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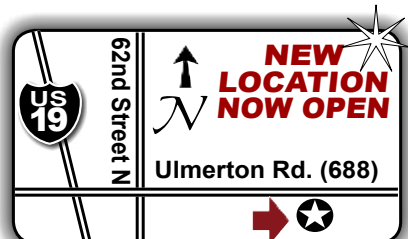
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## The President's Memos

From the HOA Presidents Desk

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**G**reetings!  
Being involved in the HOA has given me the chance to get to know many Island in the Sun neighbors who I wouldn't have met otherwise, as well as gaining a valuable understanding of issues involving our neighborhood and the City of Clearwater. I look forward to staying involved with the HOA serving at the desire of the IITS community.

If you have an interest in finding out more about our HOA, I strongly encourage you to consider attending our monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month.

Paid members have a voice when voting for any proposition that is presented. The strength of the HOA comes from the residents with paid memberships which provide a stronger voice during discussions with the park owners.

I hope to see you on May 2nd

Thomas Watson - [transtom2@msn.com](mailto:transtom2@msn.com)

HOA Island in the Sun



## Pets in the Park

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**I**IITS allows pets. Many MHP's do not. Let's not abuse this privilege.

Your pet is your responsibility, not the Park's. By all means walk your dog twice a day and make sure you have a doggie bag with you at all times. Use a grocery bag if the Park pet stations are out. Leashes are required. Don't let your cat run free- there is a population of feral cats here with possible diseases.

Please do not feed the feral cats. Their job is to hunt mice and lizards, not get a free lunch.

Do your best to keep dog excrement off your neighbors' lawns. If your dog poops and you don't have a bag, go back and pick it up as soon as possible.

Be considerate of residents that don't own or understand pets.

## Traffic Rules in IITS

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**I**IITS is private property and therefore our roads are not patrolled by City police. Nevertheless we have a 15 MPH speed limit. We have stop signs. In a community designed for people over 55, these are obviously for our own safety.

Some states allow bicycles to roll through controlled intersections. Florida laws treat bicycles as vehicles that must obey stop signs, and, for consistency, so does IITS.

Golf carts are subject to the same rules as cars.

Courtesy and law demands that we yield the right of way to pedestrians and bicycles. Remember, bicycles do not have engines or four wheel stability and pedestrians may be deaf or have vision problems.

Please report speeding vehicles to the Property Manager. If it was a FedEx, UPS or other commercial vehicle, please give her a good description.

Thomas Watson, President HOA Island in the Sun



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## Manager's Meeting

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**O**ur Resident Manager for Island in the Sun MHP, LLC, is Julie Sanders. She holds a meeting with residents every 3rd Friday of the month at 11 AM in the Clubhouse. She addresses matters of policy and hears appropriate complaints. The May meeting will be on the 19th.

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## Ladies Lunch Bunch and Men's Breakfast

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**H**elen and Ed Dennison both resigned due to health issues. Sudie Borders and Jerald Cardin have volunteered to chair these events.

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## Dominoes – March

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

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**Mar 06**

Rick World

Sandie Champigny

**Mar 13**

Rose Leduc

Sandie Champigny

**Mar 20**

Rose Leduc

Rosemary Gorney

**Mar 27**

Betty Mecke

Nancy Barnes

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## Good Neighbors

*by Pat Henderson*

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**P**eter and Julie Benson (Lot #207) had some of their neighbors from Canada visit for a few weeks. They talked their friends into buying a home here in IITS, lot 265, next door to me. While the friends went back home to Canada, Peter and Julie came nearly every day to help prepare the place for their move. They raked the yard several times and even raked my yard for me, bagged all the leaves, and would not accept any money. They pulled weeds and trimmed shrubs. There was a pile of dirt on a Cal Am lot on the other side and it was right in front of their front door, so Peter shoveled and swept up that mess. Peter took up all of the old carpet and pulled all the nails. When their friends returned to IITS for the closing, they assisted the Bensons with repairing a roof leak, replacing the vapor barrier, washing down the mobile, cleaning screens and windows. They picked them up at the airport and transported them all over town as needed. They went out to eat and Julie prepared some meals for them. They did get to enjoy the pool as the weather was great during their visit. When they return in October, they will begin the total renovation, painting, bathrooms, kitchen, etc. I just want everyone to know what good neighbors we having living in IITS.

