



Gale Tales

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Up Coming Events

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Event	Date	Time	Place
MSA Meeting	July 12	6:00 PM	Trailor Estates
Classic Movie Night	July 22	7:30 PM	Sarasota Opera House

On the Horizon

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Lazer Night at the Bishop	Aug 13	9:00 PM	Bishop Museum
Baseball	Sept 1	6:30 PM	Lecom Park



Ahoy Mates

We've all experienced the loss of loved ones. My parents died of natural causes, that was expected. When my sister died it hit the siblings hard. She was the first to die of eight brothers and sisters, a massive heart attack at night when my oldest brother and youngest sister were there in Phoenix. It hit us all hard. So I have great sympathy for anyone who has lost a loved one.

We flew to Ohio to have a Celebration of Life last week. What began as an obligation of life to the family turned into a vacation for Linda and me. We put in over 200 miles on the rental car driving from Columbus where we met friends in our life to Toledo, more friends, Michigan, Versailles, Ohio, and then back to Columbus to catch our flight home last Thursday. We spent four hours at each location visiting with friends we haven't seen in years or relatives, some who have had traumatic lives of late.

Versailles is where our daughter Naomi lives. She has fond memories of the many members she met at the Terra Ceia Regatta and Party. It was one more confirmation that we have a great group. We stopped at our nephew's house who donated 60 percent of his liver to save the life of Linda's sister, Judy. Then



we went to Judy's house who was just released from the Pittsburgh Clinic, as we made our rounds. Amazing what modern medicine is capable of.

I was impressed with the development of business and new home construction in Ohio. We may not have to build a border wall in Georgia to discourage migrants from moving south because life in the north is flourishing. But, they drove in Ohio like they were preparing to drive in Florida.

We had some good times last month with MSA members. The trip to the Hyatt was great as a sail-away, arranged by Rick and Adelia. They couldn't make it but four boats came in at different times. I took a selfie of Dennis, Linda, LuAnn and I in the pool. I think one of these people may be the next commodore.

The Carrabba's Italian Restaurant dinner arranged by Gail was fantastic. She always comes through. It was good to see the people we adore and Chuck was looking very good. Very encouraging, once again for modern medicine. Afterward, those who made it to the treacherous mini-golf course of

Smuggler's Cove had all enjoyed themselves. Some who made a hole-in-one were treated to a chance for a free membership for life, just kidding. They got a free chance to win a round of golf. Awards were presented at the end and Gail came through again.

I am glad to report that Diana and Richard Jorgensen made it safely to begin their lives on the island of Grenada. They sold their home in Bradenton, lived in a hotel for a month, had their belongings in a storage pod and left out of Miami last week. Diana was membership chair, and Linda accepted the position moving forward. She is wonderful and will do a great job.

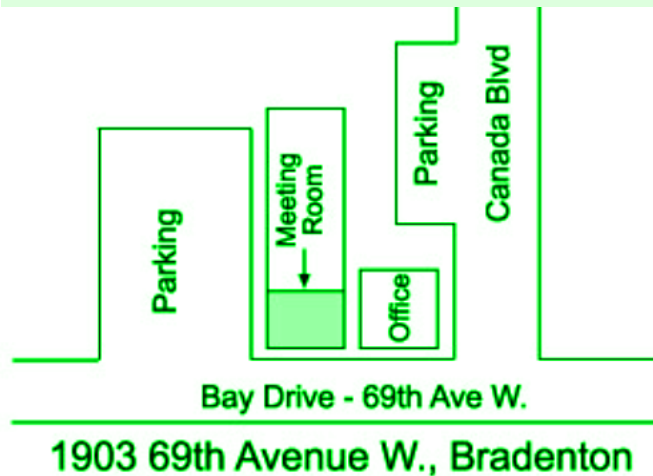
So now we look forward to Fourth of July, our independence as a nation. Linda and I placed extra flags in our front yard to honor those who have sacrificed and to the nation moving forward. This month the signal flags are in this honor. Hint: The first two flags were the same as last month, the first and last flags.

I look forward to seeing everyone, at the meetings and events in July. Have a safe and wonderful Fourth of July celebration, I will see you then.

