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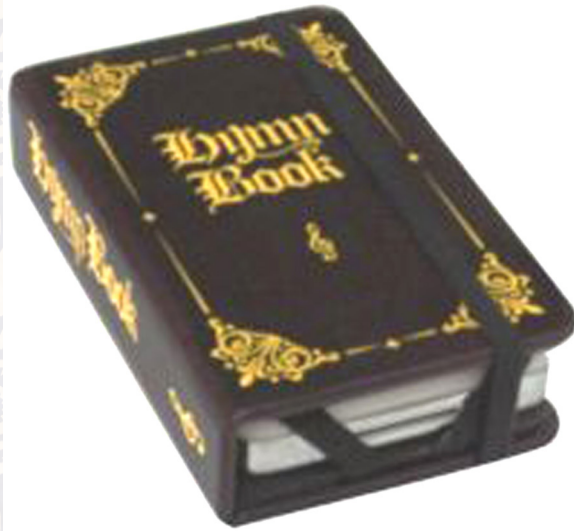
    

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Transcript from hymn words by Frances R. Havergal:

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Upon Thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting,
Of quiet, happy rest;
Another year of mercies
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face;
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Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.



We pray, dear God, for greater love throughout the world and peace between us all. May we be examples of that love in our service for you wherever we may be and with everyone we meet. Amen.

**May Your Troubles be Like the Old
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President's Message

By Diane Brinker

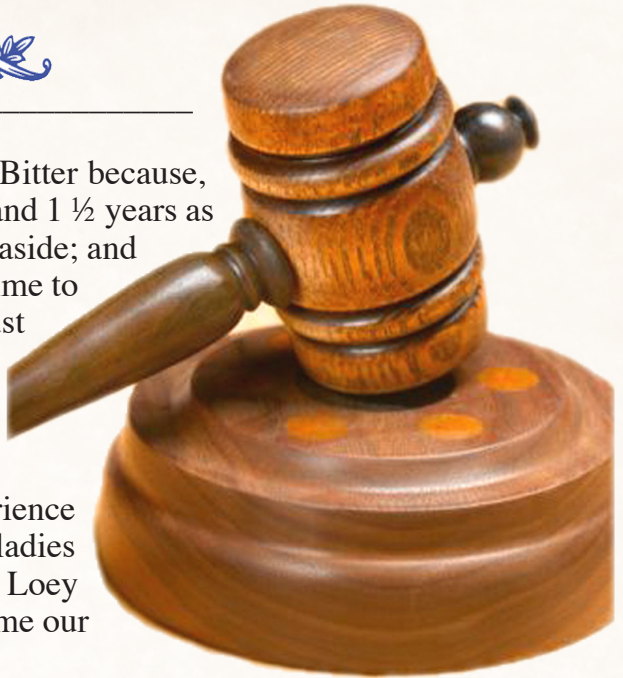


January is a bittersweet month for me. Bitter because, after 3 years on the Board of Directors and 1 ½ years as Association President, it is time to step aside; and sweet because I can now devote my board time to my loving husband, my good friends and just enjoy the wonderful life we have here in Americana Cove.

It has been my privilege to serve as your President these last 20 months. It has been challenging at times, but a rewarding experience I will keep forever. I wish to thank all the ladies in our office and, of course, our Manager Loey who has been my right hand since she became our manager.

In closing, I would like to offer one bit of advice to the next Board. Nobody likes criticism; but as a Board member, you are going to be criticized. Try not to take it personally and respond to that resident with respect. Do not use the Board as your pulpit to attack those who disagree with you and leave the Forecaster and Am-Cove for information and social happenings.

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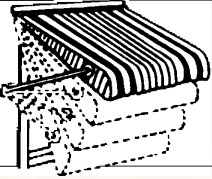
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Letter from the Manager

By Loey Antonucci



Dear Residents,

I would like to wish all of you a very Happy and Healthy New Year. Now that our holidays are over, we are getting ready for the Annual Meeting that will take place on January 16, 2013.

