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Gracious, Heavenly Father, we are well into the time of Lent when traditionally we fast by giving up bad habits.etc. Rather than giving up, we would be much better if we became more aware of helping our neighbors, in the sense that Christ named them, by showing more love to the un-loveable. We all have cliques with whom we feel comfortable, but can we enlarge our field by looking for and finding those who don't fit our preferred types?

It's not too late to start this effort which is not in our comfort zone.

We can each find at least one for whom we can reach. Truly you will be blessed.

May God's Holy Spirit guide you to that person.

Amen.

Easter Lily Memorials



Again this year, you will have the opportunity to remember a loved one. The cost of a lily will be \$10. Obtain a form from John Hill. The lily may be taken home after Easter Sunday Sunrise Service or left for the Vespers Outreach to those in nursing homes or confined to their homes.

Thank you for your consideration.

President's Message

By Janice Zebley



March already brings the wind-down of activities around the COVE.

The Board, however, will be very busy negotiating a new loan to benefit us all. We will keep you informed of progress as it becomes available. Please remember this is important to us all and may take priority over other issues being worked on.

As an elected Board, keeping the Cove a wonderful place to live is very important to us all.

Thank you, for the many well wishes. Please try to take some interest in our community by attending the next Board Meeting on March 20, 2013.



Letter From The Manager

By Loey Antonucci

Dear Residents,



Here are a few things we've been working on.....



- We are meeting with several vendors to update some of our signs that are in need of being redone..... our entrance map, our activity board and our Founders Park Memorial sign.
- Alliance Fire & Safety did our annual test of the fire hydrants. We only needed 2 bonnets painted and 2 road reflectors that were scheduled.
- We've been working on getting our year-end closed and have completed our audit with Carr, Riggs & Ingram. Your financial statements will be arriving shortly.
- Barefoot Realty has moved into their office and their hours are Monday – Friday from 10 am – 3 pm, and weekends from noon – 3 pm. However, Debbie is always available by calling her cell at (727) 321-4142.
- New signs were placed at the entrance advertising “Homes for Sale” and “Waterfront Properties Available”.
- We are working on getting proposals to widen the sidewalk in front of the office on Americana Drive, placing a slab under the benches on Mt Piney / Mt Arlington, and to replace the missing curbing at the entrance.
- New property brochures were purchased through “No Limit Marketing” to replace our old, outdated ones.
- We will be having our Founder's Day Picnic on Saturday, April 6th this year due to Easter being earlier and falling on our normal weekend in March. The event is free for residents, and we will be selling tickets for \$5 for any guests you would like to invite to join us.
- I would like to thank Terri Mottl for donating several of her metal fish décor.
- Just a reminder...for those of you who wish to fly the American flag, at dusk you should either take it down or illuminate it until dawn.



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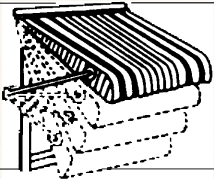
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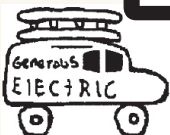
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ACA News

By Dan Dugger



If you missed "Brew and Bratz", then you missed a fantastic party sponsored by the Cue Club and the Cove Riders. The last party of the month was the 90's Bash sponsored by ACA. In between was Italian Night, planned by Janet Pandino and sponsored by the Old Timers. The party scene continues in March with the Island Bash and St Patrick's Day. In addition to the parties, we will have a Veterans' Seminar on March 4; and on March 7, Steven Stanford, Bill's son, will make a special presentation on the life and times of Henry Ford. The month will end with a Sunrise Service March 31 to celebrate Easter.

Along with having fun activities, a committee has been working hard on the Bylaws revisions which will be presented to the ACA Council for adoption at the March Council meeting. The committee members are: Lori Casey, Chair; Carol Risley; Rex Stuckey; John Bassett; and Dave Bernfeld. They have worked diligently and long over the past three months to update our Bylaws so that they conform to Florida Statutes and are easier to understand. I want to express my appreciation for their hard work.

The next ACA Council meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on March 5th, and the luncheon will be on March 6th at noon. Hope to see everyone there.