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## Spotlight on Kenn Brody and Chandra Wood Lot #84

by Pat Henderson Lot 266

I had the pleasure of meeting a most interesting couple, with whom I was fascinated, by talking with them. Ken has taken on the position of Editor for our Media publication. His numerous life experiences and education background assure me that he is well qualified to fill this position. He has lived in California, Boston, Rome, Sweden, Germany, and Florida.

Kenn was born and grew up in Boston, mostly in the western suburbs. His father was a biologist and became a CPA and his mother was a specialist teacher in the public school system. His father is deceased, but his mother lives in FL and is ninety-seven years young. He has one brother who is a noted dermatologist and oncologist. He has two daughters and one granddaughter.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Physics), Boston University (Accounting, law and computer science), Harvard Law, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (artificial intelligence and VLSI design) are his educational background.

- Did theoretical papers on gravity waves, tensor geometry, artificial intelligence scene recognition, the structure of human dialogue and grammar.
- Patents on fault-tolerant systems, compact analysis device for the moon, high thrust water jet drive, fingerprint activated key and lock system.
- Worked as physicist, computer scientist, financial executive, chief executive officer for international corporations and charities. Founded Triconex (computers), Indian computer software company, Cadenza Corp (shipbuilding, shipyard owner), Green Dot Energy (petroleum products), Broken Symmetry Publishing (current publisher).
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- Thirty-five publications including three novels, twenty-four novellas, and short stories, first-person adventure stories, several prize-winning poems, blogs and technical articles. Publications are in e-book, print and audible book forms distributed worldwide.
- Several residents in the Park have purchased and read Kenn's print book, "The Sage of Sagittarius" and "Radio" and said they loved them. He wishes they would post reviews on Amazon!
- Sci-Fi group hosted by Kenn meets in Island in the Sun clubhouse on Wednesday nights. This is a group of fifteen to twenty-five professional, published writers who meet to critique each other's works. At times there may be only five or six show up who are working on a draft. Anyone can stop by and listen as they read and discuss the various authors' writings. Kenn enjoys kayaking, scuba, bicycling, ham radio, archery (IBO competitor) and hunting.

Chandra was a farm girl coming from Midwest Iowa. She attended a girl's private school in Maryland and later got a degree in Physical Science (Psychology) UCSD. She has one sister and one brother and both parents are deceased. She never really wanted, nor had any children.

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- Certified as Beginner to Advanced Teacher by UNESCO, an international dance and culture organization
- Previously bar tender and bar owner
- Chauffeur
- Website designer

Chnadra's prior experience related to media:

- Responsible for the layout / design and monthly publication of Family Service Center Newsletter USNAVSTAPANCANAL 1989-91
- Public Speaking – at New Resident Orientations and other events regularly held by the Family Service Center on Rodman Navy Base. 1989-91
- Has handled all the publicity and media / advertising for her own and several networked businesses (related to teaching and performing dance) in the Tampa Bay Area 2007-Present
- Occasional Guest Speaker (for the Brian Cash Clause Show – TanTalk Radio 1340-AM)
- Does Artwork, book editing and reviews, and marketing / promotion on behalf of Broken Symmetry Publishing for independent, self-published authors. 2016
- Co-Moderates a large (13,400+ member) group on Facebook.

Chandra's first passion is teaching dance. Her second passion is dealing with the public.

Kenn has known Chandra for thirty-two years. He met her when they were both working in Ft. Lauderdale. They dated a couple years, then he moved to San Diego. He was quite smitten with her so after just a few weeks he invited her to visit. He bought her a round trip airline ticket and sent her \$500. She showed up with a big trunk and stayed. She was quite smitten with him too. They spent several years together, then went their separate ways, both marrying someone else. From 1985 until 2015, they remained in some contact.

