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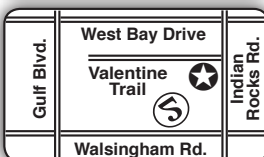
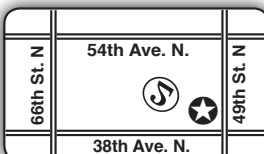
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By John Hill



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President's Message

By Diane Brinker



*For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning.*
~T.S. Eliot



Happy New Year 2012 to all our Residents.

I hope that you will attend our “Meet the Candidates Night” held in our Clubhouse on Saturday, January 7th at 7:00 pm hosted by Paul Line, ACA President. We will have three vacant seats on the MAROA Board. The list of Candidates for the Board of Directors is as follows: John Bassett, Terry Campbell, David Casey, Gail Jones, Virginia Marcott, Mark Nixon and Ed Walter. Please come out, get involved, and ask questions. The election will be held on January 18th at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse.

Mark your calendars for January 12th at 11:00 am in the Clubhouse for a presentation by Belinda Amankwaa, Senior Human Services Program Specialist with the Adult Protective Services Program, State of Florida. The Adult Protective Services Program serves frail, elderly and adults with disabilities who are victims or potential victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. The program also supports adults with disabilities who need assistance to remain in their homes and/or in the community. The program aims to give seniors the independence to live in the community rather than in more costly residential or nursing home settings.

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Letter from the Manager

By Loey Antonucci



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Once you have hired your contractor, please share with them the rules of our property, which they are expected to follow. They are responsible for cleaning up their area, properly disposing of debris off of the property, and observing the days and time frames allowed.

Hope you all enjoyed your holidays and wishing you a happy, healthy new year!

The Employees of Americana Cove would like to wish everyone a Very Happy New Year. Also a big "Thank You" for your generous contributions to the employee Christmas Fund.



We Need Front Cover Pictures!



We need some good pictures for the covers of our Monthly Media Newsletters. Send to **Monthly Media at 151 1st Street N.W., Largo, FL 33770.** Residents photos 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) names 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. Square shaped pictures work best, 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.**



ACA News

By Paul Line



I would like to wish a Happy and Healthy New Year to everyone in the Cove.

A big Thank You to Claire Mosakowski and Joan Geiger for the wonderful Evening of Christmas Carols and to Betty Chase and Company for the Christmas Dreamer show. It takes a lot of time and effort to put these programs together. So once again, thank you all.

ACA Council meeting will be January 3rd, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.; and the ACA luncheon will be on Wednesday January 4th, 2012, at noon. On January 7th at 7 p.m., ACA will host Meet the Candidates; so come on out and ask them your questions. Workout with Daisy on Tuesday, January 10th & 24th at 4 p.m., plus every Thursday at 4 p.m. Tickets for Canada Night will go on sale Thursday, January 5th, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. and are \$10.00 each.

MAROA Board Meeting and Elections will be held on Wednesday January 18, 2012, at 7 p.m. Be sure and cast your ballot so we can have a larger voter turnout than we did for the budget.

Betty Chase and her Kitchen Krew will be hosting a Tiki Hut Party to raise money for one of the new park benches on January 14th at 3 p.m. Cost is \$8.00. The Garden Club is having an overnight trip to Fort Myers January 17th-18th. See bulletin board in clubhouse for details. Don't forget the Shufflers Pancake Breakfast on January 21st; cost is \$3.00.

Last but not least, Canada Night's Hands Across the Border dinner dance with the Happy Days Band is on January 28th.

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By Nancy Hubartt

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The mobile Internet device uses Android technology and is only 7 inches long. It's assembled in India, though its components come from South Korea, China, and the United States (as well as India). Right now, only about 100,000 Aakashes are in the manufacturing pipeline, and those will be sent to colleges for use by disadvantaged students free of charge. You can't actually buy it. At least not yet. *(Provided by First Draft)*



So far, this is the oldest I have ever been.

