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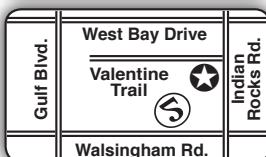
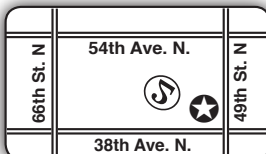
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Father God, we celebrate the birth of Your Son this month in many ways. I pray that His birth is not forgotten amongst all the other options. Our Jewish friends start their Hanukkah on the 21st. Pray for them, too. Although Easter is the highlight of Jesus' life on earth, His beginning is a close second. We send cards and letters and make phone calls to family, friends and loved ones as we remember that Jesus is the "Reason for the Season"! As we give gifts to those in our lives, may Your Holy Spirit remind us that Your Gift to us was the Greatest Gift ever given. Our children, grandchildren and all others need to understand this. Help us keep the greed of receiving out of our lives. We need to think about the needs of our loved ones and others, including their need for food, shelter and clothing, rather than our own wants and desires (most of which are unnecessary). Thank you, God, for the Gift You gave us. May we believe in Him, Our Lord and Savior, and express His love in all that we think, say and do. Amen.

President's Message

By Diane Brinker



Dear Americana Cove Residents:

Happy Holidays to One and All.

Hope you "live every day like it is a holiday", being thankful for the precious time that has been given to you and spending it with loved ones. I wish you and your family a happy holiday season.

There is nothing more important this holiday season than remaining peaceful and calm while those around us are not.

Much of the stress we feel during this holiday season is not our stress at all. It is the stress of the people surrounding us at work, in the stores and on the roads while doing our holiday shopping.

If you focus on things you do not like, you will attract more things you do not like into your life. If you focus on rude and stressful people, you will attract more of those kinds of people into your life. Instead, focus on being peaceful and calm, and you will become what you focus your attention on.

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In this year-end season of reflection and giving, one of the greatest gifts we give to our community, our world, future generations, and each other is a promise of peaceful living.

May each of us carry into this season and the New Year a renewed dedication to the Americana Cove's mission of leading and learning in our Community.

I wish to thank the many volunteers of our community for all they do to make this a great place to live, as well as our Office, Maintenance and Guard Staff.

Happy Holidays to everyone.

Letter from the Manager

By Loey Antonucci



For Those Not On the Amcove Email List:

As many of you are aware, there is an ongoing issue with our pipes. The infrastructure is dated back to the early 60's; and unfortunately when the valves were replaced about three years ago, they were replaced with the wrong valves. Gate valves were used rather than ball valves, which were buried deep in the ground without box casings to protect them from rusting and corroding.

Recently we started on the project of replacing two of the eight valves. This will be an on-going issue until all eight gate valves are replaced. As long as no main pipe issues occur beyond the valve, we will only have an isolated street shut down.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Walk Away The Pounds

By Daisy Dean



Walking away the Pounds classes have started up again in the Clubhouse at 8 a.m. Monday -Friday. Monday, Wednesday & Friday, it's 3 miles; Tuesdays & Thursdays will be 4-mile walks. I have a few new DVD's this year, and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again. Remember it's fun, easy, FREE and everyone is welcome. So get your Walking Shoes on and join us. Any questions, please feel free to call me at 527-7838.



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ACA News

By Paul Line



I would like to extend a very big “Thank You” to Adele Seaman, Ed & Jeanette Imbrogulio, Charlie Petrites and Murray & Nicole Baxter for the wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner they cooked on November 24th. Thank you!

A well earned “Thank You” goes to Neal Tuleen for the terrific job he is doing on the sign out front. It is impossible to list all of the volunteers who help make our community run. So no matter whether you make a large or small contribution

of your time, on behalf of ACA, I would like to extend a warm “Thank You” to all of our volunteers. Without them our community would not be the wonderful place it is. Thank you all!

Kudos also go out to Don Delzell, Gail Jones and all of the helpers for the Craft & Christmas Bazaar Sale on November 19th.

The holiday season is upon us with lots of activities in the park. First off, ACA Council meeting will be Tuesday, December 6th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Atrium; and the luncheon will be in the Clubhouse on Wednesday, December 7th, at noon.

