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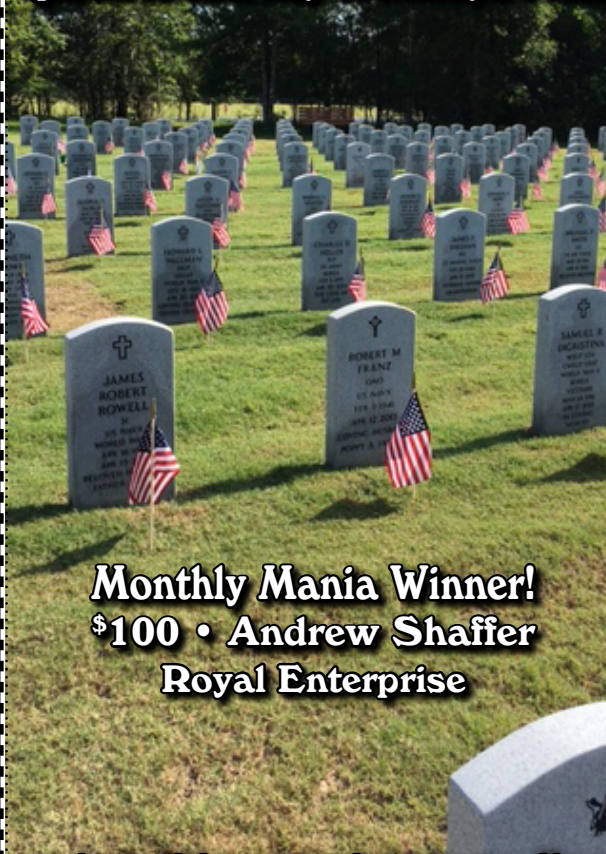
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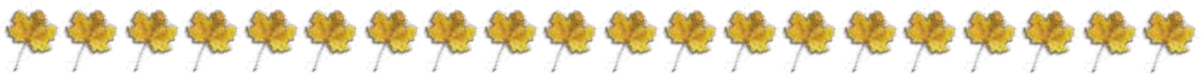
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From the Desk of the President

Two months remain in 2017: WHAT a year, extreme heat all summer, hurricane Irma found land and displaced so many people. Island in the Sun was spared the damage people found elsewhere in Florida. Someone was looking out for us.

Many new residents have moved in our community, changes occurring daily. New views, ideas that will improve our community. It will take time for some changes, others we will see over the next couple of months.

November is our free HOA Thanksgiving Dinner, a way to give back to our residents. Cal-Am shares the cost of the meat purchased and the HOA covers the remaining cost. Part of this comes from your dues and from paid events that residents attend.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to come together and give thanks for what we have, our health, friendship and a beautiful park. One that many new residents found appealing enough to get them to move here.

Plans are in the works for Thanksgiving Dinner held on November 23rd at 1PM. The menu consists of Turkey, Ham, potatoes, salad, gravy, dressing (some of the best I have ever had).

The event is free however we sell tickets at a cost of \$5.00 each to allow us the information required to purchase the correct amount of food. When you come to the dinner and turn in your ticket you receive a refund of \$5.00. No one is served without a ticket, ticket sales cutoff time is November 20th, 2017 at 5PM. We do not like to turn anyone away so make sure you get your ticket early.

We also feed our shut-in residents. Each of you may know someone that has no family, not mobile enough to come to the clubhouse or is a recluse for other reasons. ANYONE needing this service just has to contact Tom Watson, President 216-6092, your information will remain private, you will be contacted with time of scheduled delivery.

A help sheet is in the club house book, please sign up if you are able to help by being a server, set up crew, take down crew, decorating crew, cooking crew, dishwashing crew, I will find a job for you.

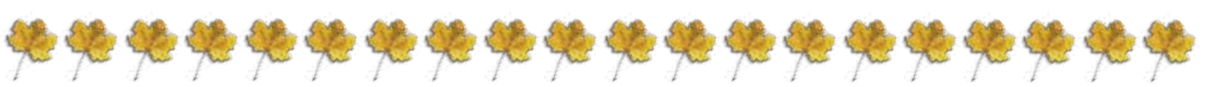
We also have a sheet for anyone wanting to bring in desserts or dishes they would like to share. This allows us to know if we are short an item and can purchase prior to the event.

Enjoy the Holidays, see you at the club house.

Sincerely

Tom Watson, President H.O.A Island in the Sun.





November Spotlight On Sallee Sullivan

By Sally Harkness, lot #318

It's my pleasure to introduce: Sallee Sullivan. Sallee bought Unit 295 in May and left shortly after to stay up north until mid September.

Sallee was born in New Hampshire and lived most of her life in Connecticut.

She and her husband had 5 daughters which, she chuckled, seemed to overwhelm him at times. He was an only child, as was his mother, so he wasn't used to the children's activity.

