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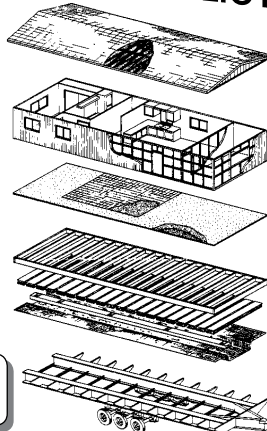
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President's Message

By Jolee Rengo



The time has come to vote for your new Board of Directors. I am certain that a great deal of time was spent reading, digesting, discussing, dissecting, and coming to a conclusion about your choices. You want the best Board possible. Of course!

Americana Cove needs people who are enthusiastic and ready to work for the good of all. Your new Board of Directors consists of nine stalwart souls who have pledged that for the next 1,122 days they will devote their lives to working for the betterment of our community. They will give up hours and hours of free time to prepare for and attend our Community Forums and monthly Board meetings, but the fact remains that there is more, much more, to being a good member of the Board of Directors. In the past year we have had more than the twenty-four required meetings. We also have had workshops. And closed meetings to discuss confidential things like payment of our employees. And extra open meetings to vote on things like the budget mailing. And then there is the training.

Make no mistake, this job is not for the faint-of-heart. It is for the person who is imbued with a passion for community, who values discretion and confidentiality, who is an insatiable learner – (there is SO much to learn!), a collaborator who is also able to lead. He or she must be brave, open-minded, and able to make tough decisions.

So here we are, with a brand-new Board. Nine happy faces that are expectant and ready for their three-year term to begin.

Please do me a favor: Let them know when you think they are doing a respectable job. Your kind words will make all the difference they need – to persevere and do the job you elected them to do!

Philippians 4:13

Manager's Message

By Gary Schamburg



MANAGER

Well, appears we're experiencing another COVID 'surge' as this article goes to print. Since many of us remain concerned as the corona virus mutates, consult the following websites for accurate information:

CDC – <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> – *recommends masking to slow the spread*

Pinellas County – <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/dashboard/> – *4 of 12 local hospitals have 'low stress' (2-3%) with one of those additionally reporting moderate stress (11%)*

St Petersburg – https://www.stpete.org/government/initiatives___programs/race_to_safe.php – *19.5% infection rate*

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Bottom-line: Florida Executive Order 2021-19 remains in effect – “no county or municipality may renew or enact an emergency order or ordinance . . . that imposes restrictions or mandates upon businesses or individuals due to the COVID-19 emergency.”

Will continue to actively review these sites to ensure the safety of our Residents and thereby assure we remain a **premier ‘active’ 55+ Resident owned community.**

The Ninth Covenant of the New Resident Orientation covers trash, rubbish, and garbage. This Covenant states:

*All garbage, and the like must be placed at the street side of the home no earlier than 6 PM on the day prior to the scheduled pick up along with aluminum cans for recycling, that are to be placed in bags. **Pickup for garbage is Tuesday and Friday and all trash must be bagged and by the street prior to 8 AM.** All trimmings from shrubbery, trees and all articles more than four (4) feet in length must be securely tied in bundles. **Yard or lawn debris is picked up on Monday.***

This Covenant is one of the few that is simple to grasp. However, placing out prior to 7:00am is not recommended as the critters tend to violate the plastic bags. Your Maintenance Team takes pride in completing this task as soon as possible on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Usually, they complete before 9:00am. Please – cooperate with their quick completion and have your pickup ready before 8:00am.

Initiative Updates:

1 – 2022 Budget constraints have impacted the Floor Committee, chaired by Tom Wichmann, and this project may be delayed a year due to 2022 Budget constraints.

2 – ARO Engineering is completing the Engineer Survey for the North and South Boat Ramp Renovation Project with the final document sure to meet expectations. Mike Arkanoff continues to chair this effort.

3 – The MAROA Board received the seawall report from J. Foster Consulting in early December. The MAROA Board will review their recommendations and prepare a future strategy that accounts for our fiscal realities.

4 – The WEBSITE Committee, chaired by Phil Quince, continues to make strides in converting to a ‘new’ webpage that contains necessary Americana Cove information and remains user friendly.

5 – The Land Survey Committee awaits the Amendment 3 results – looking for a 99% approval – to determine whether or not to seek a suitable Survey Company that possesses the correct ST 719 legal experience.

6 – The Tiki Hut Roof Committee will continue to develop options for other types of roofing through the next fiscal year.

7 – The Kitchen Committee is forecasting items to meet their \$2000 budget for this fiscal year, and await budget projections for the future.

8 – Again, as tax season is upon us: Free tax preparation provided by IRS certified tax preparers, organized by our own Cove resident, Dr. Judy Hall. Tax preparation will be provided by appointment for dates in February and March 2022.

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Having a resurgence of dog issues on the northside: primarily dealing with defecation. Please – be considerate and clean up after your dog. Neighbors are not thrilled with these surprises!

