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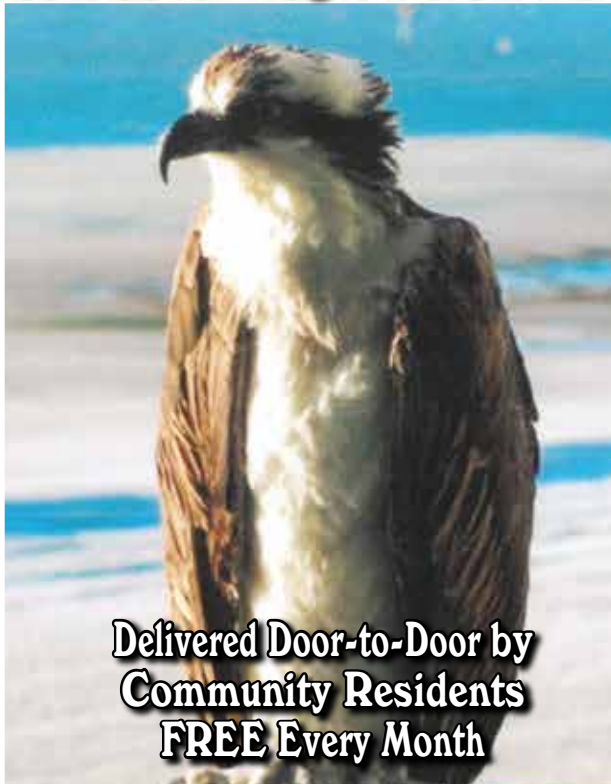
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## HOA President's UPDATES

Jerry Zielinski, HOA President, 727-225-3657



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### Happy Spring to all of Serendipity's Residents!

The New Board has been in place for 2 months now. Sue has been working on activities for the residents and they have been approved by management. We are many here at Serendipity, but volunteers are few. Any help given to Sue would be greatly appreciated.

From my understanding, the pool temp has been addressed. The weather played a major part of the temperature in the pools.

The parking issue over the last few weeks has been a concern of the residents. There is only one way to avoid being towed, keep the wheels off the grass! As I had stated in my post on the websites, place "passenger" side wheels in the "middle" of the sidewalk. Most driveways will allow 2 or 3 vehicles parking there. If a vehicle is parked on the sidewalk on both sides of the street, across from each other, Emergency vehicles will not be able to get between the 2 vehicles. Plus, the Fed Ex trucks going 20 MPH will probably collide with 1 of the vehicles.

At the time of this writing, I have not been able to have a meeting with management. Hopefully by the 15th I will connect with management.

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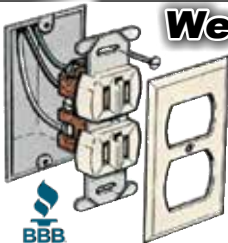
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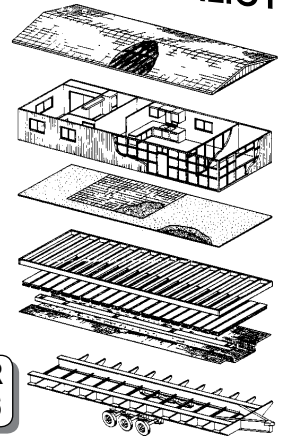
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## Serendipity Resident Messenger (Robo) Call System

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM DAVID HOWARD, DIRECTOR, HOA BOARD:

At the November HOA meeting it was approved to move forward with the program “**Messenger (Robo) Call System**” to notify residents about upcoming events, activities, and other important information happening in the park. This is at no charge to the residents. If you have not already been contacted to participate there is still time to sign up. The resident will have option to get the information via phone, email, or text. A dedicated number will be assigned so all calls will come from same number for recognition. If you would like to sign up, please contact Dave Howard by leaving a note in his mailbox at Lot # 276 or email him at: [davehoward2924@yahoo.com](mailto:davehoward2924@yahoo.com). We just need your phone number and email address and state whether you wish to receive phone calls, texts, or emails. There will be a deadline to sign up by end of March. We look forward to your participation.

- David



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# Neighborhood Watch

Marty Ott, 727-787-3272



Hi Serendipity Residents!

