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Sunshine Outreach

By Gloria Garafola & Wilma Largent

ello to all PI Residents: We are asking all residents to keep in touch by text, phone or email and let us know of anyone in the Park that could use a cheer up or sympathy card. This could be someone recovering from illness, surgery or someone who lives alone and would enjoy hearing from a friendly neighbor. Never underestimate how far a small amount of kindness can go.

Please be sure to include the name and lot number along with type of occasion. For illness, surgery or thinking of you type cards contact Gloria Garafola; 727-463-7307-email, sheerglo@tampabay.rr.com For sympathy cards, contact Wilma Largent at 260-316-1296.

All communication will be kept confidential. Hope to hear from you.

Co-op Updates

By Al Noeller

e are seeing more and more of our Northern friends return and are excited to see you at all our fall and winter events this year.

The Halloween Dance was a great success with some

Welcome Back Our Northern Friends.... We're Glad You're Here





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If you can BE anything, BE KIND! Happy Holidays to all.

Semi-Annual Flea Market

By Tiffani Neu

The Annual PI Flea Market is being resurrected! We are changing it to be bi-annual (every March and October). If you have ANY donations - furniture, household goods, collectibles, decor, kitchen items/appliances, etc. contact Liz or Tiffani. We might be able to pick some things up now. We may ask that you hold big items until we have enough space to store them.

Tiffani Neu, 713-922-9025 - Liz Neumann, 727-242-4597

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: If you are interested in volunteering to help us pick up items, price items, run a bake sale, or work on the day of the flea market. contact Liz or Tiffani. We can't do this without our volunteers! All proceeds from the flea markets will be given to the PI Social Committee to use within our community.

Paradise Island Social Committee Calendar 2023

Any Questions contact Diane Billman 727-434-0048

tickets for all events are sold on Monday nights from 6-7 pm

Dec.2	Ladies Holiday Luncheon	\$12	Lunch Served at 12:30	
			at Clubhouse	11 am - 2 pm
Dec.9	Blue Grass Jam	NC	Small room in Clubhouse	1:00pm - 3pm
Dec.9	Holiday Caroling	NC	Meet at Clubhouse at 5:30 pm	6:00 pm - done
Dec.10	Holiday Golf Cart Parade	NC	Meet at Clubhouse at 5:30 pm	6:30 pm - done
Dec.16	Holiday Dinner/Dance	\$5	Dinner at 6 pm/Tom Davis at 7 pm	5:00pm-10pm
Dec.31	New Year's Eve Dance	\$20	Silver Alert	8pm-12:15am
Jan.20	Men's Club Event	\$10	Petrina - Variety Show	6:00pm-10pm
Jan.27	Talent Show	\$5	Sign up to participate	1 1
			with Ken Hopkins	7:00pm-10pm
Feb.3	Fashion Show	TBD	Clubhouse	11:00am -3 pm
Feb.3	Dance	\$10	Carl Motyka BYOB and snacks	7:00pm-10pm
Feb.17	Men's Club Event	\$15	Icons of Country	6:00pm-10pm
Mar.1	Flea Market Set-up		Clubhouse - set-up will be on 3/1	All day
Mar.2	Flea Market Sale	\$1	8 am entrance will be \$1	•
			otherwise NC	8:00 am - 2 pm
Mar.9	St Patrick's Dance	\$12	Soulfish BYOB and snacks	7:00pm-10pm
Mar.16	Men's Club Event	\$10	Felix Deneau	6:00pm-10pm
Apr.6	Men's Club Event	\$10	Cahal Dunne	6:00pm-10pm
Apr.20	Spring Fling Dance	\$12	Double M BYOB and snacks	7:00pm-10pm
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Social Committee Update

By Diane Billman

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Neighborhood Watch

By Nancy LaBelle

ur Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10AM. Everyone is always welcome to attend. Officer Keith Bowling, our Largo PD liaison, is usually there to discuss concerns and planning upcoming events for the residents. An OLYMPIC EVENT is in the works for spring. Not to worry senior friendly and lots of fun, information, snacks, AND maybe prizes!! Date still TBD.