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03 Lillian Harris	11 Irene Kmiecniak	Betty Duffy
Chuck Schmidt	Sara Burnett	Linda Johnson
Pat Ramsey	12 Arne Rengo	Kay Schiavone
Dottie Huber	Bill Nygard	22 Joan Pregel
04 Helen Cook	13 Margie Trimm	24 Lorette Winkle
Becky Nangles	14 Linda Campbell	25 Ruth Brownlee
05 Phyllis Entreken	15 Dina Birtcher	26 Lorraine Boshek
06 Dick Morris	Lila Hart	27 Carol Nygard
07 Tom Solomon	Polly Perkins	Victor Monachelli
Richard Lloyd	Chuck MacDonald	28 Christina Goble
Debbie Craft	16 Jennie Wosil	30 Dianne Massey
08 Cathie Sanders	19 Ginny Staples	Gloria Shulte
10 Anthony Daleo	20 Louise Pickett	Lola Stake
		31 Cathy Thomas

January Anniversaries



01 Lila & Jerry Mussman	33 years
Marsha & Joe Gray	21 years
Joan & Dennis Moore	34 years
Jill & Mick Marckese.....	21 years
05 Lorraine & Bob Hoey	27 years
07 Gerri & John Bassett.....	17 years
08 MaryAnn & Bill Foley.....	47 years
10 Joan & John Mahoney	53 years
13 Margie & J. R. Trimm.....	30 years
15 Gina & James Huff	36 years
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Welcome New Residents

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Harding, Laura M.
373 Mt. Richmond Ave
Previously: Glogovsky

Laramée, David & Kathryn (NY)
7225 Mt. Fairfield Rd
Previously: MacNeill



Old Timers

By Sue Line & Lori Casey

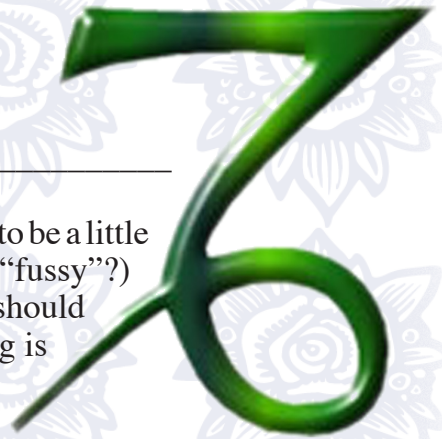


I hope everyone had a very Happy New Year and that 2012 will continue to be good for all of us. The first meeting of the year will be on Wednesday January 11th and then again on January 25th. A big thank you to Rick Lopez for taking the trailer full of aluminum to the recycle depot and then bringing us back a check for over \$700.00! Thanks Rick and the can crushing group!!

What do we do with the funds we receive? The money collected through recycling, 50/50, cake profits and other donations are given back to residents and community projects. This fall, our profits paid for monthly lunches, a gift basket provided to the Thanksgiving Dinner Committee, a gift wrapping basket raffled away at the Craft & Christmas Bazaar, and poinsettias given away at our December meeting. Old Timers also contributed to the Employee Christmas fund and purchased a bench for the Beautification Committee. Dues are only \$4 per year; and all residents, young or old, are encouraged to join us for lunch, social hour and a brief meeting. Old Timers meets at noon in the clubhouse every second and fourth Wednesday of each month (October through May).

Terri's 2012 "Resolute To Resolute" Resolutions

By Terri Mottl (You can do it)!



CAPRICORN (12/21 - 01/20) How 'bout resolving to be a little more open and a little less selective. (Some call it "fussy"?) Your natural abhorrence of failure or losing face should help you with this one. Remember the song, "Everything is Beautiful in its Own Way"? (Yes, I get it; I'm a cappie).

AQUARIUS (01/20 - 02-18) Maybe one less group or social circle in order to open a little time for that one person who's been waiting? No, it's not a good idea to join a self-help group in order to do this! No!!!