Saturday December 3rd, Claire Mosakowski and Joan Geiger will once again present “An Evening of Christmas Carols” at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse with our own Vespers Choir, guest soloist Ann Aubin, and narrator Bob Potter. ACA will provide refreshments after the program. So come on out and enjoy this wonderful musical tribute to our Christmas season.

Tuesday, December 6th, at 3 p.m., the Live Music Group will have their Christmas Show.

Saturday December 10th, Betty Chase’s Annual Christmas Show... “Christmas Dream” will be presented at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

Saturday December 17th, Director Rick Lopez is again calling all golf carters to participate in our Annual Golf Cart Christmas Parade. So get your thinking caps on, decorate your carts, come out and have a great time. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated carts. The parade will be followed by wine & cheese, music and caroling in the clubhouse. Meet at the Clubhouse at 5:30 p.m.; Parade rolls at 6 p.m.

On Saturday December 24th, a Christmas Eve Drop-In from 5-7 p.m. will be hosted by Betty Chase. Refreshments will be served. So please plan to attend and wish your neighbors a Merry Christmas.

Finally, 2011 will come to an end with our New Year’s Eve Party in the Clubhouse. Music by Ron Bloomer. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Get your group together and help celebrate the end of 2011 and welcome in 2012!

On behalf of myself, Sue & Joyce, we would like to extend our best wishes to all of you for a safe, happy and wonderful holiday season. We shall look forward to seeing you all in 2012!



Sunshine Report for December 2011

By Nancy Hubartt



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Boat Club

By Rick Lopez



A warm “welcome back” to our snowbirds. The boat club had its annual meeting and election of officers for 2012: Rick Lopez as President; Gerry Zebley as Vice President; Conrad Weisner as Secretary; and Barbara Gallant as Treasurer. Sandie Reid is serving as chairperson for our Island Bash on March 10, 2012.

Just a reminder that dues are due. Our December meeting will feature someone from West Marine as our Guest Speaker. We hope to line up other guest speakers at future meetings.

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01 Marie Sellers	18 Bernadette Holmer
02 Bernie MacDonald	19 Gen Van Patten
02 Catherine Osman	19 Lucille Osfar
02 P.J. Petit	19 Christine Kelley
02 James Stake	19 Laureen Walsh
03 Chuck Weaver	19 Mike Giacchetti
05 Shirley Bernfeld	22 Charlie Petrites
06 Diane Brinker	22 Louise Rhead
07 Susan Slavin	23 Gerry Zebley
07 Bob Sutton	23 Patrick Norado
10 Virginia Marcott	23 Doris Drury
11 Dolly Couture	24 Terri Mottl
11 Sharon Miller	25 Carol Durfey
11 Nancy Olsen	25 Helga Macpherson
11 Vicki MacDonald	26 Murray Baxter
12 Tom Wallace	26 Fred Stevens
13 Loretta Winkle	28 Bart Goble
14 Beverly Johnson	29 Jackie Lessard
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03	Judith & Richard Krapf.....	44 Years
04	Kathy & Andy Shepard-Moses	18 years
08	Jeanette & Edward Imbrogulio	50 years
18	Diane & Dave Brinker	13 years
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Old Timers

By Sue Line



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Vice President, Lori Casey, for chairing the meetings on my behalf. Also, an extra thank you to Janice Zebley for chairing the October 12th meeting.

Well, it's that time of year again! Where did it go? As I write this, there are only 45 days till Christmas (or until Santa comes). Our meeting and luncheon will be Wednesday, December 14th, at noon. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11th, 2012. Don't forget to take your aluminum to the crushing shed. On behalf of Lori, Adele, Conrad and myself, we would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year! See you all in 2012.

Terri's December Ho-Ho-Horoscope and Gift Guide

By Terri Mottl (What's in your bag?)



SAGITTARIUS (11/23 - 12/21) Half philosopher, half jokester. . . a book of quotes is perfect, unless you're the usual brunt of the joke. Then, a muzzle will do just fine.

CAPRICORN (12/22 - 01/10) A ledger or stack of spread sheets so they can diligently record their gifts for prosperity. DO NOT give them a copy of "How to Win Friends and Influence People". . . as they won't think it's funny.

