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## Editor's Notes

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**P**lease have your information in to me no later than April 10th  
For May newsletter.  
If there are any changes or updates please email and I will change it.  
Thank you All, Cheryl Leist cherylmediaeditor@yahoo.com

## PARK ROYALE RESIDENT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. NOTICE OF RHOA BOARD MEETINGS 2026-2027

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**Location:** Park Royale Clubhouse

**Calendar:**

1. April 13th, Monday at 6:30 p.m.
2. June 8th, Monday at 6:30 p.m.
3. August 10th, Monday at 6:30 p.m.
4. October 12th, Monday at 6:30 p.m.
5. November 9th, Monday at 6:30 p.m. – Election Committee
6. December 14th, Monday at 6:30 p.m. – Nominations Final
7. January 11th, Monday at 6:30 p.m.– Annual Meeting/Election

**RHOA Board Meeting**  
**Monday April 13th 6:30pm**

**Royalite Social Club Events**

Saturday April 11th  
**Celebrating Woman Brunch**  
9Am – 12 pm  
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Tuesday April 14th  
**Ladies Luncheon**  
11:30 am  
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Seminole  
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Saturday April 18th  
**Celebrating Men Lunch**  
Cornhole Tournament  
12pm – 3pm  
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Tuesday April 21st  
**Koffee Klutch**  
9:30am  
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**Upcoming Events**  
Saturday May 16th  
**Luau Pool Party**  
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Saturday June 20th  
**Summer Kick off Pancake Breakfast!**  
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**Bring your own drinks to all events. Don't forget to sign up in clubhouse!**



## **General Information:**

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### **Park Royale Communication**

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### **Park Royale HOA**

Learn what is happening with Park Royale residents, homeowner Association.

### **Park Royal Mobile home Community Pinellas Park Florida**

Keep in touch and share information with your neighbors.

### **Royalite Events**

Stay up to date with social activates and events. Contact: Jane Williams

### **Guidelines For Posting “For Sale” Items in Clubhouse**

1. All postings are displayed in the exercise room
2. Signs should not be any larger than 5” x 7”
3. Please date and sign. If there is no date, the sign will be removed
4. If sold, please remove sign
5. If not removed by 2 months from date, the sign will be removed.

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## Veteran's Corner

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**A**pril is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role Military children play in the armed forces community. Sponsored by the Department of Defense Military Community and Family Policy, the Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices and the challenges they overcome.

The life of a military-connected child is one of constant change.

In addition to the typical stressors of being a child, a military child faces a unique set of challenges, including separation during deployment and being relocated across the country-or even the world.

Being a military child means always having to adjust and adapt to an array of changes, and that is not any easy task!

Understanding how to support children during these challenges begins with paying close attention to their behavior and emotions and using available resources when needed. Try helping children realize what they are feeling and create a supportive environment to reconnect and share those feelings.

Teachers can salute Military Children. You can ask teachers at your school to make a special project with their classes such as a picture frame, bookmark, journals, that ties into the Month of the Military Child.

Salute to Military Children at Sporting Events- Have the announcer make a special announcement before, during or after sporting events recognizing all military children. Have them raise the flag, sing our National Anthem, or recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Throughout the month of April, the Department of Defense will encourage schools to plan special events to honor military children and have administrators and principals incorporate special events that will stress the importance of providing children with quality services and support to help children succeed in the mobile military lifestyle.

Parents and Grandparents are often called upon to attend these special school and community events. Wearing Purple is a visible way for everyone to show support during the Month of April and a way to thank military youth for their strength and sacrifices.

