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Happy
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2023 in Review



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With sadness, we said goodbye to three renowned women in Barefoot Bay this year. Wilma Weiglein, a previous Trustee and Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BOT) and President of the previously named HOA (now the CVO), passed away earlier this year. She was a driving force in our community from the early 2000s. Prior to Wilma being on the BOT, Jeanne Osborne also played a pivotal role in the early days of the Barefoot Bay Recreation District (BBRD). She moved to an assisted care facility this year. Finally, Jean White passed away at 104, one of the oldest members of our community. All three will be missed and remembered for their friendship and devotion to our community. Women have played an important role in our community from the beginning, and a new force has been added to our BOT as Elaine VanBershot was elected to the BOT this past November. She will step into the shoes of the powerful women who have volunteered for this community over the years. She remains the current CVO President and will join the BOT this January.

The weather in 2023 was fantastic! Even though we had the fourth most-named Atlantic storm in history, a strong El Nino sent almost every storm to the north long before we had to fret here on the east coast. We can only hope that the 2024 season is as uneventful since any major storm hitting our community will be devastating, especially with more and more residents passing on wind coverage as insurers flee the state, canceling policies everywhere, and insurance costs skyrocketing. What will we do if a large number of homes are destroyed, and people can't afford to rebuild? Our DOR requires you to replace your home with a new double-wide home that can easily cost \$250,000+ and requires a mortgage for many, which would also require insurance that will rarely cover more than \$100,000 in losses. Can our community survive after a devastating storm with this DOR rule as our only option?

Gratefully, sales of homes in Barefoot Bay remain strong, with prices falling slightly in the latter part of the year, most likely from mortgage rates and insurance costs eroding homeowner budgets. Even with the financial challenges, home sales are still averaging \$200,000, including one home that sold this year for over \$300,000 (and wasn't even on the golf course). Though there are still good deals to be found, the days of purchasing a \$50,000 home in Barefoot Bay appear to be long gone.

The Palm Bay annexation of land between I-95 and Dottie Drive is a big deal. Dix Developments has this land under contract and will be building thousands of homes as well as over 5M sq ft of retail space. Their development, Ashton Park, is a golf cart-friendly community and will feature a town hall and a K-8 school that will significantly shorten bus rides for our youngest residents. Understandably, the new school and retail development won't begin construction until there are at least enough new residents to warrant the investment. Even with the best developments, home sales take time, and Dix Developments is expecting a 20-25-year buildout of the area. Expect 10-15 sales a month when these lots become available (and that's on the high side). Though Palm Bay is behind in providing utilities for the annexed land, Dix Developments is expected to start pushing dirt by the third quarter of 2024.

The 2023-24 budget was a nightmare for the BBRD and the BOT. Prices for everything increased dramatically from 2022 to 2023, and we had limited options for covering our operating costs this new budget year. Though inflation won't have as big an impact, the 2024-25 budget will still have to deal with a 9% increase in wages for our minimum wage employees, who make up a majority of our paid employees. Budget talks will begin in January since the budget must be finalized by July. These budget meetings are public, and if you want your

voice heard, you need to show up. The BOT won't be able to make up shortfalls with fee increases or our annual "capped" special assessment, so we can assume that something will have to be cut to accommodate the higher wages.

The Tattler investigation into collusion by several Trustees and Senior Managers to fire Community Manager Kent Cichon and two Trustees, who we were told broke the Sunshine Law, is concluded without any additional evidence to support the claims. BBRD did their best to provide documentation as FOIA requested, but asking for phone records and emails requires full cooperation from those whom the material is requested and without significant resources to pursue legal action and/or a deep forensic investigation into deleted emails/text messages, etc. we have to take these individuals at their word. With the two Senior Managers no longer working for BBRD and the seating of a new Trustee in January, of the three Trustees accused, only two remain on the Board. Both will be up for reelection come November, assuming they run again. The Trustees have been put on notice. People are watching and more than willing to step up and have their voices heard as they did in October. The Tattler will not hesitate to pursue any future improprieties by our government officials if and when they are brought to our attention.

As we end 2023, we are coming up on the return of the Barefoot by the Lake - 6th Annual Music, Art, & Food Festival, which had a record 5,000 visitors last year enjoying the food, music, and vendors. The annual event will return in early February and The Tattler will be printing the Festival map in the center section of the next issue. This is the biggest event of the year for Barefoot Bay, and we look forward to seeing you there. Come by our table and say hi!

Finally, please look into this issue for two new columns. G-A+Z-ETTE (page 10) will feature news and activities for our youngest residents, Generation Z and Generation A. We thank Becky Culp for volunteering to write this column for the youngest among us. We are also introducing Date Night Reviews (page 9). These will be unsolicited reviews of restaurants and other entertainment options providing our honest opinions regarding our once-a-month date night experiences. Karen and I hope you enjoy our recommendations as we get out a little more in 2024 and enjoy the fringe benefits of writing for The Tattler.

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 Recreation District Chair**
 Bruce Amoss

Bot Happenings...
December 14th meeting:
 The lease agreement for the RV lots was revised by the Finance department and our Legal department.
 Changes were made within the Violations Committee membership.
 The sidewalk assessment document that is required by the county to further our quest for the Beach Restrooms was approved.
 Everyone thanked 'HB' Hurrol Brinker for his two years of trustee service.
 This year's Christmas Parade and Light the Bay was a rousing success!
 So many people in the parade and lining the boulevard! Wow!
 I would like to thank the many people involved in making this event one of the best in Barefoot Bay. Volunteers like you make Barefoot Bay the best place to live. Please keep up the good work.
 Mark January 11th on your calendar so you won't forget to attend the first board meeting of the new year. You can witness the swearing-in of the newly elected Trustees, Elaine VanBershot and Jeff Grunow.

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The Bay still sparkles with all of the decorations by Deck the Halls volunteers.
 The Christmas parade that launched the holiday season was one of the best ever. And the generosity of our community along the parade route has filled the food pantry for the holidays and beyond. Thank you one and all. On behalf of the CVO, I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year!
 The CVO will start off 2024 with a variety of events for the community.
 New Year's Eve will roll in with a tribute show featuring "Dean Martin" and "Frank Sinatra" in Building A. The bar will open at 4 pm, and the buffet will be served at 5 pm. The lights will dim at 7, and the show will begin. Please call the CVO office to check for any available tickets!
 Bingo Wednesday, January 3rd. Get your markers ready! Doors of Building A will open at 5 pm, and games will start at 6 pm. A card for 14 games is \$20, and two bonus games are \$1 each. Food will be available for purchase, but in accordance with state law, no alcohol will be allowed. Bring friends and neighbors for good times and cash prizes.
 Moonlight Golf Cart Parade and Walk Under the Oaks on January 7th. Let's "light up" the bay once more when we wrap up the cancer fundraising drive. Decorate your golf carts as fancifully as your imagination allows and with as many lights as possible.
 There is a suggested \$25 entry donation to ACS for golf carts. Please register in advance by calling/stopping by the CVO office. We will line up in the parking lot at the shopping center by 5 pm, and we will head down to the walking path at 5 pm.
 Walkers will meet at the same time in the Building A parking lot. At 5 pm, they will begin their jaunt as well. The path will be lined with luminaries to light our way. When the golf carts arrive, they will follow the walkers. After the walk, you may take one of the luminaries home.
 Boxes will be available that night for final donations, and all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. You will also be invited to sign out Memory Boards.
 Afterward, everyone can head over to Lakeside to toast Michelle Dolan, the Honorary Chairwoman for this event, who lost her battle this past fall. Food and Beverage will be serving Michelle's favorite drink.
 Barefoot by the Lake Car Show on Sunday, January 21st. This semi-annual event has grown in both size and quality, attracting a fabulous array of vehicles. And its reputation has spread far beyond our community. Big Pappa will be spinning tunes all day. There will be vendors. The grill will be hot. Food and beverages will be served all day. All in all, a wonderful way to spend the day in the Bay.
 The show starts Under the Oaks at 11 am and goes until 3 pm. Registration and set-up will begin at 8 am. Applications are available in the CVO office. Please call 772-663-0633 or stop by to get one. Pre-registration is \$20 and day-of is \$25.
 February 9th and 10th Barefoot by the Lake - 6th Annual Music, Art, & Food Festival. Work has been underway for months to make this year's festival the best ever. Music will begin Friday at 1 pm with Greg and Brian and continue at 6 pm with Angel City. On Saturday Sirsy and then The Kore will be playing. There will be over 60 artisan/crafting vendors with amazing wares. Some favorite food vendors are returning this year, along with new ones offering a wide variety of tasty treats.
 The Kids Party Zone will be open from 11 am to 5 pm on Saturday. This year, it has been expanded to include Spin Art along with face-painting, a bounce house, and a giant soccer, dart, and baseball game.
 So, mark your calendars for a fun time with family, friends, and neighbors.



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

Lizzann Taylor

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How to Keep Those Pesky New Year's Resolutions

Can you believe it? 2024 is already here! And, of course, we can't start our New Year without making some resolutions, all the ways we're going to improve ourselves this year, right? Well, the truth is, writing resolutions is easy, but keeping them is not so much. That truism – for all of us – is a running theme in your questions; below, we answer a few of them.

Q: Every year, I make a list of New Year's resolutions, and usually, I only achieve one or two of them (out of about 20!), which just makes me feel worse. Would I be better off not making them in the first place?

A: If it makes you feel worse to make a list that you mostly don't live up to, then yes, you're probably better off not making one. Having said that, we offer a useful list of different ways to keep your resolutions (scroll down) that might make for a better alternative than simply not penning any resolutions at all.

Q: Every year as long as I can remember, my father would write down his New Year's resolutions – and he would live up to them. But in the past few years, since he turned 80, he's started to "fail" (as he would put it) at achieving a few of them. I told him to stop making resolutions, but that just made him more upset. Any suggestions?

A: If it's important for your father to continue to make resolutions, help him tweak the resolutions themselves. As in, write down resolutions that he can actually achieve. He may be a little resistant to the 'simpler' goals, but he should try to push through that resistance because ultimately when he achieves them, it's most likely he will feel a sense of accomplishment. Additional ways for your dad to achieve his New Year's goals will be provided below.

Q: I'll cut to the chase: how do I keep my New Year's resolutions – especially those that involve exercise?

A: Firstly, you're in a popular club. The vast majority of New Year's resolutions include working out more, but many people who make this goal do not actually follow through with it. But this does not mean you should simply discard the goal altogether. Below are suggestions on how to keep your New Year's resolutions, including your goal to exercise more in the New Year:

1) Be realistic. As in, don't make pie-in-the-sky goals; make goals that, with some effort, you can achieve. Let's take the goal of exercise. If you haven't been jogging in six months, don't put down 'jog two miles every three days.' Start with a one-mile walk-run goal a few days a week and build up to your ultimate goal of jogging two miles a few times a week, even if it takes you six months or more to reach said goal. The benefit of approaching your goal incrementally is that you're much more likely to stick to your long-term regime, as you will feel a sense of accomplishment after successfully reaching your more realistic mini-goals along the way. (* But before you do any of this, you should check with your doctor to make sure that your goals are healthy for your body.)