Here are some of the things we've been working on:

- Our Atrium facelift is complete. We started with a fresh paint color, added some hand painted murals, new cove base and new artwork. We hope you like it!
- The concrete sidewalk at the main entrance of the atrium was repaired along with the sidewalk at Mt. Piney laundry.
- Mt. Piney dryer vents were replaced since they were too small for the airflow.
- Fifteen (15) blue and white chaise lounge chairs were purchased for the pool.
- New lights were purchased and installed in the Hobby Shop.
- The home at 7332 Americana Drive was removed. . . great location for a model home.
- We removed a slab and sidewalk at 6718 Americana Drive, a slab and pavers driveway at 6711 Americana Drive, a driveway at 449 Mt. Piney, and a slab at 201 Mt. Piney.
- Blacktop driveway sealer was laid in front of 123-125-127 Mt. Piney.
- Nineteen (19) new palm trees were purchased for throughout the property, along with 32 oleanders and 9 bougainvilleas.
- Pinellas County Electric worked at the Gate House replacing the panel cover and guts with a new certified panel. They removed unused openings, provided a dedicated 20-amp circuit to the west wall and provided a quad duplex receptacle for general purchases (which came in handy with the extra outdoor lighting we've added), and cleaned up all the loose wires.
- Fifteen (15) electrical lights were installed at the entrance to replace the solar lights that never worked properly. We will be adding better tree lights.
- Fourteen (14) pedestals were replaced on Mt. Key, Mt. Piney, Mt. Essex, Mt. Fairfield, and Americana Ct.

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- The irrigation pumps on Americana Dr. were replaced with new control pipe fittings, pressure switch, a well seal, and cable.
- Some of the bushes were removed at the Atrium to allow better view of the water. Matthews had replaced it with some hawthorn, low ground cover.
- Sod was replaced on the curve of Mt. Piney.
- The rose garden is getting a facelift with Matthews doing the work.

I would like to thank Jean Hughes for donating her collection of gold and crystal ornaments for our Christmas tree. It looked beautiful.

ACA News

By Dan Dugger



December got off to a great start with the Evening of Carols which presented a Christmas Pageant Tableau, that was beautifully written and directed by Joan Geiger. The music was directed by Claire Mosakowski, and one of the highlights was the costumes assembled by Sandy Shouse. Thank you to all who participated in this beautiful presentation of The Christmas Story.

The next big event was the Golf Cart Parade and Pizza Party. This event was jointly sponsored by ACA and MAROA. There were 16 participants in the parade sponsored by MAROA, and prizes were given to the top five entries. Everyone had worked hard and the judges had a difficult time in deciding on the winners. The party sponsored by ACA included pizza, a surprise beverage, and music by Perry 'N Joy. There was a large group still dancing when it was time for the music to stop.

Things will slow down while we have time to visit with friends and family. January will get moving with a New Year's Eve party sponsored by the Old Timers.

Two big events for January will be: Vespers' 50th Reunion which will be January 13, and Canada Night on January 26.

ACA Council meeting will be on January 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the Atrium; and the luncheon will be a joint luncheon with Old Timers on January 9 at 12:00 noon.

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By Nancy Hubartt



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Helen Wright.....Maria Manor Rehab
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January Birthdays



02	Ed Johnson	11	Sara Burnett	21	Dan Craft
03	Lillian Harris	12	Arne Rengo	22	Joan Pregent
03	Chuck Schmidt	14	Linda Campbell	24	Lorette Winkle
04	Helen Cook	15	Dina Birtcher	25	Ruth Brownlee
04	Becky Nangles	15	Lila Hart	26	Lorraine Boshek
05	Phyllis Entreken	15	Polly Perkins	27	Carol Nygard
05	Steve Levkulich	15	Chuck MacDonald	27	Victor Monachelli
07	Richard Lloyd	16	David Laramée	28	Christina Goble
07	Debbie Craft	16	Jennie Wosil	30	Dianne Massey
07	Germaine Levkulich	19	Ginny Staples	30	Gloria Shulte
08	Cathie Sanders	20	Louise Pickett	30	Lola Stake
10	Tony Daleo	21	Linda Johnson	31	Cathy Thomas
10	Barbara Gallant	21	Kay Schiavone		



