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Winter Musings

By Rob Allan



During football season, LOL Youth Group sponsors a five week flag football program for young people interested in playing.

With the turn of the year comes change, some expected, some not, and a reminder of how interconnected life in Barefoot Bay really is.

We begin with leadership.

The Barefoot Bay Recreation District Board of Trustees has a new Chair, Elaine VanBershot. Elaine is also the President of the Civic Volunteer Organization (CVO), and for now, she will take on both roles. Some people are simply natural leaders, and Elaine is one of them. She brings energy, organization, and a genuine love for this community. We are fortunate to have her, and Barefoot Bay is better for her willingness to step up.

At the same time, Bruce Amoss, our previous Chair, will complete his final year in office as Second Chair. Bruce is term-limited and has given many years of service to the District. We are grateful for his service. Looking ahead to November, we will need at least two candidates to run for open seats, and three if we want there to be an actual election. Participation matters, and it starts with people being willing to serve.

Winter also brings more traffic, and with it, more risk.

Tragic accidents seem to follow the seasonal increase in cars on our roads. Driving a motor vehicle in Florida is, for most of us, the most dangerous thing we do every day. Distractions creep in. Texting, daydreaming, speeding, driving under the influence. Each one increases the odds that someone will be injured or killed.

Driving defensively is not paranoia. It is awareness. Is that car going to turn in front of me? Are they going to stop? Can they see me from this angle? What can I do right now to avoid an accident or getting hurt? Don't be another statistic.

It is terrible when anyone loses their life. It is even harder when the lives lost are young.

In January, we lost two young motorcyclists in an avoidable accident on Micco Road when an SUV turned in front of them. I do not want to eulogize the young men here, nor do I want to villainize the SUV driver. Accidents happen, often in a split second, and grief does not benefit from blame.

When a motorcyclist loses their life, many in our community are familiar with the Richard Phillips Down Biker Fund. Named after a Barefoot Bay resident killed in 2012 while riding with his wife, Robin, who now administers the fund, the Down Biker Fund has quietly helped hundreds over the past decade, including 129 recipients in 2025.

The fund's mission is simple. Provide a no-obligation \$500 check to the family of the deceased as quickly as possible. In addition, the Down Biker Fund also provides assistance to motorcyclists who spend more than 24 hours hospitalized following an accident. These gestures may be modest, but they are offered with compassion and without conditions.

I have been accused, from time to time, of treating Barefoot Bay like my own version of The Truman Show. The truth is simpler. I am not interested in selling newspapers by chasing ambulances or promoting sensationalism. We live in Barefoot Bay. No one needs to be reminded that death is very much a part of the final act many of us are living.

We publish a newspaper once a month. The website helps distribute information between issues. But if you are looking for a crime blotter that treats every petty incident as breaking news, or a dystopian version of the future where fear drives attention, that is not going to happen.

Serious crime will always make the paper. Beyond that, crimes of opportunity are not unique to Barefoot Bay, and perspective matters.

I do want to recognize the passing of Tim Hannify.

Tim and his wife, Janice, have known me about as long as anyone in Barefoot Bay. It is fair

to say I was not always their favorite Trustee. Time has a way of softening sharp edges. I came to appreciate their love for this community, and I believe they eventually saw the same in me.

Tim will be remembered for his gregarious nature, his pipe smoking, the undeniable love he had for his wife, Janice, and his rendition of Sinatra's My Way. A whole bunch of us are going to miss you, Tim.

Life in Barefoot Bay continues, even as we pause to remember those we have lost.

At the recent Barefoot Bay Town Hall, Trustees, District staff, and the residents who attended were presented with a PowerPoint overview of the District's 2026 to 2031 Capital Projects by District Manager Kent Cichon. Attendance was light, which is unfortunate given the amount of information shared. The meeting is available on the District's website, and we will also host the PowerPoint slides on BarefootBay.com for those who want to review them.

One statistic from the presentation stood out. Home sales in 2025 were down about 40 percent compared to prior years, based on the number of social memberships issued when properties change hands. Historically, Barefoot Bay averages about 50 home sales per month. Last year, that number dropped closer to 30 per month. That change is worth noting.

There are also a couple of things to look forward to.

Brevard County Fire Rescue Engine House 86 is now open, with an Open House planned for early March that will allow residents to tour the new facility and meet the crews who will be serving our area. The Aldi grocery store is also getting closer to opening. March remains the hopeful target, though delays are always possible. We will continue to track both and will report confirmed dates as soon as they are available on BarefootBay.com.

We do not all have to agree on every issue, but we do have a responsibility to stay informed and to show up when we can. Communities do not drift forward by accident. They move in the direction set by the people who pay attention.

We end winter with something familiar and worth looking forward to. The 8th Annual Barefoot By The Lake Music, Art and Food Festival takes place February 13-14 and remains the largest gathering of the year in Barefoot Bay. Open to the public and free to attend, the Festival brings together artists, musicians, food vendors, and neighbors from across the area. You'll find this year's Festival map in the center of the paper, and if you happen to see us at booth (#N), stop by and say hello.

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A Word From the
CVO

Have you seen our newest resident of Barefoot Bay? Under the oaks, along the walking path, the Bay had a large tree removed. We asked Property Services to leave a good portion of the trunk. The thought was to find someone who could carve the trunk if the wood was viable. So the dream and wish for this person was generated with a full heart, and amazingly, in walked Jim and Diana Mello, residents of Barefoot Bay! Jim and Diana had carvings done in their home up north and wished to do the same thing here in Florida. Once we connected, they hunted down an artisan chainsaw sculptor, Jim Denkins. Their vision included a black bear, which would be perfect for Florida, and it had to be a carving that would make people, especially kids, smile! This was their gift to Barefoot Bay, Mama and Baby Bear. The carving represents their loved ones, and it is just amazing!

The artist Jim Denkins lives right here in central Florida and has been "using chainsaws to create works of art for over 35 years." Jim's specialties include realistic animals, humans, and caricatures. His chainsaw sculpture of Mama and Baby Bear is so detailed and lifelike, it takes your breath away! Mr. Denkin's creation was completed in a time frame of one single day! It was truly wondrous to watch him take this lifeless stalk of a tree trunk and produce the image that we see today. And all done with chainsaws!

I really want our residents to take the time to come see Mama and Baby Bear. This was done through the generosity of the Mellows and the Bay's imagination of what we can do with our home. Most recently, the British Club of Barefoot Bay offered to purchase a large Christmas tree. This would replace the lighted wire Christmas tree that Deck the Halls puts up every year for our lighting ceremony. They saw the need and decided that they could improve what we have with a donation of \$1000. A big thank you! Again...people caring and helping make our home here something special. Another example, most recently, the CVO purchased metal artwork that is now part of our Lakeside décor. Why? Because it's where we live and makes our home that much nicer.

Here's my thought. If anyone or any club or organization is interested, wouldn't it be fun to have more carvings throughout the Bay? Mr. Denkins doesn't need a standing tree trunk; he can carve whatever we can think of at his home in central Florida, and has explained how we can make the artwork a permanent part of our community. His creations are made with special woods that will stand the test of time. There is minimal upkeep, so Property Services is not spending extra time maintaining the artwork. My vision sees Veterans' Way lined along each row of the parking lot with a leaping dolphin, a swimming sea turtle, a manatee & baby, a stork, or a grey heron....much like Disney! In time, a carving over by the shopping center on the Boulevard and another over by the 19th Hole, maybe more under the oaks! The possibilities are endless! We can make Barefoot Bay a very special place in our own way. I would love to hear from the clubs or others who might consider bringing these creations to Barefoot Bay. Mr. Jim Denkins' creations could truly put us on the map! Dreaming big here, but his prices are reasonable, and they are all one of a kind. Just like us! Anyone interested?

We, as individuals or clubs, can do so much. Look at mini-golf. That's a huge project, and we, the residents, did that! What about permanent fire pits around Lakeside? Smaller projects that could be funded by clubs, individuals, or a group of clubs or individuals. Sure, we could start listing these as projects that can fit into our Barefoot Bay Budgets, but what a great way for us to put our stamp on the Bay with ideas that we have funded through our organizations and our residents. Dream Big!

Okay, enough with my dreams! Let me turn your attention to Barefoot By the Lake Music, Art & Food Festival! The event of the year is coming this Friday and Saturday, February 13 & 14, right here in Barefoot Bay! This is our 8th Annual Festival, and what started as a simple idea with a small group of people has blossomed into a long-awaited happening for the residents of Barefoot Bay. You can't go wrong with two days of music, art, crafters, food, and fun! And no need to go a distance because it's right here in your own backyard!

