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Jeanne M Osborne 1926-2024



Jeanne M Osborne, age 97, of Melbourne, FL.

Jeanne was born on August 22, 1926 in New York City. She grew up in the city and was known to be in the audience of more than one of Frank Sinatra's early shows. She trained as a Radiologic Technician at New York's Manhattanville College.

After moving to Hawaii on her own to organize the Queen's Hospital's nascent Radiology department, she met and married Charles Osborne, who was serving in the Navy at Pearl Harbor. Frequent moves to various naval assignments followed. The family grew to include John and Tina.

Jeanne volunteered at several organizations while raising the children, from one of the first Job Corps programs for girls to democratic political campaigns to teaching middle school religion classes, all while managing the household through many locations.

As the children grew older, Jeanne became more involved in Democratic Party activities including service on the Connecticut state central committee. Eventually, she began a career with the American Cancer Society.

She shared a love of travel, visiting Europe, North Africa, South America, Antarctica, and many other countries and parts of the world.

Jeanne and Charles decided to retire to Barefoot Bay in 1986. Here, too, her interest in community service led her to Serve as chair of the board of trustees. She was also active in establishing Serene Harbor, the South Maitland Community Center, and supporting the VNA. She also enjoyed golf, bridge, and the Irish Club in the Bay.

Charles N Osborne pre-deceased Jeanne's passing in 1996. Jeanne continued to reside and participate in activities in Barefoot Bay until moving to The Fountains of Melbourne in 2023.

On March 10th, Jeanne passed on peacefully at Holme Regional Medical Center's Heart Center. Jeanne is survived by daughter Tina of Connecticut and son John of California, and grandsons Charles and Timothy.

Donations in Jeanne's memory could be made to Friends of the Brevard South Mainland Library, PO Box 111, Grant, FL 32949, or to a charity of your choice.

Services will be held at a future date. Arrangements are entrusted to Strunk Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1623 North Central Avenue, Sebastian, Florida 32958.

Dorothy Larkin 1933-2024



Dorothy Larkin (Dottie), 90, of Barefoot Bay, Florida, peacefully passed away on March 11, 2024, to be with the Lord. She was born December 4, 1933, in Syracuse, NY.

Dottie is survived by her sister, Marilyn Bell, Jacksonville, FL, and niece and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 66 years, Clifford Larkin, and a brother and a sister.

She was active in the German Club at Barefoot Bay, where she was treasurer for 17 years. She worked at Phoenix Gauge for 27 years, Goets Dolls for 12 years, and the Administrative building at Barefoot Bay for 11 years. Her hobbies include camping, bowling, and boating.

She attended the 1st Baptist Church in Barefoot Bay, FL. The burial will be held at the convenience of the family at a later date. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, April 13, from 2-5 in Buildings D & E.

Karen Lois Rohls, 1952-2024

Karen Lois Rohls, nee Zuckerberg, 72, of Barefoot Bay, passed into the Lord's hands on 3/5/24, having been pre-deceased by her "Knight in Shining Armor" Alfred Rohls in 2013.

Karen was a mother, a bubbly, and a great-bubbly. A retired NYC Supervising Probation Officer, she loved serving her clients and brought her love of service to Asheville, where she joined the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in 2013. There, she participated in many volunteer opportunities, including becoming a certified grief counselor after the passing of her beloved husband. Later, in Barefoot Bay, she enjoyed her Little Theater Group and the fellowship of Concordia Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her children, Damien and Lisa Cutugno, Natalie and Michael DeVito; her grandchildren, Miya DeVito and partner Chris Parakkaden, Aliya Cutugno, Connor Cutugno, and her great-grandson, Jonah Costa. Also, her three sisters, Rita DiGiantomasso, Bonnie Hurd, Denise Currie-Lowe, and her brother, Max Robert Zuckerberg. Her "bonus sister," Susan Kunzelman, also survives Karen. Her dog, "Honey," will reside with her children, the DeVitos, in Staten Island, NY, per her wishes for Honey's love and care.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to John Keever Solace Center of Asheville, NC, and to Best Friends Animal Society, or Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC.

In Memoriam: Jeanne Osborne, my friend, will be remembered long after we're gone. What a wonderful life she had. Dottie Larkin's smiling face was a welcome sight in the Administration building for over a decade. Seeing her obituary picture made me choke up. Karen Rohl's children honored their mother's wish to have her obituary published in The Tattler. It's our honor to place her on the front page with these other wonderful women.



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A Word From Your
CVO OFFICERS

The skies are clear, the sun is bright, and the breeze is balmy. What better time to enjoy all that the Bay has to offer? The CVO has another roster of educational and social activities for this month.

Elections 2024 – Know Your Choices - How often have you looked at the sea of names on the ballot for various county-level offices and not recognized who they are or what the duties of the office entail? Do you skip to the next question or randomly fill in the circle for the name that seems most familiar? The Bay will be facing critical issues in finance, maintenance, property values, water quality, and insurance coverage over the near future, on which these elected officials will have an impact.

Over the next two months, the CVO will be hosting several Meet & Greet gatherings in Bldg A with no more than three candidates on each date. These two-hour sessions will offer a good opportunity for you to get to know them and ask questions. It is more imperative now than ever before to become an informed voter.

The CVO has an ad in this issue of the Tattler listing the dates, times, and candidates for each session. Cut it out and post it on your refrigerator. Mark your calendar and plan for each and every session that you are able to attend.

CVO Bingo on Wednesday, April 3rd - Come join with family, friends, and neighbors for an evening of fun in Building A. Doors open at 5 pm, and games 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 is allowed. Bring friends and neighbors for good times and cash prizes.

Comedy Night on Saturday, April 13th - Shannon Hall and Jake Clark's comedy will provide a night of fun and laughter. Hall, with his high-energy humor, has opened for Jerry Seinfeld and Larry the Cable Guy. Clark is an up-and-coming Florida Comedian who is a World Series of Comedy Finalist.

Tickets are \$15 each and are available at the CVO office. Bldg A doors open at 5:30 pm (as will the bar!), and the fun begins at 7 pm. You may bring your own appetizers.

Self-Defense for Women on Wednesday, April 17th - If you would like to learn skills and strategies of self-defense, join us at 1 pm in Bldg D/E. This event is being held by popular demand as it has been several years since the last session. The Brevard County Sheriff's Department will present the program and include tips on being aware of your situation, demonstrations of strategies you can use to stay safe, and time for a Q and A session.

Reserve your spot today by calling the CVO office at 772-663-0633.

Hurricane Awareness on Thursday, April 18th - Yes, it's that time of year again! Officially, hurricane season runs from June 1st to November 30th.

Many may be facing their first "season" with trepidation. While others are old hands at this wait-and-see-keep-your-fingers-crossed-for-an-uneventful six-month period. Whether new or old, plan on attending this important Hurricane Awareness Meeting presented by the Brevard Emergency Management Team and get information on what to have ready, what important documents to have on hand, and where to go in the event of a serious threat. The meeting will be held in Bldg A from 1- 4 pm.

Drivers are needed - The CVO Van service takes residents to the Micco Senior Center for lunch and time to socialize with friends five days a week. One afternoon a week, it takes seniors shopping as far south on US 1 as Walmart. If you can volunteer 2 to 3 hours one day a week and have a clean driver's license, there are seniors in Barefoot Bay who need your help! If you want to learn more, please call Peter Carey at 631-747-5612.

Thanks to the Pickleball Club! The Pickleball Club's annual three-day tournament was held over the weekend of March 8th. Each year, the proceeds of this event have been donated to the CVO to support our work in the Bay. This year's donation was beyond all expectations and will go a long way to funding our efforts. A big "Thank You" goes out to this outstanding group of athletes.

The CVO is an all-volunteer organization. As you can see, we are very active in the community. Feel free to stop by the CVO office at 935 Barefoot Blvd Unit #6 or call 772-663-0633 if you have any questions about these or other CVO activities. Our office hours are 10 am to 2 pm, Monday through Friday.

Lizzann Taylor



Barefoot Bay Pickle Ball Club members gather under the CVO banner after a successful 3-day tournament. Proceeds from the event were donated to the CVO.

Out of Warranty? Doesn't hurt to ask.

Rob Allan

My one year old dishwasher decided to stop washing dishes last month. You would turn it on and could hear it filling up and then, draining out. The sprayers would not spin. I tried doing the factory reset as described online, but nothing. I couldn't fix my dishwasher. Considering the dishwasher was practically brand new, I was a little annoyed. The previous dishwasher was 25 years old when it finally washed its last load, and other than replacing a rusty dish rack, it never gave us any problems. Naturally, my barely one-year-old dishwasher had only a 12-month warranty.

Before contacting the manufacturer, I decided I would pay to have the problem diagnosed. If it was something easy to fix, I would be done, and the dishes would be spotless once again. I gave RMJP Appliance a call. Kenichi is a new advertiser in The Tattler. We set up an appointment, and after a quick inspection, Kenichi explained that the internal pump had gone out. The part would need to be ordered, another house call to replace the part, and the total bill would come to \$400. I paid Kenichi for the house call and diagnosis, agreeing it would be a fair price but holding back on having him actually fix the problem since we both agreed that calling the manufacturer seemed... warranted. I could always have Kenichi put the part in if I couldn't get the manufacturer to cover the repair.

I have always waited before making large purchases. I consume a large portion of information identifying the best products in a category, understanding sales cycles, and swooping in for a buy when a discount is available. My wife still talks about our first major purchase, a washer and dryer combo. It took me several months, but we purchased a Maytag Neptune front loader and dryer. A \$1700 purchase in 2000. Both of those appliances survived the births of my children and loads of laundry through their teenage years before we finally replaced them. There's a reason the Maytag repairman commercials were so popular, they were true. We never had to call for service for either appliance.