Kenn and his ex-wife cruised for several years on a sailboat from Canada to South America, Panama Canal and up to Maine. He has many pictures available if a group would be interested in seeing them, he could show them in the clubhouse as Alex and Sherry did. Chandra and her ex-husband also enjoyed sailboat cruising.

In 2015 Chandra and Kenn hooked up again. They were both in Pinellas County. They met up and realized that the love they had for each other was stronger than the love in their marriages, so Chandra sold her home and they found their home in IITS on Craig's List. They love the beauty of the park and find the people friendly, but miss the beautiful oak trees that hung over the entrance.

Both of them are quite chatty and I had a difficult time breaking away as the conversation was so interesting.

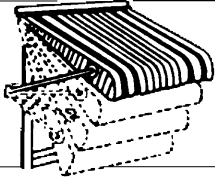


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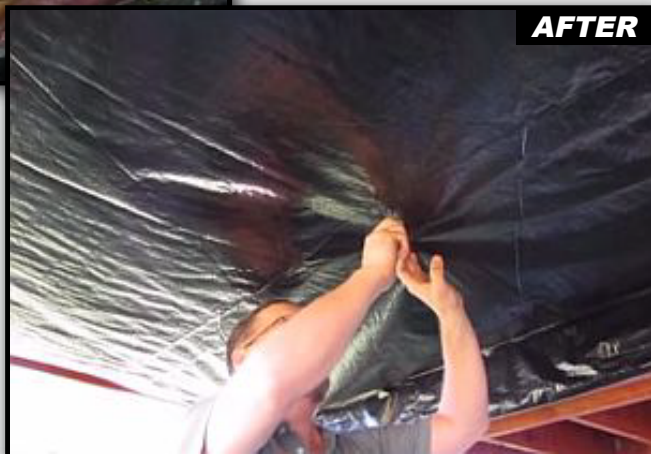
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## IITS Activities Committee

by Linda Walker

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**M**eeting Notes: There will be two activities meetings in May, one on Saturday May 6 at 10:00 am, and the next one on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm. By the time you read this, we will have had two April activities meetings. I hope you were able to join us and help make decisions on events in our community. If not, I invite you to consider attending future meetings.

With our 'snowbird' friends going back up north, and other residents having to step down from activities due to health and other issues, we have had to find replacement chairs for some of our recurring events. Below is a summary of changes:

Monthly potlucks: Linda Webster, Lot # 27, 732-915-2458

Ladies Luncheon: Sudie Borders, Lot # 145, 256-399-7478

Men's Breakfast: Jerald Cardin, Lot # 145, 256-399-7478

Bingo: Cindy Jourdan, Lot # 314, 727-612-5974

Kitchen Committee: Rich Kiszka, Lot #220, 239-823-5562

- Note the kitchen committee guidelines are posted in the kitchen so everyone knows what is expected related to kitchen upkeep, and cleaning up after events.

Resident photographer: Open

Media Editor: Kenn Brody, Lot #84

We are currently working to set up events/parties for June forward. We really need the help of ALL our residents to continue bringing you the entertainment you ask for: theme parties, sit down dinners, special events, etc.

I want to thank all the chair persons and their team of volunteers who have pulled activities together for the enjoyment of the Island in the Sun residents over the past few months. Don't be afraid to step up and volunteer even if you haven't hosted before, as we have a great resource in the people who are familiar with how to chair an event, and who have coordinated parties in the past. They can help guide you through the process, and provide assistance where needed. I am also available to assist, as is Ned Groves, our new VP in charge of activities.

## Neighbor Helping Neighbor,

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

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**T**he First Saturday of each month at 1PM we will pick up any donations of canned food, boxed food, soaps and paper goods. Just place your donated items by your mailbox in a plastic bag. Monetary contributions accepted also.

Thanks to all who gave last month's supplies and monies, it was greatly appreciated. If you know of someone who could use a little help, please let us know.





