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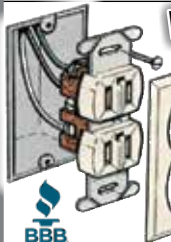
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5	Debbie McQueston	20	Ralph Cornelius
5	JR Morales	20	Dennis Eby
6	Virginia Fuchtman	20	Michele Newel
7	Charles Turner	20	Doug Ross
12	Christine Mercado	24	Roz Bogoslawski
12	Arleen Downs	24	Tony Power
13	Ron Marvo	28	Allison Dennis
19	Rita Sutton	29	Rosanne Marvo
19	Thomas James	30	Greta Samples
19	Bonnie Wild	30	Bob Martin



## January Birthdays

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2	Heidi Groff	16	Bryce Reed
2	Flora Turner	19	Butch Persons
7	Janet Martin	20	RoseAnn Lenss
11	Tom Lodeski	21	Elizabeth D Aqostino
12	Carmela Claypool	21	Betty Murphy Power
13	Deanne Simon	23	Larry Lockhart
13	Louise Thompson	28	Martin Wild
13	Anthony D Aqostino	31	Dart Hartgerink
15	Lori Reed		



## December Anniversaries

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2	Ilva & Pat Petruccelli	1972
11	Dale & Sheila Tharp	1982
12	Barb and Dave Thomas	1986

## January Anniversaries

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2	Bonny & Robert Nemecek	1965
21	Leslie & Bill Burdick	1967





## Editor's Column

Darryl and Paula Paquette

Please keep our Boca Ciega family updated with your Covid 19 Pandemic trials and tribulations!

Please advise us as to any errors, updates, or additions. We would really appreciate it.

**All reports and any articles of interest for the newsletter, must be typed and e-mailed to:**

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## 2020 Newsletter Copy Deadlines

<u>NEWSLETTER MONTH</u>	<u>COPY DEADLINE</u>
January 2021	December 8th, 2020
February 2021	January 14th, 2021



## Social Committee Tidbits

Mary Gilmore

Hurricane season ended on the 30th of November. Once again, we at Boca Ciega have been fortunate that no major damage occurred when Tropical Storm Eta hit on Wednesday, November 11th. There were many tornado warnings in Pinellas County, and a few of our neighbors took shelter in our clubhouse. Later in the afternoon and into the night, the wind blew non-stop and the rain was torrential. A tall queen palm between Joy Khoshabjian's home and Karen and Tom Hopkins' home, lost its top during the storm. Fortunately, it fell in the roadway as no one was passing by, rather than on Joy's or Karen and Tom's home. The next day, a team of our men took on the task of bringing the tree down, cutting the trunk into workable pieces, and getting rid of the debris. Phillip Khoshabjian got the top of the palm out of the roadway during Eta and the following day Ron Martin, Dennis Eby, Rex Pranger, Bob Martin, Butch Persons, and Dale Lenss fell the palm and got rid of the debris. A foxtail palm, a few years old, was lost between # 91 and #89. A cactus at Arleen and Doug Downs came out of the ground in front of their home. On Friday, the ground surrounding the shut off valve box between #99 and #100 was saturated with water and this water was seeping onto the roadway on Michigan East. It was learned on Saturday that there was a leak in the pipe near the shut off valve. Once again, our men at Boca Ciega had a job on their hands. A deep trench was dug to the roadway after the water was turned off in the area. Water was pumped out of the trench to find the leak. After the leak was found, the men worked at replacing the pipe. It was quite a

