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Potluck .....	Ciel Gordon.....	182 .....	952-486-1507			
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Rummikub.....	Rose Leduc.....	160 .....	727-797-8026			
Sign Board .....	Barbara Benton.....	312 .....	415-571-7871			
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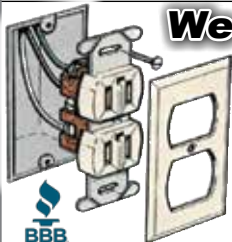
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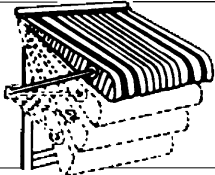
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**From the Editor**

I hope you enjoy the monthly media. If you have a suggestion on an article, you think would interest our community, please feel free to reach out to me. We want to keep our future issues informative and interesting. I welcome any thoughts, ideas, criticism, or feedback.

Memorial Day is approaching. If you would like to honor and remember someone who had served in our military, for our May edition of the monthly media, please let me know. If you would like to provide a picture, I am able to make a copy if you want to stop by with it, I can copy it quickly. You can reach me via email at [LindaIITSMedia@gmail.com](mailto:LindaIITSMedia@gmail.com) or phone/text 727-214-7334 or drop it by Lot 73. You can always find me on Facebook as well.

Our monthly regular sections will include: Resident Spotlight, Precious Pets, Grandparents Corner, recipe sharing, and local events to name a few. Please share, we love to hear some good news!

Please send any articles, suggestions, or photos to me at [LindaIITSMedia@gmail.com](mailto:LindaIITSMedia@gmail.com) or stop by Lot 73. If you would like to be highlighted (spotlight) in an upcoming edition, please let me know.

See you all soon!

Thank you,

Linda Olone - [lindaIITSMedia@gmail.com](mailto:lindaIITSMedia@gmail.com)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The IITS HOA Board is remaining the same for 2023, the board was reconfirmed by affirmation at the March meeting. We appreciate the members who attended and were prepared to vote and thank you for your confidence in us to remain as your board for the next year. Please help me thank Denise Bearden for stepping up and becoming our new Activities Committee Chair. You can support her efforts by attending the monthly activities meeting or volunteer to host a community event. The next IITS HOA Board meeting is at the clubhouse on Tuesday, April 4 at 7pm. Membership dues have been held at \$15 per household in order to keep participation accessible to everyone in the neighborhood.

**Robert Bears**

IITS HOA President

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## Open positions:

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We have 2 open positions (listed below) if you are interested. This will be submitting information to me (Linda) so I may keep our community informed.

### NON-Board Position

1. Remembrance Corner - OPEN - Need this person to report obits or to **Linda O'Lone** for adding to Media and so I am able send a card from the community.
2. Contributor – looking for anyone that would like to contribute an article for the monthly media. It can be a regular monthly contribution, or an occasional one. Reach out to **Linda O'Lone**

## April Birthdays

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- 9 Kathy Stevens
- 14 Jasmina Forcan
- 14 Doris Ready
- 24 Trish Gudin
- 24 Donna Stewart
- 27 Joan Ottinger
- 30 Janet Coates
- 30 Maria Kerka
- 30 Steve Olone



## April Anniversaries

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- 3 John Holbach & Gail Spark
- 7 David & Rose Simmons

HAPPY  
*Anniversary!*

We would love to add your birthday and anniversary to our list! E-mail your name and date to [LindaIITSmedia@gmail.com](mailto:LindaIITSmedia@gmail.com) so your friends and neighbors can help you celebrate your special days!

Please help me keep this list up to date. If you notice a resident listed who no longer lives in IITS, please give me a heads up.

# FROM THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR:

## STAY UP TO DATE ON IITS EVENTS

**A**ctivities Committee Meeting – Now on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm  
Please attend and help plan or volunteer for future events. We always need volunteers to make our community events happen. Please stop in and hear what we have planned and consider Hosting a future event.

