



# Community Service, Family, Fraternity

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Flea Market
- Middleburg  
Steak Night
- Clay County Fair
- Patsy Cline
- Moose Legion  
Celebration
- Mandarin Dinner  
Dance
- Lakeshore  
Dinner Dance
- District 13  
Sports &  
Meeting @  
Moosehaven
- FBMA Mid-Year  
Conference
- Heart Of The  
Community  
Easter Egg Hunt  
and Easter  
Sunrise Service

## *When Did I Stop Being Me?*

### When Did I Stop Being Me?

You are defined by what you do. You are defined by how you look. You are defined by where you live. You are defined by whom you associate with. You are defined by what family you are from. You are defined by what you believe. You are defined by your intelligence. You are defined by your strength and accomplishment. You are defined by your weakness. You are what you eat.

Are these statements true? Well, yes and no. In the world we live in we are often sorted, separated, evaluated, and judged based on these things. During many parts of our lives these, and other, things, define us. One problem with using these things as defining criteria is that these things change. I don't do what I did 10 years ago or look like I did or live where I lived. My strengths and weaknesses change, my memory is going, as I grow older. I could list them all, but you get the point. If we define ourselves this way we will one day look in the mirror and say I am not myself. Even worse, other people will look at us and say he/she is not him/herself any more.

One thing that does not, or at least should not, change over time is how people feel about us. What did we bring to the lives of others? How are other people different because they knew us? What lasting memories will people have of us? If we have built strong, caring mutual relationships they will endure all change. These are the people who can say they know the real you. Because of that knowledge, they also know you will never stop being yourself in their eyes. They will always see you through the eyes of your relationship.

When people live in the Life Care Center, do you think of them in the same way or do they stop being themselves to you? Do you think about what they mean to you and want to show them how you feel? When was the last time you visited a friend in the Life Care Center? Don't leave them wondering, "when did I stop being me?"

*Bill Tippins  
Life Care Administrator*

# Mooseheart Boys Will Visit Moosehaven from June 10th until June 16th!

Newsletter Editor:  
Marina Mathews

# Just John

There's a Joni Mitchell song called "*They've Paved Paradise*," with a recurring refrain that goes like this:  
***"Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you got till it's gone."***

Boy, isn't that the truth in both large and small ways. How often have you gone looking for some tool or dish or whatever only to discover that it's gone? Man, that's frustrating and that's just one of those little things.

It's also true with the big things in life like pets and friends and family. We all know the pain of losing a long time pet don't we. Man, it's almost like losing a piece of ourselves. Sometimes, we even say, "No more pets. The pain is too much."

It's worse when we lose a friend, even an old one that we haven't seen for some time. We think back on all the great times we had together and even some of the sad ones. We realize that we'll never share times together again. There will be no more phone calls, no emails, no letters.

Many of us have lost a spouse, a child or other family members. It hurts. While, I cannot fully imagine the pain of losing a spouse or a child, it must certainly feel like a part of you died with them. The grief must be overwhelming.

And yet, "*we don't always seem to know what we've got until it's gone.*"

How can that be? How can we live our lives so immune to our many wonderful blessing that we don't even see them until they're gone? Equally important, what does that leave us with when they're gone? Regrets, mostly.

We regret that we didn't take better care of the thing we lost. We're sorry that we didn't give that pet a few more moments. We lament that we didn't call that friend back when he or she left a message a while ago. We wish that we had another opportunity to tell that son, daughter, husband, wife, mother or father that we love them one more time.

While there's not much we can do after the fact, as only time will heal the pain of loss and dull the memory of missed moments; there is much we can do to prevent some of that remorse. We can live each day as though it is our last. Now, this isn't an eat, drink and be merry recipe, but rather a suggestion that we spend a few moments longer with that pet (it's good for both), that we call or visit that friend (bury the hatchet if that's what's keeping you apart), that we tell our husband or wife, son and/or daughter, mother, father, whatever, that we love them. Finally, we should take a moment to count our blessing rather than lament what we don't have.

While those extra moments with a pet, that telephone conversation with a friend, or those words of affection to a family members won't completely remove the sense of loss when they're gone, each of them will not only eliminate some regret in the future but will also certainly make you happier today.

*Just John*

***The chains of habit are too light to be felt until they are too heavy to be broken.***

***Warren Buffet***

# Up Close And Personal With The Gennaros

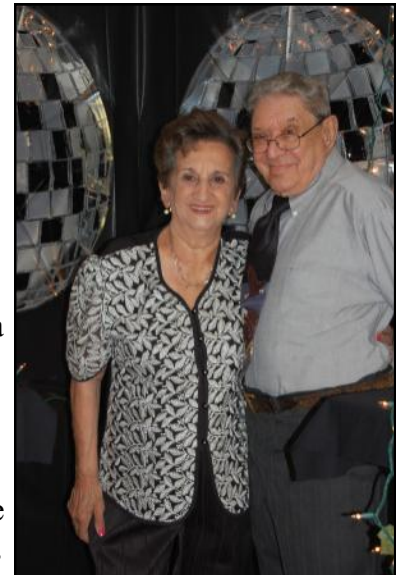
Sam and Emma Gennaro were both born in Brooklyn, NY in 1928 and 1930. Here's our story.

