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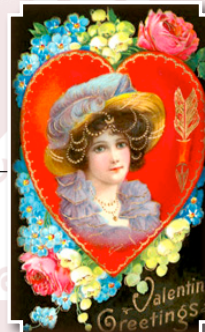
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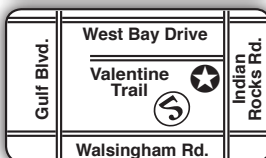
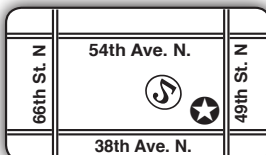
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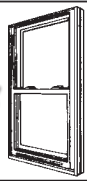


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Gracious God, You have told us to honor those in authority. This is not always easy considering what they do or our desires for what we want done by those in elected positions.

This month we have set aside a day for recognition called "President's Day."

Based on our own ideals and ideas there are some whom we are happy to acknowledge as great, others good or fair and even some as pretty poor.

Yet when we look around us and consider our friends, associates, neighbors or the general public, we find all gradations of people surround us.

When we consider they are all "Your Children and Your Creation" how can we be judges (which You tell us not to be). We realize, when we really look at ourselves, we too fall far short of perfection.

God help us to honor all those, whom You in Your Wisdom have put in places of authority, and be thankful that we haven't had to be in a position where we live in a "fish bowl."

We pray that Your Holy Spirit would guide our thoughts and actions, that we might strive to live more acceptable and exemplary lives.

Amen.

John Whittredge Hill, Chaplain



My sincere thanks to the following:
The Crafters Club for the "Christmas Bags" which I delivered to each one on the NURSING HOME list.

Those who purchased Poinsettia plants and donated them to the Vesper's Visitation Ministry. Some have been left with the "shut-ins" when we caroled. By the time you read this the rest will have been delivered to those in Nursing Homes.

To all those lovely ladies who baked cookies and prepared the plates for those to whom we caroled. You would have been blessed, as I was, to have seen the joy in the faces of the recipients when they were visited and the items delivered.

Their thanks I add to mine.



Vespers

By Martha Pratt



Vesper services are being enjoyed by all in our new location - the beautiful Atrium. We've had a variety of Pastors from around our area and are looking forward to more during the next few months. There's still time for you to join us. There is no cost, just your time.

The choir rehearses on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and they're always seeking new members. There is no audition required. Only your desire to sing. Please come and join them.

February's pastors are as follows:

February 6th: Bill Martin - Cornerstone Community Church

February 13th: Robert Coughenour - Retired Presbyterian

February 20th: Wayne Robinson - Pilgrim Congregational UCC

February 27th: Maurice Corun - NE Park Baptist



President's Report

By Linda Lou Fairbanks



Since I am a candidate for one of the openings on the Board, I won't go into much detail in this month's report, except to say Your Board of Directors has been busy with several projects. We have sent out the RFP's (Request for Proposal) for the redesign of our "public" web site, 'americanacove.com' and hope to have a firm selected by the end of January. We are also completing work on the "private" web site, 'americanacove.org' and you should be seeing some exciting events coming up in the near future. We are hosting a **SLOGAN CONTEST** for all residents to come up with a new slogan for our public web site. Being "the best kept secret" isn't the image we wish to promote, so it's time to be creative and come up with a new slogan. The rules and forms can be obtained at the office if you are just reading about it now ... The winner of the contest will receive a \$100 gift certificate. I hope you'll participate! On February 9th we will be hosting a Town Hall meeting. Coordinators Brian Birch, Pat Bernfeld and Frank Masho will be available to accept your written questions and answer them at the meeting. I wanted to thank those individuals who have stepped up to the plate to help fill in some of the blanks with our Sales efforts. You know who you are ... your dedication, enthusiasm and downright outstanding hospitality has helped introduce and win over some new residents in our community! Fantastic job!!! That's it for now. Let's hope Pawksatawnie Phil sees his shadow!!!

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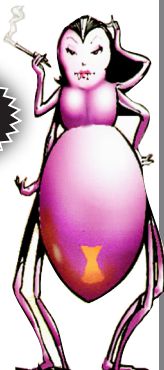
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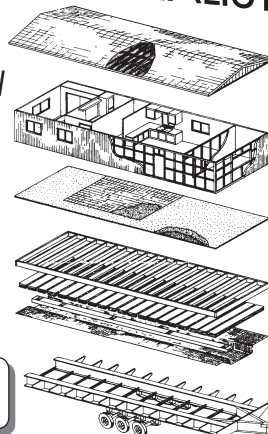


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Town Hall Meeting

By Coordinators Brian Birch &
Pat Bernfeld



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A reminder: If you have questions please submit them in advance of the meeting. You can either submit them personally to one of us, or put them in the box located just as you enter the Atrium, on the right. Forms are also located there as well. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!!!



