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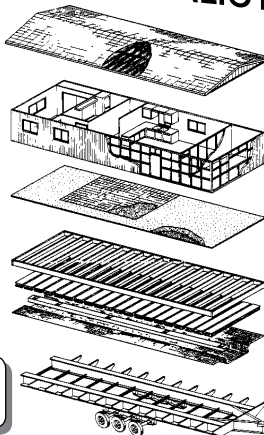
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Message from the Board of Directors

A Report from the 2/3rds Committee

(For those who at a loss, this is the committee behind providing the list of items to be voted on pertaining to changes in the park, both past and present)

We are happy to announce that the “proxy” vote that transpired just a short time ago, garnered the largest number of participants on any issue. Thank you to all for voting and making your voices heard.

If you recall, there were 5 items – “A” through “E”, listed, with 15 sub items under “A” (which were already completed over the last 5 years or replacements, such as the glider at the South Boat Ramp). Every item, except for “E” was passed according to statute and our bylaws. Going forward we will ensure that votes such as these come before the members as is required. During the Board Meeting when the votes were counted, we took advantage under our bylaws, to suspend the meeting for 90 days. This was to allow for mailed ballots to still come in and be counted and to reach out to those who had not voted. It will not affect all the items that were passed as they exceeded the number of votes required, but it may affect item “E” which was just under the threshold. Members of the committee, street captains and board members will be reaching out to those who have not responded to ensure they have their vote counted.

In closing, I would like to thank all the members of the committee, but especially Nancy Olson and her team of street captains, for the hard work they put forward to make this happen. This team effort shows how Americana Cove will continue to work together and remain a place where residents are happy to live.

Respectfully

Brien Gibney, Chair/Board Director

What’s the Scoop on Dog Poop and Rats

Rats are an age ole urban problem. At some time or another, everyone has had a problem and had to deal with them. Once you have confirmed that rats are indeed living or active in your yard or home, the next step is to determine their sources of food, water and shelter so you can either eliminate them or minimize the rats’ access to them. There are many things that can attract rats to your yard and home. Even the plants you grow in the landscape can attract them, especially if you have large (citrus, mango, avocado, or other exotic fruits) and small fruit and nut trees and plants growing in the yard. Since rats are so fond of these different kinds of fruit, Americana Cove rules and regs currently disallow such plantings within common or residential properties. Rats also love acorns and seeds of all kinds, which is again why bird feeders are disallowed within the park. Since rats require regular access to water, it’s important to eliminate any potential water sources available to the rats. For water, be sure to fix any leaky hoses, pipes and AC units, and dump out standing water from planters and their retention trays.



As you might expect, rats also love eating all kinds of pet food. Pet owners should be aware that only 20 to 40% of the dry food your dog consumes is actually digested. The other

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60 to 80% is discharged, and this is why resident pet owners are expected to scoop and bag as their pets are paraded around the park. Besides preventing others from stepping into it, there are other reasons that it needs to be bagged and removed. Dog waste is often a leading food source for rats and other urban animals such as opossum, raccoon, and coyotes. It should come as no surprise that if you store the bags in a bucket and discover the bags have been chewed open, with no poop left in the bag, it got eaten by a rat or other urban animal. As it turns out, poops of all kinds have been determined to be a primary food source for rats and mice. Although I suppose it is good that the waste is being eaten, it's definitely not ideal that dog poop that isn't picked up will likely attract both rats, mice, and these other urban pests. If you have seen, heard, or have a problem with rats, cleaning up your pet's waste, disposing of your trash immediately and keeping dog poop in a garbage can that is rodent proof are all recommended solutions to help reduce and manage any rat problems you might have. Contact a professional pest control company if the problem becomes severe. For other important information, consultation, and examination, feel free to contact Brien Gibney (brien.gibney@americanacove.com), our resident Cove expert or the UF/IFAS Pinellas County Extension (<https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/pinellas/>).

