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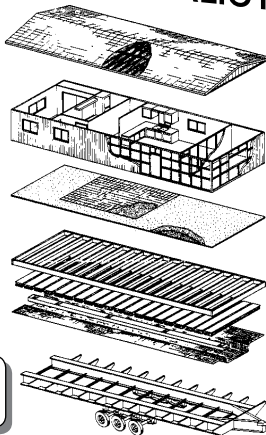
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President's Message

By Jolee Rengo



I once had a friend named Don. We were the absolute best of friends for a very long time. We talked on the phone every single Saturday from 4:00 – 5:00 PM. **For 23 years.** But that is a story for another time, a heartbreaking tragedy of a story. However, it was only natural that as my very good friend, I would talk to him about the box I found that belonged to my Finnish father-in-law.

It was May 25th, 2012. My husband was back in Massachusetts tending to projects at the house. And – I just found this box, in the guest room closet and opened it. I had never seen it before. I have no idea how it got there. I read page after page of letters my father-in-law wrote about his military service during World War II to Don over the phone, and he interrupted and said, with his irascible Yankee growl, “Lissen, kid! You’ve gotta call your TV station and tell ‘em about this! Its Memorial Day weekend, and they will be lookin’ for a good story. You gotta! Call ‘em up and then call me back!”

And so, I did.

This box was a treasure trove of pictures, personal letters, patches, and foreign money that told a fascinating tale of wartime, one my husband and his sisters certainly never knew about. The letters were spellbinding.

Every letter that Papa wrote to my mother-in-law started with, “Dearest Chickie.” He wrote about the Eleventh Armored Division (133rd Armored Ordnance Battalion) taking the southern route from Camp Cooke in California (now Vandenberg Space Force Base), through Arizona to Camp Kilmer in New Jersey.

“Seems that people around there know what it means for a troop train to pass through in New Jersey. Passing through towns and by factories the people would crowd the windows with “Good luck” signs, and waving,”

“They made the crossing to England with several real scares about enemy submarines along the way, eventually travelling through France, into the Ardennes Forest and Von Runsted’s “Battle of the Bulge.”

“A way had to be cleared to Bastogne. At the time we were on the secret list, but you can bet your bottom dollar that the Eleventh was pitching in there right along with the others.

“The winter was bitterly cold. It was torture to do any work on the vehicles. You asked me if we worked in shops? The answer is “yes”! The sky was the roof, and the snow and frozen ground was the floor.”

And in another letter, “It is hard for any person to imagine, and I suppose that most people back in the States take the atrocities done by the Nazi’s as propaganda. I have seen some of it with my own eyes. I have seen the pitiful bodies of men and women that have been starved to death in their concentration camps (There is one near here). I do not exaggerate the slightest bit when I say that flesh has disappeared from their bodies, and they are nothing but skeletons with a very tightly stretched skin covering their bones. It is a sight that will make even the most hard-hearted soldier turn his head away. I saw them being buried and the “Herrenvolk,” that super-race of Hitler’s had to do it.”

Page after page he wrote to his “Chickie,” eloquent in its simplicity, talking privately as a man talks alone with his wife about the horrors and casualties of war.

Ours is a military family. Three generations have served this country. My husband went to

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Vietnam. My son, Simon, was in Saudi Arabia for both Desert Shield and Desert Storm. My brother, my son-in-law, all served this United States bravely. We are prideful, but the costs have been heavy.

So many families have these stories, and this has just been one. In World War II alone there were 405,399 American deaths; the Korean War claimed just under 37,000 lives. Viet Nam saw the loss of 58,220 of our men and women. Agent Orange, the horrific defoliant the U.S. military used as part of their herbicidal warfare program, has affected over a million Vietnam veterans (and now their children and their children's children). It has taken an extreme toll in health issues by being responsible for such things as Diabetes, Hodgkin's Lymphoma and Leukemia. Yes, the price of our freedom has been dear, paid in blood, bones, loneliness, and fear. And great bravery and un-daunting pride.

On this Memorial Day, my fervent wish is that every person will take a moment to remember what was given for us by our men and women in uniform. It is sometimes easy to forget that lives were altered and then re-shaped forever, because of the sacrifices made by our armed forces – the greatest military in the world!

