

# LWR LIFE

LAKEWOOD RANCH AREA'S COMMUNITY, NATURE, STYLE  
FALL 2022



## Pop of Sunshine

DIY design highlights  
hues of happiness.



# *Interior Design*

R E N O V A T I O N S



LOCATED IN SAN MARCO PLAZA  
8205 NATURE'S WAY, STE 101 | LAKEWOOD RANCH, FL 34202

**941.907.9759**

**WWW.DIVINEINTERIORSGROUP.COM**



384215-1

# WARREN GROUP LAKEWOOD RANCH

WHERE FAMILY VALUES BRING YOU HOME

We raised our family here in Lakewood Ranch and have been your local Real Estate experts for over 20 years. In addition to our love for this community, we are:

- **Members of Coldwell Banker's Global Luxury Division**
- **International Diamond Society members**
- **Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialists**
- **Top 1% of agents in Sarasota and Manatee Counties**

We prove every day that our greatest pride is the professional, yet personal attention we provide our clients. So whether you are listing or buying, we would love the opportunity to prove our commitment to you in your next move.

## WHY THE WARREN GROUP?

“ Julie and Pat are the Best! We sold our home quickly, receiving many great offers within hours. Julie and Pat are focused and are market experts. They are very “hands-on”. Their advice and assistance during the prep were invaluable.

Julie and Pat were kind, reassuring and professional as they guided us through the entire process, from our initial idea to move through post closing. We felt that we were never alone and were being treated as if we were family. We can't thank them enough and highly recommend them to anyone wanting to sell their home in Lakewood Ranch.

- Gwen and Jeff V.

**SOLD OVER ASKING!**



**\$1,500,000**

13626 Legends Walk Terrace  
Lakewood Ranch Country Club

**NOW PENDING**



**\$1,250,000**

12202 Lobelia Terrace  
Lakewood Ranch Riverwalk Ridge



**WARREN GROUP  
LAKEWOOD RANCH**

WHERE FAMILY VALUES  
BRING YOU HOME



**GLOBAL  
LUXURY**

GOLDWELL BANKER REALTY

**PAT, JULIE & PATRICK WARREN**

Real Estate Advisors, REALTORS Coldwell Banker  
Residential Real Estate

8334 Market Street, Lakewood Ranch, FL

C: 941.350.7044 C: 941.350.7439

C: 941.400.4436 O: 941.907.1033

**www.WarrenGroupSarasota.com**

Pat.Warren@CBRealty.com

Julie.Warren@CBRealty.com

Patrick.Warren@CBRealty.com




# *Renée Dedio Preininger*



941.400.4235

reneeworks4u@gmail.com

 @preininger\_property\_group

8131 Lakewood Main St., Suite 2

Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

sarasotatrustrealty.com



## **#1 REALTOR® in Lakewood Ranch**

*"Thank you to all my amazing clients! I am so grateful for your business and your referrals. Repeat clients and referrals are the heart and soul of my business. There is no greater compliment than a client who entrusts me with a new client referral and/or represent them again in another home search or sale. I dedicate myself to ensuring all my client's buying or selling journey is smooth, skilled, and successful. I stake my reputation on it every day."*





**MLS #A4538254**

**7217 GREYSTONE STREET | COUNTRY CLUB WEST**

**\$2,499,000**

3,861 sq ft under air, 5,348 total sq ft, 4 bedrooms, 4 full baths, 3 car garage



**MLS #A4543488**

**13215 PALMERS CREEK TERRACE | COUNTRY CLUB WEST**

**\$2,299,000**

4,701 sq ft under air, 6,419 total sq ft, 4 bedrooms, 4 full baths, 3 car garage



**MLS # A4542922**

**5821 MULLIGAN WAY | LAKEWOOD NATIONAL**

**\$1,799,000**

3,025 sq ft under air, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage



**7003 DOMINION LANE | COUNTRY CLUB WEST**

4,021 sq ft under air, 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, 3 car garage

**MLS #A4540260 | \$1,449,000**



**16917 PELHAM PLACE | DEL WEBB**

2,164 sq ft under air, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 car garage

**MLS #A4541339 | \$949,000**



# A Lifetime of Healthy Skin



4.9 Star Google Rating. 2700+ Reviews



Proudly Serving  
Lakewood Ranch  
Since 2003

(941) 907-0222  
[arsenaultdermatology.com](http://arsenaultdermatology.com)



Book Now



# Ready to Glow?



A Luxury Aesthetic Clinic  
By Arsenault Dermatology

(941) 264-1161  
[glowdermspa.com](http://glowdermspa.com)



Book Now



Al fresco

# THE *perfect* APPLIANCES, THE *perfect* KITCHEN INDOOR OR OUTDOOR



**OVER 60 YEARS!**

We carry a wide variety of High-End & Mid-Range Kitchen, Laundry & Outdoor Appliances with the latest technology & hottest designs.

FULGOR  
MILANO

Al fresco

Artisan

COYOTE  
Outdoor Living

**FINANCING OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

**Jessup's**  
Major Appliance Centers

Visit [JessupsAppliances.com](http://JessupsAppliances.com)

Mon-Fri 9-6 | Sat 9-5 | Sun 11-4  
3756 Bee Ridge Rd. | Sarasota  
**941.927.4900**



# JOHN CANNON

## Artistry. Passion. Perfection.

For over 30 years, John Cannon has designed and built homes for families just like yours throughout Florida's west coast. When you choose John Cannon Homes, you are selecting an award-winning team with the single goal of creating your home just as you envisioned. Build a home that's customized for you, your family and your lifestyle. Build with John Cannon Homes.

Call 941 361.1300 for your private tour of our Corporate Offices and Design Center today.

[www.johncannonhomes.com](http://www.johncannonhomes.com)

READERS' CHOICE FIRST PLACE



JOHN CANNON  
HOMES

2022 BEST BUILDER

30 CONSECUTIVE  
YEARS

SARASOTA - MANATEE - VENICE

WINNER



JOHN  
CANNON  
HOMES

Build a  
Legacy

6710 Professional Parkway, Suite 100  
Sarasota, FL 34240 | 941.924.5935

CGCA18551





# live brighter



**You found a new place to live. Now make it your home.** Tidewell Foundation helps lift the spirits of those embraced by Tidewell Hospice, a not-for-profit providing hospice and grief care for more than 40 years. Join us in the work that matters most. Volunteer. Shop or donate to Tidewell Treasures resale shops. Attend a community event. Let's brighten lives together.

**[TidewellFoundation.org](http://TidewellFoundation.org)**



# GET OUT FOR A SUNDAY-FUNDAY!



## 90+ VENDORS, STREET FOOD + LIVE MUSIC

MARKET PRODUCE | MEAT & POULTRY | FRESH FLOWERS | LOCAL HONEY | SPICES, RUBS & CONDIMENTS  
FRESH BREADS & BAKED GOODS | PREPARED FOODS | COFFEE & TEAS | SPECIALTY GIFTS & TRINKETS



EVERY SUNDAY, 10AM - 2PM @ WATERSIDE PLACE

1561 LAKEFRONT DRIVE, LAKEWOOD RANCH, FL 34240 | [themarketlwr.com](http://themarketlwr.com) | [f](#) [@](#)

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS: LAKEWOOD RANCH + MYLWR.COM | LAKEWOOD RANCH COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES + HERALD-TRIBUNE | LOCALIQ



# TAKING HOME ORGANIZATION TO THE NEXT LEVEL

CUSTOM CLOSET AND GARAGE STORAGE SYSTEMS

WORLD'S FINEST GARAGE FLOORING • HOME OFFICE • LAUNDRY • PANTRY



Over  
100  
5 Star  
Reviews



If you ever asked yourself, "How do I organize my house neatly?" talk to our designers. They are the local experts at maximizing your living space and getting your home beautifully organized. Our team is always ready to design custom storage and garage flooring systems with your personal style in mind.



Schedule a **FREE** in-home consultation today and transform your home and garage into the place of your dreams

**CALL NOW! 941-328-8989**

Check us out online at [tailoredliving.com](http://tailoredliving.com)



# FIND YOUR *happy place*



*farmers' market*



*live music*



*now open - crop juice*

## Foodies + Fun-Lovers Rejoice!

As our tenants continue to open their doors, come experience all Waterside Place has to offer. Grab a bite to eat under the stars while enjoying live music and an ice-cold beverage. Break a sweat in a morning workout class before hitting up the Farmers' Market for your favorite goods. Or, simply take a sunny stroll along the water's edge.

COME LET LOOSE WITH US, WE'VE GOT A LOT TO SHOW YOU!

1561 LAKEFRONT DRIVE, LAKEWOOD RANCH, FL 34240



**WATERSIDE  
PLACE**

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH

**WATERSIDEPLACE** .com



# LET'S DO WELL TOGETHER

At Lakewood Ranch Medical Center, our network of care provides high-quality, individualized care for you and your family – close to where you live, work and play.

## Our network includes:

- **Lakewood Ranch Medical Center** – Offering services ranging from cardiovascular care and orthopedics to women's services/obstetrics and stroke.
- **ER at Fruitville\*** – A full-service, freestanding emergency department with board-certified physicians who provide emergency care. Full-service laboratory, X-ray and CT are available onsite.
- **Lakewood Ranch Medical Group** – From primary care to specialty cardiac, OB/GYN and general surgery, our affiliated physicians and allied health professionals deliver quality healthcare services to all age groups.

For more information, go to  
[lakewoodranchmedicalcenter.com](https://lakewoodranchmedicalcenter.com)

For a physician referral,  
call 800-454-8215.



**Lakewood Ranch  
Medical Center®**

8330 Lakewood Ranch Boulevard  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

\*This emergency department is part of Lakewood Ranch Medical Center. This is not an urgent care center. Its services and care are billed at hospital emergency department rates. Physicians are on the medical staff of Lakewood Ranch Medical Center, but, with limited exceptions, are independent practitioners who are not employees or agents of Lakewood Ranch Medical Center. The hospital shall not be liable for actions or treatments provided by physicians. For language assistance, disability accommodations and the nondiscrimination notice, visit our website. 22698460-914305 7/22





# A New Look, *A New Life*

## Patient gets her life back after weight loss surgery

*One and a half years after robotic sleeve gastrectomy ("gastric sleeve") surgery\* at Manatee Memorial Hospital®, Jailyn Drebes, 39, lost 190 pounds and refers to her health and her life now as "amazing."*

She tried countless diets over the years, but none seemed to keep the weight off. Jailyn says she "didn't feel pretty, didn't look good in clothes and didn't feel good about myself."

"Dr. Rekkas and the Manatee Weight Loss Center team are wonderful. He is amazing at his craft and knows how to motivate you to stay on track with your weight loss. They helped me get my life back."

"The surgery is only the first step," says **Stelios Rekkas, MD, FACS, FASMBs**, Manatee Weight Loss Center physician and director of the surgical weight loss program at Manatee Memorial Hospital. "It's the patient who makes the difference in their own life when they commit to using the lifelong tools we give them to help keep the weight off."

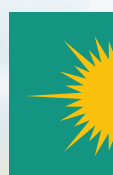
After



**Find inspiration from more stories like  
Jailyn's at [msaweightloss.com](https://msaweightloss.com)**

**"This surgery helped me  
get my life back."**

*Jailyn Drebes  
Robotic Sleeve Gastrectomy Patient*



**Manatee**  
Weight Loss Center

**232 Manatee Ave E | Bradenton, FL 34208  
941-254-4957**

\*Sleeve gastrectomy surgery, also known as gastric sleeve surgery, reduces the size of the stomach so that the patient feels full with less food, while still absorbing all of the necessary nutrients. Individual results may vary. There are risks associated with any surgical procedure. Talk with your doctor about these risks to find out if bariatric surgery is right for you. With limited exceptions, physicians are independent practitioners, who are not employees or agents of Manatee Memorial Hospital. The hospital shall not be liable for actions or treatments provided by physicians. For language assistance, disability accommodations and the nondiscrimination notice, visit our website. 22681585-914170 7/22

374677-1



# CONTENTS

FALL 2022



## FEATURES

**64** **WRITE THIS WAY**  
Scribes club prides itself on giving writers good feedback — the kind way.

**74** **FOLLOW THE LEADER**  
After 20 years at the helm, SMR's CEO sounds off on what makes a community.

**80** **EASY DRINKING**  
Craft beer aficionados don't have to travel far to quench their thirst.





# *Affordable* **DIAMONDS** *at any size*



Introducing lab created diamonds. They are created in a rough crystal form by scientists and are optically, physically and chemically IDENTICAL to natural diamonds at a more affordable price.



Creekwood Crossing I-75 & S.R. 70 Bradenton, FL 941-751-6600  
Mon-Sat: 9:30am - 5:30pm Sun: 11am-4pm [BartlettJewelers.com](http://BartlettJewelers.com)





## DEPARTMENTS

### 22 FROM THE EDITOR

### 29 BUZZ

How to enjoy the perfect day at Waterside Place, new charter schools opens for students and communities focus on building homes for multigenerational living.

### 44 CHARITY SNAPSHOT

Lakewood Ranch Rotarians have delivered more than 100,000 books with one goal: To ensure every kid gets the chance to love reading.

### 48 CLASS ACT

Joe Miller didn't just create the band — he leads it, too. All thanks to a passion passed down from his father.

### 52 CALENDAR

The best events to attend in and around Lakewood Ranch this fall.

### 60 STYLE

Upgrade your kicks with these fashionable shoe options for men and women.

### 91 HAVEN

Inspired design by a do-it-yourselfer shows that a little bit of color goes a long way to create a stylish oasis.

### 102 ART AND ABOUT

Before season begins in earnest, take the time to enjoy some art — both real and virtual.

### 106 TABLE TALK

Chef Clark Jinsung Park shares how he's bringing tastes from home to the table at Koré Steakhouse.

### 114 PARTING GLANCE



# The 22/23 Season

## October 21 – 23, 2022 | FSU Center

Ricardo Graziano World Premiere

Asia Bui World Premiere

Richard House World Premiere

## November 18 – 19, 2022 | Sarasota Opera House

MacMillan's *Danses Concertantes* (Company Premiere)

Ashton's *Dante Sonata* (Company Premiere)

Ashton's *Rhapsody*

## December 16 – 17, 2022 | Sarasota Opera House

Ashton's *Les Patineurs*

Robbins' *In the Night* (Company Premiere)

Robbins' *Fancy Free*

## January 27 – 30, 2023 | FSU Center

Arcadian Broad World Premiere

Jessica Lang World Premiere

Ashton's *Façade*

## February 24 – 27, 2023 | FSU Center

The Sarasota Ballet Presents:

Dance Theatre of Harlem

## March 24 – 25, 2023 | Van Wezel

Kobborg's production of *La Sylphide* (Company Premiere)

## April 28 – 29, 2023 | Sarasota Opera House

Balanchine's *Divertimento No. 15*

Balanchine's *The Four Temperaments*

Balanchine's *Western Symphony*

Season Subscriptions and Single Tickets Available Now!

Box Office: 941.359.0099 | [SarasotaBallet.org](http://SarasotaBallet.org)

Richard House | Photography by Matthew Holler

385863-1



# LABOR DAY SALE

Now Through Tuesday 9/6

## Up to 50% OFF Storewide!



100% Top Grain Leather



12 Months FREE Financing

### HURRY IN! DON'T MISS OUT

Quality is not expensive, It's Priceless

Sale From \$1,488





Sale From \$1,188





### Stressfree Living with Norway's Finest







### AFFORDABLE NORWEGIAN COMFORT

LIFETIME WARRANTY...FRAME  
SUSPENSION • MECHANISM • FOAM



## LEATHER GALLERY and BEDDING CENTER

www.LeatherGallerySarasota.com

5251 S. Tamiami Tr. • Sarasota  
(1.5 Miles South of Bee Ridge Rd.)  
941-993-1057 • Mon.-Fri. 10-7 • Sat. 10-6 • Sun. 12-5

Free Financing • 100% Top Grain Leather • We Ship Anywhere

# LWR LIFE

LAKEWOOD RANCH AREA'S COMMUNITY, NATURE, STYLE

**President and Publisher** — Emily Walsh

## EDITORIAL

**Executive Editor and COO** — Kat Hughes

**Managing Editor** — Su Byron

**Design** — Nicole Thompson

**Editor At Large** — Lisa Barnott

### Contributors

Spencer Fordin, Kelly Fores, Mark Gordon,  
Jay Heater, Heidi Kurpiela, Robert Plunket, Lori Sax,  
Harry Sayer, Eric Snider, and Abby Weingarten

## ADVERTISING

**Director of Advertising** — Jill Raleigh

**Associate Publisher** — Lori Ruth

**Advertising Managers** —

Kathleen O'Hara and Penny Nowicki

**Advertising Executives** — Richeal Bair, Beth Jacobson,

Jennifer Kane, Honesty Mantkowski,

Toni Perren, Laura Ritter and Brenda White

## CREATIVE SERVICES

**Director of Creative Services** — Caleb Stanton

**Creative Services Administrator** — Marjorie Holloway

**Graphic Designers** — Louise Martin, Taylor Poe, Shawna Polana  
and Luis Trujillo

## CONTACT LWR LIFE

To submit story ideas or calendar listings,  
contact Kat Hughes at [KHughes@YourObserver.com](mailto:KHughes@YourObserver.com).

For advertising inquiries, call 941-366-3468.

LWR Life is a quarterly publication of the Observer Media Group  
published in February, May, August and November in partnership  
with Schroeder-Manatee Ranch.



"AS A PILATES INSTRUCTOR, A SUCCESSFUL REPAIR FOR MY BADLY DAMAGED ROTATOR CUFF WAS CRUCIAL FOR BOTH MY CAREER AND MY ABILITY TO CONTINUE ENJOYING A VERY **ACTIVE LIFESTYLE**. I AM THRILLED TO REPORT THAT I HAVE FULL USE OF MY RIGHT SHOULDER AND AM **PAIN FREE**."

- Susan Landsman



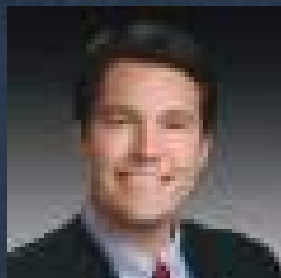
Orthopedic Care for All Walks of Life and Interests



CHRISTOPHER SFORZO, M.D.



CHRISTOPHER DILLINGHAM, M.D.



CHARLES STEWART, M.D.



PHILIP MEINHARDT, M.D.

BOARD-CERTIFIED. FELLOWSHIP-TRAINED. ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS.



5831 Bee Ridge Road  
Suite 300 • Sarasota, FL 34233  
941.378.5100 • [sforzodillingham.com](http://sforzodillingham.com)



# Creating a place of community



Ian Swaby

Angelo Santelli, Shelly Bonet and James Varnado perform for the Music on Main crowd Aug. 5. The gathering, which benefits a different nonprofit each month, is just one example of community built into Lakewood Ranch.

**C**ommunity. It's one of those words that we see a lot, usually in marketing materials. And, admittedly, it does invoke a certain feeling of the warm and fuzzies.

So you could be forgiven if, when hearing the head of the largest development in the area talk about building community, you roll your eyes a bit.

But when your cynicism has passed, take a look at where you live. It's not just thousands of houses cobbled together over hundreds of acres. Instead, it is a place where there are hubs of activity — places where you have things to do and places where you connect with your neighbors and others who live in the area.

You know the other dog owners at the dog park, or recognize parents from the school your children attend. That's community. And, not that this is an ad for Lakewood Ranch, but these

places exist because they're designed to be that way. It's what sets a master-planned development apart from other areas with houses plopped on land.

One of the people who has been instrumental in achieving this community building is without a doubt Schroeder-Manatee Ranch President and CEO Rex Jensen. In contributor Mark Gordon's interview with him (we should say *rare* interview, given that he hates the limelight), Jensen reflects on how his team has defied conventional beliefs to achieve the vision for Lakewood Ranch, as well as what makes it so different from other "communities." In short, the magic is in the planning.

Even though we all know this is a master-planned community, Jensen's interview reveals how to make a place not just where people live, but where people build lives. You can read what he has to say starting on Page 74.

From there, you can see how everything else in our issue — and in nearly

every issue — stems from that philosophy. From attracting businesses that serve up unique local beers (Page 80) to a club that helps its members improve their writing either for fun or professionally (Page 64), to a program started by the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch that has delivered more than 100,000 books to kids in schools without a dime of labor (Page 44), it is not hard to find community in Lakewood Ranch.

People are connected in ways that allow them to live and be fulfilled and know and help one another. And the place sets the tone to make all of that possible.

So if you're in search of community, just read on. Whether you play an instrument or just want to go shopping and support local businesses, opportunities abound. And you don't have to go far.

Kat Hughes  
Executive Editor







*Fresh • Local • Social*

*Waterfront Dining*  
**NOW OPEN IN CASEY KEY!**



*Featuring:*  
Happy Hour  
Drinks  
•  
Delicious Small  
Plates

482 Blackburn Point Rd. • 941-770-3337 • [DEEPLAGOON.COM](http://DEEPLAGOON.COM)



**PINCHERSUSA.COM**



**BE SURE TO VISIT US!**

**LAKWOOD RANCH**

10707 Rodeo Drive  
941-922-1515

**VENICE**

900 Venetia Bay Blvd.  
941-485-9196



**2 for 1 ALL DAY  
EVERY DAY!  
DRINKS**

**KIDS EAT  
Free\***  
\*Restrictions apply. See server for full details.

*Happy  
Hour  
FOOD*

**FROM  
3-6  
P.M.**

3734671









# ENJOY MORE

We are shaped through experience, the warmth of a stove that cooks a family dinner, the sense of accomplishment from a project completed, the breakthrough created with a big idea, the joy of watching family milestones, the enlightenment that comes with fresh perspectives, the wonderment discovered in creation.

