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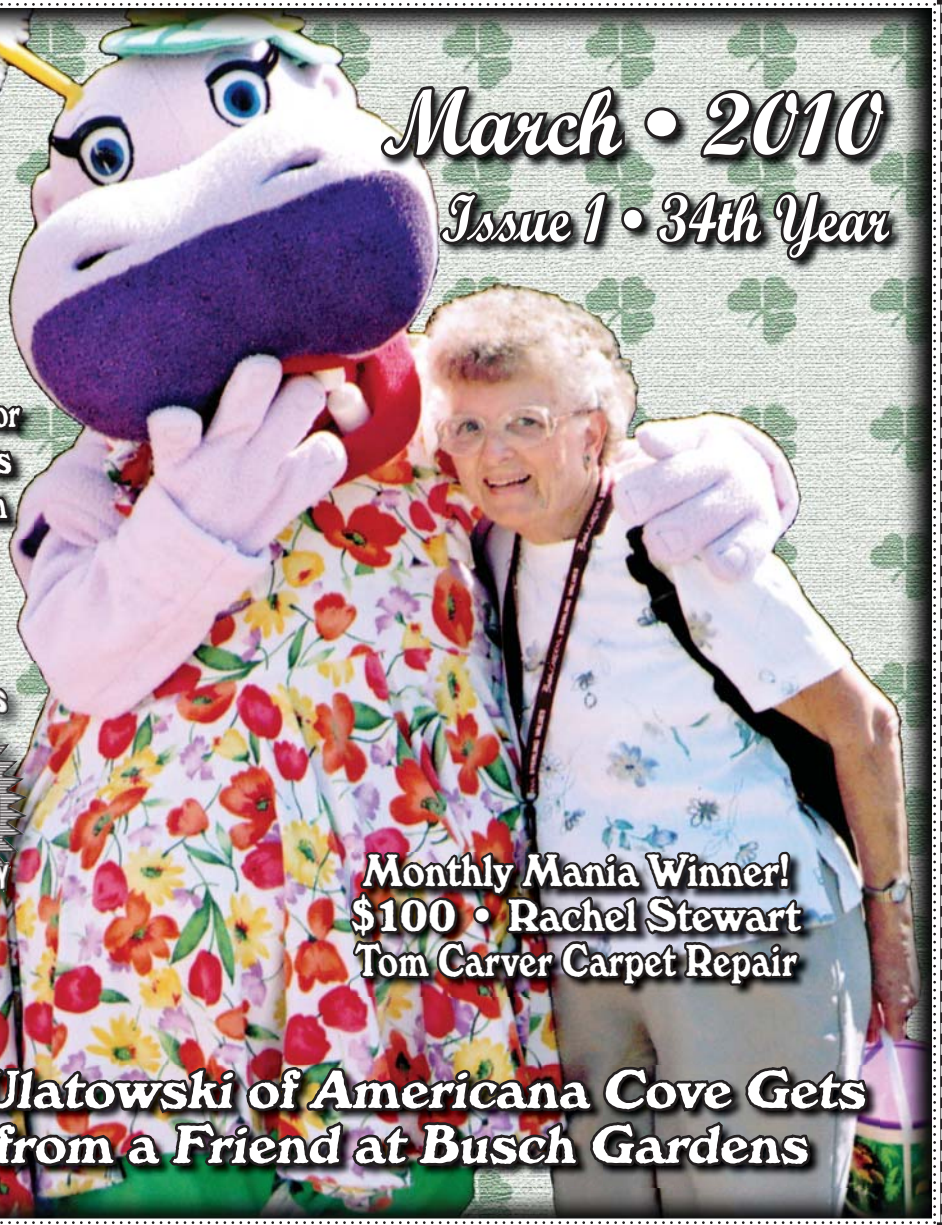

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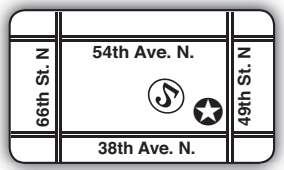

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March Prayer

John Whittredge Hill, Chaplain

Dear God, It has been said, "March winds and April showers, bring forth May's flowers". We have had both before their time. Maybe You could send us some May flowers ahead of time too.

