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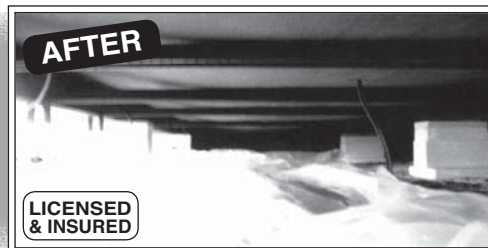
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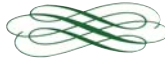
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January Prayer

John Whittredge Hill, Chaplain



Eternal God, as we face a New Year, we come before you asking forgiveness for the things we have done or left undone. We should have risen to respond to the example given to us by Your Son.

Forgive our neglect and sinfulness and help us to renew a right spirit within us to do the right we know how to do and should have done.

We need to resolve for this year to do the best with the special gifts you have given us.

Your Holy Spirit hasn't come into our minds yet, we have closed our eyes and ears to the Spirit's leading and used our energies for selfish gain.

We are so grateful that we can come before You with a sincere request for forgiveness and know the slate will be wiped clean. What a gift!

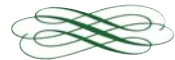
Our attitude can be the same January 1st as it was December 31st but if we show gratitude for the gifts You have given us then they will be different and our year will begin in a new light of serving others rather than our selfish selves.

God grant us the strength of character to change and we will praise and serve You with light hearts and sincere thanks. Amen.



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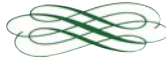


As we proceed through the year circulation needs will change with the current population in your park. We will need your help to keep us abreast of these changes and to avoid your running short or printing extra books which aren't needed. It helps us to know your needs before you send in your copy (by 10th of each month) since we must print a part of your publication in advance of your copy deadlines.

If you will require more or less copies for next month's issue, please call Monthly Media by the 10th of this month at 585-7388. Do not email or send note with your copy. Thank you.

Board Bits

Dick Nemi, President



I hope you have all enjoyed your Christmas and Hanukah, I know that some of you traveled north to be with your loved ones for the holidays, and I hope you enjoyed sharing time with them. This month ushers in the New Year. May it be quiet, peaceful and prosperous for you. I hope that those who remain in the community will join us in ringing in the New Year with friends and neighbors at the clubhouse.

Some things accomplished in 2009!

All wells restored to working order including new pumps and pressure tanks.

Newly paved roads resealed and lined.

New flat roofs on the clubhouse.

Sewer lines in the clubhouse and laundries relined.

New Air Conditioner for clubhouse and gate shack.

New tankless hot water heater for the laundromat and maintenance area.

New Office Software.

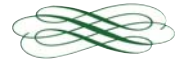
Reduction on water usage bill.

Painting of exterior trim on the clubhouse, maintenance shed and the Laundromat building.

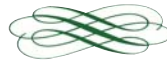
Replacement of many electric pedestals.

Maintenance fee lowered.

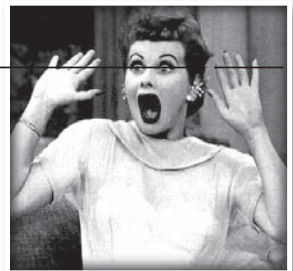
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Manager's Report

Dawn Simmons



HOME AND YARD INSPECTION

The Annual Park Inspection will be done the first week in February. To avoid a Beautification Notice please do an inspection of your home and yard.

If the home needs power washing or painting please make arrangements prior to February 1st. Your yard will also be looked at for weeds, mulching, plant trimming and yard ornaments. The rules state only four ornaments in one yard.

Carports are permitted to have BBQ grills, bikes, a golf cart and patio furniture. Screened in areas of the home must be kept neat and clean - **Not used for storage areas.**

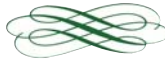
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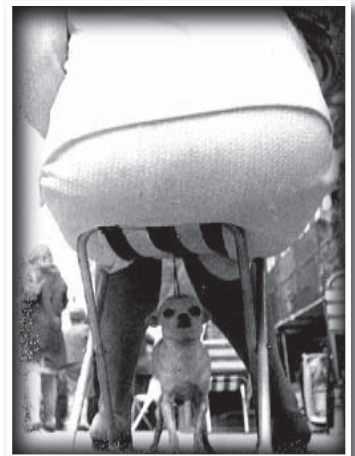
On Wednesday, January 27th, the maintenance men will do a park wide pick up curbside. Put all unwanted articles out. This precedes the Park Wide Inspection for February 1st – 5th.



DOG STATION

The dog drop station on Mt. Pleasant is out of bags. We need the cooperation of all the dog owners on the south side to use their own bags and deposit the waste in the container.

