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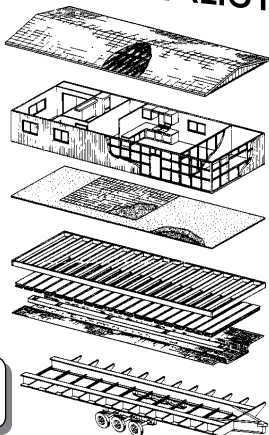
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President's Message

By Jolee Rengo



Happy Spring, everyone!

The end of our busy season is upon us, and the snowbirds are starting to pack. Just as our friends prepare to return to their homes in the far North, we bid them “adieu” with fond memories of parties and fun times we have shared this winter. We will send them off with best wishes for a safe trip, a busy and healthy summer season, and a most welcome return to us in the Fall.

Our community will be quiet during the long, hot summer, with only a few projects to complete during our rainy season. Much of our time will be spent planning and strategizing for next year, - a working hibernation, if you will.

In the meantime, however, many of us worldwide are looking forward to what some consider the highest of holy days, Easter. It will be celebrated here in the United States as well as in Canada on April 17th. Although it can also be known in Canada as Pascha, Resurrection Sunday.

During a time of unrest, it is so easy to be swept along with the tide and end up adding to the fury that we can see across the world. This is evident by all the hotspots we see both domestically and abroad. Our world today is rife with fighting and threats of one dreadful outcome or another.

This is NOT what Easter is about. Easter is hope and rebirth and new chances for us all. Easter tells us that we can change for the better; we can give more and love more and be kinder – and all of that will result in a much better outcome! Easter says, “Together, we can!!”

Always, we remain focused on the fact that we have much in common with our neighbors to the North, whether it is a commonality of certain holidays and festivities, the fact that we share the longest international border in the world, or simply a shared love of life at Americana Cove. We are more alike than different, and peace is the common thread we all dream of.

I am reminded then, of what I was taught were the six greatest words of all time: “For God so loved the world.”

Look it up and say a prayer for this world of ours.

Happy Easter, one and all.

John 3:16

Manager's Message

By Gary Schamburg




MANAGER

April is here. The sunny days are getting longer and hotter!

There are many activities this month: Some Residents will be traveling back north; we begin preparing for Hurricane Season; and the manager reviews each Home for Spring Cleaning. While the Spring Cleanings kept the Cove appealing through the Summer – it also prepares the Cove for Hurricane Season – and allows us to continue as a *premier 'active'55+ Resident owned community.*

Last month, we completed our review of the **Ten Covenants** of the New Resident Orientation. Please, remember the *Golden Rule* and “*treat others as you want to be treated.*”

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Nowhere is this maxim more evident than in the pet situation. Walk your dog within five feet of the street and pick up after them. Remember that Emotional Support Animals are designated for a single individual, who should be the ‘walker’ and always with the animal. Next month, will again cover each of these **Ten Covenants**.

Initiative Updates:

1. ARO Engineering is completing the Engineer Survey for the North and South Boat Ramp Renovation Project with the final document. In the meantime, placing signs marking the end of the ramp, marking high tide, and noting that the safest time to launch/load is during high tides. Additionally, have requested a permit to dump riprap to fill the hole at the end of the north ramp. For the south ramp, coordinating for a concrete contractor to ease the steep angle of the ramp.
2. The MAROA Board tasked J. Foster Consulting for contractors to implement their recommendations on six seawall panels as a first trial.
3. 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.
4. This month, the survey for the Land Survey Committee will begin. This company possesses the correct ST 719 legal experience to survey to lower the share total and reduce our tax burden.
5. The Dog Park renovation is nearing completion now that irrigation is present, the pavers are laid, the topsoil has been spread, and the sod is placed. Finishing touches are in the works in early April for a pet memorial display. Our appreciation goes out to Mary & Sparty for leading this effort along with Camille & Bilbo, Janis & Cooper, Diane & Sheba, and Shelley & Teddy.
6. The motors for the automatic Clubhouse double doors and the Atrium single door should be replaced early this month. Additionally, the doors and frames plus the remote access panels will be serviced.

Weather Emergency Preparation. The Tornado Exercise taught us the lesson that we cannot rely on VOLO to get emergency notifications sent and received in a timely manner. Please, all Residents should sign up at <http://pinellascounty.org/alertpinellas/> to receive alerts about weather emergencies and other important community news. When you sign up, you choose how to receive alerts. This could be a cell phone, landline, text, email – you can enter multiple methods. Additionally, a Hurricane Preparation Discussion will be held in the Clubhouse on Wednesday evening, 6 April; and again, on Thursday morning, 7 April to provide guidance, field questions, and relay information for the upcoming Hurricane Season. Please, attend.

