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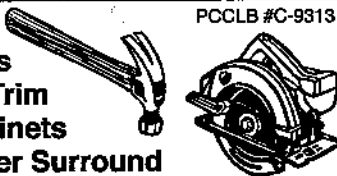


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## December Prayer

John Whittredge Hill, Chaplain



**D**ear God, as I write this on Veteran's Day I recall a Christmas when I was in the Air Force in England during World War II. Isn't it interesting that all hostilities stopped for that day? Why can't we have the meaning of Christmas practiced every day? Must hostilities of every nature continue all the rest of the time? We are each responsible for our actions. We claim to be loving individuals whether we call ourselves Christian or not. We love life, enjoy others and accept all that You have created for us, yet we bicker, fight and do all manner of harm verbally, physically and mentally every day. We abhor the decadent moral of our country and blame every one else for it. Isn't it time we looked within our selves to see the wrong in our own hearts? You gave us a way when You sent Your son. May we resolve this Christmas to follow his teaching to love You and others as we love ourselves. I pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire us to perform the changes in each of us. Amen.

*God answers - Knee Mail*

## Poinsettias



**A**gain, this year you will have the opportunity to dedicate a plant in memory of loved ones. They will be on display on the stage for Christmas Week with a card showing the donor and who is to be remembered.

The cost will be \$10.00. John Hill has forms. He will have them with him at the lunches and at Vespers. If you don't see John, give him a call at 522-2412 to reserve your Poinsettia. The last chance to obtain one will be December 19th.

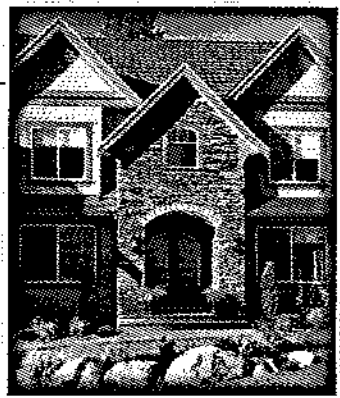
You can indicate on the form if you want to take the plant home or donate it to the Visitation Ministry.

## Be Thankful You're Not Moving There



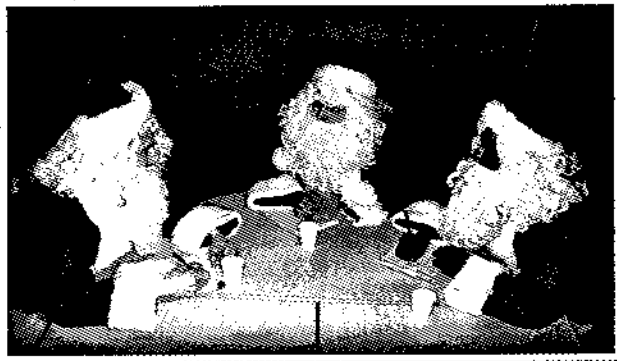
**T**he most expensive ZIP code in the country, in terms of home cost, is Alpine, N.J. (07620). Forbes magazine reports that the median asking price of a house there is \$4.14 million (down 23 percent from the previous year). No. 2 is Atherton, Calif. (94027), with a median asking price of \$3.85 million; that's followed by New York City's West Village neighborhood (10014), where home sellers are looking for a median price of \$3.5 million.

*(Provided by First Draft)*



## Board Bits

Dick Nemi, President



This month the shareholders will have a most important decision to make. This is the month you will decide who will run this community for us all. With the community torn apart as it has been this past season, it will be up to all of us to try to heal and continue on a forward path.

When making your decisions, ask yourself who is really qualified and able to run this community. Why would this person want to be on the board? Does he or she have a private agenda? I'm sure by now you have seen what damage a person with a private agenda can do to a community. Decisions made will affect the upkeep and cost of living in the community.

When one runs they set out to change the world. Many have some great ideas, but when they try to put them into practice they find that Florida Statutes say they can't do what they would like.

I think most would agree that, even with all the dissension and the Boards' time taken up mostly by time consuming requests, the community looks better than ever. Some of the things you will notice are the painting of the trim on the clubhouse. There also are new sections of flat roof rebuilt on the clubhouse. New air conditioners are on the roof of the clubhouse, painting of the maintenance shed was completed, new electric pedestals have been installed, and the sealing and lining of the new pavement (which some think was done illegally) was done according to the Statutes and checked with the DBPR. This process extends the life of the areas sealed. One other thing this Board can be proud of... *We now have enough water for our lawns.* We have all new wells and a company to maintain and check them every year. Hopefully we will never go back to only one or two wells operating in the Park. What I am trying to get across is that those who run should understand and interpret the Statutes as written and not as they interpret them.