Sallee's husband died in 1996, and she lost a daughter in 1996.

She had a rewarding professional life beginning as an assistant to the town assessor, then becoming the town assessor. Later she took a state position, from which she retired. She was active in her community, serving on the school board, planning commission and council on aging.

Sallee grew up with 3 brothers and one sister. Her sister lived full time in Spring Hill for many years. With her sister's encouragement she bought a second home near her. "I had it for many years but only used it about a month a year." She was thinking about selling when she was contacted by a neighbor whose son was looking to buy in the area. He bought it.

Her brother lives in Pinellas County and her niece lives in Tampa. She is close with her family. They get together regularly to visit and play skat, the card game.

She enjoys her 14 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, 8 nephews and 6 nieces.

She said one of her nephews has a great sense of humor. He is quick to laugh. One day while laughing he told her he named his pet pig "Aunt Sallee" after her. She thinks that is so funny!

Along with skat, she enjoys reading, betting at the dog track, and playing Texas hold 'em. She was an avid golfer who was left handed but learned to play as a right handed person. She said she got proficient in the game. She took lessons from a pro who encouraged her to learn to play as right handed person because the strength in her left hand would be a tremendous asset.

She loves the pool, planned activities and people she has met here. Recently she attended the community breakfast, activity meeting, painting and wine, bingo, Texas hold 'em and gave line dancing a try.

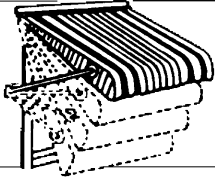
She enjoys living in Florida and is very impressed with the high level of medical care she feels she gets here. She said seniors don't fare as well in Connecticut.

She saw an ad for a unit at Island in the Sun and was impressed with the beauty of the park. She hopes to enjoy it for many years.

Say hello to her! She is very easy going and friendly.



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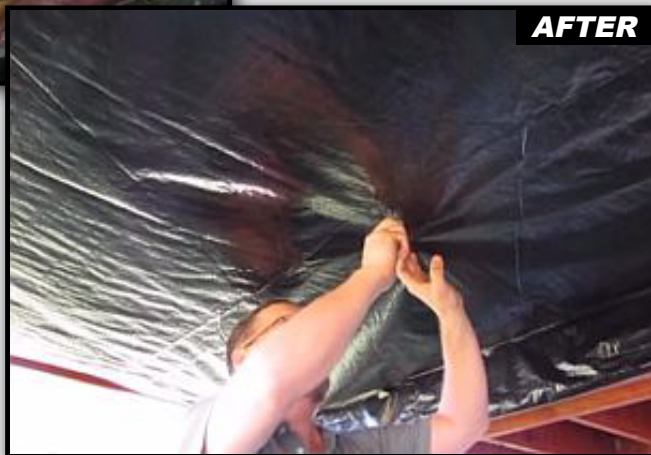
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The page is administered by Karen Custy, and she will be happy to add you so you can post pictures of your pets. In addition to being a repository of pet photos, this FB page is also informative, as members submit postings regarding pet issues in general,. As an example, I had no idea there was a dog park in Safety Harbor until I joined the site.

Everyone knows we love our dogs (and other pets), at IITS and it is great to have someplace specifically designated to bring attention to our animals.



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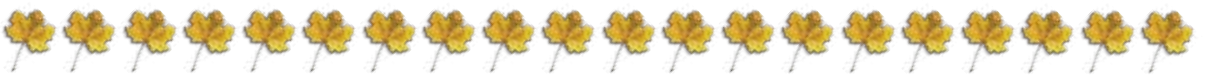
Submitted by Sharron

He never came to see me when I would call---
Unless I had a tennis ball.
But mostly he didn't come at all.
When he was young, he never learned to heel or sit or stay.
He did things his own way.
Discipline was not his bag.
But when you were with him, things sure didn't drag.

He'd dig up a rosebush to spite me.
And when I'd grab him he'd bite me.
He bit lots of folks from day to day.
The delivery boy was his favorite prey.
The gas man wouldn't read our meter.
He said we owned a real man-eater.
He set the house on fire, but the story is long to tell.
Suffice to say, he survived, and the house survived as well.

On evening walks, and Gloria took him,
He was always first out the door.
The old one and I brought up the rear because our bones were sore.
He'd charge up the street with Mom hanging on---
What a beautiful pair they were!
And if it was still light and the tourists were out,
They created a bit of a stir.

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But every once in a while he'd stop in his tracks
With a frown on his face and look around.
It was just to make sure the old man was there
To follow him where he was bound.
We're early bedders at our house,
I guess the first to retire,
And as I would leave the room,
He'd look at me from his place by the fire.