For your awareness, there are two initiatives that concern future budgets. Your leaders are collaborating with St Petersburg Council Member, Brandi Gabbard, to figure out why Americana Cove is charged for storm drains. Additionally, as a related effort, coordinating with the city water department to lower our cost for the south side.

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.***

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ACA News

By Doug Howland & Erika Fitch

ACA held its annual election and the following officers were elected.
President: Doug Howland
Vice President: Ron Miller
Secretary: Erika Fitch
Treasurer: Sue Banning

At this time we would also like to acknowledge all the outgoing officers for a job well done. Thank you for all the time and work you devoted to your positions.

As the season closes down here at the Cove and our northern friends head for home we would like to remind you of a few things that will still be happening in the next few months.

On Saturday, April 2nd an annual get together will be held celebrating Founder's Day as well as our end of the season here at the Cove. There will be food and entertainment. Please look for details of this event at the clubhouse on the monitors and bulletin boards. Details also will be on Americana Cove's Facebook page. As this event is only for residents, let's get together with our neighbors to celebrate the day.

Burger Burns will continue through the summer on the third Tuesday of each month from 4-5:30p.m. This month there will be a price increase to \$7 per person as our costs have gone up. You're still getting a great deal for a one third pound hamburger, chips and a drink. Come take a break from cooking and enjoy dinner with your neighbors.

Many of the clubs are being asked to sponsor an event this summer so that we still have things going on for you to enjoy. If your club would like to sponsor an event please contact Doug Howland. As future events get planned we will be sure to let you know about them.

Karaoke - Our Cove karaoke is looking for a new leader, if no one steps up, it will end. Anyone interested please call Doug at (727)366-4273. Mark Andrews will get you on the right track in keeping the fun and music going

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Have a great summer wherever you might be spending it. Make sure you relax & enjoy yourself.

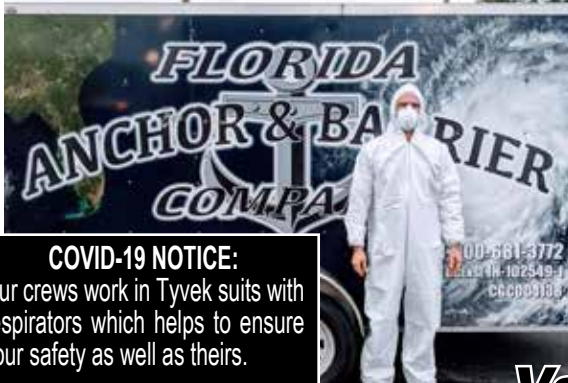


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Announcements

By Ray Rodriguez - Editor



Pure Gratitude

As I reflect on all that transpired during the creation of this year's "Senior Prom", I see how gratitude and respect were the foundation of our creation for our 90-year-old people.

I never heard a harsh word, or an argument between workers so the atmosphere was beautiful from front to end. Thank you for spreading your joy. Thank you for your hard work.

In order to pay our bills, we depend on the generosity of your donations for which we are always grateful! Donations were from: David & Patricia Bernfeld \$20.00, George & Georgette Meade \$20.00, Anthony & Shirley Giaquinto \$30.00.

Canada Night \$300, ACA \$300, Boat Club \$300, Live Music \$100, Vespers \$100, ComHole Club \$50.00, Shuffleboard Club \$25.00.

Beautiful blankets were made by two beautiful ladies, Pat Ley and Carol Shepard for our new 90-year-old Birthday Celebrants. We had 7 new Birthdays!!! Thank you ladies for all your hard work!!

Handmade crosses by Sandy and Tom Shouse can be found in the large bags for our new people. Also, Sandy and Tom have put pairs of socks in each gift bag for both men and women. Some more items in the Birthday bags: lotions, body sprays, house spray, small perfumes, medals, notepads, Birthday Cards, gift boxes donated by Tom and Sandy. Thank You Tom & Sandy

The Crafter's Club made and donated the beautiful picture frames for our 90-year-old recipients. Thank You Crafters!

Thank you Crafters very much for all the Black Ribbons that made our place settings beautiful and special!

Susan & Alvin Napier who contributed bath soap for each gift bag and hand sanitizer for each 90 year old that will be found on the table, please take it home at the end of the evening. Likewise, the candy on your table is from Sue and Alvin for you to take home and enjoy. Thank you Sue and Alvin for your Generosity!

