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APRIL HAPPENINGS

“April Showers bring May Flowers”

**Quote of the Month – “An enthusiastic heart finds opportunities everywhere”
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Southwind Announcements

April 1st Chili Cook Off - The Chili Cook Off has been rescheduled for January 2024. Look for more information later in the year.

April 12th Volunteer Recognition Day - All volunteers who have participated in activities were asked to sign up in the clubhouse by March 28th. Dinner will be provided for volunteers only. More specifics about the time and menu will be available in the clubhouse.

April 18 HOA meeting – This will be the last HOA meeting until October.

April 19 Craft Class – In April the Southwind Crafts Class will be held at a ceramic studio in Palm Harbor. Watch for the sign-up sheet with more details on the Clubhouse bulletin board.

April 22nd Pet Fashion Show - Judging will be held at the Shuffleboard Courts between 11:00 to 12:30, weather permitting, with Ceci as the MC. Bring your pet(s) by in their cutest costume or come enjoy watching the fun adorable fur babies in their finest. Goodies will be provided for all dogs, with trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Come check out all of the 2023 styles.

April 28th Poolside BYOB/TGIF Social - Come bring your own beverage of choice poolside at 6:30 p.m. and enjoy a social with other residents. These new monthly socials have been enjoyed by many with live music from our own talented residents. If you are interested in playing at one of the BYOB/TGIF events please contact Connie Brandt or Debbie Coy, our HOA Activities Chairs.

Save the date for these upcoming May events:
May 26 BYOB/TGIF @ Poolside
May 29 Memorial Day Social at the Clubhouse



National Day Calendar for April

April 11 – National Pet Day

April 15 – Tax Day (moved to April 18th for 2023)

April 20 – National Volunteer Recognition Day

April 21 – National Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet Day

April 22 – National Earth Day

April 28 – National Hairball Awareness Day

April 30 – National Adopt a Shelter Pet/ and Pet Parents Day



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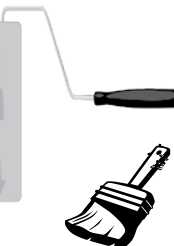
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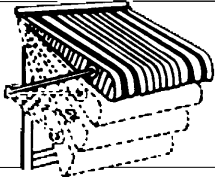
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Southwind Cornhole Tournament

by Jan Snyder

Hats off to the winners of this year's Southwind Cornhole Tournament held February 18. They were George Cecere and Ruth Klein (see photo). This has become one of our favorite events in Southwind and heartfelt thanks go out to Carl Mankowski and the tremendous volunteers from our Activities Committee for organizing and putting on this fabulous event! Although a few of us (especially me) need to practice before next year's tournament. On the bright side, you don't have to play Cornhole to have a good time. We had a great turn out of folks who came to eat, drink and watch the action. See you again in 2024!



Southwind Bowling League

As you read this article we are having our playoff on March 31st. We have had several more 200 games by Carl Mankowski with a 235 and Denny Monson with a 200. With 3 weeks left of bowling, the 17th, 24th and 31st, the team Batman has an 8 game lead, with 12 points available, they can be caught by the team Fugitive

Final results will be in the next issue of the Breezes.

Also, anyone interested in bowling in the summer league please let Bill Adams know asap. 727-787-1255.



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April Birthdays



Alford, Kim	April 1	Lot 8
Boardman, Carole	April 4	Lot 75
Stewart, George	April 5	Lot 96
Malloy, John	April 6	Lot 84
Rosati, Marsha	April 9	Lot 146
Schwartz, Richard	April 10	Lot 52
Carlson, Louise	April 13	Lot 43
Brown, Sherry	April 13	Lot 190
Siers, Edward	April 15	Lot 121



Miller, Ron	April 17	Lot 160
Neumann, Lyle	April 22	Lot 174
Riviera, Hank	April 25	Lot 146
Wagner, Clarissa	April 26	Lot 129
Taormina, Lee	April 29	Lot 147
Ragsdale, Karen	April 29	Lot 206
Landon, Rick	April 30	Lot 164
O'Shea, John	April 30	Lot 191

April Anniversaries

Pontis, Cookie & Ed	April 7	Lot 176
Alford, Kim & Colan	April 12	Lot 8
Landon, Sharon & Rick	April 20	Lot 164
Angle, Rita & Jim	April 24	Lot 54
Mankowski, Marge & Carl	April 25	Lot 130



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For your own pets you can:

- ✓ Verify when vaccinations are due and schedule an appointment to update if they are due.
- ✓ Check collars to ensure tags are secure and numbers are current. We sometimes forget to update this information when we move or change numbers.

