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## How To Avoid Running Short of Newsletters



**A**s we proceed through the year circulation needs will change with the current population in your park. We will need your help to keep us abreast of these changes and to avoid your running short or printing extra books which aren't needed. It helps us to know your needs before you send in your copy (by 10th of each month) since we must print a part of your publication in advance of your copy deadlines.

**If you will require more or less copies for next month's issue, please call Monthly Media by the 10th of this month at 585-7388. Do not email or send note with your copy. Thank you.**



## President's Message

By Diane Brinker



We're off to a busy year..... Tiki Hut Bench Party (Way to Go Betty & Jim Chase); Pancake Breakfast by our Shuffler Club; beautification throughout our community; Canadian Night; Annual Meeting; Helping Hands to those in need; Valentine Dinner Dance; and a full Cove Calendar filled with a little something for everyone. February is here, and I honestly don't know where the time has gone. I look around our Community and realize that we continue to have the best thing going behind the gates of Americana Cove. Three seats on the board will be filled followed by a slate of officers voted in January.

The recent fire in our Cove brings to mind the many things of which we should be aware, such as ensuring the office staff have your current contact information and checking your smoke alarms and fire extinguishers to validate they are in working order. Know your escape routes and how to utilize them in the event of fire. I have spoken to our St. Petersburg Fire Marshall who will be scheduling a presentation on fire safety in our homes for our residents; so stay tuned for that date in the March time-frame. If it wasn't for the quick work between our mailman and neighbors pulling together, calling 9-1-1, turning off the electricity, and using their own fire extinguishers and garden hose, the outcome would have been much different. I would also like to say thank you to our friends for words of encouragement and help during this difficult time.

Let me finish by saying, THANK YOU!!!! to our residents, club organizations, vendors, office staff, maintenance, gate guards and the many volunteers who give of their time to make this a great place to live.

I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event.



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# Letter From The Manager

By Loey Antonucci



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All important documents should be kept together in either a fire proof home safe or in a safety deposit box. Gather birth certificates, insurance policies, licenses, tax returns, car titles and consider having photos of your insured personal property

We are all responsible for preventing fires, but not to put out major ones. If you should discover a fire, think fast, act with caution and remember to call 911.

## ACA News

By Paul Line



**S**pecial thanks to Dave Turner for the great job he did helping me with the Candidates Night.

Welcome to the new Board members. We look forward to their outstanding contributions to our community over the next three years.

The ACA meeting will be Tuesday January 31st, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. and will be very important, so please plan to attend. The luncheon is on Wednesday February 1st at noon. Ladies in Blue will be entertaining us at the luncheon, so please be seated by 11:15 a.m. Saturday February 11th, 2012, we celebrate Valentine's Day with an Italian Dinner and Dance at 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00.

Saturday February 18th, the Shufflers are serving their delicious pancakes. The cost will be \$3.50 for all you can eat. Also on Saturday February 18th at 4:00 p.m. is the Cue Club Brews n' Brats. Cost is \$7.00.

The 90 Plus Dinner is on Saturday February 25th, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. Betty Chase's delicious chicken dinner will be served with music provided for a cost of \$10.00.

Tickets for all of the above events shall be on sale at ACA and Old Timers Luncheons. A reminder.....our White Elephant Sale will be on March 3rd, 2012. Don't forget to donate all your old treasures for this worthy cause. Donations may be left at the back of the Clubhouse.

A "thank you" to all the clubs and individuals who have donated benches to help beautify our community. Kudos to Mary Bickhart for spearheading this wonderful idea. I am sure our residents will appreciate being able to rest on their long journeys throughout the community.



# *An old fart is as good as a new one*

## **Sunshine Report For February 2012**

By Nancy Hubartt



### **February Birthdays**

01	Bob Johnson	15	Jeanne Pavlik
02	Wanda Spetz	16	Ann Rowley
03	Pat Schmidt	17	Anthony Boccarossa
	Gery Hart	19	Jerald Wiglund
	Lynnea Mathews		Bob Siebert
04	Fern Deschamps	21	Dan Craft
06	Nickolaus Volk	22	Dolores Rice
	Dolores Norado		Joan Irwin
	Arlene Georgina	23	Pat Ruedy
10	Lila Mussman	24	Jack Young
11	Beverly Hamel		Susan Eaton
	Mark Curtis	25	Debbie Cosentino
12	Beverly Park	26	William Buckland
13	John Murtha		Bob Woodford
	Ralph Laidlaw	27	Ann Evans
14	Marge Lang	29	Linda Cook
	Terry Campbell		
	Bob Potter		