The handy forks, spoons and knives that graced our place settings were donated by Carol Fischetti. Really what would we have done without you?

Place mats and paper products were donated by ACA-thank you.

Somebody went into my pantry and donated 4 large squares of napkins for me. Thank you. You did a good deed!

Thank you to all you loving and generous people.

Joan Miller donated a beautiful Tiara for the crowning!! The diamonds sparkled. I'm sure it was priceless! Thank you Joan.

Last but not least, don't forget the \$25 Gift card from Winn Dixie that went into each Gift Bag.

Cooking For an Event

We would like to thank our very own chef **Toni Jones**, for an excellent meal at our 90's Celebration! We would also like to thank her husband Jeff and her Mother-in-Law, Jennie Wosil, for their hours and hours of support.

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Toni and her "Angels" (14 Kitchen Workers), who without their diligent help putting out a feast like this, would not be possible!!! BLESS YOU and thank you Friends.

Susan Gallagan, Cindy Peacock, Laura Abram, Linda Roberts, Phyllis Arkanoff, Gail Jones, Mike & Marge Lederhouse, Terry & Pat Stallone, Jill Moe, Shirley Giaquinto, George & Georgette Meade.

These young ladies and men prepared, cooked, served, and cleaned up, and were cheerful volunteers.

Remember, Toni left her very ill son to rush home and cook for us. That's Dedication!

And the Band Played On

Our Pianist Extraordinaire, Claire Mosakowski, played a variety of songs familiar to our 90-year-old special guests. One nostalgic guest, Mary Ann Fairlie, came on stage and led us with her requested "Indiana"-Great work Mary Ann!

Our talented Ensemble included Al and Cheryl Martin, Joan Miller, Kathy Laramee, Sue and Paul Line, Sandy Shouse, Jack Young, Libby Hopkins, Judy Hall, and Mary Bickhart.

Our Film Engineer was Ed Mosakowski and our Sound Engineer Karen M Nealman.

Our theme this year was "Senior Prom". We realized that the building had never ever had a Senior Prom in it before and we were in experienced in formality. To help, we contacted the WWPA, the WORLD WIDE PROM ASSOCIATION.

After an investigation Charles and Theresa Hansen were crowned King and Queen of the Prom. Charles said: "It was his first Prom!"

We had 15 beautiful songs sung by 11 people with lovely voices! These same people decorated the hall, set tables (according to Sandy), hung things from the ceiling. Sandy & Tom helped the Kitchen when necessary. Ron Miller (Back &Forth-Back & Forth)! We also had the poor husband group like Vince Bickhart, who shopped and put things in refrigerators (home included). He packed gift bags, walked around them for weeks, shopped some more, stored food stuff in the living room and transported all! Other husbands, David Laramee, Tom Shouse. Thank you Fellas!!!

Thank you to all the helpers who gave of themselves to give our oldest citizens a special night. Your Generosity is Heartwarming, Mary Bickhart

Our 90-year-old seniors:

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Trinkets and Treasures

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Survey Committee

With the approval of the MAROA budget completed, we now have funds allocated for a possible survey this fiscal year. The committee awaits further direction from the board regarding this project.

David Casey

Karaoke Leader Needed

KARAOKE

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Emergency Medical Call System

Recently, I had the opportunity to install a system upgrade to our call buttons. As I was doing this, it dawned on me that we probably have many residents that don't really know about this.

Back in 2017, our community secured 2 AED Defibrillator units which are located in the Atrium and the Club House.

At that time, in 2017, cell/mobile phones were not as common here in our community as they are now. We wanted a secure system in place whereby residents could request EMS Paramedics in case of a health emergency.

We installed 3 wall mounted buttons. They are located near the Pool, near the Gym in the Atrium and in the Club House near the doors to the storage area. These are " Non-Verbal" meaning that when the button is pressed, no one will speak to you and you will also not be able to speak to the unit.

What they do is send a message to the central dispatch unit which is located in Ogden, Utah. That center notifies St. Petersburg 911 dispatch that there is a medical emergency in the public area of The Cove. The Gate is also notified.



Needless to say, PLEASE DO NOT USE unless this is an actual life threatening emergency. If you have your mobile phone with you, it is best to call 911 from your phone and speak with the 911 Operator.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.
Brad Coath, CRNA, MSN (ret.)

Cribbage club



The cribbage club was currently playing on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. After discussing this with a couple of players we would like to try changing the time to 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays to keep the club active.