I hope you've all watched the video about locking your vehicles posted on PIFAN. If you are not on PIFAN, but on Facebook, get on Largo Police Department Facebook page. Lots of great information, including this video. WATCH TIL THE END!

Y'all are doing a great job calling the block captains. No worries if you call the wrong one. We can all help you out. Stop in the office for awesome color coded maps. FYI, great for showing the ponds, so you know where the gators are when someone gives a shout out!

As our population increases, please be kind and thoughtful when parking, so emergency vehicles can get around corners and access homes. Don't block hydrants or opposite another car if it makes a tight spot, or makes it impossible to back out.

We say the younger generations don't have common sense, so let's use ours!

Have a Safe and wonderful Thanksgiving. Lock Up! Lights on!

ALSO.... Have you wondered how secure your home is? The Residential Security Assessment is a FREE home security consultation with Largo Police Officers certified in Residential Home Security and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). The consultation takes approximately 30 minutes and the resident must be present at the time of the inspection.

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Residents will learn a variety of crime prevention concepts and techniques including perimeter, exterior and interior security, lighting, landscaping, windows, locks and alarms. For more information or to schedule a consultation, please contact Ofc. Joel Quattlebaum or Ofc. Keith Bowling at 727-587-6730.

Water Aerobics

By Anita Reed

huge THANK YOU to everyone in the aerobics class for attending our luncheon. It was a very memorable day for me. The beautiful plaque that was presented to me is a reminder of how special you all are!!



Thanks also for all your kind words and generosity. It's all a bit overwhelming, to say the least. Love to all, Anita

Men's Golf

By Bob Pultorak

en's golf every Monday at Lans Brook golf course. Call Bob Pultorak at 315-793-2153. Be there by 7:30 am.



COME ONE, COME ALL TALENT SHOW

By Ken Hopkins

JANUARY 27, 2024

The 5th annual talent show is coming!! WOW, five years of great talent shared with friends and neighbors. So, this year we are looking for a great turnout of new and past talent for the show. Musicians, comedians, singers, dancers and any other talent you would like to show off!. Big money is always for the taking---first, second and third as voted by the audience. Or just attending and voting for your favorite is always a blast as well.

Tickets will go on sale beginning TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, and TUESDAY JANUARY 2ND, due to the holidays. Thereafter, they will be available Monday evenings throughout January. Cost will be \$5.00.

For information, please contact Ken Hopkins at 727.303.3417. Put on your calendar now!!

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Paradise Island Facebook Group

By HOA Media Committee

The Facebook group, Paradise Island Largo, is an exclusive group for ALL Paradise Island residents for the sole purpose of keeping all residents informed of community events, committee happenings, meeting sched-ules, and contact information for your community leaders - anything that is deemed to be newsworthy and in-formative to assist you as you live the Paradise life!

All postings will be screened and approved by the PI Largo group administrator(s). The commenting option will be turned off for each posting. Posting will inform you as to who to contact if you have questions or concerns.

This group is purely for informational purposes

You may sign up by following these steps:

- 1. On your Facebook page search for: Paradise Island Largo
- 2. Click Join
- 3. Answer all of the questions DO NOT CLICK SUBMIT UNTIL YOU HAVE ANSWERED ALL THE QUESTIONS AND YOU AGREE TO THE RULES.
- 4. Click Submit
- 5. You will receive a notice when your membership has been approved.
- 6. If you are having trouble joining contact: Cindy at 727-248-7146 or dclord80@hotmail.com

Nadine at 402-750-3083 or nadine5106@gmail.com

Be sure to take a look at the GUIDE TAB at the top of the page!! This is where you can see various postings that are archived for you to be able to reference previous posts on the page. They are organized by categories for easy access.

Updated: November 6, 2023

SHUFFLEBOARD

By Gary MacDonald

The winter season of organized Shuffleboard has started. We play Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting at 935 AM, so please arrive by 930. We play two sets, which takes approximately 1.5



hours and play for fun during these times. No experience necessary and cues are provided. Everyone welcome. NOTE: There will be no Shuffleboard the week of December 24, but it will resume on January 2, 2024.