Our experiences don't slow down in retirement, we simply gain more time to enjoy them.

**Discover More. Be Enlightened. Feel Accomplished. Find Joy.**



700 John Ringling Blvd • Sarasota, Florida 34236  
(941) 365-2600 • [PlymouthHarbor.org](http://PlymouthHarbor.org)  
A Not-For-Profit Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) / OIR #88039



# we **CARE** for you because we about you.

We believe your doctor should get to know you personally, have the flexibility to see you at any time, and commit to delivering benefit-oriented care and advice tailored to your unique needs.

Discover how LernerCohen puts the **CARE** in Healthcare. Schedule a meet and greet to see if concierge care is right for you.



**LERNER • COHEN**  
A CONCIERGE MEDICAL PRACTICE

**The Doctor Is In. Always.™**

941.953.9080 • [LernerCohen.com](http://LernerCohen.com)  
1921 Waldemere Street, Suite 814  
Sarasota, FL 34239

Dr. Brad S. Lerner | Dr. Louis M. Cohen  
Dr. James R. Cocco | Dr. Amy M. Roth





 **BUDGET<sup>®</sup>  
BLINDS**

 **INSPIRED<sup>®</sup>  
D R A P E S<sup>®</sup>**

Style and service for every budget.™



**HunterDouglas** 

**NORMAN<sup>®</sup>**  
SHUTTERS, BLINDS, SHADES

 **LUTRON<sup>®</sup>**

Signature  
series 

**Window Treatments • Shutters • Custom Draperies  
Blinds • Smart Motorized Shades • Bedspreads**

**FREE 90 Min. In-Home Consultation • 941-342-0900**

Showroom: The Square at UTC: Home Depot Shopping Center

**5405 University Pkwy • SARASOTA • LWR • BRADENTON**

***Now Serving VENICE • NORTHPORT • PT. CHARLOTTE***

Open Mon - Fri 9-5 • Sat 10-3 • Family Owned & Operated Since 1994

**\$500 OFF**

Any window treatment order of \$3995 or more or \$120 off any window treatment order of \$995 or more.

May not be combined with any other offer.  
Offer good at time of initial estimate only. HM  
Each franchise individually owned and operated.

385653.1

# *Strengthening Local Businesses and Our Community for More Than 130 Years*



Manatee  
CHAMBER of  
COMMERCE

Strengthening Your Business and Our Community



**LAKEWOOD RANCH OFFICE**

**4215 Concept Court | Lakewood Ranch 34211**



**BRADENTON OFFICE**

**222 10th Street West | Bradenton 34205**

**We invite you to join our  
2,000+ Chamber member  
businesses to:**

**Network & Connect**

**Grow Your Business**

**Have a Voice**

**Learn Something  
New**

**Make a Difference in  
Our Community**

**Largest Chamber of Commerce in the Tampa Bay Region**

**ManateeChamber.com 941-748-3411**





# *BUZZ*

NEWS, HAPPENINGS AND PEOPLE

Explore the best of Waterside Place with this action-packed itinerary. **PAGE 30**



# A Day in the Life of Waterside Place

The new 36-acre lakefront town center offers plenty to explore, discover — and taste.

BY SU BYRON | CONTRIBUTOR

It's been a long time coming — and it's finally happening. Waterside Place has opened its doors to the world, and there's more to come in the next few months. We spent a day there in mid-summer wandering the streets of this sparkling enclave on the water's edge of Kingfisher Lake.

## 7 a.m.: Rocket fuel

Running on fumes? Pop into Crop for a shot of raw, cold-pressed juice. Achieve lift-off with Crop's "Blast Off" juice. Boasting 12 cups of leafy greens, it's the human equivalent of rocket fuel with the Tokyo Bekana cabbage packing a superpower punch. This variety was grown on the International Space Station. "Putting a salad on Mars" was their ultimate goal. Here on the Earth, it'll give you a jumpstart to your day.

## 8 a.m.: A workout that doesn't wear you out

Now that all systems are go, head to Three Form Fitness for a power workout. Lakewood Ranch resident and owner Michael Demarski (or one of his three trainers) will get your blood pumping. His individualized approach starts with a reality assessment, and then he creates achievable goals. The vision behind it? After 15 years in the corporate fitness world, Demarski says he "created a model where people could achieve realistic goals and have fun doing it." Works for us!

## 10:15 a.m.: Java. No jive.

A strong cup of java at O&A (AKA Out and About Coffee) satisfies the soul.

*Continued on Page 32*



The Market at Lakewood Ranch is open every Sunday all year long.

Courtesy photos



Bird Ryan and store manager Nicolette Henderson at Crop.

## DON'T MISS!

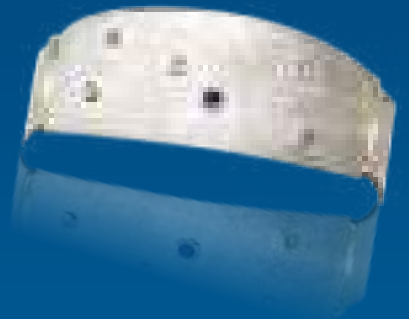
The Market at Lakewood Ranch is open every Sunday all year long. Featuring fresh vegetables, produce, baked goods, honey, pastas and more, along with ready-to-eat foods like empanadas, fresh bagels, donuts, barbecue, and hot and cold coffee from local vendors. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



# Vanessa

## FINE JEWELRY

Your Personal Friend in Jewelry  
Proudly Serving Manatee and Sarasota for 21 Years.



*Belle étoile*

Combine natural beauty with grace.  
As the French would say "beautiful"

DESIGNING THE BEST, REPAIRING THE REST  
Custom Designs | Exceptional Selection | Jewelry Repair  
Lakewood Main Street | 941.373.6311 | [Vanessafinejewelry.com](http://Vanessafinejewelry.com)

Continued from Page 30

Owner Justin Banister puts his soul into his aromatic selection of beans that change with the seasons. That specific selection is possible thanks to Banister's first-name relationships with fair trade coffee growers around the world. O&A's ever-evolving menu is also packed with house-made breakfast treats. You can't go wrong with a hearty breakfast burrito power packed with eggs, roasted red peppers, caramelized onion, bacon and cheese.

### 11:15 a.m.: Paint it Pink

You're well fed and feeling good. Now, it's time to start looking good. Paint Nail Bar is the place for an Uptown Girl (or Guy) mani-pedi. This treatment starts with an exfoliating sugar scrub applied to hands, arms, feet and legs and culminates with a blissful hot towel and massage. Ahh...the Waterside life.

### 12:30 p.m.: Good + Liquid = Lunch

Time to head to Good Liquid Brewing Co. The good folks here brew their own beers and conveniently sort the 20-plus taps into categories even beer newbies can understand ("I Just Want Something Light," "I Only Drink Dark Beers," "Do You Have Anything Hoppy?"). For a delightfully refreshing encounter, try the Waterside Blonde Ale — it's light in calories, low in alcohol and big on taste. Want to pair it with something similarly light? The tempura cauliflower and smoked salmon toast are the perfect complement.

### 2 p.m.: Get refreshed!

You could easily spend the day at Bay Area Aesthetics. Owner Amy M. Laurvray Hurlbaas or one her staff will greet you with warm smiles and go over your pampering for the day, which might include infrared sauna therapy. If you love the benefits of a traditional sauna but don't want to sweat the heat, this treatment warms and deeply relaxes your body with wavelengths of LED light. Benefits include reducing inflammation and stiffness by increasing circulation. Who knew heat could be so cool?

### 4:30 p.m.: Don't begrudge the fudge.

Just tell yourself you're going to Kilwins to buy a box of truffles for your friend's birthday. Could you possibly



Grab a brew and sit on the expansive patio overlooking the water at Good Liquid Brewing Co.



Jump start your evening with a feast at Korê Steakhouse, which features authentic Korean dishes.



Bethany Woughter celebrates color at Paint Nail Bar.

resist one tiny piece of Mackinac Island fudge or a small cup of cappuccino chocolate chip ice cream? We think not.

### 6 p.m.: Bibimbap, kimchi and bulgogi mandoo (oh my!)

Meet a friend (or two) and kick off the evening with a special feast at Korê Steakhouse, featuring authentic Korean dishes. Start with the Waterside cocktail, a concoction of Hangar 1 lime vodka, yuzu, simple syrup and calpico. Share a plate of Yukhoe (beef tartare with truffle oil and caviar) and bulgogi mandoo (steamed dumplings filled with marinated beef, vegetables and glass noodles). Our happy place is anywhere with bibimbap and you gotta try it here, made perfectly with steamed rice, vegetables and beef and served in a hot stone bowl. So good.

### 8 p.m.: Starlit swinging

As October approaches, Waterside's expansive green spaces will be hopping with evening events. Fun under the stars includes Ranch Nite Wednes-

days, with food trucks, live music, and a night market (starting on Oct. 5); family movie nights (through September); and live music every Friday and Saturday night. In the meantime? End your evening gently swinging under the starlit sky in one of the heavenly hammocks at the marina.

### ALSO OPEN:

■ **Bodybar Pilates** is a high-intensity, low impact workout that integrates cardio, strength, endurance, core, balance, and flexibility training.

■ **M/I Homes** has been building new homes of unparalleled quality and craftsmanship for more than 40 years.

■ **SmithLaw** is a general practice law firm that represents individuals, estates and small businesses.

■ **Lakewood Ranch Medical Group:** Offering primary care, OB-GYN and general surgery services.

### COMING RIGHT UP:

These businesses will be opening soon.

#### ■ **Shore Rejuvenation Day Spa & Boutique:**

Offers spa treatments and beauty services.

#### ■ **Deep Lagoon Seafood & Oyster House:**

A casual dining experience offering fresh seafood.

#### ■ **Monkee's at**

**Waterside:** A women's boutique specializing in shoes, clothing and accessories.

■ **Tim's Wine Market:** Offering handcrafted, small production wines.

#### ■ **Marmalade Waterside Boutique:**

Expect to find home decor and furnishings, and bohemian bling.

#### ■ **Agave Bandido:**

A Mexican-inspired restaurant and tequileria.

■ **Osteria 500:** Italian cuisine with a cocktail bar and lounge.

■ **Modish Salon:** A team of independent hair stylists, specializing in color, blowouts and IBE hair extensions.

#### ■ **The Yoga Shack:**

Offering heated power yoga, sound baths, circuit classes and more.

■ **Man Cave for Men:** A barber shop and day spa for men.

#### ■ **Duck Donuts:**

Featuring made-to-order donuts in a variety of flavors.

■ **Integrity Sound** offers smart technology and electrical solutions for homes and businesses.

#### ■ **Forked at Waterside:**

A restaurant offering breakfast, lunch and cocktails.

#### ■ **Capstan Financial**

■ **Platinum Palm Properties**

■ **Cileone Jewelers**



# Fairfax Floors, Inc.

*come experience the difference*



*Let us help you get your home ready for the holidays!*



**12 Month Financing**  
*\$0 Down, 0% Interest*

**Dust-Free Tile Removal**  
*See store for details*

- Lifetime Installation Warranty
- ECO Friendly Environmentally Safe Products



## Fairfax Floors, Inc.

8111 Lakewood Main St. #110 | 941.822.8596

Mon-Fri 9-6 | Sat 9-5 | Sun by Appt.  
**sarasota-flooring.com**



*Family owned and operated with over 30 years of experience*

# The New School in Town

Enthusiasm soars for Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy, a charter school built on the WISH model, which stands for wellness, innovation, science and health.

BY MARK GORDON | CONTRIBUTOR

School administrators Bradley Warren and Cheryl Cendan spent a lot of time inside the Starbucks and Panera cafés on State Road 70, just off Lakewood Ranch Boulevard, earlier this year.

Not necessarily for a double shot of espresso or a Green Passion smoothie. But instead to meet individually with hundreds of Lakewood Ranch parents who wanted to learn about the charter school the duo was helping to launch.

During those nosh sessions, the school — Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy, a tuition-free public charter school — was as far as 10 months away from opening. There wasn't even a temporary office, much less a school to tour, hence the café conversations.

But the excitement was palatable. "It was nonstop," says Cendan, principal of the upper school, ninth through 12th grades. "We sometimes met with 10 or 12 parents in one day."

The pair has experience in charter school administration, including running schools in Hillsborough County under the same parent charter company as Lakewood Ranch Prep — Fort Lauderdale-based Charter Schools USA. Lakewood Ranch residents, Cendan and Warren are the public faces of Lakewood Ranch Prep, which opened Aug. 10 on White Eagle Boulevard.

"It's so exciting to open a new school," says Cendan, who, among other posts in her education career previously worked in curriculum administration for the Manatee County



Photos by Lori Sax

School administrators Bradley Warren and Cheryl Cendan spent a lot of time inside the Starbucks and Panera cafés meeting with hundreds of Lakewood Ranch parents. Cendan shows the school's mascot — an eagle.

*Continued on Page 36*






Dining  
Bedroom  
Murphy Beds  
Office  
Living Room  
Outdoor Poly

6100 N Lockwood Ridge Rd.  
Sarasota, FL 34243  
941-960-2942  
3737 Bahia Vista St.  
Sarasota, FL 34232  
941-952-5646

**HANDCRAFTED HARDWOOD FURNITURE FOR EVERY ROOM OF YOUR HOME**

**DUTCHHAUSFURNITURE.COM**



371324-1

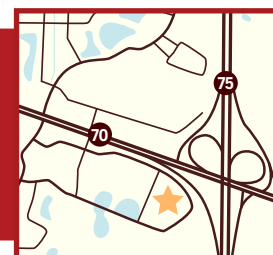
## “Élan Manatee has given me a new life and purpose.”

At first, I was unsure about moving into senior living. But now I couldn't be happier. All the staff and people you meet at Élan are friendly, the community is clean, the food is delicious, and on top of it all, they keep us healthy and active. I've made many good friends. Thanks to Élan, I look forward to each day.

– Veva M.  
Assisted Living Resident



Schedule your tour today to  
claim your **SPECIAL RATE!**  
**941-840-5176**



7375 Stone River Rd, Bradenton, FL 34203 • [www.ElanManatee.com](http://www.ElanManatee.com)



ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY ID # 13316

School District. “I tell people it’s like having a baby. It’s such an unbelievable experience — something you’ll never forget.”

Public charter schools operate under a performance contract, or a “charter” with the state, which frees the school from traditional public school regulations while holding them accountable for academic and financial results. Jon Hage, onetime head of research for former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush’s public policy organization, founded Charter Schools USA in 1997. A for-profit entity, Charter Schools USA operates schools in five states across the Southeast, including 14 Florida districts. It has one other school in Manatee County — Manatee Charter School in Bradenton.

Florida is a national leader in approving public charter schools, which can be controversial in some states. That’s partially due to the counter-intuitive nature, with curriculums that sometimes focus on certain disciplines, from science to arts. Lakewood Ranch Prep, for example, is utilizing the WISH model, which stands for wellness, innovation, science and health. Some highlights of the WISH program include personalized learning plans; learning villages; partnerships with community members, organizations and businesses; and health science studies.

Beyond that, the school’s north star, says Warren, is individualized education. “We want to teach kids where they’re at. We’re not a one-size-fits-all school.”

That go-their-own-way, non-traditional approach to education has been divisive in some states, such as New York — and sometimes Florida — but has also won charter schools many fans. That includes not only administrators, but teachers and parents. Charter schools, by statute, have lotteries for student enrollment. Lakewood Ranch Prep, with an initial enrollment in K-sixth grades and ninth grade of 740 students, had some 1,500 applications, and there’s a waitlist for every grade.

One excited Lakewood Ranch Prep parent is Country Club East resident Eleni Gagnon. A Long Island transplant, Gagnon and her husband began tracking the progress of Lakewood



Cheryl Cendan worked in curriculum administration for the Manatee County School District among other posts in her education career. Bradley Warren says the teachers they interviewed sought more autonomy, more freedom within learning approaches and a deeper connection with students.

### CHARTER SCHOOL PRINCIPLES

Bradley Warren, one of two principals at Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy, says a key to a charter school’s success is not being shackled by traditional public schools, “which do things because that’s the way it’s always been done.”

But charter schools aren’t without a regulatory structure. The Florida Legislature, in authorizing the creation of public charter schools, established the following guiding principles:

- High standards of student achievement while increasing parental choice.
- The alignment of responsibility with accountability.
- Ensuring parents receive information on reading levels and learning gains of their children.

Ranch Prep in early 2022. They met with Cendan and Warren and quickly signed up their 5-year-old daughter, Mia, for kindergarten.

One aspect that stood out to the Gagnons? The village concept, where a team of teachers has a group of students in learning pods with flexible seating. Those teachers collaborate and plan together. And the Gagnons were sold not only on the school’s mission, but on Cendan and Warren. “A lot of schools can have the bells and whistles, but it takes strong leaders to make it work,” says Eleni Gagnon. “We really felt their passion.”

That excitement stretches to teachers, too. Cendan says recruiting teachers, given the statewide shortage, was far easier than they thought. Many prospective teachers reached out to the school after seeing Facebook posts about it — even before recruitment ads went out.

Warren says many of the teachers they interviewed shared a similar story: in looking for a new school, they sought more autonomy, more freedom within learning approaches and a deeper connection with students.

“We don’t want very good teachers,” says Warren. “We want great teachers.”

“  
*It’s so exciting to open a new school. I tell people it’s like having a baby. It’s such an unbelievable experience—something you’ll never forget.*

**CHERYL CENDAN**

“  
*We want to teach kids where they’re at. We’re not a one-size-fits-all school.*

**BRADLEY WARREN**



# Matching You & Your Home to *Your Lifestyle*



With so many beautiful neighborhoods in Lakewood Ranch, how do you choose? Whether you are seeking an active community with amenities such as golf, tennis & pickleball, or desire a tranquil retreat, Donna will provide all the assistance needed to make a great buying decision even if you choose to build your new home!

Donna is a Lakewood Ranch resident with over 24 years of experience as a Luxury Home Specialist. A longstanding professional and certified stager, she will help your home show like a model and sell in record time!

As the #1 selling Agent for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Realty Lakewood Ranch office who sold \$24 million in 2021, Donna has a proven track record. Her integrity, dedication and enthusiasm for the real estate profession makes her the clear choice when Buying or Selling in the greater Lakewood Ranch area.

## DONNA WROBEL

***Your Luxury Home Specialist***

#1 Realtor in LWR  
2019, 2020 & 2021 for

**BERKSHIRE  
HATHAWAY**

HomeServices Florida Realty

### **CONTACT**

8319 Market St | Lakewood Ranch

**941.518.7950 | [www.donnasellssarasota.com](http://www.donnasellssarasota.com)**

[donna.sarasotarealestate@yahoo.com](mailto:donna.sarasotarealestate@yahoo.com)



Derek Nelson, franchise owner with AR Homes Sarasota/Nelson Homes, says that requests for multigenerational homes are becoming more prevalent.

Photo by Lori Sax

# Under One Roof

Lakewood Ranch is at the heart of a nationwide trend of multiple generations living in one home.

BY MARK GORDON  
CONTRIBUTOR

**L**ike thousands of Northeast-ers, New Jersey resident Janice Markell thought her life plan might eventually take her to Florida. Someday.

She just didn't think it would happen so fast, in spring 2021, not long after she turned 60. And she never thought her Florida relocation would take place in a custom-built home designed to provide private quarters for three generations. There's the middle generation — Markell, now 62, and her husband, Don Markell, 75. The couple is sandwiched by their son, Spencer Markell, 27, and Janice's mom, Edna Smith, 92.

"It never occurred to me we would make this move with my mom,"

Markell says. "But then the lockdown happened. And everything changed."

The Markells bought a Stock Development spec house in the Lake Club in Lakewood Ranch in August 2020 for \$1.05 million. The foundation was laid when they bought it, and it was move-in ready for the family seven months later. The 3,100-square-foot house (about 4,000 square feet when including the lanai) was essentially, if not evenly, split into three wings, one for each generation. Edna Smith had her own living room, bedroom and bathroom, and Spencer had his own sitting room, bedroom, and bathroom.

While Spencer has since moved into his own home in Myakka City, the

Markells' move represents a rapidly growing trend in Lakewood Ranch and the surrounding area: multigenerational living, when grandparents, parents and children live in the same home (or at least two of the three.)

The number of Americans who live in multigenerational family households is about four times larger than in the 1970s, according to a March Pew Research Center report. As of March 2021, there were 59.7 million U.S. residents who lived with multiple generations under one roof.

"It's certainly becoming more prevalent," says Derek Nelson, franchise

*Continued on Page 40*



# Advice for what matters most, when you need it most

Congratulations to Joseph M. Adamchak for being named to the *Forbes* “Best-in-State Wealth Advisors” 2022 list.

Working with a dedicated advisor means you get personalized investment strategies from Merrill plus access to the broader banking capabilities, tools and technology only Bank of America can deliver.



## Adamchak & Associates

### Joseph M. Adamchak, CPFA®

Senior Vice President  
Senior Financial Advisor  
Portfolio Manager

941.741.2401  
joseph\_adamchak@ml.com

## Merrill Lynch Wealth Management

1401 Manatee Avenue West  
Floor 7  
Bradenton, FL 34205

941.413.4510  
fa.ml.com/abwm



Data provided by SHOOK® Research, LLC. Data as of 6/30/21. Source: Forbes.com (April, 2022). *Forbes* Best-in-State Wealth Advisors ranking was developed by SHOOK Research and is based on in-person, virtual, and telephone due diligence meetings to measure best practices; also considered are: client retention, industry experience, credentials, review of compliance records, firm nominations; and quantitative criteria, such as: assets under management and revenue generated for their firms. Investment performance is not a criterion because client objectives and risk tolerances vary, and advisors rarely have audited performance reports. SHOOK's research and rankings provide opinions intended to help investors choose the right financial advisor and are not indicative of future performance or representative of any one client's experience. Past performance is not an indication of future results. Neither *Forbes* nor SHOOK Research receive compensation in exchange for placement on the ranking. Rankings are based on the opinions of *Forbes* and not representative nor indicative of any one client's experience, future performance, or investment outcome and should not be construed as an endorsement of the advisor. For more information, please see [www.SHOOKresearch.com](http://www.SHOOKresearch.com). SHOOK is a registered trademark of SHOOK Research, LLC.

