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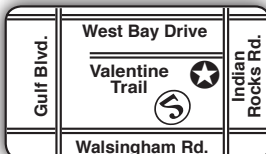
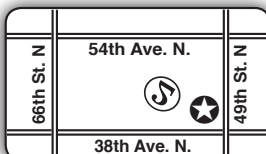
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April Prayer

John Whittredge Hill, Chaplain



Wonderful God, Creator, Sustainer and Giver of every good and perfect gift, we come before You in thanksgiving and humility.

This is the month when in tradition we think of “Giving UP” or fasting.

That is a wonderful thought if we give up things harmful to our health and mental thoughts, which torment us to do or think evil.

However, if we could just concentrate on “Giving” alone we would be helping ourselves and others much more.

Goodness knows there are many people and situations for which we could and should pray for constantly. There are many ways when our personal help would be much better than giving up. As we approach the remembrance of the last days that Jesus spent on this earth, help us to renew our strength for substantial and concrete actions and thoughts for others.

May Your Holy Spirit speak to us and may we be open to listen and follow the guidance we receive. Amen.



Vespers

Martha Pratt



A HUGE thank you to those who contributed to our container project. The secret is out, but for those who haven't heard what we're doing with them, I'll now explain.

When the season started in November, our treasurer received a donation from one of our congregation. The lady said that during the summer she put the same weekly amount she would give at Vespers into a container and presented it to our treasurer when she returned in the fall. We thought that was a great idea, so pretty containers were made available to anyone wishing to do so this year. Your loose change can also be used. It is strictly voluntary and the containers are available at the Vespers on Sunday through Easter sunrise service. I'd like to thank Susie Dugger and Gail Jackson for covering the containers and making them so attractive.

At this time I'd like to wish everyone a happy, blessed, healthy summer and safe traveling to those headed elsewhere. I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall. By that time our plans will be underway for the start of the new season and, of course, the Welcome Back get-together on November 19.

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Our pastors for April are as follows:

April 3 James Jones, Crossroads Christina
 April 10 Doug Herret, Bayfront Chaplain
 April 17 Bill Martin, Cornerstone Community
 April 24 Jerry Strasheim, Lutheran Church



President's Report

By Linda Lou Fairbanks



This has been an especially busy and hectic time for your Board, as we are getting ready to review and act on many items and projects that have been in the works for awhile. I'll highlight the major ones for now and hope you'll agree your Directors all have their plates full with important work for our community. Probably the one of most interest and concern is the search and selection of a new manager. On this topic I have to personally thank Treasurer MacDonald for spearheading the search efforts. He conducted lengthy and thorough phone interviews with over fifty-one candidates, worked with the CAM Association staff to finalize and vet our final candidates, and prepared all the necessary background and professional paperwork needed to conduct our interviews. I am confident we will be welcoming a qualified and highly motivated individual to lead our community.

While thanks are being handed out, I want to thank Director Terry Campbell and his Security Committee for their due diligence in following up this past month on several security issues - the most prevalent one being dogs, dogs and more dogs! They were able to take a little break from the security cameras and ADT/KNOLOGY issues, as Director Mark Nixon volunteered to tackle the complex problems and stick it out until it is completed satisfactorily. None of us had a clue at the beginning how complicated this process would be. So, thanks again to Mark AND Director Brink for facilitating many of the tasks at hand. Director Jerry Regan has also been hard at work with her Rules/Reg Committee - they met regularly all through the fall/winter to finalize their recommendations for changes to many of our current rules. Since there will be quite a lot to present, and we anticipate a spirited debate and discussion on the recommendations, we will be scheduling a special meeting in the near future to deal just with the rules. Stay tuned for details. We will also be recommending the formation of a few work groups to help with some of the future projects so get your resumes ready for Director Zebley. We'll go into more detail at the upcoming Board meeting. And, probably one of the most important tasks we'll have this month is the presentation and review of our financial audit. The initial feedback from our Auditor has been extremely positive and I am sure Treasurer MacDonald will be able to fill us in and give us an update. Director Brinker,



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her IT Committee, and myself have been working on sales and the new web site and I am very pleased with progress so far. We have a list of ambassadors willing to assist in giving tours and showing our model homes and many of them have already been put to the test and you may see them driving around with smiling folks on golf carts! Wave to them and tell them what a great job they are doing. And last, but certainly not least, I wanted to give a special shout out to our staff - the girls in the office have gone above and beyond the call of the duty and we've even heard laughter coming from the office a time or two! Thank you to each of you. You are awesome!