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01	Lila & Jerry Mussman	34 years
01	Marsha & Joe Gray	22 years
01	Joan & Dennis Moore	35 years
01	Jill & Mick Marckese	22 years
05	Lorraine & Bob Hoey	28 years
07	Gerri & John Bassett	18 years
08	Mary Ann & Bill Foley	48 years
10	Joan & John Mahoney	54 years
15	Gina & James Huff	37 years
27	Mary & Vince Bickhart	51 years
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Old Timers

By Sue Line



I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year and that 2013 will be good for all of us. The first meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, January 9th combined with ACA, and then again on January 23rd. 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 \$715.55! Thanks, Rick!

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. Last year, our profits paid for monthly lunches, bingo after the luncheons, a gift basket provided to the Thanksgiving Dinner Committee, a donation to Rita Lewis for her Veteran program, and for poinsettias to give away at our December meeting. This past year, we also joined in with the Kitchen Krewe to purchase a picnic table placed at the south side boat ramp. Old Timers also sponsors the Valentine-Italian Dinner Dance, and this year will sponsor the New Year’s Eve event as well. Old Timers also contributed to the employee Christmas fund. 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). So come on out and meet your neighbors! See you all there.



Terri’s “What Would Your Sun Sign Say

JANUARY Horoscope Quotes

By me, Terri Mottl



Capricorn (12/22 – 01/19) Show me the money! What’s the bottom line? Get all of your ducks in a row. One day at a time, little by little. Just start at the beginning.

Aquarius (01/20 – 02/18) Whatever! To everything, there is a season. It’s all good, man! He ain’t heavy; he’s my brother. Love the one you’re with. It’s a conspiracy!

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Pisces (02/19 – 03/20) Dream a little dream of me. We're swimming in it! Go with the flow. I don't want to be a millionaire; I just want to live like one. It was a flash of intuition. There's something fishy going on!

Aries (03/21 – 04/19) Because I said so! Let's get started. Put a fire under it! The early bird gets the worm. Give it to me straight. I'm lighting the candle at both ends.

Taurus (04/20 – 05/20) I'm not budging. Easy does it! I remember mama. Home is where the heart is. Eat, drink, and be merry. What can I get you to eat? A picture's worth a thousand words.

Gemini (05/21 – 06/20) You can have it all! Eeney, meany, miney, moe! It's a big, wide, wonderful world we live in. So much to do; so little time. To be or not to be? That is the question!

Cancer (06/21 – 07/22) I have a feeling! If you love me, let me know. Can you find it in your heart? Have a little faith! Make new friends, but keep the old. Where have all the flowers gone?

Leo (07/23 – 08/21) I can do it! That's something to roar about. Where there's a will, there's a way. I never learned how to say, "No". Try it; you'll like it. You can catch more flies with honey!

Virgo (08/23 – 09/22) Cleanliness is next to Godliness! Do it right the first time. Right is right. Straighten out. Dot your I's and cross your T's! Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

Libra (09/23 – 10/22) I've seen the world from both sides now. Let's weigh the pros and cons. Freedom and justice for all. Six of one, half a dozen of the other!

Scorpio (10/23 – 11/21) I have a secret! Make love, not war. Don't believe everything you see. Look me in the eye! Life is a dance.

Sagittarius (11/22 – 12/21) Let freedom ring! Don't fence me in. I was just clowning around. Don't worry, be happy. You learn something new...every day! I put my foot in my mouth!





