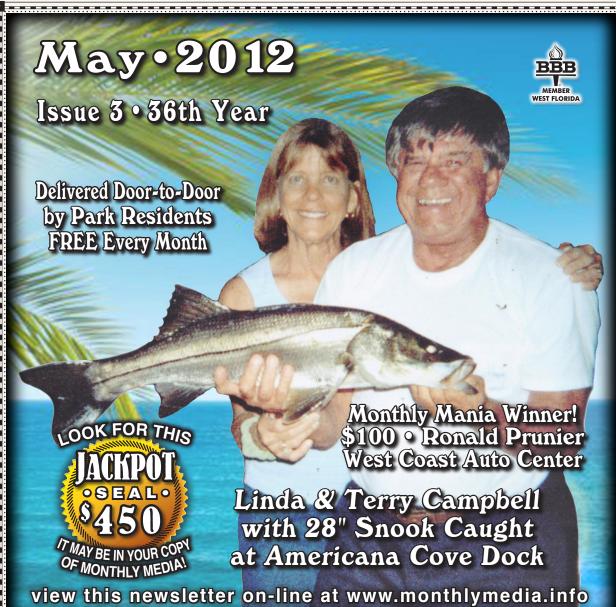


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ternal and Powerful God, I thank you for guiding the hands of the surgeon in the successful four hour operation removing the brain tumor of my wife's sister. Praise You, God!

The month of May contains some very important dates for all of us.

The first one is the "National Day of Prayer" on the 3rd. Unfortunately, our President cancelled the National Observation. We know better than he that the "National Day of Prayer" is important to the majority of the Citizens of this great Nation. So let us observe the day as it should be and pray individually or together as the opportunity presents itself. The second day that we all remember is "Mother's Day", the 13th. Only a few of the residents in Americana Cove can still thank their mothers personally, but we can certainly remember our mothers and those who were or are her substitutes, for whom we are eternally grateful. Let us be thankful and pray to our Loving God for our mothers.

The 28th is still the day we call Memorial Day. Our forbearers and all those who protect us from our common enemies should be recalled this day. A prayer is always an acceptable means. Do it!

For you Eternal Grace, we thank You God. Amen.

Par-Seekers

By Dave Bernfeld



ur season has come to an end with prizes awarded and banquet food enjoyed. Many thanks to Ed Higgins and Jean Dion for their efforts...no one went away hungry.

I'd like to announce our 1st place winners...

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Ed Higgins
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Dave Cook
Mike Butler
Jack Mahoney

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Woman's Mag Christopher
We hope everyone has a great and safe summer and hope to see you at the start of next season....November 1st.





President's Message

By Diane Brinker



s our Calendar winds down, I look back on a very successful year of events in the community, thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard and offered their time and talents.

A very special thank you to Loey, our Manager, staff, and volunteers for another great Founders Day Picnic with over 300 tickets handed out. We had music, balloons, and



pontoon rides for all who attended; even the rain didn't deter us from spending time with our neighbors. So much time is involved in planning, and to think we had a second party with leftovers at our pool was wonderful.

I would like to welcome our new residents to the Cove and ask you to please reach out to any Board Member with any questions or concerns.

So far, we have sold three new shares; and the one model home on Mt. Pleasant is now occupied. Sincere gratitude to Dorrance & Judy Howland for their diligence in working with us to sell a home on Americana Drive to friends who were visiting Joe and Nedra on Mt. Arlington. I am happy to tell you that a new share was purchased which will help to pay down our mortgage. Kudos to all who helped with this purchase. It is amazing what happens when we work together for the good of the community.

There are a few lots under the care of the Beautification Project; and I would like to say "Thank You" to our residents who donated plants, shrubs, mulch and time to help their neighbors. We certainly have more to do, but I think you will notice a difference when you come back in the fall.

We will work on ensuring communication to all residents over the summer months to keep you informed.

For those of you traveling home, be safe and we will see you in the fall.

A Truckload Of Soil

By Jeanne Sheppard



Please note: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Qualiana donated a truckload of soil to Jeanne Sheppard for her garden project at 201 Mt. Piney Ave. The dirt is not owned by the park, so it is not to be taken away.

Any orphaned plants are very much welcomed to the garden and will be planted and nursed to health by interested Cove Residents. Thank You.

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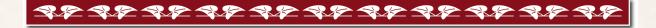
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Letter From The Manager

By Loey Antonucci



ue to many residents traveling throughout the year or spending part of the year at their northern homes, I will be including my previous month's Manager's Report in the Forecaster.