MAROA Directors Election News



Retiring Board member - John Bassett
Directors reelected - Linda Lou Fairbanks
Michael MacDonald
Newly elected - Janice Zebley



Dedication for Nora Adell Andrews

Ed Mosakowski



The Tuesday Live Music Group and ACA will be honoring Americana Cove's favorite volunteer, Nora Adell, on Tuesday, February 15th at 3:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. A commemorative plaque will be unveiled to honor Nora Adell for our continued appreciation. Her devotion to Americana Cove is unsurpassed. Refreshments to follow.



ACA News

By Paul Line



Special thanks to Dave Turner, Al Wingrove and John Dunn for the great job they did for Candidates Night. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Board members and we all shall look forward to their outstanding contributions to our community over the next three years.

ACA council meeting will be Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The luncheon will follow on Wednesday, February 2nd. Ladies in Blue will be entertaining us at the luncheon, so please be seated by 11:15 a.m.

The Tuesday Live Music Group will be serving wine and cheese on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Please be sure to come out and enjoy the wonderful time to be had by all.

Saturday, February 12, 2011 we will celebrate Valentine's Day with an Italian Dinner and Dance at 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00.

Saturday, February 19th, the Shufflers are serving their ever delicious pancakes. The cost will be \$3.50 for all you can eat. Also on Saturday, February 19th at 4:00 p.m. the Cue Club will be serving Brews n' Brats. Cost is \$7.00.

The 90 Plus Dinner will be on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Betty Chase's delicious chicken dinner will be served and music for a cost of \$10.00.

Just a reminder ... our White Elephant Sale is on March 5, 2011 so don't forget to donate all your old treasures for this worthy cause. Donations may be left at the back of the Clubhouse. Remember, one man's junk is another man's treasurer!

Hopefully by now the weather will be warming up. All our clubs and activities are well underway and doing well.

Tickets for all of the above events shall be on sale at ACA and Old Timers Luncheons. C y'all there.

Old Timers

Janice Zebley, Chairperson



Hope everyone had a healthy and happy Holiday. As we start the New Year we have set up a committee to elect new officers, headed by Sandy Reid, for next year. This vote will take place at the last Old Timers Lunch in March and the new officers will start the first meeting in April. Please contact Sandy if you have any interest.

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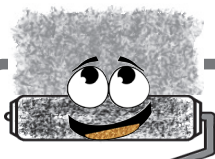
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February brings our popular Italian Night on the 12th. Limited tickets will go on sale soon, please watch for announcement.

I hope the glitch in the December schedule did not inconvenience anyone. The one meeting for ACA and Old Timers might continue to work in the future for December as it is always very busy. November could stay with one each. Your thoughts on this are welcome.

Hope everyone is enjoying the lunches.

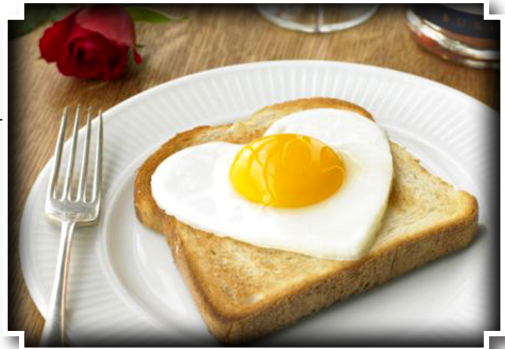
Old Timers Appreciation Breakfast

Old Timer Board of Directors

In what may become an ongoing tradition, the Old Timers, Wednesday, January 12th hosted 20 Covers at the Spring Garden Restaurant for an Appreciation Breakfast. The honored guests were members of the team that collect and recycled aluminum. The labors of these faithful volunteer workers have earned very substantial recyclers' fees that have, for many years, provided a significant contribution to our Clubhouse free lunches. Your Old Timers Board felt we should initiate a dining reward, since the volunteers have refused cash compensation. We hope to continue these appreciation tributes periodically.