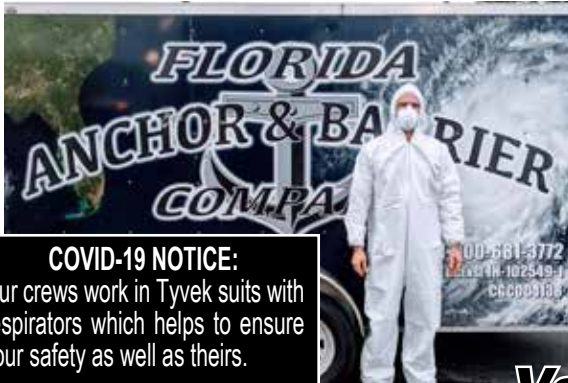
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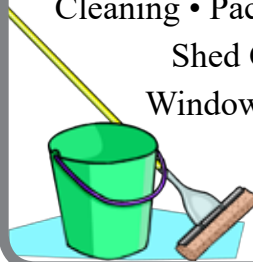
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job. Thanks go out to Ron Martin, Doug Sutton, Dennis Eby, Darby Boyd and Rex Pranger for their time and efforts. Please see the photo of our “Resident Weekend Warriors”!

As you can imagine, our season that has begun at Boca Ciega is much different from other years. Our Canadian neighbors are looking at after Christmas or into 2021 to return to their homes. They all are missed. Some of our neighbors from up north have returned. After the annual meeting notices were delivered by Virginia, Ingrid, Joy and myself, it was determined that the population of our park was 47. It's quiet in the park, but it is also a time for us to develop friendships with neighbors that are here. Folks are working on their yards and homes. The weather is getting less humid and Florida is cooler. It is quite enjoyable. We are all being careful and we all are well in the park.

I am sorry to say that PH suffered a fall in our office. After being taken to the hospital, it was determined that she fractured her femur and needed an operation. You may send a card to PH using this address.

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Terry Maegdlin told me that her husband, Bill, thoroughly enjoyed receiving birthday cards from many Boca Ciega residents. Now that Christmas is coming, if you wish to send a Christmas greeting to Bill, you may use this address.

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The all year rounders were saddened and shocked to hear of Dan Spitzley's passing. He will be so missed. We hope that Kathy will be able to return soon to Boca Ciega.

All of our Boca Ciega neighbors are wished a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy brand new year in 2021.

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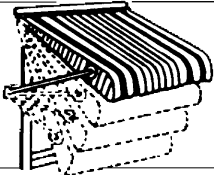
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*Submitted by Mary Gilmore*

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For each name stands for someone who has crossed my path sometime, and in the meeting they've become the rhythm in each rhyme.

And while it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim, I really feel that I'm composed of each remembered name.

And while you may not be aware of any special link, just meeting you has changed my life a lot more than you think.

For once I've met somebody, the years cannot erase, the memory of a pleasant word or of a friendly face.

So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine, of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between,

For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you, it is because you're on the list that I'm indebted to.

For I am but a total of the many folks I've met and you happen to be one of those I prefer not to forget,

And whether I have known you for many years or few, in some ways you have a part in shaping things I do.

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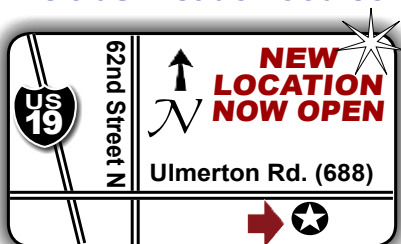


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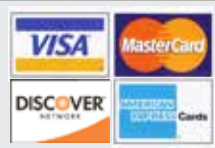
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## Creating Summer Memories

*Deb & Gary McQueston*

It was so nice to see people sharing some of their “summer of Covid 19” stories in our November newsletter, so we decided to share ours.

Gary and I are very lucky to have our family in our “bubble” and shared some fun times together.

We have a pool in our backyard and as it was a dry, hot, and sunny summer it was well used.

In June, we welcomed our sweet little “grand-puppy” named Poppy.

We spent a day at the beach in beautiful Algonquin Provincial Park with our son Darren, daughter-in-law Becky and our 2 grandsons Colin & Regan, where they were camping for the week in July.

We took our grandsons by themselves on our annual camping week at Balsam Lake Provincial Park in August. Our son Kyle, his girlfriend Isabelle and their 2 Border Collies - Sage & Jade, joined us for 2 days.

