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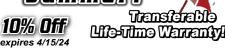
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## From the Manager's Desk:

Vita Blough

ope everyone enjoyed Founder's Day on Mrach 16th. It was such a significant milestone celebration to commemorate 30 years of Americana Cove being a resident owned community. This celebration meant many thing to many owners, however to me, as an outsider looking in, the most heartwarming was to see everyone come together and celebrate the memories and what this community represents to everyone – a place where everyone is accepted and welcomed.

April marks the start of departures of our Northern residents and I want to wish everyone safe travels and many wonderful moments in your Northern homes. I would also like to remind everyone that soon we will be entering hurricane season, and we must not forget to be prepared. Please make all the possible arrangements to prepare your home before the departure, please appoint someone in the community to have access to your property while you are away. New hurricane guides will be published as soon as Pinellas County government approves updates. In the meantime please review last year's Hurricane guide that is on the Americana Cove web site – it has lots of useful information and preparation checklists to guide you.

Please do not forget to update your emergency contact list. It would be great if we could contact someone in the vicinity in case of emergency. Please call or email our office staff if your emergency contact information changed recently.

We, who are staying behind, will continue working on beautifying Americana Cove. There are many beautification and improvement projects scheduled for the summer.

Warm regards.

## **President's Report:**

Philip Quince



ear Community Members, On March 16th, we celebrated our 30th anniversary with pride and gratitude. Thirty years ago, a group of determined individuals, our Founders, took decisive action to secure our community's future by purchasing Mobel Americana. Their vision and dedication laid the foundation for what we enjoy today.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the original street captains and volunteers who rallied neighbors, solicited investments, and facilitated the acquisition that set our course. Their commitment ensured our existence and endowed us with the invaluable amenities we enjoy, including the building of the Atrium and its adjoining rooms.

As we commemorate this milestone, I am reminded of my in-laws, Roger and Lillian LaRochelle, proud Founders whose legacy continues to inspire our family. Their early embrace

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of our community allowed my family and me to experience the Cove since its inception.

Now, as we stand on the threshold of our future, I am filled with anticipation and curiosity about the next 30 years. What decisions will define this generation, and what contribution shall we leave for generations to come? While our desire to keep fees reasonable is admirable, we cannot lose sight of our responsibility to uphold shareholder values and to maintain our high standards as a premier 55+ resident-owned community.

Fortunately, we are well-positioned to manage our loans and maintain reasonable fees, while also investing in much-needed improvements.

In closing, I extend my gratitude to each of you for your contributions, your passion, and your enduring commitment to our collective well-being. Together, let us march forward with resolve, embracing the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Respectfully yours, Philip Quince

## **ACA News**

By Doug Howland

CA held its annual election and the following officers were elected.

President: Ron Miller Secretary: Sue Story Vice President: Daisy Dean Treasurer: Linda Quince

The outgoing board would like to say that we have enjoyed serving our community for the last two years. We feel we have made some positive changes to help the Cove in becoming a great place to live and also held some fun events for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to supporting the newly elected ACA Board in any way we can.

At this time Ron Miller, newly elected President, would also like to acknowledge all the outgoing officers for a job well done. Thank you for all the time and work you devoted to your positions.

The next ACA Club President's meeting will be held the first Tuesday of the month, April 2nd at 10 a.m. in the Atrium. The new officers will be sworn in at this meeting. Then the next day, Wednesday, April 3rd will be the ACA Luncheon at noon in the Clubhouse. This luncheon is open to all residents and we encourage everyone to come and be a part of what happens here at Americana Cove.

Burger Burns will continue on the third Tuesday of each month from 4–5:30p.m. For \$7.00 you get a one third pound hamburger, fries, baked beans and a drink. Come take a break from cooking and enjoy dinner with your neighbors.

As our busy season is coming to an end, I am sure many of us are sad to see our northern friends starting to leave but also looking forward to a little slower pace and time to sit back and



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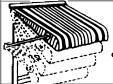








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relax. There are still lots of events in the works though to finish out the season here at the Cove so make sure to enjoy some of them.

## **Announcements**

By Ray Rodriguez - Editor



## **Marketing Committee**

By: Fran Hardy

n February 20th we held our open house with the Italian Club. We had a smaller turn out than planned, but traffic was not on our side. Those attending had good and positive feedback.