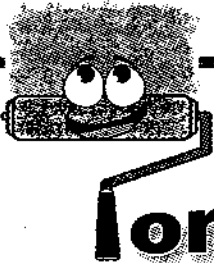
Remember the Board must act together and when they vote the majority rules and all must live by that decision. When a subject is voted on and you are on the losing side, you must except that and not harp on it forever!

To all who run I would wish you good luck and say remember you are here to serve the community majority and not yourself or a few friends.



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~ Teamwork Calendar*





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## Manager's Report

Dawn Simmons



### Bike/Golf Cart Registration:

**P**lease contact Rachel Stewart 527-0186 for bike and golf cart registration stickers. In the month of October we have had two bikes taken from carports. Please get identification on your vehicle so when calling St. Petersburg Police to report it stolen you will have some means to identify it.

### Old Timer's Scrap

We have had another incident at the Old Timer's Collection area. Sometime between Friday, October 6th at 3:30 PM and Saturday October 7th at 9:30 AM someone cut the chain and helped themselves to the aluminum, also missing barrels of copper brass and stainless steel.

We ask residents who live in the area of the Mt. Piney Maintenance/Laundry/Woodshop area to keep a vigilant eye on activities there.

In all cases to include bike theft, golf cart theft or the Old Timer's scrap the **Police Must Be Called**.

### Bike/Boat/RV/ Golf Cart Registration

On Friday, December 11th at the Crime Watch Meeting (1:00 PM), Rachael Stewart will be holding a bike registration.

Along with St. Petersburg Police registration, she will be issuing a MAROA numbered sticker that can be kept on file in case the bike needs to be identified through the park.

We also use the same stickers for residents to put on the windshield of their golf carts. Anyone wanting to use them for their boats or any RV are welcome to do so.

Call Rachael at 527-0186 if you need to register.

Thank you Rachael for you fine Community Service.



### Golf Cart Holiday Parade

On Saturday December 19th, we will hold our annual golf cart parade. The parade will start at 6 PM from the Clubhouse.

Karaoke will also be held that night immediately following the prize awards.

**COME JOIN IN ALL THE FUN!**

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## Crime

Please remember to lock up your valuables, bikes, golf carts and homes. In these poor economic times the reports of breakins and of stealing other people's property is on the rise.

## Cats

It has been reported that some people are leaving cat food outside. If you have a cat, they are to be kept inside and fed inside. If you leave food outside, strays will eat it. We do not want to encourage strays to enter the Park.

*If you believe in what you are doing, then let nothing stand in your way. The best work in the world has been done against seeming impossibilities. ~ Beacon*

## **Deb Brown Realty**

Deb Brown



**W**e had an Open House on Saturday November 14, which was quite successful. It was held at the same time as the Craft Bazaar and White Elephant sale, which attracted more people.

So far this year we have had three new homes completed, another almost finished, and one in the planning stages. In October we had two closings on resales.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and we wish you a very joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year too!

We will post our Holiday hours at the Business Office.

As your Professional Realtor, I am looking forward to working with you so we can work together to achieve your Goals. We are open Monday-Friday 10 AM to 4 PM and Saturday and Sunday 12 PM to 3 PM or by appointment.

## **Budget Meeting**

Mary Bickhart

**W**hat a great turnout. I counted about 150 civic-minded residents in the Hall. It was a full house for voting on the 2010 Budget. Keep attending the meetings. Thank you volunteers for counting the ballots.



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**V**irginia Curtis and her family invite you in celebrating her 90th birthday on Wednesday, December 30th 2009, from Noon until 2 PM in the Atrium.

Virginia was born December 30th, 1919 in Niles, Michigan. On August 8th, 1940 she married Manley Curtis, also of Niles. Together they raised 10 children: Stephen, Edward, Mark, Mary, Margaret, Nan, Diane, Andrea, Lorraine, and Elizabeth. Virginia has 22 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. Virginia also has one sister Joan McMenamin, of Port Richey.

Virginia and Manley moved to Mobile Americana in October 1979 after her brother Herb saw her home on Mt Arlington Drive for sale. Herb lived in the Cove for 40 years prior to his death. Virginia was one of the cofounders in the purchasing of Americana Cove, and served 6 years as President on the Board of Directors. Over the years she has made many friends and has many fond memories while living at Americana Cove.