He knew where the tennis balls were upstairs,
I'd give him one for a while.
He'd push it under the bed with his nose,
And I'd push it out with a smile.
Before very long he'd tire of the ball
And he would be asleep in his corner in no time at all.
And there were nights when I'd feel him climb upon our bed
And lie between us and I'd pat his head.
There were nights when I'd feel his stare,
And I'd wake up and he'd be sitting there.
I'd reach out to stroke his fur,
And sometimes I'd feel him sigh.
I think I know the reason why.
He'd wake up at night and he would have this fear
Of the dark, of life, of lots of things
And he'd be glad to have me near.

And now he's dead, and there are night when I think
I feel him climb upon our bed.
And be between us, and I'd pat his head.
And there are nights when I think I feel that stare
And I reach out my hand to stroke his hair
And he's not there.
Oh, how I wish that wasn't so---
I'll always love a dog named Beau.



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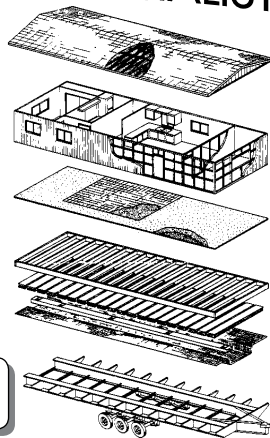
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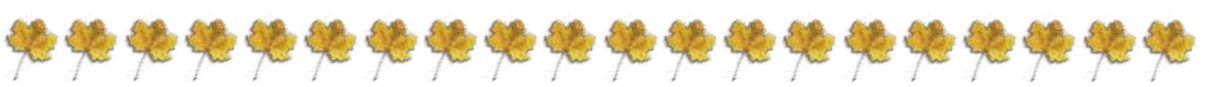


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Thanksgiving and Harvest Festivals Around the World

Submitted by Linda Walker

We all know how we celebrate Thanksgiving in the United States. Do you ever wonder how other countries celebrate their Thanksgiving, and what they have to be thankful for?

For instance, our Canadian neighbors celebrate their Thanksgiving on the 2nd Monday in October – For 2017, October 9th.

Canada: The first Canadian Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1872 in gratitude for King Edward VII's recovery from a serious illness, but it took until 1957 for Parliament to establish the second Monday in October as the official Thanksgiving Day.

Typically, Canadians eat their Thanksgiving meal on Sunday. Similar to the UK Harvest Festival, they decorate churches with cornucopias. Today, much like its southern neighbor, Canada celebrates its holiday with parades, football, and a big turkey on the table.

China: "Chung Chiu" Moon Festival

Families gather on the 15th day of the eighth lunar cycle to celebrate the autumn harvest. The Chinese reunite with family for a large three-day feast featuring mooncakes, sweet cakes filled with sesame seeds, ground lotus seeds, and duck eggs embossed with a baker's insignia. The mooncake's center is filled with a salty yolk (an acquired taste) to represent the full moon. Families and friends often exchange them as a sign of unity and peace.

United Kingdom: Harvest Festival

Saxon farmers would offer the first cut sheaf of corn and a sacrificial animal to one of their fertility gods to ensure a bountiful harvest. It was thought that the Spirit of the Corn lived in that first cut, and the tradition of making plaited corn dolls to hang in rafters each year began in order to protect the rest of the harvest.

Today, the English still make the corn dolls and still celebrate the harvest with a supper that features the season's produce. Children also take gifts of fruit and vegetables to churches and schools, which are distributed to the elderly and needy of the community.

Germany: Erntedankfest

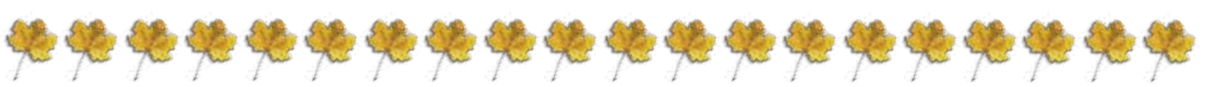
The German harvest celebration is observed in September or October. The day begins with a sermon, followed by a procession in which a traditional harvest crown is presented to the harvest queen, Ernteknigin. The day is further celebrated with music, dancing, and a bounty of fruits and vegetables from the harvest. While it's not a grand day of family get-togethers and feasting like Thanksgiving in America, the unused food is distributed to the needy. There isn't a turkey, either. Instead, chickens are fattened up in time for the feast. In some places, there is also an evening service followed by a lantern and torch parade, with fireworks for the children.

Malaysia: "Kadazan Harvest" Celebration

What is just a side dish to us in the U.S., is a point of celebration in Sabah, Malaysia: Rice. This religious holiday is observed in May, after a season in the rice paddies, to honor the rice god, Semangat, to offer gratitude for the good harvest.

Carnivals are an important part of the celebration, as are cultural programs, agricultural shows, buffalo races, and traditional games. Homemade rice wine is distributed among locals dressed in traditional costumes.