Please praise and support these military children.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anthony Suglia  
Command Sergeant Major, Retired, Infantry  
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## April Birthdays

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- 6) Debbie Bruner
- 12) Sharon Olson
- 16) Janet Merchant
- 18) Patricia Post
- 20) Mary Ann Claypool
- 21) Edward Monty
- 25) Lisa Herman
- 28) Rosemary Tregaskis, Deb Modinski



**Happy Birthday to all!!! From All of us at Park Royale**

## April Birthstones

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**Primary Birthstone:** Diamond

**Meaning:** Strength, purity, everlasting love, courage, clarity

**Origin of Name:** Greek adamas ("unconquerable")

**Hardness:** The hardest natural substance

**Alternative:** White sapphire and bloodstone are sometimes listed as other April birthstones.

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April's birthstone is the diamond. This gemstone holds significant meaning for those born in that month. It is thought to provide the person wearing it with better relationships and an increase in inner strength.

Wearing diamonds is purported to bring other benefits such as balance, clarity and abundance. It's also symbolic of eternal love, and those fortunate enough to call April their birth month will enjoy learning about the history of this rare gem.



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## April Fun Facts & Recipes

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### Roman Roots:

April (Aprilis) was the second month in the early Roman calendar, named possibly from the Latin aperire ("to open") for spring or the Etruscan goddess Aphrodite (Venus).

### Calendar Shift:

It became the fourth month when January and February were added around 700 B.C.E..

April 1st history blends early spring produce, National Sourdough Bread Day, and traditional "fooling" with food, ranging from 19th-century fruit fools to modern, deceptive dishes. Historically, April celebrates seasonal items like asparagus, radishes, and fresh peas. Traditional recipes often focus on sweet treats like fools.

### Historical April 1st Recipes

**Fruit Fool (18th/19th Century):** A classic English dessert featuring pureed, stewed fruit (traditionally gooseberries, but often raspberries or strawberries) folded into custard or whipped cream.





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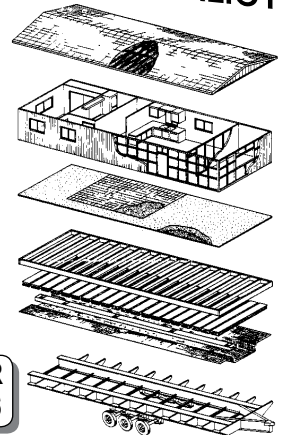
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## Poker

Every Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday 6:00 pm

## Cornhole

Every Thursday 6:30 pm

## Pickleball

Every day 8:30 am

## Hand and Foot

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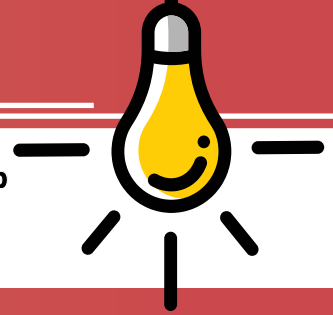
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## Monthly

**Financial Literacy Month.** With taxes due, this may be a good time to learn more about good financial practices. Are you ready to accept responsibility for changing your financial situation? Do you believe that you can and will change the way you make financial decisions? If so, it's time to start.

**Month of the Military Child.** More than 2 million children in grades K-12 have parents who are serving in our military. Make a difference in the life of a military child by seeking out opportunities to acknowledge their sacrifice, volunteering for organizations that support them, and recognizing their contribution to the nation.

**National Autism Awareness Month.** A nationwide effort to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and self-determination for all and to ensure that each person on the autism spectrum is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life.

**National Garden Month.** Gardening grows fun for the whole family. Whether you're digging in the dirt, enjoying the magic of a small seed transforming into a beautiful flower, or observing the bugs, birds, and butterflies, gardening is a delightful way to celebrate the coming of spring.



## Weekly

**National Robotics Week, Apr. 4-12.** The purpose of National Robotics Week is to celebrate the United States as a leader in robotics technology development, educate the public about how robotics technology impacts society, and advocate for increased funding for robotics technology research and development.

**Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week, Apr. 12-18.** This week recognizes the hard-working men and women who risk their lives and devote huge amounts of personal time and resources while serving the public and helping animals when no one else can.