2) Make less goals. Often, we make so many New Year's resolutions that the sheer number feels overwhelming. When you make a smaller number of goals, they'll feel easier to achieve.

3) Choose goals whose process you'll enjoy, even if challenging. For example, if

your goal is to lose weight and the process by which you plan on achieving that is through a kind of exercise you loathe, you are much more likely to not achieve your objective. Instead, choose a kind of exercise that you maybe enjoy that Zumba class... and you'll forget you even have a goal; you'll be so happy dancing around!

4) Mix it up. Instead of the same old goals as last year, get out of your comfort zone and take that cooking class you've been dreaming about or train to be a docent at your local museum. Whatever it is that you've wanted to do for a while, this is the year!

5) Treasure the present. Our goals are future-based, which too often creates the sense that the future is when you'll finally be happy – after you've achieved your goals. This year, make it one of your goals to simply take at least a few minutes every day to focus consciously on the present moment and feel gratitude for all that you have. Taking deep breaths and long exhales helps with this.

6) Remember, the ordinary is extraordinary. This isn't a goal per se, but ala #5, it will help you realize that in this very moment, you already have everything you need to be happy and fulfilled, so savor your hot cup of coffee in your favorite mug in the morning; bask in the majesty of the sunrise; treasure snuggling with your furry friends; and savor spending time with your tribe - because in the end, that's all that matters.

Happy New Year!

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Steven Brooks adds details to his seascape.

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Steven guided the group through each step while describing the materials and processes he used to represent the Bob Ross style.

He entered the art world as a graphic artist, designing everything from advertising to a magazine. Over the years, his business career took him away from design.

Since moving to Florida, he has become inspired to paint diverse landscapes while finding inspiration from Florida artists, including "A. E." Backus, the Highwaymen, and Florida's own Bob Ross.

He particularly enjoys sharing the joy of painting by teaching people to paint. He is a Certified Bob Ross painting instructor and conducts classes in Vero Beach at the Intergenerational Center on Oslo Road.

Those interested in taking a class with Steven can register for a class at www.PaintWithSteven.com. He has upcoming classes in Vero Beach during the next three months.

This event served as one of LABB's primary goals to learn and share new techniques.

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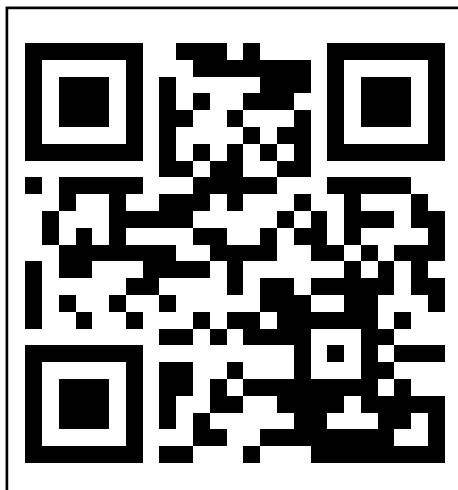
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Becky Culp: Think of how \$5 - \$10 from 100 people would make a difference for her. Is that \$5 taking away from the other charities and causes that you support, or is it taking away from your coffee fund? For me, my coffee fund is less, and I'm happy to help an aspiring young lady a tiny bit.

I'm still supporting Toys for Tots, the food pantry, ACS... and drinking two less DD coffees this month.

Daniel Hensen: Rob, I salute you and your daughter for the actions she is attempting to take to secure her funding for college. It has been done many times with limited success. I would much rather see someone who is trying to raise the funding upfront from goodhearted donors rather

than depending on handouts from the government. There are many people willing to and able to assist her in her quest. For those who can afford it, contribute. For the nay-sayers, you have your opinions, which you are entitled to. Not everyone's priorities are the same as yours. Give to the causes that you believe in and let others work with theirs. Laura, this portion of my post is for you. Keep pushing for your goal. I wish you the best of luck in your endeavor.

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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 will be on sale starting in November for the event. 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.

Track Your VA Claim: Since the PACT Act was signed into law, Veterans have set an all-time record for filing online disability compensation claims. VA continues to process all PACT-related claims. If you have a pending claim or appeal, use VA's online tool to stay up-to-date on its status.

Movie 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 at 2 pm at the Veterans Service Office. Come on in!

Vet-Cents: The Veterans Benefits Banking Program (VBBP) has already helped more than 290,000 Veterans gain access to the banking system. Learn how Vet-Cents will advance financial wellness for America's Veterans, beneficiaries, and caregivers.

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 1 pm to 4 pm for movies, games or just friendship. 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.

The Hawaiian Luau is 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.

Supplement Your Pension with Aid and Attendance: Did you know that VA's Aid and Attendance and Housebound benefits can increase your pension payments to support the additional care you need? If you need help with daily activities, or if you are housebound, you may qualify for an increased VA pension to help pay for in-home care, assisted living, or a nursing home.

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 Veteran's benefits.

WARNING: Predatory Law Firms Scam your Benefits: Have you recently been aggressively contacted by a company or law firm regarding legal representation to file your PACT Act or Camp Lejeune presumptive VA claim or an e-mail? Dishonest attorneys are messaging Veterans with offers of assistance but charge inflated fees. VA will help gather the necessary evidence to support it. There are no costs or hidden fees to apply. Apply directly to VA securely online or in person at any regional office. Or at the Veterans Service Office in Barefoot Bay, Florida.

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 movie ends.

We Served Now We Serve! Hope we see you at "The Veterans Meeting Center."
 Renee Chevalier

Card of Thanks

On behalf of the CVO and all of the residents of Barefoot Bay, I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Property Service Maintenance team. without your help, the bay would look quite dreary. This crew never said 'no' to anything, from hanging the decorations to making frames for the pole signs. thank you all!

Sincerely, Joanne Plasse and the Deck the Halls Committee.



Letters to the Editor

We just arrived to spend our 22nd winter in Barefoot Bay. We come down each year, rent a nice home, and always feel very welcome here.

A day or two ago, we went over to the office to purchase our park passes. Last year, they cost us \$267.00 for a five-month stay. This year, the passes cost \$642.00, a 240% increase.

So, let's stick it to those renters! Yeah! We'll show them!

Suddenly, we don't feel so welcome anymore!

Tom McCarthy

Editor's Note: Welcome back. While you were gone, the Barefoot Bay Recreation District (BBRD) and the Board of Trustees dealt with serious increases in our budget, including a mandated minimum wage increase, skyrocketing insurance costs, and inflationary pressures on everything we purchase. BBRD is locked into increasing homeowners' annual special assessments by no more than the CPI, regardless of how much our costs have increased. The discretionary fees were our only option to make up for budget deficits. The fees have not been increased in years, to your advantage as renters for the past 22 years. We don't dislike renters, but we also don't want to see our services cut. Our upcoming budget will be equally as difficult; though inflation is down, the mandated minimum wage will haunt our budget until 2026.

Hi,

This is concerning your articles about BFB sunshine laws, etc., being broken.

April Krueger and I would like to know if you are also contacting the Attorney General, Ashley Moody, about what is going on. We have a draft letter created to send, but maybe we can work together on this. We know that possibly it goes further than what is stated in your articles. Favoritism to groups, monies elevated, etcetera.

Please contact me.

Thank you,

**Margaret Moylan
April Krueger**

Editor's Note: Thank you for your letter. The evidence of improprieties by certain Trustees regarding collusion and Sunshine Law violations is weak. I will not be contacting the Attorney General and sadly acknowledge that bad behavior by Trustees has been going on for years. The Tattler exposed these Trustees and made our community aware of what Trustees can and should not do while sitting on the Board of Trustees. We must be diligent in the future as to who we elect and keep our eyes on Trustees when they're in our community to discourage this type of behavior in the future. We will report any future transgressions when we're informed.

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Poker In Florida

By Robert Allan

I love poker. I started playing when I was a teenager. We played stud, baseball, in-between (acey-deucey), and various games with wild cards. As with all young gamblers, luck played the biggest factor when determining who left with a pocket full of cash and who left broke. I left broke frequently. I also had my run-ins with conmen, losing my entire paycheck one day when my full house got beat by a better full house under the most suspicious of circumstances. A valuable lesson.

Since those early days, I've come to appreciate playing Texas Hold'em and Omaha and have entered hundreds of poker tournaments. I prefer tournaments over cash

games simply because I know what my investment is and what my potential return could be. I'm a small stakes player and love playing the \$60 dollar Friday night tournament at Club 52 in Melbourne, the only poker club in Brevard County. Many times over the past two decades, I've turned that small investment into a \$700-\$800 windfall.

My friend Scott Windwood and I recently played in different tournaments on the same weekend. He traveled a couple of hours south to the Hard Rock Casino poker room to play a World Poker Tour (WPT) event. His buy-in was \$400 for a shot at a \$2M prize pool, while I played the semi-annual \$100,000 tournament at Club 52 for a \$360 entry fee. I had enough for one entry, where Scott would be bringing \$1200 for multiple reentries if needed. The extra "bullets" allow Scott to play aggressively while building an early stack, where my single buy-in limits my options to premium hands (AA, KK, AK, etc) and little room for error. As poker goes, I had two full houses in the first three hands I played, losing one hand and chopping the other. Finding myself going in the wrong direction, I managed to hold on for a few hours but, unfortunately, was knocked out of the tourney when my pocket 1010 lost to my opponent's pocket KK. Frustrating, but losing in tournaments is the norm since only 10-15% of the field actually makes the money, and you have to make the final table in any tournament to win the big money.

Since I was the first to get knocked out, I rooted for Scott. Scott had his way with the poker gods early at the Hard Rock. He had started the tournament with 20,000 chips and had built his stack close to 180,000

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Date Night Reviews

By Karen and Rob Allan

As with every couple, we try to get out occasionally for a "date" and to escape our three young adults at home as they play video games and tie up the TV. We hope to provide monthly reviews of restaurants, movies, and other forms of entertainment as we venture out each month. Our tastes are our own, and our reviews will reflect that. We think you'll find them interesting, entertaining, and inspirational enough to get you out of the house.

Hemingway's Tavern



We dined on the patio as the sun was setting to the view of old growth oaks bearded with Spanish moss. The temperature was perfect. Started with cocktails - a perfectly balanced mojito and a winter menu old fashioned with star anise and cinnamon, nuanced with vanilla scents and caramel undertones. Started with perfectly fried conch fritters, hot and crispy on the outside, soft and moist inside, served with a spicy, perfectly paired remoulade.

The next course was flavorful tomato-based conch soup and a whole heart of romaine Caesar salad with creamy dressing and a generous dusting of finely grated Parmesan cheese. Both were perfectly seasoned and balanced.