The festival is free, but bring your pennies, as we have some wondrous artwork and crafts to purchase, and no need to make dinner. We have an amazing array of foods for everyone... chicken, Philly cheese steaks, gyros, pork, sausage, pastries, ice cream, funnel cakes, popcorn, bison, burgers, hot dogs... the works! And this year's raffle will be a Vapor Barrier & Installation offered by Guardian Vapor Barrier! With the purchase of a \$5.00 raffle ticket, that pesky vapor barrier under your manufactured home could be brand new! Look for the Raffle Tent! We'll be waiting!

Elaine VanBerschoot

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**A Word From Your
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Elaine VanBerscot

Happy New Year to all Barefoot Bay Residents!
BOT Happenings: January 8, 2026 Highlights
 Trustee Jeff Grunow was sworn in by District Clerk Cynthia Mihalick.
 The Charter states that the Board of Trustees is to be reorganized at the first meeting in January. The reorganization is as follows: Chairperson: Elaine VanBerscot; 1st Vice Chair: Joe Klosky; 2nd Vice Chair: Bruce Amos; Secretary: Ed Haslam; Treasurer: Jeff Grunow. Another new year begins.

Resolution 2026-01: Amending the Budget: The Board defeated the resolution to transfer funds in the amount of \$14,920 to repair the electronic sign at the shopping center. The BOT instead chose to have the sign dismantled and removed and leave the existing freestanding sign in place.

Resolution 2026-02: Amending the Fiscal Budget to amend the Operating Budget and Resolution 2026-03: Approval to add \$1260 in donated revenue with a corresponding \$1,260 increase to Operating Supplies expenditures in the Golf Pro Shop Department Budget.

Tom Nelson was reappointed to the ARCC committee for a 3-year term.
 The Board voted to give written consent to Walter Schmidt Inc. to assign the lease for Unit 2 in Building 1 of the BBRD Shopping Center to June Mahoney of Sebastian, Florida.

Following discussion of the Revised Food & Beverage Department Principles of Operation, the Board reached consensus to resume Rustic Roast and Pizz-Asta. A workshop will be scheduled in February to further discuss Food & Beverage options.

The District has approved the sponsorship of the skydiving event at the Sandy Lobello Memorial Veterans Golf Tournament on Saturday, February 7th, with an expenditure of up to \$1000.

The Board approved an agreement between the District and Barefoot Bay Senior Softball League, Inc. to provide maintenance services for the Softball Field Recreation facility.

BOT Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 27, 2026, Bldg. D/E, 1 pm
Budget/Townhall: Thursday, January 22, 2026, Bldg. D/E, 6 pm

Thank You, Bruce Amoss: A Chairman's Farewell

During the 1/08/2026 meeting, Elaine Vanbershot was appointed to the Chairman Position. Congratulations to Elaine, I am sure the board will give her its full support and work together to keep Barefoot Bay, well, Barefoot Bay.

I appreciate the opportunity given to me Chair the Board of Trustees for the last 39 months. I believe I've helped keep Barefoot Bay on the right path and able to continue to be a great place to live.

Residents need to start thinking about running for the BOT. In the upcoming years, some current members will be termed limited and cannot run again. These openings need to be filled. All positions are for a term of 3 years. You are allowed 2 consecutive terms, then you are "termed out" and you would have to wait 3 years before running again. Go to meetings or at least watch them. Talk to board members and staff to get an idea of what will be expected of you. You need to get facts; you won't find many on social media. Go to the sources. Get involved. Be part of the solution.

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 Thank you all.

Bruce Amoss

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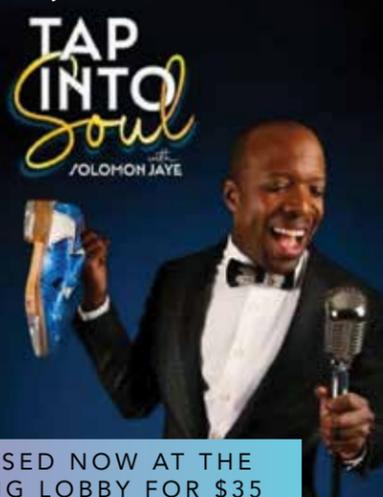
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Looking ahead, Brevard County plans to construct a new Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment facility. This advanced system will further enhance water quality and ensure continued compliance with evolving regulatory standards for years to come.

Recent testing shows Barefoot Bay's water contains very low levels of PFAS, with results near or below EPA limits under current treatment methods. Unless your home is in a high-risk area, there is no reason to panic or switch to bottled water sources. Unfortunately, the North Area County Commissioner is creating alarm about drinking water safety when the data does not support it. While PFAS is a serious issue that must be addressed, there is no overnight solution.

This misinformation could lead residents to be targeted by unscrupulous contractors selling unnecessary water treatment systems using high pressure or deceptive tactics. Before hiring any contractor, please contact the Brevard County Licensing Department at 321-633-2187 or email building.licensing@bevardfl.gov. You can also verify registered contractors that are registered to pull permits within Brevard County, whether licensed through the State or the County, at <https://sites.brevardfl.gov/LCS/>. If you choose to purchase a home water filter, please contact the EPA's guidelines referenced here <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/water-filter-fact-sheet.pdf> from the EPA for information on the proper filter.

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South Mainland Spring Carnival & Market

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The carnival will feature a variety of classic games designed for all ages, giving participants the chance to test their skills and win prizes. Game booths will include traditional favorites such as ring tosses, along with interactive challenges aimed at keeping attendees engaged throughout the day.

One of the event's highlights will take place at 12 p.m., when children ages 1 to 12 can participate in a festive egg hunt. Organizers report that more than 1,500 eggs will be hidden throughout the park for young participants to find.

In addition to games and activities, the Spring Carnival & Market will host a selection of local vendors and food trucks. Attendees will have the opportunity to shop for handmade crafts, artwork, accessories, treats, and other unique items while supporting small businesses and local entrepreneurs.

The event will also include inflatable attractions, providing high-energy entertainment for children and teens. Organizers say the inflatables offer a safe and active way for young attendees to enjoy the festivities.

With music, colorful decorations, and a family-friendly atmosphere, the Spring Carnival & Market aims to bring the community together in celebration of the season. The event is open to the public, and families are encouraged to attend and take part in the day's activities.

The Spring Carnival & Market will take place on March 21 at Micco Park. For more information about becoming a vendor, volunteering, or general event details, residents may contact South Mainland Community Center at (772) 663-8748.



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Ophthalmologists use specialized tests like optic nerve scans (OCT), photography, and visual field tests to monitor changes over time. The hallmark signs of glaucoma include optic nerve thinning, increased cupping, and peripheral vision loss.

Early diagnosis is crucial, as nerve damage is irreversible. Fortunately, modern treatments like selective laser trabeculoplasty (SLT), prescription eye drops (often blood pressure meds in drop form), and minimally invasive glaucoma surgeries (MIGS) offer effective management. MIGS, often combined with cataract surgery, safely lowers eye pressure with minimal added risk.

Regular eye exams, especially for those with a family history or suspicious optic nerve appearance, are essential. Without testing you will have no-eye-deer—prevention and early intervention are key to preserving your vision and quality of life!

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The American Legion Auxiliary table at the Flea Market on January 17th.

The Veterans Council of Barefoot Bay expresses deep gratitude to Sebastian River High School ROTC, Mike & Judy Franco, the American Legion Post & Auxiliary, Barefoot Bay Maintenance Department, and all vendors/attendees for their crucial support in making their recent Flea Market an outstanding success, highlighting community partnership and dedication.

Upcoming Events at the Veterans Gathering Center.

Monday afternoon, 1: p.m to 4: p.m Meet with council member Al Smith for help with veteran matters. Get upcoming event details like tickets and arrangements for other upcoming activities.

Wednesday mornings. 9: a.m. to Noon Claims help and Information. Meet with veteran center staff who can assist based on their knowledge-base.

Afternoon is Movie Time Showtime starts at 2 p.m.

To see the schedule for January, visit the bulletin board outside veteran community center and/or the bulletin board outside Building A.

Friday 9 a.m. -Noon Claims Help and information

Afternoon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., card game Euchre.

Speaking of games, do you like the game of CHESS or RISK? If so, sign up at the veterans center on the board game sheet...

Special Events

February 7th, 2026.

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February 21, 2026

Salute to Veterans Luncheon Bldg A 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Awards to veterans, door prizes, and raffles.

Tickets \$20 pp/ \$35 couple

"Be Prepared" Helpful Tips for Veterans

1) It's still flu season, still time to get your vaccines. Flu season begins each fall and can last well into spring. This year's flu season coincides with outbreaks of COVID-19 and another virus called Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)/ Flu vaccinations are available at any nursing clinic. Please call for further information, Viera Va at 321-637-3788

2) Get outdoors more, consider gardening. Land lots available for growing (See paragraph below).

