



# The Gulf View

## February Board Meeting

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The offsite storage locker that contained such items as the Christmas lights has been cleaned out by members of the Board, Rich Delco, Ed Kowalski, Mike Shlasko and Linda Sussman. The rent expense has been eliminated.

The new development next to Ventura and backing up to Roosevelt Drive will include 110 homes. The developer has agreed to meet with representatives of Ventura and Gulf View Estates to address concerns by all parties. One issue already determined is the 35 foot setback between Bellagio and GVE which

includes a utilities right of way plus the usual required setback.

The expansion of the development backing up to Wilson Road will not attempt any change to the protected wetlands. That leaves a large buffer between them and GVE.

It is interesting to note that there are, at last count, 25 rental properties in our development.

Even more interesting is the fact that there are, at last count, 27 homeowners who have not paid their 2015 dues!



Wood Stork-the only Stork in the United States frequents GVE

## A Word of Caution

Our heritage has programmed us to be more trusting of our fellow citizens than we can afford to be in the present day and age. Like it or not, there are people whose mission it is to prey on others for their livelihood. Our community is no exception. One GVE family has suffered a loss at the hands of another resident.

It has become foolhardy to trust those who come to our doors offering help or selling merchandise. Door to door soliciting is forbidden in Gulf View Estates, but when it turns out to be a neighbor or someone we know, it is our natural instinct to trust them. No person should be allowed into your home without the nec-

essary permits required. They should to be licensed, bonded, insured for liability and hopefully have credible references. You should be responsible for locking up money, valuables and prescription drugs any time someone is working in your home and plan to be there.

As for hiring unlicensed handymen, that is an issue best left up to the individual homeowner and outside the responsibility of the Gulf View Estates Association. However the Board does not want to ignore a serious problem nor be negligent about issuing a notice of some kind. Please be aware.

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**Thought for the Day**

*“Prejudices, it is well known, are most difficult to eradicate from the heart whose soil has never been loosened or fertilized by education: they grow there, firm as weeds among stones.”*

~ Charlotte Bronte

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**President’s Report**

By Linda Sussma

I would like to give a very special THANK YOU to Ceci Kuelto. She is our Events Chairman and is always on hand to make sure each event our Association undertakes is successful. As she walks around our neighborhood she also keeps an eye on things and lends an ear to the people she meets.

She was in charge of our annual Garage Sale and helped make it a success. She got the signs out at our entrance and then made sure they were put away. She reminded me to place the newspaper ads. Then coordinated the collection of the \$2 per participating garage on the day of the sale, so we could cover the cost of those ads in the Venice Herald Tribune and the Venice Gondolier Sun. We had 60 properties involved and hundreds of vehicles. People went from home to home searching out and acquiring bargains.

Although the sale didn't officially begin until 9:00 AM shoppers were out negotiating by 7:30 AM. The traffic and parking were as usual, chaotic. But I didn't hear of any major problems. By noon the traffic had slowed considerably and some participants began to pack up; others manned their cash boxes until the official close at 3:00 PM – despite the fact that one of the newspapers had us closing up at 1:00 PM.

Arrangements had been made with Helping Hands to have a truck come through GVE after 3:00 PM. People who didn't want to drag things back into the house to wait for another year could put them out on the curb

and they were collected for a good cause. By Sunday things were back to normal with only a few things that weren't picked up and had to wait for Waste Management.

The final financial tally was the collection of \$120 in fees and an expenditure of \$72 for the ads. The \$48 over our expenses will be put aside to help offset our fall GVE picnic costs. If you have any suggestions of possible changes for next year or something else you think we should do with the extra money, please let me know. This is an event you either love or hate but is always a great success because over the years yard sale enthusiasts have learned that it's worth putting on their list.

*Thanks to everyone who participated in this annual Gulf View Estates Garage Sale event.*

**Lost and Found**

A set of keys was found on Madison Road on Sunday, May 8th. If you lost them, please contact Linda Sussman at 408-9486.



# Bits and Pieces

## Calendar of Events

### March 18

The Board of Directors monthly meeting is at *Jacaranda Library* at 2:00 PM. All owners are invited to attend.

### March 26

Community Dinner Night Out has been arranged by Ceci Kuelto at *Althea's*, 220 Miami Avenue, Venice, at 6:00 PM. Please call Ceci at 496-4453 to make reservations.

### April 2

Ladies Luncheon has been planned for *Boca Royale*, 1601 Englewood Road, Englewood, at 12:00 noon. Your hostess is Wanda Miller. She can be contacted for reservation at 496-9099.

### April 30

Community Dinner Night Out will be held at *Burgundy Square*, 227 West Miami Avenue, Venice, at 6:00 PM. Please call your hostess, Carolyn Morris for reservations at 493-9715.

## Storage Locker

By Linda Sussman

Among the things being sold at the Garage Sale were the remnants of the GVE Storage Locker. Over the years things we had saved for future use were stored in a special off site locker. In the last few years the only large things were the boxes of Christmas Lights. In 2014 the Board voted that instead of buying lights and using volunteers to put up, maintain, and take down the holiday lighting we would hire a firm. This worked out very well and the Board is planning to do the holiday lighting this way in the future. This meant that the existing holiday decorations and lights would not be needed. With the change in landscaping over the years many of these things were no longer appropriate.

The decision was made to empty the locker, store some of the smaller items among GVE officials and dispose of the remainder. Mike Shlasko, Rich Delco, Ed Kowalski and myself spent a Saturday morning packing up what we wanted to save or sell at the Garage Sale. Some things were just discarded. We received a small rebate from closing out the locker and will be saving approximately \$400 per year by not renting it.

We set up some items as part of Rick and Ann Vohsberg's sale. We were able to garner a total of \$51 mainly from the lights and electric cords. Those that didn't sell, we donated to Helping Hands. I am certainly open to suggestions on where to allocate the one time income.

## Reflections

*"You will not always be happy, however wise you are, but take what comes to you.*

*Don't fight life, accept it with grace. Don't strike attitudes about how brave you are, or how tragic you are, or how hard done by - nobody is looking unless you are in front of a mirror.*

*Don't lunge at life and try to bully it into doing things your way - it's bigger than you are; it will do as it likes with you.*

*Don't sulk either and turn your back on it - it will go on without you.*

*Sit still, not facing the light, and always looking your best, and let life come to you.*

*Think before you speak; smile when you want to cry.*

*Don't score at someone else's expense even if you feel you are justified. You will lose more sympathy than you will gain satisfaction.*

*Never refuse love lightly and never try to revive it when it fades and never, never tell everything to any living soul."*

~~ Elswyth Thane

"Kissing Kin"



## Neighborhood Watch

See it! Hear it! Report it!

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 941-316-1201