Many thanks to our Cove Ambassadors.

This past March we celebrated our 30 years of being Americana Cove. In that memory I want to remind us all, we have been paying taxes, interest and maintenance on those empty Home Sites for the entire 30 years. Let us set a goal, all of us working together, that by 2030 a home will be on each site.

The best part of this effort: New Neighbors

New Ideas

More Volunteers

OH yes money in, not out. Totally a WIN WIN

So, tell a friend, relative, a club, an organization, this is the best place to grow happy. (and a little older)

Come to a meeting and share ideas.

Have an amazing day.

## **Website Committee**

By: Donna Andrews, Chair (donnaf872@hotmail.com)

uring the past two years, this committee has been meeting monthly for the purpose of making this a trendy, informative website. Potential residents can view the website and obtain information when looking for a place to buy. Residents can log in to the residents' portal to locate and read the by-laws, rules and regulations, access forms, MAROA board and committee minutes, financial information, board names with contact email addresses, residents' directory, and much more right at their fingertips any time of the day or night.

This past month, the home page was reviewed and updated with a more concise layout including a link to the redesigned amenities page describing those features available in the Cove and a link to activities and clubs. Our work will continue so those residents living in the Cove full-time and those who are seasonal can remain in the loop about news and activities.

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## **Art Strong** –

Judy Daigle

We had lots of fun creating art while trying new mediums. We were very fortunate to showcase our works of art during our February exhibition which encouraged us to continue being creative. I hope you will all continue to experiment with different mediums during the summer and share your works with us in the Fall when we start our classes again. No experience needed, so I hope you'll join us in November for a fun filled evening every Monday in the Library. Have a great summer!

## **Emergency Call Buttons**

Back in early 2017 we installed 3 emergency call buttons located in The Clubhouse, The Atrium and Poolside. This was at a time when many residents did not usually have a mobile phone with them. Times have changed and most people do carry a mobile phone with them and can summon aid if need be.

In meeting with our community manager, Vita, we have decided to discontinue these buttons and remove them.

We would like to extend a very heartfelt thanks to Jim Reising who has generously paid for the cost of these buttons every year. Big Thanks to Jim!

Brad Coath, MSN, CRNA (ret.)

## **Bridge** -

Gloria Julius

ere is another Bridge Quickie. Your partner opens One No Trump. You play the Stayman Convention and reply 2 Hearts. What is opener's response? Come to the bridge game on Mondays from 10 to 12 in the Game Room or Atrium or call the Bridge Lady at 727-525-1446.



A Complete Listing of Resident Services can be found on the page before your calendar

## **Full Moon Kayaking**

ull Moon Kayaking under a "Pink Moon" will be held on Tuesday, April 23.

Leave from Founders Park at 7:30 PM

Sunset is at 8:00 PM

Moonrise is at 7:58 PM

Watch for e-mails and FaceBook posts for further information.



Front and back headlamps or kayak lights are REQUIRED so boats can see you both from the front as well as the back. Boats cruise along with us for the safety of our kayakers. It is critical that the boats can see the kayakers!

For safety reasons, we stay together as a group. A pontoon boat will lead us on the return trip back in the dark.

It is recommended to bring bug spray, a flashlight, water, and a jacket, if chilly.

Full moon kayaking is open to ALL residents and guests. You do not have to be a Boat Club member to participate.

This event is weather dependent. A Vola will be announced by 2 PM if the event is cancelled due to weather. Contact Audrey Dox via text at 518 331-5067 with questions.

## **Young At Heart Club**

By Kathy Laramee

ur meeting for April will be April 17th which will be our last meeting for this calendar year. We sincerely hope everyone comes out so that we can say a proper goodbye to all our Northern Friends and wish them a safe journey up North. We will miss you!!



Thank you to our Can Volunteers for helping to make our club solvent and maintain the ability to assist other clubs and activities within our community.

We will be seeking 2 board members for the coming year, Treasurer and Secretary. Please consider serving with us. It requires a once a month commitment at our monthly meetings and literally nothing more. Please reach out to Wally Schultz or me for further information. We thank you!!!