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (also referred to as "MLPF&S" or "Merrill") makes available certain investment products sponsored, managed, distributed or provided by companies that are affiliates of Bank of America Corporation ("BofA Corp."). MLPF&S is a registered broker-dealer, registered investment adviser, Member SIPC and a wholly owned subsidiary of BofA Corp.

Banking products are provided by Bank of America, N.A., Member FDIC and a wholly owned subsidiary of BofA Corp.

Investment products: **Are Not FDIC Insured** **Are Not Bank Guaranteed** **May Lose Value**

The Bull Symbol and Merrill are registered trademarks of Bank of America Corporation.

A Portfolio Manager can help clients pursue their objectives by managing on a discretionary basis his own Personalized or Defined Strategies, which may incorporate individual stocks and bonds, Merrill model portfolios, and third-party investment strategies.

© 2022 Bank of America Corporation. All rights reserved.

MAP3577803 | AD-05-22-0015 | 472538PM-0621 | 05/2022

382721-1

owner with AR Homes Sarasota/Nelson Homes. “We’ve seen a lot of this and have been designing that kind of home for more and more people.”

David Hunihan, a longtime Lakewood Ranch homebuilder and CEO of Lee Wetherington Homes, has seen the trend bubbling up for years, but of late, multigenerational housing, he says, has “become more culturally acceptable.”

“You see kids living with their parents longer,” Hunihan adds, “and parents making conscious decisions to buy a house to live with their kids.”

Both A.R. Homes and Lee Wetherington Homes are approved builders in one of the newest communities in Lakewood Ranch to promote multigenerational housing, Star Farms at Lakewood Ranch. John Cannon Homes is another builder at Star Farms, a 700-acre gated community with room for 1,500 residences, in a mix of homes, villas and townhomes. Amenities for Star Farms, in the northeast section of Lakewood Ranch, between State Road 64 and 44th Avenue East, are planned to include a club, fitness center, resort-style pool, dog park, an event lawn and trails.

The developer of Star Farms is Forestar Group, a subsidiary of D.R. Horton that has projects in 55 markets in 23 states and delivered nearly 17,000 lots in 2021. Construction of Star Farms, where D.R. Horton is also a builder, got underway in early 2021. Plans include nearly 300 homes in the first phase, with up to 25 floor plans.

“Builders have designed floor plans that allow residents to balance togetherness and privacy,” Forestar West Florida Division President Tony Squitieri says in an email response to questions.

As of mid-June, A.R. Homes had sold three homes in Star Farms, and a fourth was under contract — all in the \$2.5 million to \$3.5 million range, Nelson says. While none of those homes was built specifically to cater to multiple generations, Nelson says the topic has come up often in conversations with clients. Ditto for Hunihan.

Nelson and Hunihan both say at the price level of custom homes, multigenerational floor plans and designs, for the most part, are there for the asking. “As a custom builder we can handle virtually any custom size house,” Hunihan says, “as long as we can fit it



Courtesy photo  
Lee Wetherington Homes' new model floorplan, the Solstice, is designed to easily be modified to include an in-law suite.

## MULTIGENERATIONAL LIVING: WHAT IS IT?

A multigenerational residence houses two or more generations of a family living under one roof. It can be as simple as parents living with their adult children, or as complex as parents, grandparents and great-great-grandparents sharing the same dwelling. Here are a few tips to make it work:

- **A place to age in place.** Dedicate at least one floor or wing for older adults — without stairs. Wide hallways and doorways are a plus.
- **Define personal spaces with separate suites.** A multigenerational home means constant foot traffic. Ideally, each suite should have separate entrances and ensuite bathrooms. A living room and kitchenette per suite create even more privacy.
- **Flexible space:** The final frontier. Flex or bonus rooms can be used as flexible workout and office spaces — separate from the common areas of the rest of the house.

in the home site and it fits the budget.”

Builders note several reasons for the surge in multigenerational housing. Three of the big ones, says Squitieri, are developing closer family relationships; increased living costs; and aging-at-home trends for seniors.

“Multigenerational living offers families convenient places and activities to interact with one another and helps mitigate rising living and health care costs,” Squitieri says.

That’s certainly true with the Markells, in the Lake Club. Janice Markell says the emotional scars of having her mom in an assisted living facility during heavy Northeast lockdowns were raw. It motivated the family to think about Florida fast — a decision they don’t regret.

“The only way this move could work would be if my mom could stay with us,” Markell says. “This fit our family perfectly.”



# schemmel soda group



We are honored to have ranked among RealTrends  
2022 America's Best Real Estate Professionals.



# 1

*Team by Sales  
Volume in  
Sarasota and  
Manatee counties*

# 14

*Medium Team by Sales  
Volume in Florida*

# 119

*Medium Team by Transaction  
Sides in Florida*

Premier | **Sotheby's**  
INTERNATIONAL REALTY



To learn more about our team of professionals, our  
record-breaking luxury sales, current listings and  
how we can work for you, scan the QR code.

**DONNA SODA, REALTOR®**  
941.961.5857

**JOEL SCHEMMEL, J.D., REALTOR®**  
941.587.4894

**[SCHEMMELSODAGROUP.COM](https://www.schemmelsodagroup.com)**



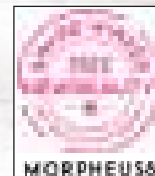
Award winning Sirius Spa, Salon & Med Spas featuring Botox, Fillers, RF Microneedling, Body Contouring, IPL, Laser Hair Removal, Expert Massage Therapy, Lash Extensions, Facial Treatments, and Full Service Hair & Nail Salon featuring Highlights, Master Cuts, Balayage, Hair Extensions and more.



## NOW OFFERING

State of the Art Technology in:

- MORPHEUS8 RF Microneedling,
- MORPHEUS8 Body Contouring,
- LUMECCA IPL and
- DIOLAZEXL Laser Hair Removal



**Join us in Celebration!**

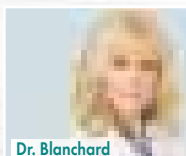
To Learn More  
and RSVP visit



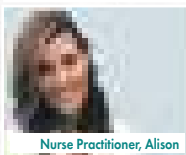
**Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>  
5-7pm**

at the LWR Location

**Live MORPHEUS8  
Demos, Champagne,  
One night offers and  
Gift Bags for attendees!**



Dr. Blanchard



Nurse Practitioner, Alison



Darya Hansen, DNP, ARNP

**941.357.4611**  
**SiriusDaySpas.com**

2 SERVICES FOR  
**\$139\***  
OR  
**15% OFF\*\***  
ANY SINGLE SERVICE

**Cherry**

GET OUR MOST POPULAR  
TREATMENTS  
NOW AND  
PAY LATER  
with Cherry  
Payment Plans,  
starting at \$19/month



LAKEWOOD RANCH  
11585 E STATE RD 70  
LAKEWOOD RANCH, FL

UTC  
8512 COOPER CREEK BLVD.  
UNIVERSITY PARK, FL

\*First time guests only. (See Siriusdayspas.com for list of services for 2 for \$139 intro offer) \*\*Not including MedSpa Services. MM38522, MM39300





# PULSE

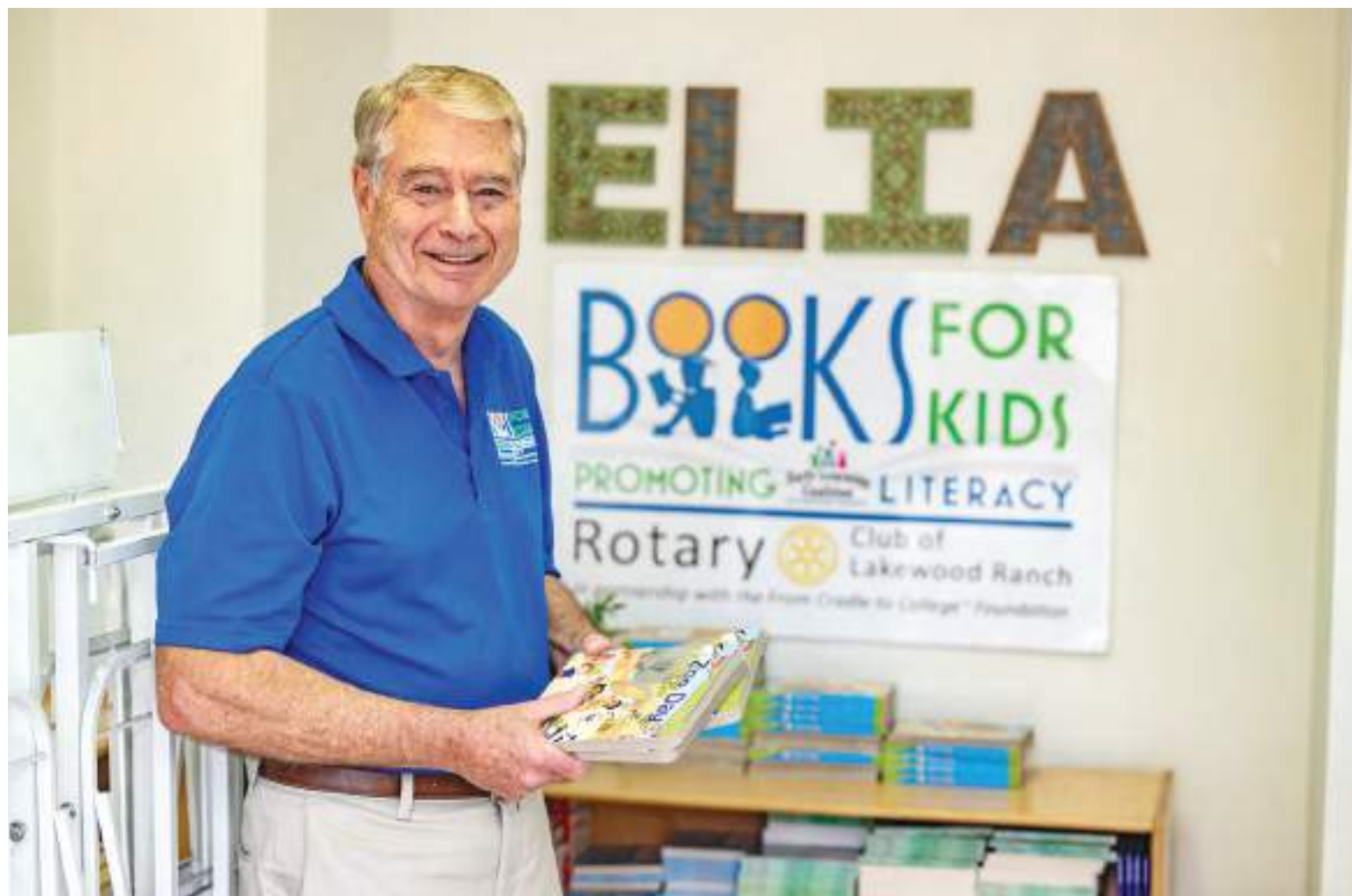
THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Through their Books for Kids program, Rotarians spread the joy of reading.

**PAGE 44**



# charity snapshot



Ted Lindenberg launched the Books for Kids initiative as part of the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch.

Photos by Lori Sax

## Once Upon a Time

A retired educator who moved to Lakewood Ranch in 2010, Ted Lindenberg is a fervent advocate for childhood literacy — one book and one child at a time.

BY ERIC SNIDER | CONTRIBUTOR

In January 2020, Ted Lindenberg was conducting field work for his role as director of Books for Kids in the second-grade classroom at Oneco Elementary. A retired elementary school educator, Lindenberg mixed easily with the children. As he stopped to meet each student, he asked one young girl how she was doing.

"I had the impression she was a happy child, happy at home, happy in school, and she was very verbal," Lin-

denberg recalls. "She said to me that she liked school, except when reading period began — then, she said, 'I get upset.' I asked, 'Why? You're doing such a great job.' She said, 'I struggle with reading. I want to be able to do it.'"

"That spurred me even more to help these girls and boys."

Not that Lindenberg needed the extra motivation. In 2010, after retiring and

*Continued on Page 46*



# Block the heat, not your view!

## 3M™ Solar, Safety & Decorative Window Films



### GET 3M PROTECTED

by your  
Local Certified Dealer

**3M**

Authorized Window Film Dealer  
Prestige Dealer Network

**FREE  
ESTIMATES**

### \$100 OFF

with installation  
of 150 sq. ft. or more

### \$200 OFF

with installation  
of 550 sq. ft. or more

LWR Life Offer

# nbiSUNCONTROL.com

## Call Now! 941-360-8500

moving to Lakewood Ranch from suburban New York City, he joined several charitable organizations, among them the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch. Three years later, he approached the leadership about starting a program under the Rotary umbrella whose mission would be to raise the reading levels of elementary school students.

And just like that Books for Kids was born.

Lindenberg zeroed in on Title I schools, in which 40% of the students come from low-income families. Books for Kids now serves all 10 of the Title I elementary schools in Manatee County and two in Sarasota County.

The first year, Books For Kids had five volunteers and distributed 600 books to about 100 students in first to third grades. By 2019, the charity had grown to include 125 volunteers, many of whom visited classrooms to read aloud, lead discussions, and gift each student with a new book. The initiative collectively distributed 25,000 books to 130 classrooms that year.

Many of the children served by Books for Kids do not read proficiently. Based on 2022 standardized test scores, 49% of third graders in Manatee County read at grade level, compared to 66% in Sarasota County and 53% statewide. In 2019, 58% of third graders in Florida passed the test. The five-point drop is attributed in large part to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lindenberg and his volunteers are fervent about promoting childhood literacy. It's a problem that waxes and wanes but never seems to go away. Kindergarten through third grade are crucial years, he says, because after that it's extremely difficult for the student to catch up. This deficiency creates a domino effect that adversely influences the youngster's performance in other classes and in life.

Just two months after Lindenberg's memorable visit to Oneco Elementary, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic put a halt to the classroom reading sessions. But Books for Kids forged on delivering books to schools. Some volunteers switched to conducting individual tutoring sessions via Zoom. And a few, including Judy Handleman, arranged in-person lessons. Once a week, the retired elementary school teacher drove the 15 miles from her home in Lakewood Ranch to the Palmetto Branch Library, where she met Elsa Vargas and her



Photo by Lori Sax

son Zion for reading instruction. Soon enough, Vargas' other son Lester and daughter Mirza were joining in.

"It was difficult because the three kids read at different levels, but we did pretty well under the circumstances," says Handleman, who taught for 17 years in inner city schools in Kansas City. She used visual aids to reinforce her vocabulary lessons. For instance, the word "calm" required a photo of a relaxed person for the kids to understand it.

But words were just the start. The youngsters needed to learn how to write them in a sentence as well as comprehend the meaning of written passages, among other tasks — all to attain their requisite reading level. Vargas, who moved to Palmetto from Guatemala in 2011 and heard about Books For Kids through her children's school, is grateful for the program. "I had to face reality that I could not always be mom and teacher at the same time," she says. "Any help that someone can give to improve my kids' reading is welcome."

The steady growth of Books for Kids is due in part to a basic yet work-intensive logistical system. The non-profit pays a distributor \$2 per book. The team selects titles that appeal to the wide range of interests among the children, most of whom are minorities. "Mango," "Abuela and Me," "I Love My Hair," and "It's Brave to Be Kind" are just a few examples from the hundreds

of titles available.

The books are stored in the annex of a building in Palmetto, where teams of Rotarians come once a month to open boxes, put labels on books and place them in bags. Pre-COVID, the in-class volunteers would bring the bags during their visits, but once the pandemic hit, volunteer Rotarians drove each of the bags to the appropriate school.

Lindenberg says that the program's annual budget is approximately \$60,000, which is used to buy books, supplies and pay rent on the storage space. All of the money is donated. Not a single person collects a penny for their efforts.

In 2021, Books for Kids delivered 33,000 books to 181 classrooms. In March 2022, the program surpassed a milestone by distributing its 100,000th book.

Books For Kids' volunteers are due back in classrooms full-force for the 2022-23 school year. In June, Lindenberg said his goal was to send 150 volunteers out to conduct reading lessons, as well as to add a one-on-one, once-a-week tutoring program for kindergartners.

Lindenberg reckons that he puts in about three hours a day for Books For Kids. He takes weekends off.

"My wife says to me, 'You're retired. Why do you want to run a whole business now?'" he says with a laugh. "But the important thing is that I love it, and I believe that we're making a difference."

Volunteer Judy Handleman shares a book with Ariel Trego at a Books for Kids' event in July at The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature.

If you're interested in volunteering or donating, contact Ted Lindenberg directly at 845-304-5793 or stlind88@icloud.com. To learn more about Books for Kids, visit [FLBooksForKids.org](http://FLBooksForKids.org).



# Welcome to Inspired Living



Our team members are specially trained to support the more than 100 areas of possible needs for our residents. Add gourmet, restaurant-style, all-day dining, weekly housekeeping, a full calendar of events, concierge and resort amenities and you have the perfect recipe for a life well lived. This is the reason why so many wonderful residents call us home.



**We take care of Moms and Dads**



941.782.9235 | [www.InspiredLiving.Care](http://www.InspiredLiving.Care)

5424 Lena Road Bradenton, FL 34211



ALF #AL12727



**Florida Resort-Style Assisted Living & Memory Care**

*class act*

# The Band Plays On

Joe Miller, the founder of the Lakewood Ranch Wind Ensemble, inherited his father's love for music — and for passing it on.

BY SPENCER FORDIN | CONTRIBUTOR

Legacy means everything to Joe Maciariello Miller, who can trace his family ties and his life in music all the way back to the old country.

Miller, the founder of the Lakewood Ranch Wind Ensemble, has been playing cornet since he was a child. He was trained by his father, Chris Miller, who in turn had been trained by an Italian musician named Fred Amodeo.

Amodeo, the leader of the community band in Mechanicville, N.Y., became a huge influence in the lives of the Millers, who would both ultimately inherit the band from him. And, with the band, they also inherited a treasury of sheet music, a snare drum and a set of cymbals.

"Traditionally, the guy who conducts the band was a cornet player because you could play and conduct at the same time if you were performing a march," says Miller. "You had to have the music and you had to have the bass drum and cymbals. That had to be in your bailiwick to be the leader. And when you passed, the next cornet player stepped up."

Chris Miller led the Mechanicville City Band for three decades, and he instilled a lifelong love of music in his son. But that love didn't come immediately. Joe Miller says that, until he reached a level of proficiency, it wasn't fun.



Photos by Lori Sax

After six months of daily practice, Joe Miller finally started to understand his father's passion for music and performance.

*Continued on Page 50*



# GET THE **BEST AIR CONDITIONING, PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL SERVICE**

 /CallTodayCoolToday



**Beat The Heat**

**ONLY \$59\***

**A/C TUNE-UP**

Includes our 6 Month  
No breakdown guarantee

\*With recommended repairs  
Must be presented at time of service. Cannot be combined with any other offers.

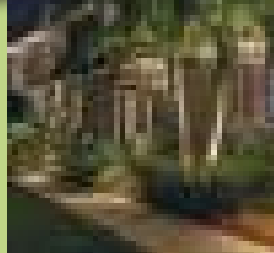


**No Drain Pain**

**ONLY \$99\***

**ANY TIME  
DRAIN CLEANING**  
Residential Drain Cleaning Only

\*Some restrictions and fees may apply if access is limited.  
Excluding main drain line. Cannot be combined with any other offers.



**Bright Nights**

**BOGO\***

**LANDSCAPE LIGHTS**

Buy one light, get one free!  
Up to 3 BOGO deals per customer.

\*Must be presented at time of service. Cannot be combined with any other offers.

**CoolToday™**  
CAC055539

PlumbingToday. EnergyToday  
Electricians



**Call Today. CoolToday.™**  
**941-208-6454**

**CoolToday.com**

Call Today to Schedule Your Appointment!  
Never an Overtime Charge • 7 Days a Week

377881-1



**Siesta Key Campus**  
**Pre-K - Grade 5**

**Uihlein Campus**  
**in Lakewood Ranch**  
**Grades 6 - 12**



**LEARN MORE**

**941-203-3640**

**ODA.edu/discover**

370420-1

# WELLNESS

**100% COLLEGE  
ACCEPTANCE**



“It was tough. I hated it at first. He was demanding and made me memorize everything. And part of it was having me sing,” says Miller of his father. “I realized later that was all part of my musical development.” After six months of daily practice, Miller finally started to understand his father’s passion for music and performance. “Once I could play, I started enjoying it. And one day it just happened — a real aha moment — and then I couldn’t get enough of it.”

Miller was 12 years old when he joined the Mechanicville City Band. A lifetime as a professional musician and educator is where he was headed — but that didn’t happen right away. After high school, he earned a bachelor’s in mathematics and physics from Siena College in 1964, and a master’s in physics from SUNY Albany in 1965. He then spent seven years working for General Electric in various positions. Additionally, while at GE, he earned a master’s in operations research/statistics from Union College in 1969. In 1972 he left GE to work on his doctorate in systems engineering at Union College, where he was an adjunct professor of operations research and statistics for 11 years, from 1972 to 1983. In 1975, he switched careers and went into music education. (He retired from teaching in 1998 at the age of 56.) When his father died in 1987, Miller inherited the band’s treasury of sheet music and its drums.