If anyone would like to donate small grocery store bags, please give them to the office. That would be helpful and then we could continue to supply the station ourselves. The bags purchased from the drop station company are way too expensive to supply the station ourselves. Prior to the install the residents used their own bags. The main purpose of the installation was to eliminate residents from depositing the bags in the Mt. Pleasant laundry, which was leaving an odor.



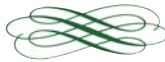
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HAZ TO GO

On Wednesday, February 3rd, the HaZ To Go trailer will be at the Mt. Piney Maintenance Yard for collection from 9 AM to 12 PM.

Please take light bulbs, household cleaners, computers, and printers, TVs, paint, paint thinners, fertilizer, pesticides and automotive fluids to the trailer before 12 PM



RECYCLE BINS

The plastic and glass recycle containers located on Americana Drive continue to be a problem.

Colored plastic bottles are still being thrown in the bin. **PLEASE**: Clear plastic and white plastic is all that is accepted. **Glass Bottles**: No blue, green or brown.

MONDAY BRUSH

If tree branches or bushes are cut towards the end of the week and lay on the lawn until Monday – First, it looks unsightly, Second, the leaves fall off and make a mess for the maintenance people to rake. Perhaps you could **haul them** to the brush trailer on Americana Drive or **wait until Sunday** to do your trimmings for pick up on Monday.

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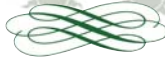
We continue to have problems with uninvited guests using our facilities and dumping stations. Your cooperation in making this procedure effective would be appreciated by all residents.



Facts and Figures did you know... Energy saved from one recycled aluminum can will operate a TV set for 3 hours, and is the equivalent to half a can of gasoline.

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DECEMBER NEWS!

We had two contracts on resales. One is a waterfront home on Mt. Oak that was on the market for only a week and the buyer viewed it at the Open House that was held in November. Also during the Open House one Model sold on Mt Hawthorne, which is a Skyline singlewide.

A New Palm Harbor home with a share was finished and the buyer has moved in on Americana Drive.

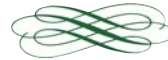
We have had a great year in Americana Cove! There have been FOUR NEW HOMES SOLD WITH SHARES!



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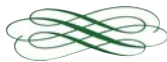


Stop by and meet my new assistant Chrissy Brush who has been working with me since October.

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Around the Cove

Nora Adell Andrews



The festive season of Christmas is behind us now. We had such a nice December with the Christmas Carol Night, the Christmas Show with our own Cove Actors and Singers, and the golf cart parade and party. We had quite a feast of prime rib or chicken on Christmas Day and enjoyed seeing **Virginia Curtis** at her 90th Birthday Open House! Then we topped off the month with the annual New Year's Eve dance in the clubhouse.

This month promises to keep up the pace with all the clubs and their functions!

The Pancake Breakfast is on the 9th and in the evening is Candidate's Night, where those running for the MAROA Board will be fixing hotdogs and answering questions! On the 16th of January we will have "Remembering Perry Como" and it will be an evening of listening to some old Como songs, and dancing to the familiar tunes.

Then we can't forget Canada Night on the 30th with their dinner and yummy desserts! Enjoy the Cove and all the sunshine!

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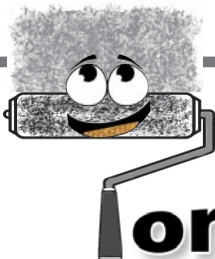
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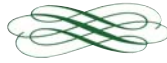
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We want to take this opportunity to say Thank You to you all for all the calls, cards, flowers, good thoughts and prayers. The attendance at the “Memories of Momma” and the stories that were shared meant so much to us. It was like having a great big family wrapped around us like a warm hug. Thank You!

In Gratitude ... John Hill

On behalf of those to whom we caroled and gave the delicious cookies I thank all who participated. I’m sure you felt blessed as well.

Thank You

The employees of Americana Cove would like to thank you for your Christmas Gifts. They were very much appreciated.

With Sincere Gratitude ... Claire Mosakowski

An Evening of Christmas Carols was a very pleasant night of singing. I would like to acknowledge and thank all the people who made it so memorable. Joan Geiger, who thought of the idea of celebrating the original reason for Christmas, and for the time consuming typing of the lyrics and many other necessary things that had to be done – wonderful job! To Nora Adell Andrews and her ladies for donating and setting out the cookies and punch – superb! Our greeters at the doors were Bob and Linda Potter, Frank Geiger and Marge Lederhouse – great job! To our singers and our narrator: Claire Barrett, Mike Regan, Cathy Thomas, Ed Mosakowski, and to our beautiful Vesper Choir – much appreciation. Lastly, Drew Fairlie, on bassoon, and Bob Niblick on clarinet who gave us an outstanding performance. And to you all who attended, for your wonderful participation.

I hope you all had a Blessed Christmas and I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Very Grateful ... John Hill

Thank you too for the beautiful plants that decorated our clubhouse and gave pleasure to those who received them at their homes or in nursing homes. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

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Thank You

Jennie Wosil and her family would like to express gratitude to all who helped find her father-in-law last evening.