Ways to observe National Pet Day include:

- Take supplies to those pets in shelters
- Help a friend with pet(s) recovering from an illness.
- Adopt/ foster a pet from a local rescue group or shelter

And most importantly: Give your own pets extra love with a bath and rub down.

NATIONAL HAIRBALL AWARENESS DAY

Cat lovers have all been there. That horrible sound their cat makes when a hairball is on the rise. On the last Friday in April, National Hairball Awareness Day draws attention to a problem many cat lovers face. Here's some advice:

Tips for Managing Hairballs

Regular grooming helps reduce the amount of hair your cat ingests. Bushing your cat every day also has the added benefits of reducing the amount of shed hair around the house and offers your cat some extra attention.

Look for products that help to prevent hairballs. Shampoos and wipes may reduce the amount of shedding.

Some types of cat food may help to reduce the amount of shedding too. Designed to improve the health of a cat's coat, the foods are nutritionally packed.

- Get in the habit of grooming your cat to help prevent hairballs.
- Talk to your vet if your cat continues to have issues with hairballs

NATIONAL ADOPT A SHELTER PET DAY

April 30th is the day that raises awareness for thousands of pets that are waiting for (and needing) adoption from the shelters.

Animal shelters require year-round assistance and adoption is a part of the process. Since animals come in daily, the shelters must work quickly to ensure the animal's health and well being. Only then can they be adopted into their forever home.

If you feel you can't meet those needs, consider helping in other ways. Give your time by volunteering. Not only will this help the shelter by providing the animals with exercise, companionship, and socialization, but it also gives you that wonderful animal love we all so enjoy.

You can also check the shelter's donation needs list. Bring the items you are able to give. This will help the shelter animals find their forever homes more quickly.

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NATIONAL PET PARENTS DAY

On the last Sunday in April, National Pet Parents Day recognizes the pet parents who go the extra mile to care for their fur babies.

There is a very special connection, a unique bond, between a pet and its owner. This unique relationship, which can often last for many years, is often a vital part of the ‘pet parents’ life. Their loved pets are considered to be a member of the family.

Some pet parents are new to the experience. Others are repeat performers. No matter how many pets or how often they engage in the relationship, it’s a special one every time.

The observance was created to honor all dedicated pet parents across the nation with a special day of their own.

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Southwind is an exceptional and unique community. Here, we depend on our wonderful volunteers to dedicate their time, care and attention for everyone’s benefit. Volunteering in this community gives us the power to create and hold activities for all to enjoy. It’s the people here that make this place a great place in which to live. And let’s not forget our Location, Location, Location – that’s a bonus!

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- submitted by Terri Campbell





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NATIONAL CLEAN OUT YOUR MEDICINE CABINET DAY

National Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet Day occurs annually on the third Friday in April. The day aims to raise awareness and effectively rid homes of unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications sitting in medicine cabinets, nightstands, or kitchen cabinets that have the potential for misuse or abuse by family members, friends, or visitors.



How you dispose of your expired or unused medications is just as important as why. Environmental studies show that flushed medications flow into our water supply. They negatively impact the fish we eat and the water we drink. When discarded in the trash, medications leach into and contaminate the soil.

In Pinellas County, FL, we have “Operation Medicine Cabinet” (OMC). Residents can drop off your expired or unused medications during business hours at OMC drop boxes. The closest drop box to Southwind is Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office (PCSO North): 2496 Bayshore Blvd, Dunedin, FL 34698

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OMC provides the public with a safe, proper way to dispose of medications; protects the environment by incinerating medications instead of disposing of them in the trash or down the drain. If possible, please safely remove medications from bottles and place in zip lock bags. Liquids should remain within their original containers and the caps secured with tape. Remember to remove labels from the bottles and destroy them. This is the best way to dispose of your unwanted medications.

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- information for this article was compiled by Terri Campbell





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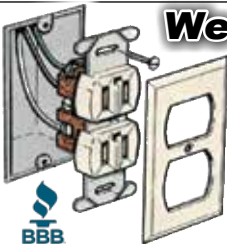
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CRAFTS CLASS

Sharon Kendall reported that nine women participated in the class held on February 15th. They created decorative wooden signs for spring. Check out their cheery and bright designs in the photo.