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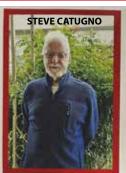
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## 90s celebration

ou are our Sunshine 90's Celebration on Feb. 24th was a wonderful event. We have a total of twenty four 90+ year old at Americana Cove. A wonderful dinner, gifts and entertainment for the evening to celebrate these special people. We thank all the volunteers and the many donations from the community to make this event special. Our Live Music Group gave a super performance and even had everyone up singing, You are my Sunshine. Special thank-you to the committee: Cheryl Martin, Karen Nealman, Phyllis Entreken, Carol Fischetti, Sue Napier, Gay McFee. And our Chef for the evening Charlie Nealman, Al Martin and Ron Miller. We are truly blessed.

Thank you everyone! Sandy Shouse



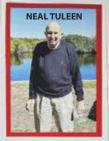




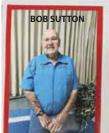




















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By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez

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## **Sunshine Report for April**

By Cindy Peacock

he true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit."

Nelson Henderson

### **April Birthdays:**

| 4/1 | Carol Stake      | 4/1  | Mary Bickhart     | 4/16 | Al Martın      |
|-----|------------------|------|-------------------|------|----------------|
| 4/1 | Ron Garraffa     | 4/7  | Carol Fischetti   | 4/16 | Debbie Turner  |
| 4/2 | Jeff Buckles     | 4/7  | Pam Lord          | 4/17 | Linda Dolka    |
| 4/2 | Lorraine LeRoy   | 4/8  | Dave Casey        | 4/18 | Luc Dupuis     |
| 4/3 | Sue Rein         | 4/8  | June Showalter    | 4/18 | Toni Jones     |
| 4/4 | Dean Schirm 96   | 4/10 | Oscar Arenas      | 4/21 | Shelley Barron |
| 4/4 | Laurine Toombs   | 4/11 | Robert Hamel      | 4/25 | Dan Lyons      |
|     | Pat Colacchio    | 4/11 | Richard Lloyd Jr. |      | James Watters  |
| 4/5 | Michael DiCenzo  | 4/11 | Jill Marckese     | 4/25 | William Myers  |
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| 4/7/2018  | Linda & Ken Lawrence      | 6  |
| 4/9/1988  | Michelle & Charles Pugh   | 36 |
| 4/15/1995 | Judy & Dorrance Howland   | 29 |
| 4/15/1989 | Jane & John Niles         | 35 |
| 4/16/1966 | Dianne & Don McVicar      | 58 |
| 4/16/2012 | AnnMarie & Bill Moretti   | 12 |
|           | Linda & Phil Quince       | 42 |
| 4/20/1970 | Nomi & Ed Lynch           | 54 |
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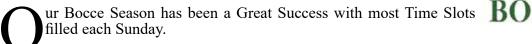
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Catherine Osman Alan Klick Rick Bielawski Dave Panach Richard Norcross Josephine DeVoe



## **Bocce Club**

By Daisy Dean





March 30th. We are having a Tournament for Members Only. Prizes will be awarded to First, Second & Third place Winners.

We are Very Pleased that we have been approved for some Much Need Shade on one end of Court. Hoping for it to be installed in a month or so.

We are heading Home Mid April & our Vice President Don will be running it till weather gets too hot.

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## **Americana Cove**

| <u> Fuesday</u>   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
|-------------------|--|---|---|--|
| Council Mtg<br>A  | ACA Luncheon<br>12N C<br>Shuffler Mtg<br>9:30AM A                                      | Buddhism 1PM GR Fines Comm. 7PM GR Cornhole 6:30PM C                  | 5 Bingo 6PM C   | Got It! 4PM A  Bocce Banquet 4PM C               |
| 9<br>Iusic 3PM C  | 10<br>Landscape Comm<br>11AM A   | Finance Comm<br>10AM A<br>Book Club<br>1:30PM L<br>Cornhole 6:30 PM C | Welcome<br>Orientation 1PM A<br>Planning Comm<br>10:30AM A<br>Bingo 6PM C | Boat Club Mtg<br>10AM A<br>Tiki Hut Party<br>3PM |
| 16<br>r Burn 4PM  | Young at Heart<br>Luncheon 12N C<br>Board Meeting 7PM<br>C<br>Community Forum<br>8PM C | Cornhole 6:30PM<br>C  | 19<br>Bingo 6PM C   | Got It! 4PM A Karaoke 7PM C                      |
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## **Weekly Calendar Repeats**

