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### Cruise Time!

East Bay Oaks and El Dorado Village residents (45+ in total) recently went on a Bahamas Cruise aboard the Carnival Paradise sailing on February 10th, 2024. Great time was had by all! Thanks to David MacAskill for the photo!

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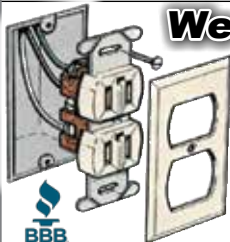
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## President's Message

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March was a busy and social month at Colonial Village. There were two dances, a shuffleboard tournament, the Spring Fling, and the Board of Directors election. Between all these activities, the clubhouse was also busy with coffee mornings, other planned social activities, and even impromptu Billiard games. There were many visitors to the park, the pool being an active location, and it was a pleasure seeing youngsters enjoying themselves, visiting parents and grandparents in the park. The park was vibrant with a true sense of community.

April is a bittersweet month, with many of our seasonal neighbours leaving, as the weather warms up in the north. The park will certainly be quieter in their absence, I am sure much to the relief of some of the full time residents. My wife and I will be among those leaving as spring comes into full bloom, but it won't seem very long before we will be thinking about our return in the fall.

Be safe in your all your activities, especially for those soon to be making the long journey north.

Ron Hanson, Unit #137

## Welcome New Residents

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Unit #181 Kendra Orr



## Long Time Residents

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The bulletin editor is seeking help to identify who are our long-time residents of 15 years and more. Also, we are looking for those residents who have or had three generations of family members here for the new article "It's A Family Affair". Please let Barbara Roos #58 know by emailing [barbroos@gmail.com](mailto:barbroos@gmail.com) or calling 908-229-8799. Of special interest are families related to: Bruce Gattdiner, Ray and Cornelia Bevington, Thelma Barter, Mac McBean, Babs Lucas, Peg Hefner, Paul Loshbough, Dave Smith, Marion Harris, Rhea McFee, Charlis Smart, John Bolt, Myrt Jordan, Bill Vagts, Gladys Mildebrant, Ester Bright Huffmam, Connie Lynch, Loree Harvey Helen Morgan, Alice Rudolph, Louis Brower, Leonard Collman and Lois Harvey.

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## Meet Long Time Residents

# HELLO

**G**lenn and Marilyn Marten purchased Unit #137 in January of 2001 and spent the winter months there until November of 2018 when they purchased Unit #90. They are still snowbirds after 23 years. In the summer they live in a small rural town of Emden with a population of 400, near Peoria, which is in central Illinois. They have 2 sons, 3 grand daughters, 2 step granddaughters, 1 great granddaughter, 3 great grandsons, 2 step great grandsons, 4 step great granddaughters, 8 great, great step grandchildren. WOW, that's a great family! When they were looking for a park which was 55+ residents, no pets, no renting of units, well kept, with a swimming pool, club house and a safe place to bike ride, they found what they were looking for here in CV. They enjoy the variety of activities of the park. Glenn retired after being a petroleum salesman for a farm co-op (AgLand FS). His hobbies include collecting marbles for 40some years. Known as 'Marble Man' he has a huge collection of many sizes, from many manufactures and some very old and some not. He and Marilyn frequent yard sales, estate sales and flea markets doing both buying and selling. He has refurbished many antique pieces, saved some and sold some. Marilyn retired from teaching school as a remedial reading teacher and teaching phonics. Her hobby is making and sewing handmade quilts; she has made many. They enjoy the park's Dining Out on Wednesdays.