At the request of Virginia **no gifts please**.

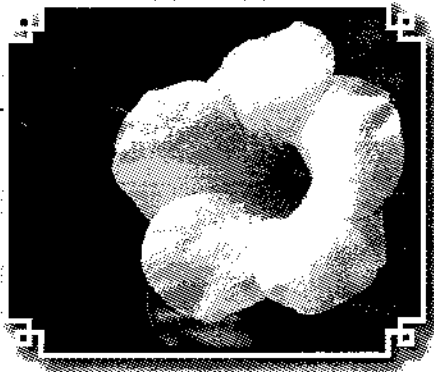
*Some people no matter how old they get, never lose their beauty –  
They merely move it from their faces into their hearts. ~ Martin Bauxbaum*

## Thank You

Dean and Helen Schirm



**J**ust a note to say “Thank You” for all the cards, balloons, gifts, flowers and visits while I was in the hospital and since returning home. Thank you so much for your prayers. Arlene, it was nice that you played a Bingo Card for me “...Cause I couldn’t be there”. Sharon for the nice food that you prepared for us and to Dave and Marilyn for all the things you continuously do for us. We are truly blessed! Again, we” Thank You” the people of Americana Cove.



*The road to happiness lies in two simple principles; find what interests you and that you can do well, and put your whole soul into it—every bit of energy and ambition and natural ability you have. —John D. Rockefeller*

## Dear Old Timers Club

Bonnie and Jim Parr



A sincere thank you for the \$100 donation toward a meal at Pinellas Hope. We appreciate your continued support of the project. As many of you know, Pinellas Hope opened December 1, 2007. Residents of Americana Cove have been contributing food, clothing, saleable items and money since our first Christmas decorating party there December 13, 2007. We have done 19 meals since then and plan to continue as long as we have donations so that we can continue the yard sales to buy the food. Anyone wishing to participate just call us. 727 525-9903.

"Many Hands Make Light Work." Thanks again and Bless you all,

## Bazaar (A History)

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This goes back many years, although the actual year of it's start is lost somewhere in the records not now available. This is the principle source of revenue for M.A.A. activities, due to the dedication of many loyal workers with many skills.

## Much Gratitude

Pat Ruedy, 2005-2009 Event Chairperson



A **Big Thank You** to all who worked so hard to get the November 14th Craft Fair and Bazaar through the ready, set, and go of the event. All of us in Americana Cove will benefit because all of the profits are used for the betterment of our community.

With only five bodies, the hall tables were gotten ready Thursday night. On Friday, the in-house vendors' day was completed without complications. On Saturday, we enjoyed the most attended Craft Fair and Bazaar that I can remember since being chairperson.

We had more raffle baskets than anticipated and the eight persons selected were grateful.

Most all of the vendors hope to return next year because their sales were better than expected. All vendors enjoyed our selling floor due to air conditioning and the friendly people who helped them get located and unload their wares.

Once again I give kudos and thanks to one and all.

If this great event is to continue in 2010, you will need to select a new chairperson. *Please* step up...I've retired.





# Sunshine Report

Nancy Hubartt



## Deaths

Marion Barnes

Orrin Bull

Nancy Hill

## Nursing Homes

Victor Duca .....Palm Terrace

Helen Wright.....Maria Manor

Mary Davis.....Palm Gardens of Largo

Clarissa Steakley.....Bon Secours Place

Betty Duffy .....Bon Secours Place

Ron Mobley .....Apollo Health & Rehab Center

Abigail "Gay" Marlin .....Lakeland Nursing Home in MI

Barbara Magada .....Palm Gardens of Largo

Larry Britt .....Apollo Health & Rehab Center

Allen Tameris.....Carrington Nursing Home

Martha Groves .....Magnolia Gardens Assisted Living (Recently Moved)



## Apology from the Publisher



We sincerely apologize to the editor, the president and all residents who were confused by a typographical error in the article "From the Desk of the President" by Dick Nemi, President in the November issue of the Forecaster. The word that was printed "majority" should have been "minority" as shown below:

*For almost a complete year of my Presidency, others and I have tried to find some way of quelling the dissent (by a minority of people) in the community.*

We are sorry for the confusion that this error may have caused.