But that wasn’t all he inherited. Miller inherited a passion to keep the music going — and to create a band of his own. He founded the Capitol Region Wind Ensemble in 1994, and it still exists to this day. Ten years later, he and his wife of 58 years, Madeline, moved to Venice, where he performed with the Venice Symphony Orchestra and founded the Venice Circus Band.

He happily remained in Venice for 15 years, living a life filled with music until 2019, when he and Madeline moved to Lakewood Ranch. That’s when he began to plant the seeds for the Lakewood Ranch Wind Ensemble. Miller hand-selected some of the top players in the region to audition. From the start, he set the bar high, which served as a natural filter for who made the grade. “This area is home to outstanding musicians who have had no-



### FAST (AND FUN) FACTS

- By age 12, Miller had memorized and could perform all the material in the “Arban-Clarke Method for Cornet and Trumpet.”
- Miller has performed with Carol Channing, Diane Carroll, Steve Lawrence and Edie Gorme, Sonny and Cher, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Robert Shaw Chorale, Engelbert Humperdinck, Don Rickles, Tom Jones, Liberace, Jerry Lewis, Ed McMahon, Perry Como, Ben Vereen and Rita Moreno — to name a few.
- Miller is also an active boater, with a 41-foot Sea Ray Sundancer and has earned his U.S. Merchant Marine 50-ton Master Captain’s License.

table careers and those were the musicians I was looking for,” he says. Miller explains that the band comprises 40 musicians and has had about 60 members in rotation at different times.

The Lakewood Ranch Wind Ensemble gave its premiere performance in November 2019 to an audience of 300 people at Our Lady of the Angels Church Hall in Lakewood Ranch. Miller was thrilled that the celebrated composer and pianist Dick Hyman was in the audience to hear his composition “Down Home Melody,” which was performed during the concert.

When COVID-19 hit, the new band lost its 2020 and 2021 seasons, but Miller says it’s finally hitting its stride in 2022. In the past several months, the ensemble has grown and deepened its roster. It now calls Peace Presbyterian Church in Lakewood Ranch its full-time home and gives five performances annually there. In the past several months, the ensemble performed at the Sarasota Opera House for the Choral Artists of Sarasota’s “American Fanfare” July Fourth concert and at the Memorial Day Concert at the Sarasota National Cemetery, along

with two concerts at Peace Presbyterian. Miller says the group will perform five concerts in the 2022-2023 season.

Miller, who has been playing the horn for 70 years, finally feels like he’s in the right place.

He has a crack group of musicians hungry to reach a high level of artistry, and he’s made his father proud by always remembering his roots in music. The sheet music passed down from Fred Amodeo? Well, it’s still being used by the wind ensemble all these years later.

“I’ve always felt I had an obligation to pass the music on,” says Miller. “My father’s love of music has traveled with me throughout my life, and it’s a joy to bring that to others.” Miller pauses and then reflects on how far he’s come since he was that 10-year-old boy learning from his father.

Has he mastered his craft?

“Mastery is a moving target,” he says. “Every time I pick up the horn and play it, I learn something new. And anybody that’s worth their salt, they’ll tell you the same thing. We’re always learning.”

Joe Miller says he’s always felt he had an obligation to pass the music on.

“*Mastery is a moving target. Every time I pick up the horn and play it, I learn something new. And anybody that’s worth their salt, they’ll tell you the same thing. We’re always learning.*”

JOE MILLER





## PLUMBING & AIR

ELECTRICAL & WATER TREATMENT

*The Home Service Pros Who Care*



***The Area's most Trusted  
Name since 1974***

### New AC System Starting at **\$4,800!**

**+ 12 Months 0% Financing Available!**

Some restrictions apply. This offer applies to a 1.5 T, 14 SEER HVAC System with heat strip and thermostat included. Includes reconnection to existing ductwork, wiring, refrigerant piping and drain. Not valid on prior purchases and cannot combine offers. Limited time offer. Contact Aqua Plumbing & Air for details. Offer expires 10/31/22.

### **\$250 OFF** Whole House Water Treatment System

Cannot be combined with other offers.  
Contact Aqua Plumbing & Air for details. Offer expires 10/31/22.

### **\$100 OFF** Reme Halo Air Purifier

Cannot be combined with other offers.  
Contact Aqua Plumbing & Air for details. Offer expires 10/31/22.

### **FREE** Water Quality Analysis (\$99 value)

Cannot be combined with other offers. Must present coupon at time of service. Contact Aqua Plumbing & Air for details.  
Offer expires 10/31/22.

**CALL NOW!** 941.866.6210

or visit [www.AquaPlumbingSarasota.com](http://www.AquaPlumbingSarasota.com)



Lic # CAC1816020 • PLbg CFC1428223 • Elec EC13009313

**SEE HOW MUCH MORE YOU CAN SAVE!!**



Air Conditioning



Plumbing



Electrical



Water Treatment

# calendar fall 2022

## SEPTEMBER

### SEPT. 2

#### MUSIC ON MAIN

This monthly event returns on Lakewood Ranch's Main Street from 6-9 p.m. Enjoy a free concert by Frequency M, food vendors, beer trucks and kids activities. Proceeds will benefit Birds of Paradise Sanctuary.

■ Visit [LakewoodRanch.com](http://LakewoodRanch.com).

### SEPT. 4

#### THE MARKET AT LAKEWOOD RANCH

The Market at Lakewood Ranch, featuring fresh vegetables, produce, baked goods, honey, guacamole, pastas and more, along with ready-to-eat foods like empanadas, fresh bagels, donuts, barbecue, and hot and cold coffee from local vendors. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Waterside Place, 1561 Lakefront Drive, Sarasota. Continues every Sunday.

■ Visit [TheMarketLWR.com](http://TheMarketLWR.com).

### YOGA IN THE PARK

Join a free yoga session at 9 a.m. at Waterside Park, 1561 Lakefront Drive, Sarasota. Bring your own mat and water bottle. Continues every Sunday.

■ Visit [LakewoodRanch.com](http://LakewoodRanch.com).

### SEPT. 8

#### LWR 101: NEW RESIDENT ORIENTATION

This event introduces you to Lakewood Ranch's history, clubs, governance and other features of the community. It will be held virtually on the Lakewood Ranch Community Activities Facebook page from 6-6:30 p.m. Also takes place Oct. 13 and Nov. 10.

■ Visit [MyLWR.com](http://MyLWR.com).

### SEPT. 10

#### WELLNESS EXPO

This interactive health event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. will feature more than 40 exhibitors in health and wellness, as well as free health screenings, product samples, demos and more at The Mall at University Town Center, 140 University Town Center, Sarasota. Admission is free.

■ Visit [MallAtUTC.com](http://MallAtUTC.com).



File photos

Scott Short hands off his rose at the 2021 Real Men Wear Pink Fashion Show.

### SEPT. 15

#### EAST MEETS WEST EXPO

Runs from 4:30-7 p.m. at Roberts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota. The Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance and the Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce combine to offer the East Meets West Regional Business Expo, which features more than 70 regional businesses. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door.

■ Visit [EastMeetsWestExpo.com](http://EastMeetsWestExpo.com).

### UTC NIGHT MARKET

UTC's monthly night market continues from 7-10 p.m. at the West District at UTC, 125 N. Cattlemen Road, Sarasota. Enjoy live music and more than 35 local vendors selling gifts, jewelry, art, handmade goods and more.

■ Visit [MallAtUTC.com](http://MallAtUTC.com).

### SEPT. 24

#### CENTERSTONE LIFE; STORY RUN/WALK

Run or walk in Centerstone's 17th annual 5K/10K at Nathan Benderson Park, 5851 Nathan Benderson

Circle, Sarasota, to raise awareness of depression, share that suicide is preventable and erase the stigma around seeking help for mental illness. The run is also available virtually. On-site registration begins at 5:30 a.m. The kids race begins at 7 a.m., an opening ceremony is at 7:30 a.m., the 10K run starts at 7:45 a.m., and the 5K run and walk starts at 7:55 a.m. The Life:Story Program and Awards follows the races, beginning at 9 a.m.

■ Visit [Centerstone.org/about/lifestory](http://Centerstone.org/about/lifestory).

### CRAFT FAIR

Visitors to Mixon Fruit Farms can peruse booths from more than 20 vendors offering jewelry, pottery and other handmade items from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the farm, 2525 27th St. E., Bradenton.

■ Visit [Mixon.com](http://Mixon.com).

### REAL MEN WEAR PINK FASHION SHOW

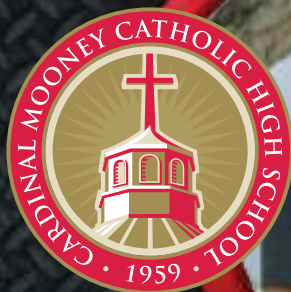
The Mall at University Town Center will unveil its Real Men Wear Pink of

*Continued on Page 54*



# You Belong Here!

Be a part  
of our  
Community



- Rigorous College Prep Curriculum
- 100% College Acceptance
- AP Capstone Diploma/18 AP Courses
- Excellent Art and Athletic Programs

**941.371.4917**

**[www.cmhs-sarasota.org](http://www.cmhs-sarasota.org)**

Accepting applications for  
2023/24 school year



385968-1



## St. Martha Catholic School

Pre-School, Elementary and Middle School



### DISCOVER A **STREAM** OF REASONS FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

St. Martha Catholic School creates an environment that encourages problem solving, collaboration, student-led inquiry and hands-on projects. Our Catholic faith is woven through all subjects and grade levels, promoting a culture of innovation and ethical action.



**SCHEDULE A PRIVATE TOUR**

**(941) 953-4181** Mrs. Maria Smith  
Admissions Director

4380 Fruitville Road Sarasota, FL 34232  
[www.stmarthaschool.net](http://www.stmarthaschool.net)

Strength in Faith • Excellence in Knowledge • Character in Service

372293-1

Continued from Page 52

Sarasota and Manatee candidates during this high-energy fashion show benefiting the fight against breast cancer. The event is from 6-7:30 p.m. at The Mall at University Town Center, 140 University Town Center Drive, Sarasota. Admission is \$30.

■ Visit [Cancer.org](http://Cancer.org).

## OCTOBER

### OCT. 5

#### RANCH NITE WEDNESDAYS

Enjoy this gathering at Waterside Place from 6-9 p.m. every Wednesday. This casual event features new food trucks and a dessert truck each week, live music from local artists, a vintage mobile bar, a market with rotating vendors and the second largest recreational cornhole league in the nation.

■ Visit [LakewoodRanch.com](http://LakewoodRanch.com).

### OCT. 5-9

#### OKTOBERFEST AT EDELWEISS

Restaurant Edelweiss, at 611 Manatee Ave. E., Bradenton, hosts its annual Oktoberfest, featuring live German entertainment, vendors, and plenty of German food and beer. Admission is free.

■ Visit [EdelweissBradenton.com](http://EdelweissBradenton.com).

### OCT. 7

#### MUSIC ON MAIN

This monthly event returns on Lakewood Ranch's Main Street from 6-9 p.m. Enjoy a free concert by Trevor Bystrom Band, food vendors, beer trucks and kids activities. Proceeds will benefit Coldwell Banker Cares Foundation.

■ Visit [LakewoodRanch.com](http://LakewoodRanch.com).

### OCT. 9

#### OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK

The Out of the Darkness Walk, a journey of hope and support, begins at 9 a.m. at Nathan Benderson Park, 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota, benefiting the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Registration is free; donations are accepted.

■ Visit [AFSP.org](http://AFSP.org).

### OCT. 13

#### DESIGNER BAG BINGO

Sisterhood for Good is holding a night of fundraising bingo with designer bags as the prizes. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at Gold Coast Eagle Distributing, 7051



Wireless Court, Sarasota. Tickets are \$85 in advance or \$100 at the door and include three bingo games, wine and beer and a buffet dinner.

■ Visit [SisterhoodForGood.org](http://SisterhoodForGood.org).

### OCT. 15

#### LAUGHTER IN LWR

The stand-up comedy show returns to Grove, 10670 Boardwalk Loop, Lakewood Ranch, for a night of guaranteed laughs. There will be two shows, at 5 and 8 p.m. Drinks will be available for purchase, with no required minimum, though food will not be available. The headliner comedians are Goldiee, Sheila Kay and Phil Palisoul. Tickets are \$55-\$85. Limited tickets to a VIP experience, which includes a pre-show cocktail party and unlimited hors d'oeuvres, are available for an additional \$50.

■ Visit [GroveLWR.com](http://GroveLWR.com).

### OCT. 15-30

#### HUNSADER FARMS PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Hunsader Farms hosts its 31st annual pumpkin festival from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays at 5500 County Road 675, Bradenton. In addition to pumpkins, the festival features crafts, live music, hayrides, food, displays and more. Admission is \$12 for adults and free for children 10 and under. Parking costs \$5.

■ Visit [HunsaderFarms.com](http://HunsaderFarms.com).

### OCT. 16

#### GRAN FONDO RACE

Team Tony's one-day bike race around Florida Farm Bureau Pavilion, 7289 Palmer Blvd., Sarasota. Cyclists can choose a 33-, 62- or 100-mile ride. A 5-mile cruiser ride will also be available this year. The races support people with cancer and their caregivers.

■ Visit [TeamTony.org/gran-fondo-sarasota](http://TeamTony.org/gran-fondo-sarasota).

#### FLORIDA INLINE SKATING MARATHON AND 5K RUN

Run941 and Bont Skates host an Associated World Inline Cup race at Nathan Benderson Park, 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota. Skaters of all ages and levels can choose from a marathon, a half-marathon, a 10K and a 5K, with a purse up to \$20,000. Prices vary by race type and registration date. Proceeds benefit BeTriForUs, a nonprofit that supports athletes with disabilities.

■ Visit [FloridaInlineSkatingMarathon.com](http://FloridaInlineSkatingMarathon.com).

### OCT. 22-23

#### FALL FESTIVAL

From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the east side of The Mall at UTC, 140 University Town Center Drive, Sarasota, enjoy a fall festival with vendors, food trucks and perfor-

Going to the Pumpkin Festival is a tradition for Collette Armstrong, Jeanette Armstrong, Cristina Rosas and Lincoln Armstrong, pictured here in 2021.

Continued on Page 56





# Take Care

PRIVATE-DUTY HOME HEALTH CARE

## CELEBRATING 27 YEARS OF CARING

*Take Care was founded in 1995 by Susanne S. Wise, RN, MBA, CEO*

Take Care provides all levels of care—from skilled nursing to helping with groceries and companionship—for clients in any home setting. We remain dedicated to helping you and your loved ones.

Take Care is locally nurse and family-owned with 27 years of experience meeting your health care needs, from one hour of care as needed up to around-the-clock support, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

*Personalized care in your own home has never been more important.*



**(941) 927-2292**  
[www.TakeCareHomeHealth.com](http://www.TakeCareHomeHealth.com)

*Voted Best Home Health since 2012*  
[info@takecarehomehealth.com](mailto:info@takecarehomehealth.com)

Lic. # HHA 21657096 | 299991405



Continued from Page 54

mances. Featured activities include carnival rides, a pumpkin patch, a pet costume contest and more. On Oct. 23, the annual Trunk or Treat event will be held from 4-6 p.m., and the Trick or Treat Parade will be 5-7 p.m.

■ Visit [MallAtUTC.com](http://MallAtUTC.com).

#### **OCT. 22 MAIN STREET MARKET**

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., visit Lakewood Main Street to shop from more than 60 vendors featuring local art, jewelry, retail, food, plants and more. Event continues Nov. 26.

■ Visit [MainStreetMarketLWR.com](http://MainStreetMarketLWR.com).

#### **WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL**

Enjoy the magic of hundreds of lanterns lighting up the lake at Nathan Benderson Park, 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota. Enjoy food trucks and live music starting at 3 p.m., and at 6 p.m. you can design your own eco-friendly lantern. Lanterns launch at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$36 or \$46 after Sept. 30.

■ Visit [WaterLanternFestival.com](http://WaterLanternFestival.com).

#### **OCT. 23 STUFF THE BUS**

A food drive, hosted by Meals on Wheels Plus of Manatee, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at all Publix locations across Manatee County. Donations of nonperishable food items — such as canned fruits and vegetables, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, and boxed rice and pasta — are accepted. All proceeds and food collected will stay in Manatee County.

■ Visit [MealsOnWheelsPlus.org](http://MealsOnWheelsPlus.org).

## **NOVEMBER**

#### **NOV. 4 EMPTY BOWLS**

Come to Lakewood Ranch Main Street to enjoy delicious soup from area restaurants while raising money for the Food Bank of Manatee. Attendees of the event, which runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., will get to enjoy a selection of soups, fresh-baked bread and desserts and take home a hand-painted ceramic bowl.

■ Visit [FoodBankOfManatee.org](http://FoodBankOfManatee.org).

#### **NOV. 4 MUSIC ON MAIN**

This monthly event takes place on Lakewood Ranch's Main Street from 6-9 p.m. Enjoy a free concert by Fris-sion, food vendors, beer trucks and kids activities. Proceeds will benefit the Sisterhood for Good.

■ Visit [LakewoodRanch.com](http://LakewoodRanch.com).

#### **NOV. 5 TIDEWELL TROT 5K**

This 5K and 1-mile run/walk benefiting Tidewell Foundation will be held at Nathan Benderson Park, 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota. The 5K begins at 8 a.m. and the 1-mile run/walk at 8:15 a.m.

■ Visit [TidewellFoundation.org](http://TidewellFoundation.org).

#### **NOV. 5-27 SARASOTA MEDIEVAL FAIR**

Runs each Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Woods of Mallarany, 29847 State Road 70 E., Myakka City. Visitors can enjoy the medieval era through a wide range of family-friendly activities. Features include local artisans, live performances, food vendors and a children's area. A single-day ticket is \$23 for adults; \$20 for students, seniors and military; \$12 for children ages 5-10; and free for children 4 and younger.

■ Visit [SarasotaMedievalFair.com](http://SarasotaMedievalFair.com).

#### **NOV. 6 GULF COAST CYCLEFEST**

The Sarasota Manatee Bicycle Club offers this family-friendly ride, not a race, and riders can choose fully supported routes of 20, 36, 50 or 75 miles. Registration opens at 7 a.m. on Main Street in Lakewood Ranch. Advance registration is recommended. Cost is \$55 or \$60 after Sept. 30.

■ Visit [SMBC.us](http://SMBC.us).

#### **NOV. 12 SUNCOAST FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL**

The Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch hosts the 20th annual event, from 1-4 p.m. at Premier Sports Campus, 5895 Post Blvd., Lakewood Ranch. Tickets include a sampling of wine and food from dozens of the area's finest restaurants, as well as live music, cooking demonstrations and vendor booths. Parking is free. Proceeds to benefit charity through a grant process.

■ Visit [SuncoastFoodAndWineFest.com](http://SuncoastFoodAndWineFest.com).



The Lakewood Ranch Wind Ensemble will perform a Thanksgiving concert this year.

#### **SANTA'S GRAND ARRIVAL**

It's time to get into the holiday spirit with Santa's Grand Arrival. The annual parade and fireworks show kicks off the holiday season at UTC. The celebration, from 6-9 p.m. on Cattle-men Road in front of UTC, will feature live music, themed characters, a light show and more.

■ Visit [MallAtUTC.com](http://MallAtUTC.com).

#### **NOV. 19 UTC OUTDOOR HOLIDAY MARKETS**

Shop local for your friends and family this holiday season. More than 100 local businesses will be open in Parking Lot 8 at The Mall at University Town Center, 140 University Town Center, Sarasota. Event continues Nov. 20, Dec. 3-4 and Dec. 10-11.

■ Visit [MallAtUTC.com](http://MallAtUTC.com).

#### **NOV. 24 FLORIDA TURKEY TROT**

Spend your Thanksgiving Day morning burning prefeast calories while raising funds for The Big Bill Foundation. This 5K run/walk will be held at Nathan Benderson Park, 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota. Other races include a furry friends division, a stroller division, a kids dash and a virtual 5K. Participants will receive a race shirt and a finisher's medal.

■ Visit [RaceRoster.com](http://RaceRoster.com).

#### **NOV. 27 THANKSGIVING CONCERT**

The Lakewood Ranch Wind Ensemble begins its 2022-23 season with a holiday performance at Peace Presbyterian Church, 12705 State Road 64 E., Lakewood Ranch.

■ Visit [LWRWindEnsemble.org](http://LWRWindEnsemble.org).





*Gorgeous Residences. Grand Lifestyle.*

THE LAKE CLUB WINS 22 AWARDS AT THE 2022 PARADE OF HOMES

## GRAND OVERALL COMMUNITY & BEST OVERALL COMMUNITY

The Lake Club offers unrivaled residences by Stock Luxury Homes in Genoa, and magnificent grand estate homes by Stock Custom Homes in this exclusive village. Featuring incredible lake views and unique floor plans from the region's leading luxury homebuilder.



The Lake Club's unparalleled lifestyle includes a regal 20,000-square-foot Grande Clubhouse, spa & fitness, tennis, pickleball, fabulous dining, lifestyle director, concierge, and more.