## The Best Sermons for Today

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1. Today, after my 72-hour shift at the fire station, a woman ran up to me at the grocery store and gave me a hug. When I tensed up, she realized I didn't recognize her. She let go with tears of joy in her eyes and the most sincere smile and said, "On 9-11-2001, you carried me out of the World Trade Center."
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4. Today, in the cutest voice, my 8-year-old daughter asked me to start recycling. I chuckled and asked, "Why?" She replied, "So you can help me save the planet." I chuckled again and asked, "And why do you want to save the planet?"  
"Because that's where I keep all my stuff," she said.
5. Today, when I witnessed a 27-year-old breast cancer patient laughing hysterically at her 2-year-old daughter's antics, I suddenly realized that I need to stop complaining about my life and start celebrating it again.
6. Today, a boy in a wheelchair saw me desperately struggling on crutches with my broken leg and offered to carry my backpack and books for me. He helped me all the way across campus to my class and as he was leaving he said, "I hope you feel better soon."
7. Today, I was traveling in Kenya and I met a refugee from Zimbabwe. He said he hadn't eaten anything in over 3 days and looked extremely skinny and unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. The first thing the man said was, "We can share it."  
**The best sermons are lived, not preached.**

## Welcome Committee

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Island in the Sun Welcome Ya-Ya's is our new Welcoming Committee. The Ya-Ya's are Sudie Borders, Kay Siudzinski, Janet Gardy and Vicki Kiszka. They will visit all the new residents that have arrived since October 2016. Cal-Am will provide welcome gifts, information and local coupons useful to new residents. The Ya-Ya's will also help their transition here and inform them of HOA events and resources in Island in the Sun. Any new resident who joins the HOA during the visit will receive a voucher (non-transferable) for \$5.00 towards any HOA event.

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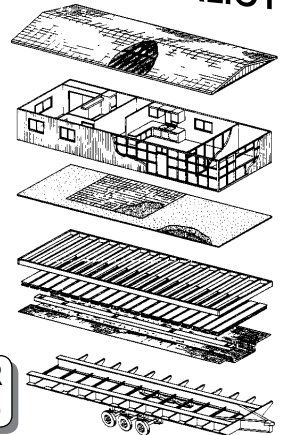
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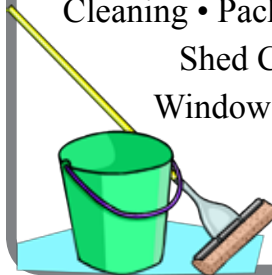
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Per CBC News, Canada, 3/6/2017

**A**lmost half of our neighbors are Canadian citizens who come South to enjoy the subtropical climate. Canadian snowbirds over 50 years old can generally stay in the USA for 120 days a year. Both US tax law and Canadian provincial health care regulations are involved.

The US taxes ALL INCOME from any source earned anywhere in the world if you are a citizen OR a resident. That means a Canadian who becomes a US resident can have their Canadian income taxed at US rates! You are automatically a US resident if you stay here for 183 days in any year. But the formula also takes into account your history over three years, and each of those past years can contribute to that 183 day total. 120 days a year is currently the safe number. Perennially, US Congress tries to increase that residence time for our Canadian neighbors to 240 days. It has yet to pass.

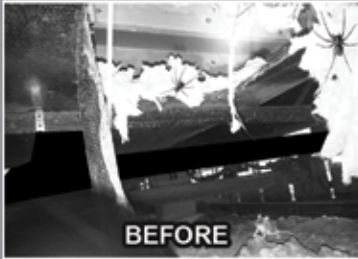
The health care system in Canada is administered by each Province and each has a residence rule. You must reside in that province for a certain number of days in order to retain health care benefits. B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia require at least five months of residence in the province to continue health insurance coverage. Quebec and Prince Edward Island require six months' residency, but Quebec does not count trips of less than 21 days as non-residency. Newfoundland and Labrador requires only four months. Nunavut and the Yukon have no residency requirements. Some provinces will allow longer absences under some circumstances or if a written request made by the resident is approved.

