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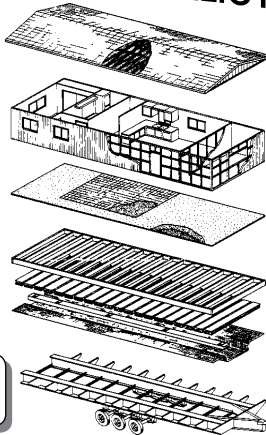
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## Message from the Board of Directors

By Linda Howe & Phillip Quince

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### Associa Transition Update:

**D**uring our February Board meeting, we approved an Associa transition team comprising of four board members; Phil Quince, George Paige, Brien Gibney, and Scott Peacock. The purpose of this team was to identify gaps and address issues impacting the transition. A kickoff meeting was held at Associa on February 28, 2023. We identified thirteen actions and closed nine. All critical actions have been completed. Four actions are in process, 2 each between Associa and us.

The top priority was to transition the financial management responsibilities to Associa. This required transferring funds into an operating account with Associa. A \$10,000 check was issued on February 1st to facilitate the account setup. This account will serve as a vehicle to facilitate fee collections and vendor payments.

The welcome letter was finalized and sent to all members on Thursday, March 2nd with instructions on fee payments. Associa has assumed this process as of April.

Associa supported a signup session on March 15th to answer any questions and help residents with signing up for auto-billing.

Next steps: Implement TownSq, Associa's integrated web portal, with our website, and train residents on how to log in and utilize the program. TownSq has many features including member account information and will provide significant value to our members.

### Seawall Update:

As you all may know, we have been actively engaged with J Foster on addressing the next section and phase of the Seawall to be repaired. A meeting was held on February 14 with Jay Foster, Linda Howe, and Lori Lansing to discuss the structure issues, and we have asked the firm to review and identify the areas needing the most immediate attention. We are still waiting for them to finish up their review of the original report and findings. Once we have sections identified, and the best repair options for those sections, we can begin repairs on another section. Stay tuned for the continued effort!

## ACA News

By Doug Howland


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**W**elcome to April and the start of warmer weather. As our busy season is coming to an end, I am sure many of us are sad to see our northern friends starting to leave but also looking forward to a little slower pace and time to sit back and relax. I know I am.

Last month ACA sponsored a Community Wide Tag Sale on Saturday, March 4th. It went really well and we had 19 tables of wonderful items for sale by residents. From the feedback we got, things went well for each individual seller. We hope to try this event again next year with more residents participating to make it an even bigger sale. The charity that came and picked things up at the end was very grateful. Thanks to all who came out and supported it.

ACA events for the month start out with our ACA Club President's Meeting on Tuesday, April 4th at 10 am in the Atrium. Then on Wednesday, April 5th will be the ACA Luncheon at noon in the Clubhouse. This luncheon is open to all residents and we encourage everyone to come and be a part of what happens

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here at Americana Cove. We are always looking for volunteers to help with ACA functions. If you are interested in helping when needed please contact ACA president Doug Howland at 727-450-9349.

Our next ACA sponsored event is our Burger Burn which is on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, April 18th from

4–5:30p.m. For \$7.00 you get a one third pound hamburger, fries, baked beans and a drink. Come on out and treat yourself to dinner.

There are not many events going on this month but take advantage of the Spring weather before the hot summer months come along. We also want to wish you a **Happy Easter** from the ACA board and we hope you get to spend time with your family or friends who are like family.

## Announcements

*By Ray Rodriguez – Editor*

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## Thankfulness

*Mary Bickhart, Sandy Shouse & Sue Line*

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*thank you!*

**T**his year's 90's Celebration was a great success once again. Twenty-one 90 and over residents were honored with a wonderful dinner, gift bags and lively entertainment by the Live Music Group.

All the volunteers worked well together. Thank you for spreading your joy and for your hard work.