The "new" dishwasher was also discounted from its \$750 price, and as a bonus, we purchased it directly from the manufacturer. I was disappointed I had to call Whirlpool about their dishwasher. Whirlpool is the world's largest appliance manufacturer and owns most of the American-built appliance manufacturers, including Maytag, which they had purchased in 2006. I wanted to know what my options were, as well as ask a few pertinent questions. I had purchased the dishwasher directly from Whirlpool, so no middleman, like Home Depot. They were the actual manufacturer and should be able to answer my questions.

My call was answered relatively quickly, and having reached a live customer service person, I explained my situation quickly. Who should I talk to? Initially, I was sent to the department for those customers who don't have a warranty. Reaching the new rep, I explained my situation again in a little more detail, adding my story about the Maytag washer and dryer I purchased 20 years ago. I was told that the repair could be fixed if I were to purchase an extended warranty. That seemed... convenient.

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American Legion has a new service officer who will work in the evenings, 1930 to 2100 or 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm; she can handle all claims from WWI to the latest wars or actions.

Easy Access to Urgent Care: Did you know...eligible Veterans can get easy access to urgent care? Read more about urgent care benefits through VA health care and share the outreach kit with Veterans and their families. https://news.va.gov/128934/everything-to-know-about-va-urgent-care/?utm_source=feature&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VetResources&utm_id=13MAR2024

Medal of Honor Day, March 25: Join the Special Event: Celebrate America's Medal of Honor recipients! Join VA Deputy Secretary Tanya Bradsher and Medal of Honor recipients Britt Slabinski, Barney Barnum, and Ryan Pitts during "Honor the Sacrifice: A Fireside Chat to Inspire the Future" on March 25, 2024, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. EST.

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. You can call 800-827-1000 to get information on your claim and have your claim number or SS number.

Job Search and Mentorship Webinar, March 20: Virtual events are transforming how job seekers and potential employers interact. VA has partnered with several mentorship programs to host a structured workshop on mentorship and equipping yourself for your next career on March 20, 1 to 2:30 pm EST.

American Legion Auxiliary: Penny Auction March 23rd, 2024. Hawaii Luau Wow, what a great time. On April 29, 2024, 6 to 8 calls were made for ticket purchases at 772-664-9577. 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.

The Ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary outdo themselves over and over again. All these things are great for the community.

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! This month, 4-3-24 American Warships; 10th DOA; 17th JAG; 24th The Town.

An Army Veteran's Journey to Sobriety: Michael felt uncertain about his future after transitioning from the Army. He drank heavily in an attempt to numb his feelings and eventually became homeless. Read about the support from the VA and his family that helped Michael on his path to recovery.

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 charge inflated fees. 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 Barefoot Bay Florida.

Navigating Federal Job Openings: VA and other agencies regularly post federal job openings for Veterans, military spouses, and National Guard members. Learn how to narrow your search and filter by eligibility when exploring your next career.

Grant Funding Applications Open Now for Organizations Working to Prevent Veteran Suicide: The VA recently announced the availability of \$52.5 million in funding for grants to organizations that provide or coordinate suicide prevention services for Veterans and their families. Applications are due by April 26, 2024, at 11:59 pm ET.

Margaritaville Ship is BACK, only bigger: With a new larger ship, but the same reasons for doing their Cruises. First responders and the military are invited to attend their cruises. Online info Margaritaville At Sea PORT OF PALM BEACH 1 East 11th Street

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Ollies Discount House Palm Bay FL: First Tuesday of the Month Ollies has Veterans Discounts of 10 %

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 everyone can gather, talk, play cards, play games, or read. We have a library for you to look at and people you can talk to.

Veterans Council Office is at 931 Barefoot Blvd #1 ph-772-663-0645. If you need a ride to Viera or Palm Bay VA Clinic, contact us on the transportation line at 772-663-0644! Open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to 12 noon and from 1 pm to 4 pm; summer hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9 to 12 and Wednesday, 1300 to 1600 for fun and games and movies from 2 till the movie ends. We Served Now We Serve! Hope we see you at "The Veterans Meeting Center."

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A Word From Your Recreation District Chair

Bruce Amoss

BOT Happenings:

With regret, I am informing you of the passing of Jeanne Osborne, longtime resident, former Trustee, and Past Chair.

February 27th meeting:

Valley Bank was approved to continue as the depository for BBRD.

Flash Weather AI was approved for lightning predictions and alerting for the safety of Barefoot Bay.

All Florida Striping was chosen for the asphalt repair and seal coating for buildings "A" and "D/E" parking lots.

BBRD Volunteer Policy – Resolution 2024-03 was passed. More information on how to become a volunteer and which positions will be available is forthcoming.

A Special Magistrate Agreement with John Cary, Esq. was passed, and he is the new magistrate for the appeals process in BBRD.

There was a discussion on the Disability Fee Waiver Application Policy for a totally dependent person. Mr. Cichon and Mr. Olsen will put that together, and it will be brought to the board for inclusion in the Policy Manual.

Brevard County has agreed to the meeting to approve the site plan for the beach restroom. Following that approval, the permits can be issued, and construction will begin.

March 14th meeting:

Brevard County has approved the site plan for the beach restroom. Permitting is now underway, and construction will begin after the permits have been received.

The following DOR Violations were referred to attorney Garrett Olsen for resolution:

Violation 24-000149 1211 Marigold Drive

Violation 23-001195 1056 Wren Circle

Violation 23-001196 1056 Wren Circle

Violation 23-002633 379 Dolphin Circle

As I've stated many times before, the trustee's main purpose is to take care of the money. However, a trustee must also make sure things are running smoothly and safely for all residents. We are a deed-restricted community. The Deed of Restriction was

created by the original owners and is updated from time to time by the current owners. There is a committee to research and investigate DOR infractions. If a violation is found and does not come into compliance within the timeframe allotted, it is presented to the Board of Trustees for referral to legal. The board's job, as I see it, is to evaluate the findings and decide whether the violation warrants spending the funds for legal fees. During my time on the board, the Violation Committee has done its job well, and the referrals to legal have been made.

Remember: All vehicles must obey all traffic signs. That includes anything with wheels! Pedestrians, be aware of your surroundings, don't just fixate on your phone or earbuds.

Have a safe and wonderful Spring!

Upcoming meetings:

2nd Budget Workshop: Tues., Apr. 2nd, Bldg. D/E at 9 am (The first one was held March 19th at 6 PM).

BOT Regular Meeting: Thur., Apr. 11th, Bldg. D/E at 1 pm.

BOT Regular Meeting: Tues., Apr. 23rd, Bldg. D/E at 1pm – subject to change to 3pm. Check the Peek of the Week.

Town Hall Meeting: Thurs., Apr. 25th, Bldg. D/E at 7 pm.



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The Importance of Having an Advance Directive

In the best of circumstances, it is difficult to make healthcare decisions on behalf of another, and it is even more difficult when their healthcare wishes have not been discussed. Instituting an advance directive is a vital step in ensuring that you are in control of your healthcare needs. April 16, 2024, marks the annual National Healthcare Decisions Day, a day meant to bring to light the importance of planning for your healthcare. It serves as a reminder to us all of the importance of implementing an advance directive.

Q: I'm 70, and my doctor advised me to get an advance directive, but I don't really understand what it is, and I was too embarrassed to say so. Could you please explain it?

A: No need to be embarrassed; most people don't know what it is. An advance directive is a legal document that instructs your doctors what kind of care and treatment you would like to receive in the event that you are unable to make decisions for yourself. The advance directive will answer questions such as what kind of care you would want if you become unconscious and who is able to make your healthcare decisions for you in the state that you are unable to do it yourself. It is important to research the laws about advance directives in your own state, as they vary from state to state.

Q: Why do I need to plan for my healthcare?

A: It is important to plan for your healthcare because if you find yourself in a situation where you are unable to speak, then it is important that you are still represented in the decision-making process. You want to be able to make decisions even in your end-of-life care.

Q: My mother has expressed her wishes to my siblings and me verbally; does she still need an advance directive?

A: Yes, even if she's verbally expressed her wishes to you and your siblings, she should still execute an advance directive. By putting her wishes in a written document, it will further ensure that her wishes will be met. It will also relieve any pressure or confusion your family members might have during this difficult time.

Q: My husband talks about a living will. Is this the same as an advance directive?

A: A living will is a type of advance directive. It can express your healthcare wishes and dictate what kind of care you want. A durable power of attorney is another form

of an advance directive, which allows you to assign a healthcare agent.

Q: How do I go about getting an advance directive?

A: You can implement an advance directive in different ways. You can:

- Ask your physician if they are able to provide you with an advance directive form.
- Call a lawyer to have papers drawn up on your behalf.

- Go through your state's Department of State, Health Department, or Department of Elder Affairs.

- Write your directives yourself.
- Use Five Wishes, an advance directive available at fivewishes.org.

If you choose to write your directives yourself or use a computer program, be sure to check with a lawyer to ensure that you are abiding by your state's laws.

Q: What kind of guidelines can I put in my advance directive?

A: There are a number of requests you can make regarding your end-of-life care in your advance directive. You can:

- State whether or not you want to have a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order.

- Indicate who you want to have as your healthcare agent if you are unable to represent yourself.

- State if you would like to be placed on life support.

- State at what point you would like to be taken off life support.

- State the level of comfort you want to be in during treatment.

- State how you want to be treated and cared for.

- State what information you would like to share with your loved ones.

- State who should be present at your time of death.

Q: My wife wants to make an advance directive but always changes her mind. Is it possible to change your advance directive once it's made?

A: Your wife is not alone! And yes, you can change your advance directive as long as you have a sound mind and are able to think rationally for yourself. Any written changes you make should be signed to make it clear that you have changed your healthcare instructions. Destroy any previous advance directives you've instituted to avoid any confusion. Also, be sure to let your physician and family members know of the changes.