We met in a Brooklyn Junior High School and soon discovered we both had a passion for dancing. We would dance to the juke box at a little ice cream parlor before school, during lunch, and after school.

Our affection continued to grow and we were engaged when Emma was 18 years old. Strict Italian parents insisted on an 18 month engagement and we were married on April 30, 1950. After a span of 12 years, the Gennaro family grew to include five children. Currently the Gennaro family now has nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Sam joined the Hialeah Moose Lodge in 1962 and completed his 3 year trustee, moved into the sergeant of arms for 17 years while serving on the drill team. He progressed to a Fellowship level and continued to help the Moose increase its membership by more than 30 people. Emma joined the Women of the Moose in 1965. We became fully engaged in Moose activities with our family and friends. Sam would often be the Santa Clause at family functions and Emma would be the Easter Bunny. The Gennaro family would enjoy holidays and family celebrations at the Moose Lodge. On Saturday nights old friends will remember us dancing to Caravan. Sam is looking forward to receiving his 50 year pin next year.

Now we are 80 and 82 years old. Our life now is mostly quiet at the beautiful Moosehaven Retirement Community but we still fondly remember the great times had at the Hialeah lodge. We made many long time, wonderful friends. We were delighted to discover that we are in the same accommodations as our longtime Hialeah friend, Rosemary Taylor. We had not seen Rosemary in over 40 years and here she is at Moosehaven to welcome us to our new home. Our new extended family here in Jacksonville is caring and helpful. Our home at Moosehaven is comfortable and much easier to manage than our previous two bedroom house. Living at Moosehaven provides a stress free lifestyle - no cooking, yard work, cleaning, or grocery shopping! Six family members became Moose members since we moved here in July 2010.



Moosehaven provides many opportunities to keep dancing if we want. There is always something going on here. We can choose to attend holiday dances, dine out, go to Broadway shows, movies, visit other lodges, and attend many community events held right on our property. Probably the best benefit is the wonderful healthcare provided to us. Sam is a kidney dialysis patient. He gets picked up right at our front door and transported to and from the clinic. We are treated with respect and courtesy while facing our own personal health challenges.

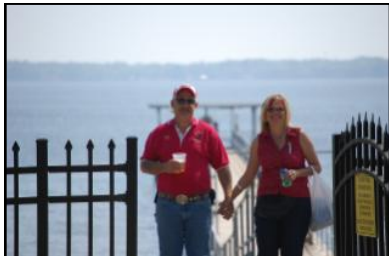
Thank you Hialeah for the many years of membership and for continued care and concern. We are honored to be your grandparents and hope that you will drop by sometime or send us a note.

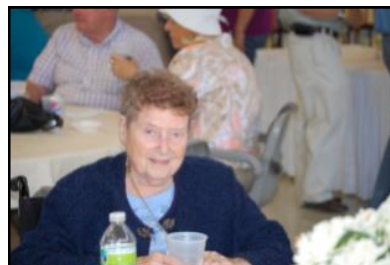
Sincerely,

Sam & Emma Gennaro  
Moosehaven

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# Florida





Sunshine, breeze on the wind, good food and great music. Add 658 Florida Moose on the Moosehaven campus along with a couple hundred residents and you've got yourself a Florida Days Picnic. Sunday was a day filled with fun and fellowship as the Moosehaven residents and staff welcomed members from the Florida-Bermuda Moose Association for it's annual Florida Days picnic. Smiles were in abundance as Tommy Moose made his rounds at the picnic.



Members were invited to attend a Memorial Dedication of the memorial bench in honor of Ann Saladin placed at our newly renovated Moosehaven cemetery.



Tours of our campus were running during the event where members could see first hand the facilities our residents enjoy. Our Brandon Place model home was available for those who wanted a chance to walk through our new development.

The day was beautiful and the event was successful. A BIG thank you goes out to the FBMA for their continued support of Moosehaven and the senior Moose members living here.

**Marina Mathews**  
**Executive Assistant**

# Simply Helen

## Let the Redeemed of the Lord, Say So.

*“And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! I Corinthians 15:17”*

The fact of His resurrection is the most important event of history and is the most certain fact in all history. The entire structure of Christianity stands or falls with Christ's resurrection.

I love this time of year. Easter--it's in the air everywhere. I noticed last weekend as we were driving along the highway all the beautiful wild Easter lilies that sprang up all on the sides of the road in Folkston, GA. Seeing these lilies everywhere, I began looking more closely at the trees and other flowering plants. I noticed the pretty blossoms on the dogwood trees and the new growth on the tops of the pine trees that form in the shape of a cross. I thought about how pretty it is this time of year and thought about the wonder of springtime and Easter, which is like an awakening, a time of joy. The pines were swaying in the wind as if they were dancing to the Lord and the Easter lilies looked like they were standing at attention, proud to be alive and refreshed. Several scriptures came to mind.

