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## **Prayer for October**

John Whittredge Hill, Chaplain



God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Whom we all worship, we come before You acknowledging Your Greatness and unconditional love. Last month our Jewish friends celebrated three great times of reflection and gratitude for special seasons that were set apart hundreds of years ago: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Suklot.

This month Christians everywhere celebrate World Wide Communion on the 3rd. Traditional events are a great time to recommit ourselves to service to You, O God.



We have lost some dear friends recently. Let us all remember their loved ones in our prayers. Also, we can show our love by sending cards and keeping in contact with them. Too often once a card is sent we forget that they still mourn. A phone call or another note will remind them that we love them and haven't forgotten them.

We thank You, God, that we live in such a caring community.

May we always be loving to our neighbors. One never knows when it might be too late. Amen.

# **President's Report**

Linda Lou Fairbanks



am sure I speak for many of you when I say I have been truly overwhelmed to hear of all the illnesses and deaths of our dear friends from the Cove over this past month. We have all been impacted in some way, whether they were still living here or had moved on to another place in their lives. For me personally, I shall miss the love and laughter that brightened my days from my friendship with Nora Adell Andrews. It also reminded me of the diligence our Sunshine Lady, Nancy Hubartt, carries to keep us updated and informed. Thank you Nancy for all you do!

Now, on to the business of your Board. I am pleased to report we received notification from our attorney Jeremy Rogers, that the charges filed by residents Mary and Vincent Bickhart, on behalf of their grandson, Christopher Kiorsek, against our Association (MAROA) were dismissed by Judge Rondalino in August. As with any lawsuit, appeals can be filed but he is very confident that we will prevail should we be required to respond to another appeal process. The ruling information is on file in the office and can be viewed by request during regular business hours. *....continued on page 6* 

I would like to take this time to welcome your new Forecaster Editor, John Bassett, on "board." As many of you know, John has extensive experience in this area. He was Editor for six (6) years until 2005, and has a unique and impressive perspective of our community. I have every confidence he will guide us calmly through this transition period and we will all be the better for it! He will be assisted by your new Calendar Coordinator, Sandie Reid. Please take the time to review the submission requirements and note the new email address to send your information along. One of the focuses this month will be to regroup and get our Committees up and running again, along with the Town Hall meetings. Committee Coordinator Diane Brinker and I are planning a welcome back session in November so stay tuned for additional information.

Director John Bassett has been hard at work preparing financial and budget information for 2011, and, along with the Budget & Finance Committee, will be offering an informational meeting for everyone to look at, and provide feedback on the proposed budget. A daunting task but one I know they will accomplish with vim and vigor!



Lastly, I want to address all the chatter and responses that have been posted on the List Bot regarding the newly-completed Tiki Hut. Many questions have been raised about the approval process and the monies used to complete this project. I want to make it crystal clear that, as President of your Board, I am ultimately the one responsible for the Tiki Hut. Although it was discussed and agreed upon by the majority of the Directors, the bottom line is that I gave the final approval. I made sure we consulted with our attorney, with the city/county ordinances (thank you Candace), our insurance company and finally, with our Manager, that we had the monies available in the operating budget. I made sure we completed the bid process and I personally sat in to listen to the selected vendor's proposal. I checked to see what other communities have similar structures, and although I didn't visit the communities, I felt assured we would receive a top-notch product for the money. My belief still holds that our pool area is a definite selling point for prospective buyers, that it should be a place for people to gather and enjoy each other's company and it should be user friendly to <u>all</u> residents, not just a few. To my knowledge, contrary to what some would have you believe, there have been no "private" pool parties on my watch. Nor should there be. And, there is no rule against alcohol being consumed at the pool, only a rule that **NO GLASS CONTAINERS** are allowed. Nor is there a rule against alcohol being consumed in other common areas in the community. Common sense and good judgment should always be used when alcohol is being consumed... So, if there are fingers that are waiting to point and tongues waiting to wag, please feel free to point them at me. It's my job to take it - the good with the bad. But I hope at the end of the day you will have retained your faith in me.

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From The Manager Dawn Simmons

ell the summer is almost over and our "Snowbird" friends will be migrating south soon.