### **February Anniversaries**

02	Debbie & Dan Craft .....	38 years
06	Shirley & Tony Giaquinto ....	47 years
09	Betty & Bernard Duffy .....	68 years
	Janice & Gerry Zebley .....	08 years
13	Carol & Bill Nygard .....	58 years
14	Cathe & Joe Golf .....	13 years
16	Dolores & Patrick Norado ....	61 years
19	Joan & Walter Martin .....	07 years
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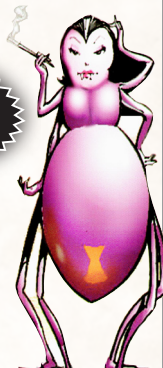
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## Deaths

Mary Krich (former resident)  
Norma Steele



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Bill Logan .....	Menorah Manor
Calliope "Popi" Genhart ....	Bon Secour Place
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Mary Chalker .....	Carrington Place
Olga Bates .....	Emerald Garden
Ron Mobley .....	Apollo Health & Rehab Center
Victor Duca .....	Palm Terrace





## Old Timers

By Sue Line



Where have all the people gone? Last month, Old Timers entertained approximately 110 of your neighbors with a delicious scalloped potatoes and ham lunch. Back in 1998, Betty Chase and her kitchen krewe served 260 meals; and in 1992, a group of 337 community folks enjoyed a “free” lunch. “Free” includes a \$4 a year membership fee to Old Timers and 35¢ for dessert.

The purpose of Old Timers is to provide an opportunity for Americana Cove residents to meet people, socialize and hear updates on community events. The Old Timers Board holds a brief meeting with adjournment usually at 1 pm. Bingo follows our meetings if you are interested.

In February, Old Timers is the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at noon. You will be surprised at the “young at heart” (50’s – 90’s) group. Everything is provided! Guests are welcome too!

## Crafters

By Ginny Marcott



January was a great start to another fabulous year. We started out with baby gifts to be donated to Mary's Outreach Center. The Crafters came through with enough items to fill 4 tables in the clubhouse. More important than that, the Crafters have voted to purchase a bench to be placed in our park. The group generates revenues from making and selling items at the luncheons, as well as from selling our cookbooks.

We feel donating a bench is a great way to keep our club living forever. Another donation we agreed to make is to have an engraved brick placed in the memorial walk at Benedict Haven. For our upcoming classes, we will be making yoyo dolls, animals and toys, nylon flowers, cloth plates and jewelry. Everyone is welcome to join the Crafters Club. We provide the materials and teach the classes. Members are able to make a project for the club and one for themselves. We are always looking for new and exciting ideas. If anyone has an item at home or a pattern they think we would have fun making, please let me know and I will do all the groundwork to get this project on our schedule. Please feel free to stop in and check out our group. If you decide you want to join our GREAT group, you can do so for \$3.00. We look forward to seeing new faces at our gatherings.





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# Terri's February "We All Love" Horoscope

By Terri Mottl

**AQUARIUS (01/20 - 02/18)** Contemplative, philosophical, and humanitarian, it's easy for you to love EVERYONE much more than ANYONE. It's all right; we know the world needs you!

**PISCES (02/19 - 03/20)** As a deep well of sympathy, benevolence and hospitality, you're the perfect mate. But do you really have time for all of that?

**ARIES (03/21 - 04/19)** Intense, active, and opinionated, you can be intimidating or you can be inspiring. Go get 'em, tiger!

**TAURUS (04/20 - 05/20)** Loyal, nurturing, and, yes, obstinate, you need to take care of someone, but in your own way, not theirs. Don't overdo it!

**GEMINI (05/21 - 06/20)** You are a living question mark, needing to know the reasons for everything. Love is love, just enjoy it!

**CANCER (06/20 - 07/22)** Imaginative, emotional, and romantic, aren't you just the natural valentine?

**LEO (07/23 - 08/22)** Generous, idealistic, and fiery, you are sure to put your mate on a pedestal. This can cause disappointment...or....BIG romance!

