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President's Report

Philip Quince

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Vita Blough on her new career opportunity. Over the past two years, Vita has demonstrated unwavering commitment, leadership, and dedication to our community. She played a pivotal role in guiding us through our transition from being self-managed to working with a management company, establishing policies and practices that will have a lasting impact. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the best in her next endeavor.

In our ongoing efforts to reduce operating costs, we have decided to bring our lawn service in-house. While we recognize that this is a significant undertaking that will require careful planning and logistical adjustments, the potential cost savings are too substantial to overlook. We appreciate your patience and support as we work through this transition.

As we review and revise our Rules and Regulations, one of the key areas of focus is our pet policy. Historically, our community has been divided into designated pet and non-pet sections. However, as pet ownership has increased across the entire community, maintaining these restrictions has become increasingly challenging. Additionally, some residents have applied for Assistance and Support Animal (ASA) status, adding to the complexity and costs of enforcement. Our current policy prohibits pet owners in the designated pet section from walking their pets outside of that area, a rule that has proven difficult to enforce. To better align our policies with the evolving needs of our community, we have been conducting a survey to gather resident feedback on potential changes. Your input is invaluable in ensuring that any updates reflect the majority's preferences.

Finally, I ask for your support on two important amendments to our Declaration of Master Occupancy Agreement. We strongly believe that these changes align with the long-term interests of our community and will contribute to its continued success.

Thank you for your engagement and support.





ACA News

By Ron Miller

The year is flying by, boy you blink your eyes, and it's March. I would love for somebody to step up and run for the office of president. I've been at it for 7 years and would love to have a break. I'm lucky to have a great support staff. If anyone would like to step up, come and talk with me.

Not much going on this month for ACA, just the Burger Burn March 18th 4-5:30 and Karaoke on March 15th.

Next month we will be saying goodbye to our northern friends, and we full timers will be getting ready for the heat of summer here in Florida. Then in October look forward to seeing our northern friends return. This goes on every year, say bye then saying hi on their return.

Announcements

Ray Rodriguez – Editor

Attention Club President's & Club Board Members

It was brought to our attention at the last ACA President's Council Meeting that not all club members are following the policy in place in scheduling a club event or activity. There is a form for this purpose "Calendar Request Form", this form is available through the Office or our Web-site americanacove.com, or by contacting MaryAnn Meljac, Calendar Coordinator by phone: 727-798-0261 or Email: Acovecalendar@gmail.com.

There is an Interactive Form available from the web-site or by emailing MaryAnn. By using the interactive form you are able to fill in you information, save the completed document and return via email to the Office or Mary Ann, all from your laptop.

It is imperative we follow this policy to assure all clubs are able to schedule their event/activity date and time, particularly when all clubs are in operation.

Marketing Committee

Fran Hardy

This will be my last time to give a report in the Forecaster. It has been decided too combine the Web site and Marketing into one committee. This makes for a great working relationship. Watch for announcements for meeting and time.

Please contribute ideas, and thoughts. Looking forward to a wonderful 2025; so many great neighbors. Bring in more family and friends. WE have lots to offer.

Thank you, Fran.

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Veterans

As of now we only have two new names on the list, I'll wait till I get five or six before I get the names made up for the plaque. So if you're new to the Cove or just haven't signed up before, please do. The list is on the ACA's board in the clubhouse. Also if you have a worn or torn flag, please place it in the flag box in the clubhouse. Then I take them my Legion where they are retired in the proper manner. I took 15 flags out of our flag box to be disposed of. Keep up the good work.



Art Strong

Judy Daigle

Another great season for Art Strong. Our Art Exhibition was a success once again. Thanks to everyone who came out to check out the artworks of our Americana Cove Artists. Also a big Thank You to ACA for donating cups and plates so that we could offer our guests wine, cheese and crackers while they browsed around. We get together every Monday evening in the library from 6-8. Anyone can join us since we have a new project about every two weeks. Simply bring in your art supplies of watercolors, acrylics, pastels, etc and join in on the creative process. March will be our last month for the season since most are heading back to their homes for the summer. See you again in the fall.