|            | AMERICANA COV                 | E WEEKLY Calendar  | Repeats - Month:        | April 2024                   |
|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Day        | Event                         | Time               |                         | Location                     |
| Monday:    | Walk Away the Pounds          | 8:00-9:00a.m.      |                         | C                            |
| -          | Lap Swim & Pool Walkers       | 8:00-9:00a.m.      |                         |                              |
|            | Pool Exercises                | 9:00-10:15a.m.     |                         |                              |
|            | Bridge                        | 10:00am            | Year around             | GR                           |
|            | Line Dancing                  | 11:30-1:00p.m.     | Nov-April               | C                            |
|            | Nickel Bingo                  | 1:15pm             | Year around             | С                            |
|            | Progressive Rummy             | 4:00p.m.           | Year around             | A                            |
|            | Art Strong                    | 6:00-8:00pm        | Nov-April               | L                            |
|            | Cue Club-Men's                | 6:00p.m.           | Nov-April               | В                            |
| Tuesday:   | Walk Away the Pounds          | 8:00-9:00a.m.      |                         | Ċ                            |
|            | Lap Swim & Pool Walkers       | 8:00-9:00a.m.      |                         |                              |
|            | Pool Exercises                | 9:00-10:15a.m.     |                         |                              |
|            | Shuffleboard Social League    | 10:30am -12:30pm   | Nov-April               | S                            |
|            | Maj Jong                      | 2:00pm             | Year around             | A                            |
|            | Progressive Rummy             | 4:00p.m.           | Year around             | A                            |
|            | Cue Club-Men's                | 6:00p.m.           | Nov-April               | B                            |
|            | Crafters                      | 6:00-8:00pm        | Nov-April               | C                            |
|            | Cards                         | 6:30p.m.           | 110 / Tipin             | A                            |
| Wednesday: | Walk Away the Pounds          | 8:00-9:00a.m       |                         | C V                          |
| wearesaay. | Lap Swim & Pool Walkers       | 8:00-9:00a.m.      |                         | Ŭ,                           |
|            | Pool Exercises                | 9:00-10:15a.m.     |                         |                              |
|            | Pokeno                        | 1:00pm             | June-Oct                | С                            |
|            | Hand & Foot (cards)           | 1:00 p.m.          | Year round              | Ä                            |
|            | Cue Club-Women's              | 6:00p.m.           | Nov-April               | B                            |
|            | Texas Hold'em                 | 6:30pm             | 140v-71pm               | A                            |
|            | Rug Braiding                  | 6:30p.m.           | Nov-April               | G                            |
| Thursday:  | Walk Away the Pounds          | 8:00-9:00a.m.      | Nov-April               | C                            |
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|            | Pool Exercises                | 9:00-10:15a.m.     |                         |                              |
|            | Shuffleboard                  | 10.30am            |                         | S                            |
|            | Dominoes                      | 1:00pm             | Nov-April               | A                            |
|            | Progressive Rummy             | 4:00pm<br>4:00p.m. | Year around             | A                            |
|            | Poker Pool                    | 6:00p.m.           | Nov-April               | B                            |
|            | Cornhole                      | 6:30-8:00 pm       | Nov-April               | C                            |
| Friday:    | Walk Away the Pounds          | 8:00-9:00a.m.      |                         | C                            |
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|            | Pool Exercises                | 9:00-10:15a.m.     |                         |                              |
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| Saturday:  | Bingo Lap Swim & Pool Walkers | 8:00-9:00a.m.      |                         | C                            |
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| Sunday:    | Vespers Choir Rehearsal       | 3:30pm             | Nov-April               | $\frac{A}{BC}$ $\frac{C}{C}$ |
|            | Bocce Ball Pickup             | 1:00-4:00pm        | Nov. April              | _ БС   т.                    |
|            | Vespers<br>Pinochle           | 4:50p.m.           | Nov-April               | A C S:                       |
|            | Misc Cards                    | 6:30p.m.           | Nov-April<br>Year round | ۸                            |
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B: Billiards
G: Game Room
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## **Boat Club**