Respectfully
Joe Noling, Bill Moretti, and Brien Gibney

ACA News

By Doug Howland

Welcome to May and the start of our slower season. Now that everyone has either left or is getting ready to leave things will slow down and you can sit back and relax for the summer. You can spend time at the pool and/or out on the water. Hopefully there will be visits with family and vacations too. As sad as it is to not have a whole calendar of events at the Cove it will also give everyone a chance to recharge for the next season.

Our ACA Club President's Meeting are over now until next November. The clubs will all get together again then and start planning events. Also the ACA Luncheons usually held on the 1st Wednesday of the month are over for the summer and will start again next fall. Just a heads up for the fall, the first ACA Club President's meeting will be the first Tuesday, November 7th and the ACA Luncheon will be the next day Wednesday, November 8th. The luncheon is normally the 1st Wednesday of the month but this month only it is being changed so that it falls after the President's meeting which is held on the first Tuesday. The reason for this is the info presented at the luncheon is usually the info discussed at the President's meeting.

Our next Burger Burn will be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, May 16th 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 let us do the cooking as you eat and visit with those still here. The Burger Burn will be taking the month of July off for a summer break but it will be held all the other months.

ACA is sponsoring a Cove group going to a Rays Baseball game sometime in the next few months. Watch for information on this upcoming event. Plan on coming out for a fun time.

As other events get planned we will keep you informed over the summer months. Have a great month and enjoy relaxing.



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Announcements

By Ray Rodriguez – Editor

Tax Season Is Over in the Cove

Judy Hall, Ph.D.

This year, the VITA (Voluntary Income Tax Assistance) team in Americana Cove completed over 54 returns! This resulted in:

\$31,465 in refunds,
\$615 in EITC, (Earned Income)
\$1,000 in CTC, (tax credits)
\$554 in Education Credits, and
\$9,840 in fees saved.

All of this money remained right here with our residents!

Because of the success of this program, we will try to add another day to the schedule for next year. A big thank you to Linda Roberts who personally delivered Intake Forms to each taxpayer in the Cove so that the process of preparing returns went smoothly!

THANK YOU

Hi Everyone.

Hoping by the time you are reading this the New Glider on the South Side will be installed & will be enjoyed by many now that we got the Approval to install it.

Huge Thank You to Dennis Herrmann & Hobby Shop for ordering, putting together & installing this Guilder. Also Thank You to Al Martin for doing all the Staining. Great Job by All.

This Glider was donated by Canada Night & in Memory of a True Gentleman who was always there with a Helping Hand whenever one was needed, Derek Woodhead.

Derek was Loved & is Truly Missed by All.

Daisy Dean



**A Complete Listing of Resident Services
can be found on the page before your calendar**

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

By: Donna Andrews, Chair



The Website Committee has been busy trying to make Americanacove.com all it can be.

We have 284 registered shareholders on the Residents Portal. This is a wonderful start and residents are taking notice of the new format and look of the website. We have received great suggestions to add additional information and the suggestions have been implemented.

The Committee has gotten positive feedback from the community on the Residents Directory. We are pleased that you all find it helpful. Also know that it is constantly being updated as a resident registers on the portal.

The latest new feature is a form on the Residents Portal: “Homes for Sale/Rent by Americana Cove Homeowner”. This is a form for a homeowner to complete if they wish to “advertise” their home for sale or rent under the website’s main menu tab “Homes & Sales” → “Homes for sale or rent by homeowner”. Anyone outside our community who wishes to view Americanacove.com will be able to view your sale/rental listing.

As always, please let a Website Committee member know of your thoughts on the website. Let us know if you wish to see a new feature, revise a current feature, etc. All ideas are welcomed. My email: donnaaf872@hotmail.com.

The Website Committee wishes you all have a great month of May.

Full Moon Kayaking

Full Moon Kayaking under a "Flower Moon" will be held on Friday, May 5.

Leave from Founders Park at 7:30 PM

Sunset is at 8:06 PM

Moonrise is at 8:21 PM

Watch for e-mails and FaceBook posts for updated information.

This event is weather dependent. A Volo will be announced by 2 PM if the event is cancelled due to weather.

Full moon kayaking is open to ALL residents and guests. You do not have to be a Boat Club member to participate.