**Now's the time to tour our award-winning community and models,  
and see why everyone's talking about The Lake Club!**

*The Lake Club*  
AT LAKEWOOD RANCH

*From \$1 million to over \$4 million*

THE LAKE CLUB INFORMATION CENTER: 8307 Lake Club Blvd., Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202 | (941) 907-9088 | [thelakeclublwr.com](http://thelakeclublwr.com)



BROKER PARTICIPATION WELCOMED. ORAL REPRESENTATIONS CANNOT BE RELIED UPON AS CORRECTLY STATING THE REPRESENTATIONS OF THE DEVELOPER. FOR CORRECT REPRESENTATIONS REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY SECTION 718.503, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO BE FURNISHED BY A DEVELOPER TO A BUYER OR LESSEE. NOT AN OFFERING WHERE PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW. PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.  
369762-1



FLStockDevelopment

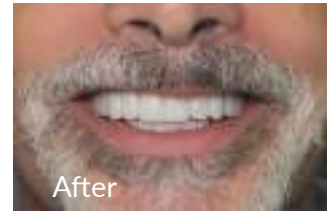
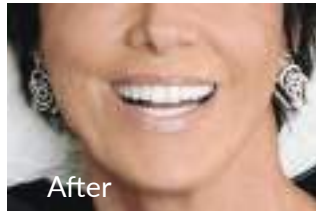


StockDevelopment

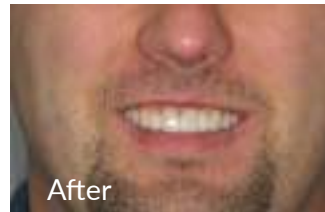
# Cosmetics, Implants and Bite Reconstruction

## Actual Patients

### Smile Makeovers and Veneers



### Dental Implant Surgery and Reconstruction



On-Site Laboratory with Master Technicians to Customize and Control Results

#### Implant Dentistry



**Burr Bakke, DDS**

- Fellow of the American Dental Implant Association
- Fellow of International Congress of Oral Implantologists
- Fellow of the American Academy of Dental Facial Esthetics
- Member of American Academy of Implant Dentistry
- Post Doctoral Instructor of Full Mouth Reconstruction

#### Cosmetic Dentistry



**Jill Morris, DMD**

- Accredited Member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (only 550 accredited dentists worldwide)
- Fellow of the American Academy of Dental Facial Esthetics
- Post Doctoral Instructor of Full Mouth Reconstruction
- Member International Academy of Oral Biological Dentistry and Toxicology
- Practicing dentistry for 33 years

#### Orthodontics



**Cameron Johnson, DMD**

- Member of North American Association of Facial Orthotropics
- Member of the American Orthodontic Society
- Member of the International Association of Orthodontics
- Member of American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine
- International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology





# WORLD CLASS DENTISTRY™

## Real Patients. Real Results.

I heard of Dr. Jill Murray years ago. I was reading through a magazine. Her patient's smiles were beautiful and their teeth were insured for. I studied the before/after results both in the magazine and World Class Dentistry website. It was then that I decided I would save for the smile of my dreams and have new veneers through Dr. Jill. This past year I was able to see a goal fulfilled, and I made the appointment. Dr. Jill and her team made the process easier and simpler than I ever imagined. I felt no discomfort before, during, or after, and the results were immediately remarkable. Having my new veneers and smile have been a game-changer professionally for me in working daily with customers and colleagues. I am confident and self-assured and no longer hiding my smile. People frequently start to tell me what a beautiful smile I have.

I am thankful that I chose Dr. Jill and am grateful for the difference she and her team have made in my life.

Jamie Van Vleet  
Smile Makeover Patient

★★★★★

As a patient, I love Dr. Jill!



Advanced Care and Dental Technology at One Location

Stay Connected With Us [f](#) [@](#) [in](#) [v](#) [G](#) (941) 803-1255 | 3951 Swift Rd., Sarasota, FL 34231

# Fun for Your Feet

Add some flair to your footwear with these fabulous styles.

BY KELLY FORES | CONTRIBUTOR

There's no reason to wear boring shoes, especially in Florida where you can sport just about any type of footwear 12 months of the year. Sure, shades of tan go with almost everything ... but YAWN. Kick your flips-flops and other standbys to the side and put some fun on your feet! Whether it's a fashionable floral, a pop of color, or a new-fashioned loafer (guys, we're looking at you ... keep reading), here are some ideas to take your footwear from dreary to dazzling.



Cloud Footwear  
Vanessa Sneaker:  
\$199





L'Artiste By Spring Step:  
Lizzie-Rose: \$139.95



### Peltz Shoes

5275 University Parkway,  
University Park  
941-355-1010  
PeltzShoes.com

Truly art for your feet, L'Artiste footwear is hand-painted and made with natural, tanned leather, making each pair unique. The Lizzie-Rose is a Mary Jane-meets-clog-meets-wedge so they can carry you through it all, from errands to ball games to dinner out, in comfort and style. They're available in four colors ... good luck choosing just one.

### Nordstrom Rack

8551 Cooper Creek Blvd., Bradenton  
941-870-4200  
NordstromRack.com

Shopping at Nordstrom Rack is like a treasure hunt, and sometimes you strike emerald-green kitten-heel mules embellished with rhinestones. The bright silk upper, pointy toes, and demure heel offer something different to wear with little black dresses, but picture them with cuffed cropped jeans, a crisp white shirt, and a statement necklace. Either way, you're sure to get noticed in these shoes fit for a princess.



Steve Madden Kees  
Mule: \$65.99

### T. Georgiano's

1409 First St., Sarasota  
941-870-3727  
TGeorgianos.com

While browsing the shoe selection at T. Georgiano's, a woman exclaimed, "Oh, these are so fun!" She was holding Cloud Footwear's Vanessa sneaker — and how can one disagree with her? These colorful sneaks pair palm-and-hibiscus-print canvas with red leather trim, and they have both lace-up and zipper closures — for those days when tying your shoes is just too much.

*Continued on Page 62*

### DSW Designer Shoe Warehouse

151 N. Cattlemen Road, Sarasota  
941-702-7005, DSW.com

Men, ditch the tired boat shoes and Crocs – please! – and try these on for size. Floafers has modernized “the molded footwear space” with its fashionable floating loafers. Slip ‘em on and treat your feet to quick-drying, 360-degree ventilation, arch support and massage pods, and a scuff-proof rubber sole – suitable for boaters and landlubbers alike.



Floafers' Chairman  
Bit Loafer: \$69.99

# RAINBOW ROOM



OUR WORLD  
IS FULL OF  
*Color.*

HOW WILL YOU  
CAPTURE  
THE LIGHT?

THE  
BISHOP  
Museum of  
Science  
and Nature



**BISHOPSCIENCE.ORG**  
201 10TH STREET WEST  
BRADENTON, FL 34205

**Downtown Bradenton's cultural destination.**



# Lakewood Ranch's *Exclusive* **OPHTHALMOLOGY PRACTICE**



*Trust your eyecare to our  
board certified physicians*

Murray Friedberg, M.D.  
Robert Edelman, M.D.  
Scott Silverman, M.D.  
Robert Sambursky, M.D.  
Pooja Khator, M.D.  
Allison Menezes, M.D.  
Jeffrey Davis, M.D.  
Jody Abrams, M.D.  
Paul Brannan, M.D.  
Selina Lin, M.D.  
Philip Ames, M.D.  
Neal Kansara, M.D.

We are following CDC guidelines for your  
safety. Call us today to schedule your  
appointment!

Comprehensive Eye Exams  
Cataract Surgery  
Advanced Lens Implants  
Glaucoma Care  
Macular Degeneration  
Pediatric Eye Care  
Neuro-Ophthalmology  
Dry Eye Treatment  
Diabetic Eye Care  
Oculoplastic Surgery

6310 Health Pkwy., Ste. 340 • Lakewood Ranch  
217 Manatee Ave. E. • Bradenton  
1427 S. Tamiami Trail • Sarasota

# SCRIBE TRIBE

A Lakewood Ranch writers' club meets twice monthly to critique each other's work and build lifetime bonds.

BY ERIC SNIDER | CONTRIBUTOR

**M**eet Aroon Chaddha, that rare human who loves Zoom meetings.

He has his reasons. Chaddha founded the Lakewood Ranch Scribes, a group of writers who meet twice a month to read their work and have their fellow members offer edits and suggestions. Until March 2020, the club gathered in a room at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. As many as 25 scribes, from accomplished to amateur, gathered on the first and third Saturday of each month, starting at 10:30 a.m.

That all changed, of course, when a certain pandemic turned the world upside down.

Enter Zoom.

"I love Zoom," Chaddha says. "It changed the dynamics of the group. We don't have to travel to meet. It's safer from a health standpoint. And it allows people from anywhere to be part of what we do."

Five of the roughly 10 active members live in Lakewood Ranch, including Chaddha. Not everyone was crazy about the move to Zoom, so it caused some attrition in the ranks. All the current members are retired seniors. And, because the Lakewood Ranch Scribes no longer use local facilities, the club is open to anyone.



*Continued on Page 66*





Photo by Harry Sayer

The Scribes at Joan Sparks' house before their monthly Saturday brunch. Left to right: Robert Heron, Vincent Visco, Dan Dana, Aroon Chaddha, Barry Zack and Joan Sparks.

Continued from Page 64

Here's how the meetings work: Each member emails a maximum of two pages of preferably new material to the rest of the group for them to read in advance of the Zoom gathering. Some, like retired lawyer and writing teacher Claire Matturo, take the evaluation process seriously, making copious notes. Poetry, narrative fiction and memoirs are the current flavors, although other disciplines are welcome.

During the get-together, the authors read their pieces, after which each takes the stage to comment on the work. To compensate for the lack of in-person time, Chaddha has added an informal breakfast every fourth Saturday. No agenda. No readings. Just friends hanging out eating omelets. "We include our spouses, so we have to be on our best behavior," he says with a laugh.

Two basic rules govern the official meetings. Be civil. Better yet: Be nice. "Critique gently," Chaddha says. "We don't want people pouring their hearts out, sharing their psyche, their souls, only to have someone say, 'this is crap.'"



Photo by Eric Snider

Until March 2020, the club gathered in a room at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. Since then, they meet via Zoom. During the meeting, members read their pieces, after which each takes the stage to comment on the work.

That, or something like it, has happened on a few occasions. In such cases, Chaddha has asked members to resign after committing their third or fourth offenses. Even then, he does so politely. "I tell them, 'You are really too good for this group,'" he says, chuckling.

The other essential rule: no commer-

cialism. A few people have joined to gain access to the email list and then pitch astrology sessions, essential oils and other nonsense. Those interlopers were hastily expurgated from the club and the list.

As a rule of thumb, the Scribes rec-

Continued on Page 68

# We're everywhere in Lakewood Ranch

The East County Observer is full of Lakewood Ranch news you can't find anywhere else. It's always about You. Your Neighbors. Your Neighborhood.

**Observer**  
You. Your Neighbors. Your Neighborhood.  
[YourObserver.com](http://YourObserver.com)



Pick up a **FREE** copy at the customer service counter at area Publix stores or at retail locations throughout East Manatee:  
**[YourObserver.com/rack-locations](http://YourObserver.com/rack-locations)**

Or read us online at:  
**[YourObserver.com](http://YourObserver.com)**





TILE & STONE | MOSAICS | CABINETRY | COUNTERTOPS | FLOORING



FLORIDADESIGNWORKS.COM

**INFINITE POSSIBILITIES. ONE SOURCE.™**

**SARASOTA**

941.355.2703

4500 Carmichael Ave., Sarasota, FL 34234

Continued from Page 66

ognize the value of keeping their feedback relatively short and pointed. Now and then, Chaddha gently interrupts to move the commentary along. The group usually takes his cue. Again, Zoom has helped in this regard. “We’re all storytellers, so we’re all talkers,” says Maturro, a member since 2018. “When we met in person, we’d get a lot of people reacting to a piece of writing by saying, ‘That reminds me of the time I ...’ and off they’d go. When we were at Town Hall, the meetings ran well over two hours. We’d have to take a break. One of the benefits of meeting in person was that someone usually brought cookies.”

Sometimes things got a little ugly. “There was a woman who, each time she talked, she’d go on for 10 minutes or more,” recalls longtime member Ann Trick, a Lakewood Ranch resident who spends summers in Canada with her husband, Dave. “Finally, Aroon said, ‘We’re going to need to move on,’ and she got mad and yelled, ‘This is the last time I’m coming. I’m really disappointed in the group!’”



A sampling of books written by Scribes' members

Photo by Harry Sayer

The woman kept her word, much to the satisfaction of the others.

### ZOOM TIME

It's the first Saturday in June and the meeting gets underway precisely at 10:30 a.m. The group includes three women: Claire Maturro, Ann Trick, Joan Sparks; and six men: Aroon Chaddha, Barry Zack, Vinny Visco, Dan

Dana, Marty Collins, and Bob Heron. Hair is scarce on the heads of the fellas. “We’re a group of beautiful women and bald men,” Chaddha effuses in the musical accent of his native India.

An endearing air of bonhomie informs the gathering. You can tell that each Scribe sees these get-togethers,

*Continued on Page 70*



**YOUR HOME  
DESERVES  
Hunter Douglas!**



Janet and Curt Mattson  
Owners

Voted One of  
**Sarasota's Best**  
28 Years in a Row!

**BLINDS • SHUTTERS  
DRAPERIES • WALLCOVERINGS**

NewStyle® with Operating Systems Standard Hinged Panels; HiddenTilt™ Automation



Wallcoverings & Blinds, Inc. Since 1989  
HunterDouglas Gallery

**941-925-7800**  
mmwallcoveringsblinds.com

4801 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota  
Across from The Landings



# Center For Sight is “Awesome, Baby!”



## Dick Vitale

*Award-winning ESPN College Basketball Broadcaster, Patient of Dr. Soscia*

### **In the game of life, focus on what really matters.**

It's no surprise that cataract surgery with Dr. Soscia was well organized, painless and precise. Everything went according to plan and my recovery was incredibly quick. When I talk about great players, I call them “3-S Men” – super – scintillating – sensational – and I'd utilize that description for Dr. Soscia without hesitation.



### **William L. Soscia, M.D.**

LASIK, Laser Cataract &  
Lens Replacement Surgeon

Medical Director

Named “Top Doctor” by  
Castle Connolly

## CENTER FOR SIGHT

 A US EYE COMPANY

CenterForSight.net | 941.330.2020  
5409 University Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34201

369093-1

Continued from Page 68

and the writing that goes along with them, as vitally important to the quality of life in their advancing years.

Leading off, Dana reads two of his “haiku quintets,” for which he stitches five of the 17-syllable poems together to make one. His own subgenre, as it were. He’s in the process of compiling dozens of such pieces to create a memoir in verse and has submitted two poems to the group. The last haiku from “My Dad’s Afterlife” reads:

*and then he was gone ...  
glimpsed in wistful, wishful dreams  
he still breathes in me*

## BEGINNINGS

Chaddha is the de facto leader of an effectively leaderless group. At 82, the retired engineer exudes infectious joie de vivre. He’s the Scribes’ founder, moderator, organizer, recruiter and evangelist. Chaddha enlisted Ann Trick at a Music on Main concert. He met Vinny Visco, a witty Brooklyn native with an accent to match, in the hot tub at LA Fitness, where they started to chat about writing.

Chaddha came to the U.S. from India in 1961 to study engineering at University of Michigan, and then earned an MBA from Northwestern University. He got a job designing televisions and set up a nice life in suburban Chicago, with a wife and two children. In the mid-1970s, a vague discontent started gnawing at him. “I just felt this kind of frustration, and one day I came home from work and started to write,” he recalls. “A poem just poured out of me. It uplifted me out of a foul mood. I felt so much better. It was like cleaning the dirt out of your system.”

Chaddha had ignited his artistic side — and he was hooked. He started writing regularly, publishing pieces about his vegan lifestyle, and penning poems and essays with spiritual themes. In 2003, he joined his first writers group, then two years later he and a friend started the Schumburg Scribes in the Chicago ‘burbs.

When Chaddha and his wife, Lilly, moved to Lakewood Ranch in August 2014, he thought his new community would benefit from a writers group of its own. He founded the Lakewood Ranch Scribes a couple of months after arriving.

## AROON CHADDHA

### Books on your nightstand? (Excerpted)

“How the Mind Works” by Steven Pinker  
“The Revenge of Geography” by Robert D. Kaplan  
“The Uninhabitable Earth” by David Wallace-Wells  
“Man’s Search for Meaning” by Viktor Frankl  
“How to be a Stoic” by Massimo Pigliucci

### Top three literary heroes?

Marcus Aurelius, Rabindranath Tagore, Ervin László

### If you could sit down with three of your favorite writers, alive or dead, who would they be?

Ken Wilber, Lao Tzu, Mahatma Gandhi

## VINNY VISCO

### Books on your nightstand?

“Helgoland” by Carlo Rovelli  
“Letters from an Astrophysicist” by Neil deGrasse Tyson

### Top three literary heroes?

Chaucer, Shakespeare, F. Scott Fitzgerald.

### Book you’ve always wanted to read—but still haven’t?

“The Art of War” by Sun Tzu

## ZOOM TIME CONTINUED

As the meeting moves along, the members suggest cuts and expansions for the various works. New ideas and points of view are brought to the table. They dissect technique, construction and meaning, discuss imagery and metaphor. At no point do the critiques veer into negative territory. And, even if some writers are more advanced than

## CLAIRE MATTURO

### Top three literary heroes?

Louise Erdrich, Toni Morrison, Colson Whitehead

### If you could sit down with three of your favorite writers, alive or dead, who would they be?

Edna St. Vincent Millay, Mark Twain, Margaret Atwood

### Longhand or computer?

Computer. I’ve been composing on a keyboard or typewriter since my newspaper days in my early 20s and can’t imagine writing anything other than a grocery list in longhand.

### How do you write?

Fast, then slow. Many careful revisions. While a first draft might pour out, it will be rough and often terrible, and I need to take a lot of time to rewrite, edit, correct, contemplate, and polish. It took two months to write the initial draft of my first novel, “Skinny-dipping,” but it took six, maybe seven months to revise it.

### Book you’ve always wanted to read—but still haven’t?

The Old Testament. I can never get past Leviticus.

others, no hierarchy is evident; there’s no cool kids’ table.

It’s clear, however, that Matturo has taken on the role of mentor. “I guess I’ve never gotten over being a writing teacher,” says the Bradenton native and retired attorney

## BOB HERON

### Books on your nightstand?

“A Deadly Shade of Gold” by John D. MacDonald  
“Snow Crash” by Neal Stephenson  
“Persuader” by Lee Child

### Top three literary heroes?

Robert Louis Stevenson, Isaac Asimov, Charles Dickens

### If you could sit down with three of your favorite writers, alive or dead, who would they be?

J.D. Salinger, Virginia Woolf, and Sylvia Plath, so I could grill them on their writing process and what made them tick.

### Book you’ve always wanted to read—but still haven’t?

Homer’s “Odyssey”

## DAN DANA

### Top three literary heroes?

Matsuo Bashō, Hemingway, Joan Didion

### If you could sit down with three of your favorite writers, alive or dead, who would they be?

Basho, Hemingway, Carl Sagan

### Longhand or computer?

Computer. I can’t read my own handwriting.

### Book you’ve always wanted to read—but still haven’t?

“The Selfish Gene” by Richard Dawkins

Continued on Page 72





# RELEASE THE BEAST.

Elevate your golf car to legendary status with the Trojan® GC2 48-Volt Lithium-Ion Golf Battery. With Trojan Lithium-Ion, you get:



**FARTHER RANGE.** 45-60 miles per charge with a three-battery setup, up to 15% farther than other brands.\*



**UNMATCHED DURABILITY.** Meets SAE automotive off-road durability standards.



**FAST CHARGING.** Up to 80% in an hour, a full charge in four.



**NO MAINTENANCE.** No watering, corrosion, acid or fumes.



**ADVANCED SAFETY.** Stable lithium formula (LFP) and a BMS with redundant safety features.

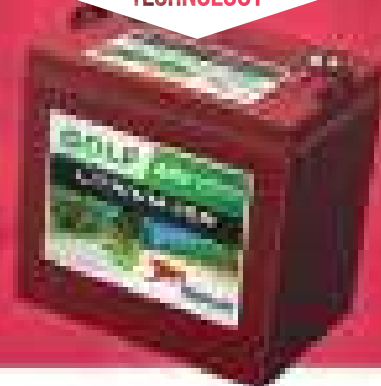


Visit **TrojanBattery.info/11016** to learn more or find a local dealer.

\*Based on published range of competing GC2 lithium-ion batteries. Actual driving range will vary depending on factors including, but not limited to, load, terrain, temperature, and equipment.

Upgrade your  
golf car with

**DROP-IN  
TECHNOLOGY**



Trojan offers a complete range of golf batteries and accessories including:



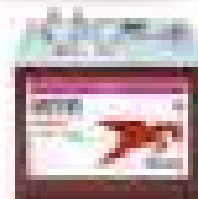
HYDROLINK  
WATERING SYSTEM



LEAD ACID



AGM



GEL

385659-1



ArtistSeriesConcerts.org

941-306-1202

## Ever Onward Season 27



### MAGNIFICENT MARKOVS

**October 2 • 4:00 pm • Sarasota Opera House**

Violin phenom Alexander Markov unites with his parents for classical favorites performed by the “first family of violin.” Alexander and his electric gold violin are joined by Key Chorale and the Booker High School VPA Choir for his original composition, *Caesar*.

### SYBARITES

**November 15 • 7:30 pm • Historic Asolo Theater**

An extraordinary genre-crossing quintet of classically trained musicians with Sarasota roots, SYBARITE5 takes listeners on a musical journey of staggering breadth and depth in a concert that defies categorization.

### DOUBLE FEATURE

**Blake Pouliot & Simone Porter, violins**

**December 6 • 7:30 pm • Sarasota Opera House**

Sparks fly when these two astounding young artists come together for an evening of duo magic that includes works by Strauss, Beethoven, and Chausson.

### THE 442s

**December 13 • 7:30 pm • Historic Asolo Theater**

Combining three members of the St. Louis Symphony and two of the St. Louis region’s finest jazz musicians, The 442s is an acoustic ensemble that breaks down barriers between jazz, classical, folk, and pop. This concert features holiday favorites and original compositions.

