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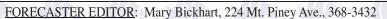
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**June Prayer** *John Whittredge Hill, Chaplain* 



mazing God, no matter where we are on land, sea or in the air, You are there. Whenever we pray at home, in church, on the highway, or at a red light You are there. We often hear the expression "O God". Unfortunately, sometimes it is used as slang but You hear it any way. A sincere prayer You hear and will answer. We would like to dictate how it will be answered but it is not our choice. As we pray "Thy will be done" do we realize fully what we are saying? Help us to understand that no matter what happens it is not outside of Your Will.



We find it difficult to understand the tragedies: natural or manmade. Our faith must be strong to believe that You know the end from the beginning.

This month we celebrate "Father's Day". Many have lost their earthly fathers. You "Our Father" are always there for us.

We thank You for that with hearts that will always be grateful. Amen.

—For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Galatians 6:7

## **Manager's Report**

Dawn Simmons



## **WEISER SECURITY**

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**▼** If you are expecting a visitor, a taxicab or a food delivery (Pizza etc.) you must call the gate at 527-3329.

You must state your name, address and phone number. Then your visitor's name and estimated time of arrival (if known).

If someone comes to the gate between 10 PM and 6 AM and the resident has not called the officer, the officer will call your home for entry permission. If you do not answer your phone or if your phone is not listed in our directory, permission to enter will be denied. It also helps if the person visiting knows your street address. Your full cooperation with this process is appreciated. Your safety is our concern.



## **A View From The Water**



n April 20th, a small group, Ed. Kelly, Linda Lou Fairbanks, Mark Nixon, Dawn Simmons, Diane Brinker, took a boat ride with Captain Dave Brinker. The mission was two fold: One to see the condition of the seawall and the other to do Park Inspection from the water. We only found one section of seawall in need of replacement and that was behind the office, alongside the boat docks.

Viewing the Community from the water is beautiful. However, we do have some homes, yards and docks that need some TLC. Each person was sent a Beautification Letter that was in non-compliance with our rules.

(1) All docks shall contain rub boards where applicable and shall contain a ladder for emergency egress from the water.

Please note this rule – Many docks do not have an egress ladder. If this applies to you, please make arrangement to have one installed. The ladder must be attached to the dock and not free standing from the seawall.

## **Watering Notice**



n Monday, May 10th at 9:45 AM, the City of St. Petersburg's Water Resource Persons were in the Park inspecting Americana Cove. Many residents had watered early that day, as the streets were all wet.

I had passed her on Mt. Arlington, she stopped me and asked "Do you give out watering notices? I replied "yes, all the time". She said, "Apparently they pay no attention to notices". I said, "It seems that way". She replied, "Well, maybe a few \$500



fines would get their attention". I said, "Probably that is what it is going to take, because they sure do not pay attention to the notices I give".

So this is another warning -- don't be surprised if you get a watering fine from the City.

"Lifewasa lot simpler when what we honored was father and mother rather than all major credit cards." — Robert Orben



## **Park Inspection**



In February, I did a park wide inspection. Many people needed their homes washed and painted. Many have yet to comply.

Please, now that the weather is good make arrangements to get your homes washed and painted.

It's Spring! Let's do our yard work.

## **Security**



New policies for the park in regard to security are:

- 1. If you are expecting company you need to call the gate and let them know who is coming and when.
- 2. Any (guest) arriving after 11 PM, if the resident has not called gate will be called to ask permission for their entrance.
- 3. If you have a golf cart take a ride around at night and check out what is going on. This can be arranged through the Crime Watch by calling Rachel Stewart.



- 4. Keep your doors and shed doors locked Keep bikes and golf carts locked.
- 5. Don't leave fish poles on your dock.
- 6. Leave your outside lights on at night.
- 7. Call the gatehouse 527-3329 if you see something suspicious.
- 8. PLEASE call the police if you have been robbed.

Your help and cooperation in this matter is appreciated.