**National Environmental Education Week, Apr. 19-23.** The nation's largest celebration of environmental education, EE Week reaches hundreds of thousands of students and educators across the United States with non-biased, high-quality, environmental education materials grounded in accurate, timely scientific information and tied to local, state, and national learning standards.

**National Pet ID Week, Apr. 17-23.** Collars and tags are a reliable way to identify your pets should they become lost. Make sure your dog, cat, or other animal friend always wears a current identification tag. Pet supply catalogs, stores, veterinary offices, and animal shelters often have forms to order ID tags.



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## Try this uncommon career advice

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**R**ead enough self-help books, and you'll run across a lot of the same repetitive career advice: Work hard, be helpful, go the extra mile. If you're already doing this, and want to add oomph into your career, consider this advice from the Fast Track Promotion website:

- **Develop your emotional maturity.** Focus on staying calm no matter what happens at work. Treat everyone with respect. Learn to choose your words carefully—and more important, recognize when it's best not to speak at all.
- **Negotiate in good faith.** Find out what the other person wants, and work toward a mutually satisfying agreement instead of one with winners and losers. In other words, seek solutions, not victories. Negotiate as if you're both on the same side.
- **Shift your point of view.** Support your organization's goals, not your own. When you make a decision, ask yourself whether it's one your manager or CEO would make. If not, reconsider your priorities.
- **Provide real value.** Instead of just doing your job, find out how your work supports your organization's objectives, and then give a little extra to help your it thrive. Talk to your manager about what you've done and what you can do to add to the organization's success.
- **Listen to feedback.** Praise is fun to receive, but often we learn most from criticism. Make a point of listening to and considering other people's points of view, and incorporating their feedback into your performance. You'll show that you're a team player committed to improvement.



## Don't be afraid to ask for help

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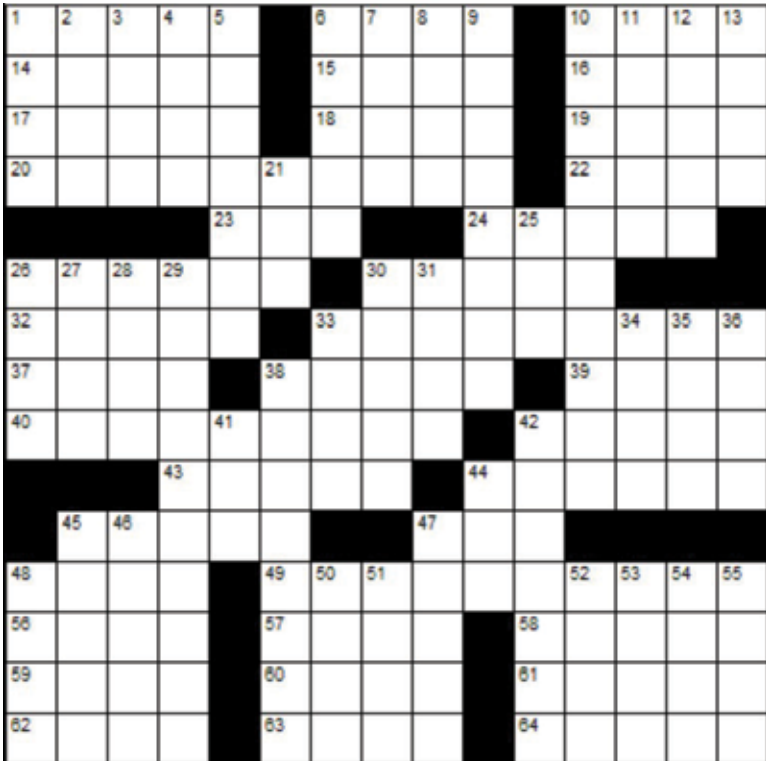
**M**any people avoid asking for advice from fear of being seen as ignorant or incompetent. But soliciting guidance from others can show that you're open to new ideas and focused on success. Here's how to ask for help and look good doing it:

- **Be sure you really need help it.** Don't interrupt a colleague for something you can figure out on your own with a little more time and effort. Save requests for problems that are truly difficult to solve.
- **Ask the right person.** Identify the person who can really help you. You'll irritate your co-workers by asking for help on something that's outside their area of expertise.
- **Be direct.** Don't beat around the bush when you need assistance. If you don't know the person, introduce yourself and explain why you think he or she is best person to help you out. Most people are happy to lend a hand, and they'll feel flattered that you think highly of their skills.