*Continued from Page 70*

who taught legal research and writing at FSU. She’s also published eight novels — legal thrillers and ones featuring female sleuths, four of which were put out by HarperCollins. In recent years, she’s been focusing on poetry. Her entry on this Saturday, “Trespassers,” muses about the guilt she and her husband felt for building a small house in the woods 45 minutes outside Tallahassee. It ends:

*We pray the woods will one day  
reclaim our house*

Environmentalism runs deep within this cabal of writers, as does spiritualism. Sparks, a relatively new member, describes her work as “a conversation between my innermost soul and the universe itself. It’s like a river that’s constantly flowing to the sea.” She has not published but feels that her compiled prose “will move toward a book at some point.”

The Scribes agree that being part of the club helps improve their work, but it’s not expressly a vehicle to promote professional advancement. Sometimes, however, the group achieves a kind of critical mass and helps push a piece of writing over the top. “I had this long poem based on a news story,” Matturo recalls. “It had been rejected by a publisher. I took it to the Scribes, and they said things like ‘that stanza doesn’t work, and this one’s far too wordy. You need to have taste and smell in it, the five senses.’ I took all those comments and rewrote it. I submitted the poem to the publication that had previously rejected it and they published it.”

As she tells the story, it’s apparent that Matturo is prouder of the group’s cooperative efforts than having the piece published. She points out yet another benefit to belonging to the Lakewood Ranch Scribes. “You have an audience to write for,” she explains. “Every two weeks you’re supposed to submit something, but there are times when you go dry. The group kind of forces you out of those dry periods and gets you going again.”

For more information about the Lakewood Ranch Scribes, call Aroon Chaddha at 941-907-0581 or email him at AChaddha@aol.com.





WHERE *Beautiful Homes* BEGIN...

AWARD-WINNING INTERIOR DESIGN SERVICES | FINE FURNITURE | UNIQUE ACCESSORIES



NORRISFURNITURE.COM | FORT MYERS • NAPLES • SARASOTA • SANIBEL

370808-1

**NORRIS**  
FURNITURE & INTERIORS 

# Building it Right the First Time

---

## A Conversation with Rex Jensen

*The Lakewood Ranch pioneer shares  
his insights on building a community.*

BY MARK GORDON | CONTRIBUTOR





---

Photos by Lori Sax  
As president and CEO of Schroeder-Manatee Ranch since 2005, Rex Jensen heads up one of the most recognizable and sought-after land management, agricultural and development companies in the nation.

**R**ex Jensen likes to build things. Proof lies in his long career at Schroeder-Manatee Ranch, which is nearing 30 years. He joined the company, which is the developer behind Lakewood

Ranch, in 1994. He was named president in 2002 and CEO in 2005. During Jensen's time at Lakewood Ranch, it has blossomed into a preeminent, nationally recognized master-planned community. It now has some 55,000 residents and nearly 2,000 employees, to name a few data points.

But Jensen also likes to build things with his hands, in his workshop, using raw lumber. He's built a variety of furniture, recently scrolling through his phone to show a visitor to SMR's offices some photos of a bar he built. The hobby, he says, is one of the ways he unwinds from work. Jensen recently sat down with *LWR Life* to talk about the state of the community, his career, his woodworking passion and more. These are some edited excerpts:

**Lakewood Ranch is less than 18 months away from hitting 30 years as a residential community. What's the status of the community?**

We are an established master-planned community on the cusp of planning its last properties. That doesn't mean developing them, but it means planning them, determining what they are, how the infrastructure will be done and what kind of products they will contain. That isn't to say Lakewood Ranch won't expand further, but it won't be under my watch. We can see the end; we can see the goal line.

**What was the best decision you and the team made when initially developing Lakewood Ranch?**

The way we financed the community. (It used Community Development District bonds, which alleviated the need for short-term debt.) Because that gave us the luxury of building it right the first time and not trying to do things in phases, like 'we'll do two lanes today and come back and four-lane them later.' We built the amenities up front. We didn't say 'trust us and, after 500 homes, we'll give you a park.' We built the parks up front, the trails up front. It's allowed us to weather economic storms. Having money may not be everything, but lacking it is a real problem. And we've never lacked for capital.

**What decision would you take a muligan on or a do-over?**

The whole thing with the arena. That would have been a great community amenity. But it didn't pan out. (A potential 7,400-seat ice hockey and entertainment arena, which was slated to be built between State Roads 64 and 70 in Lakewood Ranch, went into foreclosure in 2009 after six years of starts and stops.) I think part of what one does is you go ahead and fix a bad decision, which we did. We tore the arena down, we bought the mortgage on the property, reacquired it and sold it a second time for a great profit.

**Why did so many people doubt a master-planned community on such a big piece of property — 33,000 acres over 55 square miles — would work?**

People know what they know, and the flip side is they don't know what they don't know. When you look at when

*Continued on Page 78*





# The world is just so small, now

WORKS ON PAPER FROM THE RINGLING'S COLLECTION  
OF MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART

THROUGH **OCT 23**



INFORMATION + TICKETS  
**ringling.org**

Funding provided by The Ringling Museum  
General Fund and the Peter and Mary Lou Vogt  
Exhibition Fund.

Sarasota County  
Tourist Development Tax  
Paid for in part by Sarasota County

Paid for in part by Sarasota County Tourist  
Development Tax Revenues.

Linda Stein (American, born 1943),  
*Profile Solid 383.033 (detail)*, 1975.  
Acrylic on paper, 7 1/2 × 9 in. Gift from  
The Raymond Learsy Collection, 2021,  
2021.41.8

we started, the typical project or community wasn't anything like Lakewood Ranch. It was a small project, usually at a maximum 120 to 300 units, and it was all houses. There was no community to it. It was a project.

You had to get this far from either Sarasota or Bradenton to find large land ownerships. And it's only on the large land ownerships you get to do something different. But in those days, there was nobody doing anything different because I-75 hadn't been put in yet, and the infrastructure wasn't out in this area.

It (also) hadn't been done before. Manatee County, and Sarasota for that matter, had been nice, but sleepy little markets. The big Florida migrations hadn't really begun.

**What mistakes have you seen other master-planned communities make?** They tend to equate slogans with substance. I can name several of them in Florida that are a slogan every other week. When they find one slogan that doesn't work, they turn to something

## FAST FACTS

### Rex Jensen...

- Has a degree in history, political science and economics from Michigan State University, and a law degree in corporate, tax, securities and international law from the University of Michigan Law School.

- Practiced corporate tax law for a software development company before joining Schroeder-Manatee Ranch in 1990. He also ran his own consulting company in Tampa prior to SMR.

- Was named president of SMR in 2002 and CEO in 2005.

- Was named to Florida Trend's list of the state's 500 most influential business leaders each year from 2018 to 2021.

- Won the Bradenton Area Economic Development Corp. Rick Fawley Economic Development Award of Distinction in 2019.

else with another slogan. It all boils down to if you're going to create a community, you have to go at it from the standpoint of lifestyle. Most of these folks don't get that.

That's the biggest thing I see — a lack of understanding of what a community really is. A community isn't just the physical structure: the psychological term for that is edifice complex. If you think about where you came from, how you were raised, your friends, your social fabric, schools you can walk to. That's what it is. You have to have a well-rounded environment and not just a home to go to, shut the doors and go to the back patio and have a cocktail at 5:30. That's nice, but there's more to life than that. And I think that's what many master-planned community developers don't understand.

**What are some master-planned communities you think get it right?** Irvine Ranch in California would be one. The Woodlands in Texas would be another. These are iconic communities that are kind of products of their own environment. They fit the larger context of where they grew. Summerlin (in Las Vegas) is another one. Those communities have weathered the test of time and progressed quite rapidly.

**If you could push a button and make one change to how Sarasota and Manatee county commissioners make decisions on development and growth, what would you do?**

A mindset change. There has always been a phobia, not just in these two counties, but everywhere, about large projects. And I frankly think large projects are actually better than a whole series of small ones. If you put 1,000 people in 10 projects versus 1,000 people in one, I think you will get a better result with the larger one because you can plan it, you can have a mix of uses in it. If you have a whole series of small projects, the only choice is to pave it with wall-to-wall homes. And you hope your neighbor will put a school on your property, but you sure don't want to do that.

That's what people have got to get over. It's not just an absolute numbers game. The cumulative impact of a series of small projects is actually much more severe than the same amount of development in a larger, better-planned project. And for some reason that's hard to grasp. And I wish it weren't.



This Lakewood Ranch pioneer understands that successful master-planned communities work when they embrace the life, lifestyles, needs and passions of the people who live there.



**What's the best part of your job at SMR?**

The creativity. The ability to paint on such a big canvas. The fact that when I start my day I have no idea what it's all going to contain, how it's going to end. The variety.

**The worst part?**

Dealing with some of the sad human issues you have to deal with. There is an outbreak of mental health issues going on in this community, and sometimes it happens to employees, sometimes it happens to others, and dealing with those kinds of problems can be a real grind. And they are out there. And they are legion.

**What are the characteristics of a good leader?**

You have to have your eyes out for what's happening around you. You can't be a cow grazing in the grass and let a rock hit you that's falling out of the sky. And there are so many people who are that way. They don't just raise their head out of the grass and look to see what's happening.

You have to lead from the front.

“

*A community isn't just the physical structure: the psychological term for that is edifice complex. If you think about where you came from, how you were raised, your friends, your social fabric, schools you can walk to. That's what it is.* **REX JENSEN**

You can't have a situation where you ask people to do things you couldn't or wouldn't do. You can't panic. A leader who panics isn't a leader. You have to find solutions, not have problems. There are many people who like to have problems, but you have to fix them.

**When Florida Trend magazine named you to its list of the 500 most influential executives in the state in 2021, you said, in answering “something surprising” about yourself, you hate publicity. Why?**

I like to just do things. I don't do things for publicity or adulation, I do them to accomplish certain goals and I find publicity distracting.

**What do you enjoy when you aren't working?**

Woodworking ... I build furniture, including desks and credenzas. I built a wet bar. I do it out of raw lumber, with no plans. Just create it as I go. I've been doing that for 15 or 20 years. You can't be thinking about the office while you're trying to keep your fingers busy, so it gets business out of my head.

## RESIDENTIAL | COMMUNITY | COMMERCIAL

*Three for the Price of One!*

**THE MAY GROUP**

Residential | Community | Commercial

*Call us Today!* **941.462.4014**

Visit **ChristyMayRE.com** to see what is out there!



11215 E. State Road 70, Ste 105  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202



**COLDWELL BANKER**

Owned by a subsidiary of Realogy Brokerage Group, LLC

**CHRISTY MAY** Broker Associate,  
Team Leader of the May Group,  
Marine Scientist, TV News  
Producer, Realtor Extraordinaire on  
Making Connections Having Vision  
& Especially Making It HAPPEN!  
**Christy.May@cbrealty.com**

**TESS SAVINI** Realtor & MBA,  
Keeping Us On Track,  
Coaching Our Clients,  
Planning & Execution,  
Social Media Expert  
**Tess.Savini@cbrealty.com**

**PHILIP PRATLEY** Realtor  
& Engineer, Geology &  
Contract Development,  
Analyst & Strategist  
Whizbang on Spreadsheets,  
Overlays & Permits  
**Philip.Pratley@cbrealty.com**

# BEER BUZZ

---

Lakewood Ranch has become a go-to destination for craft beer enthusiasts and entrepreneurs.

BY SPENCER FORDIN | CONTRIBUTOR

**L**akewood Ranch is celebrated for its vast green spaces, sports events, recreational activities and upscale residential neighborhoods. Over the past few years, it's earned a new claim to fame. The latest buzz is all about beer.

Lakewood Ranch and environs are now a go-to destination for craft beer enthusiasts and entrepreneurs. The region boasts two nearby breweries and at least 10 venues dedicated to serving craft beer.

Jeanne Dooley, the owner of Craft Growlers to Go and Tasting Room on Lakewood Ranch's Main Street, is one of Lakewood Ranch's craft brew pioneers. When she opened Craft Growlers in 2016, it was the only spot in town with a wide range of craft beers. Today, it's a thriving, bustling hangout for folks who love great beer and great company. Dooley, a former PGA pro, had first planned to create a to-go venue where Ranchers could grab a growler and take it home to enjoy. Launching a sit-down pub was not her original idea.

*Continued on Page 82*



Photos by  
Heidi Kurpiela  
Big Top  
Brewing Co.





Stu Drymon and Darrell Jackson in their microbrewery behind the bar at 3 Car Garage.



Courtesy photo  
Craft Growlers To  
Go & Tasting Room



Kristy Petersheim, a  
manager at Ed's Tavern

“

*On our opening night, it was clear to me that our customers saw us as a place to gather. They wanted a pub where they could hang out and enjoy inspired craft beer.* **JEANNE DOOLEY, OWNER OF CRAFT GROWLERS TO GO AND TASTING ROOM**



Courtesy photo

Jeanne Dooley, owner of Craft Growlers To Go & Tasting Room, is a pioneer in the local craft brew industry.

*Continued from Page 80*

But, as Dooley discovered on day one, her customers had a different idea.

“On opening night, it was clear to me that our customers saw us as a place to gather. They wanted a pub where they could hang out and enjoy inspired craft beer.”

Like any smart entrepreneur, Dooley reinvented her original model and gave her customers what they wanted. She changed Craft Growlers’ look and feel and now offers 45 taps, half of which are regionally brewed craft beers. And, yes, patrons can still grab a growler (or two) to go.

Craft Growler’s success is a local example of the national craft beer craze that swept America in the early 2000s. Craft beer enthusiasts developed a

taste for artisanal-quality, homegrown brews. An industry popped up to quench their thirst. Then it grew — and never stopped growing. Why? It’s one of those positive feedback loops. The more craft beer is easily available, the more consumers get a taste of it, and the more their tastes change. Craft beer sales go up — and that’s transformed the market. While big beer corporations still dominate, craft beer pubs and breweries are cutting into their bottom line. Craft beer now comprises nearly 30% of American beer sales.

On a local level, Big Top Brewing Co. has been a vital part of that transformation. When Mike Bisaha and Seth Murauskas founded it in 2013, it was one of Sarasota’s first craft breweries. Big Top made a name for itself with such beers as Circus City IPA, Hazy High-

## DO YOU KNOW WHAT’S IN YOUR WATER?



**SAFE DRINKING WATER IS FUNDAMENTAL TO LIFE**

Fehl Safe Water Treatment has **more than 30 years of experience** in making water safe.

**CALL TODAY FOR YOUR  
FREE WATER TESTING  
941-322-8286**

**For all your water needs:**

**Water Filtration & Purification Systems  
Softener Installation & Maintenance  
Salt & Maintenance Service  
Well & Pump Service  
Aerators & Pressure Tanks  
24-hour Emergency Service**



**fehlsafewatersystems.com**



wire, Intercoastal Amber Ale, Hawaiian Lion Porter (rated Florida's top porter), and Ringmaster Raspberry Sour. In the years that have followed, the company has seen meteoric growth. Its beer sales now comprise 70% of Florida's craft beer market. That percentage should expand once the company completes a 24,000-square-foot production facility in the Fruitville Commons, with an additional 28,000 square feet of outdoor seating.

In 2021, Big Top took over the former Cock & Bull taproom on Cattlemen Road and recently acquired the Naughty Monk brewpub on Lakewood Ranch Boulevard. Bisaha and Murauskas were smart enough not to mess with success. They renamed the brewpub "Naughty Monk Ale Works," but kept its focus on the Belgian-inspired beers that made it a hit.

This expanding craft beer universe is great news for local beer aficionados. But what about the entrepreneurs driving that growth? Does the hometown market have room for so many



Brew king Mike Bisaha, co-founder of Big Top Brewing Collective, lords over the beer tanks and barrels in the back of his popular East County beer oasis.

*Continued on Page 84*

## CRAFT BEER 101 .....

**Ale:** Beers created using yeast that ferments from the top-down.

**Craft Brewery:** An independent brewer with a small operation.

**Brewpub:** A pub that brews its own beer and sells at least half of it on-site. These often include a restaurant.

**Growler:** Basically, a portable keg. An airtight glass jar, containing either 32 or 64 ounces of beer. Most craft breweries sell them.

**Hops:** A flower that preserves beer and gives it a resinous smell and just a hint of bitterness. (The vine producing this bud is a family relative of cannabis.)

**IPA (India Pale Ale):** A seriously hopped and wicked strong ale. The British invented it as a way to keep beer from spoiling on the passage to India.

**Lager:** Beers created using yeast that ferments from the bottom-up.

**Malt:** A grain (typically barley) that's soaked until it sprouts, then gets cooked and dried out. This process creates sugar, which gets caramelized when it's heated.

**Microbrewery:** A brewery with a small-scale output. They usually produce specialty beers for a locals-only market.

**Nanobrewery:** A brewery or brewpub producing less than 15,000 barrels of beer a year.

**Pilsner:** The Czechs invented this one. It's the first generation of light, clear beers.



## Blossom Esthetics

MED SPA

### NON-SURGICAL Facelifting

This is a 30-45 minute non-invasive laser procedure that causes no discomfort and has no downtime. Immediate freshness and tightness of the skin can be felt soon after the treatment.

- AN INVESTMENT IN SKIN QUALITY
- NO NEEDLES
- LONG-LASTING RESULTS
- MINIMAL SIDE-EFFECTS



### BOOK NOW! Hydrafacial

and get a FREE Rejuvenation Phototherapy treatment



**CALL FOR A FREE CONSULTATION 941-999-2499**

**WWW.BLOSSOMESTHETICS.COM**

**8425 Heritage Green Way • Bradenton, FL 34212**

**\*Valid only for one service. Must present this LWR Life. Can't be combined. Expires 10/31/22**



SEE WHY MORE FAMILIES ARE CHOOSING TO

# Celebrate A LIFE

WE'VE DESIGNED OUR FACILITY  
FOR THAT EXACT REASON

You only get one chance to honor a life  
that's been lived. So why not celebrate it?

Our facility is the most appropriate place  
for an event that's a celebration of a lifetime.  
They've enriched your life; celebrate theirs.

*To schedule a private tour or  
discuss preplanning options, please call us.*



**Robert Toale & Sons**

CELEBRATION OF LIFE CENTER AT LAKEWOOD RANCH

4310 Solutions Lane, Bradenton, FL 34211

941-932-8100 • RTSLWR.com

Not affiliated with Toale Brothers Funeral Home, or Toale Brothers, Inc.

385651-1



The Ringer is one  
of several go-to  
IPAs on rotation  
at 3 Car Garage  
Brewing Co.



*Continued from Page 83*

new pubs and breweries? Or is it getting too crowded?

According to Bisaha, the more the merrier. As he sees it, Big Top's success only helps other Lakewood Ranch-based brewpubs and breweries flourish, too. "Area bars and microbreweries all help each other out," he says. "Nobody planned it, but a local support network just kind of grew up." Bisaha adds that Big Top lacked this support when he and Murauskas launched their enterprise. He knows what it's like to be on his own, and he's delighted to serve a supporting role for others in his field.

Stu Drymon is glad for that support. He and Darrell Jackson founded 3 Car Garage Brewing, a small craft brewer on State Road 64 near Lakewood Ranch that opened its doors just six months before the pandemic. Drymon says they owe a debt of gratitude to Big Top. Thanks to its help and mentoring, the 3 Car Garage venture survived its dicey launch. After that?

Drymon says it took 3 Car Garage about three years to grow from home





microbrewing to brewing on a retail scale for area craft beer consumers. That progress was marked by a series of baby steps. First 10 gallons. Then 50. Then upward to 300.

What's Drymon's advice to any brave soul planning to launch their own craft beer brewery?

Basically, think big. And don't underestimate the time, money, and sweat equity required to make your brewery a success.

"Getting a new brewery on its feet always takes twice as long and three times the money as what you originally imagined," says Drymon. "If you think it'll take a year to build out, it's going to take two years. If you think you need \$500,000, you're going to need \$1.5 million. Every time you turn around, it's another \$5,000."

Brewers don't cry over spilled beer or cost overruns. It's just the cost of doing business. In Lakewood Ranch, business is booming. But there's still room for start-ups in this ever-expanding universe.

Getting into the craft beer game

Longtime friends Darrell Jackson and Stu Drymon founded the 3 Car Garage brewery in 2019.

*Continued on Page 86*

## First Physicians Group Welcomes Lauren Runnels, MD

We are pleased to welcome a new obstetrics and gynecology specialist to the First Physicians Group (FPG) network. Dr. Runnels brings extensive experience in a wide range of obstetrical and gynecological concerns, including contraception, pregnancy, high-risk obstetrics, childbirth, postpartum depression, infertility, sexual dysfunction, menstrual irregularities, hysterectomy and tubal ligation procedures, as well as preventative care, such as pelvic exams, pap smears and biopsies.



**Specialty &  
Board Certification:**  
Obstetrics and Gynecology

**Medical School:**  
Louisiana State University Health  
Sciences Center Shreveport, LA

**Residency:**  
Louisiana State University Health  
Sciences Center Shreveport, LA

### Accepting New Patients!

**To schedule an appointment,  
please call (941) 262-0055**



**FIRST PHYSICIANS GROUP**  
*of Sarasota Memorial Health Care System*

**Three Convenient Locations:**

5880 Rand Blvd., Ste. 201, Sarasota, FL 34238  
14405 Arbor Green Tr., Ste. 102, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202  
1921 Waldemere St., Ste. 307, Sarasota, FL 34239

**firstphysiciansgroup.com**

## IF YOU GO .....

### Craft Growlers to Go & Tasting Room

**Ambiance:** Tasting flights, growlers to go, creative food menu, indoor and outdoor seating.

**On Tap:** 45 taps with a hearty selection of regionally brewed beers.

**Something Different:** Also featuring craft sodas.

**Info:** 8141 Main St., Lakewood Ranch; CraftGrowlersToGo.com.

### Ed's Tavern

**Ambiance:** A sports bar with trivia nights, live music and poker. Sip an ice-cold brew on the patio overlooking the water.