Note also: Canadian Federal law allows citizens 182 days out of the country before they lose health coverage. Per Gertie Oosterhuis





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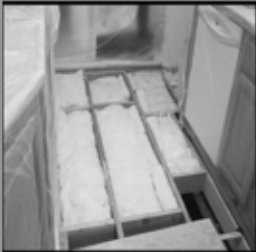
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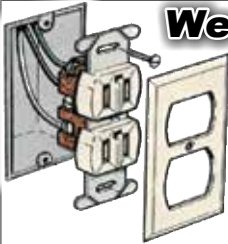
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## Florida Golf Cart Laws

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**M**any residents of Island in the Sun own and enjoy an electric or a gas-operated golf cart. They often name them. They usually have rain covers for the rainy season, giving them the appearance of diminutive Jeeps. A new golf electric golf cart can set you back about \$5000, but a perfectly good cart can be purchased used for as little as \$2000. Be sure to check the condition of the batteries on a used cart - they are expensive!

Residents certainly can use golf carts to go around inside the Park at all hours, but some use them to go shopping and to local restaurants. Clearwater laws do not specifically prevent using a golf cart on the walkways around the Park, but the written rules do not specifically allow it either. If they are used outside the park, you should know the pertinent state laws for them.

One of the laws passed in 2012 was the option to covert faster golf carts - or similar low-speed vehicles - to even lower-speed carts, saving golf cart owners registration and insurance fees.

A regular golf cart only goes up to 20 mph. Low-speed vehicles can zoom by at more than 20 mph but not more than 25 mph. Unlike golf carts, low-speed vehicles have to be registered and insured.

The new law permits low-speed vehicles to be converted into regular golf cart status for a one time fee of \$40 dollars.

Annual registration costs for low speed vehicles average between \$46 to \$57.

Required equipment for a golf cart includes headlamps, stop lamps, turn signal lamps, tail lamps, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, a rearview mirror, a windshield and a standard hip restraint or hand hold.

The golf cart operators must possess a valid driver's license pursuant to F.S. § 322.03.

The golf carts authorized for use are incapable of exceeding 20 miles per hour.

Golf carts may be operated during the hours between sunset and sunrise as well as during daylight hours in the designated areas only.

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## Pond Sightings – April 2017

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### Roseate Spoonbill

**A**gregarious wading bird of the Ibis and Spoonbill family with crimson wing markings on a white body. Like the American flamingo, their pink color is diet-derived. This species feeds in shallow fresh or coastal waters by swinging its bill from side to side as it steadily walks through the water, often in groups. The spoon-shaped bill allows it to sift easily through mud. It feeds on crustaceans, aquatic insects, frogs, newts and very small fish ignored by larger waders. The roseate spoonbill nests in shrubs or trees, often mangroves, laying two to five eggs, which are whitish with brown markings.



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## Wood Stork

The wood stork is the only stork species found in North America. It is 40-44 inches in length with a wingspan of five feet. It has a naked gray to black head and neck, a white body and black edged wings and tail. It has a long, slightly curved black bill and long legs. Unlike herons, the wood stork flies with its neck stretched straight out. Males and females look alike.

Wood stork pairs often mate for life. Pairs often return to the same nesting colony site year-after-year. The nest is a platform made of sticks and places in a tree. There may be as many as 25 nests in a single tree! Both the male and the female build the nest. The female lays 2 or 3 white eggs and both parents take turns incubating them. Incubation takes 28-32 days. Both parents feed and care for the chicks. The chicks fledge in about two months.

The wood stork is an excellent flier. It soars thousands of feet in the air with its legs and neck outstretched and rides on air currents. The wood stork sometimes performs rolls and dives in flight.

## Opossum

North America's only marsupial (female has a pouch) mammal. The female carries and nurses her young in her marsupium until they are about 2 to 3 months old; then they are carried on her back another 1 to 2 months whenever they are away from the den.