Please – feel free to contact the Manager with any improvement ideas. Your comments ensure we . . . **build Americana Cove into a premier ‘active’ 55+ Resident owned community.**

Respectfully – Gary Schamburg, CAM

ACA News

By Ron Miller

This month is a very busy one, it seems that every weekend there is something going on. Let me start, the 5th is Brews @ Brats, 12th is Young at Heart Old Timers Valentine Bar-B-Cue, the 13th is Super Bowl party, 19th is Karaoke, and 26th is 90’s Birthday party. That is one hell of a month for the faint of heart, hope everyone makes it! As for ACA goings on, we only have the lunch on Feb. 2 and the Burger Burn on the 15th.



NOW LET’S GO TO MAR. ACA WILL HOLD IT’S LAST FUN RAISER OF THE YEAR WITH THE WHITE ELEPHANT SALE on Mar. 5th. Yes, we are going to have it! Next year the only one which will take place will be the sale in Mar. This will be the only one in year 2022. From now on it will be the only one.

I’m hoping that some of the clubs will step like they did last. What I mean, having some kind of music once a month during the summer months. I hope whoever takes over my job will make it a point to see that that takes place. So, come on clubs, step up. We in the Cove sure did enjoy last summer, you got to look forward to having fun.

Ok, the Cove Veterans Plaques have been up dated as of Jan. I will still see to trying to keep them updated as long as I can. I would like to have another retired veteran volunteer who can use McDill AFB craft center for the updates. In the last year, I’ve retired some 60 or 70 Flags, please keep up the good work. Once again, I could use someone to help, and to work with me on the Wreaths Across America also. Thanks!! This means a lot to me as it does for most Vets.

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Announcements

By Ray Rodriguez – Editor



A view of the Cove from our newest neighbor

I would like to share with you a letter we received from a new resident to Americana Cove, Wally and Cathy Schultz. Their view of our community is much appreciated. Some of us may take the activities, clubs and general appearance of our community for granted, not so for Wally and Cathy.

I, for one, have never lived in a Mobile Home Community so I cannot make a distinction as to what a good community offers its residents and what others have to offer. I do know that the landscaping and general appearance is excellent and there are numerous clubs and activities to choose from. We have embraced much of what is offered, there's no reason to be bored in this community.

Please consider joining some of our clubs, activities, committees or board and share you talents and ideals to help in keeping this a premier community to live in.

Welcome to the community Wally and Cathy.

We are relatively new to the “Cove”. My wife and I were recently in a mobile home park in Largo, we were there for 12 years. We visited the “Cove” a few years ago and at that time we weren't prepared to move but as time went on we decided it's time for a move so we came back to the “Cove”, looked at some homes and settled on 662 Mt Key Ave.

We've only been here a month and participated in a few of the events at the clubhouse and joined some of the activities. There's so many, it's hard to choose which one to join. Regardless, I and my wife will agree that we cannot get over how beautiful the park is and how all the events are run so professional.

We've met some wonderful people and have had some great times and there's more to come. Keep up the good work and we're looking forward to more of the activities, thank you very much.

Wally and Cathy Schultz

February

90's Celebration

By Sandra Shouse

The 90's Celebration for our residents 90 and over 90 will be held at the Community Center on February 26, 2022. As of this writing, we have 18 Celebrants this year and are looking for any new residents we might not have. If you know of anyone that is 90 or over 90, please contact Nancy Hubartt at 727-525-0571.



A fun Senior Prom theme for the evening with dinner, gifts, music, and more! Everyone is welcome to celebrate with us. Our celebrants will be our guest for dinner. All other guest will be able to purchase tickets at \$20.00. The event will start at 5:00 pm with a delicious dinner, music, entertainment, gifts, and a party to follow. If there is a favorite song you would like to hear, call Claire at 727-521-6264. We will try to get it in the program.

To make this a memorable event, we are hoping to get cash donations from Cove clubs and individuals. Any questions and donations can be directed to Mary Bickhart at home 727-914-7041 or cell 727-403-2779.

Tickets are limited to 125. Thank you for your support.

Shout-out to our Christmas Elves

Christmas looked beautiful inside and outside here at the Cove. A lot of time and effort goes into decorating and un-decorating for the holidays. A special thank you to all the Christmas elves and maintenance team that helped make the Cove a Christmas Wonderland. We are very fortunate to have so many volunteers that help year after year. You are special and we appreciate your time and effort. Thank you very much.

Sandra Shouse





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I haven't been around that long but I have been square dancing for over a decade and I'm looking forward to sharing this fun activity with my neighbors here at The Cove.

I began lessons here in Florida in 2009 and I enjoyed it so much that I went to every dance I could get to. I made many friends who are really nice folks.



There's a saying that square dancing is friendship set to music. And it's true.

So come on over to the clubhouse on Friday afternoons at 1:00 and see what the Cove squares is all about.

Ann Marie Moretti

Free Tax Preparation

Americana Cove is pleased to announce that we will be offering free federal income tax preparation at the Cove on Thursday, February 24 and Thursday, March 24 from 9 am to 2 pm in the game room of the clubhouse. Taxes will be prepared by IRS certified Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and coordinated by our own Dr. Judy Hall. You can schedule an appointment by calling 813-773-6041. If there is no answer, please leave a message with your name, phone number, and the date on which you want your taxes prepared.