Our two Facebook pages are great resources for finding information about community events:

The Official Island in the Sun HOA – This page is available to those who have a paid IITS HOA membership (\$15 annually per lot for two members) and features information on HOA issues, meetings, and activities. The IITS HOA Board meetings are streamed live on this page the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Please contact a Board member or attend an IITS HOA Board meeting for membership cards.

Island in the Sun Social Group – This page is a fun, informal way to interact and find information about people and activities in our community. Members include current and former residents of IITS who like to stay connected.

Attend the HOA Board Meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the clubhouse.

Check out the Marquee at the park entrance by the clubhouse - upcoming events are updated regularly.

Please contact Denise Bearden for activities you would like to start per our survey on Facebook at [iitsactivities@gmail.com](mailto:iitsactivities@gmail.com). Cooking, Recipe trade, community cookbook, sewing, quilting, crocheting, knitting, embroidery, soap making, candle making, jewelry making, scrapbooking, computer use, new computer software, woodworking, woodburning, left, right and center, baking, Zumba, fishing in the gulf, off site ideas, 5k, boating, jam session, water aerobics, belly dancing, silver sneakers, karaoke.

## Resident Spotlight

**L**ot 74- Tony & Marijill Williams have been together for 12 years. Tony has 4 children, Marijill has 3 children. All living their dreams. They have 1 grandchild who is the light of their lives. Marijill visits every chance she gets. They moved here from Ohio. They both grew up in a small town, Gallipolis, Ohio, where everyone knew everyone. They knew “of” each other ‘s families, but they never physically met until many years later. They met on Facebook through a mutual friend’s post. Marijill and Tony both commented on that post. They wanted to keep talking so they took it off-line, and the rest is history.

They have lived in Island in the Sun for 3.5 years. While in Ohio, they had 15 tornados come through their town, and destroyed the company Tony worked for.



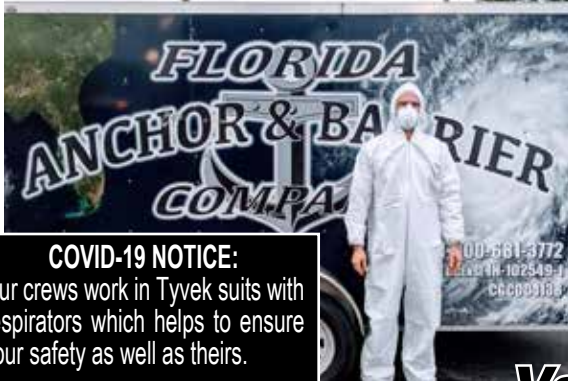
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They had previously been to Clearwater on vacation and fell in love with this area, so they felt it was the perfect time to move here. Tony still works, and Marijill stays at home enjoying her crafting. Marijill used to be a scrub nurse in the OR. They are both University of Michigan football fans (you can hear them yelling on any given Saturday during football season) where Tony used to play baseball. Tony was drafted to the Expos Pro-ball baseball team, for a short period. When I asked Marijill what people should know about them, she said “Tony is a bit of a daredevil. He has jumped out of airplanes, raced motorcycles, just to name a few” Tony also served as HOA President for a short period (probably the scariest thing he ever did) . I asked how that was. “Demanding, time consuming, but rewarding” He enjoyed his time, although short lived, serving the residents here. Marijill said she has a bucket list item, and that is going to Paris.

j'espère que tes rêves se réaliseront – translation... I hope your dreams come true! Bon Voyage!

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## Precious Pets

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**P**aul Cairns and Denise Bearden (Lot 119) want to introduce their fur babies.... This is Cassie, age 12 & Coco, age 7. Both mini-Schnauzers were rescued from a puppy mill in central Florida.

Cassie was so scared when they got her that it took her three years to finally go to Paul. Getting Coco a few years later really helped Cassie a lot. Coco taught her how to be a normal dog again. Now Cassie acts like a puppy. Per Paul, “They have both grown into a couple of loving and sweet pups!”



