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Barefoot Bay Festival by the Lake A Music, Art, and Food Event

Randy Loveland



What does it really take to make this fun event a success? It takes time, money, people and a ton of effort.

This event started five years ago with a one-day event, and has grown to a full two-day Festival with excellent live music, the area's top artist, and oh, that delicious food. This did not come about without planning. It took a committee of 13 homeowners and Kathy Mendes, our Barefoot Bay Recreation District Food and Beverage manager, this year and a full year of planning to pull this off. Each committee member played a role in the planning of the festival. There is safety and parking, food vendors, artist vendors, craft vendors, marketing and advertising, grounds design, music venue booking and all of those City, County and State permits and regulations to meet and getting a stage here, along with generators, lights, portable bars, and seating set-ups. Let us not forget the tents and the need to find sponsors to help us foot the bill for this fun time. Getting sponsors means getting out into the community and talking with the businesses that Barefoot Bay residents support, and getting them to invest back into the community that helps keep them in business. They are generous and very willing to do their part in bringing this gala to Barefoot Bay.

Now that we have the planners identified we need to look at how they manage the event. Well, that's easy. They recruit over 100 volunteers to assist in the setup, break down, booth management, traffic control, and attendee safety and cart transportation. This is done beside the Barefoot Bay employees who give the festival the service level that would shame Disney on a good day. These folks bring their A game for these two days and end the event just as energetic and fresh as they started it.

Time! The most valuable thing any of us possess was given willingly and freely during the planning of the festival. There are well over 1,000 hours spent in meetings on calls and individual assignments just to ensure the fine tuning is done that is necessary to make every second a fun and memorable time for the well over 5,000 attendees looking to eat, drink, and dance the day and night away after an afternoon of enjoying the most creative group of artisans Florida has to offer.

Where does the money for this spectacular come from? It comes from three different sources and not one of them is the Barefoot Bay Recreation District operating budget. For those who are concerned, your District fees are safe from the fun and mayhem of Art, Food, and Music. We have sponsors that spend on a multitude of levels for advertising; Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze. We have a charge for each vendor to participate in the festival. The CVO contributes monies made from events throughout the year, and we have sales from Barefoot Bay Food and Beverage.

After all is said and done, after all volunteers have hung up their yellow volunteer

tee shirts, after the grounds have been cleaned and the rental equipment as been picked up, all that remains are the memories of the wonderful time had by all who attended and the excited anticipation of next year's Barefoot by the Lake's Music, Food and Art Festival.

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New Law Helps Survivors Get VA Benefits—A new law makes it easier for survivors of Veterans exposed to toxic material, including burn pits, to receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), tax-free benefit payments available for certain surviving spouses, children, or parents.

New Toxic Exposure Screening for Veterans—Veterans who enroll or are enrolled in VA health care, can now receive the toxic exposure screening at VA medical centers and clinics across the country. During your screening, if you believe you experienced toxic exposures during your military service, you may be connected to resources and encouraged to file a disability claim.

Camp Lejeune Water problems—The recommendation for this: Find a Lawyer and get them to help you with a legal part of this problem for the Veteran and his Family. Then still submit your claim for compensation for Camp Lejeune Water medical problem. The list is long and the children of Veterans are also having problems. Do both and pick which one will work best for you and your family.

Education Benefits for Survivors & Dependents—You may be able to get help paying for school or job training through the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) program, also called Chapter 35. Find out if you're eligible for DEA.

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VA offers Women Veterans information on Health Care—The VA will help women veterans learn about what services they offer for them. VA benefits include disability compensation, pension, education and training, health care, home loans, insurance, vocational rehabilitation and employment, and burial.

We have had many requests for Veterans ID cards—Web ADDRESS: <https://www.va.gov/records/get-veteran-id-cards/> OR <https://www.va.gov/records/get-veteran-id-cards/vic/>

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Bruce Amoss

Happenings at the BOT meetings:

During the regular Thursday meeting held on 1/24/2023, Mr. John Soulis was named to be a voting member of the ARCC, and on 2/9 Deidre Sunter was appointed to an ARCC Alternate position.

An agenda item to modify the BBRD Investment Policy to better enable staff to maximize the return on BBRD funds was listed for the 1/24 meeting. This was voted on and passed. Staff was given the go ahead.

The board also instructed the Violations Committee to refer five violations to our attorney to resolve legally.

The Board then held a budget kick-off / Town Hall on Friday January 26th. The start 9 a.m. time was chosen because it was a work day and all the department heads were to attend. Resident attendance was small probably due to the early hour.

Also this month, the contract for the beach restrooms was signed. The contractor, Big 5 Construction, has applied for, and is now waiting, on county permits to start. The finish date is due in June. (Yes, this year!) When work begins some areas may be blocked off. Please give them room to work and don't complain about any inconveniences. We've waited too long for this project to begin.

The poolside Cabana Bar "Building Construction Permit" has been issued by the county. Our contractor, Barefoot Services, started work on Monday, 2/6, and is coming along nicely.

Please refer to this media and the "Peek of the Week" for upcoming events.

Bruce Amoss

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Starship Set for Launch



SpaceX is set to launch its historic Starship prototype this March on an ambitious test mission to space. This will be the first ever attempt by SpaceX to launch a full-scale prototype of its Starship spacecraft and is seen as a major step towards the company's goal of establishing a permanent human presence on Mars.

The Starship prototype will be launched from the company's development facility located in Boca Chica, Texas and will be the world's tallest (394 feet) and most powerful (17 million pounds of thrust) rocket with the capability to carry 150 metric ton payloads in its reusable form. The mission will see the spacecraft ascend to a maximum altitude of 50,000 feet before the 33 Raptor engine-propelled booster will separate from Starship, performing a controlled re-entry and landing back at the facility, while Starship reenters the atmosphere and splashes down in the ocean near Hawaii. If all goes according to plan, this will be the first successful launch and (splash) landing of a full-scale Starship prototype.

The launch of Starship is expected to be an exciting event for space enthusiasts and the general public alike. SpaceX has already invited members of the public to view the launch from its facilities in Boca Chica. The company has also indicated that it plans to eventually launch Starship from its facility in Cape Canaveral, Florida and is currently building a launch pad specifically for Starship. Future Starship launches from the Cape will be visible to millions of people living in the Sunshine State.

The success of this launch will be an important milestone in SpaceX's mission to establish humanity's first permanent presence on Mars. If all goes well, the Starship spacecraft could be the vehicle of choice for future human missions to the red planet and has already been chosen by NASA as the choice for future Artemis moon-based missions. Eventually, Starship could be used to provide transportation for cargo or passengers between any two locations on Earth, taking off and landing in a trip taking less than 30 minutes. Starship, and its reusability, is a project that has captivated the imaginations of people around the world, and the upcoming launch is sure to be an exciting event for all.

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Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness month, the perfect time to bring attention to this deadly—and often avoidable—disease, which is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths in both men and women in the U.S., according to the American Cancer Society.

Q: I've read that early screening for colorectal cancer is important. Is that really true?

A: Yes. According to the National Foundation for Cancer Research, studies show that early (and ongoing) screening could prevent one-third of colorectal cancer deaths in the U.S. To put that in perspective, the five-year survival rate is 90% if it's detected early, according to the American Cancer Society.

Q: My husband is 65 and I'm 55. Neither of us has had a colorectal screening. Is it too late?

A: No, but you should both speak with your doctor about scheduling colonoscopies as soon as possible as the risk for developing this cancer increases with age.

Q: Are there any lifestyle factors that increase the chance of getting colorectal cancer?

A: Yes. There are many lifestyle-related habits that are linked to an increased risk for colorectal cancer. A major one is obesity, which increases a person's risk of getting colorectal cancer by about 30 percent, according to the National Foundation for Cancer Research. In addition, smoking and excessive alcohol use, diets high in red and processed meats as well as lack of exercise all contribute to an increased risk.

Q: My father died of colorectal cancer. Does that increase my risk of getting it?

A: Yes, people with "first-degree" relatives, including parents and siblings, who have had colorectal cancer are two to three times as likely to get it.

Q: I am well over 50 and know that I'm long overdue for a colonoscopy, but I just dread having to drink that awful stuff and not eat anything else all day (I get lightheaded easily). What other ways can I get checked, if any, for colorectal cancer?

A: While the most common form of screening is a colonoscopy, there are other ways, including (but not limited to) an at-home fecal blood test such as Cologuard. There are pros and cons to both. If you're unsure of what to choose, and for more information, discuss it with your appropriate medical provider.