## April Birthdays

## April Anniversaries

- 4 Georgia VanWassehnova #118
- 11 Magdalena Podio #154
- 19 Pauline Lockhart Unit #63
- 19 Bill McNeil Unit #161
- 23 Frank Fitzpatrick Unit #47
- 30 Sergei Gluhushkin Unit #172

- 15 Wendy and Sergeo Gluhushkin Unit #172
- 23 Cliff and Jacqueline Bugden Unit #78
- 26 Rollie and Jan Tremblay Unit #26





## Residents' Favorite Eateries



Janice #100	Olive Garden
Faye #160	Cheddars
Judy #9	Rumbas Island Bar and Grill, Cody's, Our Place
Wendy #172	Rumbas Island Bar and Grill, Cheddars
Chuck #55	Acropol Family Restaurant
Terry #129	LongHorn Steakhouse, Palm Pavilion, Frenchy's
Judy #1	Chick Fil A
Doreen #45	Outback, Cheddars
Ron #17	Rumbas, Cheddars, Guppy's, LongHorn Steakhouse
Scott #148	Thai 5 Fast Food, Really Famous Tampa Style Cubans
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**I**lah Meddles and Ernie Bowmen #46 are in charge of the Wednesday Dining Out at 4PM during the winter months: 727-588-2438. Joanne Shumaker takes over the charge during the summer months: 727-512-2856. They have an extensive list of local eateries. Let them know which ones you'd like to recommend for a Dining Out experience. Be sure to sign up on for the Wednesdays activity on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the clubhouse for the week's event. Residents' Favorite Eateries to be continued next month

## Accolades to our Flea Market Team – A Huge Success

**T**hank you to the Flea Market Committee Vivian Hanson Unit #137, Brenda Richter Unit #99, Terry Clement Unit #117, Susan Collins Unit #85, and Terry Benham Unit #129 for a colossal event. Of course we couldn't have done this without all inside volunteers with a room full of items, the heavy lifter volunteers who worked the furniture and small appliances areas, and clothing area volunteers for this year's event. The silent auction brought in terrific revenue amounting to almost one third of the total. The weather was perfect, not too hot, not too windy, and without precipitation! The village residents generously donated a tremendous amount of quality gently-used items for resale, the Straw Draw, the \$383 Money Tree (earned \$785), and Baked Goods. They then used their buying power to purchase the goods. The event's total revenue was \$4884, plus the \$260 Gurrin Gillingham earned in FB Marketplace sales prior to the Flea Market day. This revenue will go far to fund the SAC activities and entertainment for our community. We are a village!



Special thanks to SAC chairwoman Jan Tremblay, Unit #26, for an outstanding job with coaching each year's team, and to this year's chairwoman Vivian. It was a record breaking financial success! The local Thrift Store that benefits veterans was glad to receive our unsold items.

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## Park Activities – Thank you everyone

The park residents had several months - January, February and March – of lots of fun and a wide variety of activities with great camaraderie, healthy exercise and fabulous foods. The Friday coffees with succulent fresh fruits and ample amount of calorie-loaded finger foods were well populated: thank you Terry Benham for coordinating them and the weekly teams who made them happen. The Pot Luck dinners had between 95 and 50 people sharing a fulsome quantity of delicious foods: thank you Mary Jane Preble, Unit #159. Her tremendously successful Chicken Dinner had over 100 guests.

The bingo and cards games catered to many: thank you, Jan Tremblay Leona McNeil, Carmel Foster, and Dave Denny. The shuffleboard and pickleball courts are full; thanks Scott Oke and Cliff Bugden. Finally, March's the temperatures warmed up enough for water aerobics with as many as twelve ladies; thank you Marie Clement. And, then there is the Wellness program; thank you Diane Moores and Grace Hiscock. And, now we have a horseshoe pit!

The winter Dance schedule included a total of 6 band appearances; thank you, Jack Sonneborn. The season ended with The 26th Peter Grenon Anniversary “Howl at the Moon” show benefited St. Jude's Children's Cancer Research Hospital. Traditionally this raises about \$500, however March 10th event raised well over \$600. Peter sang many of his original compositions which varied from love songs and folk songs to bar tunes. He was joined by several musically talented CV residents; thank you Peter, Unit# 101; and all who attended. Jack added a surprise '50s, '60s, '70s music band event on March 16. They were awesome! Then our multi-talented residents entertained us with the Kitchen Party which delighted many residents.





## Shuffleboard Tournament – February

I would like to thank all the participants of the Shuffleboard Tournament; it was a fantastic day, and everyone enjoyed themselves. In total, 32 people making up 16 teams, played 4 games each.