It is certainly amazing the friends who jumped in their golf carts, made copies of his picture and drove outside the park to try and locate this gentle man.

His family found him safe on 4th Street after a search of many hours.

This was an effort of love for one of our neighbors and we are truly grateful.

So much of what is best in us is bound up in our love of family, that it remains the measure of our stability because it measures our sense of loyalty. ~ Haniel Long, poet

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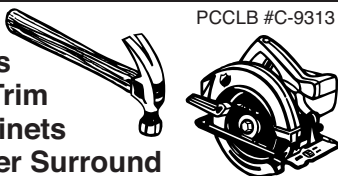
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Welcome New Residents

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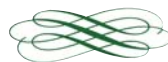
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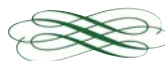
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Publisher’s Cover Photo Contest



If you have a photo that you think would be entertaining for the covers of all of our Monthly Media Newsletters, send it to Monthly Media at 151 1st Street N.W., Largo, FL 33770. We are now looking for pictures of mobile home residents that are of interest to readers from all communities. We’re looking for something funny, interesting, exciting, surprising, etc. All photos must include the following four things ... (1) your park name, (2) your phone number, (3) name(s) of person(s) in photo and, (4) signed, written permission of all people in picture to print. Photos will not be returned to sender. Original photos only. No xerox copies, laser or ink jet printer copies will be published. Deadline: 1st of month preceding the issue the photo is to appear. **If we use your photo you will be our guest for a dinner for two at a local restaurant.**



Every Morning is the Dawn of a New Error.

January Birthdays



02	Hud Hudson	10	Barbara Gallant	21	Mary Jane Heath
02	Ed Johnson	11	Irene Kmiecik	21	Betty Duffy
03	Marie Lochrer	12	Arne Rengo	21	Linda Johnson
03	Lillian Harris	12	Bill Nygard	21	Kay Schiavone
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04	Helen Cook	14	Linda Campbell	26	Lorraine Boshek
04	Becky Nangles	15	Dina Birtcher	27	Carol Nygard
05	Phyllis Entreken	15	Lila Hart	27	Victor Monachelli
06	Dick Morris	15	Polly Perkins	28	Christina Goble
07	Tom Solomon	16	Jennie Wosil	30	Dianne Massey
07	Richard Lloyd	19	Ginny Staples	30	Gloria Shulte
08	Cathie Sanders	20	Louise Pickett	30	Lola Stake
10	Tony Daleo			31	Cathy Thomas

When people say you look "great", they mean for your age.

January Anniversaries



01	Lila & Jerry Mussman	31 years
01	Marsha & Joe Gray	19 years
01	Joan & Dennis Moore	32 years
05	Lorraine & Bob Hoey	25 years
07	Gerri & John Bassett	15 years
08	MaryAnn & Bill Foley	45 years
10	Joan & John Mahoney	51 years
13	Margie & J. R. Trimm	28 years
15	Gina & James Huff	34 years
27	Mary & Vince Bickhart	48 years

(Pictured)



You know you're getting old when you ask your spouse how your outfit looks and they tell you the truth!

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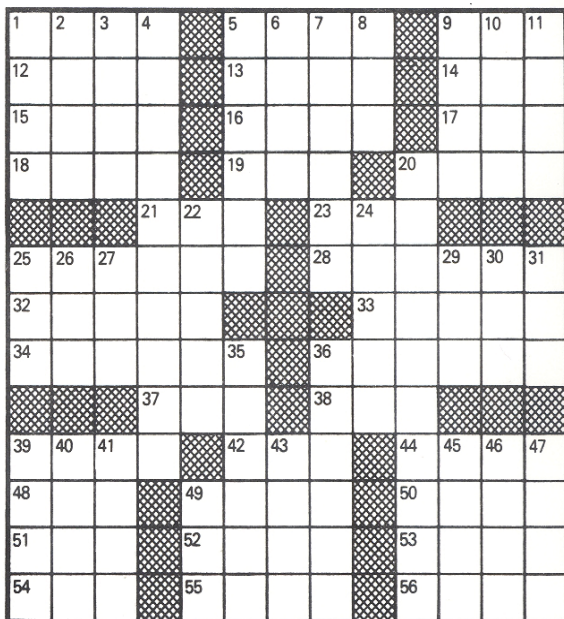
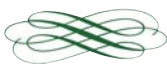
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The referred community must give us your name as the first source of referral. • Parks of 200 units or more are preferred • Pinellas County parks only • Only adult parks are accepted • If more

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Meet Your New Neighbor

Gail Jones



Larry and Nanette Krueger are a delightful and enthusiastic couple that built a new home at 6834 Americana Drive.