My name is Marty Ott and I live at #340 on India. I have been appointed the Neighborhood Watch Liaison for Serendipity MHP by the HOA and Pinellas County Sheriff's Department. My responsibility in this position is to take calls from the residents of Serendipity and give weekly feedback to the park manager and the PCSO Neighborhood Watch Commander, Deputy Chuck Skipper.

If you see something dangerous or feel threatened, you should call 911. If it is just to report something suspicious, call the Sheriff's non-emergency number at (727) 586-6200. Then call me the next morning at (727) 787-3272 and I will note it in the daily log so that we can categorize the types of problems we are having, and the Sheriff can assign manpower to our park at times and places necessary.

Serendipity residents should **ONLY** call me during regular business hours which are 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

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-Marty





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-Beth Ott (727-787-3272)

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Margaret Ishler, 617-519-4130

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-Margi

### Line Dancing

Leslie Bellinger, 727-729-5039

**H**i everyone. Line Dancing is each Tuesday morning from 10-11am at the East Clubhouse. We will keep practicing the new dances we learned in March and do the old favorites too. Get a little exercise and have some fun too!

Hope to “see you on the dance floor” - Leslie



## Editor Notes

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- PLEASE DO NOT SEND ME PICS OR INFORMATION THROUGH FACEBOOK. I SOMETIMES MISS THAT INFO. EITHER EMAIL ME OR DROP OFF IN GREEN BOX ON MY PATIO. THANK YOU. NANCI
- Remember to get your submissions in to me before the 10th of each month. Any errors or late submissions will be noted in the next month's Monthly Media.
- I am still looking for a volunteer to be in charge of the "Meet Your Neighbor" column. Not a lot of work. Call me at 321-201-2479. -Nanci

Remember these articles...

1. **Meet Your Neighbor!** With your permission, we will highlight a member of our community. Whether a new move-in or a seasoned veteran, we would like to know your name and a little about you.
2. **Marilyn's Recipe Corner!** Drop off your favorite recipe with your name at my home (#378) or email it to my address above and I will enter one each month in the newsletter.
3. **Community Articles!** If you wish to submit an article that may be interesting to our residents, feel free to email or drop it to me at #378 for editing and submission for publication. Be sure to add your name and phone number.

There is a **GREEN wooden box** on my driveway patio that says "NEWSLETTER" to leave any articles, recipes, or notices. You can also email me at nanci.j.dorau@gmail.com

## Just-A-Note

Nanci Dorau, 321-201-2479 nanci.j.dorau@gmail.com

### From: Pat Luksinger

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## **Things That Make You Go...HMMMMMM?**

*submitted by Neil Thomas, resident*

### **THE REST OF THE STORY**

One of my favorite movies is “Close Encounters of The Third Kind” which came out in 1977. It has been reported that Steven Spielberg, the movie producer, was shown a film by the Defense Department a couple of years before that movie was produced. The film was reported to cover the subject of UFO’s. That is only part of the story. A better understanding of the story requires us to discuss a particular Canadian citizen.



Paul Hellyer (1923 -2021) was the Canadian Minister of National Defense, the highest-ranking person in the Department Defense for Canada. He is credited with combining the Air Force, Navy, and Army into the Canadian Forces. While in the defense department most of this time was spent combining the armed forces and did not get involved in the UFO phenomena. He was given a book titled “The Day After Roswell” that started his interest in UFOs. He knew many of the people and places mentioned in the book and proceeded to get more informed on the subject by reading books on the subject. His conclusion was that all the people could not be lying and became well informed on the subject. His conclusion was that UFO’s are real as the airplanes we have flying overhead. At this point he was the highest political figure in the world to make such a statement. He was the equivalent of the United States Secretary of Defense. He started to hear from people who had inside knowledge of UFOs in both Canada and the United States. At this point he started attending UFO conferences throughout the world. In his later years he gave a talk on some information about the film “Close Encounters” because he felt it had to be told. He received this information, from what he called his most reliable source, a general in the U.S. military. This is the rest of story!