Truly we are thankful for the rain, which has raised the water table to a comfortable level. The winds have done very little damage for which we are thankful also.

Around the World there have been terrible tragedies. We pray for those who have suffered.

We are almost in the middle of Lent as we reflect what have we done beyond our usual to witness for You?

The end of this month begins "Holy Week". Beginning with the triumphal entry, throwing the money changers out of the Temple, the false accusation, the illegal trial when even His closest friends forsook Him; what a tragedy. We can never fully realize the total picture of His betrayal.

All we can do is say thank You for suffering for us undeserving people.

May we come to know You better and serve You in everything we think, do and say.

God help us. Amen.

Easter Lilly Memorials

Again this year you have the opportunity to give one as a memorial.
The cost will be the same as last year $10.
John Hill will have the forms on March 14th.
They must be completed and turned in by March 25th.

MAROA Board News

Linda Lou Fairbanks, President

There isn't a whole lot of news for me to report…**yet**. But I am confident as work continues for the Board we will have a lot of information to share. I still consider myself in the learning curve and am amazed at the variety and magnitude of every day problems and

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and issues. I was somewhat distressed to find a letter to the Board in my mailbox outlining in great detail all the non-compliance and inappropriate things I had done, along with asking the Board to remove me. And this was before my first Board meeting! I am so grateful to have someone here in the community who has self-appointed himself to be the watchdog of all the statutes, rules and regulations for me. What a daunting task! As he stated to the girls in the office, "this is just the beginning". I suspect myself, along with other Board members; will indeed hear from this person again. We always welcome constructive criticism and suggestions.

We are concentrating on getting our Standing Committees established and in place before our "snowbirds" fly north. There is a tremendous amount of coordination that must take place and we want to provide the best possible service to you we can. Our approach will be to start with smaller numbers on each of the Committees, then either add to them or invite special experts to assist on specific projects. I hope you'll be pleasantly surprised and pleased with our selections. I thank each and every one of you for your input and suggestions so far. Stay tuned for information on the resumption of the Town Hall Meeting. That, too, is being looked at and plans are underway to set one up in April.

We are fortunate this month to be hosting the **ROC (Resident Owned Communities) FORUM here at the Cove on Monday March 22, 2010, from 9 AM to 3:00 PM**. Not only will it be a meeting but it will be a training session as well. Former Board President Ed Mosakowski has been instrumental in lobbying to get the event here and I know we'll have an outstanding program offered. All Board members have been invited to attend.

I continue to keep a watchful eye on what I feel are the major issues facing us as shareholders: 1) the healing of our community; 2) the Lawsuit; 3) RAAC activities; and 4) the complaint to do one or all of the following: annul, expunge, invalidate, lift, remove, repeal, repudiate, rescind, rub out, void, wipe out and/or withdraw our manager Dawn Simmons' license. (Get the picture?) Each situation is unique and holds huge repercussions whatever the outcomes may be. Our Board is concerned about each of these issues and while we may not all agree on the methods to solve them, I believe we all share a dedication to making sure you have fair and reasonable information about them. As I am able to (statutorily), I will keep you informed.

I want to extend Congratulations to the ACA Council and their Clubs and Activities that recently held elections for their 2010-2011 seasons. You provide so many wonderful opportunities for our community and you **ARE** appreciated!

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Manager's Report

Dawn Simmons

Maintenance Schedule

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Brush pick up is Monday (**only Monday**). If brush is cut and left curbside on any day but Monday, the men do not have time to run through the park each day to pick up brush. Some residents are still putting it out on Tuesday and Friday.

We have a cardboard recycle bin on Americana Drive we still have residents throwing large cardboard in the 40 yard open container at the Maintenance/Laundry area on Mt. Piney Ave. Please break down the cardboard and place it in the container on Americana Drive.