Postscript: My friend Don was right: Bay News 9 came and interviewed me and showed clips of it on TV throughout the Memorial Day weekend. Thanks, Don, you were right! And of course he signed off with, "Gotta go. Talk Saturday. Love ya, kid!"

I love you, too, Don.
John 3:16

Manager's Message

By Gary Schamburg



It's May already – cool in the mornings and evenings, but HOT during mid-day – prepares the Cove for the Heat and Humidity of the summer. Speaking of 'prepare' – while many of our winter travelers have departed – those of us remaining should start planning for the 2022 Hurricane Season that begins 1 June. As we learned from the Pinellas County Hurricane Guide and the discussions during the Hurricane Prep Briefings, the Cove is a must evacuate site. Therefore, prudent planning for severe weather allows us to maintain our status as a **premier 'active'55+ Resident owned community.**

As you organize for the Hurricane Season, be sure to record these telephone numbers and websites that provide valuable preparation information. Those Residents with cell phones, tablets, and computers should bookmark the following:

- Pinellas County Emergency Management <http://pinellascounty.org/emergency/>
– covers Shelters, Transportation, Alerts, Evacuation Status, Pets, and Special Needs
- Americana Cove Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/officialamericanacove>
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Our Residents with only landline telephone service along with those who possess cellphones should have these Telephone Numbers handy:

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Over the past year, we reviewed the Ten Tenets of Americana Cove. Most of these tenets have a foundation in the Golden Rule i.e., ***“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”*** Excellent words to live by in our somewhat crowded together life. This particular tenet involves appearance of your home and the manner in which other Residents view your home:

Think of your neighbors! Many Residents live here year-round. Keep bushes, weeds, and lawns taken care of so that it enhances the beauty of our Community. While you are away, please, make arrangements to have these things done.

Initiative Updates:

1– As we wait for ARO Engineering to complete the Engineer Survey for the North and South Boat Ramps, a mid-term less expensive solution is nearing completion. Signs have been placed to mark the end of the North Boat Ramp and the height of high tide which is the safest time to launch/load your boat, while discouraging ‘power’ loading. The permit to dump riprap to fill the hole at the end of the north ramp is much more intricate than on first impression. Therefore, have contacted J Foster Consulting to assist with the permit form. Already coordinated with JAG to deliver, dump, and spread the riprap. For the south ramp, continuing to coordinate for a concrete contractor to ease the steep angle of the ramp.

2–J. Foster Consulting continues searching for contractors to implement their recommended renovations on six seawall panels as a first trial. Additionally, we are closely observing the capability, proficiency, and timely progress of the drainage repairs between 312 & 314 Mt Oak. That contractor may become the go-to service for re-attaching gutters to flow pipelines that were disconnected in 2018.

3 – TheWEBSITE 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. The MAROA Directors are playing a much more active role in the webpage’s appearance and functionality.

4 –The Dog Park renovation is complete with much appreciation to Mary & Sparty for leading this effort along with Camille & Bilbo, Janis & Cooper, Diane & Sheba, Mike-Janis & Cooper, and Shelley & Teddy.

5 – The much-needed regrouting of the pool tiles along the edge will begin on Monday, 9 May. The contractor, Mark Pinson, will also pressure clean plus urethane seal all the surface tiles to prevent mold and mildew. His work comes with a 2-year warranty.

One of the two budget easing initiatives mentioned last month culminated in the status quo. Your MAROA President & Treasurer collaborated with the Wastewater Collection Division of the St Pete Water Resources Department in an attempt to relieve the cost for the upkeep of the city’s storm sewer system. Since our storm sewer system is entirely maintained and financed by MAROA, these MAROA Directors negotiated to remove the cost for city’s storm sewer repairs from our St Pete billing. Ultimately, the Cove may bear more expense if the sewer arrangement was modified according to the Wastewater Collection Division. In their view, any water entering Tampa Bay must be treated through a filtration system or connect to the city storm sewer system. Either modification would cause a considerable expense for MAROA. Fortunately, the Division judged that the Cove is ‘grandfathered’ and simply pays the storm sewer ‘upkeep’ cost – a much less expensive alternative. Meanwhile, we continue to seek a relief effort on the higher rate for the south side.

