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Prayer By Lainey Nelson

The prayer for this month is not an original but the words are from St. Francis of Assisi and pertain to us all of any belief. They are especially meaningful for me as Visitation Chaplain.

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, Grant that I may no so much seek To be consoled as to console; To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love; For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen

At the last Vespers' meeting, John Hill wanted me to have an "official " title so people could easily know who to call when someone was needed. I have been asked to continue and to do the monthly prayer.

What brought me to this point? I took the training at Bayfront Medical Center and became a Pastoral Care Volunteer in 1999. For 17 years I visited every Wednesday on the Cardiac/ Pulmonary floor seeing about 15 patients per visit. I went room to room, and was rarely turned away. I have prayed with almost all denominations except for a few that I had no idea how to do it. I have stood next to a Muslim facing east and heard someone pray in tongues. I have visited with people who had lost their faith, and those who never had one. But they welcomed someone to listen and offer support.

I am bound by the confidentiality law agreement that I signed many years ago. I cannot share any information about a visit, what was discussed, a medical condition, or even where the person is without their consent. Anything shared does not get passed around. So at times I must tell the questioner to ask the person themselves. Sorry if this offends someone. It is not being secretive-

For the last 18 months I have made almost 90 visits here in the park and nearby nursing homes. I can no longer visit at the hospitals because of the walking involved. I will not push a prayer on you, but will offer one if you wish. Listening in a kind and friendly manner is the point, so feel free to call me if there is a need. Just having someone visit is often a blessing and I feel blessed to be able to do it.

Lainey Nelson 577-4185.

Vice President's Message

By Beverly Baker

Thanks to all who attended Jane's Manager's meeting on August 2. It was a "standing room only" crowd full of energy, interest and opinions. Residents had a full hour to learn about a "virtual" gate system that is being investigated as an option to our current use of outside gate attendants for the hours of 10pm to 6am. One reason this is being considered is the low level of activity during these hours, an average of 5 vehicles per night, 2 of which are the Tampa Bay Times deliveries. It would also computerize our current paper records of tracking the vehicles entering the park, add continuous video, and add options for notifying the gate of expected visitors. Historical data would then be easier to track.

There were lots of questions and concerns from those attending. High on the list was the overwhelming support for the current gate attendants. Residents like the 1 to 1 contact and feel staff add a degree of awareness a virtual system cannot. Cost of the system received multiple inquires. However, the specifications for our community need to be developed before an actual quote can be made. A hybrid virtual system would save money from what is currently being spent.

There were multiple questions on how specific situations would be handled, i.e. care givers, need for panic button, and residents with rental cars. Concern was noted on proceeding too quickly, the need to include part time residents in the process, evaluating the use of our own staff for the 10pm to 6am shift, and how reliable and accessible is the system and the vendor.

The evaluation of what is needed and the best way to meet our needs will take some time. Information will be share as the board proceeds with this evaluation.

Manager's Message

By Jane Jarlenski

<u>Holiday Schedule</u> – The Business Office will be closed Monday, September 4th for the Labor Day Holiday. Brush will be picked up on Tuesday, September 5th along with trash.

<u>**Pool Furniture**</u> – The pool's sling furniture has been refurbished. We requested a stronger fabric so hopefully they will last longer than two years.

<u>South Boat Ramp</u> – I received one suggestion for naming the South Boat Ramp park area; "South Park". I like it! I came up with the name "Piney Park" for the grassy gazebo area across from the Mt. Piney Laundry & Hobby Shop. Do you have another name you would like to recommend?

<u>Irrigation</u> – The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) began allowing twice a week irrigation since August 2nd. For the month of July, residents were only supposed to once a week.

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<u>Walking Trails</u> – Distances have been measured to create several walking trails. A map will be created along with signage.

<u>**Home Improvement Expo**</u> – Is there a vendor you would like to see at this year's Home Improvement Expo? What about a speaker? Please send suggestions to manager@ americanacove.com.

<u>Property Taxes</u> – The Business Office received notice that several residents were delinquent in payment of their 2016 property taxes. I thought I would mention that homeowners can set up payment plans with the Pinellas County Tax Collector's Office. A number of our residents have taken advantage of this option.

<u>**Rules Reminder**</u> – Section I, item 2 pertains to patios and carports. "Patio, carport and surrounding areas must be kept clean and free from clutter. Notwithstanding the foregoing, patio furniture, BBQ grills, trikes, bikes and golf carts are allowed to be stored or kept on patios, carports and surrounding area."