 **The Earth Has Grown Old  
With It's Burden of Care**   
**But at Christmas it Always is Young**



## Is There a Doctor in the House?



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## Publisher's Cover Photo Contest



**I**f you have a photo that you think would be entertaining for the covers of all of our Monthly Media Newsletters, send it to Monthly Media at 151 1st Street N.W., Largo, FL 33770. We are now looking for pictures of mobile home residents that are of interest to readers from all communities. We're looking for something funny, interesting, exciting, surprising, etc. All photos must include the following four things ... (1) your park name, (2) your phone number, (3) name(s) of person(s) in photo and, (4) signed, written permission of all people in picture to print. Photos will not be returned to sender. Original photos only. No xerox copies, laser or ink jet printer copies will be published. Deadline: 1st of month preceding the issue the photo is to appear. If we use your photo you will be our guest for a dinner for two at a local restaurant.



## December Birthdays



01 Jerry Miller	11 Sharon Miller	23 Gerry Zebley
01 Bob Staples	12 Tom Wallace	23 Patrick Norado
01 Marie Sellers	14 Beverly Johnson	23 Doris Drury
02 Bernie MacDonald	15 Bill Foley	24 Terri Mottl
02 Catherine Osman	15 Leonard Serfustini	25 Carol Durfey
02 P.J. Petit	16 Faith Brundage	25 Helga Macpherson
02 James Stake	16 Walter Martin	26 Murray Baxter
03 Chuck Weaver	17 Helen Schirm	26 Fred Stevens
06 Diane Brinker	18 Bernadette Holmer	28 Laurie Mello
07 Barbara Fuchs	19 Gen Van Patten	28 Bart Goble
07 Susan Slavin	19 Lucille Osfar	29 Jackie Lessard
07 Bob Sutton	19 Christine Kelley	29 Harry Hutchison
10 Virginia Marcott	19 Laureen Walsh	29 Dave Panach
11 Dolly Couture	20 Louise Halsmer	30 Virginia Curtis
	22 Charlie Petrites	31 Rita Lewis
		31 Virginia Clark

*The trouble with life is there's no background music. ~ Maxine*

**If Ifs and Buts Were Candy and Nuts  
Wouldn't it be a Merry Christmas**

## December Anniversaries



01	Teresa & Charles Hansen .....	64 years
03	Judith & Richard Krapf.....	42 Years
04	Kathy & Andy Shepard-Moses .....	16 years
08	Jeanette & Edward Imbrogulio .....	48 years
18	Diane & Dave Brinker.....	11 years
20	Ginny & Bob Staples (Pictured).....	62 Years
26	PJ & Bob Petit.....	18 years
27	Clyde & Leonard Serfustini .....	62 years





## Welcome New Residents

Nancy Hubartt



MacDonald, Victoria (Spring Arrival)  
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Previously: Weaver Estate

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Previously: Abodeely

Jacoby, Val & Kathy  
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## Fishing Fun

Diane Brinker



**T**hirteen adventurous fishermen and fisherwomen from the Cove braved the cold and the rough Gulf of Mexico to do some offshore fishing on the Gulf Queen out of Clearwater Marina. We left port around 8:30 AM for the start of our high seas adventure. The passing of the cold front on Friday made for a wind-whipped Gulf that tested all aboard. Our Captain pressed on into the rough waters that brought squeals and laughter as the white water spray caressed every inch of the boat. After an hour of our "Disneyland" like ride the Captain announced we had arrived at our first fishing spot. The crew brought bait and all got ready for the fishing frenzy that was about to commence. With the boat anchored securely the captain announced to start fishing. As soon as the bait reached the bottom the fish started biting immediately. All were hauling in fish one after another. We made a few different stops throughout the day and the fishing was good all day. The wind and seas continued to build throughout the day testing even the most seasoned sailor. Finally and sadly our captain announced it was time to return to port. With a good catch we decided to put all the fish together and have a fish fry on Sunday evening with good friends and neighbors at the cove. Rick volunteered to have the get together at his house. He prepared and cooked all the fish in a number of different ways that pleased everyone. Everyone brought a covered dish to share and the feast started. All the fish and sides were DELICIOUS. We had many good stories and laughs as the evening progressed. We all ate till we were stuffed and laughed till we wore ourselves out. The evening drawing to a close, we all went to our homes to get some sleep and dream of the next adventure. What a wonderful way to contribute to a Woman's Charity!



## Caroling in the Park

John W. Hill



Which is more important to you?  
Watching TV  
Playing a game

Goofing off

OR

Once a year, giving cheer to a  
shut-in in the park?

