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#### **Embassy Park**

News & Views

#### A LITTLE ABOUT ME:

y name is Kim and I live with my sister Sherry on 13th Street. I love to garden, I just started sewing with the sewing guild 8 months ago with the very talented Judi Hoke, she has been a great mentor and friend, I have much more to learn. I am also a member of the Social Club. I am excited to be doing the News



& Views for the park, if you have any questions please call or email me.

#### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

lease let me know if you would like to share your Birthday or Anniversaries with your friends at Embassy. You can either call me at 810-391-1623 or email me at Embassynewsviews@gmail.com for the May 2016 issue.

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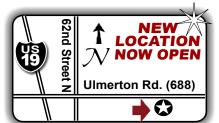
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#### THROUGH THE YEARS

he clubhouse was transformed into a Golden Wedding venue with gold decorations and lace tablecloths adorning the tables. Terry Meredith was at the piano playing love songs as we gathered together. February 21st was the date that we set aside to celebrate three Fifty year anniversaries.

The honorees were as follows:

Ken and Cay Raper Bob and Susan White Al and Kathy Wilson

Each couple was announced as they entered the hall to rounds of applause. Then the couple's story of how they met and a little bit about their lives was told. Terry then sang their special song. Ron Russell performed the Renewal of Vows which ended in the traditional "You may kiss your bride".

Garvin and Gloria DesJardin 55 years Tom and Pat Baker 60 years Jules and Marcelle Larocque 60 years

A beautiful cake with tea and coffee was served to all the guests. The event is sponsored by the Social Club.





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#### **WE WILL MEET AGAIN**

ow do you say goodbye to someone like Beverly Doucette? How do you forget her smile or the joy or the laughter we all were privileged to Share?

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Embassy Park is where Bev and her husband, Bill, chose to move to when they retired --- and what a lucky decision for us!

Bill sadly passed away but Beverly was already sharing her special talents and soon, she became one of Embassy's treasures.

Beverly has always made an impression, no matter what life brought her. After all, she graduated with honor form Cambridge High School (Mass) and that was only the beginning!

She went on to be a recognized singer, a State Delegate for the Democratic Convention, an Editor for the Malden Evening News. She worked for Arthur D. Little Company as an Engineering Assistant involved in the Space Program and played a small part in Apollo 17 development. Her many accomplishments are a

Legacy she leaves behind, too many to mention. Here in Embassy, a park she truly loved, she served us well. She, along with her close friends, Doug and Angela Purton, put together many unforgettable Fun Night show, she led us in Christmas carols, she served on our Home Association Board, and she was

Editor of our News and Views magazine. She was dedicated in all her endeavors. She leaves behind her son Michael, a grandson, Paul, both whom she adored. She sadly lost another son, Paul, a few years ago. She also leaves behind, a special niece, Beverly, who resides in Colorado. She leaves many friends.

I, along with so many others, will sorely miss her. Every time I'll hear "Galway Boy" I'll remember her passion as she sang it. I'll remember her funny stories about her family and the pride and love she felt.

I'll remember how she loved to "eat out" and how the waitresses loved and pampered her. She treasured her many friendships and those of us who were lucky enough to be her friend, will never forget her.

She was an inspiration to all of us as we watched her health slowly decline. She never whined or complained, she always had a smile. She had many "close calls" but refused to give in. I chided her, kiddingly, and told her that I'd get ready to buy "that black dress" and then she would bounce back and

look fine. She told me, "Lorraine I'm only trying to save you money so you won't have to buy "that black dress". Yes, it is hard to say goodbye to someone like Beverly but,.....don't you get the feeling that she is already making changes in Heaven? That she is now in charge of the Angels choir and most definitely on the Welcoming Committee.

So maybe we don't have to say goodbye only

"So long Bev, we'll meet again"

By Loraine O'Connell



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By Carol Kaufmann

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#### **GOOD READS....**

#### Be Frank with Me

by Julia Caiborne

Novel: Nine-year-old Frank wears spats, thinks hell is other kids and is scary-smart. His mom, Mimi, whose first novel brought Salingersque fame, is broke and blocked. Enter the assistant: wholesome Alice, sent so Mimi will finish her new book. As Frank and Alice bondand Alice does some sleuthing—readers will find themselves captivated.