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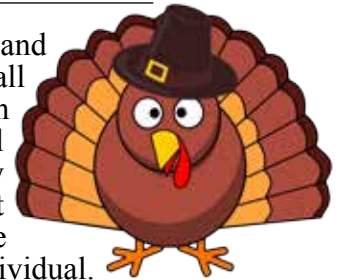
Fans of steak and BBQ probably value this day more than even Christmas or Easter, and there's a good reason for that. In Greece there's nothing similar to Thanksgiving except Tsiknopempti, the closest thing the country has to a Harvest Festival. It's one of the traditional celebrations of February's Carnival season in Greece. It always falls on a Thursday, and this is where it gets its name, since Tsiknopempti loosely translated means "Barbecue Thursday." It's the time for the Greeks to thank the Lord for the bounties He gave them during the year, and to gain strength for the next forty days of fasting, the Lenten days before Easter.

So during Tsiknopempti the mouth-watering aromas of barbecuing meats fill every corner of every street in Greece. At night, the hosts of the family reunions lay out vast amounts of souvlaki, gyros, lamb, and pork. Add lots of wine, and the night ends with plenty of high-spirited plate smashing and joyous dancing.

Thanksgiving- Who Came First?

Submitted by Linda Walker

As Americans, we all enjoy our Thanksgiving holiday and everything it entails – a good Thanksgiving meal, with all the trimmings: turkey or ham, potatoes, stuffing, green bean casserole, pumpkin or pecan pie, or whatever is traditional for your family. Whether it is cooked at home with other family members, eaten at a restaurant (easy clean up!), or prepared as part of a community meal, like we have at IITS, the tradition is the same – celebrating 'Thanksgiving', whatever that means to each individual. Also, watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is a huge tradition – and to all the football fans out there, endless games!



I thought it would be interesting for everyone to see and compare the differences between Jamestown and Plymouth, the earliest settlements in North America. Which are you descended from?

Jamestown and Plymouth: Compare and Contrast

Traveling aboard the Susan Constant, Godspeed and Discovery, 104 men landed in Virginia in 1607 at a place they named Jamestown. This was the first permanent English settlement in the New World.

Thirteen years later, 102 settlers aboard the Mayflower landed in Massachusetts at a place they named Plymouth. With these two colonies, English settlement in North America was born.

LOCATION OF THE SETTLEMENTS

Jamestown offered anchorage and a good defensive position. Warm climate and fertile soil allowed large plantations to prosper.

Plymouth provided good anchorage and an excellent harbor. Cold climate and thin, rocky soil limited farm size. New Englanders turned to lumbering, shipbuilding, fishing and trade.

REASONS FOR THE COLONIES

Economic motives prompted colonization in Virginia. The Virginia Company of London, organized in 1606, sponsored the Virginia Colony. Organizers of the company wanted to expand

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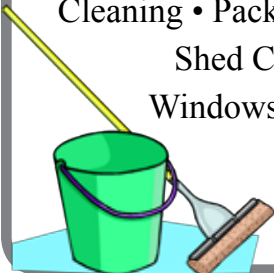
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English trade and obtain a wider market for English manufactured goods. They naturally hoped for financial profit from their investment in shares of company stock.

Freedom from religious persecution motivated the Pilgrims to leave England and settle in Holland, where there was more religious freedom. However, after a number of years the Pilgrims felt that their children were being corrupted by the liberal Dutch lifestyle and were losing their English heritage. News of the English Colony in Virginia motivated them to leave Holland and settle in the New World.

EARLY SETBACKS

Inexperience, unwillingness to work, and the lack of wilderness survival skills led to bickering, disagreements, and inaction at Jamestown. Poor Indian relations, disease, and the initial absence of the family unit compounded the problems.

Cooperation and hard work were part of the Pilgrim's lifestyle. Nevertheless, they too were plagued with hunger, disease, and environmental hazards.

RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES

The settlers at Jamestown were members of the Anglican faith, the official Church of England.

The Pilgrims were dissenters from the Church of England and established the Puritan or Congregational Church.

GOVERNMENT

In 1619, the first representative legislative assembly in the New World met at the Jamestown church. It was here that our American heritage of representative government was born. Since New England was outside the jurisdiction of Virginia's government, the Pilgrims established a self-governing agreement of their own, the "Mayflower Compact."

NATIVE AMERICANS

The Virginia colonists settled in the territory of a strong Indian empire or chiefdom. English relations with the Powhatan Indians were unstable from the beginning. Vast differences in culture, philosophies, and the English desire for dominance were obstacles too great to overcome. After the Indian uprising in 1622, the colonists gave up attempts to christianize and live peacefully with the Powhatans.

Prior to the Pilgrims' arrival, an epidemic wiped out the majority of the New England Indians. Several survivors befriended and assisted the colonists. Good relations ended in 1636 when the Massachusetts Bay Puritans declared war on the Pequot Tribe and Plymouth was dragged into the conflict.

