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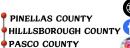




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#### HOA OF RANCHERO VILLAGE

Norm Runkles, President | 407-625-3260 | RVHOABoard@hotmail.com | Lot #330

Tello Residents - The month of March has seen the beginning of work on the Capital Improvement Project. Legacy's Construction team is dedicated to completing the work with minimal disruption to the residents and activities. They have created a schedule, and barring any unforeseen delays, will strive to stay on track. I respectfully ask that you direct any questions or concerns that you might see during this process to the Board and we will forward them to Legacy.



#### Doug (Raffy) Rafters - Treasurer

Hi there. I am the newly elected Treasurer for the 2025 - 2026 term. The aim of my position is to keep a strong HOA financial structure to ensure the Resident Activity, and the Transportation funds are managed correctly and efficiently. Past board members have been extremely helpful with passing the torch and knowledge to the new HOA Board.

On the construction front and the Capital Improvement Committee (Legacy), Emma has had several Zoom meetings with us and an on-site visit to outline the improvements and repairs that are scheduled and in progress. Like all of Florida, because of the recent hurricanes, the improvements and repairs required have been hampered, however, they are scheduled and planned. We ask for patience from all our residents as Legacy is trying to catch up and is keeping on schedule as much as possible.

If you see a problem that needs attention, complete the request form in the office or if the office is closed, call the after-hours number posted in the Clubhouses @727-262-9265. Please email the HOA for a coordinated effort to resolve your issue. Remember, if you see something - Say Something!

#### Lori Johnson, Director - Membership and Welcome Committee

We have been working diligently to develop and deploy a comprehensive packet of valuable information for new homeowners within our park. Our short-term goal is to meet and greet new (those purchased within the last 18 months) homeowners and invite those to join the Ranchero Village HOA.

Visit our website at: www.rv-hoa.com

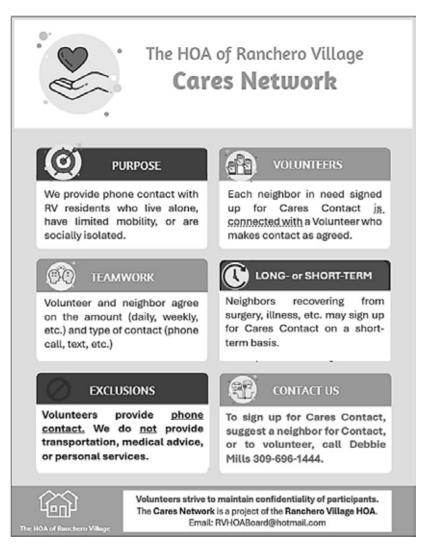
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#### **HOA CARES NETWORK**

Debbie Mills - Co-Chair | 309-696-1444

The HOA Cares Network is a group of RV volunteers who connect with neighbors requesting regular phone contact to make sure they are safe and healthy. If you or someone you know may need regular phone contact (long-term or short-term), call or text Debbie Mills at 309-696-1444.

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#### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Kay Voorheis, SAC Coordinator

hope everyone enjoyed the activities held in March. It is always a busy month with a lot of end of season banquets, the Canadian-American shuffleboard tournament, the Hoarsemen annual concert and so many other things before we start seeing the snowbirds head north. If you are heading to your second home, please travel safely and have a great summer before coming back in the fall. For those of us who stay, we will still be having plenty of things happening in the park. Coffee will still be held every Saturday, there will be a dance this month, hopefully Bingo will be back and, of course, shuffleboard will continue to be played Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. The Men's and Women's Clubs will be busy again this month. The Social Activity Committee is hoping to provide some additional activities during the summer. We will keep you updated on progress on those plans as they are made. Be sure to read the articles and check the calendar to see what is going on and plan your month!

#### THINGS TO DO IN APRIL!

ue to the Hacienda being closed indefinitely, be sure to check our numerous communication platforms (web-site, <u>NextDoor.com</u>, Bulletin Boards in the Corral or Lakes Clubhouse) for status and location of the events.