Written by Ray Osborne. Veteran Osborne got his first writing gig while serving aboard a submarine tender in the US Navy. Since that time, he has published dozens of articles on a variety of topics. Osborne enjoys serving the veteran community as the 1st Vice Commander of the Veterans Council of Barefoot Bay and Historian of American Legion Post 189 (321) 345-1715.

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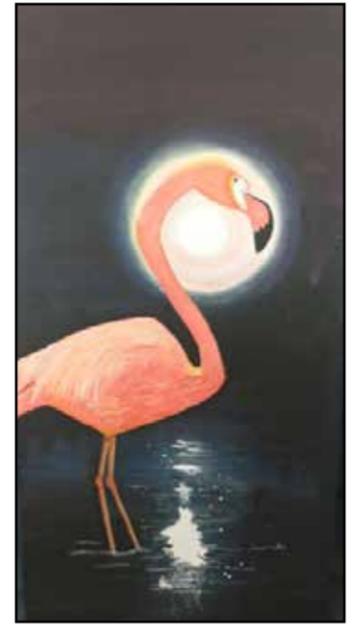
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Lagoon Artisans Featured Artist Lois Quigly



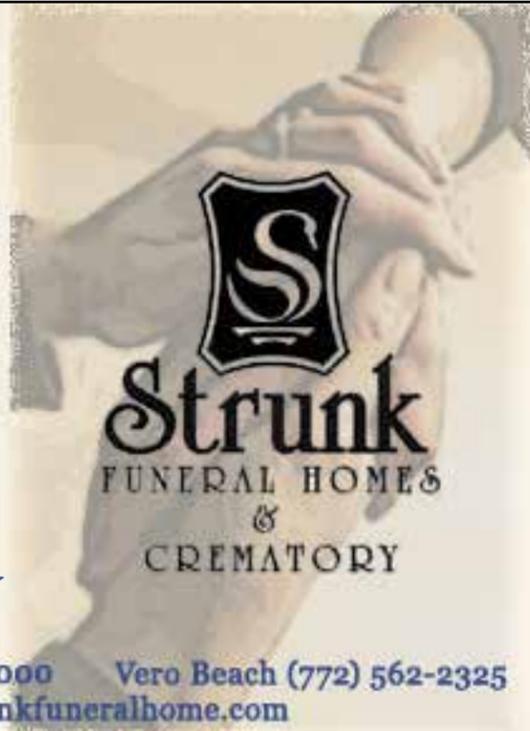
LABB artist of the month Lois Quigly is an active member of the club. She began painting in 1995 by taking a beginner class. She then joined the Shore Pines Decorative Painters of South Jersey, where she learned tricks and techniques from talented artists. When she moved to Barefoot Bay, she expanded her expertise. She is also a member of the Christian Arts Collective, which showcases its art through dance.

She currently serves as coordinator for the show signs, the club's major form of advertising. Lois also coordinates the refreshments that are provided at each show. These days, she paints primarily using acrylic paints. Among her most detailed works are intricate paintings on feathers.

Lois loves showing her work and is especially happy when someone wants to display it in their home.

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100% of all profit goes to helping the Veterans of Barefoot Bay. The Veterans Council is also sponsoring a Flea Market & Crafts show on January 17, 2026. Tables are \$25.

Call 772-663-0645 for more information on tickets



South Mainland Public Library

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Adult Programs

Please call the library at 772-664-4066 for more information regarding programs.

Gentle Yoga

Come in for Gentle Yoga every Monday at 10 AM. Gentle Yoga is a low impact form of yoga that uses slow and controlled movements. Chair for poses and balance is optional.

Please bring a yoga mat and water. \$5.00/session payable to the instructor.

Quilters

Come in and work on your quilting pieces every Thursday at 6:00 PM. Non-instructional group.

Chair Yoga

Come in for Chair yoga every Friday at 10:30 AM. Chair Yoga is gentle and uses a chair for poses and balance. \$5.00/session payable to the instructor.

Master Gardeners

Bring all of your gardening questions, problems, and issues on

Tuesday, and Feb. 3rd, and Feb. 17th at 2 PM.

Mystery Book Club

Pick up a Steven Saylor book in the Reference Department at South Mainland Public Library. The book club is meeting in the Barefoot Bay Administration Building Meeting Room on Tuesday, Feb. 10th at 2:00 PM.

Administration Building address: 625 Barefoot Blvd, Barefoot Bay, FL 32976 (Building on the left)

Adult Art Classes

Create a Leprechaun Jar on Thursday, Feb. 26th at 1 PM.

\$5.00 nonrefundable fee for supplies payable at the time of preregistration at the Circulation Desk.

Third Thursday @ 3 Book Club

Pick up your copy of The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon in the Reference Department at South Mainland Public Library. The book club is meeting at the Civil Volunteer Organization Office on Thursday, Feb. 19th at 3 PM.

Civil Volunteer Organization address: 935 Barefoot Blvd, Barefoot Bay, FL 32976

Adult Classes

Beginning Computer Classes: Ask library staff questions about technology and learn more about your devices on Wednesday, Feb. 4th at 1 PM.

Youth Services Programs

Please call the library at 772-664-4066 for more information regarding our free youth programs.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY #366

Welcome to 2026. As always, our unit has many plans to help our veterans and current military in the coming year.

We will be assisting the Legion during their Meet and Greet program on January 17, 2026, and their Golf Tournament on February 7, 2026.

Our December 16, 2025, combined Legion and Auxiliary Christmas Party was a great success.

Once again in March 2026, we will be distributing poppies within the Barefoot Bay community. Look for our members in uniform handing out those little red poppies. The dates this year are March 13 and March 14, 2026. Donations are always accepted. Wear your poppy proudly.

For God and Country,

Sue Reddy

AMERICAN LEGION POST #366

American Legion Post 366 has resumed regular meetings, the next being on Tuesday, February 17. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 PM in Building D. The agenda includes planning for the NJRORC scholarships and Memorial Day. The LEGION Act, as passed by Congress, removed 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. For more information, call Commander Jeff Grunow at 772-202-4926.

Upcoming Events:

Sandy Lobello Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament – Join your fellow golfers at this yearly event, Saturday, February 7, with morning (0800) and afternoon (1300) starts. We continue to search for door and raffle prizes in addition to \$25 hole sponsors. For tournament information or hole sponsorship, please call the golf Pro Shop at 772-664-3174.

Jeff Grunow
 Commander

ARTISTS' GUILD

Greetings from the Barefoot Bay Artists' Guild!

Our 46th Annual "Art from the Heart" Show was nothing short of spectacular!

First, a heartfelt thank you to the incredible volunteers and gifted artists who made this event shine. Because of you, the day flowed seamlessly from start to finish.

We welcomed a huge crowd who came to admire—and purchase—the stunning creations of our talented members. Many artists generously donated their works to the silent auction, raising funds for the Barefoot Bay Community Fund to support neighbors in need. What a beautiful example of art giving back to the community!

"Our event sparkled with community spirit as neighbors and friends joined in, casting their votes to honor the artists who inspired them most." Our winners shone brightly this year: 1st Place – Linda Weinstein, 2nd Place – Bonnie Murphy, and 3rd Place – Judy Weinstock. A big congratulations to each of you!

Until the next Tattler issue, stay safe and enjoy life's blessings.

Bonnie J. Murphy

AQUA ZUMBA CLUB

The Aqua Zumba club would like to welcome all the snowbirds and new residents to join our activities. This past quarter has been exciting and fulfilling. Our club supports nonprofit activities/organizations, as well as participating in our Barefoot Bay programs.

In the month of November, we gave "Thankful" gifts to two disadvantaged high school students. After some discussion with club members, the President reached out to a school corporation social worker, and students were identified to receive a "Thanksgiving" gift in the amount of \$375 for each recipient. This was made possible by Barefoot Bay Aqua Zumba and Snug Harbor Aqua Club donating generously. A sincere thank you to each club for making these students feel the love.

November and December are when family and friends come together to celebrate. The Aqua Zumba club is a group of happy, kind, and funny people. Our goal is to exercise and make friends while we improve our health.

The club members celebrated the holiday by participating in the 20th Annual Barefoot Bay Christmas Parade. There were 24 participating walkers and riders; also, 2 antique cars and 8 golf carts. We were so surprised and elated to hear the Aqua Zumba Club received 3 place or honorable mention from the Parade judges. Woot, woot.

We are now in the month of January, and our club goal is to exercise every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 2 pm in Pool 3. All residents and guests are welcome to join this Free exercise class. The music includes Rock n roll, Country Rock, Salsa, and Movie Theme songs. There is a variety to please all participants.

Grab a towel, wear a warm, comfy coverup and water shoes. We hope to see you stop by and join the Zumba party.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Forsman,
 President and Aqua Zumba Instructor

BELLY DANCE

I am forming a new bellydance group designed specifically for adult and older beginners who are interested in learning at a thoughtful, sustainable pace. This project is centered on body awareness, gentle strength, musical connection, and enjoyment of movement.