LEGENDS

Who married Pocahontas? Some erroneously believe John Smith did. In actuality, she married John Rolfe, an Englishman who started the tobacco industry in Virginia. The John Smith connection stems from Smith's later writings relating an incidence of Pocahontas saving his life.

According to Longfellow's epic, *The Courtship of Miles Standish*, John Alden proposed to Priscilla Mullins on behalf of Standish and she replied, "Why don't you speak for yourself, John?" Priscilla did in fact marry John Alden at Plymouth. The records do not mention Standish ever courting Priscilla.

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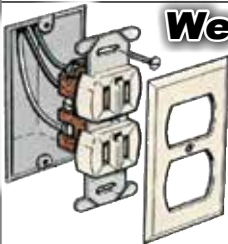
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CONCLUSION

The growth and development of these two English colonies, though geographically separated, contributed much to our present American heritage of law, religion, government, custom and language. As Governor Bradford of Plymouth stated,

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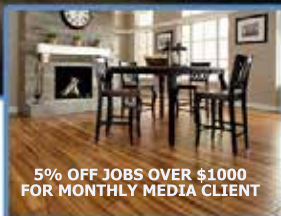
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Bob and Dottie Newman Lot #46 - 727-724-6283 - pcfriar64@yahoo.com

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.

November Anniversaries

- 1 David & Darlene Gauthier
- 8 Thomas & Audrey Stone
- 17 Ernest & Cheryl Lamoureux



November Birthdays

- 2 Theresa Cleveland
- 3 Elizabeth Mecke
- 5 Dick Robertson
- 14 Nancy Barnes
- 16 Rocco Gudin
- 21 Dick Nesco
- 23 Jill Norwick
- 25 Judy Koonter
- 27 Helen Leonard
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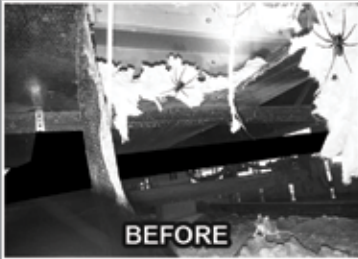


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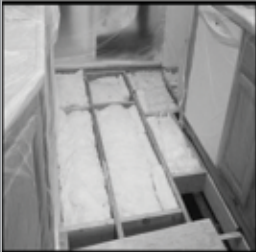
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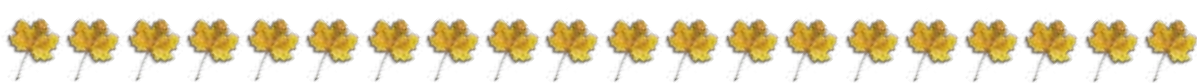
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Submitted by Nancy Barnes, Lot 157/727-799-2434

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September 4 - Nancy Barnes
September 18 - Rick World
September 25 - Betty Mecke



Activities Report - November

Hello from Linda Walker and the IITS Activities Committee

Phone: 540-272-1992, E-mail: Lindawalker.va2006@yahoo.com

Meeting Notes: We are changing the regularly scheduled activities meetings to the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10 AM, effective with the **December meeting on Dec 16**. Please consider attending to see what we have planned for the residents of our community. This month's meeting will be on Saturday, **November 4nd at 10 AM**.

By the time you read this, we will be into the 2017 holiday season. Lots of events planned through the end of the year, we hope you will attend as many as you can! Please see the 'November-December events' section in the November media for highlights. We have lots of fun events planned for the next couple of months, as well as a few sponsored by Cal – AM.

Please read the write up on our annual New Years Eve party on Dec 31. The theme is 'Hollywood Nights', and we are letting everyone know so you have plenty of time to design your costume for this fun event – and the best part is that the Halloween stores will still be open so you can peruse them for ideas – at 50% or more off!

Tickets for events are available at the following houses: Bob Newman, Lot 46; Tom Watson, Lot 68; Ned Grove, Lot 77; and Bill Shiels. Lot 133. Tickets will also be available at other events, such as bingo, etc.

If you are chairing an event, we need details in order to advertise in the monthly media, print tickets, advertise on FB, create flyers, etc. We need the event name, date, ticket price, whether a meal is to be served, the menu, time (broken out by dinner and dance), entertainment, and any other additional information. The purpose of this is to generate interest in your event, and provide enough information to print tickets, etc. See below for other specifics for event chairs.

Info for event chairs: Note that tickets cannot be printed for events, and that events should not be advertised, until the budget has been approved by the HOA. Budgets need to be submitted 60 days in advance. If this is not possible, please complete as soon as possible once the event has been approved, with the reason for submitting late. Once the event is over,

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Looking forward into 2018:

At this time, there are no HOA sponsored events scheduled for 2018 (excluding normal weekly/monthly activities). For our November activities meeting, I challenge you to come up with ideas for events for the first quarter of 2018. We usually have our Can-American party and St Patrick’s Day party, but we need someone to step up and volunteer to chair these events. Our goal is to have a dance with entertainment every month, with or without dinner. Additionally, we have started having monthly trivia parties, but if anyone has suggestions for other events, please attend our activities meeting for November and December.