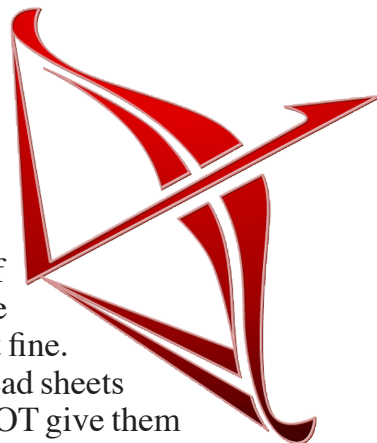
AQUARIUS (01/20 - 02/18) Anything they can't donate to a large group or institution. They LOVE technology, so get them a pocket gadget or gizmo they can entertain themselves with, even if it's just to take it apart to see what makes it work.

PISCES (02/19 - 03/20) Think water. Not in glasses or faucets. . . in lakes, rivers, streams, or oceans. If you can't afford a boat or scuba gear, maybe an exotic fish tank or an ocean wave recording to fall asleep by.

ARIES (03/21 - 04/19) You can slide by with perfume or jewelry, or a certificate for a night on the town; but what they REALLY desire in their heart-of-hearts is a T-Shirt that says, "I'm number 1"!

TAURUS (04/20 - 05/20) Comfort or quality will do the trick, but comfort AND quality is a sure win. A silver money clip or leather wallet tucked in the pocket of a cashmere sweater....Oh, baby, baby, honey-bunch, darling!

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GEMINI (05/21 - 06/20) The twins love variety and need to communicate. So a cutesie basket filled with cell phones, extra batteries, journals with hundreds of colored pens and pencils and ink cartridges for the computer will keep ‘em busy.

CANCER (6/21 - 7/22) Ruled by the emotional moon, no one likes personal and homemade like our Cancer buddies. Build a doll house, bake a cake, sew a sweater; but include tissues, they’re going to cry for sure!

LEO (07/23 - 08/21) It’s all about the hair and logo attire. If you want your Leo to purr, get ‘em a cool hat; but if you really want your Leo to roar, a leather logo jacket or car decal is the way to go.

LIBRA (9/24 - 10/22) Justice, balance, and harmony. I’d tell you to get a set of juggling balls, but that wouldn’t be nice. A perfectly matched SET of something for balance, color coordinated for harmony and a loving gesture for all they’ve done for you this year, for justice. Yep, that’s the ticket!

VIRGO (08/22 - 09/22) Whatever you get, it should be practical, useful, and in excellent taste. Now, if you can sneak romantic in that list, you will pass the Virgo scrutiny with flying colors.

SCORPIO (10/23 - 11/22) You can go sensual or you can go mysterious. Or, if you REALLY want to treat your Scorpio, you can do both, with a week-end spa certificate folded into the pages of a steamy mystery novel.

Hobby Shop

By Dave Bernfeld



The Hobby Shop group will begin meeting on Monday, December 5th, at 9 a.m. in the shop. As always, coffee and donuts will be available.

Dan Craft is our new president this year. He asked to remind everyone that the collection of dues will start again this year. So, bring your money! Hope to see you there.

Bingo

By Nancy Hubartt



Bingo is being cancelled for Friday the 23rd of December 2011, Friday before Christmas. There will be bingo on Friday the 30th of December since it will not interfere with the New Year’s Eve party on the 31st.

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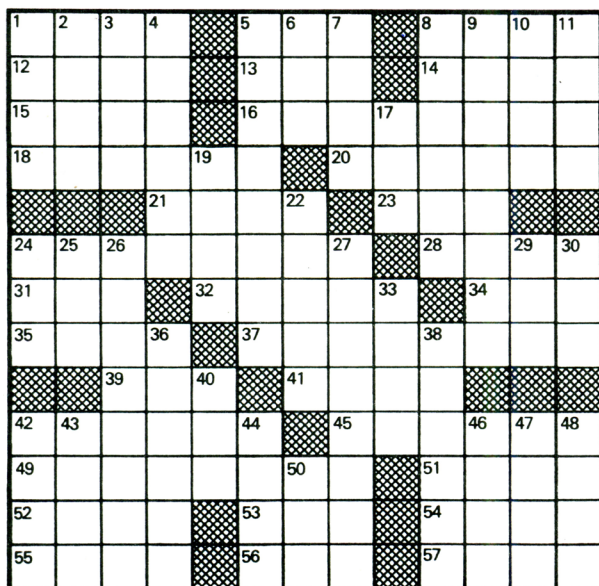
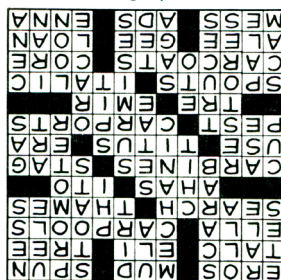
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Red Hat Chilies