By Mary Ann Meljac

think we can all agree that the month of March has been very busy here in Americana Cove. For many in the Boat Club, this month's main focus has been on our annual "Island Bash". This event is a reflection of a collective effort, shared responsibility; resources have been pooled and are a fine example of synergy in action. Where does one start to thank all of those who have helped? Our goal is to provide a great party from start to finish. The mood is set with fabulous decorations to help everyone get into the Jimmy Buffet themed event (Shouse/Triezenberg Team), a great meal (Jaci Klick), good dancing music (Rockin'Raccoons), a bar full of 'spirits" including margarita's for all to enjoy (Dennis, Ted, Phil & Mike), 50/50 raffle (Roxanne Noling), the grand prize of a Caribbean Cruise (Robert Solomon) and the 40+ raffle baskets and door prizes (Marcil/Rodriguez Team). Let me tell you...this past month the residents of Americana Cove have generously donated over \$6,000 in gift basket items and gift cards to local businesses which were included in some of the raffle baskets and door prizes. The response was overwhelming and accolades to **ALL** who gave of your time and effort to help make this event possible. The party was a huge success, hope all 40 raffle basket winners are happy with their windfalls, and it was apparent that everyone was enjoying and having a great time ... according to the great photography by Rosemary Ferreri and we all know that a picture is worth a thousand words! The 50/50 raffle worth \$460 was won by Don Shockley and the grand prize Caribbean Cruise was won by resident, Debbie Brown. Congratulations to all!







The next Boat Club meeting will be held on Saturday, April 13th at 10a.m. in the Atrium. There will also be a Tiki Hut Party that afternoon starting at 3PM. Entertainment will be provided by our very own, Judy Daigle. Don't forget to bring your dish to share!

We will be saying goodbye to many of our Northern neighbors and friends soon as their time here in Americana Cove is coming to a close. With that being said, keep in mind that Hurricane Season starts June 1 and goes through December 1. There will be upcoming communication to everyone on your responsibilities to prepare your home for potential weather in your absence.

Island Bash photos by Rosemary Ferreri.



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## **Book Club**

By Nan Krueger

In March we read Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See. This was a work of historical fiction. As always we had a great discussion.



We also hosted a presentation by Andy McPhee is a resident of the Cove and the author of Donora Death Fog: Clean Air and the Tragedy of a Pennsylvania Mill Town. He has written six books and hundreds of news articles and won two writing awards from the Association of Educational Publishers and numerous other awards for editorial excellence. This was a new venture for the Book Club. There were 24 residents attending and his talk was very informative and was well received.

The list of books we have read, and will be reading, is on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse under the "Friends of the Library" section. It is not yet complete as we vote on additional books throughout the year.

All women residents are welcome to join. We meet the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM in the library. You are welcome to stop by and see what we are about, and of course to join us if you would like.

We hope to see you on April 14 and, as always, Happy Reading!!

## **Buddhism**

By John Howell

oin us April 4th 1pm GR Topic: "Prayer Flag Interpretation"



- What the spiritual "rainbow body" is: spinning (Chakras); of inner radiant prismatic refraction
- These energy centers (when activated) awaken/facilitate/unify the spiritual path within/without
- Genuine (5-color) Tibetan prayer flags embody this centuries old Wisdom for terrestrial healing
- Disseminating global "non-verbal/subtle" understanding as they dissolve; (via prevailing winds)
- "Witnessing" from atop Mt. Everest to facilitators here, there, and everywhere: Buddha Nature

Episode 6 Before the turn of the century: Severe arthritis put me in search of a more temperate clime...inspiring extended treks to Oregon, California, but ultimately deciding on the warm gulf waters of T.B. Yet, while rooting here as a snow bird many journeys/retreats back North. In particular H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama's 1996 "Bodhichitta" (mind of enlightenment) teachings, and 1999 "Kalachakra" initiation. Presenting mandalas for

