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**Thanks to David and Ninette Nemitz
for hosting the Welcome Gathering Jan. 7th!**

For your information

The Club house and Clark Center are now on an automatic opening and locking system. They open at 7 a.m. and close at 9 p.m. If you are in the room after 9 p.m. they have a wave system that you just wave your hand in front and the door will open and automatically close and lock. xo Mary Ann

A letter from Vince Botti, President VGOA

First of all, I would like to thank all that have reached out with well wishes and prayers. I must inform you that neither Mary Ann nor I will be able to return to the Beautiful Village Green this Season.

I have had a major health setback, spending 6 weeks in the hospital (3 ½ in ICU). I am recovering, but it is a long, slow process. Your VGOA Board of directors (Mike Stoots, Steve Campbell & Frank Litterio) have been on top of everything. Mike Stoots, the Board's only full-time resident has been in charge and has done an outstanding job. The Budget was completed in November by Steve Campbell and myself.

I ask that you help your VGOA team wherever possible, as we have a full slate of events and activities planned.

I would also like for all to know that Nekko Gikas, our property manager from Moore Management, has been extremely helpful on many projects. He has gone over and above the normal to assist the Board.

Please remember me in your prayers. I am looking forward to next season. -- **Vince**

A letter From Mary Ann Botti, Director of VGOA social activities

I as well would like to thank all that have reached out to Vince and me during this very trying time. Last year a very active social calendar was planned for the 2022 season. I am so thankful for all the special volunteers that have stepped up to see that all activities move forward as planned. Even though we are not in Village Green this season, our hearts are with all of you.

-- *Mary Ann*

Jimmy Keys show!

Date: February 20th 2022

Place: Club House

Time: Show starts @ 6 pm doors open 5:30 sharp

*Dessert after show pool side

***Ticket sale**

Thursday February 10th Club House 10 am 12

\$30.00 per/person cash only please .Limited seating

AQUA

Women's Luncheon New Date

This year's Women's luncheon will be on **Wednesday, February 23, 2022**, at Noon – 2:00 pm at Aqua, 862 5th Ave South. Lunch includes one glass of wine or a cocktail, soda, coffee, choice of four entrees and a Mitch's cookie. The price \$35. Exact change is welcomed. Get your tickets on **Feb 15th or on Feb 18th 10:00 to Noon** by the Club House or text Lori at 518-265-3917. Fashion Show by Petunias of Naples. Petunia's is offering a 50% discount off clothing (not jewelry or shoes) to anyone who goes to the store and says they are from Village Green and will wear the outfit to the luncheon. Also, there is 50% clothing off on February 23th before or after the fashion show.

Petunias
of Naples



Save the Date



Post-St. Patrick's Day Parade Potluck and Soda Bread Competition March 12th after the Parade.



***VG Musicians** have begun meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Club house. Needed are a bass player and a percussionist! All welcome! Pictured here from left: John Doherty, Ted David, Pierre Arnold, and Cara Barry.*

Fmi: Cara Cb7286@icloud.com or Pierre parnold293@gmail.com

Spanish

Anyone interested in studying a little Spanish together should please contact Eleanor Richardson, Grandmoot@aol.com

Line Dancing

If you are interested in taking a 4-week session of country line dancing please contact Joyce Ziance 724-787-2210. Line dance will be instructed by Bonita a professional instructor. The cost will be \$10.00 per/person for 4 sessions, averaging out to about \$2.50 per/class not a bad deal!

****Next session begins February 23

Bocce

After a late start due to court maintenance and two stupendous rainstorms, Bocce is finally underway. We have 13 teams again this year after missing play last year due to our friend Covid. The big news is adding 18 new players. A few had played in the past, a few had played in the backyard, but most have never played. We attempted to pair all new players with experienced players, so there will be learning as we go.

Matches are played at 10, 1, and 3 most weekdays through the end of the month. The daily schedule is on the whiteboard at the hut near the court. Join the gallery watching the games and have some fun. Playoffs will be the first week of March.

Keep an eye on your laundry room bulletin boards for notice of open bocce events when anyone can play, have a beverage and meet some new people. You are also welcome to play on your own when the courts aren't in use. Questions? Contact Janet Breloff: janetbreloff@gmail.com



“The CHOSEN”

Did you know you are one of “the chosen”? You are invited to join us Sundays in February, 2:00-3:15 PM, in the Village Green Club House to watch Episodes 4-8 of the contemporary video television series of the life of Jesus Christ and the people He chose to surround Him. Learn how the Jews and Romans lived and understand the individual personalities of Jesus and His Chosen during His ministry on earth. Covid protocol respected. For more information contact Paul or Carolyn Zietlow at 515-238-1736 or 515-971-3712.

B I N G O

Bingo began Monday, Jan. 17th in the Club House. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Weekly jackpot started @ \$100. Numbers will build each week until the Jackpot is won. All are welcome.

Book Club News

All submissions for 2023 must be made by February 17. The list of books will be ready for our February 24 meeting. Voting for your top at 3 choices will take place at the last meeting on March 24.

The discussion of *The Giver of Stars* was lively and interesting. Thank you Joan and Diane for leading the group.

Next month's book is *The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure.

The book for March is *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond. New faces are always welcome! No sign up, just show up at the Club House at 11 AM.

Brenda Robinson - dbrobinson1@comcast.net

Ladies' Poker

Ladies, we have a few seats open for Poker. We'd love for you to join in the fun on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Clark Center. Just walk over.