After vacationing in Florida for several years (Nan since she was a young child and Larry in his teens) the couple had an opportunity to retire early and decided to move from Traverse City, Michigan to St. Petersburg. They were at the Florida State Fair in 2008 when they happened onto the manufactured home display. A salesman pointed them in the direction of Americana Cove and the rest is history.

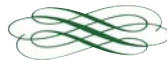
They have three children between them: a daughter with two grandsons and a son in Michigan. They also have a son and grandson in Tampa.

Both enjoy outdoor activities including fishing, boating and golf. They are pleased that they selected Americana Cove and are delighted that they have met some wonderful people who live here.



Americana Cove Veterans Plaque

Diane Brinker, President, Old Timers Club
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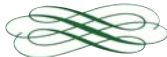
Please take time to verify spelling of your name and Branch of Service for our Veteran's Plaque...

I have checked names against the Cove Directory and will be in touch if you're not listed in the book.

The VET list is posted on our Community Bulletin Board under "Old Timers"

If you haven't had a chance to **submit your name** on the list, don't hesitate to contact me. So far I have collected **150 names**.

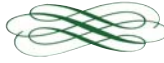
Special thanks to all who have served and I wish everyone a Healthy Happy Holiday Season and a wonderful 2010.



Champions keep playing until they get it right. —Billie Jean King

St. Augustine Trip

Betty Chase



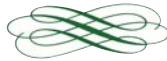
The Garden Club of Americana Cove is sponsoring a three-day trip to St. Augustine, the oldest city in America. The cost is \$330.00 (double occupancy) for transportation from the Cove to St Augustine, lodging there for two nights, meals, and unlimited trolley fare.

We leave on Monday, January 25th at 8:30 PM and return around 6:30 PM on Wednesday, January 27th .

Please sign-up on the bulletin board at the clubhouse and/or contact Betty Chase at 525-7481 for more information or you have any questions. Reservations are limited to forty people.

Canada Night

Dave Turner



The annual “**Hands Across the Border**”, **CAN-ADA NIGHT**, during which Americana Cove’s Canadians host their American friends and neighbors in the park, will take place on Saturday, January 30th, 2010, with appetizers at 5 PM and dinner at 6 PM.

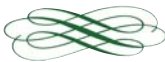
Good food – prizes – dancing – special guests.

Tickets are \$9.00 each and will be on sale in the Clubhouse on Wednesday, January 6th, 2010 from 9 AM to 11 AM. Only 340 tickets will be sold, a maximum of 4 tickets per household, with table selection at time of purchase. For group table selection, a member of each household must be present together at the time of purchase. ***For example if you are organizing a group of 12, a person from each household (a total of 3 residents) must be present, together, at the time of purchase.***



A man who dares to waste one hour of life has not discovered the value of life.
—Charles Darwin

Lack of Pretension



A famous British opera singer named Kathleen Ferrier was once traveling by airplane for a performance. As the plane landed, she looked out the window and saw an extravagant reception committee waiting.

Ferrier said to her traveling companion: "Look at that. There must be someone of importance on board." She peered through the cabin and finally pointed to one man. "He's probably a politician or a business executive."

When she got off the plane, this unpretentious star was surprised to discover that the committee was actually waiting for her. *(Provided by First Draft)*



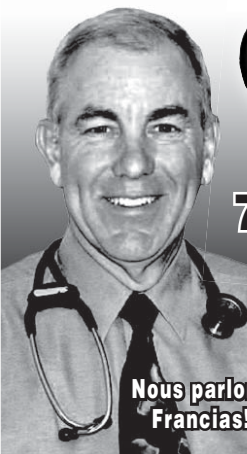
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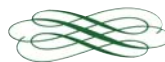
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Janet Pendino



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A February Event that you will not want to miss. Grab Your Sweetheart. Tickets will go on sale January 27th. Italian Valentine Dinner Dance, **February 13th, 2010**, Time 4 PM to 9 PM, Music by: Sounds of the South

Walk Away the Pounds

Daisy Dean



On **January 5th**, in the Clubhouse, we begin again. We start at **4 PM** to shed those unwanted pounds or to just get in better shape. Set your schedule for the first and third **Tuesday** or the second and fourth **Thursday** of the month. Come join us for a good workout. Hope to see you all there.



Line Dancing

Norine Fisher



Happy New Year to one and all! Guess what time it is? Time to get your line-dancing shoes on and get ready for some FUN!

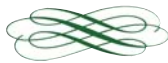
My first class begins on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 12:30 PM in the clubhouse. It is a great way to get back in shape after the holidays. Remember you don't need a partner to line dance. Just let yourself go---

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My own experience about all the blessings I've had in my life is that the more I give away, the more that comes back. That is the way life works, and that is the way energy works. —Ken Blanchard

Rug Braiding

Claudette LeBrun



It is a New Year, and a new year to begin our rug-braiding classes. I am looking forward to getting together with all of you again. Our first class will be on Thursday, January 7th, at 6:30 PM. Many of our rug-braiders are planning to begin a new rug or finish one that they had started last year.