Front and back headlamps or kayak lights are REQUIRED so boats can see you both from the front as well as the back. White headlamps in the front are preferred. Boats cruise along with us for the safety of our kayakers. It is critical that the boats can see the kayakers!

For safety reasons, we stay together as a group. A pontoon boat will lead us on the return trip back in the dark. It is mandatory for kayakers to stay together as a group.

It is advised to use bug spray and bring extra spray. Wear a life vest. Bring a flashlight, water, and a jacket, if chilly.

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Sunshine Report for May

By Cindy Peacock

“Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.”
— Maya Angelou, Letter to My Daughter

May Birthdays

1	Robin Thackery	14	Sarah Mattson
2	Michael Lederhouse	14	Ray Rodriguez
3	Daisy Dean	14	Joanne Wallace
4	Dave Bernfeld	16	Denise Dobson-Shea
4	Marjorie Logan	18	Richard Julius
6	Irene Keegan	20	Richard Burg
7	Ed Boshek - 91	20	Yvonne Thurston
7	Rex Eaton	20	Wanda Tyson
8	Paul Line	23	Duane Chavie
9	Linda Bresko	23	Jonny Kuizel
9	Beth Crane	23	Nick Schiavone
10	Andrea Bedard	25	Diane D'Ambra
11	Bill Cosner	25	Tom Shouse
11	Dottie Love - 97	26	Irene Haggett
12	Denise Nichols	26	Tom Lambert
13	Joseph Brennan	27	Lynn Quinn
13	Diane LaRoche	28	Dawn Earley
14	Eddie Clark	30	Sue Sprattler
14	Gil Henzler	31	Gail Jones



May Anniversaries

3	Margaret & Michael Lederhouse	54	years
7	Ruth & Wayne Brownlee	57	years
12	Sara & Ed Burnett	39	years
14	John & Don Gillson-DeBoard	12	years
15	Lorraine & Ed Boshek	70	years
16	Jolee & Arne Rengo	54	years
17	Janna & Mike Bunker	47	years
19	Carol & Jack Deatherage	44	years
20	Donna & Mark Andrews	18	years
26	Carolyn & Gary Schamburg	39	years
29	Lynn & James Quinn	20	years
31	Joyce & Tom Michels	54	years



Passed away and will be Missed:

Bill Dickey





Welcome New Residents

By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez

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Judith Baxendell
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Prev: Napolitano

welcome!

Boat Club

By Mary Ann Meljac



Many of our Northern friends and neighbors enjoyed the Tiki Hut party held on Saturday, April 8th before heading back home for the summer. It was Easter weekend and 122 boat club members and 20 guests joined in the fun! This included 3 new members who signed up at the party! The Boat Club now has a total of 208 active members. The food is always excellent and much appreciated. Thank you to all who provided a dish to share. Music was provided by Melody under the tent. She always does a great job and sets the mood for the party! The 50/50 raffle of \$213 was won by Alan Klick WOW!!! An embroidered Americana Cove Beach towel was also raffled off and this was won by Mark Roche. Congratulations to both Mark and Alan on their wins!

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 13th. We will also have a Tiki Hut party that afternoon and music will be provided by "Unfinished Business"... our own Mark Andrews and Gary Griffith. Don't miss out on all the fun! The Boat Club will not meet during the months of June, July and August ... BUT ... there will be a couple of tiki hut parties so stay tuned for further information.

The Founder's Day event was also well attended. The Boat Club offered boat rides around the Cove to anyone interested. A big shout out to Mike Bourque, Nancy and Mark Olson and Jim Zurawski and Rosemary Ferreri for offering these boat rides. We got good feedback that people enjoyed their rides. We will definitely do this again next year! We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Joe Noling for his dedication as head Beer Meister the past couple of years. Joe will be retiring from these duties and Dennis Deatherage will step into his shoes. We have several folks willing to help at events so all of the work and efforts do not fall on one person's shoulders. Thanks Joe you will be missed behind the bar!

Next Full Moon kayaking “Flower Moon” will be on the 5th of May. Watch the information board, emails, volo messages and facebook for further details. We had a few new folks join in this month and included 8 kayaks and 3 boats. It was a beautiful evening on the water. You do NOT have to be a boat club member to participate. Audrey Dox is the coordinator for this monthly event, weather permitting. Please contact Audrey if you have any interest in helping with this event during the summer months of June, July, August and September.