#### **Piece of Mind**

by Michelle Adelman

Novel: Lucy, the endearing narrator of this moving novel, was left brain-damaged after being hit by a truck when she was 3. When her father dies 24 years later, she struggles to survive on her own, find her place in the world and summon the courage to pursue her dreams. With simplicity and humor, her story testifies to the fierce, universal human need for self-expression.





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The Sunsets at Pier 60 Daily Festival and the City of Clearwater announce the 4th annual Pier 60

Sugar Sand Festival April 15th-24th 2016. The event is held on Clearwater Beach, Florida. Each year, a new theme is featured for the Sugar Sand Walk Exhibit, an artistic walk-through sand sculpture display inside a 21,000 square-foot tent. Last year's festival attracted 30,000 visitors to the Sugar Sand Walk Exhibit. The theme for the 2016 event will be announced in August. The ten-day festival will include a variety of free activities on Clearwater Beach including sand sculpting clinics, speed sand demonstrations, a children's play area, two nights of fireworks, six nights of free concerts on the beach and extended Sunsets at Pier 60 hours. On the second day of the festival, the Master Sand Sculpting Competition will begin inside the exhibit tent. Sculptors will spend three days creating a themed masterpiece, giving visitors an opportunity to watch the sculptors at work, and the completed works will be on display during the remainder of the event. The Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival is an official event for the City of Clearwater's Fun n Sun Festival.

#### **Dunedin**

Located along the Gulf Coast, just west of Tampa, Dunedin is known for its annual Scottish celebrations and its quaint downtown, among its other allures. One of the oldest towns on the West Coast of Florida, Dunedin has a wooded and subtropical setting with almost four miles of picturesque waterfront, a relaxed lifestyle, and activities for all likes and ages, making the town a truly delightful place to visit. Here, you will find a charming and active downtown, beautiful park, recreational activities for all ages, history, culture and educational opportunities. Also, just off the coast are Caladesi and Honeymoon Islands, both renowned for their unspoiled beauty. Caladesi Island State ParkTake a ferry from nearby Honeymoon Island to this barrier island with a three-mile beach rated the best in the nation by Dr. Beach. Wade, swim or fish in the warm blue waters of the Gulf of Mexico or just relax on your boat in the 108-slip marina. Enjoy a hike on the nature trail or paddle under a mangrove canopy on the kayak trail. There are no camping facilities on the island. The park is home to many species of birds and animals. Please take only photos and leave only footprints.



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#### LITTLE BIT OF TRIVIA



Q: Do animals see color?

A: We often act as if they do, but the truth is, most don't. "Apes and some monkeys perceive the full spectrum of color, as may some fish and birds. But most mammals view color only as shades of gray. "So, for example, "bulls don't charge because a cape is red. They charge because of the movement of the cape." (From The Book of Answers, by Barbara Berliner)

#### YOUR TIME

T Te all know it's important to make time to recharge and relax

True or False: Coloring can help reduce stress

True! A study published in Journal of the American Art Therapy Association shows that coloring complex print like mandalas or plaids can help reduce anxiety. There are a variety of coloring actives available for adults that include these types of prints to color.

Source: "Can Coloring Mandalas Reduce Anxiety?" Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association, 22 (2) pp. 81-85 c. AATA, Inc. 2005





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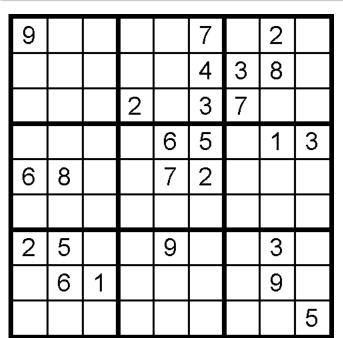


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Month of the Military Child. More than 2 million children in grades K-12 have parents who are serving in our military. Make a difference in the life of a military child by seeking out opportunities to acknowledge their sacrifice, volunteering for organizations that support them, and recognizing their contribution to the nation.

**National Autism Awareness Month**. A nationwide effort to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and self-determination for all and to ensure that each person on the autism spectrum is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life.

**National Garden Month.** Gardening grows fun for the whole family. Whether you're digging in the dirt, enjoying the magic of a small seed transforming into a beautiful flower, or observing the bugs, birds, and butterflies, gardening is a delightful way to celebrate the coming of spring.