If you are interested and would like to learn braiding, please stop by our 'class' and see our projects. We meet in the library area of the clubhouse. We would love to have you drop in and see us. Some of our rugs were in the Florida State Fair, and received ribbons!

There is a sign-up sheet posted on the clubhouse bulletin board. Please sign up if you are interested, or call Claudette at 525-0276.

Old Timers New Years Message

Diane Brinker



As President of the Old Timers Organization, I would like to wish you and your families a safe and joyous New Year. This is a time of hope and thanksgiving. Our economy is struggling but the future is promising. As Americans and Canadians, we certainly have much to be grateful for. We continue to pray for peace on Earth.

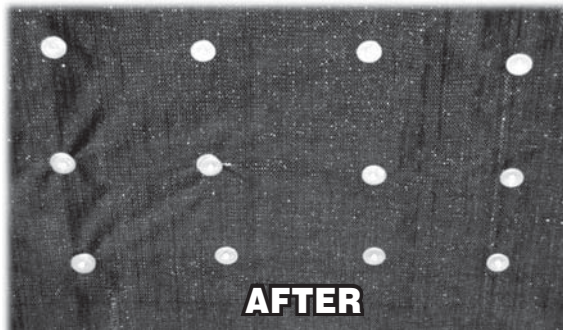
As 2010 arrives, I commend each and every one of you who serve those less fortunate for your dedication, courage, and commitment to this wonderful community we live in. It is through this selfless sacrifice that true hope and blessings are realized. We need to remind ourselves that the true essence of giving, compassion and unity remain with us throughout the New Year.

The Old Timers Board – Janice, Sue, Adele, Conrad and I would like to say Thank You To All Who Have Helped – So many hands behind the scene make the magic happen! Take time to thank them. Happy New Year!

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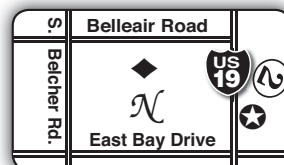
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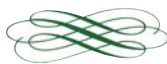
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ACA News

Paul Line, President



As I write this, Sue, Joyce and I are stuck in the frozen north. Sue's surgery was good and she is recuperating well and looking forward to getting down to the Cove. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year...all the best to everyone.

We now have a new Wii game in the Games Room with thanks to Dawn Earley for her help in purchasing it. The controls for the Wii can be signed out at the Guardhouse. We also have a large screen television to play it on with thanks to Tom & Pat Fielhauer for their donation of a large screen TV. Shufflers now have some new discs.

The Cove has a very important election on January 20th... some former Board Members and some new candidates. Be sure and read their resumes and do not hesitate to ask them any questions you may have in order to help you determine who will do the best for our park. And most importantly, don't forget to vote!!! And please vote for **3** candidates, not just 1 or 2 but **3**. It does not help to only vote for 1 candidate.

Canada Night Hands Across the Border will be January 30th, 2010 with the Happy Days Band playing. Tickets will go on sale January 7th. There will be an Italian dinner and dance night on February 13th, also our second annual 90 Plus dinner on February 27th. If you know of anyone who will be 90 plus, please contact Nancy Hubartt.

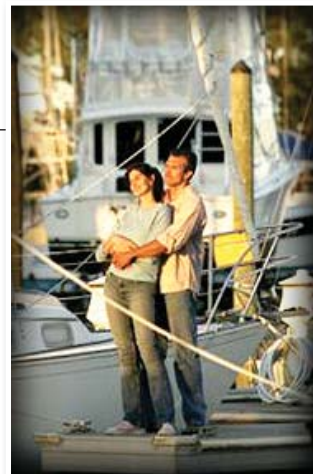
I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to Nora Adell Andrews, Linda Lou Fairbanks and Jerry Regan for holding down the fort along with many prayers for Gerry who is having some health problems.....once again, thank you all. See you all soon.

Boat Club

Rick Lopez

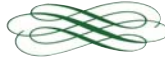


I hope you had a good holiday and are looking forward to a Happy New Year. We will not have a speaker for January but we are looking forward to the Power Squadron speaking to the club in February. They will also do boat inspections after the February meeting. Because of the weather, Sweetwater Kayaks were unable to do the demonstrations after the meeting. We will try to reschedule the demonstrations later in the year. Happy New Year to all.



Computer Club

Reporting Clubhouse Wi-Fi Service Interruptions
Mark Nixon



We hear of occasional instances when **broadband users** have not been able to connect to the Internet when trying to use our Wi-Fi facility in or around the Clubhouse. Assuming your laptop computer is in good working order, there are two basic malfunctions that can prevent your Internet connection: **1.** Our local Wi-Fi modem is temporarily inoperative, or **2.** The signals from our provider, Knology, have been interrupted.