Any suggests involving times or day please call Brian Murphy 727 873-6637

Art Strong



Time flies when you're having fun! Our season has come to an end and will pick up again in the fall. Such a talented group of artists here in the Cove! Hopefully we'll get to do an art exhibition sometime in December so that all of you could see the work of these amazing artists. Hope you'll all continue to paint during the summer and share your wonderful works of art! Have a safe summer and we'll see you all in the fall.

Judy Daigle

Sunshine Report for April

By Nancy Hubartt



Deaths – With Sympathy

Joel Williams (former resident)
Ralph Laidlaw
Ann Evans (former resident)
Bill Kocher



April Anniversaries

01 Jill & Gregory Moe	44 years
01 Martha & Bob Sutton	07 years
15 Judy & Dorrance Howland	27 years
15 Eileen & Jim McMahan	70 years
16 AnnMarie & Bill Moretti	10 years
16 Dianne & Don McVicar	54 years
17 Linda & Phil Quince	40 years
24 Dewie & Frank Masho	20 years
28 Orna & John Smith	32 years



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April Birthdays

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|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 01 Carol Stake | 07 Gloria Jean Lacasse | 15 Jim McMahon |
| 02 Lorraine LeRoy | 07 Pam Lord | 16 Al Martin |
| 03 Bunny Trace | 07 Carol Fischetti | 17 Linda Dolka |
| 03 Sue Rein | 08 Dave Casey | 18 Toni Jones |
| 04 Dean Schirm | 08 Kay Lindsay | 21 Bob Leland |
| 04 Laura Toombs | 11 Robert Hamel | 21 Shelly Barron |
| 05 Glenda Laidlaw | 11 Jill Marckese | 25 Dan Lyons |
| 05 Michael DiCenzo | 11 Richard Lloyd Jr. | 25 James Watters |
| 06 Greg Heath | 12 Richard Norcross | 26 Janet McLaughlin |
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By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez



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Boat Club

By Mary Ann Meljac



As I sit here deciding what to write for this month's Forecaster, April 1st is almost here...April Fool's Day! There are many explanations for its origins and this one caught my eye! Joseph Boskin, a professor of history at Boston University, explained that the practice began during the reign of Constantine, when a group of court jesters and fools told the Roman emperor that they could do a better job of running the empire. Constantine, amused, allowed a jester named Kugel to be king for one day. Kugel passed an edict calling for absurdity on that day, and the custom became an annual event. So have fun everyone on April 1st Celebrate and share with your friends some of your "Fools Day" experiences!

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The Boat Club committees are busy preparing for the annual Island Bash. It takes a village to put on these events for our community from decorations, to food and drinks, to entertainment, to door prizes and raffle prizes, set-up and clean up! Everyone is exhausted by the time of the event, but it is so worth it to see everyone enjoying themselves and enjoying the camaraderie here in our Americana Cove community. A full report of this spectacular event will be in next month's Forecaster. Can't wait to hear who the lucky winner is of the Bahama Cruise for two!

We did have a Tiki Hut Party on February 19th. It was enjoyed by 97 members and guests. Special thank you to Mark Olson and his team for their fine cooking skills on the grille! Follow the Forecaster for future Tiki Hut parties throughout the summer!

If you are in the market for a hat/visor/hoodies or flags, contact Cindy Rodriguez at 248-496-6550 or come to the next Boat Club Meeting on Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 AM in the atrium – If there is any in stock, they will be for sale at the meeting or Cindy is always available to take your order and once she gets some interest she will place another order. We also have beautiful beach towels that are embroidered with our Logo and the words Americana Cove for sale.

Book Club

By Jill Moe



The Book Club will meet Thursday, April 14th, at 1:30 PM in the Library. 'The Power of One' by Bryce Courtenay will be hosted by Susan Solomon.

Much of this historical novel is based on the author's survival in a nation divided by racism and hatred.

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Be sure to join us on May 12th for 'The Dutch House' by Ann Patchett.