Fall is right around the corner and soon our seasonal residents will be returning!

Your Commitment as a Homeowner

The association is glad you've found a home in our community. We presume it has all the amenities you were seeking and you're settling in nicely. This is the time the association likes to remind new homeowners that common-interest communities like ours create some unique obligations to the community and to other residents within it:

Read and comply with the community's governing documents. You should have received a package of documents well before you closed on your home. If you didn't, check the association's website or ask the manager or a member of the board for copies. Make sure you understand what's included in them, particularly the rules about pets, parking, your home's exterior maintenance, architectural guidelines and when you must pay association assessments.

Provide current contact information to association board members or the manager. Make sure they know how to reach you in case of an emergency, and ask them to notify you of association meetings and other important events. If you rent out your home, provide contact information for your tenants also for use in an emergency. Ensure the office knows who to contact, if there is an issue with your home.

Maintain your property according to established standards. The community's appearance can add value to all the homes within it—including yours—so it's important to keep landscaping neatly groomed and your home's exterior well-maintained.

Treat association leaders honestly and respectfully. Board members are homeowners just like you—who have volunteered to give their time and energy freely to govern the community. While you should share your concerns about the community with them, do so in a way that's constructive, informative and helpful.



Attend board meetings and vote in community elections. Board meetings are open to all who wish to sit in and keep up with issues under discussion. The association is a democracy, and your voice and vote can affect important issues.

Pay association assessments and other obligations on time. Your regular assessments pay for common-area maintenance, amenities and other shared expenses. If you don't pay on time, the burden for paying your portion of the association's bills, like water, electricity and trash removal, falls on your neighbors. Contact a board member or the manager, if you're having problems, to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Ensure that tenants, visiting relatives and friends adhere to all rules and regulations. If you are leasing your home, you're liable for maintaining the condition of the home and for the behavior of those who live in it. Make sure to screen tenants thoroughly, and familiarize them with the community's rules.

ACA News

By Libby Hopkins

reptember Days are here, with summer's best of weather, and autumn's best of cheer.

Hello!

A bit more bustling...and still hot – that is the best way to describe September. We are preparing for the return of everyone, starting this month for some folks, and on into October and November. We are looking forward to it. Some groups are starting up again this month... and some clubs have been active right through to September. We have appreciated that very much.

Hope everyone had a wonderful summer! Have a great month, and welcome back to those of you who have arrived!!

Sunshine Report for September 2017

By Nancy Hubartt

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- 30 Albert Dion

September Anniversaries

Welcome New Resident

By Nancy Hubartt Catugno, Monica A. (CT) 7158 Mt. Bristol Rd. Previously: Wingrove

> Keegan, Irene M. (FL) 7126 Mt. Jupiter Ave. Previously: Ernest



Johnson, Jacques C. (FL) Tamayo, Tamar & Jesus (Not Living Here) 437 Mt. Piney Ave. Previously: Muzar

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| 62 years | 26 Brad Coath & Bob Siebert | 31 years |
| 52 years | 29 Sue & Mike Giacchetti | 33 years |

Nantz, Tony D.& Stinnett, Elmer S. 7332 Americana Dr. Previously: Jensen

Mackin, Joseph Lynn (KY) 7157 Mt. Arlington Dr. Previously: Mackin

Noling, Joseph & Roxanne 7194 Mt. Arlington Dr. Previously: Reising

Rosetti, Richard E. 7280 Americana Dr. Previously: Spetz

Terri's Horoscope for September 2017

By me, Terri Mottl

ARIES (03/21-04/19) It's a month of food....not eating it, that is. Diet and exercise is highlighted and emphasized. Hey, I don't drive the stars....I just read 'em.

TAURUS (04/20-05/20) Best be ready to 'splaine yerself 'cos you gots lots of 'splainin to do! Don't be telling me about it, though, I already don't believe a word about it.

GEMINI (05/21- 6/20) You poor, poor thing, you. Someone wants to move in with you, and it's not a paying someone, either. Change the locks or change the sheets; your choice.

CANCER (06/21-7/22) Yickity-yak, they're talking back! Whatever you say, they" contradict, debate, and disagree. Isn't it grand to have so many friends and loved ones?