In order to finance this wonderful event, we depend on the generosity of your donations for which we are always so very grateful! Donations were from: Roxanne Gregory \$100.00, Mary Lou Pribesh \$25.00, Mrs. Modella \$20.00, and Anonymous \$40.00, ACA \$300.00, Boat Club \$200.00, Bingo \$50.00, Canada Night \$250.00, Crafters \$41.00, Live Music \$100.00, Vespers \$100.00, Shuffleboard \$50.00, and Young at Heart \$100.00.

Beautiful blankets were made by two beautiful ladies, Shelley Barron and Carol Shepard for all 90-year-old Birthday Celebrants. We had 6 new Birthdays!!! Sue Ponti, Carol Shepard & Eunice Maniaci did the beautiful crocheting. Thank you ladies for all your hard work.

The following people donated for the gift bags: Cheryl & Al Martin, Virgil & Patricia Bossom, Joan Miller, Karen Nealman, Nancy Hubartt, Trish Bradford, Sue & Paul Line, Mary & Vince Bickhart and Sandy & Tom Shouse.

Many thanks to Doug Howland, Ron Miller, Al Martin, Astrid Dye and Bev Clark who prepared the delicious meal. A special thank you to Doug Howland who volunteered to coordinate and prepare this wonderful dinner.

Thank you to those helpers who set-up, served and cleaned-up: Mary & Vince Bickhart, Trish Bradford, Barb Burnard, Bev Clark, Daisy Dean, Carol Fischetti, Fran Gorton, Sue & Paul Line, Dianne Massey, Maryann McMahon, Eunice Maniaci, Sandy Benningfield, Jony Wallace, Kathy Laramee, Phyllis Entreen, Tom & Sandy Shouse and Claire Mosakowski and the Live Music Group.

A big thank you to Mary & Vince Bickhart along with her helpers Sandy & Tom Shouse and Sue & Paul Line.

Our Community came together in this effort and we are very blessed that all of the helpers and donations were given graciously from their hearts.

It's very hard to keep track of all those who volunteered to help us so we hope we haven't left anyone out and once again, **THANK YOU** to everyone who did help. God bless you all.

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## Sitting On the Dock of the Bay

Joe Noling

The residents of Americana Cove have just invested a significant amount of money to protect waterfront common property within Americana Cove from shipworms. Shipworms are a type of saltwater clam, with long, soft, naked bodies which were boring deeply into the submerge wood pilings of our docks and boat lifts within the marina. The shipworms fed on the wood borings and the organic matter extracted from the sea water, and over time the populations grew to damaging levels. They were becoming especially damaging to the support and integrity of the some of the marina pilings which then required concrete jackets for added support to ensure public safety.

To address the developing problem, Gulf & Bay Dock Wraps was hired to protect our dock pilings from any further damage from shipworms in our marina. What Gulf & Bay did is worthy of a brief description. They first scraped barnacle growth from the pilings to provide a smoother surface layer on the piling. Then in a two-stage process, covered the pilings from above the high tide mark to below the mud line on the seafloor with two different types of plastic wrap. The first wrap layer constituted a very thin and pliable, industrial grade saran wrap. It was closely spun around each piling in a double-overlapped orientation. The second step in the process was to install a very thick, black polypropylene sleeve wrap around the pilings, using closely spaced 316 stainless steel fasteners into the piling. All water and electrical lines were temporarily moved to allow all plastic layers to be installed behind the conduit lines. As a result of the dual wrapping, the adult shipworms and their larvae will ultimately die from the lack of sunlight and of oxygenated water no longer free flowing over the pilings. The wraps are warrantied to protect the pilings from further damage from existing populations and will also serve to protect each piling from future reinfestation. The pilings were wrapped from above high tide to mudline levels because shipworms typically begin boring at the base of the piling and proceed upward.

The marina project, involving in excess of 100 pilings, was just completed and a new project to install piling wraps at Founders' Park and the dock at the South Boat Launch is expected to be initiated soon. If residents of Americana Cove are searching for something to do on a pleasant sunny day, take a stroll and *Sit on the Dock of the Bay* at the marina and inspect the high-quality investments that are being made to preserve the future of Americana Cove as a premier waterfront park and place to live. And for those who live on the water and have docks and lifts which are not wrapped, you might want to stroll out onto your own docks to inspect the integrity of your pilings, and strongly consider protecting the future of your investments with wraps as well. You can ill afford to allow them to become a public safety hazard and liability, mandating their removal. Food for thought.





