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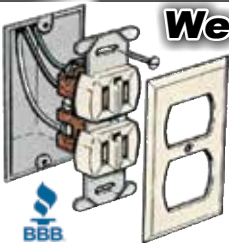
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## Dear Southwind Readers,



This month, we honor our military on Memorial Day, a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May. It honors and remembers the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military. The day originated after the Civil War to commemorate fallen soldiers and has since expanded to honor all military personnel who have died in service to our country. Traditionally, it involves visiting cemeteries and memorials, laying wreaths, and participating in parades and other commemorative activities. Memorial Day also signifies the unofficial start of summer in the U.S.

It has been a personal journey for me and my family. As the son of an American Legion member, I began the search for my father's military records at the National Archives and online on Fold3. In the process, I discovered that on both sides of my ancestries, they've tied me into a rich military history. My grandfathers and great-grandfathers, spanning four generations and more, all served in conflicts including the Korean War, World War I, World War II, and, sadly, the Civil War, all the way back to the birth of our nation during the War of Independence. I had always believed that my great-grandparents arrived in our country after World War II, but it appears that was not the case.

We are blessed with many residents who have served, both men and women. We are also blessed with those who have served their country and aid us in our efforts to bring peace to the world. For example: In the United Kingdom, the equivalent of Memorial Day is observed as Remembrance Day, which takes place on November 11th each year. This day honors the members of the armed forces who have died in the line of duty since World War I. The Royal British Legion runs the Poppy Appeal in the lead-up to Remembrance Day to raise funds for veterans and their families who wear red poppies in remembrance. We even have a retired member of Her Majesty's service, "Maggie", who served in the Women's Royal Naval Service which was assimilated into the Royal Navy in 1990.

This past month we again reached the moon. Artemis, NASA's ambitious space program, made its triumph return to the Moon with the Artemis II mission, aiming to establish a sustainable human presence on the lunar surface. Following the successful uncrewed Artemis I mission, which tested the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and the Orion spacecraft, Artemis II carried astronauts around the Moon, marking the first crewed lunar mission since Apollo 17 in 1972. This mission was a crucial step towards future lunar exploration and serves as a foundation for the upcoming Artemis III mission, which plans to land astronauts, including the first woman and the next man, on the Moon's South Pole. Through these efforts, NASA seeks to advance lunar science, technology, and international collaboration, paving the way for future missions to Mars and beyond.



May 10th is the day we celebrate our mothers. We have so many families here in the park. I recently had the opportunity to join a family celebrate a mother and grandmother for her "Easter" birthday, Diane Gilbert. I watched her two sons, a daughter-in-law, in-laws and two adorable grandsons shower her in love.

\* On that note, we missed including Diane's birthday in the last newsletter. Please, please, please make sure Jan Snyder or I receive information about birthdays, anniversaries, or any special days you would like us to mention.

\*\* Also, on that note, please share your photos when you attend events. This month, we had one helpful resident, Frieda Juran, who submitted images from the bowling outing. Thank you, Frieda— please keep them coming! Use the photos in this edition as examples to capture photos that reproduce clearly in black and white.

\*\*\* This has been fun, but task filled as well. I want to highlight the person who really brings it all together: Jan Snyder. Two Virgos (Jan and Tony) involved in a project are like atoms colliding to create a brilliant array of light; it could result in an explosion or a breathtaking event. She is your first welcoming touch in our Southwind community and the source of continued smiles in our day.

We welcome anyone who would like to submit. It would be great to have a resident who swings a hammer, is a versatile problem-solver equipped with a toolbox of skills, transforming household challenges into seamless solutions, one repair at a time—part wizard, part carpenter, and all-around fixer to provide a “how-to” “where-to-find” column.

Speaking of contributors, let's give a continued shout-out to the wonderful mom, Cookie Pontis, for her delicious contribution, the "Cookie Sheet."

Last month the park celebrated all the residents in the park who give their time volunteering at Southwind. Volunteering in our HOA for outings and events is a rewarding opportunity to strengthen community bonds while bringing exciting experiences to life. Your involvement not only enhances local gatherings but also fosters friendships and collaboration among neighbors. Please see the pictures of many of our volunteers below. Please forgive us if we have missed anyone.

Conclusion: We have come together to promote peace, alongside family, friends, and allies. We have safely reached the Moon and returned once again. We celebrate the love of family and volunteer our time to foster camaraderie in our community. We are a nation built on unity and freedom, and we embody hope for a brighter future.

Thank you,

From Tony & Spencer, Jan & Griff, and Cookie with love.