1st place winner female was Ginette = \$40

1st place winner male was Andre = \$40

2nd place winner female was Vivian = \$24

2nd place winner male was Bill = \$24

Boody prize female was Kim = wine and chocolates

Boody prize male was Winston = wine and chocolates

The regular Shuffleboard days are 10 am Tuesday and Thursday, everyone is welcome to come out to join in, play, learn the game, and to have fun. A big thank you to SAC for their donation so that a delicious Pizza lunch could be provided for the Shuffleboard Tournament participants. Thanks, Cliff Budgen, Unit #78.



## Ways To Find Out What's Happening in Colonial Village

- A. Check the bulletin board in the Clubhouse. There is a large activities calendar as well as signup sheets for activities and notices of special events. Many activities require a resident to sign up for as supplies or food must be purchased based on the number of attendees.
- B. Read the Monthly Media-Colonial Village Chronicle. It is delivered at the end of each month for the next month. It is free and contains the monthly calendar of events which can be torn out and posted in your home. It can be read online: [www.monthly-media.com](http://www.monthly-media.com). Click on newsletters. Scroll down to Colonial Village. You will be able to click on several years of issues to read.
- C. E-Mails will be sent from the CV office. Be sure the office has your current email address.

## Spring Fling – April 6



The Spring Fling is our “Farewell” to our Snowbirds. Originally scheduled for March 30th the event was postponed to April 6th due to the Easter Holiday weekend. This is the final large gathering planned for residents before many begin their journey to the northern regions. There will be many lawn games well organized by Rollie Tremblay, Unit # 26, and shuffleboard court during the morning followed by a pizza and salad lunch for all. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Contact: Wendy Gluhushkin, Unit #172. Rollie need helpers for the yard games.



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## Your Input is Needed – April 3

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The SAC is requesting new ideas for activities. A good time to offer suggestions and participate in the activity calendar discussion is to come to the next SAC meeting on April 3rd at 10:30AM when activities and the budget will be main topic.

## Directory of Colonial Village Residents

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Board Member and Secretary, Susan Collins, volunteered to contact residents and assemble information for the new directory. It will be supported by advertisers and will be free to residents. The information will be listed in alphabetical order as well as by lot number. If you haven't already completed and signed the informational form, please do so immediately. Contact Susan at 802-922-7983, [pgm\\_vt@yahoo.com](mailto:pgm_vt@yahoo.com). (That is an underscore). Unit #85. Final deadline: April 15. Thank you, Susan for undertaking this monumental task!

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## Park Speed Limit is 15 MPH

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## Swimming Pool Rules



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C. No running around the pool, jumping or diving into the pool, no splashing near other swimmers'. Please be considerate of others.

D. No glass or breakable items around the pool

F. Smoking is only permitted in designated areas, Throw all trash, cigarette butts, ashes, etc' into can at poolside.

G. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the pool area. Non-alcoholic drinks are allowed in cans or plastic containers. Glass containers of any kind are NOT permitted.

H. A shower must be taken before entering the pool.

I. People with incontinence, coids, skin eruptions, athlete's foot and infections are not permitted to use the pool.

J. No parking or riding bikes around pool.

K. Children who are not toilet-trained are not permitted in the pool unless they are wearing special leak-proof diapers specifically designed for swimming. Children wearing all other types of diapers are not permitted in the pool. If a Resident, or his or her guest, causes the pool to be contaminated, the Resident shall be held financially responsible for the restoration of the pool to swimming condition.

L. Recreation flotation devices: i.e. Inner tubes and rafts are not permitted in the pool.

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M. Please read the rules posted at the pool. All rules must be obeyed when using the pool.

N. Colonial Village reserves the right to exclude any person from the use of the pool.

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## Colonial Village Cruises

Our January 2024 Carnival Cruise group of residents and their families and friends was 24 cruisers.. Connie St Pierre did a fantastic job with communications and rounding people up before the cruise. We thank everyone for letting her know your thoughts. We learned from that experience as we plan our January 26, 2025, CV Park Cruise. We will be on the Celebrity Constellation, a much smaller ship, leaving from Tampa for the 7-day Western Caribbean tour. The itinerary is Roatan, Belize City, Costa Maya, and Cozumel. Residents and their families and friends are welcome. The State Rooms range from \$2300 to \$3113, other rooms \$3151 and \$32270 for two people in one room. The price includes unlimited drinks and wifi. And port fees. Deposits are \$250 pp and refundable up to Oct 27, 2024. Contacts: [Conniestpierre@gmail.com](mailto:Conniestpierre@gmail.com) and cruise planner, Karen Saltarielli 727-290-4998. Thank you, Connie Unit #101. There are updated flyers on the clubhouse bulletin board.



