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## FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There was no Board of Directors meeting scheduled in August, 2016. Our financial report for the month of July 2016 shows that income for the month was \$33,167 with expenditures of \$23,238. The financial statement for each month is posted on the bulletin board at the rear of the hall for everyone to review.

### A COMPLETE LISTING OF RESIDENT SERVICES CAN BE FOUND ON THE PAGE BEFORE YOUR CALENDAR









## JUST A REMINDER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

R esidents should not park vehicles or golf carts that are for sale at the front gate as this does not present the best atmosphere of our community.

Additionally, there have been a few incidents where residents have had guest staying at their home over the 15 day limit without directors approval. Per Rule 5 of the Golden Gate Regulations "Occupancy by guests of the shareholder shall be for a period of time not exceeding (fifteen) consecutive days and 30 (thirty) days total per year, unless a longer period is approved, in writing, by the Board of Directors. Any visit of a guest will be terminated immediately if they fail to abide by the Association Rules and Regulations. Any permission for an approved extended guest who fails to follow the Rules and Regulations will be revoked. For those approved guests whose visits extend beyond 15 (fifteen) consecutive days or 30 (thirty) days total for the year, there will be an additional charge of \$2.00 per person per day. Use of the unit by family members is permitted, provided the shareholder notifies the office prior to arrival of the guests, assumes responsibility for water, sewer, and garbage charges and designates the length of stay. Guests must be registered upon arrival and they must agree to abide by all the rules of the Association."

## SHUT OFF WATER VALVES

f you are using the water outdoors, please remember to shut off the valve dat the house instead of just turn the nozzle on the hose.

## **MAINTENANCE STAFF ASSISTANCE**

f you identify a maintenance item around the Community, please ask someone in the office (Jane or a member of the board) to complete a work order for Lam or Jim. This allows them to track, prioritize and complete their daily work load. Thank you!

## **PARKING REQUEST**

Thenever you, your guests, or contractors need to park out on the street, please follow Community Rules!

- No parking on the sidewalks. Your maintenance fees pay for all repairs.
- Please use common sense and do not park near or on corners or close to intersections. We would encourage parking on the same side of the street to avoid traffic having to "zig-zag" to get by. This causes obstructions and creates a dangerous situation for cars, golf carts and bicycles trying to proceed by the vehicles.

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## SOLICITING

Solution of any kind is not allowed in Golden Gate. If anyone comes to your door trying to sell anything, please be safe and just say no thank you; close your door and call the police non-emergency number (on page 2 of the Golden Gate Telephone Directory (727) 541-0758. Do not confront the solicitors. The Office was informed by a resident who was walking and saw an uncomfortable soliciting incident. He used his cell phone to call the police and report it. The police arrived in 3 minutes and when they searched the community they found a number of people who were blanketing the entire



community. They were all detained and interrogated. You are not being "mean" when you call the Police. You are protecting yourself and your Community.

## **GOLF CART PARKING**

It has been brought to the Board's attention that many unit owners are leaving their golf carts parked between units. This causes a problem for the Association's Lawn Contractor, for it impacts his ability to perform his responsibilities in a proper manner. Please refrain from parking the carts on the lawn areas, especially on Mondays, the designated day for lawn cuttings. Your cooperation is truly appreciated.

## **ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

ny article submitted to the Golden Gate Newsletter should have the author identified. If you have a computer with an email connection, articles may be emailed to ggmedia@ tampabay.rr.com, preferably by the Monday before the third Tuesday of the month. The Board of Directors' Meeting is the third Tuesday of the month and the agreement with the publisher gives us up to the day after the meeting to deliver copy to be published. If you don't have a computer you may continue to deliver a double-spaced paper copy, again, preferably by the Monday before the third Tuesday of the month.

## WEED PROGRAM

s most of you are aware, we have a problem with the growth of weeds during the summer months, typically May through September. The weed problem we are concerned about is in the planter boxes and the front of the homes. Even those home5 that have mulch or stones in the planter boxes will have weed growth.

