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Manager's Corner

March is here already! Many of you will be leaving at the end of this month, so we have a few reminders in this newsletter on things to check before you leave.

In March there are plenty of events going on. The month starts off with our Annual Variety Show, Michigan Dinner, Pub Picnic, Pool Party, Ice cream social, Canada Day Picnic, Community Yard Sale, Antique Car Show and Craft Fair, Mama Mia Tour Concert, and LOTS more! Be sure to grab a March Events Calendar so you don't miss out on anything!

If you are planning improvements on your site or park model, be sure to get them pre-approved before you start work. You can start scheduling work for April. We thank you for holding off on doing improvements for these past three months. It made the season much more pleasant for your neighbors.

We will once again be leaving a form in your mailbox for mail forwarding. You can make sure we have your correct email on that form also. Remember we only forward about 30 days after you leave, so make sure you get in touch with your post office as soon as you get back.

We hope you enjoyed your season here this year, and the improvements that were made since you stayed with us last year. We will continue to improve the park, in both big and little ways over the summer. Make sure you are on my email list, so you can receive updates over the summer!

Safe travels until we see you next fall!

Sincerely,

Bev Malouin

Beverly Malouin, Resort Manager

CAR SHOW

Saturday, March 16th, 10 am – 2 pm

Sweet Cars, the Craft Market at the Pool Veranda, and the Blood Drive! Be sure to mark your calendars, sign up to help out or donate, and of course don't forget money to shop & eat! (Blood Drive is 9a-Noon)





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More Amenities listed on page 7.

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ADVISORY BOARD CORNER

Chuck Genrich, President – cgenrich9@gmail.com

As I write this the Senior Games have just begun. As you read it we have completed another Senior Games and are on to other pursuits. And, I would expect, the temperature is kinder than it was in late January.

I want to thank all of those who attended the 21st Annual Advisory Board General Meeting. If you were there or read the meeting minutes you are aware that our park manager Beverly Malouin outlined the progress on many projects both present and future and entertained a significant number of questions. It should be obvious to all that the park has improved and will continue to improve and that the level of communication is better than it ever has been. In that regard, if you have any suggestions, comments or complaints you can present them directly to Beverly or to any of the Board members.

One item that is always an issue during spring break is golf carts. Remember, if you do not have a driver's license issued by your state of residence you cannot operate a golf cart in RCR property. At RCR a golf cart falls under the same rules as an automobile and it does not matter if you have a licensed driver in the seat next to you.

At the General Meeting we also had an election of four board members to fill 3 three-year vacancies and 1 one-year vacancy. The one-year vacancy was caused by the resignation of Don Silke due to personal reasons. I thank him for his service to the Board and to all of you. Not choosing to run for re-election was our dependable secretary Joan O'Callaghan. I also thank her for her service and her ability to turn our meeting dialogue into readable minutes. Re-elected to three-year terms were Terry Ludban and Bruce Hummel. Elected to a three-year term was John Veillon and to the one-year term was Irv Frazin. I believe that it is important that each year the Board gains new members who can bring a fresh perspective to what we try to do for you.

Every year there is some discussion about park model rates for the next year and I know that the Canada/US exchange rate has changed greatly during the last 10 years. Over the past 11 years the rate increase has averaged 3.18%. The rate for the last three years has averaged 4.5%. Some of you have compared that to the Cost of Living and Consumer Price Increase rates. Businesses do not use that information to determine their prices, they are concerned with Return on Investment (ROI) and their competitor's pricing. After conducting some research, the Board has found that RCR is actually less expensive than their competitors with similar amenities.

The photo captures the Advisory Board members for 2019/2020. They are Terry Ludban (President), Irv Frazin, Peter Crich, John Veillon, Bruce Hummel (Treasurer), Chuck Genrich (Secretary), Dick Snyder (Vice President), Hank Mikelian, and John McMahon.



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- ☺ **Air Pump** Air for vehicle tires is located at the back of the Resort, at the Dump Station. We do not supply a gauge.
- ☺ **Bulletin Board** Any notices to be posted must be brought to the Office. Please use a 3"x5" index card to list items for sale/rent. All other notices must be appropriate size. Bulletin boards are located throughout the Boardwalk and at the Recreation hall and Clubhouse.
- ☺ **Campfires** No Ground Fires are permitted. Above the ground covered fire containers are permitted. If it is an extremely dry season, the Office will post notices regarding campfires
- ☺ **Canoes/Kayaks** They are available at no cost. They are located across from site 67 on the Outer Circle. To sign them out bring your driver's license to the Office. We will hold your license for you to pick up after returning them. Paddles and life jackets are available in the locked shed by the canoes & kayaks. You must be 18-years-old or older or accompanied by a parent to use the canoes & kayaks. There is a 2-hour limit for usage and they are available from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily.
- ☺ **Kayak Racks** To utilize the kayak racks you must sign a contract at the office and lock your kayak on the assigned spot. Any canoes/kayaks found unaccounted for may be disposed of.
- ☺ **Laundry Room** Located at the Clubhouse. No cash accepted. Credit/Debit card required for use.