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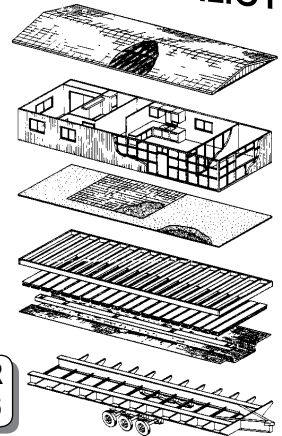
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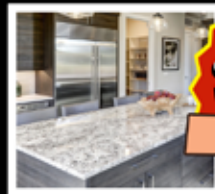
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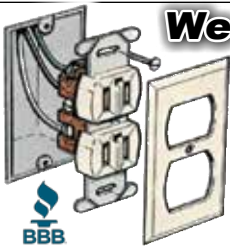
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**B**oard Minutes for January 18 and February 15, 2024, are posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse: The March Board Annual meeting was March 21 when new board members were announced. Candidates were Tony Foster, Marie Clement, Marcel Baroque and Vince Duyvejonck. The meeting Highlights will be published in the May CV Chronicle. Unfortunately the meetings are held after publication deadline.

## Before You Head North

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**W**hen you are preparing to leave for the season, keep in mind that there will be a box in the Clubhouse for canned or dry foods you don't want to bring home with you or leave in your cupboards here. The food must be unopened and nonperishable. They will be donated to local food banks. A box will be available through the end of April. Thank you and safe travels.

Also be sure the office has your "northern" home address and telephone number. Many Snowbird residents cancel their Largo telephone number and forget to provide the office with your away number and an emergency number. The office has a 'Before You Leave' form for you to complete; to include date of leaving, date of returning, contact information and contact information for the person looking after your unit in your absence. Not only is this a Park Rule but it is essential in case of an emergency here in the park. Thank you.

## Tie-Down Project Update

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**T**he Colonial Village project began late February and is expected to be completed sometime in April according to Scott Oke #148 who is overseeing the project for the park. There was a good response from our resident when the presentation was made in early December. There are 120 units currently signed up for the free program. The State of Florida Loss Mitigation Program is paid in full from funds furnished at no expense to the residents. The State of Florida and Gulf Coast State College Mobile Home Tie-Down Program involves only the enhancement of the tie-down and anchoring system of the unit. The program does not intend to bring existing mobile homes up to code but to make the home as wind resistant as funding, physical characteristics and condition of premises permit.

Scott says approximately two months post the park work being completed, each resident will receive a Certificate of Completion as well as a diagram which outlines where anchors and stabilizers were used on the home. This information if passed along to your insurance company, can be used to potentially reduce your insurance costs. Thank you, Scott, for overseeing this project for the park.



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- 5 Line Dancing Social, 6-8PM, Largo Community Center
  - 6 Largo Central Park Train Ride, 10AM, Largo Central Park
  - 6 Largo Historical Society Museum Open House, 10AM-2PM, Historic Largo Feed Store
  - 6 Community Garage Sale, 9AM-1PM, McGough Nature Park
  - 6 SPCA Pet Walk, 8:30AM, Largo Central Park
  - 7 Family Fun Day at Southwest Recreational Complex, 10AM-2PM
  - 7 Largo Central Park Train Ride, 10AM, Largo Central Park
  - 27 Playcon Gaming & Comic Convention, 11AM-5PM, Highland Recreational Center
- Source: LargoEvents.com

