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# LAKE POINTE NEWS

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## *From the President*

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to all the new members. We hope your stay at Lake Pointe is an enjoyable one.

The Lake Pointe Owners Annual meeting on 14 January 2012 went well. There was a good turnout of members with great participation by all the members that attended. For those that could not attend the minutes are posted in the club house.

I would like to introduce the new 2012 board members: Ivia Coakley, Bill Irvine and Scott Sheridan. Welcome to the Lake Pointe Board of Directors! I would also like to extend a thank-you to the members who ran this year and those members that counted the ballots.

After the annual meeting the new Board of Directors listened to an open discussion held by the members about the current days out policy. At that time the Board decided that the days out policy has been eliminated as long as the park is

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less than 75% full. Members must move every 28 days or pay a \$25 skip move fee and not move. Everyone still pays electric.

The yard sale for Spring Fling will be 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of March and Spring fling will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of March. October Fest will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of October. Mark these dates to volunteer or just enjoy the events.

Hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and happy. Hope to see you at Spring Fling.

You're President, Stewart Gay

## *Around the Pointe with PatChaplain's Corner*

Hi Everyone and Happy Valentine's Day

With the general meeting behind us it's now time to focus on Spring Fling and the yard sale. We are busy collecting yard sale items, so please feel free to drop them by the office. The activities committee will be working out the details for both these events so keep in contact for forth coming information.

Hugs, Pat



## *Did you know*

That the “Padre of the Park,” aka Dennis Key, was a policeman in the Houston area 25 years, a foreign missionary for 9 years, and carved elaborate candles as a hobby?

After getting his Bachelor’s Degree in Police Administration where he took more math and science courses to avoid taking a foreign language, he was called to do foreign mission work where he had to go to language school for a year! So much for making plans!

Please contact me, Paula Key, in site a-19 or at 281-543-6200 with your interesting stories for the newsletter!

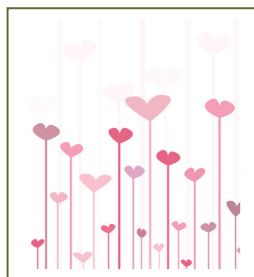
## *Bits and Bytes by Bob Wrenn*

### *In Search of the Perfect WiFi Signal...*

I get a lot of questions about WiFi in regards to signal strength and reception.

When it comes to getting a fast solid connection the first requirement is a good clean signal. WiFi is truly line of sight in terms of a solid signal. We work around this fact by putting lots of radios around the park in hopes to skirt around the trees, RV’s and other obstructions that would severely limit or prevent WiFi. ***Is it perfect?*** No, but we manage to get a reasonable signal to over 90% of the park and condos. To put this into perspective when a Lake Pointe Manager some years ago asked a professional installer what it would cost to get WiFi here the reply was “At least \$15,000 to start and several \$1,000/yr to maintain it. But don’t bother, you have too many trees and hills here, WiFi will not work.”

***So what has changed?*** Technology that allows many radios to be placed at critical spots and not overburden the airways or interfere with the WiFi



*Did you know too.....*

*February is:*

*Women’s Heart Month  
Avocado & Banana Month  
Spunky Old Broads Month  
Hot Breakfast Month  
And last but not least  
Expect Success Month*

network. This is Mesh networking, without it we would be limited to just two or three repeaters spaced at the ends of the park and a central WiFi radio and hoping that the members had powerful WiFi adapters that could reach the antennas. I will not explain details here just letting you know that this is not just one or two antennas in the park that you have to look for. Indeed the park has 10 WiFi radios positioned thru the park in an effort to provide good coverage.

***So how do you get the best signal?*** Obviously the RV site with line of sight to an antenna that is close is ideal. ***So what is next best for the other sites?*** The less trees, buildings, and RVs between your RV and the antenna, the better your chances. If you have one of those portable WiFi finders they can help you locate the best location for your purpose. Also, if you have a fairly new PC or new WiFi adapter the chances are good that most any site in the park will work.

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## *Bits and Bytes cont.*

***Okay, you have a good or new WiFi adapter and you can see the closest antenna with just a few trees between, are you set to go?*** Maybe or maybe not, it depends also on the amount of metal in your RV as well. Specifically where your PC is located while you surf the web. That nice desk/pc nook in your slide might be great for space and convenience but the metal reinforcements reflect and bounce the WiFi Signal so signal quality may suffer. Usually I tell members and guest that their best options are to have the laptop near a window facing the antenna or if using a desktop use an USB WiFi adapter with a long cable so that you can put the adapter at the best place for signal. (A very good USB WiFi Adapter is Alfa AWUSO36NHR (can be gotten form Amazon if your local seller doesn't carry it.)



I hope this helps a little. The good news is that most sites gave good WiFi. There is also a hot spot in the Office. Wired connections are also in the Rec Building.

As you can see there are a lot of variables, some I haven't mention like weather conditions also.

## *Lake Pointe Happenings in February*

Monday, February 6 <sup>th</sup>	(10 AM/Clubhouse)	Manager's Round Table
Tuesday, February 7	(1 PM/Scott Hall)	Ladies' Tea
Saturday, February 11	(6 PM/Scott Hall)	Valentines Party/Bring Finger Foods
Friday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>	(10 AM/Clubhouse)	Quilters Mtg/Bring quilt square
Saturday, February 25 <sup>th</sup>	(5 PM/Scott Hall)	Chili Cook-Off & Tasting

***SEE YOU AT LAKE POINTE***