Many project have been completed this summer. New fencing at the front entrance, the pool area and



the dog park at Mt. Pleasant Laundry and around the well pump station on Mt. Curve. The RV Parking Area on Americana Dr. has a new fence and gate.

The Tiki Hut is done. A barbeque and stereo system are in the works, along with bar stools to be used and enjoyed by everyone. The streets and driveways on the south side have been seal coated. Looks much different.

The kitchen was painted and all new shelf-lining paper put in drawers and closets. The seawall behind the office is in the process of being completed as at this writing. The stage has new lighting and a piano platform. The cabinet and platform were built by Jim Lewis (great job and thanks Jim).

We have a new maintenance supervisor, his name is Donnie Ellis. Welcome Donnie! We also have a new face at the Gate House at night, his name is Gerry Lawrence. Soon the calendar will be full and the fun will begin.

**LAUNDRIES**: It was reported to me that a resident was doing his laundry on Mt. Piney last week. He left his clothes in the washer and dryer and ran home for a minute. On his return he found someone had taken his \$12.00 bottle of Tide detergent. This is a reminder to all <u>DON'T LEAVE YOUR DETERGENT OR FABRIC FOR A MOMENT</u> or someone will have it.

**<u>BULLETIN BOARD REMINDER</u>**: All "For Sale" items are to be on a 3 x 5 card and dated. They will be removed after thirty (30) days.

**LIBRARY**: It has been made known to me that several books (maybe 100 or more) have been removed from the library. A lot of Danielle Steele (one entire shelf). From now on an Americana Cove stamp will be used in the books to identify them in hopes we can catch whoever is responsible. If you have any knowledge of this or have witnessed any strange activity please let us know.



*"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."* ~ *Clarence Darrow* 

ACA News Paul Line - Chair



elcome back to all the "Covers" who have already returned from their northern homes.

A few things are still finishing up in the Cove and I am sure there will be more over the next few months. How do you all like our new Tiki Hut?



It has had its inaugural meeting. Everyone and anyone is allowed to use it, so feel free but remember, if you are planning to have a get together at the Hut, Clubhouse or Atrium, you must post a notice so all residents are aware of it and can attend if they so please.

I am sure by now you are all aware that one of the Cove's hardest and most dedicated volunteer workers has passed away ... Nora Adell Andrews. She will be greatly missed by all. Our sympathies go out to her family and friends. God bless you Nora and thank you for all you did to make our lives in the Cove happier.

Unfortunately, Sue, Joyce and I will not be able to leave Canada until December 4th, therefore the ACA council meeting and luncheon have been changed to December 7th for the council meeting and December 8th for the luncheon. The Old Timers luncheon will then be December 15th.

Sandie Reid has volunteered to be our new calendar girl.... Thank you Sandie and welcome aboard. If you have dates and happenings for the calendar, after getting approval from Gail Jones or myself, please notify Sandie by the 13th of each month so she can put it in the calendar. We also would like to extend thanks to Nancy Morris for accepting the position of Treasurer of ACA as Dot Nemi will not be able to fulfill the position due to her health problems. Dottie will still be in rehab for the next few months. We wish her all the best and hope she hurries up and gets well and back home. Welcome to the ACA board Nancy.

Unfortunately we still do not have a chairperson for the Christmas craft and bazaar sale. If you are interested, please call Gail Jones or myself. If several folks want to join together to organize it, that would also be acceptable. Please **don't forget** that this sale helps us to finance activities in the Clubhouse and Atrium over the winter months. If we are unable to find someone to chair this event, then it won't happen and there will not be many funds available.

For all of you traveling back to the Cove, drive safely and see you all soon.



# Old Timers

Janice Zebley - Chair



nother summer has come and gone. Hope everyone has had a beautiful one and are looking forward to another **SEASON** in the **COVE**. Our first lunch is scheduled for October 13th. We are very fortunate that our pro in the kitchen, Betty Chase, is again going to plan and purchase our lunches. This means we just need volunteers to help in the kitchen with preparation, serve the lunches and of course **CLEAN UP** after. I want to thank Betty for accepting my offer and hope it works out for all.