## THANK YOU

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So many Americana Cove residents, through their generosity, have helped 46 Ukrainian children and their families who were sent to St. Petersburg for their safety. Tom and Jony Wallace would like to acknowledge these residents for the generosity to help provide a happier Christmas for these folks as well as the donations last February that included food and household items that these refugee families could use. More than \$3,000 was raised on the day of the Wallace Wedding Anniversary gathering at the Epiphany of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church. You all know who you are ... Tom and Jony would like to acknowledge your generosity and share this story with all of Americana Cove residents who so selflessly reached out to these families.

Tom and Jony Wallace would like to Thank You on behalf of the Ukrainian families.



## Veterans

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If anyone has been in the service of the USA or Canadian Force, please sign the Veterans signup sheet on the ACA's Board, and I will see your name is placed on are wall of honor. Anyone who has served their country should be proud! I know I am. So Please take the few minutes and sign up.

THANK YOU.

Ron Miller



## WEBSITE COMMITTEE

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*By: Donna Andrews, Chair*

Welcome to April 2023 and to a new feature of Americanacove.com: **Resident Directory**. The Website Committee has written about this feature a couple of times and it is now live on the Resident Portal. This is a list of all registered shareholders for the Residents Portal. An email from the Website Committee went out to all registered shareholders asking for what personal information they did or did not want included in the Directory. This is reflected in the listing.

If you find any information in the **Resident Directory** about your listing that should be corrected please let me know and I will correct it immediately (my email: donnaf872@hotmail.com).

Another new feature the Committee is working on will be under the Homes & Sales menu of Americanacove.com. The feature will allow a shareholder who is privately renting or selling their home to post their rental or sale on the website. A form on the website would be completed listing size of home, number of rooms, price, picture(s), etc. The form is then sent to a Website Committee member. This information will then be posted under the Homes & Sales menu.

This proposed new feature is a work in progress and the hope is to have it functioning in April or May.

As always, please let the Website Committee know if you would like to see any other features incorporated into Americanacove.com. Any and all comments are appreciated.

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By *Cindy Peacock*

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## April Anniversaries

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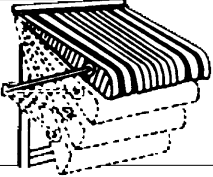
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## Boat Club

By Mary Ann Meljac



**H**ave you ever been to a masquerade party? If you attended the 2023 Island Bash sponsored by the Americana Cove Boat Club then you can answer Yes to that question! I hope that you have all enjoyed the photos shared on Facebook by some of those in attendance. My goodness...what a great party! Let's give a big shout out to a team of friends and neighbors who made this event possible. There are so many to name and I don't want to leave anyone out.

The food was catered by Big John...outstanding job and plenty for all! The music was provided by the Rockin Raccoons...always providing a great venue of all our favorite tunes! I can personally attest to the hard work and diligence of the team working on the silent raffle. The presentation of 21 beautiful baskets filled with an array of goodies from booze, wine, beach towels, coolers, games and oh so much more!

Gift cards were obtained by Cove residents and our local merchants, once again, came through with very generous contributions. Thank you! The 50/50 raffle generated a total of \$310 to the lucky winner ... the infamous Roger LaRoche! Our grand prize was a 5 day cruise and the lucky winners were Brian and Heather Weeks! Our beer meisters kept everyone hydrated and the dance floor was full of happy feet!

Our Clubhouse was decorated by the team led by Sandy Shouse who transformed our clubhouse into a carnival of a costume ball. The cleanup crew met at 10AM on Sunday morning in spite of our annual daylight savings time change including losing one hour of sleep! .... This entire event was possible due to the hard work and diligence of the Boat Club President, Cindy Rodriguez and her team. Thank you everyone!