Sincere Thanks For those That Give Back To Our Community.

—Janice, Diane, Sue, Adele & Conrad



From the Manager

Dawn Simmons



CITRUS TREES:

Each year I ask that residents call the office for the removal of dead or dying citrus trees in their yards. The response has not been overwhelming, so in the next few weeks I will be around with some yellow caution tape to indicate to the maintenance persons what trees to remove. If you for any reason feel the tree has some life remaining please call the office to ward off it being cut down.

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FOUR SIDED HOUSE INSPECTION:

On Feb. 21st through the 25th, I will be doing an inspection of the Community. To avoid receiving a Beautification Notice, please check the following on your home and back yard.

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3. Are bushes and shrubs maintained?
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RULES:

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Rule 18(c) No parking on grassed areas at any time. It has been noted that several residents are violating this rule.

Violation of rule 10 A & B page 8

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By Nancy Hubartt



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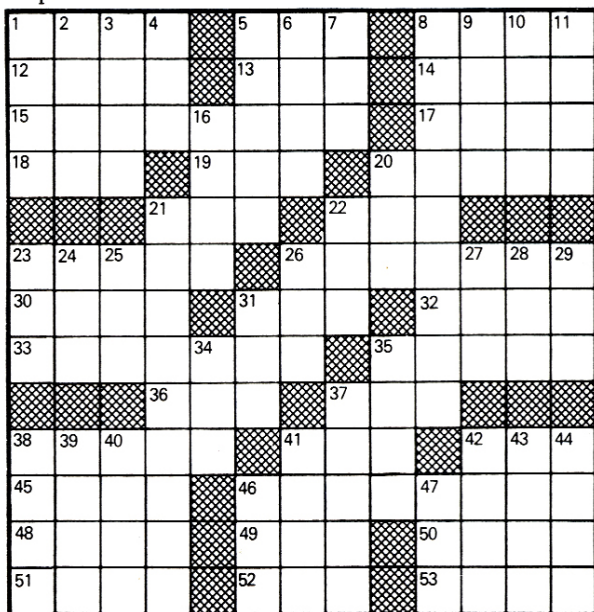

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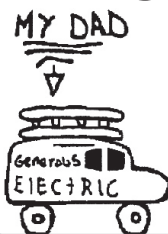
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| 6 | Shirley & Tony Giaquinto | 46 years |
| 9 | Betty & Bernard Duffy | 67 years |
| | Janice & Gerry Zebley | 7 years |
| 13 | Carol & Bill Nygard | 57 years |
| 14 | Cathe & Joe Golf | 12 years |
| 16 | Dolores & Patrick Norado | 60 years |
| 19 | Joan & Walter Martin | 6 years |
| 21 | Pam & Reade French | 46 years |
| 25 | Nina & Bob Larsen | 49 years |
| 29 | Eva & Tony Galindo | 21 years |





In Memory of Sil Oliveira



To all who sent cards, attended the mass and memorial luncheon, and donated to our designated charities, many heartfelt thanks. Mark, Beth, Halle, Tatiana, Marcus and I are grateful and thankful for your prayers, kindness and support during Sil's long illness. Thank you, Ellie Oliveira.

Line Dancing

By Norine Fisher



Line dancing is well under way, dancing to all our favorites. There are so many new and old dancers that our time is just too limited. The times just go by so fast when you're having so much fun. What a way to start a New Year. Just remember, you don't need a partner to line dance. See you at the clubhouse every Monday at 12:30 p.m.

Crime Watch

Rachel Stewart & Sandie



This is to notify residents that registration for bikes, trikes, and golf carts will be done on the Crime Watch March 11, 2011 meeting at 1:00 p.m. Thank you ... and see you all there.

True love is not how you forgive, but how you forget; not what you see but what you feel; not how you listen but how you understand; and not how you let go but how you hold on.



Hobby Shop

Rick Lopez



Hobby shop meetings first Monday of every month 9:00 a.m. at the shop next to the laundry on Mount Piney. Remember that when you clean out your sheds that those old tools, nuts and bolts can be reused into new projects. Just contact Rick Lopez for more info. Thanks.

Valentine Dinner / Dance



3rd Traditional Italian Dinner cooked by Janet Pendino Saturday, February 12th.

