

Community Service Club Information

The Community Service Club is an HOA chartered club, established in October 2011. The purpose of the club is to make a difference in our local area by organizing and implementing volunteer activities. We donate our time and talents to local charities, schools, and non-profit organizations with passion and hard work to help those in need.

In addition to direct volunteer activities, we also support and undertake fundraising and other drives for collecting goods, such as clothing, for charities, schools, and non-profit organizations.

The club generally holds monthly meetings to communicate new volunteer opportunities and to report and celebrate the results of our efforts.

We currently meet on the third Tuesday of most months at 9:00 AM in the Montecito Clubhouse.

The annual dues for our club are five volunteer hours. These hours can be from the club's projects or from an individual's personal interests.

2017 Officers

President ----- Barbara Kleiman

Vice President----- Kim Smith

Secretary ----- Terry Grosek

Treasurer ----- Frank Sultzman

Project Opportunities in Process

Christmas in July – Barbara Dempster and Joyce Hill, co-leaders



This year we will be providing uniforms for 50 children selected by the school staff and teachers who cannot afford new clothes to start the school year. During the month of July, we will have our Christmas Trees with the 50 angels for you to select from. We are asking for

two tops, two bottoms, underwear, socks, and sneakers.

Look for the Christmas Trees in the lobby with the Angels bearing the children's names. Start shopping now and return your gift bag by July 31st.

School Supply Drive – RuthAnn Kosinsky, Trudy Peterson, Pam Sultzman – co-leaders.



We will be collecting supplies for both students and the classrooms. The collection will be held from July 17 – 31. Collections tubs will be at the rear of the Montecito gathering room. The list of needed items

follows below.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST (NO THEMES OR DESIGNS)

8 count big crayons	16 count regular crayons
24 pack regular crayons	16 or 24 count colored pencils
12 or 24 pack #2 pencils	pencil boxes
black dry-erase markers	pack of 2 yellow highlighters
large pink erasers	cap erasers
glue sticks	hand sanitizer
wet cleansing wipes (canister or tubs)	plastic pocket folders
white paper towels	box of Kleenex tissues
quart size zipper freezer bags	gallon size zipper freezer bags
wide ruled notebook paper	composition notebooks
single-subject notebooks	spiral notebooks
purple, green, red, blue, black, yellow, orange pocket folders (paper)	note cards
3-prong folders w/pockets	

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Food Collection – Roy Nichols, Barbara Dempster, Ruth & Phil Snyder, Terri Lange, co-leaders



We provide food to a local food pantry in Haines city. Non-perishable foods will be collected at the entrance of the Montecito Clubhouse. The collection for this month will be Thursday, July 20th from 9:00 – 11:00 AM.

Suggestions for Food Donations

infant formula	shelf-stable milk	baby food
peanut butter	paper products	cleaning supplies
juice boxes	canned vegetables	canned fruit
canned tuna	canned soups (those containing meat are best)	
boxed cereal	canned stew	oatmeal
beans	canned chili	olive or canola oil
rice	pasta	boxed potatoes
pancake mix	spaghetti sauce in cans	jelly
boxed mac & cheese	saltine crackers	flour
catsup	canned meats	diapers
spices	canned pasta	toiletries

Current Volunteer Projects

The Community Service Club has many current volunteer projects. Our club is a member run organization and everyone can propose new volunteer projects. All proposals must be formalized, have a project leader, and be self-supporting. Proposals must be approved by the executive board and the membership at large. Click below for more project information.

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Brandywyne Nursing Home – Marlene Roth and Helen Gielda, co-leaders



Brandywyne Nursing home is located in Winter Haven, about 30 minutes from Del Webb. The residents have various medical problems, most notably memory or cognitive deficits. Many of

these wonderful elderly people have no visitors, either family and friends. A group from the Community Service Club visits about every other month to bring a little sunshine into their lives. We carpool midmorning and are usually back by noon. We provide entertainment, play games, and donate holiday treats and presents.

Give Kids the World (GKTW) – Several co-leaders



Give Kids the World Village is a 79-acre, nonprofit resort in Central Florida that provides weeklong, cost-free vacations to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. The Village and its community partners provide children and their families accommodations in fully-

furnished villas, transportation, tickets to theme parks, meals, daily entertainment and much more.

GKTW Holiday Villa Decorations – Maureen Frahm and Mimi Mika, co-leaders

For the last two years, we have supplied Christmas Trees and decorations for two villas. In 2017, we plan to increase our efforts to four villas. On a specified day in November, we arrive at the villas while the families are at one of the theme parks. The families do not know we are there. We provide an approved pre-lit Christmas tree and decorate it with amazing ornaments. The incredible ornaments are made by Del Web crafters, which are unbreakable and safe for the children. We also hang a wreath on the door and hang lights at the entrance. The deserving family arrives back at the villa to a holiday surprise.