**VIRGO (08/22 - 09/22)** Discriminating, fastidious, and critical, you will not choose a partner easily. But once chosen, you are loyal to the end.

**LIBRA (09/23 - 10/22)** With such an affectionate nature, you'd think love comes easily for you; but hark! You're loved by too many! Poor thing!

**SCORPIO (10/23 - 11/21)** Intensely proud and focused, your love is very deep and central to your life. Caution: your love is strong; but so is your anger!

**SAGITTARIUS (11/22 - 12/21)** Open, easy-going, and humorous, your love is light and fluffy, but don't let your love of honesty blow it up in your face!

**CAPRICORN (12/22 - 01/19)** Over-cautious, independent, and slow to warm, you won't be easily won. But once committed, you won't be easily discarded!



**A Complete Listing of Resident Services  
can be found on the page before your calendar**







## Crime Watch

By Rachel Stewart



We will have a speaker at our meeting on Friday, February 10, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. who will talk about theft and ways to keep your home safe. Please join us in the club house. Coffee and refreshments will be available.

## Cue Club

By Sandie Reid



Our Cue season is going well. We are planning our Cue Club Brew and Bratz for February 18, 2012, at 4:00pm. Tickets will be \$7.00 and go on sale at the February 1, 2012, ACA lunch and then again at bingo.

In March, Cue Club members will be chalking up for their tournaments.

Kudos to Brian Birch for the billiards lessons he is providing. Brian is hoping that whoever borrowed the Cue Club's books from their reference library will return them . . . for the benefit of those taking his lessons and for those interested in furthering their education in billiards.



## Bowling

By Peg Farmer and Debbie Gottardi



Come out and join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m., Sunrise Lanes on 9th Street. Lanes have been renovated, and new seats and tables are anticipated. \$8.00 for three games; and one free drink coupon if you bowl a turkey during one of the 3 games. No long-term commitment required; just show up. Good practice if you're on a regular bowling league!

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## Valentines Dance

By Janet Pendino



The Valentine Dinner Dance will be on February 11, 2012, tickets go on sale Jan.25. There will only be 200 for sale. Doors open at 4pm, dinner at 5pm, and music until 9pm. Thank you.

## Vespers

Martha Pratt



What a wonderful Vesper season we've been having. Everyone has enjoyed the local speakers who have been bringing their messages of love for our Savior. The choir along with Mary Moore's direction is faithfully singing their praises and making the services joyful.

There are ten more services left including Easter sunrise; so come and join us. If you've never been to Vespers, you're in for a wonderful experience. Pastors for February are:

- Feb. 5th - Robert Coughenour, Retired Presbyterian
- 12th - Wayne Robinson, Pilgrim United Congregational
- 19th - Fr. John Tapp, Holy Family
- 26th - Kevin Loughran, Grace Lutheran



## A Special Thank You

By Ted Latreille



I wish to thank all the Cove residents who have sent cards, phone calls, and general well wishes. For those who miss us, believe me, we miss being there much more than you can imagine. Again, many thanks for your thoughts and prayers."

*The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.*  
~Mother Teresa



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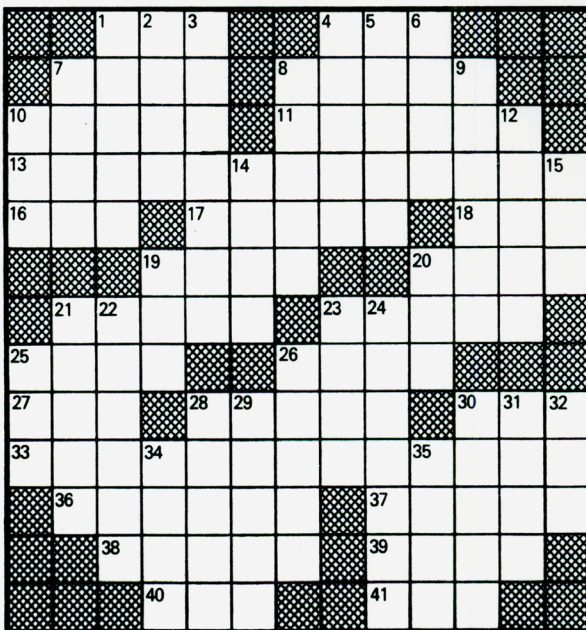
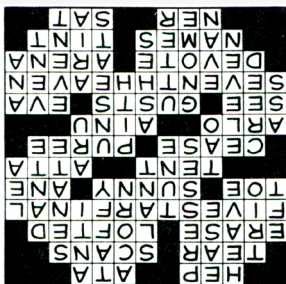
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# Walking Off The Pounds