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- ☺ **Car & Boat Wash** There is a car, RV and boat wash located by the Maintenance Shop, available on a first-come, first-serve basis
- ☺ **Dump Station** An RV Dump Station is located in the back of the Resort near the Maintenance Shed.
- ☺ **Emergency Shelter Information Please** check the Bulletin Boards on the Boardwalk and Clubhouse, or our Facebook page for Sarasota County Emergency Shelter Locations. There is an evacuation plan for viewing available at the Office.
- ☺ **Faxes and Copies** The Office will fax your document(s) with a cost of \$1.50 for the first page and \$.50 for each additional page. Please notify the Office if you will be receiving a fax. Incoming faxes are \$.15 per page. Copies are \$.02 for black & white and \$.10 for color.
- ☺ **Fitness Center** The Fitness Center is located on the Boardwalk. You must be 18-years-old or older to use the center. The entry code is with your arrival documents.
- ☺ **Garbage and Recycling Center** The garbage compactor and recycling containers are located at the back of the Clubhouse. We recycle cardboard, newspaper, plastic jugs and clear plastic bottles and glass. Plastic bags do not go into the recycling containers. Please break down all boxes and follow posted directions for the disposal of trash. *This area is only for trash; not furniture, appliances, tires, batteries, etc.* For large items, etc. you can take them directly to the Sarasota County Landfill. It is located at 4000 Knights Trail Rd., Nokomis 34275. Call for their daily hours 941-861-1573.
- ☺ **Ice** It is available at the Office during business hours for the cost of \$2 for a 10-pound bag.
- ☺ **Internet Café** Located on the Boardwalk. A computer is available to use or bring your laptop for complimentary Wi-Fi. Entry codes are in your welcome packet.
- ☺ **Mailroom** Please verify that your site # is on your incoming mail to prevent any delays. Also, please make sure that your name is listed on the mail; if a package/letter is addressed to Grandma/Grandpa/Pet's name/Etc., your mail may not be delivered. As a courtesy, we do our very best to deliver the mail promptly. Should you desire to obtain your mail at the local post office, the information needed is: **Nokomis Post Office; Laurel Rd., Nokomis, FL**
Rates at the Nokomis Post Office vary from \$17 for 3-months to \$400 for 12-months, variable by the size of your box. Caller service is also available.
- ☺ **Pavilion** The pavilion is a large covered area that is available for picnics, parties, etc. for big groups of our guests. Electricity is available. Sign up on the ONE-TIME ACTIVITIES sheet in the Lounge and give it to the Activities Director.
- ☺ **Paws Park** Pets are welcome, but ALL cats and dogs must be leashed at all times when outside of the Paws Park. Owners MUST pick up after their pets. No pets should be left unattended or tied up outside. No fences or playpens allowed. Pets are not permitted in activity buildings (i.e. Clubhouse, Rec Hall, etc.) pool area or in the bathrooms/showers. Paws Park is open from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. daily and is located behind the car wash. Pets should not be an annoyance – i.e. "Excessive barking" and unleashed.
- ☺ **Sports Equipment** Basketballs, volleyballs, golf clubs, etc. are available at the Office.
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Leave your place storm ready: Make sure that any items that might fly are stowed away safely inside your park model. This includes hanging plants, yard art, chairs, and bicycles. If you cover a car or a golf cart with a tarp, please understand that gallon bottles of water will not keep the cover on through the summer thunderstorms let alone a big storm. If you have a Plastic/Rubbermaid type shed, you might want to put a bungee cord or tie a rope around it. Those doors will fly off if the wind hits them just right. We highly recommend you hire a house watcher who can check your place regularly. We have a list of those who provide this service in the office. If your AC goes off, you get a leak in the roof, etc., and it is not caught right away, you could have a serious mold problem by the time you come back.

Remember that we will mow your lawn and weed whack while you are gone, but we do not take care of your planting beds, so if the weeds get unsightly I will be emailing you!

Mail Processing: We will have you fill out a forwarding form for us before you leave to make sure we have the correct address to forward your mail. First class mail gets forwarded as do packages. We will typically forward your mail for 30 days after you leave. If you are a full time RV'er who will not have a fixed address this summer, let us know and we will accommodate you. Make sure you take the forwarding off your mail at home as soon as you get there, or the mail goes in a never-ending loop from there to here and back again.

Renting your place over the summer: If you rent your place out during the time you are not here, please make sure that they check in when they get here. We need to know who is here.

Kayak Storage: If you are leaving the property until next season, please take your kayaks off the racks and put on your site next to your park model, or better yet, inside your lanai. We use those racks for our summer RV'ers and we don't want to have to worry about them in a storm.

Staying in contact while you are gone: If you are not getting my blast emails and want to get the summer updates, make sure your email is on your forwarding form and I will add you to the list. Also, it is good to read the newsletter when you have a chance. You can contact me directly any time at Royalcoachman_mgr@Equitylifestyle.com. Enjoy your summer, and we will see you again in the fall!

Home Tour a HUGE SUCCESS!

Well we finally got the home tour done! We cannot thank everyone enough for your generosity and patience. None of this could have happened without every one of you. What a fun day seeing how clever and innovative the home owners have recreated their paradise living space. Our hats go off to all of them willing to open their homes and donate the time to help make this a huge success. When we started on the planning of this we had hoped to raise some money for two great causes. Once again, the friends and family that we have here at RCR came through with flying colors. That is what makes this park the best! Your kindness and compassion helped us raise \$8725.00. We are very proud to represent our park and the people of the surrounding community that helped make our fundraising vision a reality.