Thank You

Founder's Day Picnic

Dawn Simmons, Manager

Our 16th Annual Founder's Day Picnic will be held Saturday March 27th from 1-3 PM at the Park or in the Clubhouse if it rains. Lunch will be served promptly at 1 PM

ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED

This year we are doing things a little different. No one has to bring a covered dish, only beer or iced tea will be furnished with the food. All persons are required to have a **Food Ticket**. Residents get a free ticket --- Guests are required to pay $5.00 per person.

Each year we run out of food so this year we are going to use the tickets to count heads and make sure everyone gets to eat.

Tickets can be obtained at Bingo, Crafts, ACA Luncheon and Old Timer's Luncheon, starting Monday, March 1st at Crafts. Nora Adell Andrews is ticket chairlady.

Please remember to bring your folding chairs. We have asked the Boat Club to offer rides to people and we need a convoy of golf carts to transport band members from the Clubhouse Parking Lot to the Picnic Area.

Nora Adell will have a volunteer list of boaters and golf cart transportation.

This is a large event with many man-hours, anyone wanting to help with the event please sign up.

Thank You, Dawn Simmons

Deb Brown Realty

Deb Brown

February News...

Even with the cold weather in February, we had two closings on re-sales and two more to close soon. There is a new Skyline Home at 211 Mt. Piney Avenue. After working with the buyers for three years, the home was placed on a vacant lot and congratulations they purchased a share!

We have one order for a **Palm Harbor Home**; it will replace an existing singlewide. Two others are in the works and I will keep you posted on these developments.

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In Appreciation

I truly need to recognize my friends Linda Lou Fairbanks and Nora Adell Andrews who stepped forward while I was too sick to produce last month's Forecaster. With nothing more than raw notes sent through e-mails they pulled it together at the last minute. While I quarantined myself from human contact, countless cards and flowers arrived at my house to cheer me. They truly bolstered my spirit. My wonderful husband heated, cooled, medicated, made soup, transported, washed, and supported me in my weakness for three weeks and never complained. With Sincere Gratitude, Mary

Thank You

To the Crafters and Friends of the Community, We collected 82 pieces equaling 78 pounds of cereal and miscellaneous donations. The St. Petersburg Free Clinic Food Drive. What a great and generous job you did. —Isabel Colby

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James Tanner

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Ruth Metz was very active in Vespers for years. When she died, a memorial fund was started in 1977 to buy the material so the Hobby shop could construct a beautiful lectern, which bears a suitable plaque in her honor. This is still used at all Vesper services.

Line Dancing

Norine Fisher

It doesn't seem possible that March is here already. This will be our last month for line dancing for the season.

We have had 8 classes and only five more to go in March. What a short season this has been! Our line dance class has really grown. It is nice to see so many new faces. Now if only I could remember all their names!

Like Mel says, you would have to be a brain surgeon to remember all the dance steps. But once the music starts you know the steps that go to the melody. It just comes to you! What a nice way to go!

See you at the clubhouse on Mondays at 12:30! Let's dance those steps one more month!

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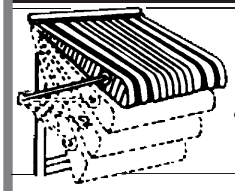

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Around the Cove

Nora Adell Andrews

February was a short active month with the Valentine Dinner/Dance, Brewz and Bratz party, and the second annual 90-year-old Celebration Dinner and Entertainment. It was wonderful seeing all our senior Cove residents honored. Time flies and now we are off to another month of many more happenings!

It seems like we were just starting our club work and organizational meetings and now this month we are starting our wind-down with banquets. **The Shuffleboard Club, Boat Club, and Cue Club** are all having their banquets this month. Of course one of the main events for the entire Cove is the **White Elephant** on March 13th. If you live here chances are that you are working for the White Elephant sales. Many have volunteered to collect for the bake sale on the streets weeks ahead of the sale. Others are gathering items and storing them for that day. Some are working on signs and advertising so that those who live outside our park will know where and when the 'big day' will come.

Our **Founder's Day picnic** is on the 27th, and usually we have great warm weather for our outing. Those boat captains take us out for a sightseeing tour of the waterside of our park. It is a great thing to do and please try to get down to Founder's Park and join in the fun. The manager and her staff help with the food, and many bring covered dishes to share. Please remember to take a chair to sit and enjoy the day.

