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President's Message:

Kathy Wichmann



y time as President is coming to a close so I need to reflect on the last year and evaluate my role. I am very proud of what I have accomplished as your President. I stated last month how it takes a village and we have had some rocky years. I feel the accomplishments in the last year far outweigh the negativity and turmoil that the year began with.

Since my time on the board, I reflected on the years I was elected to serve constituents as a City Councilperson. I hoped to bring more order and leadership and wanted to ensure the use of Roberts Rules at meetings. As I needed to do when I was Vice President here and family illness took away our then President, I had to assume a leadership role last year and for several months this year to ensure the community continued to move past the turmoil of no manager. I directed board members to follow through and I got us through some difficult times. The biggest change to this community in 30 years occurred by going from self-managed to a management company. The community is better today than a year ago and I led the board through that change being the glue that held everyone together.

A President is supposed to lead the rest of the group. You do not have a vote unless it is a tie breaker vote or a called vote. You will hear me at board meetings asking for a vote on the motions and I do not vote yay or nay, it's a vote of the majority, it's not a vote for the President to impose one way or the other. A lot of Board communication is done through email. I rarely respond quickly to the emails; I want all board members to express their opinions first and not be swayed by anything I may say. I have also asked the Board to write articles for the forecaster. This is not my Board, this is the Board of Directors for the community, for you, and I want them to feel empowered to communicate with the community.

So, upon reflection, I feel very good about where we are today under my guidance. Americana Cove made it through one of the most difficult years in our history and we are in a great place today. We have open dialogue, committees in place, volunteers who are willing to give of their time and expertise. Upcoming boards may want to go a different direction, but I do hope we continue to focus on the strength and future of this community as a whole. And I, again, want to sincerely thank our great volunteers here in the Cove, our team of employees under the supervision of Vita, and a sincere thank you to Chrissy and Tracye for allowing me to spend so much time in the office. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President and move the Cove forward in these difficult times.

Message from the Board of Directors

By George Paige

The Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers were busy this past year supporting the community. Below is a list of major projects completed or are in process for FY 2023/2024. The Board of Directors would like to thank all the volunteers and staff who have supported these efforts and look forward to working with everyone in FY 2024/2025.

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Thanks for your efforts and support. MAROA Board of Directors

Accomplishments for BoD, Staff and Volunteers 2023/2024

Refinanced Bank of America Loan 1

Renewal or payoff of 43 loans with 25 renewals

Invested accumulated cash in CDs and interest-bearing checking accounts

Restated governing documents and amended the bylaws

Integrated management company

Integrated new manager

Engaged boat ramp contract

Engaged seawall repair contract

Revised reserve study

Repaired multiple sewer line issues in community

Implemented contracts for maintenance on HVAC and well systems

Hired tree arborist to assess community common areas

Implemented several committees to support the community

Signed contract with WOW and Spectrum

Upgraded wireless network in office and Clubhouse/Atrium

Replaced aged computers in office

Replaced AC in Office, Atrium and Clubhouse

Renovated the Guard House

Fiber Optic Contract with Tillman Fiber. Network to be installed mid 2024

New Bocce Courts approved by homeowners and installed

Common area dock pilings wrapped, and concrete jackets completed

Entered contracts for rat and termite control in common areas

Replacement of pool deck tiles and new pool compressors

ACA News

By Doug Howland

CA Elections will be the month of March and several positions will be open. If you are interested in running for any of the officer positions please contact the ACA secretary Erika Fitch and get a Declaration of Candidacy form. Newly elected officers will take over in April for a two year term. ACA is in charge of social events here in the park along with supervising all the clubs in the park.

The next ACA Club President's meeting will be held the first Tuesday of the month, February 6th at 10 a.m. in the Atrium. Then Wednesday, February 7th 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 here at Americana Cove.

Our next ACA Burger Burn will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, February 20th, from 4-5:30 pm. For \$7.00 you get a one third pound hamburger, fries, baked beans and a



drink. Come on out and treat yourself to dinner and visit with friends.

ACA is helping with plans for a 30 year celebration of the founding of Americana Cove. This Founder's Day event will be happening on Saturday, March 16th to celebrate this milestone. There will be events going on all day starting with a Ceremony at 11 a.m. and ending the day with a movie at 8 p.m. There will be a lot of other events going on during the day too. Lunch will be served as well as music and a pool party in the afternoon. A lot of the clubs here in the Cove will be showcasing their club with events throughout the afternoon also. It should be a day of fun and celebration so be sure to mark it on your calendar.