This group is ideal for those who have always been curious about belly dance but felt it was "too late," too intimidating, or too physically demanding to start. No prior dance experience is required. Experience in yoga, Pilates, fitness, or other movement practices is helpful but not necessary. Instruction will prioritize joint safety, posture, balance, and gradual skill-building.

The goal is to create a consistent, welcoming space where adults can explore bellydance as a lifelong movement practice—one that supports strength, grace, and self-expression at any age. All levels welcome!

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BLOCKS OF FUN - QUILTING AND SEWING CLUB

We wish a very healthy and prosperous 2026 to all!

The Blocks of Fun Club is a year-round

See Club News Page 15

BarefootBay.com: Steady Growth, Ongoing Improvements, and Community Support

When BarefootBay.com launched last spring, the goal wasn't to reinvent the internet. It was simply to give residents a reliable, local place to find information without the noise, confusion, and distortion that often come with social media.

Several months in, the site continues to grow. Just as important, it continues to improve.

By the Numbers

Over the last several months, BarefootBay.com's growth has been significant. Still, numbers alone can be hard to interpret without context. Barefoot Bay is a relatively small, unincorporated community, not a city, not a tourism brand, and not a commercial media market.

BarefootBay.com does not rely on paid traffic, promoted posts, or algorithms to generate clicks. Most visits come from residents returning regularly to check events, read updates, or follow local issues. These numbers reflect sustained use, not momentary spikes, and a platform people are choosing to make part of their routine.

Refining What Works

As usage grows, the site continues to evolve based on how residents actually use it.

One recent change involves the Calendar of Events. The weekly view is no longer the default and will likely be retired altogether. In practice, most users prefer a monthly view to see what's ahead or a daily view to see what's happening now. Those views remain clearer, simpler, and easier to navigate.

Events can also be sorted by expanded labels, including Social, Entertainment, Government, Promotional, and Bulletin. These labels are intended to make the calendar more transparent and useful without forcing everything into a single feed.

Accuracy Still Matters

That focus on clarity carried over to recent coverage of PFAS water quality concerns. BarefootBay.com responded with verified information, context, and restraint, avoiding speculation or sensationalism. That approach was publicly acknowledged by county leadership and reinforced why a calm, local, fact-based platform matters when important issues arise.

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Recently, a Barefoot Bay resident called and asked if she could subscribe to The

Tattler. When I explained that the paper is already delivered free of charge, her response was simple: "I get The Tattler. I want to support the paper because I want to keep getting it."

That moment mattered.

I explained that becoming a sponsor on BarefootBay.com was how she could do that. We walked through the process together, and it quickly became clear that the registration and sponsorship steps needed to be more obvious and reassuring. As a result, the site was updated so users now receive clear confirmation when they have registered successfully.

That is how this platform improves. Not through focus groups or consultants, but through real conversations with real neighbors.

To Be Clear

BarefootBay.com is seeking additional sponsors.

If you value a local source of information that is accurate, calm, and community-focused, sponsorship is how this continues. Visit BarefootBay.com, create a free account if you do not already have one, and select "Sponsorship" from the main menu.

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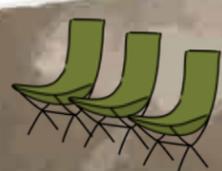
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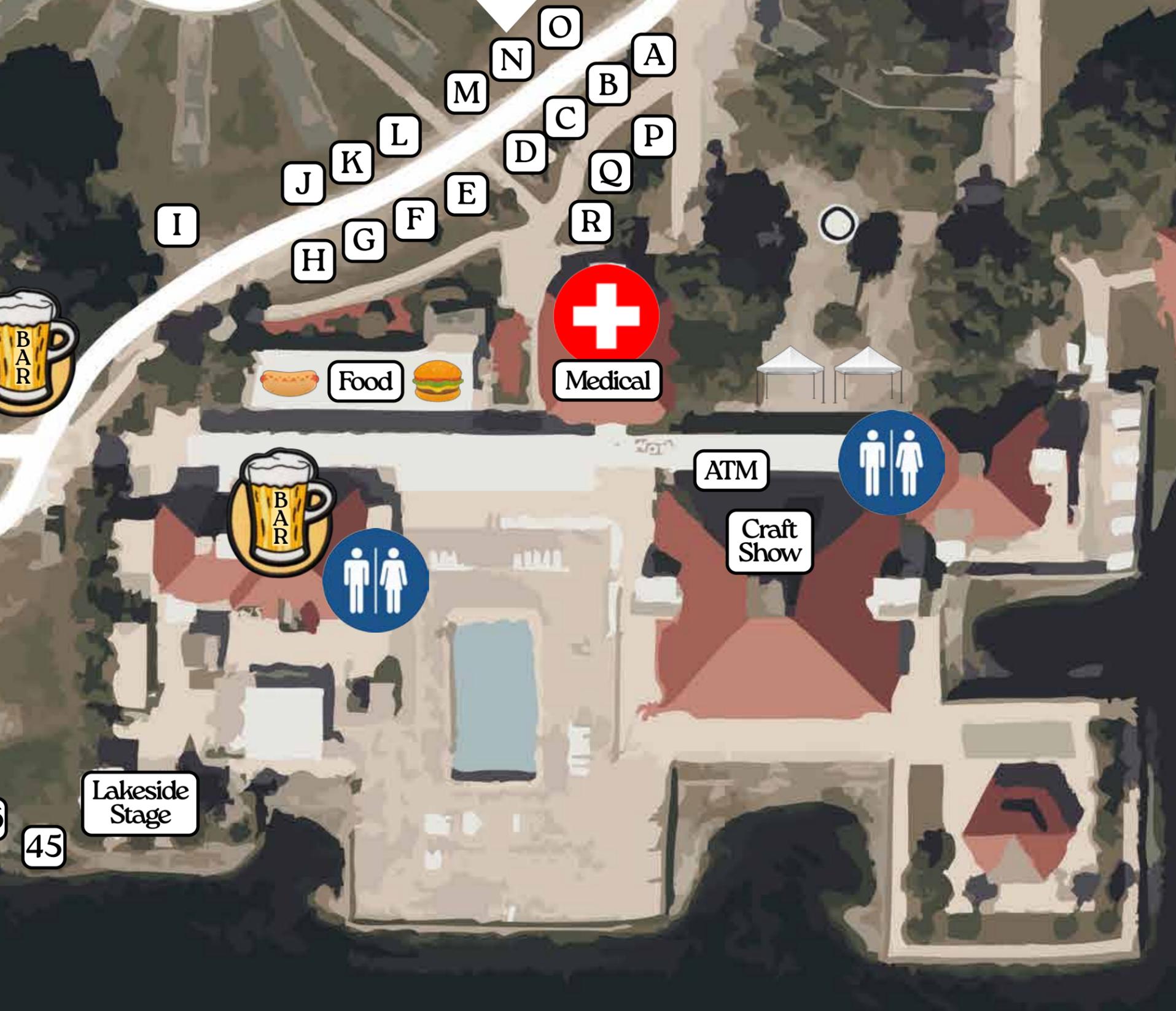
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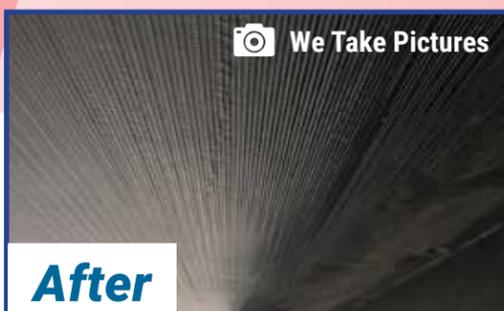
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club offered to all residents. The club provides a place for people who would like to bring sewing projects and quilting projects to work on when extra space is needed. We can comfortably seat approximately 8 residents. Feel free to stop in and visit to see if it meets your needs. You should be prepared to bring your own supplies. The classes are not structured projects, just a place to spread out and work on your projects. Sharing ideas or helping each other choose a color palette can move you along with your project.

Come join us on Thursday afternoons (noon for setup), class starts at 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. At Building C, located between Building A and the Lounge at Pool #1

Seasonal Residents are back, once again...and we've missed you!

You can expect to make a few new friends at Blocks of Fun!

Please call 772-321-0829 and leave a message for a return call, as we sometimes have limited space during the season.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S Gallagher, President
Janice Healey, Vice President

BRIDGE - MONDAY NIGHT

We play contract/party bridge all year in Building C, which is next to Bldg. A. Starting time is 6 PM, but please arrive by 5:45 PM. Call ahead for a seat: Lois at 772-664-1199, which is a landline, so do not text.