PISCES (02/19 - 03/20) You can't please ALL of the people.....or help them either. If you can choose one or two special causes and give your all, you will feel so much better and less stressed. Universal love....one person at a time!

ARIES (03/21 - 04/19) This is the year to focus on yourself. Whatever you change within you will change the world around you. Try it, you'll like it!

TAURUS (04/20 -05/20) It's a financial year for Taurus. Focus on the NEST EGG a little more than the nest itself, and you can reward yourself with new living room carpeting NEXT January! Tra-La!!!

GEMINI (05/21 - 06/20) Here's the secret.....pick just one! Maybe it's time to expand your communication skills. Do you write, sing, and paint? The world is waiting!

CANCER (06/20 - 07/22) Time to stream-line the clutter.....ALL of it! Do you REALLY need that second grade report card or those mismatched pillow cases? From grannies house? It's all right to cry all the way to Salvation Army.

LEO 9 07/22 - 08/22) Make me a promise. Vow to take better care of YOURSELF this year. Ask for help as much as you offer it. Ask, "Will you" as often as you say, "I will". If you can't do it for yourself, do it for me. I'm watching!

VIRGO (08-22 - 09/22) This one sounds easy; but, boy, oh boy! Which one of your chores do you put the most effort into and get the least results from? Well, stop doing it. Just stop. Simple enough. Ha!

LIBRA (09/22 - 10/21) You just wanna keep the peace, don't ya darlin'? Maybe, this year, you could take a stand, pick a side, and not let ANYONE talk you out of it! Just one issue that you really, really believe in.

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SCORPIO (10/22 - 11/22) Time to let go of something. Only you know what it is and only you can let it go. Some habit, some resentment, some stubbornness. Take a deep breath and make the first move, take the first step. Is that a sigh of relief?

SAGITTARIUS (10/02 - 11/22) Make a vow to do that thing you’ve been vowing to do for the last 16 years....whatever it is. Yes, that means you’ll have to say “no” to one or two or ten requests; but aren’t you as important as the rest of the world?

Boat Club

By Rick Lopez



The Boat club wishes a Happy New Year! We are busy planning our third Island Bash Dinner. So dust off that special shirt and water that grass skirt for our party on March 10, 2012. Big thanks to our own Nan Krueger who not only works at West Marine but gave a great talk about them to our club members. Many thanks to Gerry Zebley for running the meeting in my absence.

Crime Watch

By Rachel Stewart



Our next meeting for Crime Watch is on Friday January 13, 2012. We will have a special speaker joining us at the Crime Watch meeting on February 10, 2012. This speaker will talk about safety prevention in and around the home. Please join us at this February 10th meeting at 1:30 pm and bring a neighbor.



Cove Riders

By Rick Lopez



Cove Riders wish you a Happy New Year. Members look to your emails for posted rides planned for next month.

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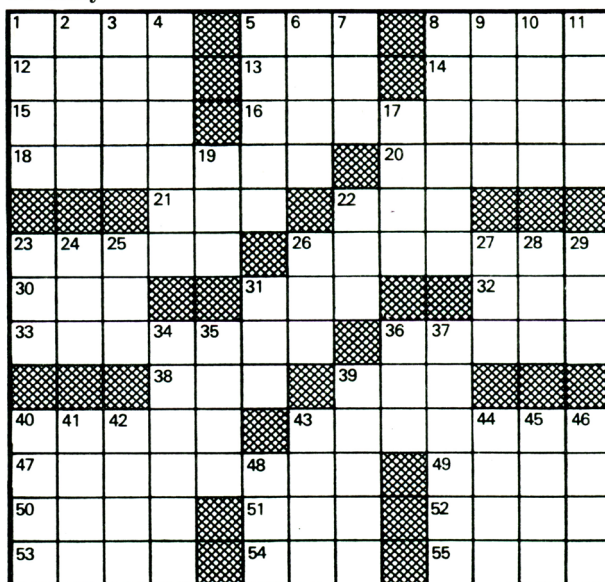
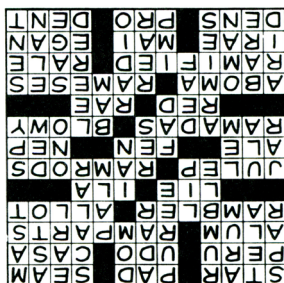