Size of a cat; grey to black fur; black eyes; pink nose, feet and tail; black ears; and pointed nose.

Solitary and nocturnal: usually slow moving; when frightened and unable to flee may fall into an involuntary shock-like state, "playing 'possum".

Hiss or growl and show their 50 sharp teeth when frightened; but, in reality, they are gentle and placid—they prefer to avoid all confrontations and wish to be left alone.

Omnivorous: eats insects, snails, rodents, berries, over-ripe fruit, grasses, leaves, and carrion; occasionally will eat snakes, ground eggs, corn or other vegetables.

Adaptable; able to live wherever water, food, and shelter exist, including under your house. At home in trees; uses its prehensile tail to help stabilize position when climbing—it does not, however, hang by its tail.

One of the shortest lived mammals for its size, typically 2 to 4 years. Killed by many predators: humans (and cars), dogs, cats, owls, and larger wildlife.

## Southern Black Racer Snake

The southern black racer (*Coluber constrictor*) is the “black snake” most commonly found in urban and natural areas throughout all of Florida. These long, slender snakes can grow to 4–5 feet long, and have smooth gray/black scales on their backs and bellies and white chins and throats.

Adult black racers are commonly found sunning themselves on lawns, shrubbery, walkways and fences, and are occasionally found in houses (particularly after rains). Racers are harmless to people and are swift and agile (as their name implies), fleeing rapidly when approached. However, if they are cornered and feel threatened, they may vigorously shake their tail (making a rattling sound on the floor or dry leaves) and may release a foul smelling 'musk' on their captor or even strike if handled. Black racers use their speed to catch a variety of prey, including frogs, lizards, small snakes, birds, and rodents.

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# PARK TELEPHONE BOOK

Bob and Dottie Newman, #46, 724-6283, pcfriar64@yahoo.com

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## Corrections for 2017

Telephone Number: Gary & Toni Posey Lot #69                      253-878-6410

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## May 2017 Anniversaries

Bob Newman

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- 1 Horace & Mildred Mathews
- 7 Bernard & Josephine Storey



## May Birthdays

- 5 Jerald Cardin
- 13 David Simmons
- 27 Shirley Fennell  
Marcy Shiels
- 28 Hazel Stuart
- 29 Curtis Juffs



Curtis Juffs will be celebrating his 100th birthday on May 29!

These lists have not been revised for a few years. If you wish to be included, please email Bob Newman.

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## REMEMBRANCE CORNER

by Dottie Newman Lot #46 724-6823 pcfriar64@yahoo.com

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- Doris Ready, #130, fell and was hospitalized for hip surgery. I've heard she is making a great recovery. Good luck!
- Gloria Ortiz, #18, was in the hospital with multiple problems for two weeks. She is now home, but recuperation is going slow.
- Alta Keith, #177, took a bad fall at home and was rushed to the hospital. The fall caused a ruptured artery which put her in CCU. She finally was transferred to regular room, only to land in ICU with internal bleeding. At this time, we need to offer as many prayers as possible for Alta.
- Larry Taylor, #296, spent some time in the hospital. He was being treated for a serious leg infection.
- Terry Cleveland, #183, had her gall bladder removed. However, during surgery additional problems were found and needed treatment.

To all the folks who have suffered through the flu – Feel better soon!

If you can, drop a note or card to these folks and let them know you care.



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# Birthday and Anniversary Celebration

by *Sudie Borders and Jerald Cardin*

One of the great things about living in IITS is getting older- really! What fun it was to gather at the Clubhouse March 21 to honor those among us celebrating these life events. The cake and ice cream was great but even better was the blessing of fellowship. We will think of you all.

We are celebrating quarterly at this time so our next event will be June of 2017. With our Northern neighbors departing our gathering in June may be a little less in number but hey-somebody has to party. Right?

We are hoping to introduce some fun changes to this activity. Our goal is to expand attendance so all residents can enjoy this event. Look for updates in the media as we progress. If you have any questions or comments please call Sudie at 256-399-7478 or Jerald 256-490-8587 or stop by #145.