SHUT-IN defined: One who hasn't a car and depends on others for transportation to Doctors visits and shopping etc. If you know of any shut-ins please let me know.

If, as I hope, you chose the latter; you will have your opportunity on  
Saturday December 26th at 6 PM.

We probably will take one hour of your time for this gift. Professional  
singers not required! Just the love of singing.

I will lead the caravan and supply the Carol Books.

Besides the Poinsettias we will deliver a plate of cookies, donated by  
the great cooks in our park.

The cookies should be brought to my home no later than that morning.

We hope you will join us in bringing smiles to their faces.

John Hill, Chaplain 522 5412, 424 Mt. Oak Ave.



## The Cove's Christmas Show

Betty Chase



Our annual Christmas show is called **Christmas Everywhere** and the Cove performers will entertain you at 7 PM on December 12th. Refreshments will follow the entertainment. You are invited to take a trip around the world as delightful characters take you on a fantastic trip to see and hear Christmas everywhere. You will travel in your imagination from the North Pole to Bethlehem, so come and join us. There will be a \$2.00 donation at the door.



**Christmas is the Season When You Buy  
this Year's Gifts with Next Year's Money**



## Around the Cove

Nora Adell Andrews



Our Halloween Dinner/Dance and Costume Party has always been a favorite of the Covers. This year we had more costumes than ever, but the three judges, **Phyllis Entreken**, **David Vogle**, and **Jo Withers** had no trouble deciding the winners. The scariest was **George Bresko**; the prettiest, a French maid, was **Diana Burton**; the funniest was **Jim Chase**, and the most original was **Carol Risley** and **George Chamberlin**, dressed as chess 'mates'.

Then November gave us the Bazaar, the Welcome Back Concert and the Thanksgiving Dinner, along with the regular meetings and get-togethers of all our clubs and ACA- sponsored activities. The Red Hatters celebrated in their own colorful way. We have many opportunities to keep busy!



Many good deeds go unrecognized in our Cove, but we found out about the **South's** who rescued a gray heron. Our heron sat in a tree for a long time and then it was discovered that he had a fishing hook in his wing and the fishing line was twisted in the tree limbs. What a predicament! However **Rodney and Trish** came to the rescue and the heron flew away, minus the hook and line! Great job!

And speaking about flying away, two of our Covers', **MaryAnn and Drew Fairlie** are leaving December 26 to April 18th to do the new Elderhostel- the Exploritas. It is truly a trip around the world! They are doing the "university at sea" and explore thoroughly Africa, India and Southeast Asia. They have done

14-15 of these trips but this is the longest one. Meanwhile their children are visiting them, one or two at a time, until all eight will have had a visit before the trip. Have a wonderful time and send postcards!

And to all of us here Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and remember:

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# Bless Us Lord This Christmas

## **Come Join Us on Karaoke Night**

Marilyn Edwards

**C**ome have some fun and join us with Karaoke. We started in October and had a great turnout. We've been entertained by singing and dancing and plan to keep this fun-filled event going year round.

I enjoy seeing people relax and have lots of fun with their friends and neighbors. We can meet new people and the new residents can meet us.

I have received a lot of praise and gratitude for starting karaoke here in the Park but I need to thank my generous friends: Joyce Wollerman for all her help with the printing of the binders and her back-up help at Karaoke. Nan Krueger was kind enough to dedicate hours to typing out all our song titles and the artists from which to choose and Chris Mahoney for always helping out with the preparation and take down of the event.

On December 19th we will be meeting after the Golf Cart Parade. Then we will again expect you in good voice on December 26th.



*Slot Machines when you rearrange the letters **Cash** lost in me. ~ Anagrams*

## **Line Dancing**

Norine Fisher



**F**inally the time we have been waiting for has come! Starting Monday, January 4, 2010 in the Clubhouse at 12:30 PM the fun begins!

It's time to get back in shape. Lose a few pounds and feel great while doing it.

Dancing really gets your brain working like no other exercise. This will be our 8th year of teaching line dancing and, as always, all are welcome! New and past dancers come and enjoy! For those who like to listen to great music and watch the line dancers we welcome you also! See you there!

*My Doctor told me to start my exercise program very gradually.  
Today I drove past a store that sells sweat pants. ~ Glassbergen*



## ACA News

Paul Line, President



The best things about Thanksgiving (besides taking time to give "Thanks" for all we have) are the "Sales the next day!!!" Hope yours was delicious, thankful and enjoyable holiday. It's that time of year again for mistletoe and Santa Claus. There will be lots of things to do at the Clubhouse...Christmas Carol Party, Christmas Show, Christmas Dinner and of course the New Year's Eve Party. Check out the calendar and make a plan to attend.