GROUP HYPNOSIS SESSION

Rosan Larizza

Greetings everyone. I'm noticing the sweet promise of spring in the air! That feeling of renewal is so welcome after the upheaval of events of the fall, and the chilly winter weather we had for a day or two. Well, in fact, winter this far south in Florida is usually not much of an event. And for that most of us are thankful.

In the spirit of spring, of renewal, of fresh promise, why not consider doing something for yourself, a kind of spring of the spirit, by coming to the next complementary hypnosis session. Come by the Game Room on Tuesday, March 4, at 11 a.m. We will create a fresh start in ourselves by choosing and achieving a personal goal. Think about it! From all the possibilities, choose one to make your own.

During the first part of the session, I always explain hypnosis and answer any questions you may have. I love sharing information about this wonderful tool for self-improvement.

All previous attendees at the sessions are welcome and encouraged to attend. It's great to see a familiar face and repetition makes self-change easier and more fun. Also, anyone who doesn't want to stay for the session is invited to do as he or she wishes.

Rosan Larizza is a certified consulting hypnotherapist, using hypnosis to help her clients with personal challenges such as eliminating phobias, losing weight, improving self-confidence, recovering from broken relationships, quitting smoking, etc. For more information or to schedule a personalized session, email at ralarizza@gmail.com, or call 904-866-0903.

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By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez

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Sunshine Report

By Gay McPhee



Dearest Gentle Reader,
March beckons the beginning of spring, of daffodils, of blossoms and warmer days!
All things bright and beautiful!

Mostly this author thinks of luck when it comes to our third division of the calendar year. After all, no one wants to dwell on the Ides of March, the downfall of Julius Caesar. Too depressing for Lady Twinkledown.

Instead, let's be reminded of St Patrick's day; of the luck of the Irish, of pots of gold, and of those adorable little men with beards, the leprechauns. And lest we not forget the Americana Cove Boat Club Bash—who will be the lucky winners of all the marvelous baskets filled to the brim with goodies? Which of us will be the victor ludorum of the cruise to jettison around the ocean waters basking in the sunshine with an adult beverage in hand? Mayhaps it will be you... or me!

Yours sincerely, Lady Twinkledown

PS: Did you know March is the most popular month for a vasectomy? Apparently it's

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because men like to sit on the couch icing their war wound whilst watching March Madness basketball games. Oh my!

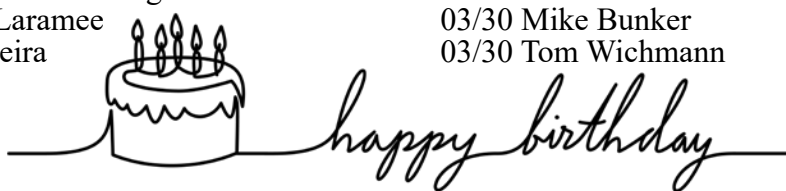
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Boat Club

By Roxanne Noling

The February meeting was held on February 8th followed by a Tiki Party At 3pm. I hope everyone enjoyed the Music by Melody, and the Blackjack Tournament (NEW)! Phil Williams headed the tournament, 12 people played and Frank Brigliadora won \$120. Don Shockley won \$137.50 from the 50/50 drawing.

Now it's time to get ready for the BIG Bash! The Island Bash!! The Boat Club's biggest party of the year will be held on March 8th, doors open at 4:30pm, dinner at 5:30. This year's theme is "Ticket To Paradise". Tickets went on sale on Feb 3rd to Boat Club members only, and members can purchase until sold out. Contact Deidra Triezenberg (303)522-3104, club president for availability. If tickets are still available on Feb 10th, they will be sold in the Atrium from 6-8pm, and non-members are welcome to purchase.