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<p>PRIVATE PARTY³</p> <p>TIKI HUT 1-4 PM</p> <p>VESPERS 4:50 PM. A</p>	<p>CUE CLUB MTG.⁴</p> <p>5 PM. A</p>	<p>ACA C</p> <p>MTG. 1</p>
<p>10</p> <p>VESPERS 4:50 PM. A</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>LIVE M</p> <p>PM C</p>
<p>17</p> <p>EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE. 7 AM. A</p> <p>Easter</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>BURGL</p> <p>4-5:30.</p>
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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 B-I-N-G-O 6 PM. C <i>April Fool's Day</i>	2 GOT IT! 4 PM A FOUNDERS DAY AND BLOCK PARTY 1-5 PM POOLSIDE
5 CLUB PRES 10 AM. A	6 SHUFFLE MTG 9:30 AM. A ACA LUNCHEON HURRICANE C PREP MTG. 7PM	7 HURRICANE PREP MTG. 10AM. C BUDDIST MTG. 1PM. GR	8 B-I-N-G-O. 6PM C WELCOME & ORIENTATION 1 PM. A	9 SHUFFLE BANQ. 4:30. A BOAT CLUB MTG 10 AM. A TIKI PARTY 1-4
12 MUSIC 3	13 BOARD MTG 7 PM. C	14 BOOK CLUB 1:30. L	15 B-I-N-G-O 6 PM C	16 GOT IT. 4 PM. A KARAOKE 7 PM. C.
19 ER BURN C	20	21	22 B-I-N-G-O 6PM C	23
26 MUSIC C	27	28	29 B-I-N-G-O. 6 PM C	30 Memorial for Don Dalzell. A



Weekly Calendar Repeats

AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: April 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
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:	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.	
	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
	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	3:00pm	A
	Pickup Bocce Ball	3:30pm	BC
	Vespers	4:50p.m.	A
	Pinochle	6:30p.m.	C



***A: Atrium**
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L: Library
S: Shuffleboard Courts
B: Billiards
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Buddhism

By John Howell



W elcome

Enter the zone (April 7th GR) as we observe interstellar phenomenon, and more from our “Mind’s Eye” in further (Know thyself) discussions. Our continued deep dive into the “Ultimate Quest” will thoughtfully include new and exciting topics:

- Cosmic consciousness induced evolutionary forces transcending Darwin’s wildest dreams spanning 4.6 billion years on planet Earth, as revealed by a mix of science/metaphysical crosscurrents. Particularly Ervin Laszlo’s; ”The Akashic Experience”
- Monotheistic Idealism vs. Material Realism (the former revealing itself popular in our group consensus).
- Embracing “God” as a spiritual-philosophical experience rather than a historical political debate.
- The “Harmonic code” as part of sacred geometry taught by Pythagoras using the “Golden Ratio” phi (1.618)
- This “Golden Mean” exhibited from spiral galaxies to conch shells at the beach. Creations hidden symmetry exposed.
- David Bohm’s (popular with HH the 14th Dalai Lama) quantum insights supporting all of the above with the statement; “Matter as it were is condensed or frozen light”.
- Schopenhauer’s influence on Nietzsche, Heidegger, Wittgenstein, and Sartre; “Will and Representation” i.e. How one becomes many/how no-thing becomes things. Light (i.e. Supreme Being) itself as a vast “Universal Field” of becoming.
- Waves vs. Photons/Particles...Basic Quantum Theory examined/discussed.
- Super computers reaching “Pi” solutions approaching infinite numbers, with an eternity to ponder the results.
- Particle accelerators confirming faster than light communication i.e. Einstein’s; “Spooky action at a distant” producing Wormholes?...Time Travel? Eric Von Daniken’s “Chariots of the God’s” and Sagan’s S.E.T.I. may not be so farfetched!

A number of publications/movies/popular shows will be brought forward for review, including:

- Joseph Campbell’s contribution to Lucas’s “Star Wars” episodes 4, 5, and especially 6. “The Heroes Journey”
- Carl Jung’s (Freud’s protégé) influence on psychology (Know Thyself) with profound collective unconscious implications put forth in “Archetypes”: the Self, the Persona, the Shadow, Anima/Animus.
- “The Age of A.I.” by Kissinger, Schmidt, and Huttenlocher. Timely facts about “general A.I.” guided societies and silicon based resolutions. Yikes!
- “Rationality” (What it is, Why it Seems Scarce, Why It Matters) by Steven Pinker with Chapter 10’s ironic conclusions.
- Karma (the Biblical “Golden Rule”) acknowledged by HH the 14th Dalai Lama in; “Courageous Compassion volume 6.” as the authentic currency for a premier experience in any situation.

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- Scripts written for Star Trek TNG, light years ahead of their time! To paraphrase Captain Picard; Let us now ‘Engage’ the Quest.