By Daisy Dean



We have started our Walk Away The Pounds at 4 p.m. on Thursdays. Happy to say we had a good turnout. Thank you, Joanne, Diane & Marylou, for coming in the morning & afternoon. Proud of you Girls! Dawn, glad you finally made it out. You did great for the first time.

We enjoy our new DVD's--thanks to the ACA. We really appreciate it. Remember, we work out every morning at 8 a.m., and every Thursday & every other Tuesday at 4 p.m. Check your Forecaster calendar for dates.

# Hobby Shop

By Dave Bernfeld



The next Hobby Shop meeting is on Monday, February 6, at 9 a.m. in the shop. As always, coffee and donuts will be available.

Please remember, if you have not done so already, please pay your dues for this season. If you cannot attend the meeting, please see Dan Craft, Ruth Healy, or myself.

# 'Look Over There!' (While I Finish Watching This Video)



The rise of portable multimedia devices like iPads and smartphones means that people can watch online videos anywhere—even at work. A 2011 Harris Interactive survey found that 64 percent of Americans admit to watching videos in the workplace. The most popular features: news clips (25 percent), followed by company videos (17 percent). Four percent say they watch feature films.

But they're also trying to avoid getting fired. Here's how employees hide their video watching at work:

- Hide device under the desk: ..... 47 percent
- Tell people they're going to the restroom:..... 42 percent
- Hide devices in folders or notebooks: ..... 35 percent
- Pretend to tie their shoes: ..... 9 percent
- Create a distraction: ..... 8 percent

(Provided by First Draft)



## Garden Club Program

By Gail Jones



On February 14, 2012, the Garden Club will meet in the atrium at 9:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Chris Claus, water Conservation Coordinator from the St. Petersburg Water Resources Department. Her topic will be “Saving Water through the Proper Selection, Planting and Watering of Landscape Plants” which will be most interesting and informative. Please plan to attend.



## Genealogy Group

By Dan Dugger



(insert Aquarius pic here) My great grandfather, Gilbert R. Ford, was born in Knox County, TN, in 1845. When the Civil War broke out, he joined Co. E 3rd Tennessee Cavalry. This unit fought throughout Middle Tennessee and northern Alabama. He was captured at Athens, Alabama, September 24, 1864. His unit was moved to the Confederate prison, Castle Morgan, at Cahaba, Alabama. The prison, located at the confluence of the Cahaba River and the Alabama River, was housed in a 15,000 square foot cotton warehouse. By the end of the war, it housed 3000 men. For most of the winter of 1865, Castle Morgan was flooded. As the war wound down, General Grant finally agreed to a prisoner exchange. The prisoners were paroled at Camp Fisk at Vicksburg, MS, on March 21, 1865. My great grandfather was admitted to a hospital in Vicksburg March 21, 1865. The same day because he was so ill, he was sent to Jefferson Barracks, MO, on either the “Henry Ames” or the “Olive Branch” steamboats. Then on March 31, 1865, he was transferred to the General Hospital at Benton Barracks, MO. The able-bodied men of the 3rd Tennessee Cavalry were put on the “Sultana”. The “Sultana”, which was built for about 500 passengers, was loaded with 2,300 passengers and left Vicksburg on April 24 bound for Camp Chase, OH. The steamboat stopped in Memphis on April 26. Just after leaving Memphis, TN, early on the morning of April 27, 1865, the “Sultana’s” boilers exploded with more than 1800 men killed. Most of the 3rd Tennessee was lost. If my grandfather had not been ill when he was released, then I would not be here today.

Come to the Genealogy meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00am in the Clubhouse to exchange stories and learn new ways to research your family. February meeting will be on February 15, 2012.



## Veterans Seminar

By Jim Tanner



A veterans seminar sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans is planned for March 5, 2012, in the Club House at 10 a.m. Coffee and bagels will be available from 9:30 a.m.