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Vespers

By Martha Pratt



Happy New Year, and I hope you all had a Merry Christmas!

The Vesper season is nearly half over. The speakers have been wonderful with more to come during the next three months.

We are getting ready to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Vespers on January 13th. The program will consist of the history of Vespers, including photos, video clip, and special music. I'd like to thank Russ Steele for the many hours he has spent putting together the program with the assistance of John Hill and Faith Brundage. I'm sure we will all enjoy the presentation which will then be followed by a southern tradition of an old-fashioned "dinner on the grounds"; only, our dinner will be in the Clubhouse! The northerners call it a "potluck". The Vesper Committee will provide the meat, and everyone will be asked to bring a side dish to share. This celebration will be for everyone, to include past and current participants, as well as occasional visitors and friends. A sign-up sheet, with additional information, will be provided on our board in the Clubhouse; and we hope you all will come to fellowship and "break bread" with us. There will be NO cost, and all residents are welcome to attend. It proves to be a very enlightening and enjoyable evening.



Pastors for January are:

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| 1/6 | Kevin Laughran, Grace Lutheran |
| 1/13 | 50th Anniversary |
| 1/20 | George Carlier, Retired |
| 1/27 | Shep Johnson, Retired Methodist |



Thank You

By Dave and Pat Bernfeld



We wish to thank EVERYONE who came and helped decorate the atrium and Clubhouse for the holiday season. A special thanks to Jean Hughes for her donation of beautiful tree ornaments.



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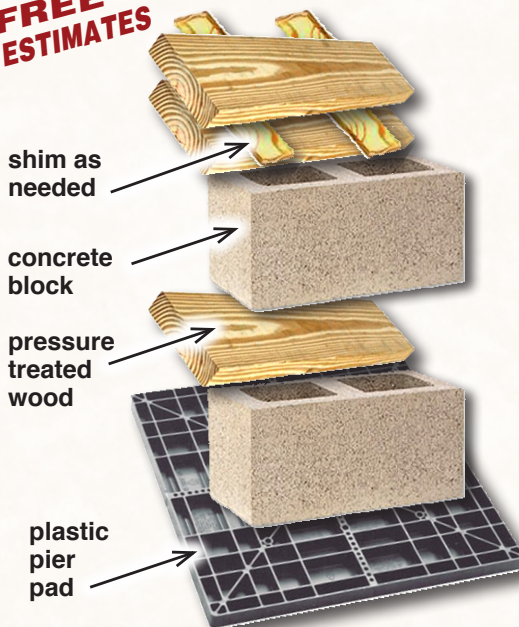


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Luncheon, Fashion Show and Consignment Sale

By Pat McCarthy



Hope to see you at our Luncheon, Fashion Show and Consignment Sale on Wednesday, January 16th at noon. There is no charge to attend. There will be a donation box at the 50/50 table, but no 50/50. Thank you.

Wine will be offered at \$1 per glass.

As soon as the luncheon is served, the fashion show will begin. After the show, the Atrium will be open for sales.

Please bring marked clothing (with price, name, and size pinned to garments) to the Atrium between 9 and 11 a.m. on the date of the event...January 16th. If no name is provided, the money obtained from the sale will be given to our ACA.

There will be a sign-up sheet if you do not want clothing items returned to you. I will take them to Pinellas Hope.

Proceeds from the sales will be calculated and disbursed to donors as soon as possible.



50 Years of Vespers

By Russ Steele



Vespers chairperson Martha Pratt is working with an appointed committee of the park's non-denominational religious organization to arrange and produce a special "50 Years of Vespers" program on January 13. The committee includes John Hill, Faith Brundage and Russ Steele. Susie Dugger and Gail Jackson will be in charge of a "Potluck" supper following the program, free to all Americana Cove residents who attend. The program will include: a short history of Vespers, narrated by Dan Dugger; a look at pictures of the group's choir through the years and today, prepared by John Hill and Russ Steele; and highlight clips from the 2003 Americana Cove historical video produced by the late Gene Seawell and Russ. It will end with an opportunity for veterans of the group to add their memories through a traveling microphone. It will be held in the regular Clubhouse room (rather than the Atrium) to allow for screen projections and the supper.