BINGO

Happy and healthy new year to all our residents. The jackpot bingo initiated by Scott Peacock with the help of his wife Cindy on the Friday after Thanksgiving was well received, (especially by the winners). There was also a delicious buffet donated and contributed by all and enjoyed by all who attended.



Welcome back to our snowbirds, all our Canadian friends and Greg Cindric and family who also calls for us. An additional special bingo was held on New Year's Day with several healthy prizes. Scott and Cindy organized another awesome buffet for all the players which again was enjoyed by all.

Regular bingo continues every Friday starting at 6:00 PM. Please arrive before that to buy your papers and set up. Scott has propose that we may have more special gatherings in the future.

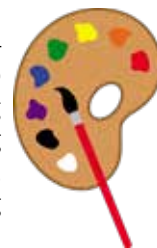
Mary Lou Pribesh



Art Strong

Anyone who loves to paint or draw is welcomed to join our Art Strong group activities from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.. Some of our artists are no longer going with the tutorials, but creating on their own! A fun night to paint along with instructions or go with a reference photo of your own. Feel free to use oils, acrylic paints, watercolors or other media. Check our Americana Cove Art Strong Group on facebook and see what supplies are needed each week.

Judy Daigle



View From The Gate

February Already! seems like Christmas JUST went down.
Hey Everyone a BIG THANKS!
We have noticed that:

Visitors are arriving with Drivers License at the ready.

Residents are slowing down when coming in.

Pool umbrellas are being lowered after use.

Great! Thanks very much for all your help.

February's ask is this: Please do not call in your visitors further out than 24 hours prior to arrival. Without going into detail, doing so creates a bit of a headache for us at the gate. We appreciate this.

AWARENESS of others; our community currently is enjoying more residents and visitors then we have seen in quite awhile. We ask that everyone be patient and courteous with each other. While you are out enjoying that bike or golf cart ride, please remember that there are cars using the road also. I have seen 2 or more bikes enjoying a slow tandem ride when there are several cars waiting to get by. I have seen golf carts failing to yield for paramedics!! Enjoy our beautiful community but please be conscious of others.

That's it from The Gate. Enjoy!

Brad Coath

Welcome New Residents

By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez

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Sunshine Report for February 2022

By Nancy Hubartt

Deaths – With Sympathy

Marv Thompson (former resident)
Jan Stewart (former resident)
Carmen Rudy
Bill Stanley



February Birthdays

01 Bob Johnson
02 Mary Lou Pribesh
02 Susan Galligan
03 Pat Schmidt
03 Gery Hart
03 Lynnea Mathews
03 Polly Hayes Kuizel
07 Jan Ernst
07 Susan Lloyd
08 Ronald W. Miller
09 Cindy Rodriguez
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26 Joel Daigale
26 Lana Brown
27 Ann Evans
27 John Karam
28 Barry Barratiere
28 Diane Barnum
29 Linda Cook



January Anniversaries

January anniversaries were included due to misprint in January)

01 Marsha & Joe Gray 31 years
01 Joan & Dennis Moore 44 years
01 Jill & Mick Marcese 31 years
08 MaryAnn & Bill Foley 57 years
10 Joan & John Mahoney 63 years
10 Carol & Roger Howard ?? years
15 Maureen & Derek Woodhead 18 years
16 Carol & Joseph Perrotto 51 years
27 Mary & Vince Bickhart 60 years

February Anniversaries

05 Dolores & Jeff Prusak 28 years
06 Shirley & Tony Giaquinto 57 years
07 Melissa & Mike Guiler 30 years
09 Janice & Gerry Zebley 18 years
13 Pam & Richard Lord 19 years
17 Susan & Alvin Napier 04 years
27 Helga & Donnie Ellis 05 years
28 Patricia & Rodney South 35 years





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Boat Club

By Mary Ann Meljac



2021 is a wrap!

Let's take a minute to catch you up on December. The Boat Club sponsored the Annual Boat Parade on December 18th. The winners were as follows:

\$75 (1st Place) Jeff and Toni Jones

\$50 (2nd Place) John and Wanda Tyson

\$25 (3rd Place) Deb and Tom Turner

Boat Club Membership (Consolation) \$10 Value – Robert & Susan Solomon

The waterside Home Decoration Winners were as follows:

\$50 (1st Place) Phil and Linda Quince

\$30 (2nd Place) Jake Moore and Betty Penn

\$20 (3rd Place) George Paige

Manger (Consolation) Frank Holbrook and Maureen Saint-Guillen

A very special thank you to all who put forth the effort to brighten up the holiday with the boat and home decorations. We hope that everyone enjoyed the pleasure that was brought to all and we will hope that next year the participation will continue to grow!

The Annual **“Island Bash”** will be here before we know it! Plans are in progress. The date will be Saturday, March 12th with a Pirate/Island Theme. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes! The price of the tickets will be \$25. Tickets will be sold at the February 12th Boat Club Meeting and also at the Burger Burn on Tuesday, February 15th. There will be further information coming your way. **Watch for updates in emails and on the Americana Cove Community Facebook Page.** This is the Boat Club's annual event and we appreciate all of our members who support this Club during the year.

Volunteers are always needed so keep your eyes and ears open and help where you can!

What do we celebrate in February? What is February famous for?