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Thanks, Americana Cove

By Rita Lewis



Everyone has been so supportive of my efforts to send gifts to our Soldiers. I wanted to do more than last year, and we have doubled our efforts and support. So thanks everyone. I couldn't do it without you, and it is so special to have all of you on my team. Don't forget me now. I have lots of greeting cards and dishcloths, and our soldiers need support all year long. Your Soldiers Angel, Rita Lewis



Canada Night – January 28th, 2012

By Dave Turner



The annual Canada Night, “HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER”, when Americana Cove’s Canadians host their American friends and neighbors, will unveil on Friday, January 28th, 2012, with appetizers at 5:00 P.M. & dinner at 5:30 P.M.

Good food – prizes – dancing – special guests.

Tickets are \$10.00/person and will be on sale in the Atrium on Thursday, January 5th 2012, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Only 330 tickets will be sold, a maximum of 4 tickets per household, with table selection at time of purchase. For group table selection, a member of each household must be present together at the time of purchase. For example, if you are organizing a group of 12, a person from each household (a total of 3 residents) must be present, together, at the time of purchase.



Vespers

By Martha Pratt



Happy New Year to all!
Christmas is a time for celebrating and remembering that the reason for the season is Jesus' birth. I hope everyone had a joyful time.

The Vesper season is half over. We have had some enjoyable speakers with great messages the past three months with more to come. Hope to see you at an upcoming service.

Jeanne Pavlik, our former treasurer now living in Wisconsin, sent me a beautiful thank you letter which was read at a service in December; and I'd like to reprint it here for those who may not have been present.

"I am so thankful that I had the privilege of serving this group. When so many choose to worship together on a Sunday evening, share the message of Jesus and enjoy each other's company, it was and is a good place to be. I miss you all, but God and family want me here in this cold place. It requires too many layers of clothing to be warm. I might get to visit after the first of the year. My health is as good as it can be as long as I don't try doing too much like multi-tasking. God bless you all and keep supporting Vespers as it is a needed place to be on a Sunday evening. Sincerely, Jeanne Pavlik"

This year we will be celebrating Vespers' 50 years serving Americana Cove. We'd like to form a committee to gather and put together its history. Is there anyone interested in serving on this committee? Please call me as soon as possible with any ideas you may have.



Pastors for January are:

January 1st - No Service

8th - Bill Martin, Connerstone Community Church

15th - George Carlier, Retired

22nd - Shep Johnson, Retired Methodist

29th - Mason Dorsey, Riviera United Methodist



New Year's Resolutions and Other Stuff

By Jeanne Sheppard



My New Year's Resolution for 2012 is NOT to make a New Year's Resolution. It's the same old story--lose weight, walk more, spend less, send more cards to friends--you know the drill. In my old age, I am telling myself the truth. This reminds me of an old saying, "If you keep doing what you've always done, you'll keep getting what you always got!" Oh, the truth hurts.

Now for the other "stuff."

Why is it that lipstick doesn't look the same on lips as it does in the store? If orange, magenta, or mauve...and if Red...it makes us ladies look like street walkers...Pink with a pink scarf and orange is necessary if your shirt is orange, watch mauve because it makes lips disappear!

Living at the Cove only gets better. Thanks to all the people who have brought slightly used plants to the lot at 200 Mt. Piney. Just leave them, I'll plant them...we will have such a lovely garden in a very short time.