There will be a Basket Raffle consisting of a variety of donated goods, a 50/50 drawing, raffle tickets for a cruise, and lots of fun! Raffle tickets for the cruise are available now and anyone can purchase. Call Robert Solomon (239) 980-1918 for details and tickets. Donations for the basket raffle are always welcome! Put on your Island attire and get your dancing shoes on!! Volunteers are needed for set-up and closing.

Our new Board is open to suggestions for fun things to do, and people to help with the events. Tiki Parties will resume on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 3pm starting in April. Enjoy this great weather and don't forget to wear your green on St Patty's Day, March 17th.

Book Club

By Nan Krueger



We are fortunate to have two Book Clubs in the Cove at this time. What do you like to read? Women's Book Club selects from a wide variety of current books. The Classic Book Club is choosing books that we have currently defined as literature 'meeting the test of time'. The groups meet in the Library and meetings generally last approximately 1 ½ hours. If you are interested in either group please feel free to stop by, meet us, and of course join if you would like.

Women's Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month at 1:30. In February we
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discussed **Small Things Like These**, by Claire Keegan. This book is historical fiction that takes place in Ireland in the 1980's. It is a short read about a dark subject, The Magdalene Laundries of Ireland. The author took a different approach and tells the story from the view point of a middle class man and his moral dilemma.

For March we have selected Camino Ghosts, by John Grisham.

As we develop our list of books they will be posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse under the "Friends of the Library" section. All women residents are welcome to join.

Our March meeting is Thursday, March 13 at 1:30.

Classic Book Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30. This is a new Club and is being lead by Wendy Watters and I. Our first meeting in January was well attended for a new group. In February we discussed **For Whom the Bell Tolls** by Ernest Hemmingway. Books are selected by the group and as of the writing of this article we have not yet selected a book for March.

Our March meeting is Wednesday, March 12 at 1:30 in the Library.

Happy reading and we hope to see you at one of our groups.

Buddhism

By John Howell



Once again we hope everyone was able to join us at our local Temple for the wondrous yearly Lunar New Year Celebrations. Plan now to join us for the upcoming Buddha's Birthday: full moon in May. It is a must see cultural extravaganza!

However; astrologically things are not so smooth, with retrogrades and major unusual outer planetary movements causing chaos, yet opportunities for expressing Compassionate/Wisdom and Christ's Golden Rule will save the day. It's simply Karma; be good to Mother Nature and maybe she will be good to us. As one student expressed presciently; we are all in the same (life) boat. In the coming months an analysis of the coming Hurricane season will be offered from a stargazers POV.

This month we will reveal the "3rd level" of the Buddha's absolute teaching. It is known as the Vajrayana (Diamond vehicle). Vajra also translates as the lightening bolt or scepter empowerment. This delivery brings forth all aspects of Buddhism into sharp focus for those with high capacity in their "mind-stream-continuum" (Tantra), and exceptionalism in understanding. It also introduces the inner energies known as "winds" that include 72 thousand connections (nidas) to the familiar 7 Chakra system throughout the subtle "inner rainbow" body. With the proper activation (initiation) a balance can be achieved promoting health, wellbeing, and most importantly a rapid path to enlightenment. These magical/miraculous teachings (mainly from Tibet) were kept secret for millennia, until the Dalai Lama proclaimed that the degenerate

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2 Vespers 4:50PM A	3	ACA Pres 10AM A Cue Club Crafters " 5:30PM C M
9 Vespers 4:50PM A Daylight Savings Begins @ 2am	10 Landscape Mtg 10AM A	Marketing "Celebrate Barbara H Live Musi Crafters 6
16 Bocce Mtg.4:15 PM C Vespers 4:50PM A	17 St. Patrick's Day	Burger "WELC 4PM C Crafters
23 Vespers 4:50PM A	24 Cue ClubAwards Banquet 5PM C	Live M Crafter
30 Vespers 4:50PM A	31	