February 2nd – Groundhog Day

February 12th – Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

February 12th – *Americana Cove Boat Club Meeting – 10AM - Clubhouse*

February 13th – Super Bowl 2022

February 14th – Valentine's Day

February 15th – Susan B. Anthony's Birthday

February 15th – National Flag of Canada Day

February 16th – Full Moon (Snow Moon)

February 21st – Presidents' Day (federal holiday)

February 22nd – George Washington's birthday



February is African-American History Month.

Bocce Club

By Daisy Dean



We are getting a good turnout for Bocce every Sunday at 3:30. The Americana Cove Bocce Rules are now posted near the Score board by the Court.

Everyone is welcome to play & we do have a fun group.

In March we are having another Bocce Fundraiser, Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Italian Sausage, Salad & Garlic Bread & Dessert, All prepared in our Kitchen by Astrid & her many helpers, All for 12 Dollars Per Person, 100 tickets will be available. 50/50 Tickets Will also be available & also a booze basket to be raffled.

Ticket sales will be posted in next Forecaster & on Americana Cove page.

Book Club

By Jill Moe



We played it safe and cancelled our January Book Club. Thank you, Orna, for being so patient and willing to reschedule (for the second time). Please mark your calendars for Thursday, February 10th at 1:30 PM and join us for **"Refuge" by Dot Jackson-**

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Following our meeting we will also discuss our 2022 booklist. Be sure to check the Clubhouse Bulletin Board to see a few of the books that will be coming up for discussion. There's always room for more readers, so please drop in on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Even better, if there is a particular book you'd like to share, we meet year round.



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<p>MARCH</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30 31</p>		
<p>6</p> <p>Vespers 4:50 p.m. A</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Cue Club Mtg. 5 p.m. A. </p>	<p>ACA C Mtg. 10</p> <p>Live M C.</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Super Bowl. C</p> <p>Vespers 4:50 p.m. A</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p>	<p>Burger 4 p.m.-</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Private Party 2-4 p.m. C</p> <p>Vespers 4:50 p.m. A</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>Live M C. </p> <p>Washing</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Vespers 4:50 p.m. A</p>	<p>28</p>	

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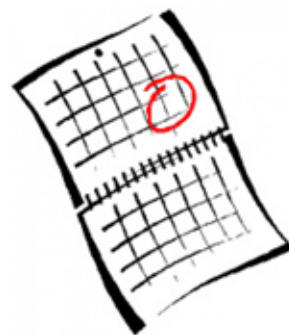
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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Club Pres. 10 a.m. A</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Shuffle Mtg, A 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>ACA Luncheon Noon. C</p> <p>Groundhog Day</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bingo 6 p.m. C</p> <p>Square Dance Club C 1-2:30</p> <p> </p>	<p>5</p> <p>Got It! 4pm. A</p> <p>Brews & Brats 5p.m.-10p.m. C</p> <p> and </p>
<p>8</p> <p>Music 3 p.m.</p> <p></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Community Forum 7 p.m. C</p> <p>Landscp Com. 11 a.m. A</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Book Club 1:30 pm. L</p>	<p>11</p> <p>New Resident Orientation 1p.m A</p> <p>Bingo 6 p.m. C</p> <p>Square Dance. C. 1-2:30</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Young at Heart Old Timers  Valentine Party</p> <p>Boat Cl. 10am. A</p> <p>Tiki Party 1-4 pm . Lincoln's Birthday</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Burn. C 5:30 p.m.</p> <p></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Board of Directors Meeting 7 p.m. C</p> <p>Young At Heart (Old timers) Luncheon-12pm.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>New Resident Welcome 1 p.m. A</p> <p>Bingo 6 p.m. C</p> <p>Square Dance. C 1-2:30</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Shuffle Pancake Breakfast. C </p> <p>Got It! A 4 p.m.</p> <p>Karaoke. 7 p.m. C</p> <p> </p>
<p>22</p> <p>Music 3 p.m.</p> <p></p> <p>gton's Birthday</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Free Income Tax Preparation 9a.m.-2p.m. G \$ \$</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Bingo 6 p.m. C</p> <p>Square Dance C 1-2:30.  </p>	<p>26</p> <p>90's Birthday Party</p> <p>  </p>

Weekly Calendar Repeats

AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: February 2022

<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
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.	
	Line Dancing	12:00p.m.	C
	Nickel Bingo	1:00pm	C
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	A
	Art Strong	6:00-8:00pm	L
	Cue Club-Men's	6:30p.m.	B
	Bid Euchre	6:00p.m.	C
Tuesday:	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.	
	Shuffleboard Social League	10:30am -12:30pm	S
	Maj Jong	3:00pm	A
	Progressive Rummy	5:00p.m.	A
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	B
	Crafters	6:00-8:00pm	C
	Cards	6:30p.m.	A
Bid Euchre	6:30p.m.	C	
Wednesday:	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.	
	Cue Club-Women's	6:30p.m.	B
	Rug Braiding	6:30p.m.	C
Thursday:	Texas Hold'em	6:30p.m.	A
	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.	
	Shuffleboard	10.30pm	S
	Dominoes	1:00pm	A
	Progressive Rummy	5:00pm	A
	Cue Club-Men's	6:30p.m.	B
	Cornhole	6:30-8:00 pm	C
Cribbage Club	6:30p.m.	A	
Friday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.	C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.	
	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	9:00-10:00a.m.	A
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.	
	Texas Hold'em	11:00am	G
	Square Dance Club	1-2:30pm	C
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	B
	Bingo	6:00p.m.	C
Saturday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.	C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.	
Sunday:	Shuffleboard Hoss Collar	1:00-3:30p.m.	S
	Pickup Bocce Ball	3:30pm	BC
	Vespers	4:50p.m.	A
	Duplicate Bridge	6:00p.m.	A
	Pinochle	6:30p.m.	C