When the UFO crashed at Roswell, the surviving alien named Ebe (Extraterrestrial Biological Entity) discussed the controls of the craft and how it communicated. Like in the movie-using tonal sounds. Ebe tried communicating six times with its home planet about 40 light years from here but failed before it died in 1952. Later that year we did establish contact with Ebe’s home planet from our base at Holland A.F.B. and set up an exchange program for the year 1964. The government, through its intelligence agency, set up the program “crystal night” to meet the requirements of the exchange. Twelve people were chosen from the military, two women and ten men out of fifty-six thousand. They were given training at the CIA farm and Tyndall AFB, Florida. The twelve would be exchanged for one alien. Again, just like in the movie. The timing was originally set for 1964 but put off until 1965. The exchange was made at a Nevada atomic test site (Area51). They were gone for 13 years although it was planned for 10. Only eight returned, two died on the alien planet, and two decided to stay. Those that returned

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were debriefed for a year. The last one died in 2002. The planet they were on had 650,000 inhabitants and the aliens had been on that planet about 10,000 years. The returnees had high levels of radiation which was the main reason for their short life spans. That is the rest of the story of “Close Encounters of The Third Kind”. Did the government get Spielberg to make the movie to prepare you for full disclosure? This whole event is an enigma wrapped in an enigma!

You Tube is streaming several videos about Paul Hellyer if you want to check his credentials.

## “Marilyn’s Recipe Corner” by Marilyn Farnworth

*From the kitchen of Marilyn Farnworth*

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- 20 oz can crushed pineapple (Drain and spread pineapple on top of pudding mixture).
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# Our Residents Birthdays & Anniversaries

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**S**erendipity and our residents wish everyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this month a wonderful day!

Birthstone: Diamond

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Birth Flower Meaning: Purity, Innocence, Blissful Pleasure

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Vicki Haydt
- 3 Martha Allen
- 5 Ron Houser
- 7 Denise Sauter
- 8 Lois Kahan
- 10 Patrick Lydon
- 17 Dawn Freelove
- 18 Scott Herman
- 21 Irene Bassett
- 22 Randy Friedman
- 25 Jim Manske
- 30 Leslie Bellinger



## Celebrities with APRIL Birthdays

If you do not know who these people are, here is something for you to do in your spare time... Google their names!

- April 1, 1939 - Ali MacGraw
- April 3, 1926 - Virgil Grissom
- April 3, 1942 - Wayne Newton
- April 3, 1944 - Tony Orlando
- April 3, 1961 - Eddie Murphy
- April 6, 1870 - Oskar Straus
- April 6, 1937 - Billy Dee Williams
- April 7, 1915 - Billie Holiday
- April 9, 1957 - Seve Ballesteros
- April 10, 1932 - Omar Sharif
- April 10, 1936 - John Madden
- April 10, 1938 - Don Meredith
- April 16, 1947 - Frederick Lewis Alcindor Jr.
- April 25, 1917 - Ella Fitzgerald
- April 25, 1932 - Meadowlark Lemon

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Wayne & Dawn Roberts
- 10 Cliff & Ann Bittner
- 30 Adrian & Marilyn Farnworth

## Bingo

Cindy Sharpe, 336-366-6304, Sue Shumyhora, 203-615-1043



**B**INGO! Please bring a friend with you to enjoy a night out it and visit with friends and neighbors! BINGO is played in the East clubhouse every THURSDAY at 7:00 P. M. sharp. We play 8 games and 1 speedy. Cards for speedy are \$.50 each. Six card sheets are \$3.00 and 9 card sheets are \$5.00. You must be 18 years old to play. It's a fun night out, all residents are welcome, and you can get a chance to meet new people. We have a great group of people, and we always welcome more to attend - the more the merrier! This also means the bigger the pots to win.



## Bocce Ball

Come join us for a fun game of Bocce Ball on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Bocce Ball courts behind the exercise room. You do not need any equipment; we provide it all! There is no need to sign up. Just show up to have fun!

## Bowling

Bob Jones, 727-638-0822

Sadly, this is the last year for the Serendipity Bowling League. It is being disbanded due to the lack of participation of Serendipity residents. This is the end of a long-time tradition of the Serendipity Mobile Home Park Mixed Bowling League. Over the years, many residents would look forward to the Friday mornings at the “Lanes”. I want to thank all of you for your support and wish you all well.... I am signing off as:

Still looking forward to seeing everyone at the lanes!  
-Bob

*Editor's Note: Bob, we all know how much hard work you have put into this Bowling League, along with your officers and volunteers. Your friends and neighbors in Serendipity want to thank you for your many years of dedication and wish you well. The following was sent to me ...*

*-Nanci Dorau*

Everyone that bowled on the Serendipity Bowling League enjoyed getting together on Friday mornings. We especially loved getting our hugs from Bob Jones! A hug and a smile from Bob always brightened my day, and I am sure everyone else's!