## Grandparents Corner

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**Lot # \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_**

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## Pickleball

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Island in the Sun residents love to play Pickleball. Pickleball is often described as a combination of tennis, Ping-Pong, and badminton. This sport has grown 40 percent between 2019 and 2021, making it America's fastest-growing sport.



Pickleball can be played by people of all ages and fitness levels. Anyone who says it's easy or not a good form of exercise is probably someone that has never actually stepped foot on a pickleball court.

Playing pickleball and other racket sports helps with hand-eye coordination. This is something that as we age is important since it is required for many daily activities like eating or driving. These exercises also help with balance, which is under threat with age, but essential to maintain to help avoid falls.

Dress Code for players is just to wear anything comfortable and appropriate for the climate: athletic shorts, sweatpants, wicking apparel, t-shirts, etc. Tennis-style dresses and skirts for females are common.

What is the most important skill in pickleball? **Dinking**.... yes Dinking is essential to any pickleball strategy. **Come to the pickleball court on any Monday or Tuesday evening and Paul, Elaine, or Mike Maxwell will show you what "dinking" is. Don't worry if you don't know how to play, they will teach you the art of Pickleball! Easy to learn, easy to start as a beginner! Spectators are always welcome as well! Cheerleaders needed! See you there!**

## Bocce Ball

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Phil Tursi is looking for Bocce Ball players to play on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 pm. Phil is at the courts at these times. He can teach you to play if you don't know how. The Bocce Ball courts are behind the clubhouse. Bocce is a low-impact game, but it does involve some light physical activity. Although you're not going to burn as many calories as you would while swimming or cycling, it does enable you to do some light cardio.



## Ladies Luncheon

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*(Photo cred. - Gertie Oosterhuis)*

On the 3rd Thursday of every month, the ladies of Island in the Sun get together for lunch. Having attended a couple of these, I can tell you, it is a good time! Nancy Bilcheck does an excellent job organizing this. Nancy keeps a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse. If you would like to participate, please sign up every month. Nancy will announce the location on the Facebook social page. She also does a great job providing a door prize to some lucky winner every month!



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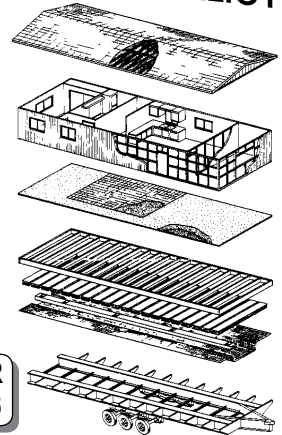
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## Recipe Sharing

**Pineapple Stuffing** - This pineapple stuffing makes a great side with ham.

**Ingredients** - 1 cup white sugar ½ cup butter or margarine 4 eggs

1 (20 ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained 5 slices white bread, cubed



**Step 1** Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 9-inch baking pan.

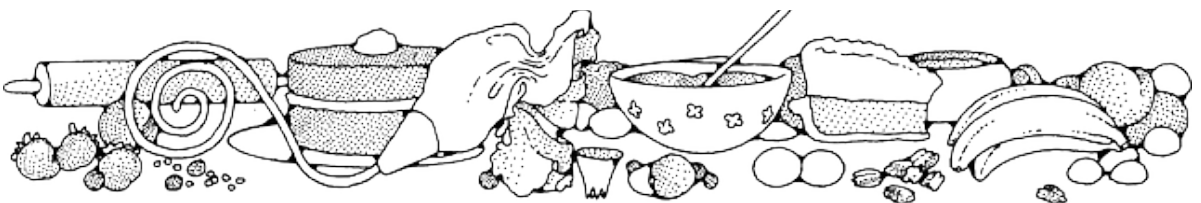
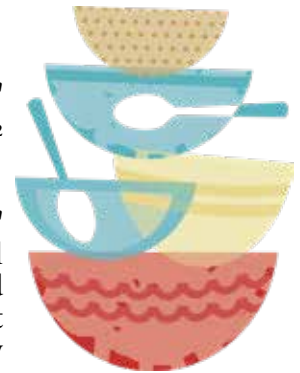
**Step 2** Combine sugar and butter in a large bowl; beat with an electric mixer until smooth and creamy. Beat in eggs one at a time, then stir in pineapple and bread cubes, transfer mixture into prepared baking dish.

