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HOA UPDATE

Robert Campbell, President



ext meeting is March 11, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

RESIDENTS CLUB

Karen Stancick, President

The are sliding through winter so easily, yet still looking forward to the beautiful weather that is Florida!

There were many new faces at our January breakfast, in spite of the rain!

I'm so glad to see all of you coming out to meet your neighbors. Let's hope this continues.

February activities, as of now, are: Breakfast on the 3rd and our Calypso Dinner Cruise on February 17th. Keep an eye out for activities that could pop up.

We are open to suggestions—please put them in the suggestion box at the clubhouse.

February Calendar
Feb 3 Breakfast 8:30-10:30am
Feb 5 Residents' Club Meeting
Feb 17 Calypso Dinner Cruise. 4:00-6:30pm

SPRING CARPORT SALE

Karen Stancick

aturday, March 9, 2024 is the date!



Start your spring cleaning early and make room for some new treasures! We will be holding a Spring Carport Sale on March 9 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Acorn residents are welcome to set up tables at the clubhouse- either inside or outside. Watch for a flyer soon with more information. Questions can be directed to Jill DiMaggio at 443-741-5304. Please leave a message and she will return your call.

CANADIAN CLUB

Hazel Regan



he past few weeks, some mornings have felt like we are back up north....

Brrrr!

But we are keeping busy with our weekly shuffleboard games and get togethers.

Our traditional January Lasagna dinner was a great success as always. Many thanks to the shoppers and the kitchen crew for a great meal and an enjoyable evening.

MY CARE --FREE GROCERY BAGS

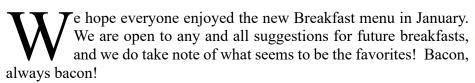
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y Care will be here on February 6, at 1:00 p.m. for free grocery bag distribution. Gratefully, their funding was renewed.



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Laurie Stone, Maureen Dunham



The first Friendly Feud was a success and we hope you all enjoyed!



We have planned a dinner cruise out of John's pass aboard the Calypso Breeze, on 2/17/24. We hope many of you will attend. For more information, check out our new page we have created for activities, as well as the existing pages on Facebook. Our new page is called Oakcrest/Acorn activities. We are hoping this will be easy to see activities planned, that may not have made it on the Calendar, due to print deadlines, or you may also contact one of us.

We are planning to have another dance with DJ Greg this Spring, along with other fun activities.

Your participation in Oakcrest/Acorn activities determines their success. Thank you if you have already joined in, and please consider trying something for the first time. All are welcome and appreciated.







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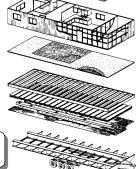
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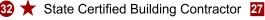
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February Sudoku

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Groundhog Day. Feb. 2. Old belief that if the sun shines on Candlemas Day, or if the groundhog sees his shadow when he emerges on this day, six weeks of winter will ensue.

Pay-A-Compliment Day. Feb. 6. Pay a compliment to coworkers, family members or strangers on the street or in the elevator in your office building.

Valentine's Day. Feb. 14. Celebrates the feast of two Christian martyrs of this name. Now it is one of the most widely observed unofficial holidays. It is an occasion for the exchange of gifts, usually flowers or sweets, and greeting cards.

Presidents Day. Feb. 19. Observes the birthdays of George Washington (Feb. 22) and Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12).

Inconvenience Yourself Day. Feb. 28. A day to think about others and look for ways to inconvenience yourself while making the lives of others better or easier. For more information, browse www.inconvenienceyourself.com.

Monthly



MD/Low Vision Awareness Month. Macular degeneration is a leading cause of vision loss. Low vision aids can make the most of remaining vision. For more information browse www.preventblindness.org.

American Heart Month. Each year cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of nearly 500,000 women. The American Heart Association focuses on education about women and heart disease. The AHA urges everyone to participate in Wear Red Day on Feb. 3. For more information, browse www.americanheart.org.

Bake for Family Fun Month. The Home Baking Association dedicates this month to the great taste, good nutrition, economy and family fun of traditional home baking. For more information, browse www.homebaking.org.

Library Lovers' Month. To recognize the value of libraries and to work to ensure that the nation's libraries will continue to serve the public. For more information, browse www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers.