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Memoir Writers—March 2nd and 16th at 1 p.m. Held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Learn how to pen your own memoirs.

Master Gardener Clinics—March 7th and 21st. Twice monthly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 4 pm.

Genealogy Classes with Patti Kirk—March 10th and 24th. Twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Mystery Book Club—Tuesday, March 14th at 2 p.m. The book titled Clouds of Witness by Dorothy L. Sayers will be discussed. This group meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.

Third Thursday @ Three Book Club—March 16th, Group members will be choosing to read a “banned book” of their choosing for this monthly session held from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Weekly:

Gentle Yoga with Judy—Stretch out with some relaxing Yoga poses \$5 per class. Every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. and every Friday morning from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Genealogy Research Club—Will meet every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please call Elsie Dietzmann for questions or further information at 321-536-5322.

Quilters—Every Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join us for a casual quilting group that enjoys the Fiber Arts. This is not a ‘how-to’ class.

March 2023 Youth Programs

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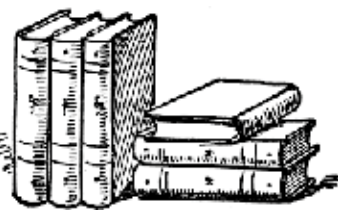
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Rules of the Road

by Rob Allan

(We are reprinting this article from last year. We have heard all the complaints regarding following the Rules of the Road and how dangerous it can be for those in slower golf carts when aggressive drivers lack patience when following behind them. There's also an unwritten policy where Brevard County Sheriff deputies will not ticket Barefoot Bay golf carts caught driving in the Pedway. That unwritten policy would most likely be forgotten in the event of a serious injury. The Tattler staff captured an accident on video of a Citizen's Patrol vehicle sideswiping a golf cart traveling in the Pedway on Barefoot Blvd that would have been avoided had the Rules of the Road been followed. Both the Patrol officer and golf cart owner should be grateful there wasn't more damage or a physical injury. Use the QR Code to watch the video of the accident on the Tattler Media YouTube page.)



The Golf Cart Club hosted an informational meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office regarding the "rules of the road" when driving a golf cart in Barefoot Bay. Barefoot Bay has not always been a golf cart community in the general sense we know today. Less than 15 years ago, you were only allowed to drive your golf cart from your home to the golf course and back. No visiting friends and certainly no cruising the Boulevard to the Winn Dixie for groceries. The Brevard County commissioners, after successful lobbying efforts by the BOT and our legal representation at the time, agreed to allow golf cart use on the county roads within Barefoot Bay with two crossings on Micco Road and extending the use to the Winn Dixie entrance on Barefoot Boulevard.

The Florida State and Brevard County rules and regulations for driving a golf cart in Barefoot Bay have not changed since that day. First and foremost, when driving a golf cart (or low speed vehicle) you must obey the rules of the road as if you were driving a car. You should make complete stops and signal your turns, either by hand or turn signal. You can drive a golf cart after dark, but only with adequate headlights, tail lights, and a windshield. These are commonly known facts, though we've all seen examples where even the simplest things are forgotten by some golf cart drivers (like stopping at stop signs).

The BCS officer surprised the crowd when he advised golf cart owners they could be ticketed if found driving in the pedestrian lane on Barefoot Boulevard. When asked if a golf cart driver should pull over for motor vehicles behind them, the officer told us no, the golf cart must remain in the motor vehicle lane. The driver of a motor vehicle risks receiving a ticket if observed following too closely, or unsafely passing a golf cart, even if that golf cart is traveling at very low speeds.

Many in the meeting pointed out that no longer being allowed to drive in the pedway could be dangerous, due to impatient drivers and "road rage," but per BCS, it is not only the law, it has always been the law. The striped lane on Barefoot Boulevard is for pedestrians only. Golf carts and bikes must share the road with motor vehicles.

Accordingly, motor vehicles within Barefoot Bay must share the road with a golf cart as if it were any other motor vehicle. The speed limit is 25mph everywhere in Barefoot Bay and most golf carts travel 18mph+, but some may drive much slower. Those needing to get to work via US1 should plan their commute accordingly. There are five side streets to Micco Road, and off the Boulevard, (East, Pinewood, Midway, Lark, and Bird). Golf carts on Barefoot Boulevard do not have

to pull over for a motor vehicle behind them and also accept the risk of getting ticketed if caught crossing the lines into the pedway. There are no other marked pedestrian zones in Barefoot Bay. Pulling to the side makes sense, regardless of vehicle type, when someone is right behind you, which can be difficult to avoid when you're going less than 25 mph.

These facts were also presented during the lively discussion in Building A. Golf carts that can exceed 20 mph must be licensed, registered, and insured and can only be driven by a licensed driver. Golf carts that do not exceed 20 mph can be driven by anyone over the age of 14 years old. You can have no more passengers than seats available. Three people in the front of a golf cart would be illegal. A DUI is a DUI and getting stopped on a golf cart will not save you from jail or an SR22. You can drive your cart to the entrance of the Winn Dixie shopping center, but not along the sidewalk towards the pier. So legally, Family Dollar can't be visited by golf cart, nor can you drive to Cumberland Farms, because golf carts and low speed vehicles are not allowed on US1 or any of the trails along US1.

Most importantly, you can cross Micco Road in a golf cart in only two places, East Drive and Egret Circle/Sebastian Road. It is illegal to cross Micco Road (regardless of signage) from any street other than those two intersections, since you cannot drive on Micco Road or the sidewalk on Micco Road. There is an exception to this rule—if your golf cart is licensed, tagged, insured, has seat belts and can travel 25mph—but the golf cart must drive on Micco Road and not the sidewalk. Unfortunately, you cannot take your golf cart to St. Luke's (for church, bingo, or the thrift shop), even if you live on the south side of Barefoot Bay, because you cannot drive on Micco Road or the sidewalk on Micco Road. One of the most dangerous things we can do in Barefoot Bay is cross Micco Road in a golf cart, broadside and unprotected, even at the approved intersections.

Many of the residents were new and appreciated the efforts of the BCS and the Golf Cart Club to make them aware of the legalities associated with driving a golf cart through Barefoot Bay. Additional efforts are being made by the Golf Cart Club to add or change information signage and to permit access to Kiwi Drive across Fleming Grant Road, but these are for future consideration by the county and are unlikely to happen anytime soon. For those who find these rules "different than it was," these are the legal rules of the road in Barefoot Bay. For those who are "gonna do what I want," if you get pulled over and ticketed by BCS, it will probably only cost you \$60+ for a ticket and some minor annoyance, but it only takes one serious injury or death to prompt Brevard County to reconsider our golf cart privileges in Barefoot Bay, an amenity you may not have even considered an amenity. Follow the rules of the road, and drive with care.



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And So It Goes...

by Rob Allan



I've worked full-time for a procurement company in Palm Bay for the past twelve years. It was the longest job I've ever held and allowed me to fulfill the dream of many a salesman, making that million-dollar sale. I was the only sales rep in the company to ever have a seven-figure sale and I did it several times over my time with the company. In each instance, I could "feel" the sale was a strong possibility and so I would visualize receiving the Purchase Order (PO), which is a fancy way of saying I imagined how I would spend the commission checks. I made regular reports to management regarding potential sales, and I felt strongly enough about these big deals to include them on my weekly forecast. I "knew" the PO was coming and each time, I closed the sale. Yet, there was one sale I couldn't make, trying to sell the new owners of the company to let me continue working from home.

Like many companies, our company turned to remote work during the early stages of Covid. The sales reps worked almost exclusively by email and when calls were necessary an online system to route calls worked well from any location. Working from home was a blessing. I had followed the spread of Covid earlier than most, publishing posts online about this new virus and how it seemed to be spreading with extraordinary speed and could soon threaten the globe. Covid-19 killed millions worldwide and more than a million Americans. Covid still kills more Americans than the flu every month.

My fellow employees were younger and predominantly anti-vax while I personally prayed for a vaccine. Once available, I waited while the oldest among us were vaccinated first. The vaccines were developed so quickly, doubt set in about their overall safety. Granted, people are allowed to doubt medical advice. I took the vaccine and was grateful for a new layer of protection other than a cloth mask. I also took the boosters and will continue to follow up with future Covid shots, as well as the annual flu shot. To each their own. I was working from home and since 2020 had not even caught a cold in three years. Towards the end of 2022, the owner of our company decided to sell. He had suffered through a brutal Covid illness and came out of it wanting to enjoy life and did not want to spend his senior years in front of a computer. The new owners found themselves with a sales force that was happy working from home, with several sales reps having moved to different states during that time. We were as productive a sales force working from home as we had been working in the office. Arguably, more productive. I had the largest sales month of any rep in the company, ever, in November 2022. We were rocking.