By Adele Seaman



Hard to believe another year is gone. Happy Holidays to all! For the members who bought tickets for the Hudson Dinner Show, we will be going December 1st. On the 15th of December, we will go to Moon Under Water Downtown for our Christmas Dinner. Please meet at the Clubhouse no later than 4:45 p.m.; rides will be available. Remember to sign up for it.



Microwave Bread Pudding

By Jeanne Sheppard



4 cups lightly packed bread cubes (4-5 slices of bread, or use plain croutons)
1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup raisins
2 cups milk (not skim)
1/4 cup butter, cut up
2 large eggs, beaten with fork

1. Spread croutons in 8" round glass pan.
2. Sprinkle with sugar, salt, and raisins.
3. Place milk in 4 cup glass measuring cup and add butter.
4. Microwave on High 4 minutes, until butter melts and milk is warm.
5. Rapidly stir in the beaten eggs with a whisk.
6. Pour over bread.
7. Microwave on high for 9 minutes.
8. May be slightly soft in the middle...but it will set as it cools.
9. Serve warm or chilled. Serve with whipped cream, ice cream, or make a sauce out of instant lemon pudding. Yummy!
10. Enjoy! Takes less than 30 minutes from start to tummy!



Christmas Show

By Betty Chase



The annual Christmas Show will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2011, at 7:00pm. Cost is \$2.00 at the door. Program is entitled "Christmas Dreamer".

Christmas Eve Open House

By Betty Chase



On Christmas Eve, December 24, 2011, the ACA will sponsor an open house from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments and beverages will be served.

Shuffleboard Club News

By Jo Waldron



By the time you read this, most teams will have several league games under their belt, with the exception of the Nova team. Their first game is December 1st.

The Shuffleboard Club would like to thank Richard & Virginia Marcott, who made and donated new table holders for our sugar, stirrers, etc. We appreciate the added "class" for our get-togethers.

Two corrections to the November article: (1) My apologies to Lorraine Casey, who is our new secretary, and (2) Our dues have not changed; they are still \$5.

The open games are under way. Sunday "Hoss Collar" is at 1:00 p.m. with Directors Fod and Mary Wright. "Hall of Fame" games are on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. under the direction of Lennie Schmitz. Both are open to all; and if you've never shuffled before, "Hoss Collar" is an excellent beginners game.

A rundown on this year's activities to jot on your calendar:

We will have two pancake breakfasts this year: Saturday, January 21st, and Saturday, February 25th. Our in-park tournament Singles will be on Saturday, February 11th; and the Doubles are scheduled for February 18th. Novas and "B" teams will have separate single matches. In the Doubles, a Nova will be matched with a "B" team player. To end the season, our trophy party will be held on March 31st.

We'd like to see a better turn-out at our meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Atrium. Everyone is welcome to attend. *Happy Shuffling.*



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Crafters

By Ginny Marcott



The Cookbook sampling was a success, and the Cookbooks were a big hit. Many of them will be presents under Christmas trees all over the country. The crafters will be spending the rest of the year making Christmas items for sale at the luncheons. As the year winds down, this is the time to remember how wonderful this past year has been. Everyone should take the time to remember loved ones and call someone they haven't spoken to lately.

Now is the time to turn your State Fair entries in to Nancy Hubartt. They need to be turned in at our membership meeting on December 5th. The membership meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the atrium. This is the time to pay your dues for the 2012 crafting year. We will be having another membership contest in January. So start talking to your neighbors and friends to get them to join our great group in 2012.