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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 Doug Howland

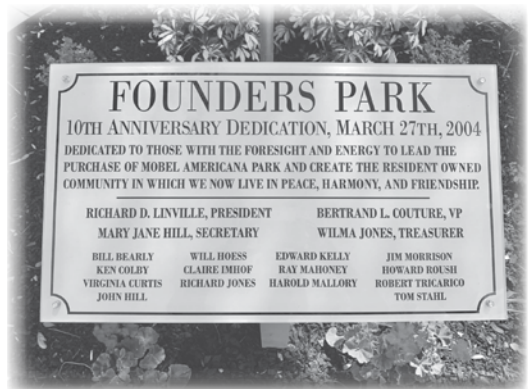
The Founder’s Day Celebration was well attended both at the park for the unveiling of the new plaque and in the hall for food and music. This event was sponsored by MAROA and ACA. We would like to thank everyone that helped on this event and to all that attended.

Burger Burns will continue through the summer on the third Tuesday of the month from 4-5:30 for \$7 per person.

Many of our clubs are signing up to sponsor a monthly event to keep us all entertained throughout the summer. As the events are planned we will be sure to get the information out to you. Any club wishing to sponsor an event, please call Doug (727) 450-9349.

Just a reminder, we are not accepting ANY donations for the T&T sale until November. Thank you.

Relax and enjoy, wherever life leads you.



Announcements

By Ray Rodriguez – Editor

Making of the Forecaster

It was brought to my attention that some of the **Volunteers** who deliver our Forecaster each month have been treated disrespectfully. They have received complaints about receiving their Forecaster late in the month, prior to the 1st of the Month, when it is actually due. If you do not receive your Forecaster by the 1st of the month please call Susie Q. Brown 727 579-0888 or myself Ray, 248 496-2411 and we’ll see that you get one. Others have complained of missing staples or ink smudges. Just so you know, the Forecaster is produced by Monthly

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Our responsibility is to distribute them to the residents each month and for me to gather articles from the clubs and post information about events, activities or items of interest within our community. Our commitment is strictly volunteer. So, please be kind to those who volunteer their time to walk our streets, rain or shine to deliver important news and events to all of us.

If you would like to help in the distribution of the Forecaster please contact Susie Q. Brown

727 579-0888. She is always in need of volunteers or substitutes, you may select the street where you live or select to relieve one our distributors that delivers to multiple streets. Please consider a volunteer position, it offers you a good feeling of helping your community and the walking is good exercise.



Terry delivering the Forecaster

End of Tax Season Report

Tax season at the Cove went very well this year. My team of Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) preparers and I completed over 42 tax returns for residents of Americana Cove! All of you tax payers came prepared. The event was so successful that I hope to be able to do it again next year. Wishing all of you a wonderful year!

Judy Hall, Ph.D.



Donations to Ukraine

A special thank you to the 130 Americana Cove residents who donated items to our neighbors in Ukraine who are currently being driven from their homes and into hunger. The donations were delivered to the Ukrainian Catholic Church on 90th Ave North. Survivors have lost everything and urgently need help. Resident, Tom Wallace, was one of the 75 volunteers working day after day packing boxes for delivery provided by local trucking companies.



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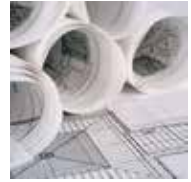
Survey Committee

The survey committee will be presenting the quotes that we've received to the board in May.

They will decide who to contract with.

HAPPY SPRING

Fran Hardy



POKENO

Start saving your pennies – next month in June we will start playing P O K E N O on Wednesdays at 1 PM.

We collect 6 pennies before each game. Each game ends when someone gets Pokeno (pokeno is a straight line (horizontal, diagonal, or vertical) except for the center vertical line) We do a full house, four corners, large diamond, straight flush (center vertical line) and a full card on the last game. Come and have fun. We will do this every Wednesday at 1PM June through October.

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SS Dog Park Open for Business

The South Side Dog Park renovation is complete, the irrigation is in and working, the pavers are laid, the topsoil has been spread, and the sod is in place. Also a pet memorial display for donors is attached to the building. Our appreciation goes out to Mary & Sparty for leading this effort along with Camille & Bilbo, Janis & Cooper, Diane & Sheba, and Shelley & Teddy. Also thanks go out to all the other volunteers and those that attended the fundraiser.



Cribbage club

As of this year, the Cribbage Club has failed in its attempt to maintain its members and gain new members. The Cribbage Club is not active at this time regardless of the effort to search for its players to keep it functioning.