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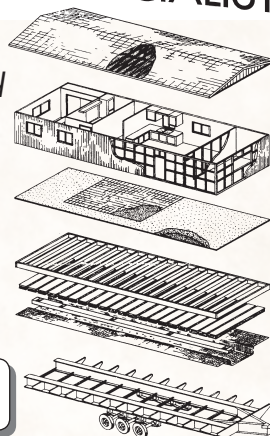
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Evening of Carols

By Claire Mosakowski



A very big “Thank You” to those people who helped make “An Evening of Carols” program so meaningful and spiritual for all in attendance. The cast of 32 was dedicated and committed to the rehearsals and time spent to making everything run so smoothly. Sandy Shouse costume designs were spectacular. A big “thank you” to her for the time spent looking for the proper materials, sewing and creating them. Our lead singers and vesper choir led us in singing our familiar carols, and our guest singers shared new ones that touched our hearts. Drew Fairlie and Bob Niblick were wonderful and added so much to make our music complete. We can’t forget the girls who helped to get our cookies and punch ready for all to enjoy and our greeters who welcomed everyone at the door. The night would not have happened without Joan Geiger’s writing of the script and direction of the cast. It was brilliant. Sue Line made sure that all were dressed on time and Ginny Marcott cued them. Our prop men, Vince Bickhart and Ed Imbrogiulo, help the scene changes on cue; they were wonderful. Our videographer, Jerry Regan, captured the evening’s events.



A special “thank you” to my husband, Ed Mosakowski, who did a great job being our moderator. There were 44 people who gave all a very special night.

Thank you to ACA for funding the evening’s refreshments.

Thank you all!

Canada Night – January 26, 2013

By Sue Line



The annual “Hands Across the Border” Canada Night, during which Americana Cove’s Canadians host their American friends and neighbors in the park, will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2013, with appetizers at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m. Good food—prizes—dancing—special guests!

Tickets are \$10 each and will be on sale in the Atrium on Monday, January 7, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Only 310 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.**

Hobby Shop

By Dave Bernfeld



Just another reminder, the Hobby Shop group will meet on Monday, January 7th, at 9 AM in the shop. As always, coffee and donuts will be available. If you haven't paid your dues, please attend the meeting so that they can be collected (\$5).

If you haven't been in the shop lately, stop in and see the new LOOK! A big THANKS to Derek Woodhead, Merv Hnatiw and all the guys who helped to clean and paint the shop. It looks great! And let's help keep it that way; please clean up after yourself and turn off lights, A/C, etc., when you leave. Thanks!

If you have any useable tools and no longer want them, please donate them to the Hobby Shop. Also, do you have any leftover lumber from a project?? If so, the shop could use that as well. Your donations can be left on the outside of the shop's side door near the dumpster, or you may contact one of the shop officers.

Cue Club

By Sandie Reid



We had 4 officers and 15 members in attendance at our meeting on December 3, 2012, which made for a lively discussion over a couple of topics. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the atrium.

League play continues! Don't forget "open pool" on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. These evenings provide a great time for friendly play and for honing your shooting skills.

Saturday, February 23rd—Save the Date for the our annual Brew N Bratz. This year, we are partnering with the Cove Riders who have secured some great Motown type entertainment by "No Slack". \$12 tickets will go on sale in February for the event: 5:30 – 7 p.m. Brew N Bratz, followed by "No Slack".