Norine Fisher and her group of line-dancers are working hard every Monday. You can see the results of their efforts when you attend any of our dinner/dance evenings. St Patrick's Day we will have such an opportunity. **Jerry Regan** is getting that day organized for us to enjoy.

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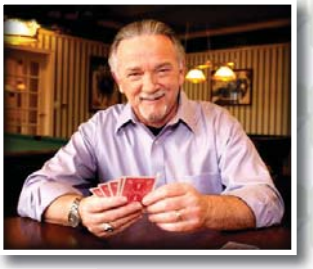

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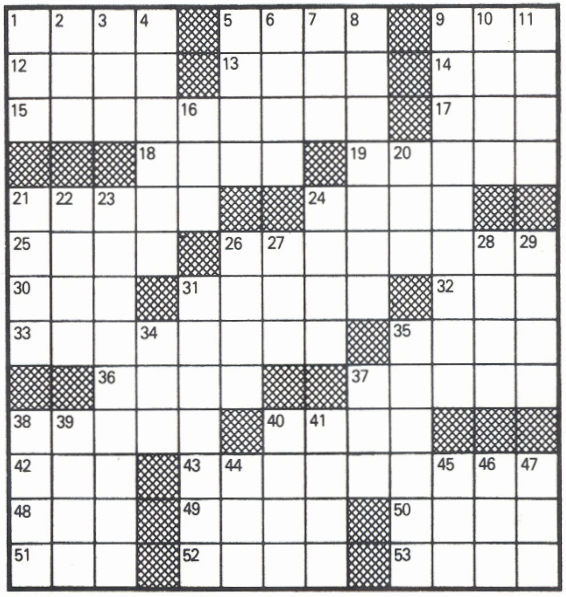

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25 Dick Marcott
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30 Irene Goulet
31 Edward Kimak

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05 Mary & George Davey.....22 years
06 Nicole & Murray Baxter.....28 years
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10 Mary & Fod Wright .....66 years
11 Reva & Roy Young .....52 years
16 Pat & Chuck Schmidt.....48 years
25 Betty & Jim Chase .....56 years
25 Virginia & Dick Marcott.....22 years
28 Barbara & Rick Tumminia.....32 years
28 Becky & Rick Nangle .....20 years
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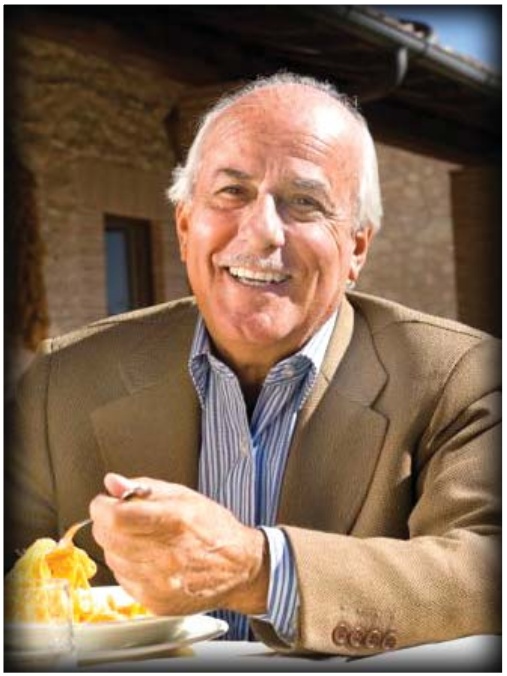
Old Timers

Diane Brinker, President



It is really wonderful that our Activity Clubs have stepped up to assist us with the Old Timers Luncheons, along with Jeannette Imbrogulio and Adele Seaman.
So far our friends in the Shufflers and Cue club have served delicious lunches with our Boat Club volunteering for our last one in February.

Major Kudos and Sincere Thanks from the Old Timers BOD:

Pat McCarthy and our Shuffler Friends

Brian Birch, Rachel Stewart and our Cue Club Friends

Rick Lopez and his team of Boat Club Friends

It really is amazing what we can do when we all work together.