With Easter, many of our friends will start their trek back North; so let's make the most of this month and continue to enjoy one another's company.

Sunshine Report For March 2013

By Nancy Hubartt



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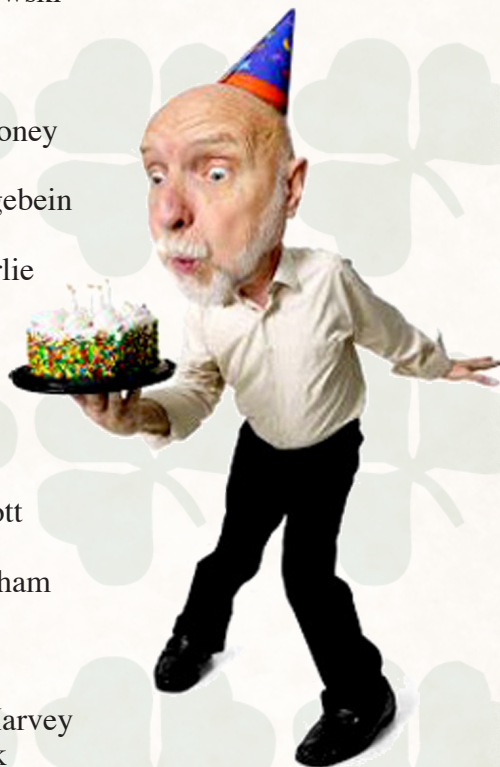


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01	Joe Hebbard	14	Bill Johnson
01	Rick Lopez	17	Pat Porretto
02	Jerry Mussman	17	Kathy Laramie
02	Mark Nixon	18	Claire Mosakowski
02	Pauline Begin	18	Rick Birtcher
04	Peter Bermke	19	Norine Fisher
05	David Cook	19	Larry Rhead
05	Rick Nangle	19	Christine Mahoney
06	Jim Tanner	20	Astrid Dye
06	Dave Brinker	21	Rosemary Kegebein
06	George Davey	22	Dick Nemi
07	Cecile Soucy	22	Mary Ann Fairlie
07	Barbara Tumminia	22	Barbara Strehl
07	Rick Tumminia	23	Drew Fairlie
07	Collette Benight	24	Bobbi Rogers
09	Susanne Darowski	24	Helga Frank
09	Jeanette Imbrogulio	25	Bob Larsen
09	Vickie Domino	25	Joan Mahoney
11	John Hill	25	Richard Marcott
11	Cathy MacDonald	25	Nancy Morris
11	Russell Sapia	26	Irene Cunningham
11	Kathy Cindric	28	Ron Murtha
12	Anne Kocher	29	Paula Barrows
12	Norm Begin	29	Susan Ponti
13	Norm Nemi	29	Scott Daniel Harvey
13	Carol Deatherage	31	Edward Kimak
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09	Astrid & Jack Dye.....	17 years
10	Mary & Fod Wright	69 years
16	Pat & Chuck Schmidt.....	51 years
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Old Timers

By Sue Line



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Respect your efforts, respect yourself. Self-respect leads to self-discipline. When you have both firmly under your belt, that's real power. —Clint Eastwood



Terri's, "It Is What It Is" March Horoscope

By me, Terri Mottl



PISCES (02/19 - 03/20) Way too much this and way too much that....slow down, chill out, get a grip, take a breath; and if you can't do that, you'd better hire yourself an assistant!

ARIES (03/21 - 04/19) A friend of a friend of a former friend is going to show up, and this is NOT the opportunity you may think it is! I'm just saying.....

TAURUS (04/20 - 05/20) Blah, blah, blah....that's what this month is all about. Everybody.....and I mean EVERYBODY wants to tell you EVERYTHING; so either put on your Sympathy Hat or don't answer the door....your choice!

GEMINI (05/21 - 06/20) Do you remember that old saying...."The calm always comes before the storm"? Well, all I can really tell you is to remember that old saying.

CANCER (06/21 - 07/22) Don't be the first to volunteer, but don't be the last to sign up...you don't want to bite off more than you can chew, but what fun is an empty plate? Hmmmmmm...