For more information about advance directives, please visit www.agingwithdignity.org, www.nlm.nih.gov, or www.caringinfo.org.

This information is for educational purposes. Please consult your physician regarding any medical issues. The Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) is committed to bringing trusted and quality home health, private care, and hospice to Indian River County patients. For more information about VNA services, call 772-494-6161 or visit www.unatc.com

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April 18 BLDG A. 1-4 p.m.	Brevard Emergency Management Hurricane Awareness Meeting – New updates
April 23 BLDG A. 6-8 p.m.	Tim Bobanic, Incumbent Supervisor of Elections – New info & Q & A
April 30 BLDG A. 6-8 p.m.	**John Dittmer Candidate for Brevard Co. Commissioner District 3 Sheriff Wayne Ivey, Incumbent Candidate for Brevard Co. Sheriff John Thomas Candidate for Brevard Public School Board District 3 Seat
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Softball sign-up for ages 5 -17 is April 20th at 2:00 PM at the ballpark. Softball will start at the beginning of June. Keep an eye on this article and the L.O.L. Facebook group for dates and times. We plan on teens playing separately from the younger kids.

BFB Young Christians Youth Group meets every other Tuesday in Building C by the main pool. Meetings are April 9th and April 23rd from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. RSVP to Lynne, so there's enough food 239-404-4788.

There is a Scavenger Hunt at Gert Jackson Community Library, 4850 1st Street in Grant, on April 13th at 10:30 AM. Your siblings can join them for a fun morning, where they will read some books before the scavenger hunt event.

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The repair and service call would be covered even for the existing issue with the water pump. Price for the extended warranty? \$34 for twelve months or approximately \$400 for the year. I pointed out that was practically the cost of getting the repair fixed. The rep mentioned I would come out ahead since I would receive an extra two years of warranty coverage for my \$400. I asked, since the warranty expired only a month ago, would Whirlpool consider covering the repair? She insisted that they could not help me in the out-of-warranty department. The way she worded that response suggested I ask who could help me. She politely suggested I should talk to the in-warranty department.

Upon being switched to the in-warranty department and my third Whirlpool representative, I further explained my situation, grudgingly going over the current problem with a dishwasher I had just bought the year before, mentioning my wife and how we always bought the best appliances and went over the story of my Maytag washer and dryer again, mentioned the 25-year dishwasher that this new dishwasher had replaced, mentioned I owned a newspaper, and asked if she could assist me in my quest to get this part covered. I then asked how long Whirlpool expected a \$750 dishwasher to last if purchased today.

After a short pause, she said that their Whirlpool brand appliances should last at least five years, if not longer. She appreciated my business and would happily schedule a call with one of their official appliance repair specialists. Whirlpool would cover the parts and service even though the appliance was out of warranty. It was the right thing to do.

Within a few days, Whirlpool's official repairman from Brandt came out and confirmed the problem was the pump. I had already relayed that diagnosis and was a little disappointed that they didn't have the part on the truck. It would need to be ordered, and I would have to wait another few days. On my next service call, a different representative from Brandt showed up with the part in hand but insisted that the pump was not likely the problem but that, in his experience, the circuit board would need to be replaced—another trip. Finally, after about ten days, my final Brandt service call and the third different representative from Brandt arrived with both parts. He was confused as to why he had two parts for the same problem but basically said we have the parts; I'll install both a new circuit board and the new pump. The problem was finally fixed. I feel that Whirlpool did not get the greatest value from their service company. I have no complaints with them; personally, they were all very nice, and I have no idea what their compensation from Whirlpool is, but three service trips, two parts, and three separate reps on a warranty repair sound expensive for someone.

In the end, this story is about taking care when buying appliances. Research your purchases (consumer reports, reviews, etc.) and buy when things are on sale, though it seems the "sale" price is the same, no matter which retailer you purchase from. Be sure to register your product purchase with the manufacturer online or by sending in the postage-paid postcard they include with your paperwork. I don't recommend extended warranties, but some do have value. Many appliances can be repaired, and companies like RMJP Appliances can tell you what your problem is, repair and extend the life of your better appliances, or recommend when you should purchase new ones instead.

Finally, even though your appliance may be out of warranty, it makes sense to call and ask what can be done. Had the purchase been over two years old, I may not have received the same discretion on the part of the Whirlpool customer service rep. It's true that the

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calm, patient customer tends to get better results than someone angry and belligerent, and you don't need to own a newspaper to comment on FB and other social media platforms, whether good or bad, and companies understand that. You just need to ask, as an informed customer, for some consideration. Good companies will respect your request.

I appreciate Whirlpool covering the dishwasher even though it was out of warranty, RMJP Appliance for their prompt service call and diagnosis, (it was worth the service call to know what the problem was before talking to the manufacturer), and Brandt for their assistance in getting my dishwasher running, though three service calls seems excessive.



Joe
Steckler



The State of One's Health

Those of you who have followed me know that I place great emphasis on physical fitness. If you care for your body, eat correctly, and exercise, your body will respond favorably. The best way to explain what I am saying is to share my own experience.

At age 86, which included nine years of football plus bouncing around on ships and submarines during my 38 years of Navy life, my knees gave out. After surgery on my left knee, the pain did not abate, and the knee would not support me. I have spent the past three years trying to walk again.

While I am not a therapist, I know what helps me and what does not. Often, the limiting factor is the way Medicare dictates the times and duration of weekly therapy. I started with therapy visits three days a week, then two, then one, and then it ended. I asked if I could continue at my own expense but was refused.

Medicare has a one-size-fits-all plan that includes a certain number of sessions per week for a set number of weeks based on patient progress as determined by an assessor. Compounding the problem is that every assessor visit counts as a patient care visit, thereby lessening the number of actual care visits.

It is frustrating to have effective care and then have it limited. The real problem is that the system does not work for everyone, and I happen to be one of the exceptions. Fortunately, my doctor understands the problem and is helping me get the care I need.

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Abhiman Cheeyandira, MD, FACS, FASMBS, MRCS, has joined the medical staff at Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital. Dr. Cheeyandira earned his medical degree from Bangalore Medical College, Bangalore, India. He completed basic surgical training in the United Kingdom, and is a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.


Dr. Cheeyandira completed his general surgery residency at Hahnemann University Hospital, in Philadelphia, where he also served as chief resident. He completed a fellowship in advanced laparoscopic GI/MIS at Cleveland Clinic Weston Hospital. Prior to joining Indian River Hospital, Dr. Cheeyandira was a bariatric and general surgeon at Trinity Health Mid-Atlantic Nazareth Hospital in the Philadelphia area.

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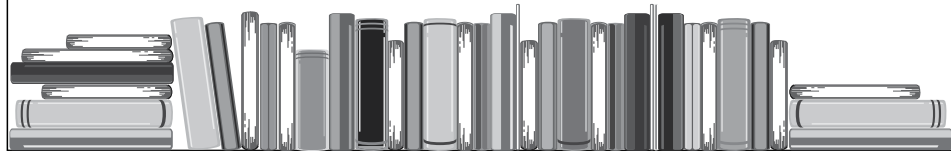





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Master Gardeners – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from between 2:00-4:00 PM

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

Genealogy Research – every Wednesday at 11:00 AM

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

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

April 4th – *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3* – Following the death of the family patriarch, the Portokalos family embark on a grand odyssey to his homeland in Greece. Along the way, the family experiences mishaps and uplifting situations that strengthen their enduring bonds of the family.

Stars: Nia Vardalos and John Corbett. PG-13 1 hr. 31 min.

Cooking in an Instant – Friday, April 5th from 10:30 – 12:30

Join us to learn how to cook different types of Mediterranean dishes in your air fryer and pressure cooker. Pre-registration and a \$5.00 fee are required at the Circulation Desk. The remaining cost is generously paid by the Friends of the South Mainland Library. Participants are limited to twelve (12).

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 April 8th and 22nd.

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

Discussion for the April gathering will be on the title *Crimson Lake* by Candice Fox. The group will meet on Tuesday, April 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. The April project will be displayed at the Circulation Desk before the April 11th class is held.

Free Medicare Seminar – Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00 PM

Discussion on 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 with questions and RSVP.

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

Group members convene in the Meeting Room on April 18th to discuss

Straight Man by Richard Russo.

The IRS reminds taxpayers the deadline to file a 2023 tax return and pay any tax owed is Monday, April 15, 2024. Taxpayers living in Maine or Massachusetts have until April 17, 2024, due to the Patriot's Day and Emancipation Day holidays.

April 2024 Youth Programs

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math – Every Friday at 3:00 PM in the Meeting Room

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Friends of the Library

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Date Night Reviews
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Dune. Part Two

Dune, Frank Herbert's 1965 novel, is an opus on space travel and adventure. This 187,000-word tome, a deep, seemingly middle-eastern inspired, quasi-religious epic space fantasy, literally came with its own glossary for the hundreds of unique words created, comprising Herbert's terminology to describe the desert world and the ruling forces that came to acquire and exploit the universe's most valuable commodity, Spice, a drug that allows interplanetary travel. It was the nerdiest of science fiction novels, and I read it several times in my teens.

Many of you may remember the David Lynch version of Dune, produced by the infamous Dino DeLaurentis, from 1984 with Kyle MacLachlan as the lead, Patrick Stewart as his loyal protector, and the musician Sting as a psychotic bad guy. The film was underfunded and underwhelming, and took liberties with the source material to get in under two hours. This version of Dune deserves the terrible reviews and shouldn't be watched by mistake... on purpose; it's worth watching for its Lynch-like weirdness.

Denis Villeneuve directed the new Dune film(s) and treated the source material with the reverence, time, and budget it deserves. Dune Part One came out in 2021 and is available on streaming platforms today and worth seeing (again) before heading to the theaters to see the second film, Dune Part Two, which came out this past month. The refresher is appreciated as we are reminded of how we got to this point in the movie (and allows those of you unfamiliar with the plot to catch up.)