HAPPY  
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## May Birthdays

Date	Resident	Lot #
May 2	Judith Winchell	98
May 5	Jeff Eisenhut	192
May 6	Debra Johnston	101
May 7	Wynn Hutto	180
May 11	Lillian Mallais	88
May 12	Dan Curtin	37
May 18	Karen Hutto	180
May 20	Diane Garland	207
May 20	Stan Hatzakis	24
May 22	Doug Branzell	66
May 25	Darlene Donkin	109
May 30	Doug Dusch	81
May 31	Carol Crawford	161
May 31	Michael Thompson	86



## May Anniversaries

Date	Resident	Lot #
May 9	Louise & Dick Carlson	43
May 18	Lillian & Rene Mallais	88



## Welcome New Southwind Residents

On behalf of the Southwind community we welcome the following new residents. We hope you'll join in neighborhood activities at your earliest opportunity.

Curtis Martinez	Lot 4
Ibrahim Mahmoud	Lot 25
Brian Bass	Lot 157



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# The Cookie Sheet

## Peanut Butter Sheet Cake

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- 1 stick of oleo
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- ½ Cup peanut butter
- ½ Cup vegetable oil

Bring to a boil then take off heat and let cool a little.

Measure in a bowl together:

- 2 Cups flour
- 2 Cups sugar

Set aside.

In another bowl measure:

- 2 beaten eggs
- ½ Cup milk
- 1 tsp vanilla

Lightly spray a sheet pan (cookie sheet pan)

Combine in mixing bowl all above ingredients in the order written. Pour into sprayed sheet pan.

Bake at 350° oven for 20 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

## Icing

In a saucepan combine:

- 1 stick oleo
- 1/3 Cup milk
- ½ Cup peanut butter

Bring to a boil.

Add:

- 1 Tbl vanilla
- 1 Pound powdered sugar

Pour icing onto cake while still warm. Icing will set pretty quickly.



Cookie Pontis –  
Author of “The  
Cookie Sheet”



# Bowling Update

Bowling has wrapped up for the season. Watch for the Fall Bowling sign-up sheets.



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# Annual Volunteer Dinner

By Jan Snyder

The 2026 Volunteer Dinner was a resounding success. The food was great and the celebration among neighbors was festive. Activities Co-Chair Bonnie Brown expresses her appreciation and thanks for all the work the community contributes to the many events held here at Southwind. If you haven't had time to volunteer or if you're not sure how to get involved, just contact Bonnie or an event chairperson. There are so many ways to participate such as helping at a dinner or cookout, contributing to or delivering the Breezes, helping with the Craft Fair, Bake Sale, Community Sale or Welcome Committee. Your fresh ideas are welcome.

We hope you enjoy these pictures from the Volunteer Dinner. Apologies to anyone whose picture we missed. Hopefully our "candid camera" will catch you next time.



Jo Haslitt



Bonnie Brown  
& Tom O'Shea



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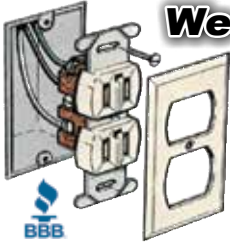
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Mother's Day		
17	18 9:30 am Pool Exercises	9:30 am Exercises  1:00 pm
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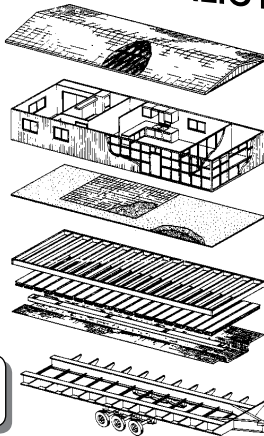
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19. Bay
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22. Detail
23. Not new
24. Low point
26. Worldwide
30. Stash
32. Scrutinize
33. Pomp
37. Pretentious person
38. Desert watering holes
39. You (archaic)
40. Idioms
42. Offering little or no hope
43. Twiddled one's thumbs
44. Purchasers
45. Chocolate source
47. Not thin
48. Roman robe
49. Hyperactive
56. Wicked
57. Knockout
58. Custom
59. Peddle
60. Distinctive flair
61. Genus of heath
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63. Break
64. Adjust again

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4. Portent or omen
5. Navy jacket
6. Planet
7. African sheep
8. Nerd
9. Flavoring extracts
10. Without intention
11. Hindu loincloth
12. Scuba user
13. Flower stalk
21. Addition
25. Revelation response
26. Sharp intake of breath
27. Moon goddess
28. Scent
29. According to the Bible
30. Enclosed
31. Anagram of "Sage"
33. Rate
34. You (archaic)
35. Big laugh
36. Guffaws
38. Witness
41. American Dental Association
42. Meat retailer
44. Sheep sound
45. Shroud
46. Nimble
47. Not back
48. Exam
50. Low-lying area
51. Nestling hawk
52. Empty weight
53. Nile bird
54. Moral weakness
55. French for "State"





## The absent-minded composer

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The famous composer Ludwig von Beethoven once went to a restaurant for some dinner, but being very absent-minded he forgot what he actually came there for. A waiter asked him several times what he would like to order, but Beethoven paid him no attention.