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ACA News

Paul Line, President

It has been a chilly couple of months but it is still better than being in the Northern States or Canada and I'm sure it should be warming up by now. Spring training has started soooooo…sunny, warm days are on their way! Anyways, ACA Council meeting is on Tuesday March 2nd at 10 AM with the luncheon following on Wednesday at noon with Ladies in Blue singing for us. Also, we will have the ACA elections. If you are interested in volunteering for the ACA board for any position, please contact **Don Delzell.**

March 6th the Boat Club is having their first Island Bash…it should be a blast so please plan to attend. Then Saturday March 13th is the White Elephant Sale. I know, I know, it is the second Saturday instead of the first but The Boat Club snapped it up first. We still need lots of "stuff" and helpers. Any large items, please hold until Friday March 12th and then call Ed Imbrogulio for pick up. Don't forget that the money made at this sale helps us get through until the November sale. March 17th brings the Irish out for a St. Patrick's dinner and dance with a visit from Elvis…you all remember Elvis from last year? The Cue Club's dinner is on the 25th with Prime Rib...yum yum.

Our 16th Annual Founder's Day Picnic will be held at Founder's Park on Saturday March 27th. Always a good time is had by all. If you are planning to attend, **please get your food ticket**, which will be available at the ACA and Old Timers luncheons.

Have you noticed the new hand sanitizers in the Club House, Atrium, Kitchen, Game Room and Pool Room? I wish to thank **Janice Zebley** for the great idea. Hopefully it will help to keep some of those nasty germs away from everyone.

And finally, **volunteers make the park**, so please volunteer your time to help make The Cove the paradise it is.

Bingo Fun

Peggy Hubrich

On Friday nights there is no better place to be than at the clubhouse for a rousing game of BINGO! Friends begin to gather there from 5:00pm until 6:15 PM when they stop selling the papers. At 6:30 PM the numbers begin to be called and you can sit there with your dabbers and hope they call the lucky number that you have!

There is also 50/50 where tickets are 3 for $1.00. Buy as many as you like!

When you buy your bingo papers you are given a ticket for a great-tasting prize! Village Inn has generously donated two pies every Friday for bingo. If they call your ticket number, you will get one of the pies. Every week the pies are different but guaranteed tasty!

There is no limit on how many times you can win—so take your lucky leprechaun and have a bit of luck!

Boat Club

Rick Lopez

We had a great speaker from the Power Squadron with a lot of info. We are also gifted to have so many members of the Squadron living here in our community. Boat inspections can be done anytime with just a phone call. We will be also doing a Safe Boater Course free from the Squadron in December. A 5-6 hour course and the club will have Breakfast and Lunch for those in the course. Open to all in the park.

Pass this course and receive a Safe Boater Card and a discount on your boat insurance.

We are all looking forward to our Island Bash on March 6th. Get your Tickets soon as we look for it to be a sell out. This is what I also call *wear your loudest flowered shirt and dancing sandals*. Island Boys and steel drums are the entertainment. Your $10 ticket includes everything but the Mumu, No Set ups needed.

See you there!

Cove Riders Hit the Open Road

Liz Constant

After two weeks of being held captive indoors because of record-breaking cold temperatures, the Americana Cove Riders were back on the open road on Sunday, January 24th and headed out for a breakfast "*To Die For*." What a wonderful feeling it was to feel the sun on our faces and the wind in our hair (hair in most cases).

Our Sunday morning ride to Lenny's in Clearwater, consisting of nine motorcycles/scooters and one four-wheeled-vehicle, provided great comradery, loads of smiles/laughter and a feeling like no other. Kickstands were up at 9:30 AM and breakfast was downed by 10:30 AM. Everyone eventually returned to the Cove in one piece and about 10 pounds heavier.

Our next Cove Riders meeting will be held on Sunday, February 21 at 7 PM in the Game Room. We hope you join us and help plan our next excursion.

