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## Good Day, Barefoot Bay!



### Barefoot Bay Trustee (Vote For 2)

Candidate	Total Votes	% Votes
Elaine M. VanBerschot	913	39.7%
Jeffrey Grunow	911	39.7%
Luann E. Henderson	473	20.6%
		100% of precincts reporting

This is a positive result for Barefoot Bay as we move forward into 2024. Jeff Grunow will remain on the current BOT and Elaine VanBerschot will join the BOT in January. Elaine will serve a three year term, due to her two vote winning margin. Jeff will get to do this again in two years. We would like to thank Luann for stepping up and volunteering to run for office. Her challenge gave us options and that's important when choosing who will direct our community under difficult circumstances next year.

## The Investigation into Collusion Continues...

By Rob Allan

A month has passed since we published our story regarding the collusion between a few Trustees and two senior managers to eliminate our Community Manager, Kent Cichon. I'm happy to report that Kent is still here, and the managers allegedly involved in this conspiracy are no longer employed by Barefoot Bay Recreation District (BBRD). One of the managers had been terminated, and the other manager quit the day before The Tattler story was published. A current senior manager says the situation among staff is "improving." Good. We don't need subversives working against our Community Manager (CM) when they're supposed to work for Barefoot Bay.

The three Trustees still sit on the Board of Trustees (BOT). None resigned, probably hoping to avoid appearing guilty. They also did not respond to last month's article in The Tattler. They didn't ask for a retraction or send a letter explaining their actions. Naturally, they don't owe The Tattler any explanation and apparently didn't have any complaints about what was written. The evidence of Sunshine Law violations is weak. There is no video, only a first-hand account of someone we trust. There may never be a "smoking gun," but we'll continue to point out impropriety when we see it.

There is a disconnect between what some Trustees believe is their duty and what their actual obligations entail as a Trustee. Most Trustees are new when they are elected to the BOT. Few have the level of experience that Joe Klosky has, though he never learned or cared about his actual responsibilities. Joe was always trying to fight for the little guy and getting ahead of himself with regard to what you can and can't do as a Trustee. This same disconnect applies to homeowners, as well. This may surprise many, but the Trustees are not your advocates, individually or as a group. Yes, you can ask them for help, and you should bring matters of public interest to their attention. You should inform the Trustees of your concerns via email, in conversations around the Bay, and at public meetings. But you need to realize what the Trustees can do is limited.

Should you contact a Trustee regarding a complaint, The Trustees should tell you who you should contact, whether that be the golf pro, Property Maintenance, F&B, etc. If the resident suggests they have taken that route unsuccessfully, the Trustee needs to direct them to the Community Manager. At no point should a Trustee reach out to an individual manager on behalf of any resident or employee. Trustees are not your champion. They cannot "fix" your problem. The BOT Treasurer and Secretary have discussions with Finance and the District Clerk as part of their responsibility. Other than that, Trustees should never discuss policy or complaints directly with a manager other than the Community Manager, the Trustee's only contact with BBRD. If something needs to be brought before the entire Board, each Trustee can request adding an item to the Board's agenda (i.e., resident complaints about fees in June).

Trustees are not elected to sway the Board or pursue a particular agenda for any employee, manager, or group of homeowners. They are elected to protect the assets of BBRD, make policy changes when needed, and approve the budget. These are done to maintain our assets and make rules that benefit the majority of our community. For instance, most homeowners would love to see our taxes decrease, but the Trustees are not elected to reduce fees or

eliminate assets. The recent complaints regarding fees are an example where a large group complained about the fees, and the BOT dealt with the issue at a BOT meeting. They did not act for those who wanted fees to go down but worked to make some adjustments while balancing a challenging budget. Homeowners often suggest to Trustees we sell the beach or the golf course, thinking our taxes will go down. Maybe so, but so would the value of our homes, something a Trustee should never support. Please take your complaints to the correct manager and not a Trustee, and please don't expect Trustees to cut your taxes while still maintaining our current services and assets.

We have made numerous Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests from BBRD. We have received several documents, including emails from one FOIA request, showing trustees advocating for homeowners with individual department heads. These Trustees are given a one-time pass since we doubt they ever contemplated that advocating for homeowners was not their responsibility. Imagine five Trustees calling/emailing/visiting different department heads to ask for action or responses to resident complaints, most often addressed to all five Trustees.

There's a reason that Trustees never respond to an email by replying to "all." Too often, these emails can lead to communications between Trustees outside of the Sunshine and become conduits for information to flow between Trustees. Trustees need to follow the Organizational Chart (see page 8), which shows their contact as the Community Manager. If they get an email regarding an issue, they should forward it to the department head and the Community Manager. Other than saying thank you for bringing this to their attention, the Trustee should allow BBRD to do its job. If the complaint persists, the Trustee can discuss it directly with the Community Manager, their only contact with BBRD and someone who understands the Sunshine Laws. If the Trustee feels it is worthy of Board action, they can request the BOT add the concern to the Agenda. This is how all Trustees should handle complaints by homeowners.

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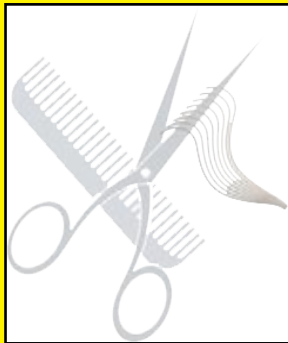
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The Tattler has requested a variety of documentation from BBRD. The first of these documents were provided in the past few weeks. Have we received everything requested? Not yet, and BBRD is requesting hundreds of dollars in fees for some of the records requested. There is also an issue with the BBRD phone companies being unable to tell us what was deleted from government-issued phones. Frustrating.

The first “innocent” responses to my FOIA requests remind me of my first few months on the Board of Trustees and a mistake I made as a Trustee. Trustee Ann Hansen, at the October 12 meeting, was seen texting during the meeting. We requested a copy of the text. Ann had texted Jason Pierman, our primary contact with Special District Services (SDS). This company provides candidates and employs our Community Manager, Kent Cichon, and Jason was present at that October 12 meeting. We don’t have any more context regarding her text, but we assume she wanted to discuss a review of the Community Manager, seeing as she had added it to the agenda for that meeting. Besides the impropriety of texting during a BOT meeting, Ann had no business contacting SDS for any reason without the explicit knowledge and approval of the BOT. We can’t have Trustees acting as unauthorized agents of BBRD and requesting responses, documents, etc., from our vendors. That’s not their job! We also can’t have Trustees randomly calling the Attorney, SDS, or the local liquor distributor since it exceeds their authority and could result in additional fees/charges to BBRD. If the entire BOT approves, based on a discussion of the pertinent facts at a meeting, then and only then would a Trustee have that authority. Without that approval, it’s just a Trustee going “rogue”.

In 2007, I learned a valuable lesson when I went “rogue” as a Trustee. The CM had purchased a liquor inventory management system for the lounge and 19th Hole. The BOT found out after the fact, and the purchase price was discussed. Per the CM, the purchase price was less than \$25,000 and was not subject to the requirement that new capital purchases be put out for a vote of the homeowners. I didn’t believe the CM regarding the purchase price and took it upon myself to investigate, contacting the vendor and requesting documentation. At another BOT meeting, I presented the documentation showing that the cost of the system was over \$25,000 and that the total price had been split between two separate invoices, proving the CM had lied to the BOT. The CM had her supporters on that BOT, and I was vilified for having contacted a vendor without approval and was officially censured by the BOT, the only BBRD Trustee to be censured ever. I promptly left that meeting, feeling unreasonably censured, but returned for the next meeting. I had proven the CM lied and would not let the censure force me to resign. I understood why the BOT must sanction those efforts, and as a Trustee, I accept that. Had I tried to get approval, the CM’s supporters would have stopped me anyway. If you’re wondering about those liquor systems, they were pulled out by the District a few years later, the total expense being a waste of taxpayer dollars.

We intend to continue to dig for information regarding the collusion to fire Kent Cichon. There may or may not be evidence of that collusion. The Tattler is waiting on additional documentation from BBRD, videos, and specifically, the emails and text messages of one of the managers involved in the collusion against Kent Cichon. It’s been reported that this manager was asked for their government-issued phone by a representative of BBRD, refused to provide it, and eventually dropped it off two days later. We are attempting to get records showing if any text messages or emails have been deleted. BBRD is asking The Tattler to pay \$900 for six hours of IT time to recover these lost emails. If you are interested in seeing this investigation continue and can help us offset these costs, please email us at [tattlermedia@gmail.com](mailto:tattlermedia@gmail.com). In the meantime, we will continue to make requests and post information of interest regarding our Trustees.



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**Sunday, December 3rd**, the holiday kick-off event will be a Christmas market craft show in Building A from 10 am to 3 pm featuring a host of crafters. There will be unique gift items for sale to please you and everyone on your list. Set-up will begin at 8 am. If you are baking cookies for the celebration after the parade, please deliver them to Building A between 9 am and 4 pm. Raffle tickets will be pulled at 2:30 pm, and the winning sharing (50/50) ticket will be pulled at 2:45 pm.

The **18th Annual Christmas Parade** entries will begin to line up at 4:30 pm at the Golf Course, and the parade will start at 5:30 pm. It will roll down the Boulevard to Building A. There will be bands and an appearance by Mr. and Mrs. Claus. It's always amazing to see how creative our residents are as they decorate their golf carts, floats, and vehicles each year. All entries are reviewed by the judges, and prizes will be awarded. You must register in advance by calling Joe Klosky at 570-280-6371, stopping by, or calling the CVO office.

Christmas is a time for giving, especially to those who are going through difficult times. Elves will be pushing shopping carts along the parade route to collect non-perishable food items for the First Baptist Church's food bank.

After the parade, there will be a lighting ceremony and celebration in Building A, offering up Christmas treats and music by Barefoot Bay Open Mic Club starting at 5:45 pm.