I was still making the same base salary + commission rate since I was hired in 2010. I had received a few bonus checks for Salesman of the Year, etc. but my actual benefits never changed. Working from home was the only additional benefit I'd ever received during my time there and it was an exceptional benefit. I no longer needed to get up early and drive to work. So, I was more rested. I also saved on fuel and wear and tear on my vehicles and the unavoidable delays long from stopped trains and

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accidents on US1. The time and money savings were hardly insignificant and money not spent, is money earned. Naps in my car during my lunch hour, were replaced with naps in my bed, a few seconds down the hall. Those naps were longer and more comfortable. Finally, I actually lost 40 lbs. I thought I gained weight because I sat in front of a computer all day, but it was actually gas station breakfasts and fast food lunches. The work-from-home benefits were good for my health, my sales, and my overall well-being. I was happy and I hadn't caught Covid.

I believe that every new owner needs to make their own mistakes. We've made plenty in our first year running the Tattler. Making people come back to the office, who are obviously happy, successful, and thriving while working from home is a mistake. We went back to the office two days a week, starting the first week of January and I reluctantly went in. I could sense my anxiety. The room I previously shared with six people, was now shared by eleven with more hires to come. Productivity took a hit as we always seemed to get off to a late start as we set up our computers for the office and dealt with training sessions as we moved to expand our capabilities. The second week came and went. By the following weekend, I had developed a persistent cough and was feeling body aches and pains. For the first time in my life, I took a Covid rapid test. I tested positive. My wife and oldest son soon tested positive, as well. To say the least, I was a little upset.

I had managed to avoid catching Covid for three years and within two weeks of being forced back into the office I was positive for a disease that I had successfully avoided. I feel no long-term effects today, but my wife had a rough two weeks and lost a full week of work. Alternatively, I lost one day and worked with Covid from home. Was it possible I would have caught Covid eventually? Yes. It's also possible that I would not have. The risks were reinforced the day I returned to the office and ran into one of the sales reps wearing a flimsy paper hospital mask. I asked him, "What's up?" He replied, "Oh, the wife has the flu and I have it a little bit, so thought I would try not to pass my germs around." I walked over to his desk to drop off a KN95 that I kept for emergencies and he sat in his open-air cube, without his mask on. "Oh, a KN95. Thanks. I ran out of those," he said. The flu is airborne and admittedly, he shouldn't have been in the office, with or without a mask. But these are the things we can't control when we're in a work environment. One person's cold could be another person's cause of death.

I sat down that afternoon and emailed my manager and the new CEO the following:

When the Covid pandemic hit in 2020, <our company>, like many companies, took the extraordinary move of letting most of their employees work from home. I had lost both of my brothers in late 2019 and my mother broke her leg in Feb 2020 and was bedridden until she passed in July of that year. 2020 was not my best year, as I dealt with depression and a downturn in the economy. Our sales reps, most having worked for <our company> for a decade or more, proved that we were more than capable of working from home and we continued to prove that with revenue that was comparable to previous years when we worked in the office. Many of us took advantage of the fact that we could work a little longer each day and some even worked on the weekends.

When we were asked to come back to the office, I dreaded it. I had managed to avoid catching Covid for three years. I was fully vaccinated and was brutally aware that I worked with a majority of anti vaxxers. It took only two weeks for me to catch Covid and I was furious and scared. I am lucky to not have any comorbidities, but Covid felt like I had been hit by a ten-ton truck. My wife caught Covid from me and she was in much worse shape. She is still not at 100%, though she is back at work this week.

Though I'm not as young as many of the other sales reps, my intentions are to work for <our company> until I am 70. But I fear catching Covid again (or the flu, or whatever new pandemic we'll have thrown our way in the years to come). I understand there was a need to meet us and see our sales team in action, but what we do and how we do it is a known factor to <the managers>. Having us come to the office is not necessary and puts many of us at risk, especially the older employees. Even <the previous CEO> mentioned his bout with Covid as a deciding factor in wanting to sell <our company> and enjoy what life he has left. I get that now, more than ever.

I don't want to come to the office anymore. I expressed that to <my manager>, but came in this week because I knew she didn't want me to force anyone's hand. My health and the health of my family are more important today than ever considering the loss of my immediate family only a few years ago.

I am almost 61 years old and am respectfully asking to be allowed to work from home, permanently, for the time I have left here. I've never received a raise and still work for the same base salary I started with in 2010. Working from home was the greatest benefit any employee could ask for. I also want to work part-time moving forward (32 hours a week), which will allow me to continue to receive my health benefits and still take care of my customers.

We already have exceptions and the ability to be flexible will allow <our company> to keep seasoned reps working for years to come. Thank you for your consideration.

Even when I gave them the option to say no to part-time work, they would not allow me to work from home. I had a decision to make. I was still owed commissions for multiple sales that would not be delivered for months and I had been given the impression I wouldn't be paid if I quit. I sent another email notifying management that I would "retire" but wanted to work a few more months to be assured I would receive my commissions and, due to my mental and physical well-being, would be working from home until then. The following day, I was informed a 90-day advance notice would not be necessary and that I could "retire", effective immediately. They agreed I would be paid the commissions I had earned. But rather than allow me to work from home and continue to be one of their top sales reps, they let me go after twelve years. Another mistake.

I wonder how we would have reacted to Covid had it manifested itself in pustules all over the body, like smallpox, instead of sniffles and a cough? People respond differently to a disease that disfigures or leaves you with blood running from all your orifices, like the highly contagious Marburg virus that has just reemerged in Equatorial Guinea. Americans lined up for the smallpox and polio vaccines out of fear of those diseases. The unseen scarring of the lungs and very visible intubations in the early days of Covid did not instill the kind of fear that pustules and iron lungs did in the 20th Century. We can expect new viruses and diseases as the world deals with inevitable pandemics in the future. How we handle those future outbreaks in this country and in the workplace directly affects life and death. Working from home should not be a last resort, considering the benefits to employees's health and happiness, our infrastructure, the environment and society, in general. I no longer worry about going back to the office. I'm retired, own a newspaper and can write about it instead.



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Barefoot Festival for All Ages!

by Karen Allan

With a successful event drawing to its conclusion, a few sputtery raindrops threatening but not really deterring, participants across generations enjoyed the final concert by the lake as the sun disappeared below the horizon. There were groups of friends dancing, neighbors enjoying the music (and a few adult beverages), and vendors winding down. The performers were excellent, laughter filled the evening air, and lights sparkled, reflecting off the lake

We're used to seeing residents participate in these events, but often extended family—children, parents, grandparents—come to enjoy Barefoot Bay Festivities. Watching people come together to enjoy life and one another is a simple pleasure, and our little community embodies a sense of family, friendship, and fun in a safe environment. The festival was no exception, with something for everyone and so many wonderful participants!

I was there with my family too, and while I had the privilege of dancing with my nearly grown daughter, I found I wasn't the only one enjoying and inspired by the music! Close by were Jonas (age 4), visiting grandparents and unable to keep still when the song was so catchy! Mia, (3 years old) was dancing and enjoying time with her mom, twirling in time to the music. It reminds us that it's essential to "live young," and to relax into those moments that remind us of that.