The main entrees were the Cuban sandwich and the skirt steak sandwich paired with golden truffle fries. The Cuban sandwich is superior to any I have had in my 20 years in Florida. The chimichurri skirt sandwich on coconut bread was on the sweeter side but tasty.

We ended our meal with hot beignets dusted with powdered sugar and Cuban espressos.

The meal was less than \$100 and every dollar we spent was exchanged for an excellent dining experience immersed in the warm flavors of Key West. We're looking forward to the next visit!!

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Godzilla Minus One

Most of you remember the original *Godzilla* that came out in 1956 (we saw it on Creature Features more than once). It was in black and white and terribly dubbed, but watching *Godzilla* tear up miniature cities was a blast. We've also had at least 29 different *Godzilla* spinoffs, some more worthy of our attention than others.

The latest version is a film by Takashi Yamazaki entitled *Godzilla Minus One*, which is still playing in theaters around the area due to positive reviews. The movie was filmed in Japanese and is subtitled in English. Understandably, some people do not enjoy foreign films for that reason, but that's a shame since *Godzilla Minus One* is probably the best *Godzilla* movie we've ever seen. It's an homage to the original *Godzilla*, produced by TOHO, the same film company that has made all of the *Godzilla* movies.

The main character is a kamikaze pilot who, failing to complete his mission at the end of WWII, lands his plane at a repair station on a remote Pacific island. His dishonor and cowardice are revealed when the island is attacked by *Godzilla*, leaving him one of the few survivors. He returns to Tokyo to find that his parents have died in allied bombings and their home destroyed. He meets a homeless woman caring for an orphaned child and invites them to stay with him. Postwar Tokyo is not an easy life, and



shame prevents him from pursuing a romantic relationship, though his love and care for the woman and child are evident. Years of struggle pass before *Godzilla* returns, wreaking havoc upon Tokyo, taking his adopted family away from him, and providing him one last opportunity for redemption.

The special effects are fantastic, but it's the tear-jerking love story that makes this film worth watching. Burabo!

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News for Gen A and Gen Z

Hi teens! Welcome to your monthly article, where we will announce upcoming activities for you and your younger siblings in and around the Bay.

There are two Barefoot Bay youth groups: "L.O.L. Living Out Loud Youth Group" and "Young Christians Youth Group". We plan fun activities for you and your siblings and we hope you will be active members of both groups.

Christine Bartolomeo and I (Becky Culp) are the L.O.L. Living Out Loud Youth Group leaders. Most of our activities will be for high schoolers, but we also organize Family Swims for all ages and periodic activities for your younger siblings. We are part of the same team that coordinated the Easter Egg Hunt and worked with BBRD for the Back to School Pool Party in 2023. Throughout November, we worked with BB high schoolers to create an amazing float for the BB Christmas Parade and coordinated the Turkey Trot and Holiday Family Swims. We plan on scheduling more family swims for all ages during your school breaks. We were happy that we had teens attend our swims and hope you continue to participate. In 2024 we plan on giving you the opportunity to learn pickleball, softball, cornhole and miniature golf. We also will be working on a big art project that will add beauty to the Bay (pending approval) and another Christmas float. Let me know what kind of activities you would like us to plan for you. Message me through social media or text 360-566-3427.

"Barefoot Bay Young Christians" is a non-denominational program coordinated by Lynne Fraser and meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM in Building C. Participants are asked to RSVP so there's enough food and supplies at 239-404-4788. Upcoming meetings are January 9th and January 23rd. Meetings include free pizza, fun activities, and Bible study. All ages are welcome. Attend an upcoming meeting with one of your friends and see what they are all about.

Were you part of Bayside's Prism concert? I was overwhelmed by your talent! If there's enough interest, we could form a choir and visit nursing homes a couple of times a year. You can earn volunteer hours while doing something you enjoy. You can also earn volunteer hours by helping with the LOL Kids Clothing Swap on February 23rd, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Contact me ASAP to sign up for 2+ hours.

Cocoa Beach Kite and Beach Fest is a unique, free family event. January 20th - 21st, 2024, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Coconuts On The Beach, 2 Minutemen Causeway, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931, 321-693-3159. Giant kites fill the sky while others fly in concert to music. Bring your chairs and anything else you need to enjoy a great day at the beach.

Did you know Brevard County offers a one-day driving course for teens with a learner's permit or new license? The class runs from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Eastern Florida State College Driving Pad, 250 Community College Parkway, Palm Bay. Dates fill up quickly, so register ASAP for February 17th, March 2nd, or March 9th. Contact the Program Coordinator at 321-264-7755 or go to <https://www.brevardsheriff.com/home/crime-prevention-programs/teen-drivers/drivers-challenge/>

I hope you had a fantastic holiday season filled with love & laughter. Happy New Year!
Becky Culp



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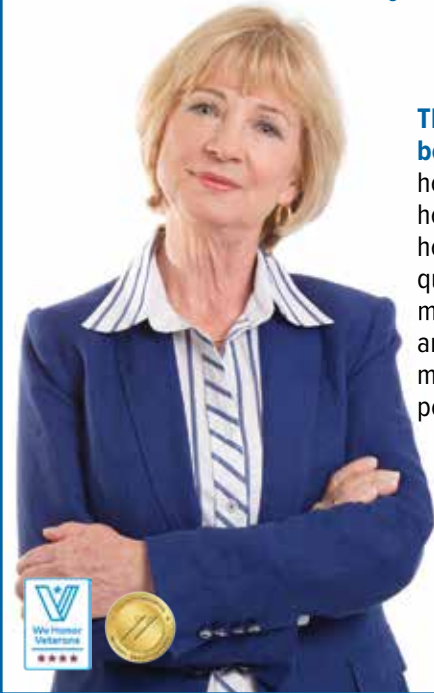
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The earlier hospice is elected, the better it serves the patient. Receiving hospice care doesn't mean you're giving up hope or that death is imminent. The goal of hospice is to provide patients with optimal quality of life with a focus on comfort and pain management. In addition, hospice offers an array of services for patients, and their family members, including music therapy, counseling, pet therapy and Veteran services.

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Reflections on Home

Growing up in a small Kentucky town, I remember hitching posts for horses and Civil War veterans smoking pipes and telling stories. We watched Saturday matinee cowboy shows and argued about who would be the winner in the space wars.

Times have changed in so many respects, especially the way we care for seniors. As a young man, the elderly I knew were cared for by the family. There were few assisted living facilities, and the facilities that did exist were mainly for those with dementia.

Over time, this has all changed, but has it changed for the better? The increased cost of elder care is placing new financial burdens on the state and family. Assisted living facilities today are quite elegant, but competing for Taj Mahal status has caused higher prices for families who want the best for their loved ones.

Families who need assistance frequently ask me for a recommendation. There are several important considerations:

1. Visit the facility at various times to see the level of care.
2. Ask residents if the soup is hot when served and other such questions.
3. Do residents appear happy?

If you have placed a loved one, the above factors still apply, as well as additional questions. Are residents turned to prevent bed sores? How attentive is the staff? I think you get the picture – monitoring care is an ongoing process.

Where you live, what you do, and your level of activity will all end one day. Enjoy what you have, what you do, and where you live to the best of your ability. The love you leave for your family and friends trumps all.

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Here are the winners:

3rd Place – Julie Hanscom “Pink Flamingo”

2nd Place – Paul & Mary Weck “Golfing Santa”

1st Place – Mark & Sue Cicci “Hawaiian Santa”

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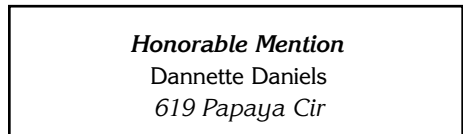
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CLUB NAME	CONTACT NAME	PHONE	EMAIL	WHERE	WHEN	ALL YEAR or Seasonal
A	AA Meeting	772-913-0402	dtheaney@gmail.com	Building C	Weekly Wednesday & Saturday 7pm	AY
	American Legion (Mens)	772-920-6162	jgrunow54@aol.com	D&E Bldg.	3rd Tuesday 1-3pm	Sept-May
	American Legion (Ladies)	216-548-4324	rlucky lady32@gmail.com	D&E Bldg.	3rd Tuesday 1-3pm	Sept-May
	Aquatic Exercise	772-202-4421	mstcoevr@gmail.com	Pool 1	Monday-Friday 10-11am	AY
	Aqua Zumba	812-841-1197	dforsman60@hotmail.com	Pool 3	Tues, Weds, Thurs 2-3pm	AY
	Architectural Review Control Committee (ARCC)	772-664-3141	sally.biondolillo@bbird.org	CR Admin Office	1st & 3rd Tues. of the Month 9am	AY
	Art Group	772-664-8548	slaipoh@bellsouth.net	Bldg. E	Every Monday 1-4pm	AY
	Artist Guild	772-664-9994	barefootbluedot@gmail.com	Bldg D	1st,3rd,4th,5th Friday 1-4pm	AY
	Barefoot Angels	321-522-9321	barefootangels.com	Bldg D	1st Tues & 3rd Thur. of the Month 6-8pm	AY
	Barefoot Bowlers	772-664-3475		Palm Bay Lanes		AY
	BFB Board of Trustees			Bldg D&E	2nd Thurs 1pm & 4th Tuesday 1 pm	AY
	BFB Birding Club	518-334-3858	cpdoliard@gmail.com			Oct-May
	BFB Buddies Club	561-537-9898	snappysally@yahoo.com	Picnic Area & Pool Rm.	2nd Thurs. 5pm	AY
	BFB Buggy Club		ostagecg@gmail.com	No Meeting in the Bay		AY
BFB Classic Cruisers	302-584-0275	jwandrewsinc@aol.com	No Meetings in the Bay		AY	
B	BFB Dancers		shmontavon@gmail.com		Every Fri. 11am-12:30pm STAGE Only TAP (AY) D&E 3-5pm Ballroom (Jan-Mar)	Dec-Mar
	BFB Golf Cart Club	207-890-2847	13debbi@gmail.com			Oct-May
	BFB Line Dancing	772-664-7261	joblum2@aol.com	Bldg. A	Every Thursday 9:30-11:30am	Oct-May
	BFB Open Mic Group	860-213-3539	gagnerrussell@gmail.com	Behind Pool #2	Every Tues. 2-4pm	AY
	BFB Ringers Club	321-212-9419	cfull520@gmail.com	Horseshoe Pit E	Every Tues, Thurs, Sat. 7am-10am	AY
	Boat and Fishing Club	781-953-7600	stevejohnson7600@gmail.com	Bldg. D	2nd Friday 7:30pm	Oct-Apr.
	Bocce NH - Tuesdays	603-312-6628	pbodwell@gmail.com	Bocce Courts	Tues. 9:30am-12pm	Oct-May
	Bocce-Italian - Fridays	772-664-5944	sreddy8381@aol.com	Bocce Courts	Fridays 9am	Oct-May
	Bowling Barefoot Bowlers	772-664-3475		Strike Zone, Palm Bay		AY
	Bowling-Lawn Canada	860-919-1756	suzannebouchard@yahoo.com		Mon & Thurs. 9:15am-12:00 noon	Oct-May
	Bridge - Saturday	614-764-1040	plat04@hotmail.com	Bldg C	Every Saturday 12-4pm	AY
	Bridge - Monday Night	772-664-2436	jackiejawgirl1@aol.com	Bldg C	Every Monday 6-9:30pm	Oct-May
	British Club	321-750-3119	ostagecg@gmail.com	Bldg. D&E	2nd Tues. 4-10pm	AY
	C	Canada Club	902-209-9191	debmasisaac27@gmail.com	Bldg A	2nd Wed. 5:30pm
Canasta Club		978-569-5942	nannieshep@gmail.com	Bldg C	Every Monday 1-4pm	AY
Chess Club		812-686-2502	jpkam0310@yahoo.com	Bldg C	Every Wed. 8:30am - 12noon	AY
Christian Women Club		502-295-2338	zcriscillis@gmail.com	Bldg. D&E	1st Thurs of the Month 12-3pm	AY
Community Fund		772-643-5761	clark771946@bellsouth.net	No Meetings in the Bay		AY
Computer Club		772-663-0314	lcrouse2@cfl.rr.com	Bldg D&E	4th Friday 6-9pm	Sept-May
Conservative Club		772-664-8915	bbconservative@proton.me	Bldg D	4th Thursday 2:30-4pm	AY
Crafter's Club		321-210-9438	dollkfa@aol.com	Bldg A	Every Wednesday 9-12N	AY
Crafter's Club/Quarter Auction		321-210-9438	dollkfa@aol.com	Bldg. A	1st Friday 6-9pm	AY
Cribbage Club		772-664-9180	rdubois1234ronald@juno.com	Bldg. C	Every Sunday 1:00 PM	Oct-Apr
Civic Volunteer Organization (CVO)		630-788-8734 or 772-663-0633	evanberschot6@yahoo.com			AY
Darts-Monday Night		772-202-4935	drammie2marks@aol.com	Lounge Dart Boards	6:30-9:30pm	Sept-Apr.
Darts Wednesday Mixed		321-750-3119	embreeliz@aol.com	Lounge Dart Boards	2-4:30pm	AY
Darts Thursday (Women's)		772-664-0158	embreeliz@aol.com	Lounge Dart Boards	1-4pm	AY
DAV(Disabled Veterans)	321-215-7966	reneec1947@gmail.com	Meet at Vet's Center	(Fundraiser Events)	AY	
Deck the Halls	772-664-6664		Bldg A		AY	
Democratic Club of BFB	772-252-9679	dwcbbay@gmail.com	Bldg D	3rd Thurs. 3:30-5:30pm	AY	