**December 31st – New Year's Eve**, join us for a dinner show tribute to Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. Jeff Granger has been performing his endearing tribute to "Ole Blue Eyes" for more than 20 years. Felix Deneau grew up watching the Dean Martin show and singing along with all of his albums. On several occasions, he even joined Dean on stage at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas. Both have received rave reviews from across the globe.

Festivities will be held in the A Building, with doors opening at 4:30 pm with a cash bar. The cocktail buffet begins at 5:30 pm and includes a champagne toast. The floor show will begin at seven and go to 9 pm. That is early enough to ring in the new year at Lakeside! The CVO will take reservations beginning on December 1st. Tickets are \$55 per person. Reserve early, as a sell-out is expected.

**On January 7th**, we will wrap up the cancer fundraising drive with a Moonlight Golf Cart parade starting at the shopping center, followed by a walk along the path under the oaks. There will be a \$25 entry fee for golf carts and prizes for the best-decorated carts. Donation boxes will be available that night, and all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. Food and beverages will be served, including a specialty drink concocted for the occasion by our bar manager, Shea.

This evening will end the three-month-long fundraising drive that began with a butterfly release in October. That event was a salute to warriors led by Michelle Dolan.

She summoned every bit of her strength to be there that day because she believed that together, we could make a difference. Shortly thereafter, she lost her battle. She showed us how important it is to live life and make every moment count.

Since then, many clubs and individuals have stepped up to make donations by hosting events, challenging friends and family, and simply passing the hat. Funds are being collected at the CVO office. Checks should be made payable to the American Cancer Society. Special shoutout to BFB Golf Cart Club, BFB Bridge Club, Little Theater, Aqua Zumba, Becky Culp, Paul and Mary Weck, Jack and Ann Hanson, Joann Leary, and Ed and Betsy Clark.

**January 21st: Barefoot by the Lake Car Show** Under the Oaks from 11 am to 3 pm. There will be music, food, awards, raffles, vendors, and an art show sponsored by Lagoon Artists. This show is gaining in reputation and popularity, attracting a fabulous array of vehicles. Applications are available in the CVO office. Pre-registration is \$20 and day-of is \$25.

**February 9th and 10th: Barefoot by the Lake – Music, Art, & Food Festival.** Work has been underway for months to make this year's festival the best ever. Mark your calendars and enjoy two days of fun.

The CVO is an all-volunteer organization. We offer a variety of services, including copy/fax, smoke alarms, and house numbers, and provide a source of information for Bay residents. Feel free to stop by the CVO office at 935 Barefoot Blvd Unit #6 or call 772-663-0633 if you have any questions about these or other CVO activities. Our office hours are 10 am to 2 pm, Monday through Friday.

Looking forward to seeing everyone out and about in the Bay!

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# Answer Nurse

A monthly column to help answer your home care questions

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**Q:** Caring for my elderly parents falls on me and another sibling, leaving our two other siblings doing nothing—they always have “more important” things to do. My one sister and I have accepted this, except around the holidays; we could really use the extra help then. Any suggestions?

**A:** Dealing with family, particularly around the holidays, can be stressful. And when you add in caring for your parents, it’s quadruple that. A good place to start would be to set up a meeting in person or via Zoom. Be sure to have a set of talking points and be clear on what your main objective is: do you want help for one day? One week? One month? Also, provide a visual timeline that clearly shows all the time you and your other sibling have been caring for your parents. In a sense, you should approach it almost like you would a business meeting because that will help minimize charged emotions. If that meeting does not go well, consider inviting a mental health counselor qualified in family dynamics to participate in a follow-up meeting as a mediator.

**Q:** My wife’s a caregiver, and during the holidays, a time when she used to be extra happy, she’s gotten less and less so due to the stress of her job. Is there anything I can suggest for her to do to lessen the stress?

**A:** Caregiver burnout is a real thing. Below are some tips to help prevent this from happening (paste it on the fridge so your wife can read it every day).

**Tips for Caregivers During the Holidays**

1. Practice self-love – and keep it simple: ‘Practice self-love’ may sound corny, but it’s imperative to take care of your physical and mental health. You’re not only helping yourself but improving the quality of care for those who depend on you. So, make sure you take time for yourself. This could mean doing things as simple as setting aside enough time to savor your cup of coffee in the morning and carving out time to take a daily walk outside, enjoy nature, and make your body smile.

2. Start a new tradition: Sometimes, our old traditions just don’t fit our current lives. Give yourself permission to create new traditions. For example, if you’re extra sleep-deprived this holiday season, instead of hosting your annual Christmas party, ask everyone to meet out somewhere, maybe a favorite restaurant, for a casual get-together.

3. You can ask for help: It’s okay to ask others for help when you’re feeling wiped out. As a caregiver, it can be difficult to do, but remember the way you can perform your job optimally is by feeling your best.

4. Stay positive: Practice positive affirmations. You can create your own or Google ‘positive affirmations,’ and a gazillion websites will pop up. Practicing these a few times a day, beginning in the morning, can make a small but significant difference in feeling more upbeat.

5. Practice self-care: Now is a good time to splurge a little – on yourself. Get a massage or pedicure, or whatever it is that feels like a treat to you.

6. Connect with caregivers: Connecting with fellow caregivers is extremely important and therapeutic. They’ll be able to identify and empathize with any travails you’re having at work and emotions you carry over from work.

**Q:** As a caregiver, I’ve found that around the holidays, many of my patients start to become more stressed and start asking a lot of questions about services I don’t have the answers for. Do you know of any reputable resources geared toward elder care?

**A:** The Florida Department of Elder Affairs operates numerous community-based services that focus on the well-being, safety, and independence of Florida’s seniors. Information on these services, including the Adult Care Food Program, Community Care for the Elderly, the Senior Companion Program, and more, can be accessed via the Elder Helpline. You can reach them by calling (800-963-5337) or visit elderaffairs.org.

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# Submissions, Please.

By Rob Allan

We hope you like our changes to The Tattler and appreciate the quality content provided in each issue. But we don't do it alone. We have dozens of submissions in every issue of The Tattler from various clubs, groups, churches, our regular columnists, members of the Board of Trustees, and the occasional feature writer. We thank you for all those submissions, but... we need your help.

We have asked everyone to send their submissions through our official website, TattlerMedia.com/submissions. Each submission requires you to click on a few drop-down menus and add some basic contact info. Then, you can drag and paste (or type) your submission. We accept document files and pictures in a variety of formats. Using the Submissions page, we can collect everyone's news easily and always have the most current contact information for your groups and clubs, which can change frequently. We ask submissions to be approximately 300 words or less for club and church news.

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**A Word From Your  
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 Bruce Amoss

**Bot Happenings...**  
**October 17th Budget Kickoff/Town Hall meeting.**  
 A good turnout attended this meeting. Mr. Cichon provided a PowerPoint presentation overview of the FY25 budget development and FY25-29 Capital Improvement Project Plan. Residents made many points and asked many questions. Some of the items were a discussion on ADA compliance. A question about priority lists for capital projects was asked, and it was answered that there are priorities. Many things were brought up. Some were answered as well as they could be, and some questions called for more investigation. For a full list, review the minutes on the bbrd.org website or watch the video.

**November 9th BOT meeting...**  
 A Proclamation was read and given to the Veterans group proclaiming November 11th, 2023, to be designated as Veterans Day in Barefoot Bay Recreation District.

The Christmas Parade and Light up the Bay motion for \$1,300 was approved for this year's Christmas Parade on December 3rd.

An exception to Competition and Emergency Purchases was approved for work on the Administration building.

The "sidewalk easement indenture" form for Brevard County was approved with the qualifications to continue with the beach restroom project.

I would like to congratulate and welcome Elaine VanBershot to the board on January 11th for three years and congratulate Jeff Grunow's return for another two years. Thanks to Luann Henderson for running for this election. Total count as of 11/9/2023 06:22 PM: Elaine 915; Jeff Grunow 914; Luann Henderson 474. As you can see, your vote does count and could make a difference!

The next meeting is Thursday, December 14th.

We recommend you join us on Facebook for detailed, up-to-date information and analysis that we simply can not provide in a monthly newspaper. Our Facebook Group home page, The Tattler, tracks approaching storm systems, weather related events and other topics of interest to residents of Barefoot Bay and southern Brevard County. It's also a great place for reader's to comment on the latest issue and provide feedback on what's happening around our community. Join The Tattler on Facebook Groups or use the QR code provided here.



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We want to enhance our Mini Golf Course, aka The Putt Putt Course. This fun game & amenity is located to the right of Bldg A, near the basketball court.

We would like to add to the already existing fun & add turf to the 18-hole mini golf course.

To do this, we need your help. We need to raise \$25,000.00. This would allow us to have the astroturf professionally installed on the entire concrete course. This would be purchased & installed by an outside company that specializes in mini golf turf throughout Florida. We have researched many options, and we believe we have come up with the best options & the best price.

We have a committee that has worked on this. We have the approval of our Community Manager, Kent Cichon, and we also spoke at a BOT meeting. We have their approval to go forward on this project, working with Kent. The cost of this project will be paid by our fundraising efforts. We can do this! There is no budget money for this project, and there is no effect on our amenity fees. This is completely a fundraising project!

Our GOAL is to raise \$25,000 in the next three months, allowing installation of the Turf by February. (sooner if we can raise this money!).

18 Holes on this Mini Golf Course will be offered for sponsorship at a donation of \$1000.00 per hole. This is a one-time donation unless you choose to donate in the future for other possible upgrades.

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The Mini Golf Course offers lots of family fun & is included in our amenities. There is no charge to play mini golf. It's a great feature, and we want to enhance the course with turf to make it more fun, better to play, and safer for all.

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Introduction  
 This section of the annual budget is designed to enhance the reader's understanding of the purpose, goals, objectives, financial inputs, and expected results of expenditures per specific departments. This section coupled with the traditional line-items and overview sections (Fund Analyses and Five-year Financial Model & Capital Improvement Plan) provides a comprehensive conveyance of information regarding the BBRD annual budget as compared to past years' budgets that were limited to current budget and proposed budget numbers.