ADMINISTRATION:

Effective tomorrow, we have a new, full time maintenance person. His name is Joseph Leonardo. He not only has years of maintenance experience, he is pool certified as well.

Our Founders Day Picnic plans are coming together for the scheduled event on Saturday, March 31, 2012. Please get your free tickets from the office if you're planning on attending, so we can get a good count on how much food we will need to purchase. If you're planning on bringing guests, the tickets can be purchased for only \$5.00 per person. Anyone who would like to volunteer in helping, please call me and let me know.

With the summer months approaching, I would like to keep the momentum up on making positive improvements to our community and would appreciate some of your suggestions as to what would be a nice added feature, or what needs to be refreshed, removed, updated and/or needs attention.

Please feel free to come by the office and pick up an incident report that we use for non-emergency problems, to make your suggestions. All suggestions will be taken into consideration.

SALES & RENTALS:

- 3 Sales (with shares included)
- 3 Rentals
- 0 New Shares (2 are pending for next month)

GROUNDS:

I've requested bids with 2 companies, Commercial Doors and Florida Door Control, to replace the side large garage door at the hobby shop and the laundry room door. They will also include some other minor door repairs.

Letters were replaced on the entrance of Americana Cove Property sign and sod has been ordered to line the front of the fence on 1st Street NE.continued on page 10



Due to the improper installation of the drainage pipes under the kitchen sink, the pipes were replaced and re-directed. This will provide better operation of the ice machine drain and the flow for the kitchen sink. A new garbage disposal was added.

Due to the recent storm, some of our trees and bushes were damaged and needed to be cut down and removed. If we have missed any, please bring them to our attention.

ACA News

By Dan Dugger

Bye-bye, so long, farewell, bye-bye, so long. See you in September. See you when summer is through.



Summer is upon

us; the time has come for friends to part for a short time. Some will stay here in Americana Cove; others will head north to visit and spend time with family and friends. But, as sure as the swallows return to Capistrano in the spring, beginning in September, we will eagerly return to Americana Cove.

A school teacher can retire, but it is difficult to stop acting like a school teacher. So as a former teacher, I would like to give you a summer assignment. While you are in your summer hiatus, think about what you would like ACA to do next season. Some suggestions I have heard already--a movie night; a "what I did last summer" night. Maybe we could have a talent show, or a storytelling afternoon. There may also be something you would like to see ACA do, in addition to entertainment, to improve our lives in American Cove, like maybe work on recycling. I am sure there are great ideas among the talented folks we have here in Americana Cove; please share them with Carol, Lori, Nancy, and/ or me.

The last ACA Council meeting for the season will be in the Atrium on May 1, 2012 at 10:00am and the final ACA luncheon for the season will be on May 2, 2012 at noon in the clubhouse. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

Thank you for the great reception you have given the new officers of the Americana Cove Association. We are eagerly looking forward to next season. SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER.

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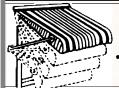
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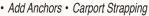
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By Nancy Hubartt



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- 29 Rachel Stewart
- 31 Gail Jones

May Anniversaries



02	Margaret & Michael Lederhouse	43 years
04	Linda & Bob Potter	12 years
05	Pat & Lionel Vargas	36 years
06	Jean & Rick Birtcher	44 years
07	Ruth & Wayne Brownlee	46 years
10	Pat & Bernie Ruedy	54 years
10	Margaret & Michael Baly	54 years
15	Lorraine & Ed Boshek	59 years
15	Nancy & Joe Werner	58 years
16	Jolee & Arne Rengo	43 years
18	Nancy & Jerry Keen	54 years
18	Sandra & Jack Keller	55 years
19	Carol & Jack Deatherage	33 years
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20	Joan & Ray Sieben	51 years
21	Nancy McKay & John W. Hill	1 year
25	Margie & Carl Slaugenhaupt	50 years
25	Beverly & Ed Johnson	56 years
29	Norine & Mel Fisher	58 years
30	Evelyn & Richard Lloyd	53 years
30	Claudette & Gil LeBrun	59 years
31	Barbara & Ed Higgins	59 years

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Ever Wonder

By Unknown





Ver wonder why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
Ever wonder why women can't put on mascara with their mouths closed?
Ever wonder why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
Ever wonder why "abbreviated" is such a long word?

Ever wonder why it is that doctors call what they do "practice"?

Ever wonder why lemon juice is made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons?

Ever wonder why the man who invests all your money is called a broker?

Ever wonder why the time of day with the slowest traffic is called rush hour?