Looks like Sue, Joyce and I will miss all the Christmas merriment as Sue is having some minor surgery and it will keep us up here in the cold for a White Christmas but we should be down soon after that.

Our holiday bazaar and white elephant sale went well. As of this writing, the final tab isn't in but is estimated at \$3,000 plus.

Thanks to all who helped and especially to Betty Chase and Pat Ruedy and of course our own Nora Adell Andrews. Also a great big thank you to Linda Lou Fairbanks for the delicious Thanksgiving dinner. And while we are in a thankful mood, I would like to extend my personal thanks to Linda Lou Fairbanks, Jerry Regan and Nora Adell Andrews for holding the fort down 'till I get there.

All the Clubs and activities are well underway and everyone is having a good time. The Veteran's Plaque that is being done by the Old Timers should be completed sometime in February.

Don't forget our 2nd annual 90 Plus Dinner on February 27th, 2010. All residents who are 90 and over as of February 27th, 2010 are invited to attend.

Just a reminder that all those who are contemplating throwing their hat in and running for the Board that all resumes MUST be in by December 11th, 2009. As for the rest of us... be sure and cast your vote in January!!

We wish all Covers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See ya in 2010!!!

*No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be stationery. ~ Puns*

## An Evening of Christmas Carols

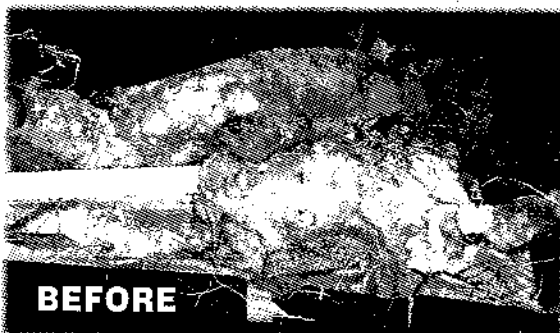
Joan Geiger



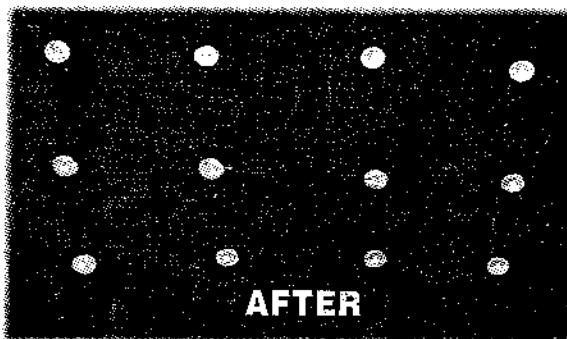
Come join your neighbors for an evening of Christmas Carols at the Clubhouse on Saturday, December 5th at 7 PM. Refreshments will be served. Sing along with everyone and enjoy some of our local talent.

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## Boat Club

Rick Lopez



With our Annual Business Meeting out of the way, we have set a full calendar for the Club with On the Water Cookouts, Full Moon Cruises, and a dinner in March. Committees are set for planning the events.

We asked and you responded with over 60 dues paying members for the 2010 year. We have more things in the works for coming meetings.

We also welcome back Sweetwater Kayaks for our December 5th 10 AM meeting. They will be giving a talk about kayaking AND are bringing Kayaks and Canoes for us to tryout at the boat ramp after the meeting. If you ever wanted to try a kayak, this is the time and you can get a Hot Dog Too! This is open to all in the Cove.

## Cove Riders

Diane Brinker



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Harley said it best: Live to Ride and Ride to Live.

Come check us out 3rd Sunday of the month 7:00 P.M. in the Game Room!

We are open for suggestions on destination rides.

Bike Nights

Ride To Breakfast

Ride Over the Sky Way Bridge

Ride To Woody's For Lunch



Welcome New Members Tom and Liz Constant who recently moved to the Cove!

For further information, contact: Diane at 7174 Mt. Arlington or 526-6319

[dianebrinker@verizon.net](mailto:dianebrinker@verizon.net)

## Crafters' Club

Marie Sirois, Vice President



Welcome to our new and returning members. Numerous items were donated this summer and were speedily stored by Lorraine Boshek, Mary Rose Randazzo, Diane Turner and Pat Vargas.