LEO (07/23 - 08/21) Honesty is, indeed, the best policy; but do try to refrain from BRUTAL honesty.....no one REALLY wants to hear the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth....no matter how much they beg for it.

VIRGO (08/23 - 09/22) It's that "thing" again! You know what thing I'm talking about. It comes up; you push it away; it comes back, you ignore it, and on it goes. Time to deal with it and be done with it.

LIBRA (09/23 - 10/22) Take a deep breath or a long bath....you'll need the moment, and it will probably be the one and only peaceful part of the month!

SCORPIO (10/23 - 11/21) Follow your brain instead of your heart in matters of the heart this month. You see the evidence and you know the facts.

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CAPRICORN (12/22 - 01/19) Your sweet, sensitive side.....the one you adamantly deny having.... is shining through this month.....you can find a way to use it to your advantage, or just enjoy it. I suggest the enjoying it choice!

AQUARIUS (01/20 - 02/18) The good idea that you think you're having won't be all that good if it lands you in the poor house, the dog house, or....egad....the big house. Think it through, baby, think it through!

Crafters

By Ginny Marcott

I hope everyone had as much fun as we did at the STATE FAIR. The Crafters entered 17 items to be judged and walked away with 11 ribbons. **FIRST PLACE**

went to Jean Hughes, Martha Pratt, Candace Venezia and Cierra Whitener. **SECOND PLACE** went to Debbie Craft, Joan Martin and Candace Venenzia. **THIRD PLACE** went to Mary Ann Foley and Joan Martin. **HONORABLE MENTION** went to Mary Bermke and Ginny Marcott. Congratulations to everyone that entered this year. All 17 items will be on display at the March 6th ACA Luncheon. Election of officers will be held at our monthly meeting. New members are always welcome.

I saved the best news for last. We will be having another sampling night on March 18th with all recipes coming from our Crafters Cookbook. We are down to about 20 cookbooks. So be sure and get yours at the luncheons so you don't miss out on your own personal copy.





Cue Club

By Sandie Reid and Debbie Gottardi



I first want to give “KUDOS” to the following people who made our Brew N Bratz a total success: Rick Lopez, Terri Mottl, Terry Campbell, George Chamberlain, Laura Schwanger, Joan Mahoney, Sue Wagner, Linda Campbell, Rita Hahn, Debbie Gottardi, Helen Cook, Dave Cook, Jack Mahoney, Tony Giaquinto, Rachel Stewart, Arlene Harmon, Paula Barrows, Debbie Lamont, Tom Constant, Richard Burg, and Brian Birch. These people helped cook, serve, prepare and cleaned up. A special thank you to Richard Burg for getting “No Slack” to play for us. WTG, Richard!!!! We hope to do this all again next year.

Our season is coming to a close soon. Our men’s tournaments and ladies’ tournaments began at the end of February and conclude the first week of March. Our banquet will be held on the 28th of March.

Our next Cue Club meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the Atrium. All members are urged to attend as we will be discussing the Club’s banquet. At the last meeting, members present accepted the continued service of me, Terry Campbell and Debbie Gottardi as Cue Club Officers for the 2013-2014 season. I announced that Jennie Wosil made the decision not to serve as Vice President for 2013-2014. Sue Wagner expressed interest in serving as Vice-President; and members present voted to utilize her services as the Club’s Vice President.



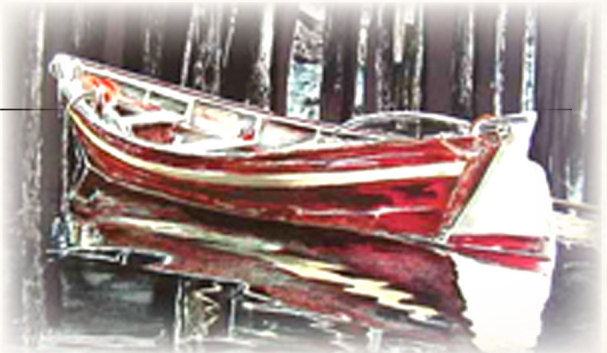
Boat Club

By Rick Lopez



We are starting to gear up for the Island Bash on March 9, 2013, 5pm to 10pm. So start watering that grass skirt, dry clean your flowered shirt, and pick up a new pair of dancing sandals for the Island Boys who will be returning with their steel drums.