And, I want to shout out to our maintenance staff too. They are keeping our facilities and our community in tip-top shape and we appreciate it. And even though we know we still have a long way to go with our security issues, the guards are on high alert and I know will be there for all of us. Just be patient with us and with them and we'll get where we need to be. I know we will!!! I think this covers most of the work items we're dealing with for now.

I wanted to extend my best wishes to my fellow snowbirds getting ready to head north. Have a safe, relaxing time away from the Cove. God speed!

ACA News

By Paul Line, President



Many thanks to all the many volunteers who helped make the White Elephant Sale a great success! We made \$6,112.00 one of our best yet. Special thanks to our Chairwomen, Betty Chase and Pat Fielhauer. They both have volunteered to head up our sale again next year. Hurray!!!

Canada Night has generously donated \$1,000.00 for the purchase of a new TV for the library and two more wireless microphones for the Clubhouse. Many thanks to Dave Turner, Paul and Sue Line and the Canadian group. They have been very supportive of the community over the years. We will be installing some more speakers at the rear of the Clubhouse and looking into some different stage lighting. We have purchased another new bike for the exercise room. We are in the planning stages for a street dance/barbeque on April 9. More to follow. Old Timers has offered a donation of \$500.00, which was matched by ACA, and the Boat Club has offered \$100.00 and challenged all the other Clubs to contribute to a Memorial that the Police of St. Petersburg are building in memory of the twelve fallen Police Officers. Your MAROA board will also add to this contribution.

Unfortunately, this is the time of year when our snowbirds depart for their northern homes. Travel safe, have a healthy and wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you all in the fall.





Sunshine Report April 2011

By Nancy Hubartt



Deaths

Grace Roberts (former resident)
 Richard E. Rantz
 Clarissa Steakley
 Helen Smith (former resident)
 Walter Smith (former resident)
 Doris Laberge (former resident)
 Phillip Hines
 Bridget Gricus (former resident)
 Renee Johnson (former resident)
 Marti Hampton
 Eleanor "Jean" Seitz
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 Victor Duca.....Palm Terrace
 Vivian Linville.....Golfview Healthcare Center
 Wright Parsons.....Bon Secour Maria Manor

Old Timers:The Old

Janice Zebley, Chair



April brings the change in the Old Timers Officers. As I and Diane Brinker step down, we would like to thank all who have helped make the lunches something to look forward to. Please continue to provide the help to the new team. Hope to see you around the COVE.

Old Timers:The New

By Sue Line, Chair



Well, what a change this will be for me from Secretary to President! I would like to take this opportunity to extend a big thank you to Janice Zebley and Diane Brinker as they finish their term as President and Vice President. They have both done a wonderful job and I hope I can continue in their footsteps. I would also like to welcome Lori Casey as the new Vice President and Conrad Weiser as the new Secretary. Adele Seaman is staying on as Treasurer and Beverly Johnson as Membership Chair. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, April 13 followed with the second meeting on April 27. See you all there.





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6	Greg Heath	11	Robert Hamel	24	Robert King
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2	Jean & Ray Krapf.....	62 years
6	Bonnie & Jim Parr.....	14 years
15	Nancy & Bill Roberts.....	39 years
	Judy & Dorrance Howland	15 years
20	Billie & Cleve Ballentine	65 years
22	Marie & Robert Ardell	57 years
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By Nancy Hubartt



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Line Dancing

By Norine Fisher



March 21 was our last line dance for the year. What a wonderful thirteen weeks we had. I would like to thank all the line dancers helping me have such a wonderful season. I really enjoyed seeing all of you improving with my teaching. I would like to thank Rene for having the dance floor in such beautiful shape. Also Sandie for getting my articles in the Forecaster. And last, but not least, Mel for playing the music for us to dance to. Just remember this summer, let's keep dancing!!!