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BETTY'S CORNER

THE LIMPKIN – Article and photos by Betty Baird



The Common Moorhen or Common Gallinules favor fresh marshes with some open water, ideally with some open ground and some dense cover along edges. In many places, they are found with the American Coot although the Coots require more marsh growth. They are common in marshes of both North and South America.



The Gallinule swims buoyantly, bobbing its head; it also walks and runs on open ground near water, and moves easily about through reeds and cattails above the water. They are omnivorous. Major food items include leaves, stems, and seeds of various water plants, also fruits and berries of terrestrial plants. They also eat insects, spiders, earthworms, snails and other mollusks, and tadpoles. Sometimes they even eat eggs of other birds.

During the breeding season, they are territorial and generally associate only with their family group, but during the winter they forage in groups often with American Coots and ducks. Common Gallinules can form long-lasting pairs, but sometimes a male will mate with more than one female. Females may occasionally share a mate and a nest with their daughter and cooperatively raise the offspring. Young birds that have not found a mate of their own sometimes help their parents brood and feed nestlings.



When courting, the male chases the female on land; both stop, bow deeply, and preen each other's feathers.

The nest site is in marsh over shallow water, sometimes on ground or in shrub near water. The nest (built by both sexes) is a solidly constructed platform (or wide, shallow cup) of cattails, bulrushes, and reeds. It often has a ramp of similar material leading down to water. Similar platforms built nearby, may be used for resting or brooding.

The young can swim shortly after hatching. They are fed by both parents, or even sometimes by older siblings

from earlier broods. They gradually learn to feed themselves, finding most of their own food in about three weeks. A few still rely on their parents for up to six weeks. The young can fly at about forty to fifty plus days. When threatened, the young may cling to a parent's body, after which the adult birds fly away to safety, carrying their offspring with them. They have one or two broods each year and occasionally three.



The bright colored beak and bobbing head make this perky medium sized bird a treat to observe up close and personal.

January Pickleball Tournament

Input & Photographs by Sheila M. Fagan, Site 147A

Pickleball at Royal Coachman Resort is mirroring our country as a fast-growing sport with our membership reaching one-hundred members. There are reported to be three million people enjoying the sport in North America and that's an increase of twelve percent over last year. It's not just for older adults. The first intercollegiate tournament was held in 2017 at Southern



Tournament official, Tom Hincy (far right red shirt) explains the format of the final playoff

Utah University. Pickleball is expected to become an Olympic sport in a few years. This fast moving, clever combination of tennis, badminton and table tennis (ping pong) is a low impact sport that gets the heart rate moving. You are invited to join our beginner, intermediate and advanced groups as well as our ladies only sessions here in the park. Details about times and locations are posted at the courts, on the bulletin board by the mailroom and on our RCR Pickleball Facebook page.

Our second RCR slam of the season was held on Friday, January 11th with finalists Dan Sandberg, 4th Place, Todd Elmer, 3rd Place, Joe Aceto, 2nd Place, and Jeff McPike, 1st Place emerging from a highly competitive field. An Intermediate division competed on Thursday, January 10th.



L to R: Finalists: Todd Elmer, Jeff McPike, Joe Aceto & Dan Sandberg



L to R: Winners, Todd Elmer, 3rd Place; Jeff McPike, 1st & Joe Aceto 2nd

Special thanks go to Dan Sandberg for directing the events, to officials: Chuck Genrich, Henry Hengeveld and Dick Lang and scorekeepers: Leah Lepinski and Sandy Olson. The contest would not have been possible without these volunteers and all the competitors.



L to R: Scorekeepers: Leah Lepinski & Sandy Olson

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATION – Thursday, 1/31/19

By Linda Lee

A beautiful sunny warm January afternoon saw more than 65 people gather at the garden to remember loved ones passed on from the RCR family. Joan O`Callaghan welcomed everyone and Rev. Howard Kusler offered words of understanding and encouragement with respect to the process of grief and how it affects us all; family, friends and even strangers. Linda Lee and Doris Fisher read the 94 names on the bricks in the garden. Bill Primeau and Bob Walters did a great job on the song, `You Will Never Walk Alone`; the theme of what our garden means, always a friend to lean on and walk beside you in times of loss and grief and to help celebrate and remember a life.

Our committee consisting of Betty Mull, Doris Fisher, Joan O`Callaghan and myself, Linda Lee would like to thank RCR for the yummy refreshments served after the service and to all friends, family and neighbors who came to celebrate our loved ones. This garden is truly a labor of love and certainly will stand the test of time. Hugs, Linda Lee



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VOLUNTEER CORNER

Pat Lang, Lead Volunteer

Thank you is a very short phrase but has a wealth of meaning. One can never be thanked enough for his/her contribution. Thank you to all who volunteered at the numerous February events; especially at the new Wine and Blues event. It was a "new" event and involved many volunteers. I must say I had some concerns about being away. But I had made an important decision a week or so before: I decided I needed help as your Volunteer Coordinator. This leads me to a special announcement and introduction:

Marianne Deatsch has agreed to be the Assistant Volunteer Coordinator and was right there to handle the changes in positions for volunteers with great ease and grace. Many have come up to me to share their thanks and pleasure in having her "aboard" (It's always a good feeling to know that a decision you make is a good one. This is the case here!). Before her retirement, Marianne worked as the Meals on Wheels coordinator in her county for almost 20 years. She was blessed to have worked with hundreds of volunteers, the MOW's recipients and their families. She was also very involved with Girl Scouts, as a troop leader, day camp director, adult trainer, and board member. She and her husband Wayne, reside in Munson, Ohio. They have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. Her hobbies include quilting, Swedish weaving, playing mahjong, and knitting. She loves RCR and all the activities, and many friends she has made in the park. She is looking forward to helping coordinate the volunteers with Pat, here at RCR, because "Without every volunteer, we would be without the wide array of activities the park offers. Thank you for all you do to make RCR the best that it is!" I met Marianne a year ago, and soon realized that she would be a great assistant to me. She proved it easily after a few days "on the job" in my absence. I am sure we will be a good team in continuing to make the Volunteer Program an effective one.