To some the world is a dangerous place, with only few occasional moments of safety; to others the world is a safe place, only occasionally broken by moments of danger. —anonymous

## Information to All Residents



Home being removed from Americana Cove:

### **ATTENTION: RESIDENTS:**

Prior to a home being demolished or removed from property YOU MUST

- 1. Notify office of date being removed and
- 2. Contractors name, proof of insurance and license.
- 3. Sunshine No Cut (800-432-4770) must be called for location of gas, electric, cable TV, water & sewer lines.
- 4. Electric must be shut off by Power Company in advance of removal.
- 5. Teco gas must be notified to remove gas meter and gas line.
- 6. A copy of the City of St. Petersburg Permit must be on file at the Office prior to removal date.

## **Hurricane Meeting**



n June 16th, at 10 AM, there will be a meeting on Hurricane Evacuation.

Many of our Block Captains have either moved from the Community or are in ill health.

So, we are in need of some volunteers. Perhaps some of our new residents could join us. It is not something that requires a lot of time. We just need key people in place to



do some calling of residents to make sure of their departure and safety. Please join us for coffee and donuts and bring a friend or neighbor.

## **Golf Cart Owners**



Please remember if you own a golf cart it cannot be parked/stored on your lawn. You need to have a concrete slab or concrete blocks to put it on. The Lawn Service cannot mow or trim around the vehicle on the lawn.

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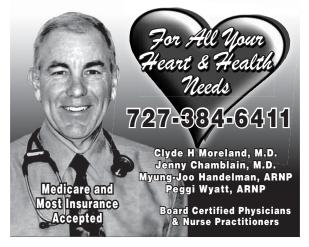
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## **Deb Brown Realty**

Deb Brown

nother month gone by, where does the time go?

So far this year we have had 11 resales and one scheduled for July.

There have been two new

homes placed in the park. Please check out the following web sites and share them with your friends and family.





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A Father Carries Pictures Where His Money Used to Be

## Thank You

## **AULIUP**

Terne Eppers and her family would like to thank everyone for the beautiful sendoff that her friends and neighbors arranged on the eve of her departure to her next adventure. Ferne enjoyed the music selected by Claire Mosakowski and played by both Claire and Bob Niblick. The singers, Jack, Mike and Gloria added to the festivities. The remarks and stories about Ferne were memorable. Ferne is comfortable and settled in her new living arrangements especially since there is a



piano right outside her room. You can write Ferne at 10 Village Circle Apartment 31, Keokuk, IA 52632

## Sunshine Report for June 2010 Nancy Hubartt

## **Deaths**

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Rita Salter Louisa Layner (former resident) Crailey Gillies (former Board Member)

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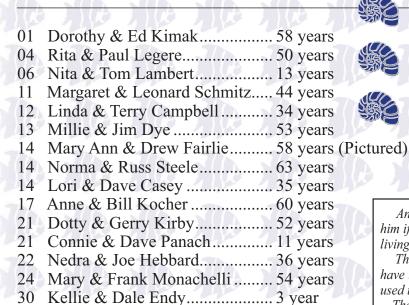
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			Jh Jh J	29	Joan Hutchison

Old is when your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes ... and you're barefoot.

## **June Anniversaries**









An old man goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a curse he has been living with for the last 40 years.

The Wizard says, "Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you."

The old man says without hesitation, "I now pronounce you man and wife."

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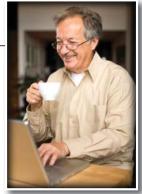
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## **Summer Exercise Suggestions Sharon S. Miller**

and Exercise is taking a vacation. SO, please don't loose your good exercise habits while I am away. Please don't experience of the truth of loosing it if you don't use it.



## Try some of the following:

- 1. Meet a friend and take a brisk 30-minute brisk walk. Be sure to do a little stretching warm-up before starting. A round trip of just walking the sidewalk along Americana Drive measures about ½ mile.
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Let's all continue our FITNESS habit. Keep fit; feel good, look great! I'll be back to join you in September.