Tickets will be \$12 and will be sold by Sandie Reid, Chris Mahoney, Jacki Click, Tom Constant and Barbara Gallant. Flyers will be posted around the park. Tickets will be sold at lunches and bingo; and we are limiting ticket sales to 250 tickets.





Cove Riders

By Rick Lopez



The Cove Riders would like to give a big thank you to the Cue Club for allowing us to be a part of their Brew N Bratz. Everyone had a great time with great food, friendship and entertainment.

Cole Slaw

By Jeanne Sheppard



(For those of us who hate all that Mayo)

Serves 4

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 10 minutes

2 Tbsp cider vinegar

1 Tbsp olive oil

1 Tsp mustard powder

1 Tbsp caraway seeds (I use Celery seeds)

1 Tbsp honey

¼-tsp salt

Cayenne pepper to taste

4 cups chopped cabbage



Directions:

In a large mixing bowl, combine vinegar, olive oil, mustard powder, caraway, honey and salt, and cayenne if desired. Toss with cabbage. Serve immediately or refrigerate up to 24 hours before serving.



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and never want as long as you live*



Shuffleboard Report

By Barb Bowen



The next Shuffleboard meeting will be held in the Atrium on Wednesday, March 6, at 10:00 am.

Thanks for attending the last Pancake Breakfast. It was a success. Rick Lopez won the 50/50 draw.

You can still participate in the free shuffleboard lessons, given by Ed McGrath (one of our resident Pro Shufflers). Come to the shuffleboard courts every Wednesday, at 7:00 pm.

Team Reports, as of early February:

Blue Sky:
Captain Ruth Healy - 4th Place

Friendship I:

Captain Ed Walter - 7th Place

Friendship II:

Captain Pat McCarthy - 4th Place

Nova: Captain

Pat Vargas - 3rd Place.

Singles Tournament (Held on February 2, 2013)

Nova: Main Event: 1st Greg Moe; 2nd Anthony Daleo; 3rd Rita Hahn; 4th Mike Wagner

Nova: Consolation: 1st Sterling Lilly; 2nd Pat Vargas; 3rd Marge Powell; 4th Judy Bretz
Friendship/Blue Sky: Main Event: 1st Pat Finn, 2nd Fod Wright, 3rd Theresa Volk, 4th Dave Casey

Friendship/Blue Sky: Consolation: 1st Pat McCarthy; 2nd Jo Waldron; 3rd Jean-Guy Finn; 4th Nick Volk

Doubles Tournament (Held on February 9, 2013)

Main Event: 1st Lori Casey & Pat Finn; 2nd Lorraine Boshek & Sterling Lilly; 3rd Catherine Osman & Leonard Schmitz; 4th Scottie Scott & Nick Volk

Consolation: 1st Lillian Harris & Debbie Gottardi; 2nd Greg Moe & Ed Walter; 3rd Theresa Volk & Jean-Guy Finn; 4th Judy Bretz & Dave Casey

NOTE: Please check the spelling of your name, if you choose to receive a trophy, as this will be the name on the trophy. Contact Jo Waldron, as soon as possible, if there are any changes.

Congratulations to all. Hope you had fun. Thank you to Frankie Pereira for helping with the Singles Tournament and to Barbara Hansen, the tournament chair.

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Upcoming Tournaments:

Friendship Singles Tournament (at Silver Lake): March 11-12, 2013.

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

**** NEW **** Hoss Collar Tournament (in our Park): Sunday, March 17 – all welcome. Cost \$1.00 Singles: players will shoot 6 discs. If there is a tie, then a lag will occur to break the tie. The highest scoring winnings will proceed. Fod Wright is the Chair.

If you plan to attend any tournaments out of the park, please use Sign-up Sheets at the courts.