To keep the Cribbage Club active next season, they will need someone to run the club since I will not be available to continue to do so.

Brian Murphy

Block Party

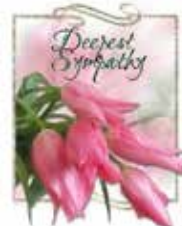
The residents of Mt Curve, Mt Saxon and Mt Richardson celebrated their friendship this past April. This close knit community at the most southern tip of Americana Cove has been gathering annually to support one another and share some food and drink.

What a great idea, you may want to consider a block party of your own on your surrounding streets.



Sunshine Report for May

By Nancy Hubartt



Deaths – With Sympathy

Evelyn Dinsmore (former Resident)
Derek Woodhead
Nancy Cosner

May Birthdays

01	Robin Thackrey	11	Bill Cosner	20	Yvonne Thurston
02	Michael Lederhouse	12	Evelyn Lloyd	20	Wanda Tyson
03	Daisy Dean	13	Diane LaRoche	23	Jonny Kuizel
04	Marjorie Logan	13	Joseph Brennan	23	Nick Schiavone
04	Dave Bernfeld	14	Joanne Wallace	25	Tom Shouse
06	Irene Keegan	14	Eddie Clark	26	Tom Lambert
07	Ed Boshek	14	Sarah Mattson	26	Irene Haggett
07	Rex Eaton	14	Gil Henzler	27	Lynn Quinn
08	Paul Line	14	Ray Rodriguez	28	Dawn Earley
09	Linda Bresko	15	Brad Moulston	30	Sue Sprattler
09	Beth Crane	16	Denise Dobson-Shea	31	Gail Jones
10	Andrea Bedard	18	Richard Julius		
11	Dottie Love	20	Richard Burg		



May Anniversaries

03	Margaret & Michael Lederhouse	53years
05	Susan & Robert Solomon	07 years
07	Ruth & Wayne Brownlee	56 years
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29	Lynn & James Quinn	19 years
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By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez

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Boat Club

By Mary Ann Meljac

Shiver Me Timbers!!! The 2022 Island Bash was a huge success and enjoyed by all. The food was delicious, there were many door prize drawings, a silent raffle table, a fabulous 3-night cruise for 2 to Nassau, Bahamas, a local 3-hour boat cruise for 6 donated by Boat Club member Jeff Jones, a costume contest and dancing and more dancing with music provided by Ezara. Countless thanks to all who helped to coordinate this event into a success from set-up to clean-up and everything in between.



On a side note ... would like to say thank you to those who procured gifts: R. LaRoche, Tom and Deb Turner, J. Klick, R. Noling, R. Burg, M. Marcil, G. Moe, N. Olson, C. Rodriguez, T. Meljac. Americana Cove Residents who donated: C. Rodriguez, G. Moe, J. Klick, M. Marcil, N. Olson, R. Burg, R. LaRoche, R. Noling, T. Meljac and Tom & Deb Turner.

The next full moon kayak outing is scheduled for April 16th. Audrey Dox has volunteered to coordinate the April event. We are looking for a co-chair for Audrey to help during the summer months. If you are willing, please contact Cindy Rodriguez. A big thank you to Sue Banning for her time and efforts coordinating this monthly event but due to personal commitments, Sue is no longer available to help us with this. Please watch the front entrance for updates as well as Facebook.

We will have a Boat Club meeting on May 14th, and will reconvene in September 2022. The weekend Tiki Hut parties will continue throughout the summer on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Stay tuned for more information.



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Bocce Club

By Daisy Dean

Sad to say our Bocce days are over for this season for the snowbirds but Thanks to our Vice President, Don it will continue every Sunday at 3:30. If you never played & would like to learn now is a great time with not so many people. It really is a fun game & what a fun Group we have, we are going to miss the game & our Great Friends also our many Dinners out & our potlucks.

We had 2 Successful Fundraisers & Thank you to everyone that supported them, we also have had donations & we would like to Thank the Following for their Generous Donations: Ron Miller, Dave Laramee, Canada Night, Wayne Brownlee, Ted Meljac, Patti Meek, Greg & Jill Moe, Mark & Nancy Olson, Paula Borrows, Sue Ponti, Marylou Pribesh, & Larry Nygard. Also Thanks to ACA for always being there for our supplies, To Ray & Cindy Rodriguez for printing & donating our first fundraiser Tickets, To Mary Marcil for thinking of us for the chairs & Rick Welch's Neighbors who also donated chairs, (Sorry don't have your names). Hope I didn't forget anyone but if I did I'm sorry. Your Generosity is very much appreciated.