Tom Briggie
Commodore

MSA Meeting

We have arranged for a July 12 location in the newly remodeled meeting room of Trailer Estates at 1903 69th Avenue West, Bradenton. We will have a potluck dinner starting at 6 PM. Please bring a dessert or entree and BYOB. Duplicate your dish from the last meeting and we should have a good variety for dinner. Please submit any ideas for a presenter. See map below:



MSA SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION MSA SOCIAL EVENT FOR JUNE, 2022

With all the intense heat and the extreme storms and rainfall we have been having of late, I never really expected to be able to execute the entire plan for our MSA Summer Solstice Celebration,



our social event for June. But luck was with us on the evening of Tuesday June 21st. 13 MSA members had made tentative reservations to attend the social gathering at a favorite restaurant in our community,

Carrabbas Italian Grill at 6 P.M. and as it turned out a group of 11 happy sailors took their seats at the long table set up just for us. We ordered drinks and toasted to the first day of summer and were pleased to be celebrating the day with good friends. Finally we stared at the menus. What to order? You could blindly point to anything on the menu at Carrabbas and be delighted with what you were served. I thought I would be eating a light meal with my selection of eggplant parmesan but I was stuffed after completing my entree. Of course I devoured 4 slices of hot bread dripping with seasoned olive oil, a large Italian salad and a side dish of pasta before I got down to the main course. I cleaned my plate. (I convinced myself that I would



work it all off with the rugged athletic exercises we would be involved with later on this evening, right?)

Earlier than expected at about 7:45, 7 of us wandered over to part two of the evening, a rousing game of nighttime mini golf at Smugglers Cove right next door to the restaurant. Last



year we were rained out and I figured that would most likely be the case again tonight but not so. As we arrived, the sun was going down and we were privy to a dramatic sunset, a light breeze and cooler temps. It was glorious! But that's what a good part of Bradenton must have

anticipated because there was a rather long line waiting to enter the 18 hole mini golf facility. We finally paid our fee, selected our clubs and with great precision choose the all important color of our golf balls. We divided up into 2 groups and set out to



put our colorful balls in the challenging series of holes on the multi level course. The person with the least amount of strokes executed to accomplish this goal would walk away with a prize! Early in the evening, Chuck Fulton managed to get a "Hole in One" on the 2nd hole. Roger Cappello celebrated his abilities obtaining a "Hole in One" on the 11th hole. As the evening progressed, those in the lead switched places with their competitors with almost every stroke. It would take the final play to tabulate the score and find out who was the best player of the night. After adding up strokes



group had a really fun time playing outdoors all together on a nice summer evening for a small monetary investment. And even though lots of other folks were there I never felt as if the mini golf course was crowded or that our group was hurried in any way. Thanks for joining me on the first day of summer 2022! It was a good day!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary

on each hole, the winner with a score of 45 was Charles Zajackowski! There was a 3 way tie for second place with a score of 46; Roger Cappello, Linda Briggie, and Chuck Fulton. Prizes were awarded and a group photo was taken. Thank you for coming out to play! I must admit, that I don't give this little local activity the credit that it is due. Why don't we do mini golf more often, I wondered? It's a great outing for family and friends. I believe our



**MSA SOCIAL EVENT FOR JULY, 2022
FRIDAY NIGHT JULY 22, 2022 7:30 P.M.
SARASOTA OPERA HOUSE
CLASSIC MOVIE SERIES**

The annual Classic Movies at the opera house are making the long hot summer bearable. This July we will be privileged to see "To Kill A Mocking Bird" on the big screen. The tickets are \$12 each for General Admission and need to be purchased in advance. You will enjoy dinner at a restaurant nearby, Café Amici (located around the corner from the opera house) at 1371 Main St. prior to the movie to make the evening more of an event. (If anyone has a better choice for dinner nearby please alert me.)



Although most of us were required to read "To Kill A Mockingbird" in school when we were students I will refresh your memories with a few interesting tidbits. "To Kill A Mockingbird" is a novel by the American author Harper Lee. It was published in 1960 and was instantly successful. It has become a classic of modern American literature winning the Pulitzer Prize. The plot and characters are loosely based on Lee's observations of her family, her neighbors and an event that occurred near her hometown of Monroeville, Alabama in 1936 when she was 10.



One of the characters in the story, Dill, was fashioned after Harpers real life friend and neighbor, Truman Capote the author of "Breakfast at Tiffany's and "In Cold Blood". In 1962 Robert Mulligan, American film director, put this story on the big screen. The film stars Gregory Peck as Atticus Finch and Mary Badham as Scout. It also marked the film debut of Robert Duvall and Alice

Ghostley. Interestingly enough, the courtroom scenes were actually filmed on location in the old Monroeville Courthouse.

Almost immediately, the black and white film became a box office smash and was nominated for 8 Academy Awards including best picture. Gregory Peck won an Oscar for his role as Atticus. In 1995, the film was selected by the Library of Congress for preservation in the National Film Registry as culturally, historically and aesthetically significant. In 2003, the American Film Institute named Atticus Finch as the greatest movie hero of the 20th century. In 2007, the film ranked 25 on the AFI 10th

anniversary of the greatest movies of all times. Without giving too much away just in case of the unbelievable possibility that you haven't seen the movie let me give you a heads up for some of my favorite scenes. At one point Atticus shocks his children by doing something that only their story book heroes could do. Look for the secret hiding spot where a mysterious stranger tucks away special treasures. Not everyone on the Finch's street is friendly and some are downright dangerous. And my all time favorite moment in the movie took place at the jail one night when things got out of hand and it took the

innocence of a child to quell the possibility of a very bad outcome. Please email me at gailgordon56@gmail.com by July 18th to reserve your ticket for this All American classic movie. See you there!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary

CRUISING NEWS

Our June trip was to the Hyatt in Sarasota. There were 3 boats on this trip. Two boats, Jazz with Charles, Debbie, and LuAnn and Boatnuts with Sal and Ronnie were in the marina at the Hyatt. Aurora with Denny and Brigid anchored at Harts



Landing. Due to the discovery of dirty fuel on our last trip, Rick had worked hard on cleaning out the fuel tank and replacing the fuel filter. We were all set to go and then after waiting since March to start this construction, we

got a call from the "concrete people" that they had received the permit to start the work so we had to be home to supervise the work. After speaking with Charles, we sent out an email to let the MSA members know that Jazz was hosting a Happy Hour, Friday at 5pm. Some



MSA members drove to the Hyatt to attend. Saturday was spent swimming at the pool, or venturing to downtown Sarasota. Sunday we had planned to go to the Toasted Mango for breakfast, but due to it being Fathers' Day, decided to have breakfast on Jazz. Charles had the usual abundant display of eggs and all the fixings including Mimosa's. Adelia and some

MSA members drove down to attend the breakfast "that couldn't be beat".


Due to our continuing "very slow" construction, Adelia and I are not going to be able to go cruising in July. If someone would like to take over for July that would be greatly

appreciated. We will gladly provide marina information and help in any way. Let us know if you are available.

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ON THE HORIZON

MSA Social Event for August, 2022
Saturday August 13th at 9 P.M.
Laser Nights at the Bishop

Deb Stickland gets the credit for alerting me to this “Rocking out in the 70’s” venue for MSA members to enjoy. I’m embarrassed to tell you that I had a boring youth and never went to a rock concert or even

listened to most of the groups listed on the line up at the planetarium at the Bishop to be featured in the laser night shows. So I resorted to calling my son who was at one time a DJ. He rolled his eyes at me (we were on the phone but I could tell) and he gave me his advice about which show to attend. I chose for our listening pleasure a sampling of all the concerts on the docket which will be showcased in the last program of the season scheduled for August



13th. The concert is labeled as “Summer Rewind” featuring music from Queen, Journey, David Bowie, Led Zeppelin and much more all set to spectacular laser lights. So break out your big hair and put on your acid washed denims and join me at Laser Nights at the Bishop. We will be rocking out to some of your favorite artists while enjoying a light show in the planetarium. A variety of food options and drinks will be available for purchase onsite with cash or card. I



have purchased 15 tickets for MSA members at a cost of \$15 each. Most of the shows are presently sold out so once these 15 tickets are reserved by you, I can’t get anymore. Therefore, please make your reservations with me at gailgordon56@gmail.com as soon as possible. Before the concert we will have a preshow dinner at our old haunt, Pier 22 at about 6:45 P.M.

FYI: Since I have no experience with rock concerts I have been advised to bring ear plugs!!!! You might be so inclined to as well! Also, once the concert doors are closed at 9 P.M. sharp they will not open for late comers. The concert will last for about 1 hour. See you there!

MSA Social Event for September, 2022
Thursday September 1st, 2022
Baseball: Marauders vs. Fort Myers
Lecom Park at 6:30 P.M.

Sometimes you are unable to get the right answers until you ask the right questions. And sometimes when you



search for information, you can slip down a rabbit hole and find a dead end. I can attest to having great experience with both these situations. That was where I was with trying to schedule a summer baseball game when every website I visited turned out to be a ticket agency with very high prices for very mediocre seats. Until, I found Zach at group sales at Lecom Park only by accident. He had only started his job the day before my call and was green behind the ears. But between the 2 of us we got the job done and we were both pleased with the end results. I had told him about our history with the Marauders and he quickly found our past bookings on the computer. It's been a few years since we've been to a Marauders game but most of the same details are still in place. So little by little we pieced together a fun night at the ballpark. We will be attending a game on Thirsty Thursday, September 1st at 6:30 p.m. as we've done in the past, but the \$1 beers have become \$2 beers. No surprise there, I'm afraid. Instead of the having hot dogs and hamburgers on the deck which is what we've done in the past (which is now quite



pricey), we will find an alternative place for an early meal near the ballpark. That evening, the Marauders will be playing Fort Myers (Zach mentioned that at this moment Fort Myers was the top ranking team). And it will be one of the last games before the play-offs so it should be a good one. The cost for this event is \$11 and with your ticket you get a Marauders baseball cap and a soft drink voucher. Not bad, right? I have 20 seats reserved (I believe they are behind the Marauders dug out) so please watch for emails to sign up for another summer MSA tradition of an all American night at a baseball game. See you there!



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