Join us for experiential meditation using many traditions for guidance as we focus our engagement inward and up. Celebrating the life of the late Zen master Thich Nhat Hanh and his pivotal advise for many of us way back in the 60’s. We shall be grateful and include a prayer of recognition for our freedom to enjoin such a “Quest”, noting current events where democracy and autocracy highlight a perennial conflict of ethics. Our groups conclusions thus far: “It is never too late to Re-Imagine and Give Peace a Chance” These are not to be seen as political platitudes, but real world hopes for an ongoing 2022 humanitarian crisis.

Please be kind to all sentient beings, and don’t forget (as a sign of solidarity) to plant sunflowers for our friends in Ukraine. Namaste



Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch



Cornhole club's season will be coming to a close this month and we want to thank everyone for making it a great season. We had our membership grow this year to 68 members. To wrap up our season we will be having our last meeting Thursday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m. After a short meeting we will be playing cornhole as usual.

We would like to thank everyone who supported us by coming to our Chicken dinner & dance last month. It was a great evening and fun was had by all.

Starting in May and continuing through the summer we will still play every Thursday night at 6:30 in the clubhouse. If you're not sure if you would like to join the cornhole club next season, come on out this summer and give it a try. It is an easy game to learn and we have lots of fun.

Your yearly membership is good for all summer play. If you don't have a membership, drop in play is \$2.00 a night.

We also have a 50/50 drawing every week at cornhole. 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



Well our crafting season has come to an end. Where has the time gone?

First, thank you to everyone who attended our Ice Cream Social fundraiser. It was so much fun! We sincerely appreciate the community's support buying ice cream, 50/50 tickets and raffle tickets. Wasn't our 5 o'clock somewhere sign beautiful? Another creation by our very talented Judy Dagle. Thanks so much Judy.

We had so much fun this past season and we made a lot of great craft items. Check out our bulletin board and you should see some samples. We also donated items for Veteran's day, live

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Cue Club

By Frank Holbrook



The Cue Club met on March 7, 2022. There were thirty-three (33) members in attendance. Pizza, beer, wine and soft-drinks were served. The finalization of the Club's Awards Banquet was conducted.

The winners of the Men's Tournaments were announced:

Singles:

1st. Mark Andrews.
2nd. Nick Misciagna.
3rd. Richard Telech.

Doubles:

1st. Sterling Lilly & Tony Daleo.
2nd. Pat Stallone & Don McVicar
3rd. Ron Miller & Frank Holbrook

As of this writing, the Women's League has not completed their tournament play.

It was requested from the floor that the Club review the possibility of establishing a "coed" league commencing in the Fall of 2022.

Nominations for the 2022-2023 Officers were taken from the floor.

President: None

Vice-President: Ron Miller.

Treasurer: Ray Larkin.

Secretary: Debbie Gottardi.

The next Cue Club meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the Atrium. The final nomination and election of Officers for the 2022-2023 season will be conducted.

Helping Hands:

By Judy Hall, PhD

Helping Hands has been an institution in Americana Cove for many years. We are now at a point where we will just continue to be a service to our community by providing such items as wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, etc. to our residents. Over the years, residents have used these items. When they no longer needed them, the items came back to our storage units to be loaned out again and again. Many residents have found them invaluable!

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We hope you have found our monthly articles informative and helpful. Just keep on doing all the good things that keep you healthy!





Landscape Committee

By Deb Howland and Erika Fitch



April Showers bring May flowers!!!! We certainly could use some rain for our lawns and plants. This is the time of year to fertilizer your plantings, especially before leaving for the summer. To our full time residents, just a reminder, June 1- Sept 30, county's fertilizer ordinance prohibits the sale or application of fertilizers. We are planning to get all of our gardens and shrubs fed before the deadline.

We received a wonderful gift from Canada Night, a sailboat statue, to be placed in the garden area in front of the gate house. We will be preparing the area for the new arrival, hopefully before our northern friends leave for the season. Thank you again, Daisy and the Canada Night group for your continued support of making our Cove beautiful.

Founders Park will be receiving some attention from our Committee, getting it ready for Founders Day, April 2, 2022. The large bird of paradise plants have been trimmed, allowing all the new birds room to grow. We also hope to do some new plantings in the area around the flagpole.

The Landscape Committee will be meeting on 13 April 2022, at 11:00. We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Land Exercise - Walk off the Pounds

By Daisy Dean

Well time is winding down for me before I head home to Canada in the cold.

My last class will be April 8th. But Thanks to Astrid, Maureen & Terry Carlo class will continue until I return in October. (God Willing).

Time sure flies down here with so many things happening & we really enjoy our time here.

To all the Walkers & Friends we will miss you all & will look forward to returning to our Home away from Home.

