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Women's Club News

great big thank you goes out to all those who attended and/or donated to the Women's Club Baby Shower, otherwise known as the Babycycle diaper drive. It was a wonderful day, the luncheon was delicious and, once again, our donation to families in need was overwhelming.

Babycycle is a non-profit organization serving Pinellas County. Their mission is that no child ages 0-12 shall go without basic necessities. They support the notion that an adequate supply of diapers is a basic need for all infants.



Our guest of honor was Mr. Bob Campbell, a dedicated volunteer and ambassador for Babycycle. He spoke to our group about the wonderful work being done by this organization. Community support is vital to Babycycle's ability to meet their stated goals. You may learn more at babycyclefl.org or by calling 727/256-3708.

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Getting to Know You...

y name is Rebecca Shelley and here is just a little bit about me. I have lived in the park for about 7 years. I am an artist and love anything colorful. I like to be wacky and laugh at life. I try not to take things too seriously. I was born in Philadelphia but was raised in Wisconsin.

It has been a joy to watch our community events continue to grow. I had the privilege of signing people in at the last event and realized that I know too few of you by name. I am interested in getting to know the diverse community in which I live that makes up the changing landscape of our Silk Oak Community. I propose to interview one of our residents monthly so we can all get to know our neighbors and appreciate the mosaic within which we live.

Our first interview: Ron Deyo

Ron Deyo is my neighbor across the street. I remember the day he moved in and the big smile on his face when he introduced himself. Many of you may see him on his porch as you drive to work and he kindly waves or says hello. He has been a real light to our side of the neighborhood and we are very grateful to have him.

Rebecca: Where are you originally from?

Ron: Vermont.

Rebecca: What are you most proud of?

Ron: My four children and buying my own home.

Rebecca: What advice do you have for me?

Ron: Look, EVERYONE has their ups and downs. It's just a part of life. All we can do is hope to have more ups than downs. My mom is 95 years old and she is grateful for having a good life.

Rebecca: Tell me a great memory from growing up.

Ron: Grandma always had big holiday meals. There was so much food. More food than you could shake a stick at. My four brothers and sister couldn't wait for Christmas dinner!

Rebecca: Moving on to one of your favorite topics: food. What is your favorite food?

Ron: Really? Just one? OK, breakfast. I love breakfast. I love all kinds of breakfast. And wait....cheeseburgers. Who doesn't love cheeseburgers? I love my cheeseburger with a fried egg on top. And then there's sweets. That's another conversation entirely. Oh I love my sweets!

Rebecca: If money were no object what would be happening in your life right now.

Ron: I would have my bathroom remodeled and be out shopping for a brand new car.

Rebecca: What do you like best about living in this community?

Ron: Oh that's an easy one. The people. Definitely the people. Everyone is so nice here and loads of fun.

Reporter on the run : Rebecca Shelley



Mrs. Roper Romps - the Phenomenon!

By Rebecca Shelley

ave you seen the phenomenon? Mrs. Ropers, from the 70's sitcom Three's Company, popping up in the oddest places. Women and men dressed in colorful flowy caftans dancing around with red, curly wigs and big sunglasses. So what is this all about anyway?

Mrs. Roper's character reminds us of the importance of togetherness, community and acceptance. Gaby and I spent the day dressed as Mrs. Ropers and we hit the town. We hit Home Depot. A gym. We went out to breakfast and had our nails done. The giggling was contagious. Not to mention how much it reminded us of our own mothers and grandmothers. The nostalgia was heartwarming. The prior week Lorraine and I attended a Mrs. Roper Romp at the Safety Harbor Art and Music Center and had a fantastic time dancing, singing, and playing crazy games with 100+ Mrs. Ropers! (See Photos)







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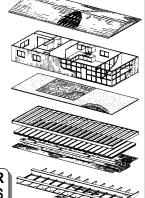
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Reflections on Mother's Day

By Lorraine Neal In Memory of my Mom, Sarah Berkowitz 1918 - 2017

am fascinated by people who are resilient. For me it's the person who experiences adversity and hard times and comes out on the other side stronger and more resourceful and without a hint of bitterness or anger.