Club Listing

NEW CLUB: Barefoot Angels

DISBANDED CLUBS: American Legion Line Dancing Group, Bocce Thursdays, Exerciser Club, NA Meeting, Shuffleboard Monday

	CLUB NAME	CONTACT NAME	PHONE	EMAIL	WHERE	WHEN	ALL YEAR or Seasonal
E	Ethnic Committee	Arnie Redfearn	772-664-4578	ostagecg@gmail.com	Bldg. C	2 Meetings a Year	AY
	Euchre Club	Ron Beaton	772-202-4036	ronalbeaton@att.net	Bldg. D	Every Wednesday 7pm	AY
G	Garden Club	Betty Berry		bberry1695@yahoo.com	Bldg D&E	3rd Wednesday 9-12n	Oct-Apr.
	German Club	Roberta Kessler	419-357-1226	rakess62@aol.com	Bldg. C	4th Tuesday 5-10pm 1st Tuesday 4-5pm Board Mtg.	Oct-Apr
	Golf - 9 Holers	Michelle Donnelly	508-269-3933	sunshine61367@yahoo.com	Golf Course	Per Schedule Oct-May	Oct-Apr
	Golf - 18 Holers	Brenda Duke	772-202-4342	bduke1250@cfl.rr.com	Golf Course	Per Schedule- Oct-May	Oct-Apr
	Golf - Men's League	David Foisy		dfoisy253@comcast.net		1st Wednesday 11:30-1:30pm Board - Bldg. E 4th Wednesday 11-3pm Gen. Mtg. Bldg. D&E	Oct-May
	Great Lakes Club	Dick LaPage	248-877-4540	bonbelmore@gmail.com	Bldg A	2nd Tuesday 5-9pm	Nov-Apr
	Green Thumb Club	Val Abbate	631-495-4703	valabb@hotmail.com	Greenhouse	1st Saturday 10-11am	Sept-Apr.
H	Horseshoe Club (Ringers)	Carl Fuller	321-212-9419	cfull520@gmail.com	Horseshoe Pits	Tues, Thurs, Sat. 7-10am	AY
	Hydrotherapy	Tina Krever	321-895-6154	organic1234@outlook.com	Pool 3	Mon-Friday 9-10am	AY
I	Irish American Club	Michelle Donnelly	508-269-3933	sunshine61367@yahoo.com	Bldg A	3rd Wednesday 5-10pm	Nov-Apr
	Italian American Club	Ron Fashano	321-609-7564	ronfashano@gmail.com	Bldg A	4th Wednesday 5-9pm	Oct-Apr
L	Ladies Bible Study	Linda Audie	207-740-7310	olaudie@hotmail.com	Bldg C	Every Thursday 9:30-12N	AY
	Ladies Billiards Club	Nancy Eisele	772-664-0762		Pool Room	Every Wednesday 1-6pm	AY
	Ladies Card Club	Dorothy Johansson	772-664-0985		Bldg. E	Every Sunday 1:30-4:30pm	June-Sept
	Lagoon Artists of BFB	Georgene Granholm	908-337-9400	georgene_granholm@yahoo.com	Bldg E	2nd Monday of the Month 10am-12pm	Oct-Apr
	Learn Quilting & Sewing	Shawna Greene		sewcreative28@comcast.net	Bldg C	Every Thurs. 12:30pm - 3:45pm	AY
	Little Theater	Laura Kies	815-592-1070	meow43211@outlook.com	Bldg A	3rd Tuesday 7-9pm	AY
M	Mah Jongg	Sharon Sebring	772-664-7461	sisschoolhouse@gmail.com	Bldg. C	Every Wednesday 1-4pm	AY
	Marines Corp.	John Anderson	321-258-2162	marine918@earthlink.net	Bldg. D	3rd Thursday 7pm	Jan-Oct
N	Neighborhood Watch	Kathy Planinsek	772-913-0908	kpfla1@gmail.com	Bldg. D	1st Tuesday 3-5pm	AY
	New York State Club	Dan Murphy	423-343-2995	djmurphy2018@gmail.com	Bldg D&E	2nd Thursday 5pm	Nov-Apr
O	Organ/Keyboard Club	Rollin Rice	772-664-5991	rrrice1@netzero.net	Bldg A	4th Wednesday 1-4pm	Oct-Apr
	Paradise Planners	Robert Hill	919-906-8835	suebobhill@yahoo.com	No Meetings in the Bay		AY
P	Petals & Palms	Joanne Stukas	772-664-8871	jmstukas@yahoo.com	Bldg CR	1st Wednesday 10-11:30am	Nov-Apr
	Pickleball Club	Mary Smythe	804-654-9924	donsmythe5864@gmail.com	Pickleball courts		AY
	Pinochle Club	Lois Giltner	772-664-1199	dligiltner@aol.com	Bldg C	Every Friday 6:30 - 9:30pm	AY
	Poker Club (Ladies)	Chickie Rudzinski	772-663-3784	rudzinskianne@gmail.com	Bldg C	Every Friday 12-4pm	AY
	Poker (Mens)	Jim Morrissey	609-471-1609	anymecharters@gmail.com	Bldg C	Every Thurs. 5pm	AY
	Polish Club	Joe Klosky	570-280-6371	josephklosky74@gmail.com	Bldg D&E	2nd Tues	Oct-Apr
	Ringers Pool League	Chuck Sabol	772-663-1239	charlesisabol@bellsouth.net	Pool Room	Mon 5-7pm & Thurs. 3-5pm	AY
S	Senior Softball League	Terry Brewer	509-760-3786	lvcbovey@gmail.com	Bldg D	1st Thursday 6-8pm	Sept-Apr
	Shuffleboard Tuesday	Michelle Grimm	973-214-2515	michelegrimm51@gmail.com			Jan-Apr.
T-W	Shuffleboard Thursday	Linda Wilson	772-321-3726	lindawilson@live.com			Oct-May
	Tennis Club	Barry Fisher	321-419-8593	bjfisher9@verizon.net	Tennis Courts	8am-12pm	AY
	Tops #0456	Julie Hanscom	772-453-7626	hanscomjulie2972@gmail.com	Bldg C	Every Friday 9am	AY
	Veterans Council	Spencer Blanchard	772-663-0635	sblanchard8@cfl.rr.com	VETS Center	M,W,F, 10sm-12pm	AY
Welcome Wagon	Margo Barney	616-430-3724		730 Oleander Cir.		AY	



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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY #366

Congratulations to all the members of the American Legion Auxiliary who participated in creating 76 stuffed teddy bears as gifts for the Cleveland Clinic, the Micco Fire Department, Pelican Landing, and the Promenade Senior Living Facility. The bears were gratefully accepted and will be distributed to those who need a pickup during the holidays.

The Auxiliary also gave a children's Christmas Party in Buildings D & E on December 2, 2023. Approximately 35 children attended and received many donated gifts. Food and drinks were served, and several games were available for the children to play. Prizes were awarded.

Unit 366 is now getting ready for our annual card party on Sunday, January 28, 2024, at 6 PM, at Building A, with door prizes, a Chinese auction, and light refreshments. Donations are \$5.00, and tickets can be obtained from Rhoda Barnett at 664-9577. A cash bar will be available.

For God and Country,

**Sue Reddy,
First Vice President**

AMERICAN LEGION POST #366

Barefoot Bay American Legion Post 366 continues regular meetings. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 PM in Building D. The next meeting is on January 19. We are still searching for an Adjutant, Historian, and 2nd Vice Commander. Agenda items include final preparations for the Veterans Golf Tournament on February 3, 2024.

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**

ARTISTS GUILD

Happy New Year from the Barefoot Bay Artists' Guild.

What an exciting year it has been, and now we are looking forward to an even better new year for 2024.

Most important! Our 43rd Annual "Art from the Heart" Art Show will be held on January 14th, in Building A, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is a judged show and is open to the public. We have many talented Artists who will be showing and selling their wonderful works of art. Proceeds from a silent auction of small paintings will benefit the Barefoot Bay Community Fund. Through our workshops and Art Shows, we donate to the Barefoot Bay Community Fund and to the Barefoot Bay Baptist Church food pantry. This is a very sensational event that welcomes everyone who attends.