PS - Shuffleboard courts are available to all residents. The storage shed at the courts are locked outside of organized play, so call Gary at 727 474 6420 for key access if you'd like to play any time.

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Darts

By Anne Elkins

The new dart season started Monday, October 16, 2023 and will run through April 2024. We usually are in need of subs throughout the year. If you would like to join us as a sub, you just need to show up on Mondays before 6:30 pm. We have a lot of fun mixed with playful competition. No experience necessary, darts is an easy game to pick up.

If you have any questions, call Anne Elkins at 727-210-7364.

New England Plus

By Gail White

Postponed The New England + Dinner group will NOT be meeting in December due to the busy holiday calendar in the park. Our next dinner will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024, at Zum Hee Chinese Restaurant, 9015 Park Blvd, Seminole.

All Paradise Island residents are welcome! Please note that Zum Hee closes daily from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

There is a Facebook group page called New England + Dinner that can be used to register and sign up. You can also use the signup sheet in the clubhouse. Questions? Please contact dinner coordinators Gail White (412-561-5943) or Maureen Ronney (727-648-2571).

Enjoy the holiday season, and thanks to all for a great November dinner!

Midwest Lunch Bunch

By Marge Murray

The Midwest Lunch Bunch will gather at ZOM HEE Chinese Restaurant on Saturday December 9th. The location is in the Park Place Center, 9015 Park Blvd, a little west of Starkey. We will meet at 11:30 am. This restaurant was recently named the best Chinese restaurant in Florida. Come and join us, meet some neighbors you might not know. All residents of Paradise Island are welcome to attend.

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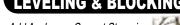




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Paradise Island Annual Craft Fair

By Nadine Peters - Annual Craft Fair Committee

BIG THANK YOU to all the vendors & customers that made the PI Craft Fair a great success. Over 90 vendor's tables, 40 from our community. ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU Men's Club for setting up and taking

down all the tables & chairs. Bake Sale committee: Cindy, Dianna, Elaine, Kim, Dawn and those of you who supported by bring baked goods or purchasing. To the planning committee and all the other helpers: Lynne, Carlene, Lynne, Val, Judi, Linda, Diane, Fran, Carol, Bonnie, Linda, Susan, Bev, Beth, Bill, Walt, Tim, Larry, Rita, Arlene & Kerry.

OUR COMMUNITY IS VERY BLESSED WITH GREAT PEOPLE.

Any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact:

Nadine, call/text 402-750-3083, email: nadine5106@gmail.com Lynne, call/text 586-713-5487, email: redwingdtw@gmail.com

PI Monthly Ladies Luncheon

By Beth Pieckiel

he Monthly Ladies Christmas Luncheon I has been scheduled for Saturday, December 9th at 11:30 a.m. and we will be going to:

Backwater's on Sand Key 1261 Gulf Blvd Clearwater, FL 33767 (727) 517 - 3383



This luncheon is open for all the ladies residing here in Paradise Island. Please use the sign up sheet in the clubhouse. If you do plan on attending this special Christmas Luncheon please bring a wrapped \$10 - \$15 gift as we will be do our annual gift exchange at this luncheon. It is VERY important that if you do sign up and then find you are unable to attend PLEASE remove your name from the list,

If you have any questions regarding this luncheon please contact me, Beth Pieckiel at (214) 538-7094.



Christmas Dinner/Dance

By Ken Jonas and Diane Billman

he annual Christmas Dinner/Dance will be held on Saturday, December 16th at the Clubhouse. Social hour will be from 5-6 pm, dinner served at 6 and dancing starts at 7 pm to Tom Davis. Ham, dessert, coffee, water and soda will be provided. Each table captain is responsible for coordinating all side dishes as well as table decorations. We are able to offer this event for FREE once again due to the generous donations of The Church In the Park, the HOA BOD, Men's Club and Social Committee. Tickets are required to attend and will be available starting on Monday, November 20th from 6-7 pm at the Clubhouse. All residents are welcome, and we look forward to celebrating the holiday season with you and seeing you there!