Pictures,Bottom Row Left to Right:

Brian Birch, Liz Constant, Diane-Dave Brinker, Barbara Gallant

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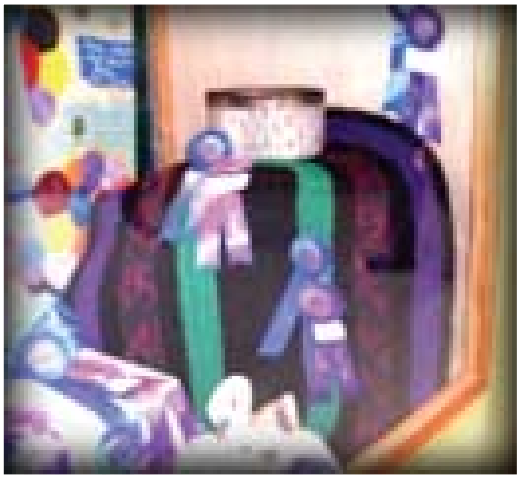
Crafter's Club

Annette Solomon



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Best of show: Carol Deatherage 1st place blue ribbon: Carol Deatherage, Virginia Marcott, Joan Martin 2nd place red ribbon: Jean Birtcher, Claudette LeBrun, Virginia Marcott, Martha Pratt 3rd place white ribbon: Candace Venezia Honorable gold ribbon: Jeanne Sheppard. These ribbons and articles will be on display at the ACA Wednesday Luncheon on March 3rd. We are so proud of each and everyone! Thank you to Nancy Hubartt for handling this exciting project.

This winter, Grace Tighe has mailed up north, via our "Sleigh", hats, mittens and scarves for chidren and adults to use during these cold months. They are: Lazarus House, Home for the Little Wanderers Orphanage, Cor Unum and 3 shelters. Thanks Grace. Grace collects these all through the year from anyone in our community. Please bring items, even store bought, to our Mon. night meetings or to our Wed. luncheon sales or leave them in the Crafters Corner. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Our biggest Contributor was Jeanette Imbrogulio who made and donated over 100 hats. Thank you, Jeanette.

Thank you for your generous support of our "Cereal etc. night". Thank you Isobel Colby and Jacqueline Hanlon for delivering them to the Free Clinic downtown. Our "Baby Shower" for Mary's Outreach for Women was a success again this year. The mothers and their babies thank you so much. These donations of diapers, handmade sweaters, booties and blankets, baby powder, lotion, clothing and the like were delivered by our "cupid" Joan Irwin in time for Valentine's Day. Linda Mason is the Director. Thank You for your love and support.

We thank everyone who supports our luncheon sales. With this income we buy needed materials to make more items. We are busy all year long. Our "teachers" are holding classes in knitting and crocheting, counted cross stitch, embroidery, scrubbies, plates and flannel blankets are in full swing. Do you own a lovely "beaded lanyard" to hold your Membership cards? You can buy one at the Wednesday luncheon sales. If you would like to learn a new craft or freshen up on an old forgotten technique, please join us. Don't sit home alone knitting et cetera come to the clubhouse any Mon. at 6:30 and see what we are all about. The friendship is infectious.

We have stored in the attic baskets, bows and cellophane bags. If your club is filling a basket for a raffle and need a basket, please let Diane Turner know.
See you at the Crafters Corner soon. HAPPY CRAFTING!

Cue Club News

Brian Birch

I wanted to start out this month by saying a heart-felt "**thank you**" to all the members who helped pitch in to make our Brewz & Brats event such a success. I know it took a lot of organizing to get things done. Everything was delicious and a good time was had by all! And I couldn't have been prouder of everyone that helped serve at the Old Timers luncheon! Arby's was a great choice and everything went off with out a hitch. Thanks again to everyone!

Don't forget our Men's and Women's Tournaments will be starting this month. Please check the billiard room bulletin boards to see when folks are playing. Then come join the fun and watch your favorite players compete for the right to be called a champion! And, this year we are introducing a new activity- a **MIXED DOUBLES EVENT**. If you are interested in signing up, please call Sandie Reid at **527-0186**. It should be a lot of fun.