Trophy Parties:

Friendship Trophy Party (at Americana Cove): Tuesday, March 26, 2013

Americana Cove Shuffleboard Club Party: Saturday, March 23, 2013.



Reminder:

Open games at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! Every Sunday, “Hoss Collar”: Directors - Fod and Mary Wright. Every Monday, “Hall of Fame”: Director - Lennie Schmitz.

Happy Shuffling

Canada Night – January 26, 2013

By Sue Line

The annual “**Hands Across the Border**”, **CAN-ADA NIGHT**, was a tremendous success with great food, great music, great prizes and a great time by all. On behalf of our Committee, I would like to thank you all for helping to make this such a wonderful evening.

Special “Thank You” to: our Kitchen Committee led by Bob Van Sickle and Mike Butler; Gail Jackson and her group of servers; Roy Christopher and his decorating crew; can’t forget Pat Finn and her group of ladies who baked, sliced and diced all those wonderful sweet concoctions that we all thoroughly enjoyed; Mag Christopher and Sue who always come through; to our residents on the 50/50; Al Wingrove and his prize committee; and anyone else who helped make the evening a success. Without volunteers, nothing would happen. Once again **Thank You** and see you all next year!





Happy 96th Birthday

By Jeanne Sheppard



To celebrate Louise Pickett's 96th birthday, Neal, Gloria and Jeanne took her to St. Pete Ale House. As you can see in the pic, they had a great time. I'm sure we all hope that we can eat lobster at 96 (lol)! Thank you, Jeanne, for sharing this with us.



Po Ke No

By Adele Seaman



Hi again. We will be playing PO KE NO in the clubhouse on Thursday March 28th at 6:30 PM All are welcome. Please remember to bring a snack to share and pennies to play with.

Red Hat Chilies

By Adele Seaman



Red Hat Chilies will be going to lunch on the 21st of March to the Pier (before it is no more). We will meet at the Clubhouse by 11:00 AM; rides will be available. All are welcome. Thank you.

Hobby Shop

By Dave Bernfeld



The next Hobby Shop group will meet on Monday, March 4, at 9 AM in the shop. As always...coffee and donuts will be available.

Just a reminder, 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, have any lumber left-over from a project?? The shop could use that as well. It can be left on the outside of the shop's side door near the dumpster, or contact one of the shop officers.



Vespers

By Martha Pratt



Happy Easter to all. Vesper season is nearly over; we only have 3 services left prior to our Easter sunrise service. It has been a very successful year with new people attending, wonderful speakers and very generous helpers behind the scenes including those signing up to bring refreshments, serving as hostesses and greeters. Even though there'll be no more services after the Easter sunrise service, we'll be busy during the following months planning and organizing the Welcome Back get-together being held in November; the exact date will be announced in the April Forecaster.

At our next business meeting, officers for the upcoming season will be elected. I'd like to thank those who served this year for all their help in keeping Vespers running so smoothly.

I'd like to thank those taking the summer donation containers again this year. Last year's donations helped in getting the treasury started this season. Thanks to all who contributed during their summer hiatus.

At this time, I'd like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and blessed summer and safe traveling to those headed elsewhere, as well as to those staying put right here in the Cove. I look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall.

Our visitation ministry is in need of vases (not bud vases). If you have any you could donate, please leave them in the clubhouse or call John Hill (522-2412) or me (954-7948) and we can make arrangements to pick them up. Thank you for any assistance you can give.



Pastors for March:

March 3rd Kevin Loughran - Grace Lutheran

10th Father John Tapp - Holy Family

17th Rick Carlson - Faith Covenant

24th Wayne Robinson - Pilgrim United Congregational

31st Jerry Strasheim - Retired Lutheran (*Easter Sunrise 7 a.m.*)

White Elephant

By Don Delzell



Mark your calendars, clean out your closets and sheds. Bring your white elephant stuff to the back of the clubhouse or, if large, wait until Friday March 1 at 9 AM for setup. Check the ACA bulletin board in the Clubhouse for committee sign-up. AND if you can distribute flyers to your church, lodge or any other organization, contact Don Delzell at 526-2410 or e-mail ddelzell@tampabay.com



Walk Away The Pounds

By Daisy Dean



It's so hard to believe that we have only a little over a month left for our walking class. My last one will be April 12th. I'm so happy that we got a good group most days. Thank you all for coming & inspiring me to do this every day. A big "welcome back" to Louise & Maureen; it's great to see you back.