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Einstein in 'Tinsel Town'

In his book *Great Hollywood Wit*, famed movie critic Gene Shalit recounts this famous Hollywood anecdote. Albert Einstein once ventured into the alternate universe known as Hollywood. Many celebrities made it their business to get invited to the sumptuous bash thrown in the physicist's honor. No doubt many at the star-studded event had heard of his theory of relativity—but it's unlikely that many understood it. At the party, it came to pass that one of the 20th century's greatest minds was introduced to Jack Warner, a movie producer who ruled Hollywood for many years. Warner's studio was responsible for introducing stars like Bette Davis, Humphrey Bogart—and Bugs Bunny. When Einstein was introduced to Warner, the movie maker said, "I have my own theory of relatives. Don't hire 'em."

Things you'll never hear your consultant say:

- You're right; we're billing you way too much for this.
- How about you only pay me based on the success of this project.
- The whole strategy is based on a Harvard business case I read the other night.
- I don't know enough about that to speak about it intelligently.
- Implementation? I was just going to write a long report for you.
- The only real problem you have is too much work for too few people.
- Everything looks OK to me. You really don't need me.

No future in it

John: "I don't think Steve is going to make it as a speaker." Ed: "Why?" John: "Because yesterday, when he asked if they could hear him in the back, and the answer was no, everyone in the front moved to the back."



On success

If you have achieved any level of success, then pour it into someone else. Success is not success without a successor.

—T.D. Jakes

There are no secrets to success. Don't waste time looking for them. Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty to those for whom you work, and persistence.

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— Joel Ğoodman



On exercise

Too many people confine their exercise to jumping to conclusions, running off at the mouth, stretching the truth, bending over backward, lying down on the job, side stepping responsibility, swimming against the current and pushing their luck.

— Anonymous

On shopping

Shopping is better than sex. At least if you're not satisfied, you can exchange it for something you really like.

— Adrienne Gusoff

On abstinence

Total abstinence is so excellent a thing that it cannot be carried to too great an extent. In my passion for it I even carry it so far as to totally abstain from total abstinence itself.

— Mark Twain

On adjectives

I notice that you use plain, simple language, short words and brief sentences. That is the way to write English—it is the modern way and the best way. Stick to it; don't let fluff and flowers and verbosity creep in. When you catch an adjective, kill it. No, I don't mean utterly, but kill most of them—then the rest will be valuable. They weaken when they are close together. They give strength when they are wide apart. An adjective habit, or a wordy, diffuse, flowery habit, once fastened upon a person, is as hard to get rid of as any other vice.

— Mark Twain

In a letter to D. W. Bowser, March 20, 1880

On happiness

If I could drop dead right now, I'd be the happiest man alive.

— Sam Goldwyn

Parental wit

When I was a kid I said to my father one afternoon, "Daddy, will you take me to the zoo?" He answered, "If the zoo wants you, let them come and get you."

— Jerry Lewis



The oldest valentine we know of is a Valentine's Day poem written in 1415? The Duke of Orleans wrote it for his wife.

About 9 million pet owners will buy Valentine's Day presents for their pets each year?

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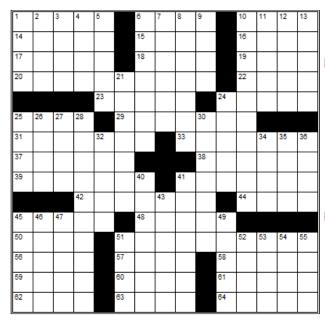
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Crossword

On the fragility of opinions

very long time ago, far away in another land, there lived six blind men. They had all been blind since birth. Mostly, the six spent their days sitting around inventing tall tales to see who could tell the best story.



One day, the six men fell into a great argument. The subject of their argument was the elephant. There were many tales throughout the land about the great elephant, but because none of the men had actually seen an elephant each of them had their own idea of what the beast was like.

The men hired a young guide to lead them in finding an elephant to settle the dispute. The blind men followed along, each one placing his hands on the back of the man in front of him, and in this way they made their way single file along a narrow forest path.

It wasn't long before the group came across a great elephant. The six became very excited. They decided that each man should take a turn at exploring the elephant's shape and form.

The first man fell against the side of the elephant and said, "My, the elephant is like a great and sturdy wall."

The second man grabbed hold of the tusk of the elephant and said, "My, the elephant is smooth and sharp, like a wonderful spear."

The third man approached the animal and grabbed on to the trunk and said, "My, the elephant is exactly like a snake."

