

## Recreation Amenities Committee

By: Martha Palmer - Chair

The major renovations for 2018 are now COMPLETE!! The RAC has coordinated the finishing the primary physical improvements to the Cypresswood Clubhouse and Golf Course. Now it is time to enjoy our remodeled facilities! Our community is starting to become a “community” again, with people meeting one another and gathering together at the Clubhouse for various events. As of December, The Grille is open more hours including Sundays. Fitness Classes are several times a week, the Pool and Tennis courts are open, Bridge groups meet three times a week and Volunteers are taking care of our patio plants.

In November, The Grille held its Grand Opening. Next, the Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce held its November gathering at Cypresswood. This gave us an opportunity to show off our refurbished facilities. Then, the annual Cypresswood Craft Show returned to Cypresswood after many years.

The Haines City Chamber of Commerce is coming to Cypresswood in December. Furthermore, the Social Committee has several events planned for December! (They are all discussed in this Newsletter.) Make plans to attend as many as you can and bring your friends and neighbors.

As the RAC moves into 2019 we will continue to examine what needs to be repaired/ replaced in all of our amenities. The needs of the pool, the tennis courts, and the Wellness Center will be considered. We will continue to make needed repairs and improvements to our existing facilities before we build any new ones.

As in 2018, finances will continue to be important in 2019. We will look at all the amenities, count the number of residents being served by each amenity, and try to determine where we can put our limited funds to serve the greatest number of residents. Residents’ needs are the RAC’s primary focus. Amenities that generate revenue for Cypresswood will be addressed before non-revenue generating areas. (The exception to this guideline is when a Health or Fire Code issue requires us to make repairs and or upgrades.)

The golf course remains our primary economic engine. It brings in – by far – the most revenue. The RAC understands that we must continue to improve the golf course so that it will attract as many players as possible. Therefore, some long-range planning for future needs of the golf course will be a main concern in January. Until then, enjoy the Holidays at Cypresswood!