Americana Cove

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Cornhole Tourn 9AM (all day) C Dart League 6:30pm GR Got It! 4pm A
4 Council Mtg Mtg 5PM A Ice Cream Social" ardi Gras	5 Shuffle Mtg 9:30AM A ACA Luncheon 12N C Ash Wednesday	6 Finance CMTE 10AM A Buddhism 1PM GR Fines CMTE 7PM GR Cornhole 6:30PM C	7 Bingo 6PM C	8 Astrology Grp 12N-4PM A Island Bash 5PM C Dart League 6:30pm GR
11 g 1PM C ion of Life" Higgins 2PM A c 3PM C 6PM C	12 "Classic" Book Club 1:30PM L Chair Volleyball 3PM C	13 Book Club 1:30PM L Cornhole 6:30PM C	14 Bingo 6PM C	15 Craft Fair 10AM-1PM C Got It! 4pm A Dart League 6:30pm GR Karaoke 7pm C
18 Burn 4PM C OME" BOOTH" s 6:30PM C	19 YAH Luncheon 12N C Board of Dir Mtg 7PM C	20 First Day of Spring	21 Bingo 6PM C	22 Bocce Banquet 5PM C Dart League 6:30pm GR
25 Music 3PM C rs 6PM C	26 TownHall Mtg 9:30AM C Year End Party (Swim, Walkers, Line Dancing) 4PM-8PM C	27 Cornhole 6:30PM C	28 DOUBLE Bingo 6PM C	29 Astrology Mtg. 10:30AM-2:30 PM A Dart League 6:30pm GR

Weekly Calendar Repeats

AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: March 2025

Day	Event	Time		Location
Monday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Line Dancing	11:30-1:00p.m.	Nov-April	C
	Nickel Bingo	1:15pm	Year around	C
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	Year around	A
	Art Strong	6:00-8:00pm	Nov-April	L
	Cue Club-Men's	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	B
Tuesday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Shuffleboard Social League	10:30am -12:30pm	Nov-April	S
	Maj Jong	2:00pm	Year around	A
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	Year around	A
	Crafters	6:00-8:00pm	Nov-April	C
	Poker Pool	6:00 p.m.	Nov-April	B
Wednesday:	Cards	6:30p.m.		A
	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m..		C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Hand & Foot (cards)	1:00 p.m.	Year round	A
	Cue Club-Women's	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	B
	Board Games	6:00pm	Year round	A
	Texas Hold'em	6:30pm		A
Thursday:	Rug Braiding	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	G
	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Shuffleboard	10.30am		S
	Dominoes	1:00pm	Nov-April	A
	Progressive Rummy	4:00pm	Year around	A
	Cue Club-Men's	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	B
Friday:	Cornhole	6:30-8:00 pm	Sept-April	C
	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	Year around	B
	Bingo	6:00p.m.		C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Shuffleboard Hoss Collar	10:30am-12:30p.m.		S
Saturday:	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	3:30pm	Nov-April	A
	Bocce Ball Pick-up	1:00pm-5:00pm	Nov-April	BC
	Summer Bocce	2:00pm	June-Oct	BC
	Vespers	4:50p.m.	Nov-April	A
	Pinochle	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	C
	Misc Cards	6:30p.m.	Year round	A



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

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Next month we will chart a course for our activitys, mtgs, field trips...going forward
Namaste

Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch



Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Chicken dinner. We had a good turn out and everyone enjoyed sharing their dinner with friends and neighbors while staying for Karaoke afterwards.

Cornhole club will be holding a double elimination tournament for cash prizes on Saturday, March 1st, starting at 9 a.m. If you are interested in participating and did not sign up please contact Doug Howland to see if space is still available. It is open to all residents and their guests from the Cove, not just Cornhole club members. We hope you will come out and support those playing.

Just a reminder that our election for officers will take place this month at our final meeting of the season. Please think about running for one of these positions as some of our current officers would like to take a break.

Our end of the year banquet will be held on March 20th before snowbirds head home. It will be at Carrabba's at 6:30 p.m.