Social Hour at 4:00 p.m. followed by a sit down dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Music from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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Adele Seaman



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From Betty Chase



Garden Club Trip February 22nd

The February 22nd Garden Club sponsored trip will be to Apopka Orchid greenhouse and the Tiffany Museum Exhibition at Winter Garden. We will leave at 8:30 a.m. and return about 5:30 p.m. Cost will be \$40.00 and will include bus transportation, lunch and museum fee. Watch the bulletin board for sign-up posting.



Kitchen Krew February 26th

On February 26th the annual “90 PLUS BASH” will be hosted by the Kitchen Krew. Special gifts awarded to “honorees” by the ACA. Music provided by Claire Mosakowski.

Tickets will be sold on Wednesday, February 2nd at 10:00 a.m. preceding the ACA lunch for \$10.00 and also at the February luncheons by Adele Seaman. Our 90+ guests are free and Nancy Hubartt will be our contact person. This has become a very special annual event. Don’t miss the opportunity to say “thank you” to these wonderful people that have made such an outstanding contribution to Americana Cove.



White Elephant Sale March 5th

The big White Elephant sale will be Saturday, March 5th, 9:00 a.m. ‘til 1:00 p.m. We hope that the same people that have worked the various tables will be able and willing to serve again this year! Set-up is on Friday, March 4th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Sign up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board. There are bargains, raffles, bake sale and a treasure and trinkets sale in the Atrium. If you wish to rent a table in the Atrium please contact Jane Ather. There are 12 to 15 round tables available for \$15.00 each. Don Delzell is our Advertising Chairman. This is a great time for all of us to pull together and show our support for the Americana Cove Association. They provide us all with entertainment, supplies and help with all the clubs and organizations in the community.

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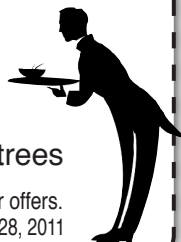
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Boat Club

Rick Lopez



Time for our 2nd annual Island Bash Dinner on March 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the club house. Tickets will be going on sale February 2 for \$10.00 each and will include everything. Beer, Wine and punch will be served. Any other you will need to provide.

Menu will be Chicken Stir Fry with rice, salad, fruit cup and cake for dessert. The steel drum band, Island Boys will be playing as last year. So dust off your sandals, water your grass skirt and dig out that Hawaiian shirt for the boat clubs night on the island we call Americana Cove. Look for our posters for more info.



Thanks.

Wii Bowling League

Debby Craft



Americana Cove would like to engage in a new seasonal sport. Debby Craft and Jean Birtcher are starting a Wii bowling league. It will be every week on Mondays from 11:00 'til 1:00. There will be two people to a team and the number of teams will depend on how many people sign up. This will be a winter league starting in November and going thru March.

Anyone can bowl on the Wii whether you are in a wheelchair or using a walker.

With the participation and help of everyone in the community, we could have it up and running in full swing by the winter of 2012.

Open house will be on February 7th at 1:00 in the game room. Come and have fun and see what it's all about. There will be a sign up sheet for those interested. If you have questions you can call the contacts. Debby Craft 614-483-9644; Jean Birtcher 727-417-9608.

Grow old with me the best is yet to be.

Shuffleboard Club News

By Jo Waldron



Our next meeting is February 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in the Atrium. I see many new players at our Sunday Hoss Collar game. You are all invited to attend our meetings.

The pancake breakfast was a total success, many commented on the great tasting pancakes. You'll have a chance this month to see for yourself. Mark your calendar for February 19th, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. It's all the pancakes you care to eat, plus sausage, OJ and coffee, all for \$3.50. And you could get lucky like Ruth Healy who won \$59 in the 50/50 drawing in January.

Don't forget our tournaments this month. The Nova and "A" team singles on Saturday, February 5th and the doubles on the following Saturday, the 12th. Be there at 8:30 a.m. ... SHARP! If you have not signed up because you didn't know if you would be available, come anyway, no need to sign up. Remember, if you are not playing a match, help out by scoring, referring, or waxing discs between games. We'll have some delicious donuts and Frank's great coffee to warm you before we start the games. You will be able to run home for lunch or you can bring a sandwich with you.

Sorry to report, none of our teams are in first place in the leagues, but I must say we are the finest looking team since we got our new shirts and jackets. And you never know what another month will bring to the standings. I know the Nova's have high hopes of bringing home the first place trophy this year. Good luck to them.

Happy Shuffling.