The Boat Club will meet again on Saturday, April 8th at 10 am in the Atrium. There will be a TikiHut party this same day from 2-5 PM. Live music will be provided by guitarist "Melodye". We will be grilling and all are asked to bring a dish to share. There will be a signup sheet in the atrium. Come and enjoy!

The full moon kayakers had to cancel the March event due to weather. But ... never fear .... We will give this another try in April for the viewing and welcoming of the "Pink" moon on April 6th. Watch for further information as to time.

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<p>2</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>ACA C</p> <p>mtg. 1</p> <p>Crafter</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Vespers</p> <p>Sunrise Service</p> <p>7 am. A</p> <p>Last Meeting</p> <p>Easter</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>Live M</p> <p>C</p>
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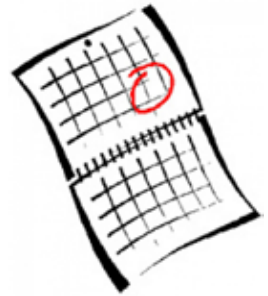
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Got It! 4 p.m A  <i>April Fool's Day</i>
4 Club Pres. 10am. A  s end of yr.	5 Shuffle Mtg. 9-11 am. A  ACA Luncheon Noon C	6  Full Moon Kayaking  <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7  BINGO 6 PM. C.  <i>Good Friday</i>	8 Boat Club Mtg. 8 10am. A  Tiki Hut Boat Club party. 2-5 pm <i>Holy Saturday</i>
11 Music 3 pm	12 Landscape mtg. 10 -11 am. A Bd. Workshop mtg 11 am. A	13 Book Club Mtg 1:30. L	14 Welcome Comm 1 pm. A BINGO 6 PM. C	15 Got It! 4 pm A  Karaoke 7 pm. C
18 Purger Burn 5:30. C	19 Board Meeting 7 pm. C	20	21 BINGO 6 PM. C	22
25 Live Music show of season m. C	26	27	28 BINGO 6 PM C	29 Got It 4 pm A



# Weekly Calendar Repeats

## AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: April 2023

<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.	Nov-April	C	
	Nickel Bingo	1:00pm	Year around	C	
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	Year around	A	
	Art Strong	6:00-8:00pm	Nov-April	L	
	Bid Euchre	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	C	
	Cue Club-Men's	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	B	
Tuesday:	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	Nov-April	S	
	Maj Jong	2:00pm	Year around	A	
	Progressive Rummy	6:00p.m.	Year around	A	
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.		B	
	Crafters	6:00-8:00pm	Nov-April	C	
	Cards	6:30p.m.		A	
Wednesday:	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.			
	Pokeno	1:00pm		C	
	Hand & Foot (cards)	1:00 p.m.	Year round	A	
	Cue Club-Women's	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	B	
	Texas Hold'em	6:30pm		A	
	Rug Braiding	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	G	
	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C	
Thursday:	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.			
	Shuffleboard	10.30am		S	
	Dominoes	1:00pm	Nov-April	A	
	Progressive Rummy	6:00pm	Year around	A	
	Cue Club-Men's	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	B	
	Cornhole	6:30-8:00 pm		C	
	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C	
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
Friday:	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.			
	Square Dance Club	1-2:30pm	Nov-April	C	
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	Year around	B	
	Bingo	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.			
	Saturday:	Square Dance Club	1-2:30pm	Nov-April	C
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	Year around	B	
Saturday:	Bingo	6:00p.m.		C	
	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C	
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
Sunday:	Shuffleboard Hoss Collar	10:30am-12:30p.m.		S	
	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	3:30pm	Nov-April	A	
	Pickup Bocce Ball	3:30pm		BC	
	Vespers	4:50p.m.	Nov-April	A	
	Pinochle	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	C	
	Misc Cards	6:30p.m.	Year round	A	