Our pool party will be March 28th at 4:30 P.M. Marylou Pribesh has the sign-up sheet; so make sure you sign up if you are attending & note the dish you are bringing to share. Or you can call me at 527-7838 or Email daisy_dean@yahoo.com. Also, please remember to bring your own plates, cutlery & your favorite drink, but please NO GLASS. Your spouse is also welcome to attend the pool party. Looking forward to seeing you all there.



Keeper

Author Unknown



I grew up with practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen before they had a name for it. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones.

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away.

I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat, and Mom in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand, and dish-towel in the other. It was the time for fixing things. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep.

It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more.

Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away....never to return. So....while we have it....it's best we love it.... and care for it.... and fix it when it's broken.... And heal it when it's sick.

This is true. For marriage.... and old cars....and children with bad report cards.... and dogs with bad hips....and aging parents....and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it. Some things we keep. Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with.

There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special....and so, we keep them close!

I received this from someone who thinks I am a 'keeper', so I've sent it to the people I think of in the same way....Now it's your turn to send this to those people that are "keepers" in your life. Good friends are like stars.... You don't always see them, but you know they are

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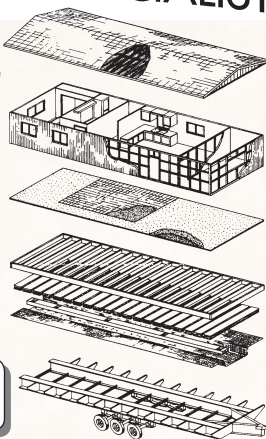
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Wednesday Hold'em

By Pat Sanborn



December and January have really added to the number of players and fun to our Wednesday night Texas Hold'em group. We have been consistent at 2 tables, and even had to go to 3 tables. And we are glad to have added another female to the mix; welcome Rita, "bozette", and for putting those "bozo's" in their place a time or two. The guys are still top in knowing when to "hold'em" and when to "fold'em" but we ALL have a great time. We now have an "All in queen", Linda, who is tied with Mr. Ed, the "All in king", who have each gone "ALL IN" 7 times in any one night! "Two chip" Dan, who can make his last 2 chips last about 45 minutes, took 1st place 4 times out of the 9 week we played in Dec. and Jan.!



With all the players we have playing now, I need to thank everyone for pitching in and helping out; Robbie, Ed, Terry, and anyone I may have missed, you know who you are. THANKS !!
Dec. and Jan. (9 weeks winners)



1st place 2nd place 3rd place

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Gil Terry Dennis
Rita Al Dan
Terry Pat Rita
Dan Robbie Donna

1st place 2nd place 3rd place

Frank Bill Norm
Dan David C Linda
Dan Bill Frank
Gil Ken Robbie

Par-Seekers

By Dave Bernfeld



When you read this, there will only be 4 weeks left to our scheduled season! The club championship is close at-hand and our season ending banquet April 1st. Please check the board for more details on that.

A new event was played this season. We teamed our USA members against our Canadian members in our own mini-Ryder Cup. It was a fun tournament, and we hope it will be an annual event.

See you on the course!

A gushy reporter told Phil Mickelson, "You are spectacular; your name is synonymous with the game of golf. You really know your way around the course. What's your secret?" Mickelson replied, "The holes are numbered."



Canasta

By Joan Geiger



Hi neighbors. Just a brief notice to let you know that we have started a Canasta Club. We will be playing, partners, on Monday's in the Club House at 1:30pm following the Line Dancing Lessons. Everyone is welcome!

There were about 12 of us on Monday, February 4th. We all have not played canasta in at least 30-40 years. It all came right back. We had one player, Virginia, that never played before and everyone at her table was very happy to give her, her first lesson. We are not using anyone's "house rules". All questions are decided by reading the rule book. We played our first hand open, and we had lots of questions that we answered from the rule book.