Listed immediately below is the proposed organization chart of BBRD as related to department with budgeted personnel.

**FY23 Adopted Budget Organizational Chart\***

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        Residents[Barefoot Bay Residents] --> Trustees[Board of Trustees]
        Trustees --> Counsel[General Counsel]
        Trustees --> Manager[Community Manager 1.00 FTE - contracted via SDS]
        Trustees --> Committees[Quasi-Judicial Committees]
        Manager --> Admin[Administration]
        Manager --> ResRel[Resident Relations]
        Manager --> FoodBever[Food & Beverage]
        Manager --> Golf[Golf - Pro Shop 7.05 FTEs]
        Manager --> PropServ[Property Services]
        
        Admin --> DC[District Clerk 2.11 FTEs]
        Admin --> Finance[Finance 3.00 FTEs]
        
        ResRel --> CS[Customer Service 4.40 FTEs]
        ResRel --> DOR[DOR Enforcement 3.40 FTEs]
        ResRel --> CommWatch[Comm. Watch 1.40 FTEs]
        
        FoodBever --> Admin2[Admin. 1.00 FTEs]
        FoodBever --> Lounge[Lounge 6.39 FTEs]
        FoodBever --> 19th[19th Hole 8.94 FTEs]
        FoodBever --> SE[Special Events 5.02 FTEs]
        
        PropServ --> Buildings[Buildings 7.25 FTEs]
        PropServ --> Grounds[Grounds 3.25 FTEs]
        PropServ --> Custodial[Custodial 8.76 FTEs]
        PropServ --> Pools[Pools 13.25 FTEs]
        PropServ --> Recreation[Recreation 1.75 FTEs]
    
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The Veterans Council is proud to announce that on February 24, 2024, the Salute to Veterans will be held in Building A in Barefoot Bay. Tickets for the event will be on sale starting in November. Food, drink, awards, and much more will happen at the Salute to Veterans. So come out and enjoy the Salute to Veterans on February 24, 2024, and award yourself with a great time.

**Veterans Town Hall:** VA Secretary Denis McDonough addressed some of the top questions submitted by Veterans and their families, caregivers, and survivors during a town hall on Nov. 8. Click below to watch or read more detailed answers online!

**Movie Night afternoons at the Veterans Service Office:** We are having movies on Wednesday at 2 pm or 1400. We have many movies to show on the big screen! Look for what will be playing in the Peek of the Week at the Barefoot Bay Veterans Service Office. Movies, popcorn, and snacks are at 2 pm at the Veterans Service Office; come on in!

The Veterans Council, American Legion, and American Legion Auxiliary offer free help to Veterans and families in Barefoot Bay, Florida. Also, help with claims and much more. Stop in to see us at 931 Barefoot Blvd. #1 Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 9 am to 12 pm for claims or information. Then, from 1 pm to 4 pm, movies, games, or just friendship are available. To Support us, Patronize the Salute to Veterans on February 24, 2024, Golf Tournament on February 3, 2024, or the Hawaiian Luau April. Proceeds are used to help Veterans.

**The Sandy Labello Golf Tournament** Will be held on February 3rd, 2024. Sky Divers for your enjoyment if the weather permits. More information to come; keep watch on this and the American Legion page for information. All will be in the Tattler. Can't wait to see you at all three events.

**"Reflecting Back" – Military Memories Competition. Your Chance to Win \$250!** Check the VA Newsletter for more information.

**The Hawaiian Luau on April 2024:** Come support the American Legion Auxiliary's event. Hawaiian Dancers will entertain you with Classic Hawaiian Dances. A Hawaiian Dinner will also be served to all guests. Come enjoy the evening; the one held last year was a great success, and most attendees raved about this event.

**Veteran's Month! Enjoy Free Breakfast Coffee at VA:** Veterans can get a free breakfast meal and free coffee from their local VA Canteen on Thursday, Nov. 9, in observance of Veterans Day.

**Burial and Memorial Benefits for Veterans:** Veterans, service members, and their families may be entitled to VA burial benefits to help plan and pay for burial, funeral service, and transportation costs. Learn about end-of-life planning for veterans' benefits.

**Community Care: Who is Eligible and How You Can Access It:** As an eligible Veteran receiving VA health care, you can access private providers if your VA facility doesn't offer a specific service or if you can't get an appointment in a timely manner.

**How Can We Reduce Veteran Suicide?:** You can help VA save the lives of fellow Veterans by providing your input and letting us know your experiences. Visit the link below to share your experiences, concerns, and thoughts about Veteran mental health.

**Disaster Assistance for Veterans and their families:** Should be aware of assistance available to them because of a natural disaster. If you need help determining where to go for care or have questions about the VA resources available to you, please call us at 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411). DHS and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) resources and US government resources contact our office.

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**Hosts and Hostesses:** We are still looking for hosts and Hosts. For "The Veterans Meeting Center". You can also email us at veteranscouncil32976@gmail.com. Our area in the building is like a day room where all can gather, talk, play cards, play games, or read; we have a library for you to look at and people you can talk to.

**Veterans Council Office is at 931 Barefoot Blvd #1 ph-772-663-0645.** If you need a ride to Viera or Palm Bay VA Clinic, contact us on the transportation line at 772-663-0644! Open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to 12 noon and from 1 pm to 4 pm; summer hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9 to 12 and Wednesday, 1300 to 1600 for fun and games and movies from 2 till the movie ends. Note the first Movie night was a big success! But we feel it would work better if we held it in the afternoon at 2 pm. You can request a copy of this in your inbox and send it to your email.

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# Toys for Tots



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The Barefoot Bay Pickleball Club is hosting its annual Toys for Tots Fundraiser Tournament on Saturday, December 16. Last year, over 36 people participated in the event which is open to the community and all skill levels. The "entry fee" is a child's gift, which will be collected at the courts for Toys for Tots. If you would like to participate, please sign up through [www.playtimescheduler.com](http://www.playtimescheduler.com) or come to the courts for a signup sheet. You don't need to be a pickleball player to participate. Come join the fun, watch your friends play, and contribute to a great cause!

Barefoot Bay has partnered with Girl Scouts of Citrus for the benefit of Toys for Tots! Girl Scouts will be collecting new, unwrapped toys during our 12/3 Christmas parade. Be on the lookout for Toys for Tots wagons along the parade route to collect your donations.



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## Scramble Golfers Donate to American Legion



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The Barefoot Bay Sunday Morning Scramble Golfers are a non-profit fundraising group dedicated to supporting children, seniors and veterans within the Barefoot Bay community during the holiday season. You can find us in Facebook groups under Barefoot Bay Sunday Morning Scramble Golfers.



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# The Little Things

This is for everyone, but more so for people like me who are getting older. The longer I live, the more I realize how very unimportant various things that I used to believe were. I sit here on social media, and I see people complaining about this pool being closed or who is talking about whom or why someone is not being written up because their grass is not cut, and the list goes on. I see people making comments where comments are not needed. Sometimes, things are better left unsaid. I drive around in my golf cart and occasionally hear someone yelling at someone from inside a house. Then, one day, I saw an ambulance at my neighbor's house down the street. From that day forward, that home is dark, and the person who used to work in the yard is no longer out there doing that.

I am retired, and my wife still works, so I do most of the cooking in my home. My wife, being Italian from birth, likes to cook with me on weekends. That being said, the kitchen becomes a flurry of activity when she does. Lots of pasta and sauces "gravy" (for those up north), as my wife always says. (She is from New Jersey at some mile marker). It's generally a good day, and we eat too much, and we do a cursory cleaning and go to bed. I get up the next day, and I go to the fridge or the stove or the dishwasher, and there is always a little bit of dried whatever it was we were cooking on the back side of that handle. This used to drive me up the wall as my wife was into her cooking and forgot that she had stuff on her hands when she opened and closed things.

But then I remembered that I saw that ambulance down the street, and I wondered how I would feel if I never felt that dried food on the back of that handle again. So now I

just smile, clean it up, and wait for the next time it happens.

To all, things that seem important are not always so. If you cannot say something good about someone or their post, don't comment. Never assume that you know what someone is thinking. If you read something on social media and feel the need to express yourself negatively, reread what was posted and see if it could mean something different than the way you interpreted it. (We all have done this).

In this crazy world we live in right now, with the high cost of living and the growing unrest about nearly everything, tensions are high. I encourage everyone to stop and take a deep breath, look at the things around you, and be grateful for what you have. No matter how bad you think your situation is, there are others that are worse. See what is really important? Life is short, and that ambulance could be coming for you or, worse, a loved one or dear friend.

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**Balancing Revenue And Expenditures For Our Future**

Balancing a budget is a simple procedure: increase revenues or decrease expenses. We as individuals go through this process as inflation challenges our ability to keep our household afloat. I would encourage our trustees to work with our community manager to have the wisdom to go through the budget process. Understanding that two major factors impede or limit the ability to produce a budget that will deliver the best results for Barefoot Bay.

The unknown effect of the state-mandated Minimum wage increase and the agreement with the County commissioner to cap our fee increases. With respect to this, I would encourage the board to review the agreement with the county commissioner and find a way to satisfy that restriction and, at the same time, increase revenue. My personal view is that this was railroaded by a previous board and should have had more discussion with the commissioner as it has hamstrung the budget process.

I have great respect for our department heads, Community Manager, and trustees to formulate a plan and develop a sound working budget.

Cutting expenses is never a popular position, but one that may have to happen over the next several years. On the other side of the equation, neither the raising of fees nor assessment is a popular position, and it is limited by the agreement with the county on revenue increases.

At the recent Town Hall Meeting for the Budget Kickoff, we had the opportunity to listen to the community manager present the 5-year capital plan. This was presented by the year of anticipated expenditure.

