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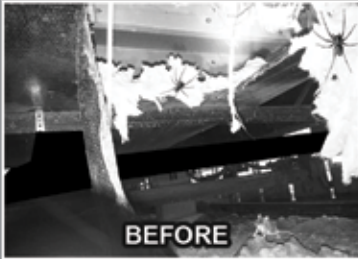
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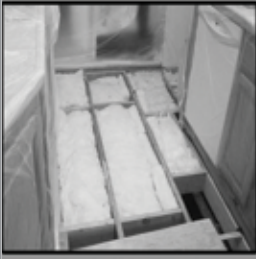
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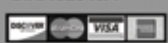


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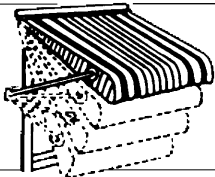
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## From the IITS Media Editor:

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**W**elcome to the June edition of your ‘Island in the Sun Sentinel’. If you notice something that is incorrect, whether on the calendar or in any of the media articles, please let me know, and we will find the correct information and rectify ASAP. Our goal is to send you, our IITS residents, the most updated and correct information pertaining to activities and articles of interest to our community.

I am **STILL** looking for people to submit articles of interest to our IITS community – humor, current events around our area, perhaps a review of an exceptional restaurant you may have attended, etc. We need volunteer writers for the July media, so feel free to step up, as otherwise I will be randomly roaming the community asking for contributions.

Keep in mind that when we do not meet our minimum of 5,000+ words a month, the media company fills in with their own stuff, ads, etc. In my opinion we have lots going on, and many interesting people who can write about various topics, so there should be no need for ‘filler’.

Please submit articles to: [iits.media.magazine@gmail.com](mailto:iits.media.magazine@gmail.com) or if you prefer to submit via handwritten articles, please place them on top of the chest by the slider door in the carport – a box will soon be moved to the front of the house, but that may take a few months, so feel free to drop your items outside the porch, or hand to Jim or me personally.

A few editorial notes:

**Robo call** - With the passing of Denny Blank, Lucas Kiszma has taken over the robo call responsibilities for the time being. I believe we have someone new to take this over, stay tuned for new info in next month’s media.

**Activities** – As you may or may not know, as former Activities Director, this is role is near and dear to me. Over the past several months, it has been a struggle to enlist assistance in fulfilling parties/events for our residents. In the two plus years we have lived in IITS, for the most part, it is the same individuals/groups who host events. There have been a few new residents who have recently stepped up, but especially during the slower summer months, it is more difficult to encourage residents to step up and show their stuff! I know that some of you (as I do), still have full or part time careers. We really need the help of our residents to bring in the entertainment that is a large part of what makes this such a great community. There are many different types of events that have been hosted – dances, lip sync parties, karaoke, holiday parties, etc. I challenge each of you to reach out of your comfort zone by attending our Activities meetings and submitting ideas for events (and also be willing to chair those events). We have a core group who are very familiar with hosting events, and they are willing to help you every step of the way, should you choose to step up! See the media calendar for our next activities meeting.

As we go to press for the June media, we are still looking for events for July and August.

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# President's Corner – Larry Taylor, Lot 296, 727-286-7740

Larry Taylor, IITS HOA President

Summer is almost here, and a lot of our friends have gone north for the summer. Please hurry back, and drive safely on your trip. We full timers will hold down the fort until your return (LOL).

I am asking for any input of new ideas or changes in existing procedures. I will bring these up at our next board meeting.

We wish a warm welcome to Debbie, our new Park manager. If the HOA can help you in any way, just let us know. Lucas is also to be congratulated on his promotion to Assistant Manager. If you are in the clubhouse, please welcome Debbie and congratulate Lucas.

We also have several new residents, be sure to stop and welcome them to our park.

A note about the activities meetings – we have moved the date from the 1st Saturday of the month at 10 am to the 1st Monday of the month at 7 pm. Please attend the activities meetings whenever you can and help provide feedback for ideas for new events.

HOA memberships are still available at a cost of \$7.50 per person for the year.

## RECAP OF PRIOR EVENTS

Note that we usually cover events that occur after the publication date of the previous month's media through to the publication date of the current month's media. Note that we have to submit each month's articles approximately a month prior, so we are currently writing for the June media magazine. Therefore, we are covering events from mid-April through mid-May.