In the first situation, your computer will not display the Wi-Fi signal of our Cove Computer Club Modem, (normally at least a three bars of signal strength).

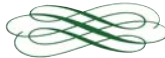
In the second situation, your laptop will display our Computer Club Wi-Fi signal, but you still cannot bring up any familiar web sites with your browser. In this situation, temporary loss of the Knology broadband feed signal is the most likely cause.

In either situation, the only appropriate remedial step is to contact our Cove Computer Club, President Mark Nixon, at (727) 528-0071. We hope that all of our Cove computer users will share this information with any laptop users that take the opportunity to enjoy Web access through our Clubhouse Wi-Fi facilities.



Cove Riders

Diane Brinker, President



It is during this time of the year that we look back and count our blessings as we get together with family and friends to celebrate the Holidays.

2009 has been a challenging year for many to say the least. That being said it is always important to remember the positive things and build on them as we journey ahead into the New Year.

We continue to be blessed with wonderful family, friends and the Cove Riders want to reach out to each of you and wish you a warm and wonderful New Year. We wish you a healthy and successful 2010, and hope our paths continue to cross often, and our relationships continue to grow. Have a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2010!!

Crafters' Club

Marie Sirois



Complete SUCCESS on my sister Annette Solomon's vocal cords surgery! NO Doctor's follow-up visit until spring. See you here sooner, Annette. Thanks, Americana Covers, for your prayers. Our crafters have 17 items going to the February Florida State Fair. We hope all of you win ribbons.

Treasurer Diane Turner's reminder: At our first meeting in January 2010, \$3.00 membership DUES are DUE.

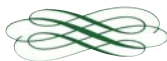
Diane, with Lorraine Brown, brought to All Children's Hospital knitted, multi-colored baby hats for PREMIES.

Want fabric découpage PLATES? Mary Rose Randazzo and Pat Vargas are eager to help you get started this month. Happy Crafting!



Cue Cub News

Brian Birch, President



Iwould like to say first of all, that I am very sorry I didn't get an article in the Forecaster last month. Time somehow got away from me and when I realized it, the deadline had passed. So now I'll try better and bring everyone up to date with our Cue Club happenings.

I am pleased to report that things are going very well with our League play, for both Men and Women. We have a full slate of players for each night and as usual, we're enjoying the thrill of a few victories and a few defeats. But we are also enjoying the camaraderie, the fun and the challenge of the game. We can always use more substitutes so if you are interested, I invite you to contact the Captain of your choice as follows: MONDAY NIGHT: **Jack Mahoney**, 157 Americana Court, **525-5362**; WEDNESDAY NIGHT: **Sandi Reid**, 7049 Mt Essex Dr, **527-0186**; and THURSDAY NIGHT: **George Chamberlin**, 6913 Mt Orange Dr, **744-3358**.

If you get a chance, stop by the cue room later this month and see some of the improvements we've made. Vice President Irene Goulet has spruced things up and done her usual magic in organizing and making things look spic and span; Paula Barrows painted the room this summer and Renee Teague keeps it looking great week after

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week as well. Member Rick Birtcher donated a new billiards clock that actually keeps the correct time! And, last but probably not least, we have new equipment- cue sticks, bridgeheads, table covers, and gloves. We will be installing new plaques this month in memory of one of our lifetime members and dear friends, Gary Ebert. We thank his wife Joanne for her generous donation.

Just a heads-up for next month... It will be a busy time for our Club. We have agreed to help prepare and serve at one of the Old Timers Luncheons; we will be hosting our Annual Brewz & Bratz event; and we will begin tournament play. I would like to count on your help and support so please plan to attend our regular meeting on **Monday January 4, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the Atrium. See you there!**

Duplicate Bridge

Al Wingrove, Director



Recent results:

Sunday, November 15, 2009

1. Milene Wingrove/Al Wingrove
2. Gerri Bassett/John Bassett
3. Joan Dell"Angelo/Don Delzell

Sunday, November 22, 2009

1. Gerri Bassett/John Bassett
2. Susan Audy/Jackie Lessard
3. Pat McCarthy/Joy Slepín

Sunday, November 29, 2009

1. Gerri Bassett/John Bassett
2. Lucille Laberge/Roger Laberge
3. Milene Wingrove/Al Wingrove

Sunday, December 6, 2009

1. Lucille Laberge/Roger Laberge
2. Shirley Beauchamp/Jo Waldron
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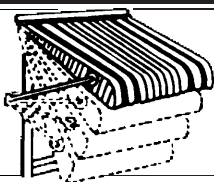
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Jan. 16, 2010, 8A - 1P, WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. Lake Haven MHP #3, 1415 Main Street, Dunedin. Off 580 - west of CR-1, next to Subway. Lunch available.