We will also have a busy summer as we are traveling East to my Hometown for 6 weeks, Looking forward to that.

I hope you all have a Wonderful, Safe & Healthy Summer.

Pictured are walking class leaders, Astrid Dye, Maureen Guillen, Daisy Dean & Terry Carlo.



Library

By Jill Moe



We are receiving some great donations and our Library is certainly growing thanks to your generosity.

Our puzzle section is bulging over and we certainly appreciate it but, please, we must ask you that if pieces are missing, please - please - please do not "donate" them to us.

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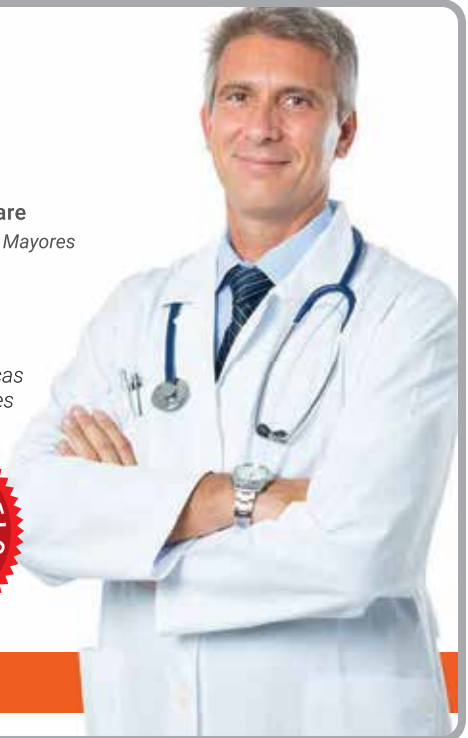
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- October 13 - 'The #1 Ladies' Detective Agency' by Alexander McCall Smith
- November 10th - 'Water for Elephants' by Sara Gruen
- December 8 - 'Last Girl Ghosted' by Lisa Unger



Line Dancing

By Judy Daigle



Line Dancing

Well, we have come to the end of our season and the Line Dancers were all so energetic and learned so many dances. They were involved in a demo for the Irish, Live Music show and did an exceptional job! Hope they'll all continue to live, love, and dance throughout the summer! Hopefully, in the fall, new members will join us. It's a fun activity, good for the soul, mind and heart. Have a great summer!!!

Live Music

By Libby Hopkins



Hello Everybody! Spring is here!!! Last month, approximately 100 people enjoyed a wonderful tribute to Mike and Jerry Regan, long-time members of Live Music, as part of our St. Patrick's Day Show, which Mike and Jerry always hosted. A video of Mike and Jerry in different Programs of the past was shown, and many fond memories were shared. Thanks to all who came and helped us celebrate St. Patrick's Day in such a special way!!

This month, we will present two shows - Our **Easter Program** will take place on Tuesday, April 12 at 3 PM in the Clubhouse.

Our **Spring Show**— (the specific theme will be announced later, so watch for FB and Volo postings will be performed on Tuesday, April 26, also at 3 PM in the Clubhouse. You will not want to miss either of these great programs!!

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

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Old Timers Young at Heart

By Kathy Laramee

Thank you to Sue Ann Tomyko for creating the beautiful new table cover for our meetings! It's that time of year when Farewell is the word of the day. We wish our Winter friends a safe journey home and look forward to their return next Fall.

Our last meeting for the season will be April 13th hosted by The Shuffle Club. Please be thinking about hosting for the upcoming season and let us know your preference for a date. Remember that going forward there will be one meeting per month starting November 16th and each month on the 3rd Wednesday.

Please continue to recycle your aluminum! Your participation helps keep our club able to provide lunches and donate to the many clubs and activities here in our community. Young At Heart is looking forward to participating in the many ongoing Summer Activities for those full time residents.

Shuffleboard Club

By Greg Moe



The Friendship League held their annual Singles and Doubles Tournaments at Pinellas Park Senior Center in February, with 24 Friendship players representing 6 parks. In the Singles event, Greg Cindric, Richard Hayes, Yvan Mecteau, Greg Moe, and Judy Whiteford represented Americana Cove. Yvan, Judy and Greg M advanced to the quarter finals but, unfortunately, were eliminated.

In the Doubles event, Greg Cindric teamed up with Greg Moe and Richard Hayes teamed up with Yvan Mecteau. In the Main event, the two Americana Cove teams played against one another for 3rd and 4th place with Greg C & Greg M beating Yvan and Richard.

