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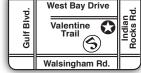
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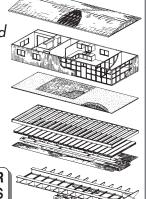
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John Whittredge Hill, Chaplain



The Example 1 Eavenly Father we have just recalled the sacrifice Your Son made for us and his victory over death. His promise was that, if we believe in Him, we too will be resurrected one day. May we never forget that.

This month we again celebrate Memorial Day. Years ago this was a day when we took flowers to decorate the grave of loved ones. The meaning of Memorial Day has been expanded greatly since then. It is fitting that we re-



member the loved ones who have preceded us but it is also very fitting that we remember all those who have made the great sacrifice of their lives so that we may continue to live in the greatest country, our own U.S.A.

The month of May also includes the "National Day of Prayer" on the 5th. We would pray that everyone in this Nation would pray for World Peace. As the song says, "Let there be peace on earth, anwd let it begin with me."

If you have never prayed daily, now would be a great time to begin. May the Holy Spirit prick our conscience to remind us all to do this.

Amen

Easter Lilies (partial list)



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Board ReportBy Linda Lou Fairbanks, President



By now, most of you will have heard the news about the confirmation of a new manager for our community. It was a long but successful process, one I hope we have <u>all</u> learned from ... I am honored and proud to announce that **Loey** E. Antonucci is officially on board now and settling in to her new office, her new duties and her new community. I know most of you



will cut her a little slack as she learns the ropes. She has major issues to deal with and is well aware of the strife we have gone through over the past few years. We will be hosting a meet & greet event the first week in May so stay tuned for the date, time and location.

I have been trying to keep everyone informed on the day-to-day operations with postings on the AmCove email system. We continue to struggle with broken pipes, on both sides of the community. Gary and Bill deserve a lot of credit for their due diligence in tackling these jobs. Besides the messy and yucky task, they also have had to listen to the complaints, often with residents screaming at them and using vulgar and inappropriate language. Too bad we didn't have a jar available where you'd have to put money in every time you swear at us ... we could make a fortune!

We will be working with Loey to post the list of summer projects, and no, there are no plans to include another Tiki Hut anywhere in the community! As you may have already noticed, the contractors that are doing the new bike path along 1st Street are getting closer and closer to us every day. I suspect our entrance will be affected the end of this month and into all of June. We will be losing a fair amount of space at our entrance area, which means we will be transferring some of our landscaping plants to other areas in the community. The stop sign leaving the community will be moved back at least 12 feet. We will all have to be very, very careful, when leaving, to look both ways and not run over any pedestrians or cyclists. The City has said once the path is finished they will order a time study to see if a red light is "necessary" by our entrance. I have already requested one but they have the final say. Be assured we will advocate strongly for the best possible tools to ensure our safety!

I am pleased to also welcome another "new" face to our ranks as the Editor of our Forecaster. Sandie Reid has agreed to take on this daunting task, commencing with the July issue, and we are grateful for her willingness to volunteer her time and energies to our community. She has assembled an awesome team to assist her and she will be introducing them to you when the "official wand" is handed over to her. Please welcome Sandie aboard when you see her! And, of course, this means John Bassett will be retiring. Words

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can never express our gratitude and thanks for all he has done as the Editor and Chief of our Forecaster. I wish him only the best and hope he will take a few minutes each day to stop and smell the roses. He's had a rough year and deserves to enjoy his "free" time now.

Lastly, I wish to extend my best wishes to everyone for a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer. Especially our snowbirds that have either flown the coop or are getting ready to travel way up north! We will miss your presence here and know you are with us in spirit.

God speed and see you in the fall! And to those here over the summer months, keep cool at the pool (and Tiki Hut), *TRY* to obey he rules and keep on keepin' on!

From the Calendar Girl

Sandie Reid



I will be leaving to visit my kids and grand kids in AZ May 10th ... anything you want on the calendar for June will have to be sent to me by May 8th. Thank you.

Forecaster By Sandie Reid 527-0186



ttention all Forecaster captains and delivery people ... Due to the change in editor position **effective with the July issue**, there will be a meeting on May 1, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Atrium ... this meeting is to get to know everyone that is involved.

Thank You - Sandie <u>toyclown@tampabay</u>. <u>rr.com</u>. "Save your heart for someone who leaves you breathless."





May Day, May 1. Traditional celebration of springtime.

Mother's Day, May 8. The second Sunday of May, honoring all mothers.



