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PARADISE ISLAND UPDATE

Pat Walker, Association President

ere it is already – December, the happiest time of the year. I'm eager to stroll around the park to take in all the beautiful holiday decorations. Tony Galasso and Don Heller have initiated a park-wide decoration contest with prizes for each individual park – good luck to



all who wish to participate. Light up the park – we have much to celebrate – we live in a free country, we have friends and family we love, food to eat, clean water to drink, and at least a degree of health. We are rich with blessings, so forget your troubles and just be happy – ooh, that would be a great song title ③. Speaking of decorations, my thanks to all who showed up to decorate the clubhouse and pool area – they look fabulous! And, I heard a rumor about putting luminaria out and about in the park. I certainly hope it materializes as the candle-lit bags add a festive touch.

Did you all get your tickets to the Association Christmas Party? I do hope so as that catered celebration is December 10 at 5:30PM in the clubhouse. Wear your dancing shoes and trip the light fantastic after the feast. And as long as we are talking about celebrations, the Karaoke King & Queen have planned a Masquerade Party for New Year's Eve – you won't want to miss it. If it meets the standard they set for the Halloween Party, it'll be fabulous. Thanks Johnnie and CeCe Corley for contributing your time and talent, it's so appreciated.

Did you all drop by to check out the talents of the hobby ladies at the 11th annual Arts & Craft Sale? I do hope so, and even more hope that you found something appealing that you purchased. The Hobby Club donates income not used to purchase additional craft supplies -- \$100 to the food drive and \$100 to the toy drive in addition to what they purchase individually for these events. They are very generous with their time and talents and appreciate all the support the park residents give them.

It is the "appreciation" season, so thank you everyone who contributed to the annual Dunedin Cares Food Bank Drive; you helped many needy families enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal. Now, to continue the tradition, Paradise Island will head-up the annual Toy Drive for this worthy local organization. We are asking those who can to contribute unwrapped toys during the weeks of December 1-16 and place them under the Park #1 Christmas Tree for delivery to Dunedin Cares. With the economic situation causing many families to struggle, your gifts will bring a smile to some child's face on Christmas morning.

And another thank you – thanks to Peggy Lyter, Cheri Mathews, Lei Crance and Marcia Lilley for their help with our November Turkey Dinner Pot Luck. And I would be remiss to not mention Jeanie & Bob Schauer who spearheaded the kitchen clean- up committee so that the cooks could take a rest and enjoy their meal. Thanks to everyone who contributed in some way and to those who attended.

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For December, there will be no monthly pot luck dinner as we will be busy with last-minute Christmas Party details. We will, however, hold the monthly Association Meeting on December 3rd. I'm anxious to learn who is willing to volunteer to serve on the Park #1 Board – elections will be conducted at the January meeting.

After the holidays we will focus on the annual Community Sale which will be held on Saturday, January 28th. We'll talk about this sale at the December and January Association Meetings. Start clearing out your cabinets and consider donating any household items you no longer use to this event. The money made at this sale provides the major portion of funding for Association-sponsored events – including a major portion the Christmas party expense. Items that you cannot keep at home until the week of the sale can be stored in the garage. Lei and I both have keys and if you call one of us (our numbers are in the directory) we will arrange a time to meet you at the garage.

Holiday blessing and good wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



TREASURE COVE HAPPENINGS-PARK 2

easons Greetings to all! First of all, I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that you were blessed abundantly. Once we come out of our food coma and clean up, we realize it's time to get ready for Christmas and Hannukah. One of the ways to celebrate the season is to attend a Christmas Party. So, I hope that you will consider attending our Park 2 Christmas Party. Everyone is welcome! It will be held again this year at the Dunedin Country Club. Its Sunday, December 4 with cocktail hour at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. We will have a full dinner buffet that includes beef, chicken and fish and also a homemade dessert bar. Music by JK Krum with lots of dancing.

Last year was a great success and we had so much fun. Tickets are \$20 per member and \$22 for non-members. Please see Lori (254), Susan (501), or Susie (280) for tickets. Deadline is December 1st. We are also collecting donations again this year for our Christmas gift drive that helps seniors in need. We need new items only for men and women. Items such as clothing in extra large sizes, toiletries and cash donations, which we will use towards purchasing a Christmas dinner and staples. A special shout out to Bob Rummel for his generous donation towards this cause. Please donate whatever you can to Lori, Susan or Susie by Saturday, December 17th. Whatever you can do is a blessing and greatly appreciated.

Something else to think about is that elections are coming up in January. Are you a good planner and/or organizer? If you're interested in helping to plan social events, please see Lori (254) or Susan (501). Do you want to see Park 2 continue to have social events? What would you like to see in the future? We would really love the input from Park 2 residents. So please come to the next association meeting with your ideas. It will be held in the clubhouse on Tuesday, December 6th at 7pm. Hope to see as many as possible there.