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## ACROSS

1. Adhesive
6. Ice hockey disk
10. Bog
14. Female egg organ
15. Metal used in steel
16. Decorated, as a cake
17. Spooky
18. Being
19. Fifty-three in Roman numerals
20. One of three copies
22. Advanced
23. Night before
24. Couples
26. Fancy
30. Domain
32. Leases
33. Mustache style
37. Poi source
38. Dispatches
39. Domestic
40. Cabinetries
42. Nickel or steel
43. Diversions
44. Ribald
45. Parenthetical comment
47. Circle fragment
48. Not fatty
49. Bestride
56. Sea eagle
57. Black-and-white cookie
58. Vast
59. Assists
60. Found on rotary phones
61. Swift
62. Lock openers
63. Scream
64. File

## DOWN

1. He writes in stanzas
2. Affirm
3. Indian dress
4. Voyage
5. Unseeing
6. Fragment
7. Celestial bear
8. Price
9. Sometimes used by gardeners
10. 10 to the centimeter
11. More aloof
12. Harnesses
13. Rewrite
21. Climbing vine
25. Ever last one
26. Illustrated
27. Overhaul
28. Prefix meaning "Within"
29. Stuffiness
30. Positions in a social hierarchy
31. Terminates
33. In this location
34. Matted cotton for stuffing
35. Asian nurse
36. Depend upon
38. Any unspecified person
41. Roll of bills
42. Gruesome
44. Be mistaken
45. Eagle's home
46. Like most beaches
47. Coral reef
48. Fluid escape
50. One of the Great Lakes
51. Marine mammal
52. Small amount
53. Blockhead
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# Lead your team on the path to innovation

When you're leading a team focused on innovation, you want to spark creative thinking in every member. Try these strategies used by successful leaders in every industry:

- **Build a community.** Look inside and outside your organization for enthusiastic, imaginative thinkers. Use your network to recruit people to your team, brainstorm ideas, test prototypes, and critique results.
- **Experiment.** Don't put all your eggs into one basket. When you come up with an interesting idea, test it on a small scale first. Encourage lots of experiments to find one or two that produce excellent results.
- **Tell stories.** Charts and data aren't very inspiring. To get creative juices flowing, share stories about people and problems. Find out what your customers want and what solutions would make them smile. Recount flashes of genius from the past. You'll get people thinking about the possibilities instead of the obstacles.



# Get out of the paralyzing 'I'm not creative' rut

Some people seem to be naturally creative. If you're not one of them, don't fall into the trap of thinking you'll never have an original idea or find an ingenious solution. Try these tips for overcoming a negative mindset:

- **Question your attitude.** The first step in getting unstuck is believing you can do it. Start by asking yourself, "Why do I feel uncreative?" You may discover that your belief is based on mistaken assumptions about your capabilities.
- **Ask "What if?"** Let go of the need to craft a perfect solution right away. Examine the problem from different angles and look for new possibilities without regard to what's easy or practical. Asking, "What if I did this?" can unlock a stream of fresh ideas.
- **Hold onto your momentum.** Don't stop generating ideas too quickly. Once you're on a roll, keep going until you have plenty of options to choose from. First ideas don't always work, and you may be able to combine aspects of different solutions to come up with something new that will dazzle everyone.