I took the opportunity to accumulate the expenditures by area rather than by year. WHY? Because there may be an opportunity in this, and I recognize that years two and out may change due to unforeseen or unanticipated needs. I am sure that all the expenses shown were, in the minds of the group, a necessity.

For those who did not attend the presentation at the Town Hall Meeting, here is a summary of some of the larger capital expenditures.

- SHOPPING CENTER = \$421,920,
- PRO SHOP/D&E = \$ 46,000,
- SWIMMING POOLS = \$ 162,100,
- LOUNGE = \$ 46,070,
- VETERANS CENTER = \$ 13,605,
- ADMINISTRATION BUILDING \$ 35,600

As I previously stated, balancing a budget takes effort and conviction.

We all need to support our Community Manager and Trustees in their efforts to balance the budget. I would urge each resident to become informed about our community and the budget. If you have suggestions or alternatives, please attend a budget meeting and become involved.

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## Let's Light Up the Bay

It's time to start thinking about decorating your home for the Christmas Holidays.

This is our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Barefoot Bay Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

You must register to be in the Contest.

You can register at the Administration Building Office or the CVO Office or call 570-280-6371.

- Deadline to register will be Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Judging will take place Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Judges will be driving the Bay after 6 pm picking out the best decorated home.

Please make sure your lights are on.

- There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes and more.

So, let's light up the Bay and get into the Christmas Spirit.

Good luck and Happy Holidays!

Joseph Klosky



## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Barefoot Bay Christmas Parade Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 5:30 PM

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**Ending Point:** Community Center, Building A

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**January Issue Deadline - December 15, 2023**  
**January Issue Publishes - December 29, 2023**

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY #366**

The Ladies Auxiliary of Barefoot Bay was proud to march in the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11, 2023, with Rich Hays of the American Legion providing the cadence for our Honor Guard and marchers. Commander Jeff Grunow, Unit 366, led the Veteran's Day ceremony following the march. It was both inspirational and educational. The Golf Cart Club participated in the parade and gave three prizes for the best-decorated carts. The Food and Beverage Department was kind enough to provide hot dogs, cookies, and beverages after the closing ceremony. Thanks to all who participated and all those who attended.

The Auxiliary is in the planning stages for our annual card party, poppy distribution, and our Luau—more information to follow.

The unit will meet as usual on the third Tuesday of the month in Building E at 1 PM. All are welcome.

For God and country,

**Sue Reddy,**  
1st Vice President

**AMERICAN LEGION POST #366**

Barefoot Bay American Legion Post 366 has restarted regular meetings. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 PM in Building D. The next meeting is on December 19. We are still searching for an Adjutant, Historian, and 2nd Vice Commander. At the end of the meeting, we'll be joining the Auxiliary for our annual Christmas party.

Please note the LEGION Act was passed by Congress and signed, removing the "date gaps" in order to join the American Legion. Any member of the military who has served honorably since Pearl Harbor Day (1941) is now eligible to join.

**Jeff Grunow**  
Commander

volunteered their talents in our workshops this past year.

We welcome anyone who is interested in joining our fun Group of Artists. Dues for our group are only 15.00 per year, and we meet on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Friday of each month at 1 P.M. in Bldg. D/E. We have numerous workshops, outings, picnics, tours of other artists, and places that display all types of art. Please contact our President, Dorothy Buchmann, at barefootbluedot@gmail.com if you would like to join our fun Group.

**BAREFOOT BOWLERS**

George created Barefoot Bowlers for people who love to bowl, no matter their ability level! We are looking for people like you to join us on Mondays at 1 in the afternoon at Shore Lanes in Palm Bay.

If you have even the slightest interest, call George at 772-774-9183.

Give us a try!

**Kate Willie**

**BIRDING CLUB**

Greetings, Barefoot Bay Birders. I hope everyone is healthy and well. I have been receiving quite a few rare bird alerts from Brevard and Indian River counties recently. The Indian River Lagoon Preserve and Sebastian River State Parks Have produced some rare pelagic( birds that spend most of their lives at sea ) birds, and the Merritt Island/Canaveral National Seashore are always excellent areas. I should arrive in the Bay in the first week of January for our out-



ing adventures.

The bird of the month is the Piping Plover. A small Plover sand colored on the head and back. Mostly white underneath. A thin, broken black collar with a black stripe across the forehead, orange legs, and a bill with a black tip in the breeding season. It is seen mainly on the high dry side of the beach.

Interested in joining the group for mild hiking adventures or just enjoy birding? I'll add your email to our contact list. Pat Dollard [cdollar1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cdollar1@nycap.rr.com). Enjoy the Holidays.

**BOAT AND FISHING CLUB**

Commodore Steve Johnson opened the regular November meeting of the Barefoot Bay Boat and Fishing Club on Friday, November 10, in Building D&E, with the traditional tapping of the ship's bell.

He asked members to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance, then asked Yeoman Nan Griffin to read the minutes of the previous meeting. Purser Paul Levesque presented the report on the club's treasury before members heard an outline of upcoming club events.

The next event will be the Christmas Luncheon, hosted on Saturday, December 9 from noon to 4 p.m. by Pat and Steven Dylnicki (Building D&E). Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 per member and \$30 for guests. Joe Calautti will provide music for

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**ART GUILD**



Happy Holidays from the Barefoot Bay Art Guild.

It is hard to believe that the start of the 2024 season is almost here. Time sure flies by.

A few other workshops were held in November; Sally Cantwell held a workshop on how to create a seahorse using special acrylic techniques. Bonnie Murphy had a workshop on pouring and swiping to create waves and other special effects.

In December, we plan to have some stimulating workshops. On Dec. 1, Ruth Feldman will hold a workshop on color theory, which should assist everyone in seeing the benefits of color in art. On Dec. 8, we will hold our Holiday party where all artists will design a Christmas card without signing it so everyone can guess who created the card. From December 15th to December 29th, our workshop will involve making signs and projects for the upcoming January 14th Art Show.

Additionally, the Barefoot Bay Art Guild sends out a huge "thank you" to those who



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the event, which last year included a conga line enjoyed by members.

The members also heard a brief report on the club's October Fest, held October 18 at Micco Park. Rear Commodore Mary McGrath said the club had no special event scheduled for November.

Denyce Bensen reported on the Fishing Tournament, planned for January 17 at Barefoot Bay Beach, with an entry fee of \$10 per person. Coffee and pastries are planned for those in attendance. Events in 2024 also include the Champagne Breakfast in February and Cheeseburgers in Paradise in March.

Nan Griffin reported the club welcomed two new members in October, bringing the member list to 93 people.

Jim Rigg gave a detailed report on the status of the beach bathroom project, a project he has worked on since 2016. The establishment of the facilities is currently "in limbo," according to Rigg, with rental fees being paid.

He also told members a workgroup would cut away sea grape plants that are covering the small gazebo/shelter on the walkway to the beach. Rigg and Dennis Kisbert will also make repairs to the step area of the walkway leading to the beach.

Jim and Alice Hale reported on the effort to gather signatures on petitions for the Right to Clean Water project. Florida citizens are attempting to place an amendment to the state constitution on the ballot.

The next regular meeting of the Barefoot Bay Boat and Fishing Club will be held on December 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Building D&E.

Nomination Committee Chairman Jim Hale reported the club is making plans to elect two members of the Executive Board. Elections will take place next month, with new officers taking their seats in 2024. Commodore Steve Johnson and Purser Paul Levesque will continue to serve in the new year. Members interested in being nominated for one of the vacant posts should contact Jim Hale at 618 314 3542.

Contact Jim Hale, public relations, 618 314 3542.

### BRITISH CLUB

Can you believe it's almost December? It's hard to feel like it's almost winter when the weather is so beautiful here.

Our first regular season dinner meeting was held on Tuesday, November 7th with a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner of Turkey and all the fixings with entertainment by Steve Cole. During the meeting portion of the night, we discussed how successful the summer fun nights were and spoke about some of our upcoming events.

We will be collecting Toys for Tots at our December meeting (info below). This year's Ethnic Food Festival is on March 3rd, and the clubs will be having their annual bake sale on January 13th. This bake sale is very important to the festival as this is where we raise the money to purchase the great prizes for the many raffles that we have during the festival. Bake goods, as well as monetary donations, are always welcome! As previously noted, we will be making some new and exciting changes to our booth this year and will be adding new food choices to our table.

Now that we will be moving our monthly dinner meetings to building A, we will be opening our membership again. If you are unsure of joining, please feel free to come to one of our meetings by purchasing a guest ticket. We also want to warmly welcome our new members who signed up over the summer!

The December meeting will be on Tuesday, December 5th, in building A. Dinner will be cranberry glazed pork loin, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, pickled beet salad, and Red Velvet Cake for dessert. Entertainment will be provided by Dynamics. Tickets are \$14.00 for members and \$16.00

for guests. Please contact Bob Dugre no later than Thursday, November 30th, at 772-202-4128.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Cyndie Bourassa

### CANADA CLUB

A chill in the November air makes us anxious to get back to paradise in Barefoot Bay. Hopefully, all members have already returned, or soon will be in the new year. A "Welcome Back Meet & Greet" will be held on Nov 17th in Building D; appetizers will be served with a cash bar. Our December event will be held on Dec 13th back at Building A. Turkey dinner will be served with the band Pushin Time providing dance music. We're all looking forward to a good turnout and an enjoyable evening. We're happy to say the Canada Club will once again participate in the Christmas parade being held on Dec 3rd. Brad Jackson will organize the activities, so be ready to decorate your cart or participate in some capacity.

Looking forward to seeing all members soon.

### CHESS CLUB

Chess Club meets in Building C 8:30 -12:00 every Wednesday. All skill levels are welcome.

On the 1st Wednesday, we offer instruction if you would like to learn or improve. Come join us; you are welcome to come and watch.