GKTW Challenge for Hope – Richard & Karen Ratchman and David & Sue Jolly, co-leaders



This 5k event is held at the GKTW village where you can walk, run, or stroll past a magic castle, a snoring tree, the world's largest Candy

Land game and more. For the past few years, we have been represented by several members, who raised donations through sponsorships. In 2017, we are organizing a DWO team to participate and represent our community. You can join the team or sponsor their effort with a donation.

Polk County Animal Shelter – LondaKay Beyer, Leader

The Polk County animal shelter is located in Winter Haven. This facility provides adoption services as well as education and enforcement. We



collect towels, blankets, and other linens to provide comfort for these animals awaiting adoption. If you have extra towels and blankets that you no longer use or want, the cats and dogs at the animal shelter would love to have them! (Please no crocheted blankets, little claws get caught). You can drop off your donated items at LondaKay's

house. She delivers them to the shelter periodically.

Paws for Patriots – Marge Vale, Leader

The project supports the efforts of Southeastern Guide Dogs, located in Palmetto, Florida. This non-profit organization trains guide dogs, service dogs, and therapy dogs. We have provided funding for service dogs for



veterans living with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Several years ago, we raised enough funds to sponsor and name a dog, *Webbster*.

Webbster is currently training in Maine to become a K9 Bomb and Arson Detective. In 2015, we helped sponsor a Navy Vet who was matched with a guide dog due to his eye disease.

Currently, there are no activities

underway.

Holiday Toy Drive – Roy Nichols, leader

The Salvation Army of Winter Haven annually identifies children in need of assistance during the holiday season. By collecting and distributing toys to these children, the Salvation Army brings a little holiday joy to many families. The Community Service Club supports their efforts in a big way.

We conduct a Toy Drive, in conjunction with the annual chorus holiday concert and the neighborhood golf cart parade. The outpouring from our residents resulted in a lobby full of all kinds of toys. In addition, we have raised funds by offering Polk County Enjoyment books. In 2016, we bought almost \$1,200 worth of toys for this program.



Save Your Sweethearts – Susan Holdread and Maureen Frahm, co-leaders



Think-Pink
10 years!

How does Think-Pink
give breastcancer no chance?

Save Your Sweethearts (SYS) is a fundraising effort to support We Care Think Pink. This organization serves Polk County by helping both women and men combat breast cancer. Free screening mammograms are provided to uninsured residents living at below 200% of the Poverty Income Guidelines. Resident committee members make and sell giant pink bows to raise funds. At the annual fundraising event, we hold a

silent auction for valuable goods and services donated by Del Webb residents.

Food Collection – Roy Nichols, Barbara Dempster, Ruth and Phil Snyder, Terri Lange – co-leaders

There are many working poor in Polk County with food insecurity. More than 29,000 children are often hungry. We collect food for a local food pantry in Haines City. The food collection is held once every month at the Montecito entrance.



Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House – Pam Sultzman, leader



We collect can pop tabs and donate them to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida. RMHCCF has 3 local houses which have provided comfort and care for over 25,000 since 1996. The collection area is in the craft room at the Montecito.

Support for Horizons Elementary School and its Students



Horizons Elementary School is located just outside our south entrance (back gate). This is the largest elementary school in Polk County with more than 1200 students in grades K through 5th. Polk county has one of the highest rates of children in poverty and without sufficient food. The Community Service Club supports a number of projects, both

large and small, which make a daily difference to these children.

Approved School Volunteer. Because of the times we live in, the Polk County School Board only allows approved and credentialed volunteers to interact with students and otherwise help with projects on campus during school hours. Approval requires a completed application and a background check. There is a \$25 fee. The approval is valid for five years. Those projects requiring volunteer approval are identified with the symbol ‡.

DWO Cares ‡ – Vicky Fuqua, support coordinator

DWO Cares is a 501(C)3 organization which began as a Community Service project and is currently actively supported by the club. The many students in severe need attending Horizons Elementary School are provided free breakfast and lunch. Therefore, on school days, they receive adequate nutrition. However, many of these children will suffer from hunger on weekends and school holidays. Horizons Elementary has identified children in this category to be members of the **Nutrition Club**. DWO Cares provides weekend food and many Community Service Members volunteer to pack the food on Thursdays to be taken home by Nutrition Club members every Friday. Sadly, the number of children has grown every year but fortunately, through the hard work and generosity of Del Webb Orlando residents, we have been able to increase our support. This school year, we provide food bags to 70 children.