Another date to put on your calendar is our annual ACA Tag sale which will be held Saturday, March 2nd. This event is held in the clubhouse and residents are allowed to rent table space to sell their own items. Tables for this event go on sale this month for \$25 a table. Please contact Doug Howland if you would like to reserve a space with your payment.

There are still lots of events in the works to finish out the season here at the Cove so make sure to enjoy some of them. A lot of the clubs have events planned so check out their info in the Forecaster.

Announcements

By Ray Rodriguez - Editor



90's Happy Birthday - Sandy Shouse

HEY ARE OUR SUNSHINE!! It's time again to celebrate our 90+ year old residents Birthday celebration with friends, family and Cove community.

The sun will be shining for them on Saturday February 24th. Doors will open at 3:00 and we will serve dinner at 4:00, program, gifts to follow.

As a community we take this time to gather together to help celebrate this special time and let them know how much they mean to us. We will have a great meal, dessert, program and of course birthday gifts. This is open to the entire community. Everyone is welcome. Tickets for dinner and program are \$15.00 and will go on sale January 31st.

We are in need of volunteers to help with set-up, serving, clean-up, etc. If you would enjoy being apart of this wonderful event please contact Karen at 484-343-6305 or Sandy at 814-746-6595 (text or call). If you would like to donate towards their gifts please contact Karen or Sandy. We are blessed to have so many wonderful people in this community. Thank-you

It's Tax Time Again -

Judy Hall

here's still time to make an appointment to get your federal taxes done for FREE! Just call Judy Hall at 727-643-4726 to make an appointment on February 22 if you have a simple tax return. If you will receive a brokerage statement, call her for an appointment on March 14. Returns will be done in the Game Room at the Clubhouse. All preparers are certified by the IRS.









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Art Strong -

Judy Daigle

Our plans for this month is to host another Art Strong Exhibition on February 19, 2024 from 6-8 pm in the Library. We have great artists here in the Cove, so come on out to see and possibly purchase some of these unique pieces of art! Everyone is welcome to join us on Monday evenings in the library from 6-8 to create your masterpieces. We are still working with watercolors, but you can use other mediums such as acrylics, pastels, oils, or mixed media. Most of the time we follow tutorials so there is no experience needed, Art is Art.

Americana Cove Art Strong is the name of our facebook page where you can see our work in progress or completed art pieces. Will keep you updated with our Art Exhibition on the Americana Cove Community page as we approach the February 19 event.

Marketing Committee –

Fran Hardy

Plans for our first open house in February are moving forward.

I am still asking for greater participation, please attend our meetings.

Meetings and our minutes are posted on the Web page.

A Heartfelt Thank You to our Volunteers -

Sandy Shouse

his holiday season decorations were absolutely wonderful at Americana Cove. It amazes me every year the volunteers that decorate the clubhouse, atrium, game room and billiard room. They take their time to not only decorate but and



billiard room. They take their time to not only decorate but undecorate the areas. It is always so great to see the many beautiful trees and decorations. A heartfelt Thank you to everyone who helped, including maintenance and to the support of ACA.

Thank you also for the wonderful outside decorations, the Landscape committee always does an amazing job. Every year the decorations get better and better, spreading joy through out the Cove.

We are truly blessed and thankful for all the volunteers who help make our holidays special. Have a wonderful, blessed New Year.

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

Full Moon Kayaking -

Audrey Dox

ull Moon Kayaking under a "Snow Moon" will be held on Saturday, February 24.

Leave from Founders Park at 6:10 PM

Sunset is at 6:30 PM

Moonrise is at 6:46 PM

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

Front and back headlamps or kayak lights are REQUIRED so boats can see you both from the front as well as the back. 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 recommended to bring bug spray, a flashlight, water, and a jacket, if chilly.

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

This event is weather dependent. A Vola will be announced by 2 PM if the event is cancelled due to weather. Contact Audrey Dox via text at 518 331-5067 with questions.







Bridge -

Gloria Julius

The bids between Opener and Partner are One No-Trump, 2 Clubs, 2 Diamonds and 3 Clubs. The Opener bids 3 No-Trump. He has stoppers for all suits and now knows he will have a long club suit in Dummy (his partner's hand). The Bridge Lady say come to the bridge game on Mondays from 10 AM to 12 PM in the Game Room or Atrium.