The board does send "friendly reminders" to alert residents as stated in rule #16..."Each shareholder is responsible for the neat and orderly appearance of his or her premises at all times. However, the general response to the friendly



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reminders has been less than satisfactory.

We would like to aid in solving this problem by having our maintenance staff spray weed killer in the planter boxes or in front of the home for any resident that desires to participate. There will be a \$40.00 per year fee to cover the cost of the material for spraying from May through September. If you wish to participate in this program, send a check or pay cash to Jane in the office. If you choose to participate in this program, our maintenance staff will spray, beginning in May and ending in September. However, if you have ornamental plants that could be harmed by the spraying, you will have to make other arrangements, since we will not be responsible for any damages.

If you choose not to participate, the weed issue for planters and the front of your home will continue to be your responsibility, and be subject to the terms of rule #16 concerning work done in your absence.

## FRIENDLY REMINDER

There have been reports that individuals have not been obeying STOP signs and speed limits. The speed limit and STOP signs are posted for everyone's safety. Golden Gate Rule #9 reflects "All residents and guest must obey all local and state rules related to the operation of vehicle's. The (fifteen) MPH speed limit must be observed by all residents and guest." Please remember safety first! It may take you a few seconds longer to get where you're going. However, should an accident occur it could take you a lifetime to forgive yourself.

## LIGHT UP AT NIGHT

f you are riding a bike or driving a golf car at night you should have lights on so others can see you

## **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

he Office will resume normal working hours as of Monday, September 19, 2016.

## THANK YOU

The members of the Thursday Dart league would like to thank the Nuggets Club for purchasing a new dartboard for the pool room!



Dear Golden Gaters, I just talked to Ruth Triplett on the phone, as we know she celebrated her 100th birthday on July 31st. Many of us sent her a card and some of us called her on the phone. I just had the best chat that I have had in a long time to the happiest woman I ever knew she had just won 2 games at bingo, walks several times a day, loves her new home and friends, and I am sure will long be remembered as the lady that rode her bike around the park

every day. If you have any of the old gg photo books or remember the old shows from way back Ruth was in the shows, always at church, and a friend that will always be a friend. Happy Birthday Ruth we all love you and are happy that you are so happy at your new home. Xxxxxx pat

This past winter I was not available to make it to Florida due to family circumstances. I felt like I missed out on the fun for the year and then my Uncle Mike pitched the idea of a road trip to Canada. He said "I want to go and see where my friends, that seemed more like a family, came from." I just wanted to catch up with friends that I missed and take advantage of the opportunity to vacation in Canada.

I met up with him in Ohio where he was waiting for me. He had driven from Florida with my Mom and Janet Beard. Another great resident of the Golden Gate Community that went to Ohio awaiting the birth of a great grandchild. My Uncle, Mom, and I left Ohio and headed north stopping in the Detroit downriver area to drop off my Mom at my brother's place. A day later we were on our way to our final destination. We were on schedule for the big event. Oh! Right, the big event. My Uncle and I wanted to get to our destination because there was a coordinated event planned in Timmins in honor of my Uncles visit; something like a family reunion.

After three days of driving through some of the most gorgeous countryside I have ever seen encountering an injured wolf, (probably an oversized coyote) a very skilled truck driver, and the biggest black bear I've ever seen alive we arrived in Timmins and were greeted by Pauline and Marcel Pilon.

They had plans for us and we commenced to having the time of our lives. We had dinner that evening with yet another couple from the Timmins group of 20 plus years Theresa and Fern. Very gracious and excellent cooks. They shared many stories of all the residents of the Timmins group and even some of the history of this awesome mining town. Good conversation, good wine and plenty of culture about Timmons Canada left us just a wake-up away from the Big Event.

The next morning found us on the road again en-route to Paul and Rachelle's' home just outside of Timmins which they rightly named "The Bush". Turned out to be more of a "Northern" Golden Gate Community. Which they conveniently labeled so we didn't miss the exit.