My husband, Doug and I started bowling when we moved to Serendipity in 2011. My mom and Bob's wife, Betty were also in the league. I have great memories of bowling with other residents that have moved or sadly passed away. It saddens me that we couldn't recruit new residents.

A big thank you to Bob and Steve Durina for dedicating their time and putting so much effort into making the Serendipity Bowling league successful for so many years. We will miss your passion for bowling and the encouragement you gave us every week to make us better bowlers!

Much love...Dawn Frelove





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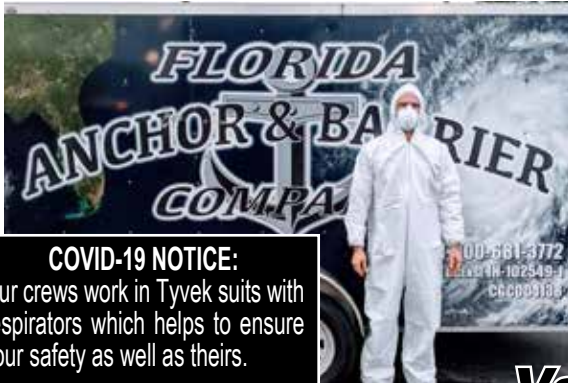
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-Steve

## Cards – 65 Rummy

Diane L. Clement Coppens, 727-453-9752

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**65** RUMMY is held Wednesday at 6:30 PM at the West Clubhouse all year round. Bring \$.70 for both games and a friend! Come join us for a fun night out!

## Cribbage

Steve Gebbett, 727-784-0439



**C**RIBBAGE has started again! Cribbage is played on Tuesdays at 7:00 P. M. in the card room in the East Hall. Here are our winners for the past weeks:

February 15th  
1st Al Wenning  
2nd tie, Jim & Carol Beatty

March 1st  
1st Joe Isabelle  
2nd Jim Beatty  
3rd tie, Jan Barrett & Claire Krupski

February 22nd  
1st Bob Coppo  
2nd Al Wenning  
3rd Gary Krupski

March 8th  
1st Sandy Wenning  
2nd Steve Gebbett  
3rd Jan Barrett

## Dominoes

Phyllis Messina, 727-453-2742



**C**all Phyllis for more information! We are always looking for more players. Everyone is welcome. Come for the FUN! Dominoes are played every Sunday at 6:30 PM. At Phyllis' house, Lot # 172. Please bring \$ .95!





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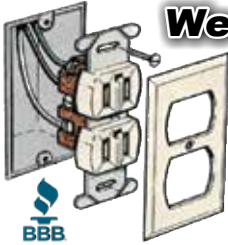
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# Serendipity

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> 8:00A Walking Club - E 10:00A Chair Core - E  <p style="text-align: center; color: purple;">April Fool's Day</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> 7:30A Coffee Klatch - E 8:00A-3:00P Yard Sale - Seren. 9:00-11:00A Bkft Tix Sale - E
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## Euchre

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**E**uchre will resume in November. Watch the media and Facebook for more information. We wish everyone an enjoyable summer and safe travels to our snowbird neighbors as they head north.

-Beth & Marty

## 'Monday' Golf at Tarpon Springs Golf Course

Linda Taylor, 727-418-4087

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**M**onday Golf is played at Tarpon Springs Golf Course this season. Tee times begin at 8:30 a.m. Anyone interested in playing with the group can contact me at [lindataylor661@hotmail.com](mailto:lindataylor661@hotmail.com) or 727-418-4087 for information. Everyone is welcome and you do not have to be a resident of Serendipity.

- Linda

## 'Tuesday' Golf League

Jean-Louis Lamontagne, 727-787-1213, or Jim Beatty, 727-216-3715

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**T**he Serendipity Tuesday Golf League has an arrangement with Crescent Oaks Golf Club where we enjoy special green fee rates. Tee times are at 9:20 A. M., to allow for everyone to finish early and meet in the Oak Tree Grille afterwards for fun and distribution of prizes.