Gloria Julius

Young At Heart Club

By Kathy Laramee

hate to sound like a broken record but the paragraph below cannot be stated enough!!

Please, please be considerate of our Awesome Can Volunteers when disposing of your cans in the marked receptacles. I hear horror stories of some of the items being found, other forms of metal cans, full or partially full cans (which draws hoardes of bees) and just plain trash!! These volunteers are committed to our project and I'm so appreciative of them and they certainly should not be subjected to some of the conditions they are encountering. Again, as a reminder, the proceeds are returned directly to our community with the exception of Wreaths Across America and pay for the luncheons we provide every month.

THANKING EVERYONE IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR DILIGENCE AND COOPERATION!!

We are so appreciative of the folks who attend the luncheons each month. Our clubs and volunteers work hard to provide these luncheons and your appreciation and participation goes a long way.

This past month we provided funds for our Veterans plaques, a microphone for Live Music and a contribution to Helping Hands. Thank you to those who dispose of their aluminum cans and of course, as mentioned above, our volunteers who make it all possible.





STREET CAPTAINS -

Nancy Olson

The street Captains were very busy during the month of January. On January 18 they went door to door and hand delivered Budget proxies for voting purposes and the budget for your review. From January 15- 30 they were conducting Phase 1 of the outdoor residence inspections. If you were not home during these inspections and your street captain hasn't been able to catch up with you, you can go to the office and request a copy of your inspection. Every home was inspected and an inspection form for each home has been completed.

I want to thank all the Street Captains and alternates for all your time with delivering shareholder documents, stuffing/labeling envelopes and home inspections during the month of January!

Welcome New Residents

By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez

Gay & Andy McPhee 603 Mt. Key Ave. NE Prev: Rogers

Dawn Kramer 7181 Mt. Hawthorne Rd. NE Prev: Lollypop, LLC

Clifford & Susan Janzen 7154 Mt. Jupiter Dr. NE Prev: C & S Properties of Polk Brian Gray 563 Mt. Piney Ave. NE Prev: MAROA

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Sunshine Report for February

By Cindy Peacock

he best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time." Abraham Lincoln

February Birthdays:

- 2/2 Susan Galligan
- 2/2 Mary Lou Pribesh
- 2/3 Gery Hart
- 2/3 Polly Kuizel
- 2/3 Lynnea Mathews
- 2/5 Susan Chavie
- 2/7 Jan Ernst
- 2/7 Susan Lloyd
- 2/8 Ronald W. Miller
- 2/8 Frank Manganello
- 2/9 Vanessa Caponigro
- 2/9 Cindy Rodriguez
- 2/11 Mark Curtis
- 2/11 Mike Guiler
- 2/11 Beverly Hamel 2/13 Janet Pendino
- 2/14 John Cole
- 2/14 Marge Lang

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- 2/16 Ann Joseph
- 2/16 Rebecca Terpstra
- 2/17 Anthony Boccarossa 95
- 2/20 Kim Lavoie
- 2/20 Linda Pizzano
- 2/20 Patricia Whitlock
- 2/21 Joe Leland
- 2/22 Joan Irwin
- 2/24 Susan Eaton
- 2/24 Pat Perry
- 2/25 Randy Daugherty
- 2/25 Bill Moretti
- 2/26 Joel Daigle
- 2/27 Gary Clark
- 2/27 John Karam
- 2/28 Diane Barnum
- 2/28 Barry Barratiere
- 2/29 Linda Cook

February Anniversaries:

Dolores & Jeff Prusak 30 2/5/1994 Shirley & Tony Giaquinto 59 2/6/1965 Melissa & Mark Guiler 32 2/7/1992 2/8/1976 Denise & Jim Nichols 48 2/9/2004 Janice & Gerry Zebley 20 2/10/1973 Patricia & Richard Telech 51 2/13/2003 Pam & Richard Lord 21 2/14/1999 Cathe & Joe Golf 25 2/16/1980 Sharon & Rick Leclair 44 2/21/1970 Lorna & Richard Roberts 54 2/27/2017 Helga & Donnie Ellis 7

2/28/1987 Patricia & Rodney South 37





Passed Away and Will Be Missed:

Ken Smelter Alvin Napier Margaret Lederhouse



Boat Club

By Mary Ann Meljac

s I write this article, I am sitting in the house anticipating what the weather will bring us this weekend. We had to postpone our annual "Parade of Lights" on December 16th because of anticipated high



winds and rain. The good news is that we rescheduled it for the 30th and a successful effort was put forth by 12 boat owners and their crews. The weather was indeed cool but we were in awe of the Cove community, their appreciation and support of this fun event! Folks were sitting out on their docks, decks, porches and at the marina and Founder's Park cheering us on! Boat participants were: Codella, Solomon, Paige, Michaels, Wells, Janus, Turner, Jones & Jones, Weeks, Ferrari/Zerowski, and Olson's. It was a tough decision for our judges and after much discussion, the winners were announced ...

Honorable Mention – Turners (one membership to the Boat Club - \$15 value)

3rd Place – Jones (\$25)

2nd Place – Codella (\$50)

1st Place – Ferrari/Zerowski (\$75)

The winners of the waterfront home decorations were announced at the After Glow party in the Atrium the evening of December 17th. 58 folks attended the party. The Boat Club provided pizzas from Hungry Howie's and a special thank you to all who brought a dish to share.

3rd Place – John and Wanda Tyson (\$25) 2nd Place – Phil and Linda Quince (\$50)

1st Place – Deb and Tom Turner (\$75)

A special thank you to the judges ... it was a difficult task and they had some tough decisions.

Next on the agenda is the planning of the Annual Island Bash Party with a Margaritaville/Parrot Head theme scheduled for Saturday, March 9th. Watch for further information i.e. ticket sales, volunteer committee sign-up sheets, decorations. The entertainment will be provided by the RockinRacoons, Embellished Catering has been secured for catering. The grand raffle this year will be a Royal Caribbean Cruise! Thank you to Robert Solomon for coordinating this effort. Mary Marcil will be coordinating the themed gift baskets. Please watch the bulletin boards and facebook for further information.









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John 3:16

The January 13th Boat Club meeting was attended by 61 members including 7 new members. Welcome! The 50/50 raffle worth \$59 was won by, Shirely Giaquinto. Congratulations Shirley! The Tiki Hut party started at 3PM and let me tell you what a fabulous turnout! A total of 121 people attended and this included 3 guests and 9 new members. Wow! The entertainment was provided by Sammy Davis Jr. and the line dancers got a lot of practice in! The Boat Club provided the homemade sloppy joes along with chips. The folks who brought dishes to share did an outstanding job and nobody left hungry. Thank you! The 50/50 raffle worth \$142 at the Tiki Hut Party was won by, Phyllis Arkanoff! Congratulations Phyllis!

Special Reminder
All members are asked to bring a dish to share. Some folks
are either not aware of this or have forgotten.
Please make every effort to share a dish so that everyone gets something.

Thank you!

Happy Valentine's Day to all! "The best love is the kind that awakens the soul and makes us reach for more, that plants a fire in our hearts and brings peace to our minds."

- Nicholas Sparks

Bocce Club

By Daisy Dean

ur Bocce Club is still growing, so therefore we have changed our time to start on Sundays. We will now start at 1pm instead of 3. We also now have a Sign Up Sheet that will be put up on our Bocce Board Every Week in The Clubhouse with time Slots from 1 to 4 pm. Please put your name on the Slot you wish to play. This will eliminate a Long Wait Time for you to Play.

We are having a Fundraiser February 10th. Starting at 5pm.

Menu will be Homemade Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Dinner Roll & Dessert. 12.00 Per Person. Tickets Available From Pat & Teri Stallone or Myself

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Weekly Calendar Repeats

	AMERICANA COVE	WEEKLY Calendar R	epeats - Month: Fo	ebruary 2024			
Day	Event	Time		Location			
Monday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C			
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	Cue Club-Women's	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	В			
	Texas Hold'em	6:30pm		A			
	Rug Braiding	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	G			
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B: Billiards
G: Game Room
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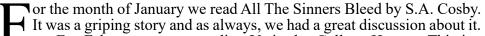
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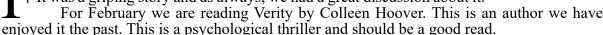
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Book Club

By Nan Krueger





We chose books for the first 3 months of the year, and each month we vote on an additional book. The list is on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse under the "Friends of the Library" section.