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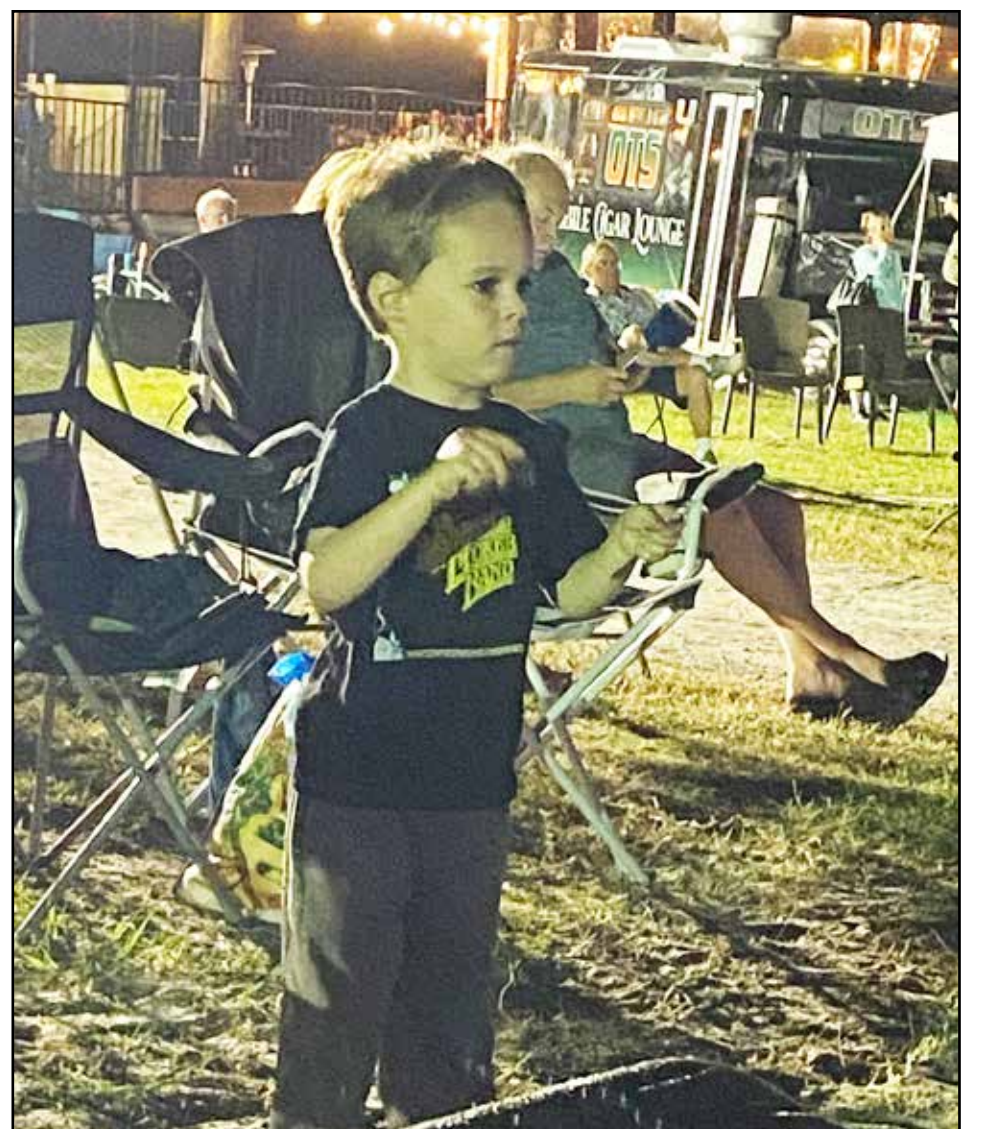
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- Best in Show:** Keith Barnes, 1956 Pontiac Safari
- Best in Show 2nd Place:** Arthur Warner, 1956 Packard Clipper 2-door hardtop
- Best Original Antique:** Ron Fashano, 1938 Ford
- Best Import:** Bob Beiler 1950 Jaguar XK120
- Best Motorcycle:** John Stusick, 2015 Royal
- Best Truck:** Mike Hulko, 1951 Chevy Pickup
- Best of the 40's & 50's:** Keith Barnes, 1956 Pontiac Safari
- Best of the 60's & 70's:** John Sorrentino, 1963 Studebaker Lark Daytona Wagonaire; Dennis Kordes, 1966 Corvette; and Steve Barker, 1962 Corvette
- Peoples' Choice:** Al Urenovich, 1936 Street Rod

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CVO's Golf 5th Annual Golf Tournament is already filling up for 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start, 4 Person Scramble on Saturday, March 11th. Tickets will include green fee, cart, and lunch, and you may sign up at the Pro Shop from February 13 until March 7. If you have any items for prizes or other questions, please call Betsy Clark at 772-643-5761. Every year we have a tremendous turnout and no matter the weather! Another event to enjoy!

We are also planning a Senior Forum for May 9th in Building A from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. This forum's purpose will include services for us here in the Bay that are available and needed. There will be information booths, handouts, and speakers. Please contact Betsy Clark at the CVO Office with questions, 772-663-0633.

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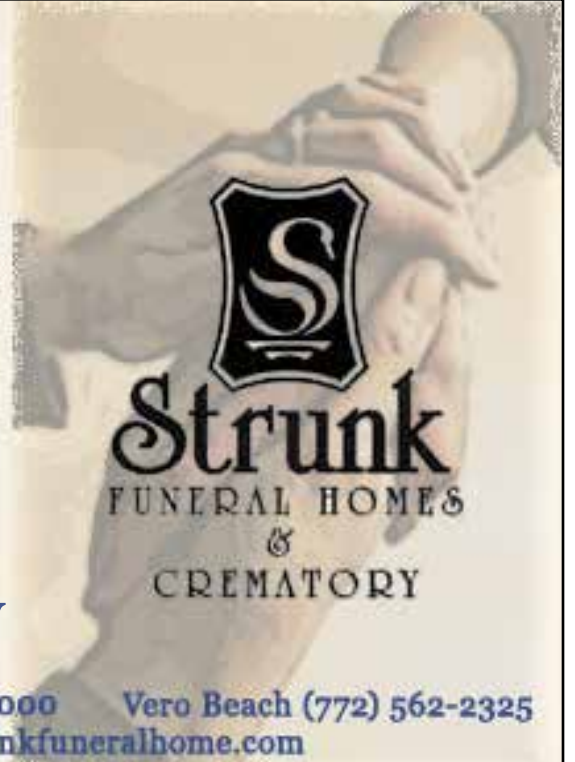
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY #366

Thank you to all those who attended our fundraising activities, the card party and the fashion show. Both endeavors were very successful due to our wonderful attendance and our hard-working members of Unit 366. Please know that all monies will be channeled to our veterans and our various charities.

On March 11 and 12 we will begin our distribution of poppies. All donations are given to veterans and current military service men and women. Both Auxiliary members and Legionnaires help distribute poppies. We are more than grateful for their help. Please contact Kathie McGill to volunteer to help.

For God and Country,

Sue Reddy
1st Vice President

AMERICAN LEGION POST #366

Post 366 is now continues its regular meetings. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. in Building D. The next meeting is on March 21. The main agenda item will be election of officers.

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. For membership information call 772-202-4926.

Our post would like to thank all the golfers who participated in the Sandy Lobello Veterans Golf Tournament on January 14. The weather was brutal! Due to the success of the event, we'll be able to continue our Naval Junior ROC scholarships to Sebastian and Baymont High School graduates.

Country Line Dancing—Through April, American Legion Post 366 will be sponsoring County Line Dancing to Country Classics and hits. Come to Building A on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Classes are taught by experienced instructors, with beginners meeting from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and advanced beginners from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. A nominal fee of \$5 is charged. Proceeds go to college scholarships and local veteran services.

Jeff Grunow
Commander

AQUA ZUMBA CLUB

El Amor is in the air. Translated, this is a common word for Love. The Aqua Zumba Club has been splashing, singing, and shaking to love songs for the month of February. The affection and camaraderie shared by Aqua Zumba Club members are expressed and shared with many new faces in class.

As the instructor, I am grateful to see the kindness, joy, and welcoming nature contributed by our club members. All residents, guests, and family members are welcome to attend these free classes. Just grab a towel, sunscreen, and swimsuit and you are ready for class.

Classes take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at Pool 3, starting at 2 p.m. Just look for the line of golf carts parked up by the gate—you will know you are in the right location.

The Aqua Zumba Club is a benevolent organization, supporting the Barefoot

Bay community activities and special nonprofit organizations. Since the month of February symbolizes passion and love, the Club's community service project was to support Halo No-Kill Rescue and the Love of Paws Sanctuary. The needs of each organization were addressed. For Halo, members brought seven bags of towels and blankets for the rescued pets. The outreach request from the Love of Paws was to donate all thrift store items to fill their new location in Vero Beach. Two carloads of items, including books, puzzles, lamps, tricycles, clothes, and a birdcage, were donated.

Yes, the success and passion we share for our community are reflected in the number of new people joining class, the return of our Snowbirds, and the tremendous outpouring of donations for our local nonprofit organizations. If you are interested in a no-impact exercise program that is recommended to support and strengthen your connective tissues, muscles, and joints. Additionally, aquatic exercise is recommended to improve cardiorespiratory fitness, strength, power, bone density, flexibility, and agility.

We hope you will join us to experience the joy of Aqua Zumba classes.