Cornhole is played every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse. If you're not sure if you would like to join the cornhole club this season, come out and give it a try. It is an easy game to learn and we have lots of fun. Dues are \$10 for the season which will end in May or \$2 a night if not a member. Members are given the first chance to play if we have more participants than boards.

At intermission we play our new game Air Mail. Don't forget to bring your money for a ticket for the drawing for a chance to play and win some cash in this game. We also have a 50/50 drawing every week.

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Crafters Club

By Teri Stallone



The Crafters will host their annual Ice Cream Social on Tuesday March 4th in the clubhouse from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. **All Cove neighbors are invited.** Come enjoy some vanilla ice cream with your favorite toppings. Cost is only \$5.00. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

Crafters will also have a Spring Craft Fair on Saturday March 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Great place to find new spring / summer decor, beautiful one of a kind jewelry and many other one of a kind items made by the Cove Crafters.

Thank you to all crafters that volunteered to cook and serve at the ACA Luncheon in February. We appreciated all the residents that attended this monthly event.

Our craft season will end on March 25th with the election of officers and an end of season party. We hope everyone has enjoyed the variety of projects made this season. The craft leaders appreciate all your help and look forward to returning in the Fall.

Landscape Committee

By Deb Howland and Erika Fitch

Hopefully you have had a chance to see the new plantings put in at Founders Park, along with the new palm tree that replaced one that was lost. We are also working on having a few other areas brightened up in the next month or two so keep a look out for those projects as they are completed.

The Landscape Committee's regular meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month. Next month's meeting will be Monday, March 10th at 10 a.m. in the Atrium. We hope to see all past members there as well as anyone new who would like to help in keeping our park beautiful by helping with some landscaping projects.

We also would like to remind everyone that when you are walking your dogs near any of the flower beds in the park and especially Founders Park to please keep them from peeing on any of the plants. This does damage to the plants and they then have to be replaced. This work is all done by volunteer residents and it makes us sad that we have to replace things because of this. Please help to keep the Cove looking nice for your neighbors and yourself.

Just a reminder again from the Landscape Committee for all the new residents moving in. If you are planning on doing any landscape projects such as plantings, stone 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. This can happen if approval can't be given for what you have done.

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By Nomi Lynch



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Feel free to come and browse and borrow any books etc. to take home and enjoy (no signout necessary). Then return when done and pick up more! And by the way, we have an assortment of games (located in the Game Room) available for you to borrow as well.

Have a healthy and safe March, and remember to enjoy a good book.

Line Dancing

By Judy Daigle



We've had a great season of line dancing! You still have time to join us for the month of March before most of us start to head back to our summer homes. Intermediate dance instructions are from 11:30-12 every Monday, in the Library. Beginners are from 12-1. No experience needed. Thanks to all who joined us for this fun activity. No line dancing from April-October. See you all in the fall. Have a great summer!

Live Music

By Libby Hopkins



Hello Everyone!

You will not want to miss our programs this month!! Our St. Patrick's Day Show is on March 11, Tuesday, at 3 PM in the Clubhouse! Come get your Irish on!!

Our second show of the month will be on Tuesday, March 25, at 3 PM. This show is in TBD status, but we are sure it will be a wonderful one!!

We would like to thank all who attended the 90s Birthday Celebration last month honoring those who are 90 or above in the Park. A special thanks to all those who contributed to the Celebration!! A great time was had by all!!

Please join us for our shows---we look forward to seeing you!! Refreshments and drinks will be served. Please Note: Our Shows and Refreshments are FREE!! So come and enjoy yourselves! Friends and guests are welcome.

For those of you who are not familiar with us, we are a music group within the park that usually put on a performance the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. We work hard to provide an entertaining, fun hour, and we provide snacks, drinks, and sometimes, spiked punch!

See you soon!!!! Take care and have a great month!