**Step 3** Bake in the preheated oven for 1 hour. Let it sit a few minutes to firm up before serving

### **Peanut Butter Bars – No Bake**

**Ingredients** - 2 cups graham cracker crumbs, 2 cups confectioners' sugar, 1 cup butter or margarine, melted, 1 cup peanut butter, 1 ½ cup semisweet chocolate chips, 4 tablespoons peanut butter.

**Directions** - Mix together graham cracker crumbs, confectioners' sugar, butter, or margarine, and 1 cup peanut butter in a medium bowl until well-blended. Press evenly into the bottom of an ungreased 9x13-inch pan. Place chocolate chips and 4 tablespoons peanut butter in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high, stirring every 15 seconds, until smooth. Spread mixture over crust. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour before cutting into 12 squares.





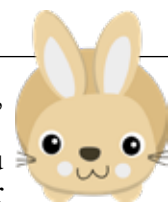
## Leftover Ham & Potato Casserole



**Ingredients** - 6 small potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes, 7 tablespoons butter, divided, 2/3 pound leftover cooked ham, cut into 1/2-inch cubes, 1 small onion, finely chopped, 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour, 1 1/2 cups milk, salt and ground black pepper to taste, 1 (8 ounce) package shredded Cheddar cheese, 1/4 cup breadcrumbs

**Directions** - Boil potatoes in salted water; bring to a boil. Simmer until tender. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 1 1/2-quart baking dish. Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add ham and onion; cook until the onion has softened, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat. Drain potatoes; add to the ham mixture and stir to combine. Transfer to the prepared baking dish. Melt the remaining 4 tablespoons butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Whisk in flour and stir until the mixture becomes paste-like and light golden brown, about 5 minutes. Gradually whisk milk into the flour mixture; season with salt and black pepper. Continue cooking and stirring until thickened, about 2 minutes. Reduce heat to medium-low and stir in Cheddar cheese until melted. Pour cheese sauce over ham and potatoes. Sprinkle breadcrumbs over top. Bake in the preheated oven until sauce is bubbly and browned, 25 to 30 minutes

## Where did the Easter bunny come from?



**H**e can be found everywhere during March and April, bringing bright colors, and the hope of springtime.

Why does he bring us eggs? The gods and goddesses of fertility, you might say. The bunny is a figure that is synonymous with Easter and known for delivering Easter baskets filled with Easter candy and eggs. No mention of this loving figure in any Biblical story, which has us wondering how the charming creature became associated with Christianity's holiest day in the first place. England, Germany, Russian, Pagan tradition??? You decide. Interesting to say the least.

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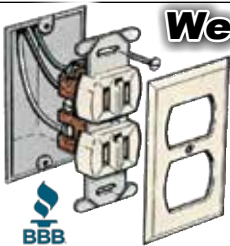
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## Today's Inspiration

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**S**pring adds new life and new joy to all that is. The very first Easter taught us this: "life never ends and love never dies."

## Stay Informed

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### Free Park-and-Ride Service Returns to Clearwater Beach

**T**he city of Clearwater has teamed up with PSTA to make your trip to Clearwater Beach easier during spring break season. Park & Ride is a program that offers beach visitors a place to park in a free designated lot, and then ride the trolley to the beach for free. Trolley Park & Ride service runs:

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### In The Know

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## Humor

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- ~ I’m looking for an adult Easter egg hunt. Instead of a fuzzy bunny and plastic eggs, they hide wine and glasses.
- ~ A farmer plays a prank on Easter Sunday. After the egg hunt, he sneaks into the chicken coop and replaces every white egg with a brightly colored one. Minutes later, the rooster walks in. He spots the colored eggs, then storms out and beats up the peacock.
- ~ A balanced Easter diet is a chocolate egg in each hand.
- ~ What do rabbits say before they eat? Lettuce Pray

## Random thoughts to ponder.

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**Q**uicksand works slowly. Boxing rings are square. How can a slim chance, and a fat chance be the same? Why do feet smell, and noses run? If it was a 3-hour cruise, why did Mrs. Howell have so many clothes? Why does sour cream have an expiration date? If Barbie was so popular, why did you have to buy her friends? What was the best thing before sliced bread?