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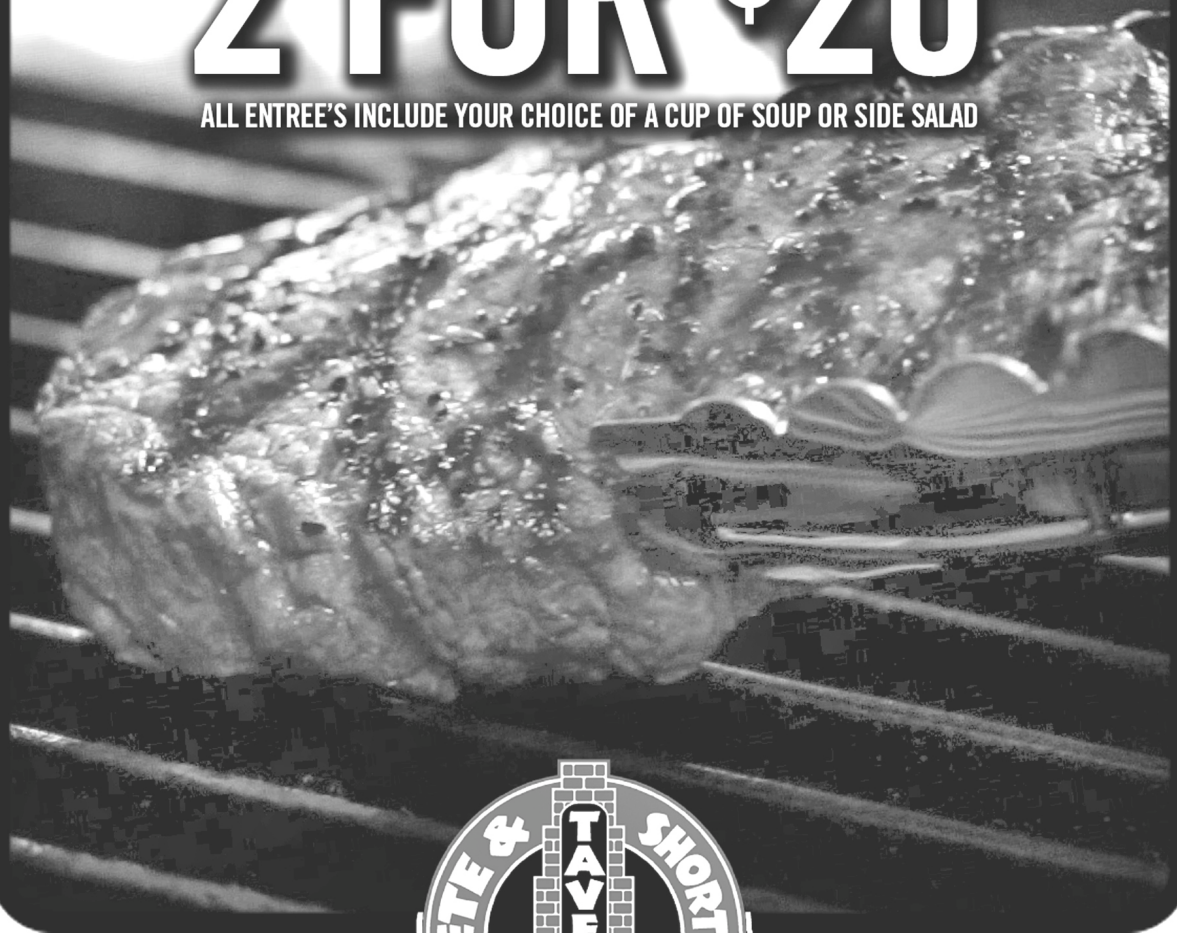
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Walking Away the Pounds

By Daisy Dean



We are getting a larger group at “Walking Away the Pounds”. It has been great to see everyone back. This month, don’t forget that we will have a 10-day “Walk Your Waistline Healthy Challenge” starting January 21. It’s all from Leslie Sansone, including daily meal plans and exercise regiments. If you are interested, please either e-mail me at daisy_dean@yahoo.com or call at 527-7838.