Dawn Forsman
President & Certified Aqua Zumba Instructor

ARTISTS GUILD

The BFB Artists Guild presented a very successful Art Show (Judged) on January 15th in Building A, with contributions going to the BFB Community Fund and our local Food Bank. Awards of ribbons were won by the following artists:

OIL—1st place Mary Salem, 2nd place Marilyn O'Keefe

WATERCOLOR—1st place Joan Whitton, 2nd place Ilda Barbieri, 3rd place Marion Slaioph

ACRYLIC—1st place Dorothy Buchmann, 2nd place Maureen Fitzpatrick, 3rd: Bonnie Murphy, Honorable Mentions Ruth Feldman, Barbara Hyde, and Joyce Pate

MIXED MEDIA—1st Place Gary Gresko, 2nd Place Diana Franck, 3rd Place, Sherrell Gallotti

3 D & POTTERY—1st Place Linda Weinstein, 2nd Place Marilyn Bard

PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD—Mary Salem

Thanks to all who contributed to this show!

A business meeting on January 20th was chaired by Vice President Dorothy Buchmann and we welcomed two new members—Judy Weinstock and Eliezer Eli. We welcome guests at our business meetings.

On the same day, January 20th, Ruth Feldman won an honorable mention for her Digital Photography display at the Vero Beach Art Museum's "Art by the Sea." Congratulations, Ruth!

We had a fun trip to McKee Gardens on February 3rd for lunch and toured the lovely glass sculptures displays done by artist Jason Gamrath. They were beautiful.

At our February 17th meeting, a check from the silent auction was pre-

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sented to Betsy Clark, president of the BFB Community Fund.

February 24th we will have a water-color workshop from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Building D. Call Maureen Fitzpatrick for further information.

We wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. Remember St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner! Enjoy the weather (no snow) here and all the amenities available to us in this great community.

Marilyn O'Keefe

BAREFOOT BOWLERS

The Barefoot Bowlers would like to invite bowlers of all skill levels to come and join us for a fun filled Monday afternoon at Strike Zone Lanes in Sebastian. If you are interested, please contact us by texting or calling 772-774-9183.

George Rosenberg

BIRDING CLUB

Greetings, birders, and those who wish to be! Our outings on Tuesdays have been very interesting. Micco Scrub Sanctuary produced four species of Woodpecker, with a questionable Hairy Woodpecker heard by the Merlin App that I could not report without at least one more verification. We had a single group of three Pileated Woodpeckers approach on the northern end of the preserve. Warblers (Pine, Palm and Yellow Rumped) were abundant also.



Bird of the Month: Vermillion Flycatcher. A stunning Red and dark brown (wings, back and tail), slightly smaller than the Eastern Phoebe and larger than most of the Warblers he has been hanging out with at the Fellsmere Landing. His presence here is outside the norm but he has been present for at least a month.

Interested in joining our club or joining us for an outing? Email us at cdollar1@nycap.rr.com. Thanks for reading!

BOAT AND FISHING CLUB



The regular monthly meeting of the Barefoot Bay Boat and Fishing Club was held on Friday, February 10.

The February 15 Champagne Breakfast was a primary agenda item, with Alice Hale distributing volunteer sign-up sheets and providing event details. More than 70 members indicated they would attend for a special meal of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, baked goods and, of course, champagne.

Denyce Bensen said it was a perfect day for the Barefoot Bay Boat and Fishing Club Fishing Tournament January 18 at the Barefoot Bay Beach: a beautiful sunrise, SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket launch at 7:24am.

Seventeen anglers put lines in the water at 7 a.m. with first catch at 7:04 by Margaret O'Brien. Winners: 1st Place - Fred Kobler; 2nd Place - Dennis Kispert. Among the 15 fish caught were pom-

pano, blues, whiting, sheepshead, and crevalle jack. Members attending: 35.

Committee members Dennis Kispert, Denyce and Jeff Bensen thank the tournament volunteers: Lea Levesque, Becky Kobler, Sue Johnson, Patty Andryshak and Linda Nelson. A great fishing day had by all!

On March 15, the club will host Cheeseburgers in Paradise, with Pam Williams and Pat Dylnicki as event chairpersons. Highlights include Best Island/Jimmy Buffet costume awards, including hat, shirt, flip flops and complete ensemble. Rain date is March 16.

Pattie Andryshak and Linda Nelson are working on plans for the April Marsh Landing lunch event.

Fishing reports included success with bass at Micco Substation lake as well as catch-and-release bass at Stick Marsh and Headwaters. Anglers report catching snook in Indian River and having success with bass at Lake Garcia.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Barefoot Bay Boat and Fishing Club will be March 10, 7:30 p.m. at Building D&E.

Jim Hale, Publicity
618-314-3542

BRITISH HERITAGE CLUB

February's meeting was held on Valentine's Day with a Kentucky Derby theme, along with a Ladies Hat contest and horse racing. I'll report in next month's issue on who the lucky winners were! Our meal was cottage pie with salad, scones and butter, butternut squash, whipped or mashed potatoes with brown sugar and butter, with red velvet cupcakes for dessert.

Our next meeting will be on March 14th and the theme is Irish Night (wear your green). We will be having ham, potatoes au gratin, green bean almon-dine, along with salad, raisin bread, and raspberry cheesecake for dessert. Our entertainment will be Janice & Renee. Please contact Bob Dugre for tickets 772-202-4128 by the Thursday before. Tickets are \$14 each.

Starting in December 2023 we will be changing our meetings to the FIRST Tuesday of the month and moving to Building A. This will give us more room to put round tables (as opposed to the rectangular ones we are using now). The golf cart service from the parking lot will be available and the food will be cooked right there so it will no longer need to be transported to building D&E. We will also be able to have more choices of music as we will now have more room.

Reminder that the Ethnic Festival is Sunday, March 5th in Building A. Stop by and visit us for a variety of bake goods of all kinds that are sure to entice your sweet tooth.

If you are interested in joining the British Heritage club please contact Betty Murray at 617-840-3110. It's a great group of people and we always have good time.

Cheers,

Cyndie Bourassa

BUGGY CLUB

We had a very successful yard sale in January. Our next event planned for the club is going to be held on March 25th. A sign up will be the parking lot at Building A. It will be a poker run with the club and local charities sharing the proceeds. We ask each person to bring a non-perishable item to be donated to the food bank here in the bay.

The next meeting of the club will be on February 22nd at RJ's Family Restaurant, starting at 9 a.m. The 33rd annual Ethnic Festival will be held on March 5th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Building A. Lots of

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fun, lots of prizes, and certainly lots of Ethnic food available to purchase. The clubs participating are as follows: British, German, Irish, Italian, and Polish. Music will be provided by Steve Cole.

Arnie and Mark

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club meets in Building C from 8:30 a.m. to noon every Wednesday. All skill levels are welcome. On the first Wednesday we offer instruction if you would like to learn or improve.

Come join us—you are welcome to come and watch!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

In February, the Christian Women's Club held its monthly luncheon with nearly 60 women present! D & E building was decorated for Valentine's Day, and it was so pretty! As usual, the food was delicious. All that was left over was taken to our valiant fire fighters and EMTs at the Micco Fire Department. The speaker was Linda Howard, a dynamic woman coming to us from Special Gatherings, a Christian organization that works with mentally challenged adults. New leaders were announced, and we will continue doing good things.

Last year, we decided that Nana's House in West Melbourne would be our project. In December, all of the money and gift cards that you donated were taken to them. The total was a whopping \$1,532! We have not chosen our project for 2023, but will soon.

A lovely lady in Barefoot Bay has donated a quilt she made, and we plan to auction it off. It will be on display in March, April, and in May at our Mother's Day luncheon. It will be given away to the lucky winner. Every penny will go to our new project, which will be a children's home. Please continue to donate money or gift cards each month. Many people tell us we have become a light in the community, and that is exactly what we intended!

The March luncheon is on the March 2nd at D & E Building at noon. The cost is \$10. The cutoff date for making reservations is February 24. Please call Donna at 321-501-8501 for a reservation.

COMPUTER CLUB

The Barefoot Bay Computer Club meets on the 4th Friday at 6 p.m. at Building D&E. Do you have trouble remembering meetings, appointments, or events? Do you know how to use the calendar app on your cell phone? It is so simple to use for monthly meeting reminders, doctor appointments that are scheduled for six months or one year out, and for birthdays and anniversaries that you want to remember. A portable version of a date planner or a calendar on the wall—how convenient would that be! Yes, we can cover that calendar feature on your cell phones during a meeting.

This month, our focus will be on what you can do with those photos that come with an email or by messenger. Would you like to keep the photo and delete the message? Would you like to clean up those emails so that only the current emails are showing and still have the information for the old emails? Join us for the Computer Club meeting and learn more about those photos and email or ask any individual questions you might have. We begin at 6 p.m. with a social time and a time for you to get the help you need and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with the program for the night to follow. Hope to see you on the 4th Friday of each month.