Cue Club News

By Brian Birch, President



Our Cue Club season for 2010-2011 has one more month of League play. Tournaments will begin the first week in March so make a note in your calendars to come out and support your friends and neighbors. We always have a great time and get to see some of our members make some spectacular shots! At the February 7th meeting we will discuss and decide on several items: 1) the Nominating Committee for 2011-2012 Officers; 2) the assignments and coordination of our Annual Brewz & Brats party; 3) the annual Awards Banquet and 4) the dates for League Tournament play. I wanted to remind everyone that we do welcome new members and players any time of the year. Our Club is what YOU

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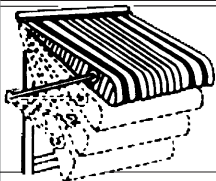
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make it ... so please come sit in on a meeting and meet our members, or better yet, come visit one of the nights we have League play. You'll never regret it!!!

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making my last season as President a very enjoyable one. I have served our Club in this capacity for 10 years and have enjoyed every minute (well ... **almost** every minute). We have a wonderful complement of members who dedicate their time, talents and fun to making our club such a wonderful place to be. Thank you again!

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Crafters Club

By Annette Solomon



Do you know what our Crafters Club is all about?

The purpose of our crafters club is:

1. To promote interest in and appreciation of hand-made crafts.
2. To teach and help members by sharing the knowledge of crafting.
3. a. to make hand-made items and sell them at the luncheons, craft fairs and craft bazaars.
b. to fill Christmas bags with useful and fun items and donate them to our nursing home residents.
c. to donate funds to needy causes in our community & in our Florida area.
4. To encourage friendship, socialization & love of crafting.

We offer knitting, crocheting, counted cross stitch, plastic work, needlepoint, fleece blankets, decorative plates, jewelry creations and lanyards, painting on wooden items, greeting cards, belts and bracelets with aluminum tabs, Swedish weaving, etc., etc. We

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can supply some yarn, needles, hooks and patterns, if needed, or you may bring your own. If you are working on a project, bring it along and work with us at any meeting. If you have knowledge but need a little refreshing, we can help. You may even be able to help us. If you have a project started but can't seem to finish ... bring it along and someone will help you. If you are a beginner, we have small projects that you can make in one evening. Check us out. We are a fun group, full of ideas but are always open to new ones. Make yourselves known. See you soon!

Many generous crafters work at "home" all year round. They donate their items to be sold at the luncheons or the annual bazaar. When we have accumulated preemie hats and white "angel" blankets, we donate them to local hospitals. We have a golden "sleigh" waiting to be filled with warm hats, mittens & scarves that will be "flown" up north to help supply needy shelters. If you can donate to this worthwhile cause, please do so. Bring your donations to the Crafters Corner. Thank you.

Don't forget to visit the Florida State Fair from February 10th to the 21st. A few crafters will be sitting at the Demonstration table of Wed., Feb. 16th. Stop by and say hello! Check out the ribbons won by our crafters. We have 19 entries and should win some ribbons as we have done before.

At our next business meeting on February 7, we will hold our election of officers. Good luck! & Congratulations!

HAPPY CRAFTING

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 receive a dinner for two gift card at a local restaurant.**



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EVENTS

Feb. 5, 2011, 8AM - 1PM, IN-PARK GARAGE SALE. Shangri-La MHP, 249 Jasper St. W., Largo (corner of Missouri and Jasper) behind Shapes. Something for everyone, refreshments, raffles.

Sat., Feb. 5 is Eldorado Village's Annual WHITE ELEPHANT SALE from 8am - 2pm. Along with the Sale we will be serving light breakfast and lunch. Located at the corner of East Bay Drive and Starkey Road.

Sat., Feb. 5, 8:30AM - 1PM., FLEA MARKET. Oak Crest/MHC at the clubhouse, 9925 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL. Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 - 10AM.

Sat., Feb. 5, 8AM - 1PM, ANNUAL BAZAAR. Lincolnshire MHP, 1071 Donegan Rd., Largo. Crafts, Furniture, Jewelry, Electronics, Raffle Table, Lunch and much more.

Feb. 5, 2011, 8A - 2P, BAZAAR. Silk Oak MHP, 28488 U.S. Hwy. 19 No. Clubhouse. Crafts, furniture, jewelry, clothing, glassware. Bake Sale & Lunch available.



Sat., Feb. 5, 8AM - 1PM, FLEA MARKET. Teakwood Village East Mobile Home Park, Largo (Missouri Avenue, behind K-Mart at the Aloha Clubhouse). Something for everyone. Lunch available.