Lead volunteers of on-going (daily, weekly, etc.) events will be receiving a Volunteer Report Form the week of March 3rd. These should be returned to Pat Lang, Site 544, or to the folder in the Lounge no later than Saturday, March 9th at 4 p.m. On this form, please indicate anyone who assisted you with your event and how many times the volunteer assisted you. This information is necessary to determine who gets invited to the Volunteer Party on March 22nd. Invitations to the Volunteer Party will be given to those individuals who have volunteered at a minimum of 3 eligible events since March 16, 2018.

Volunteers at events happening after March 15th will still receive the usual Volunteer Report Form for completion. Those volunteers reported will be put on the data base for inclusion at next year's appreciation event.

Invitations to the Luncheon will be sent out after March 11th and MUST be returned to the box in the Lounge no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, March 18th.



It is important that leaders of events attend the Volunteer Meetings. This is the time that the calendar is reviewed for the upcoming month and corrections can be made before publication. It is also the time to share information and get questions answered. Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Club House.

Pat Lang	Site #544	rpm2g4@aol.com	603.731.8273 or 941.412.8882
Marianne	Site #104	Marianne_deatsch@hotmail.com	440.226.9297

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Have an idea?
Want to write a story?
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Remember: send pictures, articles, club news... to royalcoachman_rec@equitylifestyle.com by **March 10th** for inclusion in the April newsletter. Or stop by the Activities office with your submission.



Reminder:

PLEASE Return your 2019/2020 Space/Event Reservation Forms to the Activities Office by March 20th if possible. They will be distributed at the Volunteers meeting March 6th or through in-park mail by March 8th.





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Emergency Management Presentation



Join us at the Rec Hall on Tuesday, March 19th from 10 – 11 a.m.



Edward J. McCrane Jr., FPEM
Sarasota County Emergency Management Chief

Edward McCrane was appointed as the Emergency Management Chief for Sarasota County on Friday, October 21st, 2005 while the county was in the 3-day error cone for Hurricane Wilma.

His presentation will cover basic disaster preparedness to include; severe weather, tornadoes and hurricanes.

About the Speaker: Ed is certified as a Florida Professional Emergency Manager (FPEM) and has extensive experience in emergency management, including his role as West Florida Area Coordinator for the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM). While with FDEM he served as state liaison for seven area emergency management directors. During this period, he responded to Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, Jeanne, Dennis, Katrina and Rita to provide state assistance to impacted counties.

Prior to going to work for the Division of Emergency Management, Ed was the Central Florida Military Support to Civil Authorities Coordinator for the Department of Military Affairs, Florida National Guard. In that role, he planned and coordinated military support operations during local, state and federal emergencies for 30 Florida counties. For his efforts he was awarded the Florida Distinguished Service Medal.

A U.S. Army career veteran of 22 years, his experience includes combat Operation "Just Cause" in Panama and working with the Haitian and Cuban mass migration in 1994 in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, he was instrumental in training the Florida Army National Guard soldiers to work in Florida's airports, seaports and nuclear power facilities. As a retired Master Sergeant Ed has served in many key leadership positions throughout his military career that have prepared him for his role in dealing with emergencies.

Ed has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Homeland Security and Emergency Management from Ashford University. He is currently the Emergency Management Chair for the Southwest Florida Domestic Security Task Force and has served on the Board of Directors of the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA) as the Area Governor for Region 6.

Ed is married and has two children; Tyler (18) and Kaitlyn (27) who serves as the Director of Community Affairs for the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.

MOMENTS AT RCR

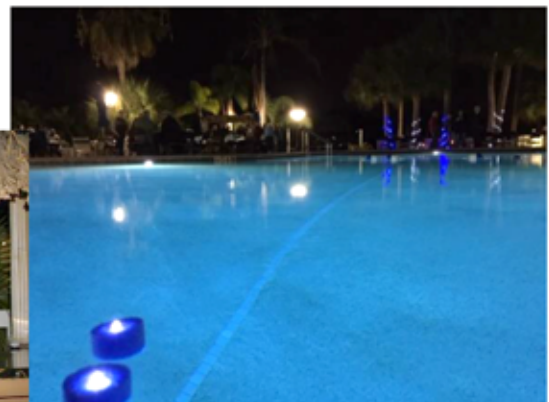
In January this year we had our biggest *Health & Wellness Expo* to date! There were 30 vendors this year (compared to 14 in 2018) with tons of giveaways for our Guests!



We brought in Operation S.A.F.E. – Be Scam Smart, through the Florida State office of Financial Services.