Once again, we will be selling tickets for our upcoming **Cue Club Awards Banquet**, to be held on **Thursday March 25**, in the Clubhouse. The meal will be spectacular (prime rib), and as always, prepared by our Betty Chase and her Kitchen Krewe. You can get a ticket from one of the Club officers or at luncheons. Please don't forget to attend our next member's meeting, as we will be electing officers for the upcoming season- 2010-2011. The meeting is **Monday, March 1, 2010 at 10 AM in the Atrium**. I look forward to seeing you there. And last but certainly not least, my job as your President was made so much easier this season, with all the help my officers, captains and wonderful members offered to me. I appreciate it and thank you all.

Hobby Shop

Rick Lopez

Hobby Shop would like to thank The Lawrence Britt Family for the donations of tools and his Jiffy jars of nuts bolts and screws to live on in new projects.
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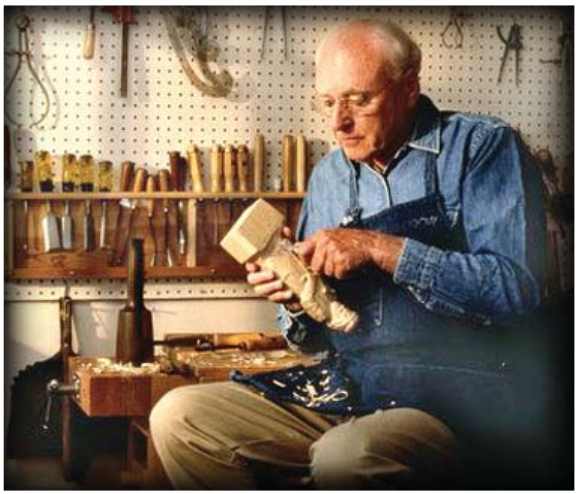

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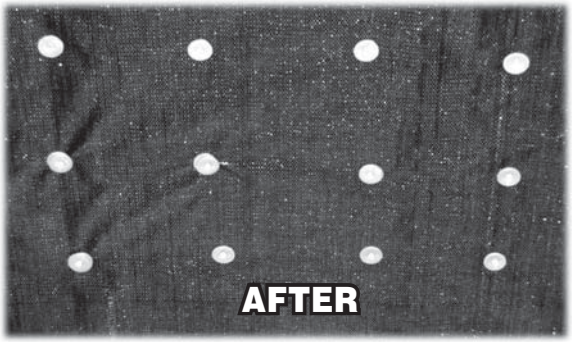

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Library Club

Jeanne Pavlik

The Friends of the Library will meet March 4th at 1:30 PM. We will be discussing the book. The Lucky One by Nicholal Sparks. The meeting will be led by Jeanne Pavlik, please join us.

Par-Seekers

Dave Bernfeld

In February the Canadian and US Open tournaments were held. Winners will be announced at the **club banquet, April 5th**. The club Championship will be held March 11th…good luck to all.

A sign-up sheet and the season's event calendar are on the board in the clubhouse, so please join us.

The March ACA luncheon will be hosted by club members.

A golfer's diet: live on the greens as much as possible. —Author unknown.

Red Hat Chilies

Adele Seaman

Our group of Red Hatters are meeting this month on **Thursday, the 25th, at 2 PM**. We plan to go to the Village Inn for a little get-together with some coffee and delicious pie. There is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse. Please indicate if you will need transportation. We'll look forward to seeing you there!

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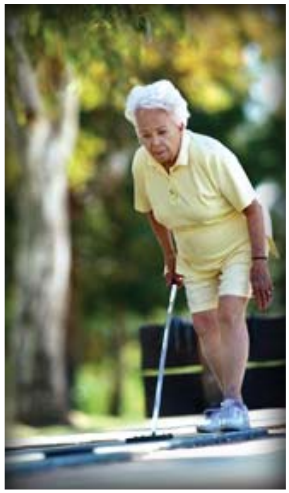
Shuffleboard Club