All women residents are welcome to join. We meet the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM in the library. You are welcome to stop by and see what we are about and of course to join us if you would like.

Happy Reading!!

Buddhism

By John Howell

n extraordinary experience was held at the Florida CraftArt recently. Sacred painting in the form of a Wisdom Mandala ("Manjushri") was created. This blessing was shared with all who attended including the community at large. We had patiently been waiting for the return of the Tibetan monks since 2020. We will have debrief, show pictures taken, and have Mandala sand next meeting Feb. 1st 1pm game room. Also thanks once again to everyone for the positive feedback regarding the ("7-episodes"); provided to facilitate ongoing group discussions which shall conclude in the May article. Merit generated will be auspiciously synchronous with...

Episode 4. Arriving before daybreak on a crisp fall 1987 morning during the: ("Harmonic Convergence" no less!), securing a front row with blankets. Coming from a large tent one could hear the morning chants of H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama. Many expressed how the sky appeared to turn the deepest azure (comparable to high Himalayan altitudes) as the sun slowly began to rise. Then the curtain was pulled back to reveal Tenzin Gyatso: ("Avalokiteshvara") i.e. Compassionate/Wisdom... Our eyes locked ...in a spine-tingling-first-gaze "flashback/ forward" exchange. Recognition of a past-life Tantric ("heart connection") Satguru verified this "Mahamudra" singularity ... thus bookending previous spiritual endeavor, while parting the "veil" further. Radiating great joy, his world renowned infectious laugh, and beaming smile presaged magic. Some remarked how buoyant they felt (approaching "levitation"). Next we followed H.H. as he circumambulated the new Holy Chorten, consecrating it with sacred Mantras/Prayers, joining a small group gathered to receive: ("Darshan"). Later seated before his teaching throne to partake of the "Prajnaparamita" aka "Heart Sutra", delivered with traditional Tibetan singing/dancing afterward. One could spot many luminaries; Hopkins, Gere, Hart, Seagal, Mullen, Thurman, Mellencamp, Lilly... wafting about. The day was timeless, indelibly imprinting "forever changes": Subsequently receiving a total of 7 transmissions i.e. "empowerments"; (initiations/activations) including Mandalas of Buddha's



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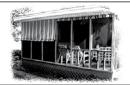
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Episode 5 to follow...

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, Israel, and all freedom-loving democracies

Namaste

Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch

ornhole club season is well under way! We have had an increase in membership but always welcome any new members. Membership dues were collected starting in November but you can still join at anytime. If you would like to join the club dues are \$10 for the year, guaranteeing you a spot to play every Thursday evening. We will be playing every Thursday night at 6:30 in the clubhouse

Our new game Air Mail that we started last year is also back again. Don't forget to bring your money for a ticket for the drawing for a chance to play and win some money in this game. We also have a 50/50 drawing every week at cornhole.

It is an easy game to learn and we will help anyone who would like to give it a try. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday evenings. We set up at 6:00 and would appreciate any help. Call Doug or Debbie if you have any questions. (727) 366-4273.

Crafters Club

By Teri Stallone

The Crafters had a busy month with 5 Tuesdays in January. They always do a terrific job! If you are interested in joining Crafters, you can come on Tuesday nights at 6 (or at 6:30 on Burger Burn night) and pay a \$10 dues for the year. Our sign up sheets for each craft are posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Sign up for those crafts you'd like to make. You can also join our Crafters Facebook page to receive information about future crafts and events.. Happy Valentine's Day Cove Neighbors!









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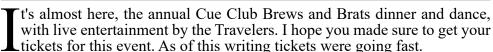
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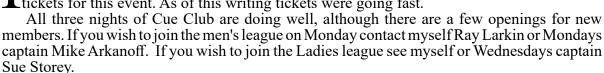


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Cue Club

By Ray Larkin





We are in the process of planning a mixed night (ladies and men) and would like to gauge interest in this activity. This mixed night would be held on Thursday night between 6pm and 8pm. Please feel free to call me if you think this may be of interest to you.

Land Excercise

By Daisy Dean

appy New Year to you all. New Year comes with New Year's Resolutions to be a Healthy. You can be proud of the number of times that you are coming to Walking Class to do just that.

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Welcome to New Walkers Sandra Whalen & Debra Garraffa & Welcome Back to Judy Wilburn

We now have Commercial Free Workouts Thanks to Laurie Reynolds, It Truly makes a Huge Difference, Also Thanks to Bill Moretti & Scott Peacock for all your help.