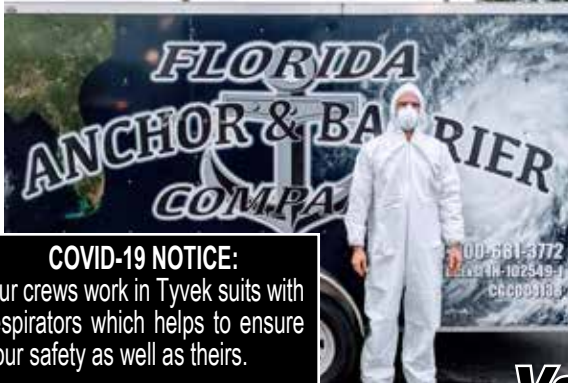
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Buddhism

By John Howell



Happy New Year of the Tiger

As we get past problematic astrological cycles (Venus R & Mercury R) our hope and prayers are that Covid will recede into the background. As mentioned last month we will begin our Spring session, Feb. 3rd as an ongoing series consisting of four formal mtgs., 1st Thursday GR each month through May. Some Topics will include:

1. Examining the “Quest” as it reached its pinnacle in the East and subsequently influenced the West particularly paraphrasing Socrates proclamation “That to Know Thyself Is the greatest service”... Echoing Wisdom/Compassion teachings of the Buddha, later the Gnostic philosophies of Christ.
2. A comparative study of great thinkers through recorded history with an emphasis on the development of humanistic approaches to humanities perennial philosophic/spiritual dynamic. Critiquing the critical moment of transition from “consensual narrative reality” into Huxley’s; “Brave New World”, and how to survive its Orwellian implications.
3. The long circuitous twist and turns from ancient Vedic spiritual tradition to Buddhism on the road to Eleusinian Greek mysteries, Romantics like Blake, the age of Enlightenment, the flowering of the Renaissance, Existential inquiry personified by Heidegger, Sartre, and futurists; Philip K. Dick, Kubrick, Rodenberry, Kurzweil.
4. Yes, even the great classical composers such as Vivaldi, Bach, Mozart, and artistic expression from realism, baroque, impressionism to modernism exemplified by Warhol, Dali, Picasso, are all part of the aforementioned “Quest”, that will be examined. And lest we not forget the foundational contribution from simpatico native tribal rhythms of “seeing beyond” the ordinary including the astonishing Shamans, Yogis, and Lama/Sages dating back millennia.
5. Illustrations provided for study of mankind’s eternal reach to the stars (Stonehenge, Mayan temples, the Pyramids of Giza) plus the science of Copernicus, Galileo, Bruno, and Newton. Relativistic Einstein and various Quantum physicists with contributions in particular of Hawkings profound understanding of Black holes, and important unification theories by Michio Kaku’s “String theory” and gravity’s “Higgs Boson” solutions.
6. “Playfully” we will contemplate all the above noting how mankind in his search for empirical Truth has managed to discover; “The further he looks out (Hubble, the new James Web Telescope) the more he finds himself looking right ...back (like the temple eyes of Katmandu, Nepal) at his own reflection/inner nature”. As above so below, Sat Chit Ananda, thus overcoming Descartes’ dualism paradox.
7. We will then as a group be positioned to consider/debate; “Know Thyself” as the ultimate act/significance of being...facilitating needed Awareness culminating in meditation. ”Awake in the Void “as the Buddha proclaimed.



So please feel free to bring any and all questions, along with your views/answers... as we thoughtfully attempt to clarify through reciprocal dialog. Presented and formatted within everyone’s grasp ... Just for fun!

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“Moderator” John has been a seeker of “Truth” for over 50 years. Part of his life’s work (as an admirer of patron St. Francis of Assisi) has been to share joyful discoveries/blessings, helping gentle souls (“smell the roses”) along a path extolling a variety of traditions, prominently as a lineage holder of Tibetan Buddhism transmitted by H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama.

Please remain safe and be kind to all sentient beings... *Namaste*

Cornhole Club

By Deb Howland & Erika Fitch



As February gets under way Cornhole club will continue to be played every Thursday night at 6:30 in the clubhouse. Future Club meetings will be announced when scheduled. We have a lot of new home owners and would like to welcome you to come play cornhole and get to know your new Cove neighbors. It is an easy game to learn and we have lots of fun.

Yearly membership dues were due at the start of the season, but can be paid anytime you join the club. Membership for Cornhole Club will be \$10.00 per person, guaranteeing you a spot to play on club night. Drop in play will be \$2.00 a night. This is not a league so members can join in at any time and start playing.