## Positive thinking

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The only things you can take with you when you leave this world are the things you pack inside your heart. Pack wisely.  
Keep your face to the sunshine and you will not see a shadow.

## Local events for April

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Enjoy!

Safety Harbor - **Paddle the Bay - April 1, 2023**, 7:00 AM-5:00 PM Safety harbor at the Waterfront Park - Enjoy a day paddling on the bay. Kayak and Paddle board courses for all skill levels. Paddle For Kids Corp. will host this event to raise awareness for childhood screenings. Visit [www.paddleforkids.org](http://www.paddleforkids.org) for more information.



Safety Harbor - **Market on Main – Every Sunday** 10:00 AM-3:00 PM Safety Harbor at the Gazebo at John Wilson Park

Safety Harbor - **5K By the Bay - April 15, 2023**, 7:00 AM-11:00 AM Safety Harbor at the Waterfront Park

Safety Harbor - **3rd Friday - April 21, 2023**, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM Safety Harbor Main Street. Nine blocks of Main St. will come together to showcase the restaurants, bars, shops, and nonprofits in our vibrant community. The street is wet-zoned so that you can purchase and enjoy alcoholic beverages from your favorite establishment within the event footprint and stroll along nine blocks of Main St. which is alive with entertainment, activities and shops open late.

Clearwater - **Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival - April 7 to 23, 2023** - at Pier 60, 7 Causeway Blvd., Clearwater Beach, 33767 in Clearwater Beach

Dunedin - **Downtown Dunedin Market – Every Saturday** on Main St downtown Dunedin. loads of vendors.

Dunedin - **Piper on the Pier - Every Friday and Saturday** - Dunedin Marina Pier during sunset, listen to the Piper on the Pier play "Amazing Grace" and other live bagpipe music while watching the sunset (weather permitting.)

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## National Days

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- April 2 – National Peanut Butter & Jelly Day
- April 6 – National Caramel Popcorn Day
- April 13 – National Peach Cobbler Day
- April 20 – National Cheddar Fries Day
- April 24 – National Bucket List Day
- April 27 – National Gummi Bear Day



## Did You Know

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**E**lephants are also the only mammal that cannot jump.

Crows can recognize human faces — and remember them for their entire lives. They've also been known to leave gifts for humans.



The name of a group of lemurs is (wait for it) a "conspiracy." Really. This is because they often work together in their social groups to outsmart prey.

Believe it or not, wombats' poop is cube-shaped. This apparently has to do with their digestive process and various bodily contractions. The more you know.... 😊

A little gross, but also kind of funny: Lobsters pee out of their faces. Even more interesting, they do this as a way to attract mates.

When Mary Stuart was just six days old, she became the Queen of Scotland.

Did you know Cows can only walk upstairs, but not down them. (how did they figure this one out and how did they get the cow down?)



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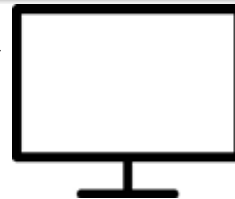
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## Binge Worthy TV

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**G**et the popcorn ready! Here's my top 10 binge worthy series (I actually have many), not in any particular order.



1. Yellowstone series and spin offs..1883, 1923. All great!
2. Outlander – Jamie Frazier is easy on the eyes!
3. Ozark – Jason Bateman slays this show!
4. The Last Kingdom – Uhtred is another one... easy on the eyes.
5. Designated Survivor – excellent! Kiefer Sutherland was a great choice for this show
6. Good Witch – feel good Hallmark type series
7. The Recruit – action packed thriller.
8. The White Lotus – kooky but fun
9. Virgin River – Another feel good show
10. And for your throwback.... Sopranos! Who doesn't love Tony Soprano!