As is often the case, the first film, though enjoyable, ultimately left you wanting, knowing there was going to be a delay between the two films. The disappointment of our hero losing those closest to him, his legacy and control over Dune and the Spice, was certain to leave you depressed, but hope remained at the end of the first film, a lone, iconic shot of a man riding a 400-meter sandworm, slicing through the desert. So cool. Watching the first film again with close captioning on was invaluable. The movie(s)



are long, and the verbiage echoes the novel without the glossary, so it's easy to miss some details.

The second film was worth waiting for and is a thoroughly satisfying resolution of the adventure I enjoyed reading so many times back in the 70s. Starring Timothy Chalamet, Zendaya, Rebecca Ferguson, Jason Momoa, and Josh Brolin among the star studded cast, the film(s) follow the coming of age of the humble son of a great family, thrust unwillingly to accept his Messianic destiny while battling the universe's inherent evils with his only allies his pregnant mother, a powerful religious cult leader, and the Fremen of Arrakis, the actual name of the desert planet called Dune.

Frank Herbert wrote a series of novels about this world he created, and these two three-hour movies encapsulate everything I could ask for from the first book. Sadly, they do end the film implying a third film, which is apparently in early preproduction. It will not be coming out anytime soon, and possibly not even this decade. I hope the final film in this trilogy is as masterful as Dune Part One and Part Two deserve.

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Flames a Hot Commodity

This month's restaurant review comes from Flames Modern Mediterranean Grill in Melbourne. Located in a strip mall at 1270 N. Wickham Rd, Ste 40, Melbourne, FL 32935.

The restaurant's interior is modern, and plenty of seating fills up pretty quickly during peak hours. On certain days, live entertainment includes musicians and belly dancers (see their website at www.flamesgrille.com for scheduled events), which draws a crowd!

The menu is a Lebanese-inspired Mediterranean offering with various dishes that are both vegetarian and protein-based.



The first dish on the table was the cold appetizer plate, which consisted of delicious, fresh-from-scratch samples of chick-pea hummus, baba ghanouj, a delightful smoky eggplant spread, tabbouleh, a bright lemon-dressed parsley-based salad, and grape leaves stuffed with a tomato rice and beef mixture (vegetarian option available) served with fresh pita wedges. Nothing disappointed! In fact, it was some of the best versions of those I have tried.

Our main meal was a triple skewer mix (beef, lamb, and chicken kabobs) over the best jasmine rice I have ever had at a restaurant, accompanied by more hummus and some grilled vegetables. Ask for an extra

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EDITOR'S NOTE: In the past few months, I have received letters asking me to take on a variety of "missions." Some have asked me to get behind investigating the water company, a valid effort, and a potential story, if someone else wants to write it. I've been asked to champion the petition to have the trains stop blowing their horns past 9 pm at night, but I actually feel this effort belies the danger of people not paying attention or doing dangerous things, like driving around train barriers. I've recently been contacted about changes in government-issued loans (Fannie, Freddie, FHA, VA, etc.) that will require "replacement cost" insurance policies for any manufactured homes with mortgages. This story will be told in a future issue, but it also plays into what I see as my mission. We must reimagine what Barefoot Bay will look like after the next big storm, considering the negative effects increases in insurance premiums have had on our current residents, the increased cost of replacing your home in the event of a disaster, and how insurance companies continue to depreciate manufactured homes while promising little in the way of compensation if you actually have to file a claim.

For years, we could purchase insurance at a reasonable price for our homes. We were happy with a \$100k policy if our home was damaged or lost in a storm since many of us purchased in the "golden years" when you could buy a really nice home in Barefoot Bay for \$100k, and many could be purchased for significantly less than that. With dramatic increases in the cost of insurance in just the past few years, we're on the edge of a precipice. Many people want to blame the insurance companies. Understandable, but they're in business to make money, and they do the long math before they issue those insurance policies.

We live in Florida, which has a coastline of 1350 miles along the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic. Storms are bigger and more powerful, and prices have risen dramatically for everything, including building materials, appliances, infrastructure, etc. Insurance companies know the risks and charge them accordingly. We accepted those risks when we decided to live here, for all the right reasons, of course. Many of our residents are on fixed incomes, and though they may own their homes, the increase in insurance premiums (and everything else) is causing some to cancel their windstorm coverage. For those that have mortgages (I have one), the inability to find insurance coverage at a reasonable cost (especially those that will be required to have "replacement cost" insurance) could force some to sell or outright lose their homes to foreclosure. This is a serious problem. Price control is not a viable option, and the price of insurance will ceaselessly continue to rise for everyone, including those on Citizens.

Florida got lucky last year when the single storm we had in August 2023, Hurricane Idalia, a Category 3 storm with 125mph winds and a huge tidal surge, took the shortest path through the least populated part of the state. That single storm still caused \$3.6B dollars in damage. Imagine not one storm, but several like we've had many years, including 2004, when Barefoot Bay lost almost 900 homes to those back to back Category 2 hurricanes, Frances and Jeanne.

I've been told that approximately 5% of homes that are currently insured through local agents have dropped their windstorm coverage. If that were true of all homes in Barefoot Bay, we currently have almost 250 homes that are not insured for a hurricane. I believe there are many more, and expect this number to rise as insurance prices continue to go up every year.

Please send us a letter informing us of your current situation regarding insurance. You can remain anonymous, but we prefer to hear from people who currently live in Barefoot Bay. Consider answering the following questions. Do you own your home? Are you on a fixed income? Do you currently have windstorm coverage? If yes, how much is your premium, and how much coverage do you have? Do you intend to keep windstorm coverage regardless of premium increases? In the event of a hurricane and total loss of your home, what is your plan regarding rebuilding? Can you afford to clear your lot and build a brand new double-wide manufactured home with or without your current insurance? Will you need a mortgage to rebuild, and will you be able to afford the mortgage payment, taxes, and insurance premiums on a brand-new home that will easily cost \$200,000? Add any additional comments you think are pertinent to the discussion. I'll publish the results of this informal survey in a future issue of The Tattler.

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creamy garlic dipping sauce; it's divine! The meat was cooked perfectly—lamb was our favorite, and there were seafood options for skewers as well.

The house salad was perfectly dressed in an olive oil and lemon-based dressing with feta cheese, tomato, and purple onion. I could have that salad every day! It was fresh, light, and perfectly balanced.

We tried two desserts, and bringing the rest home was necessary after the meal. The baklava was a sweet, rich balance of honey, flaky pastry, and nuts, and the unique Ossmalier nest of sweetened cheese, pastry angel hair, and sweet honey topped with rose water cream did not disappoint. Both are shareable, in our opinion!

The waitstaff was delightful, and this family-operated business will soon be adding a Vero Beach location as well.

We highly recommend it and look forward to our next visit!



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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY #366

On March 24, 2024, Unit 366 will participate in a Penny Social at Building A from noon to 4 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 and will provide ticket buyers with a luncheon of either a chili dog, a bowl of chili, a hot dog, or potato chips. There will be a Chinese auction, which will include 250 to 300 items. Tickets are on sale at Paradise Home Finders, 772-633-9144.

The second annual luau sponsored by the Auxiliary will be on April 27, 2024, at Building A from 5 PM to 9 PM. Everyone is encouraged to dress in the island style. No grass skirts. Please.

Poppies were distributed on March 9, 2024, with a fine response from our community.

Our Auxiliary and Legion meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 1 PM in Buildings D & E. Guests are always welcome.

For God and Country,
Sue Reddy,
 1st 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 April 16. We need to form an officer nomination committee. We are still searching for an Adjutant, Historian, and 2nd Vice Commander.

Please note the evening veterans' service hours have been temporarily suspended.

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

AQUA ZUMBA CLUB

"A best friend is like a four-leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have." That is how I would describe the beloved pool hostess, Margaret Bowen. She was a friend to so many Barefoot Bay residents, and her memories will be forever present on the memorial bench located at Pool 3. The Aqua Zumba Club supported the "Memorial to Margaret" by contributing a substantial contribution toward the purchase of the bench and completing the necessary documents to place the order. (attached is a photo). Margaret Bowen loved to sing and laugh, especially when her favorite songs were played. She liked to call herself "Fireball," which comes from one of several of her favorite Zumba songs. The club will continue to celebrate Margaret through our Fireball song.

The Aqua Zumba Club celebrates two holidays in March: St. Patrick's Day and Easter. The Aqua Zumba Club dances the Irish jig and sings to Irish music in the first part of the month, and the club members decorate and wear Easter bonnets on the last days of the month. Songs to celebrate "The Luck of the Irish" include Nancy Mulligan, Dance Above the Rainbow, Taki, and The River Shannon. The Easter songs were a little more diverse, including The Easter Parade, the Bunny Hop, Here Comes the Sun, and The Old Rugged Cross. The exercises during class are at a low to moderate impact level so that anyone can participate in the classes.

The Aqua Zumba classes are held at Pool 3, starting at 2 pm and continuing until 3

pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. All classes are free to residents and guests with passes. Why not stop by and admire the memorial bench of Margaret Bowen while listening to the holiday music? You are invited to join us in the water!!!

Zumba love,
Dawn Forsman
 President Aqua Zumba Club

ARTISTS GUILD

Hello from the BFB Artists' Guild:
 Did you know that the Barefoot Bay Artists' Guild originated in the early 1970s? That has been an extensive time since then, and it keeps going and growing. 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. D. On the 2nd Friday of each Month, we plan outings to many unique places and have lunch at a favorite restaurant. We have numerous workshops, outings, picnics, and tours of other artists and places that display all types of art, in addition to a delightful art show presented in January. Please contact our President, Dorothy Buchmann, at barefootbluedot@gmail.com if you would like to join our fun Group.