The Garden Club

By Gail Jones



The January meeting of the Americana Cove Garden Club will be Tuesday, January 10, in the Atrium. Coffee and Donuts at 9:30. Meeting and program will begin at 10:00 a.m. Our guest speaker is Jeanne Sheppard. She will bring us interesting tidbits about her numerous adventures in gardening. You have been able to read some of her humorous adventures in the Forecaster already, and this will be another entertaining moment. Look forward to seeing you there.



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Workout with Daisy

By Daisy Dean



I have been asked if I would do a Walking Away The Pounds class in the afternoon for the not so early Risers. Starting Jan. 5th, we will be doing a 4 p.m class every Thursday and every other Tuesday. Please check your Forecaster calendar for dates. I will also do a 2 & 3 mile instead of a 4 mile. It's nice to see new faces & hope to see more--very proud of the faithful ones that show up every day. For those that don't know what it's all about, come out & watch the video; I'm sure you will love it. If you just want to do a mile, that's up to you. We are not here to judge you; whatever you do is better than nothing. Remember this is not for ladies only. Men are also welcome & I am proud to have my Hubby beside me every day (except for his Golf days). And for anyone who wants to do a 4 or 5 mile workout, I am usually at the clubhouse every Saturday and Sunday between 7:30 & 8a.m.



This is the season for giving. With that in mind, remember the Greatest Gift you can give to your family & friends is a Healthy You! Walking is Man's best Medicine; so put your walking shoes on and take your medicine.

Hoping you all had a Great Christmas & hoping to see you at the clubhouse in the New Year for a Healthier YOU!!!

Any questions, you can call me at 527-7838. Thanks, Daisy

Valentine Dinner Dance

By Carol Risley and Janet Pendino



We are happy to announce the annual Italian Valentine Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012. Tickets will go on sale January 25th. Doors open at 4 pm, dinner at 5 pm and music until 9 pm. Please help us fill our gift baskets, as it will keep the tickets at the current price of \$10.

Beautification, Benches, and Blessings

By Mary Bickhart



Our wonderful Beautification Committee has been working diligently to improve the aesthetic value of our Park. Those talented Garden Club volunteers have been seeding, planting and trimming all over the Park and we appreciate their hard work.

The planning has continued with the arrival at consensus regarding benches for the comfort and enjoyment of all Park residents. Benches will be cemented in, have a higher “seat” and have plantings nearby.

I am pleased to announce that our residents and clubs have stepped up to provide Benches.

Several of our clubs have already promised to donate benches similar to the sturdy ones at Founder’s Park. Each bench will have a plaque indicating the Club name. Our own ACA President, Paul Line, pledged a bench. Sue Line and Old Timers followed suit. Thank you to community minded leaders.

Betty Chase and the Kitchen Krew will be providing a Tiki Hut Party on January 14, 2012, at 3 p.m. Cost \$8.00. All proceeds go towards a bench. Please join us.

Finally, we are blessed to have family members who are purchasing a bench to honor their families, past and present.

Gail and Alice Jones have chosen to honor Dick and Doc (Mason) Jones. Both of these fine gentlemen have been admirable examples of outstanding citizens throughout their life. They were both kind and gentle, and a bench near the Rose Garden will honor them.

Dorothy Love couldn’t wait to honor her husband James W. Love. The couple lived in the Park since 1986; and Jim was known as a generous, helpful neighbor and a good family man. A place of peace and rest will be a fitting tribute to a man who loved boats. Virginia Curtis’ family has decided to honor her first as a perfect role model and mother and, secondly, for her service to community. Because of Virginia’s contribution to founding our Park, a bench will be placed for all to rest and reflect on a beautiful woman and citizen. Lillian LaRoche wants to pay tribute to Roger Sr. He was a man who loved life and family. He always had a smile for his neighbors and an enthusiasm for trying new things. Lillian wants people to enjoy a peaceful respite while remembering a fine man.

As we continue to get pledges and benches are installed, I will keep you informed.