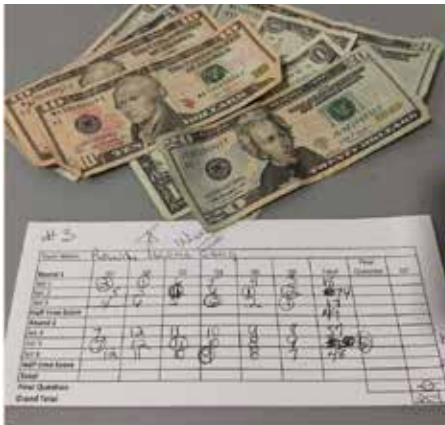
The activities committee and others who volunteer do an excellent job of bringing different kinds of entertainment to our community, but we do need others to step up and bring new/different ideas and be willing to chair and support events. (See editorial).

May events after the publication date of the media will be shown on the July media.

April 28th – Community breakfast – a great breakfast was served to our community. Currently the community breakfasts are held bi-monthly – where else can you get a good breakfast and not have to drive for \$5 - \$6?

April 28th – Monthly trivia – Come and show your knowledge of useless information and have a chance to win \$\$\$ while having a great time! April's winner was the 'Rowdy Island Gang'. Anyone want to take them on for May's trivia challenge???

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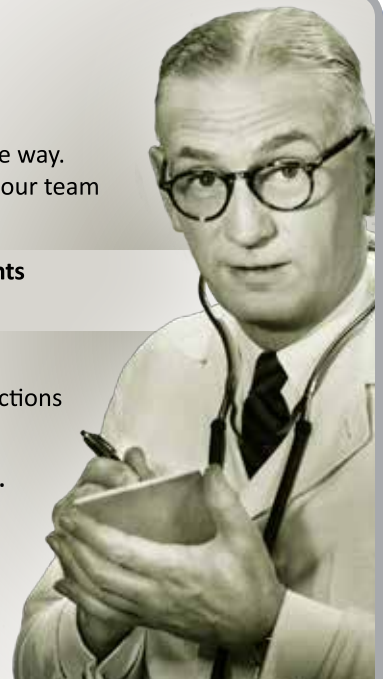
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May 5th – Mother’s Day Spa – sponsored by Cal-Am – A lovely afternoon with lunch, door prizes, massages, musical entertainment and a guest speaker. This was Julie’s last event to host as our IITS Park manager, and we will remember her fondly.

May 8th – Monthly Potluck – Plus karaoke! The monthly potluck had an extra special twist, as Karen and Keith Custy had a karaoke party after the potluck was finished.

May 12th – Wine tasting party – Kenn Brody and team hosted a wine tasting party – while the wines were subjective, the food pairings were excellent, and well worth the \$7 event price. The ‘wine expert’ from Total Wines was a ‘no-show’, so Kenn carried the event ‘ad-lib’.



My apologies for any event not mentioned.

## **Men’s Breakfast/Ladies Luncheon**

### **Men's Breakfast**

*Submitted by Larry Taylor, #296*

The IITS men enjoyed April’s breakfast at Sunset Grill on the 19th. Great food and service was the norm. There were 13 in attendance, and all had a great time. This was the last breakfast for two of our longtime residents. Ron and Judy Koonter sold their house and left in early May. Little did we know that this would be our beloved Denny’s last breakfast with our IITS friends. We will miss both of them.

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## **Ladies Luncheon**

*Submitted by Sudie Borders, #145*

**W**hat is your favorite exotic dance?...the Cha-Cha???...the Tango???...the Salsa??? No...it's the Rumba!!! As in Rumba Island Grill!!! Can you believe this little slice of Paradise sits on the busy corner of Gulf to Bay and Keene? Who knew? We were safely tucked away from all our cares on April 19th surrounded by tropical sights, sounds and decor.

Many, many choices of all tropical themed entrees, salads and sandwiches. Our server Casey was fabulous and with a little help from his friends handled the 19 or so Lovely Island Belles perfectly. The great attitude of knowledgeable staff enhances any dining experience.

This was our final opportunity to say goodbye to friends for the season. Keep your Sister Belles in your thoughts as we will keep you in ours. Join us again as you can. Our Ladies Luncheon is so much more than the sharing of a meal together. It is about sharing our time which is so precious with one another. It is an investment in Community and a bonding of our lives together for the edification of all. It is my hope and desire that I may grow in kindness and love as we meet together.