We are currently watching Daisy Jones and the Six. I'll keep you posted on this one! If you have any you want to give us reviews on, let me know. We are all always looking for something new to binge watch on a rainy day, or a "too hot outside" day!

## 6 Reasons to Love Radishes – Internet Source

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**O**ur veggie this month, is Radishes!

**Hydration:** Radishes support hydration both inside and out. They are incredible for your skin as they hydrate while adding vitamin C, Zinc and phosphorus which can battle dry skin, acne and treat rashes. Radishes support the generation of collagen!

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**Blood, Blood, Blood:** We sometimes underestimate the work our blood is doing every second of every day until something potentially goes wrong. Radishes are key players in supporting oxygen delivery to the blood. They also control blood pressure due to being packed with potassium.

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### Text Message Scams

- Missed delivery notification scam texts from UPS and others
- “Is this you?” messages purporting to be from a friend or colleague
- Text scams claiming that your bank is closing your account
- Texts claiming that you’ve won a prize or sweepstakes
- Texts claiming that your debit or credit card has been locked
- Text messages from the IRS or other government agencies
- Text messages from your own number
- Texts claiming that your payment for subscription services didn’t go through (Netflix, HBO, etc.)
- Texts about purchases you didn’t make (fake fraud alerts)
- Two-factor authentication (2FA) scam text messages

### Email Scams

- The fake invoice scam
- Email account upgrade scam
- Advance-fee scam
- Google Docs scam
- PayPal Scam
- Message from HR scam
- Dropbox scam
- The council tax scam
- Unusual activity scam



### Phone Scams

- Debt reduction, special credit card rates, and other “limited time” offers
- Scammers claiming to be customer support representatives
- Government agency impersonation scam calls
- Fake fraud alerts claiming to be from your bank
- Claims that you missed jury duty and there’s a warrant out for your arrest
- Extended warranty scam calls and robocalls

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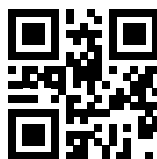
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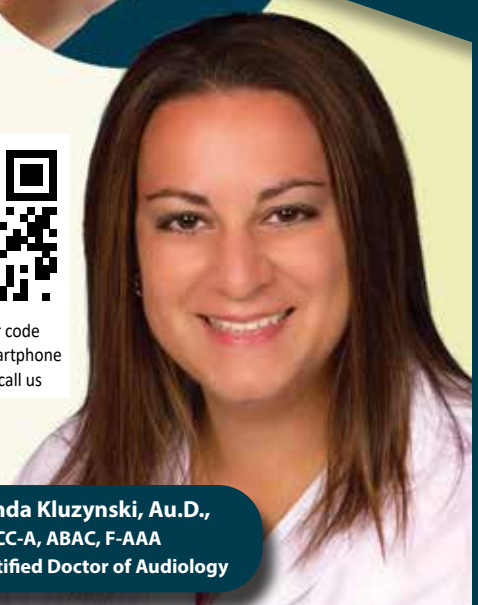


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## Friendship

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Read an interesting article on [www.Welbehealth.com](http://www.Welbehealth.com). Their study indicates friendships have an impact in longevity and brain function. “Superagers” (80+ years), who tend to have more friendships, have been shown to have memory function compared to that of 50-60 years old. The theory is that maintaining strong social networks seems to be linked to slower cognitive decline.



So, I will part with this; make new friendships and keep old friendships alive. Sometimes being a friend means love without conditions, knowing when to be there, when to let go, when to pick up the pieces, when to be silent, and when to be truthful, because a true friend accepts who you are but also helps you become a better you. Love with a whole heart. I for one, am blessed with friendships that I will always treasure! Besides, friends are the ones that either bail you out or sit next to you and say, “man that was fun.”

2 friendship quotes: author unknown

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