



# ALUMS, Inc.

Celebrating 46 Years

APRIL 2026

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MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETING – APRIL 24, 2026

## President's Corner-

Happy Spring,

The flowers and trees are blooming and showing us, Nature's wonders. Flowers tend to make us smile and feel happy. They are like food for the soul.

Spring is a time when Jews and Christians celebrate two important religious holidays, Passover and Easter. We gather with family and friends to celebrate and remember the sacrifices made by those in the past.

I am looking forward to our annual Spring fashion show. Our models are ready to show off the clothing from Patchington's in Venice. Raffles and gifts will be a part of this event.

Our April luncheon will be the installation of the 2026-27 board. There is still one critical position that needs to be filled, VP Programs. More than one member can share this position. The previous officers will help you.

I won't be there in April, since I will be cruising in the Med. This trip has been on hold, since my husband had a kidney transplant, and the doctors wouldn't allow him to leave the country for a year. Thank God, he is doing well and we look forward to this trip.

Cheryl Nespore and Carol Seltzer will run the luncheon, and I am sure that they will do an excellent job.

I wish you all a Happy Passover and Easter. See you in May.

Keep smiling, be kind, and smell the fragrant flowers.

**Emily**



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<http://alumsincsarasota.com>

ALUMS, Inc. of Sarasota



## OFFICERS

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## STANDING COMMITTEES

<b>Historian/ Photographer</b>	Ardith Stansell 941-552-8236 aastansell@comcast.net
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## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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Fashion Show	Brenda Roningn 941-400-7463 broningn@comcast.net
New Member Reception	Cheryl Nespor 941-356-5050 cherylnespor8@gmail.com
Pot of Gold	Janet Poddick 941-355-6965 jbpoddick1@verizon.net
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**APRIL PROGRAM  
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS  
ALUMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
2026/2027**

**OFFICERS:**

President - Emily Leuck  
1<sup>st</sup> VP Membership – Cheryl Nespor  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP Programs – **TBD**  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Luncheons - Barbara Marinan &  
Charlotte Zurn  
Recording Secretary – Roni Belmont  
Corresponding Secretary – Terry Passarelli  
Treasurer - Ardith Stansell  
Board Advisor - Carol Seltzer &  
Marianne Lauria

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Historian/Photographer – Brenda Tibbet  
Hospitality – Linda Gesko  
Luncheon Reservations – Mary Evans  
Name Tags & Table Numbers – Madlyn Neely  
Newsletter – Kathy Shambe  
Social – Cheryl Laird & Anna Walsh  
Special Interests – Stephanie Beriault  
Website – Donna Cencer

## CARING AND SHARING

The Community Service Committee presented three organizations to the Alums Board for consideration for this year's annual donation to a carefully selected non-profit organization. We decided to give to all three and they are as follows:

### **ALL STAR CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION -**

As youth approach aging out of foster care, they face one of the most vulnerable and uncertain transitions of their lives. In partnership with the Safe Children Coalition, All Star's Assessment & Life Skills Center helps teens build essential independent living skills in a real home; learning to cook, manage daily routines, budget, communicate, and advocate for themselves. These real-life experiences help them leave foster care not just by surviving, but by being prepared, confident, and ready for what comes next. Funding from the Alum's group would directly benefit this program.

### **STREETS OF PARADISE –**

In February 2018, Streets of Paradise officially became a 501(c)(3) which allowed it by 2019, to help people who were being re-housed into empty spaces—no bed to sleep on, no table to eat at, no lamp to light the room. And so, our Street to Home initiative was born. We secured a climate-controlled warehouse and began collecting furniture and household essentials. Since then, we've transformed thousands of empty units into warm, welcoming homes—because we believe four walls don't make a home. Dignity does. Comfort does. Beauty does.

### **THE TWIG (The Way to Inspire and Give) –**

In May 2016, The Twig opened its first storefront in Venice—a bright, welcoming space where children in foster care could shop for clothing at no cost in an environment created just for them. That first year, The Twig served 466 children and quickly became a trusted resource for foster families in the community.

As needs grew, The Twig expanded programs and partnerships. Shopping Days increased, a mobile unit began visiting group homes, **TwigBox** launched to support youth aging out of care, and community education efforts grew to equip more people to serve the foster care community.

In 2021, The Twig opened a second location in Bradenton, extending services across the Gulf Coast. Additional programs followed, including **Twig Tribe**, which supports family-made arrangements by offering connection, encouragement, and resources to caregivers providing kinship-style care.