BRITISH CLUB

January's meeting was held on January 10th, and our theme was Scottish night. The Bay provided another great meal of Chicken Piccata, and dessert Trifles were provided by the members! Dougie provided a great time with Music Bingo in full Scottish attire! Scratch tickets were given out to all the winners.

Our February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17th, and our theme is Pub Night. We will be having Crispy baked chicken, Chips (French fries), Cole slaw, and Ice Cream with fruit topping for dessert. DJ Russ will be providing British Invasion music, along with taking any requests that you may have. We will also be having a food drive, so please bring something non-perishable (no glass) if you can. This will be donated to the local food pantry.

Please contact Debbi O'Hara at 321-408-1687 no later than Thursday, February 12th, for your tickets. Tickets for members are \$16.00 and \$18.00 for guests.

Thank you to everyone who baked or donated to the Bake Sale. We collected the most money that we have, which will all be used to provide the raffle prizes at the Ethnic Food Festival, which is on March 1st this year. (more to come)

Cheers!

Cyndie Bourassa

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club meets every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Building C.

Instruction on the first Wednesday of each month.

All are welcome, please come join us.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Unfortunately, I had Covid, so I missed our last luncheon. I want to thank those who helped me with information so I could write this article. Dottie and her crew did a delicious lunch of muffin meat loaf, peas, mac and cheese, tossed salad, rolls, and dessert, which was Ritz crackers and peanut butter dipped in white chocolate! Gayle Guertin did another testimony, and I am so sad that I missed it! However, I did get to talk to Gayle, and she shared her goals and prayers with me. Gayle has a wonderful way of telling her story, and has all join her in Christian music at different intervals. From others, I learned that she shared the blessings of God's love, which just seemed to keep flowing and being shared. From all that people told me, the Holy Spirit was

definitely taking part in the meeting. Many ladies felt that by raising their arms to the Lord!! Gayle has a heart for women's ministries and could feel God directing her. When we first planned the club, our main objective was to reach women in Barefoot Bay who did not know Jesus. We have evolved, along with Gayle, in God's timing, which is always perfect. I have watched God growing us spiritually, especially in myself, and it is all for His glory! We don't always grow easily, or listen to God closely, and when we do, it is often painful. But the joy when we get to the other side is beyond description. Gayle read Psalm 23, many people's favorite, as it is such a wonderful promise from God. Gayle invited anyone who wanted to talk with her to come up at the end, and several did. That is what we are there for. Gayle did such a wonderful job, and she will be back. Please remember that the Lord is always with you, and we especially want you to feel His presence at our luncheons. God has sent us so many wonderful women, both to attend and to prepare everything. For reservations for February, call Ruth, 772-202-4251.

Jane Fruscella,
662-202-4214

COMPUTER CLUB

The Meeting will be on January 23rd, beginning at 6:00 pm. Memberships for the 2026 calendar year will be accepted. Do you use the US Post Office - Informed Delivery? Would you like to know what mail to expect in your mailbox each delivery day? Do you know how to protect your bank checks from being changed by forgery? These topics will be discussed at the meeting. Our

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February 27th program will be on Artificial Intelligence. Preferred seating will be given to Club members. Please consider membership in the Computer Club as your opportunity to expand your knowledge of electronic devices that are constantly changing and growing in importance in our lives.

GARDEN CLUB

The Barefoot Bay Garden Club will be meeting on Wednesday, February 18th, at 9 am in Building D&E (beside the 19th Hole). Jim from Native Butterfly Flowers (of West Melbourne) will be presenting a discussion on gardening with Native Plants. He will also have several varieties here for sale. At the conclusion of the presentation, we will be visiting a member's Garden which was designed by Jim a few years ago. Join us for coffee and discussion!

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Barefoot Bay is a great place to be in February, with so many events taking place. Sometimes you cannot possibly do everything, but it is important not to lose sight of what is going on in the world around us. Our Club tries to stay aware and involved in political matters. We welcome open conversation with all sides – it is what makes Americans great – sharing ideals and learning from each other. We are open to new ideas to help us keep our community informed, so please think about joining us.

GERMAN CLUB

Our dinner meeting for February will be on the 24th in Building "A" at 5:00 p.m. Lasagna will be served. Tickets are only \$16.00 for members and \$21.00 for guests. To get your tickets, call Vivian at 772/202-4686. Burnie Jones will be the entertainment that evening.

As mentioned last month, our Club will be holding monthly rallies in the Bay. You might have seen us on January 17th in front of the entrance to the Bay. We invite all people to join us if they are so inclined. Please check our Facebook page for dates, times, and locations, or contact us for further information.

A big thank you to everyone who baked and donated to the Ethnic bake sale. The proceeds from this bake sale help fund the items that are raffled off at the Ethic festival, which will be held on March 1, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The festival is held in building "A".

We welcome all Democrats or interested NPA members to our Club. We meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 3:30 pm in Bldg D. Learn more by going to our Facebook page: The Democratic Women's Club of Barefoot Bay. For information, email to: BarefootBayDWC@yahoo.com or call 321-349-9565 and leave a message. We look forward to your visit.

In regards to the Ethnic festival, we are in need of volunteers to help with the serving line and other miscellaneous jobs on the day of the festival. If you could help out for an hour (or longer), it would be much appreciated. There will be sign-up sheets at our dinner meetings. You may also call John at 516/650-0313 to volunteer.

Reminder: everyone must renew the option of getting a MAIL-IN Ballot this year. Renewal needs to be done after every election cycle! Be aware that changes are coming, depending on how much the current administration thinks it can control the election/ voting process.

On Feb. 21st, the club is sponsoring a bus trip to Hollerbach's German restaurant in Sanford, FL. A "Family Style" meal will be served. Fountain drinks, hot or cold tea, and coffee are included. There will be a cash bar, and desserts may be purchased on your own. Tickets are \$40.00 for members, and guests are \$45.00. Call Kathy at 309/635-0300 to get your tickets.

<https://www.votebrevard.gov/Ballots-by-Mail/Request-a-Mail-Ballot> or Call 321-633-2127 to request one!

Look forward to seeing all of you on Feb 24th at our dinner meeting.

ETHNIC COMMITTEE

Bake Sale Success!
 This year's bake sale was held on January 10th. This huge bake sale is held to raise money to provide the raffle prizes for the Ethnic Food Festival. A big thank-you goes out to all who baked, donated, and volunteered their time to make this a success. We raised the most we ever have this year!!

GOLF CART CLUB

The Barefoot Bay Golf Cart Club has been busy this season. With over 260 members, we try to have fun most of all. We had our Annual meeting in November. We met Under The Oaks and had great attendance. New Members joined and are able to join at any of our events for just \$5.00 per person per calendar year.

Past prizes have been TV's, crock pots, themed baskets, and many, many gift cards that are donated by local merchants.

In November, we participated in the Bay Veterans Day Parade. Although it was pretty chilly, there were some brave souls. As always, the American Legion donated gifts for the best-decorated carts. We had a poker run with many folks coming out to try their luck. Lots of fun, cash prizes, and raffles at this busy event. In December, we also had a Holiday Light Tour. We do this every December, riding around this side of the Bay looking at the many decorated houses. As always, it was great fun, and we had over 90 carts!

Barefoot Bay Ethnic Food Festival – March 1, 2026!

The Barefoot Bay Ethnic Food Festival is a celebration of food, music, and raffle prizes that has been held annually for the last 39 years.

The clubs that participate in this awesome event are the British Heritage, Irish, Polska, Italian, and German Clubs. Below are some of the great homemade food items that are for sale.

January brought our Membership Appreciation Day. We played Mini Golf and enjoyed lots of laughter, beautiful weather, incredible food, and friendship. We can find a reason to give out prizes, even though the "highest score" was recognized, and we all had a good laugh.

The British Club features sausage rolls, parsnip bean soup, meat pie, scones, short-bread, pastries, and a free cuppa tea. The German Club proudly serves black forest cake, bratwurst, red cabbage, and sauerkraut. The Irish Club offers delicious corned beef sandwiches and Irish soda bread, and the Italian Club serves meatball subs and sausage and pepper sandwiches, while the Polish Club offers pierogi, kielbasa, golumpki, fried cabbage, and onions.

In February, we will have a Poker Run, in March, our fabulous Scavenger Hunt, and in April brings our Cart Wash that we co-host with the LOL kids. Thank goodness for the kids' energy, as they really help us pull off this event!

If you like to try new foods, enjoy the music of Steve Cole, and try your luck at winning a great raffle prize, the Ethnic Food Festival is the place to be.

Each year, we raise money and donate to BFB Charities. The last 3 years, we have donated over \$1800.00 each year! And we continue our efforts with the Food Pantry donations.

Hope to see you on Sunday, March 1st, in building A, starting at 9:00 am.