Fri., Jan. 22, 2010, 7:00P, SAROA BRASS CONCERT. Salvation Army, 1625 N. Belcher Rd. Clearwater, (727) 725-9777. English style Brass Band players from all over United States & Canada.

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Sat., Jan. 30, from 8:30A - 1:00P, TRASH, TREASURES & BAKE SALE. At East Bay Oaks Clubhouse, 601 Starkey Rd., Largo.

Sat., January 30, 8 - 11A PANCAKE BREAKFAST. All You Can Eat Pancakes. \$4.00 ea. Lake Seminole Resort, 10245 - 110th Ave. No., Largo.

Sat., Jan. 31, 2010, 8:00A til Noon, FLEA MARKET - WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. 7:30A - \$1.00 Early Bird Entry. Four Seasons Estates MHP, 13225 101st St. (off Ulmerton Rd. next to Largo Mall). Furniture, Clothes, Tools, Jewelry, Raffles, Snack Bar, Homemade Baked Goods. Free Golf Cart Shuttle Service.

Feb. 6, 2010, 8A - 1P, IN-PARK GARAGE SALE. Shangri-La MHP, 249 Jasper Street W, Largo (behind Stacy's). Something for Everyone, Refreshments, Raffles.

Sat., Feb. 6, 8A - 2P, ANNUAL WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. Eldorado Village MHP at the clubhouse. 2505 East Bay Dr., Largo.

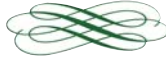


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Exercise FACTS

Sharon S. Miller



I came across an article recently in the December issue of the “Nutrition Action Health Letter” about exercise. I simply must share with you some of the facts from this issue. Here seven facts you may not know about exercise.

1. Exercise can curb your risk of Cancer!!! It is never too late to start.
2. Exercise creates new Brain Cells. Aerobic* activity is the key.
3. Exercise boosts insulin sensitivity. Both aerobic* and strength training are key factors in improving insulin sensitivity needed for our bodies fuel.
4. Creatine helps build muscle. It is a compound made from amino acids found in the liver and kidneys and is in the protein we eat. It helps increase muscle and bone strength.
5. Sitting can kill you. Studies have documented that people who sit for the majority of their day have a much higher mortality rates than people who don't even if they are physically active at some other time during the day. Advice: Keep moving.
6. One is never too old to build muscle. Many studies show one can build up muscles by regular strength and resistance training. It does not matter how old a person is or whether one is female or male.
7. Exercise prevents visceral fat gain which all of us get, as we grow old unless we do something about it. This is the fat, which builds up around the organs in middle. Much research shows aerobic* exercise will reduce visceral fat.

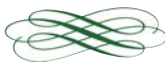
* The American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) defines aerobic exercise as “any activity that uses large muscle groups, can be maintained continuously, and is rhythmic in nature.” It is a type of exercise that overloads the heart and lungs and causes them to work harder than at rest.

With “keep moving” as the main advice from this article, we have an exercise class that does this. It meets in the Atrium, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:15 AM – 9 AM. Our leader Sally Anderson, a certified person trainer, puts us through the paces of aerobic, strength, stretching, and weight exercises. Please join us. If this is a new venture for you, please be sure your doctor gives you the OK. If questions, please call Sharon Miller at 527-8150.



Shuffleboard

Jo Waldron



All members that are for (or against) the roof-over should be sure to attend the January Meeting. There's a little glitch in our plans, which may or may not be addressed at the December Board meeting. Regardless, John Bassett has agreed to attend our January meeting to explain the procedure for requesting a "Capital Improvement" item. Please remember that John has graciously accepted our request that he attend our meeting and enlighten us on how to proceed. Some of us may have other issues with the Board of Directors but this meeting is not the place to air them, John should be extended the same courtesy as any other guest speaker.



Other parks may be struggling for players but shuffling is alive and well here in Americana Cove. Sil and I are holding beginner classes on Saturdays at 9:30 AM, these will continue at least through January, so if you'd like some "how to" instructions, come and join us. We have had six new players so far this season, Pat Vargas, Captain of the Nova team, has already signed up a few of the for her team. Speaking of the Nova team, they are doing extremely well this year, their win surprised the Town & Country "bullies" so much that their Captain said to Pat "What did you do to your players?" Congratulations, Novas.

Your calendars should already be marked for January. On the 2nd we have our meeting at 8:45 AM in the atrium. On January 9th we have our pancake breakfast, everyone should know his or her assignment by now. On January 13th the Shufflers will be hosting the Old Timers luncheon.

The team Captains reported that their teams are doing well and everyone is having a great time. Sil continues to win on the pro circuit, in a December tournament, he and his partner lagged and took a 2nd place in the main event.

Remember January 9th from 8-11 AM is our pancake breakfast. It's still all the pancakes you can eat plus sausage, OJ and coffee, all for only \$4.00. See you there!