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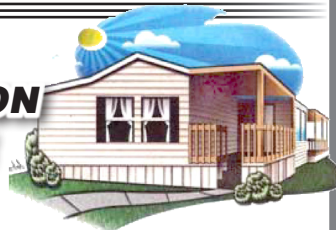


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A Special Thank You

By Dave and Pat Bernfeld



A special thank you from Dave and Pat Bernfeld for everyone who helped with decorating for Christmas.

Red Hat Chilies

By Adele Seaman



The Red Hat Chilies after Christmas luncheon at Spring Garden Restaurant will be January 23, 2012. We will meet at the clubhouse at 11:30am and rides will be available. Don't forget to bring that gift that you didn't need.

Par-Seekers

By Dave Bernfeld



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 through 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. 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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Shuffleboard Club News

By Jo Waldron



Please take note there's been some changes in scheduling. The pancake breakfasts will be on January 21st and February 18th this year. You will be getting your assignments at our January meeting. Because of a conflict in scheduling, there will be no Park Singles tournament this year. The Doubles tournament will be held on February 11th, more of this next month. Sign-up sheets will be posted a couple weeks prior to this date. I'd like to make the plea now for all Novas to be sure to participate. Believe me anyone can win; much depends on the luck of the draw. If there are not enough Novas to sign up, the newer or lower average "B" players will be asked to play Nova.

Ed Walter discussed purchasing a shade curtain for the head of Court 1 and a new bulletin board for the courts. The curtain will be purchased soon; the bulletin board, ASAP as funds permit.

A committee of five was formed to review our By-Laws--to meet, discuss and revise if necessary. The recommendations will be presented to the group for discussion and vote.

It was good to see George Luce back and smiling after his surgery and Hospital stint. Can't keep a good man down!

Pat McCarthy announced a change in the Friendship League rules. The old rule was that you cannot use a sub from another park if that park also had a league. The new ruling is that anyone can sub for any team, any Park. This may be good news for us, in the past Friendship I & II were not allowed to exchange players, now we can sub for each other if necessary.

League Standings:

Pat Vargas Nova: One game played and Won!

Ed Walter Friendship I: 6th place

Pat McCarthy Friendship II: 3rd place

Ruth Healy Blue Sky: 6th place

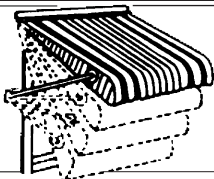


Fod Wright said that he would like to see full courts at the Sunday Hoss Collar game. As he said, it's great practice for all levels--no pressure, just lots of fun. If you haven't tried shuffling yet, make a note to try Hoss Collar, Sundays at 1 p.m. To hone your skills, Lenny Schmitz invites you to the Monday 1 p.m. "Hall of Fame" games, this meet can be as laid-back or challenging as you choose.

Don't forget Pancake Breakfast, January 21st 8-11 a.m., all the pancakes and coffee refills you want plus sausage and OJ. Better than a diner, there's no tipping and you can sit and socialize as long as you want. Besides, wouldn't you like to go where everybody knows your name and their awfully glad you came? See you there! Happy Shuffling



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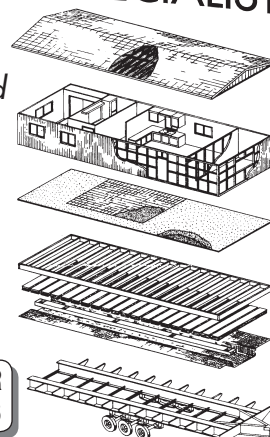
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Line Dancing

By Norine Fisher



Line dancing will begin on Monday January 2, 2012. It will be held in the clubhouse at 12:30pm to 1:30pm. We will go over some of last year's dances for everyone to review. Then we will go on to some of the newer dances. This will be my tenth year of teaching line dancing. It's a great exercise and just what we need after the Holidays. What a great way to start the New Year.