We welcome anyone 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. E. We have numerous workshops, outings, picnics, and 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.

We are bringing back Artist of the Month! For January, we picked Sally Cantwell, a new member of the Artists' Guild as of November. She creates very unique kinds of paintings

enjoyed by many. One can see some of her creations located in Building A. Sally moved here last December from New Jersey. She recently started painting in acrylic with her teacher, Sherrel Galeotti. She enjoys painting happy turtles, flamingos, and seahorses and is still new but enjoying her new hobby. She also loves quilting and is looking forward to learning new skills and sharing art with everyone

Wishing everyone a joyous and peaceful time in the New Year.

Bonnie J Murphy

BAREFOOT BOWLERS

Your Invitation to Join Us
Who: People who love to bowl, no matter their ability
What: Barefoot Bowlers
Where: Shore Lanes, Palm Bay
When: Monday, January 8th, 1 PM
Why: Exercise and Socialize
RSVP: Kate 480-721-3948

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This has been a fantastic year with a wonderful group of ladies. Looking forward to the new season. And the return of our seasonal friends. It has been a great joy to share and learn with each of these ladies. That's what is so special about having these clubs in groups: to enjoy friendships and learn new things. I look forward to furthering our skills. Thank you for a great year. Special thanks to Keith, in general, who takes care of setting up for us and does a great job. At this time, our group is full. If any time you are interested, please give me a call to see if there will be any future availability. We are located in building C next to building A by pool one, 12:30-3:30; we are thankful for all the staff who enabled us to have this time to assemble together. Happy New Year to all. May it be a blessed one.

**President, Shawna Greene
Vice President, Karen Gallagher
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BOAT AND FISHING CLUB

Commodore Steve Johnson tapped the ship's bell to open the regular meeting of the Barefoot Bay Boat and Fishing Club on Friday, December 8, in Building D&E.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Rear Commodore Mary McGrath announced that, due to illness, Nan Griffin was not present to read the minutes of the previous meeting. The club report in the Tattler will stand as a record of that meeting.

Purser Paul Levesque presented the report on the club's treasury before members heard an outline of upcoming club events.

SAVE THE DATE—January 17, 2024, 7:00 a.m.-11 a.m. Barefoot Bay Boat and Fishing Club's January event will be a Surf Fishing Tournament at Barefoot Bay Beach. Sign-up sheets will be available at the January 12 meeting.

Lines in the water 7:00 a.m. (or any time after) – 11 a.m.

Anglers may sign up at the January 12 meeting. The entry fee is \$10.00 per angler – two rods per person. Angler entry fees go to the prize money. All fish caught must be legal in size and season. Anglers are responsible for FWC licenses, if applicable. Prizes will be awarded for the most fish caught.

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Please contact Dennis Kispert at 321-339-8172 or Denyce Bensen at 954-610-4077 with questions. Open to all current club members, anglers, and nonanglers. come enjoy the beach and bring your chairs!!

The annual Christmas Luncheon was hosted on Saturday, December 9, from noon to 4 p.m. by Pat and Steven Dylnicki at Building D&E. Joe Calautti provided music for the event, following a movie-trivia contest led by Pat Dylnicki. The catered meal was enjoyed by everyone.

Events scheduled for 2024 include the Champagne Breakfast in February and Cheeseburgers in Paradise in March.

John Nelson provided a fishing report, which included information on flounder (now open), trout (Jan. 1), and pompano. There is no current season for redfish, as officials are hoping to increase the population of that specific fish.

Jim Rigg presented an update on maintenance at Barefoot Bay Beach. He noted that the sea grape growth could not be cut any lower due to restrictions set by law. When this plant has grown six feet in height, only 1/3 of that height can be cut. All permits are complete for the beach bathroom project, Rigg added.

The next regular meeting of the Barefoot Bay Boat and Fishing Club will be held on January 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Building D&E.

Contact Jim Hale, public relations, 618 314 3542.

BRITISH CLUB

Happy New Year!

Our December meeting was held on December 5th in building A. After working out a few bugs with the new location, everything went very well. Our meal was hot and delicious Pork Loin with all the fixings. Entertainment was The Dynamics. Santa (Gary) provided transportation from the parking lot in Liz's golf cart for those members who needed assistance. Thank you to all the members who contributed to Toys for Tots! We can always count on you to be generous.

After the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, we had our general meeting. There were three positions that came up for election and were voted on. Vice President - Debbie O'Hara, Treasurer- Gary Johnson and Third Trustee - Cyndie Bourassa. Installation will be during the January meeting.

The January dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2nd, in Building A. The theme is Scottish Night, and entertainment will be provided by DJ - Dougie (Good Times), who I'm sure will be decked out in his kilt. Dinner will be Beef Burgundy, egg noodles, glazed carrots, and salad. Desserts will be Trifles provided by BHC members. What a great way to start off 2024!!

Please contact Bob Dugre 772-202-4128 no later than December 28th for tickets (14.00 members-16.00 guests)

The Ethnic Food Festival bake sale is January 13th, 9:00 - Noon. This bake sale is very important as this is where we raise the money to purchase the great prizes for the many raffles that we have during the festival. Please come support us and get some great home-baked goods in the process.

Don't forget the Ethnic Food Festival will be on March 3rd! Keep your eyes open in the Tattler for a feature article about this great event.

May your New Year bring you more love, happiness, and blessings!

Cyndie Bourassa

CANADA CLUB

The Canada Club's "Welcome Back" event was held on Nov 17th at Bldg D. It was well attended, with everyone elated to be back in the Bay. After an absence from participating in the Christmas parade for three years, members were excited to be back this year. Decorated golf carts and walkers handing out candy were appreciated by all. On Dec 13th, the Christmas party was held

with Pushin Time, providing music for all eager dancers. Memberships were renewed, and we welcomed four new members. The evening was enjoyed by all attendees with a door prize and spot dance prizes. Our next event will be the AGM, which will be held on Jan 10th. We encourage all members to attend and meet the executive for the upcoming year.

Happy Holidays!

Debbie Macisaac

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Barefoot Bay Christian Women's Club held its second annual luncheon on December 7. Our working staff did a wonderful job! Holy Canoli catered the meal, and it was delicious. We had over 100 people in attendance. We are so thankful to the Lord for providing us with the people needed to host this event and to all of you who attend every month! God is so good, and we give Him all the glory. We invited the Puffers to come and entertain us. They are a local Christian couple who actually entertain people all over the world. They have won awards several times. We all enjoyed them, and we hope we will see them again!!

As many of you know, the ministry we chose to raise money for this year is Wings of Grace, located in Melbourne. This ministry helps foster children. They help them learn music if they show talent, learn a trade, or even become a pilot... But, the most important thing they do is introduce them to Jesus. When foster children hit 18, they immediately age out of the foster care program. Many have nowhere to go. Wings of Grace is building apartments where they can live at a low rent as they establish themselves in the world. The statistics for foster kids nationwide are very bad: a huge percentage of the boys end up in prison, and a huge percentage of the girls end up pregnant. The Bells, who run this ministry, will be with us in January to receive the check we have been working towards all year. If you want to join us, please call Ruth Lanning at 772-4251; our numbers are now so high that December is the last month anyone will receive a reminder call. We love you all, and God Bless you for your support.

Jane Fruscella

COMPUTER CLUB

The first meeting of 2024 is our Membership Kick-Off party. Come on January 26th to Building D&E at 6:00 pm and join in the fun. The membership dues of \$10 per calendar year (\$15 for a family) can be paid at this meeting. There will be sandwiches and cake to celebrate another year. The meetings are on the 4th Friday of each month from September through April, beginning at 6:00 pm with some social time and a time to ask questions about the many electronic devices we use. Each month, there is an educational program to help us use these devices better and learn more about what they can do for us. If you would like to learn more, please come to the meetings and share what you know with others. This club is designed to be "People Helping People," and our specialty is helping with computers, cell phones, security, safety, and more. Examples of past programs include internet safety, online shopping, security cameras, using applications like Word and Excel, organizing photos and emails, navigating the Barefoot Bay Website, and more. New ideas for programs are always welcome. In addition to our regular monthly meetings, we offer a community education class with a focus on beginner and intermediate cell phone use for Android and iPhone users. It is given by professionals who do this type of class every day. Follow the Barefoot Bay Computer Club website to learn more about the meetings and the community classes.

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ing an incredible Holiday Season so far and are looking forward to a Happy and Healthy New Year!!

Our November meeting was blessed to have a Uniformed Marine, Sgt Max, receive our Toys for Tots Donations. What a joy it was to have him join us as he explained the Toys for Tots program here in South Brevard and the process of how the gifts are distributed to the children in need within our community. The December 28th meeting in Bldg D at 2:30 pm is the election of our officers for 2024. All Patriots are ALWAYS welcome to join us at our meetings; the first for 2024 is on January 25th at 2:30 pm in Bldg D as we focus on God, country, family, and community!!!

We will be hosting a "Nite with Elvis" Show on April 6, 2024, and it is sure to be an evening to remember as this show will be dedicated to our veterans. Although the costs to present the show, like everything else in our nation, have skyrocketed, we are holding the ticket price at \$25.00 as it was in past seasons. Further info will follow and will be posted on our Facebook page as well. Follow us at Barefoot Bay Conservative Club on Facebook. We can also be reached at BBConservativeClub@proton.me.

Happy New Year from us all! May it be filled with Peace, Love, and Prosperity!



DEMOCRATIC CLUB

We had a great time meeting everyone at our December Holiday Social!

Our Club helped collect signatures for the statewide 2023 petition initiative for the November 2024 ballot to "Limit Government Interference with Abortion," so all Florida voters can decide this critical issue. Already, nearly 70% [621,690 as of 12/01/23] of the required number of verified signatures have been collected statewide. Currently, registered Florida voters can sign this petition if they have not already signed one, but time is running out.

Unfortunately, the "Right to Clean and Healthy Waters" 2023 bipartisan petition drive to protect Indian River Lagoon and Florida failed to win enough petitions for the 2024 ballot. We have collected 317 clean water and 147 safe abortion petitions -- be proud of yourselves.

Our Club welcomes a new entity in the Bay - Barefoot Angels - which is a 501(c) (3) non-profit specifically dedicated to community advocacy, providing resources and support for residents of Barefoot Bay. Please pass the word. You can find more about them on their website: barefootangels.org or call 321-522-9321. We wish them the best of luck!

Every vote counts. The 2024 Presidential Preference Primary is March 19, 2024. Check your registration [closes 02/20/24], update your signature [if it has changed], and check the status of your Vote-By-Mail request [last day 03/07/24]. Go 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 this January at 3:30 pm in Bldg D next to 19th Hole. If possible, please bring food bank donations. Leave a message at 772-252-9679 or email to dwcbbay@gmail.com.