After an hour Beethoven called the waiter and asked him, “How much do I pay?”

The waiter replied, “Sir, you haven’t ordered anything yet. What I can do for you?”

Frustrated, Beethoven snapped back, “Oh, just bring whatever you want and leave me alone!”

## Einstein: A genius with a human touch

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Albert Einstein was a scientific genius, and stories about him are legendary. Three stories illustrate that he was as human as the rest of us:

- When Einstein went to Princeton University in 1953, someone asked what he would need for his office. His reply: “A desk, some pads and a pencil, and a large wastebasket to hold all of my mistakes.”
- A student visited Einstein in his Princeton office one day with a copy of this year’s final exam in his hand. “Professor, all the questions on this year’s test are the same as last year!” “Yes,” Einstein replied, “but this year all the answers are different.”
- After finishing a paper, Einstein and his assistant could find only one paper clip in his office to hold the pages together. Unfortunately, it was bent out of shape and impossible to use. They searched the desk for something to use as a tool to straighten the clip, and found a full box of paper clips in one drawer. Instead of taking one of those clips, Einstein used one as a tool to straighten out the bent clip.

The assistant asked why he didn’t just use one of the fresh clips. Einstein answered, “Once I am set on a goal it becomes difficult to deflect me.”

## Quote

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To hell with facts! We need stories!  
—Ken Kesey



## A lesson in taking chances

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A story from the book *Art and Fear*, by David Bayles and Ted Orland (Image Continuum Press), illustrates the power of taking chances and risking failure when you're trying to achieve something of quality:

On the first day of class, a ceramics teacher announced that he was putting his students into two groups. Half the students would be graded on quantity of works produced, the other half on the quality of just one work. On the final day of class, the instructor looked at the pots from both groups and realized that the best pots—those with the most creative designs and those that seemed most beautiful—all came from the group graded on quantity.

As the authors put it: “It seems that while the ‘quantity’ group was busily churning out piles of work—and learning from their mistakes—the ‘quality’ group had sat theorizing about perfection, and in the end had little more to show for their efforts than grandiose theories and a pile of dead clay.”

## Take a fresh approach to solving problems

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You don't always want the same old solutions to everyday problems. Sometimes you want to try something different. From the *Fast Company* website comes these ideas for finding a fresh approach:

- **Rephrase the question.** The way you frame the problem may limit your options. Teach yourself to expand the scope. Instead of, “How can we throw a great birthday party for Ted?” Ask, “What can we do to make this a memorable birthday?”
- **Look for bad ideas.** Seeking perfect solutions can put too much pressure on your creativity. Give yourself a break and try coming up with some bad ideas. You'll get them out of the way quickly, and sometimes a bad idea can lead to something new and exciting.
- **Challenge your assumptions.** Take a hard look at your basic beliefs about the situation. Is the customer really always right? Is the lowest price necessarily the best deal? Turning your assumptions on their heads can suggest a different direction to go in.

## Quotes

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## Report: Fiber may prevent breast cancer

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Parents and young women concerned about breast cancer may want to take note of a study from the journal *Pediatrics*: Scientists have discovered that adolescents and young women can significantly reduce their chances of getting breast cancer later in life by eating a high-fiber diet early on.

Researchers tracked more than 90,000 women over a period of years. Women 27-44 answered questions relating to their diet as adults and in high school. The data they collected about fiber consumption, after screening out other factors like race and family history of breast cancer, showed that women who had eaten high amounts of fiber had a 12-19 percent lower chance of getting breast cancer. In addition, women who reported a high fiber intake during their high school years were found to have a 16 percent lower risk of suffering breast cancer overall, as well as a 24 percent lower risk of being diagnosed before menopause.

Fiber from fruits and vegetables appear to offer the most health benefits.

## Keep your workplace a healthy zone

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From Ebola to the Zika virus, new diseases seem to be rising every day to threaten our health. If you're a manager, you should do everything you can to keep your workforce safe from illness. Take these steps to minimize the risks:

- **Adjust absentee policies.** Many organizations still penalize workers for taking sick leave. Let your employees stay home when they're sick rather than risk infecting others.
- **Promote hygiene.** Post restroom signs urging workers to wash their hands frequently. Instruct cleaning services to wipe down telephone receivers as well as desk surfaces.
- **Plan ahead.** Consider how you'd respond if your department experienced a 30 percent absentee rate. How can you ensure that essential functions are covered? You can't stop bad things from happening, but you can take steps to keep them from crippling your organization.

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