Our Goal is to put in a new Bocce Court as the one we are using is illegal & not in a good location, We want to be able to do this on our own without the help financially from MAROA or ACA & we are hoping after our next Fundraiser in November we will reach this goal.

Again thank you all & God Willing will see you in October! Stay Safe & Have A Wonderful Summer.

Book Club

By Jill Moe



We've had some scheduling changes so hopefully you've forgotten what was in April's Forecaster and decide to join us on May 12th for 'The Dutch House' by Ann Patchett, hosted by Stephanie Haines.

Siblings, Maeve and Danny, cannot overcome their past. Their father bought The Dutch House fully furnished to surprise his wife but she hated it. She abandoned her children and the marriage ended.

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Danny eventually marries, has two children, and is doing well for himself. Maeve is diagnosed with diabetes and eventually dies. Their stepmother has a degenerative mental condition so one of her daughters moves back home to take care of her while the other remains estranged from her mother ... (and the saga continues).

If you're a speedy reader and finished this book, check out 'The Power of One' by Bryce Courtenay which will be discussed June 9.



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Weekly Calendar Repeats

AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: May 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
Tuesday:	Bid Euchre	6:00p.m.	C
	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
Wednesday:	Crafters	6:00-8:00pm	C
	Cards	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.	
Thursday:	Cue Club-Women's	6:30p.m.	B
	Rug Braiding	6:30p.m.	C
	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
Friday:	Cue Club-Men's	6:30p.m.	B
	Cornhole	6:30-8:00 pm	C
	Cribbage Club	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.	
	Texas Hold'em	11:00am	G
Saturday:	Square Dance Club	1-2:30pm	C
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	B
	Bingo	6:00p.m.	C
	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.	C
Sunday:	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.	
	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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S: Shuffleboard Courts
B: Billiards
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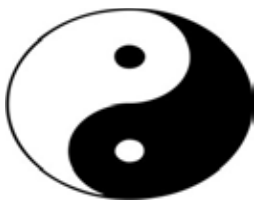
Buddhism

By John Howell

Join us (May 5th GR 1pm) as we continue our deep dive down the rabbit hole leaving no stone unturned in our Socratic quest; “Know Thyself”. Using many topics put forth in previous Forecaster articles adding the following for further discussion:

- Renowned quantum physicist Amit Goswami’s invaluable contribution to resolving neuroscience and consciousness from a spiritual P.O.V.

- The ancient understanding of “Indra’s Net” (where everything is reflected in everything else) throughout spacetime.
- The modern holographic principle
- Correlation vs. causation
- Fractal geometry
- Entropy
- “The Universe in a Single Atom” by H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama
- The ancient Egyptian “Eye of Horus” (i.e. Third Eye) and a modern understanding of its relationship to the Pineal Gland (ida-pingala)
- Christ’s related teaching; “The Light of the body is the ‘Eye’, therefore if thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of Light”. (Matthew 6:22)
- Tao/Unity/Godhead



And much more including a celebration of “Earth Day” April 22nd 2022, as envisioned by prophetic pioneer James Lovelock’s “Gaia Hypothesis” based on the frequency 7.83 hertz, the Earth’s heartbeat (our human evolutionary resonant theta/alpha state from time immemorial). This is the “Schumann Resonance”. Considering comments from astronaut Edgar Mitchell’s “Epiphany from Space”, and our earthly home as seen from space... “The Great Blue Marble”. Also worldwide acknowledgement of

Buddhism’s most important day of the year; “Vesak”; the full moon in May. For Buddhists a recognition of the Buddha’s; (Birth, Enlightenment, and passing into Nirvana) 2600 years ago, comparable to the Christian tradition of Easter, and Christmas all rolled into one.

Please be kind to all sentient beings, and don’t forget to pray for our friends in Ukraine.
Namaste





Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch

Starting this month and continuing through the summer we will still play cornhole 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

Crafters ended their crafting season with a pre-Kentucky Derby party.

It was so much fun! We wore our lovely Kentucky Derby hats that we decorated and we had cucumber sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches, deviled eggs, a variety of other appetizers, derby pie and of course, mint Juleps!! Thank you Crafters for bringing all the goodies and for all your support during our crafting season!