**On Tap:** More than 30 craft beers on tap and dozens of IPAs, ciders and sours, stouts and porters, and cans, bottles, and flights. Want a Heineken? No judging or shaming here.

**Something Different:** Try the \$6 appetizers during Happy Hour every day.

**Info:** 10719 Rodeo Drive, Lakewood Ranch; EdsLakewoodRanch.com.

### Good Liquid Brewing Co.

**Ambiance:** Picture-perfect waterfront location and a full menu filled with hearty burgers (including veggie), sandwiches, wood-grilled "brewzettas" (pizza), and steak and seafood entrees.

**On Tap:** 20 taps, including two ciders.

**Something Different:** After all that good liquid, patrons can play volleyball in the adjoining park.

**Info:** 1570 Lakefront Drive, Lakewood Ranch; GoodLiquidBrewingCompany.com.

### Naughty Monk Ale Works

**Ambiance:** A brewery and tasting room specializing in Belgian-style beers.

Pet-friendly, outdoor seating, live music, and games.

**On tap:** 20+ taps, including Big Top's creations and Naughty Monk's house-brewed beers.

**Something Different:** Summer In Bruges, an inspired blonde brewed with orange peel and coriander.

**Info:** 2507 Lakewood Ranch Road, Lakewood Ranch; BigTopBrewing.com.

### Big Top Brewing Co.

**Ambiance:** Total chill.

This craft brewery and tap room has a backyard beer garden, food trucks, live music, trivia nights and shuffleboard.

**On tap:** 20+ taps, including Big Top creations and Naughty Monk's house-brewed beers.

**Something Different:** Conch Republic Key Lime, with smooth citrus notes, and hints of graham cracker.

**Info:** 975 Cattleman Road, Sarasota; BigTopBrewing.com.

### Truman's Tap and Grill

**Ambiance:** A classic American tavern with TVs blaring sports events, full menu (nachos, sammies, burgers, ribs, etc.), and live music and trivia.

**On Tap:** Both locally brewed beers and big distributors.

**Something Different:** Great selection of rare bourbon.

**Info:** 11161 State Road 70 E., Lakewood Ranch; TrumansTap.com.

### Inner Compass

**Ambiance:** European-style, family friendly, lakefront beer garden with entertainment and games.

**On Tap:** TBA.

**Info:** 10316 Technology Terrace, Lakewood Ranch; InnerCompassBrewing.com

### 3 Car Garage

**Ambiance:** Relaxed with live music, food trucks, bingo, and an outdoor patio.

**On Tap:** 16 taps with an ever-changing selection of small batch beers.

**Something Different:** Beer Can Island Tropical Lager.

**Info:** 8405 Heritage Green Way, Bradenton; 3CarGarageBrewing.com



Photo by Jay Heater

Co-owner Joe Guli of Good Liquid Brewing Co. at Waterside Place.

*Continued from Page 85*

takes hard work and smart planning. But forces beyond your control can throw you out of the game. Craft beer entrepreneurs know it. So they hope for the best, and plan for the worst ...

Like, say, the collateral damage of a global pandemic.

Inner Compass Brewing Co. can tell you all about it. The former Sanford-based brewer recently broke ground on a 1.6-acre facility in Lakewood Ranch. When the dust settles, it will eventually boast a 2,800-square-foot outdoor patio styled after a beer garden.

Susan Carrubba, Inner Compass' co-owner, plans to open this December. After that, she hopes to make it one of the Ranch's largest craft beer venues. But her ambitious brewpub startup was almost a non-starter.

"It's taken us two years to get this in the works," she says. "Thanks to construction delays and supply chain disruptions, the timing's been rough. But we finally closed on financing last January. And then we broke ground. So we're off and running."

Inner Compass isn't the only new game in town. Good Liquid Brewing Co., overlooking the lake at Waterside Place, offers up 18 taps of beer, along with hand-crafted cocktails and spirits. According to owner Joe Guli, the company is also building a distillery in Lakewood Ranch. "We'll be making our own spirits — from gin to vodka to bourbon. We'll have beer too, but our vision is for more of an after-hours, after-dinner lounge. You'll go there to relax and enjoy a nice craft cocktail."

Emerging craft beer entrepreneurs can rely on peer support in Lakewood Ranch. But that's no guarantee of success. They've still got to do the hard work to get started. And adapt and evolve once they do.

That Darwinian logic applies to long-standing craft beer venues, too.

Ed's Tavern on Main Street in Lakewood Ranch is one example. When it opened in 2014, the pub only carried about eight beers. A lineup of the usual suspects — Budweiser, Bud Light, Coors Light, Miller, etc. But that lineup evolved and grew. Now Ed's offers 31 taps, including dozens of local and national craft brews. Bob Bender, the pub's owner, says that nearby venues inspired him to adapt to changing cus-



tomer demands.

According to Bisaha, the craft beer evolution never stops — and it takes a village to make it successful.

“We don’t see other pubs and brewers as competitors,” says Bisaha. “Somebody else’s customer could enjoy a locally brewed beer. They might say, ‘This is great — where’d you get it?’ And the server might send them to us. One of our customers might ask us the same question — and we’d send them to the source. It works both ways.”

Bender shares that team spirit.

“The better Main Street does, the better we all do,” Bender says. “We benefit from each other’s success and expertise.”

Bottom line? Lakewood Ranch’s craft beer entrepreneurs are all playing well together. Instead of cut-throat competition, they help each other grow. Their common goal? To put Lakewood Ranch on the craft beer map — and entice beer lovers across the region with exciting new choices. Right now, that’s exactly what they’re doing.

Let’s drink to that!



Ed's Tavern is one of the few local sports bars that offers an impressive assortment of craft beer.



# Home Sellers...

**How would you like to pay ONLY 4% or less\*  
to sell your home, while enjoying  
CONCIERGE-LEVEL Full Service?**

*\*3% if I am the only agent involved in the sale.*

- Hundreds of home sellers like you have saved over \$2.6MM with REALean!
- **Keep more of your home's equity!**



**Karen Nasello**  
Realtor since 2001  
**941-219-5959**  
**Karen@Realean.com**

- 21 Years experience, integrity, knowledge and detailed care.
- **Call me today to find out what your home is worth in today's market!**
- I live and work in LWR

# A place as special as you.



Michael Saunders & Company is family-owned and locally rooted that consistently makes us the unrivaled and trusted choice for real estate services in the region with \$4.79 billion in sales volume in 2021.

Nowhere but here.

## Michael Saunders & Company®







Lakewood Ranch | A4542529 | \$2,249,000  
Deborah Angelo O'Mara | 941-730-0777



Lakewood Ranch | A4542384 | \$1,925,000  
Tina Ciaccio | 941-685-8420



Lakewood Ranch | A4544241 | \$1,350,000  
Jamie Van Vliet & Christopher Van Vliet | 941-993-8996



Lakewood Ranch | A4541963 | \$1,100,000  
Heather Sniffen | 941-720-1526



Lakewood Ranch | A4541261 | \$895,000  
Stacy Haas | 941-587-4359



Lakewood Ranch | A4538694 | \$699,900  
Stuart Lawrence & Laura Lawrence | 941-894-4001



Lakewood Ranch | A4541270 | \$598,800  
Tina Ciaccio | 941-685-8420

“

*Five STARS! Tina is by far the finest real estate professional that I have ever had the pleasure to work with. I am not a rookie at buying and selling properties around the world and Tina would sit at the very top of my list as the role model for R/E transactions. Tina is incredibly smart and more importantly has amazing EQ! I am proud to recommend her and her Company to anyone.*

★★★★★ William M.



# Living Lakewood Ranch

TINA  CIACCIO

REALTOR® GRI, CLHMS, CIRE, RENE

#1 Michael Saunders Agent in Lakewood Ranch since 2019

**Top 1%** of all Sarasota and Manatee Realtors  
 Certified **Luxury Home** Marketing Specialist  
 Multi Year **Five Star** Award Recipient  
 As Featured on **HGTV House Hunters**



Scan QR Code to estimate YOUR Home's Value.  
 Then contact TINA to discuss your real estate goals.

**Michael Saunders & Company**  
 Licensed Real Estate Broker



**941.685.8420**

**TinaCiaccio.com**



# HAVEN

SPOTLIGHTING LIFE ON THE RANCH

Decorating a new home can be an exciting challenge when you do it yourself. **PAGE 92**

Photos by Harry Sayer  
Sunday brunch by the pool is a perfect way to entertain friends in this Country Club East home.



# Michelle and Jeff Nungesser's Country Club East home shines with DIY creative design and a natural flair for style.

● BY ROBERT PLUNKET | CONTRIBUTOR



A high trayed ceiling adds a sense of openness to the main living area.





# Design Inspiration



“

*Everybody should have yellow in their house. It makes you so happy.* **MICHELLE NUNGESSER**



Far left: Mirrors add sparkle and depth to the home's dining area. Top: In the living area, carefully thought-out scale and proportion lead the eye toward the outdoors. Left: Pops of yellow, owner Michelle Nungesser's favorite color, provide a note of whimsy to a corner of the kitchen.

When many people move to Lakewood Ranch, a subtle transformation takes place. They discover new things, new skills, new talents they never knew they had. Just look at Michelle Nungesser. The wife, mother, Zumba instructor and substitute P.E. teacher took her interest in interior design, nurtured it into a hobby and then, with some study and hard work, turned it into a passion that continues to brighten her life — and her home.

“I love the modern contemporary look,” Michelle says. When she and her husband, Jeff, moved to Country Club East three years ago, decorating her home had not been a priority. They had lived in several homes in the area over the years and while their residences were comfortable and suited the family's lifestyle, the urge to create her own individual look just hadn't been there.

Lakewood Ranch changed all that. “There is so much wonderful design here,” she says. She began visiting model homes. It was a hobby that soon became an obsession. “All my friends kid me about it.” Coupled with online research — she highly recommends Houzz with its wealth of inspiring photos and ideas — and visits to retailers like HomeGoods and Z Gallerie — Michelle was ready for the ultimate challenge: decorating the new family home.

It's a Neal Signature model — the Palmavera. In addition to a floor plan that worked for her family, the home's main selling point was a particularly large lot that was private and boasted a

view of a lake. The Nungessers also appreciated the fact that the community was gated and had the amenities (golf, clubhouse, etc.) for which they were looking. Working with the designers at Neal Signature, some tweaks were made to the standard design. Pillars in the entrance hall were removed to open the space, and the laundry room was made smaller to enlarge the den and the kitchen. But the many touches that the family loved — the high trayed ceilings, the spacious outdoor living area — were left untouched.

Then it was time for Michelle to put her newfound knowledge to work. The results show what a talented non-professional can do with educated taste and the commitment to get everything right.

The great room is a classic example of the modern contemporary look that had so captured Michelle's imagination. It's a large open concept space with a formal living area, an upscale kitchen with high-end appliances, and

*Continued on Page 96*





AWARD WINNING  
*Certified Home Luxury Marketing Specialists*



**TOP 10% OF AGENTS IN SALES**  
**#1 SALES OFFICE IN THE STATE**  
**OVER \$100 MILLION IN SALES**

“

Judy and Valerie sold our home in Lakewood Ranch, Florida. Their hard work and strong work ethic were apparent from our first meeting. The dedication they paid to us was amazing. They made the process of selling our home easy. They WILL sell your home!!! Judy and Valerie also brokered the purchase our new home. We highly recommend this team!

-D. Karsmarski

”

**Judy Heuerman**  
Coldwell Banker  
Residential Real Estate  
941-356-5260  
[judy.heuerman@floridamoves.com](mailto:judy.heuerman@floridamoves.com)



**COLDWELL BANKER**  
**REALTY**

**Valerie Esposito,**  
Coldwell Banker  
Residential Real Estate  
941-809-3541  
[valerie.esposito@floridamoves.com](mailto:valerie.esposito@floridamoves.com)

**LAKWOODRANCHHOMEEXPERTS.COM**

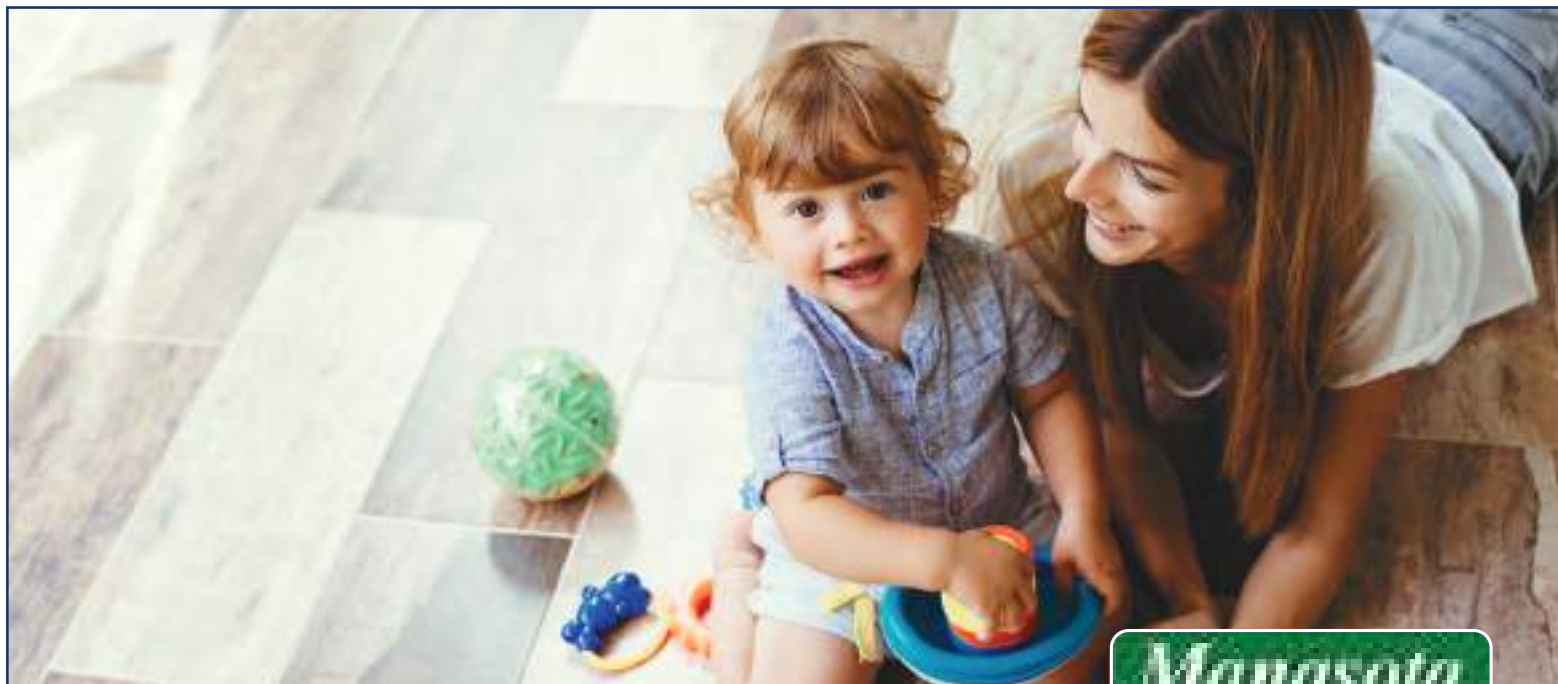
*Continued from Page 94*

a dining area that playfully walks the line between formal and informal.

It is in the living area that Michelle's color sense comes into play. The sofas are upholstered in a rich blue velvet-like material that adds an unexpected note to the design scheme. There is something a little retro to their shape and hue that goes back to the mid-century roots of modern design. The coffee table, on the other hand, is totally up to date. What makes the room pop, though, are the sunny yellow pillows. "Everybody should have yellow in their house," Michelle says. "It makes you so happy." Look carefully and you'll see other yellow accents, all the way down to a cheerful happy face mug.

The primary bedroom is calm and uncluttered, with a neutral palette enlivened by touches of green. If there is any place where the house goes wild, though, it is definitely the room of 13-year-old Ty. Here things are cluttered, with masses of Legos, Batman

*Continued on Page 98*



**SHOWROOMS ARE OPEN | \$500 OFF**

limited time, select flooring

1734 South Tamiami Trail  
Venice, FL 34293  
941.493.7441

4551 N. Washington Blvd.  
Sarasota, FL 34234  
941.355.8437

2510 1st Street West  
Bradenton, FL 34208  
941.748.4679



[www.manasotaonline.com](http://www.manasotaonline.com)

385601-1





*If there is any place where the house goes wild, though, it is definitely the room of 13-year-old Ty.*



Far left: Everything is calm and cool in the primary bedroom, with subtle accents of green to bring in the outdoor view. Left: Son Ty's room is the perfect spot for a serious Lego hobbyist. Above: You can admire Ty's collection, but please don't touch anything.



# Designed for your life *style*

West Florida's Premier Pool Builder  
**DESIGN | BUILD | MAINTAIN**  
 Professional In-House Construction



of West Florida, Inc.  
 Lic# CPC1458597

Family Owned and Operated Since 1994

HolidayPoolsFlorida.com



Call today to schedule an appointment

**941.927.1882**

385680-1





*Continued from Page 96*

figures and a battlefield that is constantly changing. There's even a hand-lettered sign demanding that visitors not touch anything. "And he knows if they do," says Michelle.

Michelle reports that husband Jeff has been an important part of the process, in that "I need somebody to argue with about how high to hang the pictures." Jeff and Michelle own Iron City Insurance and Jeff is more interested in sports than interior decor. He plays golf (that's his deluxe Icon golf cart out front painted in the University of Georgia colors) but, more unusually, he also plays hockey in a league at the arena up in Ellenton. One can picture him and his fellow hockey players watching a game from the pool, or the bar at the outdoor kitchen — or even one of two seating areas, one designed for sun and one for shade. Perhaps they have a beer in hand, and there's pizza on the granite counter and ice cream in the freezer.

But, for full effect, it would be an evening game. That's when the portable screen comes out. It attaches to the pool screen and provides a viewing area over 14 feet wide. It was manufactured by their friend Dave Wright, who

Above: Jeff Nungesser plays in a hockey league, but he's also an avid golfer. His new Icon golf cart sits in the motor court. Right: A seating area on the lanai features a table that turns into a portable fire pit, while another seating area (below) offers a shady spot for coffee or cocktails.



*Continued on Page 100*



# CHERYL SCURLOCK DESIGN

DECORATING DEN INTERIORS®



*Award Winning Designer*

You deserve something special - let's create it together!

Contact us today at 941.400.8176 to schedule your design consultation.

[cherylscurlock.decoratingden.com](http://cherylscurlock.decoratingden.com)



Continued from Page 98

owns Patio Projections. Wide-screen hockey while floating in the pool on a balmy Florida night. That's life in Lakewood Ranch, folks.

Michelle's home shows you can decorate your own home at a professional level if you do your homework and make the commitment. "Start looking at model homes," she advises. "That's how you find your vision. You'll see what appeals to you and get all sorts of ideas. I get out my phone and take photos of every little detail." She also heartily endorses poring over magazines and online sites. "I discovered I love clean, open spaces and a simple color palette."

Now that the house is finished, what's next on Michelle's agenda? She'll keep up with her passion for design but she's also thinking of devoting her time and energy to culinary school. "I told my husband and he's so happy!" she says as she prepares for her next big adventure.

It should be delicious.



Angel's Painting, LLC



**No job too BIG  
or too SMALL.**

*Quick Response &  
Timely Job Completion!*

**RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL PAINTING  
INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR PAINTING  
POWERWASHING**



**For Your Free Quote call us Today!**

**941-718-1863 or email [angelspainting00@gmail.com](mailto:angelspainting00@gmail.com)**

*Licensed & Insured  
Over 15 years of painting experience in Sarasota and Bradenton area*

380183-1

**SPARCCLE  
BY THE SEA**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN ELEGANT EVENING**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022**  
The Westin Sarasota

- Cocktail Reception • Live Band
- Gourmet 3-course Dinner
- Curated Live Auction Packages

Seating is limited. Make your reservations today!  
[SPARCC.net/events](https://SPARCC.net/events) or call 941-365-0208 x 110

PRESENTING SPONSOR  
Lawrence P. Castellani Family Foundation

MEDIA SPONSORS  
**Observer** **SCENE**

Benefiting:  
**SPARCC**  
Sarasota Pediatric Art Resource Center

385924-1





*Wide-screen  
hockey while  
floating in  
the pool on  
a balmy  
Florida night.  
That's life in  
Lakewood  
Ranch, folks.*

Left: a detachable screen from Patio Projections provides a 14-foot-long viewing area for fun nights in the home's outdoor living area.



Invest in the beauty and comfort of home this holiday season with Hunter Douglas shades.

HunterDouglas 

**REBATES  
STARTING AT**

**\$100\***

ON QUALIFYING  
PURCHASES  
**SEPT. 10 -  
DEC. 5, 2022**

**Interior Design • Wallpaper  
Rugs • Custom Bedding  
Furniture • Window Treatments**



**BEGINNING  
TO  
END**



**941.924.4481 | [www.B2END.com](http://www.B2END.com)**  
4453 Ashton Road, Unit C • Sarasota, FL 34233

\*Manufacturer's mail-in rebate offer valid for qualifying purchases made September 10, 2022-December 5, 2022 from participating dealers in the U.S. only. Offer excludes HDOrigins® and Nantucket™ Window Shadings, a collection of Silhouette® Window Shadings. Rebate will be issued in the form of a Virtual Reward Card emailed within 6 weeks of rebate claim approval. Subject to applicable law, a \$3.00 monthly fee will be assessed against card balance 12 months after card issuance and each month thereafter. See complete terms distributed with Virtual Reward Card. Additional limitations may apply. Ask participating dealer for details and rebate form. ©2022 Hunter Douglas. All rights reserved. All trademarks used herein are the property of Hunter Douglas or their respective owners.