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Praise the Lord for continuing to grow Barefoot Bay Christian Women's Club! All the glory goes to the Lord! At the end of each luncheon, we have prayer warriors waiting to help with any who need prayer. We had our largest group of women, yet we continue to grow. As usual, the food was delicious, and the desserts (homemade pies) were great!

Our small choir sang, and we are looking forward to new members joining the choir! If you are interested, please contact Jane at 772-202-4214. Our speaker was Freddi Woodford from Love INC. (Love in the Name of Christ).

This is a ministry that helps people learn to know the Lord and helps them transition from a life they can't manage to one they can. They do this in many ways, including partnering with churches; they now partner with 66 in Brevard County. If you feel you need some help, contact them in Melbourne at 321-253-9542. I was particularly happy to hear Freddi speak, as she is my daughter.

Love INC also has a wonderful thrift shop, Village Thrift, one of the best in the area. The manager, Linda Buckwalter, was also with us and told us a little about the thrift shop. It is located on the corner of Apollo and Sarno in Melbourne. The Christmas luncheon will be absolutely wonderful; those of you who were lucky enough to get your tickets ahead are in for a treat. Unfortunately, we have been sold out for a couple of months!! The Puffers are doing a concert for us.

Hope to see many of you there!! God Bless You!

### COMPUTER CLUB

John Mesler, the Computer Guy, will be the guest speaker at the November 24th meeting of the Computer Club at Building D&E. John will be speaking about Internet Safety and Security. You do not have to be a member of the Computer Club to attend. The evening begins at 6:00 pm with refreshments and a time to get individual help with your Computer or smartphone concerns. The program will begin around 7:00 pm.

We will also discuss our participation in the rehab of the Mini Golf Course, Cancer Drive contributions, and future program ideas for 2024. The next meeting is on Friday, December 22nd. This will be our Christmas Party for club members and their guests. We will begin with a planned potluck meal at 6:00 pm. Ham and table service

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are included, and the members provide the remaining side dishes. This is always a wonderful meal and a great time to enjoy the holiday season.

Call 772-202-4182 to make reservations and to ask, "What can I bring?" January marks our Membership Drive- our memberships are by calendar year. Individual membership is \$10, and a family membership is \$15. Where else can you get individual help with many of your electronic devices, great refreshments, a program of interest, and a really short business meeting each month from September through May, right here in Barefoot Bay?

### CONSERVATIVE CLUB

Hello, Patriots from the BB Conservative Club. Hope this finds you ALL Healthy, Wealthy, and wise, and a special wish from us for peace and prosperity over the upcoming Holidays!!

Want to remind everyone when and where we meet...We are in Bldg. D & E on the 4th Thurs. of every month at 2:30 pm. Nov 30th is our next meeting due to Thanksgiving. Our focus is God, Country, Family & Community. Also, we fully support the Convention of States Action, in addition to proudly having regular Constitution Alive classes being taught by our V.P. Penny Zeilman. The next class is on Nov 29th.

All Americans are Welcome to join us... Many meetings have Guest Speakers who provide interesting topics to enlighten us on many important subjects. Dues are \$10.00 a year which are due by Jan. 1st of each year. Please call or email us (BBConservativeClub@proton.me) for more info or visit our Facebook Page, Barefoot Bay Conservative Club. Hope to see you at our next meeting. Thanks.

Ruthe

### CRAFTERS CLUB

Beginning January 10, 2024, a new group will meet during the Crafter's Group meeting on Wednesday mornings, Bldg A, 9-12 am. We are the Hooks 'n' Needles and will be crocheting and knitting. This is NOT a class; it is just a group of yarn enthusiasts. Come on down and stitch a while.

### DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Welcome to more of our wonderful members escaping from the first snows of this year. All members are invited to our December Holiday Social.

Thank you to each of our volunteers and signees for signatures on the "Right to Clean and Healthy Waters" 2023 bipartisan petitions, which demand clean water in Indian River Lagoon and Florida. We also collected signatures for another 2023 petition initiative for the November 2024 ballot to "Limit Government Interference with Abortion" so that all Florida voters can decide. To date, we have collected 270 clean water and 128 safe abortion petitions.

Only 48% of our 4,800 voters [Precinct 304] voted for the two Barefoot Bay Recreation District nonpartisan seats in this November election. Every vote counts: the apparent top two winners are separated by one vote [ 915 vs. 914 ] at this time! Elaine M. VanBershot won a three-year term, and Jeffery Grunow won a two-year term. Go online to <https://www.votebrevard.gov> or call 321-290-8683 for more information.

If you are a registered Democrat from any state, please join us. Both men and women are welcome! Democratic-leaning Independents are welcome to attend after contacting us. We meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 3:30 pm in Bldg D next to 19th Hole. Please leave a message at 772-252-9679 or email to [dwcbbay@gmail.com](mailto:dwcbbay@gmail.com).

### EUCHRE CLUB

Come join our fun group playing Euchre on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:30 PM in Bldg. D/E at the golf course. Come by yourself or with others; please arrive about 10

minutes ahead of start time.

We will NOT have Euchre on December 20, but all other Wednesdays are okay.

### GARDEN CLUB

Happy Holidays! The Barefoot Bay Garden Club is holding its Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 13th, between 11 and 1 pm in Building D&E. The menu is set with signups for side dishes. For those who are interested, bring a grab bag for a gift exchange. Most importantly, remember to bring donations for our annual Food Pantry Drive.

### GERMAN CLUB

And just like that, the Christmas season is upon us again. The German club will be celebrating Christmas with their monthly meeting on Dec. 19, 2023. We will be meeting in Bldg. "A" with Happy Hour starting at 5:00 p.m. A brief meeting will be held at 5:30, followed by a Prime Rib dinner prepared by R.J.'s. Members will be charged \$17.00 for their tickets. Please contact Vivian Norton at 772-202-4686 to reserve your tickets. NOTE: NO tickets will be sold after Dec. 13, 2023. Entertainment for the evening will be Janice & Rene. If you would like to bring a card or dice game to share with your table, please feel free to do so.

If you have not already, you can pay your dues. Debbie will have a table set up to collect dues. Remember, with your dues payment, you will receive five raffle tickets to the Ethnic Festival held on March 3, 2024.

### SAVE THE DATE:

Jan. 13, 2024, is the Ethnic Festival Bake sale. We ask all our members to either donate a baked item or a cash donation. Cash donations will be received at the meetings.

Jan. 26, 2024, Jerry and the Dolls will be entertaining us with their Sock Hop. This event is open to the public. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with a cash bar. You are welcome to bring table snacks to share. Entertainment will start at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00.

March 3, 2024, is the Ethnic Festival in Building "A" from 10:00 - 3:00. We will have a few committees to help with the required work that is involved. Please be willing to help for an hour to help make this event a success.

March 26, 2024: Bus trip to Hollerbach's German Restaurant in Sanford, FL. The bus will depart the Bay at 3:30 p.m. A "Family Style" German meal will be served. Tickets will be \$65.00 per person. This includes a bus ride, your meal, and a tip to the bus driver and servers at the restaurant. Contact Kathy Ford at 309/635-0300 for more information and to reserve a seat.

Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

God Bless All

Kathy Ford

### GRANT HISTORICAL HOUSE

The Grant Historical House will be open for Christmas Open House Dec. 1st - 3rd. Tours of the house will be available, home-baked goodies will be for sale, and hand-made crafts will be on sale. Hours for the 1st and 2nd are 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. On Sunday, the hours are 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM. As you sip hot cider or hot chocolate, you can enjoy a group playing Christmas Carols and listen to them being sung. You can help decorate the outdoor tree by placing an ornament and then visiting with Santa. Join the fun with your neighbors and friends.

The Grant Historical House is located at 5795 US 1, Grant. FL Phone 321-723-8543

### GREEN THUMB CLUB

Our November meeting was well attended. Plants and seeds were shared.

December 2nd will be our next meeting at 9:00 next to the greenhouse off Dotti Road.

Vice President Mary Smythe will be collecting \$10.00 club dues.

Bring a check or cash.

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Dessert and coffee will be provided. We have one garden available. If interested, please contact Val Abbate. Val Abbate President 631-495-4703 Facebook page: Barefoot Bay Green Thumb Gardening Club

**ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB**

I'd like to welcome back all our seasonal members. We look forward to seeing you at our events and meetings. On October 25th, we had our first meeting of the season. The dinner was a "potluck," and I want to tell you it was an international buffet. Thank all you members who provided a fantastic dinner. We welcomed 13 new members during our October meeting. It's always a special time to meet new folks and celebrate their membership in the club. On December 9, in building A, at 5:00 PM, we will have our annual Christmas Party. The dinner will be catered to Pot Roast. The tickets are \$20 for members and \$23 for guests. Many bought tickets at October's meeting. If you need tickets, please call Marge Tabai at 772-664-1170 to make arrangements for your tickets. This is also the meeting in which we bring new unwrapped toys for the local children here in the Bay. Last year, we decided not to participate in any county-wide toy distribution programs, knowing that we have children with needs right here in the Bay. As the seasonal holidays approach, The Italian American club would like to wish all Barefoot Bay families a safe and healthy season.

We are looking forward to an exciting new year. Stay tuned for a very special event in February 2024.

Ron Fashano/President

**LINE DANCE CLUB**

Learn to line dance to country classics while supporting our local veterans, their families, and the Barefoot Bay Community!

The Barefoot Bay Line Dance Club will meet on Thursday, December 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th at Building A. On Dec 14th, we will have our Christmas party from 9:30 to 11:30. Officers will bring water, plates, and utensils. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share with everyone. The instructor will be Dona Gionet, assisted by Eileen Derrick.

The schedule will be:  
9:30 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. - Absolute beginner step review

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Beginner class with instruction

11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Improver level with open dance and requests.

The cost of each class will be \$5 for Barefoot Bay residents and \$10 for non-residents. Please remember to bring your badge each week. A portion of all monies collected will go to our Veterans at the end of the season.