The fourth man grabbed hold of the elephant's great leg and said, "My, the elephant is round and sturdy, just like a tree."

The fifth man reached out and grabbed hold of the elephant's ear, "My," he cried out, "The elephant is just like a fan."

The sixth man reached out and grasped upon the elephant's tail and said, "My, the elephant is exactly like a rope."

And so, the men continued arguing, even more loudly than before, each arguing for his opinion of what the elephant was like. And even though each was a little right—all of the men were more than a little wrong.

On unhappiness

It isn't what you have, or who you are, or where you are, or what you are doing that makes you happy or unhappy. It is what you think about.

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Elizabeth Barrett was a well-known poet—and an invalid. She was 39 years old.

Browning was so moved by her poetry that he wrote to her "I love your verses with all my heart, dear Miss Barrett…" The two then commenced writing more than 600 letters to each other during the next 20 months.

According to The History Channel's Web site, Elizabeth had suffered from the time she was a teenager from a painful condition that caused uncontrollable spasms of pain and breathing difficulties. She had been a shut-in and a spinster for years. Elizabeth's father was a very controlling, wealthy man who had forbidden all of his 12 children from ever marrying.

Browning began to court Barrett, but at first she did not take him seriously, thinking that no one would be genuinely interested in her romantically. But Browning was ardent in his desire for Barrett. However, Barrett refused to see Browning for several months. Elizabeth found it hard to trust Browning's intentions because she had been isolated for so long and because she questioned the treatment of women inside the institution of marriage. But despite these almost overwhelming obstacles, Browning continued to court her with passion.

Finally, with the encouragement of Browning, Elizabeth left the room where she had spent the previous six years of her life. She began to go outside and live an active life again, and she cut back on the morphine and opium the doctors had prescribed for her painful condition.

In 1846, Barrett married Browning in a secret ceremony (to hide the fact that she was defying her father). When her father found out, he disinherited Elizabeth.

The couple left for Italy in the week after their marriage—and they spent the next 15 years together productively writing. Their courtship inspired some of the most beautiful and romantic poetry ever written.

The most famous line of her poetry was from her courtship period with Browning published in her Sonnets From the Portuguese, it reads, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways."

Elizabeth died in her husband's arms in 1861.

Laughter

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Attention worrywarts - you can change

If you're human, you worry. And worrying has served a great purpose for humankind—the process has been an integral part of evolution and survival for thousands of years. Let's face it, compared to, say a T. rex, human beings were not the most likely creatures to survive long term—so what happened? We worried. Or in other words, we were able to exercise forethought—project the possibilities of what might happen in the future in our minds and then make decisions based on the "what if..." scenario. And it helped. If a caveman saw a friend eat a berry and then fall down dead, he would be able to think "Gee, my friend, died after eating a purple berry." And weeks later when he found a bush full of purple berries that looked like the ones his friend ate, he would make the informed and rational decision to avoid putting one in his mouth. In essence, he worried about something before he did it—and he survived.

But like all good things, sometimes our evolutionary gold-mines go awry and end up with negative con-sequences if they are allowed to run amok. And that, in essence, seems to be happening to a lot of people today. People seem to be experiencing overwhelming levels of worry and the condition is being tagged as generalized anxiety disorder. Psychologists seem to think that people are experiencing GAD more often these days because modern life is full of so much stress. According to the American Institute of Cognitive Therapy, people react to this stress in different ways: Some people believe that if they worry, they are somehow protecting and preparing themselves; some believe that they need certainty in order to relax; and some believe that worrying about worrying is going to drive them crazy.

So what's a worrywart to do? According to NetDoctor.co.uk, cognitive therapy can help those stricken with GAD. This involves analyzing your response to the world, and learning how to think and act in new ways. Physical exercise and deep breathing is also very helpful for most sufferers.

Dr. Robert Leahy, author of The Worry Cure, says there are ways to stop excessive worry, "It takes practice and patience," Leahy says, "but ultimately it boils down to readjusting how you think about the world, and really believing that tomorrow is more likely to bring you something humdrum or wonderful than some—thing frightening."

On perseverance

There are pearls in the deep sea, but one must hazard all to find them. If diving once does not bring you pearls, you need not therefore con¬clude that the sea is without them. Dive again and again. You are sure to be rewarded in the end.... If your first attempt proves fruitless, do not lose heart. Persevere in your efforts....



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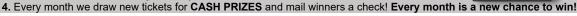


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