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Projects At or Near Completion

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River Strand Clubhouse Complete

by David Grossman, Project Manager

J.L. Wallace has recently completed construction of the River Strand Clubhouse for Lennar Homes. The single story clubhouse, located in the Heritage Harbour development in Bradenton, FL, spans 37,000 sq. ft. and is the new crown jewel of the River Strand community.

The complex consists of a golf and tennis pro shop, full service dining room and bar, complete commercial kitchen, billiards room, card room, fitness center, and locker rooms. It also boasts a 3,340 sq. ft. swimming pool, 999 sq. ft. resistance pool, spa, sand beach, and outdoor chickee bar giving the area a resort feel. This gorgeous clubhouse is great for casual entertaining as well as large banquet events.

Every detail of the clubhouse was de-

signed with the comfort of the residents in mind. Guests are welcomed into the lobby by the gently cascading sounds of a marble fountain. The elegance and warmth of the dining room is enhanced by coffered ceilings and a gas fireplace. French doors allow the dining room to be secluded from the bar area for a more intimate entertaining environment. The outdoor chickee bar allows golfers or visitors to pool to enjoy an informal snack. The full fitness center hosts a variety of workout



equipment as well as an aerobics room. The fully equipped commercial kitchen can accommodate any type of event held at the clubhouse.

Architectural design services were provided by Titsch and Associates and interior design services were by Focal Point.

In addition to the clubhouse, J.L. Wallace also constructed the entry guardhouse for the Heritage Harbour community. The guardhouse incorporates the same exterior design as used on the clubhouse.

David Grossman served as project manager for all phases of the project, Jim Faulkner was superintendent for the clubhouse, Jim Ruby was superintendent for the guardhouse, and Robbyn Spears was project manager assistant.





Perspective at Mid-Life

by Jerry Wallace, President

Whether I like it or not, the mid-century mark will be upon me this April, and I am amazed how one finds themselves reviewing life at this time from a totally different perspective than before. Perhaps mortality sets in or just the fact that there still seems so much more to get done, yet seemingly, so little time left, to accomplish such.

Just this week I heard of a similar aged friend's failure at family life, as he fell for an affair that some would label as a mid-life crisis. It causes one to ask why and how do such things happen? Is it because at mid-life we still evaluate success as we saw it in our youth? If that's that case, is that not living in our past, with a less developed perspective and an immature definition of true success?

I can still remember my view of "climbing the ladder of success" from the vantage point of my late 20's and through the 30's, where it was tied to pleasures and possessions. I am sure I speak for many of the yuppie generation where such striving became nothing more than chasing the wind. King Solomon wrote of such things in the Book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible. You may remember the song by the Byrds from the 1960's named *Turn! Turn! Turn!* about there being a season for all things, in essence quotes from the Book of Ecclesiastes. In this book, King Solomon, the wisest man to have ever lived, talks of the futility of all endeavors in life and compares it to chasing the wind. He was a man who had and tried it all, from unspeakable pleasures to innumerable possessions and chalks it all up as all unprofitable. He summarizes that what the eye sees is always seemingly better than what the soul desires. So perhaps the question becomes, what exactly does our soul desire in life?

In the book *Halftime*, author Bob Buford talks of this mid-life transition that so many people find themselves at, usually at those years between the late 30's and early 50's. This is when an individual who has been climbing their perceived "ladder to success", usually after 20 plus years, realizes that the ladder has been leaning against the wrong wall. That wall is actually what the human spirit desires and that is "Significance." Also in the same book *Halftime*, Buford talks about how many people spend the first half of their adult life chasing success. Upon realization, halftime can become a time to prep for a different second half and the transitioning from a life focused

on success to a life focused on significance.

It is my belief that each individual lives with an inborn desire to be significant. In fact, every aspect of human behavior, both positive and negative, can be directly traced to the pursuit of personal significance. Depression, anger, and impatience are some of the ways that people illustrate their yearning for significance. Likewise, loyalty, reliability, and responsibility are driven by the hope that significance can be sustained.

The definition of true success, as defined by so many in this world, can be so far from real significance. It seems to me that so many of the so-called "mid-life crises" are those wanting to hold on to

The real test of a man is not when he plays the role that he wants for himself, but when he plays the role destiny has for him.