By Judi Mitchell

Just a reminder tickets are on sale every Monday starting November 27 at the clubhouse from 6-7 pm. Cost of the tickets are \$20. The featured band will be Silver Alert. There is a correction on time from the previous post, party will be from 8pm until 12:15 am. As always BYOB and your snacks. Hats and noise makers will be supplied.



Ladies Holiday Luncheon

By Betty Simpson and Sue Stagner

his year's Ladies Holiday Luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the Clubhouse. Holiday music will be provided by Phyllis Nelson. Doors open at 11 am and social hour is from 11:30 am -12:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 12:30 pm consisting of Chicken Cordon Bleu, mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls and dessert. Coffee, water and soft drinks



will be provided. You are welcome to BYOB and appetizers for your table. Table set-up will be on Friday, December 1st and you are welcome to start decorating your table after 10:00 am. All tables must be done by 6 pm on the 1st and judging will occur Friday night. Prizes for the best table decorations will go to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Tickets will go on sale Monday, October 30th from 6-7 pm at the Clubhouse and the cost is \$12. Questions, please call Betty Simpson at 727-409-8669 or Sue Stagner at 727-698-2698.

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Men's Club

By Ken Jonas

ow, here we are back into a very busy schedule of events!! First on the list is the Ladies Christmas Luncheon on Saturday 12/2, when the Men's Club has the honor to prepare and serve the ladies



a nice lunch! Then, don't forget to come over to the clubhouse on Monday 12/4 or 12/11 and get your tickets for the Christmas Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday 12/16. I reported last month that this event would cost \$5, but due to the generosity of the Church in the Park and the HOA, the Men's Club and the Social Committee have decided to once again make this a free event for all Paradise Island residents. It promises to be a fun night with dinner followed by dancing to the music of Tom Davis. Come join the fun! (Reservations are required)

Then, with the Christmas and New Year Holidays being on Mondays, we will be selling tickets at the clubhouse on Tuesday 12/26 and 1/2 for the next Men's Club Show to be held on Saturday 1/20 when we will present a Variety Show with Petrina! She is a terrific entertainer who puts on a great show with lots of audience participation and this is one show you definitely don't want to miss!! We have never had Petrina here in Paradise Island before but we are sure she is another entertainer we will want to have back again and again!

Don't forget our next Men's Club Meeting, Tuesday 12/5, coffee and donuts at 8:30 and meeting at 9 AM.

Thursday Co-Ed Bowling

By Shirley Pultorak

Te all need to have some fun from this hectic time of year. How about getting together with friends while bowling. All skill levels are welcome as well as any resident who comes to Paradise



Island for the season. We bowl 3 games at Liberty Lanes beginning on Thursday at 12:15 for practice. We need occasional bowlers to SUB. We also are looking for permanent bowlers. No charge when you occasionally can't make it. There is NO bowling on December 28. For more information, call Shirley Pultorak at 315 796-2110 or sign up on the clubhouse bulletin board.

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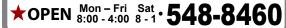
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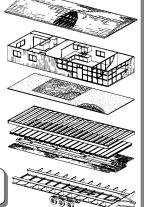


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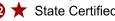
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By Terri Dacy

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It will be casual and open to all residents, utilizing the old standard

Christmas songs that everyone knows! Let's all get into the Christmas spirit! The caroling date will be on Saturday, Dec. 9th from 5:30pm until 10pm. We will have an organizational/rehearsal meeting the prior Sunday, December 3rd in the clubhouse, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

If you would like to participate, please notify Terri Dacy by phone call or text message at 727-278-3395 or by email at tdacy1@gmail.com. Please spread the word to everyone you know, as some residents do not have access to email or social media. The more, the merrier! Mark your calendars!

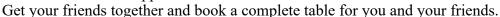
Sweetheart Fashion Show

By Bev MacMillen

ave the Date, February 3,2024

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Paradise Island Church in the Park

By Pastor Serena Johnson

The month of December is so enjoyable. Everywhere you look it has a festive feel to it. Although for some it is not as happy as they are alone and not able to get out and do the things they once were able to do. Remember your neighbors and friends this time



of year and really every day. Greet them with a smile, bring them some cookies or something to share. Spend a little time with them so they know you care. They are so special to God and He asks us to help others.