April 8th – Baked potato bar

April 9th - Movie night

April 10th - Music Trivia

April 13th – Ice Cream Social

April 17th – HOA Meeting

April 18th - VFW Installation of Officers

April 26th – Blood drive



#### FROM THE BULLETIN EDITORS

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Te appreciate your patience with the many switch-ups in our Ranchero activities, and the restrictions on the size of the venue. Some groups have had to turn on a dime, share a booking, or bow out altogether, but we are all cooperating and moving forward! If you're moving north, remember the bulletin can be found online (www.monthly-media.com) or through the link on our HOA Board website (www.RV-HOA.com). Stay healthy and friendly!

#### **AEROBICS & WEIGHTS EXERCISE CLASSES**

Suzanne Bourdeau, suzannebourdeau@me.com, Lot #1010

uesdays and Thursdays are aerobics and weights classes. Some changes are expected in the exercise program, so come join us from 8:30-9:30 am at the Corral outside pavilion to try it out. Class will be held inside the Club house in cold or inclement weather.

#### **BINGO**

Kay Voorheis

Progress has been made at the Hacienda and hopefully it is already open for business. As this article is being written, there is no date yet for Bingo to restart. Keep an eye on the bulletin boards, NextDoor and the Saturday Sunshine report for an announcement on a restart date for Bingo! We are optimistic that we will be open in April.

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Brooke Stephens: Account representative for Oneblood.

he next blood drive opportunity at the Hacienda is **Saturday**, **April 26**<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 - 10:30 am in the parking lot.

Reminder: OneBlood encourages all donors to eat a meal at least 3 hours before donating and to stay hydrated throughout the day.

Thank you for your support of our lifesaving mission!



#### **BULLETIN BOARDS**

Charlie Gilmette

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#### Guidelines:

- 1. Boards are for the use of Park Residents only.
- 2. File cards are not to exceed 3x5 (other sizes will be removed.)
- 3. Name, date and phone number must be included.
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#### **CALENDAR COORDINATOR**

Deb Viveiros: 727-612-3484 | Lot #384 | debra.viveiros@yahoo.com

ue to the closures of the clubhouses, the locations listed in the calendar may be incorrect. We may have to move an event to another venue. Please check Nextdoor, fliers or attend Saturday coffee for updates.

Any Ranchero **resident** may reserve a clubhouse for an event. Please contact me via email (<u>debra.viveiros@yahoo.com</u>) or phone with the date, time and which clubhouse you need. It's on a first come first serve basis. If the bulletin has already been submitted to the publisher, it won't be included in the center calendar. Please call or text before stopping by the house. Thank you

Legacy requires a completed and signed reservation form, a \$150 fee (check made payable to Ranchero Village) and special event insurance certificate if alcohol is served. The registration form lists the requirements for the \$150 refund.

Fees are waived for all Memorials/Celebrations of Life, or any SAC sponsored event.

#### **CALL 211 FOR HELP**

Sue Peck, co-editor, sdforest@aol.com/ 727-420-0543

hese are stressful times and venting to friends and loved ones doesn't fix the problem. In Florida, you can call 211 to get free, confidential information and referrals to community resources. 211 can help with a variety of needs, including:

- Food and housing: Find emergency food and shelter resources, and assistance with housing costs.
- Health care: Connect with healthcare, childcare, and disability services.
- Mental health: Get referrals to counseling and mental health services.
- Family support: Find services for families and seniors.
- Employment: Get referrals to employment assistance You can call 211 24/7, and you can also:
- Text your zip code to 898 211
- Chat online at hfuw.org/chat
- Visit 211.org to find out if 211 services are available in your area

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211 can help people who are:

- Elderly
- Disabled
- Non-English speakers
- Experiencing a personal crisis
- Have limited reading skills
- New to their communities

#### **CAN TABS FOR DONATIONS**

You can drop off your tabs at Barbara and Bill Sibson's home, Lot #441. They have a bucket in their driveway - just drop them in anytime. Whenever they get a full bag, they take them up to Tampa to a metal reclamation place that sorts them by which ones are steel and which are aluminum and weigh them. The amount the tabs generate is then donated to the Shriner's Hospital in Tampa, and the amount is matched by the reclamation company!