Come join the fun at any event. Must be over 18 and show your BFB Badge to join.

Arne Redfern
Gail Morrison
Cyndie Bourassa
 Ethnic Food Festival Committee

Debbi Brown
 President

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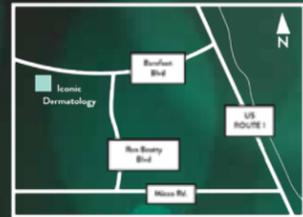
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GREAT LAKES STATE CLUB

Hi Club Members! It's Happy Sweetheart Month! Let the love shine! The January 13th meeting had short attendance due to many being out with sickness. The member count was 40. The 50/50 collection brought in \$65.00, split with \$35 for members and \$30. went to the club. The main entrees made with 5 members variety of Chile, much left over, and plenty of hardy side dishes, warmed us up. Even the side variety of desserts went well. Shelley and Dave Songer entertained us with their guitars and singing melodies.

The February 13th, Tuesday meeting will be a 'lively' night with the 'New Horizon Swing Band' (40pcs) from Melbourne, at 6:30 pm. Always look forward to tapping your feet to the beat of the instruments.

Early seating for dinner will be at 5:00 pm, and dinner will be first at 5:30.

The Committee Agenda meeting will follow around 6 pm. Gary Bacon will start the opening pledge, and Karen Bacon will do the pledge song and prayer.

The 'main entree' of Sub Sandwiches, Gary and Karen provided. A Steering committee meeting on January 22nd will know where the sandwiches be ordered from.

Come one, come all to the 'best club' in the bay! We have fun!

See you all on February 13th, for the 'Spirit of Love' holiday celebration.

Daphnia Missad
Secretary

GREEN THUMB CLUB

Get going by growing. Join others in growing your own vegetables and herbs. Meet other neighbors and join the Green Thumb Garden Club of the Barefoot Bay Recreational District. Several plots available, approximately size 10 x 20 feet. Organizer Liz Dominick said, "Some of the vegetables we grow that do well are Tomatoes, Eggplant, Snow Peas, Onions, Swiss Chard, Cabbage, Peppers, Wax Beans, Green Beans, Romaine Lettuce, Radishes, Mixed greens, and much more. We also have a community Herb Garden supported by members that grow Basil, Sage, Parsley, Thyme, and more." For more information, call Liz Dominick (603) 520-9552.

The author asked AI, "Is gardening a good exercise for seniors?"

Yes, gardening is excellent exercise for seniors, offering low-impact aerobic activity, strength training, and flexibility improvements through activities like digging, weeding, and planting, while also boosting mental health and reducing chronic disease risks. It provides a full-body workout, improves balance, strengthens bones, and can burn calories, similar to gym workouts, but with the added benefits of stress relief and connection to nature, making it a well-rounded activity for physical and cognitive well-being.

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

I want to thank all the Bakers from the Italian American Club who baked for the Ethnic Festival Bake Sale. I'm told this year's bake sale was a record breaker. A special thank you to Arnie Redfeam and his team for all the work they do. Our club is already geared up for the Festival on the 1st of March. Again this year, we will be offering homemade Italian meatball subs and Italian sausage subs. As usual, we will have ice-cold water available for all. A special addition to this year's menu is Italian Ice. We are so looking forward to sharing our traditional food with the Bay residents and those who attend from outside the Bay. Because we have had such an increase in our membership last year, we will have applications available and a letter of introduction. The Ethnic Festival is such a special event here in the Bay. Our five Ethnic clubs have an opportunity to share their heritage and food with

those who attend. I hope this year's festival is another record breaker. Come and have some fun. Thank you.

Ron Fashano
President

JEWISH CLUB

Our club is dedicated to understanding our common roots and welcoming folks of all religions. This is not a religious or political group.

To all members, family, and friends. On February 15, 2026, we are doing a Field Trip to the Shalom Orlando Roth JCC. There is a very good Holocaust Memorial within the JCC. It has been recently renovated. There is no charge, but you may leave a donation if you desire. We encourage sharing rides. Here is the itinerary:

Lunch (on your own) at Too Jays Deli Bakery Restaurant. Address is 515 E. Altamonte Drive, Altamonte Springs, FL. At 11 am. Then, to the museum around noon. Then home. Travel time is approximately 1 1/2 hours to Too Jays, and 10 minutes to the museum from there.

Please RSVP to Jerry 860-869-2981 or Joanne 860-869-2982 by 2/12 so that we can notify the restaurant and museum.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 3:30 pm at our home. All are welcome, but please RSVP.

Please call or text Joanne at 860-869-2982 or Jerry at 860-869-2981 to RSVP or if you have questions or just want to chat.

Shalom (Peace).

LAGOON ARTISANS

Members are busy preparing for shows on March 7th and April 4th in Building A from 10 to 3. Shows feature original art, music, refreshments, and a silent auction for original art. Tickets are \$1 each, or 10 for \$5, allowing you to "bid" on several pieces. Proceeds support the road signs used to advertise our events. Shows are free and open to the public.

LABB meets every second Wednesday, October through April, at Building D from 10 to noon. Meetings involve planning the shows and sharing art techniques through demonstrations, hands-on workshops, and special guests. Tattler owner and editor Rob Allen met with the group at the January meeting, introducing his latest project, the Barefootbay.com website. We typically work on our art independently. Four themed luncheons are held after our meetings.

Many members are also active in the art scenes in Sebastian, Vero Beach, Melbourne, and Cocoa Village. They frequently earn ribbons and sell their art in these venues. We live in a vibrant art community! There is always something art-related going on.

Lagoon Artisans is currently recruiting new members. We are a small group that holds four shows each year, providing ample opportunities to show and sell your art. We try to have fun and enjoy each other's company in between the work! The club represents many skill levels and media. If you are within the Tattler's range, consider joining us. You still have time to participate in two shows this year.

Local artists interested in exploring opportunities should call President Georgene Granholm at 908-337-9400 or me and plan to attend a meeting. Bring 3 samples of your work to be juried into the club. Membership is just \$15 per year! Table fees are \$10. We enjoy meeting and working with new artists! So, consider joining us.

Dan Martin, Secretary
609-432-1059

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 meets on Thursday mornings in Building A through May 2026. The instructor will be Dona Gionet.

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ALL ARE WELCOME



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The schedule will be:
 9:00-9:45 am- Beginner class with step instructions.
 9:45 am to 11:00 am- Improver level with open dances 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 will go to the Veterans in the Bay at the end of the season.

*Please note: Time will now be 9 am to 11 am. This year is shaping up to be an exciting one! Dona is planning to introduce more dances and has several fun and engaging activities in store. Dona is also spending time with folks who have never danced and need extra help with the steps. Come one and all.

The February 2026 schedule will be on February 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Please don't forget Saturday, February 7, 2026, Barefoot Bay Country Line Dance. Building A, 7 pm - 10 pm. Cash bar opens at 6:30 pm. Dancing with Dona and music by Dougie. Cost, \$10pp. Tickets are available at the Administration Building or from Dona.

See you on the dance floor
Joanne Blum, President
Mary Ellen Stagliano, Vice President
Doris McNamara, Treasurer

LOL YOUTH GROUP

See the G-A+Z-ETTE article on page 5.

NEW YORK CLUB

Our next meeting will be held on February 3rd in Building "A". Doors open at 5 PM, and the dinner will be Chicken Picata, mashed potatoes, green beans, and carrot cake. Tickets are \$20.00 per person; the deadline for purchasing tickets is January 30th. For tickets, please call Ron Levesque at 908-892-5429.

All tickets for the January 25th "Singing in the Rain" show have been distributed. We're looking forward to another great show. Parking for the show is at the rear of the theater.

Our next great adventure will be Capt. Hiram's Pelican Island boat trip. We spoke with Capt. Hiram's staff, the boat is reserved for our Club only. As of now, we have 34 people signed up for this trip. ALL payments must be made by the February meeting. The cost of the trip is \$32.10 per person. At the February meeting, we will open the boat to anyone who wishes to join us. The boat holds 40 people, so that would mean that there will be 6 seats available. To be fair, those seats will be available to our members and friends on a first-come, first-paid basis.

As always, we welcome all Barefoot Bay residents who have lived in the State of New York to join us. For more information, please call Bob Kahl at 772-202-4139 and leave a message.

OPEN MIC CLUB

Hello Live Music Lovers, we hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Another year has gone by, and the BFB Open Mic musicians are ready to perform for all of our fans once again, as long as the weather permits. We will see everyone on Tuesday afternoons under Oaks at Pool 2 from 1:30 to 4:00. Bring your family and friends and pets to enjoy the free live music. Please check our FB page, "Barefoot Bay Open Mike Club" for any changes in location or cancellations, whether it's under the Oaks at Pool 2 or in the Lounge, or to find out where your favorite Open Mic Players are performing outside the Bay. We also have T-shirts available, with all proceeds going to charities here in the Bay. So walk, bike, golf cart, or drive to wherever we are performing every Tuesday and enjoy the free live music and sounds of The Barefoot Bay Open Mic Musicians. Thank you all for spending your

Tuesday afternoons with us.