We meet Monday Through Friday in the Clubhouse starting at 8:am to 8:45. Come Join us to Walk, Walk, Walk

Landscape Committee

By Deb Howland and Erika Fitch

big thank you to everyone who helped us take the decorations down last month. Everything is packed away and waiting for our next Christmas season.

Anank you

Just a reminder that if you are planning on doing any landscape projects such as plantings or pavers make sure that you get a landscape request form from the office or off the Cove website. You need to turn in what you plan to do before you start so that approval can be given. If you do not do this there is a chance you will have to take it out at your expense, if approval can't be given for what you have done.

The next Landscape Committee meeting will be Wednesday, February 14th at 11 a.m. in the Atrium. At this time we will be discussing a few projects and plantings we have in the works now that we are starting to get more rain. Come and join us if you have an interest in landscaping and keeping our park beautiful.

Line Dancing

By Judy Daigle

Te started off the New Year on the right foot! Learning new dances every week and reviewing old ones. It is never too late to join and no experience is needed. Lots of fun and good for your health, If you'd like to see what dances are coming up, simply join our Americana Cove Line Dance page on facebook for links to practice before going to class. Dances are held every Monday. Intermediate classes are 11:30-12:00 pm..... beginner 12-1:00pm.

Live Music

By Libby Hopkins

This month, we have two events happening, and you will not want to miss either one. First, we present our **Valentine's Show** on the second Tuesday of February, 2/13/24. Come and be our Sweethearts, and let us send you musical love from the stage.

We're also happy to celebrate with the **90s folks** in our park. It is a pleasure to provide the entertainment for their birthday party every year. The **90s Celebration** is an event in which we honor residents in the park who are 90 and above. This year's party is scheduled for Saturday, February 24, 2024 .It is a heartwarming event you will want to attend. Anyone can come to help celebrate with our 90+ year old residents. Tickets will be available. Please watch volo, Facebook and other media for specific information.

Both musical programs are in the Clubhouse.

For those of you who are not familiar with Live Music, we are a Music Group within the park that usually perform the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Our Performances and the Refreshments we offer you are **FREE!!!** We work hard to provide an entertaining, fun hour, and we provide snacks, drinks, and sometimes, spiked punch!

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Shuffleboard Club

By Anthony Daleo



ur Club will sponsor its annual **Fundraiser—Pancake Breakfast** on Saturday, February 3rd from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. \$6 includes coffee, orange juice, sausage links, and delicious all-you- can-eat pancakes --no price increase from last year's breakfast. Our Club appreciates your support of this annual fundraiser; and our members enjoy serving you at its breakfast. Don't forget to bring some extra \$ for our 50/50 drawing.

Our Club's meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7th, 9:30 a.m. in the Atrium. Our meeting agenda will include discussing the Club's Banquet which is on the Americana Cove's Calendar for March 23th. Input from all members is requested.

Reminder that all residents are invited to our Shuffleboard Courts on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for social shuffling and on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. for Hoss Collar (a fun game to improve your aiming). We have all you need to join us on our courts; just show up!

By the time of publication of this Forecaster article, our NOVA and Blue Sky teams will have completed six weeks of their ten weeks schedule of League play. In March, some of our team players will participate in League tournaments. This season seems to have flown by! Remember, however, that we continue to enjoy shuffling here in Americana Cove throughout the year.

Community Draws Home Shoppers!

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

total of 359 home shoppers visited the sales office during 2023 with 259 visitors who made appointments while 100 were walk-ins—potential home buyers who stopped during posted business hours to learn more about community and tour homes for sale.

In comparison, a total of 414 people visited the sales office in 2022 with 300 having

In comparison, a total of 414 people visited the sales office in 2022 with 300 having appointments, while 367 people visited in 2021 with 232 having appointments. "The notable trend for visitors is that more potential buyers are making appointments with our Realtors rather than coming to the community unannounced," explained Broker Marty Pozgay.

That trend tracks with statistics from the National Association of Realtors who notes that 98% of home buyers look on-line first before they do anything. Then once they have narrowed what they want to view, then a home buyer will contact a Realtor to visit properties for sale.

In addition to visitors who came during posted sales hours or by appointment, the gate staff also distributed marketing information about the community after posted hours. In 2023, the gate staff gave out 257 folders to visitors at the gate.