Crafters

By Ginny Marcott



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. The New Year is upon us and a time to reflect on 2011 as we begin our plans for 2012. The Crafters Club did a lot of projects, and we helped by giving to several very important projects in our community. We made and donated 56 blankets to Friends of Strays to be given out when a pet was adopted. We donated Christmas stockings full of personal items and gift cards to the 5 men who reside at Benedict Haven. We collected food for Pinellas Hope to be used for the homeless shelter. This month we will be collecting baby items for Mary's Outreach center. If anyone would like to donate anything, please drop it off at our Monday night Crafters Club on Jan 9th at 6:30 pm. Our cookbooks were a huge success and were under many Christmas trees this year. We are starting to run low on these wonderful cookbooks; so please contact us if you need to purchase one before they are gone. We hope to do another sampling night with a twist this spring. We will keep you posted as we make our final plans. We had 16 members enter 24 items in the State Fair. We know we will be awarded ribbons on many of the beautiful items submitted. They will be on display at the fair and at the March ACA Luncheon. This month, we are having a membership contest. The member who signs up the most new members in January will receive a \$25 cash prize. If anyone would like to join our wonderful group of very talented crafters, please contact a member or stop by at our meetings Mondays at 6:30 PM. I would like to take this time to thank the wonderful people from Americana Cove who purchased our items on sale at the luncheons. We use the proceeds to purchase supplies for new and exciting projects. Our monthly meeting will be January 2nd at 7:00 p.m. and craft classes are at 6:30 p.m. Happy Crafting and a Happy Healthy New Year to EVERYONE.



Americana Cove Attitude of Gratitude Corner

By Terri Mottl, with gratitude!



All you Snowbirds! Yes, I sort of enjoy the solitude of the summer months--the convenience of the almost empty dumpsters when I make my deposits, the available washers in the Laundromat, and borrowing your driveway when you're not looking; but I mostly miss you when you're gone. All the activity and sociability of you.....there's always someone walking or biking or golf-carting in the evenings, someone's always in the clubhouse to chat with, and more houses have lights on in the winter evenings....very welcoming and heartwarming. You bring with you a spirit of "vacation" and remind us year-rounders of what we have here, and how to enjoy it.

The Cooler Weather! Yeah, yeah, yeah.....I know some of you are scowling at me right now....you fishermen who think the fish don't bite in winter and the wind is too biting in January. and you tender souls who shiver and shake at the first breeze that whips around the corner. But, oh, the bliss of hauling out those 33 sweaters you brought down here when you moved 12 years ago, and wrapping yourself in your favorite quilt, and for those of us who have pets.....just the reduction of hair tufts on every flat surface is cause to celebrate these few short months! Yes! For the end of Hurricane updates and crickets the size of Chihuahuas! Hurrah for dew points and humidity counts that don't frizz your hair and sweat off your make-up! So, for you hot-blooded, die-hard, heat loving Floridians, your time is coming soon enough; but for me, I'm wearing a perpetual smile and my favorite pair of boots!



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Sat., Jan. 21, 2012, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., **ANNUAL RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE**. Boca Ciega MHP, 11200 Walsingham, Largo. Breakfast / Lunch served.

Sat., Jan. 21, 8 a.m. - noon, **ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE**. Twin Lakes, 2419 Gulf to Bay Blvd., Clearwater. Furniture, household items, clothing, etc.

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Sat., Jan. 28, 8-2 p.m., **ANNUAL FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE**. East Bay Oaks Clubhouse, 601 Starkey Road, Largo.

Sat., Jan. 28, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., **CLUBHOUSE RUMMAGE SALE**. Clearwater Cascade MHP, 9790 66th St. N., Pinellas Park. Big Bargains!

Tues., Feb. 7, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., **WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**. Ranch Mobile at Clubhouse, Lake Road (between 142nd & 150th Ave. N.)



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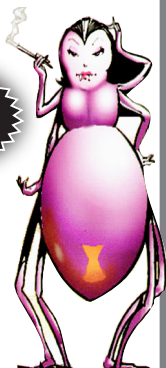
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