LEO (07/23-08/22) Wanna be queen of the mountain? Then, don't back down. You're right and you know you're right, so, it's time to convince them.

VIRGO (08/23-09/22) The only way to get the "alone" time you require is to turn off your phone and shut the blinds. It may only be for twenty minutes, but twenty minutes is twenty minutes.

LIBRA (09/23-10/22) Ebb and flow, ebb and flow. Thoughtful Thursday spills into Frenzied Friday, but, take heart. Serene Sunday cometh!

SCORPIO (10/23-11/21) You don't have to chose one over the other. You don't have to pick a side of draw a line, but it sure would make things easier!

SAGITTARIUS (11/22-12/21) Time to still your wandering heart and get down to the old budget. Plan your finances to your advantage and your next big adventure is just around the corner.

CAPRICORN (12/22-01/19) Remember that old saying, "Don't believe everything you think"? Well, Cappy....don't believe everything you think.

AQUARIUS (01/20-02/18) September may not be known for parties and other shenanigans, but I have a feeling that you'll do just fine with making your own revelry.

PISCES (02/19-03/20) You FINALLY have everything under control! EVERYTHING is exactly as you planned it! Don't you wish!



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Cute Joke

woman takes a lover home during the day while her husband is at work.

Her 9-year old son comes home unexpectedly, sees them and hides in the bedroom closet to watch.

The woman's husband also comes home. She puts her lover in the closet, not realizing that the little boy is in there already.

The little boy says, "Dark in here."

The man says, "Yes, it is." Boy - "I have a baseball."

- Man "That's nice."
- Boy "Want to buy it?"
- Man "No, thanks."
- Boy "My dad's outside."
- Man "OK, how much?"

Boy - "\$150"

Man - "Sold."

In the next few weeks, it happens again that the boy and the lover are in the closet together.

Boy - "Dark in here."

Man - "Yes, it is."

Boy - "I have a Wilson infielder's glove."

The lover, remembering the last time, asks the boy,"How much?"

Boy - "\$350"

- Man "Highway robbery. Sold."
- A few days later, the father says to the boy, "Grab your gloves, let's go outside and have a game of catch."
- The boy says, "I can't, I sold my ball and my glove."

The father asks, "How much did you sell them for?"

The boy says, "\$500"

The father says, "That's terrible to overcharge your friends like that... that is way more than those two things cost.

I'm going to take you to church and make you confess your greed."

They go to the church and the father makes the little boy sit in the confession booth with the Priest to confess his sins and he closes the door.

The boy says, "Dark in here."

The priest says, "Don't start that crap again, you're in my closet now."

ACA Entertainment

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Women's Summers Cue

By Sandie Reid

L's that time of year!!!! Any of you gals out there interested in joining the summer's high average cue fun time playing pool together, lets do this. Please let me know by Sunday September 3, 2017 because we will start Wednesday September 6, 2017 at 6pm. This will be single play and run for the month of September. Give me a call at (727)527-0186 and let me know.

Vespers News

By Martha Sutton

ur next season of Vespers will be starting soon. We're always looking to enlarge our choir so if you like to sing, come join us on Friday mornings. Rehearsals begin at 8:45 a.m. in the Atrium on October 27 and the first service will be November 5 at 4:50 p.m.

Our second service on the 12th will be a memorial service in honor of John Hill who passed away in July. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special service in his memory.

On November 19 we will again be sponsoring the annual Welcome Back Potluck and entertainment evening. There will be posters on bulletin boards throughout the Cove at the end of this month. Tickets for \$2.00 will be sold at the lunches starting in November or by contacting me upon my return to the Cove in October. Vespers will provide those special meatballs, bread, dessert, coffee and tea; we ask everyone to bring a veggie dish or salad to share (no desserts please). Following the dinner you will be entertained by the talented musician Hank Harrelson. All are invited to attend.

For those who aren't familiar with Vespers, it is a nondenominational service consisting of the singing of hymns and prayers conducted by local pastors followed by light refreshments. If you would like your own pastor to be a speaker, please contact Nancy Hill at 522-2412.

Welcome to the Golden Years

Leaving the store, I couldn't find my keys. They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. He's afraid that the car could be stolen. As I looked around the parking lot, I realized he was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen, Then, I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen." There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me?" he barked, "I dropped you off!" Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me." He retorted, "I will just as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your damn car!" Welcome to the golden years!!



Don't Assume Anything!

By Jeanne Sheppard

This goes to show what assuming can do.