Many thanks to Jan Gardy and her sister Cindy for providing the door prizes, which were won by Nancy Barnes and Betty Mecke.

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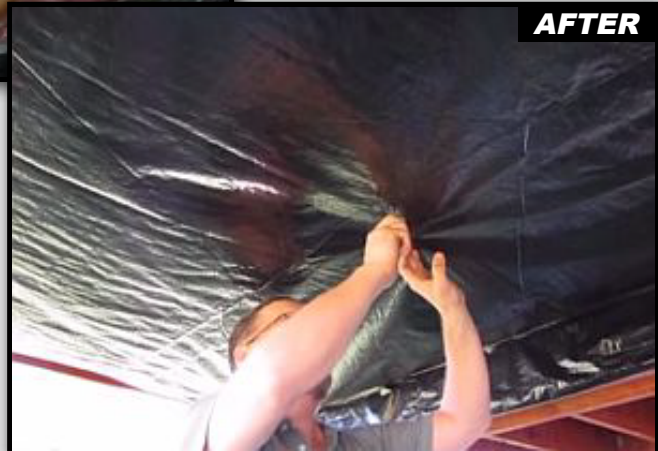
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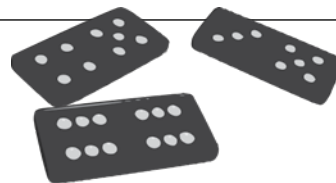
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### **DOMINOES:**

Submitted by Nancy Barnes, Lot 157 727-799-2434

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April 9	Betty Mecke
April 16	Rose LeDuc
April 23	Betty Mecke
April 30	Betty Mecke



### **RUMMIKUB:**

Submitted by Pat Clark, Lot 125 727-726-5145

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April 3	Betty Mecke
April 10	Bob Weber
April 17	Rick World
April 24	Betty Mecke



## **CURRENT AND FUTURE ARTICLES/INFO**

### **Dog Parks in the Pinellas Area**

Submitted by Karen Custy #229

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**W**e are very fortunate to have several great dog parks in our area. Many breeds and larger dogs need more exercise than just a walk around our community. These parks allow the dogs to be off leash and run free and have fun with other dogs. The following is a list of dog parks and where they are located.

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2. Park Hours: Mon 9:00 am – sunset, Tuesday – Thursday sunrise – sunset
3. Friday 11 am – sunset, Saturday & Sunday sunrise – sunset
4. This is probably the biggest dog park in our area and boasts walking trails, doggie water fountains, rinse station, doggie waste bags, 2 canopy covered picnic tables, agility equipment and lots of room for Fido to run free.
5. **Crest Lake Dog Park** (Doggie Days Dog Park) 201 S Glenwood Avenue, Clearwater
6. One of the most popular dog parks in Clearwater, this one has four enclosed areas for dogs to run according to weight. Water stations are available as well as poop bags. There are benches and shaded areas and the grass is well kept. You also have a fantastic view of Crest Lake and a path that leads around the lake and back to the park. Free parking is available.
7. **Safety Harbor Dog Park** located 940 7th Street S. Safety Harbor. This park is well hidden behind the baseball fields and family park area. There is lots of shade and the park is divided into two sections for large and smaller dogs. Not as big as many but it's never busy and provides benches and washrooms nearby.
8. **Eagle Lake Dog Park** is located at 1800 Keene Rd in Largo. There are three enclosed

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areas for different size dogs. Located in the center of Eagle Lake Park this is a serene beautiful place. Large areas for dogs to run. Not as much shade but benches are provided. Washrooms available nearby.

- 9. **Happy Trails Dog Park** is located at 3051 Garrison Rd in Dunedin. A further drive but a nice park.
- 10. This is a well-hidden gem located behind the ball fields. There is plenty of room for the dogs to run and sections for large and small dogs. Well shaded and plenty of seating, with water hose and hand sanitizer available.
- 11. **Sand Key Dog Park** located at 1060 Gulf Blvd Clearwater. This a large well-kept dog park divided into two sections for large and small dogs. A water station is available. Located at Sand Key Park, there is a fee for parking. Dogs are not allowed on the beach, but this park has water stations and shaded areas. Lots of room for the dogs.

These are just a few of the wonderful dog parks available in our vicinity. Be sure to check them out and one day soon perhaps we will boast about our own Island in the Sun Dog Park.

## Monthly Humor

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Since June is the official beginning of summer, I thought it would be appropriate to share some vacation stories!