We arrived on the scene and Paul was very busy with finishing touches for the party. Not one to sit around I changed into my swimming trunks and pitched in where I could. Glad to be part of the action we became more educated on family Timmins while talking with Paul and Marcel. I am still amazed at the graciousness of these people who barely knew me, but accepted me and my Uncle as if we grew up next door.

Later in the day as people came to join the festivities it became increasingly more difficult to keep up with placing the names with the faces. Not to worry though because The Timmins people are unforgettable, and within a few minutes of an introduction, followed by sometimes bone crushing hugs you have an everlasting impression. We have never met more real, open,









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and friendly people in our lives. As the festivities progressed we were introduced to "Timmins" baseball and naturally it was a big rival game pitting the women against the men. The men were clearly outmatched by the women and conceded their lose two games to one. We also had a horseshoe contest that ejected Steven in the first round.

No party would be complete without a feast; and feast we did. All the residents brought dishes that were out of this world tasty. The only way you could have left there hungry was if you were bulimic. When the food was finished everyone sat around the fire drinking and talking about the communities North and South. A very good time was had by all. Slowly people were turning in with warm hugs and goodnight wishes.

My Uncle was surprised at the distance and lack of the closeness, geographically, up in Timmins. He was under the impression that they all lived in the same neighborhood and got together on a regular basis just like in Florida. As it turns out this was the first gathering of the Timmins group in Canada in a very long time. Timmins is a very big and attractive mining town with lots of history. Whether it was by design or because my Uncle was there we will never know we can only hope that they continue to love each other enough to keep coming back to their first home here in The Golden Gate Community. We would like to thank everyone in Timmins for the awesome hospitality and kindness shown to us. We look forward to creating more memories and spending time with our new family when they return to Florida this Fall.



## **GOLDEN GATE CHURCH, THE CHURCH IN THE PARK**

On-denominational Services: 8:45 AM – Sunday – Golden Gate Hall-Paul Carter – (Lot 87)

Pastor Bower's continues to bless us with his spiritual message each Sunday morning. Come and enjoy the overhead projection where the Pastor is emphasizing as the message of the day. Also, New Larger word bibles are available for anyone who wishes to take one home. Pastor Bower's reminds us to always carry our swords to church, (your Bible).

## **BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER**

1 Debra Stika	98
Judy Sornson	251
2 Troy Grandy	65
3 Shirley Clarke	225
Anthony Drake	403
5 Alfred Åbell	301
Robert Doucet	252
Kathy Naples	32
Elena Savino	256
6 Sharon Rodgers	56
Ruth Wells	287
8 Mary Purcell	24
10 Richard Widell	81
11 Barbara Duerr	86
Joanne Snyder	182
12 Gene Fernandez	72
Robert McDermott	213
13 Janet Beard	83
14 Rose Bragdon	93
Geoffrey Murphy	205
15 Janna Hassen	204
Paul Kuhn	128

16	Arthur Costello	291
	Sharon Wilhelm	313
17	Sandra Brady	227
	Edwin James	85
18	Kimberly Calvert	176
	Barbara Picco	268
	Richard Wuertz	88
19	Pamela West	123
21	Mary Braley	408
	Francis Orzel	276
22	Sylvie Turgeon	194
	Raymond Krsak	98
26	Verna Doucette	55
	Lynette McCreary	134
	Martin Nusbaum	119
	Francis Picco	268
28	Normand Guilmette	193
29	Roberta Fournier	422
	Arthur Payne	186
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## **GOLDEN GATE WOMEN'S CLUB - CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

Pat Stephenson

hristmas in July was a success with over 50 participants. The Salvation Army benefited with a great haul of toys for needy children. A special thank you to Janet Bankhead for chairing this event. And thank you to everyone who pitches in to make all events a success.



August was a pretty quiet month. We had the Ice Cream Social, which is always popular with the residents of Golden Gate. The ice cream seems to cool the heat of August weather. A couple of Happy Hours were enjoyed by the residents.