#### CHANNEL 732 FOR PARK INFORMATION

Andy Sauerzopf, andysauerzopf@gmail.com

about the Bible and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Infortunately, Channel 732 is offline because the equipment that runs the feed to Channel 732 is housed at the Hacienda Clubhouse. When we are able to access the computer, we will hopefully be able to restart the Channel 732 feed. Thanks for your patience.

#### **CHAPEL NEWS**

Deb Viveiros (Secretary): 727-612-3484 | Lot #384 | debra.viveiros@yahoo.com

hapel services are every Sunday from 10 to 11 am at the Corral Clubhouse led by Pastor Tom Hamilton. Come early for coffee at 9:30 am.

Please join us every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 pm for Prayer and Bible Study. This is a great time to bring your personal prayers to the Lord, learn more



Ladies Prayer Circle meets at 2 pm at the Lakes Clubhouse on April 15th. For any questions regarding the Prayer Circle, please contact Karen Ray at 727-523-7265.

Please contact pastor Tom Hamilton if you would like to be a member or receive baptism. (727) 244-8014

**Dates to remember:** April 9th – Movie "The Case for Christ", April 13th – Ice Cream Social.

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Marilyn Willette | ChicsGolf2022@gmail.com

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Any questions, or if you would like to join our fun group, give me a call at 727-535-3531.

#### COFFEE

Pam Walker - Coordinator 704-622-9498

very Saturday at the Corral (temporarily). Doors open at 7:30 am. Presentation starts at 8 am.

Cost: \$1 per person (includes a donut or bagel). Must be in attendance to receive donut or bagel. Any extra donuts will be sold at the conclusion of Coffee - 2 for \$1

Join your neighbors each Saturday morning to be the first to hear Ranchero Village Homeowners Association news, buy tickets for special events and learn more about upcoming activities. There is also a 50/50 drawing each week.

If you are 85 years or older, coffee and a donut are on the house! Just bring an ID with your birthdate on it and present it to the coffee committee when you come in the door. They will give you a plate and let you choose your donut.

Can't make it to Coffee? Subscribe to the Sunshine Report. The Sunshine report is a summary of discussions that take place at Coffee each Saturday. If you would like

Bagels & Donuts & Coffee? Oh my!

the Sunshine report sent to your email each week, send your contact information to Boyd Lee at <a href="mailto:ranchero501bl@yahoo.com">ranchero501bl@yahoo.com</a>.

If you would like to volunteer to help at Saturday coffee, please get in touch with me or any crew member.

#### CODMINI E

Joe Mrozek: 716-867-8491 | Gary LaRussa: 716-472-1376

ornhole is in full swing. We play every Tuesday night at 6 pm at the Lakes Tennis Courts. Please join us for a fun night out. This is not a league; it's all pick up. We welcome all skill levels for guys and gals. See you there.



#### **COUPONS FOR TROOPS**

Bill Reynolds: 727-539-6943

Please cut your grocery coupons and save the ones you don't use. There is a box inside the Hacienda Clubhouse to put them in. The coupons are sent overseas by the Elks Club. They can be expired for up to six months and still be used by the troops. Any questions, call Bill Reynolds.



#### CRIBBAGE

Jim Peel: 705-991-3157

TTT e will resume in November. Have an excellent summer.



#### DANCE

Marilyn Giddings: 727-288-1566

oin us for a free dance at the Ranchero Village Corral Pavilion on April 5th! If it rains, we'll move the fun indoors. Music by JC from 5 – 8 pm – so get ready to dance! Bring your own lawn chairs, snacks, and drinks. 50/50 Raffle – don't miss your chance to win! No tickets required – just come and enjoy!

#### DART BASEBALL

Joe Salkaus: Coordinator | Hazel Koreen: Treasurer | Dino Sundin: Stats

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## DICE RUN, PENNY POT, AND VFW SUPPORT THE FISHER HOUSE Sue Peck, Bulletin co-editor

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And in case you're not familiar with Renee Smith's Penny Pot, it's a 'lovely' well-worn plastic receptacle that is passed around at Saturday morning coffee. On a recent Saturday, 3/1/25 to be exact, Renee was presented with two donations for the Fisher House; \$255 from the Ranchero VFW Post 7938, and \$255 from the Ranchero Village golf cart Dice Run.