All veterans, military retirees, spouses and widows of deceased veterans are invited to attend. Topics include VA compensation, hospital, widow, funeral and burial benefits. For example WWII, Korea and Vietnam veterans may be eligible for hearing aids and VA compensation. Veterans who served in Vietnam are automatically service connected for Type 2 Diabetes, Coronary Artery Disease, Parkinson's disease and over 20 different types of cancer. Widows of Vietnam vets who had any of these diseases when they died may be eligible for monthly death benefits. The Disabled American Veterans will have Service Officers to speak, answer questions and assist attendees.



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## Shuffleboard Club News

Jo Waldron



I hope everyone is signed up for our two Park Tournaments. We will have our singles match on Saturday, February 4th with two divisions--the Nova and the "B" team players. On Saturday, February 11th, we will have the doubles; a Nova is matched with a "B" player. I can't stress it too often, we really need the Novas to play. You know what happens if it's lopsided. Be there by 8:30 a.m.

On February 18th, we will have our 2nd pancake breakfast--all the pancakes you care to eat, plus coffee, OJ, and sausage, all for only \$3.50.

Team Standings as of January 4th: Blue Sky.....3rd place; Friendship I.....4th place; Friendship II .....3rd place; and Nova.....3rd place.

Mark your calendars for our Trophy Party on March 31st, more of this later. Our February meeting is on Wednesday the 1st at 10 a.m. Be sure to make this meeting so you can get your Pancake Breakfast assignment.

Newcomers are all invited to our "Hoss Collar" game on Sundays at 1 p.m. It's a fun game and all are welcome. Another open game that does not require club membership is "Hall of Fame" played on Mondays at 1 p.m. Hope to see you there.

All members are reminded to sign up to clean the courts. We all have to take our turn at this job.

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# Helping Hands

By Joyce Clark



The Coves' Helping Hands Club has been meeting since July, 2007. It started as a “neighbor helping neighbor” program as there was a recognized need, among the aged and infirmed and some with very limited fixed incomes, for assistance to remedy maintenance complaints resulting from the periodic inspections written by the Park’s Manager.

Helping Hands, organized by retired Nurse Practitioner, Joyce Clark, assembled a team of volunteer workers with a variety of maintenance skills. Their roster was comprised of resident Handy Men and Women who had reputations for skill and integrity. Not to deplete the employment opportunities for these workers, each enrolled and recommended helper agreed to provide his services gratis, or at a suitably reduced price when Helping Hands could vouch for the resident client as being unable to pay in full or in part. These cadres of resident helpers are fully licensed for their technical skills. Among the volunteers are cooks and cleaners, drivers to appointments and prescription pickups, as well as caring companions for our seniors and their pets.

A recent development in 2010 grew from learning of several residents who were being assisted within their homes by the organization Mederi Care Tenders, a local Nursing organization. Coordinating with our Helping Hands Club, Mederi began offering free Wellness Training Seminars in our Clubhouse. They have offered free training by Nurses and various Physical Therapists devoted to home caring for the many familiar challenges faced by our senior residents. With focus on a specific theme at each seminar (hearing, vision, balance, diet, etc.), our residents have been grateful for these educational sessions.

The opportunities for free Wellness Seminars have been expanded to include a new series “Ask The Doctor”. After an extensive search and interviews, Helping Hands has recruited the free medical counseling services of a local Cardiologist/Urologist, Dr. Herman Zaharowitz, who gives a presentation bi-monthly in the Atrium for Cove residents. These very stimulating and informative lectures have truly been appreciated, especially due to the doctor’s easy speaking style and the scope of the technology explained in everyday language.

We look forward to a growing Cove audience at these informative Wellness Seminars.





## S-T-R-E-T-C-H-I-N-G

By Sharon S. Miller

Stretching is the IN-Exercise at this time in FITNESS classes. We are fortunate to have a class focusing on stretching techniques on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the Game Room at 8:40 a.m. Our leader is Miranda Esmonde-White via the large-screen TV. She is well known for the development of Classical Stretch\* and for teaching athletes as well as dancers using this method. She takes our group through 25 minutes of doable exercises. This Esmonde stretching technique has been developed through the years to help one increase and maintain flexibility known to prevent falls which is most important to those in our age group. We end our session with about ten minutes of free weight exercises. Weights and mats are furnished. Participants are encouraged to take part at their own individual comfort level.



