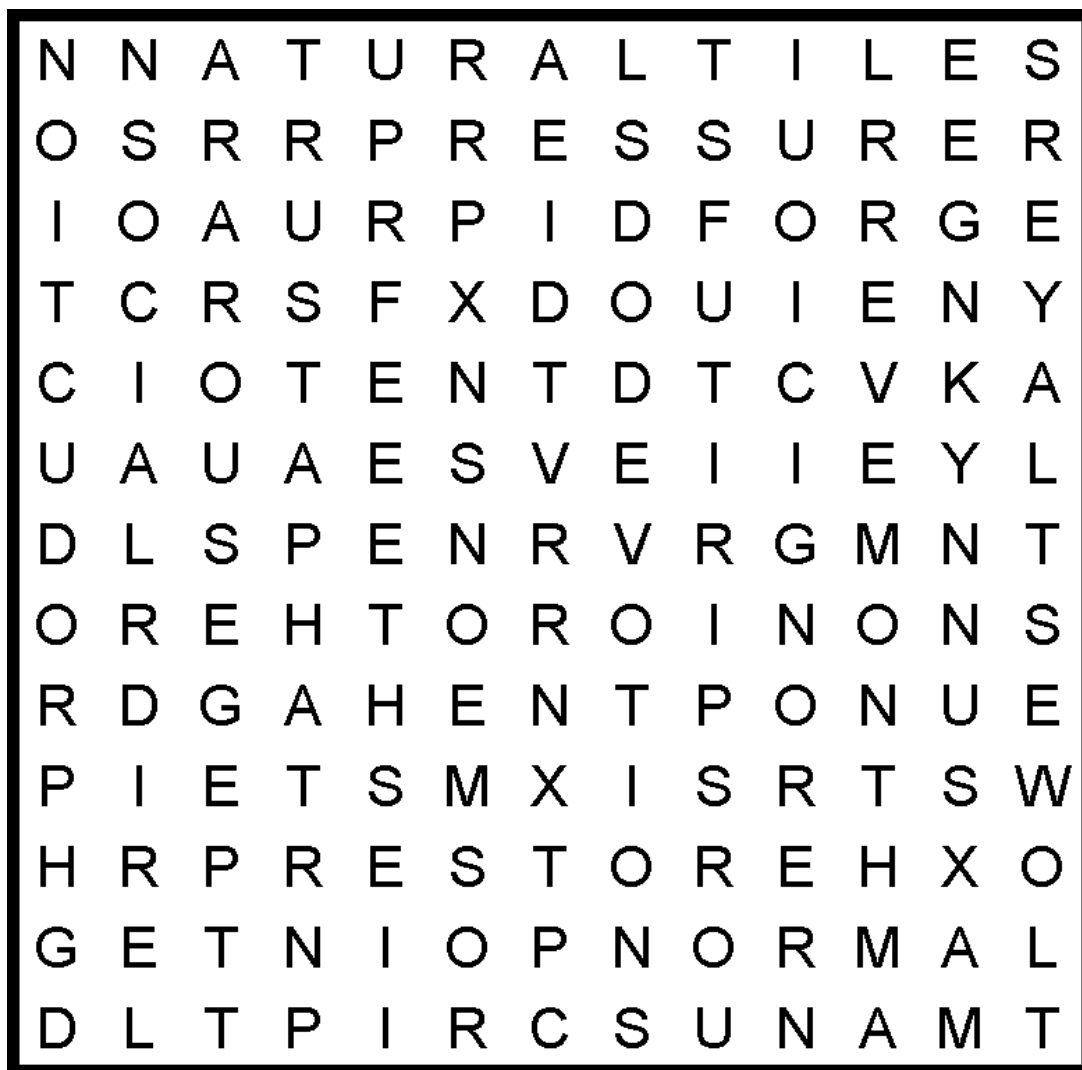


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CELEBRATIONS

February BIRTHDAYS



February ANNIVERSARIES

February Birthdays

Feb 1	Karen Sikoski	Feb 15	Gail Rowe
Feb 4	Leslie Ewing	Feb 16	Nick Orlic
Feb 6	Cherie Holland	Feb 16	Cynthia Brown
Feb 7	Dom Femia	Feb 17	Bruce Benyo
Feb 8	Kathy Lorenzi	Feb 18	Connie Hamilton
Feb 9	Frank LeMacher	Feb 19	Betty McCorriston
Feb 10	Cheryl Vega	Feb 20	Sylvia Hull
Feb 11	Gerald Psimer	Feb 22	Joseph Prisco
Feb 11	Bernard Marsden	Feb 22	Cynthia Lynch
Feb 11	Jeannie LeMacher	Feb 23	Janice Gardner
Feb 12	Gladys Cangelosi	Feb 23	Tim Morgan
Feb 14	Lore Millet	Feb 24	Andrea Giovanni
Feb 14	Jackie Russell	Feb 27	Betty Peplar
Feb 14	Cathy Johnson	Feb 27	Wendy McNaughton

February Anniversaries

Feb 10...	Mike & Carol Dolloff.....	63 Years
Feb 14...	Barry & Betty Arnold	
Feb 15...	Glen & Sue Riley	

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