When I was a child—one of five—our parents left nothing to chance when preparing for our summer vacation. Lists were made and trunks packed weeks in advance. On the morning of the trip, a final check was made. When everything was deemed ready, we piled into the station wagon and began the six-hour drive. Then, sometime into the trip, our mother realized that something was missing: one of my sisters. We drove back home, where my father found her sitting on the toilet.

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Throughout our tour of an early American bathhouse in Hot Springs, Arkansas, I explained to my four-year-old grandson what people once did there. When we came upon a mannequin at a desk, I told him, “She was probably writing a letter home to her friends telling them about her vacation to Hot Springs.”

My grandson asked, “And then she died, and they stuffed her?”

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We waited on line to enter the Space Mountain ride at Disney World alongside a woman and her son. The boy wasn’t tall enough to go on the ride, but his mother had a solution. She took a pair of high heels out of her backpack and forced him to wear them.

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Driving across California, we stopped at a red light in a beautiful old western town. As I admired the elegant storefronts and beautiful scenery, I didn’t notice that the light had turned green and back to red again. It was then that a police officer tapped on my window and said, “That’s all the colors we got here.”

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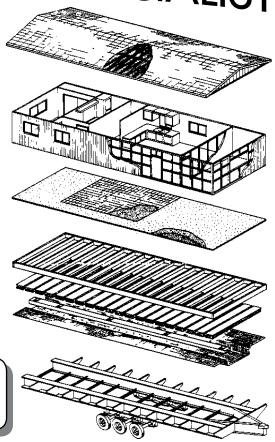


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Heading toward a family reunion, some of us met up at a –Denny’s, where we found my uncle digging through the Dumpster out back. He finally got out and showed us a wad of napkins: “Granny wrapped her teeth up, and I threw them away.” For the rest of the trip, he was referred to as the tooth fairy.

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When my sister’s friend Stephany was caught texting “WTF,” she had to think fast. “It means ‘With the Family,’” she told her mother. Mom, a social media newbie, bought it.

A few months later, their family took a vacation to Paris, where Stephany’s mom gushed, “I can’t believe all these Facebook likes I’m getting about our trip.”

“Why, what are you saying?” Stephany asked. “Nothing special. ‘In Paris WTF.’”

## Spotlight articles:

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Unfortunately, we do not have a spotlight article this month. It is my understanding that Lucas and/or Michelle at the office will be providing brief spotlights on new residents, but we have not received anything yet. For future months, we will be spotlighting some of our longer term residents. If you have a suggestion of someone whose profile you would like to see in the media, just let me know.

## Anniversaries and Birthdays

*Bob and Dottie Newman Lot #46 – 727-724-6283 – pcfriar64@yahoo.com*

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### June Anniversaries

- 4 Nick & Eleanor Papatathanasopoulos
- 17 Jonathan & Nancy Lee
- 18 Ed & Helen Dennison
- 22 Larry & Kristie Taylor
- 23 Dick & Karen Nesco
- 29 Mike & Cindy Malliet



### June Birthdays

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|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Bob Bower      | 5 Marion Plavchak    | 12 Anthony Kijonka |
| Charles Nolfo    | 7 Laura Vlismas      | 16 Joyce Pertinaci |
| 2 Marjorie Ellis | 8 Helen Dennison     | Diana Twomey       |
| Bruce Logan      | 9 Frank Arnold       | 22 Larry Taylor    |
| Juana Rich       | Thomas Stone         | 26 Joi Dumont      |
| 3 Karen Custy    | Helen Straka         | 30 Debbie Frier    |
| Cathy Gabbert    | 10 Judith Goldsberry |                    |

If you would like to have your anniversary or birthday published in the Media please give us a call or drop us an e-Mail,



## Island in the Sun on Facebook

The Island in the Sun community has several closed Facebook groups where our neighbors communicate park events, and share other area news, restaurants, or activities of interest.

Closed groups on Facebook are private and can be found in Facebook search. The public can see the members of a closed group, however only members of the closed group see what is posted by group members. Some closed groups may have access questions when you click to join, or the moderators may send you a message through Facebook to confirm you are a resident of Island in the Sun.

**Please read the Group Description on the About page when joining groups.**

**Island in the Sun HOA** - This is the official page for Island in the Sun HOA. This page was created to provide residents of IITS with information about your community events and happenings around the park.