There is no charge for this class. If you have not been exercising, you are encouraged to check with your physician before beginning any exercise program. For questions, please call Sharon S. Miller at 527-8150.

## John Whittredge Hill, Chaplain



Amazing, fearful God, as we come to the month when we celebrate leaders, past and present, of our country on the 20th, we pray for Your guidance for the future. There are three religious celebrations this month of which we should be aware. On the 17th, we have the "Transfiguration of Jesus." If you are interested, you can read about it in Mark 9: 2-9.

The 22nd is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Our Orthodox brethren start their Lent on the 27th. More familiar to most is the Super Bowl. Many churches have chosen to celebrate this by having a "Souper Bowl of Caring" when they have the "best" tasting soup contest after the worship for which the patrons pay to taste. The donations go for many outreach causes throughout the community and the world. May we be led to give generously to whatever the cause. The Lord will bless us inwardly and outwardly for whatever we give. Thank You, God, for the opportunities the Holy Spirit brings to our minds to do. Amen.





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Sat., Feb. 4, 8:00 - 1:00, GIANT SALE! Lincolnshire MHP, 1071 Donegan Rd., Largo, 8th Ave. SE, East of Seminole Blvd. Rummage, Baking, Lunch.

Feb. 4, 2012, 8a to 1p, IN-PARK GARAGE SALE. Shangri-La MHP, 249 Jasper St. W., Largo (corner of Missouri and Jasper) behind Shapes. Something for everyone, refreshments, raffles.

Sat., Feb. 4, 8a - 1p, FLEA MARKET. Teakwood Village East MHP, Largo (Missouri Ave, behind K-Mart at Aloha Clubhouse) Treasures galore, come and join us. Lunch available. Something for everyone.

Feb. 4, 8 till 2, YEARLY WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. Eldorado Village, 2505 E. Bay Drive. Come early. Breakfast items available.

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

Feb. 11, 8-1:00, TRASH & TREASURE SALE. Serendipity MHP, 29081 U.S. Hwy. 19 N. Furniture, appliances, electronics. Baked goods. Lunch available.

Feb. 18, 2012, 8am - 2pm, CARPORT SALE. Ranchero Village, 7100 Ulmerton Rd., Largo on Belcher Entrance

Sat., Feb. 25, 8:00-1:00 p.m., FLEA MARKET. Colonial Village, 2000 East Bay Drive, Largo. Appliances, Furniture, Clothing, Linens, Lamps and Misc.

Sat., Feb. 25, 8AM to 12PM, WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. Down Yonder Mobile Community, 7001 142nd Avenue N. Come see what we have for sale, lamps, linens, pictures, furniture. Also, stay for breakfast.

Sat., Feb. 25, 2012, 9a to 1p, BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE. Palm Hill Country Club, Palm Hill So. Clubhouse, 1800 Seminole Blvd., Largo. Food served. Lots of bargains, so come on over and find some treasures. Early admission at 8:30A, \$1.00.

Sat., Feb. 25, 8:00am - 1:00pm, WHITE ELEPHANT. Caribbean Isles MHP Clubhouse (Walsingham & Seminole Blvd.) Huge Rummage, Craft & Lunch served.

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# Benches, Beautification and Blessings

By Mary Bickhart

I am pleased to announce that our crusade to spruce up our lovely park setting continues thanks to the generosity of residents and to the hard work of the Beautification Committee. The first seven benches are here now. They will be installed where we discussed and at a convenient easy height for all of us to sit and ponder awhile. Thank you to Loey and the hardworking maintenance crew.

Gail Jones and I visited two places to price materials and view options for the dedication plaques. I will be visiting individuals and submitting that order shortly. The leg supports of the benches are powder coated in black and the boards have shiny silver bolts. The plaques will be aluminum with a black background and the etching will show through as silver.

The second order for benches will be placed as soon as we gather at least five total because shipping is cheaper the more benches we order.

At this writing, two additional individuals have ordered a bench. Joan and Walter Martin have donated one to be placed on Mt. Piney at the curve. Their wish is that after the long walk to or from the clubhouse that people will stop and rest.