Sincere thanks to all you crackerjack craft workers for your successful help at the Craft Bazaar and White Elephant Sale. Lil Harris, Ellie Oliveira and Diane had sorted items, and Candace Venezia decorated our donated basket. Handmade knitted hats were donated by Lorraine Brown and Jeanette Imbrogulio.

Gratitude also goes to members not named who crafted and gave us their beautiful items that included lap robes and prayer shawls. Our crafters are blessed with talents.

To my sister Annette Solomon:

You are right! Our crafters are DYNAMITE workers! See you in January.

We crafters hope all "Americana Covers" have a peaceful Christmas season!



## Crime Watch

Rachel Steward



The Crime Watch meeting will be held this month on Friday, December 11 at 1:30 PM. We hope to see you there, and invite you to share a donut and coffee.

As usual we will have an officer present, and those of you that have trikes with no serial number please bring them at 1 PM. The officer will have a stamp to register your trike.

We must take safeguards against theft, and this is one way to thwart potential thieves.

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Al Wingrove, Director



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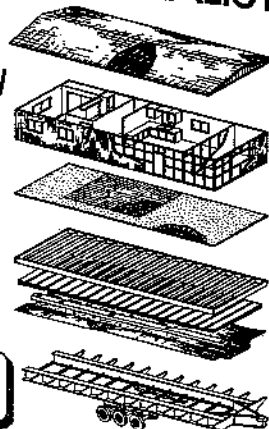
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Dec. 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., **BAZAAR**. Clearwater Cascade MHP, 9790 66th Street N., Pinellas Park. Chinese Auction, Basket of Cheer, Bake Sale, Food Baskets, Cash Raffle, Flea Market. Serving Pastry and Coffee, Soup and Sandwiches.

Sat., Dec. 5, 8:30 - noon, **ANNUAL BAZAAR / PANCAKE BREAKFAST**. Oak Crest/Acorn at clubhouse, 9925 Ulmerton Rd., Largo.

Dec. 5, 8:30 - 1:30P, **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**. Westwind II, Alt. 19, Dunedin. Handmade Crafts, Bake Table, Lite Breakfast and Lunch.

Sat., Dec. 5, 9 am - 2 pm, **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**. Church of the Holy Spirit, 601 Philippe Parkway, Safety Harbor (1/8 mile N. of SH Spa)

Sat. Dec. 5, 9 am - 1 pm, **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**, Gateway MHP Gandy Blvd., Crafts, White Elephant, Bake Goods, Silent Auction, Lunch Available.



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Sat., Dec. 12, 9 - noon **CRAFT SALE**. Robert's RV Park, 3390 Gandy Blvd. N. Non-resident crafters welcome at \$5 per table. Call 563-9016 before Dec. 7.

Sat., Jan. 16, 2010, 8A - 1P **ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE**. Boca Ciega MHP, 11200 Walsingham, Largo.

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Rick Lopez

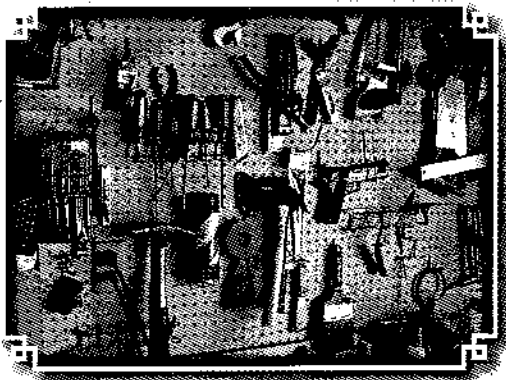


**B**ig changes for us at the last meeting. With many Thanks, Jim Mitchell has turned over the presidency of the club and Rick Lopez is taking his place. Jim has done a great job in his term and will still be with us in support.

Our next meeting we will be changing the code on the door. Active members will be given the new code.

This year we will be planning a big clean up of the shop and it may get a fresh coat of paint inside.

Hobby Shop is asking when you clean out your sheds, please donate those old tools and those Jiffy Jars of nuts, bolts and nails and we will recycle them into new projects. Call Rick for pickup 727-510-6870



## Library

Rita Lewis



**T**he December 3rd meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held at 1:30 PM. The book that the group will be discussing will be Runaway Quilt by Jennifer Chiaverini. This is a book about slaves in the Civil War era.

Everyone is welcome to come and participate. We are always happy to welcome all, even those who haven't had a chance to read this particular selection. See you there!