Isaiah 55:12 says *“For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap [their] hands.”*

Luke 19:38-40 This was during the “Triumphal Entry” when people were shouting and giving praise to their long awaited Messiah. *“BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”* Some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” And He answered and said, *“I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!”*

The implication is that all of creation, at one time or another, whether it be now through our praise and devotion to Christ or at judgment when every knee shall bow before Him, He will be praised, because His praises can not be stopped.

When Jesus died on the cross, once again the Pharisees did not want it acknowledged that this Jesus on the cross was the Son of God crucified. The disciples in fear had turned silent. What happened? The Sun cried out in the only way it could by becoming dark from the 6th to the 9th hour. The rocks cried out in the only way they could, the earth shook, graves were opened, and saints arose to give glory to God. All the disciples who were called to worship were hiding in fear for the Pharisees.

Even the cross on which he was hanging proclaimed “This is the king of the Jews.” It was then that unbelievers cried out and said, “Surely this was the son of God.”

If we remain silent and refuse to put our faith into words creation will cry out in the only ways that it can.

I don't know about you, but I count it an honor to worship a living Savior! Psalms 107:2 says, *“Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.”*

As was true with the Jews and their deliverance from Egypt, it is with us through God's son, Jesus Christ. He is our deliverer, our rock, and our salvation. Rejoice and proclaim “My Redeemer Lives!”

Hope you all have a joyous Easter and may the hope of the resurrection be renewed in you today. May the eternal promise of Easter live in your heart each and every day. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so – **HE LIVES!**

*Simply Helen*

# What's Up In Activities?

## **News from LCC Activities Department:**

Spring has sprung. It is sure nice to see everything in full bloom. We have started some new and exciting programs in the Life Care Activities Department. We have begun a bowling group, a golf group, and a Tai Chi class with John. There has been quite a turn out for these events. They say variety is the spice of life. We sure can attest to that.

We all had a wonderful time at the Mardi Gras parade. We are looking forward to the pizza party. We are pleased to now have Bible Study in LCC Activity room every Wednesday at 10am. All are invited to attend.

We are now getting ready for the annual Easter egg hunt on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the event and also help fill Easter eggs with candy. Let me know if you are interested in volunteering.

Happy Spring~  
**Sherry Chirichiello**  
*LCC Activities Director*

## **News From Campus Activities Department:**

Life's Road to Happiness...Sometimes in life we find ourselves in a reversed roll of having to take care of the very ones that took care of us, or having to give up the care of someone we always have taken care of. Sometimes we have to do things we never dreamed of having to do. When we find ourselves in these situations we should take the advice from James in the Bible. Count it all joy when we fall into rivers of temptations. In other words, when we are faced with different situations we should be happy and rejoice that God thought so much of us and had such confidence in us that we possess the nature to do the job and do it very well. I have heard some of you say, "I could never do that." Believe me, if you have faith and jump in there and try, God will be faithful and never give you more than you can handle.

If we think we lack the knowledge remember what the word says, "Let him that lacks wisdom ask!" Just ask and God will equip you with all the abilities you could want or need. When you are asked to do something or face a situation and you stop and wonder, "Why me?" just remember what the Bible says, "The footsteps of the righteous are ordered of the Lord."

If we think that we are incapable or don't have the ability to do what is required of us, just look in the mirror and remember that according to Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me."

So wherever you are in life and whatever situations you face, be happy and content where your feet have carried you and whatever your hands have found to do, do it to the very best you can as if you are doing it for the Lord. Give all the glory and honor to God, knowing that He has equipped you with the knowledge and ability to accomplish anything. God will speak to that one person that can help with your situation and your prayers will be answered. MINE WERE!

Stay Active!  
**Polly Rhoden**  
*Campus Activities Director*

**The following individuals were spotted “Making A Difference.”  
Thank you all for your outstanding contributions!**

- **Dudley Williams**, Crothall, was spotted Making A Difference with the excellent job he does in keeping the Vivian Borom carpets cleaned!
- **The Leadership Team, Housekeeping Staff, Dietary Staff, Maintenance Staff and IMS Staff** were spotted Making A Difference with their teamwork and the wonderful job they do setting up and executing our big events here on campus.
- **Tommy Moose** was spotted Making A Difference with his friendliness and willingness to support all of our events here at Moosehaven. He is indeed a true Fraternal Brother!
- **Gloria and Mimi Peterson** were both spotted Making A Difference with her friendly visits and the smiles she brings to those residents who are unable to get out and about.
- **Jeanne Williford** was spotted Making A Difference with her assistance with Activities and her friendly attitude to residents and visitors.
- **Gloria Peterson** was spotted Making A Difference with her volunteerism by hosting the 2:30pm Pool Exercise class for other residents.
- **Carrie Safford** was spotted Making A Difference by volunteering her convertible to ride Mitzi Cabic in the Mardi Gras parade. Little did we know that would be her last ride before her trip to glory.
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**Remember to notify Doreen, Helen or Marina if you want to recognize someone for being  
A Piece Of The Solution!**

# Happy Easter!!

## **THREE, IF BY MOOSE**

BY MIKE THOMPSON