ACA News

By Paul Line



ell, it's that time of year again when our snowbird friends pack up and head north to their summer homes. Our last Council meeting and luncheon will be on May 3rd and 4th. Hope to see you all there. The brown bag lunches and nickel bingo will continue through the summer months as usual.



The BBQ/Street Dance was a blast with great food and music. Thanks to all who volunteered and helped out ... Ed Imbrogulio, Mike Regan, Ray Sieben, Tom Fielhauer, Bob Niblick, the beer guys Tony Giaquinto and Bill Foley, Ed & Claire Mosakowski, Mary Bickhart, Janet Pendino, Paula Barrows and of course to my great wife Sue, who sold the majority of the tickets. If I left anyone off, I apologize but thanks to you all. Many thanks to Marilyn Edwards who spent hours making the CD's and putting the music together along with Rodney South who helped with the speakers and amplifiers. We will do this again next year, right?

We have some new stage lights and new speakers in the back of the clubhouse and 4 new cordless microphones. We will be moving 2 of the cordless microphones into the Atrium. Have you all noticed the new LED LCD 42" TV in the library? The TV and the new microphones are courtesy of the Canada Night group who donated \$1,000.00 towards the purchase. Over the years, Canada Night has contributed a considerable amount of money to help out the community.

Sue, Joyce, Sassy the cat and I will be leaving for Canada after the luncheon on May 4th. Gail Jones will take care of the ACA until we return in the fall. Remember, if you want to use the Clubhouse or Atrium, you must clear it with ACA first and then let Sandie Reid know so she can put it on the calendar in the Forecaster. I can be reached daytime at 1-800-898-4272 or via email at sline@electpwrquip.com.

We hope you all have a safe, fun and healthy summer and look forward to seeing you all back in the Cove in the fall.

Old Timers

By Sue Line



ell, we have come to the end of another season. Our last luncheon of the year will be on Wednesday, May 11 at noon. Unfortunately, I will be back in Ontario, but Lori Casey will cover that meeting. Please don't forget that we still need aluminum crushers through the summer months. I hope you all have a great summer. Our first meeting for next season will be October 12, 2011. I look forward to seeing all your happy faces back in the Cove next fall.









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Crafters *Ginny Marcott*



he Crafters Club was PROUD to present at the ACA Luncheon \$100 to go toward the Fallen Heroes Memorial. We earned the money from our luncheon sales. We thank all the crafters for the wonderful items they make for these sales. We also want to thank the people of Americana Cove for purchasing our handmade items. We also want to challenge every club to donate any amount that they can offer to add to this very special tribute.



We have been very busy with the holiday items we have made and sold. Now that Summer is soon upon us, a lot of our members are heading North for a short stay. We will start focusing on a slower-paced but busy summer schedule. Some of our projects will be Sun Bonnet Sue wall hangings, Dream Catchers, Pet blankets, Napkin Ring sets and getting our cookbook ready to sell in the fall.

Even though Christmas is still 7 months away, now is the time to start thinking about that special gift for that special someone. Have you considered talking to the Crafters Club to fill a few of those special orders with a wonderful HOMEMADE gift. Contact Ginny Marcott at 525-9675 with your special request to see if we can help you out.

The money the Crafters Club makes is used to replenish our supplies. Our closets look full but we are low on yarn, buttons, and beads. If anyone has any craft supplies that they no longer plan on using, we would be glad to put it to good use. You can drop it off in our crafters corner or call Ginny Marcott and I will be glad to pick up the supplies at your home.

Have a wonderful summer and if you are around on a Monday evening at 6:30, please stop by and check out our summer group.

Hobby Shop Dan Craft, President



ello, my name is George Sebek, Vice President of the Hobby Shop. I just wanted to remind the members that beginning in October of this year, we will start to pay the \$5.00 dues again. Our meetings are the first Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. To those leaving to go north for the summer, have a safe trip home.



Cue Club

President Sandi Reid



First of all, I on behalf of the Cue Club, would like to thank Brian Birch (our president of 10 years) for all he's done for the cue club ... he has been there for all of us and we do appreciate him. THANK YOU BRIAN!!! So now we have "women power" so men, watch out. LOL ... Our first meeting will be Monday the 7th of November at 7:00 p.m. to start our new season. ... looking forward to seeing you all there and around the park ... Brian has also stepped up to lend his expertise in pool to any and all who would like to learn ... there is a sign up sheet in the cue room ... this will begin when he comes back in November.