#### Weekly

ational Robotics Week, Apr. 2-10. The purpose of National Robotics Week is to celebrate the United States as a leader in robotics technology development, educate the public about how robotics technology impacts society, and advocate for increased funding for robotics technology research and development.

Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week, Apr. 10-16. This week recognizes the hardworking men and women who risk their lives and devote huge amounts of personal time and resources while serving the public and helping animals when no one else can.

National Environmental Education Week, Apr. 17-23. The nation's largest celebration of environmental education, EE Week reaches hundreds of thousands of students and educators across the United States with non-biased, high-quality, environmental education materials grounded in accurate, timely scientific information and tied to local, state, and national learning standards.

**National Pet ID Week, Apr. 17-23.** Collars and tags are a reliable way to identify your pets should they become lost. Make sure your dog, cat, or other animal friend always wears a current identification tag. Pet supply catalogs, stores, veterinary offices, and animal shelters often have forms to order ID tags.

#### **April Fool!**

Tt's April 1st—the day for practical jokes large and small. If you're looking for inspiration, remember one of the all-time great media hoaxes.

In 1957, the BBC's respected news program Panorama ran a story celebrating a bumper spaghetti crop in Switzerland—thanks to a mild winter and the near elimination of the destructive "spaghetti weevil." The program included footage of Swiss farm workers pulling strands of spaghetti from trees and laying them in the sun to dry.

Although some viewers caught on—and chastised the BBC for playing fast and loose in a news program—others fell hook, line, and pasta ladle. Many even telephoned the network to ask where they could get their own spaghetti trees.

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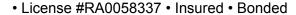
Building friendships and creating thriving social circles is a key component of good health throughout your entire life. From Mayo Clinic's HealthQuest newsletter come these suggestions for making new friends no matter how old you are:

- Take your pet for walks. Make conversation with folks who stop to chat.
- Join a hobby group.
- Volunteer in community groups or at a hospital, church, or school.
- Take a course at your local community college.
- Shape up while meeting new people in an exercise class.
- Get active in a social cause or goal.
- Go out to lunch with a work or social acquaintance at least once a month.
- Ask a small favor of a neighbor or co-worker, and do the same for him or her.
- Volunteer to usher at your local community theater.



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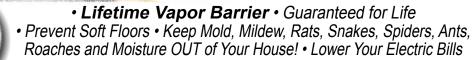
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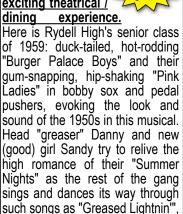
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- 14. Balcony section
- 15. Drink garnish
- 16. Hindu princess
- 17. Absent Without Leave
- 18. Intolerable
- 20. Deep purplish red
- 22. Sleep
- 23. Compete
- 24. Expectorates
- 25. Being present everywhere at once
- 32. Magnetic induction unit
- 33. Disorderly revelry
- 34. Chart
- 37. Connects two points
- 38. Growing old
- 39. Garden tool
- 40. N N N N
- 41. Display
- 42. Aromatic seeds
- 43. Walkers
- 45. Philippine tribal chief
- 49. Charged particle
- 50. Forward
- 53. Clothing
- 57. Officer
- 59. Roman robe
- 60. Portent
- 61. Slogan
- 62. Black, in poetry
- 63. Lease
- 64. Overweight
- 65. Writing table

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#### **DOWN**

- 1. Deception
- 2. Hawkeye State
- 3. All excited
- 4. Broadcast
- 5. A type of power tool
- 6. Forearm bone
- 7. Top part of an apron
- 8. Nights before
- 9. Secure against
- leakage
- 10. Vagabond
- 11. Jewish scholar
- 12. Arm of the sea
- 13. Wharves
- 19. Out of practice

- 21. Bites
- 25. Leer at
- 26. Principal
- 27. Religious sisters
- 28. Nosed (out)
- 30. Anagram of "Sneer"
- 31. Henpeck
- 34. Mother
- 35. Analogous
- 36. Writing implements
- 38. Card with one
- symbol
- 39. Demolished or
- subverted

- 41. Athletics
- 42. Prune
- 44. Walk quietly
- 45. Painful grief
- 46. Japanese cartoon art
- 29. A river through Paris 47. Not quite a teenager

  - 48. Razz
  - 51. Audition tape
  - 52. Prig
  - 53. Picnic insects

  - 54. Gown
  - 55. Prima donna
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  - 56. Lean

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