Christmas is the time of the birth of Jesus Christ who ultimately gave His life for us so that we may be saved and be in a right relationship with God the Father. If you have not asked Jesus to forgive your sin and come into your heart and life, why not do it today? He loves YOU! May you feel a special sense of His presence today and every day throughout the New Year. Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Everyone is cordially invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Clubhouse. We are a non-denominational church, we welcome all, and look forward to meeting you. Come feel the love of God as we worship the Lord together. If you are unable to come you can view the service on YouTube under "P I Church in the Park.".

You are welcome to attend our Bible Study on the Book of Romans, Thursday mornings at 9:30AM led by Ron Ellis. After Bible Study we have Choir Practice from 10:30 to 11:30 AM led by Jenny Caldarello.

Prayer meeting on Fridays at 10:30 AM led by Serena Johnson is on hold at least till January. Thank you...

If you know of someone who needs prayer and you would like to add to or take off our prayer list, please contact Pat Murphy by email:pamurphy51@gmail.com, with pertinent information.

BE AWARE WE CARE! If you know of someone in the Park who is ill and/or needs some encouragement and a Prayer Bear please contact Wilma Largent at (260)316-1296 or largentw6048@gmail.com.

If you know of someone in the Park who has a need, please let us know. All requests are confidential. We would like to help if we can. Please call one of the numbers below and we will look into what we can do to help,

Do you have need of prayer or would like a visit, please do not hesitate to contact: Pastor Serena Johnson (727)530-5905 or Associate Pastor Ron Ellis (614)753-6744. If no answer please leave a message and you will be called back asap.

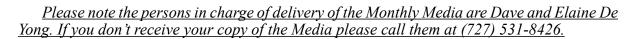
Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays. — Soren Kierkegaard

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Editor's Corner

By Harold Noeller

- For the January 2024 edition, articles are due by December 9, 2023 as are the dates you might want on the calendar for January 2024 events, meetings or dinners.
- If your name, Lot number, birthday or anniversary is incorrect, e-mail me at the media email address and it will be corrected.
- Please send all articles to: (monthly.media@paradiseislandlargo.com)
- If your phone number or address is incorrect in the Park's Yellow Phone Directory, notify the Co-Op office at 535-2172 or send an e-mail to: <u>piadmin@paradiseislandlargo.com</u>



• <u>Disclaimer:</u> Remember, this publication is for News & Events for the benefit of Paradise Island residents. The Board of Directors of Paradise Island Co-Op and the Editor of the Monthly Media are not responsible for the content of any articles submitted. If the article is determined not to comply with the 'News & Events' concept, it will not be printed. If you have a 'Letter to the Editor', a section is provided for opinion related articles not of a negative nature! Also, articles might appear in the media before the actual event date.

Also, there are 6 places to look for an activities date and time either in the current month or in future months. They are:

- Within the media, there might be an article with all of the details.
- The calendar section of the media.
- The Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse.
- Our web site at www.paradiseislandlargo.com under the Amenities link.
- Facebook group, 'Paradise Island Largo'

Letter(s) to the Editor

The Paradise Island Non-Denominational Church In The Park is seeking a retired or semi-retired Minister of the Full Gospel, for a part-time position, beginning in January 2024. If interested or you know of someone, please email a short resume to Pastor Serena Johnson at smjpray@aol.com.





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VETERAN'S CORNER

By Bob Behm

This Friday's renaming of FT Gordon to Fort Eisenhower marks the final such installation-level move for the Army, culminating a nearly three-year process that began when Congress' fiscal 2021 defense policy bill established the bipartisan Naming Commission to rename the military's places and objects



that honored Confederates. Four members of the commission attended the final redesignation at Eisenhower.

I personally never agreed with making these changes and felt it was a waste of money and erasing history just to please a very divided country! But then I started to understand a little better after reading some of the stories about some of the names that were on some of the bases such as Ft Gordon below!