We also have a 50/50 drawing every week. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday evenings. We set up at 6:00 and would appreciate any help.

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

Crafters Club

By Debbie Lewison

Welcome to February, the month of hearts and love. You are gonna “love” some of our projects this month.

Please watch the Facebook page for samples of projects and sign up on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse if you’d like to participate. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 6 pm (6:30 on burger burn nites) in the Clubhouse and all are welcome whenever you see a project you’d like to try!

I’ve attached a few pictures of picture frames we painted in January. Have a “lovely” February!



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Cue Club

By Frank Holbrook

The Cue Club met on January 3, 2022 and there were thirty (30) members in attendance. Pizza, beer and wine were served. The majority of the meeting involved the planning of the Club's "Brew, Brats, and Burgers Dinner Dance" scheduled for Saturday, February 5, 2022.



The next Cue Club meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the Atrium. The topics for this meeting will include, but are not limited to, the finalization of the Club's sponsored "Super Bowl Party" on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Clubhouse.

Be well and stay healthy!

Helping Hands: More Ways to Welcome 2022

By Judy Hall, PhD



Here are even more ways to welcome the new year:

- Make simple food swaps. For healthier eating, try substituting low-fat Greek yogurt in place of sour cream on burritos; spread avocado on sandwiches instead of mayo; swap a sprinkling of nuts (such as walnuts or pistachios) instead of croutons on your salad; blend a frozen banana with ½ cup of berries as an alternative to ice cream.
- Seek out some inspiration. Watch a documentary or movie about someone who overcomes a challenge – like training for a marathon or overcoming an injury. You will be inspired to get out there and deal with your challenges!
- Kick yourself out of the house. The natural light you get can help you de-stress. Take a short walk or just soak up some fresh air and sunshine. You will feel recharged and ready for the day.
- Choose an audio call. Phoning a friend may seem like a no-brainer, but new research shows that phone calls create stronger bonds between people than emails or texts. Make time each week to connect with these people on the phone, Zoom or in person. Doing so will calm your nervous system.
- Make habits hold hands. If you're trying to start a new behavior, try incorporating it into something you already do to make it more automatic. If your brain is already trained for a specific habit and you add something to it, you'll be more likely to adopt that change quickly.
- Be picky. Between virtual board meetings, chauffeuring your friends and grocery shopping, it's easy to get over committed. When you say yes or no to an invitation or request, take a moment to reflect on whether it moves you closer to who and where you want to be in your life or away from what's most important to you. Remember, you're not a machine, and you may not be able to do everything you want to, and that's OK.



Landscape Committee

By Deb Howland and Erika Fitch



February the month of Love, hearts, roses and the color red, happy Valentines Day. Let's look around the Cove to see how many red flowers we can see. We will be looking at all of our garden areas making sure they are healthy and attending to their needs.

Many of you have submitted landscape requests for new plantings and gardens. It is great to see so many residents beautifying their homes which in turn makes the Cove even more enjoyable to all.

Again I would like to extend a friendly welcome to anyone interested to join us at our meetings, every second Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be 9 February 2022 at 11:00, hope to see you there.

Happy planting!!

Library

By Jill Moe



You certainly are keeping the Library Volunteers busy this month and for that we thank you. Books, puzzles, DVDs, and CDs keep coming in and we truly are grateful to everyone who donates to the Cove Library.

Line Dancing

By Judy Daigle



Don't know where the days of the week go but Months go by so quickly! Line dancing every Monday from 12:00-1:00 in the clubhouse. The line dancers have learned 11 dances so far and I'm sure they put it to use at our live music dance events. If you haven't tried line dancing yet, I invite you to join us on Mondays. We always review old dances and learn new ones. It's fun, and free!



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Live Music

By Libby Hopkins



Hello Everybody!

In December, we performed our Annual Evening of Carols and Live Nativity, and in January, photos of that program were featured on the cover of the Forecaster. We would like to extend a special and heartfelt thanks to Cindy and Ray Rodriguez for having our pageant highlighted in this lovely way. There were also photos of the program featured inside the Forecaster along with a gracious article by Ray, who is the Forecaster Editor for our park. We also give a great big thanks to Rosemary Ferreri, who took the pictures!!

This month, we're happy to celebrate with the 90s folks in our park. It is a pleasure to provide the entertainment for their birthday party every year. This is an event in which we honor residents in the park who are 90 and above. This year's party is scheduled for February 26, 2022. Anyone can come to help celebrate with our 90+ year olds. Please see Mary Bickhart's Forecaster article for details.

You will also not want to miss our **Valentine's Show** on the second Tuesday of February, 2/8/22. Come and be our Sweethearts, and let us send you musical hugs and love from the stage.

Both musical programs are in the Clubhouse.

For those of you who are not familiar with Live Music, we are a Music Group within the park that usually perform the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Our Performances and the Refreshments we offer you are **FREE!!!** We work hard to provide an entertaining, fun hour, and we provide snacks, drinks, and sometimes, spiked punch!