The dues will continue at \$4.00 and will start when Bev Johnson, membership chair, returns this Fall. The rest of us that live in the COVE year round look forward to the return of our snowbirds.

"Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life; not so much by what happens to you as by the way your mind looks at what happens." - John Homer Miller

### **Garden Club**

Don Detzell - Chairman



reen Thumb Alert!! The Garden Club needs help in stocking the table for the ACA Bazaar in November. Any plants in any containers, including your seedlings, will be welcome to our contribution to ACA's fund raising event. Just look around your garden and see what you could dig up and pot for sale. Native plants, coleus, herbs, aloe vere, snake plant, calanchole (sp), spider plant and all those other



prolifically spreading plants would be most welcome. If you don't have pots, just bring them in moisturized plastic bags, or in the case of bulbs, just loose. One of our biggest money makers last time was about 50 bulbs from a plant that I'd never heard of before. **Questions** - 526-2410. ddelzell@tampabay.rr.com - THANKS



*I finally know what distinguishes man from other beasts: financial worries. —Jules Renard* 

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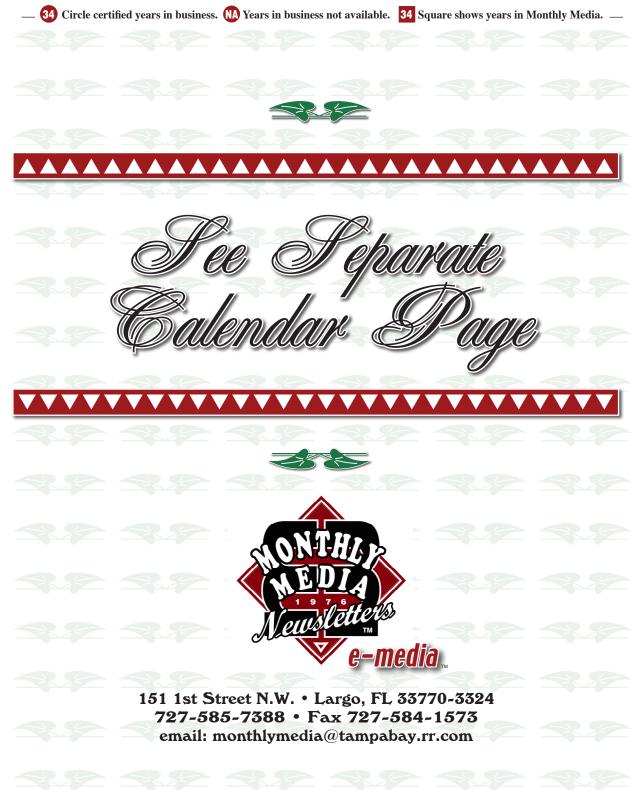
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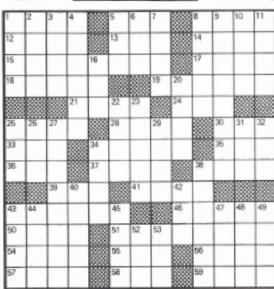
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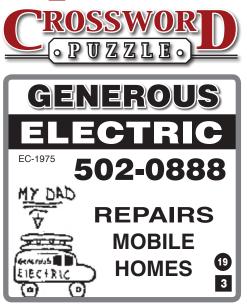


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### Do You Know Someone in These Parks?

onthly Media is looking for new parks to add to our growing family of communities. Some of the parks we would like to add are: Bay Aristocrat, Bay's End, Gull Aire, Honeymoon, Isle of Palms, Lowe's City, Harbor Lights, Village Green and Westwind I. If you know someone in another Manufactured Home community, tell them about us. If they come to us for printing of their monthly newsletter, you will receive a one time payment of \$1.00 for every lot in that park. **EXAMPLE:** If you send us a park with 350 units, vou will receive a check for \$350.00! 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 than one referral name is

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Lisa Rico, Shirley Raymond.



#### **Cove Riders** By Gina Huff



It's time to get the motorcycles tuned and polished for the upcoming riding season. We are looking forward to some cooler weather for riding as the summer has been a hot one. Everyone is invited to our first fall meeting at 7:00 p.m. on October 17th in the game room. Please come by and meet the Cove Riders. Refreshments will be served.