Ever wonder why they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

Ever wonder why sheep don't shrink when it rains?

Ever wonder why they are called apartments when they are all stuck together?

Ever wonder why, if flying is so safe, do they call the airport the terminal?

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Old Timers

By Sue Line



ur last luncheon will be Wednesday May 9th at noon. We will start up again October 10th. I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to Rick Lopez and Dave Brinker for taking the aluminum to the recyclers and giving us a big deposit of \$763.80.....WOW! Thanks so much, guys, for all your help. Thanks also goes out to all the men and women who help crush the cans and, of course, to all the residents who contribute to this worthy project. Once again.....thank you all--because without volunteers we wouldn't be the wonderful community we are. The time of year has arrived when we say goodbye to all our

are. The time of year has arrived when we say goodbye to all our northern friends and neighbors and wish them safe journeys north and no matter where your summer home is enjoy yourselves and travel safely back to us in the fall. We are for **ALL the Young at Heart Old Timers!**

Terri's May "Your Mother Said" Horoscope

By Terri Mottl



TAURUS (04/20-05/20) YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR...But this month, you'll pay too much! Shop in June instead.

GEMINI (05/21-06/20) ONCE TOLD, IT'S NO SECRET. That goes for your opinion too! Avoid giving it freely to avoid explosive arguments!

CANCER (06/21-07/22) You aren't going to like it, but PUT SOME ELBOW GREASE INTO IT and your energy level will increase.

LEO (07/23-08/22) Very creative month. Do something wild, wacky, and spontaneous, but quietly....WHAT WILL OTHER PEOPLE THINK?

VIRGO (08/23-09/22) When your dreams seem prophetic, SIT UP STRAIGHT AND PAY ATTENTION...your intuition is heightened this month.

LIBRA (09/23-10/22) YOU WANT SOMETHING TO CRY ABOUT? If you do, it's yourself you'll be fighting. Don't be so hard on yourself....you're fine.

SCORPIO (10/23-11/21) IF YOUR FRIENDS JUMPED OFF THE BRIDGE, WOULD YOU? Keep your own counsel this month; bad advice is everywhere!

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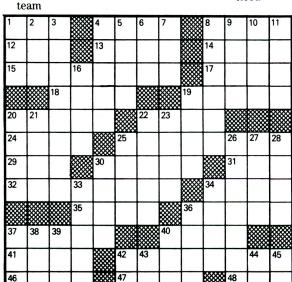
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Cue ClubBy Sandie Reid



ur 2011-2012 Cue season is over, but what a great season it was. Our first meeting for next season will be on November 5, 2012, at 7:00pm. At that time, we will have our first meeting of the season along with signups for the season's Leagues. We look forward to old and new faces. The meeting's **agenda** items will include (1) recommendations from Banquet Committee volunteers on our 2013 Cue Club Banquet and (2) Cue Room furnishings. So be sure to be



there to sign-up for League play and to voice your opinion and to make recommendations on the agenda items.

We had an incident in the cue room where someone took half of a member's cue stick. If you might have picked it up by mistake, please notify me so that I can return it to this member.

Lastly, we still have open play on Sunday nights for anyone to join in on the fun. Have a great summer!



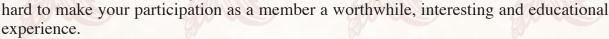
Garden Club News

By Linda Lou Fairbanks



ur Annual Picnic at the Sawgrass Park was a tremendous success and a fun time was had by all! Special recognition goes to Gail Jones for all her outstanding coordination and her hard work; and thanks to the helpers and cleaners and to all the members who brought along their delicious goodies for us to enjoy.

Your team of Officers/Coordinators for 2012-2013 are excited about the coming season and will be working



Right out of the gate we have a TRIP ALERT for your consideration. We would like to host a bus trip to Savanna, GA, in March 2013, to tour the beautiful city and its' outstanding gardens. It would be a three (3) day excursion, with overnight accommodations for two (2) evenings, returning home on the third day. Estimated cost would be around \$400 per person. (The more people we have signed up would mean a cheaper package for us.) I know it sounds like a long way off but we need to have a minimum of 30 people to make it feasible. If you are interested, please sign up on the Garden Club Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse, or email me at: mspiglover@aol.com, with "Garden Club Trip" in the heading. We will keep you posted on the status so stay tuned!

Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions for our lecture program, or where you might like to travel in 2013. Your Officers are: Linda Lou Fairbanks-President; Dawn Earley-Vice- President; Lorraine LeRoy- Secretary; and Adele Seaman-Treasurer. We hope everyone has a safe, happy and healthy summer season. See you in the fall!