LUMINETTE® PRIVACY SHEERS &  
SILHOUETTE® WINDOW SHADINGS

# art and about

# Fall Into Season

Season's coming right up! Until then, here are some cool ways to pass the last few dog days of summer.



SU BYRON  
MANAGING EDITOR

**Now You See it. Now You Don't.** “Seeing the Invisible” is a sight to see. This cutting-edge, traveling exhibition at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens’ Historic Spanish Point campus features digital artworks that exist in augmented reality, not physical space. What does that mean, exactly? Basically, you hold up your smartphone or tablet against a vista in the real-world gardens. Then your screen becomes a window to a make-believe digital world. In front of a church, or a gazebo, (or whatever), you’ll see a towering, golden birdcage (Ai Weiwei’s “Gilded Cage AR”), a humongous soap bubble (Mel O’Callaghan’s “Pneuma”), or a gargantuan gold ring (Mohammed Kazem’s “Directions: Zero”) arching up from the earth. These and the other 13 pieces aren’t “really” there. Take your screen away, and you won’t see them anymore. (In this exhibition, seeing isn’t believing.) The flip between augmented artifacts and the evidence of your eyes is oddly exhilarating, but hard to describe. You really have to see it for itself. *Through August 2023 at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens’ Historic Spanish Point campus, 337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey; Selby.org.*

**Say It With Flowers.** Most people send flowers to say, “I love you.” But many contemporary photographers have a love affair with flowers. To feel their love, check out “Flora Imaginaria: The Flower in Contemporary Photography,” a survey of recent floral photography at Selby Gardens. It features 70 stunning prints created by 21st century masters. Flowers are their focus. But their floral love takes many forms. David LaChapelle’s dense arrangements are lush to the point of decadence — and as intri-



Courtesy photos  
Above: Buddha heads  
on display at MARA  
Art Studio + Gallery.  
Left: “Seeing the  
Invisible” at Historic  
Spanish Point.

cately detailed as a Renaissance still-life painting. Valérie Belin’s work ranges from coal-black bouquets to riots of floral color — pretty petals, often superimposed on a parody of the sexualized female face in pop culture imagery. Viviane Sassen goes for the extreme close-up, usually with a female figure, hiding or camouflaged in the blossoms. Don’t miss this show. (And don’t forget to bring flowers to the one you love.) *Through Sept. 25 at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, 811 S. Palm Ave., Sarasota. 941-366-5731; Selby.org.*

**Creators of the Lost Art.** “Justified + Ancient” at MARA Art Studio + Gallery unites the past, present and future in a celebration of timeless artistry. Curated by gallery founder Mara Torres and Jackie Cutrone, an artist and co-founder of the Halo Arts Project, this exhibition pairs 16 ancient artifacts from the Princeton Collection with work by 16 area-based artists inspired by the pieces. These will include Mara Torres’ response to

*Continued on Page 104*





RINGLING COLLEGE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

# TOWN HALL

SARASOTA'S PREMIER LECTURE SERIES™

*Bringing influencers from the world stage to our stage in Sarasota*



**MARIA RESSA**  
January 17, 2023

2021 Nobel Peace Prize Winner



**MICHAEL PHELPS**  
February 6, 2023

Mental Health Advocate and Former Olympian



**ADM. JAMES STAVRIDIS**  
February 27, 2023

Retired Four Star Admiral



**JOSÉ ANDRÉS**  
March 13, 2023

Chef and Founder of World Central Kitchen



**THOMAS FRIEDMAN**  
April 3, 2023

Three Time Pulitzer Prize Winner

For subscription information visit [RCLAssociation.org](https://RCLAssociation.org)

To learn more about the Series and Speakers visit us  
[RCLAssociation.org](https://RCLAssociation.org) 941-309-5100

Continued from Page 102

a sarcophagus from Egypt's Ptolemaic Period (circa 4th century BCE); Jackie Cutrone's take on a bust of Buddha from China's Sung Dynasty (10th-13th centuries CE); Jana Millstone's riff on another bust of Buddha created in China's Yuan Dynasty (1260-1368 CE); along with Ellen Kantro's counterpoint to wooden masks carved by artists of the Senoufo and Bakota peoples in what are now the countries of Gabon and Ivory Coast in West Africa. Teresa Carson will also read from her recent poetry at the opening. As of this writing, the creations of the living artists are still a work in progress. "That's still in the future," laughs Torres. "I can't wait to see what flows from the minds and hands of these talented people." *The opening reception with artists is 6-8 p.m., Oct. 27. Exhibit continues through Nov. 17. 1421 Fifth St., Sarasota; 941-914-8110; MaraStudioGallery.com.*

**The Soul of Billy Joel.** Singer/songwriter Billy Joel's characters resemble fugitives from *film noir* movies of the

1940s. Joel sings about losers, lovers, grifters, women with bad tempers, suicidal teenagers, struggling singers, drunks and dreamers. His portraits aren't always flattering. But you always figure he's singing about real people. Florida Studio Theatre cabaret is lighting a Bic (or better, a smartphone flashlight) to the "Piano Man" himself. "New York State of Mind: All the Hits of Billy Joel" is the brainchild of Alexander Aguilar and John De Simini — two Broadway creators who've doubtlessly heard more Billy Joel hits than you

can shake a stick at. What hits are we talking about? If you're thinking songs like "For the Longest Time," "Only the Good Die Young," and "Tell Her About It," you'd be right. If it's a Billy Joel tune you love, this show's probably got it. Aguilar and De Simini's tribute comes to life thanks to the Uptown Band — a trio that enhances the music with smooth Motown-inspired choreography and a lot of theatrical flair. *Through Oct. 2, at John C. Court Cabaret, Florida Studio Theatre, 1265 First St., Sarasota. FloridaStudioTheatre.org; 941-366-9000.*

"Uptown Boys" at Florida Studio Theatre



**ELYSIAN FIELDS**

**Your store for conscious living**

**ELYSIAN FIELDS** is more than a gift shop. It's an experience of serenity, relaxation and expansiveness.

**We offer:**  
Greeting Cards  
Books • Crystals  
Bath & Body Products • Jewelry  
Candles • Unique Gifts  
Readings by licensed, tested readers and more!

*locally owned*

1273 S. Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota, FL 34239  
Phone: (941) 361-3006

[Elysianfieldsgifts.com](http://Elysianfieldsgifts.com)

**LAKWOOD RANCH RESIDENTS**  
*we are excited to welcome you to our second location at The Shoppes at UTC this fall!*

385743-1

**FLORIDA STUDIO THEATRE**

**"TERRIFIC"** - Total Theater  
**"ONE OF THE BEST EVER"** - Venice Gondolier Sun

**THE JERSEY TENORS**  
PART II  
BY BRIAN NOONAN

Return: Common Johnson, Valen Burjard, Jerry Galt, and Brian Noonan. Photo by FST.

**FST** florida studio theatre

Richard Hopkins  
Producing Artistic Director

**941.366.9000**

[FLORIDASTUDIOTHEATRE.ORG](http://FLORIDASTUDIOTHEATRE.ORG)

1241 NORTH PALM AVENUE

385749-1



# Life Outdoors

**LOOKING TO REFRESH YOUR PATIO?**  
Shop our **IN-STOCK & READY**  
to **DELIVER** outdoor patio furniture



## **VOTED #1**

Outdoor Specialty Retailer in  
the country by the International  
Casual Furniture Association



## **Elegant Outdoor Living**

The Finest in Outdoor Patio Furnishings and Accessories

Family Owned and Operated Since 1987

**VISIT OUR NEWLY EXPANDED SHOWROOM**

Sarasota: 7606 S. Tamiami Tr. Ste. 101 (1/2 mi. South of Clark Rd. on 41) • 941-217-6547

MON-SAT 10AM - 6PM, SUN 12-5PM

**WWW.ELEGANTOUTDOORS.COM**

SARASOTA • BONITA SPRINGS • NAPLES

FOLLOW US



385381-1

*table talk*

# Clark Jinsung Park of Korê Steakhouse

The self-taught chef is wowing diners with Korean culinary favorites at this new eatery at Waterside Place.

BY ABBY WEINGARTEN | CONTRIBUTOR

After years of sharing his culinary prowess with the Sarasota community at JPan Sushi & Grill, Chef Clark Jinsung Park is now wowing Lakewood Ranchers at Korê Steakhouse at Waterside Place.

Famed JPan founder and restaurateur Daniel Dokko opened Korê in April, with Park at the helm as chef and co-partner, alongside co-partner and manager Anderyas Putranto. Park, like Dokko, is originally from South Korea and is self-taught. He explains that Korê offers an authentic Korean experience — and the menu shows that with plenty of Korean favorites, including kimchi (small dishes of salted and fermented vegetables), bibimbap (mixed rice with meat and assorted vegetables), yukhoe (a Korean-style beef tartare), and japchae (a savory and slightly sweet dish of stir-fried glass noodles and vegetables).

Chef Park recently shared some of the inspirations that empower his culinary prowess.

## **My cooking mentor was...**

I've been in America for seven years, working with Daniel, and I feel lucky that I met him. When I was in Korea, in high school and college, I always worked in restaurants, and I learned from people there. But when I came to America, I couldn't speak English, so



Photos by Lori Sax

Clark Jinsung Park is happiest when Korê's patrons are happy.

my mentors have been Daniel and Anderyas. They taught me how to make sushi and other dishes. I can make all the Korean food, but I still need some guidance with other cuisine.

## **One of my newest kitchen obsessions is...**

Learning how to do different cuts of

meat. American cuts are different than Korean cuts. When you cut the whole cow in America, it's just ribeye or strip or things like that. But in Korea, there are over 100 different parts they use. So, I keep studying how to use different cuts of meat and make them tasty for the customer, using my butcher knife and filet knife.



**When I'm traveling, I tend to eat...**

In my hometown, I like something called cow's head soup. It includes the cow's intestines and head. Because of COVID, I haven't been to my hometown in almost five years, and I really miss that.

**When I'm not working, I am...**

With my wife and two daughters. One of my daughters is almost 3 and one is only 5 months old. I love to take my daughters out for walks together or play in the pool with them.

**I became a professional chef because...**

It started when I was really young. Cooking was fun and my family liked the food I made. When I walk around the restaurants where I work now and I see people are eating and happy, I am happy too. Because of that feeling, I do this work.

**My favorite breakfast is...**

In Korean culture, even in the morning, we eat rice, soup, fish and a side

dish. I'd wake up at 5 a.m. and my mom would make food for us. Before America, I never ate bread in the morning, so that was a little bit of a challenge for me. I love Korean breakfasts.

**My favorite kind of customer is someone who...**

Gives me feedback and not complaints — just good feedback. If I see someone like that, I remember them and offer them something new the next time.

**The top faux pas that a customer can make is...**

Some people might come to the restaurant and say it's not authentic Korean food. But I'm from Korea, so I think I know. Just they want to complain.

**When I cook, I like to listen to...**

K-pop and K-ballads. I always listen to that kind of music. The melodies are really sad and slow.

**The top three ingredients I always have at home are...**

Fresh garlic, sesame oil and Korean



Chef Park prepares a perfect cut of A5 Wagyu beef.

pepper paste, which you can buy at any Asian market.

*Korê Steakhouse: 1561 Lakefront Drive, Suite 111, Sarasota, 941-928-5673; KoreSteakhouse.com.*

copenhagen imports

# Fashion. Form. Function.

You deserve only the best!



FURNITURE + LIGHTING + ACCENTS + INTERIOR DESIGN



7211 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota  
Mon-Sat 10-6 · Sun 12-5

941-923-2569  
copenhagen-imports.com



# IN HERE, LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL



**SIX-SHOW AND  
FLEX SUBSCRIPTIONS  
ARE ON SALE NOW!**

**Subscribers Get Great Benefits:**

- Guaranteed Seating
- Best Pricing
- Fee-Free Ticket Exchanges
- Savings on Additional Tickets

**asolorep** | 22/23  
ASOLO REPERTORY THEATRE | SEASON

941.351.8000 asolorep.org

## DRAGON BOAT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OPENING CEREMONY

JULY 18 AT NATHAN BENDERSON PARK



Photos by Jay Heater  
Above: Nathan Benderson Park dragon boat team members participate in the opening ceremonies.



Left: Blake Wallenda looks in complete control as he walks the highwire.



Bindi Clark, Kim Meade, Mark Slater and Dale Whitley are among the paddlers from the Gold Coast Dragons of Queensland, Australia who made the trip for the Club Crew World Championships.



# WHEN AVERAGE IS NOT YOUR STYLE

Ask  
About Our  
**In-Home**  
Consultations

**HURRICANE  
IMPACT  
RATED**

*Glass Design*  
YOUR DESIGNER GLASS AND DOOR EXPERTS

Now Servicing  
**Sarasota - Ft. Myers - Naples**  
Call or Text **941-271-7717**  
**GlassDesigns.com**

**FREE  
INSTALL**  
**LAKEWOOD  
RANCH AREA**

Offer Expires 10/31/2022

Minimum Purchase of \$1,500  
Required For Free Installation

**INSERTS  
IN-STOCK &  
READY FOR  
INSTALL**

**EXPRESS**  
*Inserts*  
BY *Glass Design*



**From Design To Install,  
We Do It All !**

Doors - Door Inserts - Glass Walls  
Wine Enclosures - Designer Showers  
Glass Backsplashes





**OPENING  
2022!**

## You're Invited To Join

Become a member of The Pickleball Club  
of Lakewood Ranch where all are  
welcome - beginner to pro.

We're about having fun, making friends,  
learning pickleball, and best of all – playing in  
comfort on 12 indoor professional courts.

*Quit Dinking Around*  
**Membership is limited**

*Take a virtual tour of the club*



**Call 941-271-4444 today to inquire  
about our membership options.**



**The Pickleball Club™**  
*Play For Life*

**tpclwr.us | membership@thepickleballclub.us**  
**1300 Sarasota Center Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34240**

## FLORIDA STUDIO THEATRE'S 'OFF THE CHARTS!'

JULY 9 AT THE PLAZA AT WATERSIDE



Photos by Liz Ramos

Florida Studio Theatre's Caleb Lee, Linnzie Hays, Harry Shaul and Gemma Vodacek  
come together to sing "We are the World."



Del Webb's Mike and Diane Cannon  
are excited to see "Off the Charts!" at  
The Plaza at Waterside. The Cannons  
love coming to Waterside to eat at  
restaurants, go to the Farmers Market  
and more.

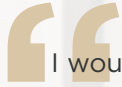


Lakewood Ranch 12-year-olds Jocelyn An-  
nicelli, and her cousin Angelina Annicelli  
practice their dance moves.





RICH POLESE  
GROUP



I would include Rich in the same category as my most trusted advisors and look forward to our relationship continuing long after the paperwork is signed. - J.R.

## RECORD-BREAKING REPRESENTATION WORKING FOR YOU



Rich Polese, a successful business-owner with global influence, has exploded onto the local residential real estate scene. Rich and his team are your trusted advisors with a proven track record of results for buyers and sellers.

- Represented the Buyer of the Highest Priced Residential Sale in Sarasota/Manatee Recorded History
- Top 1% of All Real Estate Agents in Sarasota/Manatee in 2020
- Lakewood Ranch Resident
- Expert Negotiator



RICH POLESE  
GROUP

COMPASS

941.914.7115  
Rich@FLHomes.com

RichPolese.com

1343 Main Street, Suite 703  
Sarasota, FL 34236

**3Natives**  
ACAI AND JUICERY

HEALTHY + EASY + FAST



## 3NATIVES

3Natives - Acai & Juicery takes a healthy twist on the "fast food" mindset by serving healthy and convenient food at an affordable price. This healthy lifestyle cafe is well-known for its fresh and flavorful acai bowls, smoothies, salads, wraps, cold-pressed juices, and more! With 20+ locations across Florida, the Lakewood Ranch location is the first and only location to break ground on the west coast of Florida. Each 3Natives is locally owned and operated and this healthy lifestyle cafe is one you must check out!

Open Daily

**11577 E State Rd 70, Lakewood Ranch**  
**941.751.1119 | [www.3Natives.com](http://www.3Natives.com)**

385714-1

**Blue Surf**  
American Grill



## Blue Surf American Grill

NEW LOCAL RESTAURANT -  
Blue Surf American Grill

Currently offering Lunch and Dinner Tuesday - Sunday and Brunch on the weekends. Join us for a polished casual dining experience with chef-inspired cuisine, desserts, crafted cocktails, and daily food specials!

**Open Tuesday - Friday at 11am**  
**Saturday & Sunday at 8:30am**

**Reservations & Carry-Out accepted by phone or online 941-777-7674**  
**[www.BlueSurfAmericanGrill.com](http://www.BlueSurfAmericanGrill.com)**

**5820 Ranch Lake Blvd Bradenton, FL 34202**  
**"Walk-ins Welcome"**

385907-1



## ED'S TAVERN

A Jersey Joint in Lakewood Ranch, Ed's Tavern is the perfect blend of local neighborhood sports bar and family friendly restaurant right in the heart of Main Street (next to the movie theater). We're the only lakefront dining in Lakewood Ranch! The menu has something for everyone, from Southern favorites like pulled pork and fried pickles to our authentic New Jersey classics like open-faced sandwiches and disco fries. Our newly remodeled full-service bar now includes 26 ice cold draft selections plus over 31 flat screen TVs.

Daily Specials, Trivia every Wednesday and Thursday. Live Music every Friday & Saturday night. Mon - Thur 11am - 12am, Fri - Sat 11am - 2am, Sun 11am - 11pm.

**10719 Rodeo Dr, Lakewood Ranch**  
**941.907.0400 | [facebook.com/edstavernlwr](https://facebook.com/edstavernlwr)**

366079-1





## GROVE - RESTAURANT, PATIO & BALLROOM

GROVE specializes in contemporary American offerings and onsite event planning. The menu is elevated yet approachable and locally inspired. Overlooking the charming Main Street center, at Grove there's room for everyone at the table! Gathering spaces include a casual patio, a relaxing lounge, intimate private rooms and a lively, modern bar. We serve brunch, lunch and dinner.

**10670 Boardwalk Loop, Lakewood Ranch**  
**941.893.4321 | [www.GroveLWR.com](http://www.GroveLWR.com)**

373262-1



## MAIN STREET TRATTORIA

Mainstreet Trattoria has long been your neighborhood's "go-to" spot for authentic Italian cuisine with a local twist. We offer traditional dishes, amazing pizzas, and a full-service bar.

Whether you want to dine on our patio, chat inside with friends, or watch a game at our bar - we are always pleased to welcome you to our table. Open seven days a week for Lunch & Dinner.

**8131 Lakewood Main Street #101**  
**Lakewood Ranch | 941.210.4101**  
**[mstrattoria.com](http://mstrattoria.com)**

385871-1



## MCGRATH'S IRISH ALE HOUSE

Experience a taste of Ireland in Lakewood Ranch; where our community is family. Enjoy a mix of family inspired Irish offerings, as well as everyone's favorites like a Chopped Salad, a Pub style BLT, Traditional Shepherd's Pie, and Fish & Chips. Alongside dinner, enjoy a Kilkenny, Guinness, or choose from our wide range of whiskeys and cocktails that will transport you to the heart of Ireland, all from Lakewood Ranch Main Street. At McGrath's, we believe that no dish can be better than its ingredients.

Mon - Thur 11am - 10pm, Fri - Sat 11am- 12am,  
 Sun 9am - 10pm

**8110 Lakewood Main St, Lakewood Ranch**  
**941.210.4398 | [www.mcgrathsirish.com](http://www.mcgrathsirish.com)**

373246-1

385869-1

DINING OUT

Gordon Silver captured this  
dragonfly feeding in Del Webb.

# *PARTING GLANCE*





# INTEGRITY • *Tenacity* • EXPERIENCE

It's an honor to be ranked among the top 1.49% of all Realtors® nationwide, Stacy's work ethic and reputation have earned her this designation along with your support and referrals.

Specializing in luxury properties in both Sarasota and Manatee counties, Stacy's award-winning service gives you the results you require and the experience you expect.

Connect with Stacy Haas today to discuss your goals. Her professionalism and commitment remain unmatched.

- **Five Star "Best in Client" Award 2007-2022**
- **Established Lakewood Ranch Specialist and Resident for more than a decade**
- **Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist**
- **Million Dollar Guild (GUILD) Recognition® by The Institute for Luxury Home Marketing®**
- **Certified Masters Negotiations Expert**
- **Former interior design business owner**



**Stacy Haas**  
REALTOR®,  
CLHMS, CMNE

941.587.4359

StacyHaas@michaelsaunders.com

StacyHaas.com

Over \$115 Million  
in 2021 Sales Volume

**Michael Saunders & Company.**  
LICENSED REAL ESTATE BROKER





*P.S. The Key to Your Real Estate Success*



### Your Lakewood Ranch Neighbors and Home Experts

**KENNETH SHANAHAN, PLLC**

941.702.0443

Kenneth.Shanahan@CBRealty.com

**KATINA SHANAHAN, PLLC**

941.702.0437

Katina.Shanahan@CBRealty.com

**HOLLY PASCARELLA, PA**

941.225.3218

Holly.Pascarella@CBRealty.com

**\$67 MILLION+**  
PENDING & SOLD  
IN 2022

**TOP 1 % OF AGENTS**  
IN MANATEE AND  
SARASOTA COUNTIES

**600+ HOMES**  
SOLD IN  
LAKEWOOD RANCH



**COLDWELL BANKER**