Remember the Labor Day Celebration on Sept 5, 12:00 to 2:00PM. Hopefully, you purchased your ticket on August 23rd. Check the bulletin board for any Happy Hour or other events.

## **GOLDEN GATE WOMEN'S CLUB**

Pat Stephenson

Thank you to all the full time residents of Golden Gate. You have made this summer enjoyable and fly by despite the summer heat. We have all managed to have a good time and remain active. The summer events have been very popular and enjoyed by the participants. The Women's Club is proud to provide some summer activities for our full time residents.

October brings back many of our seasonal residents. Hope everyone had a fun and healthy summer. Stay safe on your return trips. All the clubs will conduct their first meetings of the year in October.

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Our first meeting will be Wednesday October 19th at 7:00pm. The Women's Club sponsors many different events during the year, including Christmas Brunch, memorials, seminars, men's night (gaming), Fashion show, Toys for Tots, bake sales, cookie sales, and the Flea market. During the summer we have the Fourth of July, Father's Day, Christmas in July, ice cream socials, happy hours, spaghetti dinners, Labor Day and picnics. We are open to suggestions if you have any event you would like to see. If you are not already a member, please come and join us.

## **ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER**

1	Edna & Arthur Payne	186
2	Judith & Brad Graves	430
4	Sandra & Alfred Abell	301
6	Susan & Joseph O'Byrne	279
8	Shirley & Ross Steele	283
9	Margaret & Michael Hay	230
10	Janice & Marvin Dearing	299
12	Maureen & Harold Harvey	141
13	Geraldine & Winston Howell	274
16	Sherry & Ronald Surber	285
17	Dianne & James Clements	275
22	Marie & Richard Avitabile	99
	Donna & Robert Biggs	16
23	Joanne & Walter Hornung	3
24	Lilly & Shirley Clarke	225
25	Patricia & John Oscien	44
	Rosemary & Bruce McIlvoy	76
28	Kimberly & John Calvert	176



## **Chinese brewed beer in ancient times**

rafts beers are thriving these days, but beer has been around for a long time, scientists say. Researchers in the United States and China have revealed that the Chinese brewed their own beer some 5,000 years ago, much earlier than previously believed.

As reported on the Voice of America website, archaeologists have uncovered brewing equipment in underground rooms in China's central plain region. Traces of ingredients found on the equipment suggests that the ancient brewmasters used a recipe of broomcorn millet, barley, a grain called Job's tears or Chinese pearl barley, and a form of tuber to brew their beverage. The presence of barley 1,000 years before it was believed to have been grown in China suggests that it might have been brought in from other regions, making beer an ingredient in early trade.

## Do and don't say these to people with depression

Linical depression is part of life for 16 million adults in the United States, according to the National Institute for Mental Health. People with depression often feel isolated and alone, so support is as much a part of treatment as therapy and medication. Here's what to say—and not to say—if someone you know suffers from depression:

#### Do:

- "I'm here for you." Let people know you're available to listen when they need to talk. Check in regularly to show that you care.
- "Let's do something." Help them get out of the house. Suggest activities like taking a walk, going to a movie, or getting some coffee.
- "I know this is difficult." Recognize the other person's struggle. Just knowing that someone understands the challenges of depression can help.

#### Don't:

- "You just need \_\_\_\_\_." Minimizing the person's pain doesn't help. Don't offer a quick-fix solution to a long-term problem.
- "I get depressed, too." Yes, everyone feels down from time to time, but clinical depression can feel like a never-ending battle. Don't compare your occasional blue days to another person's serious condition.
- "Other people have worse problems." Comparing your friend's problem to other people rarely helps—and may make the person feel worse. Show compassion for the situation and help as much as

## Move here to get into shape

Does where you live influence your physical health? Some cities are more conducive to a healthy lifestyle than others in terms of access to parks and recreation, "walkability," and other factors The American Fitness Index, produced by the American College of Sports Medicine and the Anthem Foundation, lists the ten best cities for fitness in the United States. They are:

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- 9. Hartford, Connecticut
- 8. Salt Lake City
- 7. Boston
- 6. Seattle

- 5. San Francisco
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## The three kick rule

lawyer went duck hunting in rural Tennessee. He shot a bird that fell into a farmer's field. As he went to retrieve the duck, the farmer walked up.