Please contact J.L. at [jeanlouis.lamontagne@gmail.com](mailto:jeanlouis.lamontagne@gmail.com) or Jim at [j.beats@hotmail.com](mailto:j.beats@hotmail.com) if you wish to join us and have fun. We are open to all skill levels, and you do not have to be a resident of Serendipity MHP.

Looking forward to a wonderful golf season!

-Jim and JL

## Ladies Luncheon

Marge DeMarco, 727-204-7919

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**L**ADIES LUNCHEON ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!  
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-Marge



## Meet Your Neighbor!

Nanci Dorau, 321-201-2479

### JOE AND PHYLLIS MESSINA, Lot # 182

Phyllis and Joe Messina have been long time Serendipity residents with a 57-year marriage! Sadly, Joe passed away this year and we all send Phyllis our sympathy and wishes for a happy life as she moves from our park to be nearer to family.

This sweet couple had 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren. They were both very proud of their Sicilian heritage.

Phyllis was the host for our “Ladies Luncheon” for over 20 years. She hosted “Dominoes” and when covid restrictions somewhat lifted, even held the games in her home. She was also very involved in the “65 Rummy” card games, as well as an avid “Bingo” player, here and in Rivera MHP! Phyllis also loves the pool and could be seen there often, until she had a stroke.

Joe and FiFi attended many dances and military functions since Joe was a US Marine during the Korean War. Joe was also a Serendipity HOA Board Member for many years.

Since Phyllis loves spending time with her family and eating Italian food, this seems to be a great move for her. Your friends and neighbors in Serendipity Mobile Home Park wish you well as you embark on the next journey of your life!

Come back to see us and re-visit your memories of here often...Ciao..Phyllis



## Pinochle

Jan Barrett, 727-786-8638



### PINOCHLE WILL RESUME WHEN WE HAVE MORE PLAYERS!

Pinochle will be played every Friday at 6:30 in the East clubhouse in the Card room. It is \$1.00 to play. Everyone is Welcome. Come watch and learn this old - time game. Watch the bulletin boards for future updates. Hope to see you in the near future!

-Come and join us, Jan

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# HOA and Social Committee Update

Jerry Zielinski, President, 727-225-3657, Sue Shumyhora, Social Director, 203-615-1043

**Our HOA meetings are the third Tuesday of the month from November till April at 7:00 pm at the East Clubhouse.**

## Notes from the Social Director:

Greetings to the residents of Serendipity. My name is Sue Shumyhora and I am your new Social Director! I appreciate the warm welcome I have received from many residents! I am excited to announce some new activities and many plans are in the works! Call me if you have any questions, ideas for new events or activities at 203-615-1043.

-Sue

## H.O.A. APPRECIATION DAY Saturday, April 23, 2022



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## APRIL Calendar of Events (See below for specifics on these events)

Saturday, April 2, 2022	Yard Sale	8:00 AM-3:00 PM	All Park
Saturday, April 2, 2022	Coffee Klatch	7:30 AM	E
Saturday, April 2, 2022	Pancake Bkfst Tix Sale	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	E
Saturday, April 9, 2022	Pancake Breakfast	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	E
Tuesday, April 12, 2022	Cruise Info Night	7:00 PM	W
Tuesday, April 19, 2022	HOA Meeting	7:00 PM	E
Saturday, April 23, 2022	HOA Appreciation Party	5:00 PM – 9:00 PM	E
Every Wednesday	Big Band Practice	7:00-9:00 PM	E

\*\*\*Please check out our flyers regularly for further information. Sign-up sheets are posted only in the East Clubhouse. Checkout the Facebook Serendipity Homeowners Association Page as information may change.



# APRIL EVENTS INFORMATION

**Pancake Breakfast:** The pancake breakfast is back! Join us for pancakes, bacon, sausage, pastries, coffee, tea, and juice. Saturday, April 9, 2022, in the East clubhouse. Choose your seating time from 8:00, 8:30, 9:00 or 9:30 AM. The sign-up sheet will be in east clubhouse. Advance tickets \$4.00. Tickets at door \$5.00. Tickets will be sold on Saturday, April 2, 2022, in the East Clubhouse from 9:00 – 11:00 AM.