As outdoor, socially-distanced visits were allowed, we were able to have some little patio visits with some of our friends (only 1 or 2 couples at a time) who are also part of our Boca Ciega family - Judy, Santo, Julie, Bill, Arleen, Doug, Diana, Bill, Ilva, Pat, Meg & Don.

Staying in touch with many of the Boca Ciega ladies on our weekly Zoom meetings administrated by Paula, have helped to lift our spirits and keep us all connected. We are also regular contributors on our Messenger Chats which was originally set up by Cindy & Paula. Some of our topics and conversations are hilarious.

We miss all our Boca Ciega friends and will hopefully be able to join you sometime in January or February.

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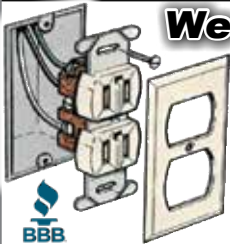
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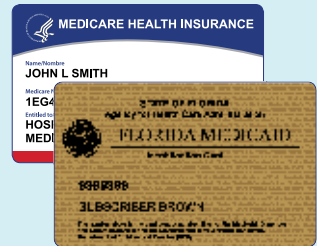
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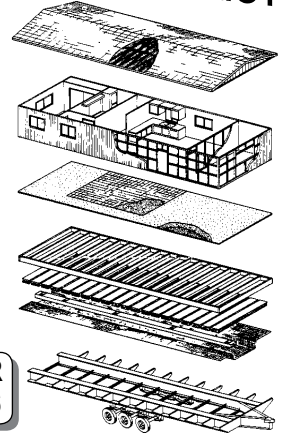
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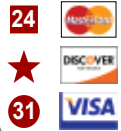
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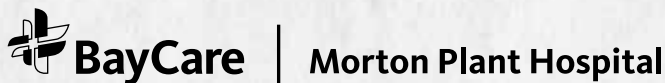
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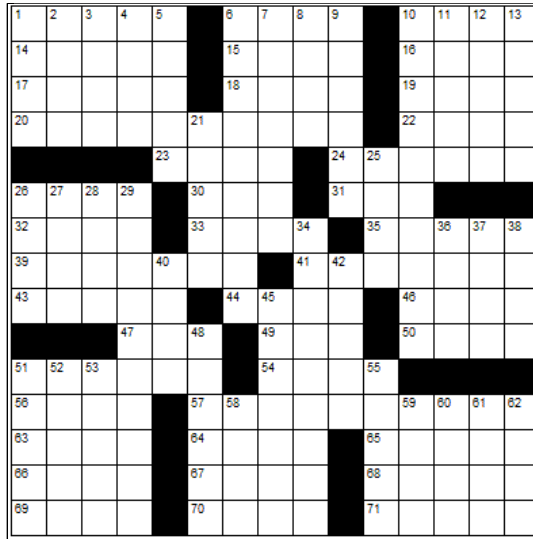
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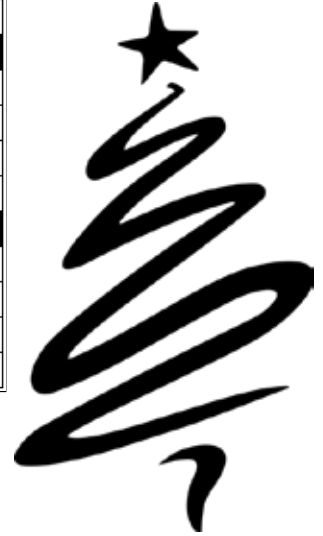
**ACROSS**

- 1. Implant
- 6. Eye layer
- 10. The thin fibrous bark
- 14. Devoutness
- 15. Badgers
- 16. Throw
- 17. Boredom
- 18. Agitated state
- 19. Modify
- 20. Quench
- 22. Assistant
- 23. White aquatic bird
- 24. Grumble
- 26. Cook
- 30. Sick
- 31. Arrive (abbrev.)
- 32. Adriatic resort
- 33. Teller of untruths
- 35. Rope fiber
- 39. Supervise
- 41. Rapacity
- 43. Agile Old World viverrine
- 44. Expunge
- 46. \_\_\_ vera
- 47. Spy agency
- 49. Chemist's workplace
- 50. Cuts off
- 51. Delimit
- 54. Test
- 56. Beers
- 57. Constant
- 63. Brusque
- 64. Groan
- 65. Inundation
- 66. Border
- 67. A mooring post
- 68. Unit of capacitance
- 69. Clairvoyant
- 70. Mining finds
- 71. Squalid