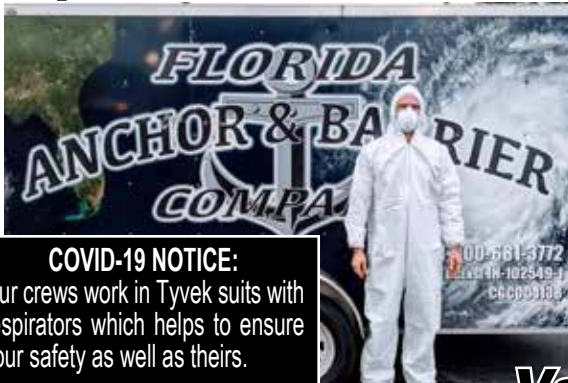
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**C:** Clubhouse  
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## Island Bash



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## Book Club

*By Nan Krueger*



In March we read WIN by Harlan Coben. We had an excellent discussion about this psychological thriller. The ending was a surprise to all of us!

This month we are reading All The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr; it is about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

We have Book Club information, including a list of upcoming books, on the bulletin board in the Club House under the “Friends of the Library” section.

You do not have to purchase the book that we are reading. Some members do, however, many of us get our book from the library. We are always willing to help our members locate the book that we are reading.

All residents are welcome to stop by and see what we are about, and of course to join us if you would like.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 1:30 PM in the library. Those who are members of the book club receive email updates. Happy Reading!!

# Buddhism

By John Howell



Welcome to our meeting Thursday April 6th 1pm GR. We will continue to explore ways to potentiate meaning in our precious human life.

- H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama's latest addition; "Realizing the Profound View" (vol. 8) in the Wisdom/Compassion series
- "Sacred Nature" by Karen Armstrong; how to (spiritually) restore our ancient bond with nature
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- Judicious use of religious art, music, chanting, visualizations helping humanity rise above toxic environmental concerns (red tide), therefore improving "vibrations" in alignment with benevolent Angelic forces... (check out our "LED multi-colored speaker" playing spiritual mp3s)
- Creating a modest altar dedicated to study, contemplation, meditation in your personal space
- Limiting entanglement with conditioning media "entrainment"...careful with that "device".
- And cogently remembering; "Only you can prevent Orwellian, Dystopian scenarios" from propagating exponentially...click, click "echo chambers"
- Facing Huxley's "Brave New World", or as one mtg. participant recently stated; "I woke up"
- Thus recovering free will/choices that promote a peaceful open-Mindfulness lifestyle of diversity
- Learning to be content with/within yourself via engaging natural resources of joyful inspiration
- Appreciating walking contemplation at local Parks such as; Sawgrass Lake, Weedon Island, North Shore etc.

Reminder; everything is free including respectful speech at our mtgs, we will never limit reading materials or attempt to program narratives of divisiveness. We do however promote an attitude of gratitude for the inalienable right to live and worship in a "safe zone of kindness" and camaraderie. So, join/support the growing worldwide network of Unity, while giving meaning to this precious human life in the tradition of Christ, Buddha, Laozi, Krishna...ad infinitum.



Till next time try and keep a positive outlook, while being kind to all sentient beings as we continue to support and pray for our friends in Ukraine.

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## Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch



April is the start of spring and warmer weather. It's also the month for Easter so you can HOP on over on Thursday nights at 6:30 to the clubhouse and join us in playing cornhole. We welcome new members anytime during the season. If you have never played, don't worry, we are glad to teach you. It's an easy game to learn.

We had our election for officers last month and we would like to welcome our new officer and welcome back our continuing officers. The officers are as follows:

President:	Doug Howland	Secretary:	Erika Fitch
Vice-President:	Don Zahaba	Treasurer:	Sue Banning

Our new game Air Mail is going well and we have had a few winners. Come on out and try your luck with both regular cornhole and our new game. You just might be our next winner!

Membership for Cornhole Club is \$10.00 per person, guaranteeing you a spot to play on club night. Drop in play will be \$2.00 a night.

So if you want to add a little SPRING in your step just come out and join us for cornhole and a little fun with friends. We also have a 50/50 drawing every week. Set up is at 6:00 and we would appreciate any help.