Final Note:

There are quite a few residents who have been here for several/many years. For the most part, these residents have ‘done their time’, by leading activities, acting as HOA board members, hosting events, etc. My opinion is that we can learn from these residents and carry our IITS community forward into 2018 and beyond.

We have many new residents in our community. I encourage all of you to become an active party of IITS – while quite a few of you (like me), still have full time careers, volunteering and being a part of our community can be very rewarding. Best of all, you have a say in what happens where you live!

Thank you to everyone who helps to support our community. I truly believe that for the most part, our IITS residents want what is best for us, and are willing to work together to make that happen. I appreciate the support the community has given me over the past year as Activities Director.

Monthly/Special Events at Island in the Sun: November - December 2017

(This listing does not include all recurring weekly/monthly events – the intent is to showcase those events that do not happen every month, or are ‘special’ events). For recurring events/activities, refer to the calendar in the centerfold of the media magazine.

November

Choir Practice: Mondays, 6 – 7:30 through mid-March

Community breakfast: Nov 4, 9 – 10 AM (Note that times will be from 9 – 10 for Nov forward)

Bacon or sausage, eggs, potatoes, biscuits/gravy, grits, juice and coffee – plus usually an extra surprise entrée!

Line Dancing Lessons Continue: Nov 5 and Nov 12, 6 – 7 PM – FREE, no sign up needed

Annual Craft Sale: Nov 11 – 9 – 2 PM – See related flyer

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Cal Am Health Fair: Nov 14, 11 am – details to be announced in Cal-AM's newsletter

COUNTRY WESTERN HOE DOWN PARTY: Nov 18 – Dinner 6-7, Entertainment/Dancing 7 – 10 PM -, \$7 per person - Pulled Pork Sliders, Sloppy Joes, Mac n Cheese, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Farm Fresh Fruit, Variety of Desserts, Coffee, soft drinks and BYOB... Door prizes, games, and photo booth plus 50/50. Come dressed in western attire to get in the spirit of the party. The deadline for ticket sales will be Thursday November 16th with absolutely no exceptions. Magic Mike Velez will be returning to IITS to provide entertainment for this event.

Thanksgiving Day luncheon: Nov 23 – 1 PM – See President's memo for details (performance by our IITS Chorus)

Christmas Tree Trimming: Nov 25 – 6 PM (Tentative) – We need someone to step up and chair this activity. We need 2-3 strong people to wrestle the Christmas tree out of the storage room, set it up and climb the ladder to string the lights. Then someone with decorating skills to coordinate trimming the tree and ensuring the lights all work. Also need to submit a budget in case we need additional decorations, lights, etc. Usually have hot cocoa, donuts, cookies, etc.

- Memorial plaque– If we are going to continue this, need to make sure that everyone who needs to be on the memorial is included – also need a chair for this who can ensure everyone who needs to be is included.

December

Christmas Tea – Cal AM: Dec 2 – Time TBA

Holiday Bake Sale: Dec 9, 11 – 2

Trivia party: Dec 9, 7 – 9 PM - Re-scheduled from December 16th.

Activities Meeting: Dec 16, 10 am (Note this is the new permanent date/time – 3rd Saturday at 10 AM).

Santa goes to the Dogs: Dec 16, time TBA

Private Party, reserved through Cal-AM: Dec 16, 6 – 10 PM

Birthday/Anniversary Party: Dec 19, 6:30 PM

Golf Cart Caroling: Dec 23, 7 PM – Details provided in December media

Annual Christmas Luncheon: Dec 25, 1 PM – Refer to December media magazine for details (This will follow the same process as Thanksgiving Day Luncheon)

New Years Eve Party: Dec 31, 8 – 12:30 AM

Ticket price TBD.

The theme is 'Hollywood Nights'. Use your imagination and come to the party dressed as your favorite famous (or infamous) person! No need to bring anything except your own drinks for the party, as we will have heavy appetizers, and champagne at midnight. We will have a photo booth set up so you can have your pictures taken to commemorate New Years Eve 2017. Steve Wayne will be our entertainer, and he has promised us a fun filled evening of dancing and music. NOTE: If there are specific 'must play' songs, please send me an e-mail at lindawalker.va2006@yahoo.com with the song and artist, and I will forward on to him. He will need a final playlist by November 12th

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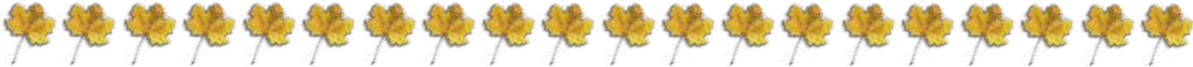
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Ned Grove, #77 – Was hospitalized for tests and results showed he needed a heart valve replacement. Very serious stuff! Haven't heard since if surgery has been scheduled.