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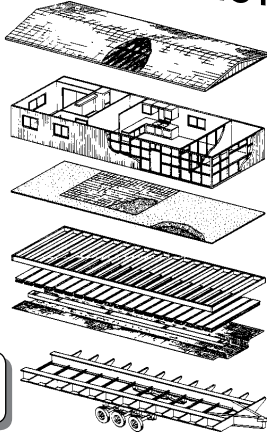
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Shuffleboard Club

Anthony Daleo



First of all, I would like to thank all of our Americana Cove friends and family who supported our Club's annual fundraiser, All-You-Can Eat Pancake breakfast, on February 8th. Thank you to all of our Club's volunteers who were a part of its success. It was so nice to meet everyone at the breakfast, and we were delighted that there was some interest in our Club and Shuffleboard. We are hoping to see some of these residents at our social shuffling which will be on Thursdays and Saturdays, at 10:30 a.m.

NOVA and Blue Sky Leagues wrapped up their shuffleboard season in February. Our teams did well with the leadership of their Captains, Erika Fitch and Ron Miller respectively. This month they will have tournaments, and we hope that Americana Cove will be represented in these tournaments.

Our Club's next meeting will be on March 5th at 9:30 a.m. in the Atrium. Looking forward to seeing all of our members at this next meeting.

Happy Shuffling!

Open houses: Showcasing homes for sale

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove



As we explained in the last issue, it is a buyer's market, which means there is a lot of inventory, so buyers have a lot of choice. Sellers have had to be aggressive with their pricing to attract buyers.

January saw five closings with several scheduled to be closed in February. "After the cold snap that occurred the last two weeks in January, the warm weather has brought more buyers," said Broker Marty Pozgay.

The first week of February has been very positive with all agents showing multiple homes. To capture some of these buyers, Barefoot Realty is scheduling open houses in February and March with multiple homes being open for viewing. "We find that we can draw much more traffic when there are 8 to 10 homes available to view," Pozgay noted.

"We do not like to do open houses every weekend because the event becomes 'ordinary' and less people show up. It's a fine line," explained Pozgay. To attract buyers, the open houses are advertised in an e-mail marketing to more than 500 realtors in the St. Petersburg area. In addition, it is advertised through social media sites such as Facebook and through the Multiple Listing Service (MLS), which shows the open house dates through the listings that will be available for viewing. By putting the open houses on the MLS, then the dates are shown on other real estate sites including Zillow, homes.com and realtor.com.



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Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson



SWIM EXERCISE

Hello! Our swim group has experienced a very different season with our cold wave weather. A first for us, in January I had to cancel class 15 days! In my 12 years of leading this group I don't believe I have had to cancel a total of 15 times! The good news is our warm weather is back and so are the swimmers!

Items of interest:

March 26 will be our end of season party with Daisy and the land exercisers and Judy and the line dancers. It will be held in the Club House from 4-8pm. Closer to the event I will be bringing a sign up sheet to class for a dish to pass. Even though it is our end of season party, swimming continues on, we are a year round activity!

April 2 we will be cooking and serving the ACA luncheon. I have my kitchen crew but will need servers. Please let me know if you can help out.

In March we will start learning our new second tape, "Aqua Fun Interval" from the We Coach series. We are a little delayed due to our weather and cancellations of class.

It's nearing spring time where we get lots of visitors in the park. Feel free to bring your visitors to class. We love having and meeting them!

I want to thank my subs for leading class while I was away at the end of Feb. I will keep saying swimming does not happen everyday without the support of our sub team - Maureen, Diane, Terry, Jane and Gary! Thank you all!!

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Birthday pic, Brian Weeks and Mary Lou Prebish



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.

Speakers for March:

March 2 John Ekers, Wesley Methodist Church

March 9 Al Martin, lay speaker and Cove Resident

March 16 Bart Beal, lay speaker and Cove Resident

March 23 TBA

March 30 Brian Brink, Methodist Pastor

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On Easter Sunday our pulpit will be decorated with *EASTER LILIES* that can be purchased in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. You choose to take home your Easter Lily after the sunrise service or have Vespers deliver it to a shut-in after the service. Please see Martha Sutton or the Vespers bulletin board for sign-up sheets. Cost \$10

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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