"Distributing folders at the gate was actually an idea the gate staff requested," explained Pozgay. "Having material about the community to give to visitors so they can make an appointment is a win-win for both gate staffers and visitors as it leaves a positive impression."









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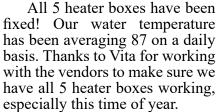
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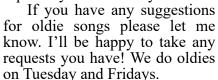
ello everyone! We had a great toast to 2024 on Jan.1 welcoming our New Year! We had mimosas, orange juice, fresh fruit and assorted cheeses. Many thanks to the ACA for treating us to all of this! Thanks to Rosemary Ferreri for coming and taking pictures for our group! We continue welcoming many new residents to class. Water exercise is a great way to start your day!

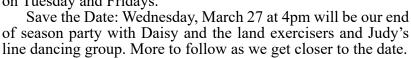


Items of interest include:

We continue to experience cold/rainy/windy weather, having to cancel class on several more days than we would normally do this time of year. Please be sure to check our FB group page "Americana Cove Water Fitness Group" on a daily basis for the most current updates on our ever changing weather and whether or not we will have class.







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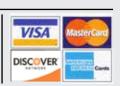
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Vespers

By Audrey Dox

Vespers services are held in the Atrium on Sundays at 4:50 PM beginning with a traditional hymn-sing. All residents and guests are welcome to attend this inter-denominational worship service for an inspiring message followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Clubhouse.

On December 17, we were blessed with singing by the youth choir of Grace Lutheran Church. It was a joy listening to the young voices sing praises during service which was then followed by fun Christmas songs during our refreshment time.

Thank you to all who decorated our pulpit with poinsettias. Vespers distributed many poinsettia plants around the Cove to shutins and others.

Speakers for February

Feb. 4 Rebecca Lehman, Methodist Pastor

Feb. 11 John Underwood, Woodlawn Presbyterian Church

Feb. 18 Kevin Loughran, Grace Lutheran Church

Feb. 25 Dierdre Banks, Faith Covenant Church

SEND SOME CHEER – HONOR SOMEONE WITH FLOWERS! Each week, flowers decorate the Vespers pulpit area in honor of, or

in memory of, a loved one. The loved one is named and the donor is recognized at the Vespers service. Flowers may be taken home following the service or we will be happy to 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 choir members practice at 3:30 PM on Sundays with an accompanist. If you like to sing, won't you consider joining our group of happy voices singing praises to our Lord. We are always happy to welcome new vocalists. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High. Psalm 9:2





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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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Gateway MHP Community Sale, Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 8am-2pm. 10100 Gandy Blvd. St. Petersburg

Carport Sale, Feb. 3, 2024. East Bay Oaks and Eldorado Village. 601 Starkey Rd. 8am-2pm. NO EARLY BIRDS

SUGAR CREEK CARPOT SALE. SATURDAY, FEB. 3RD - 8AM-1PM. 10265 ULMERTON RD, LARGO

Carport Sale: February 3rd, 8am-noon. Golden Acres RO Park. 1040 Main St., Dunedin FL

Community Yard Sale: Holiday Shores Park, Feb 9th and 10th. Entrances on 104th Avenue North and 106th Avenue North, Largo. 8AM to 2PM

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CARPOT SALE- RANCHERO VILLAGE, 7100 Ulmerton Road, Largo. Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 8 am to 3 pm

HUGE carport sale inside and outside the clubhouse. Browse in comfort. Clearwater Cascades, 9790 66th St. North, Pinellas Park. February 17th, 8-2pm. Furniture, décor, housewares, tools. Refreshments available.

BriarCreek Community Annual Bizaar. 2/23 5-7pm. 2/24 8am-1pm. 3175 McMullen Booth Road. South of Mease Hospital.

Flea Market Sat. Feb. 24th, 8-12 pm. Colonial Village, 2000 East Bay Drive, Largo. Furniture, Kitchen appliances, housewares, bicycles, clothing, homebaking.

Westwind Mobile Home Park 1 and 2 Annual Windfall Tag Sale. Saturday February 24th, 8-1 at 3301 ALT. 19, Dunedin

Doral Village Yard Sale Bazaar, Saturday, February 24th, 8am-1pm. 29250 US Hwy 19N, Clearwater. Furniture, clothing, linens, books, electronics, glassware, jewelry, kitchen items, baked goods, lunch and great raffles and prizes!