## Colonial Village History

*published in the Park Pictorial Directory, 1970*

On January 2nd, 1965, the new Colonial Village Mobile Park had its Grand Opening at 2000 E. Bay Drive in Largo, Florida. It was the completion of the first big step in the dreams of its two find owners, Len Collman and Lew Brower. They have planned and developed one of the finest such Parks in the state, which was destined to attract the finest people you could meet from 23 states and Canada. Now starting its fifth year Colonial numbers 34 senior citizens from New York, 31 from the state of Michigan, 27 from Ohio, 21 couples from Illinois, 14 from Indiana, 13 from New Jersey, 6 from Iowa, 5 each from Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, 3 from Maryland, 2 each from Canada, Minnesota, and Georgia. They following nine have but one each: California, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, New Hampshire, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, and Virginia. We who live here, are most proud if our park, its people and our homes. Sports and activities galore are available to all residents without charge under volunteer leadership and organization, each group represented on the Activity Board. Shuffleboard for fun has over 200 members and participants on our 8 official courts, day and night. Two fine teams represent us in the “Big Ten” league on the Sun Coast, playing weekly matches. Bowlers, golfers, fishing groups, craft and sewing, and horse-shoe pitchers have regular schedules and big participation. Illustrations that follow the above, also show square dancing, monthly pancake suppers, Park dinners, weekly coffee-hour; bingo, and special entertainment nights.

The five families below, “pioneers” on opening day, grew to 49 at the end of the first year, about 130 in the next park expansion, 140 in '67, and the addition of Mayflower Avenue n '68, makes 180 homes now at full capacity. Pioneers: Riley and Helen Morgan, Alice Rudolph, Howard Burket, Dorthy and Howard Gatley and Bea and Cliff Bradshaw.

The Village Activity Board consisted of Charles Smart, Thelma Peterson, Mary Holzhaur, Thea McPhee, Marion Harris, Fannie Frutiger, Claire Eckman, Harry Holzhauer, Ed Morrison, Vic Cookson, Bill Vagts, Ted Hildebrant, Homer Curry, Carl Loucks and George Gillesby.



## Colonial Village History

by Jack Moore, Unit #140, 3 time board member and 2 year VP

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Part 1 Mrs. Lainey and her husband lived north of our Colonial Village Mobile Home Park (CV) property in her beautiful historic home, where the Largo Recreational Center is today. They owned grapefruit and orange groves on their many acre homestead. Once the fruit was harvested, it was bagged and shipped by train to markets. Although not an open-to-the-public fruit stand, some fruit was sold from the barn nearby by their farmhand Wilbur. Back in the 1970s Jack and Peg Moore would visit Jack's parents (Bruce and Helen, Unit #139). Jack and his dad would take trips to the barn to purchase the fresh fruit and Wilbur and Jack became good friends over the years. Wilbur lived in the barn during the day and went home each nightfall after work. He, an African American, was a hard worker with minimal pay, packing the fruit in 20-pound bags that were full and very heavy to carry...for \$1 to \$2 for all bags each trip. Not more than 3 or 4 people from Colonial Park were aware of Wilbur. Jack would give Wilbur a lift home and would give him food and his men's clothes.

By then Mrs. Lainey's husband had passed away. Most times when Jack went and drove away from the barn, Mrs. Lainey was on her back porch and waved her hand 'hello' and smiled. This went on for years. A few time she came off the porch and they would talk, so she knew Jack. One day her wave was a 'beckoning' wave and they talked for an hour plus about her life, the property, and her health plans (She was having some health issues.). She had no family and friends she could trust.

At the time, late 2002, the 180 Colonial Village Mobile Home Park residents paid a monthly rent for the unit space at \$70 and a monthly maintenance fee of \$30 to the CV office. CV in turn paid rent to Mrs Lainey, the land owner. Jack asked her if she ever thought about selling her property and she said she had. Jack told her to think more about it and they would talk again in two weeks. Jack told her he would take her to lunch to a place of her choosing, a place she hadn't been to previously.