Hope to see you on the dance floor!  
Joanne Blum President  
Jill Anderson Vice President  
Lyn Simmons Secretary  
Cathy Dugan Treasurer

**LAGOON ARTISANS**

Lagoon Artisans of Barefoot Bay met in November. Key activities included planning for the Holiday show on November 25th, reviewing the slate of officers for the December election as presented by Elke Fisher, and routine business. Luncheon followed at the Green Marlin in Vero.

The next show is Sunday, January 21, at Building A, 10 to 3, along with the Car Show outside under the oaks. Refreshments will be served, and a silent auction of original art will be featured. Shows are open to the public. We'd love to see you and show you our work.

December's meeting will be held at the Administration Building conference room on December 13th at 10 am. A holiday luncheon will follow at Sebastian Saltwater, featuring a fun gift exchange.

These activities fulfill our mission to support each other as fine artists while having fun and creating opportunities to show and sell our work. Many members belong to

other art associations and galleries. Creating it is one aspect; selling it is another that takes much effort. At our meetings, we share techniques and skills involved in marketing and selling our products.

We are a volunteer organization and expect our members to chip in and volunteer for activities supporting the promotion and operations of the shows.

Artists interested in exploring the club and meeting the members are invited to attend monthly meetings. LABB also has volunteer opportunities at our shows for folks who would like to engage in the art community but are not necessarily artists wishing to display art. Dues are cheap at \$15 per year. Show fees are \$10 for members.

December's LABB feature photo focuses on placing value on original fine art.

Text me an email address if you wish to join our contact list, attend a meeting, or keep up to date with club events.

Dan Martin, Secretary  
609-432-1059

**MARTINI LEAGUE**



Ladies Tuesday Afternoon Martini League sponsored a raffle to raise money for the purchase of hams and turkeys for the holidays. We raised \$1100 to facilitate this. Pat Moody was the lucky winner. The hams and turkeys will be distributed at the Baptist Church food pantry. Thanks to everyone who bought a chance. The Bay is a very generous community.

**NEW YORK CLUB**

The New York Club held its first meeting of the 2023-2024 season on Thursday, the 9th of November. We had a great time with a potluck dinner provided by the members. The food was plentiful and delicious. We enjoyed the company of 33 returning members and added four new members to our rolls. Our next meeting will be on December 14th at 5 PM in Building D&E. December's dinner will be a turkey catered by Mama Megs. For tickets, \$17.00 per person, please contact Kathleen Murphy at (845-774-6451) by December 7th so that we will have time to notify the caterer.

Anyone who has lived or/is still living in New York is welcome to join us.

**OPEN MIC CLUB**

Hello, music lovers. The Open Mic club would like to thank all of those who attended and donated to our first-ever Cancer fundraiser. Besides the musicians, Charlotte brought her jewelry display out and donated to the cause from every purchase. After the music was played and the jewelry was sold, a total of \$630.00 was raised during our afternoon event. Vice Pres Diane turned the money into the CVO office, and our successful fundraiser was finished. On December 3rd, members of the Open Mic club will sing Christmas carols right after the golf cart parade in Building A. Remember that you can hear us play and sing every Tuesday under the trees at Pool 2 starting at 1:30.

**ORGAN, KEYBOARD AND PIANO CLUB**

The snowbirds are back, and it is time to get together for another season of music.

This year, the sponsors, American Music Instruction, of the '23-'24 season, are offering FREE Easy Play Keyboard classes each Tuesday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am and Buttons and Arranging Classes from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm in Bldg. C. Call to reserve your seat at 561-504-8335.

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In the near future, plans for a winter concert series featuring professional world concert artists will be announced. Music from various types of genres - classical, pop, and country will be performed for audience pleasure.

Everyone enjoyed the fantastic performance by Dennis Awe (Liberace of the Organ) on November 3rd when he entertained our community in Bldg. D & E, live in concert. He has been acclaimed as Keyboard Entertainer of the Year" by Keyboard World Magazine.

Our next meeting will be held on December 6th in Bldg. A at 1:00 pm. This change in date is due to the holidays. Our normal schedule of the 4th Wednesday of the month will resume in January.

If you have any questions, call our President, Rollin Rice, at 802-299-9230.

Keep music in your heart!  
**Barbara Applegate, Secretary**

**PETALS AND PALMS CLUB**

Welcome back, snowbirds like myself. Our next meeting is Wed., Dec. 6 at 10 am in the Adm. building conference room.

We had our initial meeting last Wed. Nov. 8. A very important decision was voted on and approved by the attending members: we are relinquishing our annual cleanup of the front entrance of the softball field; due to our limitations, more and more of our members are able to carry out this work. Gerry Armstrong, President of the Softball league and volunteer softball player, will take over the responsibility of cleaning up everywhere on the field, including the front area we did for 16 (!) years. Thank you, Gerry, for offering to take over this project.

We also voted to sponsor a hole at the Veterans golf tournament in January, as we have done for the past two years.

See you on Dec. 6.  
**Jo-Anne Stukas**

**PINOCHLE CLUB**

On Friday evenings, we play double-deck pinochle in the Card Room, Bldg. C, next to Bldg. A. Play begins at 6:30 PM, but arrive about 10 minutes before start time. Come by yourself or with others! We will NOT be playing on the evening of December 15, but all other dates are okay.

If you have any questions, contact Lois at 772 664 1199.

**POLISH CLUB**

Welcome! Our next meeting will be Dec. 12, 2023 @ Bldg. D&E. This will also be our Christmas party.

Our menu will be pot roast, mashed potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, carrot blend, salad with Greek dressing, rolls and butter, and, for dessert, cherry cheesecake. The price is \$14.00; for reservations, please call Barbara Fry at 772-631-2365 no later than Dec. 8, 2023.

Please bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

Anyone interested in participating in the Christmas Parade on Dec. 3, 2023, please call 772-631-2365 no later than 11. 30, 2023.

I will be giving out Ethnic Festival tickets and collecting membership dues for \$10.00.

Our Ethnic Bake sale will be held in January 2024. More information will be available in December.

Looking forward to seeing everyone. I hope everyone has a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

God bless everyone.  
**Joseph Klosky**  
 President

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December Luncheon

Our Christmas luncheon will take place on Wednesday, December 13, at 1 pm at the Pelican Diner, 100 Brush Foot Drive, Sebastian. Please call Margaret St. Coeur at 772-202-4421 for reservations. Reservations must be in by Monday, December 11. Any retired nurse residing in Barefoot Bay is welcome to join us. We hope you will be able to come for a little Christmas cheer.

**Margaret St Coeur**

**TENNIS CLUB**

Hello Tennis Lovers,  
 The Tennis Club is welcoming our tennis-playing friends back to Barefoot Bay. Barefoot Bay, - Let the Games Begin!!

Scheduled play is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8 AM-10 AM. Calling and indicating an interest will get you on the notification list, you can sign up for any of the available spots. Also, call if an introductory lesson is desired to get started.

The yearly Tennis club membership is only \$15. The club is putting together its event calendar, announcements will be forthcoming. All ages and skill levels are welcome, so join in the fun and get exercise all at the same time!

For the fun of it... In 1986 the yellow tennis ball replaced the traditional white ball, officials believed the yellow ball would be easier for spectators to follow on TV... Venus and Serena Williams are the first ever set of sisters to win Olympic Gold medals in tennis.  
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**December 2023 Adult Programs**

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**Adult Crafts: 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 4 pm**

**Sock Snowmen:** December 14th

**Wall Hanging:** December 28th

“Feed” your creative side. A \$5.00 fee will be charged for supplies when you pre-register. The sign-up sheet is at the registration desk. (See photos of a recent craft activity held in the Meeting Room.)

**Adult Game Party:** Bring your competitive spirit, and we will provide the board and card games. Also, feel free to bring your favorite games - and players - in case we don't have them. 3rd Thursday of each month, December 21st, at 3 PM, in the Reading Room.

**Mystery Book Club:** Book(s) of the Month are Dragon Bones (2003) and Flower Net (2008) by Lisa See.

Discussion for the December 12th meeting at 2 pm will be on either (or both) titles. Book club copies are available in the Reference area of the Library, in the back left corner. The group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

**Third Thursday @ Three Book Club:** Book of the Month is The Midnight Library by Matt Haig. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month on December 21st at 3 pm. Book club copies are available back in the Reference area of the Library.

**Master Gardeners:**

Bring your gardening questions, plant dilemmas, and bug problems. These horticultural experts will be there to help on December 5th and December 19th from 2 to 4 pm. (Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays starting at 2 pm.)

**Memoir Writers:** Learn how to write your personal story and share it if you wish. This group meets on December 11th at 9:30 am. (NO meeting on the 25th, which is a Holiday.) The group normally meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of Every Month at 9:30 am.

**Weekly:**

**Genealogy Research:** Elsie Dietzmann will help you with your family tree(s). Wednesday, December 6th and 13th at 11:00 A.M. Will return weekly in 2024.

**Quilters:** Every Thursday at 6 PM. Join us for a casual quilting group that enjoys the Fiber Arts. This is not a “how-to” class.

**December 2023 Youth Programs**

**Storytime:** Tuesdays at 2 PM in the Children's Room. Every week.

**Get STEAMed: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math:** Fridays at 3 PM. This program is intended for ages seven and up, and a supervising adult must be present in the room at all times. Experiment, Explore, and Engage with some fun projects! Every Friday.

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in any class or event due to a disability may arrange for accommodations by contacting the location at which the event is held at least seven days prior to the event. This notice is intended to be ephemeral in nature. If you need exact Section 508 compliance information, please contact the Library desk, and it can be provided.

**South Mainland Library Information**

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Library Hours: Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed on Sunday.

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It seems as if we just had our special All Saints Day service to honor our relatives and friends who have gone home before us. Yet, looking at the calendar, I can see Thanksgiving is already on the horizon, quickly followed by the happiest day, Christmas, and Jesus Christ's birthday. With all the anger, greed, and hate in today's world, we all need a day of completely worshipping our Lord and thanking Him for our lives and our special Concordia Family.