Christmas in July – Barbara Dempster, Joyce Hill, co-leaders

Many children do not have proper clothes to begin the school year. The school selects children who are not able to afford new uniforms to begin the school year. We set up Christmas trees and hang angels with each child's name and other information.



Participating residents choose an angel and purchase the school uniforms – two tops,

two bottoms, underwear, socks, and sneakers. These are presented to the child in a gift bag. What a delight!

Coats for Kids – Kim Smith and Linda Julian, co-leaders

Even though this is Florida, there are many cold mornings during the winter months. Many children are not prepared for the cold temperatures. We provide coats, sweaters, and fleece jackets to keep them warm.

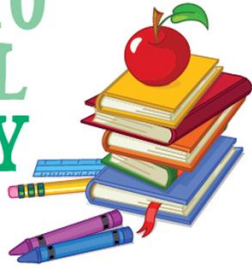


Clinic Treasures – Carol Overdahl and Helen Gielda, co-leaders

Young children often have “accidents” in school. When this happens, they are sent to the school clinic. We provide clean clothes – underwear, socks, shorts – for them to change into. This allows the children to return to class and continue their studies.

School Supply Drive – RuthAnn Kosinsky, Trudy Peterson, Pam Sultzman, co-leaders

**BACK TO
SCHOOL
SUPPLY
DRIVE**



We provide the usual schools supplies that are used both by the student and in the classroom in general. There is a new list provided each year. The drive is in July when all the school supplies are on sale.

Book Reading Awards – Maureen Dodd and Barbara Kleiman, co-leaders

The school has programs that acknowledge children who read a certain number of approved books. This program is part of the Sunshine State Young Readers Award Program. There is a master list of contemporary books selected for this program. As an incentive and reward, we provide books to these high achieving students to keep as their own.



Box Tops for Education and Coke Rewards – Pam Sultzman, leader



We collect Box Tops for Education and Coke caps from residents. These are submitted to the program sponsors and are converted to funds for the school to purchase needed items. The collection area is in the craft room at the Montecito.

Classroom Assistance ‡ - Frank & Pam Sultzman, coordinators

Volunteers work in the classrooms to assist the teachers in many ways. One-on-one work with a child often yields great improvements.

Media Center Assistance ‡ - Frank & Pam Sultzman, coordinators

Volunteers help the librarian in many ways. Assistance may include restocking shelves, checking books in or out, or helping students find books.

Morning Greeters ‡ - Frank & Pam Sultzman, coordinators

As many as 200 cars drop off students every morning in a 30-minute window. This can only be accomplished with volunteers who open doors, present a big smile and greeting, and help the children get on their way.

Offsite and Craft Projects – Pam Sultzman, coordinator

Various administrative and teacher requests are supported, such as making bookmarks, sorting and collating reading materials, producing garden seed planters, etc.

Read Across America ‡ - Trudy Peterson and Dot Elwood, co-leaders



We participate with the school in the annual Doctor Seuss reading day. Volunteers are assigned to a classroom for approximately 30-minute periods to read several Dr. Seuss books. This is great fun! We also donate the books to the school library once the event ends.

School Book Fair ‡ - Pam and Frank Sultzman, coordinators

During the fall and spring, 5-day book fairs are held. Volunteers help students find and purchase appropriate books. Funds raised provide additional books for the library.

Test Proctors † - Pam and Frank Sultzman, coordinators

Volunteers are in the classrooms during Spring Florida State Assessments to ensure that the administration of the tests are fair. The tests are usually about two hours.

Picture Day † - Pam and Frank Sultzman, coordinators

Volunteers assist organizing the children and ensuring they take good school pictures.

Thanksgiving Luncheon † - Pam and Frank Sultzman, coordinators

Volunteers may help in the cafeteria kitchen and serve drinks to visiting parents.

Santa's Workshop † - Pam and Frank Sultzman, coordinators

Volunteers assist children to select presents for their parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends. The presents are dollar store type articles.

Fundraising Events

The club tries to utilize fundraising events rather than to directly solicit cash donations whenever possible. We use the funds to purchase food, buy books, buy children's clothes and coats, buy toys at Christmas, buy Christmas trees, and other needs as identified. Each event has a specific project identified, which is normally the choice of the fundraising leader(s). Our major fundraising events are:

- Meet and Greet Breakfast – Maureen Frahm
- Craft Fair Luncheon – Terry Grosek
- Enjoyment Books – Roy Nichols
- DWO Cares Snacks and Information Presentation – Barbara & John Kleiman
- Golf Tournament – Joe Kalamar and Roy Nichols
- Save Your Sweethearts Annual Event – Susan Holdread and Maureen Frahm