Jo Waldron



Get out your pen and paper or tear out this sheet, our March calendar will be full. For all the tournaments, be sure to arrive by 8:30 AM. On 3/11-13, it's the Blue Sky Singles at Clearwater; the trophy party is at Fairway Village on 3/19 from 12 to 3 PM. Friendship Singles will be played at Lowes City on 3/15-17; Friendship Doubles are 3/22-24 at Regency Cove. The trophy party is at Golden Gate on 3/30, at 2 PM. Nova's tournament is on 3/18 at Palm Hill North, their trophies are presented that day, following the games. Hopefully, you are all signed up by now, if not check with your Captain, you may still have time. The tournament fees vary, usually $5, there's also a small charge for the trophy parties. Our club's trophy party will be on 3/20, 5 PM. It is scheduled to be catered at this time; you'll hear more of this at our next meeting on the 6th at 8:45 AM.

Our in-park tournament winners will be announced in the next issue of the Forecaster. The league standings in February were: Friendship I: 6th place, Friendship II: 2nd place, Blue Sky: 4th place, Nova: 3rd place. Congratulations to everyone, this has not been an easy season for Captains or players, we did manage to shiver through it while dreaming of the end and our home and hot cocoa. I'm for a rule that states we don't play in weather less than 70 degrees!

Good news on the Pro circuit: Ed McGrath and Tom Solomon finished 1st in the Main event in a Clearwater Doubles match. AND ladies, we have a new hero, as of this writing, Doreen McGrath, in her first year as a Pro, has placed in the top four in four out of her five matches played. Gives you something to shoot for, eh guys? Congrat's Doreen!

Vespers

Martha Pratt

We are being blessed with some very informative speakers who are bringing the spirit of God into our services. If you haven't joined us, you are missing a wonderful spiritual experience through singing, prayer and messages. This is the last full month of vespers and it doesn't seem possible Easter sunrise service is only a month away. Since Easter comes so early in April, I have included the pastor for that service also. Faith Brundage has done a great job in getting clergy for our services this year.

A business meeting will be held on March 1st 9:30 AM at my house to plan officers for next season as well as the Welcome Back get-together in November. If you'd be willing to participate in this planning meeting, please come. It takes a lot of work to keep Vespers functioning and we'd welcome all the help we can get. I look forward to seeing you at both Sunday Vespers and my house on March 1st.

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March 6, 2010, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. OAK CREST/ACORN ART SHOW & PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Clubhouse.

Saturday, March 6, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE. Southwind MHP Clubhouse, 795 CR 1, Palm Harbor. Lots of bargains, Come early, find your special treasure. Also Bake Sale. Coffee/Tea available. Come join us! There is something for everyone!

March 6, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., BAZAAR. Christ Presbyterian Church, 3115 Dryer Avenue, Largo. Homemade crafts, baked goods, collectibles, etc. Tables available $15.00. Call 584-8695 for information.

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Celebrating St. Patrick's Day: The Irish in America

Jerry Regan

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By the 19th Century, the English owned the majority of land in Ireland. When the mainstay of the Irish diet, the potato, failed; destitute and starving Irish immigrated to North America. By 1910 there were more people of Irish descent in New York City than Dublin's whole population.

They settled in large cities in the East, in Canada, the Great Lakes area, and the Midwest. They worked as manual laborers on canals, railroads, streets, sewers, and bridges. They found employment in police and fire departments and other public works of major cities. The women worked as maids, nursemaids, and in textile mills. The Irish immigrants started low on the social scale, and were discriminated against. But they worked hard and grew consistently until they ranked toward the top of the social hierarchy.

Irish soldiers in the British army March 17, 1762 celebrated New York's first St. Patrick's Day parade. The First St. Patrick's Day parade in Boston was organized on March 17, 1766. Today, St. Patrick's Day is widely celebrated in America by Irish and non-Irish alike. Regardless of ethnic background, many people wear green and sport shamrocks. Traditionally, when one is caught not wearing green on St. Patrick's Day they are pinched, usually affectionately.

The ACA is sponsoring a dinner and dance on Wednesday, March 17th. Don your green and come to celebrate with an Irish dinner of corned beef and cabbage and dance to the music of Billy Lesley, and meet his special guest.

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