What's a Dice Run? It's like a Poker Run but can accommodate more people. For this run, they had 70 people drive their carts to 5 different gambling spots, tossing the dice. The largest toss took the pot. Funds came from donations, and the Fisher House was the benefactor! Many thanks to all who participated!!

#### **DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

Marg and Rob Stubbins: 727-754-9480

uplicate Bridge is played on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Corral, but please plan to arrive at 6:15 pm so we can plan the movements and play schedule. For \$1 you can have a pleasant evening, meet new friends, or enjoy previous like-minded friends. If you need help finding a Bridge partner, please contact the Stubbins. See you over the Bidding Boxes!

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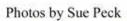
Suzanne Bourdeau | suzannebourdeau@me.com | Lot #1010

It was so unfortunate that the Hacienda wasn't available, but we still had 3 great shows. In January we had The Bee Gees tribute, in February, The Hypnotist, and in March, a Neil Diamond tribute. We have even bigger shows coming in December and in the 2026 season. Stay tuned for previews of those shows. And thank you for attending our Corral presentations!

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The scammer's intention is to establish a relationship as quickly as possible, endear himself to the victim, and gain trust. Scammers may propose marriage and make plans to meet in person, but that will never happen. Eventually, they will ask for money.

If someone you meet online needs your bank account information to deposit money, they are most likely using your account to carry out other theft and fraud schemes.

#### Tips for Avoiding Romance Scams:

- Be careful what you post and make public online. Scammers can use details shared on social media and dating sites to better understand and target you.
- Research the person's photo and profile using online searches to see if the image, name, or details have been used elsewhere.
- · Go slowly and ask lots of questions.
- Beware if the individual seems too perfect or quickly asks you to leave a dating service or social media site to communicate directly.
- Beware if the individual attempts to isolate you from friends and family or requests inappropriate photos or financial information that could later be used to extort you.
- Beware if the individual promises to meet in person but then always comes up with an excuse why he or she can't. If you haven't met the person after a few months, for whatever reason, you have good reason to be suspicious.
- Never send money to anyone you have only communicated with online or by phone.

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Report Imposter Scams Online to the Federal Trade Commission

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#### **GAME NIGHT**

Bob Goquen, Charlie Gilmette, Julia West

oin your neighbors on Friday nights at the Corral Clubhouse for Game Night. Board games, card games, dice games, domino games and map games -- we've played them all! Bring your own game and teach others, join a game you know, or learn a new one! We gather after 5:30 pm and start playing around 6 pm. If you need to come later, you can join in the next round of a game or start a new one. Some even come and watch or just hang out with neighbors. Bring your own beverage. It's a fun evening that helps keep your brain sharp!

#### **GOLF LEAG**

Rich Casali: 727-524-8493

The golf league has ended, but we will continue to play every Monday. We select teams randomly from those present that day. We start at 9 am and again we ask that everyone be there by 8:30 am so we can select teams.

The course is located at 11111 West Waters Avenue, which is about 1.7 miles off West Hillsborough Avenue and about four miles east of the Oldsmar Flea Market.

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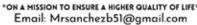


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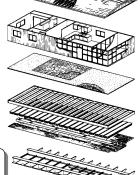
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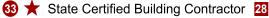
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LGBTO AND FRIENDS

Johnny Mathes: 317-340-9139 | Johnny1659@gmail.com

ur group meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 1 pm in the Lakes Clubhouse. We welcome all to attend and then we go out to eat afterwards. We have been inviting the Bay Ranch LGBT group to meet with us also.



Cruisin' with Ranchero Village's LGBTQ group

#### INE DANCING

Deb Viveiros: 727-612-3484 | debra.viveiros@yahoo.com

owdy!!! Don't forget to bring your dancing shoes and water on April 6th at 6 pm at the Corral for Lour line dance class. I've been on the go with outof-town company, so I am hoping to review the dances we've learned this past season: Waltz Across Texas, Trashy Women partner dance, Fireball, Shivers, Surly Boogie, Tush Push, Falls View Rock, Cupid Shuffle, Watermelon Crawl, Electric Slide, Canadian Stomp and Good Times. Whew I'm tired just typing this all out.