## Special Up and Coming May and June Events

### Senior Prom by Karen Custy #229

Do you remember your senior prom? Maybe you didn't get to go to your prom for one reason or another. Well, we will be celebrating our residents with a Senior Prom for IITS on May 20th at the clubhouse. We want it to be a momentous occasion with lots of fun, music, dancing, and food. It's a chance to reminisce about days gone by and celebrate our senior years.

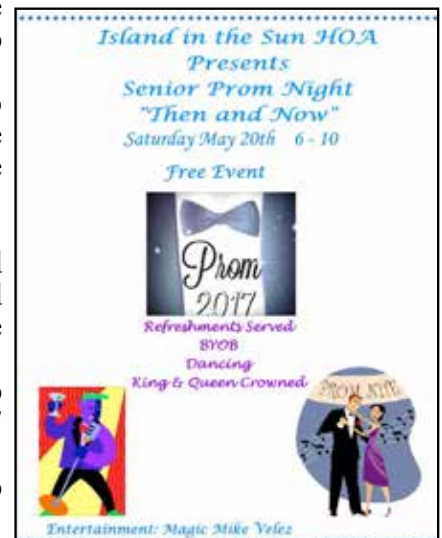
If you want to get dressed up in a fancy outfit or just come casual, it's up to you. But how often do we get the chance to put on a prom type dress and make believe we are young again. Imagine your date giving you a pretty corsage, or the men wearing boutonnieres. It will be fun....but you aren't obligated to wear anything specific. It's a night to just be you and have a great time. We will be crowning a King and Queen of the Prom. There will be beverages but you are also welcome to bring your own bottle.

Our theme is "Then and Now"....and if you are so inclined, you can route through old photos and bring one of you at your original senior prom. We would love to see some pictures.

We will have entertainment and this event is FREE!!! It will be a fun filled night of mingling, munching and music....so get thinking about what you want to wear and get your dancing shoes out because the prom will be here before we know it.

Any questions, suggestions or concerns can be sent to Karen Custy at [karencusty@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:karencusty@tampabay.rr.com) or call 727 729-3441.

See you all at the Prom!!!! Let's make it a night to remember!



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# Memorial Day Cook Out/Pool Party

by Kay Siudzinski

May 29th will be the IITS Memorial Day Party! Stefan will provide music poolside. Food will be served inside. We'll have grilled hamburgers, hotdogs and brats along with baked beans, macaroni salad, potato salad and chips. We'll also have soda, iced tea, coffee and water.

Pool will be available, bring your suits! Relax and enjoy the day! \$5.00 for HOA members, \$7.00 for non-members.



## Other Events

by Linda Walker

May 2- 7 PM-HOA Membership Meeting

May 6 – 9-11 AM-Community Breakfast – scrambled eggs (plain or with sausage, choice of sausage links or patties (2), Biscuits w/gravy, French toast, Grits, Home fries

May 6 – (first Saturday of each month) - Neighbor helping Neighbor

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May 6 – 10 AM – Activities Meeting

May 9 – Monthly Pot Luck

May 13 – Mother's Day Spa Luncheon (Cal Am event)

May 18

- 8:30 AM-Men's Breakfast – Mama's Kitchen, 5885 Seminole Blvd, Seminole

- 12 PM-Ladies Luncheon Our Place, Main Street, Dunedin

May 19 – 11 AM-Cal-AM Mgr's meeting

May 20 – 7-10 PM, Sr Prom party- FREE Event!!! (See related article)

May 21- 6 PM, Sunday Sundaes

May 30 – 7 PM – HOA Board Mtg

June 17 – Trivia event – Stay tuned for details. This promises to be a fun event, and something different than we have done in the past. You might want to start watching Jeopardy, playing trivial pursuit, etc. to prepare for this event!

**For other ticketed events see: Bob Newman, Lot 46, Tom Watson, Lot 68, Ned Grove, Lot 77 and Bill Shiels, Lot 133.**



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