ORGAN, KEYBOARD, AND PIANO CLUB

Here it is already the end of the tunes of Winter. The sounds of Spring are just beginning as we musicians practice the music on the lighter side. Each season changes the mood, right along with happier musical arrangements.

We welcome anyone to our next meeting when we nominate officers for the next year. Be ready for suggestions from all our members.

We also invite any guests to come listen to our members play various musical numbers. We start at 1:00pm, every fourth Wednesday, in Bldg. A on the 28th of this month.

For further information, please call our President, Rollin Rice at 802-299-9230.

Barbara Applegate
 Secretary

PETALS AND PALMS CLUB

At our last meeting, we approved 2 donations to the Feb. Veterans golf tournament as we have done for the past few years. Bonnie Merritt and I were personally thanked by the Adjutant of the BB American Legion for our contributions.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 10:00 am in the Admin Building conference room.

Jo-Anne Stukas

TENNIS CLUB

The BB Tennis Club had its annual meeting on January 7th. Plans are underway to schedule Women's, Men's, and Mixed Doubles tournaments with the Schumann Club in Sebastian. Other social events are also planned for the upcoming months, including a round robin followed by a pizza party, a club luncheon at RJ's, and attending a Rustic Roast in building A. We play casual matches on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 am. If you would like to join us, please contact our weekly play coordinator, Lennie, at 774-454-5061 or lentilton@myfairpoint.net. All skill levels are welcome to join us, and club dues are just \$15 per year. We are also offering free lessons for kids from 7 to 70+ beginning Thursday, January 15th at 5:30 pm. We have extra racquets if you don't have one. We hope to see you on the courts.

Diane Given
 BB Tennis Club Secretary

THE WHITE CAPS - RETIRED NURSES

Great lunch at MoBay Grill last month, there were 12 of us. So much conversation and laughs. Fantastic group of ladies.

We discussed different restaurants to visit in the future, and there were many suggestions. Carrabba's, Waldo's, Sebastian Roadhouse, Ocean Grill, etc. Also, we may want to carpool for some of the longer-distance restaurants. We also discussed having our lunches all year long, and everyone agreed.

We will be going to Carrabba's Italian Grill, 1575 Palm Bay Road, Melbourne, FL 32905, on February 11th, at 1 pm.

It is Valentine's Month, so let's wear pink, red, or Valentine's clothes just to show we are a coordinated group of ladies, lol.

To help us communicate, we now have a Facebook website you are welcome to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1528433681512738>

Please call or text Sandie at 716 445 8815 or Jan at 772 664 5531. You can also email me at yon_i_222@hotmail.com if you're attending by February 9th, so I can tell the restaurant how many of us to expect. Also, let us know if you need directions or a ride.

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Barefoot Bay Veteran to Skydive

A Barefoot Bay veteran will be part of Skydive Sebastian's demonstration performance at the Sandy Lobello Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament on February 7. Skydive Sebastian will jump onto the 18th Fairway with the US, Florida, Service, and POW/MIA flags, augmented with colored smoke. A special this year is Skydive Sebastia, who generously donated a "tandem" jump to Daniel Stebbins, a Marine veteran from the "seabird" section of the Bay. Weather permitting, the jump will be on Saturday, February 7, at 12:30 PM. Open to the public, observers should gather by 12:20 PM on the grass just west of the 19th Hole parking lot. Please note this is a new location. Following the jump, Skydive Sebastian encourages observers to meet the skydivers to take pictures and see their equipment. (Hopefully, we can raffle off a tandem jump in 2027.)



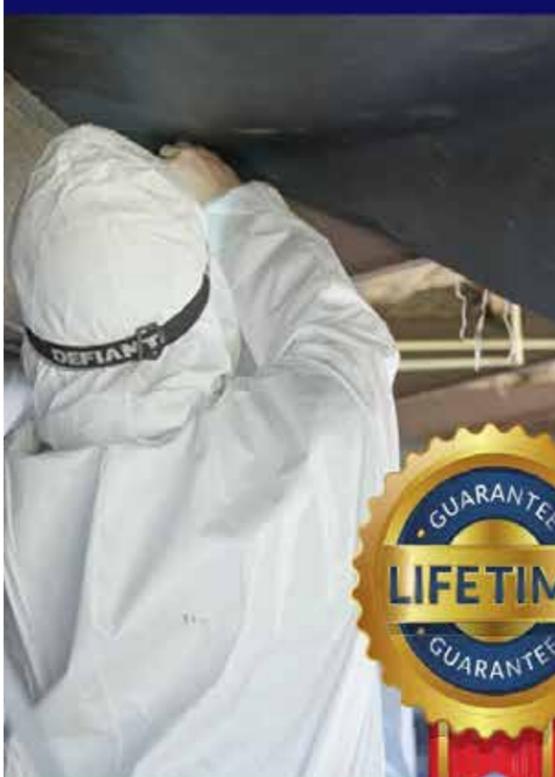

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Most of us have finished packing away the Christmas decorations, and only our memories of this blessed time of the year remain with us. Hopefully, the promises of the birth of the Baby Jesus have not been packed away. What promises are we most needing? The promise of unconditional love and the promise of forgiveness for our sins- the things we do and the things we have thought about doing that cause pain and harm to ourselves and others. He also promises rest- yes, comfort and rest. In Matthew 11:28, He says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Who does not fall into the weary and burdened category with the complications that life itself brings? We all have our own burdens, and we also have neighbors who are cold and hungry, people who are facing financial loss, and people who are facing increasing health concerns. To learn more about the promises of the Baby Jesus, please join us on Sundays at 10:30 am. If you would like to help with local hunger, please consider bringing non-perishable food items to the church for delivery to the Food Pantry in Roseland, Florida. This pantry serves southern Brevard County and Northern Indian River County. Your donations can be left at Concordia between 9:00 am and 11:00 am -Monday through Thursday. Blankets and small-sized personal care items are also needed and will be delivered to the pantry, where the homeless and those in need can pick up the items. Thank you to all who contribute to the Food Pantry each week - our church family members and those in the community who care.

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Excitement is building in the Bay... our friends from up north are returning, and calendars are filling up....

Sunday, February 8, 11 AM-3 PM in Bldg. A... Celebration of Life for our friend Tim Hannify, who passed away on December 12. Come share a big hug with Jan, his precious wife... and family.

Friday - Saturday, February 13 & 14... BB's Festival By The Lake ...vendors, bands, and good times. Come together with some good smiles and laughter.

Folks... keep in mind this new year... showing that you care about people beyond what they can do for you lets them know you truly care about them. Sincere praise can energize others and cause them to spring up like wilted flowers that have just been watered. Try it.

Come join us for a wonderful time with the Lord on Sundays, @ Bldgs. D & E, (1225 Barefoot Blvd.) @ 10:30 AM as Pastor Carole Coon brings vital and dynamic messages on how to live in our world today. Messages have touched the hearts of many...giving encouragement and direction.

Come on Tuesdays, 6:00 PM, @ Bldg. C to the Non-Denominational House of Prayer. Need a tender touch from our Lord? Come with an open heart and mind and receive a blessing... be filled with joy for your daily walk. For more information, call Pastor Carole Coon at 772-913-0824. Blessings to you all!

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Join Us for the Journey - Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday

Each year, the season of Lent begins quietly—with ashes, prayer, and an honest look at our lives. On Ash Wednesday, Christians remember a simple truth from Scripture: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." It is a humbling reminder of our mortality, but also a hopeful one. The ashes mark not the end of the story, but the beginning of a journey toward renewal.

Lent is the forty-day period that leads to Easter. It is for reflection, repentance, and re-centering our lives on God. Some people give something up; others take something on—more prayer, more generosity, more attention to God and neighbor. At its heart, Lent is not about self-improvement, but about making room for God to do His work in us.

We invite the whole community to join us on Ash Wednesday for worship, where ashes are offered as a visible sign of our need for mercy and our trust in God's forgiveness. You do not even consider yourself particularly religious to go.

Throughout Lent, we hope you will find a place to pause and be reminded that God is.