On March 8th, we had our annual picnic at the pool. Everyone brought a favorite dish to enjoy while we gathered and chatted. On March 15th, we had another portrait painting workshop by Maureen Fitzgerald, our favorite. On March 22nd, we plan to go to Vero, tour the 14th Avenue Art Gallery, and have lunch at "Too Jays" restaurant.

In April, we are planning a few superb workshops. On April 12, we are going to McKee Gardens to view the wonderful gardens and have lunch. On April 19th, we have a workshop where each person brings ideas for show-and-tell for future workshops to enjoy. On April 26th, Sherrel Galeotti will present a wax workshop.

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

Bonnie J. Murphy

BIRDING CLUB

The Barefoot Bay Bird Club has had several very successful outings in the area, spotting between 20 and close to 40 species each outing. Some rarities have been seen, including a Vermillion Flycatcher, a Short-Tailed Hawk, and a Tropical Kingbird.

The bird of the month is the Painted Bunting. This is probably a repeat, but it is still deserving. A relatively small bird about the size of a sparrow, the Male is spectacularly colored with a blue head, yellow-to-green back with a red eye ring, and red throat to tail underside. The female is primarily in different shades of green, with a buff to yellow underside and slightly bluish eyebrows. Good Birding, Pat Dollard, cdollar1@nycap.rr.com.

BOAT AND FISHING CLUB

With a "beach day" set for Wednesday, March 13, and Cheeseburgers in Paradise scheduled for April 17 at Micco Park, Commodore Steve Johnson called the regular meeting of the Barefoot Bay Boat and Fishing Club to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance reports from Yeoman Pattie Andryshak and Purser Paul Levesque were approved. Pam Williams

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presented information on the beach day and on the club's April gathering, Cheeseburgers in Paradise. Burgers, hot dogs, and additional side dishes will be available starting at 11:30 a.m.

Activities will include theme music provided by Mike Rosenthal and contests for the best tropical hat, flip-flops, shirt, and complete outfit. More information is available by calling 954 401 7497.

Members heard a report by Jane Jones (Sunshine Report/cards to those who are ill). Kate Willie provided the membership report. John Nelson reported bass fishing at Headwaters was "very good." Dan Higgins told members of a recent catch of about 40 snappers. Crappie (speck) fishing is going well.

Alice Hale reported on a successful Champagne Breakfast held on February 14. She thanked those who attended and helped with setup, cooking, and cleanup. Caroline Andryshak conducted the 50/50 raffle.

The Barefoot Bay Boat and Fishing Club's next monthly meeting will be on Friday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Building D&E.

**Jim Hale, publicity,
618 314 3542**

BRITISH CLUB

Well, we are already into April, and some of our seasonal guests will be thinking about heading North soon. It's hard to believe the season is already starting to wind down.

March's meeting was held on March 5th in building A, with lots of green to be seen. Our meal was soda bread, corned beef, and cabbage, along with red potatoes and carrots and "green" cream puffs for dessert. Pushin Time provided the music, and it was excellent, as it usually is!

April's meeting/picnic will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd, at 12 noon in building A. We are having pulled pork and burgers with all the fixings, coleslaw, potato salad, and chips for sides. The board will be providing the Anniversary Cake for dessert. Dougie will provide our entertainment! Tickets are free to all members. If you get a ticket and cannot attend, please let us know, as we are using the ticket count to provide the caterer with a head count.

Please contact Debbie O'Hara at 321-408-1687 no later than March 28th for tickets (\$0.00 for members—\$14.00 for guests).

Next year, we will be moving our meetings to the THIRD Tuesday of the month in building A. We have some new menu choices with Prime Rib as our main course for our December meeting. Our year-end Anniversary party will be in the evening with Horse Races and a Hat Contest back by popular demand.

The Ethnic Food Festival was a great success! The hot items introduced at our booth were a big seller, and we hope to add more next year. We were almost sold out of everything by 1:30. A big thank you goes to everyone who cooked, baked, set up, worked the booth, and broke down.

Happy Spring!

Cyndie Bourassa

CANADA CLUB

The Canada Club is back in full force with new members. On Feb 21st, the Canadian Softball team was victorious over the US team. It was a fun event with great food. The league would like to thank the following sponsors: China Wok, Vic's Pizza, Outriggers, Big Romans Pizza, Mo Bay Grill, Holy Cannoli, Tammy Nails, Nina's Hair Salon, JT Corner Diner, and Debbie O Realty. As usual, The Golf Tournament was a huge success. We are now looking forward to the upcoming events, including the "Love Boat" event on Mar 13th, with Johnny & the Blaze providing entertainment. We then have the annual picnic being held on Mar 28th at Fishwrman's Landing. Along with food, there will be fun games and entertainment by Pushin Time. Our final event will be held on April 10th. Thank you!

Debbie Maclsaac

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club meets in Building C from 8:30 to 12:00 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

Wow! Our first meeting in Building A was wonderful, thanks to a hard-working staff and the over 100 women who attended. The room was decorated for St. Patrick's Day with lots of white, gold, and green balloons, as well as green tablecloths and St. Patrick's decorations on each table. We have a new woman in charge of decorations, Donna Grubaugh. If you would like to help, give her a call at 321-501-8501. The food was wonderful, thanks to Dottie Rhea and her crew. Zella Criscillis, our chairwoman, was in Kentucky due to a family emergency, so she asked me to chair the meeting for her. We all missed her so much. It was exhausting, but it was lots of fun. Our choir was introduced by the director, Joyce Sweeney, and sang "I Will Serve Thee," which sounded wonderful. Linda Buckwalter told us a few things about St. Patrick that we all enjoyed. He was an interesting Christian, but far different than the man many of us believed. After a great lunch, the dessert was several kinds of homemade pies made by Kay Landis. We heard from Will Boike, who is one of the owners of Shiloh Boys Ranch. Nancy Eisele introduced him, but unfortunately, the ranch is closed. They are hoping to reopen to troubled boys. We then had a solo by Jeannie Trembley, singing "Danny Boy"; the pianist was Sue Davis. They did a beautiful job. Gayle Black, our prayer leader, closed us in a beautiful prayer. Next month, our meeting will celebrate Easter, even though it will have passed. Easter is the most important day in our Christian religion. Christ died on the cross; he suffered terribly and died because He is fully human. But after being buried, He arose from the dead. Because He is fully Divine! He took our sins with Him to the cross. We give thanks to Him.

You can decorate a hat and wear your Easter Bonnet if you want to. You do not have to dress up. Call Ruth for reservations at 772-202-4251. God Bless everyone!

**Jane Fruscella
772-202-4214**

CONSERVATIVE CLUB

Hello Everyone. Another month has gone by, and I am proud to announce another sold-out Elvis show. Tickets sold quickly, and I have a list of people who waited a little too long. So if Anyone has tickets that they can't use, please contact me for their info. 772-646-2657. Again, we are expecting a "Really Fun Nite" with a special intermission honoring our vets and many door prizes. Excellent food and Cash Bar are available. All along with the wonderful "Elvis" entertainment and a Meet and Greet following the show

In the March issue, I mentioned that we were adding "America First" to the name of our club. Therefore, we welcome all who believe in Freedom & Liberty... Limited Government...Fiscal & Monetary Responsibility...and Total Support for our Constitution. Republicans, Democrats, Conservatives, Liberals, Populists...are welcome to join us...We meet on the 4th Thurs. of every month at Bldg. D&E at 2:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

"We Are Not Here to Herd Sheep...We are here to awaken LIONS" (Kevin Roberts)

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Now that Spring has arrived in Barefoot Bay, we sadly bid adieu to our Northern members. We are now focusing on Voter Registration and Vote-by-Mail drives before the next election: The Florida August Primary on August 20th is only 145 days away.

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The Florida Supreme Court is still reviewing the text of the 2024 petition titled "Limit Government Interference with Abortion." This petition limits government interference with a woman's right to choose. If the court approves the language, all Florida voters will be able to vote on this critical issue in November's General Election.

On February 28, 2024, we were thrilled to present a check for the donations we raised for the American Cancer Society to the CVO in Barefoot Bay. [photo below]

If you wish, bring a donation to our meeting for the local food pantry. Also, please note that the World Central Kitchen [<https://donate.wck.org>] is sending humanitarian aid and food to Gaza; donations are tax-deductible under [501(c)(3)].

If you are a registered Democrat from any state, please join us. Both men and women are welcome! Independents are encouraged to attend as guests. We meet on April 18th, the 3rd Thursday, at the regular time of 3:30 pm in Bldg. D, next to 19th Hole. You may leave a message at 772-252-9679 or email to dwcbbay@gmail.com.

ETHNIC COMMITTEE

Ethnic Food Festival News!
This year's Barefoot Bay Ethnic Food Festival, held on March 3rd, was a huge success. A great big "Thank You" goes to the following businesses who donated a total of 129 items for our giveaways.

Barefoot Bay Food and Beverage, Barefoot Bay Beauty Salon, Chubby Mullet, J.D.'s Corner Kitchen

Steve's Seafood at GiaManco's, Natural Nails, Country Ham N' Eggs, Vic's Pizza, RJ's Family Restaurant

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Thank you, thank you, thank you!
Until Next Year! The Ethnic Food Festival Committee.

**Arne Redfern
Gail Morrison
Cyndie Bourassa**

GARDEN CLUB

The Barefoot Bay Garden Club will end its season with a Poolside Picnic at Building A. Festivities will be held on Wednesday, April 17th, at 11:30 a.m. Our fundraiser, a plant-themed Auction, will follow the picnic. We hope to see you as a new member at the start of the 2024-2025 season on October 23rd!

GERMAN CLUB

Our annual picnic will be held on April 23, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the poolside "A" picnic area. The club will furnish Hot Dogs and Brats. We are asking everyone to bring a covered dish to share. Make sure your dish is in a non-breakable container. Please get your tickets from Vivian Norton. Phone #772-202-4686. There is no cost for the tickets to members, but this will show how many are coming.