On Sunday, Nov 12th, we had a Blessing of the Food service. We had been collecting food for the Roseland Food Pantry to fill 100 baskets for the needy for their Thanksgiving meals. We have been given so much, and we love to share! Freely, Freely we have received -- Freely, Freely we give!

Advent at Concordia includes the weeks prior to Christmas Eve as "preparation" for the birth of Christ. This year, a central theme for our preparation is "How Does A Weary World Rejoice?" There will be devotional material available for the season - with updates on our website and FaceBook. The focus will remind us that when Jesus was born, times were troubled too, and yet, despite poverty, hunger, harsh taxes, and hatred, Joy came into the world as the promised baby Jesus. How can we experience that same joy even though times are troubled; there is poverty, hunger, harsh taxes, and hatred? It appears that we need to find that Joy in our world as much as they did.

Once again, we will be having our Christmas Eve services outside in the parking lot - weather permitting at 7:00 pm. Come join us in your golf carts, in your cars, on your bikes, or bring your chairs. We will be on the NE side of the church building to hear the beautiful story of Jesus' birth. We'll be singing all our favorite Christmas Carols we so dearly love and learned when we were children. I can almost "see" the voices and music lifting up the Lord's name beyond the clouds for all to hear. The service will be broadcast to a radio frequency to allow you to hear the service from your car radio. As has also been our custom, the Christmas tree in the narthex will be decorated with Angels with requests for \$10 gift cards to be purchased for area stores. The gift cards will be given to Nana's House in Palm Bay to bring joy to those children who have been neglected and displaced. Our Sanctuary Christmas tree is adorned with handmade Chrismons. They are beautiful as the story of the life of Jesus unfolds in ornaments of gold and white beading and also with the wonderful memories of those who lovingly created these ornaments for us to remember and enjoy for all these years.

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Legendary football coach Vince Lombardi said that there are three important things in life: Family, Religion, and the Green Bay Packers. There are three important things in the New Testament: Jesus was born, Jesus died, and Jesus rose. You cannot, in this case, have two and three without one. He cannot die if he hadn't been born. He could not rise if he hadn't died. So the latter two depend on the former one.

In this December season of Advent and Christmas wonder, the wonder of the wonders is that this first of the important three things in the New Testament is that Jesus, who was born, is God. Many people have many different definitions of God. It's important to understand what the original authors and audience mean by God. They mean the uncreated creator of all that is seen and unseen. They mean the God of the Old Testament (Hebrew scriptures). This one was without peer and to be revered completely. The one who made the stars, then, is the one who came in Jesus. One author, John, says that the mystery of God was showing up in Jesus in a way that he could live on our street (tabernacled among us).

The wonderful wonder of Christmas is that we are not alone; there is a God, and he has come in Jesus Christ to live on our street.

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 5:30-8:30 PM at ELC's Magical Mangrove Forest

The Environmental Learning Center welcomes the holiday season with its signature event, WinterGreen Night Lights, on December 7th, 8th, 9th, and December 14th, 15th, and 16th. This family-friendly celebration will take place from 5:30 – 8:30 PM over six nights and feature unique entertainment each evening. Elite Christmas Lighting will have the campus illuminated with thousands of lights. Sponsors include Dyer Subaru and Gould Cooksey Fennell.

WinterGreen Night Lights has activities for all ages. Adults and children can experience the lighted mangrove tunnels by canoe as ELC paddlers take guests on a ride in the Indian River Lagoon. ELC will have an Earth-Friendly Market with vendors in the Lagoon Room for shopping. Everyone can explore the Discovery Station, which features a Touch Tank and aquariums. "The Magic of Trees" group art show is on exhibit in the Tidal Gallery and the Lagoon Room, and all artwork is for sale, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the ELC. The Nature Nook Gift Shop will be open with puzzles, stuffed animals, books, and gift certificates.

Children are invited to join in the nature craft activities led by ELC Volunteers. Riverside Children's Theater, Indian River Charter High School Arts Department, and Vero Beach Recreation Department Aerial Antics are on the entertainment schedule. Community groups who would like to perform on the Schidel Education and Events Pavilion stage during the event are encouraged to reach out to the ELC. A food truck will be onsite for guests who wish to enjoy supper at one of the picnic areas.

WinterGreen Night Lights Admission and Canoe Reservations are available to the general public on November 1st. Admission is \$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Children 12 and under. Canoe Rides are \$10.00 per person, and reservations are for specific days and time-slots. S'mores can be purchased in advance or at the bonfire.

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# Tis the Season

With the holiday season upon us, we are acutely aware that not everyone around us is blessed to have not only basic needs met but also holiday extras. For those looking to share a little or those needing a little help, there are numerous resources locally to assist.

Barefoot Bay residents can access a network of supportive food pantries that offer a lifeline and a little extra care during the holidays. Most have opportunities for volunteers as well as donated non-perishable food items or hot meals. FoodPantries.org also provides a comprehensive list of local resources as well as government and non-profit subsidized groceries for qualified individuals

Here is a basic listing of several places to reach out to help or for help:

## Roseland United Methodist Church

**Contact Information:**

12962 Roseland Road  
Sebastian, FL - 32958  
Phone: (772) 589-3035  
Fax Number: (772) 589-3079

Provides a food pantry. Serves North Indian River and South Brevard Pantry hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

## Church Of God By Faith Wabasso

**Contact Information:**

8550 58th Ave  
Sebastian, FL - 32958  
Phone: (772) 589-2670

## Love to Serve, Inc. Distribution

**Contact Information:**

190 Day Drive  
Sebastian, FL - 32958  
Phone: (772) 584-1751

Drive-thru Hours: The 4th Thursday of every month. Drive-thru and open trunk, and bags of food/groceries will be placed into your car! Food distribution of lots of meats and other food items! No registration is required! Located at Sebastian Christian Church. For more information, please call.

## Lakeside Fellowship

**Contact Information:**

8000 66th Ave  
Vero Beach, FL - 32967  
Phone: (772) 388-2992

Food Pantry Location: 3.28 miles from Sebastian

By appointment ONLY. For more information, please call. ...

## Grace UMC- Haitian Mission

**Contact Information:**

8799 50th Ave.  
Wabasso, FL - 32958  
Phone: (772) 581-9590

Food Pantry Location: 3.40 miles from Sebastian

Hours: Saturday, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. For more information, please call. ...

## St Vincent De Paul Thrift Store

**Contact Information:**

5480 85th Street  
Wabasso, FL - 32967  
Phone: (772) 589-3338

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## Roseland Ecumenical Food Pantry

**Contact Information:**

8205 129th Court  
Roseland, FL - 32957  
Phone: (772) 589-3035

Food Pantry Location: 3.60 miles from Sebastian

Food Pantry Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 pm. Closed on days major national holidays are observed. For more information, please call. ...

## For The Love Of Paws Meals on Wheels

**Contact Information:**

12198 County Road  
Fellsmere, FL - 32948  
Phone: (772) 539-2417

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## Fellsmere Community Enrichment Program

**Contact Information:**

10074 Esperanza Cir

## Fellsmere, FL - 32948

**Contact Information:**

Phone: (772) 571-0031

Food Pantry Location: 6.57 miles from Sebastian

Soup Kitchen Hours: Monday - Friday 11:00 am - 12:00 pm...

## Our Father's Table Soup Kitchen

**Contact Information:**

4221 28th Ave.  
Vero Beach, FL - 32967  
Phone: (772) 562-6268

Food Pantry Location: 8.85 miles from Sebastian

Soup Kitchen: Monday - Friday 12:00 pm to 1:00pm For more information, please call. ...

## The Food Pantry of Indian River County

**Contact Information:**

2206 16th Avenue  
Vero Beach, FL - 32960  
Phone: (772) 770-2068

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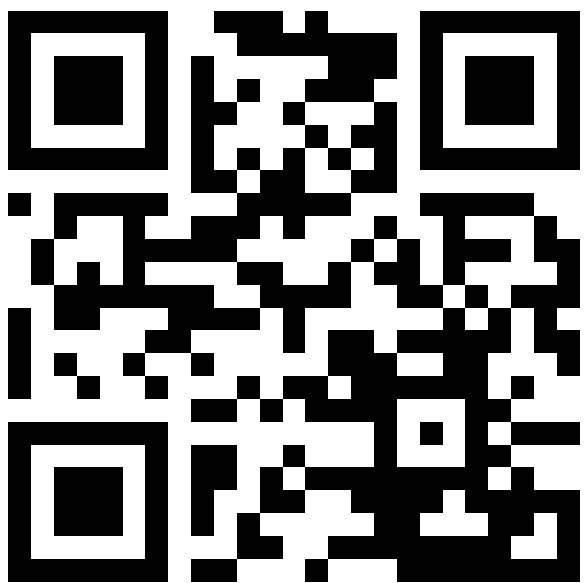




# College Classes For Christmas



My daughter, Laura Allan, is our Creative Director and handles numerous responsibilities for The Tattler, including communicating with individual clubs, random submissions, and creating ads for our advertisers. She's also responsible for the layout of the paper every month. Laura is an invaluable member of our team, exceptionally talented and we are incredibly proud of her. Laura also happens to be going to college at Eastern Florida State College (EFSC) working towards her Bachelors in Digital Art. She would like to attend more classes in the upcoming semester but can only afford two classes per semester on her current salary. She intends to graduate without any college debt, a significant goal with college costs increasing every year. Please consider contributing to her college fund and allowing her to accelerate her advanced education, while still working for The Tattler. We have set a modest goal of funding two additional classes next semester. All funds collected will go directly to Laura's education. Please use the QR code below to reach her GoFundMe page or enter <https://gofund.me/80d7597a> into your internet browser. Thank you!