EUCHRE

Every Wednesday, we play Euchre, and the starting time is 6:30 PM. We play in Bldg. D/E, which is at the golf course building.

Please come a little earlier so we can set up teams. Come by yourself or with others. For questions, contact Ron at 772 202 4036.

GARDEN CLUB

Join us on January 17th for a brief meeting of the Barefoot Bay Garden Club. It will be held in Building D&E at the Golf Course. Our Program will follow immediately at The McKee Botanical Garden in Vero Beach. We will be carpooling from the parking lot. The Garden Tour begins at 10 am. The cost of the tour is \$13.00 per person. New membership is always welcomed. For more information, contact Shelly @ 860-395-9353.

GERMAN CLUB

Happy New Year, fellow German Club members and guests. Jan. meeting will be held in Building "A" on Jan. 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Lasagna and Meatballs with the sides will be served. \$15.00 for members and \$17.00 for guests. Get tickets from Vivian Norton at 772-202-4686. Sax on the Beach will be our entertainment.

Dates to Remember:

January 13, 2024 - Ethnic Bake Sale. Please donate a baked item or cash. Deliver baked items to Building A on the morning of the sale. If you need someone to transport them, contact Kathy Ford at 309 635 0300. Cash donations can be made at our meeting, or contact Kathy Ford

January 26, 2024 - Jerry and the Dolls. Bldg. A, doors open at 5:00p.m.. Bring a cash bar and your own snacks to share your table. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be bought from Vivian Norton at 772-202-4648. You may also reserve an entire table That seats 8.

March 3, 2024: Ethnic Festival Bldg. Servers are needed from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. that day, and sign-up sheets will be at the meetings.

March 26, 2024 - German club bus trip to Hollerbachs German restaurant in Sanford, FL. Watch your e-mails for more information.

Best wishes for the New Year

Bis Bald - German for see you soon!

GOLF CART CLUB

The Barefoot Bay Golf Cart Club announced in November that we are sponsoring The BFB Mini Golf Fundraiser. This Fundraiser Challenge is for \$25,000.00, which will be used to have Turf installed at BFB Mini Golf Course, located at A Bldg, near the tennis courts and playground.

As of December 10, 2023, we have raised over \$10,200.00!

Much research has been done by our Committee for this project. The installation and maintenance of this Turf will be done by an outside company. There will be no effect on our budget or amenity fees for this upgrade.

This upgrade will enhance our mini golf course, making it fun for families and making playing a much safer and more enjoyable game. Many, many members and families currently enjoy the mini golf. We want to increase this amenity use and enhance the play and safety of this game.

Many individuals and BFB Clubs have donated to be Hole Sponsors and Bench Sponsors. Hole Sponsorship is \$1000.00 per Hole, and Bench Sponsorship is \$500.00 We are very excited with the donations and community support.

Please contact Debbi Brown at 207-890-2847 or any Committee Member for information or to donate.

There are 6 Holes left for your sponsorship at this time. Please don't miss this wonderful opportunity to support your community.

Committee Members:

- Debbi Brown
- Carol Boettcher
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Sarah Martabano
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GREAT LAKES STATES CLUB

Hi Club Members! Happy New Year! Welcome back to a few more snowbird arrivals to enjoy the warmer climate. December 12th meeting had 58 members and two new members. The official addendum to the main entree to \$5.00 was approved and passed unanimously. Terri will continue to collect membership dues of \$5.00 for those who need to update their badge with a 'blue' sticker. The Spiral Ham from Walmart was superb! The 'excellent' Host Set Up Committee and Terri decorated with colorful tablecloths and holiday plates, and the (10) Pointesetta Plants Terri raffled off. Our entertainment from the 14 Indian River High School Students made it an enjoyable performance. to watch! The 50/50 raffle made \$58.00 for the club, with 3 'Happy' winners. It was a lively, fun evening!

The January Host Committee is set up with Patty Ready and helps Richard order the Italian Meatballs from Sam's Club. All other side dishes are greatly appreciated. The entertainment will be Shelley Songer, Soloist/Guitarist, who has performed at the 19th Hole in the Bay... Come wearing your badge to have another enjoyable time on January 9, There is early seating at 5 pm and dinner at 5:30. See ya all!

GREEN THUMB CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, January 6th, at 9:00 near the greenhouse off of Dotti Road. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

The club has one garden plot available; call Val if interested.

If you haven't paid your club dues, the 2024 yearly club fee is due to cover the cost of maintenance and supplies. If you haven't paid, we will collect this at our Jan 6th meeting.

Val Abbate President 631-495-4703

Facebook page: Barefoot Bay Green Thumb Gardening Club

IRISH AMERICAN CLUB

Happy New Year to all!

Our Christmas dinner was wonderful. We danced into the night with an amazing band. A special delicious drink was offered to top the evening. On each table, a signup sheet was placed to sign up for our ethnic bake sale on January 13. Please bring your baked goods to building A after 7:30. This is an important sale, bringing in money to buy all the gifts raffled off at our ethnic festival in March.

January dinner tickets were sold for our Winter BBQ. Woody's is catering pulled pork, BBQ chicken, and all the sides. Tickets are available by calling me at (203) 592-2939. Remember your membership must be paid by January 31, or you will be removed from the active list... Hope we see you in January.....

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

Notice to all club members. Our annual dues are now due. Yes, we have not raised our dues. Our dues are still \$10 per member. Our finance officer would prefer you pay your dues in check form. Checks were made out to the Italian American Club of Barefoot Bay.

Our January meeting is scheduled for January 24 at 5:00 PM in building A. This is another "POT LUCK" dinner. Please bring your favorite dish to share with others. We had a potluck last October, and it was fantastic. Let's try it again. Sax on the Beach will be the entertainment.

The new red shirts have become very popular. If you would like to order a shirt, stop in Shirley's store, The Barefoot Stitchery, on Micco Road across from Gerber Collision. Shirley will make arrangements for your shirt. I'm always impressed to see our members boast their pride in our club. Thank You.
Ron Fashano/President

LAGOON ARTISANS

Rev your engines and head over to LABB's Art Show and Sale on Sunday, January 21, at Building A, 10 to 3, along with the classic 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. Music is the theme of this show.

Lagoon Artisans of Barefoot Bay met on December 13th. Key activities included critiquing the Holiday show, planning the January show, routine reports, and electing a slate of officers for two years: President Georgene Granholm, Vice President Ethel Marchione, Treasurer Pam Morley, and Secretary Dan Martin.

Then Bob Ross certified artist and instructor Steven Brooks painted a seascape in 24 minutes while describing proprietary techniques and answering member questions. The annual holiday luncheon followed at the Sebastian Saltwater Restaurant.

These activities fulfill our mission to support each other as fine artists while having fun and creating opportunities to show and sell our work. At our meetings, we share techniques and skills involved in marketing and selling our products but don't individually work on art.

We are a volunteer organization and expect our members to chip in and volunteer for activities supporting the promotion and operations of the shows. The success of our recent shows is a testament to that teamwork.

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.

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

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, January 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th at Building A. 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.

Happy New Year! Hope to see you on the dance floor!

Joanne Blum President
Jill Anderson Vice President
Lyn Simmons Secretary
Cathy Dugan Treasurer

LITTLE THEATER CLUB

Save the Date: The next production of the Little Theater Club will be on March 7, 8, and 9, 2024.



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NEW YORK STATE CLUB

Barefoot Bay residents, notice that our name is New York State Club. When our club was first formed, we were known as the Upstate New York Club. That is no longer the case; anyone who has ever lived within the State of New York is welcome to join us. Membership dues are \$10.00 per person per year. We meet on the second Thursday of the month, from November to April. Contact Bob Kahl at 772-202-4139 for more information.

Our next meeting will be on January 11th at Building D&E; doors open at 5 PM. The night's dinner will be Spaghetti and meatballs catered by the Barefoot Bay Food & Beverage Department. Please contact Martin Murphy at (845-781-8883) for tickets to this dinner. We need to know by January 7th if you are coming.

At the January meeting, we will be voting on the By-Law changes that have been discussed over the past two months. You MUST be a paid member, as of this meeting, to vote.

The New York State Club would like to welcome our Five new members.

Thank you, and see you in January.

Bob Kahl

OPEN MIC CLUB

Hello, music lovers. December was a tough month for all of us who played or listened under the trees at Pool 2. We had one Tuesday with high winds and rain that led to

cancellation and another Tuesday with 59 degrees and chilly north winds. Kudos to all of you who showed up at 1:30 and especially those who stayed until 4:00. The Open Mic club enjoyed singing Christmas carols after the golf cart parade in building A. As always, remember that you can hear us play and sing every Tuesday under the trees at Pool 2 starting at 1:30. See you there!

PETALS AND PALMS CLUB

We agreed at the Nov. meeting to sponsor a hole at the Veterans golf tournament in January, and we await their invitation in order to pay the fee.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 10 am in the Adm. building conference room.

Jo-Anne Stukas

ORGAN, KEYBOARD AND PIANO CLUB

Our club for 2023-2024 is off to a new start with the addition of "Easy Play Keyboard," where qualified music teachers are giving FREE lessons to residents of any age in Bldg C from 10:30 am to 11:30 am and a Buttons and Arranging Class from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm. These lessons will continue for interested participants by either calling 561-504-8535 or emailing Amerianmusicinstruction@gmail.com.

On December 6th, our group enjoyed our annual Christmas party luncheon at Ruby Tuesdays, followed by our own members entertaining with various holiday melodies at Bldg. A.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 24th, in Bldg. A at 1:00 pm. Guests are welcome!

Our club tentatively plans to schedule another organ concert in February. When plans are finalized, a notice will go out to the Barefoot Bay Peek of the Week.

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

Barbara Applegate, Secretary

PINOCHLE

Come join us for a single-deck pinochle every Friday night. The game starts at 6:30 PM in Bldg. C, next to Bldg. A. Please come a little earlier so we can set up teams. Come by yourself or with others. If you have any questions, contact Lois at 772 664 1199 (landline).

RETIRED NURSES - WHITE CAPS

January Luncheon

Our January luncheon will take place on Wednesday, January 10, at 1 PM. We will meet at The Portside Grill, 717 Cooledge St. Please call Margaret St. Coeur at 772-202-4421 for reservations. At the request of the restaurant, I must notify them of the head-count early Monday morning. Therefore, you must call me by Sunday, January 7 at the latest. Any retired nurse residing in Barefoot Bay is welcome to join us.

Margaret St Coeur

TENNIS CLUB

Happy Holidays & Greetings!!

Some items about 2024:

-February - the club dinner dance will happen.

-In March, we are asking for donations in honor of the Bob Lewis Tennis Courts.

-We are accepting new members at a cost of \$15.00. We have already added new people to the roster.

-The year's 1st Grand Slam, The Australian Open, serves it up in January.