Thank you all for continuing to support our Pancake Breakfast. We had a great turnout in February, with 138 people attending. Sandy Shouse was the 50/50 raffle winner - \$73.00, congrats Sandy!

On April 3rd we will be holding a Shuffleboard Shoot-out to test your skills in shuffleboard. A sample of some of the basic skills will be:

- Fill the Triangle - Shoot one disk into each scoring area
- On the Line - Shoot the discs to cover the lines
- Cookin' in the Kitchen - Bump the discs into the Kitchen area
- Double Up - Bump a disc that is sitting on a line into a scoring position
- Lag Line - Shoot a disc to as close to the lag line as possible
- Hidden Target - Shoot your discs into a hidden target area
- Don't take this Standing Up - Shoot for score while sitting on the bench
- Just the Opposite - Shoot your discs with your non-shooting hand
- Between the Pins - 2 Bowling pins will be placed as an obstacle, if you knock any of them down, a -10 points will be applied to your score.
- Hoss Collar Practice - Don't forget the Kitchen

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April 9th we will be holding our "End of Season Party". Looking forward to a relaxing Pizza Party (BYOB) and friendly shuffleboard. Please contact Greg Moe (603-303-1234) by April 6th, so he can get a count.

At our March meeting, unfortunately, we did not have enough people in attendance to constitute a quorum, so we could not have an election of officers. We meet only once a month and this is truly unfair to those who have "temporarily" stepped up. The Vice President and Secretary positions are up for election. Please make every effort to attend our next meeting on April 6th at 9:30 AM in the Atrium.

Hoss Collar will continue on Sundays at 1:00 PM; we ask that you give the Club a \$.50 donation when playing. Also, for now until the end of April, we will continue with our Social League on Wednesday at 1:30 PM. Starting May 3rd, Friendship Shuffleboard will return to Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM (no Social League shuffleboard on Wednesday).

Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

It's already April and we are getting ready to start saying good bye to our snowbirds. It has been a GREAT season having everyone back after a break with COVID restrictions. Wishing you all safe travels, a wonderful summer and looking forward to seeing you all back in the fall!

A special thanks goes to the swim group for celebrating the great season we had at our end of year party on March 30. Swimming 6 days a week, adding 20 minutes extra 3 days a week, having fun with oldies 2 days a week, celebrating birthdays, welcoming friends and relatives, polar bear attendance, weather days off, checking our group Facebook page daily, lots of great pictures, memories, lots of fun, caring for one another and most importantly the great exercise we all got! Water exercise is some of the best exercise you can get. You all inspire one another, keep doing what you are doing!!!

Items of interest:

April 6 we are cooking and serving at the ACA luncheon. Let me know if you are available to help serve. We will be teaming with the Land Exercise group at this event.

Tile and grout work is TENTATIVELY scheduled for the pool the week of May 9. Stay tuned for updates on this. I will be announcing at class and posting on our group Facebook page as more information is made available.

I will be heading back to Wisconsin the end of May. Maureen, Diane, Terry and Nan will lead the class until I return the end of September. Without these ladies, we couldn't continue swimming in the summer. We are an activity in the park that goes year round. THANK YOU ladies!!

Have a very Happy Easter!

Birthday pics include: Mary Lou Prebish, Maureen Saunders and Venessa Caponigro.



Vespers

By Martha Sutton



The members of Vespers would like to thank all who came out to our service dedicated to Don Delzell. He had been a very long active member, our most recent Chairperson, as well as a choir member. We will miss him, but he is finally at peace with our Lord.

Since his passing, we have been trying to find someone willing to take on his position. I have filled in, but I had the position for at least 16 years and it is time for me to step down even though it has given me so much pleasure.

Unfortunately, if a volunteer doesn't step up, Vespers will not resume in November. It has continued to be in existence since 1963 and has provided the Cove residents a great service as well as a blessing for so many. It'll be a very sad day if that occurs. Won't you please consider volunteering for this wonderful ministry? If you are so inclined, please see me or Joan Miller who has been seeking a willing candidate. I plan on finishing this year which ends on Easter, but am willing to continue working with the new person during the transition if you'd like.

Easter is just around the corner and we have lilies for sale, \$10 each, for those wishing to purchase in memory or honor of a loved one. I have forms available. You can get one at Vespers on Sundays until April 10th or call me 727-201-7348. You may take them home after the sunrise service or donate them to a shut-in.

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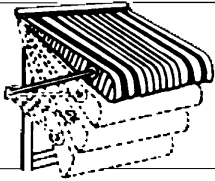
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