Heading to Mainland's. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse for this first day of the season. Please sign-up by the previous Sunday. Remember, the first tee time is 10:30 a.m. Also, all Americana Cove golfers are welcome.

### Vespers

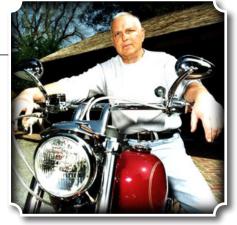
Martha Pratt



ark your calendar for our first Vesper service, November 7. Come join us in the fellowship of the spirit. All are welcome whatever your religious affiliation. Local pastors are invited each week. If you would like to have your pastor be a speaker, please contact Faith Brundage.

Our choir rehearsals will begin Friday, Oct. 29 at 8:45 a.m. in the Atrium. If you enjoy singing, please come and join us. The more voices the better.

Vespers will again be sponsoring the Welcome Back Concert followed by refreshments on November 20th at 6:30 p.m. The entertainment will be very enjoyable and ALL are welcome. You don't have to be an attendee at Vespers although we'd love to have you. You may purchase tickets now for \$6.00, available through Martha Pratt (954-7948), or at the lunches when they begin.







Shuffleboard Club News By Jo Waldron



How time flies, time to gear up for another shuffling season. The snowbirds will be delighted with our new roof-over, even in this heat there's been a nice breeze blowing through the courts and



several shufflers have been playing in the evening. One of the neatest perks, no more rescheduling league games or tournaments because of rain.

By popular demand, our club President Ed Walter, has changed the meeting day, we will meet on the first Wednesday of each month. The first meeting will be Wednesday, November 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Ed had good news for us, he said the MAROA Board has decided to buy the club new shirts and badges. What a treat! Thank you Linda Lou and the Board of Directors. There will be a two week delivery date so try to make the first meeting when we will choose a color. Ed will continue to order as the Northern residents arrive. Happy Shuffling

### **Deb Brown Realty**



elcome Back Snow Birds! Great News! Lisa Wheaton has come on board with Deb Brown Realty. She is a Realtor and has been in sales for many years. If you see her out in the golf cart say hi and introduce yourself or stop in and meet her.

There is one closing scheduled on a re sale this month along with a plan in the works for a new home to placed on a vacant lot on Americana Drive. We are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful park which attracts many prospective buyers!!!

WE ARE PLANNING AN OPEN HOUSE IN OCTOBER (Date TBA).

As your Professional Realtor, I am looking forward to working with you, so we can achieve your Goals.

Starting October we are open Monday - Friday (10-4) and Saturday - Sunday (12-3) or by appointment after hours. Please call us at 528-8809. Hope to see you there and join us as we kick off another season.

### Land Exercise Time Again!

By Sharon S. Miller



and Exercisers please meet me (Sharon) in the Atrium at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, October 4 to discuss Exercise possibilities. I need everyone's help to determine how we can our fitness program for all who are interested.

Kitchen Club Krew Betty Chase



**Halloween Party** - This annual event is set for Saturday, October 30 at 5:30 p.m. The parade will be at 6:00 p.m. Costume prizes awarded as follows: \$10.00 for ugliest, prettiest,



scariest, funniest and most original. A \$20.00 prize will be given for the 'Best All Around.' At 6:30 p.m. dinner will be served. Then "DEE" will provide entertainment and music for dancing and listening. Set-up is after 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 30. This gives us time to re-set the hall for the party!!

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, October 13 at the Old Timers Lunch. Adele Seaman is ticket chairperson. The cost is \$8.00. Bring your own table service.

### **Meet Your New Neighbor**

Gail Jones



Peggy Philo now resides at 7051 Mt. Georgetown. Her daughter, Tammy Morris used to live there but moved so she did not have to drive so far to go to work. Peggy was born in Nashville, Tenn. She lived there until she was 13 years old. She takes pride in the fact she was adopted and in fact over her growing up years had four sets of parents. Her first home in Florida was in Fort Myers and eventually she moved to the St. Petersburg area.