The Kentucky Derby is Saturday, May 7, 2022. Maybe the Cove should have a party too!!! We gave you plenty of menu ideas!!! Enjoy!

Also, we especially want to thank Judy Daigle for her service for the last few years as Vice President. Her creative mind and talents has opened all of ours. We want to welcome Teri Stallone as our new Vice President and look forward to her creativity and guidance.

Landscape Committee

By Deb Howland and Erika Fitch

We welcome May with its great weather and beautiful flowers. We were able to plant three areas in Founder's Park, to enhance this special area. The plantings include plants that have been re-homed from other areas within the Cove, therefore saving them and money too. Hope you have a



chance to visit this area to see the new plaque and plants. We would also like to thank our Maintenance Team for their cooperation and help in completing this project.

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We will be doing a count of palm trees located in the Cove before the spring trimming. The count in June 2021 was 403, of which several have been removed, we will let you know the results.

The Landscape Committee will be meeting through the summer months on the second Wednesday of the month, next meeting will be May 11 2022 at 11:00. Anyone interested is welcome to join us.

Land Exercise - Walk off the Pounds

By Daisy Dean

Hi all from Canada. My last day of walking class was April 8th, But happy to say Walking classes continue through the summer thanks to Astrid Dye, Maureen St.Gillian,& Terri Carlo so anyone wanting to walk with these ladies every morning in the clubhouse at 8:am you are welcome to join.

Would like to Thank all walkers for your very Generous Gift, Card & Beautiful Yellow Roses, Very much Appreciated.

Hope to see you all in October, Have a safe and healthy summer everybody.



Library

By Jill Moe

Apparently our books have gone on vacation too. The shelves are sparse. Every summer this happens and every summer all I can do is apologize to the readers who are left here with little to read.



Live Music

By Libby Hopkins

Hello Everybody!

This month, the traditional **Memorial Day Program** will be held on Monday, May 30, 2022, in the Clubhouse, at 10 AM.

Please attend and honor our Veterans of all the wars. **Please come and thank our Veterans for all the sacrifices they made for us.** Help us show them how proud we are of all our men and women Veterans.

We will need at least 20 color guards/volunteers. More news about color guards is coming soon. Check your Volo messages, FB and emails for more information. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse. There will be a **sign-up** sheet for **Veterans** in the Clubhouse.

There will also be a brief closing ceremony outside, and refreshments will be served afterward.





Old Timers Young at Heart

By Kathy Laramee

The Young At Heart Club will be in hiatus after the last meeting the 20th of April. But, that doesn't mean we will be idle. We have agreed to sponsor a Summertime Event for September, details will be provided as the time draws nearer.

Also, ongoing during the Summer (off season) months will be aluminum collection. Our volunteers are doing a fantastic job and I can't say it often enough how much we appreciate all that you do!

As you know, there were no nominations for officers so your present board will continue to serve until next year. We want to continue providing a meeting with lunch each month giving all in our community a day to gather, share news, hear club reports and if you wish stay on for bingo. This club has been in existence for many years and it is our intention that we keep it moving forward.

We wish everyone a terrific summer and look forward to seeing all your smiling faces this Fall!!



Shuffleboard Club

By Greg Moe

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Pancake Breakfasts. Between the two, we served 258 people. I would like to also thank all of our members who helped set-up, cook, serve, and clean up, without them we could not hold this function. Congratulations to Laurie Bruno, Ray & Gail Larkin's daughter who came for a surprise birthday visit. Laurie won the 50/50 raffle for \$92.00.

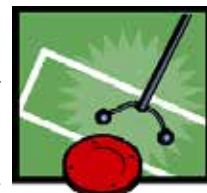
On April 3rd, we held our Shuffleboard Turkey Shoot, which was a test of various skills along with some different challenges. There were 33 participants - Jean Guy Finn took first place with a score of 253, Richard Telech took second place with a score of 240, and Judy Whiteford and Kathy Cindric tied for third place with a score of 220. A special thank you to Greg Cindric for coordinating this event, as well as all those who helped scoring, and a special thank you to the bakers for the delicious cookies and brownies.