Our 3rd Sunday falls on Easter Sunday so there will only be 1 class in April.



### **MEN'S CLUB**

President - Dennis Juda: 215-920-0859

Thanks to the Ranchero Residents for attending our March Musical & Trivia Bingo. Always a great time and well attended.

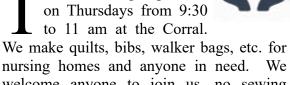


Our next Men's Club Event will be on Thursday April 10th. Price for Bingo cards are \$5 and doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets go on sale March 29th. This will be our final Musical Trivia Bingo till October.

### OUTREACH

Cathy Hula | 316-250-2511

The Outreach group meets on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 am at the Corral.



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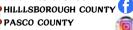


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#### **PICKLEBALL**

he 5th Annual Ranchero Village Pickleball Tournament was held on Thursday March 13th. 20 players participated and we had several people in the cheering section.

1st place for the second year in a row was Mike Deprey. 2nd place was Dave Powell and 3rd place was Doug West. Congratulations to all our medal winners.

A big THANK YOU to Janet Murray and Fran Breton for keeping everyone on the right courts and for keeping score.

Thanks to all who participated, and we look forward to seeing everyone on the courts.



The 5th Annual Ranchero Village Pickleball Tournament



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# **SHUFFLEBOARD**

Pat Bryant: 722-535-2439

s usual we are still playing shuffleboard every Tuesday, Thursday, & Sunday evenings at 6:15 p.m. (weather permitting). If you don't know how to play and want to learn, come on over to the courts - along with those who already know how to play, and we will teach you (for free). On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we play a crazy game called "Horsecollar" which teaches you how to play and polish your skills. Bring 25 cents for the game because nobody goes home empty-handed!

On Sundays, we usually play competitive shuffleboard. This also helps you sharpen your skills! We have a lot of fun doing this!

The courts are open daily until 10 pm for all adults to play. Anyone 17 and under must have an adult accompanying them. There are sticks and disks in the east end of the big shed. Due to vandalism, we had to lock the shed, so call Pat or Paul Bryant @ 727-535-2439 to get the combination so you can get your sticks and disks. If you have any further questions, please call Pat at 727-535-2439.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE!

# TAX FILING DEADLINE IS MAY 1ST THIS YEAR

Sue Peck, co-editor

ecause of the storm season last year, the tax filing date has been moved out to May 1st, 2025.

### What does the new IRS deadline apply to?

The May 1, 2025, filing deadline applies to:

• Any individual or business that has a 2024 return normally due during March or April 2025.



 $\frac{https://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/2025/01/14/tax-deadline-extension-may-florida-huricane-helene-milton/77665856007/$ 

### ENNIS CLUB

Brian Roes: 519-259-2230 (President), Dan Willette: 727-535-3531 (Treasurer), Doug West: 727-724-4732 (Secretary and Scheduler)

y now, you will have seen the tennis club members well at play for 2024-25 seasons. The Club plays every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. All abilities are welcome, as we were all beginners at one time!

I am working closely with the Legacy Office regarding any information they may have regarding tennis plans, and I would be happy to share with them any questions you may have for them. I can assure you now, that plans are in the works.

# THURSDAY SOCIALS

ur Thursday Social has begun again. We meet every week from 4 to 6 pm at the Corral Clubhouse. As always, please BYOB and a snack to share, if able. We have a great group of regulars and are seeing some new faces here and there. All residents are welcome to attend and join in some light conversation and have a few laughs. See you there!

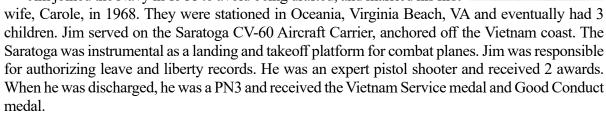
# VETERAN PROFILE – JIM RIGGS

Sue Peck, Bulletin Co-Editor

Te like to feature our Ranchero Veterans so you can get to know them better. This time our focus is on Jim Riggs, our VFW Post 7938 Chaplin and Jr. Vice Commander.