As we all fall into the routine of playing, we can decide as a group to add some changes to keep the game interesting.

We all left saying it was fun and we had a great time. Please come out and join us.

New Sales Office Opens

By Charity and Debbie



In January, the Americana Cove Board of Directors signed an agreement with Barefoot Realty Group to be the exclusive mobile home brokerage/dealer for the community. A sales office was established within the Americana Cove Management Office and is open seven days per week from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and after hours by appointment.

Residents should note that the agreement between Barefoot Realty and Americana Cove does not preclude individuals from selling their own homes or enlisting the services of another broker/dealer.

Marty Pozgay, broker/owner of Barefoot Realty Group, has 30 years experience in the mobile/manufactured home industry. In addition to selling real property, Pozgay also holds a mobile home dealer's license, and he and his associates can assist residents who do not own shares.

Debbie Brown, Broker Associate with Barefoot Realty Group and a resident at Americana Cove, will continue to sell homes as she has over the past nine years in the community. She will be assisted by Lisa Wheaton, a licensed Realtor® with Barefoot Realty, who has also previously sold homes in the community.

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A new Americana Cove Home Sales website has been created to highlight the homes available within the community. Website: www.americanacovesales.com

A toll free number has also been established so residents can contact the office when they are away from Florida: 855-235-5790. The local sales number is 727-528-8809. To make it even more convenient for residents, both of these numbers are forwarded to one of the Realtor's cell phones when not in the office. Now no calls will be missed and calls can be returned promptly.

"It's a privilege to have an office in Americana Cove and we each look forward to serving the residents of Americana Cove with their home buying and selling needs," says Pozgay.

Barefoot Realty Group's main office is located at 7500 Gulf Blvd., Suite A, St. Pete Beach. The company also has offices in Indianwood Golf and Country Club, Indiantown and Orange Harbor Mobile Home and RV Resort in Ft. Myers.

Henry Ford – Life and Times

Thursday, March 7th at 10:00am in the Clubhouse



This year marks the 150th year since the birth of Henry Ford. Please plan on attending a one hour talk and slideshow about the life and times of the man behind the moving assembly line and the Model T. We will learn about Henry Ford's achievements, accomplishments, follies, and failings, including many of his activities outside of the Ford Motor Company. He changed the world we live in by selling an automobile even his workers could afford and, in the process, helped create the American middle class. The talk will be presented by Steven Stanford of Howell Michigan who, with his wife, will be visiting our own Bill and Betty Stanford the week of his presentation. Steven is part of the Henry Ford 150 project www.henryford150.com and is presenting his talks about Henry Ford throughout Michigan and several other states this year.

Thank You

By Dina Birtcher



I would like to thank my son Rick, daughter-in-law Jean and family for all of their help and support in the passing of my sister, June Best.

Thanks to all of my friends from Americana Cove for their cards and prayers. This has been a very difficult time for me.

Please extend a very special thanks to Virginia Clark and Michele Schiavone for an overwhelming abundance of food. It was a huge help. Thank you everyone so much.





Lent

By Gail Jones



A different approach to Fasting to Show Love for the Lord. Fasts have a tendency to be oriented toward giving up things like food, drinks, snacks, movies, or television. But there are other creative ways to fast. They may change your life in a positive way if in 40 days they become a new way of life for you. Here are some suggestions you may want to consider.



1. Fast from anger and hatred. Give your family an extra dose of love each day.



2. Fast from judging others. Before making any judgments, remember to recall how Jesus overlooks our failures.



3. Fast from discouragement. Hold onto Jesus' promise that He has a perfect plan for your life.



4. Fast from complaining. When you are about to complain about anything, close your eyes and remember the moments that Jesus gave you that brought so much joy into your life.



5. Fast from resentment and bitterness. Work on forgiving those who may have hurt you.



6. Fast from spending too much money. Try to reduce your spending by 10% and give the savings to help the poor.



7. Spend extra time for personal prayers. Take the time to pray for everyone you know. Remember there is no such thing as too many prayers.