## **SPECIAL INTERESTS**

Bridge	Janet Lady 941-228-5637 jlady101@aol.com
Men's Slo Pitch Softball	Bill Welch 941-313-6584 randbwelch@verizon.net
Hand & Foot Ladies	Nancy Clark 941-685-2717 clark4671@verizon.net
Men's Luncheon	Gary Olson 941-346-0378 govideoman@aol.com
Out to Lunch Bunch	Bridgit Campbell 248-766-5524 bridgit1958@gmail.com
Stamping Class	Terry Dell'Amico 570-351-7453 teelee9@verizon.net
Ladies' Golf	Joan Magiet 516-850-9686 journals@aol.com
Mah Jong	Joan Magiet 516-850-9686 journals@aol.com

### **BRIDGE**

**2nd Tuesdays  
12 noon**

**April 14**

**Janet Lady  
jlady101@aol.com  
941-228-5637**

### **LADIES HAND & FOOT**

#### **Hand & Foot Canasta**

**Group meets at Heritage Oaks Country Club, Little Oaks Room on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays. Gather at 9:45 - Game begins at 10:00 followed by lunch. Afternoon group gather at 11:30 for lunch followed by game thereafter. \$1 donation for holiday luncheon.**

**Nancy Clark  
941-685-2717.**

A note from **Joan Magiet -**

Please contact her by phone or text at **516 850-9686**

if you would like to play mah jong or golf once a month.

### **MEN'S LUNCHEON**

**GECKO'S GRILL & PUB  
5585 Palmer Crossing Circle  
Sarasota, FL  
941-923-6061**

**April 15**

**Gary Olson  
govideoman@aol.com  
941-346-0378**

### **STAMPING CLASS**

#### **TERRY'S CARD CLASS**

**Classes 3rd and 4th Mondays at 1 pm**

**At the home of  
Terry Dell'Amico**

**Terry at teelee9@verizon.net**



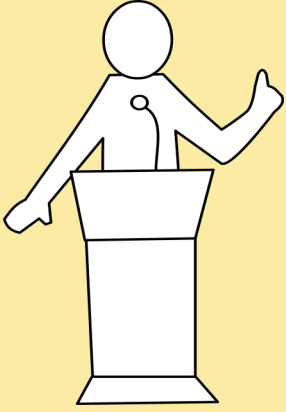
*Exciting*  
**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

- Happy Hour Honey's - April 3**
- Gloria's Gals - April 7**
- Sarasota Pops - April 11  
(Ed Smith Stadium)**
- Bridge - April 14**
- Alums Board Meeting - April 16**
- Stamping Class - April 21 & 28**
- Luncheon - April 24**

Deadline for May  
Newsletter  
April 7th **PLEASE**  
Send articles to:  
**Kathy Shambe**  
  
**[kmshambe@gmail.com](mailto:kmshambe@gmail.com)**

**FUTURE LUNCHEON  
DATES:**

Apr. 24, 2026 Tara CC  
May 22, 2026 Tara CC




**ALUMS  
BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, April 16  
10 AM**

**DER DUTCHMAN**

**GLORIA'S GALS**

**GECKO'S FRUITVILLE**

**351 N. CATTLEMEN RD.  
SARASOTA**

**TUESDAY APRIL 7 11:30 A.M.**

**ENJOY SOUPS, SALADS, FLATBREADS,  
WRAPS AND BOWLS**

**PLEASE CALL BRIDGIT CAMPBELL AT  
248-766-5524 TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT**



# HAPPY HOUR HONEY'S

## SEASON'S 52 AT UTC

APRIL 3

4-6 PM

LET BRIDGIT KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING  
248-766-5524



SLOW-ROASTED  
MEATBALLS

12.5 | 580 cal

ADD



AVOCADO TOAST

Season's 52  
FRESH GRILL | WINE BAR

### HAPPY HOUR

SARASOTA



GRILLED ARTICHOKE  
WITH PRESERVED ...

14.5 | 580 cal

ADD



LUMP CRAB AND

# DIRECTORY UPDATES

**DIRECTORY ADDITIONS:  
PLEASE POST IN DIRECTORY UPDATE**

**NEW MEMBER:**  
 Lenore Watras  
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 Osprey, FL 34229 Rivendell  
 snowy1066@usa.com

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**CAROL SELTZER**  
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**MARY EVANS**  
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**JOAN SHERIDAN**  
 jtslc@prodigy.net

**HELEN LIMARZI**  
 helenslimarzi@gmail.com

**DONATIONS TO  
RESURRECTION HOUSE**

Please remember to donate small hotel-size bottles of shampoo and toothpaste, those amenities we get while traveling. **Each month a basket for collecting these donations will be available near the 50-50 desk.**



Katherin Covucci	Apr	3
Jeanne Laabs	Apr	6
Sharon Bie	Apr	10
Kathy Shambe	Apr	11
Mary Evans	Apr	13
Carol Ann Stares	Apr	18
Pamela Bidwell	Apr	20
Joyce Tricarico	Apr	20
Carolyn Winter	Apr	21
Sandra Waller	Apr	23
Nancy Clark	Apr	28

**Thinking of You**

If you know anyone who is ill, or has a spouse who is ill, or has a death in the family, or just needs encouragement for whatever reason and could use a card, please call or email:

**Terry Passarelli**  
 941-727-5428  
 annielab12@gmail.com





**FEBRUARY 2026 LUNCHEON**