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"public display"; thus planting "spiritual seeds" for future lives. Translation: Kala= (time), and charkra= (wheel), "Wheel of Time", H.H.D.L. making numerous such "outer" medicinal blessings worldwide. While leading advanced study groups in T.B.; receiving an invitation for an enviable "Padmasambhava" empowerment with "Vajrasattva" purification in 2006. Sadly, but in traditional Tibetan style (with authentic outdoor funeral pyre); Professor Norbu's cremation 2008, performed on the very grounds of the T.C.C. Demonstrating (even in death) valuable occult insight, into "visible practice", giving inspiration/integration to his exemplary life ... Participating in private supplementary Mandala creations: Notably two rarely given (to westerners) direct "proprietary" transmissions of virtuous protection from a Tibetan Tutelary. But as Rinpoche used to remark; "You do enjoy your rock and roll". Recording spiritual demo tapes for friends, plus performing "new-age" style. nevertheless, attempting to remain an unassuming witness, conscientious to report back some day as Rinpoche so presciently advised... all while enjoying various seminars near Boone, N.C. at family/friends compounds, up and down the Blue Ridge Then: Filming "unrestricted" Mandala as fine art, at the St. Pete Museum of Art, and Florida CraftArt...instruction at Theravada temples near and far. Helping my friend Tashi (an itinerant Tibetan monk) translate curriculum ...meeting/ mentoring my spiritual (I'm childless by "design") grandson, who now travels the world as a fully ordained Theravada monk...Currently: After numerous insistent requests; the genesis of

a "semi-formal-entry- level" Buddhism study/meditation group right here at our beautiful Cove venue in 2019 that continues to this day.

Episodes conclusion to follow...

Till next time try and keep a positive outlook, while being kind to all sentient beings as we continue to fully support and pray for our friends in Ukraine, Israel, and freedom-loving democracies Namaste

## **Cornhole Club**

By Erika Fitch

ornhole club's season will be coming to a close at the end of this month and we want to thank everyone for making it a great season. We had our membership grow this year to 81 members and usually were setting up at least eight sets of boards a week to play. To wrap up our season we will be having our last

meeting sometime in April. After a short meeting we will be playing cornhole as usual.

For any one interested in playing we play Cornhole on Thursday nights at 6:30 in the clubhouse. We welcome new players anytime. If you have never played, don't worry, we are glad to teach you. It's an easy game to learn. If you are not a member then drop in play is \$2.00 a night.

At intermission we play our new game Air Mail. Don't forget to bring your money for a ticket for the drawing for a chance to play and win some money in this game. We also have a 50/50 drawing every week.

Our year end banquet for the snowbird season was held on March 21st at Carrabba's and a good time was had by all. We will still continue to play cornhole though for the next few months and then be taking a break sometime in the summer.

Call Doug or Debbie if you have any questions. (727) 366-4273.

## <u>किस्तित्वस्य सिस्तित्वस्य सिस्तित्वस्य</u> Crafters Club

By Teri Stallone

First, we'd like to thank the Cove community for attending our annual Ice Cream Social. We hope you enjoyed your tasty treat as much as we enjoyed serving it! We also want to thank all who attended our Spring Craft Fair. We appreciate all of your support! April is here and many of the snowbirds are leaving! The Crafters have had a wonderful crafting season and the leaders appreciate all of your ideas, helpfulness and fun during this past winter.

We would like to bid a fond farewell to Debbie Lewison. Debbie has been a part of the craft leaders for the past 4 years. Her dedication to this group has been nothing short of amazing spending countless hours helping create incredible crafts. She will be greatly missed by all. We wish Debbie all the best in whatever the future holds for her.

We will see you again when we resume in October.

## **Land Excercise**

By Daisy Dean

ur Class has been quite Busy this Month, Welcome to our New Walkers Lisa & Joe Quellette, Also to Jerrie & Stephen Quellette. Great to have you on Board.



Our Workouts Vary Daily & we have tried quite a few New Ones. If you are New to the Park our Class is open to all & we love to see New Faces. Monday through Friday at 8:AM. The Class usually last 45 minutes.

My Last Class will be April 12th as it's time to head Home. Where has this Winter Gone? Astrid Dye will take over the Class, Thank You Astrid.

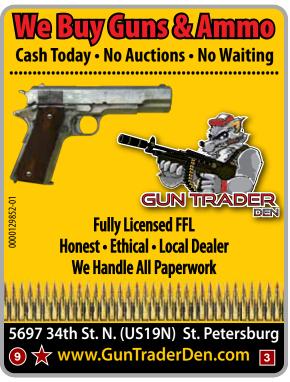
## **Landscape Committee**

By Deb Howland and Erika Fitch

The landscape committee will be working on a few projects they had in the works now that the irrigation in several key places is being repaired. You will start to see a few improvements in areas they have targeted for sprucing up. The fertilizing of all the palms belonging to the Cove will also be done in the next few weeks.