Wayne Hutzul, #15 – He and his wife just moved into the park when they were welcomed by Irma (Hurricane Irma). She took a liking to his roof and left taking some of it with her. Wayne borrowed a ladder from his neighbor Rick so he could cover it with a tarp. Unfortunately, Wayne fell from the roof and sustained injuries that kept him hospitalized for days. He's home now recuperating. And he now has a blue roof too. Not a very nice welcoming to our park, but good luck and get well soon.

We have breaking news. Terry Cleveland had her surgery this morning and will stay overnight for observation. Then, back to Home, Sweet Home to finish the healing process with Wayne to wait on her hand and foot.

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County Road 1, Dunedin. GREAT
HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

FLEA MARKET Saturday, November
25th 9am-Noon. Lake Seminole Resort
Clubhouse 10245 110th Ave N. Largo.
Clothes, books, household items,
decorations.

7th ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFT
SALE - Sat., Nov. 11, 2017 9AM-
1PM Lake Haven MHP - Paradise
Island Clubhouse 1415 Main St.
(SR580 & Lake Haven Road) Dunedin.
Everything uniquely designed by
hobby club members. Objects d'art
include paintings and shadow box
creations; jewelry; crocheted, knitted
and sewn items; greeting cards; and
knick-knacks, all individually crafted
for home or gifting!

Bay Ranch Flea Market/Craft Sale:
11/11/17 7349 Ulmerton Rd, Largo,
FL, 8AM until 2PM. At the clubhouse.
Food and drink. Call Dot Lawrence for
information 484-368-1430.

Holiday Craft Faire - 11/25, 9am-
2:30pm. Westwind II Clubhouse. 3301
ALT. 19 Denedin. All handmade items.
Concession open for snacks, lunch, and
drinks.

TRASH TO TREASURE: Doral
Village 11/18/17 From 8am-2pm
Clubhouse. Share the Wealth & Raffle
Prizes. Donuts & Coffee 8-10:30am,
Hot Dog combo's along with other
refreshments served on the front porch.
29250 US Hwy. 19 N. just south of
Curlew.

Annual Craft Bazaar - Ranchero
Village, 7100 Ulmerton Road, Largo
Florida at Hacienda Clubhouse.
Sunday, November 12th, 12-3pm. Full
house of vendors and lunch available.
Basket raffles and much more.

Palm Hill North Recreation Club's
Annual Bazaar, Craft & Bake Sale with
lunch available. Saturday, December
2nd, 9am-1pm (early admission
8:30am \$1.00). 401 8th Ave. S.W.,
Largo (off Seminole Blvd)

3rd Annual Crafters Faire: November
11th 2017. Island in the Sun Park
100 Hampton Rd, Clearwater, Florida
33759. 9-2 in the clubhouse. Start
your Christmas shopping now. Great
items to choose from, ceramics, hand
knitted items, Christmas Santas, door
decorations, character themed hoodies
for children and more. ALL hand
crafted items!

VENDORS WANTED: Craft Fair at
Briar Creek, Nov. 18th, 9am-2pm, 8ft
tables, \$10 each. 724-444-0232

Carport Sale: Saturday December 2nd,
2017 8 am to 2 pm. Park Royale MHP
10611 66th St., Pinellas Park

Park Royale Art and Craft Sale:
Saturday, November 18th, 9:00am
to 2:00pm. Local artists and crafters.
10611 66th St. N., Pinellas Park

Doral Village Carport Sale: Lots 85
and 87. November 11th and 12th, 9am
to 3:30pm.

Rummage Sale 11/11/17 at Regency
Heights 2550 S.R. 580, Clearwater
from 8am - 3pm at clubhouse. We
guarantee great bargains, bake sale,
and an enjoyable day. Breakfast, lunch
available.

Amber Glades Carport Sale SR 580
/ McMillan Booth RD. Saturday,
November 18th, 2017. 8am - 3pm.
Something for everyone!

Paradise Island Annual Craft Fair.
Saturday 9-1 on 11/04/17 at the
clubhouse. 60+ vendors. All handmade
items, bake sale and canteen open for
food.

**Note: Emporium is 2 pages
this month.**

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Emporium Continued

SALE: Lake Haven MHP Saturday, November 18th, 8am-1pm. Dishes, Gift items, Household Appliances, Linens, Christmas décor & more! PLUS the BEST BAKE SALE IN TOWN! 1415 Main St. Clubhouse 3, Dunedin, FL (off 580).