Sharon teaches every third Wednesday in the Clubhouse from 1-3pm. However, April 19 the Southwind Crafts Class will be held at a ceramic studio in Palm Harbor. Watch for the sign-up sheet on the Clubhouse bulletin board.



National Tax Day

By Terri Campbell

Usually tax returns are due by April 15th but this year the federal deadline for filing a 2022 federal income tax return, is **April 18, 2023**. The IRS began to accept and process tax returns on Jan. 23, 2023.

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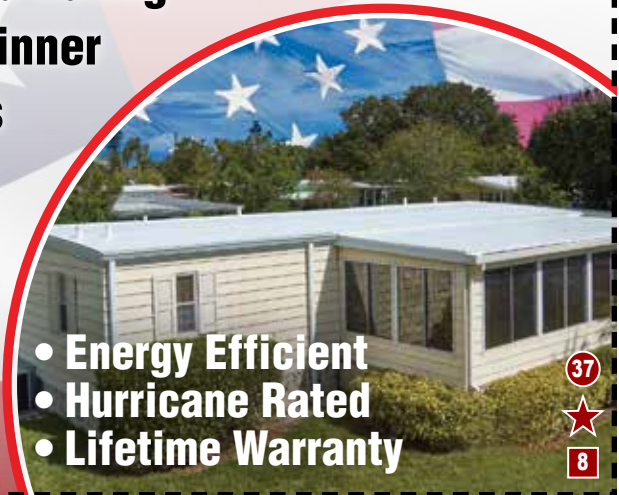


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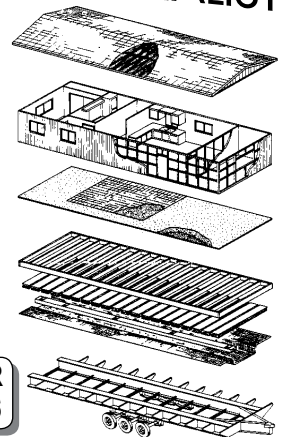
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SUNSET SOCIAL LCR GAME

Terri Campbell



There were twenty one players at the February 17th LCR game. **Marty Young** won the first round, and there was some excitement at the end of the second round with Lillian holding on to her last chip for several turns while one chip was passed to the left starting with Terry G, passed it to Terri C, then to Hank S to Gail S and finally to **Jack Young**, who won the last roll winning round 2! The third round winner was **Joanne Zeffiro**, after a rousing game where she passed the last chip back and forth with Lyle N while Stan S hung onto his last chip

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for several turns. What a lively bunch this group was and everyone had fun there including Gail S, who was disappointed she didn't win.

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FUNNY PET JOKES

Excerpts from a Dog's Diary.....

- 8:00 am - Dog food! My favorite thing!
- 9:30 am - A car ride! My favorite thing!
- 9:40 am - A walk in the park! My favorite thing!
- 10:30 am - Got rubbed and petted! My favorite thing!
- 12:00 pm - Lunch! My favorite thing!
- 1:00 pm - Played in the yard! My favorite thing!
- 3:00 pm - Wagged my tail! My favorite thing!
- 5:00 pm - Milk Bones! My favorite thing!
- 7:00 pm - Got to play ball! My favorite thing!
- 8:00 pm - Wow! Watched TV with the people! My favorite thing!
- 11:00 pm - Sleeping on the bed! My favorite thing!



Excerpts from a Cat's Daily Diary....

Day 983 of my captivity...

My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects. They dine lavishly on fresh meat, while the other inmates and I are fed hash or some sort of dry nuggets. Although I make my contempt for the rations perfectly clear, I nevertheless must eat something in order to keep up my strength.

The only thing that keeps me going is my dream of escape. In an attempt to disgust them, I once again vomit on the carpet.

Today I decapitated a mouse and dropped its headless body at their feet. I had hoped this would strike fear into their hearts, since it clearly demonstrates what I am capable of. However, they merely made condescending comments about what a 'good little hunter' I am. Idiots!

There was some sort of assembly of their accomplices tonight. I was placed in solitary confinement for the duration of the event. However, I could hear the noises and smell the food. I overheard that my confinement was due to the power of 'allergies.' I must learn what this means and how to use it to my advantage.

Today I was almost successful in an attempt to assassinate one of my tormentors by weaving around his feet as he was walking. I must try this again tomorrow -- but at the top of the stairs.

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I am convinced that the other prisoners here are flunkies and snitches. The dog receives special privileges. He is regularly released - and seems to be more than willing to return. He is obviously brainwashed. The bird has got to be an informant. I observe him communicating with the guards regularly. I am certain that he reports my every move. My captors have arranged protective custody for him in an elevated cell, so he is safe. For now.....