The Crafters Club would like to extend a "Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year" to all of the wonderful folks in Americana Cove.



New Year's Eve Dance

By The ACA



It's that time of year again when we all get together and welcome in a New Year. Our New Year's Eve Dance will be on Saturday, December 31, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

An Evening of Christmas Carols

By Claire Mosakowski and Joan Geiger



On Saturday, December 3rd, at 7:00 p.m., we will present "An Evening of Christmas Carols" in the Clubhouse. Please join us in singing the traditional Christmas carols that we all know and love. It's a wonderful way to start the Christmas season. Drew Fairlie, Bob Niblick and Claire Mosakowski will provide the music. Our guest soloist, Ann Cubin, will join us again; and of course, our very special Vesper Choir will be a part of this festive occasion. Please plan on attending. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Par-Seekers

By Dave Bernfeld



Hope everyone had a great summer and that all are eager to start a new golf season playing with other Americana Cove golfers. Our season has started and we are looking forward to good golfing.

Again, for those of you just returning, we have some new co-leaders for our league. They are Paul Line and Roy Christopher. There are many events planned (scrambles, etc.) plus our usual tournaments. Check the bulletin board. The season continues throughout the winter ending with our banquet April 2nd.

On the first Thursday of each month, a short meeting will be held in the Clubhouse at 9:00 before heading to Mainlands. Dues should be paid at that time. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Clubhouse for each week; please sign-up by the Sunday before. Remember, the first tee time is 10:15. Also, all Americana Cove golfers are welcome.



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Vespers

By Martha Pratt



Vesper Services are well underway, and Advent is here already. Our new keyboard has been getting compliments; and our choir director, Mary Moore, is breaking it in. It is a welcome addition to our services. Also, we have two new members in our choir, Pat McCarthy and Nancy Hill. Welcome to you both.

Please contact Arlene Harmon if you would like to order flowers for the Vesper Service in memory of a loved one. A small bouquet is also made for the purchaser to take home after the service. The flowers are then made into small bouquets and are taken to those confined in nursing homes, hospitals and/or rehab facilities. The \$20 purchase goes a long way in bringing cheer to others. Ruth Healy makes a beautiful arrangement. Call Arlene and give her a date for which you'd like the flowers.

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The summer donation containers are being turned in to our treasurer, Peggy Stuckey. We thank all those for their kindness and generosity. I was also told of a way members can donate too. Each time you think of a blessing you have, drop a coin into a container. We all have things we're blessed with like: having electricity--some do not; having food to eat--some are struggling for a piece of bread; a roof over our heads--some must live in a tent. These are just a sampling of things we can count as our blessings.

The Welcome Back Concert was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the singers from the University of South Florida, and the singers enjoyed performing here in the Cove. I'd like to thank all who worked behind the scenes to make this night the success that it was. With the snowbirds returning, our attendance is picking up. If you've never attended, why not give Vespers a try? We have some wonderful local pastors who come each week to deliver uplifting messages. What a great and positive way to start off your week!

Since Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sunday, there will be no Vesper Services on either of these holidays. I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year. Hope to see new faces as well as familiar ones in 2012.

Bowling

By Peg Farmer and Debbie Gottardi



Come join some of your fellow Covers on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for fun bowling sessions. This is NOT a league, no teams--just a group of people of all skill levels who enjoy bowling. We do not keep handicaps. This is good practice for bowlers on leagues and fun for everyone.

Come if you can! No problem skipping Tuesdays when you have other commitments. We meet at Sunrise Lanes, 6393 9th Street. The cost is \$8 for 3 games. Season started Nov 28. Call Peg 727-424-6392 or Debbie 727-374-5705 if you have any questions.



*Christmas is the Season When You Buy
this Year's Gifts with Next Year's Money*

Cove Fishing Trip

By Rick Lopez



Many Cove and Boat Club members were part of Forester's fishing trip on October 15. This is an annual fishing trip out of Clearwater Beach. Foresters, the trip's



sponsor, took the proceeds (after expenses) and donated them to a charity. This year, \$620 in proceeds was donated to the Battered Woman's shelter in Hudson. Congratulations to Jenny Wosil for winning the fishing pole on the side raffle. Our group came home with 30 pounds of fish which we fried up and enjoyed the following day at Rick Lopez's home. We all look forward



to another fishing trip next year.