2 Day Yard Sale Friday and Saturday March 1st and 2nd. Outdoors and in clubhouse. 8am-3pm. Bake Sale in Clubhouse and Refreshments available. LaPlaza MHP 6700 150th Ave N. Clearwater

White Elephand & Bake Sale: Saturday March 2, 2024, 8am-1pm. Small appliances, furniture, lamps, dishes, linens, jewelry, baked goods, lunch. Lake Highlander Park, 1500 Country Road 1, Dunedin

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Palm Hill Country Club Annual Bazaar. Saturday, March 2nd, 8am- 1pm. 1800 Seminole Blvd, Largo.

Lake Seminole Resort Spring Flea Market, Bake Sale and Lunch on Saturday, March 2nd, 9:00am -1:00pm. Located at 10245 110th Ave. N., Largo Florida

Sugar Creek Craft & Bake Sale. Saturday, March 2, 2024. 9:00-2:00. 10265 Ulmerton Rd.

Blue Jay Estates-Annual Community Rummage Sale. Friday, 3/8 and Saturday, 3/9. 8am-1pm. Bake Sale and Lunch available Saturday only. Clubhouse and deck. 2755 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor, 34684

Craft Fair, 3-16-24. 8-1pm. Palm Hill Country Club, 8th Ave Clubhouse. Crafts, food, & Baked Goods

The Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 Pinellas County, having survived COVID, is regrowing to continue supporting local Veterans, and providing social activities for new and existing Canadian Legion Members. Join us for our monthly Membership Meetings, Remembrance Ceremonies, VSO visits, raids, invasions, MLB game, dinner/theater, museums, etc. For information, email: info@rclpost144.org.

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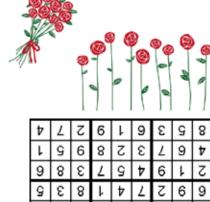
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February Sudoku

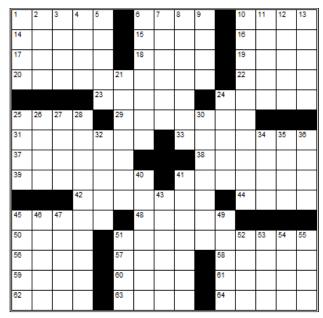
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ACROSS

- 1. Reliance
- 6. Taxis
- 10. Raindrop sound
- 14. Eagle's home
- 15. Affirm
- 16. Wealthy
- 17. Sail supports
- 18. Hindu princess
- 19. Aware of
- 20. Poulticing
- 22. Average
- 23. Grin
- 24. Pal
- 25. Stops
- 29. "Hush!"
- 31. Spotted feline
- 33. Cuddle
- 37. Ravel classic
- 38. Trader
- 39. Intestinal
- 41. Type of pony
- 42. Heat-related
- 44. Poi source
- 45. Thick-growing
- 48. They connect points
- 50. Nitpicky to a fault
- 51. In a slow, laborious manner
- 56, 5280 feet
- 57. Rodents
- 58. Red Sea peninsula
- 59. Sounds of disapproval
- 60. Curved molding
- 61. Economic down time
- 62. Hotels
- 63. Flippant
- 64. Affirmatives



Down

- Pack down
- 2. Genuine
- 3. Celestial bear
- 4. Seats oneself
- 5. Quizzes
- 6. Toted
- 7. Services
- 8. Types of hat
- 9. Large and hurried swallow
- 10. Proclaim
- 11. Delineated
- 12. Group of eight

- 21. Involve deeply
- 24. Music genre

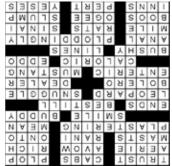
13. Fake

- 25. River to the North
- Sea
- 26. Used in advertising signs
- 27. Buffoon
- 28. Too shocked for words
- 30. Brought on
- 32. Impressive display
- 34. Pleased
- 35. Extend credit
- 36. Therefore

- 40. Montage
- 41. Way of thinking
- 43. Violent troublemaker
- 45. Famous baby deer
- 46. Labor organization
- 47. Beauty parlor
- 49. Pantywaist
- 51. Brace
- 52. Egyptian river
- 53. Wildebeests
- 54. Hardly believable
- 55. Puppy sounds



February Crossword











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- 1. Patronize the advertisers in this month's newsletter
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