Bocce Club

By Daisy Dean

We are so Excited to finally get Approval for our New Bocce Courts. The Base will be completed before we leave & the completion will be done by November when we all return.



Huge Thank You to Danny Mackin, Phil Quince & Tom Wichmann for doing the Base & the people that showed up to help. Also Thanks to all that showed up to move Material. Your Help was very much Appreciated.

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Book Club

By Nan Krueger



In April we read All The Light We Cannot See, a work of historical fiction by Anthony Doerr. It was 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.

This month we are reading and discussing Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger. This is a standalone book for this author. The story begins in 1961. This novel is about the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

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.

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!!

Crafters Club

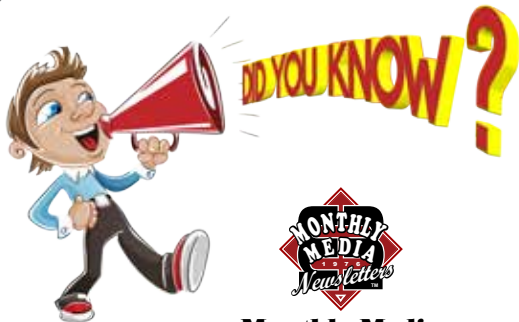
By Teri Stallone

The Crafters had a wonderful crafting season and have concluded until October. We celebrated our end of season with a 70's themed party wearing t-shirts, hats and shoes we created. Everyone had a wonderful time enjoying cheese and chocolate fondue foods and playing a trivia game. We have said goodbye to Cathy Lavelle as President and are welcoming Kathy Schultz as President and June Showalter as Vice President.

Thank you to all the Crafters for their generosity, patience and friendship. We've had such fun and can't wait to begin again this Fall. Keep your eyes open for announcements in the Forecaster and on the Crafters' Facebook page. Also, check out the updated Crafters section on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

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MOTHER'S DAY	Mother's Day	
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28	29	Memorial Day Program. C 10. a.m.
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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Shuffle Mtg 9-11am. A	4 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	5 B I N G O. 6pm C  Full Moon Kayaking <i>Cinco De Mayo</i>	6 Got It! 4pm. A
9 Farmers Mkt 10:30	10 BoD Wrkshp mtg 9 a.m. A	11	12 B I N G O. 6pm C New Res. Orient.- Welcome New Res. 1 pm. A	13 Boat Club Mtg 10 am. A Tiki Hut Party 1pm
16 er Burn. C 5:30	17 BoD Meeting 7 pm C	18 <i>Ascension Day</i>	19 B I N G O. 6pm C	20 Got It! 4pm. A Karaoke 7pm. C
23	24	25	26 B I N G O. 6pm C	27
30	31			

Weekly Calendar Repeats

AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: May 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:	Shuffleboard Hoss Collar	10:30am-12:30p.m.		S
	Sunday:	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	



***A:** Atrium
C: Clubhouse
L: Library
S: Shuffleboard Courts
B: Billiards
G: Game Room
BC: Bocce Court



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Buddhism

By John Howell



Welcome Thursday May 4th 1pm GR. For Memorial Day we dedicate this article to all the brave men and women who fought valiantly throughout history to protect our liberties, especially spiritual. Many joined just causes in the last century in the existential battle against autocratic regimes and their immoral puppets. (WWII)... Democracy was saved! We honor that. It is important to study historical context. Why? Because since ancient times there has been an order to societies that prospered from acknowledging foundations of security. In the Vedas (a precursor of many traditions) successful societies are likened to a pyramid. It was seen that “workforce commerce” and a strong defensive network provided a basis of support for balanced governance, which produced moral leadership, in turn providing a summit: the flourishing of religion.