**10 O'clock Big Band:** This 18-piece big band is practicing in the East clubhouse every Wednesday night in April. Masks are required in the clubhouse and social distancing still will be adhered to. You may also make yourself comfortable on the porch. Please clean up your area when done. We hope you will come to listen to the music and have a fun night with friends and your neighbors!

**Fun Shuffleboard:** Want to join a fun group of residents to play shuffleboard? There's a signup sheet by the west pool shuffleboard closet. Times will be Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00 PM. Watch the bulletin boards and the HOA website for more details. Instructions will be offered for those new to the game and anyone who wants a refresher. Details will follow. Gayle Koeppel at 260 570-3482 for questions.

**Trivia:** Trivia Night! Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 7:00 PM at the East Clubhouse. Please bring \$1.00 to play!

**Activities on your own available:**

- Swimming Pool
- Bocce Ball
- Shuffleboard. See office for equipment.
- Billiards
- Cards in either clubhouse
- Gym/Fitness Center



## FUTURE EVENTS AT SERENDIPITY



### MAY

Sunday, May 29, 2022    Louie Bravo – Entertainer    Details TBA

### JUNE

Saturday, June 18, 2022    Poker Run with Hunt/Tacos. \$6.00    11:30 – 1:00P

Please Remember: Be responsible! Maintain safe social distancing. Wear masks where required. **Clean off your tables, chairs, and gym equipment after use!** This is good practice even though restrictions have been lifted. Have a good time staying safe and healthy!

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## THE CURIOSITY CORNER

by Dennis Buehrle



### Snake Oil Salesmen

**T**he 1800s saw thousands of Chinese immigrate to the United States seeking a better future, to escape conditions created by war with major European powers jockeying for their special, favorable (unequal) trade zone, in China. The California gold rush brought many seeking their fortune, and others came as indentured laborers to work on the Transcontinental Railroad. Between 1849 and 1882 approximately 180,000 Chinese immigrated to the United States and brought with their beliefs in traditional Chinese medicine.

Traditional Chinese Medicines included scorpions, freeze-dried millipedes, tiger penises, rhino bones, and... snake oil. The only product from that list that has supposedly proven to work is snake oil, even though it has become a term synonymous with quack cures. Whenever we hear the words, Snake Oil, used in a conversation a couple of conclusions immediately spring to mind: 1) A magical elixir capable of curing a multitude of physical ailments that may include chronic pain, headaches, kidney trouble, insomnia, toothaches, backaches, hair loss, earaches, swelling, dandruff, influenza, fever, restless sleep, chest pains, coughs, etc. 2) Possibly a politician.

It's assumed that Chinese laborers would use snake oil to help relieve muscle aches and pains after a long day of strenuous activity. Later they shared the remedy with other laborers and the effectiveness of this unusual remedy eventually spread throughout the country. The demand for the product increased eventually exceeding available supply. So... enterprising, unscrupulous, individuals began to produce their own version of snake oil, using rattlesnake oil, or mineral oil, instead of oil from the Chinese water snake. Whatever your problem, in the 1800s, there was probably a salesman peddling their version of an elixir, containing proprietary ingredients, that could treat or cure whatever ailed you.

The original snake oil actually seemed to work and is on a very short list of Traditional Chinese Medicines, that have been proven to have, supposedly, observable health benefits, along with, for example, Ginger and Ginseng. It is used to relieve inflammation, pain, and treat arthritis and bursitis. The magical property seems to be the high Omega-3 fatty acid content of the Chinese water snake. The American rattlesnake has a much lower Omega-3 fatty acid content and wasn't nearly as effective. Many salesmen sold products that did not even contain snake oil. Their concoctions contained whatever was available at the time. The prosecution of one man in the early 20th century would help shine a light on unscrupulous salesmen.