The following groups are not officially associated with Cal-Am or the Island in the Sun HOA, but have very active members who regularly post to the groups.

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## Beach Safety

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Every summer, people pack their bathing suits, sunscreen, flip flops and a good book for a trip to the beach. Or, perhaps where you live, you are fortunate to have beach weather for the greater part of the year. Regardless of how often you get to sink your toes into the sand, the American Red Cross has some beach safety tips and steps you can take to be make sure you and your family remain safe.

### **Ocean Safety**

Swimming in the ocean takes different skills, so before you get your feet wet, it's best to learn how to swim in the surf. You should also swim only at a lifeguard-protected beach, within the designated swimming area. Obey all instructions and orders from lifeguards.

While you're enjoying the water, keep alert and check the local weather conditions. Make sure you swim sober and that you never swim alone. And even if you're confident in your swimming skills, make sure you have enough energy to swim back to shore.

#### **Other beach safety tips to keep in mind:**

- Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets in and the around water. No one should use any other type of floatation device unless they are able to swim.
- Don't dive headfirst—protect your neck. Check for depth and obstructions before diving and go in feet first the first time.
- Pay especially close attention to children and elderly persons when at the beach. Even in shallow water, wave action can cause a loss of footing.
- Keep a lookout for aquatic life. Water plants and animals may be dangerous. Avoid patches of plants. Leave animals alone.

### **Rip Currents**

Rip currents are responsible for deaths on our nation's beaches every year, and for most of the rescues performed by lifeguards. Beachgoers should be aware of how dangerous rip currents are, and swim only at beaches with lifeguards in the designated swimming area. Rip currents can form in any large open water area, such as low spots and breaks in sandbars, or near structures such as jetties and piers.

#### **For your safety, be aware of the danger of rip currents and remember the following:**

- If you are caught in a rip current, stay calm and don't fight the current.
- Swim parallel to the shore until you are out of the current. Once you are free, turn and swim toward shore.
- If you can't swim to the shore, float or tread water until you are free of the rip current and then head toward shore.
- If you feel you can't make it to the shore, draw attention to yourself by waving and calling for help.
- Stay at least 100 feet away from piers and jetties. Permanent rip currents often exist near these structures.
- If someone is in trouble in the water, get help from a lifeguard. If a lifeguard is not available, have someone call 9-1-1. Throw the victim something that floats – a lifejacket, cooler, inflatable ball and yell instructions on how to escape the current.
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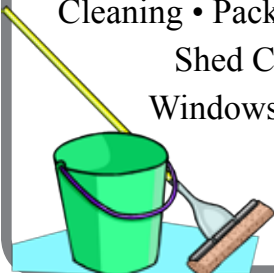
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**D**enny Blank, #195, died suddenly April 20th. Denny had a pacemaker/defibrillator, but his defibrillator zapped him fourteen times with no success. His poor heart was just worn out.

Denny touched a great number of people in this park with his acts of kindness and help.

He knew the meaning of “volunteer”. He sang in the park choir, helped with Bingo, served food at our dinner events and talked to all of you who signed up for our robo-call information. I’m sure I have missed some of the other events he volunteered to do. What I didn’t miss was the way Denny gave of himself to everyone every day.

Denny worked for the Tampa Bay Rays during baseball season in guest services. He continued his part time Uber job despite being bitten by a bearded dragon. (See Tom Rupe for a hilarious story).

Coming from a religious family, his brother Danny is a reverend and Denny saw one of his own sons graduate from the seminary and be given his first church assignment. Obviously, Denny took his church’s teachings and put them to practice every day with everyone he came in contact with.

R.I.P. my friend!

NOTE: I do not participate on any social media (my choice), so I depend on friends, family and neighbors to alert me to a resident’s passing or sickness so that an appropriate card can be sent. Please contact me the old fashioned way by calling me@ 724-6283 or the more up-to-date way of emailing @ [pcfriar64@yahoo.com](mailto:pcfriar64@yahoo.com) or [dnewman823@gmail.com](mailto:dnewman823@gmail.com).

## “Pooch Patrol” Spotlight on Dogs in Island in the Sun .....

Submitted by Karen Custy #229

**H**ope and Charlie McCarthy at #63 are the proud pet parents of “Tank” a beautiful Samoyed dog. Tank is five years old. His full registration AKC name is “Champion White Gold King of the Battlefield.” Tank is a retired AKC champion. Tank started out going to nursing homes and hospitals and then Hope had him registered/certified as a Therapy Dog. He still goes to nursing homes and is part of the Projects Pups which is pets uplifting people. He still goes to nursing homes and is part of the Projects Pups which is pets uplifting people.