Also remember that we walk 2 miles only on every other Tuesday and every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. So if you are new and want to join us, these workouts are not as challenging as the 3-mile walks. Please check your Forecaster calendar.

We would love to see newcomers. Even if you want to do a mile and leave, that’s fine; a little is better than nothing. Exercise is the key to a Healthier YOU!!!

Pool Exercise

By Sharon Miller

The tradition* of Pool Exercise at Americana Cove continues Mon., Tues., Wed., Thur. and Fri from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The Exercisers (women and men) meet as often as they choose...one, two, three, four and/or five times a week. Lap swimmers are welcome to swim from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.

*Pool exercise (three times a week) began in the Cove in 1979. In 2005, the exercisers began to meet as often as five days a week. The pool exercise was begun some 34 years ago thanks to Kay Jones and several gals who thought it was a good idea. It was indeed; believe it or not!!! The heated pool (most of the time) has served close to 5,000 people through the years. The group meets year-round regardless of the weather. . . sun, fog, rain, sleet, snow or hail. Thanks again, Kay and your group, for beginning this nearly 34 year tradition.



Par-Seekers

By Dave Bernfeld



As the weeks of fall have gone by, more and more of our group have returned along with some new faces. Welcome back! We hope to have another good season, along with the same great weather as last season. . . no rainouts! A schedule has been posted on the board in the Clubhouse with our first tournaments not far away.

The Par-Seekers golf league plays each Thursday. On that day, a short meeting will be held in the Clubhouse at 9:00 a.m. before heading to Mainlands. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Clubhouse for this first day of the season. Remember, the first tee time is 10:15 every Thursday. Also, all Americana Cove golfers are welcome.

Hope to see you there to join us.



Boat Club

By Rick Lopez



I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday and that Santa was good to you. Americana Cove's Boat Club is looking forward to a happy, healthy and productive 2013. We are also looking forward to our "Island Bash" in March. Our meetings are scheduled for the first Saturday of each month in the Clubhouse. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a very happy new year!

Cove Riders

By Rick Lopez



Our Cove Riders are looking forward to the new year and new adventures. One of our new adventures will be partnering with the Cue Club to provide some lively entertainment for their Brew N Bratz on Saturday, February 23rd.

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Shuffleboard

By Barbara Bowen



The busy Holiday Season has “wrapped” up, and we are now into 2013. Happy New Year!

Our December Pancake Breakfast was well attended. Thank you, Americana Cove residents, for your continued support. A lot of hard work was necessary for the Breakfast to be a success. To all the Shufflers who provided assistance, you deserve a great big thank you. There are too many people to name, but you all know who you are. Don't mix the next **Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, January 19**, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. Bring your appetite.

Ed McGrath, our resident Pro Shuffler, gives free shuffleboard lessons every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Equipment is provided. Take advantage of this opportunity learn from a Pro Shuffler.

Team Reports as of early December:

Blue Sky, Captain Ruth Health: 4th Place

Friendship I, Captain Ed Walter: 7th Place

Friendship II, Captain Pat McCarthy: 3rd Place

NOVA, Captain Pat Vargas: 4th Place



Pat Vargas was thrilled to report how well her NOVA played in their first game, with many new players. We wish them well. Stay tuned for her update next month.

Important Dates:

Shuffleboard meeting: Wednesday, January 2, at 10:00 a.m. in the Atrium

Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, January 19, 8-11 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

Tournaments:

In the park, Singles Tournament: Saturday, February 2, 2013.

In the park, Doubles Tournament: Saturday, February 9, 2013.

*Friendship Singles Tournament (at Silver Lake): Tuesday and Wednesday, March 12-13, 2013.

Doubles Tournament (at Pasadena): Monday and Tuesday, March 18-19, 2013.

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Trophy Parties:

*Friendship Trophy Party (at Americana Cove): Tuesday, March 26, 2013
Americana Cove Shuffleboard Club Party: Saturday, March 23, 2013.