Clark Stanley worked as a cowboy for 11 years and referred to himself as the "Rattlesnake King". He decided to become a salesman and debut his wares at the 1893 Columbian Exposition

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in Chicago. Dressed in a flamboyant, frontiersman fashion, Stanley got up on stage in front of a crowd, dragging behind him a sack. He reached inside and pulled from it a squirming rattlesnake and held it out in front of the audience for everyone to see. He slit the snake open and tossed it into a pot of boiling water and watched the snake fat rise to the surface. Then he scooped it out and placed it into jars that contained his specially chosen blend of herbs. He then offered his product to the crowd: Clark Stanley's Snake Oil Treatment. They were probably among the few to purchase his product that actually contained snake oil.

For about 24 years he traveled around the country selling his product to the public.

Then around 1916, the Federal Government seized some product manufactured in Massachusetts and tested it. The product was determined to be drastically overpriced and of dubious value. The analyst found that its main ingredient was "a light mineral oil, mixed with about 1 per cent of fatty oil (probably beef fat), capsicum, and possibly a trace of camphor and turpentine" (No snake oil). Stanley was found guilty in the U.S. District Court for Rhode Island of misbranding and misrepresenting the product and fined \$20 (about \$480). Stanley, the Rattlesnake King, would be forever known as the first snake oil salesman.



The Oxford English Dictionary defines snake oil as "a quack remedy or panacea." Merriam-Websters dictionary defines snake oil as: any various substances of mixtures sold as medicine usually without regard to their medical worth or properties. Then of course the snake oil salesman is a term used to describe scammers, con-artists, or peddlers of products of little value. So, is it hard to believe that the phrase would not occasionally be used to describe politicians?

Theodore Roosevelt is a snake in a 1906 political cartoon concerning Roosevelt and Standard Oil. I'm sure there are older versions of political cartoons depicting politicians pushing a highly controversial program to address a problem. In those instances, some agree with the proposed plan while others think the politician is spouting pure poppycock, nonsense, or foolishness. Most of the political cartoons that I was able to find, depicting various politicians supposedly peddling a version snake oil, are rather current. Bush peddling reasons for the Gulf War, Obama pushing affordable health care, or gun control for his terrorism policy, and the Iran nuclear deal. Then of course there are those depicting Clinton and Trump. The term however seems to be universal, so you will find foreign politicians depicted under the snake oil salesman classification as well.

There may be a kernel of truth in what is being peddled to you as a fantastic product, miracle cure, power food, or political program. However, I believe you should approach it as you should any rumor, look upon what is stated with a healthy dose of skepticism and objectivity. Research it. You may find that the claims are mostly, possibly entirely, B.S.



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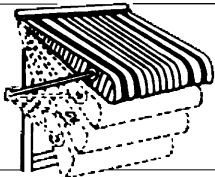


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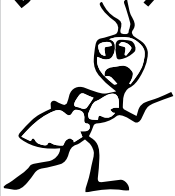


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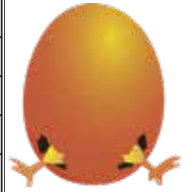
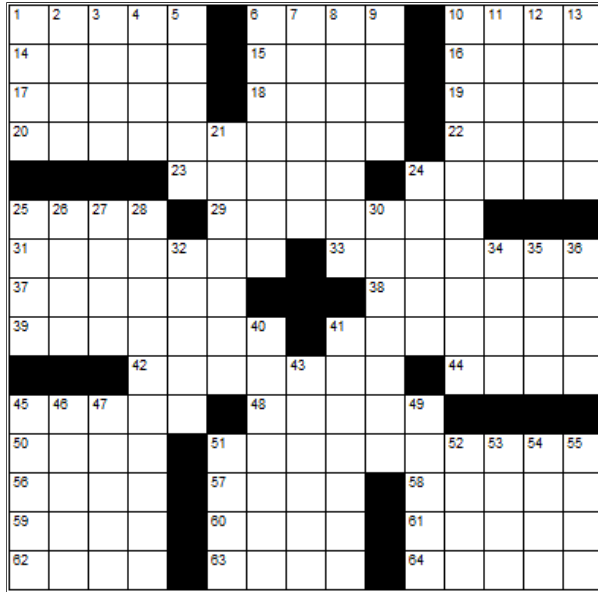
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- 47. 1000 kilograms
- 49. Wood nymph
- 51. Ancient marketplaces
- 52. German for "Mister"
- 53. Killer whale
- 54. Comply with
- 55. Fathers



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