The Wedding

At a wedding ceremony the pastor asked 'if anyone had anything to say concerning the union of the bride and groom It was their time to stand up and talk, or forever hold their peace'.

The moment of utter silence was broken by a young beautiful woman carrying a child. She stood up and started walking slowly towards the pastor.

Everything quickly turned to chaos.

The bride threw the bouquet and burst out crying.

Then slowly the groom's mother fainted.

The Best men started giving each other looks and wondering how best to help save the situation.

The pastor asked the woman, "Can you tell us, why you came forward "What do you have to say?"

There was absolute silence in the church.

The woman replied, "We can't hear in the back."

Swim Exercise News

By Nancy Olson

Cannot believe September is already here! Our travels to North Carolina, Canada and Michigan were very successful. Mark and I will be heading down to St. Pete the last week of September stopping in Nashville to kick it up for a couple days! Looking to be back in the Cove around Sept. 28. I have been looking at a couple new tape possibilities. Stay tuned, I know how we all like to learn new tapes!!! A big shout out goes to our summer swimmers who have been very loyal in coming to swim exercise consistently! I know the summer brings additional challenges with the weather. A great example is

how quickly Tropical Storm Emily showed up out of nowhere!!! I would like to welcome Sue Ponti as one of our subs. Thanks Sue for being able to help us out, much appreciated!

Looking forward to seeing you all on Sept. 29 at class. Have a very safe Labor Day!









Red Hat Chilies News

By Adele Seaman

reptember Red Hat Chilies (Hard to Believe) September 12th we will try the new Culvers 4th St. N. across from Village Inn. If you have coupons please bring them. We will meet Wat the Clubhouse by 11:15 AM rides will be available if needed. Thank you and I hope maybe a couple of Northerners will be back. All are welcome.

PO KE NO

A new season we will start! Please remember to bring a snack to share and Pennies to play with. We start at 6:30 PM in the Clubhouse. But as we get busy come early to pick your card to play with and your seat. PO KE NO September 28, 2017.

I hope to see you there.

Plastic Caps By Nancy Hubartt

• ou are great. Thank you for all the plastic caps. Bench has been made and dedicated at the school in Citrus county. There was a news article on Bay News 9 sometime around the 1st or 2nd of August, that said they had put the bench at the school. Jean Hughes called her daughter and confirmed that we no longer needed to collect plastic caps.

So Thank you, Thank you.

A Great Surprise

By Claire Mosakowski

mericana Cove residents are in for a wonderful free treat. A beautiful concert of show tune music featuring Richard Kennedy, a New York trained tenor and Pat Hilley, a soloist with a magnificent voice from the Holy Family Church choir. Give your ears a treat, come listen to these talented voices. You will be humming your favorite tunes long after this special evening.

Saturday, September 16, 2017 WHEN: PLACE: Clubhouse TIME 7.00 PM

Please mark your calendar for this can't miss event.





Helping Hands News

By Carol Shepard

These questions came up one night while playing cards, so being a nurse, I offered to do my next article to answer these questions.

Definitions:

Dementia: is a general term for loss of memory and other mental abilities severe enough to interfere with daily life. It is caused by physical changes in the brain.

<u>Alzheimer's Disease</u>: is the most common type of dementia. It accounts for 60-80% of cases.

Early symptoms include: Depression Difficulty remembering names and recent events. Later symptoms include: Impaired judgment Disorientation Confusion Behavioral changes Difficulty speaking and swallowing.



There are several other types of dementia that would require specific clinical diagnosis.

Other types include:

Vascular Dementia Dementia with Lewy Bodies Mixed Dementia Parkinson Disease (progressed) Huntington's Disease.

So in summary, Dementia is an umbrella term for a set of symptoms affect mental cognitive tasks such as memory and reasoning.

Alzheimer Disease falls under this umbrella as do several other diseases.

If you have any questions or concerns about Dementia/Alzheimer's you can call the National Toll free Help Line 866-232-8484. They also have Care giving resources.

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On-line Shopping Tips

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Here are other online shopping tips from PRC:

- Use one credit card exclusively for all your online shopping. This makes it easier to spot unauthorized charges.
- Don't pay for online purchases with a check, since checks are vulnerable to bank fraud. Even mailing a check or money order won't give you any protection if you have problems with the purchase.
- Use a true credit card—not a debit card, check card or an ATM card. A debit card exposes your bank account to thieves. Your checking account could be wiped out in minutes. Also, federal law does not protect debit and ATM cards as extensively as it does credit cards.