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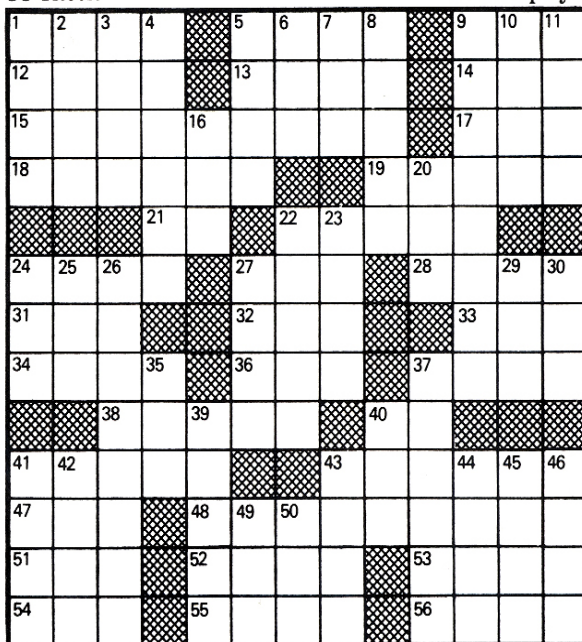
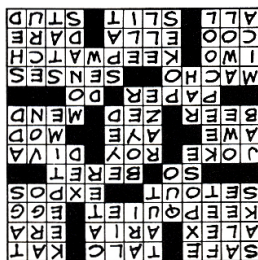
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Gail Jones



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Bring your own table service, your choice of beverage, and lawn chair if you wish. This will be the final activity for the Garden Club this year. Any one wishing to sponsor a rose bush in our garden should contact Don Delzell, 526-2410, for details.

There are a few open spaces available.



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The '90s bash - to everyone involved in getting this all together. Thank you for a wonderful time with dinner and show and gift and company. It is great to be treated so well at this stage in life and also to be around enjoying it. Thanks again.

Cove Riders

Tom Constant, President



On Sunday, February 20, the Cove Riders departed the AmCove home base on a breakfast ride. The weather was absolutely gorgeous!! Eight motorcycles, one four-wheeler, with a total of fourteen people rode to Lenny's Restaurant for breakfast. It was a great ride and all enjoyed the company of our fellow members.

Anyone is welcome to join us on our ventures, whether you ride two wheels, three wheels, or four wheels. Heck, unicycles are even welcome!!! Our next ride was Wednesday, March 16, to Biff Burgers, leaving the community parking lot at 5:30 p.m. Then again on Saturday, April 2, we are going to Rick's Café in Tampa leaving the parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Come join us!

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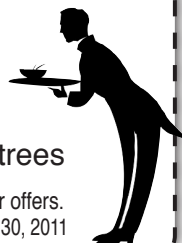


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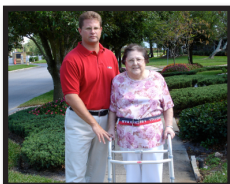
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Par-Seekers

By Dave Bernfeld, Secretary



With the Club Championship in March and the Canadian and US Open tournaments in February our regular season has come to an end. The winners will be announced at our Club banquet, April 4.

Check our bulletin board for a list of tournament winners.

Hope everyone has a fun, safe summer and look forward to next season!

Walking Away The Pounds

By Daisy Dean



Wow, can't believe our walking away the pounds is coming to an end. My last day will be April 12, but Cathe will take over until she heads north. Thanks for all that showed up every day and to our newcomers. We reached twenty plus in our group, which started out as three. Proud of you all to be motivated to do a workout every morning. We all know exercise is the key to good Health and Walking is Man's best Medicine, especially if you have arthritis as I do and proud to say I do not take any more medication because of all my walking and exercising. A picture of some of my Walking Buddies who use walking as a regular exercise. One of the best ways to keep fit. So if I could motivate one person today I hope it was YOU. Hope to see you all in November. Many Thanks to Paul Line and the Association for our new D.V.D. player. We really appreciated it.