-Youth and family tennis lessons in January.

Did you know?

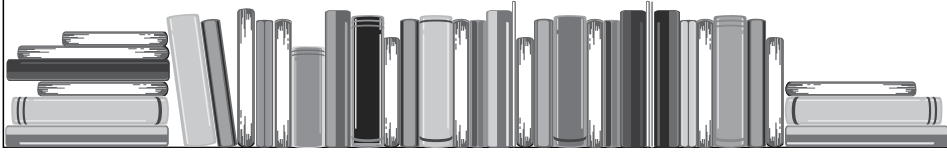
-Henry Austin was the 1st player ever to wear shorts in tennis - in 1932.

-The strings of the tennis racket were made of cow and sheep guts in the past.

-Billie Jean King's maiden name was Moffit. She has a brother who was a major-league baseball player.

For interest and comments, call 321-419-8593

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS



South Mainland Public Library

January 2024 Adult Programs

Master Gardeners – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 2:00-4:00 PM

These horticultural experts will be here on both January 2nd and 16th.

Movies at the Library – 1st Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM

January 4th – Some Kind of Heaven - A documentary that looks beyond the façade of the Villages, a massive, self-contained retirement community located in central Florida. Stars: Reggie Kincer and Barbara Stanton. 1 hr. 23 min

Memoir Writers – 2nd and 4th Mondays at 9:30 AM

Learn how to pen your own memoirs with topic, timeline, and transformation. The group will meet on January 8th and 22nd.

Mystery Book Club – 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM

Discussion for the January meeting will be on *The Angel Makers* by Patti McCracken. The group will meet on Tuesday, January 9th.

Adult Crafts – 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM

Our staff will assist you with the monthly project. A \$5.00 fee will be charged for supplies when you pre-register at the Circulation Desk. A sample of the craft is also on display. The January 11th project will be a wall hanging.

(NEW) Brain Health as You Age – Friday, January 12th at 10:30 AM

This informative session will be presented by Sandy Stauffer from Health First Aging Services. Please join us to learn how we can exercise our brains as we age.

(NEW) Free Medicare Seminar – Tuesday, January 16th at 6:00 PM

Discuss Part D RX plans, Medicare Parts A & B, deductibles, and Supplement and Advantage plans. Please call or text Kim Adkinson-Cowles at (321) 305-2554 for questions and to RSVP.

Adult Game Party – 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:00 – 7:00 PM

This evening of fun will be held in the Library's Reading Room on January 18th. Games are provided or bring your own.

Third Thursday @ Three Book Club – 3rd Thursday of each month at 3:00 PM

Group members convene in the Meeting Room on January 18th to discuss *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams.

(NEW) Balance and Fall Prevention – Friday, January 26th at 10:30 AM

Presented by Mandy Robinson BSN, RN, CCRN, who is the Trauma Clinical Outreach Coordinator/Injury Prevention at Holmes Regional Medical Center.

Genealogy Research – every Wednesday at 11:00 AM

Elsie Dietzmann will help you with your Family tree(s).

January 2023 Youth Programs

Storytime – every Tuesday at 2:00 PM in the Children's Room: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math – every Friday at 3:00 PM in the Meeting Room

Experiment, Explore, and Engage with some fun, hands-on Winter projects!

This program is intended for ages seven and up, and a supervising adult is required to be present in the room at all times.

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A Blessed and Happy New Year to ALL!

We are finishing out the year 2023 as we enter another year of being blessed in so many ways. We dodged the worst of the severe storms and endured some very hot days and weeks, and also a few cold days here and there. We had some COVID breakouts, although not as severe as the first few rounds; most have recovered and are back to enjoying their lives in Barefoot Bay!

Now, as we put away the tree(s) and the beautiful decorations inside and outside our homes, let us not put away the miracle we just celebrated- the birth of our Lord Jesus and His love surrounding us every day. Although many years have passed since that glorious day, He still lives in our hearts, and we worship His life and His sacrifice.

We concluded our Advent preparation for Christmas with a study entitled "How Does a Weary World Rejoice?" Then we planned a Candle Light worship outdoors (weather permitting) on Christmas Eve. What a beautiful service to be under the stars. Our Angel Tree in the Narthex was very successful in accumulating gift cards, which we sent to NANAs House in Palm Bay to bring some extra joy to the children who live and are protected there.

All are welcome to Pastor Jim's Bible Study at 9:15 am on Sundays and Tuesdays at 3:00 pm. This is a great learning experience- talking, discussing, and asking questions about current events in our lives and relating those events to the Bible teachings. The Sunday lesson is a repeat of the Tuesday lesson, enabling you to schedule the Bible study time to fit your schedule. The materials are provided online or in hard copies at the church.

Remember the declaration of Tiny Tim- "God Bless Us, One and All." We are blessed by our church family, our worship services, our Pastor and Music Leader, and our ability to worship in this community. Feel free to join us in worship on Sundays at 10:30 am because God loves us all.

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In this time full of a year gone by and a year out ahead, we find ourselves too typically in a swirl of time. We have fast cars, fast food, and fast internet connections. We have cell phones, drive-through pharmacies, and one-hour cleaners. (We used to have one-hour photos, but now, with digital cameras, we get our photos right away.) And on those cell phones or computers, we can do instant messaging.

And yet, in so many ways, all the more we are doing, the less we seem to be for all, the fuller our schedules, the emptier our lives. I'd like to suggest that this is not a logistical matter but a spiritual one. This isn't about multi-tasking; it is about a roundedness' of the soul. This isn't about a better day-timer; it is about better thinking ... about us and God.

"God promised you perfect peace and rest, but you refused to listen." (Isaiah 28:12). With God, there is perfect peace, and what do we have? Hectic pace. Why? Because we have not listened, as creatures of time and space, to the one beyond time and space who made time and space. With God, there is perfect restfulness, and what do we have? Great restlessness. Why? Because we have not listened well to God.

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C.S. Lewis wrote in his Chronicles of Narnia... "In our world, too, a stable once had something in it bigger than the WHOLE WORLD." Think about that! As you make New Year's resolutions...ask yourself..."Where do I stand in my spiritual walk with God?"

The Chosen TV series, Season 4, Episodes 1 & 2, will be arriving in theaters on February 1, 2024, as will the remaining episodes. Then, they will be available on TV. We excitedly await the new adventures of Jesus and His disciples.

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Obituary

Ida Louise (Mulligan) Salois

Ida Louise (Mulligan) Salois passed away peacefully at her home in Florida on November 30, 2023. She was born in New Rochelle New York on March 25, 1928. She was the daughter of the late Alma (Compton) and Fred Reilly.

She was married to her first husband, Frank Mulligan, on September 4, 1954. He predeceased her on July 17, 1988. She was married to her second husband, Raymond L. Salois on June 19, 1999. He predeceased her on June 12, 2017.

Mrs. Salois worked at the American Can Company for 39 years. She started in their New York City headquarters after graduating from Albert Leonard Vocational High School. She retired from their Greenwich Connecticut headquarters in 1985.

Mrs. Salois was a lifelong dancer. She started with dance lessons at the Haskell Dance Studio in New Rochelle, NY at the age of 3. She was on WFAS Radio Station, danced at the Glen Island Casino, the Loew's and Proctor Theaters, Playland Park in New York, and many other places in and around Westchester County. She entertained the troops in Ft. Slocum, New York during World War II. She continued to "cut the rug" throughout her life with the most beautiful dance moves. She was an avid reader and loved author, Danielle Steele.

Mrs. Salois belonged to the Republican Party and worked during her younger years as a party volunteer. Mrs. Salois did volunteer



work for WW Backus Hospital in Norwich, Connecticut, for over 10 years, after her retirement. She also volunteered for Project Independence in Connecticut.

She was a loyal member of the Sebastian Florida branch of the Moose, Orioles, and Eagles Clubs until 2015.

She is survived by her step-daughter, Lori Latour and husband, Chris, of Sebastian FL., her nephew James Mulligan and wife, Linda, of Oak Creek Wisconsin, her step-daughter-in-law Marie Rouillard and husband, Brian, of Plainfield CT. She is also survived by grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews, scattered about the US, from her 2 marriages.

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before hitting a run of bad luck and, in three hands, got knocked out an hour before the money bubble was broken. He had lasted all day on a single \$400 buy-in. He took a break for dinner and joined the last flight of players fighting to make “the money” on the final day. Sometimes, it’s your day, and everything goes your way. Other days... not so much. Scott quickly went through two more \$400 entries before determining it was “not my day.” We both had high hopes and aspirations and, like a majority of poker players, ended up going home with nothing to show for our efforts.

When it comes to playing poker in Florida, there are plenty of options. There are many poker clubs around the state besides Club 52 in Melbourne. Daytona has a poker club, both Hard Rocks have poker rooms, and most of the casinos in the Miami area offer poker as an option to slot machines and roulette, etc. Most offer No Limit Texas Hold’em and Omaha at different stakes, and most run their own tournaments. I have played around the state and would love to play poker more often, but as we’re all aware, you have to use common sense and not gamble the rent money. My \$60 every week or two doesn’t break the bank.

Barefoot Bay has its own poker club that meets every Thursday between 5 and 9 pm in Building C. I joined them a few weeks ago and had flashbacks to my days as a teen. They play limit-poker and a variety of games (dealer’s choice) to keep things interesting and reasonable, but for me, luck is too much of a factor when you can’t put pressure on

those who would call with any two cards. Bluffing is a big part of poker, and there are few opportunities to get it “all in” when playing limit poker. The local poker club is a great source of fun and socializing. You’ll limit your losses (and your winnings) and make new friends. Please note you should plan on getting there early and hope they have enough players and seats to accommodate everyone who wants to play. The long-term players get priority over the new kids on the block, which is fair. You should bring about \$30-\$40 in quarters. Here’s to hoping they have enough new members to support another poker table!

Playing online poker is illegal in Florida. I have found ways to play online previously, but honestly, it’s too much of a hassle to play poker on the illegal sites when you can’t simply use your bank account to buy chips and almost always were paid back in Bitcoin. About a year ago, I joined a legal online poker club (ClubGG.net) where you pay a monthly \$50 membership and can play poker anytime, 24 hours a day. You’re given free entries into tournaments where you can practice playing, and “winners” receive tickets into bigger tournaments, including tournaments with cash prizes, such as a \$10,000 seat at the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas. I have won a variety of tournaments on ClubGG, but I’m going to have to keep trying if I’m ever going to get a seat for the Main Event. Based on my skill level, I can’t imagine ever having \$10k that I can justify blowing on a single tournament. Sigh.

We know that poker is a skill game, but you can still wish me luck. I could use some in my next tournament!

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Noise Regulations Revised by County Commissioners

On August 22, 2023, the Board unanimously passed an amendment to the Brevard County Code related to noise regulation. Concerns were initially brought to the Board by residents who reside near short-term rentals, which were generating an excessive amount of noise in otherwise quiet residential communities.