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Old Timers Young at Heart

By Kathy Laramee

February is here which means a month chock full of activities! Young at Heart is proud to say we are hosting our Annual Valentine's Day Dance on the 12th. This year is a little different since we are going casual! Please don't miss the fun, great BBQ and of course that fabulous band, Gray Matter! Tickets are \$20 and are limited to the first 150. See any Board member – Kathy Laramee, Joan Miller or Martha Sutton.

Just a reminder that going forward, there will be one meeting a month of our club. This month it is February 16th and the Boat Club will be providing our luncheon, thank you!! A schedule is posted on the bulletin board and also in the Forecaster calendar.

As you may or may not know, aluminum collection (cans and other) is a fund raiser for our club and we have the best volunteers that keep this going. They are sometimes finding it difficult to process everything due to the unwanted garbage and/or non aluminum items some of our residents are throwing in the assigned receptacles. I've made this plea many times before but here goes once more. Please do not put anything other than ALUMINUM in the can barrels. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. And I would be remiss if I didn't offer a "shout out" to Paul Redpath for driving all that aluminum for us and to Al Martin, one of our new volunteers! Thank You!!!



Shuffleboard Club

By Greg Moe

Regretfully, we had to cancel our Pancake Breakfast in January due to the growing concerns of COVID cases reported in the Cove.

We are still planning on having our Pancake Breakfast on February 19th, in hopes that things have settled back down. Serving time will be from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Tickets can be purchased at the door. ***For all you can eat, price for adults is \$5.00 and children under 12 is \$3.00.*** We will also be holding a 50/50 raffle; you do not need to be present to win.

On Tuesday nights from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM we will be giving lessons to anyone who is interested in learning about shuffling or just improving their skills. This is open to the public-you do not need to be a member to participate.

Unfortunately, Nova did not have enough teams to form a league and Blue Sky did not have enough players to form a team. The only League play this year will be the Friendship League so, with that being said, Greg Cindric has started a Intra-Cove League based on skill level. Teams will consist of 4 players, using 4 different levels of skill, based on experience. If interested, contact Greg Cindric at 1-484-252-6483 or Greg Moe at 1-603-303-1234. (thank you, Greg C, for taking this on)

Our Social League will continue playing on Wednesdays at 1:30 PM and Hoss Collar will be on Sundays at 1:00 PM.



Our next meeting is February 2nd at 9:30 AM in the Atrium, please come and join us.

Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

Hi everyone! January has come and gone and we are already into February! Our January 1 mimosa and fruit toast was great! The morning was beautiful and was well attended! Our toast was one hoping 2022 bring us much health and happiness. Swim exercise continues to have some good attendance. It's been great to see both old and new faces! Welcome to everyone!

Items of interest:

As I write this article, a date has not yet been determined to close the pool for tile and grout work. I know bids have been sent out and we are waiting for responses. As soon as I am notified of the date from Gary, I will announce at class and post on our group Facebook page.

January brought us some cooler morning temps, polar bears showed up on those mornings and we averaged 10-15 in class. Water is a very comfortable 85. With our January winds, we put our towels in the sun while we swim and rush quickly to grab those towels when class is over! The dedication of these folks certainly is on display. Some folks call us crazy!!!!

Dates to put on your calendar, more info to follow as these dates get closer:

March 30 will be our end of season party with Daisy and her land exercise walkers.

April 6, we will be providing and serving the ACA luncheon with the land exercise walkers.

Be sure to check our group FB daily to check what is scheduled for the day; tape, oldies, equipment needed and extra 20 minute days.

Happy Valentines Day everyone! ❤️❤️❤️





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How many home shoppers visited in 2021?

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

A total of 367 home shoppers visited the sales office during 2021 with 232 visitors who made appointments while 135 were walk-ins—potential buyers who stopped during posted business hours to learn more about community and tour homes for sale.



In comparison, a total of 306 people visited the sales office in 2020. In 2019, our records show 508 people visited, which was the last year before the COVID pandemic hit the U.S. Lower traffic in the past two years is also attributed to fewer homes for sale. The community is averaging five homes for sale as compared to 10 homes prior to the pandemic.

Even though there were less visitors in the past two years, the people who visited were buyers as homes sales have been higher than at any other time. Forty-seven homes were sold in 2021 as compared to 46 sales in 2020 and 41 sales in 2019.

In addition to visitors who came during posted sales hours or by appointment, the gate staff also distributed marketing information about the community after posted hours. In 2021, the gate staff distributed 212 folders or an average of 17 folders per month as compared to 178 folders in 2020.

“Distributing folders at the gate was actually an idea the staffers requested,” explained Broker Marty Pozgay. “They would have a carload of visitors eager to tour the community, but they couldn’t get in to drive around. Having material about the community to give to visitors so they can make an appointment is a win-win for both gate staffers and visitors as it leaves a positive impression.”