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Walking Off The Pounds

By Daisy Dean



Buddies, thank you so much for your generous gift and kind comments. They were greatly appreciated. By the time you read this, I will be back in Canada



and I will miss you all. I hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer.

Our Pool Party was a lot of fun. Thanks to Marylou Pribesh and Joanne Ebert for organizing, and thanks to all for bringing great food. We did have a wide variety. Hoping we can do it again next year.

Welcome to Nancy and Neil who joined us at the end. Hope to see you back next year.

The picture is most of Walking Buddies from the afternoon class; a few were missing. It was so hard to get everyone together.

Again, thanks everyone. I look forward to doing this again next year, God willing!

Boat Club

By Rick Lopez



and settle into our summer air conditioning mode; or in our case, we hang at the sandbar in our boats watching the clouds go by. Texting pictures to our friends up north making them wish they were still here.

By the time this is being read by all, we will have had our annual on the water cookout dinner by rafting up at the sandbar with our members and guests. Fun was had by all who attended.

We will be suspending the summer meetings of June, July and August; but we will try again to try to watch fireworks by boat on the 4th of July. For those who have made this attempt for the last two years and were rained out, we shall try again. Will announce details later. To all who travel, be safe and see you in the fall.



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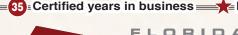
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Shuffleboard Club News

By Barb Bowen



There is a section where the bass players don't play for 20 minutes. A bass player went backstage, and returned when it was time to play. On performance night, the bass players left and went to a bar. Fifteen minutes and a few rounds later, a bass player said we should go back. The leader played a joke on the conductor. Before the performance started, he tied string around each page of his score so he'd have to untie each page to turn it. They drank another round.

Finally, sloshed and staggering, made their way back

to finish Ludwig's Ninth. Upon entering the stage, they noticed the conductor looked tense. The leader said, "You'd be tense, too. It's the bottom of the 9th, the score is tied and the basses are loaded."

Another season has come and gone. The Banquet/Trophy Party was held on March 31st. Ruth Healy did the flower arrangements and Jen Van Patten created the name tags. Thanks for your unique designs. Also, thanks to everyone who helped make this banquet a success.

Congratulations to Ed McGrath. He came 4th in the Main Event, Pro Division, at the Singles Tournament of Champions, held on March 25th.

Hoss Collar and Hall of Fame games will end in approximately two weeks (mid May). Thanks to Fod, Mary and Lenny, for hosting these games during the winter season. Every Tuesday and Thursday evenings, you can attend Open Shuffleboard games, through the summer. Games start at 6:30 pm, for approximately two hours. What a great way to enjoy the warm summer evenings, stay in touch with friends, and practice your shuffleboard skills. Everyone is welcome.

Name plates were ordered for Arthur (Scotty) Scott for Lifetime member and Lillian Harris for winning Hall of Fame honors.

We will miss seeing John Foley around the Shuffleboard courts. He is moving back to the Cape, after the sale of his home.

Next Shuffle Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7th, at 10:00 am. Have a wonderful summer. Happy Shuffling. Till next season.....



Crafters

By Ginny Marcott



s the season winds down, the Crafters are busy finishing up projects they have been working on. Some beautiful plates have been completed as well as macramé chairs that are just lovely. It is so nice to complete any project we begin. If you have something you started and set aside, bring it to crafters and we will encourage you to finish it as well as to get some others to complete that craft in the closet. Our cereal night was a huge success. We donated 32 boxes of cereal, 2 crackers, 2 pop tarts, 2 fruit bars, pancake mix, oatmeal, juice, peanut butter, jelly, rice krispies treats and pasta to the Free Clinic downtown. I am so proud of the amazing group of talented crafters we have. They make my job a joy. In April, we will begin our group projects as well as begin our Christmas crafts in preparation for the Craft Fair in the fall. To all those heading North, have a safe trip and we will see you on your return.

Town Hall Meeting

By Ginny Marcott



ur Town Hall Meeting was held, and we got 30 issues and concerns from the community. One of the concerns was that there is not enough communication to reach the entire park. I will keep you informed through the Forecaster these concerns are addressed. At this time, we are looking into recycling the green and brown glass and checking into prices for lawn care. A lot of issues concerned safety, and it was suggested that we have a safety committee. The Town Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the meeting and offered some very important input. We will strive to address all the issues and keep you informed.