FORT EISENHOWER, Ga. — When this installation's former namesake invaded Maryland, the U.S. Army shot him five times. Despite receiving five bullets at Antietam in 1862 — and three additional wounds in other battles — as he rose from captain to major general in the Confederate army during the Civil War, former slaveowner John Brown Gordon survived to become the head of the Klu Klux Klan in Georgia. As a member of the U.S. Senate, Gordon helped negotiate the end of Reconstruction in 1877, which rehabilitated the white Southern elite and allowed a new era of racial oppression to emerge. A two-term governor of Georgia, Gordon was also the first commander of the United Confederate Veterans.

But as I stated above in a Friday morning ceremony just outside of Augusta, the Army eschewed Gordon's legacy in favor of that of Dwight D. Eisenhower, the post's new namesake. Eisenhower helped lead the destruction of Nazi Germany as a five-star general in World War II, and oversaw key racial integration milestones later as president. In 1957, Eisenhower deployed the 101st Airborne Division to Arkansas and federalized the state's National Guard when the governor attempted to block nine Black students from attending Little Rock Central High School.

Army Secretary Christine Wormuth spoke of Eisenhower's achievements in a speech accompanying the ceremony, which members of the former president's family attended. The vice chair of the commission, retired Army Brig. Gen. Ty Seidule, voiced a similar sentiment in a Wednesday phone interview. "It's never too late to recognize true American heroes...that represent the values of this great country," he said.

The following Army installations received new names this year:

- Fort Barfoot, Virginia, once Fort Pickett, was renamed after Col. Van T. Barfoot on March 24. He received the Medal of Honor during World War II for his actions as a noncommissioned officer in Italy in 1944.
- <u>Fort Novosel, Alabama</u>, once Fort Rucker, was renamed on April 10 for Chief Warrant Officer Michael Novosel, who fought in three wars and received the Medal of Honor for a Vietnam War medical evacuation mission.
- Fort Gregg-Adams, Virginia, once Fort Lee, was rechristened April 27 for Lt. Gen.

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Arthur Gregg, the Army's first Black lieutenant general, and Lt. Col. Charity Adams, who commanded the all-Black female 6888th Postal Battalion during World War II

- <u>Fort Cavazos, Texas</u>, once Fort Hood, was redesignated for infantry Gen. Richard Cavazos, the service's first Latino four-star, on May 9. Cavazos, who led soldiers in both Korea and Vietnam, twice received the Distinguished Service Cross.
- Fort Bragg, North Carolina, became Fort Liberty on June 2.
- Fort Polk, Louisiana, transitioned to <u>Fort Johnson</u> on June 13. Nearly a century after his exploits, Sgt. William Henry Johnson of the World War I "Harlem Hell fighters," received the Medal of Honor in 2015.
- Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, transitioned to <u>Fort Walker</u>, named for Civil War surgeon and Medal of Honor recipient Mary Edwards Walker, August 25.
- Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, <u>was renamed</u> Louisiana National Guard Training Center-Pineville on Oct. 20.

Bob Behm LTC, (RET ARMY)

In Memoriam

By Dianna Gilmore

Please contact me, Dianna Gilmore at 303-748-6572 of any deaths you are aware of in our community. It is my honor to lower our community memorial flag and post notices on the flag board, the clubhouse and in the Monthly Media. Your calls to me will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

"There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love." — Washington Irving

New Residents Joining our Community

By the Welcome Team, Nancy & Ken Jonas

appy Holidays!! As we enter a very busy month with all the Holiday Parties, we look forward to seeing many of the new residents coming out and joining in the fun!! We have been a bit busier welcoming





new folks as they migrate south to join us for the winter and if we haven't contacted you yet, please watch for our call and please respond if we leave you a message. We just want to set up an appointment to meet you and invite you to take part in the many events that the Social Committee has planned for your enjoyment! Welcome to Paradise!