My mother was that person. She had a tough childhood. It probably wasn't hugely unusual during that time period. She, like others, was born into an immigrant family that struggled to hold things together on a good day let alone during the beginning of a Great Depression. To make ends meet, families were forced to place children in foster homes, some wonderful and loving, some not so great. Or in orphanages that, at the time, sort of functioned as boarding schools. So it was with my mother and her three brothers, Sol, Arthur, and Henry.



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The orphanage itself was a blessing because my mom and her brothers were off the street, well fed, clean, educated, and cared for. The down side of the arrangement was these kids didn't get to live with their parents. It created a sort of void in them; a longing for familial love and the tenderness and healing power of a mother's hug. It was a longing that they would carry with them throughout their lives.

So I've always asked myself "how does a person who has no role models or examples of a loving family come out on the other side of that experience to become one of the most nurturing, caring, affectionate, good natured, good humored, and loving parents a person could have?" I don't know the answer to that question. I do know my mother was that person.





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- 46. LA baseball team
- 50. Chimes
- 52. Eagle's home
- 54. Grassland
- 55. Largest continent
- 56. Soil and plant sciences
- 58. Against
- 59. Had in mind
- 60. Decorative case
- 61. Sow
- 62. Donkeys
- 63. Anagram of "Rent"



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- 1. Doled
- 2. Sporting venue
- 3. Not outer
- 4. Light Emitting Diode 24. Bounce back
- 5. Brook
- 6. One cent coin
- 7. Cut down
- 8. Magnetic tape
- containers
- 9. S
- 10. Establishing
- 11. Elaborate
- 12. Distinctive flair
- 13. Confined

- 18. English exam finale, 40. Terminates
- often
- 22. Colloids
- 26. Tanks
- 28. Not inner
- 29. Affirm
- 30. Stitches
- 31. Ruination
- 32. Murres
- 33. Lumpy deposits of
- body fat
- 34. Drinks
- 37. A magician
- 38. Croon

- 41. Not audio
- 43. Decorated
- 44. Sharp ends
- 46. Pilotless plane
- 47. Gentry
- 48. Happen again
- 49. Antelope of India
- 50. Bleats
- 51. Anagram of "Seen"
- 53. Ages
- 56. American Medical
- Association
- 57. Encountered







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There are times for plucky behavior and bold action

nowing when to obey orders is important, especially if you're in the military. Horatio Nelson, the famous British leader and naval hero, was respected greatly by his men, because he showed them respect and led with compassion.

According to the BBC Web site, Nelson was famous for his predilection for bold action—and for occasional disregard of orders. At the Battle of Copenhagen, Nelson refused to acknowledge orders to cease action. In an earlier battle at Calvi in the Mediterranean, Nelson had been wounded and lost sight in his right eye. When he was given the order to cease action in Copenhagen by distant signal, the commander lifted his telescope to his blind eye and claimed he couldn't see the signal. He and his men were victorious.

A brave act wins loyalty

ccording to the Absolute Nelson Web site, when Horatio Nelson was a schoolboy, the schoolmaster, the Rev. Mr. Jones, had some lovely pears on his desk. His students looked at the pears during the day and wished very much that they could have them. But none of the boys was brave enough to attempt procuring them because they were all afraid they would be caught.

The young Horatio, however came forward and offered to get the pears for the boys. He was not afraid of the consequences of getting caught. And so one night, his anxious schoolmates lowered him from the dormitory by way of a long rope of sheets that had been tied together for the adventure. And though it was a risky endeavor, Horatio boldly claimed the pears as his own and was secretly hauled up into the dormitory again by his mates. But the adventure was apparently all that was important to Horatio. He shared the pears amongst his school friends and did not save even one bite for himself.

"I only took them because every other boy was afraid," Horatio claimed.

The next day a reward of five guineas was offered for the name of the thief who had made off with the master's pears—but by that time Horatio had won the other boys' hearts so completely not one would betray him.

On happiness

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— Ingrid Bergman

On worries

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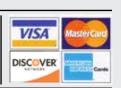
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