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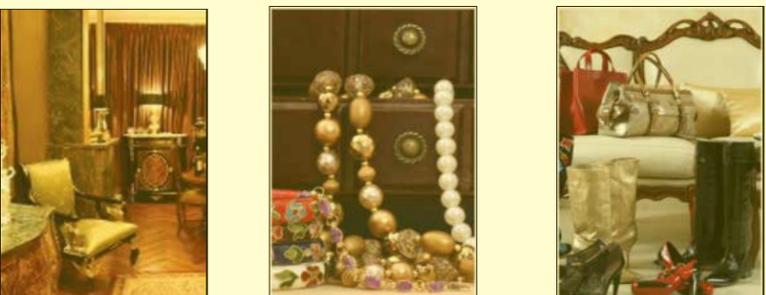
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Ladies' 18 Hole Golf League Ladies' 9 Hole Golf League

December 1, 2025 - Best 2 Of 4
 1st - Paula Vail-Gerard, Doris McClintock, Ann McDonough -18
 2nd - Sue Stevens, Mary Parsons, Michelle Donnelly -17
 3rd - Zeny Labarge, Eva Sherwood, Debbie Korich -15
 Ctp #7 - Mary Parsons
 Ctp #11 - Paula Vail-Gerard

December 9, 2025 - Quota
Flight 1
 1st - Sheila Crawford +4 (79)
 2nd - Pat Lefebvre +2 (80)
 3rd - Cindy Kaloski +1 (84)
Flight 2
 1st - Marsha Costello +3 (85)
 2nd - Ann McDonough +3 (86)
 3rd - Mary Landenberger +3 (90)
Flight 3
 1st - Eva Sherwood +7 (85)
 2nd - Janet Jackson +7 (86)
 3rd - Tish Garrett +6 (88)
 Ctp #2 Ann McDonough
 Ctp #13 Brenda Maslanka

December 16, 2025 - Best Nine Doubles
Flight 1
 1st - Pat Lefebvre (47)
 2nd - Tricia Farrell (56)
 3rd - Brenda Duke (57)
Flight 2
 1st - Tamarah Mitchell (53)
 2nd - Dianne Kallop (57)
 3rd - Ann McDonough (57)
Flight 3
 1st - Janet Jackson (47)
 2nd - Kandi Fallon (52)
 3rd - Tish Garrett (54)
 Ctp #7 Tricia Farrell
 Ctp #15 Sandy Kirkman

December 23, 2025 - Low Net
Flight 1
 1st - Sheila Crawford E (60)
 2nd - Cindy Kalosk +1 (61)

3rd - Judy Farrell +2 (62)
 4th - Brenda Duke +3 (63)
Flight 2
 1st - Doris McClintock +3 (63)
 2nd - Elaine Stevenson +4 (64)
 3rd - Kathy Duquette +5 (65)
 4th - Marsha Costello +6 (66)
Flight 3
 1st - Eve Sherwood -2 (58)
 2nd - Janet Jackson -1 (59)
 3rd - Ann McDonough +1 (61)
 4th - Judy Gagnon +2 (62)
Flight 4
 1st - Tish Garrett +1 (61)
 2nd - Pat Wright +3 (63)
 3rd - Debbie Oldakowski +3 (63)
 4th - Barbara Smith +4 (64)
 Ctp #2 - Judy Farrell
 Ctp #11 - Sheila Crawford

December 30, 2025 - FEN
Flight 1
 1st - Doris McClintock +2
 2nd - Judy Farrell +2
 3rd - Paula Vail-Gerard +5
 4th - Sharon Gerthoffer +12
Flight 2
 1st - Elaine Stevenson -3
 2nd - Sharon Farrell +2
 3rd - Judy Skene +3
 4th - Mary Parsons +5
Flight 3
 1st - Jackie Broderick +1
 2nd - Mary Landenberger +2
 3rd - Eva Sherwood +3
 4th - Ann McDonough +3
Flight 4
 1st - Debbie Korich +1
 2nd - Pat Wright +1
 3rd - Tish Garrett +4
 4th - Beth Enochs +4

December 2, 2025 - Total Odd Holes
 1st - Cyndie Bourassas 17
 Pat Gallant
 2nd - Rose Donahue 18
 Janet Felke
 Betty Greco
 Francine Lanthier
 Joan Lovejoy
 Bonnie Lynds
 Collette Piche
 CTP Hole #11 Nancy Luczynski 9'1"

December 9, 2025 - Total Best & Worst
 1st - Penny Zeilman 8
 2nd - Cyndie Bourassa 10
 Nancy Luczynski 10
 3rd - Mary Draper 11
 Betty Greco 11
 Priscilla Kaiser 11
 Donna Laverack 11
 Lynn Morey 11
 MK O'Brien 11
 CTG Hole #18 Judy O'Connell 24'

December 16, 2025 - Low Putts
 1st - Cyndie Bourassa 13
 2nd - Mary Draper 14
 Cathy Duggan 14
 Debbie Thornton 14
 3rd - Joan Lovejoy 15
 Janet Rafferty 15
 Diane Russo 15
 CTP Hole #13 Betty Greco

December 23, 2025 - Mystery Game
 1st - Diane Russo 61
 2nd - Collette Piche 58
 3rd - Cyndie Bourassa 52
 Priscilla Kaiser 52
 Barbara Minklein 52
 CTG Hole #2 Debra Corkins 5'

December 30, 2025 - Multiple Holes
 1st - Lynn Morey 16
 2nd - Betty Greco 16
 3rd - Nancy Luczynski 17
 4th - Chris Berquist 17
 4th - Debra Corkins 17
 Birdie Hole # 15 Cathy Duggan
 CTP Hole # 15 Cathy Duggan 7'10 1/2"

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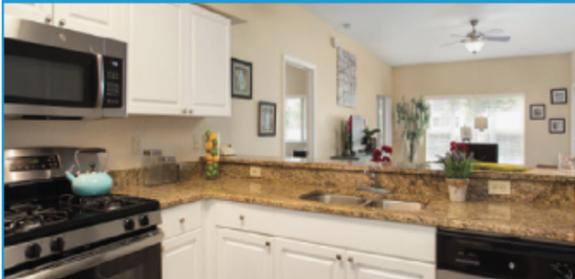
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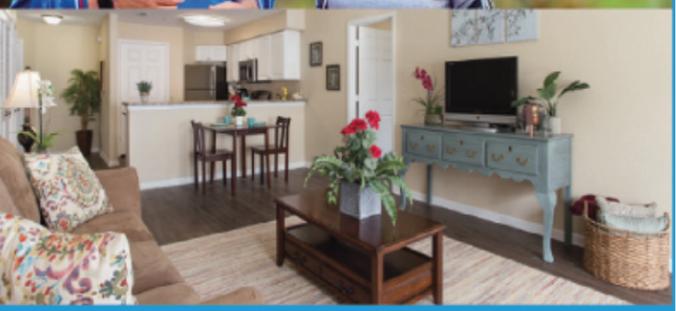


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Men's Golf Association

Dec 17 - Cha-Cha-Cha

Flight 1

1st - Brian Jackson, Stu Schwab, Kully Smith, Joe Cali -18

2nd - Martin Petro, Kris Vasiliu, Bill Stavensen, Mike Coats -9

Flight 2

1st - Paul Steinhauer, Paul Desroshers, Herb Stellman, Dave Foisy -23

2nd - Dale Fowler, Jim Atallian, George Auletta, John Styron -9

Flight 3

1st - Brad Jackson, Norm Perkins, Bill Jackson, Don Page -14

2nd - Mike Jackson, Glen McClelland, Jack Marti -14

Pinshots

Flight 1 - Rich Krywe

Flight 2 - Mike White

Flight 3 - Brad Jackson

Dec 24 - 4 Man 2 Best Ball Mixed

Flight

1st - Don Piche, Mike Coats, Bill Jackson, Brad Jackson -14

2nd - Stu Schwab, Paul Steinhauer, Manny Preira, Floyd Lynds -13

Pinshots

Mike Coats

Lenny Leroux

Mike Maino

Jan 7th - Individual Low Net

Flight 1

1st - Marc Dingman -1

2nd - Tom Smith +1

Flight 2

1st - Ed Lavazoli +1

2nd - Jerry Martin +3

Flight 3

1st - Virgil Cypher +1

2nd - Tom Felke +1

Pinshots

Flight 1 - Marc Dingman

Flight 2 - Jack Vickers

Flight 3 - Tom Felke

Jan 14th - 4 Man / 2 Best Ball / 4 Clubs

Only

Flight 1

1st - Rich Krywe, Kully Smith, Tom Jackman, John Landenberger -9

2nd - David Lane, Lenny Leroux, Jim McClintock, David McGraw -8

Flight 2

1st - Dale Fowler, Bob Starr, Jack Vickers, Dale Harrington -10

2nd - Alan Gamage, Gary Collins, Dennis Daly, Jerry Martin -8

Flight 3

1st - Bob Bouter, Glen McClelland, Lense Denny -14

2nd - Tim Ciardelli, Floyd Lynds, Donald Akowski, Jas Sellers -12

Pinshots

Flight 1 - Tom Rock

Flight 2 - Jim Atallian

Flight 3 - John Coates



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