## Quotes:



Creative confidence is about believing in your ability to create change in the world around you.  
—Tom and David Kelley



## Google answers your health questions

People turn to Google for all kinds of information. Health is always a concern, so naturally the search engine fields a lot of questions about diseases and symptoms of illness. Take a look at some of the top health-related inquiries people typed into the Google search bar in 2015 (as reported on the CNN website):



- **“Is bronchitis contagious?”** Answer: Maybe, if it’s the result of a bacterial infection.
- **“Is pneumonia contagious?”** Answer: It can be, because most cases of pneumonia are caused by bacteria.
- **“How much water should I drink per day?”** Answer: About half as many fluid ounces as your weight in pounds. For example, if you weigh 140 pounds, you should be drinking about 70 fluid ounces per day (nine cups), although factors like heat, exercise, pregnancy, and other considerations should be taken into account.
- **“How many calories should I consume?”** Answer: Check with a dietician to get advice tailored to your physical needs.
- **“What is Lupus?”** Answer: Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease. Symptoms include headaches, fatigue, joint pain, fever, and rashes.

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## Moonlighting strong in the U.S.

Moonlight is romantic, but moonlighting at a second job is a different story. The Bureau of Labor Statistics says that about 7.39 million Americans held more than one job in November 2015. Moonlighting has risen and dipped over the years, from 6.5 percent of working Americans in November 1996 to 5.6 percent during the recession that started in 2008.

Women tend to be more likely to hold two or more jobs—5.5 percent of working women, compared with 4.7 percent of working men. Among younger workers ages 20-24, 5.8 percent worked multiple jobs in 2014, compared with 4.4 percent of workers 55 years or older.

Almost 90 percent of today’s moonlighters plan to keep working two or more jobs during 2016. A survey cited by the *U.S. News & World Report* website found that although some are dealing with changing family situations or exploring other careers, more than half maintain a second job in order to meet living expenses.



## Tech sector rates highly within the U.S.

We may complain about texting, “listicles,” and viruses, but most people actually have pretty positive opinions about technology. A survey by IT staffing organization Modis, for example, found that 61 percent of us consider the U.S. to be a global leader in tech, a trend that 79 percent think will continue for at least the next five years. And 94 percent believe that technology education is the most important factor in sustaining U.S. leadership in the tech industry.

With 19.8 million people working in the technology sector today (a figure expected to rise 1.8 percent a year), tech jobs are highly sought after. Seventy-four percent of respondents in the Modis survey think that tech jobs are more lucrative than those in other fields. Money isn’t the only consideration, though: Flexible hours are drawing workers to the field (50 percent consider this a valuable benefit) along with the unlimited vacation time offered by some organizations (named by 21 percent).



## Quotes:

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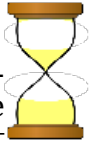
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## Prepare for failure on your road to the top

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Try conducting a "pre-mortem." Look at your plans and identify specific obstacles you may face, and generate ideas for overcoming them. Also, spend some time determining how you'll decide when the idea just won't work. You don't want to get bogged down in a useless effort when its chances of success don't exist. Be ready to move on when you realize that continuing on your current path isn't worth the time and money required.

## Stop these mistakes on the road to success

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**S**uccessful people know what they have to do to reach the top. Just as important, they know what not to do if they want to succeed. From the *Success* magazine website comes this list of activities to avoid on your way up:

- **Going back to failed strategies.** You'll fail from time to time. Just be sure to recognize what you do wrong so you don't keep repeating it.
- **Pretending to be someone else.** If you're not being true to your personality, people will see it. Strive to make decisions that authentically reflect your values.
- **Trying to change other people.** You won't be able to turn co-workers, employees, managers, customers, and even friends into the people you want them to be. Seek out people whose interests and ambitions match your own.
- **Short-term thinking.** Don't obsess about today's problems, nor trade long-term benefits for immediate gain. Focus on the big picture—your long-term goals.
- **Trusting the wrong people.** Learn whom you can depend on for honesty, assistance, and support. Remember that no one is perfect, and build relationships you can count on.

## Quotes:

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