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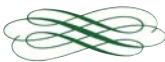
12,373 manufactured home residents have won over \$105,671 since our contest began. It's simple to play ... when you patronize a current advertiser, ask for a Monthly Mania ticket (or a reasonable facsimile) and fill it out completely. Put the ticket in our Monthly Mania drop box in your community. That's all you do. At the end of the month the Publishers will pick up the tickets and hold a drawing. If your ticket is drawn, we mail you a check. (Allow 1-2 weeks for mailing of check). This month's winners are:

David Stephens	\$100	E & E Gliddon A/C, Inc.
Marie Gagliardo	\$10	Affordable Floor Covering
Allen Kirkley	\$10	O. E. Wilson Insurance, Inc.
Wayne Showalter	\$10	Florida Anchor & Barrier Co.
Jeannette Erickson	\$10	Aluminum Specialty Contrac.
Elmer Nottage	\$10	Pro Video Sales/Svc
Irene Mancinelli	\$10	Mobile Home Depot
Barbara Frueh	\$10	Century Awnings
Eileen Brust	\$10	Boss Electric
Wayne Radlin	\$10	Dunedin Electric Co.
Nancy Keefner	\$10	Largo Plumbing Co.
Richard McGann	\$10	Air Masters of Pinellas
George Gonche	\$10	Haseney Electrical Svcs.
Alice Jarvis	\$10	AMS WC, Inc.
Dan Willette	\$5	Joe Knows Autos
Florence Brock	\$5	Mobile Home Depot
Sandy Malone	\$5	Heller's MH Washing
Pamela Brickley	\$5	Knobloch Hearing Care
Phyllis Ruddy	\$5	Doll Bros. Carpet/Uphol.
Maureen Miller	\$5	AJ's Beds & Furniture
Richard Lynes	\$5	Tom Carver Carpet Repair
Gloria Yeo	\$5	Rod Runners, Inc.
Phil Tarpley	\$5	Carpet Color Systems
Armand Allard	\$5	Royal Enterprise
Dale Hopseker	\$5	3-D/Top Cat Appliance Repair
Janie Nickerson	\$5	Heller's MH Washing
Roy Martin	\$5	Barron's A/C
Joan Conan	\$5	Doreen Cleaning Svc.
Carol Woodson	\$5	Bob's MH Washing
Richard Rybicki	\$5	Knobloch Hearing Care
Paul Toth	\$5	Dunedin Electric Co.
Lottie Jarzowski	\$5	Mike's Vapor Barrier
Len St. John	\$5	Plumbing Patrol
Lyle Stevens	\$5	E & E Gliddon AC
Lavonne Esper	\$5	Ron Wyngarden MH Wash.
George Capon	\$5	Heller's MH Washing
Joyce Heynen	\$5	Royal Enterprise
Darlene Johnson	\$5	Action Appliance Serv.
Rose Holden	\$5	Ray Duncan Plumbing
Jeannie Bovee	\$5	Debbie's Salon
Gerald O'Neil	\$5	Ron Wyngarden MH Washing
Mary Fentress	\$5	3-D/Top Cat Appliance Repair
Otto Arnold	\$5	Enos Plumbing & Services

• Limit of one ticket per visit • Advertiser may have up to 4 winners per month • Advertiser must have bill paid current to qualify • No purchase necessary • Contest void where prohibited by law • Green tickets available at participating Monthly Media advertisers.

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Dave Bernfeld, Secretary



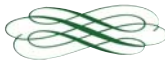
Happy New Year to fellow golfer's. After two weeks off for the holidays, play resumes on January 7th. Our first meeting of the New Year is that day at 9 AM before our start time at Mainland's of 10:30. All other Thursdays we meet at 9:30. A sign-up sheet and the season's event calendar are on the board in the clubhouse, so please join us.

*If I hit it right, it's a slice. If I hit it left, it's a hook.
If I hit it straight, it's a miracle ~ Author Unknown*



Vespers

Martha Pratt



By the time you read this, we have experienced the Advent season and Christmas, now it's time to start 2010. Happy New Year! May you have good health, happiness and the spirit of God in your lives during 2010 and always. We've been enjoying the Vesper services along with the arrival of our snowbirds. Attendance is still much lower than in the past and we're looking for new residents and older ones to come and join us.

We meet each Sunday in the clubhouse at 4:50 PM for an hour of fellowship in the sunlight of the spirit followed by refreshments and socializing with neighbors. Enrich your lives with local pastors and singing. If you would like your own church pastor to be one of our speakers, please contact Faith Brundage at 954-6708.

Pastors for January



Jan. 3	Jerry Strasheim - Retired Lutheran
10	Pat Miller - Retired Presbyterian
17	Mason Dorsey - Riviera United Methodist
24	Randy Weekly - Grace Brethren
31	Kevin Loughran - Grace Lutheran



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