ROC Forum

Ed Mosakowski, ROC Forum Board Member 🦴 🥦



he beginnings of the ROC Forum (Resident Owned Communities). It started in 1986, when thirteen (13) parks met to explore the possibility of sharing their experiences in operating a resident owned community. It became a reality in late 2003.



The following is taken from the By-laws of the ROC Forum, Inc. -

The essential goals of the Forum are to:

- 1. Provide informational meetings and an annual meeting each year.
- 2. Assist ROC's in developing effective, informed Boards of Directors.
- 3. Offer residents of ROC's the chance to explore the legal, ethical, and social aspects of community life.
- 4. Develop a network of communication for information sharing including: databases, websites, lots and homes for sale, etc., and also a newsletter www.rocforum.com.
 - 5. Offer new Board members training to ROC Board of Directors.
- 6. Various other services, such as liaison with governments at all levels and cooperation with other Cooperatives in other areas of Florida.

Meetings of the Pinellas-Hillsborough ROC Forum, Inc. are held at 9:30 a.m., the second Friday of each month from November thru April. ROC meets at various locations (eg, in January here in Americana Cove). The annual fee for individuals is \$10, for cooperatives, such as Americana Cove, an original member, it is \$40.continued on page 14A



FLAROC, Inc. "Florida Resident Owned Communities" was the brainchild of an attorney, Lee Jay Colling and several members of the ROC Forum, Southwest Florida ROC, and Mid Florida ROC many years ago. These early leaders recognized the need for mobile/manufactured home communities to have group representation once the parks were purchased by the residents, since the previous organizations would no longer represent them.

Until FLAROC was established, there was no corporation to protect the resident owned manufactured home community lifestyle, the cooperatives under the direction of FS 719.

The current four chapters of FLAROC are:

- 1. ROC Forum Pinellas and Hillsborough counties;
- 2. Mid-Florida ROC Lake, Sumter, and North Orange counties;
- 3. SWFROC Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Sarasota, and Highlands counties;
- 4. East Pasco County ROC 15 communities in east Pasco county.

FLAROC has been actively involved in the creation of other similar groups. FLAROC is in the final phase of starting another group in Florida's Treasure Coast area. Last year, during the 2010 Florida legislative session, several bills were passed concerning community associations under 'FS 718, condos,' and '720, community housing associations,' but NOTHING WAS REVISED IN FS 719, cooperatives.

Eg: The legislature passed a bill to prevent resident access to personal information of the residents and employees, i.e. Social Security numbers, credit card numbers, driver licenses. The Florida legislature is composed of two houses, the Senate and the House.

FLAROC needs the membership of communities like Americana Cove to gain the strength across the state to make the voice of co-operatives heard in Tallahassee. It is estimated that there are between 650 and 700 resident owned communities in the state. That will be a significant voice for the legislature to hear.

Currently, associations like ours pay DBPR a fee of \$4.00 per unit annually. And if we have any rental properties in the community, we pay \$5.00 per rental unit annually. FLAROC is asking for \$1.00 per unit per community to the job.

Over a year ago, FLAROC made a request for "seed money" to get the corporation started. With the generous donation of communities like Americana Cove, it was able to get the ball rolling. Corporation papers were filed, a brochure and other materials were printed to begin membership solicitation. Three Organizational meetings were held: in Leesburg, Fort Myers, and Pinellas Park. Currently FLAROC has in its employ a lobby-ist in Tallahassee, Janet Mabry, who is monitoring bills in the legislature, alerting us to anything that affects FS 719. Recently, Senator Fasano introduced Senate bill 530. It's a



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By Nancy Hubartt



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Nancy Hubartt



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On the second Wednesday of every month the "Brown Bag Lunch" is held prior to bingo at noon, and therefore there is a possibility that the lunch will be over before 1:00 p.m. so bingo may startearly. Bring your brown bag lunch, ice cream and tea will be waiting for you at the clubhouse. The first



game day will be Wednesday, June 1, 2011 and the last will be Wednesday, September 28, 2011.