The amendment passed by the Board creates more objective and clear guidelines as to what noise level is permissible within areas in unincorporated Brevard. From 7 am to 10 pm, noises that are “plainly audible” from 300 feet are subject to enforcement. This distance was reduced to 150 feet during the hours of 10 pm to 7 am. The former language in the Brevard County code described an enforceable noise as “loud and raucous,” which was determined to be too subjective, causing issues for enforcement officers to determine whether or not someone is violating the code.

Once a complaint is made, either a Brevard County Code Enforcement Officer or a Brevard County Sheriff’s Office Deputy will respond to the complaint. If the enforcement officer finds there is a violation of the code, a warning is then issued to the violator, in which they are required to reduce the noise within a reasonable amount of time. Should the person choose not to cooperate or violate the code again after the first warning, the person shall be subject to a penalty. An absentee owner shall be responsible for any tenants or guests on their property and will receive a citation after two warnings issued by an enforcement officer within a 12-month time frame.

The code continues to allow for exemptions such as schools, gun ranges, festivals or concerts, law enforcement, etc. I believe the passage of this amendment was a positive change toward ensuring peaceful environments for our residential neighborhoods.

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Joanne Weck Plasse

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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Ladies' 18 Hole Golf League Men's Golf Association

November 14, 2023 - Scramble
 1st - Judy Farrell, Jan Crespi, Gail Morrison, Barbara Smith +2
 2nd - Doris McClintock, Tami Mitchell, Judy Rice, Diane Paradis +2
 3rd - Brenda Maslanka, Cammi Provencher, Cathy Leblanc, Jackie Broderick +3
 4th - Sue Stevens, Ruthann Funari, Dianne Kallop, Kandi Fallon +4
 Ctp #15 Jean Lontine 4'2"

November 21, 2023 - A, B, C, D
 1st - Brenda Duke, Sandra Morgan, Janet Jackson, Diane Paradis +1
 2nd - Beth Gillette, Deborah Bertossa, Ann McDonough, Terry Odette +4
 3rd - Paula Vail-Gerard, Betty Greco, Tami Mitchell, Sharon Farrell +4
 4th - Cindy Kaloski, Ruthann Funari, Kathy Hazelett, Pat Wright +4
 Ctp #15 Anastasia Baptiste 11'4"

November 28, 2023 - Low Net
Flight 1
 1st - Marybeth Sullivan +1
 2nd - Judy Farrell +3
 3rd - Pat Lefebvre +3
 4th - Sue Stevens +5
Flight 2
 1st - Judy Gagnon -4
 2nd - Michele Provencher +3
 3rd - Cindy Kaloski +4
 4th - Doris McClintock +6
Flight 3
 1st - Maureen Rooney Even
 2nd - Ann McDonough +3
 3rd - Sharon Gerthoffer +4
 4th - Joan Miller +5
 Ctp #2 Sandy Kirkman 11'1",
 Ctp #11 Brenda Cali 11'11"

December 5, 2023 - Team Quota
Flight 1
 1st - Raylene Mcsally, Doris McClintock, Kathy Hazelett, Mary Landenberger -1
 2nd - Carol Mecanko, Paula Vail-Gerard, Jane Cypher, Sharon Gerthoffer -9
 3rd - Marybeth Sullivan, Sandra Morgan, Maureen Rooney, Judy Rice -9
 4th - Beth Gillette, Deborah Bertossa, Tricia Farrell, Roberta Kessler -10
Flight 2
 1st - Judy Farrell, Judy Gagnon, Cathy Leblanc, Joan Clement +1
 2nd - Brenda Duke, Cindy Kaloski, Betty Healy, Gert Finnegan -2
 3rd - Betty Greco, Jan Crespi, Ann McDonough, Terry Odette -3
 4th - Sue Stevens, Judy Skene, Sharlene Coates, Tish Garrett -4
 Ctp #7 Brenda Cali 15'3", Ctp #15 Ann McDonough 1'7"

December 12, 2023 - Low Net
Flight 1
 1st - Pat Lefebvre +1
 2nd - Sue Stevens +2
 3rd - Cindy Kaloski +2
 4th - Beth Gillette +3
Flight 2
 1st - Cammi Provencher +4
 2nd - Anna Pettit +6
 3rd - Judy Skene +6
 4th - Deborah Bertossa +8
Flight 3
 1st - Tricia Farrell +1
 2nd - Ann McDonough +3
 3rd - Anastasia Baptiste +4
 4th - Elaine Codd +4
Flight 4
 1st - Mary Landenberger +5
 2nd - Sharon Gerthoffer +6
 3rd - Gert Finnegan +7
 4th - Deb Dalton +8
 Ctp #11 Brenda Duke 7'5"
 Ctp #13 Paula Vail-Gerard 4'

4 Man / 2 Best Ball - 11-15-23
Flight 1
 1st - Mike Maino, Bill Smail, Scot Cochrane, Rich Healy -17
 2nd - Jeremy Roosa, Tom Smith, Kris Vasiliu -14
Flight 2
 1st - Gene Pettit, Steve Morris, Jerry Martin -16
 2nd - Paul Steinhauer, Jim Birmingham, Lanse Denny, Giz Gillen -13
Flight 3
 1st - Glen McClelland, Gerard Theurin, Frank Verderese, Art Whipple -12
 2nd - Ed Rooney, Brad Jackson, Virgil Cypher, Bill Jackson -8
Closest to the Pins
 Flight 1 - Dan Gilbert
 Flight 2 - Lanse Denny
 Flight 3 - Mike Jackson

Mixed Flight Turkey Scramble - 11-22-23
 1st - Mike Maino, Dennis Denobile, Steve Morris, Don Page -5
 2nd - Brian Jackson, Gary Collins, Dave Litalien, Hugh Murphy -5
Closest to the Pin
 Team of Rich Krywe, Gene Pettit, Charlie Lefebvre
Closest to the Turkey
 Team of Peter Degennaro, Tom Guinther, Dave Foisy, Frank Verderese

Quota - 11-29-23
Flight 1
 1st - Mike Schlicher +3
 2nd - Brian Acher +1
Flight 2
 1st - Jerry Martin +5
 2nd - Ed Constantino +4
Flight 3
 1st - Don Page +6
 2nd - Manny Pereira +3
Closest to the Pins
 Flight 1 - John Morrison
 Flight 2 - Jerry Martin
 Flight 3 - Don Page

Individual Low Net - 12-06-23
Flight 1
 1st - Jeremy Roosa -1
 2nd - John Landenberger -1
Flight 2
 1st - Tom Guinther +4
 2nd - Dennis Denobile +5
Flight 3
 1st - Don Oldakowski -Even
 2nd - Gary Sommers -Even
Closest to the Pins
 Flight 1 - Kris Vasiliu
 Flight 2 - Phil Dahlgren
 Flight 3 - Don Oldakowski

Cha-Cha-Cha - 12-13-23
Flight 1
 1st - Leny Leroux, Mike Schlicher, Tom Smith, Dan Gilbert -15
 2nd - Dave Maslanka, Jeremy Roosa, Kris Vasiliu, Brian Acker -13
Flight 2
 1st - John Chickadel, Manny Pereira, Mike Lontine -8
 2nd - Rich Healy, Andy Dufault, Giz Gillen -8
Flight 3
 1st - Floyd Lynds, Gerard Theurin, Jas Sellers -19
 2nd - Brad Jackson, Peter Walsh, Frank Verderese -15
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Ladies' 9 Hole Golf League

Strikers Bowling League

December 6, 2022 - Total Best & Worst Hole

<i>Flight 1</i>	
1st - Joann Price	9
2nd - Penny Zeilman	10
3rd - Lisa Drake	11
<i>Flight 2</i>	
1st - Mary Lou Callahan	10
2nd - Suzanne Peterson	10
3rd - Harriet Heuser	11
<i>Flight 3</i>	
1st - Bonnie Lynds	11
2nd - Sheila Johnson	11
3rd - Judi Elder	11
CTP Hole 15 Sheila Johnson	

December 13, 2022 - Low Putts

<i>Flight 1</i>	
1st - Janet Rafferty	13
2nd - Mary Ellen Sales	14
3rd - Michelle Donnelly	15
<i>Flight 2</i>	
1st - JoAnn Leary	16
2nd - Pam Rice	17
3rd - Judy O'Connell	17
<i>Flight 3</i>	
1st - Lynn Morey	16
2nd - Donnie Lynds	17
3rd - Collette Piche	20
CTG Hole 7 6'11" Harriet Heuser	

December 20, 2022 - Total of Even Holes Back 9

<i>Flight 1</i>	
1st - Joann Price	26
2nd - Lisa Drake	27
3rd - Catherine Duggan	28
<i>Flight 2</i>	
1st - Mary Ellen Davis	27
2nd - Tina Husty	29
3rd - Barbara Minklein	29
<i>Flight 3</i>	
1st - Grace Peet	29
2nd - Harriet Heuser	30

December 27, 2022 - Low Net

1st - Elaine Armstrong	30
1st - Bonnie Lynds	30
2nd - Pat Pudimat	31
CTG 24" 1.5" Heidi Kamman	

High scores for the month of November

High Single Game	
<i>November 6, 2023</i>	
Al Urenovich	246
Anna Sabol	185
<i>November 13, 2023</i>	
Al Urenovich	222
Martina Mason	166
<i>November 20, 2023</i>	
Roger McGill	211
Darlene Wong-Kam	206
<i>November 27, 2023</i>	
George Padavick	222
Susan (Pixie) Mamone	169

High Scratch Series

<i>November 6, 2023</i>	
Al Urenovich	611
Anna Sabol	502
<i>November 13, 2023</i>	
Roger Mc Gill	570
Amy Beil	434
<i>November 20, 2023</i>	
Ken Sabol	516
Anna Sabol	532
<i>November 27, 2023</i>	
Al Urenovich	551
Susan (Pixie) Mamone	433
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7 GALAXY BAND STREETDANCE 2-6 P FOOD TRUCK 11-7 P	8 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30 P Kitchen Open 4-7 pm	9 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5-10 P TACO TUESDAY 5-8 P	10 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6:30-8:30	11 PUSHIN' TIME 19TH 4:30-7:30PM RUSTIC ROAST BLDG A	12 BLUE MOON RISING LAKE STAGE 7-10:30	13 HEATSTROKE LAKE STAGE 6-10	
14 JUICED STREETDANCE 2-6 P FOOD TRUCK 11-7 P	15 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30 P Kitchen Open 4-7 pm	16 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5-10 P TACO TUESDAY 5-8 P	17 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6:30-8:3	18 ANA FROM SWITCH & JOE -THE KORE RUSTIC ROAST BLDG A	19 REMEMBER WHEN LAKE STAGE 7-10:30	20 SWERVE LAKE STAGE 6-10	
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