The board would like to wish everyone a blessed and joyous holiday season!







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- 10. Baby buggy
- 14. Ready for anything
- 15. Seaweed
- 16. Rattling breath
- 17. Upswell
- 18. Extol
- 19. Scent
- 20. Encouraged
- 22. Twinge
- 23. Formerly (archaic)
- 24. Come forth
- 26. Russian emperor
- 30. Form of "to be"
- 31. Zero
- 32. After-bath wear
- 33. Linguistic unit
- 35. Andean animal
- 39. Marjoram
- 41. Calmed
- 43. Moon of Saturn
- 44. Distribute
- 46. Require
- 47. British rule in India
- 49. Joke
- 50. Sounds of disapproval
- 51. Handgrip
- 54. Death notice
- 56. Absent Without Leave
- 57. Spin-like
- 63. Domestic
- 64. Slaloms
- 65. Love intensely
- 66. Ages
- 67. Celtic language
- 68. Employ again
- 69. Crimsons
- 70. Type of sweet potatoes
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- 6. Showroom
- 7. Flower box
- 8. Chills and fever
- 9. Make unhappy
- 10. Fuel
- 11. Radiolocation
- 12 Beside

- 13. Get together
- 21. Illustrated
- 25. Grinder
- 26. Gait faster than a
- walk
- 27. Fern clusters
- 28. Assist illegally
- 29. Irrespective
- 34. Data arrays
- 36. Affirmatives
- 37. Docile
- 38. Combines
- 40. Nitpicky to a fault

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- 45. Conceit
- 48. Sports pullover
- 51. Bigot
- 52. Mindful
- 53. Wanderer
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- 60. French for "We"
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The Top 10 New Year's resolutions

ccording to Kimberly and Albrecht Powell in an About Web site article, these are the Top 10 New Year's resolutions:

- 1. Spend more time with family and friends.
- 2. Make time for fitness.
- 3. Lose weight.
- 4. Quit smoking.
- 5. Enjoy life more.
- 6. Quit drinking.
- 7. Get out of debt.
- 8. Learn something new.
- 9. Help others.
- 10. Get organized.



Some lucky foods for New Year's Day

It's long been thought that what you do or say in the first moments of a new year would bring luck or reflect what you will find yourself doing for the rest of the year. Certain foods therefore have become imbued with the idea of bringing you luck if eaten on New Year's.



In some parts of the United States, for instance, black-eyed peas are considered lucky if eaten on New Year's Day. Cabbage is another food that is considered lucky when eaten on New Year's Day. The cabbage has long been a symbol for prosperity (its leaves represent bills of paper currency). In many parts of the world it is considered to bring you luck if you consume rice on New Year's Eve.

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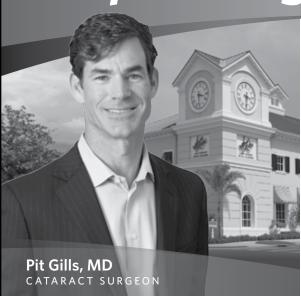
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— Oren Arnold

Each day comes bearing its own gifts. Until the ribbons.

— Ruth Ann Schabacker

You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

— Kahlil Gibran

All you have shall some day be given; therefore give now, that the season of giving may be yours and not your inheritors.

— Kahlil Gibran

Christmas Day

I sometimes think we expect too much of Christmas Day. We try to crowd into it the long arrears of kindliness and humanity of the whole year. As for me, I like to take my Christmas a little at a time, all through the year. And thus I drift along into the holidays—let them overtake me unexpectedly—waking up some fine morning and suddenly saying to myself: "Why this is Christmas Day!"

— Ray Stannard Baker, pseud. David Grayson

"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more."

— Dr. Seuss, from How The Grinch Stole Christmas

Simple things

When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things—not the great occasions—give off the greatest glow of happiness.

— Bob Hope

Compulsory holiday

A lovely thing about Christmas is that it's compulsory, like a thunder¬storm, and we all go through it together.

— Garrison Keillor



Throw the holiday party for your style and budget

raftfoods.com offers these tips for throwing a holiday party that will meet your needs and make your guests happy. You have to think about the kind of party that will make you feel good.



- You'll probably want to go buffet style if you want something that's casual or you don't have a lot of seating. People will walk around and mingle and have fun.
- Go for a sit-down dinner if something a bit more formal suits your style. If you enjoy dinner conversation and you have enough seating for everyone who will be in attendance, then this is a good choice for you.

After you decide what kind of party you're going to have, make a list of everything you will need. Then cross off everything that you already have and estimate the cost for each item you need. Add a few dollars for the inevitable extras that will pop up. If the estimated cost is over your budget for the party, then you can start eliminating things on your list until you get the figure you need.