Last month a work day was held to make sure Founders Park looked good for the celebration and we want to thank all those who came out to help with that. We are hoping residents will help us keep this area looking good after the celebration.

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Just a reminder that if you are planning on doing any landscape projects such as plantings or pavers make sure that you get a landscape request form from the office or off the Cove website. You need to turn in what you plan to do before you start, so that approval can be given. If you do not do this there is a chance you will have to take it out at your expense, if approval can't be given for what you have done.

The Landscape Committee meetings usually held each month are now done for the next few months but the committee will still be hard at work as they are going to be holding work days in place of meetings. We will announce when regular meetings will be starting up again.

## Library

By Nomi Lynch

Telcome April, springtime and all new Cove residents. As an update, our Library has never had so many shelved books of all types and subject matter as it does now, which is only due to the ongoing donations from all of you. So let's all thank each other!



We can tell that this is spring cleaning time by the large quantities of books that have been coming in. This is so great, but because of limited shelf space, we do ask that you screen your own books prior to donating—especially the fiction. Look at the copyright date and only donate those with year 2013 on up to present. (If you're in doubt about a book, we'd be happy to screen it for you.) We really don't have room for old high school yearbooks or outdated computer manuals. LOL (Note: All donations that we can't use in the library for various reasons are delivered by our volunteers to Goodwill, the VA, Salvation Army, etc. You may even have a special place to which you would like to donate some of our overage. If so, please do leave a note on the "Library Bulletin Board" in the Clubhouse.)

Oh ... and one more thing ... Note to our winter residents: Please drop off your borrowed library books before you leave for the summer so that the remaining Cove residents can read them during the summer months. Thanks — and safe travels to all — and don't forget to enjoy a good book!

## **Line Dancing**

By Judy Daigle

It's been another great season of Line Dancing! We've learned many dances and used our line dancing skills at the many parties that were held here at Americana Cove. Hope you'll get a chance to join us next season when we start up again in November. No dancing experience needed. We definitely had lots of fun!! Will keep you posted here in the Forecaster once we start lessons again. Have a great summer!

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## **Live Music**

By Libby Hopkins

Group shows!!

Ello Everyone!
Well, we have come to the last month of our season, and to our last two Live Music

Our first show in April, Tuesday April 9, 2024, at 3 PM, will be "A Chat with the AC Live Music Group". We'd like to hear from YOU: What you liked during the season, what you wanted more of and what your favorite songs were or what songs you'd like to hear.

Then, during our **second show on April 23rd**, same time, same place, we will sing some of the songs you have told us are your favorites. This is our final show of the season, and will be our **last performance until October**, 2024.

We hope to see everybody there!! We know many of you will be leaving shortly thereafter, and we would like to have a chance to say goodbye until the fall!!! Safe travels to all we don't get to see, but hoping we will be able to say farewell to you in person!!

Thanks to all who attended our St. Paddy's Day and Easter programs last month. Thank you for your patronage throughout this past season!!!! We are so **grateful** for **YOU!!!** 

Please Note: **Our Shows and Refreshments are FREE!!** So come and enjoy yourselves! Friends and guests are welcome.

For those of you who are not familiar with us, we are a music group within the park that usually put on a performance the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse, from October through April. We work hard to provide an entertaining, fun hour, and we provide snacks, drinks, and sometimes, spiked punch! **Please come to see us!! This is our last show until October!!** Take care and have a great month!

## **Shuffleboard Club**

By Anthony Daleo

OVA and Blue Sky teams have completed League play. Janet Barratiere had not received information on how NOVA finished in the league for this article. Blue Sky finished 3rd, just 2 or 3 games out of 2nd place. I wish to thank our Captains, Janet B. and Ron Miller, for all that they did for the teams. Thanks also to our team members, and those who served as subs.

We will continue social shuffling on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. We had good turnouts for this season and look forward to continue shuffling throughout the summer; and it's all for fun! All residents and guests are invited to join us. We have equipment available for all to play. See you on the shuffleboard courts!





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## **Swim Exercise**

By Nancy Olson

ello everyone! I cannot believe we are already into April! The weather has finally taken a great turn and the swim group is back in full force! So nice to see everyone back in the pool! Thanks to all who participated in our end of year party, celebrating with Daisy's land exercisers and Judy's line dancers. A great time was had by all. The food, fun and friendship never gets old! I thank you all for being so very generous! A huge thank you goes to Rosemary Ferreri for being our photographer for the event.