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By Bonnie Melke

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310	Phyllis	Laus	December	1
417	Nora	Bernot	December	1
216	Amy	Liang	December	2
270	Linda	Laux	December	2
305	Linda	Coburn	December	2
187	Rick	Atkins	December	3
258	Jean	Dittman	December	3
650	Vicky	Swinden	December	3
718	Mary	Olsen	December	3
801	Steve	Sullivan	December	3
335	Anne	Elkins	December	4
366	Cindy	Leblanc	December	4
579	Wilma	Bechtel	December	4
583	Joseph	Branley	December	4
464	Linda	Smith	December	5
484	Janet	Pike	December	5
661	Betsy	King	December	5
36	Ken	Clayton	December	6
77	Michael	Bedynek	December	6
598	Lenore	Maloney	December	6



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321	Michael	Cozens	December	7
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389	Richard	Mackinnon	December	7
147	Marion	Keith	December	8
255	Diane	Rode	December	8
460	Sandy	Cordrone	December	8
547	Denise	Samson-Nadeau	December	8
341	Elaine	Van Patton	December	9
514	Dave	Ruvola	December	10
624	Linda	Forzano	December	10
26	Wilma	Larcent	December	11
207	Melanie	Barcley	December	11
350	Rick	Mac Millan	December	11
84	William	Stein	December	12
340	Lou	Kluzynski	December	12
643	Arlene	Rutkowski	December	12
726	Peggy	Gray	December	12
748	Beverly	Mortimer	December	12
822	Joanne	Johns	December	12
541	Paul	Snellenberger	December	13
680	Anne	Carpenter	December	13
761	Linda	Smolen	December	13
280	Sharon	Slauter	December	14
283	Barbara	Davis	December	14
451	Serena	Johnson	December	14
279	Linda	Gwin	December	15
546	Cheryl	Quantz	December	15
126	Ruth	Charron	December	16
252	Nellie	Adams	December	16
245	Fran	Grant	December	17
736	Sandra	Jones	December	17
175	Patrick	Mccoy	December	18
572	John	O'keefe	December	18
610	Joe	Demarco	December	18
179	Betty	Shipman	December	19
209	Robert	Wood	December	19
210	Rob	Botti	December	19
288	Gilles	Darcy	December	19
430	Elsie	Powell	December	19
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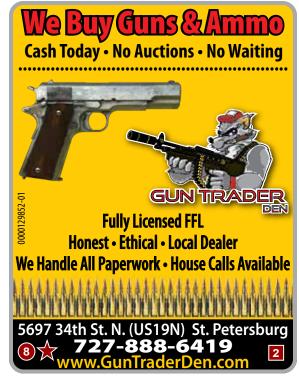
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757	Carol	Andrew	December	20
209	Karen	Wood	December	21
436	Mona	Kirchgalter	December	21
519	Jan	Schaner	December	21
485	Edward	Black	December	22
649	George	Phinney	December	22
714	Pat	Meging	December	22
113	Nicholas	Maxfield	December	23
463	Glen	Halter	December	23
350	Bev	Mac Millan	December	24
630	Gary	Goodwin	December	24
777	Robert	Grippo	December	24
13	Christy	Bouch	December	25
226	Astrid	Scott	December	25
605	Brenda	Goron	December	25
665	Jeanne	Czikowsky	December	25
796	Dianna	Gilmore	December	26
69	Susan	Davis	December	27
477	Linda	Farris	December	27
763	Jeffery	Welch	December	27
819	Alvaro	Barsi	December	27
127	Dawn	Foss	December	28
438	Nancy	Mccann	December	28
498	Steve	Wilson	December	28
633	Joanne	Koenig	December	28
546	Richard	West	December	29
552	Sue	Fiorentino	December	29
696	Lorraine	Richards	December	29
676	Dan	Bieganski	December	30
753	Nathan	Brotherwood	December	30
50	Linda	Dugas	December	31
303	Henry	Klukleman	December	31
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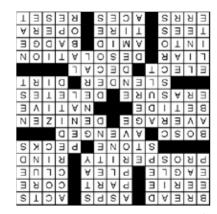
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- 41. Deciphers
- 43. Craving 45. Gentry
- 46. Protective covering
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