We end promptly at 9 p.m. after a quick round of showdown. It's all fun, nothing serious.

If interested Contact Joan Walley 513-272-2657.

Happy Hour

There is an informal gathering weekly on the patio next to the Shuffleboard Court, Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. BYO beverage, soft drinks or hard, and something to nibble. It's a great way to meet people from other buildings. In the past we have shared Hors d'Oeuvres, but while we are still being COVID careful, it's best to just bring something for yourselves. FMI email Eleanor Richardson, grandmoot@aol.com.

Blue Zones

Presentation on Wednesday February 9th at 4:00 pm the Club House

Stop over and learn about Blue Zones. Village Green is in the process of joining more than 45 other residential communities in becoming a certified Blue Zones community. Read more about it on <https://southwestflorida.bluezonesproject.com/>

If you cannot make the Live Longer Better presentation you can watch it online at:

[Blue Zones Project SWFL Events | Eventbrite](#) or see our full library of past episodes at [ONLINE POWER 9 WELL-BEING ACTIVITIES \(bluezonesproject.com\)](#)

Blue Zones is a community wide project, and it is a great way to support overall well-being of the community at large and bring value to your community by participating as a partner in raising well-being. Blue Zones will support our activities with additional opportunities of activities such as helping organize walking groups, potlucks, healthy food demos and Purpose workshops. All Free!!

Help us to become a Recognized Blue Zones community by taking the Blue Zones pledge. You probably do these things already. We need at least 25% of us to become recognized. Paper copies will be available at the presentation or by contacting **Lori Keegan-Brady at 518-265-3917,**

Janet Breloff 812-448-2403 or Terry Pease (315) 491-2663.

Take the pledge at:

<https://southwestflorida.bluezonesproject.com/pledge?c=VGfXaVFuTEhERGlqWFd5dHRM&t=OTHER> Then please join your VG neighbors for Wednesday's Wine @ 5 – outside the Club House. Just bring your own drink and a snack. Think of some healthy options: fruit, veggies and dip, nuts, etc...

Stretch and Yoga Class – Mondays

Feeling tight in the morning? Need to be more flexible? There is a stretch and yoga class from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. on Mondays beginning January 17th. There are several new DVDs with more than 50 classes. The first half hour will be gentle stretching or chair yoga and the second half hour will be a little more challenging with some floor work. So, stop over to the Club House for any or all of it and feel better for the rest of the day! Masks are required regardless of vaccination status. Any questions, contact Lori Keegan-Brady at 518-265-3917.

Coming Events

Event	Location	Host	Start Date/Event Date
Bingo	CH Monday @ 7 pm	Vince & Mary Ann & Team	January 17 th 2022
Book Club	CC 4 th Thursday of month	Brenda Robinson	January 27 th 2022
Newsletter	Delivered to all building presidents via E-mail	Eleanor Richardson Deadline the 25 th of preceding month	Dec. 1, 2021 – Apr. 1, 2022
VGOA website	vgnaples.com	Dave Goddard	All year
Library	CC	Jean McMullen & Team	January 2022
Poker ladies	CC Thursday @ 7 pm	Joan Walley	January 20 th 2022
Bridge	CC Monday@ 7pm	Sterling Dougherty	January 17 th 2022
Mah-jongg			(Cancelled)
Christian Hour	CH Sundays at 2 p.m.	Carolyn & Paul Zietlow	Started January 16
Knit & Stich	CC Every Friday @ 10	Ann Clark	January 2022
Dominoes	CC Wednesday @ 7 pm	Betty Harvey & Dominoes team	January 2022
Happy Hour	CH outside, Wednesdays 5-6	Spontaneous, no host	December 1, 2021
Saturday night movies FREE	CH Saturday @ 7 pm. Look for posted notice for Title	Maureen and Stewart Crichton, Joe and RoseAnn Trovato, & team	January 15 th 2022
Stretching class / Yoga	CH Monday 9:45 -10:45	Lori Brady	January 17 th 2022
Fitness & walking	CH - MTWTF 9 am-9:45	Jack Metcalf & Team	All year 2022
VG Music Makers +Singers	CC Tuesday @7PM	Pierre Arnold and friends	January 18 th 2022
Super Bowl party	CH Time and date TBA		February 13, 2022
Jimmy Keys Show	CH Sunday 6pm-7:30	Hosted by Mary Ann Botti & Team COST and ticket sale TBA	February 20 th 2022
Line Dancing	CH Wednesdays	Contact Joyce Ziance 724-787-2210. Led by Bonita \$10 for 4 sessions.	February 23 rd , 2022
Ladies luncheon	Information TBA	Hosted by Lori Brady & Harriet Tobin	February 25 th 2022
Show “Cliff Erickson”	CH Sunday	Hosted by Nancy Rice and Mary Ann Spencer - COST and ticket sale TBA	March 6 th 2022
Bowl painting event for Charity	CH Friday@ 1pm	Hosted by Janet Breloff	March 11 th 2022
Shuffleboard & Bocce playoffs	VG Courts		Feb. 28 - March 7
Sports Awards night	CH Friday @ 7 pm	Bocce & Shuffleboard teams. Sundae bar hosted by the Team	March 18 th 2022
Irish post-parade potluck	CH Saturday 2-5:30	Hosted by Lori Brady & Team	March 12 th 2022
End of the year Catered dinner - COST TBA	VGO Parking lot “Venice in the Village”	Hosted by Jayne Kelly and Jane Woll w /the help of the Village Green Team	March 23 rd 2022