CONSERVATIVE CLUB

Hello and Happy February! Our next meeting will be on February 23rd at 2:30 p.m., Building D&E. Will be celebrating

Valentine's Day with a Trivia contest and refreshments.

At our January meeting we had a presentation regarding a Convention of States. We also attended a COS Town Meeting in Vero Beach. What a great turnout of Patriots! Our club had eight members at that event, which was very enlightening. We topped on the way home for an early dinner. I would like to propose that the Club support the COS, and would like to put it to a vote.

Just a reminder that the ELVIS Show will be on March 25. Don't lose your tickets. Disbursement of Funds raised cannot be donated until after the show is held.

We have scheduled an NRA Class in March. The first session is at our March meeting, the 23rd. The second session will be on March 30 at 2:30 p.m. in Building D&E. The cost will be approximately \$20 or less, depending on the number of people in attendance. The class is called "Refuse to Be a Victim."

Our officers are working very hard on updating info sheets in our folders, and also the Standards & Procedures. Once these Procedures are complete we will be able to apply for our EIN # for a "Not For Profit" Club.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Happy St. Patrick's Day! We are in the process of evaluating our club's 2023 goals and projects for our community and to further democratic values. Recent legislation has more and more impact on the daily lives of Floridians; if you disagree with those initiatives, please bring your energy and ideas to the DWC B&B meetings. The 2024 General Election is only 620 days away. We have no time to lose!

To contact us, leave a voice or text message at 612-930-2167 or email requests to dwcbbay@gmail.com. Democrats registered in any state may join. Nearly one-third of our members are male. If you are a like-minded NPA voter [Non-Politically Affiliated]—an "Independent"—you're very welcome as a guest. On 02/06/23 Brevard County said Barefoot Bay had 25.6% registered Democrats and 28.7% registered NPA's, or over one-half of the voters.

Some recent Democratic accomplishments are: Nationally, inflation has dropped from 8.5% in March 2022 to 2.9% now. The number of families eligible for the Affordable Care Act has increased to the highest level. And, there is a \$35/month cap now for insulin for people 65 and older under Medicare.

Check www.votebrevard.gov to update mandated requests for Vote-by-Mail ballots. Let us know by email or text message if you wish to be notified of our activities, even if you do not wish to join at this time. Masking is optional at meetings.

We look forward to seeing everyone for conversation and snacks. Please bring non-perishables for our local food drive. Stay safe and well!

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club meets March 15 at 9 a.m. in Building D&E (at the Golf Course). We'll have a brief meeting, then carpool to Country Care Roses in Fellsmere. We will tour their collection of Old Garden Roses. These are rose species which date back to 1876. Among their collection are teas, chinas, and rugosas that are well adapted to Florida's climate and perform well. New members are welcomed. Call Betty Berry at 404-935-3946.

GERMAN CLUB

Our March meeting will be held March 28th. Cocktails at 5 p.m. with a roasted pork loin and trimmings served at 6 p.m.

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This month's theme is "German Night," so wear your colors (black, red and gold) and share some of your German stories.

Tickets are \$15 for members and \$17 for guests. Tickets can be purchased from Vivian at 772-202-4686. Entertainment will be Jim Moy who always offers some German music to help us celebrate German night.

Remember March 5th is the Ethnic Festival in Building A from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you can help with either set up on March 4 or serving on the day of the festival, please contact Roberta Kessler 419-357-1226.

Word for the month is GESEGNET, meaning "Blessed." We are all so GESEGNET to be part of this club and community.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on March 28.

Kathy Ford

GREAT LAKES STATES CLUB

Hi, Club Members! May the Shamrock bring you good luck all month long! The January 10th meeting was packed, with 60 members, 9 new member badges, and 25 members renewing their badges. That's great! For those who have not renewed their membership dues of \$3, there is still time to do so at the February 21st and March 14th meeting.

We had a superb guitarist/vocalist, Mr. Rick Ferrin, at the meeting. Everyone enjoyed his easy listening style of music, and asked to have him back for next season.

Due to the Tattler February club news deadline of February 9th, much of the agenda and minutes will be addressed at this February meeting. Also the Peek at the Week mentioned the meat entree and entertainment for February 21.

Now going forward, the March 14 meeting is on schedule. The meat entree will be corn beef. The entertainment will be the Melbourne Community Band (35-40 pieces) "New Horizon" group. This will be an exciting evening to watch and listen to. You need to see this!

Everyone enjoy the spirit of the Irish, and wear your Green. See everyone on March 14th. Maybe St. Patty will show up. Stay well and healthy. The Top of the Morning!

Daphnia Missad

GREEN THUMB GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, March 4th at 9 a.m. near the greenhouse off of Dotti Road. Please bring a chair. Coffee and dessert will be provided by the club.

Our Facebook page is: Barefoot Bay Green Thumb Gardening Club.

Val Abbate
President
631-495-4703

IRISH CLUB

Finally! Happy spring to all. Our January dinner was wonderfully attended and our new slate of officers have begun their terms of office. Valentine's Day dinner was the most well-attended so far, with 155 tickets sold. Wine and cheese on the tables was a festive surprise.

Our tickets for March began selling and this time we were able to accept cash. Hopefully, this will be easier on all. We are still accepting members and all are invited. More happy news will be discussed at the March meeting.

If anyone still needs tickets, please call me at 203-592-2939. I'll be happy to help you!

Until next time,

Terri Murphy
Secretary

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

The Italian American Club will be

meeting on March 22nd in Building A at 5 p.m. At the January meeting we passed a motion to always have Italian-type dinners at our meetings. I'm not sure what the exact meal will be at this time but it will be an Italian dinner.

Also in January we hosted some guests on the bocci courts from the Italian American Club in Melbourne. They have a bocci court and wanted to experience our courts. We played two games against each other. Our Bay teams won both games! Another competition was scheduled for February 15. Great fun.

Tickets for the March dinner are available from Joan Ferri at 772-663-3229. The April meeting, which happens to be our last meeting for this season, will be another picnic outside by the lounge at Pool One. Hot dogs and burgers. During the off-season, May through September, we will meet again in the lounge at Pool One for pizzas.

I had fun last year keeping in touch with those members who are not seasonal residents. Thanks for your continued support. Let's all do our part to bring new members to our club.

Ron Fashano
President

LAGOON ARTISANS OF BAREFOOT BAY

Lagoon Artisans are looking forward to their Spring Fling themed show on Saturday April 1st in Building A from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are busy creating new works to display, and will offer refreshments and a raffle of original art.

LABB's mission is to support each other as fine artists while having fun and creating opportunities to show and sell our work. The next meeting is Wednesday March 8th in Building D&E.

After the February business meeting, the club celebrated with a Valentine's luncheon at A Taste of Asia Restaurant in Sebastian. The club wishes to thank Grace Cormier and Lois Quigley for hosting and designing the table decorations, centerpieces and favors for the event.

The club also wishes to congratulate club president Georgene Granholm for selling her rendition of "Old Florida" at Art by the Sea, a prestigious art show sponsored by the Vero Beach Art Club and held at the Vero Beach Museum of Art each year in January. The show accepts only one piece of art from 250 club members.

Local artists interested in exploring opportunities are encouraged to call President Georgene Granholm at 908-337-9400 or me and plan to attend a meeting or show. We enjoy sharing and learning with each other; however, we create on our own time.

Featured artist this month is Sandy Driscoll who uses a variety of media, yet she prefers painting in acrylics. See her photo elsewhere in this issue of The Tattler.

Anyone wishing to be added to our contact list and kept up to date with club events, should text me an email address so we can add you to our e-list. LABB also has volunteer opportunities at our shows for folks who would like to engage in the art community.

Learn with us, create with us, and add a little color to your life with us.

Dan Martin
Assistant Secretary
609-432-1059

LINE DANCE CLUB

The Barefoot Bay Line Dance Club will meet Thursdays in Building A at the following times:

9:30 to 10 a.m.—Absolute beginner step review.

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

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11 a.m. to 11:30—Improver level with open dance and requests.
The cost of each class will be \$5 for Barefoot Bay residents and \$8 for non-residents. Please remember to bring your badge each week.
See you on the dance floor,
Lyn, Joanne, Brenda, Cindy

NEW YORK CLUB

Another year has almost come to an end for the New York Club, and it was a good year. We would like to give a special thanks to Dan Murphy and Dar Schwartz for all their hard work and dedicated service to the New York Club. You are both much appreciated.