**Note: Revised from December Forecaster. Please update your calendar.*

Reminder: Open games begin at 1:00 p.m. The games are fun and everyone is welcome.
Every Sunday, "Hoss Collar": Directors – Fod and Mary Wright
Every Monday, "Hall of Fame": Director – Lennie Schmitz

Golf Cart Parade

By Rick Lopez

In December, we had a very successful Golf Cart Parade with over 17 golf carts, motorcycles and a scooter all decked out to the nines in their best of holiday wear. After our parade around our park, everyone met in the Clubhouse for live music and over 30 pizzas with no leftovers!

I wish to express our sincere appreciation to the ACA and also MAROA and several others who made this such a successful event. We had five winners this year, and those were: Mary Lou Pribesh, Chris Mahoney, Jackie Klick, Helen Cook, and Andrea Bedard. Each received a \$25 gift certificate for Applebee's. I truly enjoyed organizing this event and look forward to doing so again this year.

I am genuinely filled with heartfelt thanks to everyone.



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Sat., Jan. 19, 2013, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., **ANNUAL TRASH & TREASURE RUMMAGE SALE - BAKE SALE**. Glenwood Estates, 12501 Ulmerton Rd., Largo

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Tues., Feb. 5, 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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Americana Cove Attitude of Gratitude

By Terri Mottl



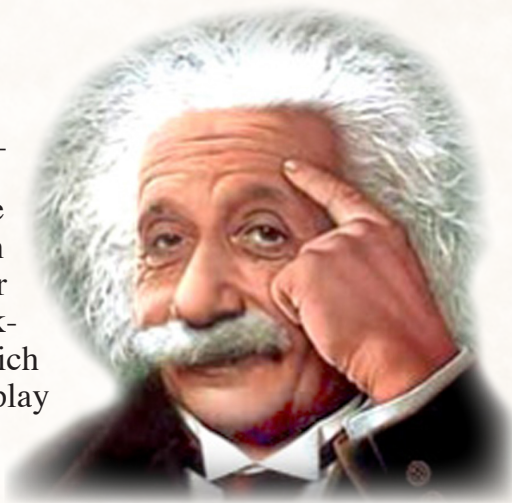
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Fastest Stars Will Test Einstein's Theories



The fastest star in the known universe may be SO-102, discovered by the Keck telescope in Hawaii. It orbits the black hole in the center of our Milky Way galaxy in just 11.5 years, knocking out the previous record-holder, SO-102, which makes the trip in 16 years. But both stars will play a role in testing the validity of Albert Einstein's theory of general relativity, which describes the behavior of spacetime in the presence of massive gravitation.

Astronomers will monitor both stars for any shifts in the shape of spacetime as they approach the black hole. Fortunately, neither one seems to be in danger of falling in, but Einstein may take a few knocks under the influence of a supermassive gravitational force, where his theories might break down, physicists concede.



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Mayan Tomb Suggests A Strong Role For Female Rulers



An ancient tomb unearthed in Guatemala may shed new light on the role of women as political leaders in the Mayan society of the 7th century. U.S. and Guatemalan scientists believe that a stone jar and other artifacts discovered near the site of an excavated temple could indicate the final resting place of Lady K'Abel, believed to have been the military governor of the Mayan city El Peru-Waka.

Lady K'Abel ruled the Waka kingdom along with her husband for 20 years, archeologists say, but as military governor—her title was “Kaloomte,” or “Supreme Warrior”—she was higher in rank than her spouse. Her burial place in the temple, with the same honors a male ruler would have received, suggests that she continued to be worshipped and revered long after her death and the fall of her dynasty.

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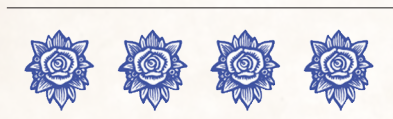
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