May Birthdays



1	Michael Lederhouse	11	Joan Martin	20	Jean Patoine
	Mike Regan		Dottie Love	23	Gina Huff
3	Claudette LaBrun		Joyce Sutton		Nick Schiavone
4	Marjorie Logan		Bill Cosner	25	Pat Vargas
	Dave Bernfeld	12	Patricia Murphy	26	Tom Lambert
5	David Gotch		Evelyn Lloyd		Mary Wright
	Patrick Walsh	13	Joan Klaila	28	Jean Hughes
6	Raymond Ather	14	Olga Bates		Dawn Earley
7	Ed Boshek		Joanne Wallace		David Edwards
	Rex Eaton		Eddie Clark		Robert T. Ardell
	Elliot Georgina	16	Lorraine Brown		Bill Stanley
8	Sandra Keller		Norma Steele	1-29	Kay Jones
	Paul Line		Joan Geiger		Dottie Kirby
	Nola Brunelle		Gay Marlin		Rachel Stewart
9	Gene Latreille	17	Susie Dugger	31	Gail Jones
10	John Keller	18	Herb Connolly		

May Anniversaries



2	Margaret & Michael Lederhouse	42 years
4	Linda & Bob Potter	
5	Pat & Lionel Vargas	
6	Jean & Rick Birtcher	
7	Ruth & Wayne Brownlee	•
10	Pat & Bernie Ruedy	53 years
	Annette & Tom Solomon	
	Margaret & Michael Baly	
15	Lorraine & Ed Boshek	
	Arlene & Stan Harmon	7 years
	Nancy & Joe Werner	57 years
16	Jolee & Arne Rengo	
18	Nancy & Jerry Keen	
	Sandra & Jack Keller	54 years
19	Carol & Jack Deatherage	
20	Joan & Ray Sieben	
25	Margie & Carl Slaugenhaupt	
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Te will be going for lunch Thursday, May 19th at 11:30 a.m. to Applebee's on 4th St. N. Please meet at the clubhouse by no later than 11:15 for rides. Happy Mothers Day to all. Thank you.

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Fence Damage - Fishing Area/Founders Park



Sometime in early April a small compact car, silver in color, damaged the fence bordering the walkway to the Founders Park area, heavily damaging it. If anyone has any knowledge of who might be responsible, please contact the office. Thank you.

Welcome New Residents

By nancy Hubartt



Corrections to April's Report

West, Linda T & William A. (OH) Sockrider, Jane A. & Robert S. (WI)

7102 Americana Dr.

Previously: Egan/Grefig

Nemeth, Carol A. (PA) 7104 Americana Dr. Previously: Britt Estate

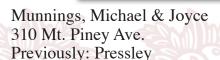
Davis, Lorrinda (MO) 6702 Americana Dr. Previously: Seitz

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Gillies, Linda (NB) 7129 Mt. Arlington Dr. Previously: LaForce

Ley, Patricia 7286 Mt. Georgetown Dr. 527-3561 Previously: Perry

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Lee, Arthur & Christina (HI) 333 Mt. Richmond Ave. Previously: McGowan

Entreken, Phyllis (IN) 157 Americana Ct. 317-828-0200 Previously: Mahoney

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Thank You from the Editor John Bassett



Another group of 30 dedicated resident volunteers who help make life more pleasant by assisting in the life of the community. Without their contribution, there would be no Forecaster.

Rug Braiding - Annual Luncheon Judy Knieriem



he members of the Thursday evening Rug Braiding group enjoyed their annual luncheon on Tuesday, April 5th at BJs Restaurant. The group instructor, Claudette LeBrun, has been an inspiration to her students by teaching the craft of rug braiding in our community for 18 years. From beginners to





advanced we have all enjoyed our classes, not only as a learning experience but because of the friendships we have developed through the years. Thank you, Claudette!

One of our past members was dearly missed at our luncheon this year ... Nora-Adell Andrews. She was an exceptional person who we were all drawn to with her witty comments, loving heart and interesting stories. She will always be remembered in our group.

So, as another season comes to a close, we wish all our members a happy and productive summer ... don't forget to work on your rugs, ladies! We look forward to next year's classes with hoping that others join our group.



Shuffleboard Club News

Jo Waldron



nother season over, now we all have to figure out what to do with unscheduled Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Bummer!

I do have a solution for the full-time Floridians - Pinellas Park. If you haven't checked it out, try it and see if it's for you. Games are Mon. - Wed. - Fri. at 10:00 a.m.

You play 3 games with three different opponents. You may draw a "Pro" or a beginner, whoever your opponent is, plan on a good time. It's similar to our Sunday "Hoss



Collar" games, not the format, the camaraderie. Everyone is there for fun. You can check it out free for 2 visits, then it's \$25 for a year to join. There are several of us that have "toughed-out" the summer heat for a few years and look forward to another season there. If you are interested in checking it out call me for directions or to join a car pool.