Larry Wayne will play light Country music for our enjoyment that day.

This is to give everyone a Heads-Up that December's meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18th, at 5:00 p.m. in Building "A." The change is due to Building "A" being occupied. Mark your calendars now, as this is a busy time of year for all of us.

Also, starting next season, we are asking everyone to wear their badges and pins to our meetings. A small fine may be given to those of us who seem to forget them. At

this time, I would also like to clarify that our season goes from October to September, So dues should be paid in October. For our members who are not here at that time, please pay when you arrive.

There has been some discussion about having a few meetings during the summer months. This is still being processed, so please watch the Tattler and your emails for more details.

As always, it is sad to see our season closing, and some will be moving on. But wherever your feet may take you, we pray they lead you back to Barefoot Bay.

Safe travels to all our travelers, and wishes for an enjoyable summer for our full-time members.

Bleib Sichder, German for "Stay Safe"
Bis Wir Uns Wieder Treffen. German for "Until We Meet Again."

Kathy Ford

GOLF CART CLUB

Mini Golf Fundraiser Update:

After multiple fundraisers and thanks to a very generous community, we are thrilled to announce that we have reached our goal of \$25,000.00 to upgrade the BFB Mini Golf Course. A big thank you goes to all of our hole sponsors and individual donors, large and small! If it weren't for this great community, we would not have been able to make this happen. Our next step is to provide the BOT with our gift proposal at the BOT meeting on 3/26. Once accepted, we will be able to provide a timeline for this project. More to come next month!

BFB Golf Cart Club – Mini Golf Fundraiser Committee

Carol Boetcher, Cyndie Bourassa, Debbi Brown, Jack Hanson, Chuck Horning, Sarah Martabano, Gail Morrison, Dick Tanger, Gary Schub.

GRANT HISTORICAL HOUSE

The Grant Historical Society will be having the annual Pioneer Fish Fry on May 4th, 2024, at the Grant Historical House (Bensen House) from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$15.00 each and may be purchased early by calling 321-794-9393. The menu includes fish, hushpuppies, cheese grits, collards, dessert, and drinks. Come and join your friends and neighbors with a delightful meal along the banks of the beautiful river.

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GREAT LAKES STAKES CLUB

Hi Club Members! Happy Spring Easter! May the Easter Blessings and birds' chirping' bring you joy in this pleasant season.

The February Tattler Club news had the New Horizon 'Swing Time Band' that was posted in the Peek of the Week. And the Flash Sign. The meat entree was fried/baked chicken. There were 75 members in attendance, and 63 attended our March 9th meeting.

We enjoyed the 'Jazz Band' from Melbourne Group, directed by Ben Gazalos.

The sliced roast beef from Winn Dixie was very tender! The side dishes and desserts were especially delicious.

As for our last meeting on Tuesday, April 9th, we will do Music Bingo. Have you not decided who the DJ will be, Dave or Russ? Lottery Tickets were passed out to the winners. There will be no meat entree, just those varieties of side dishes and desserts made by members care! Again, the \$5.00 meal cost defray the cost of supplies, decorations, and lottery tickets. Please wear your membership badge to come have some fun and 'chit-chat' on Tuesday, April 9th. And for all those travelers, a safe journey back to your Northern Home. Have an enjoyable summer, and see everyone back in November.

**Daphnia Missad,
Secretary**

GREEN THUMB GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting will be our Pot Luck

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Garden Party on April 6th from 12:00 to 2:00 near the greenhouse off of Dotti Road. The club will provide plates, napkins, and plastic wear, as well as water and ice tea. Please bring a dish and a chair to share. This is for club members and their partners.

We will also have outside games.

Val Abbate

IRISH AMERICAN CLUB

Hi Everyone:

Another busy month has passed. Our ethnic festival was a wonderful success. Thank you to all who baked, helped sell, and purchased. Our St. Patrick's Parade was a fun event and brought much life to Barefoot Bay. A big thank you to Arnie Redfearn for being our Grand Marshal and leading the parade.

Our St. Patrick's dinner was catered by the Bay, and the green continued to bloom. Alan Wronko's music was amazing.

Tickets for the Kentucky Derby-themed end-of-season picnic were sold for \$10. Come with fancy hats that will be judged, and we will have a horse race with prizes. Our food will be based on what is served at the derby, starting with fried chicken plus a special drink.

This will be the final event of the season. If you need tickets, please call Terri Murphy at 203-592-2939.

Summer events will be sent out by email, so check to make sure we have them.

Safe travels to those who are leaving. Wonderful, fun-filled, safe summer to those who will remain in the Bay.

Until we meet again in November...

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

February 28th was our Chili Cook-Off for the Bay. I was blessed to have over 20 club members offer to help with the cook-off. My most sincere thank you goes out to every member who helped. We had a great time,

fantastic chilies, and positive feedback from many residents who came and had fun.

Fun: a rather funny three-letter word. Well, at this point in our lives, here in Barfoot Bay, we should strive to have some fun every day. We earned it. The Italian American Club is goal-driven to have fun every time we get together. If you are a member of any of the many clubs here in the Bay, and you're not having fun, come join our club and experience what fun and a fraternal brotherhood is all about. No, you do not have to be of Italian origin to be a member. But you do have to be someone who loves life and wants to enjoy the same things as others. Our regular club meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of the month in building A at 5:00 PM. Starting in May, we have informal get-togethers at the lounge by Pool 1 on the 4th Thursday at 5:00 PM for pizzas and fellowship. We would love to see you there. Come join in the fun.

Ron Fashano
President

LAGOON ARTISANS

Lagoon Artisans of Barefoot Bay had a busy March with a successful show on the 16th, a monthly meeting and a luncheon at Sebastian Saltwater. The agenda focused on planning the next show, and wrapping up business for the season.

Sebastian artist JD Mumford demonstrated his technique to the members and joined the group as a guest for lunch. He paints in oil, using only colors in the style of the old masters.

This month's meeting will be held in Building D/E on April 10th, beginning at 10 a.m. If you are interested in exploring club activities and attending the meeting, contact one of the officers. An end-of-year luncheon will follow the meeting at a local restaurant.

The final show of the season is Saturday,

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April 20th, in Building A. The show will celebrate Spring themes. Doors are open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and there will be music, snacks, and a silent auction of original art donated by the members. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the festivities.

Working together, we have fun while accomplishing our mission of creating opportunities to show and sell our work. Members also enjoy learning from each other. The club appreciates the support of the community and the Barefoot Bay staff.

Artists interested in exploring the club and meeting the members are invited to attend monthly meetings on the second Wednesday in Building D/E at 10 a.m. 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.

Dan Martin, Secretary
609-432-1059

LINE DANCE CLUB

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

The Barefoot Bay Line Dance Club will meet on Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, and 25, at Building A. Dona Gionet will instruct, assisted by Eileen Derrick.

The schedule will be:
 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. -- Beginner class with instruction

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

Hope to see you on the dance floor!

The schedule for the rest of this season will be:

May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

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

LITTLE THEATER CLUB

Theater... It's a Stage that I'm going through. (hee hee)

Preparations have begun for our next show (November 15 and 16).

Do you sing, dance, act, have an unusual talent, or have you always dreamed of being on stage?

Then, come join us at our next meeting on April 16 at 7 pm in Building D/E (3rd Tuesday of the month).

Laura Kies
815.592.1070

NEW YORK STATE CLUB

The New York Club held its March meeting on Thursday the 14th, starting with a delicious Pot Roast dinner. A special thanks to Mary Beth from the BBRD Food & Beverage Department for the wonderful meal. There were two winners for our New York Trivia contest. Congratulations to Pat Conlan and Frank Barbuto. We added three new members to our ranks and look forward to getting to know them. Our next meeting, on April 11th, will be our last for this season as we bid farewell to our snowbirds. This meeting will be held at the Picnic area of pool 1, weather permitting, with a BBQ of Hamburgers & Hot Dogs. Please bring a dish to share.

OPEN MIC CLUB

Hello Music Lovers. Our good weather has come back! The wind and rain that plagued us most of 2024 have taken a break, and we've enjoyed some beautiful Tuesday afternoons. The crowds were large, and on many days, over 100 people came to listen to the Open Mic. A big thank you to all of you

who have shown up to listen to us. On Feb 29th, leap day, Curtis had nine members of the club join him at Rosie's for an evening of music. Thanks to the entire Tuesday afternoon crowd who showed up and made the night so special. So remember to mark your calendars and drive, bike, walk, or golf cart over and enjoy the free sounds of the Barefoot Bay Open Mic Club every Tuesday under the Oaks at Pool 2. Weather permitting, see you there!

ORGAN, KEYBOARD AND PIANO CLUB

The winter months have rolled by much too quickly, which means our Snowbirds are beginning to make plans to head north. We have enjoyed a full season of music with our regular members and a new experience for our students just beginning to learn how to "tap the keys." Be sure to telephone our teacher, Scott Kaape, at 561-504-8535 or email Americanmusicinstruction@gmail.com if you are interested in free lessons in learning organ, piano, or keyboard. What an opportunity!

Meanwhile, feel free to join us on Wednesday, March 27th in Bldg. A at 1:00 pm for our regular musical program.

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

Barbara Applegate,
Secretary

PICKLEBALL CLUB

The Barefoot Bay Pickleball League hosted a tournament on March 8-10 to raise funds for the CVO. There were 150 entries from Club members and guests for the tournament raising \$1400, our biggest fundraiser yet! A big thank you to the event coordinators and helpers.

The Club was also pleased to participate in the Mini Golf Fundraiser by contributing \$300!