Karaoke

By Roland & Sandie



ur first debut on April 7, 2012, was just awesome!! Many of our residents came out and had fun. Some of them even sang a song or two. We will be having more nights of Karaoke so watch the board out front. We will post the date and time on the board. Thank you to all who came out and joined us!!





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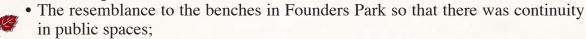


Beautification, Benches And Blessings

By Mary Bickhart



Thave been told by some of our generous neighbors that they have been sitting, remembering and enjoying "their" benches. I have seen other residents just come and sit awhile often in the cool of the evening. Mrs. Park, on the corner of Mt. Richmond, has donated a bench to be placed between the south side ramp and her house in memory of her husband, Donald, who wanted to view the water always. Some of the criteria that led to the choosing of these benches:



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• Safety, cemented in which keeps them from tipping over AND from being stolen. If price was no problem, maybe fancier items would have been considered. I hope this answers some questions that have been posed.

Finally, we have asked Kitchen Krewe to turn in their bench in order to join Old Timers in purchasing a Picnic Set for the south side ramp area. It is a beautiful little "Park" area with an excellent view of the water. Often, dolphins and manatee frolic there. It is a wonderful setting for all neighbors to rest awhile and enjoy. **ALL** residents have contributed in some way to this project...**Thank You.**

At this writing, we have six more benches and a picnic table with attached seats to be installed. We are grateful for the hard work of Gary and the maintenance crew.

I Was Raised

By Unknown



was raised!! I didn't just grow up. I was taught to speak when I enter a room, say 'please' and 'thank you', to have respect for my elders, to get up off my lazy butt and let the elder in the room have my chair. Say 'yes sir' and 'no sir'. Lend a helping hand to those in need. Hold the door for the person behind me. Say 'excuse me' when it's needed, and to love people for whom they are, not for what I can get from them! I was also taught to treat people the way I want to be treated!



Green Beautification

By Carol Risley



elp! We are looking for plants (including those in pots), bushes, small trees, fill dirt, mulch and ornamental stones for the people who volunteered to help beautify our empty lots. Some of these lots will never be occupied but some are for sale and we are trying to enhance their "curb appeal".

If you are redoing gardens or landscaping your home, moving or tearing down your old home to replace it with a new home – please do not throw these things in a dumpster. Instead, contact me at 727-954-8556. I will arrange to have someone pick up these items and deliver them to people in Americana Cove who are improving these empty lots. We are especially interested in those plantings that do not need much water, since most of these lots do not have irrigation.

Fortunately, we see most of our plantings thrive because of our excellent weather. That means we are thinning or pruning constantly. People are not aware that there are people in here who would love your pesky oak leaves for mulch in their gardens. Please remember this before you throw things in the dumpster.

If you would like to be a part of this project, please volunteer to join our team. We would truly love to have your help.

Cute Joke Sent in By Jeanne Sheppard

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Clerk: "Are you Polish?"

"Well, yes I am, but let me ask you something. If I had asked for Italian sausage would you ask me if I were Italian? Or if I had asked for German Bratwurst, would you ask me if I were German? Or if I asked you for a kosher hot dog would you ask me if I were Jewish? Or if I had asked for a taco, would you ask if I were Mexican?

Would ya, huh? Would ya?"

Clerk: "Well, no."

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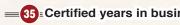
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Americana Cove "ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE" Corner

By: Terri Mottl (with gratitude)



almost missed my deadline this month. I simply couldn't think of one blessed thing to be grateful for that was worth writing about. Many of the people I care deeply for are packing up and going up north, I'm acting more like my mother every day, and they ran out of my favorite ice cream at the grocery store. Yaddah-Yaddah. While I was listing my laments and making my excuses to my esteemed editor Sandie, an unruly child splashed me and I received instant enlightenment. Baptism by chlorine!!! Just how many people are lucky enough to unload a litany of complaints while floating in a heated pool, eating a totally free lunch offered by the ACA, and planning a rip-rousing evening of music and merriment by Sandie and Roland? Some people just don't know how good they've got it. My head is appropriately hanging, and I will forever hold my peace.....at least until next month!

Genealogy By Pat Ruedy



The Americana Cove Genealogy Group will have our last meeting of the season, Wednesday, May 16, at 10 AM in the clubhouse as we, too, must hit the roads to search our roots out.

I expect our May meeting will deal with the future of this group and meetings. If we are to organize as a Club, we need more structure like President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer and whatever else we consider important to our growth. We should consider dues to cover minimal expenses. During our off times, we may organize local research field trips.