Our March 9th meeting will be held in Building D&E. Social hour is at 5 p.m., dinner following. It will be Italian night with spaghetti, meatballs, salad and bread prepared for us by the Barefoot Bay Food & Beverage Dept. (Why Italian you ask? There are a few of us New Yorkers who do not like corned beef and cabbage. Go figure!) Tickets are \$15 and can be obtained by calling Kathleen Murphy at 845-774-6451.

As an added activity we are looking to get a group together to go to the Henegar Theater in Melbourne to see "Godspell," We'll be going to the 2 p.m. showing on Sunday March 26th. Tickets are \$29 per person if we get 15 or more people to go; the tickets are \$34 for fewer than 15 people. If you are interested, call Kathleen Murphy at 845-774-6451.

In April we wind up our 2022-23 season with a picnic in the picnic area of Pool 1. Keep watch for further details as they are being finalized at this time.

One of my main goals for next year is to expand the club and with that in mind I have started a Facebook page. You can find us at "Barefoot Bay New York Club." Comments are always welcome. I am new to Facebook and I am sure there is a lot to learn about the site so bear with me as I learn. A quick look through the Barefoot Bay phone book shows that there are well over 100 residents in Barefoot Bay that come from New York area. Why not join us?

If you would like to become a member of the New York Club, please give me a call at 772-202-4139. If you have any ideas for the Club, I'm open to suggestions.

Robert Kahl

ORGAN, KEYBOARD AND PIANO CLUB

Once again, it was time during January's meeting to elect new officers for 2023. The club is pleased to announce the President, Rollin Rice; the Vice President, Joseph Kules; the Treasurer, Ross Dimler; and the Secretary, Barbara Applegate.

A musical program followed the election. Because we have members who play different instruments—piano, organ, accordion, and keyboard—we are able to present a variety of music. Guests are always welcome.

Our next meeting is February 22nd at 1 p.m. in Building A. If you have any questions, please call our President, Rollin Rice, at 772-664-5991.

Barbara Applegate
Secretary

PICKLEBALL CLUB

On March 3 and 4, the Pickleball Club is hosting our Second Annual CVO Classic Pickleball Tournament and Fundraiser. There will be a \$10 donation to participate in the events. All proceeds will be donated to the Barefoot Bay Civic Volunteer Organization. If you are not a pickleball player but want to support this event, stop by the courts to cheer on your friends and donate to a great cause.

POLISH AMERICAN CLUB

Welcome! Here we are already in March. Our next meeting will be held at Building D & E, instead of Building A. The reason is that the Little Theatre will be performing all week. It will be Tuesday, March 7th. We will be having corned beef and cabbage and all the trimmings for \$13.06 per person. Please call Barbara Fry at 772-631-2365 no later than March 5th.

Do not forget our Ethic Festival, which will be held on March 5th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will need volunteers for Sunday to help to sell, cook and run the food and to sell tickets. Please call Barbara at 772-631-2365.

Looking for new members. If interested call Barbara at 772-631-2365. At our February meeting we had a nice turnout. Don't we will be at forget Building D & E.

Thank you, and God Bless all our members.

Joseph Klosky
President

TENNIS CLUB NEWS

Hello, fellow tennis players! The club's Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning play is growing, that's 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Get on the list to begin enjoying, for this play you must be a member—\$15 a year only.

The men's doubles tournament was a great day! The Barefoot Bay squad came out on top over Sebastian Friendly this time, winning 4 of the 6 matches. Many sets went to deciding the breaks, fun competition. Future women's doubles and mixed doubles will happen in March.

The 1st Bob Lewis tournament honoring our friend occurred early February. It was coupled with a pizza party and although it was a windy day everyone had a great time. Please donate to the Bob Lewis fund and keep tennis going in the Bay. A plaque in his honor will soon be displayed. The Winter Dinner Dance takes place at the end of February; good food, music, and a great time.

Now you probably don't know all of this: The great Monica Seles won eight grand slams as a teenager, adding another before her career sadly ended. But in Hungary as a child (she now lives in Florida) There were not enough tennis courts for her to use. Her father strung a rope between two cars in a parking lot and that's how she got her start. Incredible!

If you have interest or questions, call 321-419-8593.

WHITE CAPS RETIRED NURSES

Our March luncheon will take place on Wednesday, March 8 at 1 p.m. at Rooney's on Palm Bay Road in Palm Bay. Please call Jan Evans at 772-664-5531 for reservations, directions, and questions. I will not be available to make reservations this month. Reservations must be in by Sunday, March 5th.

Any retired nurse residing in Barefoot Bay is welcome to join us. You are welcome to bring a guest.

This year venues are requesting advanced notice of a head count for staffing reasons. So please call Jan on time. If you need a ride we will assist you.

We'll look forward to seeing you for a little early St. Patrick's day cheer.

Margaret St Coeur

Ethnic Festival Committee News

A meeting was held to finalize plans for the Ethnic Festival that is going to be held on Sunday March 5th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Building A. The participating clubs will be British, German, Irish, Italian, and Polish. We will have over 100 prizes, music, and great food prepared by the five clubs. The Festival Committee hopes to see everyone there.

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It feels like Spring—warm days, cool nights, and occasional rain showers. Spring brings to mind new growth, plants and trees pushing out their new leaves, and it also reminds us of God’s wonderful earthly bounty.

On Ash Wednesday we received the symbol of ashes on our foreheads as a symbol and reminder that as we came from dust, we will also return to dust. The new life we see all around us in nature is a promise of our new life to come.

This congregation continues to support the Roseland Ecumenical Food Pantry with monthly cash donations and weekly food deliveries. The need is great. Many of us try to take advantage of the “BOGOs” when we go grocery shopping, keeping one and giving the free one away. It doesn’t cost a thing and it is greatly appreciated by those in need.

We also have a small group of “Quilting” women who meet every Monday morning and have made many amazing and beautiful quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief. They cut squares, piece them together, add the batting, the backing, and the ties. From Concordia, we recently shipped 109 quilts and 36 Personal Care Kits to a warehouse ready for distribution where needed.

Spring is also a time of getting out and going to local Flea Markets. Our WELCA is again sponsoring their Flea Market/ Craft Sale on Saturday, March 11th from 8 a.m. to noon. You can call 772-664-1104 to reserve your space in the parking lot to sell your “treasures” or just set the date to come, shop, visit, and renew friendships.

Always remember that God loves you all!

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Delight is Praise: I did a wedding recently. Part of my remarks in a wedding service are about the gift of marriage. I say how it is a gift. I say a few other things and then, “Let marriage be honored by all.” How do you best honor marriage? By writing an essay about it or more so by greatly enjoying that gift? Or consider the wife. The wife is praised, is she not? Less by words of praise about her and more by the husband’s plain delight in her. She is exalted by being enjoyed.

The Westminster Confession asks, “What is the chief end of man? To glorify God and enjoy him forever.” It does not ask what the two chief ends of man are. It asks what THE chief end is. There is one chief end and it is stated in synonyms—glorify and enjoy. To enjoy is to glorify. To glorify is to enjoy.

As we quite naturally move from that on which the sunbeam falls to the source of the sunbeam, from scent to the flower, from art to artist, from creation to creator—we are, in all that, enjoying Him.

When I read a book I think is profound,

I look to see who the author is. What else has she done? Where was she educated? What’s her training? It’s the same with God—we look about and ask, who made that starry night that I am so tantalized with? The horse that is so lithe in its gallop? The geyser with its blasting steam? The hummingbird on rotating wing? We quite naturally move from these to the one who conceived them.

God is most praised by our enjoyment of his gifts and our enjoyment of Him. He leads us to Him through His gifts.

RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH

Buildings D & E, Barefoot Bay
772-913-0824

Facebook: River of Life Fellowship Church

YouTube: River of Life Barefoot Bay Church

What a dynamic time we had at the Festival on the Lake on February 10 and 11. River of Life had a Sponsor tent and we were thrilled to greet you all with packets of goodies. We were able to share prayer time with many who were dealing with some difficulties. That is what we are here for—to help ease the burdens and hurts of one another.

Come join us for a wonderful time with the Lord on Sundays at Buildings D & E—1225 Barefoot Boulevard in Barefoot Bay at 10:30 a.m. as Pastor Carole Coon brings vital and dynamic messages of how to live in our world today. Messages have touched the hearts of many, giving encouragement and direction. Prayer meetings on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at Pastor Carole’s home. We also have dynamic Men and Women’s Bible Studies.