AND we had a new event! Wine & Blues Fest. Though it was a bit cooler

outside, with the 4 heaters, and the heat we created moving around and tasting, the evening was a success! (Pool photo by Sheila Fagan)





MOMENTS AT RCR

Note by Betty Baird and Photo from Jaci Brennan's Facebook Post

Duane Dosson - February 5, 1929 - February 10, 2019 ~ Sunday, February 3, was the special day we celebrated Duane Dosson's 90th birthday. Approximately 200 RCR friends and his beautiful family



gathered to share this joy-filled occasion. Donna and Duane have been an integral part of the RCR family for over thirty years. Their contributions and leadership have been numerous, and their friendship has impacted all those who know them. Family and friends spoke to not only memories but to different ways Duane had inspired in his gentle leadership and friendship. One comment among many was "There are a lot of nice men in this park, but Duane always was the nicest of the nice."

On Friday, February 8, Duane was rushed to the hospital and diagnosed with a perforated bowel. While he survived emergency surgery, his Heavenly Father took him home in the early morning hours of Sunday, February 10th. His wish was to celebrate his 90th birthday and that he did in grand style. There is joy in celebrating a "life well lived" and sadness in parting but we who celebrate are thankful Duane is with the Lord he loves. We extend our sympathy to Donna and all the family.

Owl's Nest Block Party on Feb. 6, 2019 – Photo provided by Maddy Trimby



RCR SEWING CLUB

Submitted by Sheryl Drenth

In February the RCR Sewing Club worked together on a community service project. Each season we pick a project and use our enthusiasm for sewing to fill a need in the community. This year our project coordinator, Marilyn Martin, worked with Janelle Worthington, Director of "Pregnancy Solutions" in Venice. This is an organization that provides support for young mothers.



Back LtoR: Sheryl Drenth, Gloria Howell, Pat Lang, Joan Staloch Middle: Marine Schlagel, Lana Hoffmeyer, Ginger Gajar, Carol Santini, Dona Gilbert, Roni Daley Front: Gretchen Ryan, Marilyn Martin

Twenty seamstresses worked all day Feb 7! So far, we have made a total of 96 burp cloths for babies! Some of our members have also volunteered to make some more on their own time. If you're not sure what a 'burp cloth' is ... ask a mother!



Special thanks to the platelet donors who helped us SAVE up to 3 LIVES with their successful donations 😊

- Don & Patricia Crandell
- Lavern Hill
- Bill Kaddatz
- Carl Trpisovsky

TOTAL – 9 units of platelets, 2 units of plasma

SAVE THE DATE – Friday, 3/22 For our next Platelet Drive – Wondering if you can help?
 Contact: Lisa Fratoni, Platelet Donor Group Representative
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2019 CONCERT SERIES

Ticket prices for the 2019 Season will reflect the updated production cost of each show. \$18 per show, per person. Individual concert purchases do not guarantee a specific seat. You will be seated upon arrival in open seating. Concerts also includes pre-concert reception. Sales for the final concert are in the office through Jeff, our administrative assistant until we are sold out. Information regarding the 2020 concerts will be posted around property as soon as it is made available to RCR.

ABBAFAB - The Mamma Mia Tour! Saturday, March 9, 2019 The final show of the season!



Having played to sold-out crowds across the U.S. and abroad, **ABBAFAB** is a stunning tribute to the music of ABBA featuring the sensational talents of some of TAD's most talented and loved artists and musicians! With vocals and musicianship, they are second to none, the **ABBAFAB** vibe is infectious! There's no generation gap here, so let's ALL party like it's 1979!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST March Pancake Breakfast is Saturday the 16th!

Hours: 7:30 to 9 am. ~ **Cost:** \$3.50 in Advance and \$4 at the door - Tickets will be available the week before in the lounge for guests not wanting to carry cash. ~ 50/50 Cash prize will be sold at the door. We serve 2 large buttermilk pancakes (a third is available to anyone who asks). Served with breakfast link sausages, OJ & coffee or tea.

MEDICARE SPECIAL OPEN ENROLLMENT TIME TILL END OF MARCH!

If you have **Medicare A or B** or if you want/need to make changes to any supplement, here is the chance to get your questions answered! **Canadians!** – Find out your options for next season and how he can help!

Mr. Kenneth Kubic, with AmeriLife will be at the Rec Hall, Monday, March 4th, 1 – 2 pm