She worked close to 30 years in the accounting department of Echardts, then TiresPlus - Bridgestone and later as the cashier in the Publix grocery located at 38th and 1st St. North (Northeast Shopping Center). Peggy wants to become involved in many of the community activities but right now she is having several doctor appointments and is being treated for Macular Degeneration in the left eye.





### **Resident News (and Former Residents)**

### **SUNSHINE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2010**

By Nancy Hubartt

#### **Deaths**

Mary Lou McGowan Barbara Saint (former resident) Doris Tarpley Jan Renaud (former resident) Claire Hart (former resident) Nora Adell Andrews Chris Cousins Mary Ellen Barnett (former resident) Mary Davis

#### **Nursing Homes**

Victor Duca	Palm Terrace
Helen Wright	Maria Manor Rehab
Mary Cameron	Bayfront Hospital
Clarissa Steakley	Bon Secours Place
Betty Duffy	Bon Secours Place
Ron Mobley	Apollo Health & Rehab Center
Allen Tameris	Carrington Nursing Home
Vivian Linville	Golfview Healthcare Center
	n Apollo Health & Rehab Center
Barbara Magada	Emeritus at Pinellas Park
Dottie Nemi	Sarasota





No one would talk much in society if they knew how often they misunderstood others. —Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

The man who smiles when things go wrong has thought of someone to blame it on. —Robert Bloch

#### **October Birthdays**

- 1 Phil Tarpley
- 2 Carolyn Norcross Sue Giacchetti
- 4 Mike Butler
- 6 Georgette Meade
- 7 Don Delzell Glen Schaaf
- 8 Lionel Vargas
- 9 Tod Greenawalt
- 10 Jean Birtcher George Luce
- 11 Doris Hodge

#### **October Anniversaries**

Lila & Gery Hart.....16 years 2 Joan & Jim Mitchell.....13 years 4 10 12 19 25 Joyce & Thomas Wollerman.....45 years Marilyn & David Edwards......32 years 28 30 Christina & Bart Gole ......45 years

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### **Welcome New Resident**

By Nancy Hubartt

<u>Moe</u>, Gregory & Jill (NH) 227 Mt. Pine Ave. Previously: Dutilly Estate

<u>Strieby</u>, Ted 226 Mt. Piney Ave. Previously: MacMurchy



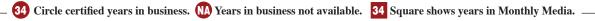
- Joan Steich
- 12 Chris Nemi
- 13 Dan Evans Joan Sieben
- 15 Arlene Harmon
- 18 Karen Breeding
- 19 Pat Bernfeld
- 20 Bernie Ruedy Marilyn Edwards
- 22 June Best Linda HansenWayne Brownlee

- 23 Ed Higgins
- 24 Joan Ilkanic
  - Robert MacPherson 5 Vincent Bickhart
- 25 Vincent Bickhart Russ Steele
- 26 Debbie Lamont
- 27 Gene Rybka Bernard Duffy Sharon Green

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- Jim Chase
- Marie Ardell George Meade







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		Mitchell Siding
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		Air Masters of Pinellas
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Freda Frazee	\$5	Barron's AC
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want to take this opportunity to say thank you to Jeanne Sheppard and all the rest of the helpers at the Nickel Bingo and the Brown Bag lunches. Now start saving your nickels and see you next summer. —Nancy Hubartt

Terry and Linda Campbell would like to thank everybody for their cards, visits, prayers, gifts, food and most of all for their support during Terry's illness. Terry is back at Americana Cove on his way to recovery. Thanks to all.

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### Directions for Submitting Information to the Forecaster

**Solution ubmissions** for the Forecaster will be accepted either by e-mail, or by dropping information off at the Park Office. If submitting information by e-mail you can either send it as an attachment, or simply include it as part of your e-mail. Information can be sent to "forecaster@knology.net." When you do submit electronically, please put 'FORECASTER' in the subject line. This will avoid having your information overlooked and possibly deleted unintentionally. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Any Calendar of Events for Clubs and activity leaders must have their scheduled events to Sandy Reid. E-mail to 'toyclown@verizon.net' by the 13th of each month.

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