—Brown's Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly. (Universal Laws)



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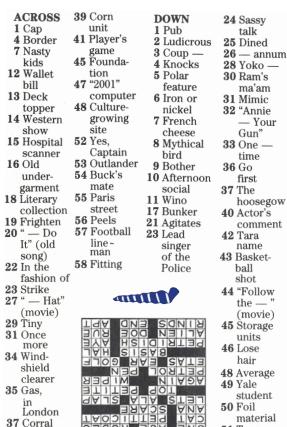


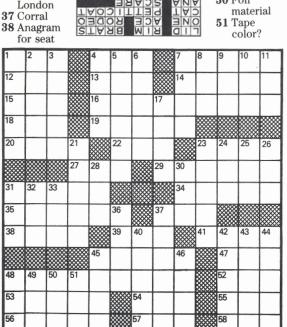


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## Party Fun Mary Bickhart

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They enjoy life without reservation. It seems that Jeanne Sheppard and Louise Pickett are waiting for the next gathering. They are always in a Florida state of mind, ready to relax and have fun!



## **Summertime Dinner: A Festive Occasion**

Betty Chase



Te will host a dinner on Saturday, June 19th at 5 PM followed by free bingo with good prizes and lots of fun! The menu will be beef stroganoff with noodles, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, biscuits, and apple pudding for dessert.

Nora Adell Andrews or Betty Chase will sell tickets after June 1st for \$10.00. We hope to see you all there for a fun night!

**Talk about volunteers**... Claire and Ed Mosakowski our wonderful musical coordinator and talented piano player asked Dick Fay to write a poem about volunteers. Dick read it at a luncheon and Sue Line liked it so much she submitted it to the Forecaster. Thanks Dick, thanks Claire and Ed, thanks Sue, thanks all volunteers.

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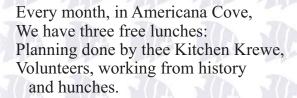
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## **Americana Cove Volunteers Dick Fay**



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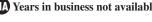
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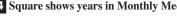




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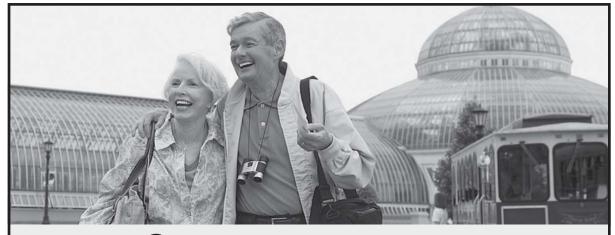
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## **ACA News**

Paul Line, President

## THUMP

Tell, we made it safely back to Canada. And so far have been having a great spring. Weather is warming up and lot of sunshine...of course not as hot as in the Cove. ACA is on sabbatical until October, but there are a few things still going on. We are working on new stage lighting and a roll around cart for the Clavinova. There will be nickel bingo every Wednesday June through September and the Kitchen Krewe are having a Beef Stroganoff dinner with Bingo afterwards on Saturday June 19th. Be sure and get your tickets. If you have any comments on the new use of the pool area, please direct them to your MAROA Board as ACA is not involved with that anymore. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer, enjoying the hot weather and your central air.

It is with a very sad heart that I announce the death of a wonderful man, Crailey Gillies who passed away May 14th. All who had the pleasure to know him will miss Crailey. I extend my deepest sympathy to Linda and family.

## **Boat Club**

Rick Lopez

THUMP.

ell, winter is finally over and temperatures are starting to rise so finally makes good time to get on the water. Unfortunately, it comes in time when most snowbirds are going back home so to them I hope they have a good summer and are able to get on the water up north. As for fishing right now, the water temperature needs to rise so the



baitfish come into the day from the golf and following them will be the fish. Generally once the water starts to hit 72° that's when they'll start coming in from their winter grounds out in the Gulf of Mexico. But due to this winter's cold Tampa Bay temperatures and the fish kills it may be a slow beginning of summer fishing season. I will keep giving updates in future articles on the fishing around our homes.

For those who stay through the summer I will still continue to plan some full moon cruising at night and also looking forward to a raft up for the Fourth of July to see the fireworks on the water. Again those who are leaving have a great summer and will see you in the fall.



## **Crafters Club**

Annette Solomon

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s you know, before I left Florida, I happily gave Jennie Wosil the Campbell Soup label container for her grandson, Nicholas, to take to his kindergarten class at Shore Acres Elementary School. I recently received a letter from Jennie's daughter-in-law that I want to share with you (in part).