■ Vallav Havel

their first half of life and what they considered success. Whether that be youthful looks, a fast boat or car, or a trophy girlfriend. It is all vanity as King Solomon would say. We must ask the question; why were we put on this earth? That's where we will find our significance and start living our destiny that will lead to tomorrow's legacy. Great philosophical insights, but how do we put legs on it and apply it to our lives? First it will require a personal paradigm shift on what we consider true success to be and I submit it to be significance that lives beyond this life. A great exercise is attempt at writing your own epitaph. This will dramatically help you focus on what really matters most to you. A major task of life's second half is a matter of legacy – leaving something valuable behind. Thinking ahead to our ultimate exit and working backwards tends to help us identify our real priorities and potential contributions.

If living a life of significance resonates within you, remember this call to action; do today what you wish you had done tomorrow.

I suppose, given much of my own reflection of life as of late, I am ready to embrace my mid-century mark and hopefully keep all in proper perspective, remembering it is not the quantity of years as much as the quality of years that count.

Try not to become a person of success, but rather a person of value.

■ Albert Einstein

RCH Reflections

RCH Completes Van Dalsum Home

by Patti Lacy, Project Coordinator

Royal Corinthian Homes recently completed the Van Dalsum home in Verandah, a Bonita Bay Community. Mike and Aileen Van Dalsum are making their new home in Florida more than just a vacation home. Their business, based in New Hampshire, is managed by Mike's son, which allows them, along with use of the internet, to fully enjoy their new home.

We would like to share a portion of a very lovely note Aileen sent, she writes, *"Our interest in Fort Myers came from Mike's New Hampshire golf group. Anticipating an empty nest in the fall of 2007 with our youngest heading off to college, Mike was very interested in the stories his golfing friends shared with him of endless beautiful winters in Fort Myers. We vacationed for one week in February 2007 on*

Fort Myers Beach and we were ready to put our snow gear away – hats, gloves, coats and snow blowers! We were looking for the best fit community for us. Mike, being an avid golfer, myself enjoying an occasional round, the beauty of kayaking

the Orange River, and the Olde Florida feel of Verandah made our decision easy. The bonus was finding Royal Corinthian Homes. Building a home so far away was more than a little overwhelming. I had worn thin of looking at model homes so Mike went out on his own to explore more choices. He called me and said he was in a model home that he thought I would like and the salesman was a great guy. He was referring to Ron Robinson. We made our decision that evening with extreme confidence that this felt right. Our pleasant surprise was that the same trusting, professional, personal qualities



in Ron came along with the whole staff we worked with, Patti Lacy, DeWayne Banks and Jerry Wallace. Sitting in our home today, we are grateful for the experience of building our home with Royal Corinthian Homes".

The Van Dalsums selected the "Seagrape III" plan for their lakefront lot in the Cedar Hammock neighborhood. They customized the Seagrape III home plan to take full advantage of the scenic view down a fresh water lake and the adjacent Whispering Oaks Golf Course. The home includes 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, study, studio and a 3 car garage. The home encompasses 2,774 SF of living area with total area of 4,375 SF and a lovely oversized freeform pool and spa. One outstanding change Mike and Aileen made to our Seagrape

floor plan entailed expanding the Nook area and creating "walls of glass". In lieu of the standard windows at the Nook, a tall mitered glass system replaced the 3 typical nook walls, thereby providing 14 feet of near seamless views of the pool and beyond. Aileen and Mike partnered to create a warm and inviting atmosphere. The kitchen, visualized early on by Aileen, includes white, painted wood cabinetry and features a custom built-in hutch. The color palettes selected and generous use of wood flooring in the main areas create an "Olde Florida" feeling the minute you walk through the front doors.

After an early completion of the home, Mike Van Dalsum complimented the staff by writing in a separate note, *"the final product has exceeded our expectations"*. He further commented, *"We would be delighted to recommend Royal Corinthian Homes to anyone who is considering building"*.

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HR Corner by Jeanne Beach

J.L. Wallace and Royal Corinthian Homes once again have experienced some changes in personnel. We all join together in welcoming **Ted Gadoury** as a Project Manager for J.L. Wallace and **Ted C. Gadoury** as a JLW Superintendent.

Along with welcomes come several goodbyes. JLW bids a fond farewell to Fred Barry, Senior Project Manager and Michael Seifert, Superintendent. JLW and RCH say goodbye to Nancy Finn, Assistant Controller for both companies.

We wish each of these individuals the best of luck as they all move forward in their careers.



Happy Birthday

David Grossman—January 19
Ken Furtado—January 25
Jani Denison—February 8
Brad Kaaber—March 4

Happy Anniversary

Dennis Tyeryar—3 years
Jim Ruby—2 years
David Grossman—2 years
Jim Faulkner—1 year
Ken Furtado—1 year



***Best wishes for a
joyous and
blessed Easter***