They went to Clearwater Country Club and spent two hours talking. Two week later Mrs. Lainey asked to go again and they did. This time Jack brought the CV treasurer, John Price and again they talked at great lengths and she became very comfortable with them and the negotiations. Jack and John said they would go back to the CV 'selected' staff people to discuss and they would get back to her again. The CV 'staff' talked and put together a plan and included the park's lawyer, Bryan McGlothan and money advisor s. Jack went back to Mrs. Lainey to advise her of the CV proposal. She was very satisfied. The plan was for CV to purchase the land and become a 55+ resident-owned park. The purchase of the land took place late 2002 for \$1,500,000. Mrs. Lainey eventually sold the rest of her property to the county. The county demolished the house and barn and built the community recreational center and developed the park.

To be continued, Part II next month.



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## Canada Extends As Far South As California.

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Canada is famously known as the Great White North, but most of its citizens live in the country's southerly regions — which are more southerly than you might think. In fact, 90% of Canadians live within 100 miles of the U.S.-Canadian border, and around 60% of all Canadians live south of Seattle, Washington. All in all, 27 states in the U.S. are totally or partially north of Canada's most southern point, at Middle Island in Lake Erie in Ontario. Areas above that highest point even include a small sliver of California, which may seem counterintuitive considering the state contains one of the hottest places on Earth (Death Valley). Utah and Nevada also contain land north of Canada's most southern point.

Why do so many Canadians cling to these southern regions? In large part, agriculture. According to Canadian historian William Lewis Morton, commercial agriculture in these warmer climates formed a network of towns, which then developed into modern cities following the Industrial Revolution. These numbers could change as the world continues to warm, and Canada's colder regions prepare for an influx of climate refugees. In 50 to 100 years, Canada likely won't resemble the Great White North anymore. Canada has the longest coastline in the world. The size of Middle Island, Canada's southernmost point is 46 acres. The distance from Canada to France's Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon is 16 miles; a French possession and the last remnant of France's once-vast colonial empire in North America,

Three often-cited yardsticks describe the lopsidedness of Canada's demography: 90% of Canadians live within 100 miles (160 km) of the U.S. border. More than 70% of Canadians live below the 49th parallel. More than 60% of Canadians live south of Seattle. Jun 7, 2023 38.25 million people live in Canada in 2021. 37.74 million live in Canada in 2024. One Canadian Dollar equates to 0.73869 US Dollars.

The land area of Canada is 3, 855, 103 square miles compared to America's 3, 794, 083, making Canada 1.6% larger than the States. Even though Canada is a larger country, the United States has a population of 307,212,123 people compared to 33,487,208 people in Canada in 2010.

## Canadian Trivia

*submitted by Betty Clarke, Unit #67*

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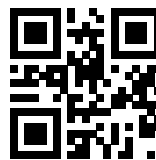
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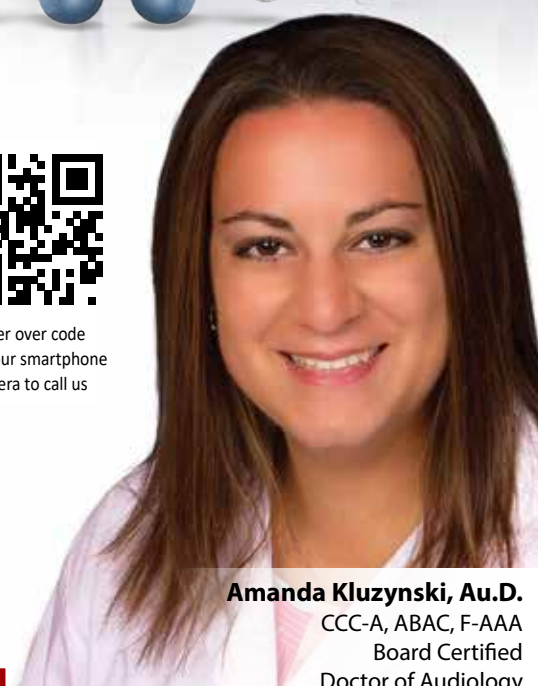
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You've probably eaten a flower whether you realize it or not. When using edible flowers, you experience flavors ranging from spicy to bitter to floral. Flowers are almost their own version of spices. Incorporating flowers, whether it's in an infusion or for decoration, adds a layer of whimsy that really pleases a crowd.