**Call Doug or Debbie if you have any questions. (727) 366-4273.**

## Crafters Club

By Debbie Lewison



First, we'd like to thank all the Cove community for attending our annual Ice Cream Social. We hope you enjoyed your tasty treat as much as we enjoyed serving it! Thanks also to ACA for supplying the bowls, spoons and napkins! We appreciate all of your support!

April is here and many of the snowbirds are leaving! The Crafters have had a wonderful crafting season. Cathy, Teri and Debbie appreciate all of your ideas, helpfulness and fun during this past winter. We will see you again in the fall!

## Cue Club

By Ray Larkin



Well we had a busy March along with the season ending with our annual tournaments. The yearend awards banquet was held March 30th with another great meal prepared by the unstoppable Ron Miller our Vice President. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this another successful banquet. Congratulations to all our winners this year both Ladies and Mens.

Hopefully all members had an enjoyable time this season, I know I did. For those of you who are new to the cove, please come on out next year and meet some of your community. We are always looking for new members. I look forward to seeing you all again next year and hope you all have an enjoyable summer.



## Land Exercise

By Daisy Dean

Where has the time gone? Seems like we just got here & here we are packing to head home. My last walking class will be Friday April 7th. Astrid Dye & Maureen Guillen will continue the class over the Summer Months. God Willing We will be back October 23th. I will miss you All!

We had our Award Morning & picture taking February 24th. Good turnout & the winners were: Mr & Mrs Inspiration went to Dave Kosinec & Sandy Benningfield. Sandy you truly amaze the class in your progress after your stroke.

Diana Lancaster won also for most weight Loss, The highest Kicker in Class went to Audrey Dox, & Denise Nichols got a prize for putting 100% in her workouts.

Winners of door prizes were Bev Clark, Karen Mackin, Ruth Brownlee & Roxanne Noling, Congratulations to all.

Hope you all have a Safe & Healthy Summer & we look forward to our return.



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## Live Music

By Libby Hopkins



Hello Everyone!

Our final show of the season is the **last Tuesday in April, April 25**, in the Clubhouse, at 3 PM. **This will be our last performance until October, 2023.**

We hope to see everybody there!! We know many of you will be leaving shortly thereafter, and we would like to have a chance to say goodbye until the fall!!! Safe travels to all we don't get to see, but hoping we will be able to say farewell to you in person!!

Thanks to all who attended our St. Patty's Day and Easter programs last month. Thank you for your patronage throughout this past season!!!! We are so **grateful** for **YOU!!!**

Please join us for our last show---we look forward to seeing you!! Refreshments and drinks will be served. Please Note: Our Shows and Refreshments are **FREE!!** So come and enjoy yourselves! Friends and guests are welcome.

For those of you who are not familiar with us, we are a music group within the park that usually put on a performance the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. We work hard to provide an entertaining, fun hour, and we provide snacks, drinks, and sometimes, spiked punch! **Please come to see us!! Otherwise, you will have to wait until October!!** Take care and have a great month!

## Shuffleboard Club

By Barry Barratiere



Well, the shuffleboard season is finished for the Nova team. We had a great year. We did win the overall Nova league championship for 2023, we came in number one out of four teams. Lots of help goes to all players and the blue sky team for their support. Special mention of the following Nova team members of 2023: Jim Reising, Janet Barratiere, Dean Refakes, Linda Prince, John Smith, Orna Smith, John Whalen, Sarah Whalen, Wally Schultz, Kathy Schultz and team captain, Barry Barratiere. Thanks to everyone who helped. Blue sky is still playing and they are doing great, hopefully in the next week or so they will be ranked.

The new program for any shufflers is at Americana Cove, April 1, 2023, from 10:00am - 3:00pm for the **TURKEY SHOOT GAMES**, April 1, 2023 from 10am-3pm at our Courts. Soft drinks and snacks for a \$1.00 each will be available. Cash prizes for top three winners.





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## Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson



The swim exercise group is happy to have some great weather and our attendance numbers keep growing! April is always a bittersweet month as we start to say good bye to all our northern friends. Safe travels to all, see you all back in the fall. Have a great summer! Godspeed.