The McCarthy’s have owned six Samoyed throughout the years. The Samoyed breed is over two thousand years old. The Samoyed people of Siberia would use the dogs to pull their sleds, herd their reindeer and they would keep the family warm. So, the breed is a very family friendly breed. The life expectancy of a Samoyed is 12 – 15 years.

The thing that makes Hope smile most about Tank, is that he is so loving, a real love sponge. Tank communicates with Hope through his bark; if he wants to be fed, to go out or





when he wants ice, he lets her know by looking at her and barking. Tank's favorite toy is any stuffie, of which he has many. Tank's favorite place to hang out is on Hope's feet.

He loves to have a bowl of ice and loves to crunch through the cubes. One of Hope's favorite thing to do with Tank is walk in the park. Hope takes Tank to Coopers Bayou Park in Safety Harbor for walks every morning and evening. He meets up with other dog friends there. But the most favorite thing they do with Tank is take him to sheep herd. They have friends in the dog club they belong to who have a farm in Ocala and that is where Tank loves to herd the sheep. They have AKC sheep herding trials there. Hope, Charlie and Tank belong to the Samoyed Fanciers of Central Florida. They also attend the State Fair each year with Tank.

Hope's previous dogs all had military titles for names. When they got Tank at eight weeks old they still had two other Samoyed and he came in he ran over them like a Sherman tank, hence his name. He was the alpha dog at eight weeks old. Tanks' favorite game to play is Tug of War which he always wins.

Tank loves all the dogs in Island in the Sun. He wants to play with all of them. Tank will lie down for the little dogs here, so they can climb all over him. He loves it. He does sometimes bark if a golf cart goes by but it's only because he wants you to stop and play with him. Tank is the friendliest fella.

## **Island in the Sun HOA Upcoming Activities and Events**

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June Activities: From Your Activities Committee

**June 4th: 7 PM** - Activities Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend and asked to join in deciding what activities and events you would like to see happen. These events cannot happen without the support and volunteers of this community.

**June 5th: 7 PM** - HOA Membership Meeting

**June 12th: 5:30 PM** - Monthly Pot Luck. Come and join in the social gathering of the residents of this park. Everyone is expected to bring a dish for all to share. There is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse. Tossed salad, drinks, and tableware is provided by your HOA

**June 16th: 7 PM** – Monthly Trivia contest. Bring a snack to share and BYOB. \$5 entry fee per person.

**June 21st: 8:30 AM** - Men's Breakfast (Location TBA); 12 PM – Ladies Lunch (Location TBA)

**Note: there is no Sunday Sundae in June**

**June 23rd – 7 – 10 PM** - Free dance party – The DJ will play your requests– BYOB and an appetizer to share

**June 25th: 7 PM** – HOA Board Meeting

**Tickets can be purchased at Bill Shiels Lot 133, Bob Newman Lot 46, Karen Custy, Lot 229 and Larry Taylor, Lot 296.**



## Our Big Beautiful World

Submitted by Sherry Bartmanski, Lot #102

**O**ur travels have taken us to many places. Just recently we traveled to Atlanta Georgia. Other than driving through Atlanta at 65 miles per hour on our way to or from Florida, this was the first time we actually stopped without being in a traffic jam.

Our adventure was very limited as we spent 90% of our time at a convention but we did manage to get out a couple of times. One adventure was a visit to the Atlanta Aquarium. I have been to a number of aquariums but this one was unique. There were interactive displays for the kids.

There was the HUGE water display which included the plexiglass walk through tunnel of dozens of different fish. The unique thing I mentioned above was three whale sharks. The largest was approx. 20 feet long. These sharks can reach 30 to 35 feet in length. Don't worry though. Their main diet is plankton. So, there is no fear that your skinny little legs will attract them. People seek out opportunities to snorkel and dive with them. We actually had hopes of doing this one day.

The aquarium has lots of displays. Dolphins, seals, sea horses, turtles, penguins and much more.

So, if you are in the Atlanta area or have time to stop on your way through, a trip to the aquarium is well worth it.



## Neighbor Helping Neighbor

By Larry & Kris Taylor, Lot #296, 727-286-7740

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