Crafters

By Ginny Marcott, President



The crafters are busy getting ready for the luncheon sales. We will have Easter items at the ACA and Old Timers luncheons. Our membership is fifty-eight and we are always looking for new members. We accept men as well as women in our club. You don't need to be crafty. We will teach you how to do the things you have always wanted to learn. Crafters meet all year long and enjoy the camaraderie of our talented members.

Have a GREAT month and if you find a little time on any Monday evening at 6:30 p.m., feel free to stop by the Clubhouse and check out the CRAFTERS CLUB.



Boat Club

Rick Lopez



Well, I think our Second Island Bash was a success and I will apologize for all those sore feet from all that dancing to the Island Boys Steel Drum Band. And will look forward to next year and do it again!! I also want to thank all our club members and their hard work that put into the event for all to enjoy.

I also want to thank all the local businesses that donated our door prizes, and please as you visit them thank them too: Publix, Sweet Bay, Harvey's 4th Street Grill, Applebee's, Pisano's Pizza, Gigi's, Alehouse, Spring Gardens and Dunkin' Donuts.

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Sunday, February 27

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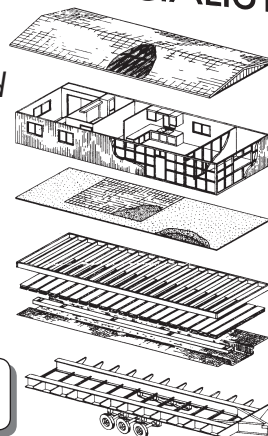
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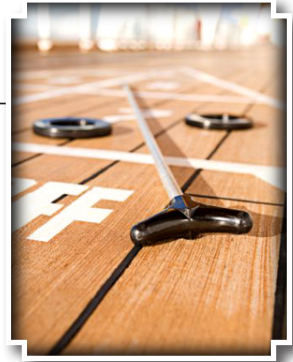


Shuffleboard Club News

By Jo Waldron



My first order of business is to apologize to two of my favorite people, Jean-Paul Jacob and George Luce. I can't believe I made TWO errors in one month. First of all, to Jean Paul, his name was omitted in the list of trophy winners. He has come so far in his shuffling this year, he didn't deserve to be omitted, Sorry, J.P. And sorry also to George Luce, I reported that Bob Staples alerted us about the locks in the shed but it was George. Sorry - Sorry. I think I've been doing this too long, I'm getting sloppy. I am open to retirement, anyone want to volunteer?



We have a couple new officers because of expired terms: Lois Vogle will be our new Treasurer and Lorraine Casey, our Secretary. Thank you both for accepting these positions. The final standings for our league teams are: Blue Sky, 3rd Place (Yeah! Trophy position); Friendship I: 8th Place; Friendship II: 4th Place (also Trophy position!) Although the Nova team still has one or two games to play, they are in 2nd Place. Amazing! I can't say enough about the improvement of the Nova team, not only their playing but their up-beat attitude is a joy to behold. Long, hard struggle but Pat Vargas is now living the dream. The Nova team can also share much of the credit for the Blue Sky and Friendship standings, they were depended on every game this year for substitutes and they came through. Way to go!

Tom Solomon has continued the Nova classes started by Sil, and he's doing a great job. He's showing them the finer points of shuffling and they seem enthused and eager to learn new strategies. That's not all Tom has been doing, he and his partner finished 4th in the Main Event in a Pro Doubles Tournament in Bradenton.

Many activities are planned for the last two weeks of March, our Banquet/Trophy party coming up on Saturday, in fact, all league tournaments and banquets will be held at this time, too late to report here. Hopefully, we'll bring home a few trophies that I can report on next month. Happy Shuffling.

Hobby Shop

Dan Craft



My name is Dan Craft and at the meeting in March I was elected president of the hobby shop, and David Bernfeld was elected secretary. It was voted to reinstate the \$5.00 dues starting October 1, 2011, so that we can raise money for the hobby shop. The last meeting for the season will be April 4, 2011. I will be heading north the last of April and coming back in September. If there is a problem, I can always be reached at 614-270-9219. Thank you.