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SAVE THE DATE

- **RCR Blood Drives** with SunCoast Blood Bank! Please watch for the sign-ups (we need at least 10 people) that will be posted in the lounge and consider donating! **The final date this season is:** Saturdays, March 16th from 9 a.m. to Noon. This date coincides with the March pancake breakfast, so you can refuel after you are done or before you start! They will be providing some small prizes for your valuable donation and time.
- **Ticket sales** for resort shows, events and dances are sold on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – Noon in the Lounge.
- **BINGO** Doors open at 7PM. Cards are sold until 7:25 and games start at 7:30. Bingo is every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Rec Hall. Cards can be purchased for \$1, \$2, or \$3. Please bring \$1 bills. The hotball jackpots will continue with the dollar amounts from last season. Join us for fun! Rich & Kay Hildebrand
- **Massage Therapy with MJ** The signup sheet is in the lounge and is posted every Sunday after 8:30 a.m. for the following week. The signup sheet will offer times between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for the rate of \$50 an hour. There is one half hour slot at the end for \$ 30 - *Cash or check, no credit cards.*
- **Dusty's Produce** - Mondays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be open to Terra Cove also.
- **Canada Day Picnic** Don't forget to join us for the **Canada D'eh!** picnic. Tuesday March 12th from Noon in the Pavilion. Great food and wonderful entertainment.
- **Yard Sale** – Resort wide yard sales happen once per month in season. This season's last is Wed., 3/20.
- **Attention All University of Michigan Fans:** Come to the Clubhouse on Sunday, March 10th from 3-6 pm to view a newly released DVD--"Football's Valhalla" --about Bob Ufer, U of M's highly enthusiastic game caller. The DVD features interviews with dozens of notable coaches, players, broadcasters, family members and friends. It includes rare audio, video and photographs of Bob Ufer, and explores the people and events that shaped him. The DVD runs 90 minutes. **Note:** The DVD "Black and Blue," the story of Gerald Ford, Willis Ward and the 1934 Michigan-Georgia Tech Football game will also be available for those who want to stay after "Football's Valhalla" to view the story of the game, for which the Wolverines were forced to bench their best player, Willis Ward, because he was an African-American. The incident infuriated Ward's best friend on the team, a future president by the name of Jerry Ford, who threatened to quit the team in response. The friendship that began in the Big House lasted all the way to the White House. This is the story of two schools, two friends, and a game that changed everything. Run time: 57 minutes
- **Our RCR Craft Markets** are back with great products and something new! Come to the show and get your COUPON CASH CARD for the 2018-2019 Season. It will give you 3 chances to win cash rewards at every show. Check the calendar for all the season's dates as they approach!
- **Special Card Class** with Sherrie Robinson in the Clubhouse at 10 a.m. on March 26th. \$10 for 6 cards (2 cards of 3 different designs). Signups will be in the Lounge.
- **New England Happy Hour Celebration** is Tuesday, March 19th, 4-6pm, Rec Hall. Bring heavy Hord 'oeuvres to share, sign up in lounge, \$3 at door. Music by Paul Vrakas & Friends; come mingle with fellow New Englanders & Share the joys of your state.





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SAVE THE DATE CONTINUED

- **LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS!** Over 50 RCR people are going to the Detroit Tigers-Pittsburgh Pirates Game in Bradenton on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 1:05pm (tickets \$29 each) There are still a few tickets left, so if you want to join us, contact Maddy Trimby at maddyjt@aol.com, or site 448 (We'll be in the shade near third base-Tigers side.).
- The Michigan Dinner is coming up fast; Tuesday, March 5th. The theme for the dinner is "Your Favorite Spot in Michigan." We hope you'll join us for a delicious turkey dinner and dessert, music, dancing, door prizes, and friendly people. [And remember, if you want to donate a door prize (\$5 to \$10 value) please take them to Doreen & Carl Klopshinski #473 (810-923-1376)] **Note:** We will have information available at the dinner about the RCR Michigan Reunion in Frankenmuth in July. If you have any questions about any of these events you can contact Maddy Trimby #448 (517-582-5077).



RCR Chorus Director Retires

By Peg Kennedy



"Singing keeps you young," says Arline Wilson. Apparently, there is a great deal of truth in that statement, at least for the 93-years-young former RCR Chorus director. Music and creativity have dominated a huge portion of her life.

Born into a musical family, Arline's first introduction to music began at the age of six with piano lessons. When her church organist became ill, she was selected to be the organist's replacement when Arline was in the 7th grade. She was the full-time church musician until she went to college. At that time, her sister Marilyn took over the position and later her youngest sister Eleanor followed suit.

While in college, Arline received further instruction in organ, violin, and clarinet. She took violin lessons, so she could play in the orchestra, and clarinet lessons so she could play in the band. A music major in college is required to learn all the instruments to some degree, so, without a doubt, she became a well-rounded musical expert.

Her first teaching position was in an upper-class community in New Jersey, where she received the monumental yearly sum of \$2,000 per year. After eight years in this position, she moved to New Hampshire, where she was hired to teach music part-time in four 1-room schools and two 2-room schools. Later she taught in the middle school during the regular school day but was also required to teach stringed instruments in the three elementary schools prior to going to her regular middle school job. Finally, she received the prestigious position of Director of the Music Department for the entire school district in Laconia, New Hampshire.

After forty years of sharing her talent and imparting her wisdom to generations of young people, Arline retired. In 1993, she came to Florida with her sister Marilyn and Marilyn's husband Bill. They chose RCR to camp and fell in love with it. Both Arline and Marilyn eventually purchased park models. Both sisters sang in the chorus, while the originator of the RCR Chorus, Katie Morse, played the piano and directed.

Arline and Marilyn offered to help Katie direct since it is difficult to both direct and play the piano. Eventually Arline became the full-time director. For the past several years, various chorus members have directed the chorus from time-to-time, but Arline was always there to keep it going. After 25-years of dedicated service, she has tendered her final resignation since the extremely qualified Gordon Graham has given her a well-earned rest. She is still a member of the chorus and an expert advisor to all. She is much loved, highly respected, and no one is going to allow her to leave the chorus entirely.