A few facts about mistletoe

ccording to <u>AllThingsChristmas.com</u>, mistletoe has been revered since 200 years before the birth of Christ. Druid priests used it as part of their winter celebrations. The plant, which stays green all year even though it has no roots, was thought to be magical.

The <u>Howstuffworks</u> Web site says that Mistletoe is a parasitic plant. It lives in trees, and one mistletoe plant can grow on top of the other.

There are several stories that link mistletoe to the ritual of kissing under it.

One is the myth of Frigga, the Viking goddess of love. Frigga's son was killed by his blind brother (who was actually tricked into shooting a dart of poison from the mistletoe into his brother.) Frigga was so stricken with grief that she cried and when her tears fell on a mistletoe plant the berries were turned from red to white (there are both red and white mistletoe berries) and this brought her son back from the dead. From then on Frigga kissed everyone who walked beneath the mistletoe because she was so grateful to have her son back.

Christmas

Christmas at my house is always at least six or seven times more pleas¬ant than anywhere else. We start drinking early. And while everyone else is seeing only one Santa Claus, we'll be seeing six or seven.

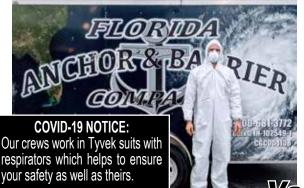
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Safety tips for preparing and serving community meals

Preparing and storing food for large groups has different requirements than preparing smaller meals. Here are some tips on how to prepare safe community meals from the USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service:

- Make a good plan. Make sure that the location you pick has enough oven, stovetop, refrigerator and freezer space. Make sure there is also a source of clean water to use.
- Safely store and prepare food. Perishables need to be refrigerated or frozen within two hours of prepara-tion or shopping. Always make sure you use separate areas to prepare raw and cooked foods. Remember to never place cooked food back on a cutting board or surface where something raw has been. Wash your hands, utensils and cutting boards frequently while you are preparing foods. Use hot soapy water.
- Make sure that the internal temperature of the foods you cook reaches a high enough temperature to kill bacteria. Use a food thermometer so that you can check internal temperatures accurately. Make sure you check in several places so that you get a true reading. Don't partially cook your food with the plan to finish cooking it later. This could encourage the growth of harmful bacteria.
- To transport food safely you will need to keep your hot foods hot and your cold foods cold. Use coolers for cold foods and make sure the temperature is 40 degrees or below. Keep your hot foods at a temperature of 140 degrees. Wrap it well and place it inside an insulated container.
- When you reheat your food make sure you bring it up to a temperature that makes it hot and steamy. Just warming it up is not safe. Bring the temperature of the food up to 165 degrees. Soups, sauces and gravies need to be brought to a boil.
- Use steam tables or warming trays to keep your hot foods hot—that means at or above 140 degrees. Keep your cold food at or below 40 degrees.
- If you know that food has been left out at room temperature for more than two hours, the safest thing to do is throw it out. If you have leftovers, you will want to place them in shallow containers and refrigerate or freeze them immediately.

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Christmas mess

One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly.

— Andy Rooney



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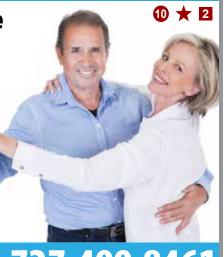
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A life lesson from the mountains

young boy and his grandfather were taking a walk through the mountains. The boy was looking at the mountains when he tripped and fell down. As he fell he called out, "I'm afraid."

To the boy's surprise he heard his words come back to him from the mountain, "I'm afraid."

Startled and frightened, the boy called out—"Who is there?"

Again his words traveled back to him asking the same question he had asked—"Who is there?"

The boy was angry now at whoever was evading answering his question, "Chicken," he called out.

"Chicken," the response came back to him.

The boy looked frightened and asked his grandfather what was happening.

The old man laughed and said to listen. He called out, "You are wonderful!"

The voice answered back, "You are wonderful!"

The grandfather smiled and said, "You're amazing!"

"You're amazing!" came tumbling back out of the mountains.

The boy looked back at his grandfather, still wearing a look of confusion. "I do not understand, grandfather," the boy said.

The old man laughed again, and said, "My child, this is called an echo. But pay attention, because it is really life.

"Life will give back to you everything you say and do. Life is a reflection of our thoughts and actions.

"So if you want other people to do your bidding and think well of you, then you must think good thoughts about others and do good deeds for other people.

"If you want other people to be better at what they do, then you must make yourself better at what you do.

"Remember, life gives you back everything you give to it. Your life will be a reflection of you."

Before you can inspire with emotion, you must be swamped with it yourself. Before you can move their tears, your own must flow. To convince them, you must yourself believe.

— Winston Churchill

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