Born in McKeesport, PA, in 1948, Jim says his dad taught him how to fish, hunt and work on cars. He admired his father who worked hard to support the family, and who served in WWII, 2nd Marine Division; he was in in the same platoon as Bob Keeshan (Captain Kangaroo) and Lee Marvin.

Jim joined the Navy in 1966 to avoid being drafted, and married his first



Jim joined our VFW Post in 2010. Before serving as Chaplin and Jr. Vice Commander, he was an adjutant, and has been nominated to be the next Commander. He will be installed to that position in May. Jim says he keeps busy with his VFW duties, plays golf on Mondays with our Men's League, and enjoys following football and baseball. He is also a Deacon at his church, The Point

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Sadly, Carole passed away after a long battle with Leukemia and Jim has now been remarried to Billi, who he met here in Florida. Between them they have 6 children, 15 grandchildren, and 8 great grandkids.

When asked what his favorite food is, Jim emphatically replies: Italian. He makes his own 'loaded' spaghetti sauce, and says if you want a really good Tiramisu, go to Johnny's Italian Restaurant in Clearwater. And when asked what he attributes his longevity to, his advice is to stay active, don't smoke and listen to your doctors. To the next generation, his advice is to think before you ask or do, and always follow God.

## **VFW POST 7938**

Larry Idoux - Adjutant Rich Hula: 316-737-8484 | Gene Harris: 727-533-5773

he VFW may have their installation of officers on Tuesday, April 8th at 18:30 hours in the Hacienda. Open to the Public and refreshments afterwards. Look for signs and/or attend coffee for any changes and details.

We are always looking for new members and you don't have to be a resident of Ranchero Village to join our Post. If you have any questions regarding membership, contact any member of the Post.

If you wish to purchase a 3' by 5' nylon American flag, contact Senior Vice Commander Gene Harris at lot 852. The cost is \$15.

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### **WOMEN'S CLUB**

President: Brenda Deprey - Lot #745 | 207-441-8651 | BJBDeprey@gmail.com

Telcome to the Month of April. Be careful of the Pranksters on April Fool's Day! In the month of March, we had our St. Patrick's Day Themed Luncheon/Elections on the 11th. We enjoyed a wonderful meal of Beef Shepherd's Pie and a vegetarian version with lentils, homemade Irish Soda Bread and an Irish Apple Cake for dessert. After the meal we held our Board Elections for this next year.

We welcomed three new ladies and re-elected three ladies for a second term. The Executive Board was selected after the Elections.

After the Elections, Kelly Vavala led a Crocheting Class. She taught us some basic stitches and we began by making Prayer Shawls that we will donate to the Ladies Circle when they are completed. The Ladies Circle will then distribute the Prayer Shawls to residents here in our park that may be experiencing an illness or recovering from a surgery. Kelly also demonstrated how to make Amiguriumi

(Pronounced AMA - ga- Rūmi) Animals.

We initially planned to hold our Fashion Show on April 8th. However, due to uncertainty regarding the full availability of the Hacienda—and out of respect for the vendors left in limbo and the models who volunteered to showcase Dillard's fashions—we reluctantly decided that canceling the show was the best option.

At our Board Meeting we decided to hold an Ice Cream Social instead, until we found out that the Chapel already had one scheduled for the 13th. Back to the drawing board for a new event and a new time slot. We are planning a few things that will be new, fun and exciting! We will be hosting a Baked Potato Bar with all the fixings. For an activity we will be painting rocks with acrylic markers and then we will spray them with an acrylic sealer to preserve and protect them from the weather.

These rocks can have Inspirational Messages, or a beach scene or a single object like the sun, hearts, flowers etc. They can then be given as gifts to friends and family or placed around the park for others to find. We'll announce this on NextDoor and encourage folks to post the rocks when they find them. I've done this back in our hometown in Maine and at the Campground we live in during the summer.

Our final activity for this season will be a Lunch at the Sunset Grill in Clearwater. All residents are invited to join us. We are scheduled for Tuesday, May 13th @noon. We will not sell tickets like we did last year; we'll just be making a list so we can give the restaurant a head count. Please contact Donna Dahmm, Lot #2181. Email: rddahmm@gmail.com or Phone (309) 263-2640.

I will leave you with this quote by William Shakespeare "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."

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