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# Barefoot Bay's World of Sports

## Ladies' 18 Hole Golf League

**October 17, 2023 - 1, 2, 3 Best Ball**  
 1st - Deb Lawrence, Joan Miller, Jackie Broderick, Terry Perry  
 2nd - Jean Lontine, Cammi Provencher, Dianne Kallop, Joan Clement  
 3rd - Pat Lefebvre, Carol Mecanko, Elaine Codd, Barbara Smith  
*Closest to the Pin*  
 #13 - Jean Lontine

**October 24, 2023 - Mystery Holes**  
*Flight 1*  
 1st - Arlene Jackman even  
 2nd - Carol Mecanko +1  
 3rd - Brenda Maslanka +4  
 4th - Jean Lontine +4  
*Flight 2*  
 1st - Kathy Duquette +1  
 2nd - Cammi Provencher +1  
 3rd - Tamarah Mitchell +3  
 4th - Anna Pettit +3  
*Flight 3*  
 1st - Tricia Farrell -1  
 2nd - Sandy Bent +1  
 3rd - Betty Healy +2  
 4th - Diane Paradis +2  
*Flight 4*  
 1st - Jackie Broderick +2  
 2nd - Joan Clement +3  
 3rd - Barbara Smith +5  
 4th - Anastasia Baptiste +7  
*Closest to the Pin*  
 #2 Kathy Duquette, #15 Jackie Broderick

**November 7, 2023 - 2 Person Odd/Even**  
*Flight 1*  
 1st - Sue Stevens  
 Judy Skene +2  
 2nd - Beth Gillette  
 Tamarah Mitchell +6  
 3rd - Elaine Stevenson  
 Michele Provencher +6  
 4th - Pat Lefebvre  
 Nadine Vair +8  
*Flight 2*  
 1st - Jan Crespi & Terry Perry -3  
 2nd - Debbie Oldakowski  
 Anastasia Baptiste +4  
 3rd - Faith Porter  
 Barbara Smith +4  
 4th - Gail Morrison  
 Janet Jackson +5  
*Closest to the Pin*  
 #11 Gert Finnegan, #13 Ruthann Funari

## Ladies' 9 Hole Golf League

**October 3 - Low Net**  
*Flight 1*  
 1st - Lisa Drake 34  
 2nd - Penny Zeilman 34  
*Flight 2*  
 1st - Harriet Heuser 33  
 2nd - Sheila Johnson 34  
 CTG Hole #2 70' Janet Rafferty

**October 10 - Even Holes**  
*Flight 1*  
 1st - Lisa Drake 26  
 2nd - Betty Murray 26  
*Flight 2*  
 1st - JoAnn Leary 29  
 2nd - Jerri Blauvelt 31  
*Results after 2-way play off*  
 CTG Hole 13 17'3" Penny Zeilman

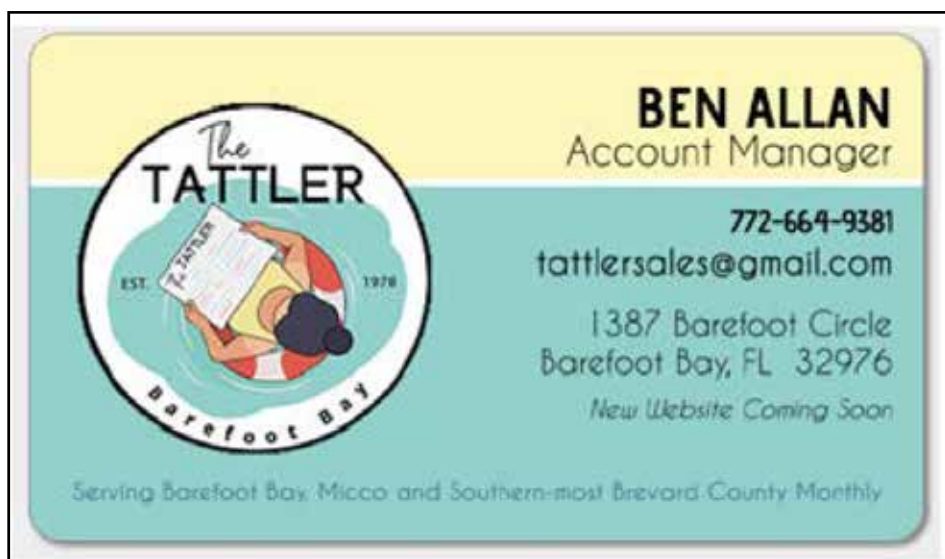
**October 17th - Low Putts**  
*Flight A*  
 1st - Janet Rafferty 13  
 2nd - Dee Chimenti 16\*  
 3rd - Mary Draper 16\*  
*Flight B*  
 1st - Betty Murray 17  
 2nd - Bonnie Lynds 18\*  
 3rd - Joanne Leary 18\*  
 \*Ties

**October 24th - Red & White**  
*Flight 1*  
 1st - Penny Gallo 31  
 2nd - Mary Draper 32  
 3rd - Penny Zeilman 33  
*Flight 2*  
 1st - Bonnie Lynds 29  
 2nd - Sheila Johnson 31  
 3rd - JoAnn Leary 33  
*Results after 4-way playoff*  
 Birdie Hole #13 Jerri Blauvelt  
 Birdie Hole # 15 Bonnie Lynds  
 CTP Hole #11 31' Sheila Johnson

**October 31, 2023 - 9/18 Ladies Tournament Winner**  
 1st - Michele Provencher 58  
 Rosemary McCloskey\*  
 Tamarah Mitchell  
 Susan Gilman\*  
 2nd - Judy Skene 58  
 MaryEllen Davis\*  
 Gert Finnegan  
 Eva Sherwood  
 3rd - MaryBeth Sullivan 59  
 Lisa Drake\*  
 Donna Sadlowski\*  
 4th - Carol Mccanko 59  
 Rose Donahue\*  
 Anastasia Baptiste  
 Tricia Farrell  
 \*9 Hole Ladies  
 CTP Hole #3 52' Penny Zeilman  
 CTP Hole #7 26' Tammy Mitchell  
 CTP Hole #11 7'11" Brenda Maslanka  
 CTP Hole # 15 32 inches Judy Gagnon



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# Barefoot Bay's



# World of Sports

## Men's Golf Association

## Strikers Bowling League

### 4 Man / 2 Best Ball - 10-11-23

### Individual Low Net - 11-01-23

**Flight 1**  
 1st - Peter Degennaro, Dale Fowler, Kris Vasiliu, Billy O'Donnell -150  
 2nd - Mike Schlicher, Rich Healy, Tom Guinther -14

**Flight 2**  
 1st - Gerry Hurley, Bill Norris, Walt Jamison, Brady Mitchell -20  
 2nd - Jerry Martin, Peter Walsh, Bill Davis, Don Oldakowski -14

**Closest to the Pins**  
 Flight 1 - Dale Fowler  
 Flight 2 - Bill Norris

**Flight 1**  
 1st - Bill Smail -4  
 2nd - Bruce Amoss -2

**Flight 2**  
 1st - Paul Shamansky +1  
 2nd - Gary Collins +2

**Flight 3**  
 1st - Manny Pereira -2  
 2nd - Gerard Theurin -1

**Closest to the Pins**  
 Flight 1 - John Roosa  
 Flight 2 - Dennis Doran  
 Flight 3 - Manny Pereira

### 1-2-3 Best Ball - 10-18-23

### 4 Man / 3 Best Ball - 11-08-23

**Flight 1**  
 1st - Mike Maino, Gene Pettit, Dan Gilbert, Gary Collins -13  
 2nd - Frank Miller, Larry Odette, Bill Smail, Billy O'Donnell -13

**Flight 2**  
 1st - Jerry Martin, Richard Filby, Gerard Theurin, Brady Mitchell -14  
 2nd - Mike Lontine, Giz Gillen, Herb Steelman, George Townsend -12

**Closest to the Pins**  
 Flight 1 - Mike Schlicher  
 Flight 2 - Paul Voit

**Flight 1**  
 1st - Jeremy Rosa, Mike Schlicher, Bill Smail, Paul Steinhauer -8  
 2nd - Emil Pizzulo, Frank Miller, Jim McClinktock, John Chickadel -7

**Flight 2**  
 1st - Steve Morris, Mike Lontine, Jerry Martin -3  
 2nd - Ed Constantino, Dennis Bryan, Charlie Lefebvre -2

**Flight 3**  
 1st - Peter Walsh, Gerard Theurin, Bill Jackson, Frank Verderese -7  
 2nd - Manny Pereira, Mike Jackson, Paul Voit, Don Page -7

### Mixed Flight Shamble with Points - 10-25-23

1st - Dale Fowler, Kris Vasiliu, Walt Jamieson, Herb Steelman 108  
 2nd - Tom Jackman, Bill Smail, Floyd Lynds, Manny Pereira 107

**Closest to the Pins**  
 Team of Dale Fowler, Kris Vasiliu, Walt Jamieson, Herb Steelman  
 Team of Tom Jackman, Bill Smail, Floyd Lynds, Manny Pereira

### High Scores for the month of October:

**High single game**  
 October 2, 2023  
 Roger McGill 224  
 Darlene Wong-Kam 158  
 October 9, 2023  
 Al Urenovich 254  
 Darlene Wong-Kam 179  
 October 16, 2023  
 Al Urenovich 226  
 Maria Santospirito 219  
 October 23, 2023  
 Al Urenovich 202  
 Maria Santospirito 219  
 October 30, 2023  
 John Saccomandi 169  
 Amelia Beil 169

### High scratch game

October 2, 2023  
 Roger McGill 649  
 Angela Mira 420  
 October 9, 2023  
 Al Urenovich 615  
 Darlene Wong-Kam 485  
 October 16, 2023  
 Al Urenovich 642  
 Maria Santospirito 492  
 October 23, 2023  
 Ken Sabol 523  
 Maria Santospirito 463  
 October 30, 2023  
 Duncan Chalmers 546  
 Amelia Beil 440



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