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## Facts About Citrus Fruit

Florida is one of the world's largest producers of citrus, yet citrus did not have its beginnings here. It originally came from southeast Asia and spread westward. Oranges first reached the New World in 1493, carried aboard ships commanded by Christopher Columbus. Soon afterwards, the Spanish brought citrus to Florida.

United States citrus utilized production for the 2020-2021 season totaled 6.9 million tons, down 12% from the 2019-2020 season. California accounted for 60% of total United States citrus production; Florida accounted for **38%**, and Texas and Arizona produced the remaining 2%.

Citrus growers often bundle together bunches of oranges in mesh bags, which you may have noticed are made from red plastic. It's no coincidence; red bags against orange peels create an optical illusion that makes the fruit appear more vibrantly hued and enticing. The trick works for other citrus — like mandarins, clementines, tangerines, and even some grapefruit — though not all. Yellow citrus, like lemons, are often sold in yellow or green bags to create a similar color-popping effect.

Many researchers believe that all citrus fruit can be traced back to just three species: pomelos, citrons, and mandarins. Citrus trees of different species are reproductively compatible with one another; over time, cross-breeding between these “ancestor fruits” created the hybrids known as grapefruits, oranges, lemons, limes, and other citrus varieties enjoyed today.

Oranges are a go-to food for many when battling a cold, thanks to the fact that they're packed with vitamin C — though some research suggests that the nutrient doesn't actually prevent colds, and may only slightly cut short how long a cold lasts. Another hitch in eating



oranges to help illnesses is that much of the fruit's vitamin C is found in its peel. Just one tablespoon of the outer rind contains 14% of the recommended daily dose of vitamin C, which is about three times more than what's found in the inner flesh.

Regardless of the flag they were working under, nearly all sailors of the past shared a common enemy: scurvy. The disease, caused by a vitamin C deficiency, plagued sailors who were unable to regularly consume fresh fruits and vegetables while out at sea. The British Royal Navy began supplying its sailors with lemons and lime juice in 1795, though not all countries picked up on the practice. During the War of 1812, skeptical American sailors nicknamed their British counterparts "limeys" to mock the practice — though the U.S. Navy eventually started doing it too.

Pomelos are grapefruit-like citrus native to Southeast Asia, known for their yellow rinds and pink inner flesh — not to mention their size. The jumbo citrus fruits can grow up to the size of a basketball and weigh as much as 22 pounds. In comparison, kumquats are the smallest known citrus, maturing at a max length of around 2 inches. (Kumquats are also the only citrus fruit you can easily eat without peeling.)

What's small, orange, and easy to peel? Both clementines and mandarins, which explains why these two nearly identical citrus fruits are often confused. However, botanists say there is a difference. Clementines are an offshoot variety of mandarins, created by crossing mandarins and sweet oranges. That means all clementines are technically a type of mandarin, though all mandarins are not clementines.

Grapefruits are packed with vitamins and fiber that support heart and gut health, though people who rely on some medications are often warned away from consuming the fruits. That's because grapefruit juice can affect how medications work. Some drugs, like those for cholesterol and high blood pressure, are metabolized in the body by the CYP3A4 enzyme found in the small intestine. Grapefruit juice can block that enzyme, which stops the medication from breaking down and causes too much to enter the bloodstream. Other drugs, like fexofenadine (Allegra) for allergies, use proteins called transporters to enter cells in the body; grapefruit juice can block this process and cause too little of the drug to circulate, rendering it ineffective.

**Oranges are relatively inexpensive today, though 19th-century Europeans who woke to find them in their stockings on Christmas morning considered the fruits a grand gift. The tradition of receiving an orange as a holiday present dates to the 1800s, when Christmas revelers widely began hanging stockings on the mantle, and is commonly linked to the tale of St. Nicholas of Myra, a fourth-century bishop who reportedly tossed bags of gold into the drying stockings of poor maidens. Oranges — which were generally a rare and expensive fruit in Victorian times — represented St. Nicholas' gifted gold, and became linked with the holiday.**



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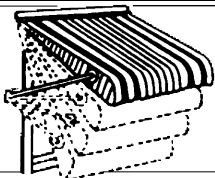
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