OFFICE NOTE FROM YOUR MANAGER: I have noticed that many of you who have dogs are putting up portable kennels or dog pens on your sites. Please remember that you must not leave your pet outside your RV unattended on a leash and no pens or kennels are allowed. See below from the RCR Guidelines:

"Pets: No aggressive breeds allowed. ALL PETS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEASH! **No fences allowed.** Cats may not run loose. Pets should not be left outside unattended or tied up. Pets are not permitted in the public buildings, including bathrooms, shower house and pool area. Pets should not be an annoyance (barking continually).

Please be courteous to your neighbors by only walking your pet in the area of the resort you are staying and always clean up after your pet! Paws Park hours are 8 am - 10 pm daily."

Please remove any outdoor pet pens or kennels from your site.



2019 DOG SHOW FOLLOW-UP

By Sarah Boehmer



Keep those tails a waggin'! Filled with wagging tails and happy dogs, the 2019 RCR Dog Show was also filled with laughter and cheers. The Parade of Dogs hosted some of RCR's best dogs and their owners. Introducing themselves and their dogs, as well as telling the breed, and what they're used for brought cheers from the crowd.

Following the Parade of Breeds came our Costume Class with Jule Onyx Sands, owned by Martha Sands, dressed in a Happy Heart checked outfit ready to party. Tied for second were Casey owned by Dale Draznin dressed as a Bumble Bee and Katie, dressed in matching accessories, owned by Weesie Livinghouse. All class winners received Subway cards and ribbons and prizes for all!



Then came the obedience classes such as:

Heel and Sit (with a class of 11)

- 1st Jules Onyx Sands owned by Martha Sands
- 2nd Belle owned by Sandy Brent
- 3rd Sherlock owned by Larry Falcone
- 4th tie Ricky owned by Beatrice Ramirez Aceto
Shaggy owned by Hank Mika



Heel, Sit, and Stay (with 10 in the class)

- 1st Dexter owned by Bill Gallie
- 2nd Tucker owned by Lori Walker
- 3rd Shaggy owned by Hank Mika
- 4th tie Bentley owned by Yolanda Jones
Jules owned by Martha Sands



Down and Stay (with 10 in the class)

- 1st Tucker owned by Lori Walker
- 2nd tie Shaggy owned by Hank Mika
Bentley owned by Yolanda Jones
- 3rd Ricky owned by Beatrice Ramirez Aceto

Fetch Class

- 1st Phoebe owned by Gene Martin West
- 2nd Tucker owned by Lori Walker
- 3rd Dexter owned by Bill Gallie

Trick Class

- 1st Shaggy owned by Hank Mika
- 2nd Katie owned by Weesie Livinghouse
- 3rd Dexter owned by Bill Gallie
- 4th tie Phoebe owned by Gene Martin West
Duke owned by Gene Martin West



Jump Class

- 1st Phoebe owned by Gene Martin West
- 2nd Dexter owned by Bill Gallie
- 3rd Duke owned by Marilyn Martin West
- 4th Tucker owned by Lori Walker

Oldest Dog

- 1st Peanut owned by Ann Simonovich
- 2nd Ricky owned by Beatrice Ramirez Aceto
- 3rd Katie owned by Weesie Livinghouse
- 4th tie Dexter owned by Bill Gallie
Jules owned by Martha Sands





Youngest Dog

- 1st Louie owned by Barb Dorgan
- 2nd Teddy owned by Betty Baird
- 3rd Jules owned by Martha Sands

Biggest Dog

- 1st Hershey owned by Ann Simunovich
- 2nd Tucker owned by Lori Walker
- 3rd Dexter owned by Bill Gallie

Smallest Dog

- 1st Peanut owned by Ann Simunovich
- 2nd Louie owned by Barb Dorgan
- 3rd Teddy owned by Richard Roberge
- 4th tie Jules owned by Martha Sands
Ricky owned by Beatrice Ramirez Aceto

Longest Dog

- 1st Tucker owned by Lori Walker
- 2nd Hershey owned by Ann Simunovich
- 3rd Dexter owned by Bill Gallie
- 4th Sherlock owned by Larry Falcone

Waggiest Tail

- 1st Sweet Pea owned by Parvin Russell
- 2nd Bentley owned by Yolanda Jones
- 3rd Dexter owned by Bill Gallie
- 4th tie Sherlock owned by Larry Falcone
Ricky owned by Beatrice Ramirez Aceto

Best Barker

- 1st Sweet Pea owned by Sally Russell
- 2nd Ricky owned by Beatrice Ramirez Aceto
- 3rd Duke owned by Gene Martin West
- 4th tie Katie owned by Weesie Livinghouse
Dexter owned by Bill Gallie

Dog That Came the Furthest

- 1st Louie (1511 miles) owned by Barb Dorgan
 - 2nd Bentley (1413miles) owned by Yolanda Jones
 - 3rd Dexter (1364 miles) owned by Bill Gallie
 - 4th Sweet Pea (1260 miles) owned by Sally Russell
- Ribbons to Tucker (1246 miles) owned by Lori Walker; Jules (1069 miles) owned by Martha Sands



A special **THANKS** to all those that made our show a success! Especially Maureen Bell our judge, Dave Selover (Mike), Marilyn Martin and Rasa Chrastina show secretaries. Photos provided by Rasa Chrastina site 354. Last photo here provided by Yolanda Jones.



CELEBRATE

Many celebrants and neighbors had cake and beverages in the Rec Hall February 12th for the Birthday/ Anniversary Party. Photos provided by Dolores Samulski.