**DOWN**

- 1. Type of sword
- 2. Coquette
- 3. Not straight
- 4. Decorative case
- 5. Slowly losing life
- 6. Untainted
- 7. Plain
- 8. Auspices
- 9. A breathing disorder
- 10. Excessively dramatic
- 11. A financial examination
- 12. A group of lions
- 13. Change
- 21. Cunning
- 25. Constellation bear
- 26. Blockage
- 27. Apiary
- 28. Biblical garden
- 29. Prognosticator
- 34. Drugs that relieve tension
- 36. Storage cylinder
- 37. At the peak of
- 38. Caustics
- 40. Blend
- 42. Exclude
- 45. Raise
- 48. With hands on hips
- 51. Small freshwater fishes
- 52. Avoid
- 53. Mix together
- 55. Annoys
- 58. French for "Black"
- 59. Wings
- 60. Drill
- 61. Weight to be borne
- 62. Countercurrent



December  
Crossword



## Activities Sub-committee Chairpersons 2020-21

Activity	Day	Chairperson(s)
Art Workshop	1st week of March	Patti Randazzo
Bid Euchre	Tuesday 1- 3:00 pm	Joyce Noto, Jane Randazzo
Bingo	Wednesday 7-9:30 pm	Lucy & Don Bocchinfuso
Blood Pressure clinic	As Needed	Mary Ross & Larry Wills
Coffee Klatch	Saturday 8:45 - 9:45 am	Debbie McQueston
50/50 Coffee Klatch	Saturday	Heidi Groff
Cribbage	Friday 1 - 3 pm	Kathy Spitzley
Clubhouse Decorating	Monthly	Ingrid Eby, Lore Bocchinfuso
Early Bird Dinner	3rd Thursday - monthly	Don Fitzsimmons
Euchre	Friday 7 - 9 pm	Sandi & Kevin Mousseau
Ladies Golf	Monday 8:55 am	Yogi Heaphy
Hand & Pony	Monday 6:30 - 9 pm	Ann Martin
Ice Cream Social	Ongoing	Judy & Santo Amenta
Librarian	Ongoing	Julie Kent
Mahjongg	Wed. 1:30 p.m.	Dart Hartgerink
Music Jam Sessions	Tues. 3:00-4:30 p.m.	Bill Kent
Outside Activities	TBA	
Pancake Breakfast	Last Sat. of month	Rob Bocchinfuso, Jim Norton
Pinochle	Tuesday 7 - 9 pm	Dart Hartgerink
Pool Aerobics	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 9:00 am	Sue Pranger
Poolside BBQ	Ongoing	Don & Yogi Heaphy
Potluck	2nd Monday of Month	Glen & Heidi Groff
Poker	Mon, Thurs 1 - 3 pm	Kathy Spitzley
Quilting	Wednesday 10 am - 12 pm	Kathy Spitzley
Recycling	Ongoing	Jim Norton, Bob Bulmer, Butch Persons
Rummage Sale	Sat. Jan 16	Rob & Lore Bocchinfuso
Shuffleboard	Tuesday 10 & 11 am. 6:30 p.m.	Santo & Judy Amenta
Skat	Sunday 7 - 9 pm	Matt Schwamberger
Sixty Five	Thursday 7 - 9 pm	June Andrews
Swedish Embroidery	Thursday 10 am - 12 pm	Ann Martin
Walk, Walk, Walk	Tues, Wed, Thurs 8:30-9:30 am	Mary Gilmore
Welcoming Committee	Ongoing	Rose Baldwin
Yoga	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.	Heidi Groff

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