The following is a list of things to consider trying to do during Lent that will make a difference in your life and make an impact on the lives of other people (your loved ones, people you work with, and total strangers).



1. Random acts of kindness – pay for a stranger's drink, pay the next car's toll on a toll road, or pay part of the bill for the person behind you in a line.



2. Hold the door for someone entering a store when you are exiting or someone exiting as you are entering.



3. Take the time to call, e-mail, text someone just to ask how their day is going.



4. Send a card, note or letter to a friend who you have not been in touch with for some time and try to re-connect with them.



5. Remember that just a simple smile or saying hi or hello to someone may change their attitude for the day and they may even pass it on!



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BINGO, Thursday Night, 6:30 p.m. Paradise Island Clubhouse, 1001 Starkey Rd., Largo, 4 blocks south of East Bay. Kitchen open 4 to 6:00 p.m. Hot and cold sandwiches, fries, desserts, drinks, ice cream, floats and sundaes. 27 games, \$50, \$150, \$175. \$1,800 payout. Fun, Fun, Fun \$\$\$	Fri., Mar. 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE. Lake Seminole Resort MHP Clubhouse, 10245 110th Ave. N., east off Seminole Blvd. Refreshments & lunch.
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Genealogy

By Pat Ruedy



The Americana Cove Genealogy Group will be meeting on the third Wednesday of March, which happens to be March 20 at 10 AM in the clubhouse.

Our discussion will be about what we learned during our February field trip to the Largo Library. We also will share some info that we received from the library as well as how we each one of us have approached our family to gain more information of the Family's Past History.

Tax Help

By Peg Farmer



ARP Tax-Aide is providing free federal tax preparation at various locations throughout Pinellas County. The closest location to Americana Cove is Riviera United Methodist Church at 175 62nd Ave N. This location is open 9-5 on Thursdays thru April 11. Mornings are usually busier than the afternoons. Bring your tax information along with your social security card, picture ID and prior year tax form if you have it.



Americana Cove Attitude Of Gratitude

By Terri Mottl



My friend, Marie, went bouncing off to Massachusetts this month to see her brand new grand-baby girl. She's been very busy since October....obsessed, actually....with crocheting baby hats and sweaters and bibs, and packed an entire suitcase with them to take with her. Marie, on the other hand, was more than happy to face the North East in a fairly flimsy and rather light sweat suit. And, that, my friends, is what I'm grateful for this month. The fact that I'm not up there, in the frozen tundra, with Ms. Marie....because, as I sit and write this on the evening of February 8th, and as we frolic and swim and dance and jog, down here in 80 degrees, or even the dreaded 60's, our friends UP THERE are dealing with over three feet of that white stuff, and power outages, and closed roads. This is a super sweet time to be a Floridian, and that is worthy of more than three feet of gratitude. And, of course, I'm thinking that perhaps, just perhaps, Marie should have crocheted one or two of those fuzzy hats for herself!



Practice Open Communication To Avoid Money Problems



Family discussions about money can be stressful and difficult. But if you, your spouse, and the rest of your family take some time every once in a while to talk about your spending habits and your attitudes about money, you'll eliminate many unpleasant financial surprises in the long run.

Here are some tips for holding a profitable conversation:



- **Take a collaborative approach.** Include all family members in financial discussions. Let everyone express an opinion—including your children. Family members will be more supportive of decisions about spending if they feel their thoughts have been taken into consideration.
- **Identify the main issues.** Without casting blame, look at your major spending issues. Is too much money being spent in general, for example, or are you overspending in one specific area? Is your family spending too much money at the beginning of the month, leaving no funds for the end of the month?
- **Use “I” statements.** Avoid making accusations when discussing problems. For instance, you might want to say: “I get stressed out at the end of the month because we spend all our money in the first two weeks of the pay period. Is there anything we can do to avoid this situation?”
- **Be willing to negotiate.** Try to come to an agreement everyone can live with. For instance, a deal with your child might be: “Instead of cutting out movies altogether, let’s say no more than two movies per pay period, and only one movie per weekend.” When everyone gets part of what he or she wants, you’ll all be happier.



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