February Anniversaries

Jan & Roy Anderson	8
Doug & Janette Henry	14
Joan & Colin Gray	15
Marge & Dave Jones	19
Sally Frechette & George York	19
Lova & Fred Gwin	25
Vicki & Rick Davis	28

August Anniversaries

Shirley & Howie Nelson	4	Betty & Eugene Oates	21
Andrea & Ed Lundin	14	Marilyn & Gene Martin	23
Ron & Chris Dube	16	Harlean & Bob Jordan	27
Donna & Kerry Gonnam	18	Janet & Peter Crich	29
Mary & Morey DePaepe	21	Luanne & Don Gogolin	29



Celebrating: L to R Harlean & Bob Jordan, Don & Luanne Gogolin, Marge & Dave Jones, Jan & Roy Anderson, Kerry & Donna Gonnam, Ron & Chris Dube, Gene & Marilyn Martin



February Birthdays

Diane Brigham	1	Duane Dosson	5	Gene Anderson	10	Ken Lepinski	17
Gene Cournoyer	3	Doris Fisher	5	Brad Lilly	12	Carol Burpee	19
Ray Dominici	3	Crista Ziegler	5	Ken Rabbers	15	Lavern Hill	19
Jean Spondike	3	Mags Salahub	5	Sheila Bengler	15	Don Wetter	23
Audre Fellows	4	Jack Holmes	7	Betty Dominici	17	John Carey	24

August Birthdays

John Nelson	1	Dave Skiver	8	Freeman Grout	16	Betty Sagdalen	20
William Hicks	3	Marcy Chabot	10	Priscilla Phelps	16	Bill Southward	20
Clarence Trachsel	5	Maddy Trimby	15	Barbara Dorgan	16	Ric Kent	21
Dave Jones	7	Sheiler Bengler	15	Joyce Watson	19	Chris Hill	2
Mary DePaepe	8						

Celebrating Birthdays:

Front L to R: Chris Hill, Gene Cournoyer, Doris Fisher, Marilyn Martin, Mags Salahub, Maddy Trimby & Sheila Bengler. Back L to R: Lavern Hill, Ken Rabbers, Dave Jones, John Carrey, Freeman Grout, Ken Lepinski, Diane Brigham, Jack Holmes & Christa Ziegler



YOU ARE INVITED

to attend and to celebrate your birthday or anniversary OR to celebrate with your friends and neighbors as they celebrate theirs. The Birthday and Anniversary Party happens on the second Tuesday of the month, from November through April.

ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW ~ March 24th from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Rec Hall

An **EXHIBITION** of projects created by the many talented crafters in our Resort! View and discuss projects completed by your neighbors. Signup Sheets for courses or sessions for next season may be available from many of the crafters. *Includes displays of but not limited to: Stained Glass/Fusing, Wood projects, Sewing/Quilting, Cards, Painting, Knitting/Crocheting, Swedish Weaving, Beading*

Crafters: please contact Dick Lang, Site #544, 941.412.882 or 603.731.8273 Or Complete the Request for Table/Display Space Form in the Lounge and return it to Dick no later than March 20th ~ Set up time for Crafters is 10 a.m. – 11 on Sunday, March 24th.



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Senior Games Pickleball ~ Note & Photos Provided By: Sheila Fagan

The Advanced Division of Senior Pickleball Games proved to be a hotly contested event this year. The top four finishers emerging from a field of sixteen were: Todd Elmer, Mike Flammini, Tommy Ledin and Tom Schinbein.

Walking away with the prize ribbons were: Todd Elmer, 1st Place, Tommy Ledin, 2nd Place and Tom Schinbein, 3rd Place because of a tie at second place that resulted in a playoff.



L to R: Officials and line judges: Dick Lang, Tom Hincy and Henry Hengeveld
not pictured: Chuck Genrich



L to R: Scorekeepers: Sandy Olson, Leah Lepinski, and Steve Olson

Special thanks to Scorekeepers: Leah Lepinski, Sandy Olson and Steve Olson. Officials and line judges for the tourney were: Chuck Genrich, Henry Hengeveld, Tom Hincy and Dick Lang.

Dan Sandberg coordinated the event and Ken Lepinski provided scoresheets. Extra shout out goes to Bea Aceto for her generous donation; picking up and delivering food for all the advanced players and spectators. Every time we have one of these contests the organization and therefore the people behind the scenes, especially the spouses of the organizers and athletes that contribute to the success of the event increases

exponentially! Thank you to everyone who carried in coolers and water, chairs and other equipment; you had a hand in the success of all three division contests: Intermediate, Intermediate Advanced and Advanced.



Top 4 L to R: Todd Elmer, Tommy Ledin,
Tom Schinbein & Mike Flammini



L to R: Tom Schinbein, 3rd PL; Tommy Ledin, 2nd PL
& Todd Elmer. 1st PL

L.O.V.S. FASHION SHOW

The *Ladies of Venice Shrine* will be holding a luncheon fashion show on Wed., March 20th at 11 a.m. at Hotel Venezia in Venice

Fashions are by Down Island Way Boutique

Tickets are \$30

It's our annual fundraiser for the Children @ Shriners Hospital in Tampa.

Call Sona Moore 941-483-9283 for Reservations. Deadline is March 10th.