Exciting news from Tom and Annette Solomon. They will be part of teams representing the USA in the International Shuffleboard Competition, held in Dieppe, N.B., Canada, on August 2nd thru the 7th. It is a worldwide competition with countries, including England, France, Germany, Japan, Australia ... you get the picture WORLD-WIDE! It is a singles tournament with each country sponsoring a 10-member team of men and a 10-member team of women. It will certainly be a memorable event, so if you are within driving distance, put it on your calendar. I know Lillian Harris will be there cheering and volunteering her services where needed. Wouldn't an International trophy look good in our trophy case!

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- 2. Milene Wingrove/Al Wingrove
- 3. Joan Dell'Angelo/Don Deizell

Sunday, March 27, 2011

- 1. Susan Audy/Jackie Lessard
- 2. Milene Wingrove/Al Wingrove
- 3. Joy Slepin/Ken Turk

Sunday, April 3, 2011

- 1. Milene Wingrove/Al Wingrove
- 2. Linda Cook/Ken Turk
- 3. Gerri Bassett/John Bassett

Sunday, April 10, 2011

- 1. Milene Wingrove/Al Wingrove
- 2. Susan Audy/Jackie Lessard
- 3. Daphne Gunton/Dick Gunton

Duplicate Bridge will resume in November. If interested, please call Al Wingrove at 522-1876.

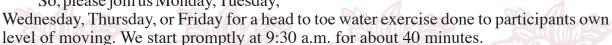
Summer Pool Exercise

Sharon S. Miller



Pool exercise continues. According to the Pool Exercise founder, Kay Jones, these exercises began in 1979!!! The tradition established from the beginning was to meet January through December. The regulars know we meet whether it is raining or cloudy, cold or hot. We DO NOT, however, meet if there is thunder or lightning.

So, please join us Monday, Tuesday,



If there are any questions, please call Sharon at 527-8150.

Kay, thanks always for thinking water exercise was a good thing to do.

If you have any questions, please call me at 527-8150. Here's to a super summer.





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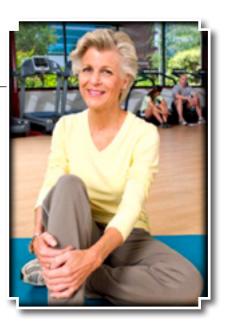


Summer Exercise Suggestions

Starting May, the Stretch Exercise Class will take a vacation. The class will resume in the FALL. Please continue your exercise habit. Let's not let "good" habits take a vacation.

Here are some suggestions for Summer Exercise:

1. An early morning walk is always a grand way to start the day. From the Club House and walking the Americana Drive sidewalk to the Mt. Curve corner; then returning on the Americana Drive sidewalk to Mt. Piney Avenue corner and back to the clubhouse is 1/4 of a mile. ... OR ...



2. There are a number of commercial free, TV exercise programs. They are all available on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday on the PBS stations.

If you have any questions, please call me at 527-8150. Here's to a super summer KEEP FIT; FEEL GOOD; LOOK GREAT!

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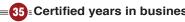
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Editorial By John Bassett



s a community I don't suppose we are that much different from most other communities. We have elected representatives at which the non-elected, and many times the non-voting take pot shots, for want of anything better to do. Having been a director, I know the feeling of being criticized for going by what I believe, and trying to act in the best interests of the community. Obviously that is not



always what is perceived, but what we all need to do is understand that no director, to my knowledge, goes out of their way to deliberately harm the community. This does not mean that mistakes won't be made. But remember, mistakes are always from hindsight. As the saying goes, history is usually written by the winners. What is needed from the community is understanding, and a willingness to move on. Shouting and harassing directors, who, need I remind you, are all volunteers, who do their best. No doubt there are issues some of you feel strongly about, such as the Pet Rules for which there are as many opinions as there are pets. Let's say for argument's sake that all the directors resigned en masse. You know what comes next. A trustee, and believe me, he/she will do just as he/she wants, in accordance with all the rules. Continuing to bring up old wounds, by anyone, does nothing to help us. Toleration, compassion, and understanding is what is needed. Put away the arrows, bring out the peace signs. Work together. Let us be friends, not rude obnoxious people. Are you being shot at, bombed? Put things in perspective. We are fortunate we don't have to live that kind of life. Having experienced being bombed in the first year of World War II as a young child, just hearing air raid sirens (old movies) is enough to bring me to tears. It is a memory that does not fade. Ask any war veterans. Trust me, our life is roses compared to many parts of the world. Try and behave yourselves.



My mother's menu consisted of two choices - take it or leave it.