CUE Club News

By Brian Birch, President



This will be my last article as President and I just wanted to thank everyone who helped me and supported me over the past ten years: my Officers, the Tournament Refs, the Brewz and Bratz helpers, the Team Captains, our 50/50 lady, Betty Chase and her Kitchen Krewe, and to Linda Lou who helped me write all these articles and for all the other things she's done for our Club. I really appreciate everything everyone did!

At our March meeting we elected a new slate of officers for the 2011-2012 Season and I am pleased to announce for the first time in our history, the offices will be held by a team of women! You go, girls!! Sandie Reid was elected as Club President, Jennie Wosil will be Vice President; Helen Cook once again will offer her expertise as our Treasurer, and Debbie Gottardi will come on board as Secretary. Congratulations to everyone and may your season be as rewarding and great as my past ten have been!

We celebrated our Annual Awards Banquet on March 31 and were treated to a delicious feast of prime rib by Betty and her Krewe.

It was a great success, made especially so for me by welcoming my long-time friend Lee Southard as our entertainer for the evening. The following are the results of our League Tournaments: **MEN'S LEAGUE - SINGLES:** 1st Place went to Terry Campbell; 2nd to Ed McGrath, and 3rd to Dean Schirm. **MEN'S LEAGUE - DOUBLES:** 1st Place went to the team of Dan Craft and Dave Edwards; 2nd went to the duo of Dave Cook and Anthony Daleo; and 3rd Place went to Norm Begin and Dean Schirm. **WOMEN'S LEAGUE SINGLES:** 1st Place went to newcomer Chris Mahoney; 2nd Place to Paula Barrows and 3rd Place to Debbie Gottardi. **WOMEN'S LEAGUE DOUBLES:** 1st Place went to the dynamos Linda Campbell and Debbie Gottardi; 2nd Place went to the team of Paula Barrows and Pauline Begin. Jennie Wosil and Mary Maiorella claimed 3rd Place! We presented special certificates to several members who achieved **EIGHT-ON-THE-BREAKS**, a rare but exciting feat for any pool player. Dan Craft perfected this feat twice this season while members George Chamberlin, Frank Hommel and new member, Tom Fielhauer, also reached this lofty goal. **CONGRATULATIONS** to one and all!

I will close this report with my best wishes for everyone to have a safe and healthy summer. If you have time over the summer to practice and hone your skills, go for it! I have offered to teach a beginner's class next season so be thinking about it and let me or Sandie know if you are interested. And last, but not least, remember to mark your calendars for the meeting in November. It will launch the new 2011-2012 season so please plan to be there on Monday, November 7, in the Atrium, at 7:00 p.m.!



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Editorial - Volunteers

By John Bassett



Every year many social functions and events are planned by volunteers in the community, under the auspices of the ACA. Just look inside the front cover of the Forecaster and you will get an idea of how many activities there are, and a listing of the residents in charge. But like an iceberg, with 9/10ths of it submerged, many more pitch in and help that are many times unnamed, and sometimes unknown.

Nothing can be done in a vacuum. It takes dedication and a cooperative spirit for all that work to be accomplished, so that the rest of us can enjoy our life in the community, whether it is for the winter season only, or year-round.

Of course, some of our key volunteers form part of the Board of Directors, and they too have a few social events that they organize. And that apart from the sometimes onerous task of trying to please everyone all of the time.

The next time you feel tempted to say, well, why wasn't that done, or I didn't care for the food, or whatever, just stop and take a moment and place yourself in the volunteer's position. Would you like your hard work and planning to get such a short shift?

No, thank your lucky stars there are residents willing to step up to the plate and get the job done. Better still, volunteer and help. We have a system that has worked very well over many years. Be thankful it exists, and thank the volunteers at every opportunity.

A little verse that comes around time and again was recently submitted by one of our residents. And goes along with the theme of this editorial. Hope it puts a smile on your face.

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