Christmas Golf Cart Parade

By Rick Lopez



On Saturday December 17, we are delighted to have scheduled our 4th Annual Golf Cart Christmas Parade.

As in years past, we encourage you to dress up your golf cart for a parade around the park to kick off the holiday season.

We will be starting from our Clubhouse parking lot at 6:00 p.m., and we will tour the park according to the maps that will be posted. Following our parade around the park, we return to the Clubhouse for a party. ACA will provide the entertainment. Refreshments will be provided by the office. All carts should be at the Clubhouse by 5:30 to be judged for 1 of 5 prizes. The prize categories are: Lighted, Non Lighted, Religious, Themed, and Funniest. So either decorate your carts or pull up a lawn chair to sit along the route and cheer as the parade rolls by. Then join us at the Clubhouse for some holiday cheer.

Questions? Contact Rick Lopez.





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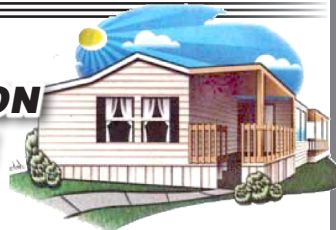
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The Day After Christmas

From Anita Lambert



Twas the day after Christmas, and all through the house, every creature was hurting, even the mouse.

The toys were all broken, their batteries dead, Santa passed out, with some ice on his head. Wrapping and ribbons just covered the floor, while upstairs the family continued to snore. And I in my t-shirt,

new Reeboks and jeans, went into the kitchen and started to clean. When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the sink to see what the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, tore open the curtains and threw up the sash. When what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a little white truck, with an oversized mirror. The driver was smiling, so lively and grand, the patch on his jacket said "U.S. Postman". With a handful of bills, he grinned like a fox, then quickly he stuffed them into our mailbox. Bill after bill after bill they still came, whistling and shouting he called them by name. "Now Dillard's, now Broadway's, now Penney's and Sears, here's Levitz's and Target's and Mervyn's all here! To the tip of your limit every store, every mall now charge away, charge away, charge away all!" He sprang to his truck and he drove down the road, driving much faster with just half a load. Then I heard him exclaim with great holiday cheer, "Enjoy what you got, you'll be paying all year!"



Original Poem By Jeanne Sheppard

(Written about 20 years ago for a contest – I won)



In the contest, we had to use the words Evergreen, Mistletoe, Rendezvous, Myrrh, Nose and Frosty.

Written under an Evergreen tree: Once a year, Under the Mistletoe. I rendezvous with...No... Not a Wiseman carrying Myrrh (I haven't been lucky with Wise Men so "fer") I rendezvous with that FAT old man in the red suit and the cute nose...

We toast the New Year with a frosty... And a cookie or two.... Then back to MRS Clause he goes, With a smile on his face And nice warm Toes!

Americana Cove Attitude of Gratitude Corner

By Terri Mottl, with gratitude!



THE WAVE! The first year I moved to Americana Cove, I would forget to stop waving when I drove out of the park. It was always a jolt when I received very little positive reception from all of those “OTHER” people out there. But, there is one couple who live on the way to Sweetbay who often sit on their porch. I gave them the wave. They smiled and waved back; and to this day, we STILL wave at each other whenever I go by. Other than that one friendly couple, it’s always such a joy to return home to my friendly “small town” community and be greeted, welcomed, smiled at, and waved ahead of standing drivers, and chatted with.

To this day, I swear, my kids STILL think I know 300 people. They are always amazed at my social standing and popularity as we wander through the park.

Whenever they say, “Gee, mom, you know so many people and they all seem to like you so much”, I just smile, and wave on!

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I don’t know about you, but having all of that raw talent just minutes from my every disaster makes me feel super-duper blessed and grateful.

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Author Unknown



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I have become quite a frivolous old gal
I am seeing five gentlemen every day.
When I wake up, Will Power helps me out of bed
Then I go to see John

Later, Charlie Horse comes along
He takes a lot of my time and attention
Then, Arthur Ritis shows up
And stays the rest of the day.
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He takes me from joint to joint
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P.S. The preacher called and said that at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter.
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