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- Noting mutually beneficial associations at all levels of a progressive civilization
- Recognizing that many spiritual leaders have protective services surrounding them 24/7/365.
- Even “simple” local Temples have vast worldwide security networks for monks and laity alike
- All the above giving good intentioned folks solace

From Henry Kissinger to Eric Schmidt sounding the alarm about “The Age of A.I.” (undue cyber influence) motivating everyone to wake up/speak up to any resultant unjust power/greed, thus saving the very foundation of freedom itself: (Truth) based on humanity. Never distracted by foolish divisive rhetorical hyperbole on either side of the body politic, H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama wisely states; “I want to make it clear, however that although I’m opposed to war, I am not advocating appeasement. It is often necessary to take a strong stand to counter unjust aggression.” As we come full circle in this study, practicing the spiritual path at the premier level naturally invites “special (protective angelic) forces” to encircle devoted souls. These metaphysical features are given illustration in many traditions. Ecclesiastes 3 KJV; “To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven...”



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

Namaste

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Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch

We would like to thank Doug Howland, our president, for preparing us for a great end of the year banquet. The food was delicious and so were the desserts brought by members. We had a fun evening closing out the season before our snowbird members start leaving.



Starting this month and all summer, except July for a break, we will continue playing cornhole every

Thursday night at 6:30 in the air-conditioned clubhouse. If you're not sure if you would like to join the cornhole club next season, come on out this summer and give it a try. It is an easy game to learn and we have lots of fun.

Your yearly membership is good for all summer play. If you don't have a membership drop in anyways and play for free to try it out.

We also have a 50/50 drawing every week at cornhole. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday evenings. We set up at 6:00 and would appreciate any help.

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Land Exercise

By Daisy Dean

As you read this I will be back Home in Canada & hoping for warm weather. My last class was April 7th but class will continue Thanks to Astrid & Maureen.

Our Year End Party (along with Nancy's Swimming Group & Judy's Line Dancers) went really well & was well attended & lots of Delicious Foods, Thanks to all for bringing.

Thank You to Walkers for the Beautiful Flowers & Very Generous Gift, Very Much Appreciated. Love you All. I hope you all have a Safe & Healthy Summer, I will miss you all & will look forward to our return in October. (God Willing)

Thank you to Rosemary Ferrari for the cover photos!

Pokeno

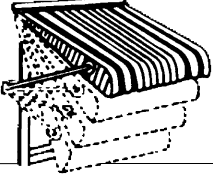
By Nancy Hubartt

Start saving your pennies – on the first Wednesday of June, we will start playing P O K E N O at 1 PM.

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By Nomi Lynch

Many of our friends in the Cove have left or are leaving soon for an extended time, and many of us remain here year-round, taking our vacays throughout the year instead. But our beautiful library stays open, active, and busy year-round with no vacation closure!

Because some of the library's behind-the-scene helpers are or will be gone soon, that means that those remaining would so appreciate some of you who are here to step up and volunteer your time if you can to help continue keeping our library looking tidy and stocked and organized and inviting!

This is a relaxing and productive way to spend as much or as little time as you choose doing only those tasks that you would enjoy doing. If you think this may appeal to you, then please give Nomi a call (561-714-9956; leave msg) to set up a short orientation. Am looking forward to your call!

In the meantime, have a safe month of May and enjoy a good book!



Live Music

By Libby Hopkins

Hello Everybody!

This month, the traditional **Memorial Day Program** will be held on Monday, May 29, 2023, in the Clubhouse, at 10 AM. Please attend and honor our Veterans of all the wars. **Please come and thank our Veterans for all the sacrifices they made for us.** Help us show them how proud we are of all our men and women Veterans.

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

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

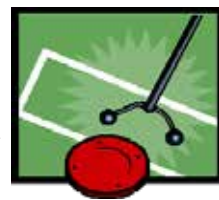
We hope to see you there!

Shuffleboard Club

By Anthony Daleo

As incoming Club President, I would like to extend a special thanks to everyone who made the 2022-2023 season a successful one for our club. At our April meeting, it was decided that the following will serve as officers for upcoming season: Anthony Daleo (myself) as President, Robert Solomon as Vice-President, Susan Solomon as Treasurer, and Orna Smith as Secretary.