Jeanette Imbrogulio ordered one to honor her three brothers Gene, Howard and Hud who lived here in the Park. Jeanette had seven brothers...how do you spell Princess?! Our wonderful Crafters Club voted to donate a bench, and Ginny Marcott quickly delivered the check. Thank You.

Diane Brinker, the tiny green giant, continues to move us towards a greener, trimmer Park. The chain link fence near the dog walk on Mt. Richmond has been repaired and bushes beyond the fence trimmed. Art (an Arborist) and Christina Lee have been hard at work preparing plans for plantings near the benches once they are placed. There is also a meeting planned for Florida Friendly Landscaping through an outreach program. Our manager is preparing a questionnaire to be used.

Nancy Morris and Kathy Wiglund have resigned from our Beautification Committee, and we thank them for all of their hard work. We truly appreciate all that they have done.

Diane and Loey have had the cement removed from the lot at the corner of Mt. Piney and Mt. Arlington. Once the benches are placed and the plantings are done, we will have another peaceful, restful area. Art, Christina and Lori Casey are working on the design. We value your input and extend a warm welcome to all who wish to join us.





## Par Seekers

By Dave Bernfeld



**H**ard to believe, but we are almost halfway through the league season. But many events remain--scrambles, etc., plus our usual tournaments (check the bulletin board). The season continues until our banquet on April 2nd. Congratulations to the first place team from our most recent scramble--Dave Cook, Dave Bond, Tony Giaquinto, and Reade French.



On the first Thursday of each month, a short meeting will be held in the club house at 9:00 before heading to Mainlands. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the club house 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.

*It took me 17 years to get 3000 hits in baseball.....I did it in one afternoon on the golf course. – Hank Aaron*

## Boat Club

By Rick Lopez



**R**ick Rhodes will present a slideshow and speak about traveling Florida's waterway at our February meeting.

The Boat Club is looking forward to our Island Bash in March. Tickets will go on sale after the February meeting. Due to inflation, tickets will be \$12 each; but all is included--dinner, beer or wine, punch, and the steel drum band. Sorry, but you must supply your own dancing sandals. March meeting will be on March 10th, with our island Bash dinner that night.

## Line Dancing

By Norine Fisher

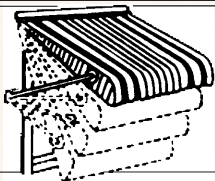


**L**ine dancing got off to a great start. It was good to see the line dancers pick up the dance steps after a summer of not dancing. Once you hear the music, it just comes back. Don't forget, with line dancing you don't need a partner, you just let yourself go.

See you all on Mondays in the club house at 12:30pm.



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## Dearest Friends of Americana Cove

By Jane Athers



**T**hank you for all your assistance in helping me and my family through my husband Ray's sickness then his passing. Ray always said that if anything ever happened to either of us, we have wonderful, loving, caring, and helpful neighbors and friends. I personally want to thank Bill and Mary Ann Foley, Jim and Rita Lewis, Joan and Frank Geiger, Nick Schiavone and Joyce Clark, and Marie Dooling who all helped in so many ways, even to walk the dogs and pick up "poop". Thanks also to everyone who sent food, cards, well wishes and just very warm thoughts. It has been a really hard time as Ray was my hero, my best friend. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone in the Cove; your thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated. Although this is a very sad time for us all, we find comfort in your friendship. We so appreciate your sympathy and kindness.

## Americana Cove "ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE" Corner

By: Terri Mottl (With Gratitude)



**T**HE LAUNDROMAT: So....two months ago, my washer belt went "boink", and I belligerently loaded my laundry into my car and prepared for the mildly unpleasant task of public sudsing. I soon discovered how very convenient it is to do four or five loads in one fell swoop, instead of spending half the day, one solitary load at a time! The newer washers easily handle quilts and other bedding, there are enough machines to accommodate all customers, and everything is so CLEAN! The machines are clean, the floor is clean, the bathroom is clean, and the environment is safe. The folding tables are HEAVEN, and the people who use the facilities are honest and considerate...I've seen detergent, softener, clothing, and cups of coins forgotten there, and they remain there until their proper owners come to retrieve them. I am now such a fan of the Cove's laundromat that I'm wondering what wonderful thing I can put in the space now occupied by my own washer and dryer. A freezer, maybe?

*"Kudos once again to my Forecaster Crew Debbie Gottardi and Terri Mottl"*

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