Items of interest include:

We will be cooking and serving the ACA luncheon on April 4. I am still looking for a few more servers.

As the weather gets warmer we have seen class size greatly increase. We are averaging between 26 - 32 people a day which is great! Please be respectful of those around you.

We start class each day, Monday through Saturday at 9am sharp with announcements and class immediately following.

I will be leading the class until Tuesday, May 22. Mark and I will be heading back to WI on May 23. Maureen with assistance from Diane, Terry and Nan will be leading the class while I am gone. Thank you ladies, swimming couldn't go on in the summer without you all!

In April we start to see so many of our northern friends head back. Wishing you a great summer, stay healthy and Godspeed to all.

Pics include Maureen Saunders and Lynnea Mathews birthdays. Family fun with Francis Dox, daughters and nieces!









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## **Interior Design Trends for 2024**

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

Architectural Digest to consumer favorite HGTV, the new color trends for home interiors in 2024 include coffee colors that add warmth with punches of color from deep purple and cherry



that add warmth with punches of color from deep purple and cherry red to soft greens and apricot. Here are some trends:

- HGTV notes that Sherwin Williams Dark Auburn is its color of the year, while Pantone Color Systems is touting the color Peach Fuzz as its 2024 standout color.
- Vogue online notes that vintage lighting in bathrooms and kitchens and glass tiles for a backsplash or a decorative element are in. Mixing stone, wood and fabric are popular this year. "We have seen this with Palm Harbor's popular cottage farmhouse model that includes a feature wall in the dining room of wood panels with shelves to showcase pottery, dishware or artwork," explains Broker Marty Pozgay.
- Although a standalone hutch or china cabinet may be old fashioned, the new way to showcase glassware is with a built-in display pantry with glass doors and lighting to highlight collectibles or artwork, notes Vogue.
- The Spruce, an online website, discusses how warm earth colors highlighted with soft greens and blues will be popular in 2024. The site also touts curvy furniture including circular coffee tables or couches as a trend and explains that consumers are searching used furniture stores to reuse furniture and reduce waste. St Petersburg has several used furniture stores to visit, while it's also easy to buy and sell furniture online at websites such as Facebook Marketplace, Etsy, Craigslist and E-bay.

## **Vespers**

By Audrey Dox

Thank you to all who purchased a lily to decorate our podium for the Easter Sunrise Service, our last Vespers service of the season. Look for the names of who donated lilies in the May Vespers.

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#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Kind of nut
- 6. Condition
- 11. Extreme
- 12. Rhythmic pattern
- 15. Remnants
- 16. Scales
- 17. N N N
- 18. Bicyclist
- 20. Local Area Network
- 21. Mark down
- 23. Brews
- 24. Amount of medication
- 25. A set of garments
- 26. Small fastener
- 27. Sage
- 28. Engrave
- 29. Picnic insect
- 30. Uninterested
- 31. Humiliation
- 34. Walking sticks
- 36. Dung beetle
- 37. Big party
- 41. Double-reed woodwind
- 42. Cozy
- 43. Dwarf buffalo
- 44. Noble
- 45. Not now
- 46. Jewels
- 47. South southeast
- 48. Forceful
- 51. Encountered
- 52. Sporting venues
- 54. Not a single person
- 56. Perfume
- 57. Large Asian country
- 58. Thick woolen fabric
- 59. It comes from bees



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#### **DOWN**

- 1. Emotional exhaustion 15. On edge
- 2. Stretchable
- 3. And more
- 4. Ship workers
- 5. Chop finely
- 6. Climbed
- 7. Fables
- 8. Jewish month
- 9. 5 plus 5
- 10. Surround completely 32. Honey insect
- 13. Stopped
- 14. Feudal worker

- 16. Unpunctual
- 19. Deservedly receives
- 22. Grain alcohol
- 24. Lowlife
- 26. Bleats
- 27. Was victorious 30. Large mass of
- floating ice
- 33. Climb up
- 34. Seashores

- 35. Side by side 38. Windflower
- 39. Eventually
- 40. Hurried
- 42. Humiliated
- 44. Being
- 45. Ceasefire
- 48. Banquet
- 49. 2.53 centimeters
- 50. Type of salmon
- 53. Morning moisture
- 55. Container



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