As previously reported in last month's article, our NOVA team won 1st place in the League. In our Blue Sky League, our team came in 3rd place. We had five players in the Blue Sky Tournament, and I came in 1st place in Consolation. At our April Foolery Turkey Shoot,



results were as follows: 1st place—John Whalen; 2nd place—Ron Miller; and 3rd place—Robert Solomon.

I would like to remind all of our Club members and Americana Cove residents that, although the active part of our year is over, we will continue playing shuffleboard on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. All of this shuffling is fun and all are welcome!

Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

Hello everyone! May always brings a much quieter month to the Cove. Most of our northern friends have gone for the summer. We wish them all a great summer and look forward to seeing them in the fall! I want to thank all who helped with the ACA luncheon on April 5 both in the kitchen and serving the meal. Many thanks to Maureen, Pat, Jane, Sue and Julie!!

Items of interest:

The water will go down to 84 on May 15.

The compressor has been ordered, no delivery date yet.

No date yet for grout work that is still warrantied, stay tuned.

My last day of leading the class will be Tuesday, May 23. I will do oldies and an extra 20 mins on the 23rd.

The summer schedule begins Wednesday, May 24. That schedule will be audio tapes Monday through Saturday. No oldies or extras until I get back in the fall.

The swim group continues throughout the entire summer. Maureen Saunders is the lead with Diane LaRochelle, Terry Carlo and Nan Krueger assisting.

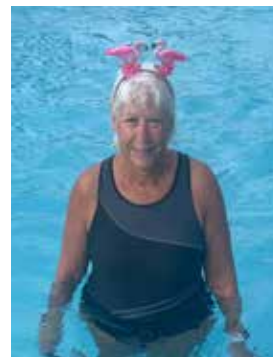
Be sure to check our group FB page on a daily basis for updates on class schedules, birthdays, weather updates, etc.

We celebrate birthdays in the summer also. Be sure to let Maureen, Diane, Terry or Nan of your tape choice and day you want to celebrate.

I want to thank each and everyone of you for an awesome season! I am so inspired by our swim group. I appreciate your daily support more than you will ever know. I will miss you all, have a great summer and I will see you in September.

Have a nice Memorial Day.

Pics: Happy Birthday to Deb Lewison, Joan Mahoney and Teri Stallone. Thank you to Rosemary Ferrari for the cover photos!

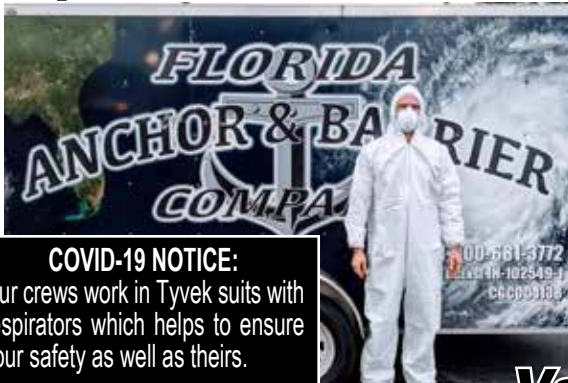


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Vespers

By Audrey Dox

Photos are from our Palm Sunday and beautiful Easter sunrise services, our last Vespers services of the season. Vespers to resume on November 19.

Thank you to Rosemary Ferrari for the Palm Sunday photos!

Save The Date - November 12 - WELCOME BACK Dinner and Dance to be sponsored by Vespers!

Have a safe summer, near and far, safe travels.

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By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

Most homeowners who are listing their homes for sale don't realize that one can add value to a home by cleaning and reducing clutter.

Homeowners understand that upgrades such as new flooring or countertops will instantly increase the value of a home. What many owners don't realize, however, is that a little elbow grease will bring value as well! Where owners leave money on the table is by not giving their home a good scrubbing and removing all the clutter, which are knick-knacks, family photos, and too many side tables, chairs or other smaller furniture that make the home look small. In fact, according to the Federal National Mortgage Association, appraisers use six levels to describe the condition of a home with the first level being a newly constructed home that has not been lived in to level six, which is basically uninhabitable. Clutter and cleanliness can move a home up or down a level or two, depending on the appraiser. Condition can become a very important variable when determining value.



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