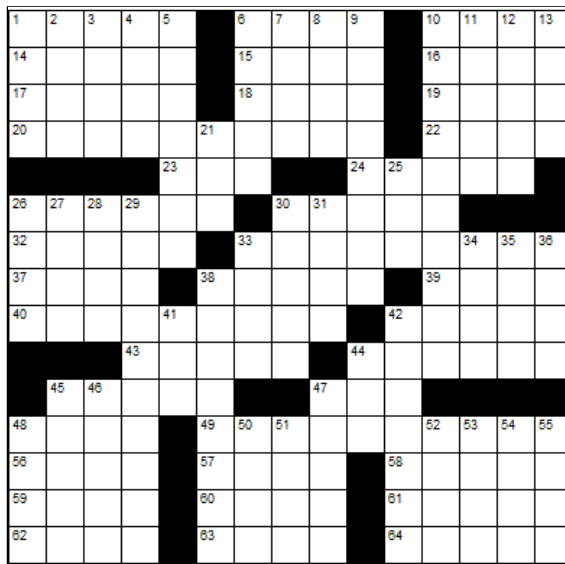
The distribution of materials also assists the sales office with fine-tuning its business hours. The new hours on the weekends are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. instead of noon to 3 p.m. as more people were visiting prior to noon than were visiting between 2 and 3 p.m. Week-day hours remain 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in season from November to April and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in off season, which is May through October. The sales office is also open by appointment, which can be at any time of day, for the convenience of the visitor.

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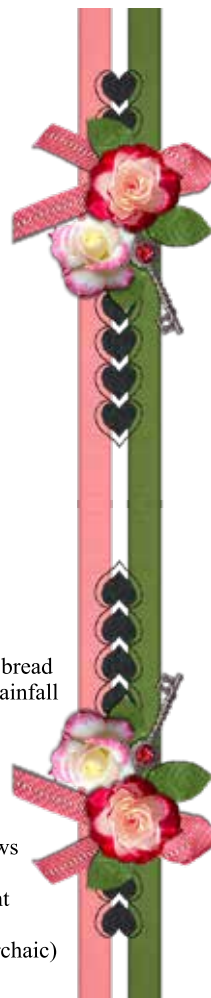
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- 15. Double-reed woodwind
- 16. Mimics
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- 19. To tax or access
- 20. Hard unglazed brownish-red earthenware
- 22. Tall woody plant
- 23. Religious sister
- 24. Swindle
- 26. Palace
- 30. Lance
- 32. Attempt again
- 33. Undertaken by two parties
- 37. Urine component
- 38. Subatomic particle
- 39. Mother
- 40. A sudden downpour
- 42. Ate



- 43. Not cloudy
- 44. Intelligent
- 45. Unpaid
- 47. "The Matrix" hero
- 48. Narrow opening
- 49. Weakens
- 56. Adriatic resort
- 57. Former Italian currency
- 58. Menacing look
- 59. Always
- 60. Smell
- 61. Steed
- 62. Declare untrue
- 63. Marries
- 64. Canvas shelters

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- 1. Proven information
- 2. Small island
- 3. Blacken
- 4. Inheritor
- 5. Effeminate
- 6. Element with the symbol B
- 7. Death notice
- 8. Not hard
- 9. Whale or dolphin
- 10. Germs in the blood
- 11. A drama set to music
- 12. Adjust again
- 13. Being
- 21. Prompt
- 25. Cap
- 26. Gunk
- 27. Relating to aircraft
- 28. Goulash
- 29. Ephemeral
- 30. Pantywaist
- 31. Conspiracy
- 33. Brought into existence
- 34. Hindu princess
- 35. So be it
- 36. Gentlewoman
- 38. A single storey house
- 41. Small rounded bread
- 42. A shortage of rainfall
- 44. Tall hill
- 45. Drink garnish
- 46. Broaden
- 47. Approaches
- 48. Toboggan
- 50. It ebbs and flows
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Carpport Sale - Sugar Creek Manufactured Home Park, 10265 Ulmerton Rd, Largo. Saturday, February 12th. 8:00am-1:00pm.

Shady Lane Oaks Bazaar - Shady Lane Oaks - 15777 Bolesta Road, Clearwater. Saturday, February 5th - 9am-2pm. A huge variety of items for sale! Raffles, Chinese auctions, bake sale, breakfast & lunch and more!

East Bay Oaks and Eldorado Village Annual Carport Sale: Saturday, February 19, 2022, 8AM to 2PM. 601 Starkey Rd and 2505 East Bay Dr. Largo, FL 33771

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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

White Elephant & Bake Sale: Sat., March 5, 8am-1pm. Small appliances, furniture, lamps, dishes, linens, jewelry, baked goods and lunch. Lake Highlander Park, 1500 County Road 1, Dunedin.

Carpport Sale, Sat., Feb. 26th, Clearwater Cascades MHP, 9790 66th St. N., 8am-12pm.

Oakcrest Acorn Community Carport Sale: March 12th from 9am - 2pm. 9925 Ulmerton Rd and 16th Ave. SE. Furniture, collectibles, tools & lots more.

Doral Village Yard Sale Bazaar, Saturday, February 26th, 8am-1pm. 29250 US Hwy 19N, Clearwater. Furniture, Clothing, Linens, Books, Electronics, Kitchen Items, Glassware, Jewelry, Lunch and Prizes! Masks Recommended!!

Ranch Mobile Park, Park-Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, March 19th, 8:00am-2:00pm at 6800 - 150th Ave. N., Clearwater (Largo).

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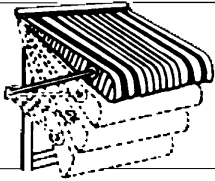
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