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE Saturday November 4th - 9AM - 12PM. Americana Cove. 7201 St NE. St. Pete. Antiques, collectibles, jewelry, furniture, kitchenware, electronics, books, paintings, plants records, CDs, DVDs, VCRs, furniture, linens, bakery.

Holiday Craft Bazaar Sunday Dec 3rd @ 9am-2pm. Sunset Palms Community 3401 Gandy Blvd 33781.

Briar Creek Annual Bazaar: December 1 4PM to 7PM. December 2 8AM to noon. 100 Briar Creek Blvd, off McMullen Booth Rd just south of Mease Countryside Hospital. Trash & Treasures, Jewelry, Bakery goods, Lots of stuff, lots of fun, lots of bargains! Raffle Baskets, Furniture, Tools and more!

GATEWAY ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR: Saturday, December 2nd at the Clubhouse 9:00-1:30. Crafts, Food, Games, Theme Basket/Bike Raffle and White Elephant Table. Gateway MHP, 10100 Gandy Blvd, Saint Petersburg.

GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS: Sun. Nov. 12th, 9am - 4pm @ Recreational Golf Carts. See ad or call 727-548-8460 for more info.



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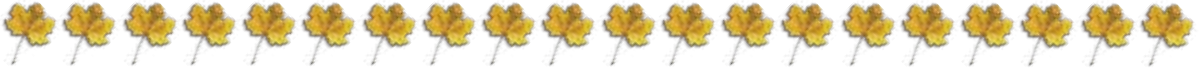
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Andrew Shaffer..... \$100	Royal Enterprise	Rose O'Mara..... \$5	Debbie's Salon
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Irene Mason..... \$10	Bob's Appliance Service	Lynn McGraw..... \$5	Bob's Mobile home Washing
Greg Stonebraker..... \$10	Sunset Appliance Service	Lois Ayotte..... \$5	Doll Brothers Carpet Cleaners
Carol Snyder..... \$10	Bob's Mobile home Washing	Robert Pyne..... \$5	Buggin Out Termite & Pest Control
Denise Morgan..... \$10	Jones and Sons Plumbing	Bill Malofey..... \$5	Heller's Mobile Home Washing
Kathy Sweetman..... \$10	Modern AC and Appliance Service	Ed Becker..... \$5	Air Masters of Pinellas, Inc.
Carl Simmons..... \$10	Dunedin Plumbing, Inc.	Kevin Osborne..... \$5	Suncoast Auto & Tires
Phil Stillwell..... \$10	Battleline Termite & Pest Control	Lois Torres..... \$5	Boss Electric Corp.
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Harry Swank..... \$10	Boss Electric Corp.	Isabelle Lane..... \$5	Auto Service Experts
Joseph Caserotti..... \$10	Discount Computer Repair	Robert Hopes..... \$5	Bob's Mobile Home Washing
Lilly Porter..... \$10	Doll Brothers Carpet Cleaners	Mary Marks..... \$5	Doll Brothers Carpet Cleaners
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Dena Clark..... \$5	Payless Paingjint Services, Inc.	Bob McGrath..... \$5	Bob's Mobile Home Washing
Lisa Lynch..... \$5	Doll Brothers Carpet Cleaners	Jackie Smith..... \$5	Modern AC and Appliance Service
Joan Zarlinsk..... \$5	Sunset Appliance Service	Joyce Lee..... \$5	Buggin Out Termite & Pest Control
Carol Silver..... \$5	Battleline Termite & Pest Control	Darlene Batdorf..... \$5	Battleline Termite & Pest Control
Al Taufiq..... \$5	Bob's Appliance Service	Linda Wagler..... \$5	Debbie's Salon
Eleanor Malloy..... \$5	Doll Brothers Carpet Cleaners	John Barns..... \$5	Battleline Termite & Pest Control
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Messages pertaining to activities or events are now being delivered to your telephone. This service is being provided free to IITS residents by the IITS HOA. Messages are being delivered to telephones throughout the US and Canada, on land lines or cell phones. This service is limited to one telephone number per lot.

For our part time residents, during your time away from IITS, you may forward the messages to another phone or discontinue receiving messages until your return.

Some of the features of the telephone messaging service include:

- US and Canadian numbers
- Special groups (i.e. Chorus, pool noodlers, etc.) can receive messages related to their members
- Polls/Counts

The telephone messaging service is being used to:

- Remind residents of HOA meetings
- Announce/Remind/Poll activities and events
- Communicate information to specific groups (Chorus, Shuffleboard, etc.)
- Announce safety concerns in the community and surrounding area
- Make you aware of the unfortunate loss of one of our neighbors
- Other uses as recommended and approved by the IITS HOA Board of Directors.

Please return this form to the box located in the Club house. If you are unable to return this form to the Mailbox, please call Denny Blank at 434-989-2280. The information requested below will be used strictly for the telephone messaging service and will not be shared with anyone else.

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