RETIRED NURSES - WHITE CAPS

April 2024 Luncheon

Our April and last luncheon of the season will be at Giuseppe's Restaurant at 1 PM on Wednesday, April 10. The address is 935 Sebastian Boulevard, Sebastian. Please call Margaret St. Coeur at 772-202-4421 or Jan Evans at 772-664-5531 by Sunday, April 7, 2024, for reservations, information or directions. Any retired nurse residing in Barefoot Bay is welcome to join us.

Margaret St Coeur

SENIOR SOFTBALL

The annual Canadian American Game was an outstanding success! Between participants and onlookers, nearly 200 people gathered for the ballgame. Each year, the spectacle grows in popularity and fun. Bob Cree, one of the original organizers of this event, said the first game took place 17 years ago as a friendly challenge of nationalities. Today, the game has grown to be the highlight of not only the softball season but also the most anticipated day of the year for many residents of the Bay, and the day started with the singing of both national anthems.

The Americans, visitors this year through a coin flip, took an early lead at the top of the first inning. John Rawdanowicz (known as JR because no one can pronounce his name) smashed his first home run at the field. Pete DeGennarro also put one over the fence for the Americans. However, the Canadian Team was not intimidated in the least. They jumped into the lead, scoring five runs in the bottom of the inning and another five runs in the 2nd. Pat Milks and Rob Wallace each contributed long balls for the Boys from Canada. The score rocked back and forth for several innings until the Bombers from North blew the game open. As the game was an exhibition game, the teams played 12 innings to allow all those who wanted to play to get in on the action. And action there was. The Americans began their crawl back into the game. Dave Hews blasted a

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ball over the fence. Unfortunately, the Red, White, and Blue left the bases loaded in the fifth, ending a rally. After six innings, the score was 11-6. Ron Bourassa made an outstanding catch in center field to shut down the Canadians in the 7th. And then it happened. The Canadians piled on the hits, the runs, a home run by Sam Pfeffer, and the push to get to the sausage and pepper sandwiches cooking behind the dugout. After eight innings, the score was 23-5.

Fear not, my friends, as the good ole USA started their comeback, but it wasn't quite enough. In the end, the tally was 30-25 in favor of the Maple Leafers, but everyone had a fun time. The Ladies Auxiliary prepared a fantastic luncheon with chicken and desserts to go with the sausage and peppers. One player commented, "I wait all year to come down to Barefoot Bay just to play in this game. The camaraderie, entertainment, and just the fun of this day is what brings me back each year." If you have not been to this game, be sure to put it on your calendar for 2025.

The regular softball season is coming to an end. Congratulations to Ridge Automotive for being Regular Season Champions. Now, the Playoffs begin. Come on down to the field every Tuesday and Thursday to watch the games. Just imagine a group of 60, 70, and 80-something guys and girls running around playing a kid's game. It's quite entertaining.

SEWING AND QUILTING

Well, the winter is winding down, and summer is coming upon us. Our seasonal friends will be leaving soon. I would like to give a great big thank you to Karen, who has stepped up during my absence, and they have had some amazing classes. We will be continuing through the summer as usual. This summer, we will have openings. If you are interested, please give me a call And leave a message. Looking forward to some summer fun projects. And if you're just interested in learning, that's what we're here for. We can accommodate most ages; don't be shy, guys. There are some great men quilters and sewers. We meet every Thursday from 12:30 to 3:30 in Building C, next to Building A. Some supplies provided you bring your own material for projects, and a machine is not necessary. A couple of machines are available for use. However, we can teach you on your machine if needed. Have a great summer.

Shawna Greene
President
772-233-7350
Karen Gallagher
Vice President

TENNIS CLUB

A new bench dedicated to Larry and Jeanne Levesque has arrived at the tennis courts. Thank you to the donors. Larry was a fun person and a good player. We miss them.

Sandy Richter, the long-time president of the Tennis Club, recently broke her hip while playing. She has also been the chief cook and bottle washer for the club. Sandy is recuperating comfortably at home. She would enjoy hearing from her friends. The Tennis Club is awaiting her return ASAP.

Another sad note is the passing of

Winston "Bud" Coburn. Bud was liked by everyone and was a top player at Barefoot Bay and surrounding courts. Bud was still working (roofing) and was fit and mobile. He will be sorely missed.

The Youth Tennis lessons, meeting on Thursdays at 4 pm, will soon be ending for the year. Everyone enjoyed the experience, especially Dave Huff, who was an inspiration and a great instructor.

Club membership is doing well, but we need to continue to grow. The cost is \$15 per year, a small amount to support our club and sport. Thank you for everyone's help. Once you join and we have your email, we can put together matches for you - such fun!

FYI - John Isner has two tennis records: the fastest serve (157.2mph) and the longest match (11 hours over three days)! The current youngest Tennis World #1s are Lleyton Hewitt (20 years old) and Martina Hingis (16 years old).

Questions or interest? Call 321419893

TRAVELERS CLUB

Thank you to all who came to our first meeting or joined us through Zoom!

Meetings are held the first Friday of each month, at 9 a.m., Barefoot Bay Bldg D/E.

Officers:

President Lorraine Dierkes at 321-591-6780. Vice President Ron Dierkes at 321-591-6780. Secretary Denise Emmel at 480-993-7303. Treasurer Sandie Scheib at 716-445-8815

Annual dues are \$20 (Cash/Check) and \$20.60 (PayPal/Credit Card). Members have an early registration advantage on day trips. Dues are not pro-rated and not refundable. All PayPal/Credit Card transactions are subject to a 3% processing fee. The next meeting will be Friday, April 5, at 9 a.m. Questions? Suggestions? Call the officers listed above or e-mail bbtravelersclub@gmail.com

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On March 9th, we once again found our parking area filled with sellers, buyers, lookers, and visitors checking out our Flea Market. We all enjoyed the time together on another lovely sunny day. Proceeds from the vendor spaces will go to local charities supporting families in our area.

Continuing on our Lenten walk, we held Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services to commemorate the last days of Jesus' ministry on earth. On Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus taking on the role of servant and washing His disciples' feet to indicate their responsibility and ministry, as well as the sharing of the Last Supper. We believe His words, "This is my body, and this is the covenant of my blood," spoken as we receive the sacraments of communion every Sunday. On Good Friday, we remember with sorrow the pain and humiliation that Jesus endured as He suffered on the cross.

Then comes the welcome news! He has risen on Easter Sunday. As our sorrow turns to joy, we will celebrate with a Sunrise Service (weather permitting) on the patio and east parking lot at 7:00 a.m. Bring a chair and sit on the newly constructed patio, or come by golf cart or car to enjoy the service. The traditional communion service will be held at 10:30 a.m. inside the church.

All are always welcome to attend any or all of our services to hear God's word and sing His praises.

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Will Durant was a famous historian. He wrote The History of Civilization. At 92 years old, he was interviewed on TV and, reflecting on life, said, "My final lesson of history is the same as that of Jesus....love one another." When Christ says to love one another, he uses the Greek word agape. This is a love that sacrifices for the best interests of the other.

For all of our sakes, let us love one another.

Join us at First Presbyterian of Sebastian as we work positively and together on a "one another faith." Sunday worship is at 10 am in a traditional but personal format. Lent offers a special season of faith expression and faith growth. For it, we have potlucks on Wednesdays with devotionals at 5 pm. All are welcome.

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Artists Guild Artist of the Month



Turtle with Shells

Barefoot Bay Artists' Guild's "Artist of the Month" goes to Dorothy Buchmann. From April 1st to the 30th, you can view her paintings and creations in Building A. Congratulations, Dorothy. Attached is a Biography of Dorothy and one of her lovely paintings.

The awesome beauty of nature is my inspiration in art. I've been painting since retiring to Barefoot Bay in 2002. I started by taking classes in watercolors, but I love trying different media. Lately, I've been "sculpting" subjects in sand and gesso on canvas before painting with acrylics and have become more serious about photography. Though I enjoy sketching outdoors, I paint from photographs. My favorite subjects are animals, especially birds and ocean life. I am president of the Barefoot Bay Artists' Guild, enjoying being part of this talented, fun, and supportive group.

Lagoon Artisans Oil Painting & Donations

At their March meeting, Sebastian Artist JD Mumford demonstrated his oil painting techniques for the Lagoon Artisans of Barefoot Bay.

Mumford paints in an "Old World" style using only four colors of oil paints; His creations mimic the style of the masters of days gone by. With this limited palette, he mixes vivid yet muted images in a realistic style.

He is a member of the Strawbridge Art League in Melbourne, where he displays and sells his art in its gallery.



Lagoon Artisans of Barefoot Bay collected donations from its members to support the Annual Chocolate Festival held on March 3 at the Grand Manor in Melbourne. The event was sponsored by the Zonta Club of Melbourne.

Lagoon artists donated a basket filled with approximately \$300 worth of art supplies to the event. The basket was part of a silent auction.

Zonta is a service organization of talented women and men with diverse skills who work together to empower women and girls through hands-on assistance, advocacy, and funding locally, regionally, and globally through Zonta International.

Dan Martin, Secretary
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Lagoon Artisans of Barefoot Bay collected donations of \$300 worth of art supplies from its members to support the Annual Chocolate Festival held on March 3 at the Grand Manor in Melbourne, sponsored by the Zonta Club.