"That duck is on my land," the farmer said. "So it belongs to me."

"But I shot it," the lawyer said. "If you don't let me have it, I'll sue you for your farm and everything you have."

The farmer smiled. "Tell you what: How about we settle this with the three kick rule?"

"What's that?" the lawyer asked.

"One of us kicks the other three times. Then the other guy gets to kick the first guy three times. We keep doing it until one of us gives in."

The farmer looked very old, and the lawyer worked out regularly. "All right," he said confidently. "We'll do it your way."

"Since we're on my land," the farmer said, "I kick first."

The lawyer agreed, positive that the elderly farmer couldn't hurt him.

He was wrong. The farmer's first kick sent him into the dirt. His second hurled him against a tree. The third had him flying into a haystack.

Dizzy, the lawyer pulled himself up and took a deep breath. "OK, now it's my turn."

"Nah," the farmer smiled. "You can have the duck."

## The wrong direction

n old man and his wife argued constantly, and the husband was often heard to say, "After I die, I will dig my way out of my grave and haunt you for the rest of your life!"

When he died at age 98, superstitious friends asked the wife if she was afraid he'd make good on his threat. She shook her head. "I buried him upside down—and I know he'll never stop and ask for directions."



## Libraries still important to most Americans

More than their communities' learning needs. A Pew Research Center survey found that 76 percent of adults agree that their local library is fulfilling its educational function, with 37 percent saying it does so "very well" and 39 percent saying "pretty well."



About 78 percent of survey respondents indicated they've visited a library at least one time in their lives, and 44 percent said they'd been to their library at least once in the past 12 months.

Among the latter group, 97 percent consider themselves "lifelong learners," along with 98 percent who rely on library websites for information and learning.

## Say cheese! Most of us rate our photography skills highly

ost of us like to take photographs, and most of us think we're pretty good at it. In a Canon USA survey of 1,000 adults, 80 percent described their photography skills as "good to excellent," and 62 percent said their picture-taking talents had improved over the last two years.

What are people taking pictures of? More than half—55 percent—post photos of recipes they're proud of, and 27 percent have shared pictures of their meals to brag about. The survey also discovered that people tend to take more pics of their pets than themselves (59 percent), although 47 percent admit they take selfies regularly.

Mostly we take pictures of our friends and family on special occasions (64 percent). Holidays and family gatherings are popular occasions for snapping images, with 80 percent taking photos on Christmas, Hanukkah, Memorial Day, and the like.

Video is popular, too: Seventeen percent of people in the survey say they shoot videos for online posts, with 50 percent taking videos of themselves to share on Facebook and other platforms.

When you have mastered numbers, you will in fact no longer be reading numbers, any more than you read words when reading books. You will be reading meanings.

-W.E.B. Du Bais





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## Home is where the children are staying these days

hildren used to grow up and move away, but that's no longer a guarantee. A study reported on the NPR website has found that for the first time in 130 years, young adults 18–34 are more likely to live with their parents than on their own:

- Living in parents' home
- Married or cohabitating
- Living alone
- Other

- 32.1 percent 31.6 percent
- 14 percent 22 percent
- 22 percent

The "Other" category takes in such possibilities as living with a sibling or other family member, sharing housing with a roommate, or group situations like a college dorm—or prison.

## Self-driving cars not tops on wish lists

Driverless cars are coming whether we like it or not—and many Americans don't. Despite claims from the government, car manufacturers, insurance companies, and tech enthusiasts about how driverless cars will be safer and more efficient, the public is skeptical.

A University of Michigan Survey has found that 46 percent of U.S. drivers prefer a vehicle with no self-driving capacity. Thirty-nine percent would opt for a car with some self-driving capability, and only 15 percent really want cars that can drive themselves. The numbers are consistent with those of a similar survey conducted 10 months earlier.