Library News

By Jill Moe

ave you noticed? No ants! Well, okay, so maybe not so many but you have to admit it's better than pre-tented!

Thank you, Jane. We have had many wonderful comments about the jigsaw puzzle table. Please be sure to thank Manager Jane for this great idea. Hopefully the puzzle will be completed by the end of September when it must come down.

Don't forget to check the Clubhouse Bulletin Board listing the books being read during the 2017-2018 season.



Boat Club News

By Jill Moe

AM in the Atrium. Pat Ley (727-527-3561) reports of enchanting moonlight kayaking so please give her a call for more information. Laminated maps highlighting Americana Cove boat & kayak ramps, the kayaking trail, sandbars, Riviara Bay, the waterways of Old Tampa Bay, and restaurant spots are available for \$5.00; contact Ted Meljac (727-366-9453) or Linda Quince (727-592-1362). The Tiki Hut parties and the upcoming Island Bash should really float your boat! Be sure to contact Ted, Linda or Pat for more exciting information. Next meeting will be September 9, 2017. Hope to see you then!



Reading Group News

By Jill Moe

mericana Cove's Reading Group meets the second Thursday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Library (dates are subject to change so please be sure to check the Bulletin Board). To give you a jump-start on the great books coming up, be sure to pencil in on your calendar the following dates -

NOVEMBER 9, 2017-WAVES OF MERCY by Lynn Austin DECEMBER 14, 2017-THE SILENT SISTER by Diane Chamberlain JANUARY 18, 2018-THE RED TENT by Anita Diamant FEBRUARY 8, 2018-WINTER OF THE WORLDS by Ken Follet MARCH 8, 2018-LOVING FRANK by Nancy Horgan APRIL 12, 2018-THE FORGOTTEN GARDEN by Kate Morton



Staging Your Home Sells

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

coording to the National Association of Realtors (NAR), staging a home decreases the amount of time a home spends on the market. In a study conducted in 2017, the NAR found that 77 percent of buyers' agents reported it was easier for buyers to visualize the property as their future home when it was staged.

Sellers' agents reported that staging increases the offers buyers made with 55 percent reporting a dollar value increase from 1 to 15 percent.

Beyond staging, agents reported the most common home improvement projects that sellers should do are as follows: 93 percent recommended the home be decluttered—remove excess furniture and knickknacks from rooms and remove magnets and paper from the fronts of refrigerators. Eight-nine percent of agents recommended a thorough home cleaning, while 81 percent recommended that carpets be professionally cleaned.

These ideas are especially important in a 55+ community, says Broker Marty Pozgay when relatives may be assisting the resident with selling a home.

"If an elderly resident can't prepare the home for sale, it is often up to relatives to assist, explains Pozgay. "If the relatives understand that small things like staging and cleaning a home can actually increase the value and help to sell the home, then more people would spend the effort to maximize the potential cost benefit."

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

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Power of Positivity

wo men both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, where they had been on vacation, etc. Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the hospital window. The man in the other bed began to live for that one hour each day where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity of the world outside. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their toy boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the scene. One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band, he could see it in his mind's eye. Weeks and months passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the life less body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body. As soon as it seemed appropriate the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall. Later, the man asked the nurse how this could be....the nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said "Perhaps he just wanted to make you feel better."

"There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own personal problems. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled."

THE LAST WORD

By Terri Mottl

It's just too danged hot to walk dogs. No matter how hot it is, and it is so very, very hot, they still have to be walked, and I still walk 'em, but, they hear about it with every step of the way. And, I threaten 'em too. "If you don't squat RIGHT NOW we're watching four hours of QVC instead of Animal Planet", but it doesn't seem to move them along much faster. Actually, it seems to make them plunk their hairy bodies in the cool green grass, staring up at me from under the shade of a tree while they leave me standing at the other end of the leash in the burning sun like a totem pole for their viewing pleasure. I'm telling ya, if it's any time between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm., it's pure purgatory....not quite hell fire but you don't have to try too hard to envision it. And, I really, really have to wonder about those crazy power walkers sprinting around in the mid-day heat without a care in the world....it would serve 'em right if their eyebrows melted off. I guess the bottom line is that it's just too danged hot to walk dogs.