I recently asked my mother-in-law, Jennie,



what you did with the food labels the Crafters Club collected. She was kind enough to inquire and you were gracious enough to donate your collection to our school, Shore Acres Elementary. We are very excited and greatly appreciate of your willingness to help our school.

The soup labels equal points to purchase much needed school supplies and art materials. We are able to purchase with the labels include musical instruments, microscopes, computers, physical education equipment and we are saving our points to hopefully purchase an 18 person minious to transport our students on field trips. These activities help to keep our students intrigued and involved with education in and outside the classroom.

With our son starting kindergarten this year, we personally are looking for ways to help the school supply enriched programs and appropriate equipment to better his education, as well as the other students at Shore Acres Elementary. So we, as parents, personally THANK YOU for your efforts. —Sincerely, Natalie Jones (mother) and was signed "NICHOLAS"

Jennie gave her grandson, Nicholas, the large red container of labels and he took it to his school a few days later. Nicholas must have been THE HERO OF THE DAY at the school that day. Wish you were "a fly on the wall" to witness the scene? I sure do.

PLEASE continue saving and depositing your Campbell Soup labels in the large red Campbell Soup container found in the Crafters Corner in the clubhouse. THANK YOU

I hear that Ginny Marcott is making you happy on Monday evenings. So far you have made Christmas ornaments, flower pens, material cards with Joan Martin, soon you will rewire a lamp with Ed and be making dream catchers. Thanks Ginny

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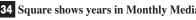
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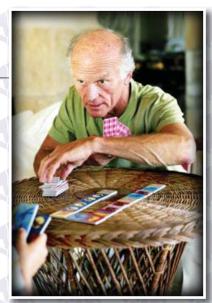
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- 1. Linda Cook/Bev Hamel
- 2. Gerri Bassett/John Bassett



- 1. Gerri Bassett/John Bassett
- 2. Milene Wingrove/Al Wingrove

Duplicate bridge will resume in early November.



## **Hobby Shop**

Rick Lopez



nother winter is done and our last meeting for this season is done until next September. But those of us who stay will still have projects to work on during the summer. If you need help or want to know how to use a piece on equipment contact a member of the shop or myself. Those that leave have a great summer and see you in the fall.

And remember that you're cleaning out those sheds and have those old tools and nuts and bolts donate them to the hobby shop instead of the dumpster. Just contact Rick Lopez for pickup

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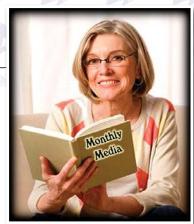
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Aluminum: The Old Timers Club collects and crushes cans which are then taken to be recycled. The proceeds from the sale of these items help with social activities here in our community. We ask that you bring your aluminum to one of the storage sheds located on Mt. Piney Avenue or Americana Drive. Please do not put these items in the trash bins – the bins are for household trash only.

<u>Tabs</u>: Please save the tabs from your cans and donate them. Each tab counts towards helping a sick or dying child/family member at a Ronald McDonald House. There is a large jar, clearly marked, located in the Clubhouse.

<u>Labels</u>: The Crafty Crafter's Club collects and donates food labels to area schools for the purchase of much needed school supplies and equipment. There is a large "Campbell's Soup" container in the crafting corner area in the Clubhouse. Start saving your labels today and help a child.

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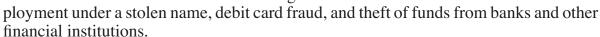
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- Limit use of appliances. Try to avoid cooking indoors, at least during the daytime. Your oven and stove will be battling your air conditioning. Use your grill or microwave to cook meals. Open up your dishwasher to let dishes airdry instead of using heat. Run your clothes dryer at night when temperatures are cooler.
- Close your curtains. Keep shades drawn and curtains closed, especially covering windows that face west or south. This will prevent the sun from adding more heat to your house.
- **Maintain an even temperature**. Don't turn your air conditioning completely off during the day even if you won't be home. Set it to a reasonable level on days expected to be 85 degrees or higher to avoid overworking it in a hot house when you come home and turn the system back on. (Provided by First Draft)





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