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Ladies' 18 Hole Golf League

January 16, 2024 - Cancelled due to weather

January 23, 2024 - Low Net Flight 1

1st - Cindy Kaloski
2nd - Michele Provencher
3rd - Elaine Stevenson
4th - Raylene McSally

Flight 2

1st - Maureen Rooney
2nd - Ann McDonough
3rd - Kathy Duquette
4th - Michelle Donnelly

Flight 3

1st - Marsha Ramah
2nd - Anastasia Baptise
3rd - Kathy Hazelett
4th - Shelia Crawford

Flight 4

1st - Mary Kaszaneck
2nd - Roberta Kessler
3rd - Kandi Fallon
4th - Betty Healy
CTP #2 Shelia Crawford
CTP #15 Raylene McSally

January 30, 2024 - CTP Tournament

1st - Deb Dalton, Ann McDonough, Carol Mecanko, Shelia Crawford

2nd - Janet Jackson, Sharlene Coates, Judy Farrell, Sandy Bent

3rd - Pat Bracci, Brenda Maslanka, Kandi Fallon, Maureen Rooney

4th - Lynda Flynn, Tamarah Mitchell, Deborah Bertossa, Brenda Duke

5th Place through 8th Place tie:

Elaine Stevenson, Nadine Vair, Barbara Smith, Betty Healy

Faith Porter, Pat Lefbvre, Joan Clement, Michele Provencher

Louise Mulvihill, Gail Morrison, Terry Odette, Michelle Donnelly

Mary Landenberger, Sue Stevens, Sandra Morgan, Eva Sherwood

9th - Brenda Cali, Mary Kaszaneck, Cathy LeBlanc, Jan Crespi

February 6, 2024 - Charity Tournament with 9-hole league

February 13, 2024- ABCD Team Points

1st - Judy Farrell, Judy Skene, Betty Greco, Gert Finnegan

2nd - Beth Gillette, Michele Provencher, Mary Landenberger, Diane Paradis

3rd - Elaine Stevenson, Paula Vail-Gerard, Tricia Farrell, Tish Garrett

4th - Cindy Kaloski, Cammi Provencher, Barbara Smith, Deb Dalton

CTP #7 Dianne Kallopp
CTP #11 Ann McDonough

February 20th - Cancelled due to weather

February 27th - Round 1 of the Presidents Cup

CTP #2 Diane Paradis
CTP # 11 Deb Bertossa

March 5th - Round 2 of the Presidents Cup

CTP #7 Elaine Codd
CTP #15 Judy Skene

President's Cup Winner - Raylene McSally

Individual Low Net Winners Week 1

A Flight
Sue Stevens, Carol Mecanko, Beth Gillette, Pat Lefebvre

B Flight
Deborah Bertossa, Jan Crespi, Tricia Farrell, Michelle Donnelly

C Flight
Faith Porter, Eva Sherwood, Ann McDonough, Tami Mitchell

D Flight
Terry Perry, Roberta Kessler, Janet Jackson, Sandy

Individual Low Net Winners Week 2

A Flight
Raylene McSally, Kathy Duquette, Louise Mulvihill, Judy Farrell

B Flight
Tricia, Farrell, Michelle Donnelly, Linda Tagliamonte, Dianne Kallop

C Flight
Mary Landenberger, Elaine Codd, Ruthann Funari, Barbara Smith

D Flight
Tish Garrett, Pat Bracci, Janet Jackson, Mary Kaszaneck

Ladies' 9 Hole Golf League

February 13, 2024 - High/Low Score

1st - Cathy Miles 93

Sheryl Morehouse

Linda Doran

Betty Berry

2nd - Joan Miller

Janet Felke

Donna Sadlowski

CTP Hole 11 5'10" Judy O'Connell

CTP Hole 13 9' 3" Cathy Miles

February 20, 2024 - Shamble

Flight 1

1st - Susan Gilman 39

2nd - Joan Miller 42

3rd - Judy O'Connell 42

Flight 2

1st - Linda Doran 43

2nd - Lynn Morey 43

3rd - Cathy Duggan 45

Flight 3

1st - Patti McCauley 44

2nd - Maureen Stoll 49

3rd - Cyndie Bourassa 50

Birdie Hole 2 Maureen Stoll

Birdie Hole 7 Heidi Kamman

CTP Hole 7 8.5inches Judy O'Connell

February 27, 2024 - Tee to Green

Flight 1

1st - Penny Zeilman 22

2nd - Joan Miller 25

3rd - Giselle Loranger 26

Flight 2

1st - Mary Draper 27

2nd - Joan Lovejoy 30

3rd - Bonnie Lynds 30

Flight 3

1st -Cyndie Bourassa 28

2nd - Joann Leary 30

3rd - Jerri Blauvelt 33

Winners at the CVO Golf Tournament



The 6th Annual CVO Golf Tournament was held on March 9th under sunny skies with balmy breezes. Ninety-six golfers took part in the four-person scramble. And what a great group they were to support the ongoing efforts of the CVO's Helping Hands Program. The top six teams went home with accolades and prizes.

1st Place: John and Charlene Coates, Ken Vallequette, and Daniel Perkins, our new Course Superintendent.

2nd Place: Jim and Doris McClintock, Mark Lavaway, and Ken Gionet

3rd Place: Nadine and Ken Vair and Deb and Mike Landry. A special day for Nadine – she hit her first hole-in-one. Congratulations!

4th Place: Brian Acker and Joy Coyle, and Barbara and Bruce Coomber.

5th Place: Chickadel and Herbert Steelman, Bruce Amoss, and Don Delgiorno.

6th Place: Terry Bain, Fred Jennings, Tim O'Connor, and Joe Bennett.

Closest to the Pin were Benda Cali at #9 for the Women and Dennis Doran at #11 for the men.

Diane Moilanen won the Poker Run with a Full House in other competitions! Paul Stephens won the draw on Sharing and generously donated his winnings back to the CVO. Thanks to everyone who took part in this event.

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Men's Golf Association

Strikers Bowling League

9 Hole Scramble - 2-14-24

Flight 1
 1st - Jim McClintock & Frank Miller -10
 2nd - John Wright & Don Delgiorno -8
Flight 2
 1st - Tim Ciardelli & Tom Felke -8
 2nd - Jack Marti & Bruce Amoss -4
Flight 3
 1st - Mark Farrell & Glen McClelland -7
 2nd - Jas Sellers & Gerard Theurin -4
Closest to the Pins
 Flight 1 - Paul Stevens
 Flight 2 - Tim Ciardelli
 Flight 3 - Herb Steelman

4 Man 2/3 Best Ball - 2-21-24

Flight 1
 1st - Rich Krywe, Mike Coats, Tom Jackman, Paul Steinhaur -8
 2nd - Ken Valliquette, Scott Cochrane, Kris Vasiliu, John Chickadel -8
Flight 2
 1st - David McGraw, Phil Dahlgren, Herb Steelman, Jim Atallian -17
 2nd - Tom Rock, Joe Cali, Giz Gillen, Manny Pereira -14
Flight 3
 1st - Floyd Lynds, Gerard Theurin, Brady Mitchell, Frank Verderese -17
 2nd - Jerry Martin, Bill Davis, Virgil Cypher -9
Closest to the Pins
 Flight 1 - Rich Krywe
 Flight 2 - Ken Gionet
 Flight 3 - Lanse Denny

Mixed Flight Scramble 2 Divisions - 2-28-24

Division 1
 1st - David Lane, Tom Rock, Don Delgiorno, Rich Healy -8
 2nd - Dave Maslanka, John Landenberger, Brian Acker, Bruce Amoss -5
Division 2
 1st - Kenny Gionet, Dennis Doran, Bill Jackson, Paul Strom -1
 2nd - Phil Hepkema, George Townsend, John Coates, David Foisy -1
Closest to the Pins
 Division 1 - Dan Gilbert
 Division 2 - Mike Jackson

3-06-24 - Rained-out

Individual Low Net - 3-13-24

Flight 1
 1st - Scott Cochrane -5
 2nd - Dave Maslanka -5
Flight 2
 1st - Kully Smith -5
 2nd - Floyd Lynds -1
Closest to the Pins
 Flight 1 - Kris Vasiliu
 Flight 2 - Kully Smith
 Flight 3 - Carry-over

High scores for the month of February

High Scratch Single
 February 5, 2024
 Al Urenovich 216
 Maria Santospirito 173
 February 12, 2024
 Al Urenovich 211
 Amy Beil 179
 February 19, 2024
 Roger McGill 203
 Anna Sabol 169
 February 26, 2024
 Al Urenovich 233
 Amy Beil 179

High Scratch Series

February 5, 2024
 Al Urenovich 604
 Anna Sabol 477
 February 12, 2024
 Al Urenovich 585
 Anna Sabol 477
 February 19, 2024
 Roger McGill 586
 Darlene Wong-Kam 463
 February 26, 2024
 Al Urenovich 561
 Sue Nichols 481

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7 LAST CALL BAND LAKE STAGE 2-6PM	8 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 4-7:30 KITCHEN OPEN 4-7:30	9 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5-10PM TACO TUESDAY 4-8P	10 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6:30-8:30PM	11 Rustic Roast 4-7pm Bldg A Pushin' Time 19th Hole Bandshell 4:30-7:30	12 DOUBLE TROUBLE LAKE STAGE 7-10:30P	13 PRESSURE POINT LAKE STAGE 6-10P
14 ELECTRIC TREE FROGS LAKE STAGE 2-6PM	15 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30PM KITCHEN OPEN 4-7:30	16 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5-10PM TACO TUESDAY 4-8P	17 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6:30-8:30PM	18 Rustic Roast 4-7pm Bldg A Ana & Joe 19th Hole Bandshell 4:30-7:30	19 SHOWTIME ENT. ROB, TONI & BETH LAKE STAGE 7-10:30P	20 GROOVE INFUSION LAKE STAGE 6-10P
21	22 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30PM KITCHEN OPEN 4-7:30	23 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5-10PM TACO TUESDAY 4-8P	24 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6:30-8:30PM	25 Rustic Roast 4-7pm Bldg A Steve Cole 19th Hole Bandshell 4:30-7:30	27 BECK'S BROTHERHOOD LAKE STAGE 7-10:30P	26 JOE REID LAKE STAGE 6-10P
28 SOULTIME LAKE STAGE 2-6PM	29 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30PM KITCHEN OPEN 4-7:30	30 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5-10PM TACO TUESDAY 4-8P				

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