Q: What type of markets do dogs avoid?

A: Flea markets!

Q: Why are dogs like phones?

A: Because they have collar IDs.

Q: How are a dog and a marine biologist alike?

A: One wags a tail and the other tags a whale.

Q: What's more amazing than a talking dog?

A: A spelling bee.

Q: How does a dog stop a VCR?

A: It presses the "paws" button!

Q: What was the kitten bowling league called?

A: Alley Cats.

Q: Why don't you want to play Poker with a cat?

A: They tend to be cheetahs.

Q: Before going after a mouse, what did the dad cat say to his family?

A: "Let us prey."

Q: What's it called when all the Temptations treats are gone?

A: A cat-astrophe

Q: What's a cat's favorite sport?

A: Hairball

Q: Why do cats hate laptops?

A: They don't have a mouse



Love From Afar

By Bill Roberts

When I was first asked to write a story about pets for the April issue of the Breezes, my first thought was that I am probably the most unlikely person on earth to wax poetic about the bond between man and his best friend. For in my fifty-eight years on this earth I have never owned a dog, cat, or any other critter that one could think of. So as I wandered in the blank recesses of my mind the good Lord finally let it hit me that even though I can't build a clock I still have the ability to tell time.

On a daily basis I have witnessed my neighbors not only walk their dogs but talk to them, love on them, and try to encourage them to make friends with their other furry counterparts. I will have to admit it is quite touching to watch this unconditional love unfold between master and servant.

It also occurred to me that I at least should be able to beat the drum even though I don't

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know the tune, because most of my family members are pet owners. My oldest sister was never able to have children so her dogs have basically filled that role. She always has two at a time so they won't be lonely and dotes on them without rival as she cooks all of their meals as the de facto personal chef. We all joke in the family that when we die we want to come back as one of her dogs and enjoy the good life.

I even had the personal experience of growing close to a former girlfriend's dog as he would wait on her couch and bark as he heard my truck coming down the street. This same dog was my first and probably last experience of dog sitting as I watched him for the night and was close to a nervous breakdown before she came home the next day to retrieve him. I had envisioned every possible calamity that could possibly happen to this dog and therefore saw myself trying to furiously explain upon her return.

It's a funny thing that those ridiculous thoughts never entered my mind as I was raising my children. Go figure. I have also had the heart breaking encounter of accompanying my brother as he had to take his dog to the vet to be put down. I still can envision his dog being led through that door never to return. Then turning to watch my big brother crumble as tears overcame him.

So, I have observed the easy and effortless attraction that comes between people and their pets. I believe that it is something not necessarily forced, but rather a smooth passage that works for both parties. It is free and giving where there are no promises, but also none required. Guilt free and everlasting to the end. Yes, in my observations of pet owners I have seen and felt love from afar.

Earth Day 2023



Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22, which falls on a Saturday this year. It was established in 1970 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. The wide range of Earth Day events are coordinated globally by EARTHDAY.ORG including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries. The official theme for 2023 is Invest In Our Planet.

This Palm Harbor event takes place on Friday, April 21.

Earth Day Park Clean-up
Friday, 3 PM
Curlew Creek Elementary School,
3030 Curlew Rd
Palm Harbor, FL

Sanderlin Garden Earth Day Celebration
Sat, 9 AM–12 PM
Sanderlin Center, 2335 22nd Ave S
St. Petersburg, FL

Local area Earth Day events taking place
Saturday, April 22 include:
Earth Day Great American Cleanup
Sat, 9:30–11:30 PM
18th Ave
Indian Rocks Beach, FL

Earth Day Yoga Celebration
Saturday, 9 AM-1 PM
Earthscapes Garden Room, 816 Alt 19 N
Palm Harbor, FL

Earth Day at the Farm 2023
Saturday, 9 AM
St Pete Youth Farm, 1664 12th St S
St. Petersburg, FL



Earth Day FREE Compost Happens Workshop
 Saturday, 10–11 AM
 Crews Lake Wilderness Park,
 16739 Crews Lake Dr
 Spring Hill, FL

Earth Day Everyday Plant & Seed Swap
 Sat, 2–5 PM
 Zen City Brew Co., 1730 S Pinellas Ave a
 Tarpon Springs, FL

Wishing you a wonderful Earth Day 2023!

13th Annual Ecofest 2023
 Saturday, 2 - 3 PM
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