One reason for the reluctance may be plain old-fashioned fear: One study by the AAA found three-quarters of respondents simply feel to scared to trust a car without a human driver.

For the things of this world cannot be made known without a knowledge of mathematics.

—Francis Bacon



## Give Fido a belly rub, not a hug

hey've wanted to tell you for a long time, but they didn't have the words: Dogs hate being hugged.

An article in Psychology Today describes how a group of researchers analyzed the body language in a series of photos of dogs receiving hugs from humans. They found evidence of stress in 82 percent of the photos, leading them to speculate that dogs experience hugs negatively. The reason? Dogs have evolved to be fast runners, and their first line of defense against danger is running away (not biting). Hugs make running difficult, if not impossible, making dogs nervous—and more likely to bite if they feel threatened.

A pat or a belly rub may be a more positive way to appreciate your pet, the researchers say.

## America the innovator

mericans prize creativity and innovation. The Scientific American website took a look at why, asking various experts to address what drives the creative spark through the United States. Here's what some of them said:

- John Kao, CEO, Edgemakers: "What are key elements of American culture that make up the 'secret sauce' of innovation? For a start, forgiveness of failure, tolerance of risk and an appetite for apparently off-the-wall ideas. In Silicon Valley, the saying goes that if you haven't failed at least once or twice, you're not trying hard enough."
- Linda Weiss, professor emeritus, University of Sydney: "One of the most striking aspects of America's innovation culture is the belief that nothing lies beyond human power to achieve, that science and technology can solve most problems, and that change invariably leads to better outcomes."
- Shamim M. Momim, director, Los Angeles Nomadic Division (LAND): "America is a nation that celebrates its founding on individual freedom and struggle against oppressive systems of belief. It makes sense that, in order to provide each person the opportunity to pull himself or herself up by the bootstraps and succeed on one's own merits, innovation—literally 'a new method, idea, or product'—would be the avenue to that success."

## To invent, you need a good imagination and a pile of junk. —Thomas Edison





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The Florida Suncoast Chorus of Largo is performing a free barbershop concert @ the Clearwater Beach Library @ 5:30 pm on Monday, September 26, 2016. The library is located @ 69 Bay Esplanade, Clearwater Beach, Florida, 33767. The phone no. is 727-562-4970. The Florida Suncoast Chorus is a Pinellas County Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. It is a 501C3 charity.

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Motivational speaker started off a seminar by holding up a \$20 bill in front of a room of 200 people. "Who would like this \$20 bill?"

Hands started going up. The speaker proceeded to crumple up the \$20 dollar bill. "Who still wants it?"

All the hands stayed in the air. "OK," he continued. "What if I do this?" He dropped the bill on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty.

"Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands stayed high in the air.

The speaker smiled. "My friends, here's my point: No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in your life, you will be crumpled, dropped, and ground into the dirt. You'll feel worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value."

## The monkey king

kingdom of monkeys lived in a grove of mango trees alongside a river. They lived peacefully for many years until a king built a castle close by.

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The king noticed the mango grove. He told his soldiers to bring him a mango, and when he tasted it he instantly decided that he wanted all the mangos for himself. So he told his army to kill all the monkeys and bring the mangos back to the village.

The king of the monkeys saw the soldiers approaching, the human king behind them. He quickly told the monkeys they had to flee. They made their way through the forest, pursuing by soldiers, until they reached the edge of a high cliff.

Safety beckoned from another cliff just out of reach. But the monkey king was large, so he was able to reach across and grab a root, allowing his body to become a living bridge from one side to the other.

The monkeys crawled over him until all reached safety. But the soldiers caught up with the tribe just before the monkey king himself could escape.

The human king had seen the whole thing. Impressed by the monkey king's courage and self-sacrifice, he ordered his army to go home and leave the monkeys unharmed. Before he left, he asked the monkey: "Why did you do that? You might have died for them, and you are their king."

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