Library Maintenance Schedule:

**Monday: 9 AM**

**Tuesday: 11 AM**

**Thursday: 10 AM**

**Friday: 9 AM**

## Par Seekers

Dave Bernfeld, Secretary



**S**PECIAL NOTICE: We have kicked-off our new season HOWEVER, because of circumstances beyond our control, the new tee-time has been changed to **10:30 AM**. Meetings on the first Thursday of every month will be held at 9 AM! All other Thursdays we will meet at the clubhouse at 9:30 AM before heading over to Mainlands. A sign-up sheet and the season's event calendar are on the board in the clubhouse. Hope everyone has a great season and sorry for the mix-up.



# Shuffleboard

Jo Waldron



Our November meeting was a busy one. Discussions were held on various issues, the pros and cons of change, followed by the vote on each. One of the changes decided upon was a new day and time for our monthly meetings, they will be held on the first Saturday of each month at 8:45 AM. The December meeting will be on the 5th, don't forget to set your alarm; we'll have coffee and donuts to wake you up. The early hour is necessary because of a possible conflict with another first Saturday club meeting. If we have enough interest, immediately after the meeting, we may revive the old "Pin" game.

It was also decided to hold only one or possibly two pancake breakfasts this year. It was also decided to hold two Pancake Breakfasts this season. The first one is January 10th from 8 to 11 AM. In order to make a small profit we are charging \$4 this year, still a bargain for all the pancakes and coffee you'd like, plus sausage and OJ and you are not required to tip.

Our club officers are: President; Pat McCarthy, Vice President; George Luce, Secretary; Lois Vogle, Treasurer; Joan Irwin.

Team Captains are: Blue Sky; Ruth Healy, Friendship I; Art "Scotty" Scott, Friendship II; Pat Mc McCarthy, Nova; Pat Vargas. Due to lack of players, the Jubilee team will not be starting the season.

Sil Oliveira and Jo Waldron are holding classes, if you'd like to learn the basics of Shuffleboard or hone your skills, come to the courts on Saturdays at 9:30 AM. Please don't let your lack of knowledge of the game hold you back, it's a great source of pride for Sil and I to watch someone who never held a cue, blossom into a court one player. We're looking forward to seeing you.

We have fun games on Sundays and Mondays, everyone can participate in these games, you are not required to be a member of the club. Sundays at 1 PM, led by Fod and Mary Wright, is "Hoss Collar" and Mondays at 1 PM we play "Red & Black", led by Pat Vargas and Kay & Joe Osman. I repeat, these are fun games, but your level of enjoyment will increase with your level of skill, which comes from participation and practice. So come on out and play!

Pat McCarthy passed around a sign-up sheet for the weekly court cleanings. If you didn't sign up yet, the sheet is on the court bulletin board. Please keep your date in mind and follow through. Sil reminded everyone that after games or practice the beads must be swept from the gutters, they are very slippery.

Friendship II was host to Friendship I in the first game of the season. Friendship II won a few more games than their sister team, but there were no losers in the match, the laughter and camaraderie of the group will be with us long after the scores are forgotten.



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On the Pro circuit; Sil Oliveira and partner placed 2nd in the Main Event in a State Tournament. Nick Misciagna and Sil won 1st place in the Main Event in a Clearwater tournament. Congratulations.

This just in...the shuffleboard court roof-over was given approval by a majority of voters at the November budget meeting. We thank the Board of Directors for including this in their 2010 Budget and we thank all those who voted in our favor. Our thanks too, to the efforts of Sil Oliveira and Pat McCarthy who made it happen. Happy Shuffling

## Vespers

Martha Pratt



The Vesper season has begun and by the printing of this issue, the Welcome Back Concert will have taken place too. We are looking forward to meeting new residents, visitors and returning snowbirds at our services, which start at 4:50 PM on each Sunday, ending with a sunrise service on Easter Sunday April 4th. If you would like your pastor to be one of our speakers, please contact Faith Brundage at 954-6708.

For those who may not be familiar with our vesper service it is a one hour non-denominational prayer service, with the singing of hymns chosen by the congregation, singing by the choir, along with pastors from local churches as speakers. Refreshments follow the service. What a wonderful way to end the day and/or the way to start a new week. Come, join us, and bring a new experience of spirituality into your life.

We could use more voices in our choir. If you are interested, please come to our rehearsal in the clubhouse on Friday mornings at 9 a.m. There are no auditions required. If you like to sing, please come and be part of this important part of our service.

### Pastors for December:

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