Items of interest:

Our end of season party was March 29. Thanks to all who attended and contributed to bringing a dish to pass. A special “thank you” from me to our entire group for recognizing me as the group leader. As always, your thoughtfulness and generosity leaves me speechless. Many thanks!

We will be serving at the ACA luncheon on April 5. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out.

I don't have any updates from the manager at this time for the grouting work that still needs to be done or what is happening with the compressor. Stay tuned!

A very special thank you to Maureen for leading the class for 5 days while I took a quick trip back to WI. I have often said we have a great group to lead and sub while we are able to take some time off. Many thanks Maureen, Diane, Terry and Nan! Swim exercise is a yearlong activity, we swim 6 days a week including most holidays! Could not do this without this group!

Happy Easter everyone!

Pics include: Cathy Thomas back as maestro, Maureen Saunders birthday, Lynn Distell birthday and Vanessa Caponigro's birthday.





## Vespers

By Audrey Dox



Would you like to send some cheer to someone in need? Or Would you like to honor someone with beautiful flowers? Each week, flowers decorate the Vespers pulpit area. Flowers can be given in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. The loved one will be named and the donor recognized at the Vespers service. Flowers may be taken home following the Vespers service or we will deliver them to the home of a shut-in or someone in need. The cost is \$15. See the Vespers bulletin board in the clubhouse for sign-up sheets.

Vespers services are held on Sundays in the Atrium beginning at 4:50 PM with a traditional hymn sing.

All residents and guests are welcome to this inter-denominational worship service followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Clubhouse.

Easter is just around the corner and we have lilies for sale, \$10 each, for those wishing to purchase in memory or honor of a loved one. See Martha Sutton for forms. You may take the Lilies home after the sunrise service or donate them to a shut-in.

Pastors for April:

April 2 Palm Sunday Kevin Loughran, Grace Lutheran Church

April 9 Easter Sunrise 7:00 AM Dan Lehman, retired Methodist pastor

Vespers to resume on November 5, 2023

We encourage Vespers attendees to suggest speakers which range from lay speakers, missionaries, and pastors from a variety of religions.

Vespers choir members practice at 3:30 PM on Sundays. If you like to sing, won't you consider joining our group of happy voices singing praises to our Lord.

FYI - Vespers has been a Cove activity since 1963.

## Florida Home Prices Have Soared in Past Five Years

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

Florida home prices have increased an average of 73.5% during the past five years, according to Florida Trend. The median home sales price in the state was \$407,000 in August 2022 and went down to an average of \$390,000 in January 2023, according to Boulder Home Source using data from Zillow.

In the study compiled by the Boulder Home Source, the state with the lowest home price increase was North Dakota, with home price increases of only 23 percent in the past five years. The largest home price gains were recorded in Arizona, Tennessee, New Mexico, Georgia and Montana. The state of Idaho had the largest increase in home prices with 92% average in the past five years.

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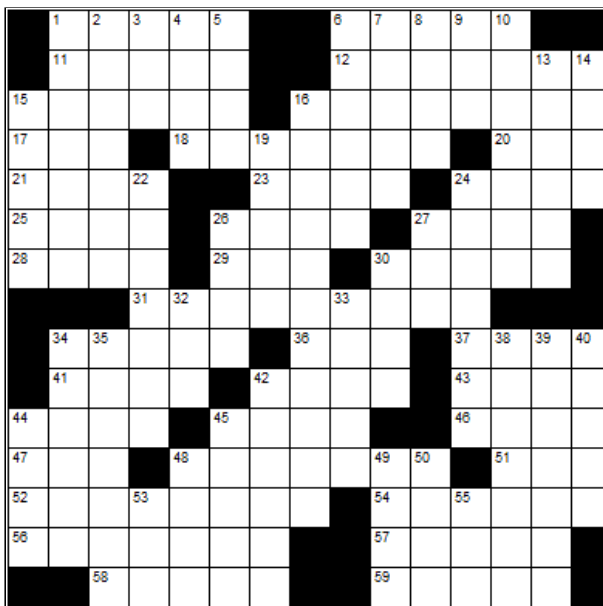
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