Sat., Feb. 19, 2011, 8AM to 2PM ANNUAL CARPORT SALE. Ranchero Village, 7100 Ulmerton Rd., Largo, FL 33771

Feb. 19, 8AM / 1PM, TRASH TREASURE SALE. Serendipity MHP, 29081 US Hwy. 19 N. Bake Sale, Coffee & Doughnuts, Lunch available. Food Basket Raffle.

Fri., Feb. 25 & Sat., Feb. 26, 8AM - 2PM, DRIVEWAY SALE. Clearwater Cascade, 9790 66th St. No., Pinellas Park, FL 33782

Feb. 26, 8AM - 1PM, WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. Lake Haven MHP, Paradise Island Clubhouse, Lake Haven Rd. between SR580 & Virginia Ave., Dunedin. Furniture jewelry, clothing, linens, glassware, books & puzzles, bake sale. Coffee, donuts & lunch available

Sat., Feb. 26, 8AM - 1PM, BAZAAR. Doral Village, 29250 US 19 N. (7/10 mile S. of Curlew). Two clubhouses full. Clothes, furniture, bakery, trash/treasures, china, linens, electrical, etc. Morning coffee & doughnuts. Lunch at poolside begins at 10:30 a.m.

Sat., Feb. 26, 8AM to 1PM, WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. Down Yonder Mobile Community, 7001 142nd Avenue N. Come see what we have for sale, lamps, linens, pictures, furniture. Also, stay for breakfast.

Sat., Feb. 26, 2011, 9A to 1P PALM HILL COUNTRY CLUB BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE. Palm Hill So. Clubhouse, 1800 Seminole Blvd., Largo. Food served. Lots of bargains, so come on over and find some treasures. Early admission at 8:30A, \$1.00.

Sat., Feb. 26, 8AM - 1PM, FLEA MARKET. Colonial Village, 2000 East Bay Drive., Largo (Between Keene / Alt. Keene). Variety of merchandise.

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From the Editor

John Bassett



Monthly deadlines for the Forecaster in 2011 until the July 2011 issue.

For the April, June and July issues, the deadline will be the 16th of the preceding month. EG, for April, March 16th.

For the March and May issues, the 14th of the preceding months.

It is the time of year that many clubs elect new officers. Please make sure that I am notified ASAP, so the inside cover of the Forecaster can be changed.

At this time I wish to thank all residents of Americana Cove for their support through the last six years as I sat on the Board of Directors. There were some downs, but for the most part it was a very satisfying experience, and I thank my colleagues for their support and critiques through my turn as a director.

Running for the Board is one way members can bring back to the community a sense of service, and obtain a quiet satisfaction that one has done their part. I urge all members to consider service as a direct. Yes, it can be hard at times, but overall it is an experience worth the effort.

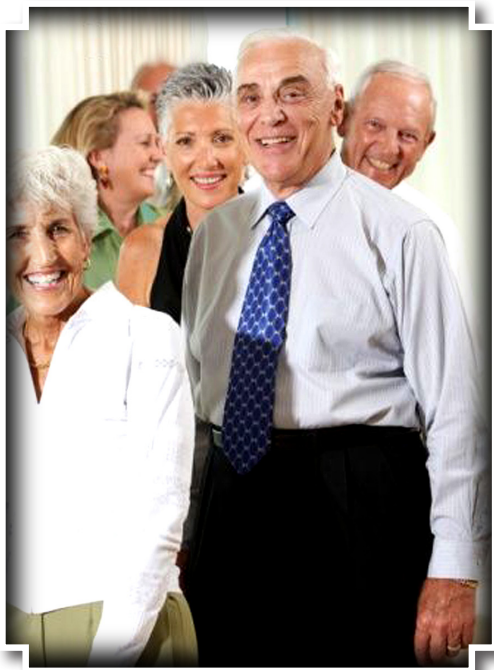
My special thanks to Linda Lou Fairbanks for her very kind words in the previous Forecaster.

With respect to my current health problems, my thanks to all for their good wishes, and especially to Annette Solomon for her kindness and thoughtfulness during this time. And to my wife, Gerri, and family for their great support and understanding.

And to Dawn, Mary and Barbara, my special thanks for your devotion to service for Americana Cove, and your kindness and assistance to me during my six years.

I shall miss being a director.

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