Come with an open heart and mind and receive the blessings of the Spirit. Be filled with joy for your daily walk. For more information, call Pastor Carole Coon at 772-913-0824.

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Barefoot Bay's World of Sports

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

January 17, 2023 - Low Net

Flight 1

1st - Carol Mecanko	-1
2nd - Jean Lontine	+2
3rd - Raylene McSally	+3
4th - Cindy Kaloski	+4

Flight 2

1st - Marsha Ramah	-1
2nd - Julia Strom	+2
3rd - Betty Greco	+4
4th - Betty Healy	+4

Flight 3

1st - Jane Cypher	+1
2nd - Ann McDonough	+2
3rd - Gail Morrison	+3
4th - Judy Rice	+3
CTP #13 Carol Mecanko	16'

Flight 4

1st - Anastasia Baptiste	+5
2nd - Tish Garrett	+5
3rd - Mary Landenberger	+5
4th - Barbara Smith	+5
CTP #15 Pat Lefebvre	11'5"

January 24, 2023 - Quota

Flight 1

1st - Raylene McSally	+1
2nd - Pat Lefebvre	even
3rd - Cindy Kaloski	-1
4th - Beth Gillette	-2

Flight 2

1st - Brenda Maslanka	+2
2nd - Maureen Rooney	+1
3rd - Anna Pettit	Even
4th - Eva Sherwood	Even

Flight 3

1st - Faith Porter	+3
2nd - Judy Rice	+2
3rd - Pat Bracci	+1
4th - Ruthann Funari	-1
CTP #11 Debra Smyk	5'2"

Flight 4

1st - Diane Paradis	+6
2nd - Barbara Smith	+4
3rd - Mary Kaszanek	+4
4th - Joan Clement	+4
#15 Elaine Codd	5'4"

January 31, 2023 Closest to the Pin Tournament

1st Team	+1
Doris McClintock, Louise Mulvihill, Ann McDonough, Gail Morrison	
2nd Team	+1
Judy Farrell, Jan Crespi, Cammi Provencher, Terry Perry	
3rd Team	+2
Linda Dedyne, Marsha Ramah, Maureen Rooney, Faith Porter	
4th Team	+3
Pat Lefebvre Anna Pettit, Judy Rice, Barbara Smith	

January 3, 2023—

Replace Worse Hole w/Par

Flight 1

1st - Penny Zeilman	39
2nd - Michelle Donnelly	40
3rd - Mary Ellen Sayles	40

Flight 2

1st - Judy O'Connell	38
2nd - Suzanne Peterson	41
3rd - Pat Gallant	43

Flight 3

1st - Bonnie Lynds	42
2nd - Barbara Simone	44
3rd - Pat Pudimat	46

Results After 2-way Play-Off

Birdie Hole 13 Kandi Fallon
Birdie Hole 15 Tina Husty
CTP Hole 11 12'5" Sharon Gerthoffer

January 10, 2023 - Scramble

1st - Joann Price	32
Anita Urban	32
Sheila Johnson	32
Mary Ellen Davis	32
2nd - Michelle Donnelly	34
Cathy Duggan	34
JoAnn Leary	34
Collette Piche	34
3rd - Penny Zeilman	35
Mary Draper	35
Kandi Fallon	35

January 17, 2023—Low Net

Flight 1

1st - Barbara Minklein	30
2nd - Michelle Donnelly	31
3rd - Janet Rafferty	34

Flight 2

1st - Mary Ellen Davis	32
2nd - Rosemary McCloskey	33
3rd - Penny Gallo	34

Flight 3

1st - JoAnn Leary	30
2nd - Bonnie Lynds	32
3rd - Pam Rice	34

Flight 4

1st - Debra Corkins	34
2nd - Sheila Johnson	35
3rd - Judi Elder	36

January 24, 2023 - 2-Person Best Ball

1st Place Team -	
Bonnie Lynds	21
Heidi Kamman	
2nd Place Team	
Pat Pudimat	22
Mary Ellen Sayles	
2nd Place Team	
Priscilla Keiser	22
Barbara Martin	
3rd Place Team	
Penny Zeilman	24
Judi Elder	



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Men's Golf Association

Individual Low Net - 1-18-23

<i>Flight 1</i>	
1st - Mark Lavaway	-3
2nd - Tom Jackman	-2
<i>Flight 2</i>	
1st - Kenny G.	-2
2nd - Steve Morris	+1
<i>Flight 3</i>	
1st - Art Whipple	-6
2nd - Bill Norris	-3
Closest to the Pins	
<i>Flight 1</i>	
Andy Dufault	
<i>Flight 2</i>	
Andre Bourdeau	
<i>Flight 3</i>	
Paul March	

Flight 1

1st - Larry Odette	-6
2nd - Rich Healy	-3
<i>Flight 2</i>	
1st - Dale Silvester	-4
2nd - John Morris	even
<i>Flight 3</i>	
1st - Jas Sellers	-3
2nd - Francis McCloskey	-2

Closest to the Pins

<i>Flight 1</i>	
Paul Shamansky	
<i>Flight 2</i>	
Richard Filby	
<i>Flight 3</i>	
Jas Sellers	

Mixed Flight Shamble with Points - 1-25-23

1st - Rich Krywe, Giz Gillen, Dave Connor, Brady Mitchell	110
2nd - Larry Odette, Gene Pettit, Terry Hazelett, John Armstrong	100

Closest to the Pins

Team of Larry Odette, Gene Pettit, Terry Hazelett, John Armstrong

Team of Carl Fuller, Dave Litalien, Denis Doran, Frank Verderese

Individual Low Net - 2-01-23

Swingers Bowling League

High scores for the month of January

High Scratch Single	
<i>January 2, 2023</i>	
Don Clayton	233
Darlene Wong-Kam	180
<i>January 9, 2023</i>	
Craig Mira	226
Anna Sabol	174
<i>January 16, 2023</i>	
Garry Frank	205
Darlene Wong-Kam	168
<i>January 23, 2023</i>	
Garry Frank	220
Anna Sabol	199
<i>January 30, 2023</i>	
Don Clayton	234
Anna Sabol	177

High Scratch series

<i>January 2, 2023</i>	
Don Clayton	618
Debbie Clayton	465
<i>January 9, 2023</i>	
Ken Sabol	606
Anna Sabol	436
<i>January 16, 2023</i>	
Garry Frank	516
Sue Nichols	445
<i>January 23, 2023</i>	
Duncan Chalmers	530
Anna Sabol	472
<i>January 30, 2023</i>	
Don Clayton	614
Anna Sabol	488



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5 SOULTIME BAND LAKE STAGE 2-6PM	6 MUSIC BINGO LAKE SIDE LITTLE THEATER WEEK KITCHEN OPEN 4-7:30	7 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5-10PM TACO TUESDAY 4-8P	8 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6:30-8:30PM	9 PUSHIN' TIME 19th Hole Bandshell 4:30-7:30 NO RUSTIC ROAST	10 JOHNNY & THE BLAZE LAKE STAGE 7-10:30P	11 WHISKEY JU JU LAKE STAGE 6-10 ZANRICKY DUO 19TH HOLE BAND-SHELL 4:30-7:30P
12 THE KORE LAKE STAGE 2-6PM	13 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30PM KITCHEN OPEN 4-7:30	14 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5-10PM TACO TUESDAY 4-8P	15 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6:30-8:30PM	16 ANA & PATRICK 19th Hole Bandshell 4:30-7:30	GROUP THERAPY LAKE STAGE 11-2pm TC&SASS LAKE STAGE 3-7pm 	18 DJ TERRY LAKE STAGE 6-10P DOUBLE TROUBLE 19TH HOLE BAND-SHELL 4:30-7:30P
19 ALLEN WRONKO BAND LAKE STAGE 2-6PM	20 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30PM KITCHEN OPEN 4-7:30	21 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5-10PM TACO TUESDAY 4-8P	22 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6:30-8:30PM	23 SIMPLY SARAH 19th Hole Bandshell 4:30-7:30	24 JOE REID LAKE STAGE 7-10:30	25 THE FLASHBACKS LAKE STAGE 6-10P 19TH HOLE RICK FERRIN 4:30-7:30P
26 PRESSURE POINT LAKE STAGE 2-6PM	27 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30PM KITCHEN OPEN 4-7:30	28 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5-10PM TACO TUESDAY 4-8P	29	30 ALLEN WRONKO 19th Hole Bandshell 4:30-7:30	31 THE REAL DEAL LAKE STAGE 7-10:30P	

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