We held our final meeting for the year on April 6th. Greg Cindric was re-elected as Vice President and Susan Solomon was elected dual role as Secretary/Treasurer. Thank you to Jim Reising for his time as acting-Secretary.

We held our year-end party on April 9th with 37 members and guests attending, enjoying pizza, and shuffling a few games just for fun.

Be sure to mark your calendar - The 2022-2023 season meeting will be November 2nd at 9:30 AM in the Atrium.

Hoss collar will continue through the summer on Sundays at 1:00 PM. Please note that our Social Play has changed to Thursdays at 10:30 AM. Hope to see you there.





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Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

Hello everyone! It's already May and several of our northern friends have left and are already home for the summer! Continued wishes for a healthy summer! See you all in the fall.

I want to again send many thanks and appreciation to the swim group for the success of our end of season party and the very generous gift! It was a great day with Daisy's land exercisers and Judy's line dancers! Lots of food, friendship and fun!! The weather couldn't have been more perfect. Many thanks!

Items of interest:

- The pool is tentatively scheduled for tile and grout work to be done the week of May 9. The pool will be closed at this time, stay tuned.
- The water temperature is scheduled to be set at 84 on May 1. It will go back to 85 on Dec.1.
- We will be swimming on Memorial Day.
- I will be leaving the end of May. Maureen, Diane, Terry and Nan will continue to keep the class going until I return the end of September!
- Be sure to follow our FB group page throughout the summer. All the latest happenings in our group will be posted there.

Have a great summer! Stay healthy, be safe. See you in September!

Birthday pics include: Kelly McMahon, Deb Lewison, Joan Mahoney, Teri Stallone and Sue Rein.



Vespers

By Martha Sutton

At the printing of this issue Easter Sunrise service has come and gone. The Atrium was beautiful with all those who bought lilies. Even though many of our northern neighbors had left the Cove for the summer, attendance was great. Vespers will resume the 1st Sunday in November and we all look forward to another season with Audrey Dox at the helm.

My thanks for all who supported me during my long term as chairperson. I am confident you will enjoy Audrey taking over.

Following is a list of Easter Lily donors and their recipients.

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Plans are in the works for our Welcome Back on November 13th, so mark your calendars and look forward to more info to come. Remember **ALL** are invited to attend this good food, fun event.

May you all have a healthy, safe and blessed summer.



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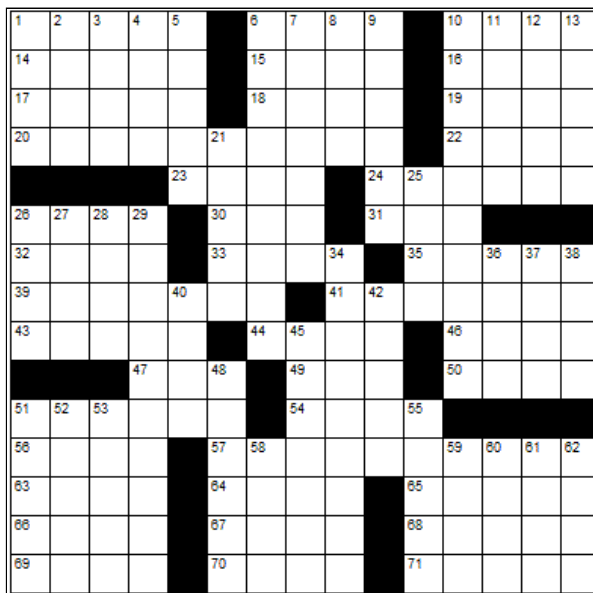
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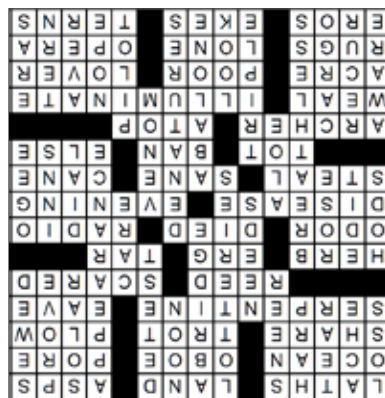


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 - 42. Snake poison
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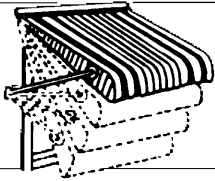
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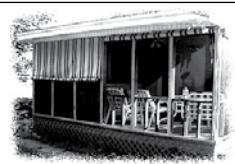
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